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THE SHAMEFUL GRUDE LEFT THE FACTORY SAD AND DEJECTED. HIS BEST FRIEND WAS JUST ARRESTED AND HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER HE COULD STAND BEING A PRETEND BAD GUY. HE AND THE CARDBOARD VIKING KNEW EACH OTHER FOR A VERY LONG TIME. IT WAS HE WHO DISCOVERED HIM AS A TINY LITTLE GRUDELING.





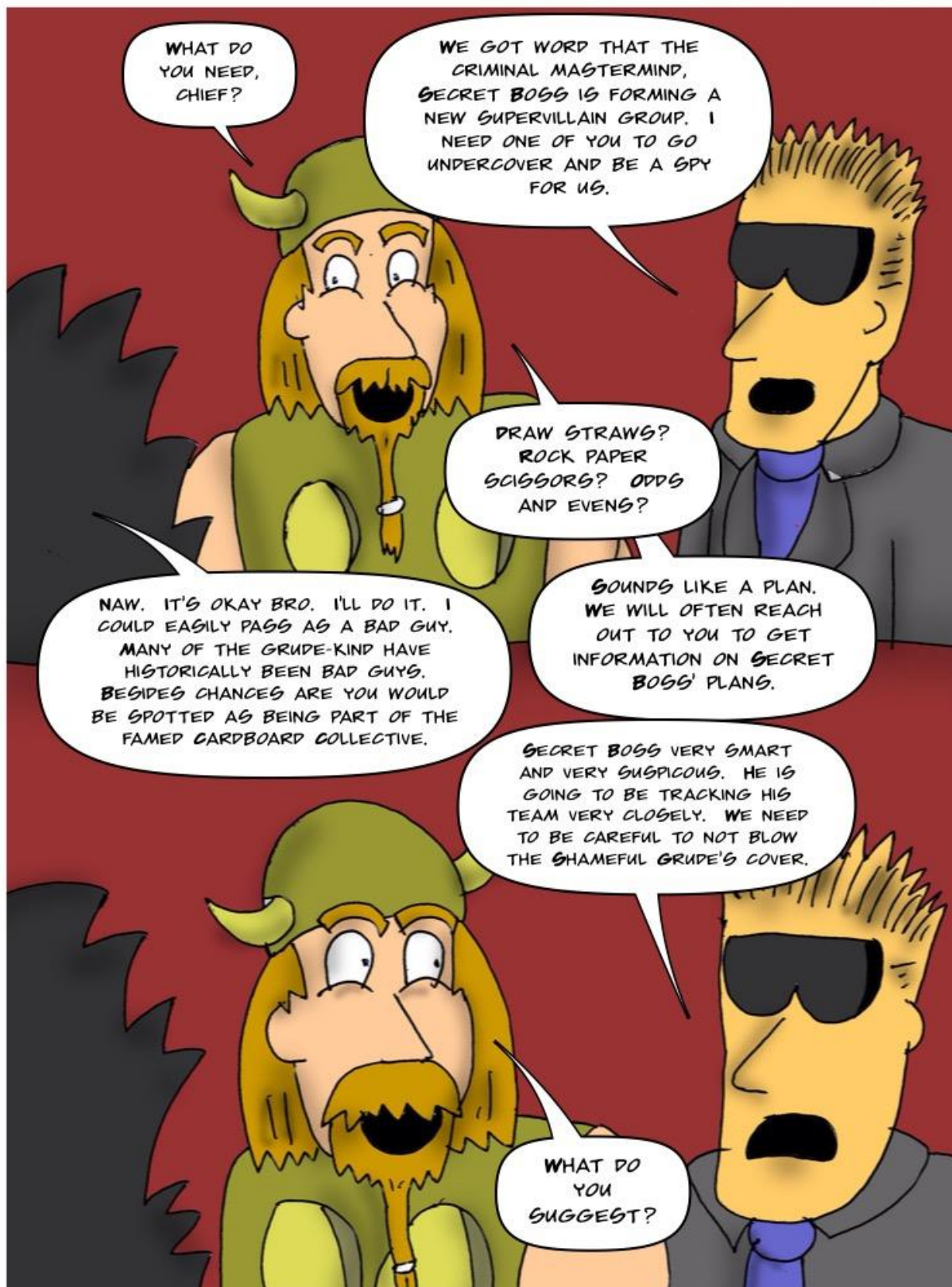


FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, THE TWO WERE INSEPARABLE. THEY WENT ON MANY ADVENTURES TOGETHER. FROM THE GREAT NORTH POLE PIGEON RACES, TO THE GREAT SOUTH POLE VANILLA FUDGE FIASCO.



ONE DAY, THE FBI APPROACHED THE TWO WITH A PROPOSAL.





WHAT DO YOU NEED, CHIEF?

WE GOT WORD THAT THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND, SECRET BOSS IS FORMING A NEW SUPERVILLAIN GROUP. I NEED ONE OF YOU TO GO UNDERCOVER AND BE A SPY FOR US.


DRAW STRAWS?  
ROCK PAPER  
SCISSORS? ODDS  
AND EVENS?

NAW. IT'S OKAY BRO. I'LL DO IT. I COULD EASILY PASS AS A BAD GUY. MANY OF THE GRUDE-KIND HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN BAD GUYS. BESIDES CHANCES ARE YOU WOULD BE SPOTTED AS BEING PART OF THE FAMED CARDBOARD COLLECTIVE.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. WE WILL OFTEN REACH OUT TO YOU TO GET INFORMATION ON SECRET BOSS' PLANS.

SECRET BOSS VERY SMART AND VERY SUSPICIOUS. HE IS GOING TO BE TRACKING HIS TEAM VERY CLOSELY. WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL TO NOT BLOW THE SHAMEFUL GRUDE'S COVER.

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

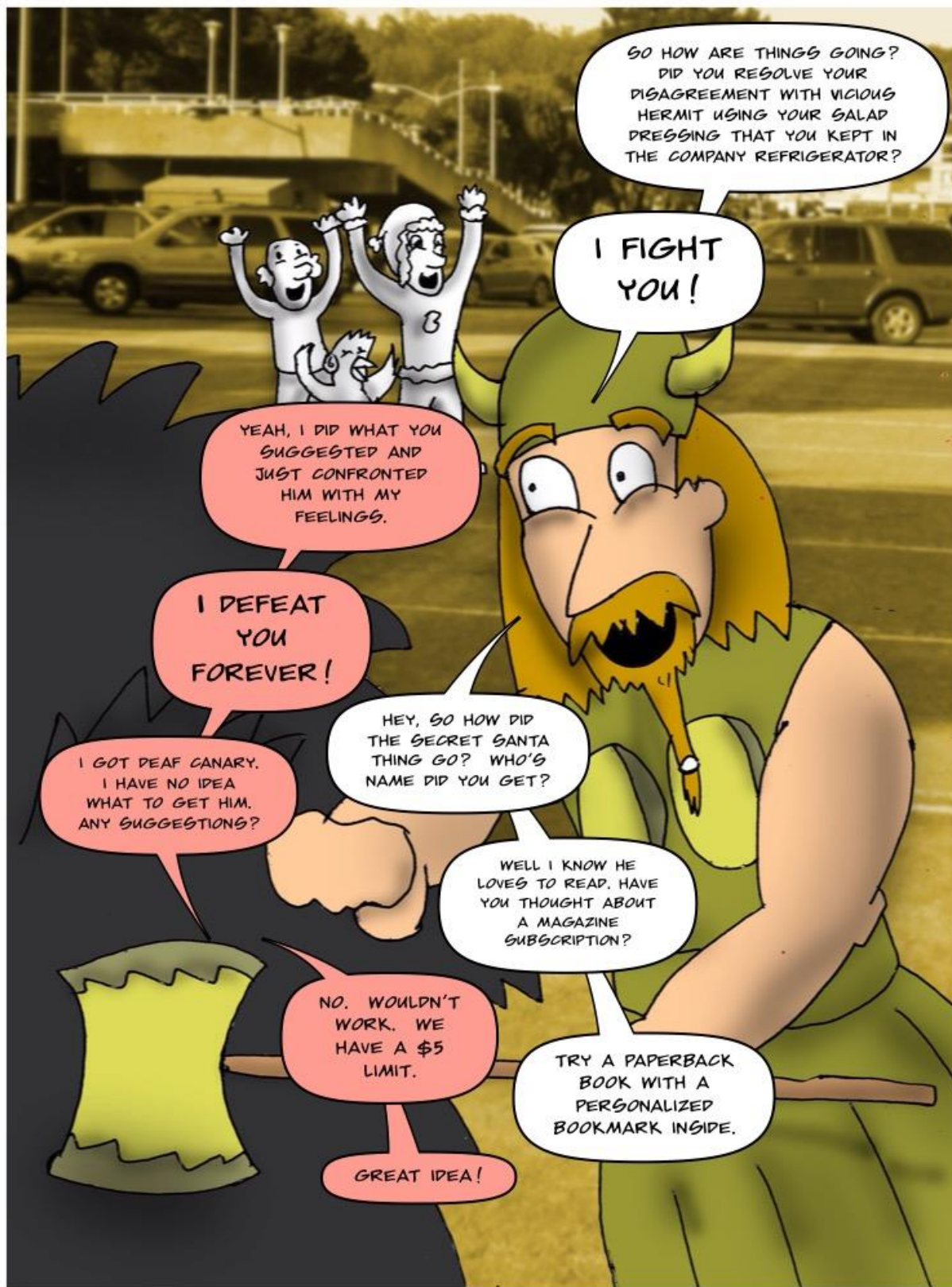


IF I BECOME THE SECRET BOSS' ARCH ENEMY, I CAN OFTEN FIGHT HIM. IF I PRETEND THAT SHAMEFUL GRUDE IS MY ONLY MATCH, WE CAN BATTLE. WHEN WE BATTLE, HE CAN GIVE ME THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE SECRET BOSS' PLANS.

WORKS FOR ME. AND THAT MEANS WE CAN CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE FIGHTING.

AND IF THERE ARE TIMES YOU NEED TO LEAVE NOTES, LOG CAN TAKE THOSE FROM YOU. HE IS PRETTY SNEAKY.





SO HOW ARE THINGS GOING?  
DID YOU RESOLVE YOUR  
DISAGREEMENT WITH VICIOUS  
HERMIT USING YOUR SALAD  
DRESSING THAT YOU KEPT IN  
THE COMPANY REFRIGERATOR?

I FIGHT  
YOU!

YEAH, I DID WHAT YOU  
SUGGESTED AND  
JUST CONFRONTED  
HIM WITH MY  
FEELINGS.

I DEFEAT  
YOU  
FOREVER!

I GOT DEAF CANARY.  
I HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT TO GET HIM.  
ANY SUGGESTIONS?


HEY, SO HOW DID  
THE SECRET SANTA  
THING GO? WHO'S  
NAME DID YOU GET?

WELL I KNOW HE  
LOVES TO READ. HAVE  
YOU THOUGHT ABOUT  
A MAGAZINE  
SUBSCRIPTION?

NO. WOULDN'T  
WORK. WE  
HAVE A \$5  
LIMIT.

TRY A PAPERBACK  
BOOK WITH A  
PERSONALIZED  
BOOKMARK INSIDE.

GREAT IDEA!



NOW THAT CARDBOARD  
VIKING IS ARRESTED, I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO  
DO? HE WAS ALWAYS  
THERE TO GIVE ME  
ADVICE AND DIRECTION.

AT LEAST I STILL HAVE MY SUPER  
VILLAIN TEAMMATES. ALTHOUGH I AM  
NOT A REAL BAD GUY, THEY HAVE  
ALSO BECOME FRIENDS TO ME IN A  
WAY. EVEN THOUGH I HAVE LOST  
CARDBOARD VIKING, MY TRUE FRIEND; I  
STILL HAVE A HOME. IF I DIDN'T HAVE  
THE BAD GUY CLUB, I WOULD TRULY  
BE LOST.



# **A** T THE ESKIMO LAUNDRY

HOW WAS IT?  
DID WE SPREAD  
DESTRUCTION AND  
CHAOS?

NO. BUGMAN THREW  
IT IN THE WRONG VAT.  
WE MADE PASSIVE  
AND HAPPY  
MONSTERS.

IT DIDN'T GO IN THE  
HARD INDUSTRIAL  
ROUGH PULP. IT WENT  
INTO THE SCENTED  
FLUFFY PULP.

HOW DID  
THIS  
HAPPEN?

OH NO...

YEAH, AND SOME  
OF THE  
MONSTERS NOW  
SPEAK FRENCH.

BLEMULE!







HEY THERE BUDDY. YOU OKAY? I HEARD ABOUT YOUR DEFEAT BY THE CARDBOARD VIKING. THAT GUY IS A TOTAL WIENER.

HEY! WHY ARE YOU BEING NICE TO HIM? HE'S NOT WEARING ANY CLOTHES EITHER?

YES, BUT HE IS PRETTY COOL AND COVERED IN MYSTERY FUR. WE PLAY BASKETBALL TOGETHER. YOU'RE JUST A FREAKY LOOKING DUDE IN NAKED INSECT SKIN.

IT'S CALLED CUTICLE.

WELL IT SURE AIN'T CUTE!

YOU'RE THE MEANEST ESKIMO I'VE EVER MET.





HEY, THERE  
YOU GUYS  
ARE.

SORRY WE'RE  
LATE. THE  
ESKIMO WAS  
BEING MEAN TO  
ME.

UPSTAIRS  
ESKIMO OR  
DOWNSTAIRS  
ESKIMO?

UPSTAIRS  
ESKIMO.

YEAH, HE'S GOT A  
SICK CAT, SO HE'S  
TAKING HIS ANGER  
OUT ON EVERYONE  
ELSE.

POOR  
GUY.

