

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 5

Tossups

1. **After capturing his most notable enemy with the robot guard Koto, this character tells him his origin story in *Tales of Suspense* #62. This character discovered the colossal robot Ultimo inside a volcano. This character switched minds with Unicorn, and he took over Loc Do's body after (\*) Yellow Claw usurped one of his castles. Temugin is this character's son, and his most notable weapons are capable of attacks like "Ice Blast" or "Disintegration Beam." After journeying into the Valley of Spirits, this villain discovered a Makluan spaceship, and the warlord who kidnapped Ho Yinsen and Tony Stark during the Vietnam War ultimately worked for this man. For 10 points, name this arch-nemesis of Iron Man who possesses ten magic rings, a Chinese supervillain.**

ANSWER: Mandarin

2. **In the first feature film starring this character, he arrives in the town of Silsby and fights off an attack by the Mole Men. One production featuring this character portrayed him using Bud Collyer, had an opening voiced by Jackson Beck, and was notably sponsored by Kellogs. In the story "The (\*) Clan of the Fiery Cross," this character battled the KKK. Later films with this character were contentiously directed by Richard Donner and included the notoriously bad "Quest for Peace." For 10 points, name this superhero described in an early radio show as fighting "for the American way" and "Faster than a speeding bullet."**

ANSWER: Superman (or Clark Kent)

3. **This character confronts Barry Hubris, who uses the same superhero name as him. In his first issue, this character escapes an insane asylum and is attacked by ninjas after meeting Superman-parody "The Caped Wonder." This character encounters the Man-Eating Cow and the (\*) Chainsaw Vigilante, and this character's sidekick is an accountant named Arthur. This character was originally created for the New England Comics newsletter by Ben Edlund, though he's appeared in an animated series and a live-action series where he was portrayed by Patrick Warburton. This character is "nigh-invulnerable" and he has a habit of yelling "SPOON!" as a battle cry. For 10 points, name this absurdist and spoofy superhero who takes the form of a giant blue bug.**

ANSWER: the Tick

4. **One character from this country is a resident of District X who forgets to take his power-suppressing medication and becomes a sentient tree. One character born in this country is helped by an older version of Storm in a miniseries that depicted her as a prisoner of Belasco in (\*) Limbo. One villain from this country was a mutant serial killer who emitted "Death Spores" and wielded carbonadium tentacles implanted by this country's government. A mutant from this country is the brother of the crafter of the Soulsword and sacrificed himself to cure the Legacy Virus. In addition to Magik and Omega Red, the most famous mutant from this country can turn his skin into solid metal. For 10 points, name this home country of Colossus.**

ANSWER: Russia (accept the Soviet Union, USSR, etc.)

5. **One comic in this imprint centers on a character who visited Hellrock and was formerly the CEO of the company ECO. Jake Gallows becomes the Punisher in this imprint, and Lotusland studio producer Jose Eisenhart becomes the Hulk in it. (\*) Ravage was an original hero created for this imprint, and Doom defeated a fake Captain America who had become president in this universe. While working for Alchemax, Miguel O'Hara**

became a superhero in this universe after studying the DNA of the “Heroic Age” Spider-Man. This imprint is officially Earth-928, but actually exists in the same universe as Earth-616. For 10 points, name this Marvel imprint consisting of comics set about a century in the future.

ANSWER: Marvel 2099

6. **One character with this surname is pitted by Immortus into a deathmatch with all other versions of that character. A character with this surname creates his own pocket-universe and admits to wanting to have “his own Galactus.” As one of these characters was being crowned queen of the Old Atlanteans, her brother was trapped in the (\*) Negative Zone. A hero with this surname creates the Bridge, which he uses to try and “Solve Everything.” In 2009, Jonathan Hickman began writing a series that prominently features characters with this surname. The time-traveling Nathaniel shares this surname with his grandchildren Valeria and Franklin, the children of characters with this surname who found the Future Foundation and live in the Baxter Building. For 10 points, name this “first family” of the Marvel Universe headed by Sue and Reed.**

ANSWER: Richards (accept Valeria Richards, Franklin Richards, Reed Richards, Sue Richards; prompt on Sue Storm by saying, “post-marriage, please”)

7. **This figure discovered the cause of the plague of the Green Death, leading him to in turn discover a weapon initiated by Black Zero. He invented a personal hovercraft sharing the same name as him, and was mentored by the scientist Non. This man had a brother who lived in Argo City named “Zor,” and another who lived in (\*) Kandor. This man was offered a seat on the Science Council after discovering the Phantom Zone. This man was assigned to be the Jailer of Zod after Zod’s failed revolt, and a recording of this man is contained in the Fortress of Solitude. He and his wife Lara Lor-Van perished shortly after ejecting an escape capsule containing their son Kal-El from Krypton. For 10 points, name this father to Superman.**

ANSWER: Jor-El (or Jor-L)

8. **Collected editions of this comic include *Shave the Whales* and *Optimism Sounds Exhausting*. The book *Seven Years of Highly Defective People* explains the origins of several of the characters in this comic, like an extremely intelligent garbageman, Bob the Dinosaur, and a demon named (\*) “Phil, the Prince of Insufficient Light.” A cynical dog in this comic is drawn wearing the same glasses his owner does, and employees in this comic include Alice, Wally, and Asok. This comic’s main character is inexplicably drawn with his tie curling upward, and despite his technical prowess, is usually at the whim of his micromanaging pointy-haired boss. For 10 points, name this Scott Adams-created comic about a white-collar office worker.**

ANSWER: Dilbert

9. **One of xkcd’s parody week comics shows one of these creatures proposing the use of “they” as a third-person singular pronoun. A comic with these creatures was given the collection *Your Whole Family is Made Of Meat*, and the most popular webcomic of the author of a “Choose Your Own Adventure” Hamlet involves these creatures. In one comic, yellow and orange ones of these creatures can be seen responding to a (\*) green one of these creatures who steps on a house and a person. A comic named for these creatures lives at [www.qwantz.com](http://www.qwantz.com) and uses varying dialogue but the exact same art for every single comic. For 10 points, name these creatures that populate a Ryan North comic, examples of which include Utahraptor and T-Rex.**

ANSWER: dinosaurs (accept specific species, I guess)

10. **CAPTION is a small press comics convention in this country. *Beano* and *The Dandy* were comics first published in the ‘30s in this country, followed later by magazines like *Viz* and *Oz*. A Captain Marvel-knockoff from this country says the magic word “Kimota” and later had his name changed to (\*) Miracleman, and the Amulet of Right gives Brian Braddock a role as a defender of part of this country. Evey Hammond replaces a**

character from this country who combats a dystopian government employing departments like “the Nose” and “the Eye.” For 10 points, name this country, the origin of a Guy Fawkes mask-wearing rebel in *V for Vendetta*.

ANSWER: United Kingdom (anti-prompt on Great Britain or England)

11. **The success of a manga about this profession made Kazuo Koike and Goseki Kojima known as the “Golden Duo.” In one work, a former executioner works this profession with his son Daigorō, and in another the son of the owner of the No. 1 headband becomes a member of this profession; those manga are (\*) *Lone Wolf and Cub*, and a manga about an “Afro”-wearing member of this profession. Despite the planet having been taken over by aliens, Gintoki Sakata retains this profession in *Gintama*, and Himura Kenshin gives up being an assassin to become one of these people in *Rurouni Kenshin*.** For 10 points, give this profession, members of which are known when lordless as “ronin” and who follow the way of bushido.

ANSWER: samurai (prompt on swordsman and synonyms; accept specific titles like ronin; *Ed’s note: -100 for ‘ninja,’ especially if it seems like they were just guessing*)

12. **One character comments that this character had “limits, to how much he could let himself change,” resulting in an event in which this character holds hands with another on top of a spire. This character grants a boon to the elf Nuala, and he sends the Corinthian and Matthew the raven to rescue a kidnapped infant from Loki and Puck. This character’s (\*) funeral is described in *The Wake*, an event attended by characters like Rose Walker and an immortal man this character met once every 100 years. At the instigation of Lyta Hall, this character is killed by the Kindly Ones for killing his son Orpheus. This figure is good friends with another member of the Endless, his sister Death.** For 10 points, name this character, the protagonist of Neil Gaiman’s *The Sandman*.

ANSWER: Dream (accept Lord of the Dreaming or any other titles that mention dreams; prompt on any of Morpheus, Oneiros, L’Zoril, the Shaper of forms, Murphy, Kai’ckul, or the Sandman before they’re read)

13. **The planet Savoth is accessible through this entity, and Savitar created a cult after encountering it. Johnny Chambers accessed this entity to save his daughter with Liberty Belle, and it prematurely aged the previously teenage hero (\*) Impulse.** Eobard Thawne generated a “negative” version of this entity, and a time-travelling “Cosmic Treadmill” works by accessing this entity. This entity is prone to absorbing and trapping its users, and Max Mercury and Jay Garrick are connected to it. An accident involving a lightning strike at S.T.A.R. labs led to this entity’s creation and usage by Barry Allen. For 10 points, name this vague entity in the DC universe that’s responsible for the powers of everyone who can move really fast.

ANSWER: the Speed Force (*Ed’s note: GOTTA GO FAST; also, the Speed Force is one of those pseudo-mystical things that writers change whenever they want, so I can only promise these clues were all true at at least one point in DC history*)

14. **Description acceptable. An all-consuming race called the Spikes occupied this location, and characters from this location include the Brood No-Name, the Shadow Priest Hiroim, and Caiera.** A (\*) red-skinned character named Elloe Kaifi is from this location, and the group Warbound was formed in this location. After defeating the tyrannical Red King in this location, one character is inspired to go on a “World War.” One character was tricked onto a S.H.I.E.L.D. spaceship and sent through a wormhole, where he landed on this location and forced into gladiator combat. For 10 points, give this informal name of Sakaar, so named for a giant green superhero.

ANSWER: Planet Hulk (accept Sakaar before mention)

15. **This character originally appeared in *Tales to Astonish* #13, in which he is defeated by Leslie Evans after arriving from Planet X. The variant cover of *All-New X-Men* #23 shows this character saying “you are everything that I love about the human race” to Jean Grey. This character blows himself up to destroy the (\*) Babel Tower in *Annihilation: Conquest*, and after being captured by the Kree he joined the team that included Babel, Mantis, and Peter Quill.** This character has a hardened larynx, like the rest of his species *Flora colossi*, and

he narrates the entirety of *Rocket Raccoon #5* using only three words. For 10 points, name this arboreal superhero who sounds like he's only ever naming himself.

ANSWER: **Groot** (*Ed's note: -1000 to the dolt who thinks they're clever by saying 'I am Groot' ... nah, I love Groot, give 'em +50 imaginary points*)

16. **One of this man's books contains an example of "Hamlet on a Rooftop," and included in later editions the chapter "Learning/Print and Computer Era" in addition to chapters like "Timing" and "Comics as a Form of Reading." This man partnered with Jerry Iger as a comic book packager early in his career. The criminal The Octopus and the (\*) femme fatale P'Gell faced off against this artist's noir detective Denny Colt, and he wrote the comics studies book *Comics and Sequential Art*. This artist created the early detective *The Spirit*, and his book *A Contract with God* popularized the concept of a graphic novel. For 10 points, name this pioneering comics artist for whom the mainstream comic book awards are named.**

ANSWER: William Erwin "Will" **Eisner**

17. **In a recent appearance, this character replies "well someone had to" after being congratulated for saving Gotham City by having Hugo Strange "cure" the Joker. This character went to prison for leading the murder of the New Orleans gang LOA, and Smallville was destroyed after (\*) her usage of All-American Boy. This character found a way to control Chemo, though she is probably better known for working with a group including Nightshade and Captain Boomerang. This character has served as Secretary of Metahuman Affairs for Lex Luthor, and as head of A.R.G.U.S. and Task Force X. For 10 points, name this government agent, the on-again-off-again director of the Suicide Squad.**

ANSWER: **Amanda Waller** (accept either or both names)

18. **Mages from this location named Calculha and Majistra created the Zodiac Crystals, one of which was held by the Tuatha de Danaan in one of its "Five Lost Cities." Because of the actions of the lineage of Shalako against this location, blonde hair became known by its residents as "the Mark of (\*) Kordax." Dr. Vulko advised this location's most famous resident. Orm Marius has repeatedly tried to conquer it, and Black Manta killed one of the princes of this kingdom. Its royalty include Tula, Garth, and Mera, and its resident Orin was raised as the son of the lighthouse keeper Tom Curry in Amnesty Bay before becoming a superhero who wears an orange shirt and wields a harpoon. For 10 points, name this kingdom ruled by Aquaman.**

ANSWER: **Atlantis** (anti-prompt on Poseidonis, Tritonis, or Thierna Na Oge; *Editor's note: Yes, I'm aware the Tuatha are from Irish myth, but I checked, and they're not mentioned as living in Ireland in the comics*)

19. **Before taking its current name, the magazine *Update* centered on this event. Shel Dorf and Richard Alf helped create this event, and Richard Geary drew a sword-wielding toucan for this event. Scott Shaw! developed an "Oddball" presentation for this event, and a square image of a single (\*) eye with a raised eyebrow is associated with this event. The Masquerade takes place during this event, and Hall H is a common congregation point for this event. This event includes the Inkpot Awards, and Tom Hiddleston appeared at one of its panels in 2013 in character as Loki. It's the largest of the events well known for people dressing in costume. For 10 points, name this largest pop culture convention in North America.**

ANSWER: **Comic-Con International** (or **San Diego Comic-Con**; accept any combination of **Comic-Con** and either of **San Diego** or **International**; or **SDCC**; prompt on just Comic-Con; *Ed's note: yes, the exclamation mark is part of the name*)

20. **This book ends with one character lying naked in the ocean, and it begins with a character seeing the title entity and fainting while dissecting a frog. A repeated motif throughout this book is pieces of discarded (\*) detritus, and several characters in this comic frequently gather around a campground called "the pit." Keith eventually begins a relationship with the tail-adorned Eliza, and Chris begins molting skin in this book after**

spending a night with Rob. This comic is set in Seattle among several teenagers suffering from a disease called “the Bug.” For 10 points, name this comic by Charles Burns about a sexually transmitted disease that causes horrific mutations.

ANSWER: ***Black Hole***

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