



# JOE HERO

NYE  
AZZEDAR



CALVIN  
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LATER THAT NIGHT.

## Channel City Community Memorial Hospital



HEY, DID I MISS MUCH?

NO HE JUST FELL ASLEEP.

HE IS SO BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT SHOULD WE CALL HIM?

WELL, IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU ASKED. I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD NAME HIM AFTER A CHARACTER FROM MY FAVORITE SUNDAY COMIC STRIP "KEVIN AND TOBBES".

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PERFECT NAME FOR OUR SON.

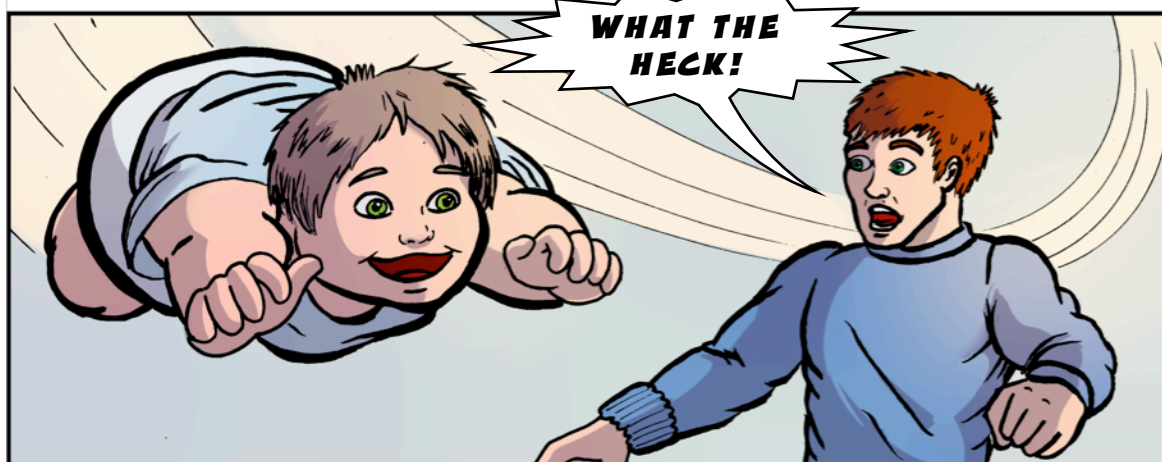
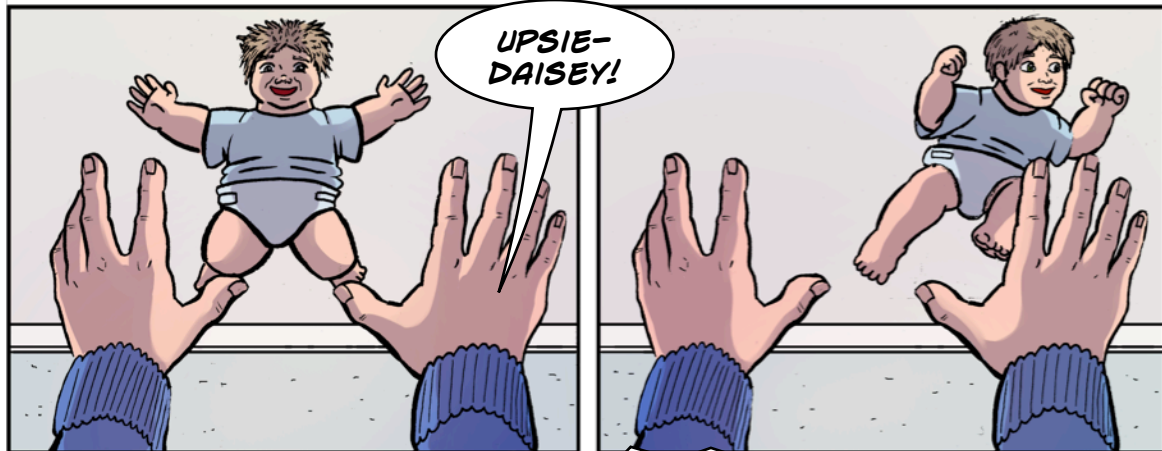
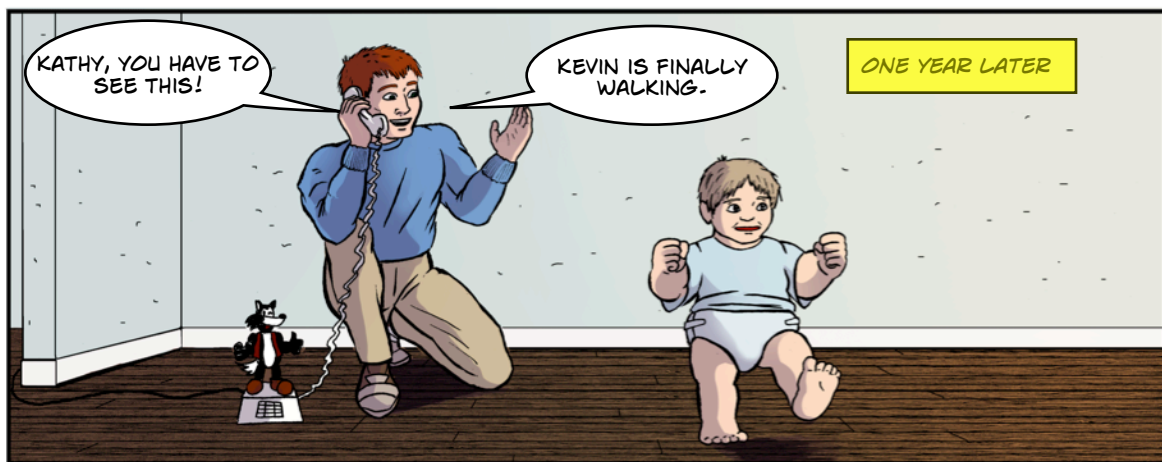
WELCOME TO THE WORLD, KEVIN CARTER.

JOE HERO #1:

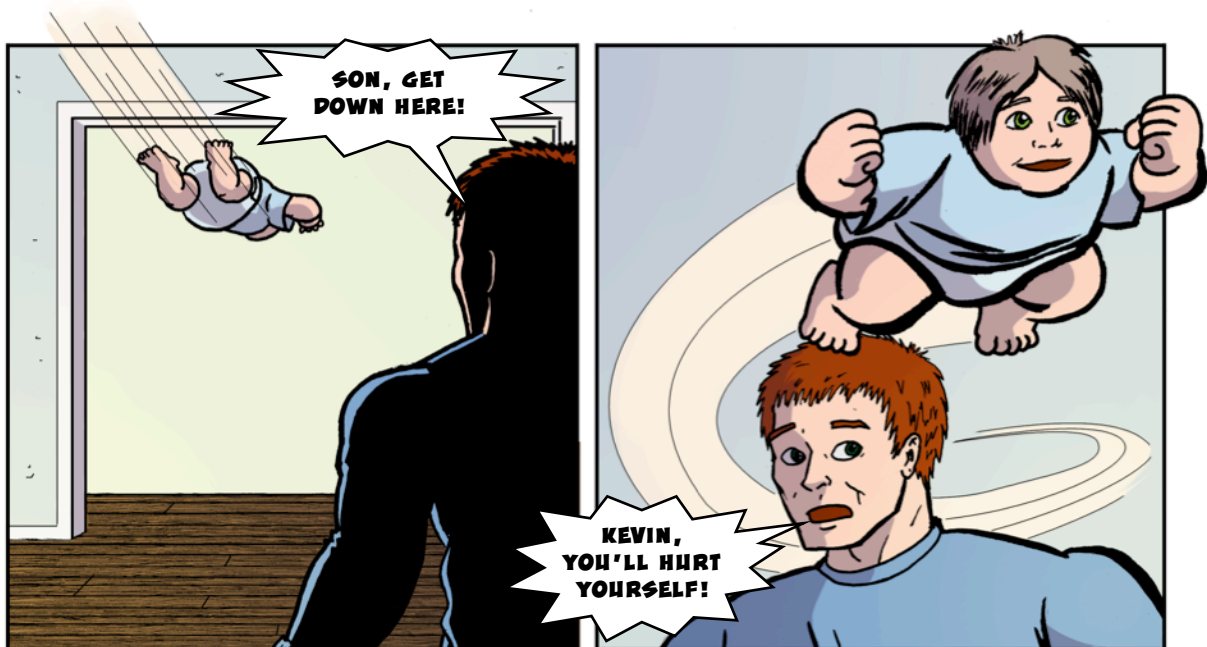
# HEROIC LEGACY

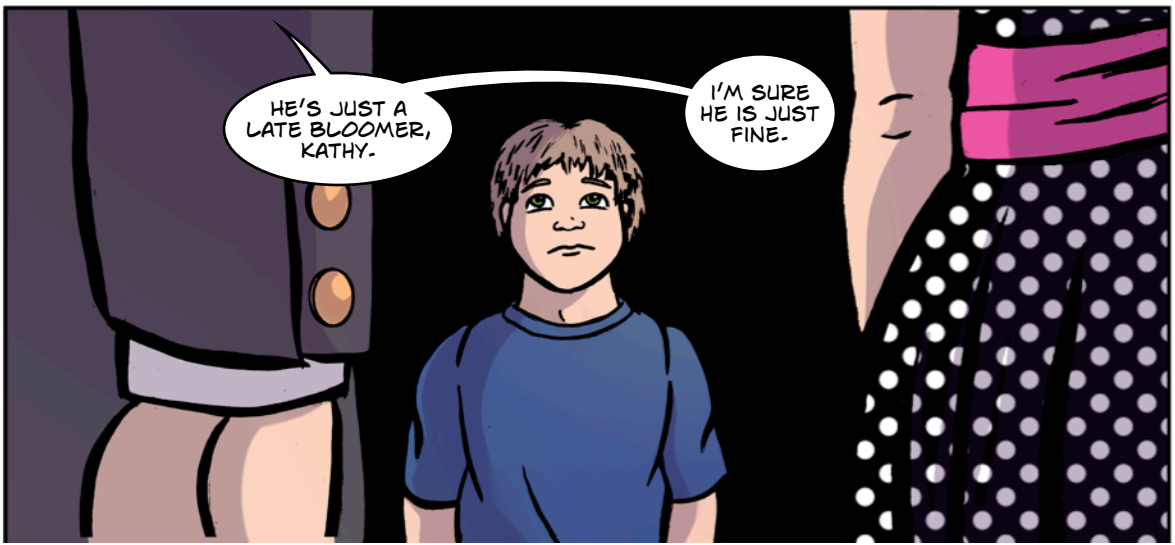
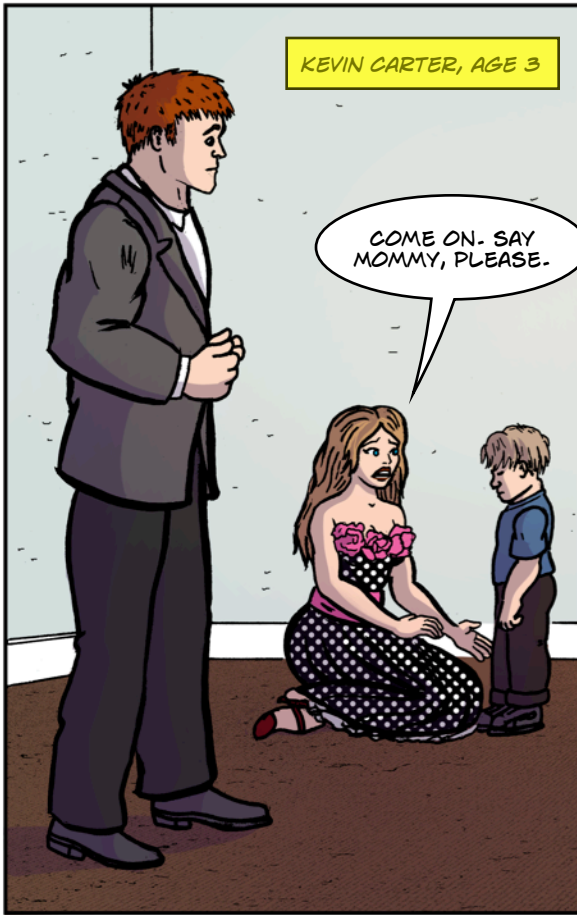
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COLORIST BY AZZEDAR RANTHALION

COVER BY CALVIN NYE AND AZZEDAR RANTHALION









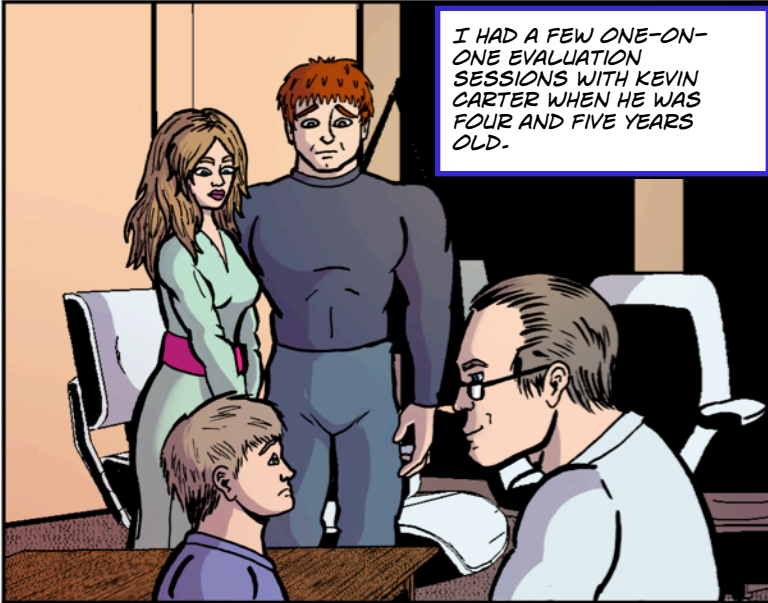




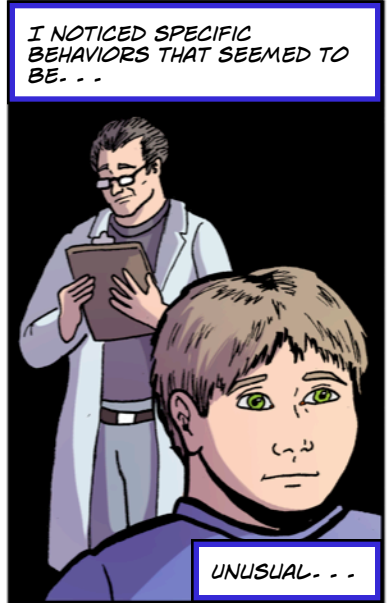
GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DOCTOR ARTHUR GRANSEN. I'M THE CARTER FAMILY'S DOCTOR.

IN MY PROFESSION, I SPECIALIZED IN THE CARE OF HUMAN BEINGS WHO POSSESS SUPER HUMAN ABILITIES.

I ALSO SPECIALIZED IN HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY, AND BEHAVIORAL COGNITION TO HELP HUMANS' AND HEROES' MENTAL STATE.

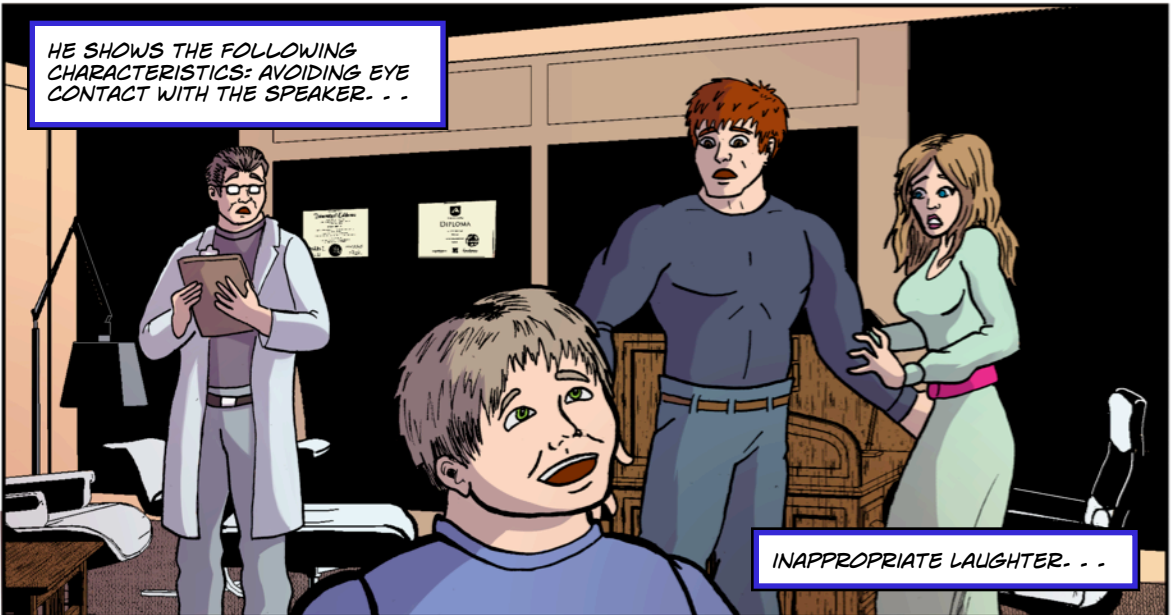


I HAD A FEW ONE-ON-ONE EVALUATION SESSIONS WITH KEVIN CARTER WHEN HE WAS FOUR AND FIVE YEARS OLD.



I NOTICED SPECIFIC BEHAVIORS THAT SEEMED TO BE. . .

UNUSUAL. . .



HE SHOWS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: AVOIDING EYE CONTACT WITH THE SPEAKER. . .

INAPPROPRIATE LAUGHTER. . .

SUSTAINED, UNUSUAL,  
REPETITIVE PLAY, SUCH AS  
ROTATING OBJECTS. . .



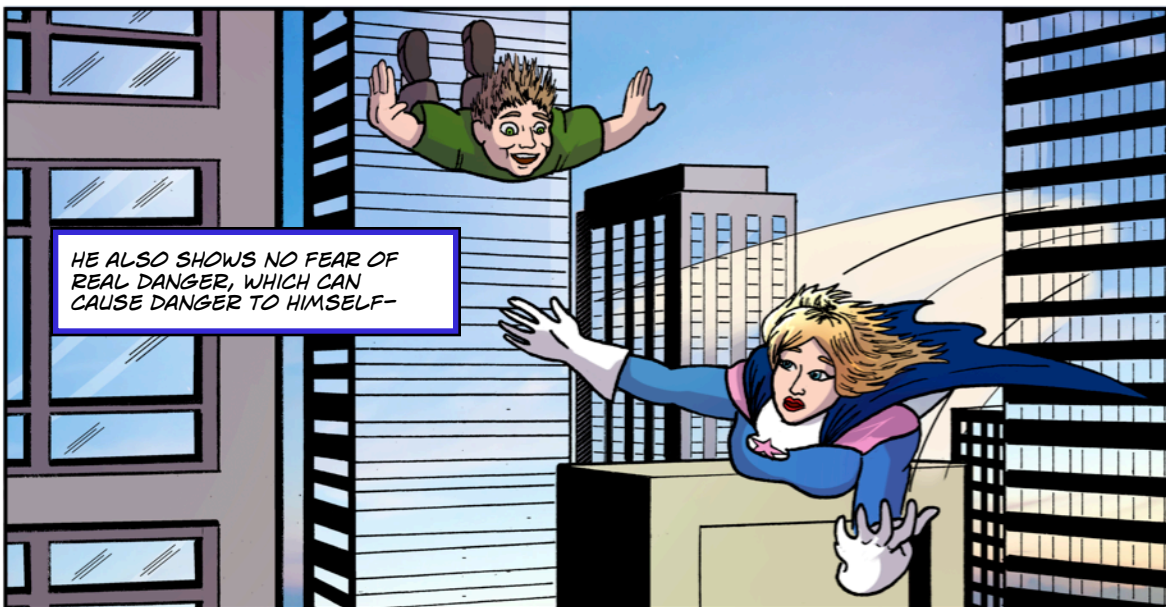
DISPLAYS DIFFICULTIES  
WHEN INTERACTING WITH  
OTHERS OR PREFERS TO BE  
ALONE. . .



ALSO DISPLAYS  
INAPPROPRIATE RESPONSES  
TO SPECIFIC SOUNDS. . .



HE ALSO SHOWS NO FEAR OF  
REAL DANGER, WHICH CAN  
CAUSE DANGER TO HIMSELF-



- OR TO OTHERS.

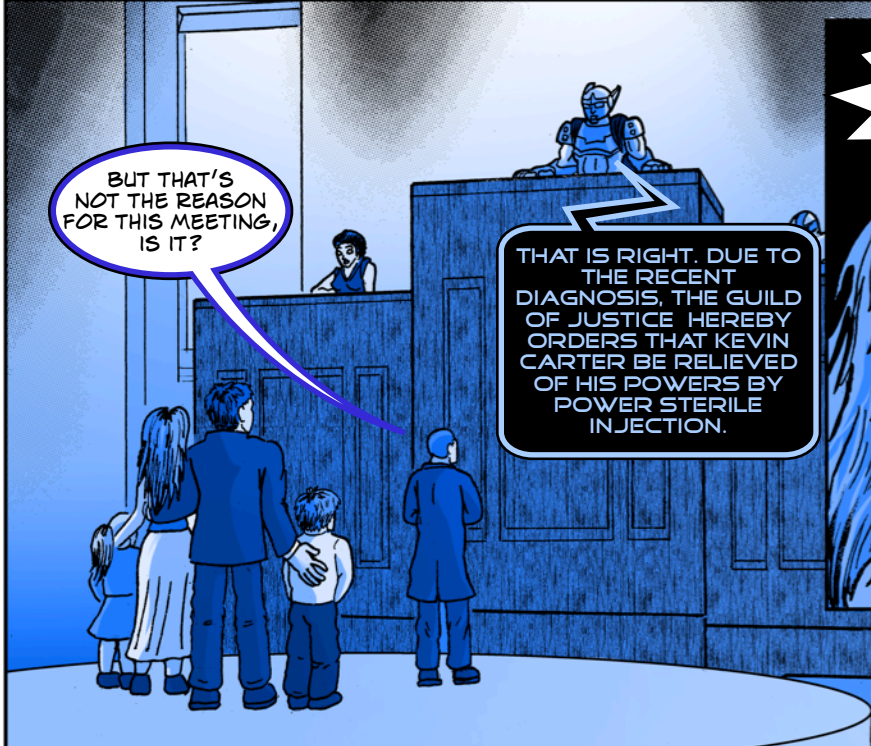






BY LOOKING AT THESE RESULTS, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT KEVIN CARTER HAS AUTISM.

FORTUNATELY, HE IS HIGH FUNCTIONING, WHICH MEANS HE'S HIGH ON THE SPECTRUM. SO HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A RELATIVELY NORMAL LIFE WITH MINIMAL ASSISTANCE.



BUT THAT'S NOT THE REASON FOR THIS MEETING, IS IT?

THAT IS RIGHT. DUE TO THE RECENT DIAGNOSIS, THE GUILD OF JUSTICE HEREBY ORDERS THAT KEVIN CARTER BE RELIEVED OF HIS POWERS BY POWER STERILE INJECTION.

**YOU CAN'T DO THAT!**



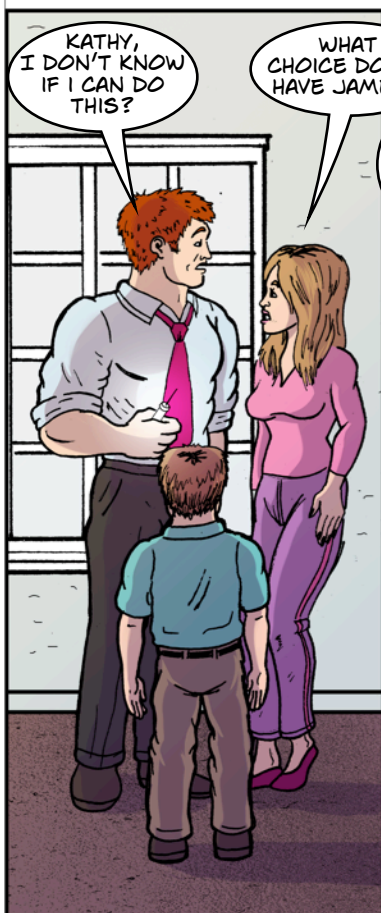
YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE IN THIS MATTER. YOUR SON STANDS IN THE VIOLATION OF THE KELLER LAW- "BEINGS WITH DISABILITIES CANNOT TAKE ON ROLES OF JUSTICE, VIGILANTES, OR HEROES."

AFTER THE ISAAC KELLER INCIDENT, THE LAW WAS PUT INTO EFFECT BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE LEAGUE.

KEVIN CARTER MUST RECEIVE THIS INJECTION BEFORE THE WEEK IS OVER OR FACE THE MATTER OF JUSTICE.

MEETING ADJOURNED.





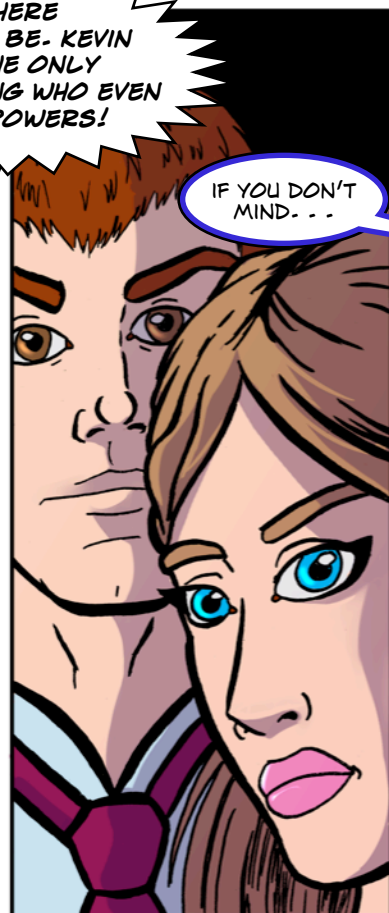
KATHY,  
I DON'T KNOW  
IF I CAN DO  
THIS?

WHAT  
CHOICE DO WE  
HAVE JAMES?

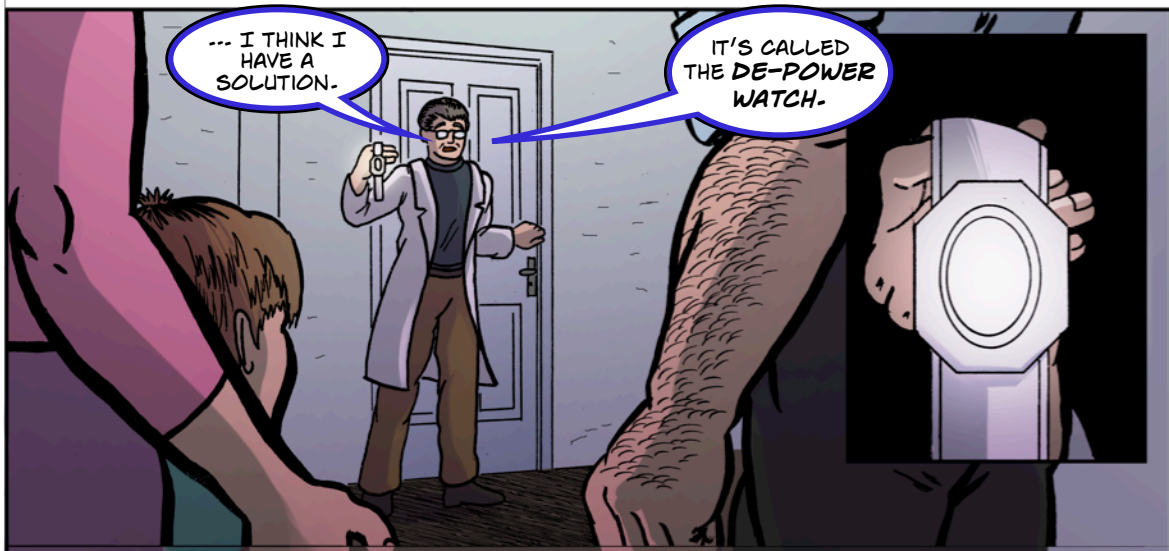
THEY WILL HUNT  
US DOWN IF WE  
RESIST. THERE'S  
NO WAY AROUND  
THIS.



THERE  
HAS TO BE. KEVIN  
IS THE ONLY  
OFFSPRING WHO EVEN  
HAS POWERS!



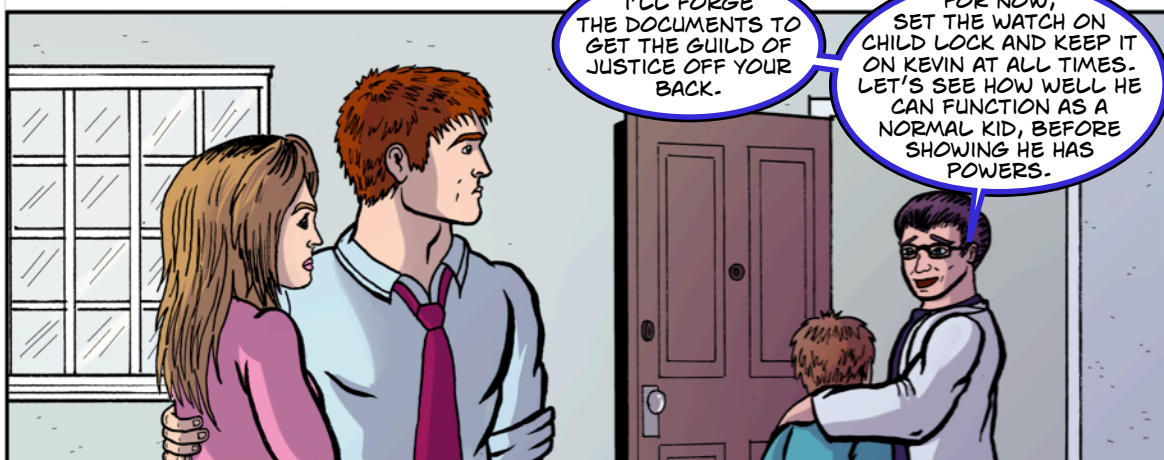
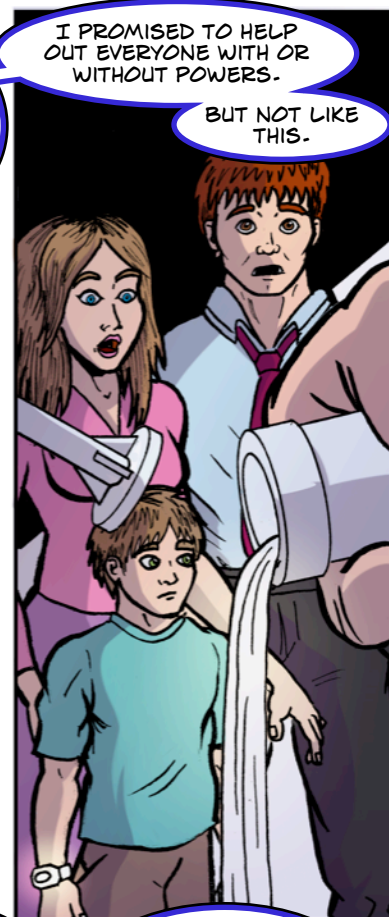
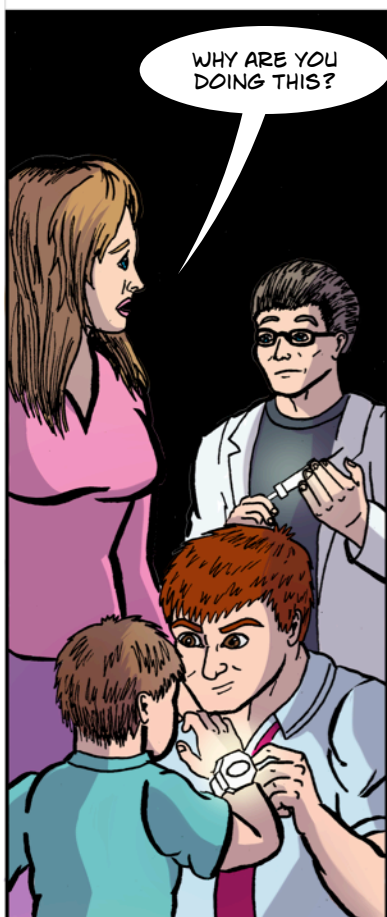
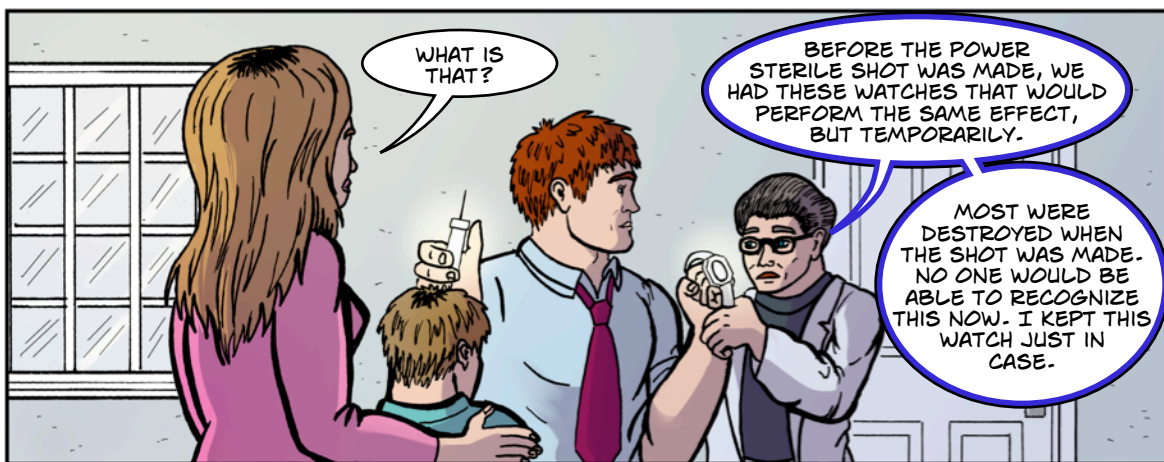
IF YOU DON'T  
MIND. . .

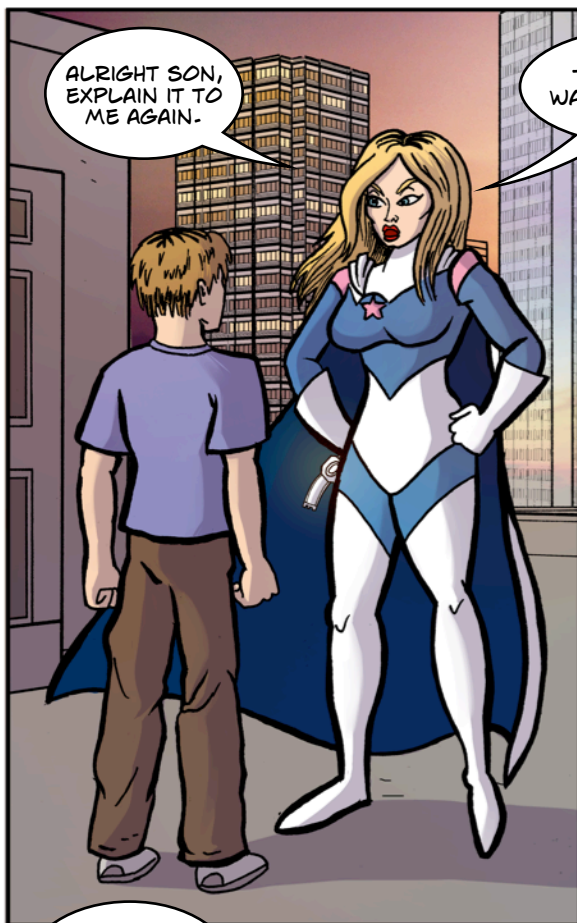


... I THINK I  
HAVE A  
SOLUTION.

IT'S CALLED  
THE DE-POWER  
WATCH.







ALRIGHT SON,  
EXPLAIN IT TO  
ME AGAIN.

HOW DID YOU  
TAKE OFF THE  
WATCH, AND WHAT  
DID YOU DO?



I JUST  
WANTED TO  
HELP.

LOOK  
AT ME WHEN  
I'M TALKING  
TO YOU.

KEVIN CARTER, AGE  
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YOU KNOW  
YOU'RE NOT  
ALLOWED TO  
TAKE THIS  
OFF.

THE CAR WAS  
STUCK. THEY  
NEEDED HELP.

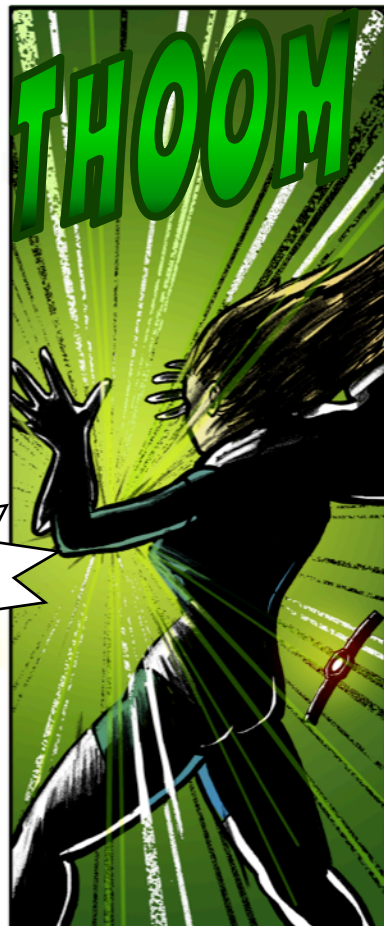
YOU CAN'T  
JUS-

I  
THOUGHT I'M  
SUPPOSED TO DO  
GOOD THINGS!

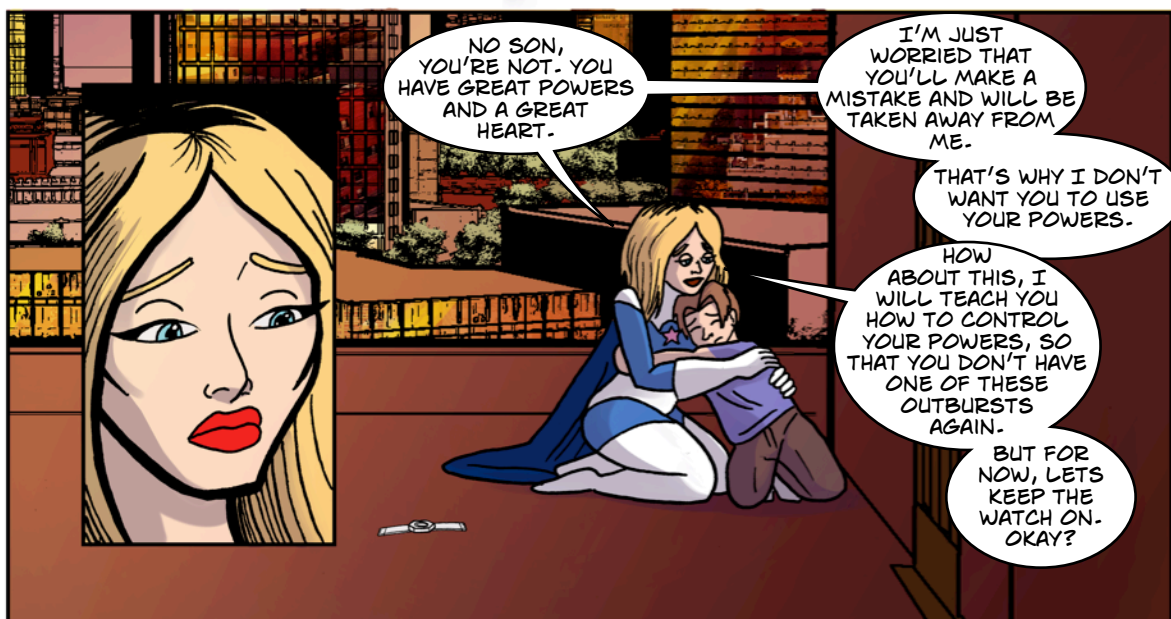
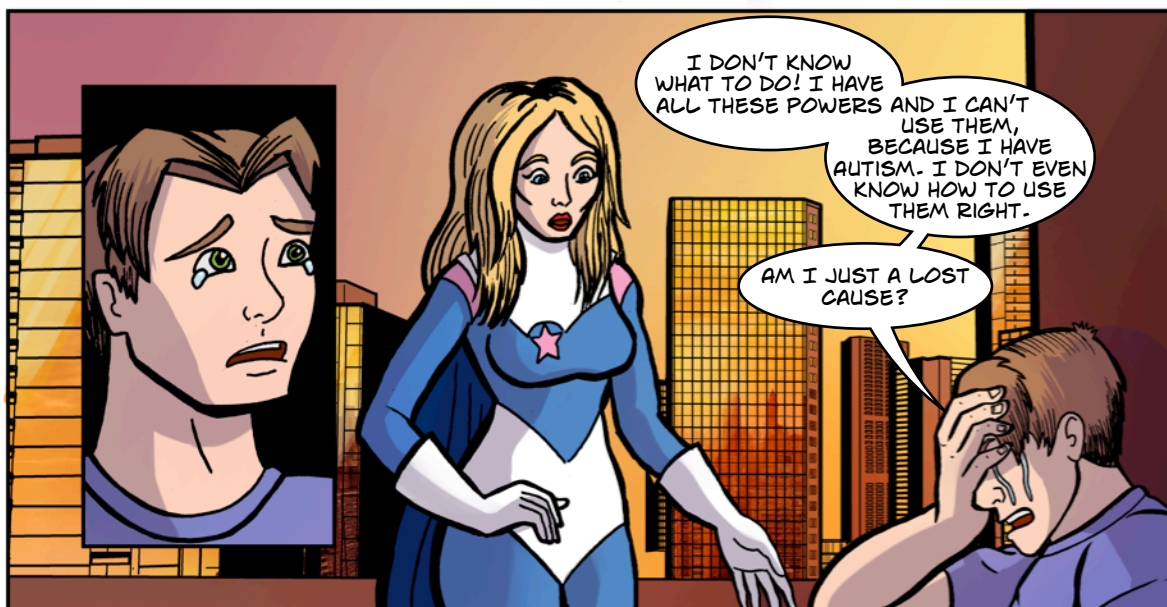
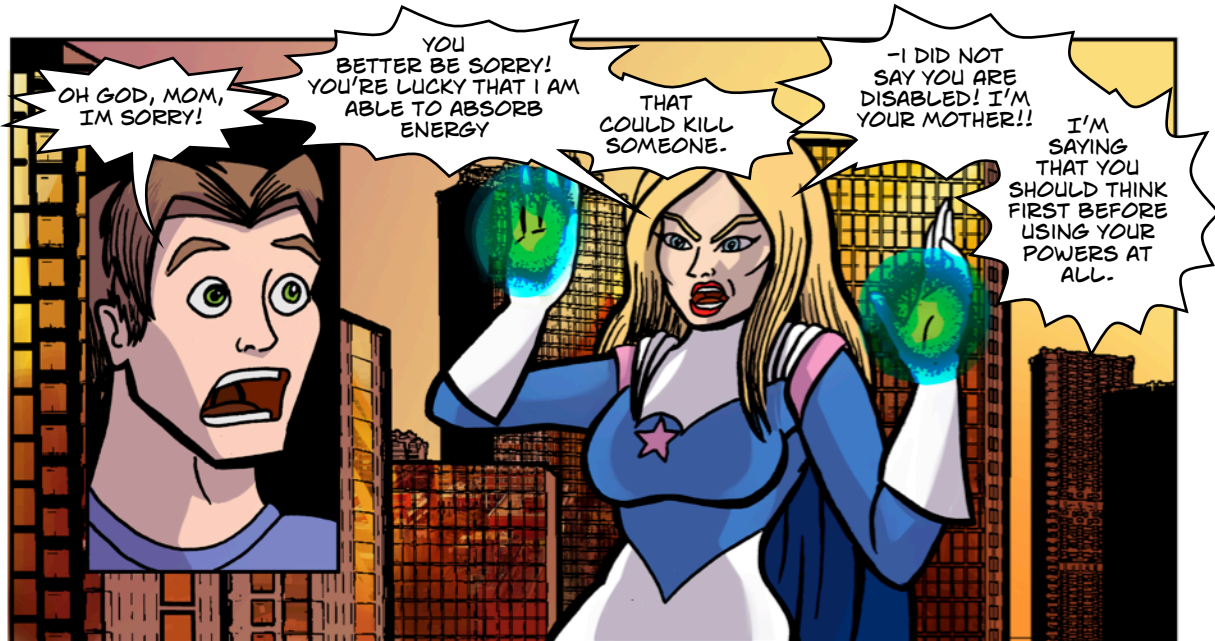
YOU  
CAN'T  
USE YOUR  
POWERS!



WHY? SO PEOPLE  
THINK OF ME AS A  
DISABLED KID?!

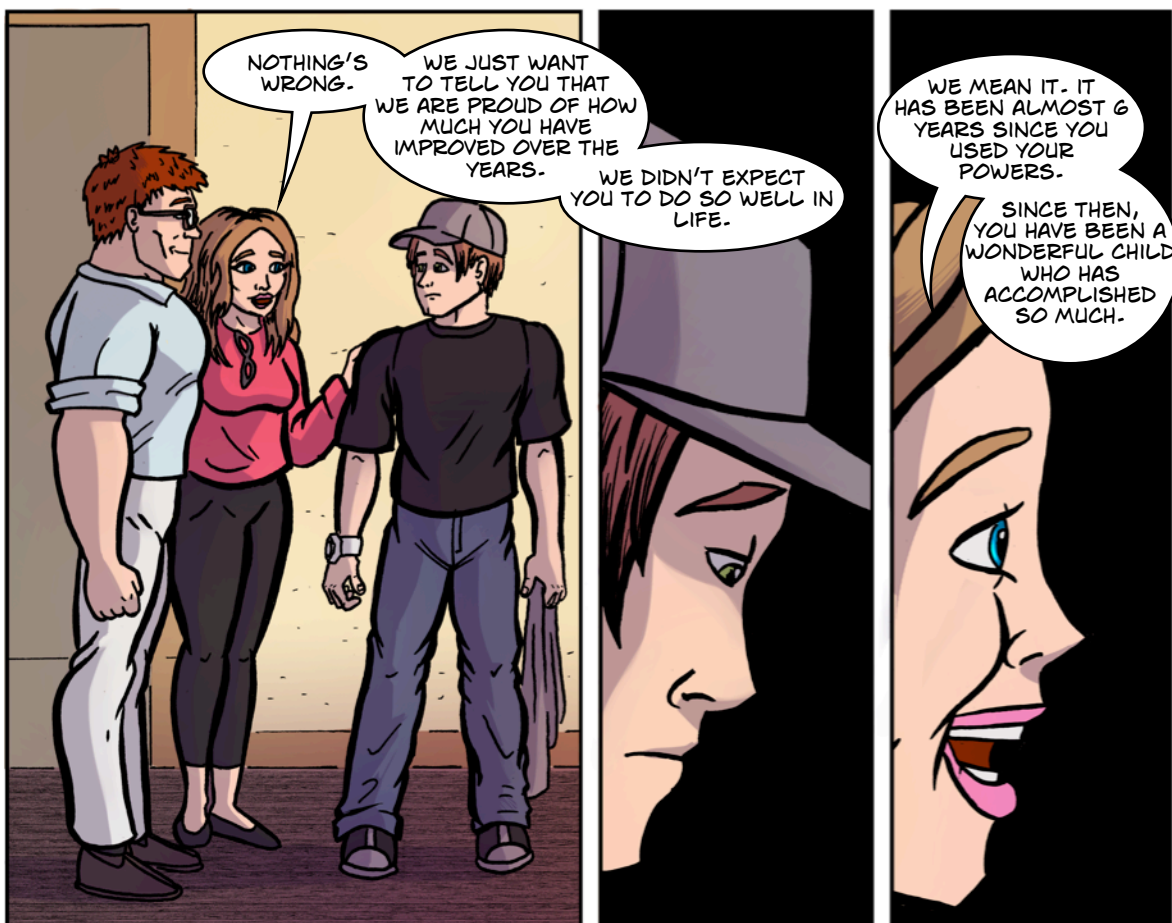












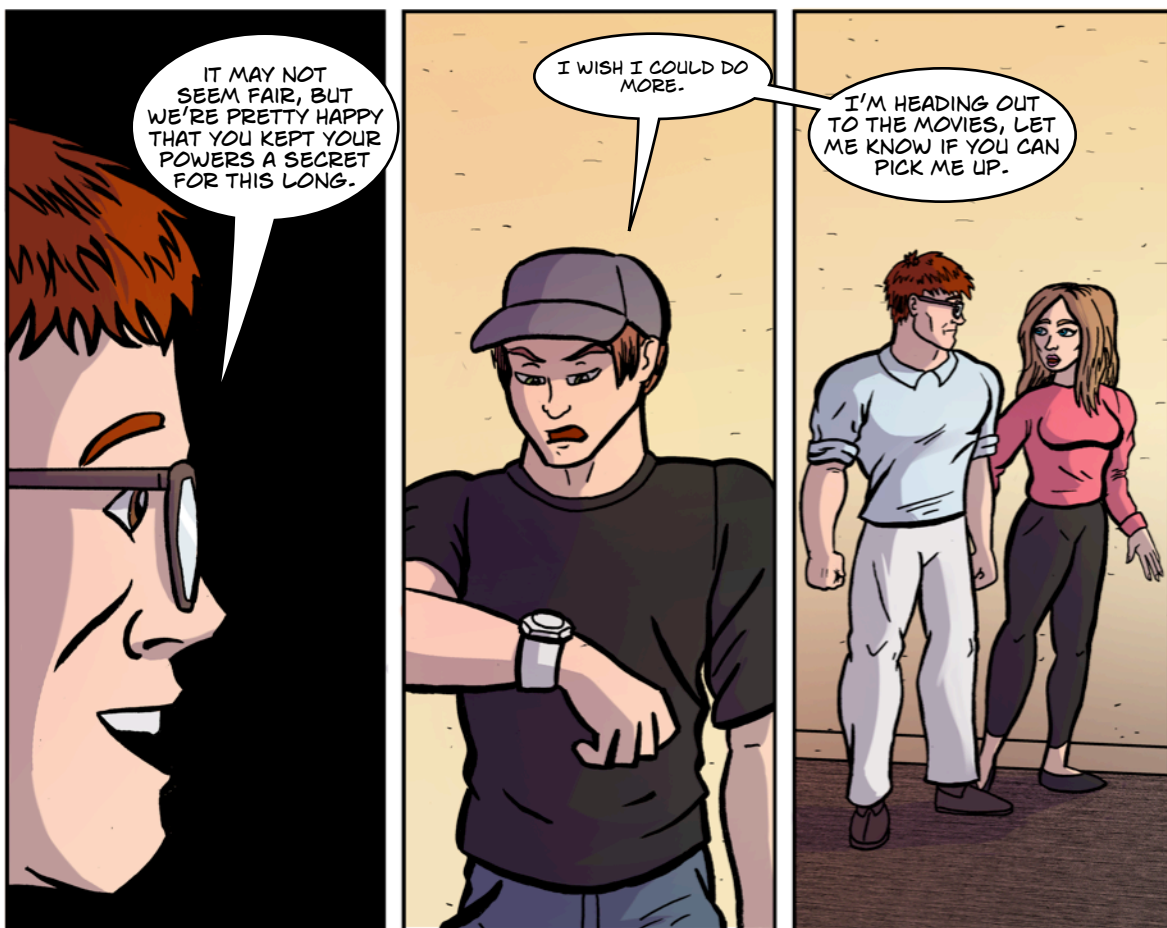
NOTHING'S WRONG.

WE JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE PROUD OF HOW MUCH YOU HAVE IMPROVED OVER THE YEARS.

WE DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO DO SO WELL IN LIFE.

WE MEAN IT. IT HAS BEEN ALMOST 6 YEARS SINCE YOU USED YOUR POWERS.

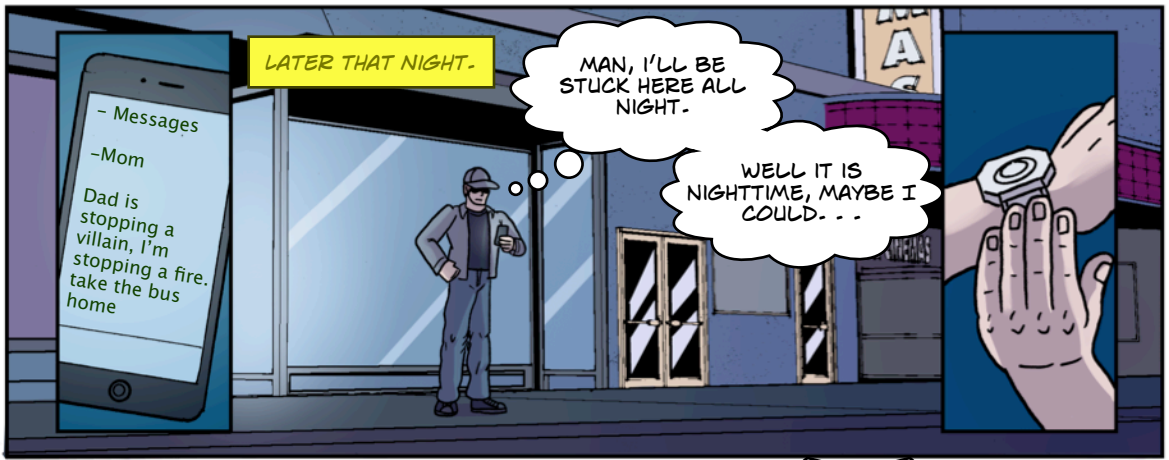
SINCE THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL CHILD WHO HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH.



IT MAY NOT SEEM FAIR, BUT WE'RE PRETTY HAPPY THAT YOU KEPT YOUR POWERS A SECRET FOR THIS LONG.

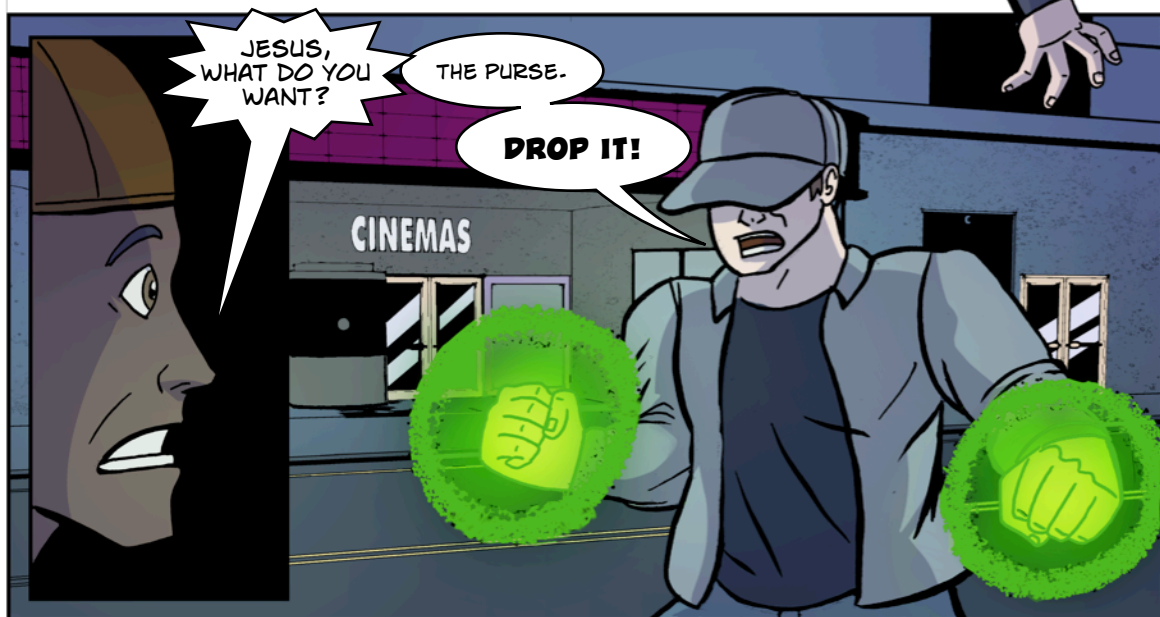
I WISH I COULD DO MORE.

I'M HEADING OUT TO THE MOVIES, LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN PICK ME UP.

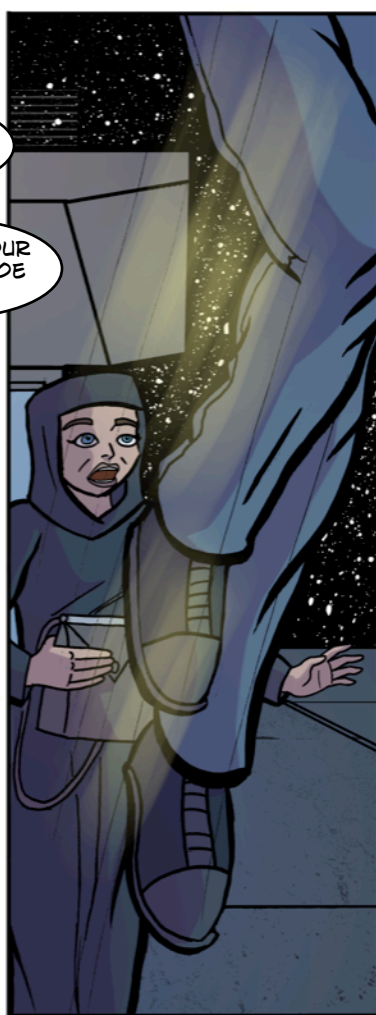


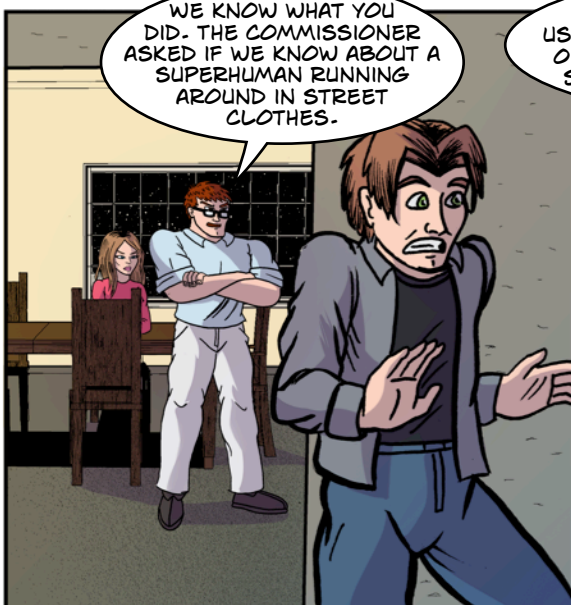




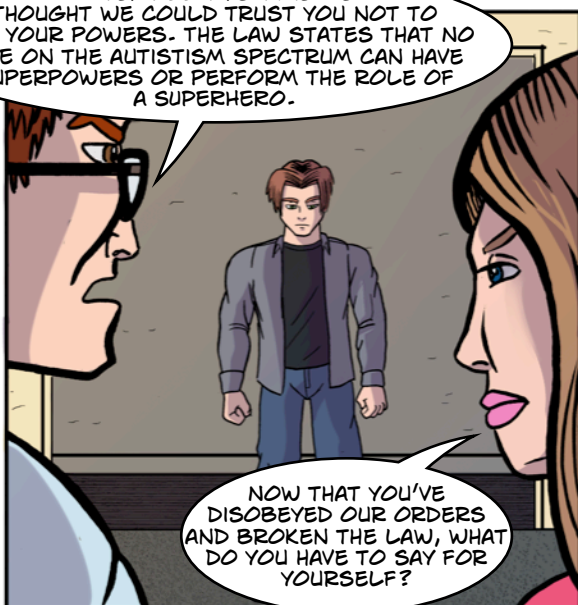






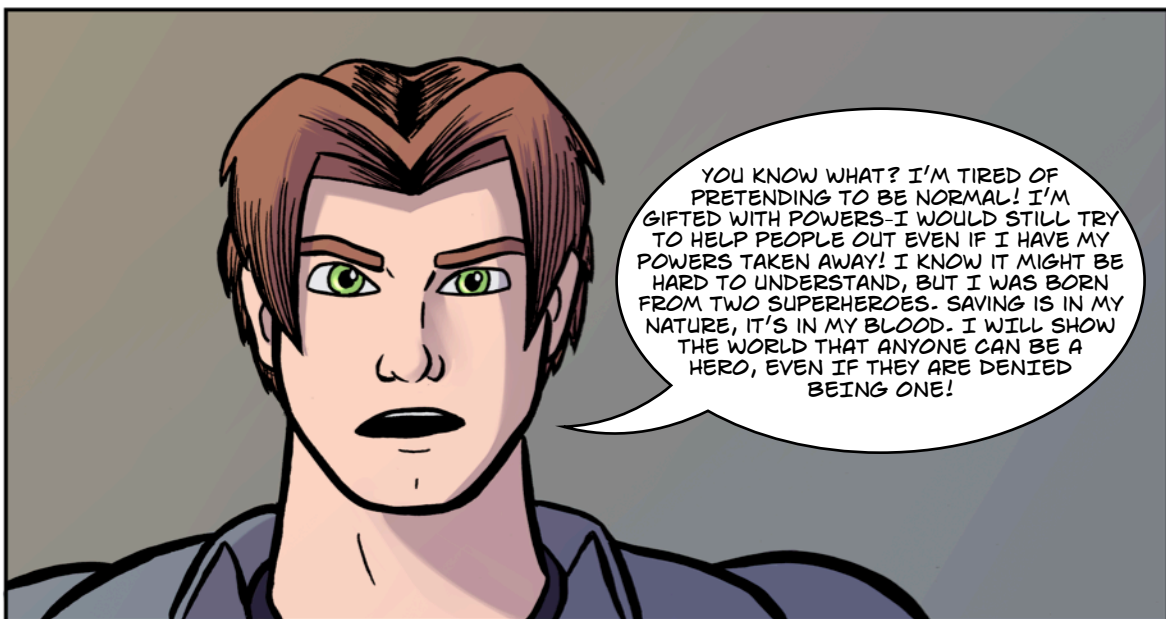


WE KNOW WHAT YOU DID. THE COMMISSIONER ASKED IF WE KNOW ABOUT A SUPERHUMAN RUNNING AROUND IN STREET CLOTHES.



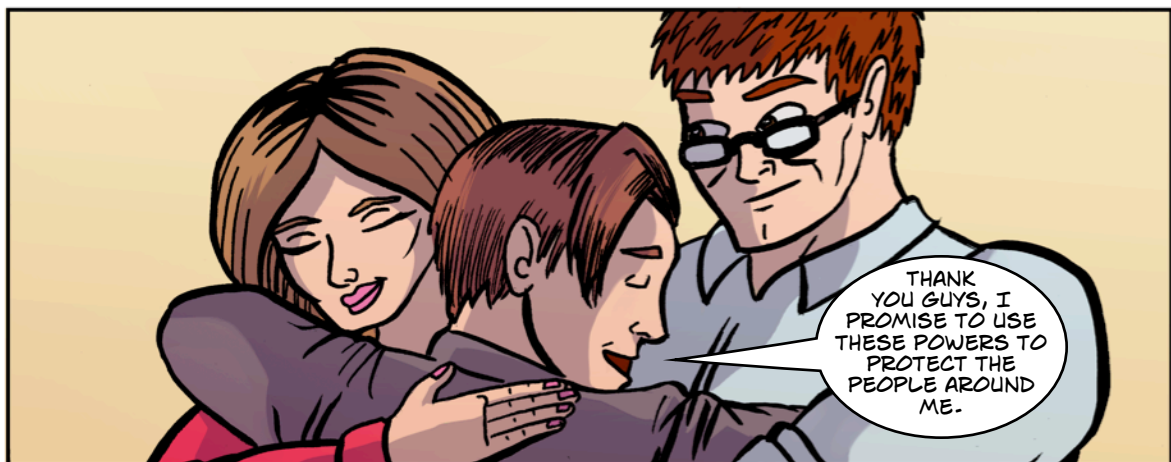
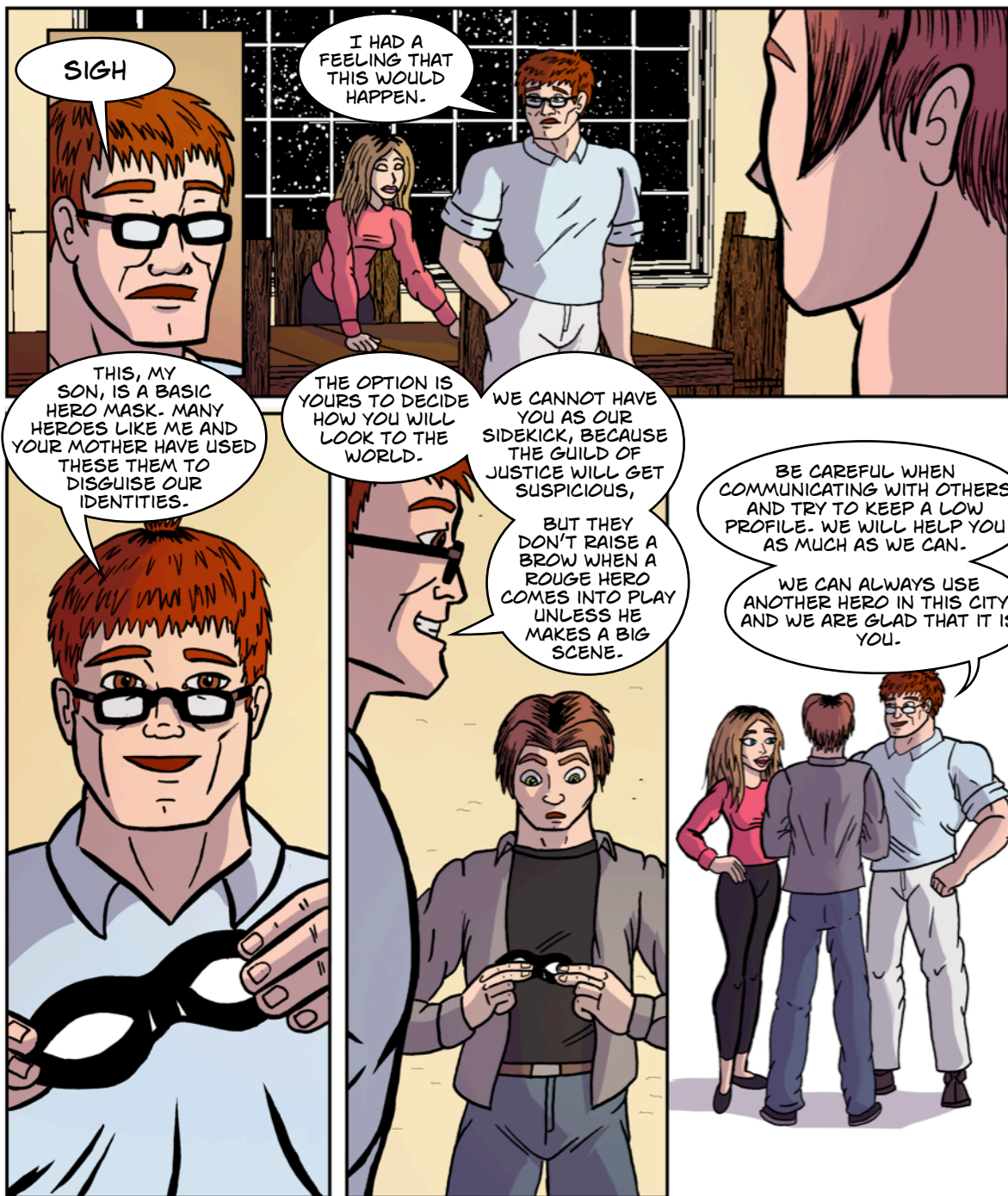
AFTER ALL THIS TIME WE THOUGHT WE COULD TRUST YOU NOT TO USE YOUR POWERS. THE LAW STATES THAT NO ONE ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM CAN HAVE SUPERPOWERS OR PERFORM THE ROLE OF A SUPERHERO.

NOW THAT YOU'VE DISOBEYED OUR ORDERS AND BROKEN THE LAW, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?



YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M TIRED OF PRETENDING TO BE NORMAL! I'M GIFTED WITH POWERS-I WOULD STILL TRY TO HELP PEOPLE OUT EVEN IF I HAVE MY POWERS TAKEN AWAY! I KNOW IT MIGHT BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, BUT I WAS BORN FROM TWO SUPERHEROES. SAVING IS IN MY NATURE, IT'S IN MY BLOOD. I WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT ANYONE CAN BE A HERO, EVEN IF THEY ARE DENIED BEING ONE!





AND SO KEVIN CARTER BECAME  
THE ROGUE HERO OF CHANNEL  
CITY KNOWN AS "JOE HERO".

LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT  
BEING A SUPERHERO CAN  
CREATE OR BREAK THE HUMAN  
SPIRIT. WHAT PERILS WILL HE  
FACE?

WILL HIS IDENTITY BE  
REVEALED? WILL THE  
GUILD OF JUSTICE  
DISCOVER JOE HERO  
HAS AUTISM?



IS HE STRONG  
ENOUGH TO WORK  
ALONG SIDE SUCH  
LEGENDARY HEROES  
SUCH AS  
AWESOME MAN  
OR  
STARWOMAN?

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