



HERE I COME TO SAVE THE DAYYYY...!

IF THIS WERE A CARTOON, OUR STORY WOULD START LIKE THIS...

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WORLDS APART

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BUT THIS IS THE REAL WORLD, SO IT STARTS LIKE THIS...

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, CREAM ON TOP...

OVER HERE! I'M OPEN!



AW, MAN!

...TELL ME THE NAME OF YOUR SWEETHEART. IS IT A, IS IT B...



...IS IT C, IS IT D...

OUTTA THE WAY, TWERP!



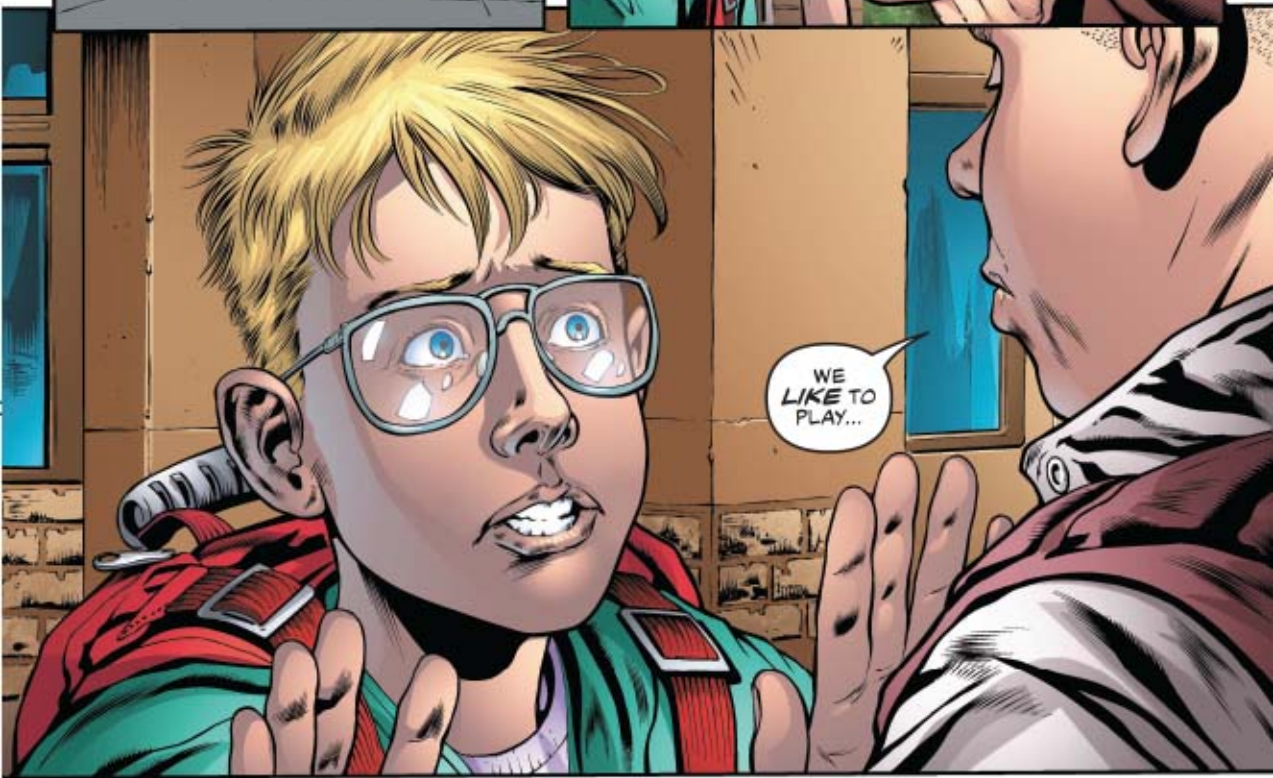
GOOD ONE, DUDE!

DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?

OH, GREAT.



HE WAS ALL, LIKE, "HUH?" AND I WAS ALL, LIKE, "NO, YOU DON'T!"









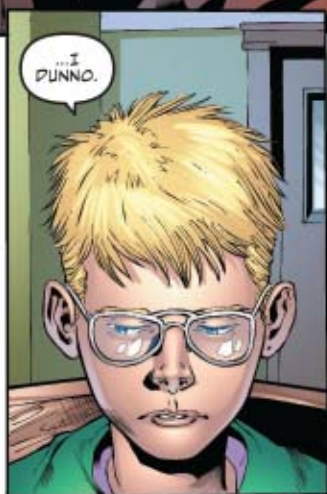
...SIGH...
LATE TO CLASS AGAIN, JOEY?



I COULDN'T HELP IT. MY PAPERS WERE ALL OVER THE PLAYGROUND.

I SEE.

HOW DID THEY GET "ALL OVER THE PLAYGROUND"?



...I DUNNO.

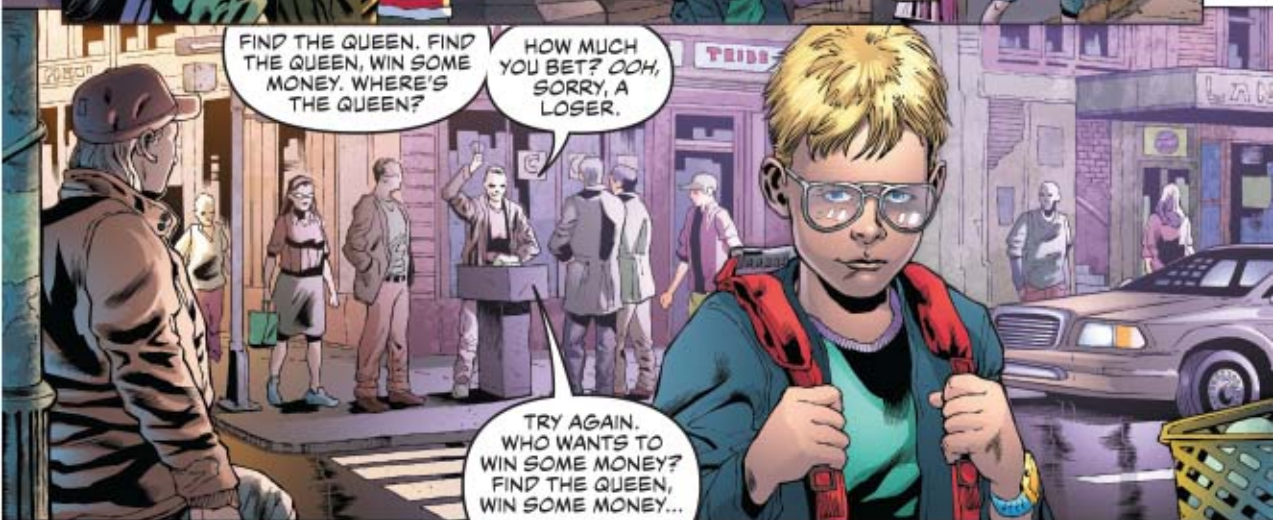


JOEY, I UNDERSTAND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ON ANYONE TO THE PRINCIPAL. BUT IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE YOU CAN TALK TO?

WHO ARE YOUR GOOD FRIENDS IN SCHOOL?



BRRNNGG





MOM!
I'M
HOME!



OH.

Joey -
I have to work a double
shift tonight. Dinner's in
the fridge. No junk food,
and NO cartoons before
your homework's done!
Love you,
Mom



RIGHT.
WHY SHOULD
TODAY BE ANY
DIFFERENT?



I'LL
GET RIGHT
ON THAT,
MOM.



NO
JUNK
FOOD.

