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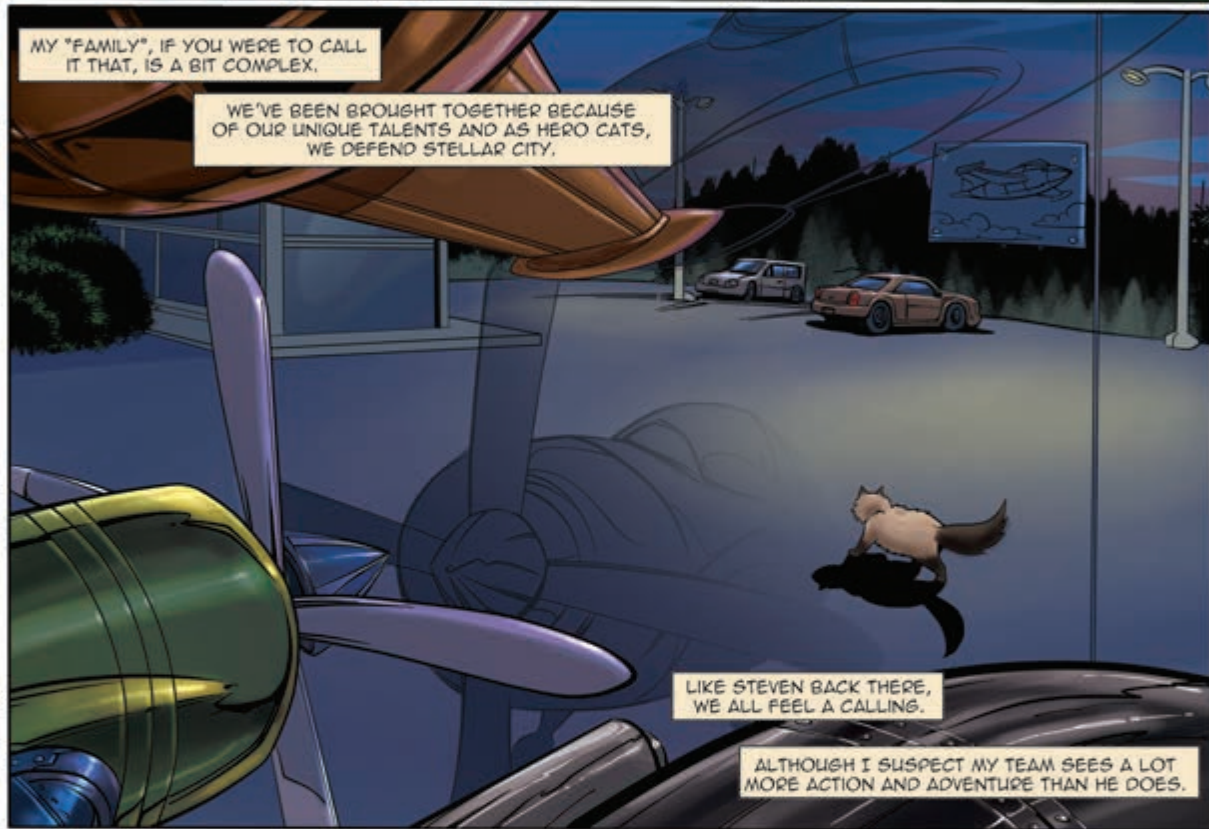
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I'M A CAT WITH THE RARE ABILITY TO READ THE HUMAN MIND.

TAKE THAT GUARD FOR EXAMPLE. HIS NAME IS STEVEN. HE'S ALMOST DONE FOR THE DAY.

HE CAN'T WAIT TO GO HOME TO HIS FAMILY.

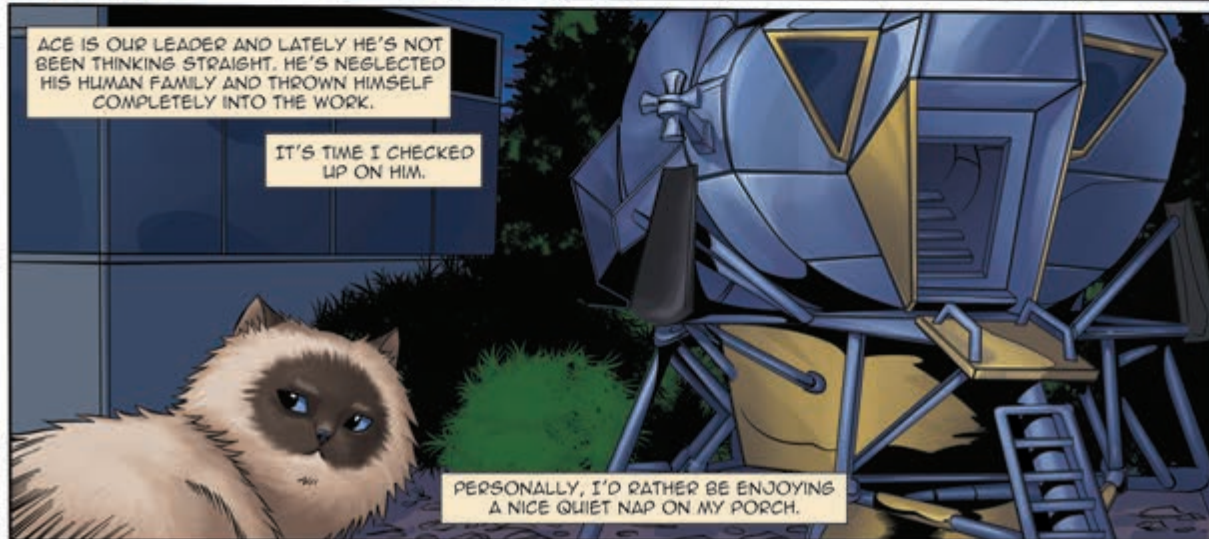


MY "FAMILY", IF YOU WERE TO CALL IT THAT, IS A BIT COMPLEX.

WE'VE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER BECAUSE OF OUR UNIQUE TALENTS AND AS HERO CATS, WE DEFEND STELLAR CITY.

LIKE STEVEN BACK THERE, WE ALL FEEL A CALLING.

ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT MY TEAM SEES A LOT MORE ACTION AND ADVENTURE THAN HE DOES.



ACE IS OUR LEADER AND LATELY HE'S NOT BEEN THINKING STRAIGHT. HE'S NEGLECTED HIS HUMAN FAMILY AND THROWN HIMSELF COMPLETELY INTO THE WORK.

IT'S TIME I CHECKED UP ON HIM.

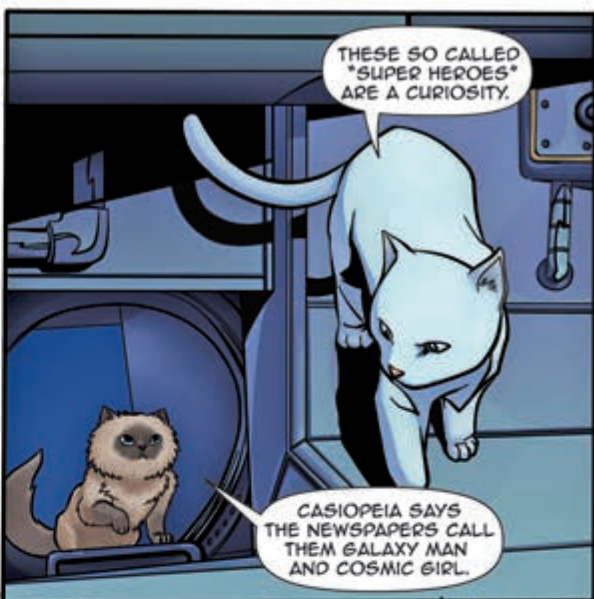
PERSONALLY, I'D RATHER BE ENJOYING A NICE QUIET NAP ON MY PORCH.



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND BELLE?

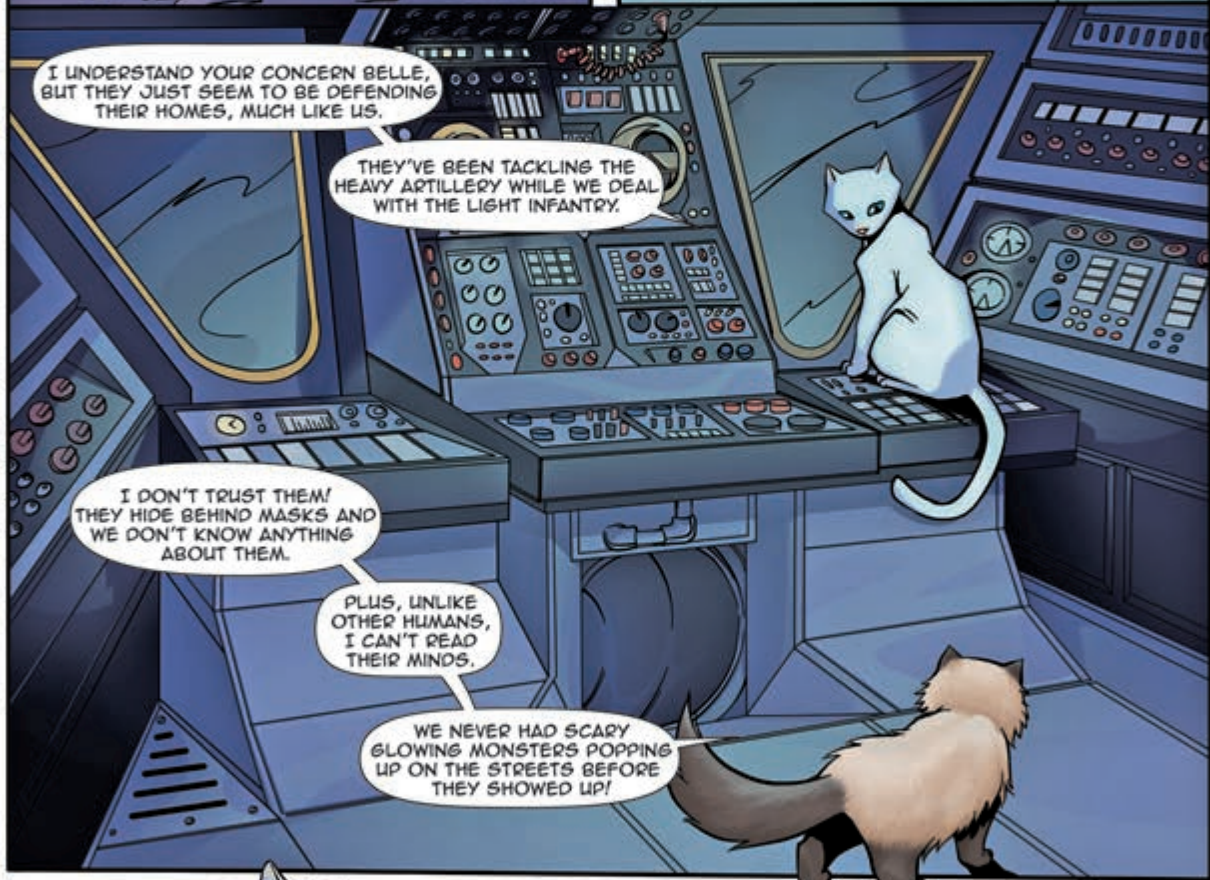
IT'S ABOUT THOSE TWO COLORFULLY DRESSED HUMANS WHO HAVE BEEN WRECKING OUR CITY.

THEN YOU SHOULD PROBABLY COME ON INSIDE.



THESE SO CALLED "SUPER HEROES" ARE A CURIOSITY.

CASIOPEIA SAYS THE NEWSPAPERS CALL THEM GALAXY MAN AND COSMIC GIRL.



I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN BELLE, BUT THEY JUST SEEM TO BE DEFENDING THEIR HOMES, MUCH LIKE US.

THEY'VE BEEN TACKLING THE HEAVY ARTILLERY WHILE WE DEAL WITH THE LIGHT INFANTRY.

I DON'T TRUST THEM! THEY HIDE BEHIND MASKS AND WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM.

PLUS, UNLIKE OTHER HUMANS, I CAN'T READ THEIR MINDS.

WE NEVER HAD SCARY GLOWING MONSTERS POPPING UP ON THE STREETS BEFORE THEY SHOWED UP!

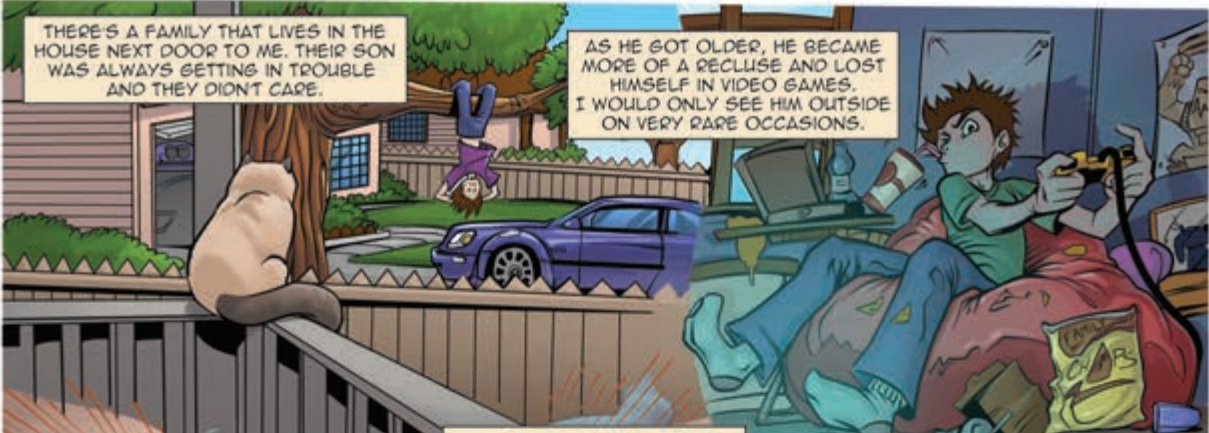


I HAVE MIDNIGHT LOOKING INTO THE CAPES. WHAT CAN YOU REPORT ON THE MONSTERS?




I FOUND OUT PLENTY.


A TROUBLED BOY NAMED JOHNNY ARCADE APPEARS TO BE BEHIND IT ALL.




THERE'S A FAMILY THAT LIVES IN THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO ME. THEIR SON WAS ALWAYS GETTING IN TROUBLE AND THEY DIDN'T CARE.



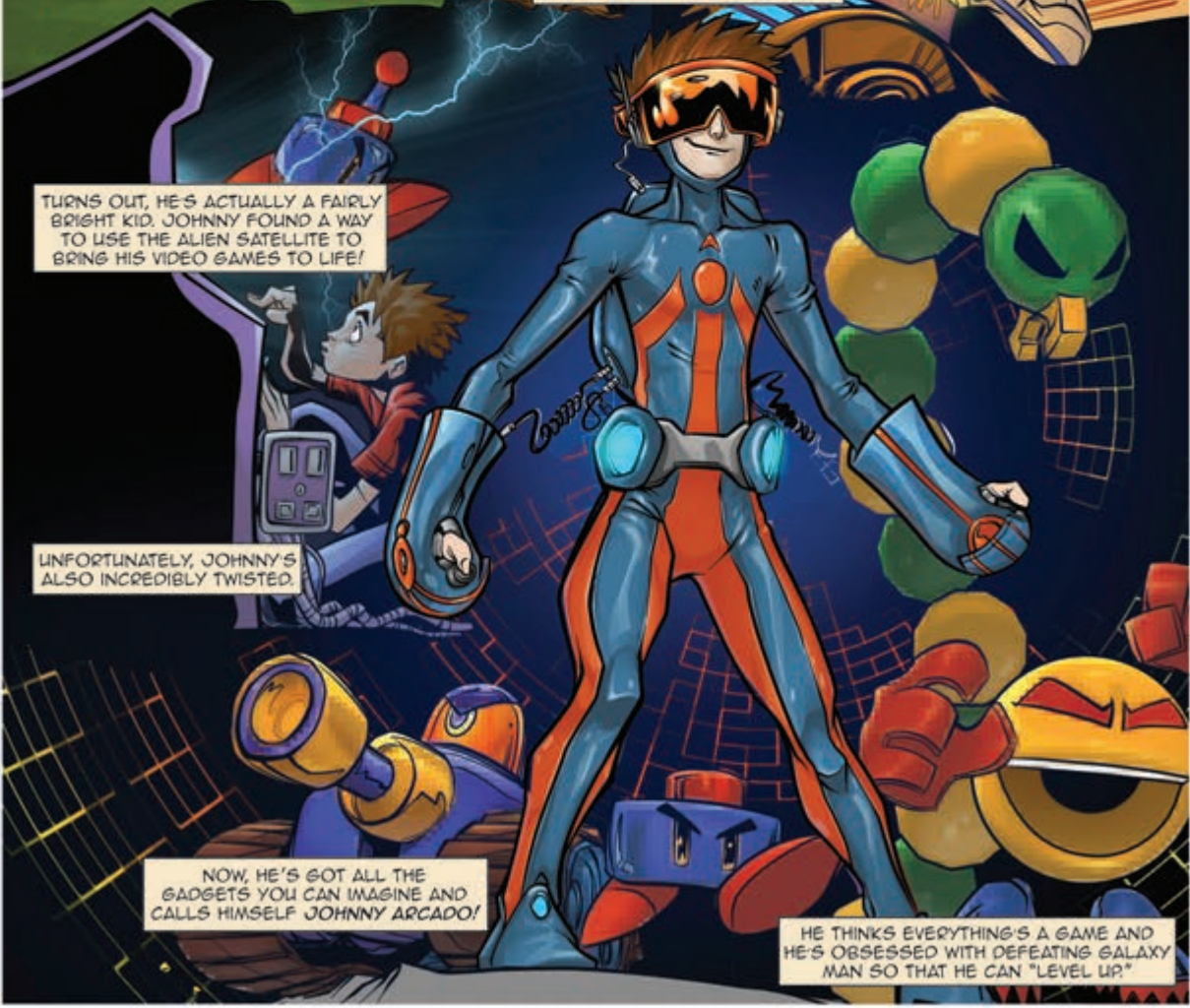
AS HE GOT OLDER, HE BECAME MORE OF A RECLUSE AND LOST HIMSELF IN VIDEO GAMES. I WOULD ONLY SEE HIM OUTSIDE ON VERY RARE OCCASIONS.



ONE LATE NIGHT, A STRANGE SATELLITE CRASHED OUTSIDE HIS BEDROOM WINDOW AND CAUGHT JOHNNY'S ATTENTION.



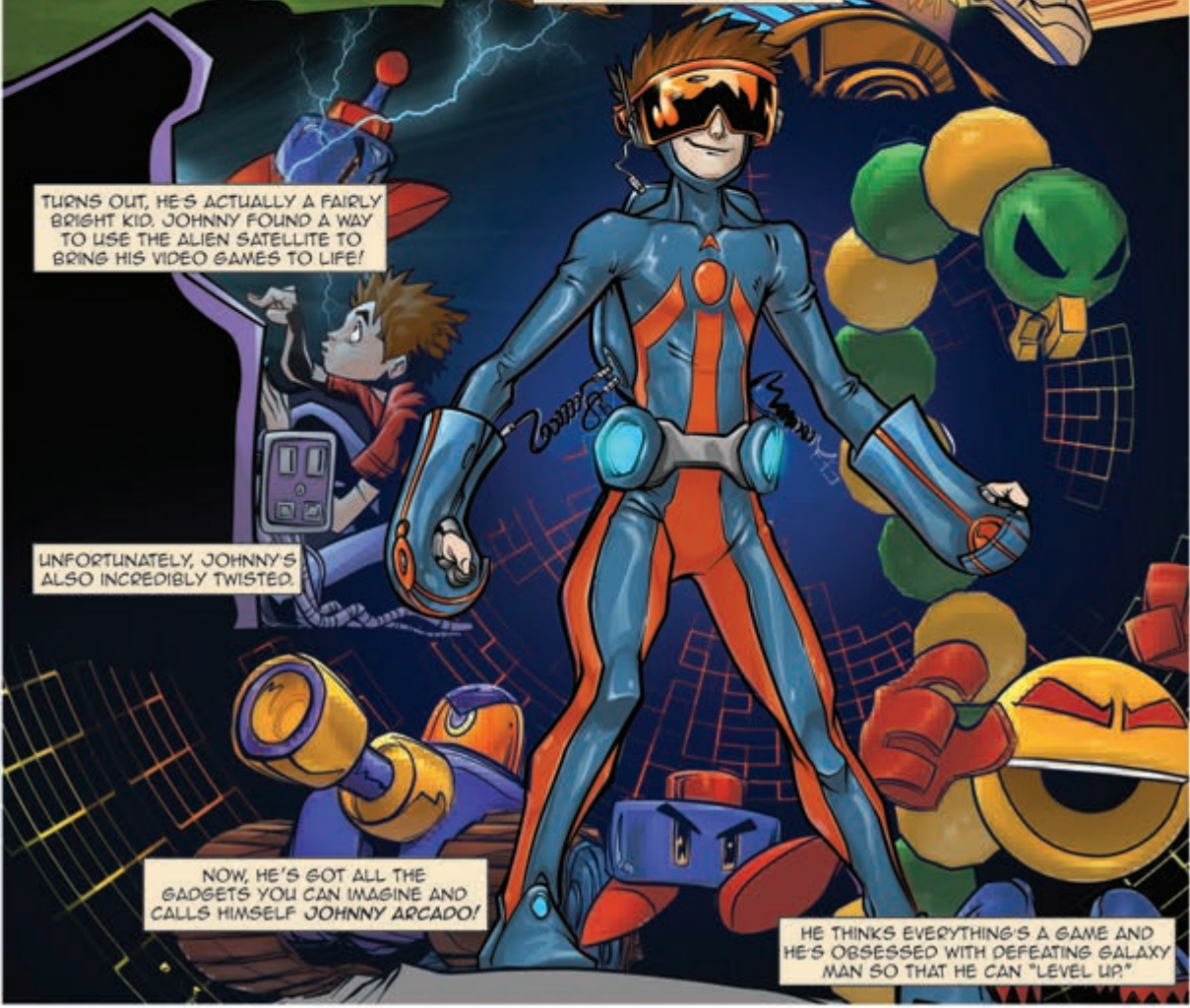
HE BROUGHT IT IN AND STARTED TINKERING WITH IT. HE TOOK IT APART AND HOOKED IT UP TO HIS GAME CONSOLE.



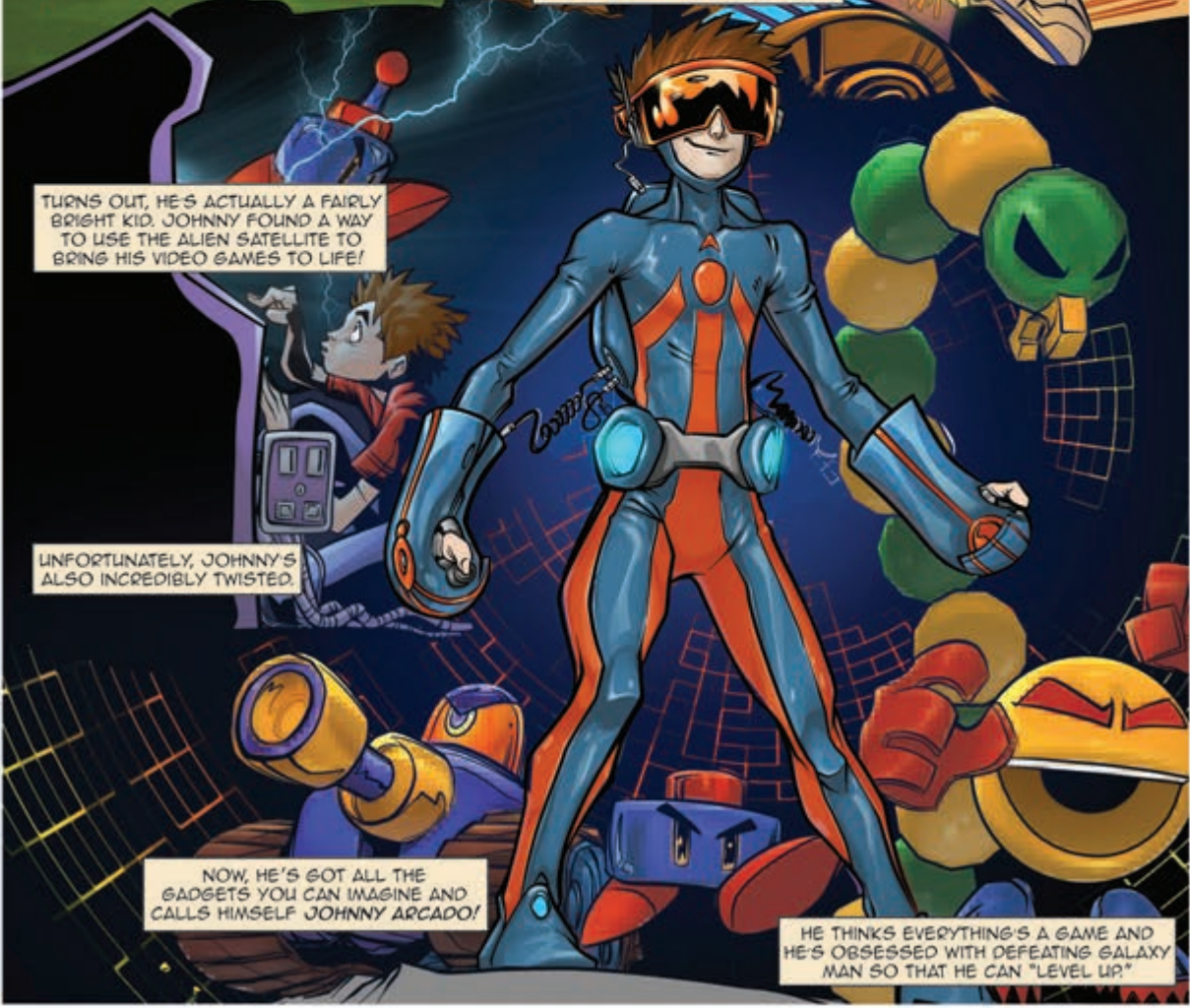
Turns out, he's actually a fairly bright kid. Johnny found a way to use the alien satellite to bring his video games to life!



Unfortunately, Johnny's also incredibly twisted.



Now, he's got all the gadgets you can imagine and calls himself Johnny Arcade!



He thinks everything's a game and he's obsessed with defeating Galaxy Man so that he can "level up."



CASSIOPEIA SAID THE NEWSPAPER DECLARED THAT GALAXY MAN HAD WON THE DAY.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL BEHIND US. WITH CASSIE'S HELP, WE-

AND THAT'S THE OTHER THING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT!



WHY DID YOU MAKE CASSIOPEIA PART OF THIS TEAM SO QUICKLY?

IT TOOK FOREVER FOR YOU BOYS TO TRUST ME,

YET WITH ONE SUCCESSFUL MISSION CASSIE SUDDENLY HAS FULL ACCESS TO THE CLUBHOUSE!



BELLE, YOU KNOW HER ABILITY TO READ IS A CRITICAL ASSET WHEN WE'RE IN THE FIELD. SHE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT SHE'S ALSO SMART.

CASSIE'S A GOOD SOLDIER AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR HER SOMETIMES, SHE-

IT DOESN'T TAKE A MIND READER TO SEE THE TRUTH! YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR HER. YOU HAVE FROM THE MOMENT YOU MET HER.



I'VE KNOWN YOU LONG ENOUGH TO SEE YOUR JUDGMENT IS CLOUDED.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER.

YOU KNOW THAT CASSIOPEIA ISN'T READY FOR THIS KIND OF LIFE, BUT YOU WANT HER HERE SO YOU CAN BE WITH HER.



ACE - YOU WERE TRAINED FOR THE BATTLEFIELD.

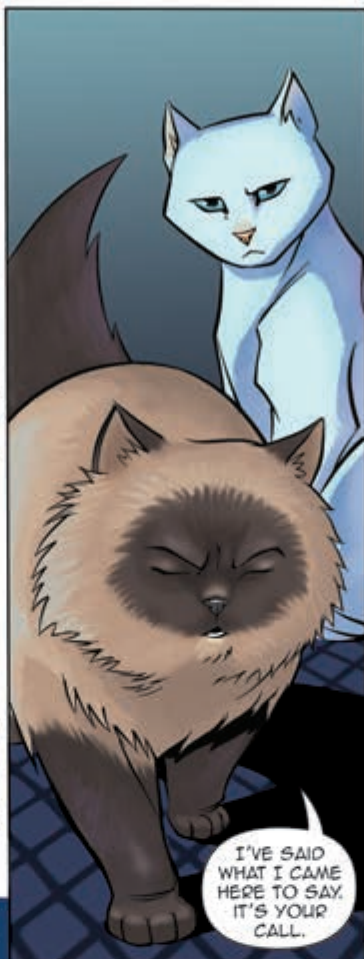
MIDNIGHT - HE WAS BORN FOR THIS.

ROCCO - HE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING.

ROCKET - HE'S JUST PLAIN CRAZY AND THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM.

BUT CASSIOPEIA? NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE WANTS TO BE A PART OF THIS, THE TRUTH IS SHE'S NOT PROPERLY TRAINED.

SHE HAS NO BUSINESS BEING PART OF YOUR ARMY.



LEVEL TWO
STREET PATROL



TELL ME WHY WE'RE HERE AGAIN?



JUST BE QUIET AND KEEP A LOOK OUT.



HOW DID YOU GET SO... INTENSE?

WERE YOU PICKED ON AS A KITTEN?



WERE YOU PART OF SOME KIND OF AN EXPERIMENT?



DID YOUR PARENTS... DIE?

I MEAN, WHY DID YOU BECOME A HERO CAT?



I DON'T LIKE CRIMINALS.

WELL, OF COURSE. I MEAN, NO ONE LIKES CRIMINALS. RIGHT?



NO. I MEAN I REALLY DON'T LIKE CRIMINALS.

I WAS BORN ON THE POOR SIDE OF TOWN.

THE SIDE OF STELLAR CITY THAT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN.



I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WATCHING GOOD PEOPLE STRUGGLE JUST TO KEEP ROOFS OVER THEIR HEADS.

ROCKET, ROCCO & I... WE'VE NEVER NEEDED A HOME TO SURVIVE. THE STREETS AND ALLEYS ARE OUR HOMES.



FOR US CATS, HOMES ARE A LUXURY. A KINDNESS.

BUT HUMANS - PEOPLE, THEY NEED SOMEPLACE TO CALL HOME.

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT DESERVE TO BE PROTECTED.



GOOD PEOPLE.





THERE ARE HONEST, HARD WORKING PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THAT JUST DESERVE BETTER.

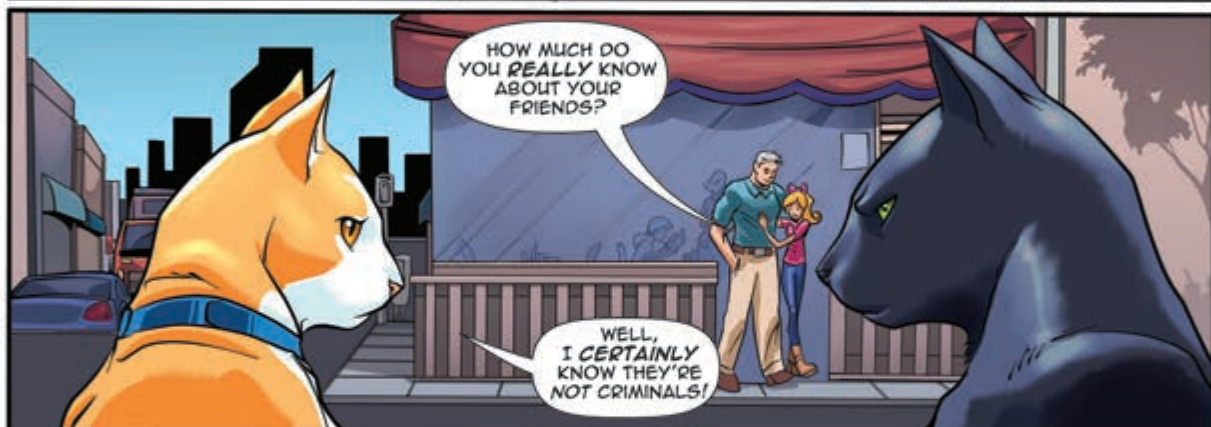


I JUST HATE CRIMINALS.

THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.



OKAY. I GET THAT YOU DON'T LIKE CRIMINALS, BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY WE'RE SPYING ON THE HUMANS THAT I LIVE WITH.



HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?

WELL, I CERTAINLY KNOW THEY'RE NOT CRIMINALS!



I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME ROUGH TIMES.

EVERY DAY, THEY HAVE TO PUT ON A BRAVE FACE.



STANLEY STAYS UP ALL NIGHT IN HIS OBSERVATORY SEARCHING THE SKIES FOR HIS WIFE, AMELIA.

SHE'S LOST IN SPACE AND SOMETIMES I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE HOUSE THAT CAN MAKE HIM SMILE.



I CAN TELL YOU SUZIE MISSES HER MOM TERRIBLY. SHE TRIES TO STAY STRONG.

IT'S A BROKEN HOME WITHOUT AMELIA, AND I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO COMFORT THEM.

