

Hero Envy

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WELCOME **COMIC READER**, YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN ONE OF THE GREATEST ADVENTURES THIS UNIVERSE HAS **EVER** WITNESSED.

I HAVE BEEN CALLED NUMEROUS DIFFERENT NAMES BY COUNTLESS RACES, BUT FOR MY INTENT ALL YOU MUST KNOW IS THAT I AM THE GUIDE, FOR I AM...

U-TOOB THE POINTER!

EONS AGO MY RACE DECIDED TO NEVER TAMPER OR MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER LIVING BEINGS. WE CAN ONLY **POINT** OUT THEIR **SHORTCOMINGS**.

WE HAVE **POINTED** WITH ZEAL AT EVENTS THAT HAVE DEFINED PURPOSE, JUSTICE AND COMPASSION. WE HAVE ALSO **POINTED** AT UNIMAGINABLE ACTS OF EVIL AND HATRED, BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I MUST ENGAGE WITH A **DECISIVE INDEX FINGER**.

I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO BE LIKE MY COUSIN "HU-LU" WHO STOOD BY AND DID NOTHING BUT NOTCH HIS FINGER AT THE "INFINITE EMBARRASSMENT". OR THE ONE TIME MY BROTHER "VI-MEO" STUCK HIS MIDDLE FINGER UP AT THE "CIVIL BORE"! THE TIME FOR IDLE HANDS IS OVER...

...THIS IS ONE EVENT THAT I MUST STICK MY FINGERS, KNUCKLE DEEP INTO, SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...

...LET THERE BE A BEGINNING!

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HERE IS THE PLANET MEXICANA PRIME. A PEACEFUL HAVEN FOR ITS INHABITANTS. THEY SPEND THEIR DAYS READING COMIC BOOKS OR AS THEY SAY "PAGES FULL OF FUNNY." THEY ALSO PASS THE TIME PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, WATCHING MOVIES, BAGGING AND BOARDING. YOU KNOW, LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

THIS MONSTER HAS ENSLAVED THE MEX-PRIME RACE AND HAS FORCED ITS PEOPLE TO GO AGAINST THEIR CORE BEING. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN MADE TO PARTAKE IN MANUAL LABOR, SUCH AS EXERCISE, SHOWERING AND CONVERSING. SOME HAVE EVEN BEEN PUSHED INTO SPORTS!

...BUT A GREAT EVIL IS AFOOT! THE DARKNESS HAS ARRIVED IN THE FORM OF "EL MOCO-CONPAN" ALSO KNOWN AS "THE ULTIMATE BULLY."


IN OTHER WORDS, THEIR FUN PLANET HAS BEEN TURNED INTO AN APOCALYPSE FOR GEEKS...

...AND THE WORSE ATROCITY BY FAR IS THE NOISE POLLUTION PUT FORTH BY THE PLANET'S NEW MANDATE. EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO DANCE AND GYRATE FOR HOURS ON END TO HORRIBLE NEW AGE MUSIC.

I MEAN LOOK AT THAT BIG ONE OVER THERE, HE GIVES A NEW MEANING TO "DIRTY DANCING". I THINK SWAYZE WOULD SLAP HIS FACE IF HE SAW THOSE MOVES.

BUT THESE ALIEN GEEKS HAVE HOPE...

... I HAVE FOUND A SAVIOR OR IN THIS CASE A GROUP OF SAVIORS.



I HAVE TRAVELLED TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE COSMOS, FROM THE SOURCE WALL ALL THE WAY TO ASGARD, TO LOCATE THIS GROUP.

I HAVE SCAVENGED THROUGH EACH RACE ON EVERY PLANET TO FIND THIS COLLECTION OF LOSERS, CAUSE LET'S FACE IT, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE ISN'T TOUCHING THIS ONE.


WITHOUT FURTHER ADIEU, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR "COUGH" HEROES "COUGH". PLEASE MEET..

WALLACE NORTH,

J.D. FIELDS,

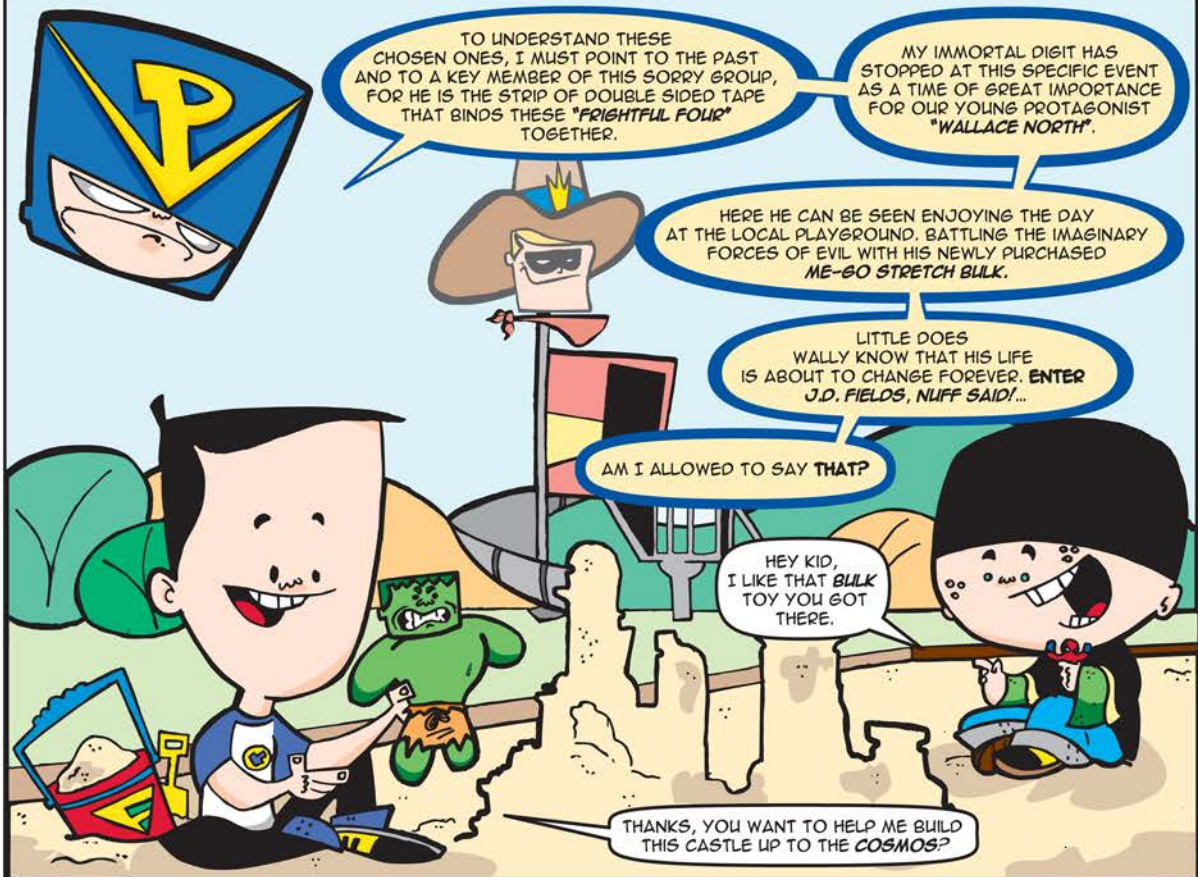
ORSON H. COCHRANE,

AND DEKKER!!!



WHY IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT TASK BEING GIVEN TO THIS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS?

SIMPLE, THEY WILL TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S AT STAKE AND WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN IF THIS **BLACK CLOUD** SPREADS TO THEIR NATIVE WORLD, "EARTH".



TO UNDERSTAND THESE CHOSEN ONES, I MUST POINT TO THE PAST AND TO A KEY MEMBER OF THIS SORRY GROUP, FOR HE IS THE STRIP OF DOUBLE SIDED TAPE THAT BINDS THESE "FRIGHTFUL FOUR" TOGETHER.

MY IMMORTAL DIGIT HAS STOPPED AT THIS SPECIFIC EVENT AS A TIME OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR OUR YOUNG PROTAGONIST "WALLACE NORTH".

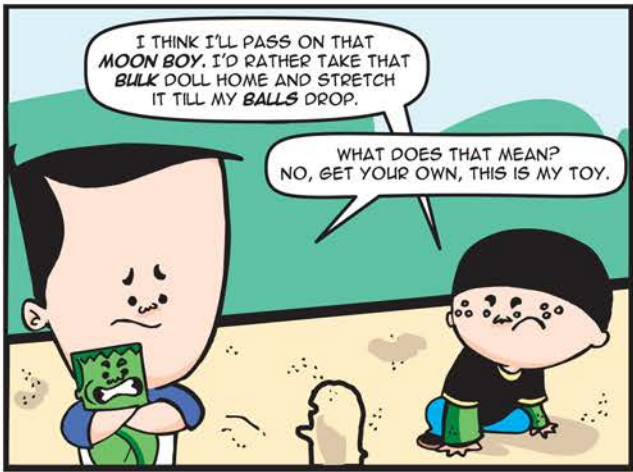
HERE HE CAN BE SEEN ENJOYING THE DAY AT THE LOCAL PLAYGROUND. BATTLING THE IMAGINARY FORCES OF EVIL WITH HIS NEWLY PURCHASED ME-80 STRETCH BULK.

LITTLE DOES WALLY KNOW THAT HIS LIFE IS ABOUT TO CHANGE FOREVER. ENTER J.D. FIELDS, NUFF SAID!...

AM I ALLOWED TO SAY THAT?

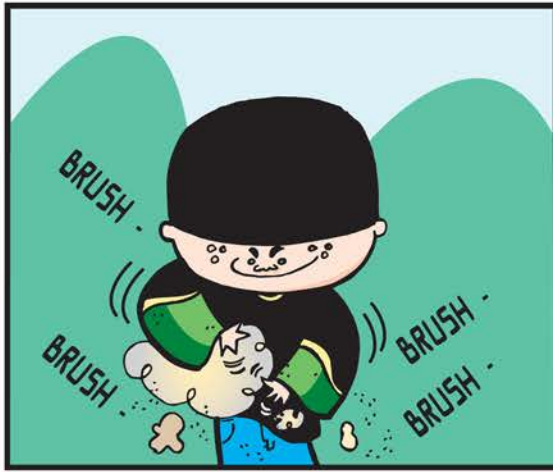
HEY KID, I LIKE THAT BULK TOY YOU GOT THERE.

THANKS, YOU WANT TO HELP ME BUILD THIS CASTLE UP TO THE COSMOS?



I THINK I'LL PASS ON THAT MOON BOY. I'D RATHER TAKE THAT BULK DOLL HOME AND STRETCH IT TILL MY BALLS DROP.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? NO, GET YOUR OWN, THIS IS MY TOY.



BRUSH -
BRUSH -
BRUSH -

BRUSH -
BRUSH -



IN THAT CASE GET OUTTA DODGE! I'M THE OWNER OF THIS SAND, GO FIND YOUR OWN!

SMASH



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF AN OLD COMIC BOOK ADVERTISEMENT.



HEY!
WHY ARE YOU KICKING SAND ON ME AND MY TOY?

LISTEN HERE *BEAN-POLE!* I AM GOING TO *SMASH* YOUR FACE IN WITH THAT DOLLY! YOU'RE SO SKINNY I'M SURPRISED YOU DON'T DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!



THAT BIG BULLY, I'LL GET EVEN SOMEDAY!

DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.



I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BULLIES! NO ONE STEALS A *ME-SO STRETCH BULK* ON MY WATCH! NO ONE!



TIME TO HARNESS THE POWER OF *EL DIABLO!*

*FOR AN EXPLANATION OF EL DIABLO! SEE BACKUP STORY, IN THIS ISSUE OR HERO ENVY WEBSITE 12. -SHAMLESS PLUS.



THE LITTLE GREEN GUY SEEMS TO LIKE YOU. I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT!

THE GRAIL HAS COME HOME! THANKS!!!

AN UNDYING BOND WAS FORMED ON THIS DAY. MOVING FORWARD...



THIS KID IS UNDER MY PROTECTION! I WILL HUMBLE YOU!!!



HERO OF THE SANDBOX

NO ONE HAS EVER STUCK UP FOR ME BEFORE LET ALONE TALK TO ME.

HERE'S YOUR BULK BACK.