

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 2

Tossups

1. In a climactic moment in this manga, Yamagata's head explodes as he attempts to shoot a former teammate. Lady Miyako establishes a cult in this manga and later convinces a character to stop using headache-quelling pills. One character in this manga loses an arm after being struck by a (*) space-guided laser directed by Colonel Shikishima. This manga was created by Katsuhiro Otomo, and it opens with one character passing out after crashing into the Esper Takashi. The main characters of this manga include the bikers Kaneda and Tetsuo, and the title boy, who triggered a psychic explosion prior to the events of this manga. For 10 points, name this cyberpunk manga set in a futuristic "New Tokyo" that was later adapted into a cult anime film.

ANSWER: **AKIRA**

2. Before being imprisoned in the Stranger's Labworld, the "Prime" version of this character transformed three heroes into part of the Young Gods. The Fantastic Four damaged a propulsion unit used by this character which caused him to be broken apart by the Sun. This character attempted to conquer the Rigelians while it was part of the (*) Black Galaxy, and it was created by the Stranger. This character housed the Wanderers after Thor rescued it from an attack by Galactus, and the original explanation for its birth was its coming into contact with the consciousness of a human. This character is usually depicted as a large, purple sphere with a beard and eyes. For 10 points, name this ancient, intelligent galactic entity, a "Living Planet."

ANSWER: **Ego** the Living Planet (prompt on Living Planet before end of question)

3. A battle in Markovia in this story's issue "Oblivion Upon Us" involves several of the main antagonist's Shadow Demons. Pariah and Harbinger were original characters of this story. In its issue "Death at the Dawn of Time," several heroes engage in a battle at the point when Krona created the multiverse. Several characters seclude themselves in a "paradise" dimension at the end of this story that includes an epilogue with the (*) Psycho Pirate in a mental asylum. One page in this story showed Flash destroying a cannon as his body gradually decays into nothing, and the cover to its issue #7 showed Superman cradling a dead Supergirl. George Perez drew this story, which involved countless heroes uniting to defeat the Anti-Monitor. For 10 points, name this massive crossover storyline that consolidated the Multiverse and has demarcated DC continuity ever since.

ANSWER: **Crisis on Infinite Earths**

4. Arthur Getz was best known for numerous works in this genre. One cartoon in this genre shows parents looking at their phones while their children go trick-or-treating and was made by Chris Ware, and Françoise Mouly works overseeing this genre. A 1993 work in this genre depicts a (*) Hasidic Jew and a black woman kissing, and a work in this genre uses black-on-black coloring to depict two columns. This genre frequently depicts Eustace Tilley, a dandy holding up a monocle, and one work in this genre depicted the egocentrism of its audience in the cartoon "View of the World from 9th Avenue." For 10 points, name these cartoons that appear on the front of a magazine titled after America's largest city.

ANSWER: **New Yorker covers** (prompt on just magazine cover and synonymous; prompt on just New Yorker cartoons and similar, even if it sounds like they're referencing the internal cartoons)

5. In *House of Mystery* #306 this figure battles Andrew Bennett and is revealed to be the doctor Jonathan Kelsey, while in another version this figure is created when Dormammu sends a creature to possess Tom Malverne. This figure is hunted by Batman in the first Elseworlds story, (*) *Gotham by Gaslight*, and he is often associated with the cartoon “The Nemesis of Neglect.” One version of this figure covers up an affair involving Prince Albert partially caused by the painter Walter Sickert; that depiction of this figure takes its two-word title from a letter this figure allegedly sent and identifies this figure as the insane Dr. William Gull. For 10 points, name this figure, the central subject of Alan Moore’s *From Hell*, which depicts this figure murdering several women in Whitechapel in 1888 London.

ANSWER: **Jack the Ripper** (prompt on the Whitechapel Murderer or Saucy Jack; prompt on just Jack; prompt on Dr. William Gull after “covers up” is read)

6. A postmodernist entry in this comic strip showed its central three characters and the phrase “Now, let’s (circle) this (triangle).” An essay about how this strip’s title character “Walks By Himself,” was included *The Seven Lively Arts* by Gilbert Seldes, and the foreword to its first book was written by e.e. cummings. Secondary characters in this strip include Mrs. Kwakk Wakk and Joe Stork, and it first appeared in (*) Hearst’s *New York Evening Journal*. This strip was set in its author George Herriman’s home in Cococino County, Arizona. “Offissa” Bull Pupp is in love with the title character, who in turn is in love with Ignatz Mouse, despite the latter’s constantly throwing bricks at this strip’s title character. For 10 points, name this alliteratively-titled and highly influential early 20th century comic strip about an “insane” feline.

ANSWER: ***Krazy Kat***

7. In “Tower of Power,” this group wins a vacation to Europe that functions as a sideseason, and later seasons of the show this group appeared one were dominated by a “red sky” background. Many of this group’s enemies come from Dimension X, including a disembodied brain named (*) Krang. This group frequently outwits the rhinoceros- and warthog-like Bebop and Rocksteady, and they were mentored by a mutated Hamato Yoshi. This group is aided by the Channel 6 news reporter April O’Neil, and they utter phrases like “radical” and “cowabunga” while the Foot Clan and the Shredder. For 10 points, name this group of young martial arts wielding animals named after Renaissance artists.

ANSWER: **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (or **TMNT**; or **Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo**; accept the names in any order, but require all of them; *Ed’s note: if anyone asks, these clues are based only on the 1987 show canon*)

8. This character jokes about being called “Achieving Consistency Across Distributed Database Systems Girl” and Mole Man falls in love with her. Her sidekick Monkey Joe was killed by Leather Joe, and she served as the nanny for Danielle Cage. This hero ventured to the moon and befriended Galactus. (*) Ryan North and Erica Henderson began a series about this hero in 2015 in which she is “Unbeatable.” In the original appearance of this longtime Great Lakes Avenger, this character comically overwhelmed the much stronger Dr. Doom, and after she defeated Thanos, the Watcher confirmed it was not “a robot, clone, or simulacrum.” For 10 points, name this superhero also known as Doreen Green, who has the powers of a bushy-tailed tree-dwelling rodent.

ANSWER: **Squirrel Girl** (accept **Doreen Green** before mentioned; *Writer’s note: She’s here to eat nuts and kick butts, and she’s all out of nuts*)

9. In one story, this character gains the powers of New Gods who fell in battle, causing him to manifest powers anytime he’s in danger. This character was described as having “100 Faces” in the first issue of his namesake series. This character briefly took the identity (*) Elastic Lad, and he gained Kryptonian powers as the main villain in *JLA: The Nail*. This character owns a “signal watch” that emits a high-pitched sound whenever he’s in need. This character took an image of a tattered cape caught on a stick, which belonged to a man this character

worked with under Perry White. This boy's typical stories are humorous and revolve around his much stronger "Pal" he works with at the Daily Planet. For 10 points, name this longtime youthful friend of Superman.

ANSWER: Jimmy Olsen (or James Bartholomew Olsen; accept any underlined part or combination of underlined parts)

10. **Description acceptable. Early in this event, one of the participants delivers a baby to a hospital after saving it from a rampaging elephant he had released from a zoo. One participant in this event escapes from his opponent's "Aerial (*) Sub," then later traps that opponent in a translite tube that cuts off his oxygen. This event ends with Betty Dean negotiating a truce, and it began with one participant attacking the Washington Bridge and declaring war on humanity. This event featured characters created by Bill Everett and Carl Burgos, one of whom was an android created by Phineas T. Horton that spontaneously ignited, and the other a Sub-Mariner originating from Atlantis. For 10 points, name this "Battle of the Comic Century" between Marvel Comics' first two major superheroes.**

ANSWER: the **fight** between the **Human Torch** and **Namor** (accept reasonable synonyms for fight as long as the names "Human Torch" and "Namor" are mentioned; accept **Sub-Mariner** in place of Namor before mentioned; accept **Jim Hammon** in place of Human Torch; prompt on The **Battle of the Comic Century** before mention)

11. **Matt Wagner produced a miniseries with this character in the 80s following his appearance leading an army with the Swamp Thing against the Great Darkness. Garth Ennis's "Hitman" first appeared in this character's starring series, and he once teamed up with Aquaman to defeat (*) Cthulu. In his seventh appearance, this character fought Klarion the Witch-Boy, and Jack Kirby's 1972 creation of this character showed him battling Morgaine Le Fay. This character is summoned by saying a poem with the line "Gone! Gone!--the form of man!," and he is often shown only rhyming. This character was fused with the human Jason Blood after being summoned by Merlin. For 10 points, name this fierce yellow demon.**

ANSWER: **Etrigan** (prompt on **Jason Blood**)

12. **In addition to briefly owning the URL, "walmart.horse" [Walmart dot horse], this artist owns "dord.horse," where he published about Derelict Orbital Reflector Devices. *Present Peregrine* is the most recent LP released by this cartoonist's virtual post-metal band, (*) Deathmole, and a witch discovers Gavia and Ardent in his Patreon-backed comic *Alice Grove*. In this cartoonist's most famous comic, Bubbles and Faye work in an underground robot-fighting ring, and characters like the AntroPC robot Pintsize and the indie-rock-loving Marten hang out at the Coffee of Doom. For 10 points, name this cartoonist who writes and draws the slice-of-life webcomic *Questionable Content*.**

ANSWER: Jeffrey Paul "Jeph" **Jacques**

13. **Truman Marsh was stopped from deploying a bomb to destroy one of these structures. The Superior Spider-Man blackmailed J. Jonah Jameson into giving him one of these structures, and a series of moons named the (*) Klyn were used as these structures. During *Civil War*, Cloak teleports a group battling in one of these structures to New York; that structure is nicknamed "Number 42." Luke Cage originally gained his powers while in one of these structures named Seagate, and the Raft is an extension of one based on the real life Rikers Island. For 10 points, name these structures from the Marvel Universe that are primarily designed to house super criminals.**

ANSWER: **prisons** (accept obvious synonyms like **jails**; prompt on insane **asylum**; prompt on **island** after "Superior" and before "moons"; anti-prompt on specific prisons)

14. **General description acceptable. This event happens in *JLA: The Nail* following a prison break and the destruction of some energy-generating gauntlets. A pool of blood forming a heart in a panel depicts this event in the *Endgame* storyline. A panel added at the behest of editor Whitney Ellsworth prevented this event from happening after the central figure had staggered and (*) impaled himself on his own knife in *Batman #1*. A fight**

in the Love Canal leads to this event when one character snaps his own neck, and while sharing a long laugh, a shadow showing Batman reaching out may depict this event; those instances occur in *The Dark Knight Returns* and *The Killing Joke*, respectively. For 10 points, name this event that Batman traditionally cannot bring himself to commit, which seems to always involve a lot of laughing.

ANSWER: the **Joker dying** (accept things like the Joker getting killed, etc. as long as it is clear that the Joker is dead; accept more specific versions, like Batman doing the killing)

15. **Designs created by this artist for the never-produced film *Lord of Light* were later used in the "Canadian Capers" during the Iran Hostage Crisis. This man created a group who travelled using a Super-Cycle and combined to form Infinity-Man. Through his illustration of stories like "I Was A Pick-Up!" in *Young Romance #1*, this man is considered the co-creator of the romance comic genre. This man included the (*) Forever People, as well as the greatest escape artist in the universe, in his "Fourth World" saga, which depicted the conflict between New Genesis and Darkseid's Apokolips. For 10 points, name this artist who co-created Captain America with Joe Simon before going on to create the Hulk, Thor, X-Men and dozens of others with Stan Lee.**

ANSWER: Jack **Kirby** (or Jacob **Kurtzberg**)

16. **As a child, this character has a dream of his mother conjoined to a man while dancing like Siamese twins. Much of this character's history is exposed in the chapter "The Abyss Gazes Also," and near the end of "A Stronger Loving World," this character states (*) "No compromises" before yelling "Do it!" This character is "born" after investigating the kidnapping of Blair Roche. After throwing a vat of fryer oil on a man, this character menacingly threatens "You're locked in here with me." This character is revealed to be a red-haired man holding a sign saying "THE END IS NIGH," and he wears a piece of clothing designed for Kitty Genovese. This character's journal is eventually sent to the newspaper the *New Frontiersman* after he is vaporized by Dr. Manhattan. For 10 points, name this vigilante who wears a mask with an inkblot-inspired design.**

ANSWER: **Rorschach** (or **Walter Kovacs**; accept either or both names)

17. **This character sometimes anonymously talks through the problems of both Batman and the Riddler in an online chatroom. During the "Day of Vengeance" storyline, this character convinced a group of drinkers at the Oblivion Bar to become the Shadowpact that fought the Spectre. While galumphing around with (*) Rex the Wonder Dog, this character found and drank from the Fountain of Youth, and in his first appearance, this character is trained by Fred Thorpe as a carnival act before solving the mystery of Thorpe's murder. Despite his addiction to cigarettes and alcohol, this character is a member of Mensa, and is said to be second in investigative skill only to Batman. For 10 points, name this hyper-intelligent, crime-solving primate of the DC Universe.**

ANSWER: **Detective Chimp** (accept **Bobo T. Chimpanzee**; *Writer's note: accept any attempt at producing "mostly an unpronounceable screech and three grunts" or its translation, Magnificent Finder of Tasty Grubs*)

18. **A pair of husband-and-wife woodcutters make frequent cameo appearances in this series. In July 2016, volume 30 of this series was released as *Thieves and Spies*. A character in this series calls himself "the Blade of the Gods" and generally kills everyone he meets; in addition to (*) Jei, this series also includes the villain Lord Hikiji, who killed the protagonist's former master Lord Mifune. Its hero comes into possession of a legendary sword in its Eisner-winning storyline "Grasscutter," and its supporting characters include the hero's love interest Tomoe and the rhinoceros bounty hunter Gen. The protagonist of this series drawn by Stan Sakai is often called a "long-eared ronin." For 10 points, name this series centering on a rabbit samurai written and drawn by Stan Sakai.**

ANSWER: **Usagi Yojimbo**

19. **After two characters with this surname are briefly reunited, one says "You always arrange miracles"; another reunion of those characters is later predicted by a gypsy. Richieu has this surname, as well as Mala, who obtains it after one character (*) remarries. After one character says "I'm tired from talking," a tombstone**

with this surname on it is depicted. A character with this surname says “And here my troubles began,” after earlier having “bled history,” and a woman with this surname commits suicide in the comic *Prisoner on the Hell Planet*. Anja takes on this surname after marrying Vladek. For 10 points, give this surname of Art, who depicted his father’s Holocaust struggle in *Maus*.

ANSWER: Spiegelmann

20. **As a high schooler, this man worked with his friend Kurt Busiek to create a juvenile comic called *The Battle of Lexington*. This man was the principal author of the 1988 “Creator’s Bill of Rights,” and he originally theorized the 24-hour comic. This artist usually represents himself as a cartoon figure with (*) blank glasses and a lightning-bolt shirt, and his most notable work discusses the techniques of masking and iconic art. That book by this artist has chapters like “Time Frames” and “The Vocabulary of Comics,” is subtitled *The Invisible Art*, was inspired by the work of Marshall McLuhan, and is followed by the sequel *Reinventing Comics*. For 10 points, name this artist and author of comics studies text *Understanding Comics*.**

ANSWER: Scott McCloud

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