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## PATRIOT DREAMS



GALVAN

A comic book panel showing Captain Patriot, a superhero in a blue suit with a red cape and a white star on his chest, smashing through a yellow door. He has a determined and angry expression. The door is splintered and flying apart. The background shows a grey building with windows.

WITH GALVANIZED RESOLVE,  
CAPTAIN PATRIOT SMASHES  
THROUGH THE DOOR TO THE  
SECRET LABORATORY!

HOLD ON,  
MR. PRESIDENT!  
I'M COMING!

**CRASSH!**

**THE  
SCRAPYARD  
DETECTIVES**

# PATRIOT DREAMS

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CAPTAIN PATRIOT!!

THANK HEAVENS!

ULGO-GET HIM!!

RRRRRR!!!



ULGO KILL!

NOT SO FAST-



WAM!

-YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR NAP YET!



STOP RIGHT THERE, CAPTAIN! ONE MORE STEP, AND I'LL BATHE THE PRESIDENT IN N-RADIATION RIGHT NOW!



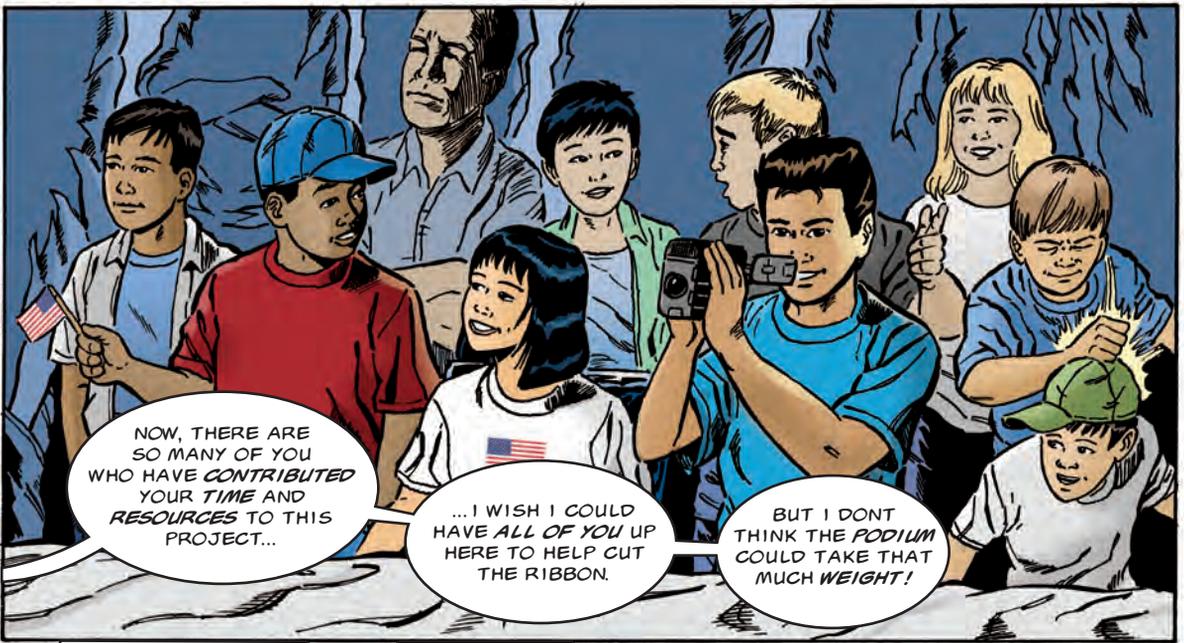
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO, DR. SINISTER- NOT WITH YOUR POWER CUT!

I CALL THIS-BRIAN?

HEY, BRIAN!



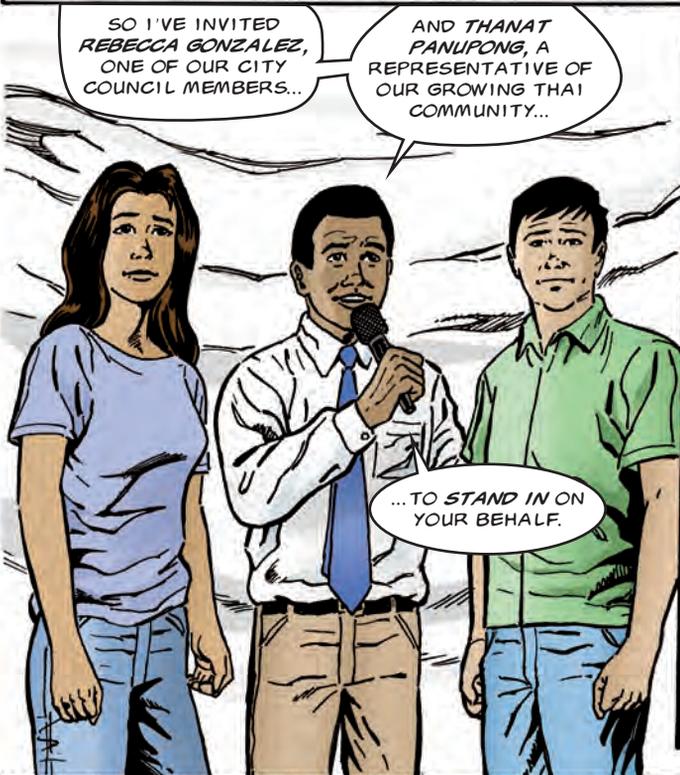




NOW, THERE ARE SO MANY OF YOU WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED YOUR TIME AND RESOURCES TO THIS PROJECT...

... I WISH I COULD HAVE ALL OF YOU UP HERE TO HELP CUT THE RIBBON.

BUT I DON'T THINK THE PODIUM COULD TAKE THAT MUCH WEIGHT!



SO I'VE INVITED REBECCA GONZALEZ, ONE OF OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS...

AND THANAT PANUPONG, A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR GROWING THAI COMMUNITY...

... TO STAND IN ON YOUR BEHALF.



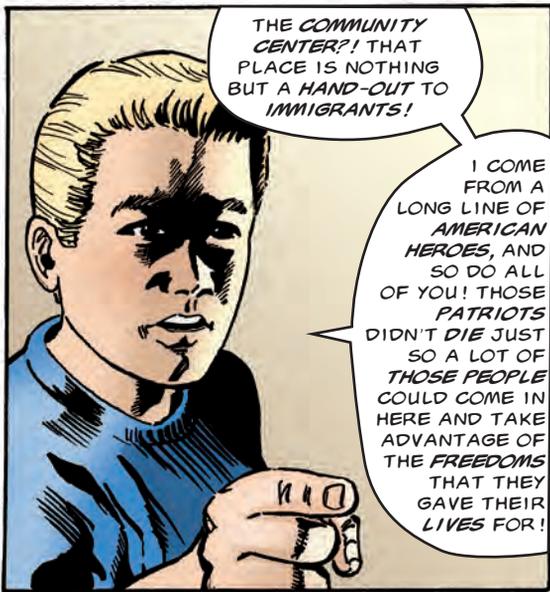
READY? ONE, TWO...

WELCOME COMMUNITY



THREE!

SNIP!  
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP!



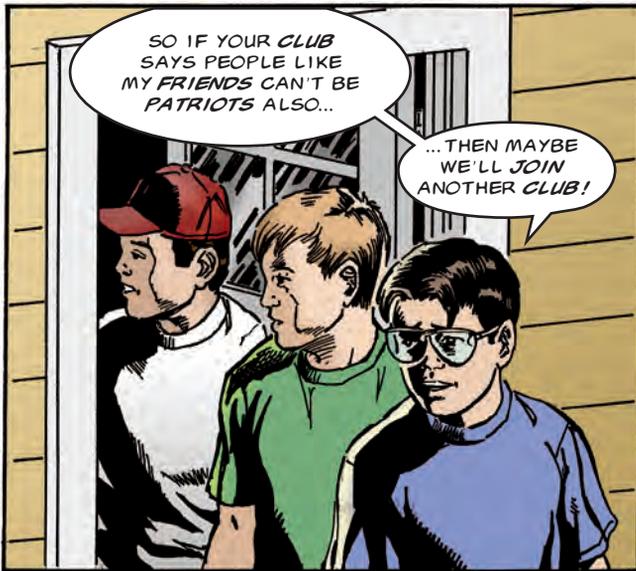
THE *COMMUNITY CENTER*?! THAT PLACE IS NOTHING BUT A *HAND-OUT* TO *IMMIGRANTS*!

I COME FROM A LONG LINE OF *AMERICAN HEROES*, AND SO DO ALL OF YOU! THOSE *PATRIOTS* DIDN'T DIE JUST SO A LOT OF *THOSE PEOPLE* COULD COME IN HERE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE *FREEDOMS* THAT THEY GAVE THEIR *LIVES* FOR!



HEY! SOME OF *THOSE PEOPLE* ARE MY FRIENDS, MIKE!

YEAH!



SO IF YOUR *CLUB* SAYS PEOPLE LIKE MY *FRIENDS* CAN'T BE *PATRIOTS* ALSO...

...THEN MAYBE WE'LL JOIN ANOTHER *CLUB*!



YOU CAN'T WALK OUT OF HERE! *TERRY*! ALL OF YOU! IF YOU LEAVE, YOU CAN'T COME BACK!

DO YOU HEAR ME!!



WHAT ARE THEY *DOING*? DON'T THEY KNOW WHAT BEING A *PATRIOT* MEANS?

...MIKE? ARE YOU IN THERE?

LEAGUE OF

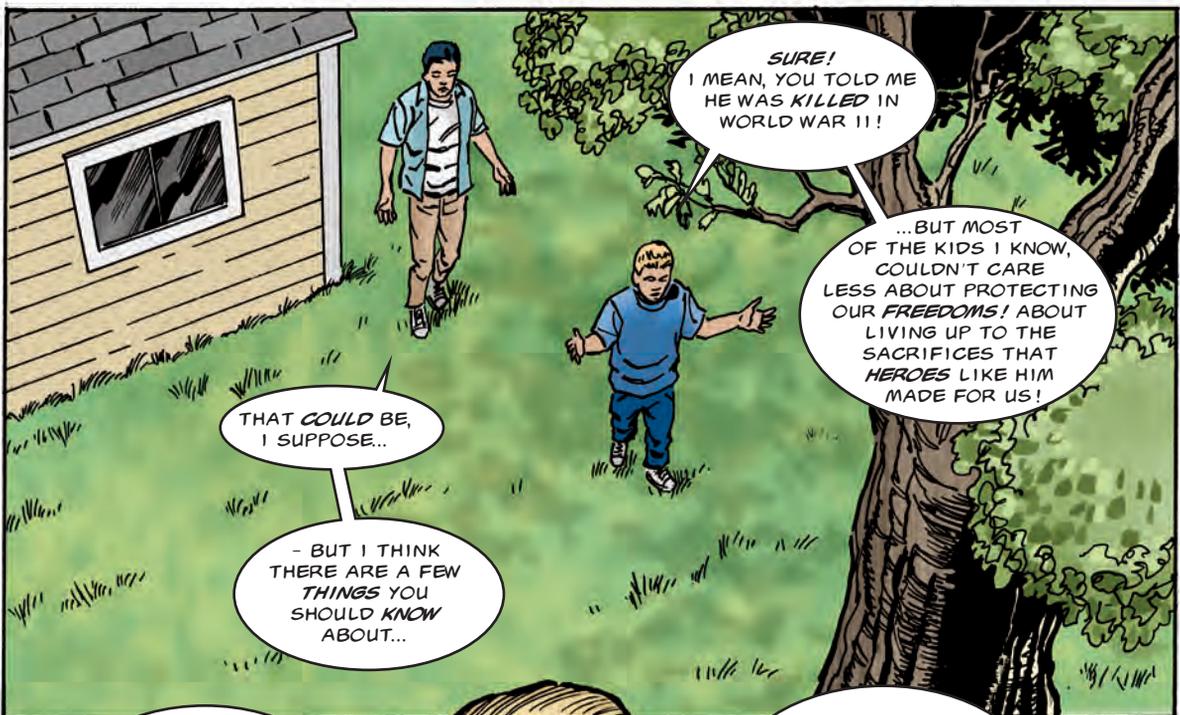


I SAW EVERYONE LIGHT OUT OF HERE PRETTY FAST. EVERYTHING OKAY, SLUGGER?



YEAH, FINE. YOU KNOW DAD, SOMETIMES I THINK THAT GRANDPA MUST BE LOOKING DOWN CRYING!

GRANDPA BRENNER?



SURE! I MEAN, YOU TOLD ME HE WAS KILLED IN WORLD WAR II!

...BUT MOST OF THE KIDS I KNOW, COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS! ABOUT LIVING UP TO THE SACRIFICES THAT HEROES LIKE HIM MADE FOR US!

THAT COULD BE, I SUPPOSE..

- BUT I THINK THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...



COME ON, DAD! OF ALL PEOPLE, I EXPECTED YOU TO UNDERSTAND! DOESN'T OUR FAMILY HERITAGE MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

DOESN'T ANYBODY REMEMBER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN?! IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WHOLE TOWN NEEDS A WAKE-UP CALL!!



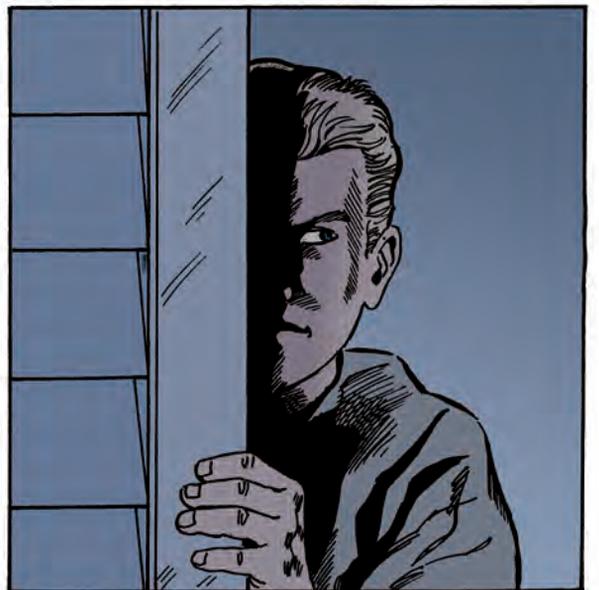
WELL, THAT WAS THE FUN PART - NOW THE WORK BEGINS!

EVEN THOUGH WE CUT THE RIBBON, THE BUILDING IS NOT FINISHED. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU VOLUNTEERS PITCHING IN ON A HOLIDAY.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, MR. MAYOR, I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SPEND THE FOURTH OF JULY...

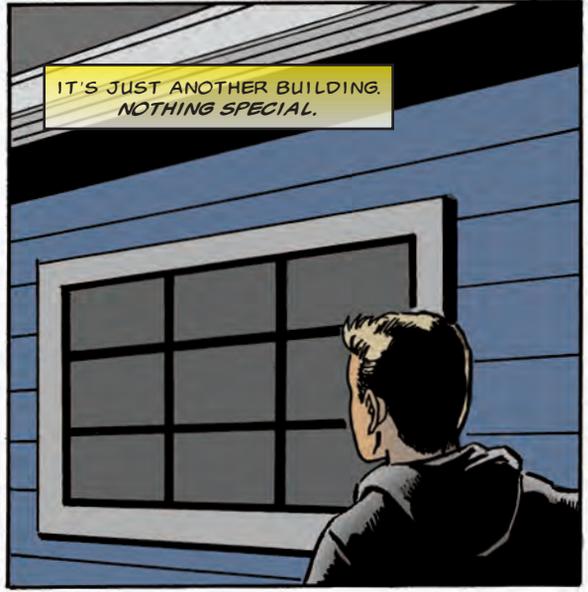
"-THAN BUILDING SOMETHING FOR OUR COMMUNITY."







HUH. SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?



IT'S JUST ANOTHER BUILDING. NOTHING SPECIAL.



MAYBE THIS WILL REMIND PEOPLE THAT NOT EVERYBODY IS HAPPY WITH WHAT THIS COMMUNITY CENTER STANDS FOR!



AWESOME! BURNING THIS WOOD WON'T HURT THE BUILDING - BUT IT'LL SURE SEND A MESSAGE!





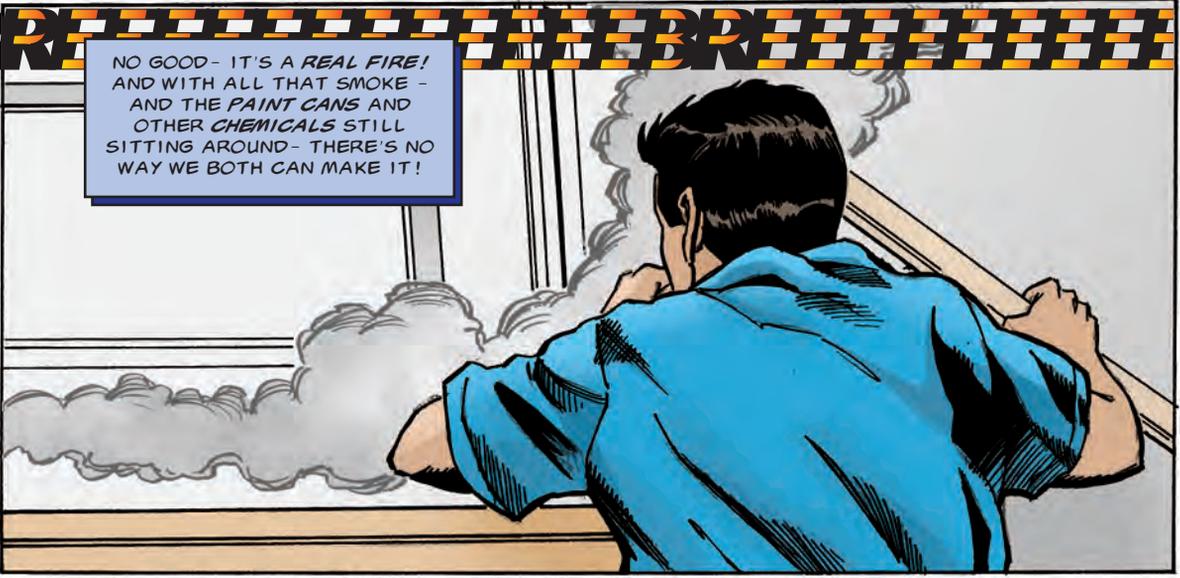


THE FIRE ALARM!! DO YOU THINK IT'S A TEST OR...

I'LL RUN UPSTAIRS AND FIND OUT!



I SURE HOPE IT'S A FALSE ALARM - BECAUSE JINN CANT GET OUT IN A HURRY!



NO GOOD - IT'S A REAL FIRE! AND WITH ALL THAT SMOKE - AND THE PAINT CANS AND OTHER CHEMICALS STILL SITTING AROUND - THERE'S NO WAY WE BOTH CAN MAKE IT!



IT'S NO FALSE ALARM! WE'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT OF HERE!

I JUST CALLED 911! THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HERE SOON. I JUST HOPE IT'S SOON ENOUGH!



I'M NOT WAITING THAT LONG! WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

MAYBE I CAN REACH THE WINDOW -



NO GOOD! IT DOESN'T OPEN! WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT!

IT'S OUR ONLY WAY OUT!



ONE OF THESE FOOD CANS SHOULD DO IT!

ALL RIGHT, WATCH OUT!



CRASH!



ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GET YOU OUT, THEN I'LL CLIMB AFTER YOU!



... BUT RAY, THAT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU!

I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU! COME ON, LET'S GET YOU UP THERE!



NOW, GET AHOULD OF SOMETHING AND START PULLING!



I'LL TRY...

IT'S NO GOOD, RAY! I'M TOO TIRED! I CAN'T SEEM TO PULL MYSELF OUT!



YOU'VE GOT TO!... I CAN'T HOLD YOU UP MUCH LONGER!



GIVE ME YOUR HAND!



LET'S GET YOU OUT OF THERE!



EVERYTHING'S OKAY.  
I'VE GOT YOU.



YOU KNOW  
WHAT SON?  
YOU'RE A REAL  
HERO!

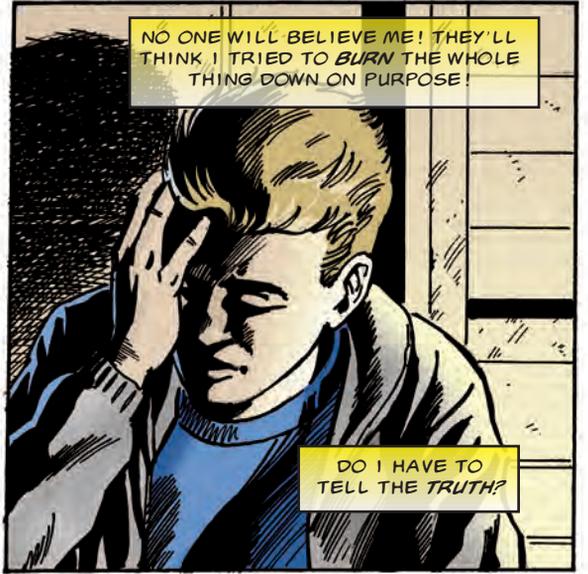


WHAT DID I DO?



I DIDN'T MEAN TO SET THE WHOLE BUILDING ON FIRE! WHAT IF SOMEONE WAS IN THERE?

I'VE GOT TO TELL MY DAD, OR... DEAD!



NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ME! THEY'LL THINK I TRIED TO BURN THE WHOLE THING DOWN ON PURPOSE!

DO I HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH?



-MAYBE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT'S GOOD TO KEEP A SECRET...

IT CAN BE LIKE - MY SECRET IDENTITY! AND NO ONE NEEDS TO KNOW! THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH REAL HEROES!



"I GUESS WE MISSED THE FIREWORKS..."

"OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT."

I THINK YOU TWO WERE *CLOSER* TO THE FIREWORKS THAN ANYONE!

JINN, ARE YOU OKAY?

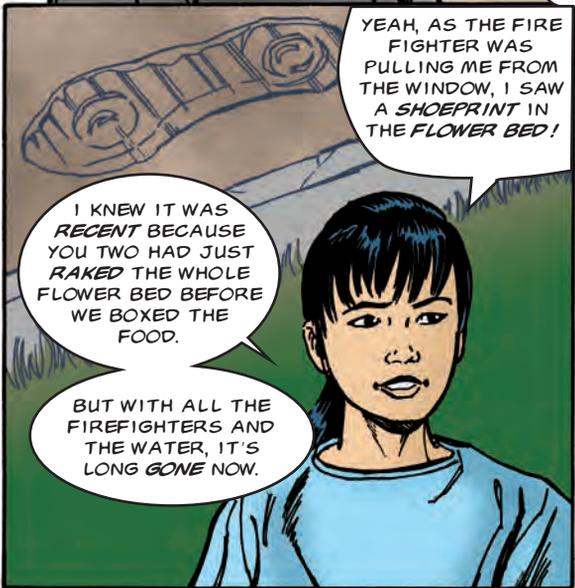
OH, I'M FINE - THEY JUST WANTED TO CHECK ME OVER BEFORE THEY PUT ME BACK IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT.



SO I GUESS WE HAVE A NEW CASE TO SOLVE. DO THE POLICE HAVE ANY LEADS?

ALL THEY KNOW IS THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY ARSON. SOMEONE USED KEROSENE TO START IT.

SO WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A FOOTPRINT YOU SAW OUTSIDE THE WINDOW?



YEAH, AS THE FIRE FIGHTER WAS PULLING ME FROM THE WINDOW, I SAW A SHOEPRINT IN THE FLOWER BED!

I KNEW IT WAS RECENT BECAUSE YOU TWO HAD JUST RAKED THE WHOLE FLOWER BED BEFORE WE BOXED THE FOOD.

BUT WITH ALL THE FIREFIGHTERS AND THE WATER, IT'S LONG GONE NOW.



HMM... COULD YOU RECOGNIZE IT IF YOU SAW IT AGAIN?

UMM... I GUESS.

GOOD. THEN RAY AND I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO. I HAVE AN IDEA!



I GOTTA TELL YOU, THIS IS PROBABLY THE **COOLEST** IDEA YOU'VE EVER HAD.

EXCEPT MAYBE FOR THAT **MOON ROCKET** YOU TRIED TO BUILD IN SECOND GRADE.

THAT ROCKET'S GOING TO **FLY** ONE OF THESE DAYS! BUT I THINK THIS SHOULD **WORK**.



ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WITH OUR **TWO BRAINS COMBINED**, THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD **FAIL!**

HEY, LOOK OVER **THERE**.



YOU KNOW...NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS **COMMUNITY**, OR ABOUT PEOPLE FROM OTHER **COUNTRIES** AND **CULTURES**...

I **DON'T** KNOW HOW YOU COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND FEEL **GOOD** ABOUT IT.

**YEAH...** COME ON. LET'S **CATCH** THIS GUY.

ROBERT'S WORKSHOP...

"OKAY... BATTERY CONNECTED TO THE USB CARD READER, CARD READER TO..."

"...THE HEADBONE, HEADBONE CONNECTED TO THE NECKBONE..."

"COME ON, RAY, THIS IS SERIOUS!"

LATER AT THE SCRAPYARD...

IT'S A PRODUCT OF THE BEST MINDS OF OUR GENERATION!

NOW YOU'RE SCARING ME...! WHAT IS IT?

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

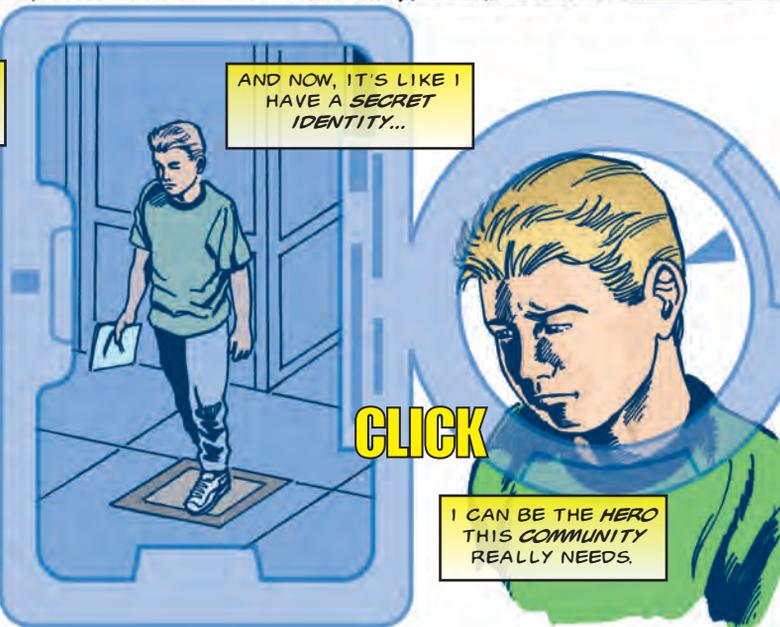
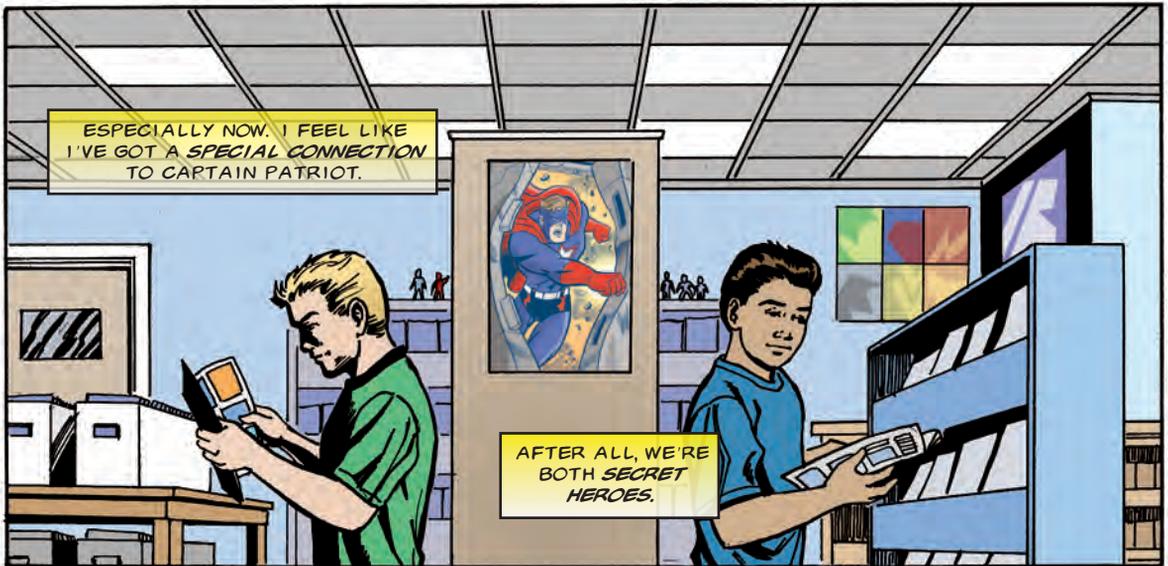
WHENEVER SOMEONE STEPS ON THIS PRESSURE SENSITIVE PAD, THE IMPRESSION OF THEIR SHOE IS CAPTURED.

IT ALSO TRIGGERS THIS DIGITAL CAMERA TO TAKE THEIR PICTURE!

IF IT WEREN'T SUMMER, I'D SAY PUT IT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, BUT...

WE THOUGHT WE'D START BY PUTTING THEM IN FRONT OF THE VIDEO STORE, ICE CREAM SHOP...





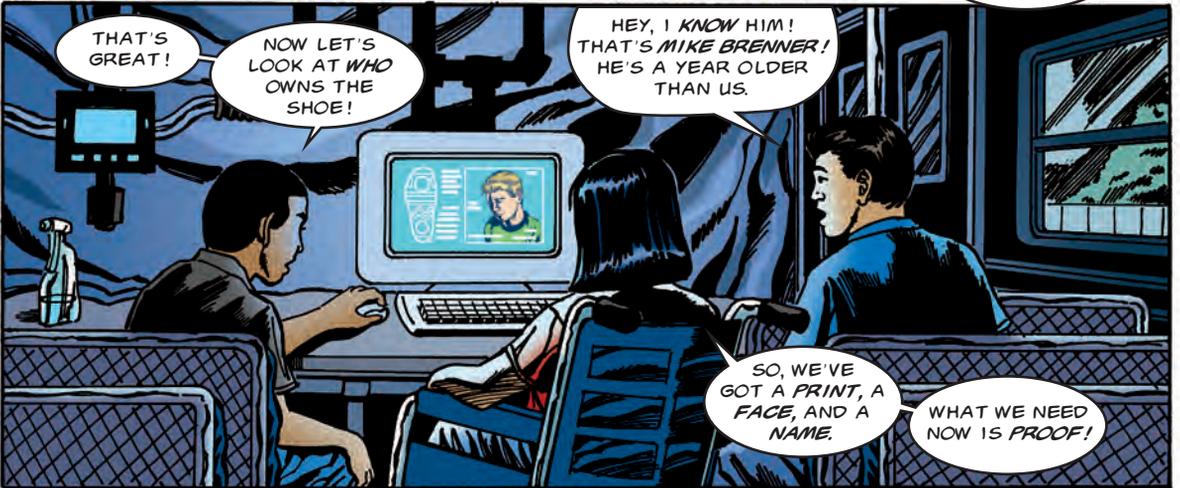
SCRAPYARD CENTRAL HQ...



THAT'S IT!  
I REMEMBER!

YOU'RE  
POSITIVE?  
WE'VE LOOKED  
AT HUNDREDS...

YES, THE  
TREAD'S VERY  
DISTINCTIVE.



THAT'S  
GREAT!

NOW LET'S  
LOOK AT WHO  
OWNS THE  
SHOE!

HEY, I KNOW HIM!  
THAT'S MIKE BRENNER!  
HE'S A YEAR OLDER  
THAN US.

SO, WE'VE  
GOT A PRINT, A  
FACE, AND A  
NAME.

WHAT WE NEED  
NOW IS PROOF!



I THINK I'VE GOT  
THAT COVERED,  
JINN!



IT'S TIME YOU  
PAID FOR YOUR  
CRIMES,  
DR. SINISTER!

ZZZZAKK!!



MIKE ARE  
YOU IN THERE?

YEAH, DAD.  
WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

I THINK YOU  
NEED TO COME  
OUT HERE FOR  
A MINUTE.





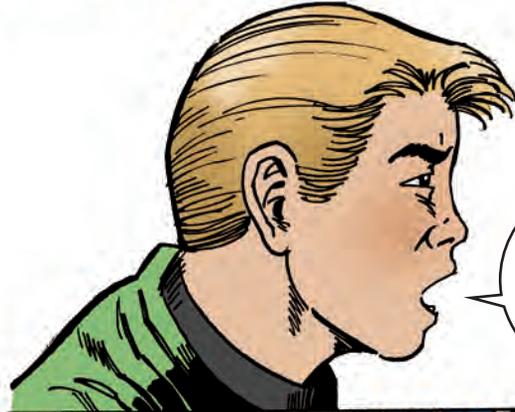
MIKE...

IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?



ALL RIGHT! IT'S TRUE!  
I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
BURN DOWN THE WHOLE  
BUILDING, BUT YEAH, I  
STARTED THE FIRE!

SOMEBODY HAD TO  
STAND UP AND TEACH  
THIS TOWN A LESSON  
ABOUT IMMIGRANTS,  
AND IT DIDN'T LOOK  
LIKE ANYONE ELSE  
WAS GOING TO BE  
A HERO!



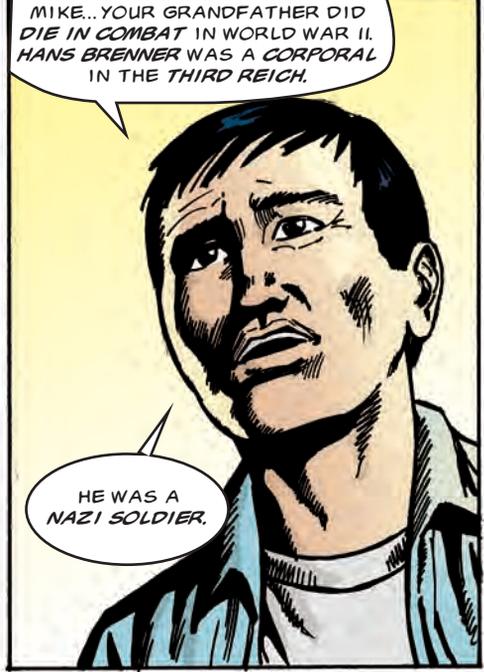
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE A  
HERO?!!

THAT'S RIGHT!  
I COME FROM A  
LONG LINE OF  
HEROES! MY GRAND-  
FATHER DIED IN  
WORLD WAR II AND I  
DON'T PLAN TO LET  
HIM DOWN!



DAD, I EXPECTED  
YOU TO  
UNDERSTAND!  
WE'VE GOT A  
HERITAGE TO  
PROTECT!

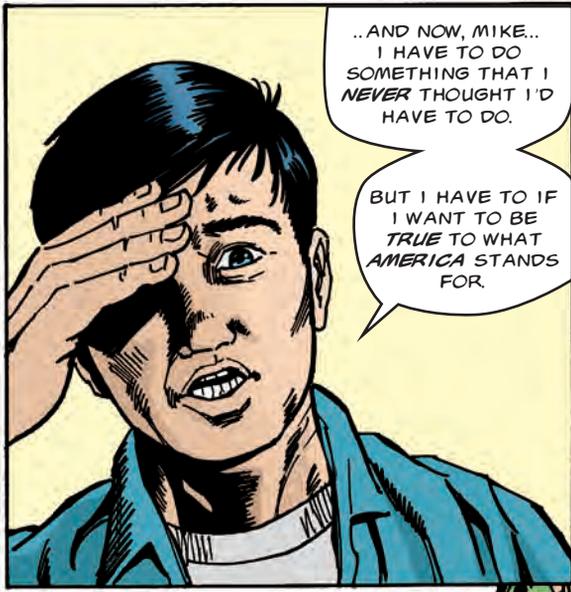
OUTSIDERS HAVE GOT  
TO LEARN THAT THEY  
DON'T GET TO CALL  
THEMSELVES REAL  
AMERICANS YET!  
NOT LIKE REAL  
PATRIOTS! THIS  
DOESN'T BELONG  
TO THEM!



MIKE..YOUR GRANDFATHER DID  
DIE IN COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II.  
HANS BRENNER WAS A CORPORAL  
IN THE THIRD REICH.

HE WAS A  
NAZI SOLDIER.





..AND NOW, MIKE...  
I HAVE TO DO  
SOMETHING THAT I  
NEVER THOUGHT I'D  
HAVE TO DO.

BUT I HAVE TO IF  
I WANT TO BE  
TRUE TO WHAT  
AMERICA STANDS  
FOR.



I HAVE TO TAKE MY  
SON TO THE POLICE  
AND TELL THEM  
WHAT HE'S DONE.

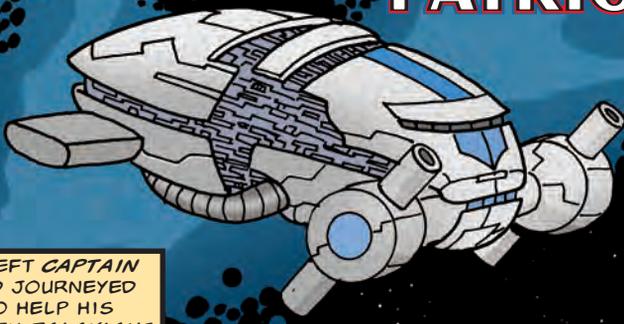
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

- The Declaration of Independence



**CASE CLOSED.**

AND NOW, A SPECIAL 5-PAGE **CAPTAIN PATRIOT** STORY!



WHEN LAST WE LEFT **CAPTAIN PATRIOT**, HE HAD JOURNEYED INTO SPACE TO HELP HIS FRIENDS, THE GREEN **TALAXIANS**, IN THEIR BID TO COLONIZE THE UNINHABITED PLANET **OROS IV**.

BUT THE CAPTAIN RAN AFOUL OF THE **BLUE TOORIANS**, WHO ALSO HAVE THEIR EYE ON **OROS IV** - AND ENDED UP A **PRISONER** ON THEIR SPACE CRUISER!

YOU ARE **CONSPIRING** WITH THE **TALAXIANS** TO DEPRIVE US OF **OROS IV** - THAT'S REASON ENOUGH TO HOLD YOU **CAPTIVE**, EARTHLING!

RELEASE ME!  
I'M FROM **EARTH** - WE HAVE NO ARGUMENT WITH THE **TOORIAN** GOVERNMENT!



# WAR IN SPACE

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THIS ONE'S A CLASSIC! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE LAST CHAPTER IN THIS MULTI-SAGA!



BUT OROS IV IS AN UNCLAIMED PLANET! YOU DON'T OWN IT, ANY MORE THAN THE TALAXIANS DO!

LIES!

OUR ILLUSTRIOUS REGENT HAS DECREED THAT ALL SYSTEMS IN THIS QUADRANT OF SPACE ARE THE POSSESSIONS OF THE TOORIAN THRONE - AND ANY ATTEMPT TO COLONIZE THEM IS AN ACT OF WAR!



TACTICIAN!! WHERE IS THAT TALAXIAN SCOUT SHIP WE WERE MONITORING?

IT HAS DISAPPEARED FROM OUR SCOPES, COMMANDER.

I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THEIR STARDRIVE COULDN'T KEEP PACE WITH OUR SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY.

EXCELLENT!



YOUR TALAXIAN FRIENDS WILL BE UNABLE TO HELP YOU, CAPTAIN PATRIOT! YOU WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR HOMETOWN ON CHARGES OF TREASON AGAINST OUR STATE.

AND IN THE MEANTIME, OROS IV WILL BE OURS!



A TALAXIAN SCOUTSHIP OUT-DISTANCED BY A TOORIAN CRUISER? NOT LIKELY - THE TALAXIANS ARE CLOSE, I GUARANTEE IT!

BUT I'D RATHER NOT BE A HELPLESS PRISONER WAITING FOR RESCUE - NOT IF I CAN HELP FROM THE INSIDE!

WITH ENOUGH EFFORT - I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE --

CAPTAIN PATRIOT? SIR?



WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS LIBREK, SIR, AND I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU ESCAPE, IF YOU'LL LET ME.



WHY? WHY WOULD YOU BETRAY YOUR OWN PEOPLE TO HELP ME?

BUT I'M NOT BETRAYING THEM, - I'M HELPING THEM.

I'M TRYING TO KEEP THEM OUT OF A WAR THAT THEY CAN'T WIN AND DON'T NEED TO FIGHT ANYWAY.



"OROS IV IS A BEAUTIFUL, ABUNDANT PLANET, PERFECTLY SUITED FOR BOTH OUR PEOPLES."

"THE XANAXIANS ARE AQUATIC. THEY WANT TO COLONIZE THE OCEANS. MY OWN PEOPLE PREFER TO LIVE ON LAND, IN THE TREES."

"THERE'S ROOM TO SPARE FOR BOTH RACES ON THE PLANET, IF ONLY THEY WILL AGREE TO SHARE IT."



YOU, YOU'RE NOT A TOORIAN OR A XANAXIAN - PERHAPS YOU CAN GET THEM TO COME TOGETHER AND SEE THAT COOPERATION IS BETTER THAN WAR, FOR EVERYONE.

KLAK!

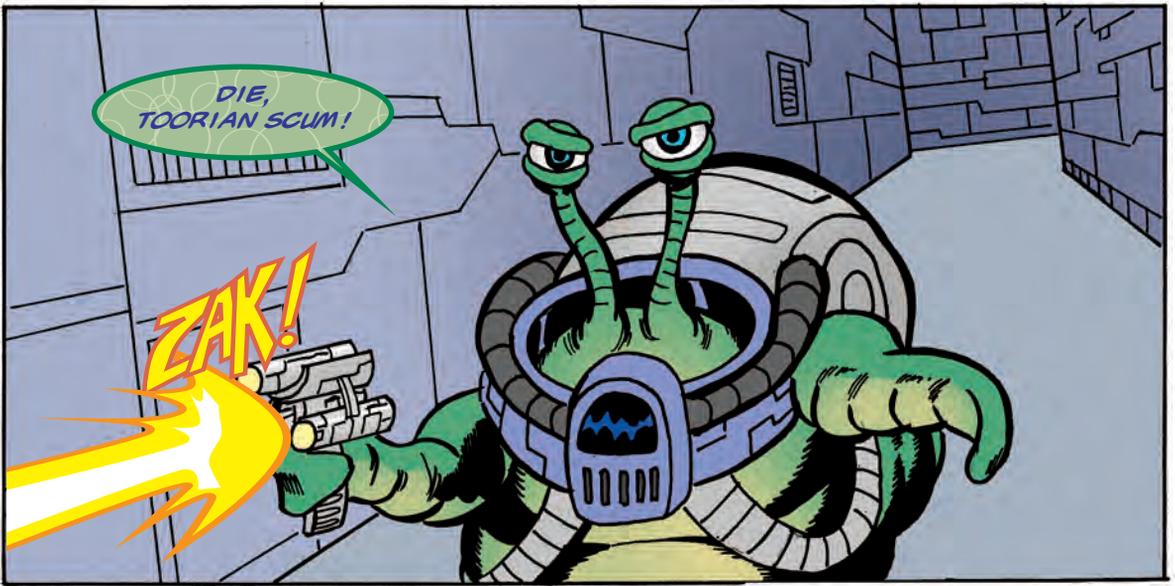
LIBREK, YOU'RE A NOBLE EXAMPLE FOR YOUR PEOPLE!



COME ON - YOU SHOW ME TO THE COMMAND CENTER, AND MAYBE WE CAN GET YOUR LEADER TO LISTEN TO -

LOOK OUT!!

ZAK!





YOUR TOORIAN EMPIRE-BUILDING HAS REACHED IT'S END! OROS IV IS ONLY THE BEGINNING- WE WILL USE IT AS A LAUNCH PAD TO DRIVE YOUR BLUE-SKINNED MASSES BACK TO THE TREES THAT SPAWNED THEM!

WHAT?!?



I WON'T BE THREATENED BY AN INVERTEBRATE! BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE WITH YOUR KIND, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT BUT A GREEN SMEAR ON THE--



-HEY!

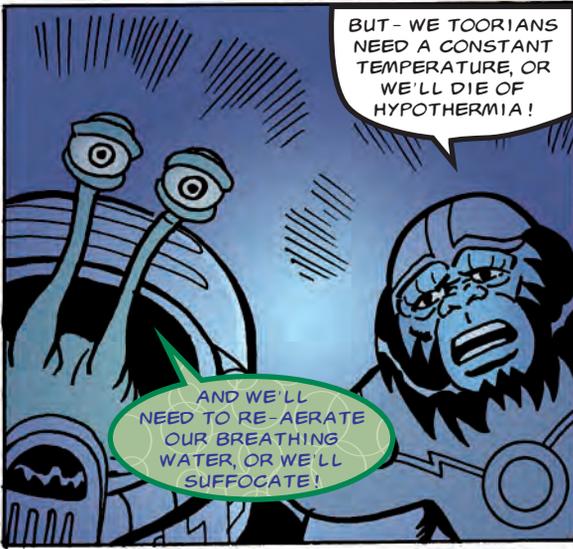
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS!?



I PULLED THE PLUG.

AND IT'S NOT JUST THE LIGHTS. THIS IS THE MAIN POWER COUPLING FOR ALL SHIP SYSTEMS AND LIFE SUPPORT.

ZZZZAKK!!



BUT- WE TOORIANS NEED A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE, OR WE'LL DIE OF HYPOTHERMIA!

AND WE'LL NEED TO RE-AERATE OUR BREATHING WATER, OR WE'LL SUFFOCATE!



THEN I SUGGEST YOU START TALKING TO EACH OTHER, INSTEAD OF SHOUTING AT EACH OTHER.

BECAUSE I'M NOT TURNING THIS SHIP BACK ON UNTIL THE TWO OF YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH BETTER IT WOULD BE TO SHARE OROS IV INSTEAD OF STARTING A WAR OVER IT.



"HERE, LISTEN TO MY FRIEND LIBREK - HE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA."

"JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE READY TO PLUG EVERYTHING BACK IN."

THE END

# LETTERS FROM THE SCRAPYARD

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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The Scrapyard,  
c/o Smiles for Diversity  
505 West, 10200 South,  
South Jordan, UT 84095 or online at  
[www.scrapyarddetectives.org](http://www.scrapyarddetectives.org)



I think The Scrapyard Detectives Rocks! I wish it came out more often. The character named Raymond is my favorite. I like the way he tests the inventions that Robert makes. You should try and make more issues.

Nick Diaz, 9  
New Hampshire

*Thanks, Nick. Robert's inventions are always fun to try, I just wish they lasted longer than one case!*  
-Raymond

The Scrapyard Detectives are fun to read. I like how they work together and help people. I like the inventions they make.

Cory Taylor, 9  
Oregon, Oregon

*Thanks, Cory. I will be making more inventions in the future, so keep reading!*

-Robert

I like reading the Scrapyard Detectives because they help me see things in a way that I might not have before, like how Lisan's family thought people didn't want them in the neighborhood. Sometimes people do things without thinking of how others will feel. The Detectives help me think about others first.

Jeremy Attwood, 13  
Midvale, UT

*Thanks for writing, Jeremy. Sometimes it's hard to see things from somebody else's point of view. But now Lisan and his family know*

*that we are glad to have them as our neighbors.*

-Robert

When I first went to school I was scared that kids would make fun of me because of my wheelchair. Jinn helps me feel like I can do things just like other kids. I like that she doesn't let the wheelchair stop her from having fun. I love reading The Scrapyard Detectives.

Isabela Portillo, 8  
Sacramento, CA

*Thank you for your letter, Isabela. I have a lot of fun with my friends solving mysteries, and just being myself. I'm really glad you like reading our adventures.*

-Jinn

# DIFFERENT IS GREAT

Did you know that every day hate crimes affect people from all walks of life, all sizes, shapes and colors.

Every year over 11,000 people are victims of a hate crime in our country! These people are real, just like you. They are adults and children who are hurt, threatened, or even killed just because they are different. Maybe their skin is a different color, they speak differently, worship somewhere else, or have a disability. In some way, aren't we all different? Hate can hurt us all. Hate also hurts the families, friends, and communities of these victims. Each year more and more hate crimes happen.

Did you know there are groups of people who come together just to hate people and commit hate crimes? There are also a lot of us who want to stop hate crimes. By stopping hate, we can send a message that we are all different and different is great!!!