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The BLUE BARON

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IF YOU WANNA BE ONE OF US--

--YOU GOTTA BEAT ALL OF US!

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BY THE
CLIQUE!

OUR HEROES MEAN BUSINESS!

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THE BLUE BARON™ #3.1

“CLOBBERED BY THE CLIQUE!”



THE STORY OF A
300 YEAR OLD
HERO...



...WHO'S PERMANENTLY
SWITCHED BODIES WITH
A 13 YEAR OLD ZERO!



LAST ISSUE, WHILE ERNIE TOPPLED AN
OBNOXIOUS SCHOOL BULLY, THE BLUE BARON'S
CLOSEST CONFIDANTE WAS MORTALLY
WOUNDED BY A REVENGE-CRAZED SUPER-VILLAIN CALLED BLOWBACK. SO WHAT HAPPENS

NEXT? THE ANSWERS ARE THAT WAY! →

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HARVARD COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS

SO BEFORE I
WRAP UP TODAY'S
TOUR, I HAVE
ONE MORE
SPECIAL TREAT
FOR YOU ALL.

AS YOU KNOW,
HARVARD WAS THE FIRST
COLLEGE IN THE WORLD
TO OFFER A DEGREE IN
THE STUDY OF
SUPER-POWERED
HEROES.

LECTURE HALL 368

AND NO ONE
HAS DONE MORE
TO ADVANCE THAT
FIELD THAN THE MAN
LECTURING BEHIND
ME.

"PROFESSOR
WILLIAM
WHARTON!"

AS THE DEPRESSION DEEPENED,
THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH
'ENHANCED CAPABILITIES' FACED
INCREASING PRESSURE TO--

I'M
SORRY, MAY
I HELP
YOU?

OH NO,
PLEASE CARRY ON,
PROFESSOR. WE'RE
JUST OBSERVING.

THAT'S A RELIEF.
I WAS WORRIED YOU
WERE INTERRUPTING
MY CLASS FOR AN
IMPORTANT
REASON.

PROFESSOR,
I HAVE A
QUESTION.

EXCELLENT!
BECAUSE ANOTHER
DISRUPTION IS EXACTLY
WHAT THIS LECTURE
NEEDS! ALRIGHT,
LET'S HEAR IT.

WELL,
SIR, MY
QUESTION IS,
WHAT ABOUT
EVIL?

AND MY ANSWER IS:
YOU'RE IN THE WRONG
CLASS. THIS COURSE IS
CALLED "HEROICS".

HA HA HA HA HA

NO, I KNOW, SIR, BUT...
HEROES WOULDN'T EXIST
WITHOUT EVIL BECAUSE
THERE'D BE NO NEED
FOR THEM.

SO HOW CAN YOU BE
THE WORLD'S FOREMOST
AUTHORITY ON
HEROISM...

THE
ANSWER
MUST BE
HERE!

"WITHOUT FULLY
UNDERSTANDING THE THING
THAT CAUSES IT?"



THESE OCCULT **TOMES** WERE DONATED TO HARVARD'S MUSEUM OF **UNNATURAL** HISTORY BY HEROES WHO HAD **CONFISCATED** THEM FROM THEIR FIENDISH FOES!

I'VE PORED OVER EVERY PAGE, YET I'M STILL NO CLOSER TO UNDERSTANDING **WHY** HUMANITY'S STRUGGLE WITH EVIL **PERSISTS!**

THAT YOUNG WOMAN ASSERTED THAT **HEROISM** WOULD NOT **EXIST** WITHOUT EVIL.



BUT IF **THAT'S** TRUE, THEN EVIL IS THE ROOT OF ALL GOOD. ERGO, EVIL MUST BE... **GOOD.**

YES... EVIL IS **GOOD...**



NO!



IT'S THOSE WRETCHED **BOOKS!**

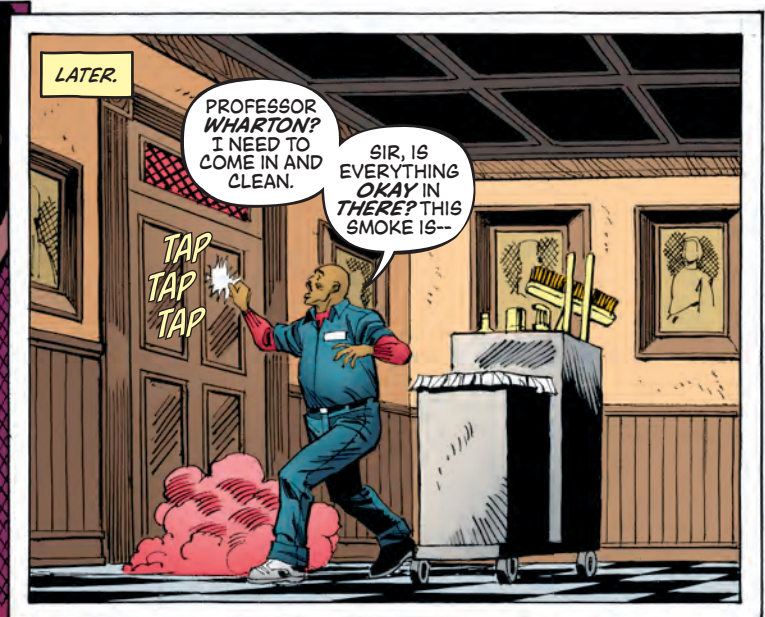
EACH SENTENCE, EACH **SYLLABLE** LEAVES MY SOUL FEELING **UNCLEAN!** EVEN IF THEY **DO** CONTAIN THE ANSWERS THAT I SEEK, FOR THE SAKE OF MY SANITY, I MUST NO LONGER--



...**SEEK** THEM?



BUT THEN AGAIN, SANITY IS **SOOO** OVERRATED!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH



LATER.

PROFESSOR **WHARTON?** I NEED TO COME IN AND CLEAN.

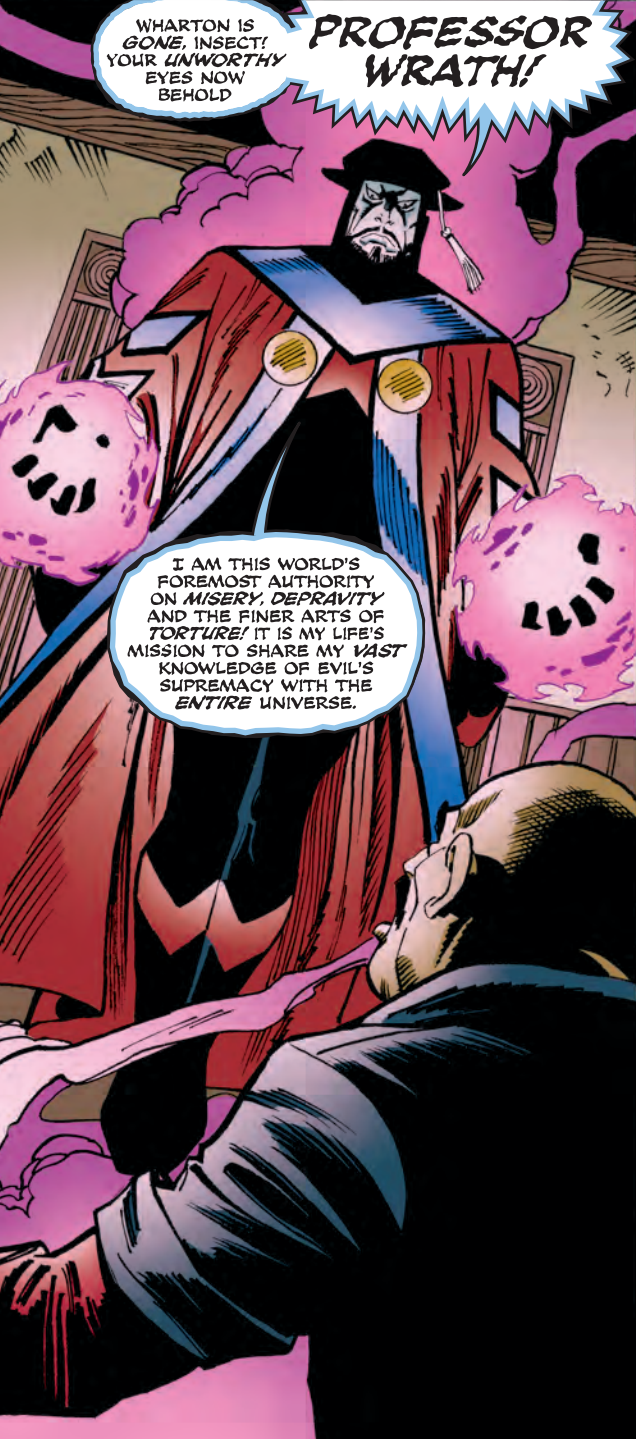
SIR, IS EVERYTHING **OKAY** IN **THERE?** THIS SMOKE IS--

TAP TAP TAP



YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A BIGGER BROOM!

KAFF KAFF P-PROFESSOR WHARTON?



WHARTON IS GONE, INSECT! YOUR UNWORTHY EYES NOW BEHOLD

PROFESSOR WRATH!

I AM THIS WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITY ON MISERY, DEPRAVITY AND THE FINER ARTS OF TORTURE! IT IS MY LIFE'S MISSION TO SHARE MY VAST KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL'S SUPREMACY WITH THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.



STARTING WITH YOU!



NO, PLEASE! NO!

NOOOOOO!

CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE
LAST TIME,
NO!

I'M SORRY, **BLUE BARON**,
BUT **HONCHO** AND **WINDFALL**
ASKED US TO WAIT **HERE** AND
THAT'S **EXACTLY** WHAT
WE'RE GOING TO DO.

SERIOUSLY?!
YOU'RE CHOOSING
THEIR PLAN
OVER **MINE**?

IT'S A FAIRLY
LOW-RISK
DECISION,
CONSIDERING
THEY
ACTUALLY **HAVE**
A PLAN AND YOU
DON'T.

BUT I'M
THE **BLUE
BARON**!

ARE YOU?
AFTER OUR RECENT
ENCOUNTER WITH
BLOWBACK*, I'M
NOT SO SURE.

NORTH CAROLINA IS **H.U.S.E.'S****
TURF, **WIG-HEAD**, SO WE FOLLOW
H.U.S.E.'S LEAD. WE GOT THEIR
BACKS IF THEY NEED US.

*LAST ISSUE
** H.U.S.E. = HEROES UNION SOUTH EAST

UGH!
WHATEVER,
DUDE!

AT LEAST HE
DIDN'T FLY AWAY
THIS TIME. I'D
CALL THAT
PROGRESS.

I'D CALL
THAT
PETULANT.

KEEP YOUR **BICENTENNIAL
BUTT** OUT OF TROUBLE,
BLUE BARON. YA GOT ME?

OH, DON'T WORRY
ABOUT **ME**, **STARTUP**. I AM
DEFINITELY NOT THE ONE
WHO'S GONNA BE IN
TROUBLE.



COME ON, **HONCHO**. IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU STARTED WEARING THAT DORKY **CAMERA RIG** TO EVERY FIGHT, DO YOU HAVE TO SHOUT THAT STUPID **DEWHURST COLA CATCHPHRASE** TOO?

SUPER CHARGE THIS, PAL!

LNGH!

SOCKO

WHOOOSH

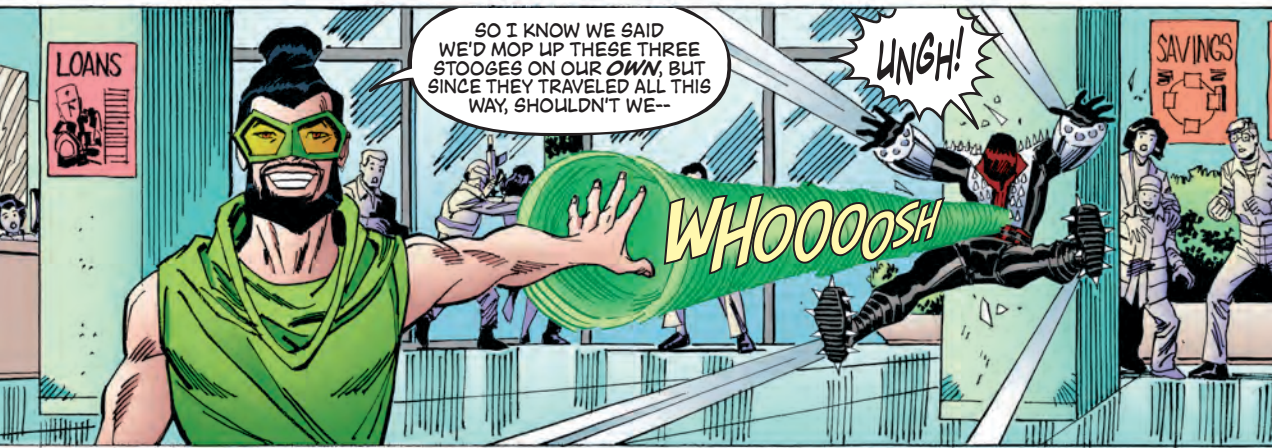


I ONLY SAY WHAT MY CONTRACT SAYS I SAY, **WINDFALL**.

AND, FYI, WHILE THE **CAMERA'S** ROLLING, KINDLY ADDRESS ME BY MY **FULL NAME**: "THE **DEWHURST COLA HONCHO**!"



FINE. BUT DON'T COME **CRYING** TO ME IF BY THE TIME I FINISH SAYING, "LOOK OUT FOR THAT **MISSILE**, **DEWHURST COLA HONCHO**," YOU'RE ALREADY BEING MEASURED FOR A **PINE BOX**.



SO I KNOW WE SAID WE'D MOP UP THESE THREE STOOGES ON OUR OWN, BUT SINCE THEY TRAVELED ALL THIS WAY, SHOULDN'T WE--

UNGH!

WHOOOOSH



INVITE OUR COSTUMED COHORTS FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER TO JOIN OUR LITTLE COMBAT CARNIVALE? MY ANSWER IS A ROBUST AFFIRMATIVE, OL' CHUM. BESIDES, MY SPONSORS LOVE IT WHEN MY SHOW HAS CELEBRITY GUESTS.

GREAT, THEN I'LL GO TELL STARTUP TO--

YOU AIN'T GONNA DO NOTHING, SUPER-ZEROES!

WACK

ARGH!



UNLESS Y'ALL WANT TO SEE HOW MANY LIGHTNING VOLTS I CAN SQUEEZE INTO THIS COLONIAL CLOWN'S BODY BEFORE HIS SKIN GOES ALL JIFFY POP AND WHATNOT.

NOW BACK OFF SO ME, SPIKE AND THE BANK CAN SKEE-DADDLE.



WHAT THE HECK IS BLUE BARON DOING?

RUINING MY BIG FIGHT SCENE.

CUT!

KICK!

"THE BLUE BARON'S RECKLESS ATTEMPT TO SNEAK UP ON FORECAST YESTERDAY, ALLOWED ALL THREE SUPER-CRIMINALS TO ESCAPE JUSTICE."

HEROES UNION HQ
(NORTHEAST BRANCH)
HARRISBURG,
PENNSYLVANIA

IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS, COMMISSIONER BOOMER, BUT THE BLUE BARON HAS BECOME A LIABILITY THAT WE CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON IN THE FIELD.

SIGH YOUR TESTIMONY LIKE, TOTALLY BUMS ME OUT, STARTUP.

THE BLUE BARON FLAGRANTLY DISOBEYED OUR PROTOCOLS AND THAT IS LIKE, SOOOOO NOT COOL!



NO OFFENSE, GRAMPS, BUT YOU ALSO THINK THAT WHOLE "LOCAL BRANCH GETS FIRST DIBS" RULE IS A GOOD IDEA, SO I'M NOT SURE YOUR OPINION IS WORTH MUCH.

OUR RULES AREN'T ON TRIAL HERE, BLUE BARON. YOU ARE.

YOU AND I AIN'T ALWAYS SEEN EYE TO EYE, YANKEE, BUT UP 'TIL NOW, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A MAN OF HONOR.

NONE OF US WANTS TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND HAPPEN TO YOU.

WHO--?



MAVEN! YOU TWO SPLIT UP, SHE BETRAYED US AND FORMED ONE OF THE MOST MALEVOLENT CRIME ORGANIZATIONS ON EARTH WITH WHOM SHE NEARLY DESTROYED US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS*. SURELY, AT LEAST SOME OF THIS RINGS A BELL.

TOTALLY. IT'S JUST HARD TO KEEP TRACK 'CAUSE I HAVE SO MANY EXES. I'M ENOUGH PLAYA TO BE A WHOLE TEAM, YO!

COMMISSIONER BOOMER, I PROPOSE WE PLACE THIS FOOL ON AN IMMEDIATE LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

WHAT?! OH, COME ON!



*MOST RECENTLY IN THE BLUE BARON #1 - EDITOR



WHY NOT JUST TAKE AWAY MY LIBRARY CARD WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, PROTÉGÉ?!

LOOK, EITHER PUNISH ME OR DON'T PUNISH ME, BUT PLEASE DON'T TALK ME TO DEATH.

I CAN DIG THAT, BABY. THIS CAT IS ALL DONE RAPPIN EXCEPT TO SAY...

BLUE BARON, YOU ARE HEREBY *SUSPENDED* FROM THE HEROES UNION. ALL PRIVILEGES AND CLEARANCES ARE *REVOKED* UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



GOOD! I DON'T WANT TO BE WHERE I'M NOT WANTED.



THAT WON'T LEAVE YOU WITH MANY PLACES TO GO!

UNBELIEVABLE. THE GUY'S BECOME A TOTAL JOKE.

A DECREASINGLY AMUSING ONE, GRETA.



MAVEN'S BEHIND THIS. I'D BET MONEY ON IT... YOU KNOW, IF I HAD ANY MONEY TO BET.

WELL, WE BETTER KEEP TABS ON HIM REGARDLESS, BECAUSE IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME--

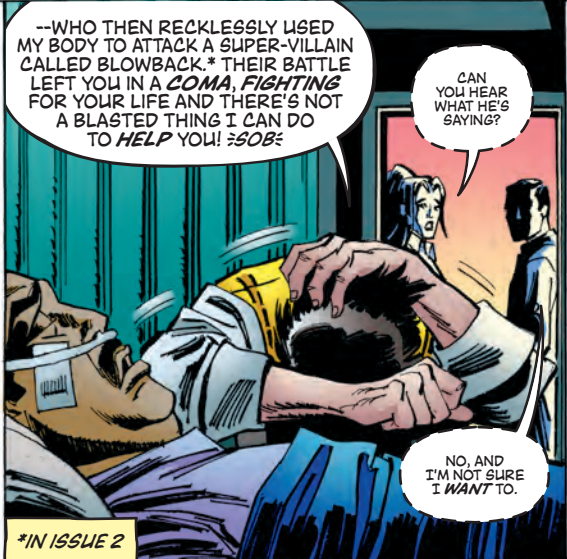


"BEFORE THE BLUE BARON GETS HIMSELF OR SOMEBODY ELSE KILLED."

OH, MAX. PLEASE GET BETTER SOON. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I COULD USE ONE OF OUR TALKS RIGHT NOW.



I NEVER GOT TO TELL YOU THIS BUT THE EXPLOSION WHICH CAUSED SPECIMEN SIX TO ESCAPE ALSO CAUSED THE BLUE BARON TO SWITCH BODIES WITH SOME IDIOTIC TEENAGER*--



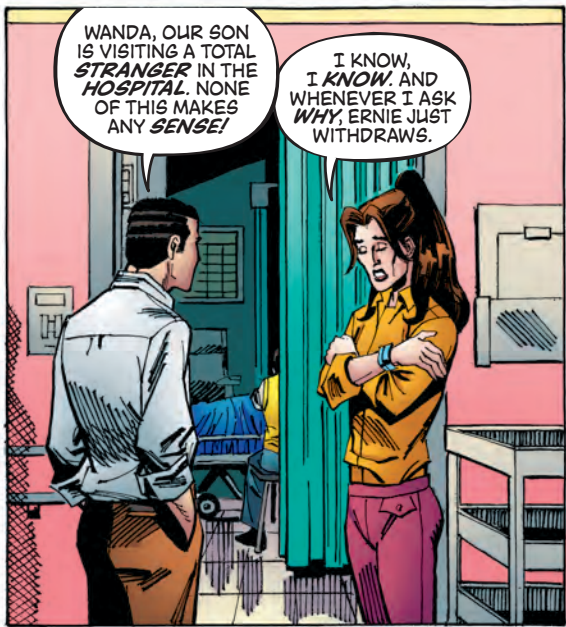
--WHO THEN RECKLESSLY USED MY BODY TO ATTACK A SUPER-VILLAIN CALLED BLOWBACK.* THEIR BATTLE LEFT YOU IN A COMA, FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE AND THERE'S NOT A BLASTED THING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU! SOB

CAN YOU HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING?

NO, AND I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.

*AS SEEN IN OUR FIRST ISSUE

*IN ISSUE 2



WANDA, OUR SON IS VISITING A TOTAL STRANGER IN THE HOSPITAL. NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE!

I KNOW, I KNOW. AND WHENEVER I ASK WHY, ERNIE JUST WITHDRAWS.



WELL, I'M DONE ASKING QUESTIONS. I WANT ANSWERS--

"--AND WITH A LITTLE *HELP*, WE'RE GOING TO *GET* THEM!"

I'M SORRY, DOCTOR CHANDLER, BUT I FAIL TO SEE THE *POINT* OF ALL THIS.

YOU'RE POCKETING WANDA AND ROBERTO'S HARD-EARNED MONEY AND FOR *WHAT?* TO SPEND FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LISTENING TO ME *BREATHE?*

YOUR PARENTS HAVE REACHED THEIR *LIMITS*, ERNIE. YOUR BEHAVIOR IS NOT NORMAL AND YOU NEED HELP. BUT IN ORDER TO *HELP* YOU, I NEED TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT IS *HAPPENING* TO YOU.

SIGH VERY WELL. BUT *EVERYTHING* I TELL YOU MUST BE KEPT *COMPLETELY* CONFIDENTIAL--EVEN FROM MY *PARENTS*. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

OF COURSE, ERNIE. SO LONG AS NOBODY HAS BROKEN THE *LAW*, EVERYTHING YOU *SAY* IN THIS ROOM, *STAYS* IN THIS ROOM.

EXCELLENT! THEN HERE IS EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME...

THIRTY MINUTES LATER.

SO HOW DID IT GO?

IT WAS... *INTRIGUING*. YOUR SON HAS AN EXTREMELY... *VIVID* IMAGINATION.

IN FACT, IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT FOR US TO MEET MORE *OFTEN*. CAN YOU BUMP HIM UP TO THREE DAYS A WEEK?

CARSON CORPORATION
PITTSBURGH,
PENNSYLVANIA

HA HA!
NO WAY!

I CAN'T BELIEVE VERA'S PARENTS OWN A DUDE RANCH!*

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT MR. CARSON IS VERY BUSY. HE ASKED NOT TO BE DISTURBED.

MR. CARSON ALREADY IS DISTURBED! ESPECIALLY IF HE'S HIRED YOU TWO BUFFOONS TO WORK HERE.

* YOU'LL BELIEVE IT AFTER YOU SEE IT IN SUPER 'SUCKERS 5.1 - EDITOR



WHAT'S THE DEAL, CARSON? HAVE YOU REALLY MADE YOUR BUTLER AND CHAUFFEUR YOUR NEW VICE PRESIDENTS? THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?



IT'S NO JOKE, JIM, I--

ADAM! MY NAME IS ADAM!

YOUR OWN FATHER, WHO BY THE WAY, WAS TEN TIMES THE MAN YOU TURNED OUT TO BE, HIRED ME THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO.

BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING ONE MORE DAY OUT OF ME BECAUSE I QUIT!



THIS SHIP YOU CALL A COMPANY JUST HIT A MASSIVE ICEBERG AND I'M NOT STICKING AROUND TO WATCH IT SINK.

OKAY, COOL. BYE.

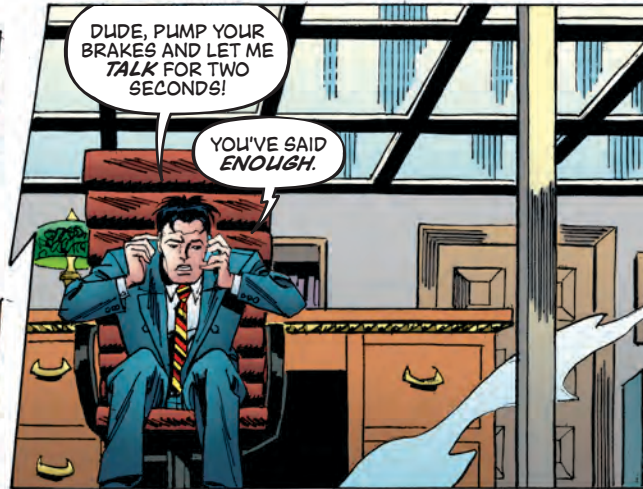
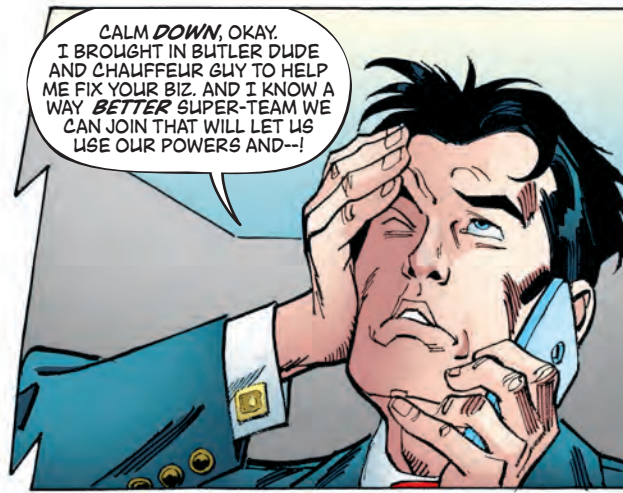
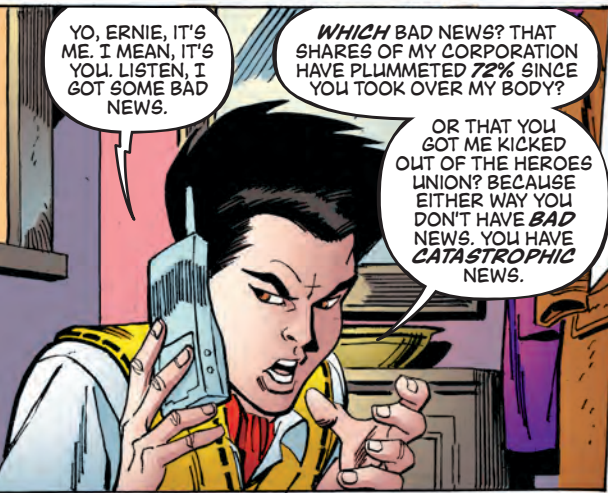
AND, GUYS? NO MORE INTERRUPTIONS. I NEED TO MAKE A CALL. AND THIS TIME I ACTUALLY MEAN IT.



RING RING
RING RING

CAN YOU ANSWER THAT, ERNIE? I NEED TO PUT AWAY THIS ICE CREAM BEFORE IT MELTS.

==SIGH==
VERY WELL.



MILLBROOK,
NEW YORK

GATHER
ROUND,
CLASS.

THANK YOU ALL
FOR JOINING ME IN
THE **JUNGLE GYM**
SO EARLY THIS
MORNING.

IS IT STILL
CONSIDERED
MORNIN'
IF YOU AIN'T
EVEN GONE
TO **BED**
YET?

EXCELLENT
QUESTION,
DROPOUT.
PERHAPS YOU
CAN ASK ME
AGAIN... IN
DETENTION.

NO, THAT'S
OKAY, MA'AM. I'M
HAPPY TO GO ON
NOT KNOWING.

YES, AND
YOU'VE GOT
THE GRADES
TO PROVE
IT.

LET'S TAKE
ATTENDANCE,
SHALL WE?

STONER?

HEH HEH,
"PRESENT!"
THIS IS SO
DERPY.

JOCK?

YO!

BULLY?

I'D
RATHER BE
ANYWHERE
BUT...

HERE!

AND I
SEE YOU
THERE, CLASS
CLOWN.

AND
DROPOUT.

AH'M
HEAH. TIRED,
BUT HEAH.

TEACHER'S
PET?

I'M HERE AND READY
TO SOAK IN YOUR GENIUS,
HEADMISTRESS. AND BY THE
WAY, YOUR OUTFIT TODAY
IS SUPER-CUTE!

WELL, BELIEVE IT OR
NOT WE'VE ALREADY
REACHED THE HALFWAY
POINT OF YOUR FIRST
MARKING PERIOD.

WHICH MEANS
IT'S TIME
FOR ANOTHER
POP QUIZ.

AND IT'S ON A
PARTICULARLY
FUN
SUBJECT--

POP

KLIK



RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

EVADING
SURPRISE
ATTACKS!

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

FWOOSH

CHOOM

FWOOSH

CH-CHOOM



RRROWW!!!

GAME ON,
PEOPLE! WE WIN
AS A TEAM AND WE
LOSE AS A TEAM SO
LET'S GIVE IT 110
PERCENT!

BLIMEY!
AND I THOUGHT
I HAD A KILLER
BOD!

TAK TAK TAK
TAK TAK TAK



THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE. GET IN CLOSE WHILE I SET A SCREEN FOR YOU! DROPOUT, TEST YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST HER HULL!

TESTS OF STRENGTH ARE THE ONLY TESTS DROPOUT CAN PASS, JOCK!



YOU KEEP TESTIN' MAH PATIENCE, BULLY, AND THERE WON'T BE 'NUFF OF YA LEFT TA FILL MAH SPITTOON!



WAY TO KEEP IT CLASSY, DROPOUT!

HEADMISTRESS, YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF WITH THIS QUIZ! IT'S TRULY INSPIRED!



"EVEN CLASS CLOWN IS FEELING THE HEAT!"



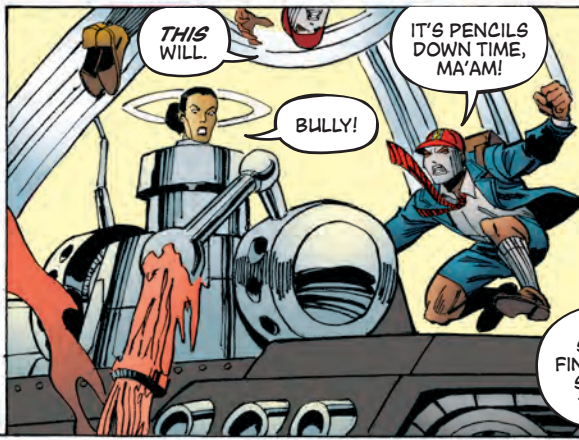
HEH HEH HEH. THESE BULLETS TOTALLY TICKLE!

KAPOW

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UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL OF US 'AVE YOUR ROCK-'ARD EPIDERMIS, STONER! AND GIGGLIN' AIN'T GONNA END THIS QUIZ AS FAST AS--



THIS WILL.

IT'S PENCILS DOWN TIME, MA'AM!

BULLY!

JUST AS SOON AS I FIND THE 'OFF' SWITCH ON THIS--EH?!



BLUE BARON?! YOU DOZY GIT!

HA! YOUR COCKNEY ACCENT TOTALLY RULES, BULLY!

NOW SAY 'LNGRY, 'LNGRY 'YPPUS!



HEROES UNION DATABASE. AND AS FOR WHY I'M HERE, YOU ALL ARE MUCH COOLER THAN THOSE STUFFY H.U. JERKS. WHICH IS WHY I'VE DECIDED--



TO JOIN THE CLIQUE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BLUE BARON! HOW DID YOU EVEN FIND US?



HA HA HA HA HA