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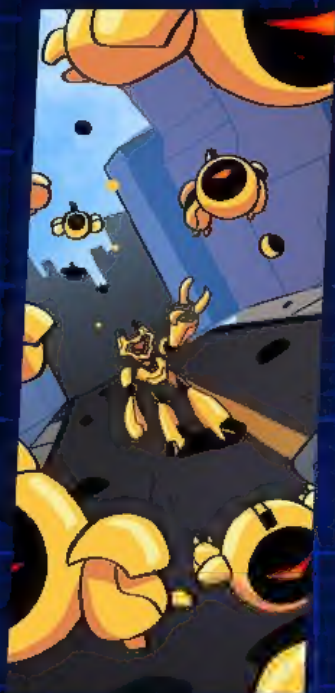
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BULLET-BOY



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MOMENTUM MATTERS



PREVIOUSLY...

Home for the summer with everything a teen could ask for, **Josh McKeen** still craved more – the chance to be a real superhero. After dodging chores given to him by **Hue** (the McKeen's robot butler) leads him to a secret lab beneath his parents' trophy room, he stumbles upon a zero-6 relay training suit. Eager to prove himself, Josh dons this equipment and rushes into action just as a robot invasion strikes the city. In a desperate attempt to save a bystander from **Shocka**, the menacing leader of a malfunctioning robot army, Josh takes a direct hit from an electrical blast. Unbeknownst to him, the shock awakens dormant genes in his DNA, granting him super speed, agility, and durability. With newfound powers, he thwarts the invasion and calls himself the "Blue Bullet," ready to prove himself as the next member of the famous **Hero Assembly**...



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SO, UH...
THIS WASN'T
THE PLAN.

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE THINKING.
'WHAT'S THE BIG
DEAL? DON'T YOU
HAVE SUPER
SPEED?

HOW COULD
YOU LOSE TO
SOME GUY WHO
DOESN'T?

WELL, FIRST
OFF— OW!

TURNS OUT
GETTING SMACKED
IN THE HEAD WITH
A PUFFLE BAG FULL
OF CASH? NOT
AS FUN AS IT
SOUNDS.

SECOND,
THIS ISN'T YOUR
TYPICAL BANK
ROBBER. THIS
GUY IS A PRO!

BUT
I WON'T LET
HIM GET AWAY...
NO MATTER
WHAT!

IT'S THE
ONLY WAY
TO PROVE
MYSELF!

MOMENTUM MATTERS

CREATED, WRITTEN, ILLUSTRATED, AND LETTERED BY **XANDER ARNOT**

THURSDAY 11:38 AM
MCKEEN MANOR...

UGH!

MASTER JOSH,
WITH RESPECT, I DON'T
BELIEVE REFRESHING YOUR
PHONE'S NOTIFICATIONS
WILL MAKE ANY MORE
OF THEM APPEAR.

I CAN'T FIGURE
IT OUT, HUE! FOR WEEKS,
THE **BLUE BULLET** HAS
BEEN TAKIN' CARE OF
BUSINESS, AND NOBODY
KNOWS I EXIST. WHAT'S
A NEW HERO GOTTA
DO TO GET THE
WORD OUT?

THIS
SOCIAL MEDIA
ALGORITHM IS
BROKEN!

WITH RESPECT, SIR,
DOES "TAKING CARE
OF BUSINESS" INVOLVE
RECREATING VIRAL TRENDS
AT A THOUSAND
TIMES THE SPEED?

BECAUSE I'D SAY
YOUR SO-CALLED
SUPERHERO CONTENT
PLAN COULD USE
SOME, UM...

...REVISIONS.

HMM...
MAYBE.

MAN,
IT TOOK ME A
DOZEN TIMES
TO GET THAT
TIMING RIGHT.

AT THIS
RATE THE **HERO
ASSEMBLY** IS
NEVER GONNA
NOTICE ME.



IT'S ALSO
ENTIRELY POSSIBLE
THIS CITY'S GREAT HEROES
ARE NOT VALUED FOR THE
SPECTACLE OF THEIR
EXTRAORDINARY POWERS
ALONE...



...BUT FOR THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO STEP
IN, HELP OTHERS, AND
CLEAN UP THE MESS.

EVEN WHEN
NO ONE SAYS
THANK YOU.



BECAUSE WHEN
THE MOMENT COMES,
AND YOU HAVE TO
CHOOSE BETWEEN
BEING SEEN AS
A HERO...

OR ACTUALLY
BEING ONE...



YOU BETTER
MAKE SURE
THEY KNOW
YOUR NAME!

KZZZT!

I'LL BE BACK
LATER, HUE!

IT'S CLEAN
UP TIME!

TWO HOURS LATER...

AW MAN,
HOW ON EARTH
AM I SUPPOSED
TO SAVE THE CITY
WHEN NOTHING'S
HAPPENING?

EVER SINCE
I STOPPED
THAT EVIL
ROBOT INVASION,
THINGS HAVE
BEEN WAY
TOO QUIET..

NO
ALIEN ARMIES
STORMING IN,
NO GIANT LASER
BEAM SLICING
THROUGH
DOWNTOWN...

WHAT A
WASTE OF A
PERFECTLY
GOOP
THURSDAY.

MAYBE THE HERO
ASSEMBLY TOOK
ALL THE ACTION
WITH THEM.

WHEREVER
THEY'VE BEEN
THE PAST FEW
WEEKS.

WHILE I'M
STUCK HERE,
WAITING FOR
A SHOT TO
PROVE
MYSELF

HELP!

SOMEBODY
HELP!

FINALLY,
SOME
ACTION!

DON'T
WORRY,
CITIZEN!

THE BLUE
BULLET IS
HERE TO
SAVE--



MEOOWWR

Y'KNOW,
USUALLY
I'M MORE OF A
SAVING-THE-CITY
FROM-ACTUAL
FANGER KIND OF
GUY, SO WE GOTTA
MAKE THIS
QUICK.

I'M BRINGIN'
OUT THE OL'
TREE-CRACKIN'
ELBOW FOR THIS
ONE. JUST STAND
BACK, THIS'LL
BE OVER
IN A BLINK.

CRACK!



HEY, IT
WORKED!

REAAAAWRRR!

NUH UH!
YOU SCARED
HIM AWAY!

DON'T WORRY
MR. WHISKERS!
I'M COMING TO
GET YOU!

NO NO!
GO FIND YOUR
PARENTS. I'LL
GRAB HIM.



zoom

HEY
GET BACK
HERE YOU
RASCAL!

I GOTTA
BE CAREFUL HOW
FAST I'M MOVING
WHEN I SCOOP
HIM UP!

LEARNED THAT
LESSON TAKING
OUT THE TRASH
FOR HUE LAST
WEEK, YUCK!

MEOWWWNR

ERR~ WAIT
JUST A SEC.
WHAT DO WE
HAVE HERE?

FRESH BILLS?
LOOKS LIKE
SOMEBODY MADE
A TRIP TO THE
BANK.

YEAH, I'M NO
DETECTIVE, BUT
THIS SREAMS
CRIME-IN-
PROGRESS.

IF OUR BAD
GUY IS STILL
INSIDE, I SHOULD
PROBABLY PAY
'EM A VISIT.

BUT... I
DO HAVE SOME
CAT-CATCHING TO
DO, DON'T I?

DECISIONS,
DECISIONS.

SORRY,
MR. WHISKERS.

I'VE GOT
SOME REAL
SUPERHERO
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE OF



THIS AIR DUCT
MUST LEAD TO
THE BANK AROUND
THE BLOCK.

BUT
HOW ON EARTH
DID THEY GET
ACCESS TO THE
VAULTS??



BINGO!



JUST
GOTTA KEEP
IT DOWN WHILE
I LOOK
AROUND.



FLOATING
DUFFLE BAGS?
THIS ANTI-GRAVITY
TECH MUST HAVE
COST A FORTUNE!
MUST BE A COUPLE
HUNDO-GRAND
IN EACH.

SO THIS
EXPLAINS THE
CONFETTI
MONEY, BUT
WHERE'S OUR
LUCKY--



--WINNER!
LOOKS LIKE
I'VE EVEN GOT
THE ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE.



AHEM!
NICE HAUL YA
GOT HERE, SHAME
YOU WON'T GET
TO SPEND ANY OF
IT WHERE YOU'RE
GOING!

I'M THE
BLUE BULLET!
YOU'RE COMING
WITH ME.

WELL, WELL,
WELL, THAT
WAS MIGHTY
FAST

I'VE USUALLY
GOT A BIT OF
A HEADSTART
BY THE TIME
ONE OF YOU
HEROES
SHOW UP

LET'S SEE HERE,
THE BLUE BULLET
HUH? LET ME
GUESS. SUPER
SPEED?

ZIP!

THE NAME'S
AVOIDPAH...

TCHK!

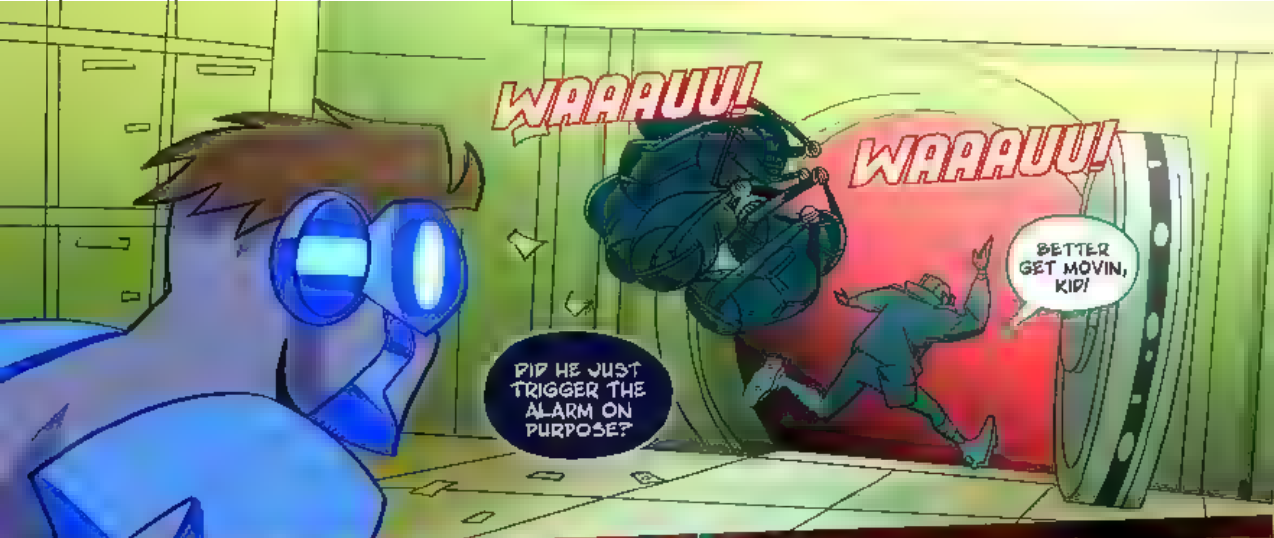
WHRRRRRP!

THWACK!

CATCH
ME IF YOU
CAN!

Y-OOF!

EUGH,
TALK ABOUT
COLD, HARD
CASH



WAAAUU!

WAAAUU!

DID HE JUST
TRIGGER THE
ALARM ON
PURPOSE?

BETTER
GET MOVIN',
KID!



NOW THAT
FANCY COSTUME
OF YOURS LOOKS
TOUGH N' ALL,
BUT JUST A
HEAPS UR..

THOSE
SECURITY
LASERS ARE
HOT AS THE SUN
ONCE THEY'RE
ACTIVATED

GOOD
LUCK!

WAAAUU!

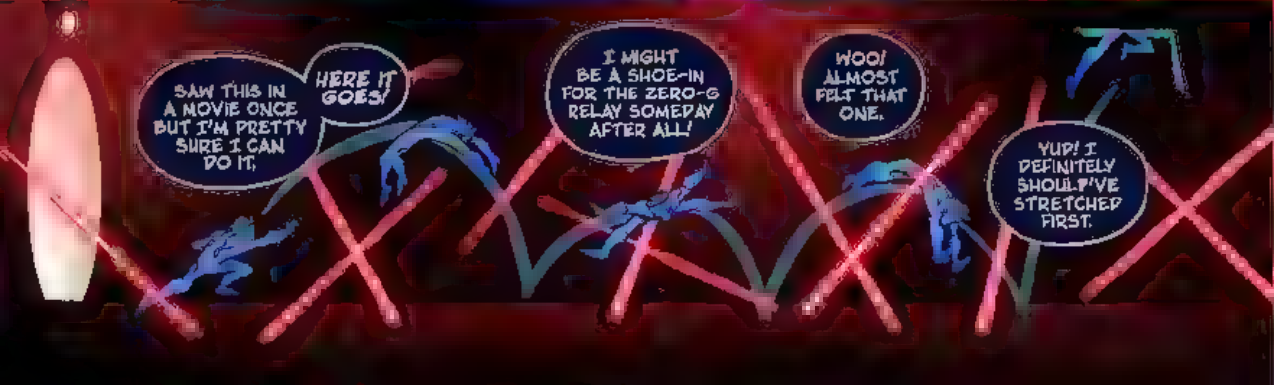


AVOID JAH,
HUH? AVOID..
YA, I GET IT.



IF THIS GUY
HAS NEVER BEEN
CAUGHT BY THE
ASSEMBLY, THIS
COULD BE MY
BIG BREAK!

THAT'S IT,
I CAN'T LET
THIS GUY ESCAPE!
GOTTA GET
THROUGH THESE
LASERS FAST.



SAW THIS IN
A MOVIE ONCE
BUT I'M PRETTY
SURE I CAN
DO IT.

HERE IT
GOES!

I MIGHT
BE A SHOE-IN
FOR THE ZERO-G
RELAY SOMEDAY
AFTER ALL!

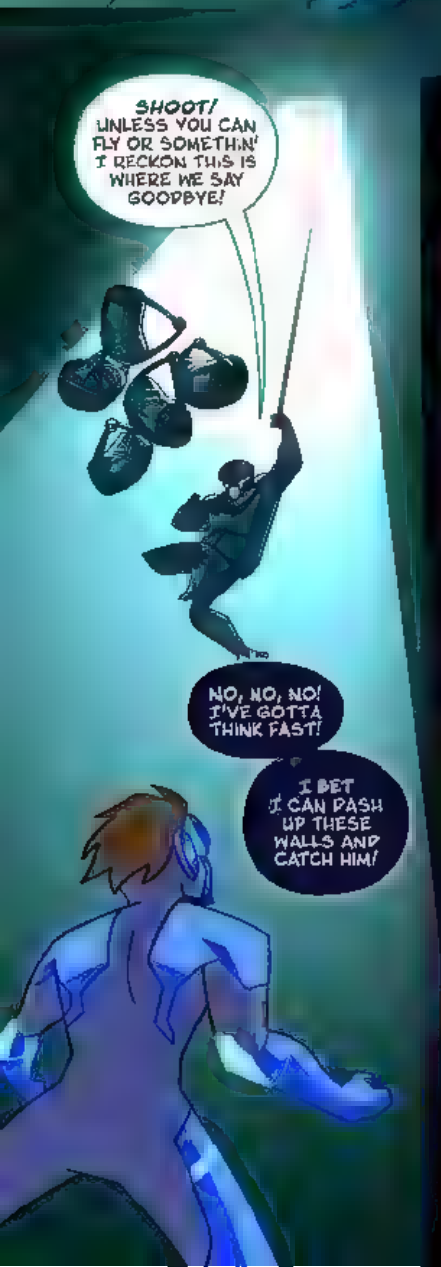
WOOF!
ALMOST
FELT THAT
ONE.

YUP! I
DEFINITELY
SHOULD'VE
STRETCHED
FIRST.



I THINK YOU'VE
MAXED OUT YOUR
WITHDRAWALS,
PAL. IT'S A DEAD
END NOWHERE
LEFT TO RUN!

LET'S NOT
GET AHEAD OF
OURSELVES NOW!
I'VE GOT PLENTY
MORE SURPRISES
FOR YA.



SHOOT!
UNLESS YOU CAN
FLY OR SOMETHIN'
I RECKON THIS IS
WHERE WE SAY
GOODBYE!

NO, NO, NO!
I'VE GOTTA
THINK FAST!

I BET
I CAN PASH
UP THESE
WALLS AND
CATCH HIM!



NICE
TRY!

YOU'RE UP
AGAINST THE
FASTEST HERO
THERE IS! YOU
NEVER HAD A
CHANCE.

HA!
YOU'VE GOT
SPLUNK, KID.
I'LL GIVE
YOU THAT

BUT LET'S
GET ONE THING
STRAIGHT...



*HOURS LATER
ACROSS TOWN...*

AH, ALL
IN A DAY'S
WORK!

EVEN
WITH THAT BLUE
DISTRACTION.

HE PUT UP
A FIGHT I'LL
GIVE HIM
THAT.

WITH ENOUGH
FUNDING, I BET
I COULD FILL UP
SOMETHIN' THAT'D
REALLY SEND HIM
RUNNING...

SOMETHIN'
FAST!

BUT THIS'LL
HAVE TO DO
FOR NOW.

IT'LL BE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO
GET THE JOB
DONE.

IT WON'T
EVEN BE
CLOSE.

AVOID~AH
HAS A PERFECT
RECORD...

AND IF
THAT PUNK
THINKS HE
CAN RUIN MY
STREAK...

I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
TEACH HIM
OTHERWISE.

**McKEEN MANOR
ZERO-G TRAINING FACILITY**

I HAD HIM!
RIGHT THERE! THEN
BAM— SUDDENLY
I'M PEELING MYSELF
OFF THE SIDE OF A
DUSTY VENTILATION
SHAFT..

WHO ROBS
BANKS LIKE
IT'S A GAME,
ANYWAY?

SOMEONE WHO
HAS EVEN MORE
TO PROVE THAN
YOU IT SEEMS.

IF YOU MUST
PUT ON THAT
COSTUME THERE
ARE OTHERS
WHO COULD USE
YOUR HELP

MISSING



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COME ON...
THIS "AVOIDAH"
STEALS MILLIONS
WITH NO SIGNS
OF STOPPING AND
YOU WANT ME
ON CAT PATROL?

WHATEVER
HE'S PLOTTING
NEXT, I HAVE
TO STOP IT!

AS YOUR
GUARDIAN, I MUST
ADVISE LEAVING
THE DANGEROUS
THREATS TO THE
PROFESSIONALS

BUT I
REALIZE I
CANNOT STOP
YOU...OR PROTECT
YOU FOR THAT
MATTER

ALL I CAN
DO IS ASK
YOU TO SLOW
DOWN TO THINK
ABOUT YOUR
CHOICES

THE DAY YOU
FOUND THIS TRAINING
FACILITY, BEFORE YOUR
ABILITIES SURFACED.
I MADE IT DOWNTOWN
JUST IN TIME TO SEE
YOU SAVE A MAN

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
REAL HEROES
DO IT FROM
MY PHONE
FOR YEARS!

WHEN I
FINALLY GOT
MY CHANCE...
EVEN WITHOUT
POWERS...

...IT WAS
THE RIGHT
THING
TO DO

I JUST
KNEW...

WHY
DID YOU
DO THAT?

I KNEW
THAT'S WHAT
THEY WOULD
HAVE DONE.



I MIGHT NOT LIKE IT BUT HE'S RIGHT BEING A HERO ISN'T JUST ABOUT MAKING FRONT PAGE.

GUESS SOMEBODY'S GOTTA LOOK OUT FOR THE LITTLE GUY.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... HUE'S REALLY GOT THAT "SUPERHERO MENTOR PEP TALK" DOWN PAT. DOES HE PRACTICE WHEN I'M NOT AROUND?



EVENIN', OFFICERS! YOU GUYS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE SEEN A CAT AROUND HERE, WOULD YA?



HUH? NO NO CATS. THIS IS A CRIME SCENE! BIG BANK ROBBERY WENT DOWN HERE YESTERDAY.

PRETTY BIG ONE, TOO. NO SUSPECTS. GUY MUST BE A PRO

NO WAY! A ROBBERY? HERE? THIS BANK?



WAIT... IS THAT...

AVOIDJAH'S ALREADY BACK?

HEY PEWALT, DO WE KNOW THIS FELLA?

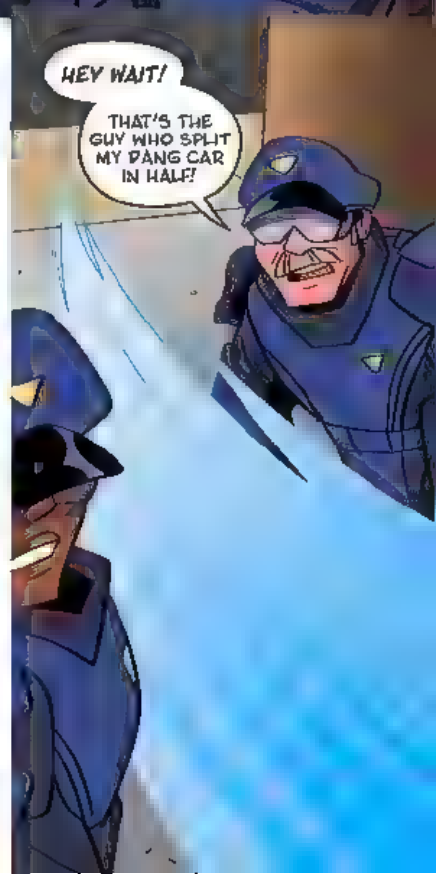


I DON'T KNOW... LOOKS KINDA LIKE THAT [TRADEMARKED SUPERHERO NAME] TO ME.

NAH, I'VE SEEN THIS FELLA BEFORE...

HE'S REALLY SHOWING OFF HITTING THE SAME BANK TWICE.

I PROMISED MYSELF I'D FIND THAT CAT, BUT... A QUICK PEEK AT THE BANK'S ROOF WOULDN'T HURT, RIGHT?



HEY WAIT!

THAT'S THE GUY WHO SPLIT MY PANG CAR IN HALF!



FIGURED IF
I FOLLOWED THE
TRAIL OF LOOSE
CASH, I'D FIND
YOU UP HERE.

I'M REALLY
STARTING TO
QUESTION THE
MADNESS
BEHIND THIS
METHOR

ROBBING
THE SAME BANK
RIGHT UNDER THE
AUTHORITIES' NOSES,
LIFTING YOUR STOLEN
CASH RIGHT INTO
THE SKY, AND JUST
HOPING SOMEONE
TRIES TO STOP
YOU?



BETTER START
THINKING OF
OTHER NAMES
BUDDY.



'CAUSE
I-CAUGHT-JA,
DOOFUS.

NICE TRY,
BULLET-BOY.



THAT'S
NOT MY-

HEY!

SHRRRIP!



PERFECT!
PICKING UP
RIGHT WHERE
WE LEFT OFF!



ONLY THIS
TIME, I'VE
GOT THE
POWER OF
FLIGHT..

...AND
THERE'S
NO DEAD
END



NOT ENOUGH
GROUND FOR A
RUNNING START,
BUT HERE GOES
NOTHING!

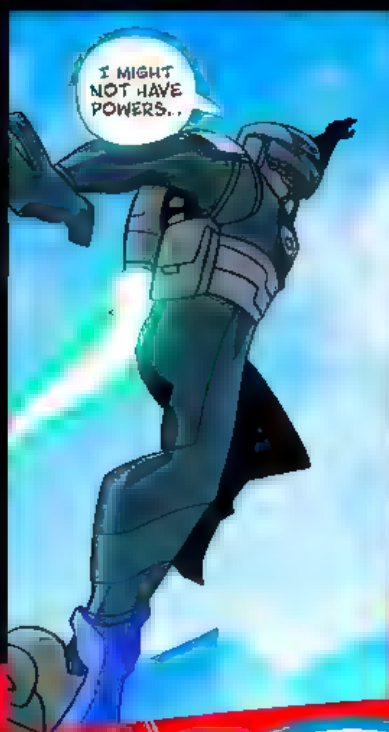


YOU'RE NOT
GETTING AWAY
NOT THIS
TIME!



CATCHING ME
WON'T STOP MY
FLEET OF CASH
BAGS! YOU KNOW,
I'M STARTIN'
TO THINK YOU'RE
JUST IN IT FOR
THE PRESTIGE.
MAYBE YOU AND
I AREN'T SO
DIFFERENT
AFTER ALL!

YOU'RE JUST
A CRIMINAL WITH
A CHEAP BAG OF
TRICKS I'VE GOT
POWERS YOU COULD
ONLY DREAM OF.
WE COULDN'T BE
MORE DIFFERENT!



I MIGHT
NOT HAVE
POWERS...



BUT
I'D SAY I'M
DOIN' JUST
FINE!



YOU ON
THE OTHER
HAND!



GNH!!

KRAK



GH-
HUH?

I'VE
GOT YOU!
NOW JU~

MEOWNNRR

KEEP IT
FIZZY



THAT
SOUND--

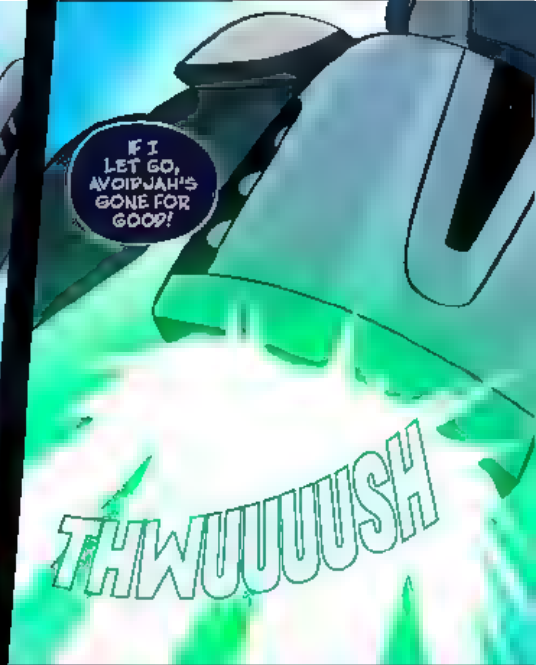
IS IT...MY
CONSCIENCE?





MR. WHISKERS?

NO, NO, NO!
HOW DID HE GET
UP HERE? THIS IS
REALLY NOT
THE TIME!



IF I
LET GO,
AVOIDJAH'S
GONE FOR
GOOD!

THWUUUUSH



IF I CAN'T
STOP HIM
THIS TIME...

I CAN KISS
THAT CRISP
HI-FIVE FROM
THE ASSEMBLY
GOODBYE.

COME ON,
WHY DOES THIS
HAVE TO BE
SO HARD?!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON UP
THERE?

I DON'T
KNOW,
RON!

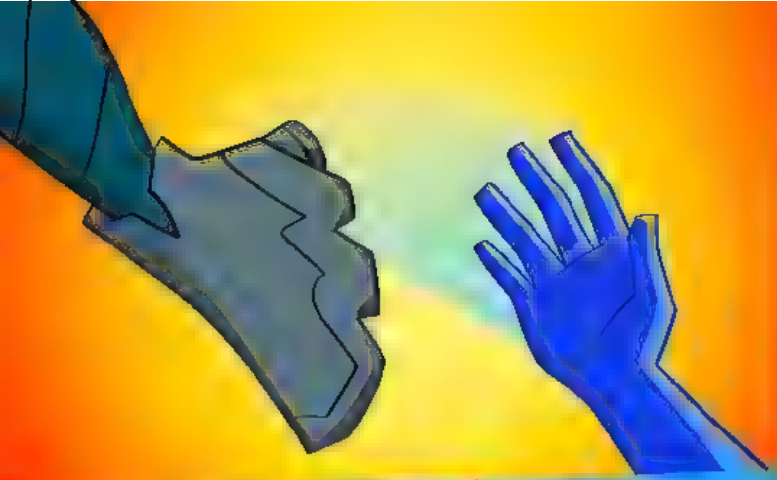
JUST
HURRY AND
GET YOUR
PHONE
OUT!



COME ON,
JOSH...

YOU
KNOW YOU
CAN'T HAVE
IT BOTH
WAYS!

JUST
GOTTA
TRUST
YOUR
GUT!



YEAH,
GET BACK TO
CAT-SAVING!
IT'S MORE
YOUR SPEED
ANYWAY!



COME HERE,
LITTLE GUY!
I GOT YA!



I THOUGHT
GRABBING ONE
OF THESE CASH
BAGS ON OUR
WAY DOWN MIGHT
CUSHION THE
FALL.

NOPE!



WHAT'S THAT
YOU'VE GOT
THERE? ONE OF
AVOIDJAH'S
REMOTES!

WAIT A SEC...
IF ONE OF THESE
CAN CONTROL
THE CASH
BAGS~



NO!!

HE'S GONNA
GET HIS PAYOUT
MUCH SOONER
THAN HE
THOUGHT!

TEHK!



WELL WELL,
LOOKS LIKE
CRIME REALLY
DOES PAY

JUST NOT
THE WAY HE
WAS HOPING
CLASSIC.



AWWWW!
MR. WHISKERS,
YOU SAVED THE
PAY! I WAS SO
SO SO WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP, SIR!

PON'T
MENTION IT.

MEOWRRRR



IT SHOULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN
AS LONG AS
IT DID

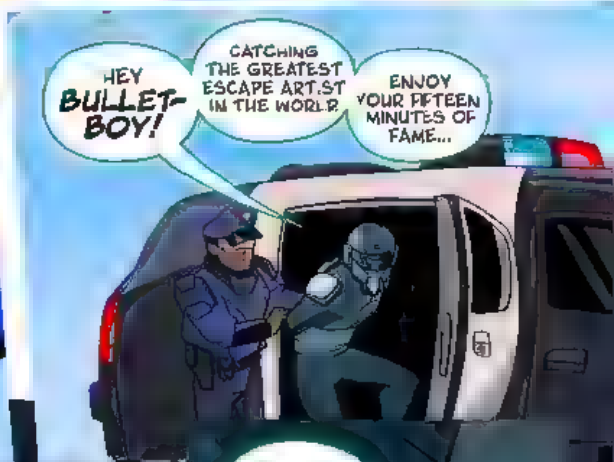
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...



TOM,
OVER
HERE!

HI!
I'M VANNA
CHASE FROM
CHANNEL 10?
I'D LOVE
TO CHAT.

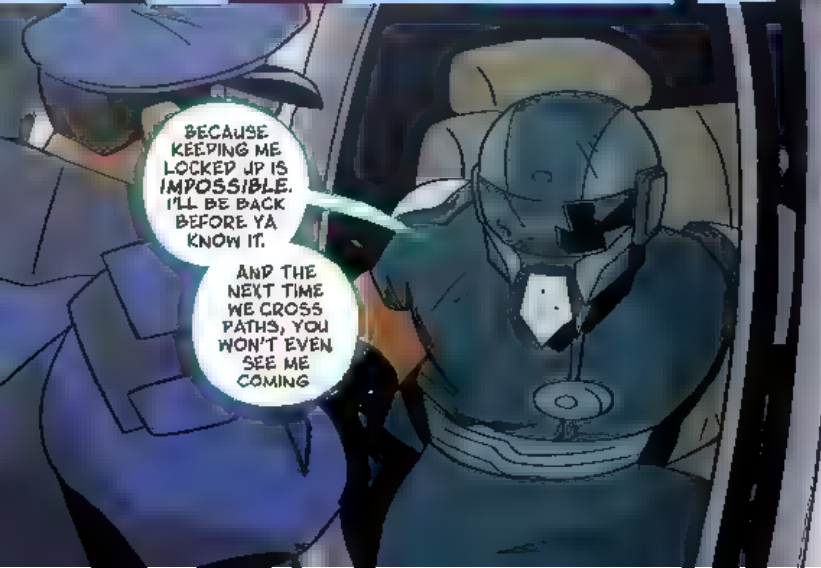
WHO, ME?
REALLY?



HEY
BULLET-
BOY!

CATCHING
THE GREATEST
ESCAPE ARTIST
IN THE WORLD

ENJOY
YOUR FIFTEEN
MINUTES OF
FAME...



BECAUSE
KEEPING ME
LOCKED UP IS
IMPOSSIBLE.
I'LL BE BACK
BEFORE YA
KNOW IT.

AND THE
NEXT TIME
WE CROSS
PATHS, YOU
WON'T EVEN
SEE ME
COMING



NEXT TIME,
I'LL RUN YOU
INTO THE
ASPHALT...

HOURS LATER...

MONEY
RECOVERER,
CAT SAVED-
THEY GOT THE
WHOLE THING
ON CAMERA,
HUE!

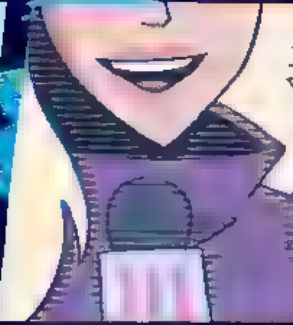
TOO BAD
I HAD TO SKIP
MY INTERVIEW
AFTER AVOIDJAH
CUT IN AND
RUINED IT...

WELL, SIR,
IT DOES SEEM
THAT YOU'VE
MANAGED TO
HAVE YOUR
CAKE AND
EAT IT TOO

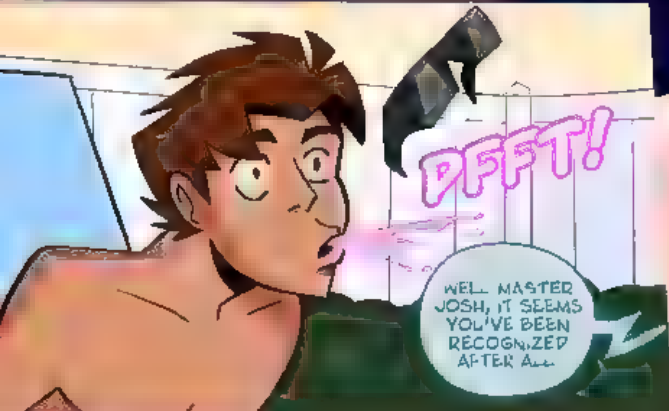
WOW, FIFTEEN
MILLION VIEWS
IN A FEW HOURS!
HERE, CHECK OUT
THIS CLIP



BREAKING NEWS!
THE MASKED TEEN
RESPONSIBLE FOR
STOPPING THE
NEXTECH ROBOTS,
AND THE ELLSIVE
THIEF KNOWN AS
AVOIDJAH ARE THE
VERY SAME!



THE IDENTITY OF
THIS HERO REMAIN
UNKNOWN, BUT
ACCORDING TO
EYEWITNESSES,
THE CITY'S NEWEST
SPEEDSTER
HAS A NAME..
BULLET-BOY!



POFFT!

WELL, MASTER
JOSH, IT SEEMS
YOU'VE BEEN
RECOGNIZED
AFTER ALL



I SUPPOSE THE
HERO ASSEMBLY
WILL KNOW WHO
TO COMMEND
FOR SAVING THE
DAY WHEN THE
TIME COMES



OH HUE,
BEFORE
YOU GO?

SIR?

THANKS FOR
KEEPING
MY HEAD
STRAIGHT.

MEANWHILE...



I THINK I
FINALLY GOT
THE SMELL OF
THERMALITE
CORE OFF MY
SUIT.

LET'S GET
BACK TO WORK.
THE ASSEMBLY'S
BEEN GONE LONGER
THAN EXPECTED. I'M
SURE THE MAYOR
WILL UNDERSTAND
NEEDING TO
POSTPONE OUR
CONFERENCE.

WHAT'S
THE LATEST,
INSECT?

A THOROUGH
SCAN INDICATES
AN UPTICK OF
CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY.

THEY KNEW
WE WERE
GONE.

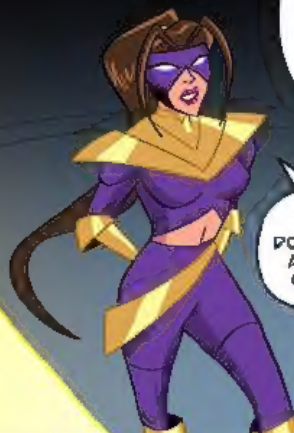
BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE HERE...
SOMEONE
STEPPED IN.



THIS WEEK'S
HEADLINES
HIGHLIGHT A
SUPER-HUMAN
NEWCOMER. A
VIGILANTE NAMED
BULLET-BOY?
THEY CAUGHT
AVOIDJAH?
IMPRESSIVE.

HMM...
DO WE HAVE
ANY INFO
ON HIM?

HANG ON,
I'LL SCRUB
THE INTERNET
AND PULL UP
THE DETAILS.



HE MAKES...
SLIME
VIDEOS?

YOU'VE
GOT TO BE
KIPPING ME.





SQUISH
SQUISH

HUH...
INTERESTING.

CARDINAL,
I WANT YOU
TO KEEP AN EYE
ON BULLET-BOY
AND HIS ACTIVITIES.
I WANT TO DRAFT
A LIST OF KNOWN
ABILITIES AND
TRAITS. DO NOT
ENGAGE.

I-IT'S
SO CRINGE.
I CAN'T
WATCH!

TO BE CONTINUED...

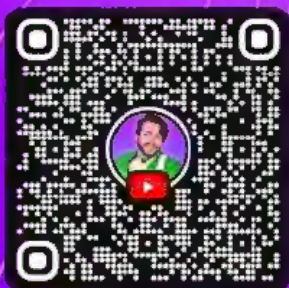
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HEY!
HAVE YOU
READ THESE
ISSUES?



**WATCH
BEHIND THE SCENES
AND ANIMATIONS!**



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