

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 3

Tossups

1. **In the fourth volume of this work, the protagonist defeats Gorgo the Foul in the Five Thousand Year Nuptial Games. This work's protagonist eventually allies with Kill Wolfhead and the head of a terrorist group known as AMOK. Tanatah and her sister Animah are responsible for guarding the "Light" and "Dark" versions of this comic's title object. Before he can spread darkness across the universe via the Shadow Egg, the (\*) Technopope's crown is shattered by the protagonist's talking seagull Deepo. The protagonist of this comic is hunted by the bounty hunter the Metabaron after he receives the title object from a dying Berg. The protagonist of this series is the detective John DiFool, who receives the title all-powerful crystal. For 10 points, name this French science-fiction comic written by Alejandro Jodorowsky and illustrated by Moebius.**

ANSWER: *The Incal* (or *L' Incal*)

2. **In *Fantastic Four Annual* #12, this figure blasts the Sphinx hurtling into space. The Shi'ar Empire usurper Vulcan apparently killed this character, after this then King of the Kree was prevented from teleporting away from a bomb with his dog Lockjaw. This character leads a family that includes Gorgon, Crystal, and this character's wife (\*) Medusa. At an early age, this character accidentally killed several members of the Council of Genetics and drove his younger brother Maximus mad. This figure's exposure to Terrigen Mists linked an electron-harnessing ability to a specific brain region, and despite ruling Attilan, this figure attempts to remain silent whenever possible. For 10 points, name this king of the Inhumans whose voice generates cataclysmic shockwaves.**

ANSWER: **Black Bolt** (accept **Blackagar Boltagon**)

3. **In the issue "My Blue Heaven," this character finds a planet colored only in blue. In one of the *Annals* for this character, it ventures into Hell to rescue Matthew Cable's former wife. In "Rites of Spring," this character "makes love" with Abby Arcane by producing hallucinogenic tubers. In the issue "The Anatomy Lesson," the (\*) Floronic Man dissects this creature for the Sunderland Corporation, and it is usually shown as connected to the Parliament of Trees and the Green. This creature's origins were rewritten as having only taken on the consciousness of Alec Holland after his death in a Louisiana marsh fire in Alan Moore's seminal run on this creature. For 10 points, name this vaguely vegetative monster.**

ANSWER: the **Swamp Thing**

4. **One author from this country drew his obsessive masturbation over Playmates in *The Playboy*, and the same author drew a horrifyingly suffering clown in *Ed the Happy Clown*. The mock-autobiographical book *It's a Good Life, If You Don't Weaken* was written by this country's native (\*) Seth, and Chester Brown drew a biography of a major revolutionary figure from this country. The publisher Drawn and Quarterly is based in this country. One comic set in this country includes installments about a character's "Precious Little Life" and "vs. the World," and depicts that character's battle against seven evil exes for Ramona Flowers; that comic is *Scott Pilgrim*. For 10 points, name this country, the origin of the creator of Superman, Joe Shuster, as well as Wolverine.**

ANSWER: **Canada**

5. **In a series named for this group, a boxing match between one of its members and his son, Tom Bronson, is preceded by a pancake breakfast made by Citizen Steel. One version of this group included Sandy Hawkins,**

**who took over for former member (\*) Wesley Dodds, and had reunited with heroes like Atom Smasher and Hourman after the death of the original Sandman. David Goyer and Geoff Johns's run on this team in the 2000s included younger heroes like Power Girl and Stargirl, though it originally included heroes like the Spectre, Hawkman, the Alan Scott Green Lantern, and the Jay Garrick Flash. For 10 points, name this "Norman Rockwell of superhero teams," a team of Golden Age DC superheroes that preceded the Justice League.**

ANSWER: Justice Society of America (or JSA)

**6. In his first appearance, this character claimed to be "for proper syntax." Uncle Duke accuses this man of a "history of alcohol and cocaine," and the radio host Mark Slackmeyer describes an "Honest Voices Reading List" concerning this man. This character is ascribed an (\*) IQ of 91 in one strip, and the author of the strip this character appeared in offered ten thousand dollars for proof he was in the National Guard. This character was represented as a Stetson hat and a speaking asterisk, and then a gradually decaying Roman military helmet during the Iraq War. For 10 points, name this character from the *Doonesbury* comic strip who was repeatedly lampooned during his tenure as the 43rd president.**

ANSWER: George W. Bush (prompt on partial; accept Bush the Younger or anything indicating the son; accept Bush the 43rd president before end of question)

**7. These characters first met in 1976 after King Kull causes one to go mad, and they later fight in *Action Comics* #4 after one is possessed by Eclipso. One of these characters convinces the other to stop a nuclear bomb aimed at the Gulag prison for metahumans after they fight near the end of (\*) *Kingdom Come* due to brainwashing by Lex Luthor. In the 1940s, National Comics sued Fawcett comics over the similarity of these characters. One of these heroes often uses a magic thunderbolt to overcome the other's physical resistance, though that thunderbolt also turns that hero back into the 11-year old Billy Batson. For 10 points, name these two DC superheroes, one of whom gains his powers by shouting "Shazam!" and the other from his Kryptonian heritage.**

ANSWER: Captain Marvel and Superman (prompt on partial answer; prompt on Shazam in place of Captain Marvel before it's read)

**8. The issue "The Last Battle!" concluded this character's gang war with the Hammerhead. This character knocked out Spider-Man's memory with the Nullifier, and he attacked Spider-Man in a giant fishbowl in the first *Amazing Spider-Man* (\*) *Annual*. In "If This Be My Destiny..!" this villain steals an isotope that is the only cure to a sickness contracted by Aunt May, whom he later married for her inheritance of a Canadian island. This villain took the identity of the Master Planner, caused the death of George Stacy, and founded the Sinister Six. He gained his most notable features in an explosion during his research on nuclear physics. For 10 points, name this member of Spider-Man's rogues gallery who controls four mechanical arms.**

ANSWER: Doctor Octopus (accept Doc in place of Doctor and Ock in place of Octopus; accept any combination of names in Otto Octavius; prompt on Master Planner; even though I purposefully didn't use *any* clues referencing it, prompt on the Superior Spider-Man)

**9. A series titled after these two characters began in 2007, with writing by Judd Winick and art by Cliff Chiang. These characters first met in *Justice League of America* #74, in which Larry, the husband of one of them, sacrificed himself to save the other. These characters briefly moved to Seattle and opened a flower shop, and one of these characters killed Everyman while he was impersonating the other during their (\*) "Wedding Special." One of these characters is usually shown in fishnet stockings and a leather jacket, and the other as a businessman in Star City. Their true names are Dinah Lance and Oliver Queen. For 10 points, give this frequent romantic pairing, one a supersonic screaming martial artist and the other an emerald archer.**

ANSWER: Green Arrow and Black Canary (accept any combination of given/surnames from Oliver Queen and Dinah Lance in place of superhero identities before mention; accept Dinah Drake in place of Dinah Lance; *Ed's note: so Dinah Drake was the OG Black Canary, and had a relationship with Green Arrow...and then she had a*

daughter who DC then retconned [somehow, as DC likes to do] into being the one who married Green Arrow...so you understand kind of the awkwardness when writing this question)

10. **One of this artist's cartoons shows half of a street in flames and was titled "The Times." One of this man's cartoons shows a half-naked woman dropping her infant down a stairwell, and was made in contrast with a cartoon glorifying a relatively less destructive (\*) alcoholic drink; those cartoons by this man are *Beer Street* and *Gin Lane*. One of this artist's works includes entries like *The Toilette* and *The Tête à Tête* and shows the breaking down marriage between an Earl and his young wife, while another shows the central character imprisoned in Bedlam insane asylum and a debtor's prison and concerns Tom Rakewell's descent into ruin. For 10 points, name this English artist best known for his serialized painting stories *Marriage à-la-mode* and *A Rake's Progress*.**

ANSWER: William **Hogarth**

11. **One of the first illustrations of this character showed him with "his new phonograph." After his author lost the copyright to this character, George Luks began drawing this character as well. This character appeared in the series *McFadden's Row of Flats*, and his author later created (\*) Buster Brown as well. This character was drawn with a shaved head and a nightshirt frequently depicted his slangy thoughts on it, and his real name was Mickey Dugan. This character was created for Richard F. Outcault in the comic strip *Hogan's Alley*, which ran in the newspapers *New York World* and *New York Journal* of Pulitzer and Hearst. For 10 points, name this early comic strip character for which an extremely exaggerated style of reporting was named.**

ANSWER; the **Yellow Kid** (or **Mickey Dugan** before read)

12. **One character in this storyline accuses another of knowing "he is not worthy of it," berating the latter into agreeing to an alliance. One character in this storyline creates Terraxia the Terrible as a woman looks on silently. At the end of this storyline, one character discovers the antagonist working as a farmer after faking his death in a nuclear explosion. The main antagonist of this storyline (\*) snaps his fingers and causes the death of half the universe, but is eventually defeated by his granddaughter Nebula and then Adam Warlock. This storyline is preceded by the "Mad Titan" obtaining the Cosmic Cube to impress Mistress Death. For 10 points, name this storyline in which Thanos gains incredible power by obtaining six gems and the title glove.**

ANSWER: The **Infinity Gauntlet** (*Ed's note: That Thanos, always too tricky for his own good*)

13. **A "catastrophe" at the end of the manga *Gantz* is revealed to be one of these events. The detonation of a Gene Bomb followed the formation of an alliance by the Dominators in a storyline named for one of these occurrences, and the majority of the second volume of *The (\*) League of Extraordinary Gentleman* revolves around one of these events. The tagline "Who do you trust?" was used for a storyline describing a "Secret" one of these actions performed by replacing several superheroes, and in the first *Avengers* film, one of these occurs after the Chitauri ally with Loki. For 10 points, name these occurrences, exemplified by the Skrull trying to take control of the home planet of the Avengers.**

ANSWER: **alien invasions** of Earth (accept anything loosely conveying aliens attempting to take over our humble planet; prompt on just **invasion**)

14. **This character becomes a mentor to Konohamaru, teaching him the "Sexy Technique," and he is in turn mentored by Iruka and another character this character calls "Perverted Hermit." This character uses the verbal tic "Dattebayo!," loosely translated as "Ya know?," though it's more popularly used in the anime as (\*) "Believe it!" This character eventually marries Hinata, though early on he had a strong crush on his Team 7 teammate Sakura. Years after a vicious battle with his rival Sasuke Uchiha, this character becomes the Seventh Hokage of the village of Konoha. For 10 points, name this character, the host of the Nine-Tailed Fox and the protagonist of a namesake ninja manga.**

ANSWER: **Naruto** Uzumaki (prompt on **Uzumaki**)

15. **In one comic this character creates a set of silent carpentry tools, and in another he claims to be “not really into Pokemon.” In one comic this character calls one character “my dearest darling danish” and is in turn called “My lovely cutie pie.” The “Hitler” comic states that this character is based on the character Aram from a different comic, and this character fills the Capitol with a ball pit after being nominated to (\*) “Secretary of the Internet.”** A single panel comic shows this character forlornly sighing after using a submarine to track down a girl he would later begin dating, which occurred after this character pretended to write in a journal on the train. This character participates in “nerd sniping” and generally plays sadistic pranks in the webcomic he appears in. For 10 points, name this xkcd character named for the act of malicious hacking.

ANSWER: **Black Hat** Guy

16. **An alien from the planet Popup named Impossible Man possessed this ability. The second-in-command of the organization Factor Three possessed this power and was named Kevin Sidney, and various characters like the Hulkling and Kl’rt were given this power by their biology. Dmitri Smerdyakov was a (\*) Spider-Man villain who used a pseudo-version of this power through technology and acting before gaining it for real. The Chitauri alien race has this power, and the most famous character with this power has attempted multiple assassinations on Robert Kelly, took the alias of Raven Darkholme, and is a villainous mutant with red hair and blue skin.** For 10 points, give this superpower of Mystique.

ANSWER: **shape-shifting** (accept any synonym that reasonably expresses the ability to take new appearances or look like other people; the unnamed characters are Changeling and Chameleon)

17. **This character first appeared in an episode in which the average Charlie Collins was threatened into performing a favor. During a “Holiday,” this character accidentally robs a department store and kidnaps Veronica Vreeland. This character attempted to feed the Batman to piranhas in a Paul Dini and Bruce Timm created one-shot titled (\*) “Mad Love” that depicted this character’s origin. This villain repeatedly refers to a pair of hyenas as “babies” and to another villain as “puddin’.” This character often partners with Poison Ivy, and she originally worked as a therapist at Arkham Asylum before going insane after interviewing “Mr. J.”** For 10 points, name this sidekick and love interest to the Joker.

ANSWER: **Harley Quinn** (prompt on partial; or **Harleen** Frances **Quinzel**, accept either or both underlined parts)

18. **After being kidnapped, this character’s son Joseph had his vocal cords cut; that son later became known as Jericho and begged this character to kill him after being possessed by Azarath. This character is often assisted by his friend Wintergreen. This character’s origins were revealed by his ex-wife Adeline to (\*) Nightwing during the “Judas Contract,” in which he used Terra as a secret agent. This character can use 90% of his brain due to a government experiment, and he was shot in the right eye by his ex-wife. This longtime enemy of the Teen Titans wears an orange and black costume that splits his face in half, and he usually carries a big ass sword.** For 10 points, name this humorless mercenary with real name Slade Wilson.

ANSWER: **Deathstroke** (accept **Slade Wilson** before mention)

19. **In this character’s first appearance, she remarks she doesn’t want anyone “pulling her tab” after choosing the name Sprite. This character memorably told a fairy tale to her boyfriend’s little sister. This character single-handedly defeated an N’Garai demon when left alone on (\*) Christmas Eve, and she owns a pet dragon named Lockheed. This character has recently become Star-Lady, and her previous boyfriends include Star-Lord and Colossus. This character transferred her mind into the past in the *Days of Future Past* storyline, and she first appeared during the Dark Phoenix Saga as a 13-year-old girl before joining Charles Xavier’s school.** For 10 points, name this member of the X-Men who can phase through solid objects.

ANSWER: **Katherine** “**Kitty**” Anne **Pryde** (or **Kate Pryde**; or **Shadowcat** or **Ariel**; accept **Sprite** or **Star-Lady** before mention; *Writer’s note: accept any of Katya, Katzchen, or Pun’kin*)

20. In one adventure, this character decodes a newspaper headline that reads "AF1+NaCN=". During one story, this hero disguises himself during a poker game as Patch Malone, and while searching for Creed H. Quinn, the Huntress discovered this character's identity. This hero once shot down a plane carrying (\*) Ra's-a-Pocalypse. A former comrade of this character later became the villain Hyena, and he is aided by his sidekick the Sparrow. This character was raised by his Mountie uncle after his parents were gunned down in front of him, leading him to eventually take part in a government super-soldier program. For 10 points, name this superhero with real name Logan Wayne, the Amalgam Comics combination of Batman and Wolverine.

ANSWER: **Dark Claw** (prompt on Logan Wayne)

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