

Gosh! Raynor's Artfully Profiled His Ideal Comics, or **GRAPHIC**

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And with thanks to Peter Parker, Bruce Wayne, and L. Kuang, the heroes of my childhood

Round 1

Editor's note (please read--quickly--to players): Hi all: I'll be brief. First: because of the heavily interconnected nature of comics, especially superhero comics, you should be warned that there's much more repetition of names/titles in this set than in normal quiz bowl, so please don't assume the answer "can't" be something if it already came up. Second: though I ended up including less "non-superhero" questions in this set than I hoped due to difficulty concerns, I encourage you to reach out and read such comics, if you haven't already. Third: I had a lot of fun and learned a lot writing/editing this set. I hope you have the same playing it. 'Nuff said.--Raynor

Tossups

1. This character developed a hyper-addictive drug while disguised as El Penitente, and he poured hot glue on a police officer's eyes as a trauma-inducing technique. After opening a box, this character finds a batarang with (*) "Gotcha" written on it, before later slipping on a banana peel. This villain led the Black Glove during an "R.I.P." story arc. This character administered the test of the "Three Ghosts of Batman," elaborating on an experiment in which Batman hallucinated Robin in constant danger. This character was elevated from a single appearance in a 1963 issue by Grant Morrison into a Wayne ancestor who summoned the demon Barbatos. For 10 points, name this deadly foe to the Caped Crusader, a supposed "doctor."

ANSWER: Dr. **Simon Hurt** (accept either or both names; prompt on El Penitente before mention; prompt on The Hole in Things, Mangrove Pierce, Thomas Wayne and Barbatos)

2. One issue shows this character hovering in yellow glow on the cover before moving to a prologue with this character failing an attempt to scale a massive wall. This character prevented the attempts of the "Beast" to elect Ken Wind president. This character was (*) revived from the dead by Stone, and her father was killed following a terrorist hostage crisis. This character "Lives Again" in a Frank Miller book, which followed her being killed by Bullseye after refusing to kill Foggy Nelson while working for Wilson Fisk. This character is trained as an assassin by the Hand, and she meets Matt Murdock while attending Columbia University. For 10 points, name this longtime love of Daredevil, a Greek ninja.

ANSWER: **Elektra Natchios** (accept either or both underlined parts)

3. The author of this webcomic depicted the death of a local boy from Cape Breton in the strip "Loss." Categories on this webcomic include ones like "teens," "youngerself," "msnpaintings," "gorey comics," and those involving the recurring character of a (*) Shetland pony. This webcomic was published in the collection *Step Aside Pops*, and on a collection with a cover image of Napoleon. The phrases "Ooh Mister Darcy" and "Aww yiss breadcrumbs" originate from this webcomic. Recurring subjects in this comic include classic books of literature and historical figures, especially feminists and Canadians. For 10 points, name this history-based comic written and drawn by Kate Beaton.

ANSWER: **Hark! A Vagrant**

4. One of this artist's minor creations was a department store catalogue cartoon called "Mr. Mops." Early creations by this artist include Totor, a Boy Scout leader, and "Quick & Flupke," who appeared in the newspaper "Little Twentieth." This cartoonist's introduction to Zhang Chongren inspired him to draw (*) *The Blue Lotus*. This cartoonist's pseudonym came from the reverse initials of his real name, and he pioneered the

“clear line” style in a series with adventures like “The Secret of the Unicorn” and “Red Rackham’s Treasure.” In his most famous series, Professor Calculus, Captain Haddock, and the terrier Snowy go on adventures with the title character, a young Belgian reporter. For 10 points, name this cartoonist, the creator of *The Adventures of Tintin*.

ANSWER: Hergé (or Georges Prosper Remi)

5. **An owner of one of these items repeatedly mutters “delete,” and the organization SPK revolves around one of these items. The Mafia leader Mello kidnaps Sayu to obtain one of these items, and Near learns that a statement about burning these items is a lie. Rem dies after using one of these items to help the model (*) Misa** after she’s trapped by the detective L. These items title a manga written by Tsugumi Ohba, and the bored shinigami Ryuk purposefully drops one of these items in the human world, where Light Yagami picks it up. These items come with a set of rules describing visualizing the face of a victim and specifying heart attacks as a default. For 10 points, name these black notebooks that more or less kill anyone whose name is written in them.

ANSWER: Death Notes (prompt on “notebook”)

6. **The Riot Squad was formed after this phenomenon destroyed Middletown, Arizona, and an organization named after this phenomenon was formed by General Ryker. The Cathexis Ray was designed to manipulate psionic energy and this phenomenon, which (*) Doc Samson then used on himself.** The menial laborer Samuel Sterns and the soldier Emil Blonsky were exposed to this phenomenon, turning them into the Leader and the Abomination, respectively. While trying to shield Rick Jones, a scientist was fully exposed to this phenomenon during an atomic bomb test. For 10 points, name this form of radiation that turned Bruce Banner into the Hulk.

ANSWER: gamma rays (prompt on partial answer; prompt on just radiation; accept answers involving weapons that use gamma rays, but prompt on just descriptions of weapons)

7. **In “The Creature from Kosmos!” this man’s Hungarian wife Maria Trovaya is killed, leading this man to eventually meet the daughter of the astronomer Professor Vernon. This character first appeared in issue #27 of the comic (*) Tales to Astonish,** a series in which this hero later fought the Scarlet Beetle and Egghead. This hero was the *first* to propose that the Avengers team up, and he briefly took the identity of Goliath. This man viciously back-slapped his wife under the alternate personality of Yellowjacket, and he invented Ultron. This hero usually partnered with his wife Janet van Dyne, the original Wasp. For 10 points, name this scientist who used his namesake particles to invent the Ant-Man suit.

ANSWER: Dr. Henry “Hank” Pym (accept any underlined part or combination of underlined parts; prompt on Ant-Man or Yellowjacket; *Ed’s note: -1,000 for any buzz with Iron Man, -10,000 if it’s on ‘Ultron’*)

8. **In one scene in this book, the title character practices telling his grandmother she looks well today, despite dying of cancer. A two-page “The Store So Far” feature in this book feature summarizes its previous half. A flashback in this book shows the title character witnessing a man in a (*) Superman costume plummet from a building to his death.** Running parallel to this book’s main story is the story of the protagonist’s grandfather, who deals with his abusive father during the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair. Despite this book’s subtitle, the title character is a socially awkward 35-year-old man who meets his father for the first time during Thanksgiving. For 10 points, name this graphic novel about the “Smartest Kid on Earth,” written, drawn, and inked by Chris Ware.

ANSWER: Jimmy Corrigan, The Smartest Kid on Earth

9. **This character encountered Prol Goggotha while studying ancient ruins, and he was replaced by Katma Tui. This character was crucified on Ysmault by Atrocitus, who discovered the identity of his daughter Soranik Natu. This character was initially aided by the Weaponers from the antimatter dimension Qward, and after one defeat he was imprisoned in an (*) Oan sciencell.** To defeat Parallax, this character was freed from the Central Power Battery. This villain originally trained Hal Jordan before being revealed to have brutally

subjugated his homeworld Korugar. For 10 points, name this supervillain that wields yellow, fear-based, rings that are impervious to the powers of the Green Lantern Corps.

ANSWER: Thaal Sinestro (accept either or both underlined parts)

10. A clone of “Billion-Dollar” Bates gifted this entity to Orion, and this entity originally appeared in *Forever People* #5 when a Mother Box discovered part of it in Sonny Sumo. This entity can be countered by the Metro Emblem, and Mister Miracle possesses this entity but has the (*) willpower not to use it. The Source Wall prevents the Source from recombining with this entity. In *Final Crisis*, Darkseid saps the free will of the Earth by spreading this entity over communications networks, and its components include statements like “fear plus despair” and “y equals hope.” For 10 points, name this formula that mathematically proves life is futile.

ANSWER: Anti-Life Equation (prompt on partial or ALE)

11. This character purchased an apartment building from Ivan Banionis after fighting off a bunch of tracksuit-wearing thugs. The issue “Pizza Dog” was told from the perspective of this character’s dog Lucky, and appeared in his namesake series by Matt Fraction and David Aja begun in (*) 2012. This character grew up in the Carson Carnival of Traveling Wonders with his brother Barney. This character allied with Kate Bishop, and his former loves include Mockingbird and the Black Widow. This hero typically wears a purple costume, and in a speech to Spider-Man he explained the difficulty of being a non-superpowered member of the Avengers and needing “not to miss.” For 10 points, give this superhero identity of Clint Barton, a hero who uses a bow and arrow.

ANSWER: Hawkeye (accept Clint Barton before read)

12. A citizen of this city named Michael Tenicek has dreams about the nonexistent Miranda in the issue “The Nearness of You.” This city mistakenly executed the Silver Agent, and every comic set in it ends with a road sign saying “You are now leaving [this city].” Toy maker Jack Johnson became the Jack-in-the-Box in this city, and this city’s (*) Shadow Hill is haunted by the Hanged Man. The Honor Guard operates out of this city. Superman and Wonder Woman parodies Samaritan and Winged Victory were created for a series titled after this city, which includes various stories like a call operator for a superhero group or the attempts of heroes to go on dates. For 10 points, name this city created by Kurt Busiek that titles an anthology series focusing on the “human” stories in a world of superheroes.

ANSWER: Astro City

13. The title character of Warren Ellis’s comic *Fell* has this profession. A stereotypical Fu Manchu villain was shown on the cover of the first issue of a comic named for this profession also held by Slam Bradley. It’s not journalism, but this profession is usually associated with the (*) faceless hero Vic Sage. “That Yellow Bastard” premiered John Hartigan, a character of this profession in *Sin City*, and its frequently performed by the Question. A 1931 strip debuted the archetypal holder of this profession, Dick Tracy, and a copy of issue #27 of a comic named for this profession debuting a super hero sold for over a million dollars. For 10 points, name this profession that titles a comic in which the “World’s Greatest” member of this profession premiered, the Batman.

ANSWER: detectives (accept specific detectives, like private detective or police detective; accept synonyms like investigator or private eye or Dick, especially after “faceless” is read; accept Detective Comics; prompt on just “police”)

14. General Norton Ricker convinced this character to try pancakes, much to the anguish of Astaroth. After Father Kelly died in Griart, NYU Professor Kate Corrigan and this character kill a werewolf. He possesses an item key to summoning the Ogdru Jahad. With the assistance of the (*) Nazis, Rasputin summoned this character as part of Project Ragna Rok. This character works with the fish-man Abe Sapien and the pyrokinetic Liz Sherman, and he wields the Right Hand of Doom. The true name of this character created by Mike Mignola is

Anung Un Rama, and he was raised as a human child by Trevor Bruttonholm before joining the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense. For 10 points, name this paranormal investigator, a red, horned demon.

ANSWER: **Hellboy** (accept **Anung Un Rama** before mention; accept **World Destroyer**, **Beast of the Apocalypse**, **Son of the Fallen One**; prompt on **Red** before mention)

15. **Early strips show this character asking for a glass of water at the worst possible moment. This character once said “Happiness is a warm puppy,” and in early strips was associated with the moniker “fussbudget.” This character repeatedly makes excuses like “The (*) moons of Saturn got in my eyes” while playing baseball and calls another a “blockhead.” This character has an unrequited affection for the piano playing Schroeder. This character often berates her blanket-wielding brother Linus, and she dispenses psychiatric advice out of a booth for 5 cents. For 10 points, name this bossy girl who repeatedly pulls a football away as Charlie Brown attempts to kick it in *Peanuts*.**

ANSWER: **Lucy** van Pelt (prompt on last name)

16. **After leading a group from this place in kidnapped members of the New Mutants, Cameron Hodge kills Warlock while attempting to steal his shapeshifting abilities. Emma Frost turns into diamond to survive a slaughter at this place that occurs in “E is for Extinction” and is carried out by (*) Cassandra Nova. This country’s capital is located at Hammer Bay, and it initially relied on a system overseen by David Moreau, the Genegineer, and enforced by police called the Magistrates. This island off the coast of Madagascar was briefly taken over by the Acolytes, but it first appeared as an apartheid state prospering from the slave labor of “Mutates.” For 10 points, name this country later led by Magneto as a mutant homeland.**

ANSWER: Republic of **Genosha**

17. **By using a magic ring given by Chief Kawolo, William Glenmorgan took on the form of a “Golden” one of these animals. Julius Schwartz reported that DC comics had to limit itself to writing one story involving these animals per month. The Brotherhood of Evil member (*) The Brain created a villainous one of these animals named Monsieur Mallah, and the Ultra-Humanite’s brain was placed in an albino one of these animals. King Solovar leads a utopia of hyper-intelligent instances of these animals, and the Flash frequently battles a psychic one of these animals. For 10 points, Grodd is an example of what animals that in early comics were especially inspired by King Kong?**

ANSWER: **gorillas** (prompt on **ape**, but not “monkey”)

18. **This event led to the revival of the titles *Team 7* and *Grifter*, which occurred in its Third and First Waves, respectively. The second anniversary of this event was marked by “Villains Month,” and it organized titles in families like “The Edge” or “Young Justice.” The stories launched in this event take place in the (*) “Prime Earth” universe. The imprint corresponding to this event was ended by “Convergence,” and it began following the “Flashpoint” storyling. This event led to the renumbering of *Action Comics* and *Detective Comics*, and the rebooting of Superman and Batman’s origins. For 10 points, name this 2011 event in which DC cancelled all its comics, replacing them with the namesake number of series.**

ANSWER: the **New 52** (do not accept or prompt on “52” by itself)

19. **This man formed the publishing imprints Bongo Comics and Zongo Comics. This artist became friends with Lynda Barry while in college, and he published his first comics while at the Los Angeles Reader. This artist created the (*) Fez-wearing characters Akbar and Jeff, who appear alongside other characters like Binky and the one-eared Bongo in a strip frequently focusing on topics like the unhappiness of love, work, and life. This artist’s most notable characters consist of anthromorphic rabbits who appear in the *Life is Hell* comic strip. For 10 points, name this comic book artist who also created a short for *The Tracey Ullman Show* about a family named the Simpsons.**

ANSWER: Matthew Abram “Matt” Groening

20. **Beatrice Colen and Richard Eastham played secondary roles on this show, and in its pilot the German spy Marcie is exposed. In the first season of this show, the title character was a Yeoman First Class, but became an agent with the Inter-Agency Defense Command in season two. An explosive sound and a flare accompanied a slow (*) spinning transformation introduced by this show that was later copied by the comics.** Lyle Waggoner played both Steve Trevor Senior and Junior in this show, while Lynda Carter starred in the title role as a superhero who used an invisible jet and has been more recently played by Gal Gadot. For 10 points, name this 1970s television show centering on the Amazonian alter-ego of Diana Prince.

ANSWER: Wonder Woman

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