

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 4

Tossups

1. **This artist adamantly demanded that his depiction of the Book of Genesis say “Illustrated By” rather than “According To.” He drew a pretty racist caricatured character named Angelfood McSpade, and another of his characters sports a long white beard and is a mystical wiseman slash conman. This artist showed several men walking down the street in his strip (*) “Keep on Truckin’.” This artist is married to Aline Kominsky, and his comic strips involving the characters Mr. Natural and Fritz the Cat are typical of his satirical and aggressively sexual style. For 10 points, name this pioneering underground comic artist who created the counter-culture comic books *Weirdo* and *Zap!***

ANSWER: Robert **Crumb**

2. **This character discovers that most of his predecessors had died at age 33 in the story “Happy Birthday [this hero].” A doppelganger of this character was killed by Captain Hero. A recent series termed this hero a “Living Weapon,” and his predecessor Orson Randall was revealed in a series in which he is (*) “Immortal.” The businessman Harold Meachum allowed his father Wendall to die in the mountains, and he fell in love with Misty Knight. This hero fought in a tournament among the Seven Capital Cities of Heaven, and he received a dragon tattoo on his chest and training to use his namesake power in the mystical city of K’un L’un. For 10 points, give this superhero identity of Danny Rand, a mystical martial artist.**

ANSWER: **Iron Fist** (accept any of **Daniel** “**Danny**” **Rand** before mention)

3. **In one storyline from Grant Morrison’s *JLA* run, Hourman warns the league about an attack from this location that is heralded by fish falling from the sky above Surf City and a parrot that can receive satellite TV. A character from this location once told Batman that this location is imagination. With the (*) Bat-Mite, a character from this location often appeared in the *World’s Finest Comics* of the 1950s, and a genie controlled by Johnny Thunder is actually a being from this location named Yz. The most famous being from this location appears to menace Superman as a “funny little man in a derby hat” and can only be defeated by having him say his name backwards. For 10 points, name this location that includes Zrfff, the home of Mr. Mxyzptlk [“mīks·yēz’·pīt·līk”].**

ANSWER: The **5th Dimension**

4. **The reporter Rob Chaplik learned the true history of this event from a group including Wise Son and Tech-9. This event is described in *Blood Syndicate* #2, and it was the source of the powers for the villain Hotstreak. This event occurred on Paris Island after Mayor Thomasina Jefferson orders the deployment of a (*) gas containing “Q-juice,” and the various products of this event became known as its “babies.” This event occurred in Dakota city as a gang battle was about to take place, and it was responsible for giving powers to various Milestone Comics characters such as Virgil Hawkins, who became the superhero Static. For 10 points, name this superpower-spawning event named for the same event that created the universe.**

ANSWER: the **Big Bang**

5. **One issue in this character’s namesake comic shows the core of an exploded galaxy being used to fashion a sword called Twilight, overlaid with a massive “DOOM!” word art. This hero was assisted by Roger Willis**

and the Human Torch in trying to retrieve the (*) Casket of Winters, and an emotional moment showed Skurge, the Executioner defending a bridge in his place. Walt Simonson penned an acclaimed run on this character's series, which introduced the horse-like alien Beta Ray Bill, discarded this hero's alter-ego of Donald Blake, and depicted an attack by Surtr that shattered Bifrost. More recently, this character's old flame Jane Foster has taken his position after proving herself "Worthy." For 10 points, name this divine superhero who wields the hammer Mjolnir.

ANSWER: **Thor** Odinson (for any of the following, prompt on any combination of names: Donald Blake, Sigurd Jarlson, Jake Olsen, Siegfried, or Eric Masterson)

6. A pair of magnetic Colantotte bracelets inspired the design of one of these items. Specific ones of these items are nicknamed "Starboost" and "Heartbreaker," and are among the items destroyed in the Clean Slate Protocol. Recently, Friday has supplemented these items, and one of these items was supplemented by the orbiting (*) satellite Veronica and deployed in Johannesburg. More portable examples of these items include ones using locator bracelets and one that folds out of a suitcase. An early one of these items suffered from an "icing problem" and was copied by Obadiah Stane, and the first one of these items was made with the help of Yinsen in a cave. For 10 points, name these items, the weapon of choice for Tony Stark.

ANSWER: **Iron Man suits** (accept anything mentioning **Iron Man** and his armor; anti-prompt on any specific suit, like Mark I)

7. The title *Shade, the Changing Man* was launched during this period. During one story from this period, the revelation of the identity of Number One of the Secret Empire causes a character to take the identity of Nomad. Conan the Barbarian, Jonah Hex, and Luke Cage were all created during this period. The issues (*) "Snowbirds Don't Fly" and "Demon in a Bottle" were published during this period, and Gwen Stacy died during it. This age ended around the publication of *Secret Wars* and *Crisis on Infinite Earths*, and it was followed by an age with comics like *The Dark Knight Returns*, which were increasingly gritty. For 10 points, name this "age" of comic books centered on the 1970s that preceded the Modern Age and followed the Silver Age.

ANSWER: **Bronze Age** (anti-prompt on DC Explosion or DC Implosion; *Ed's note: "Implosion" being what actually happened...*)

8. During a stint in the French court, this character used the royal family for syphilis experiments. This character betrayed Mordru the Merciless while a member of the Demon Knights, and his archenemy was replaced by the Resurrection Man. This character founded the (*) Injustice Society, in addition to being part of various other evil organizations like Taratus and the Secret Society of Super Villains. This character bathed in the radiation of a meteorite while still a Cro-Magnon of the Blood Tribe. This villain has appeared throughout history under names like Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan as a master tactician hellbent on world domination. For 10 points, name this frequent enemy of various DC superheroes, an immortal villain.

ANSWER: **Vandal Savage** (prompt on partial; accept **Vandar Adg**; *Writer's note: also prompt on *deep breath** Khafre, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Genghis Khan, Vlad the Impaler, Jack the Ripper, Burt Villers, Cain, Licinius, Blackbeard, Adolf Hitler)

9. During *Countdown to Infinite Crisis*, this character was discovered replacing a dead version of himself on Earth-51 after the Source Wall prophesied he was the solution to "the great disaster." He lived with the Morlaidhans in South America as part of a miniseries titled after the (*) "Sword Of" this character. This character was trapped in a watch by his arch-nemesis Chronos the Time Thief, and his wife was Jean Loring. This hero frequently travels by riding through telephone lines, and he received his powers from experiments on white dwarf star matter. For 10 points name this alter-ego of Ivy University scientist Ray Palmer, a DC superhero who can shrink to microscopic sizes.

ANSWER: The **Atom** (accept **Ray Palmer** before mention)

10. **This book ends on the image of a girl leaping off a diving board in a comparison to Icarus, and its narrator recalls discovering a naked photograph of her babysitter Roy. A pale blue shading was used to color this book, and most panels in it were modeled on photographs. While studying at (*) Oberlin, the narrator learns of another character's death at home in Beech Creek, which she believes is a suicide. This book was followed by the "sequel" *Are You My Mother?* and it was written by the author of the comic strip *Dykes to Watch Out For*. This book parallels the author's own coming out against the author's closeted gay father, and its title puns on its partial setting at a funeral home. For 10 points, name this graphic memoir by Alison Bechdel later made into a Broadway musical.**

ANSWER: *Fun Home*

11. **This character attended a comic book convention looking for an issue of *Superman* #75. During 52, this character quested for the Emerald Eye of Ekron, which he used to kill the "Great Fishy One." This character frequents a diner staffed by the waitress Darlene, and he was barred from (*) Heaven and Hell for generally being a nuisance. With the exception of his fourth-grade teacher, he genocided his own race, the Czarnians. This character has an odd love of dolphins, and he's usually shown saying "frag," referring to himself as "the Main Man," and with red eyes and pale white skin. For 10 points, name this burly intergalactic biker and bounty hunter whose name comes from the Spanish for wolf.**

ANSWER: Lobo (accept the Main Man before mention)

12. **This figure used the swamp gas creature Fungi to attack his enemies, and he employed the spy The Creeper. In *Fantastic Four* #21, a clone of this figure causes the nation of San Gusto to erupt into violence; that character wears a purple hood and is the (*) Hate-Monger. *Saga of the Original Human Torch* #3 shows the Human Torch and Toro killing this figure after he attempts to press a button and refuses a fair trial. Johann Schmidt met this figure while working as a bellhop, and the Howling Commandos were originally created to combat forces led by this man, whose subordinates included the scientists Arnim Zola and Baron Zemo. The cover of the first issue of *Captain America* shows him punching this figure. For 10 points, name this man responsible for the creation of the Red Skull as leader of the Nazi party.**

ANSWER: Adolf Hitler (prompt on Hate-Monger after "clone")

13. **In *Squee!* and *Johnny the Homocidal Maniac*, this figure takes the name Juan and is known as "Señor." A "Son of" this figure was later retconned to being the child of Marduk Kurios and Victoria Wingate who later joined the Defenders and married Patsy Walker. After he becomes the (*) Angel of Death, this is the first person the Saint of Killers kills in *Preacher*. With his consort Mazikeen, this character starts running a piano bar named *Lux* after abandoning his position in *The Sandman*. This figure personally comes to Constantine's death in the film version, and he's often substituted in comics by similar characters like Neron and Mephisto. For 10 points, name this figure forced to rule the city of Pandemonium after challenging God and being made ruler of Hell.**

ANSWER: Satan (or the Devil; or Lucifer)

14. **Groups in this manga include the Worm Handlers, scavengers scorned by the rest of society, as well as the Forest People. This manga ends after its protagonist orders a God Warrior to destroy the Crypt in the Dorok city Shuwa. Prior to the events of this manga, an apocalyptic war called the Seven Days of Fire (*) pollutes the Earth and covers it in a toxic Sea of Corruption protected by massive insects called Ohmu. The protagonist of this manga fulfills a prophecy about "one garbed in blue, descending on a field of gold," explores the jungle around her kingdom, and rides a jet-powered glider. For 10 points, name this manga created by Hayao Miyazaki and later adapted into the first Studio Ghibli film.**

ANSWER: *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind* (accept *Kaze no Tani no Naushika*)

15. **This storyline opens with a character crashing a wake for Joe Face in order to donate some money for “a decent box and a piece of ground.” In one scene of this storyline, the title character randomly stabs at a rat in a cage before heading into the sewers to find and defeat (*) Vermin, whom another character notably needed Captain America’s help to beat. The fourth part of this storyline features a cover showing Spider-Man emerging from a grave after the effects of a tranquilizer dart wear off. The title character of this story shoots himself after “killing” and replacing Spider-Man to demonstrate his superiority. For 10 points, name this storyline by J.M. DeMatteis and Mike Zeck about the title Spider-Man antagonist, a Russian gamesman.**

ANSWER: “**Kraven’s Last Hunt**”

16. **The Amalgam character Elektra Kyle was born in this country. Urania Blackwell and Rex Mason both visited this country, leading to their transformations into Element Girl and Metamorpho. A heroine born in this country named Adrianna Tomaz marries (*) Black Adam. Jaime Reyes discovered an object from this country, and Nabu was a wizard from this country. A Thanagarian spaceship made of Nth metal landed in this country and was discovered by a man eventually reincarnated with his love as Carter Hall and Sheira Sanders. For 10 points, name this country, the origin of the powers of the Blue Beetle, Doctor Fate, Hawkman and -woman, as well as Isis.**

ANSWER: **Egypt** (*Ed’s note: technically, Amalgam counts as DC-universe properties...*)

17. **Description acceptable. A 2015 NYMag article noted the “minimalism of comedy” of this event as “a straight vertical line” and then, later, “a vertical line and a horizontal line.” In the strip immediately prior to this event, a customer is abruptly given a job at (*) GameHaven, and in the strip immediately after, Kate and Lucas discuss its aftermath. A *Zero Punctuation* episode on webcomics heavily criticized this event for being a tonal shift from comedy to drama. This event occurred in the strip “Loss” in a four-panel comic showing Ethan running to a doctor, then standing over a crying Lilah lying in a bed. For 10 points, name this moment from a Tim Buckley webcomic in which a character’s three-month pregnancy tragically terminated early.**

ANSWER: the **miscarriage** from **Ctrl-Alt-Del** (accept **abortion** instead of miscarriage, though that’s not really right; accept **CAD** instead of *Ctrl-Alt-Del*; accept **CADbortion**; accept “**Loss**” before it’s read)

18. **“A Moral Compromise Spectral Release Phantasmatron” was built into a device made from one of these materials, causing the disappearance of a character threatening to punch another. Offers for “A swift kick in the butt” and “Candid Opinions” were written on these items, and a proposal for air holes was rejected to retain the secrecy of one of these items. The usage of one of these items ultimately led to the (*) transformation of several characters into worms, after no one wanted to do homework. By drawing symbols and pinning arrows to the sides of these items, they have formed things like the Duplicator, Transmogripher, and a Time Machine. For 10 points, name these frequent templates for Calvin’s imagination that usually come in the cardboard variety.**

ANSWER cardboard **boxes** [from *Calvin and Hobbes*] (anti-prompt on specific devices like **Duplicator** by saying “what was it *actually*”; prompt on just **cardboard**)

19. **In March 2016, Kate Leith began writing a series about one of these figures for Dynamite comics. The town of Barrow, Alaska is attacked by many of these figures over 30 days in one series, and Skinner Sweet was the protagonist of a series about their (*) “American” variant. Marvel published a comic book series about the “Tomb of” one of these figure, and Jesse Custer’s friend Cassidy is an Irish one of these figures in *Preacher*. The biochemist Morbius became a “pseudo” one of these figures. Because his mother was attacked by one of these creatures during childbirth, Eric Brooks became immune to them, becoming a hero who hunted them. For 10 points, name this type of creature “slain” by Blade and van Helsing.**

ANSWER: **vampires**

20. In one book, this artist's cousin Josh says "Pssh. Those aren't real comics" in reference to comics like *Calvin & Hobbes* and *Fox Trot*. This person's most recent book is *Ghosts*, and in 2006, this artist began illustrating the (*) *The Baby-Sitters Club*. This artist illustrated *X-Men Misfits* with her husband Dave Roman, and she described several performers in middle school musical theater in her book *Drama*. One of this author's books describes her experiences growing up in San Francisco with younger siblings Amara and Will, and is a sequel to a book depicting a sixth grade accident that knocks out two front teeth and is subtitled "A Dental Drama." For 10

points, name this graphic novelist, the author of the memoirs *Sisters* and *Smile*.
ANSWER: Raina **Telgemeier** (prompt on just "Raina," as I guess she's a character in several clues)

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