

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 6

Tossups

1. **In Neil Gaiman's story "Hold Me," this character hugs the ghost of a homeless man. Jamie Delano's run with this character ended with his confrontation of the serial killer the Family Man. This character tried to combat a demon summoned by the child Astra while on tour with his band (*) Mucous Membrane in Newgate. This character's exes include Nick Necro and Zatanna. Garth Ennis's run with this character included the story "Dangerous Habits," which showed him contracting lung cancer. This character was the protagonist of Vertigo's *Hellblazer* series, in which he was depicted as a trenchcoat-wearing Brit modeled after Sting. For 10 points, name this chain smoking occult detective and sorcerer.**

ANSWER: **John Constantine** (accept either or both names; accept **Hellblazer** before mention)

2. **This character killed Prince Gavyn's sister and took over Throneworld. After taking over a planet whose inhabitants all died of a virus, this character discovered two immune infants he raised as his own. This character was eventually killed by the demon Neron, and he was defeated and replaced in his initial position by (*) Draaga. After being recruited by the Cyborg Superman, this villain destroyed Coastal City. In "For the Man Who Has Everything," this villain causes Superman to see a reality of himself living on Krypton after infecting Superman with the plant Black Mercy, and he'd earlier fought Superman as a gladiator on a massive planet-size spaceship. For 10 points, name this despotic ruler of the Warworld.**

ANSWER: **Mongul**

3. **The protagonist of this book is scolded after accusing an innocent man in the chapter "The Makeup." This book ends, "Freedom had a price," after noting it was the last time the protagonist saw her grandmother. A man falls from the roof after police break up a party during one scene in this book, while in another scene a father stalls the police while the rest of the family empties their (*) wine. The narrator of this book relates illegally receiving an Iron Maiden poster and American rock cassettes as a child. This book is broadly split up into the author's time in Vienna and her home country, and its first chapter, "The Veil," concerns the beginning of the Islamic Revolution. For 10 points, name this memoir by Marjane Satrapi about her experience growing up in Iran.**

ANSWER: **Persepolis**

4. **One character steals one of these items by killing Thatch, and one of these items was a prize for a competition held at the Corrida Colosseum. Artificial versions of these items called SMILE were created through the research of (*) Caesar Clown and Dr. Vegapunk. Varieties of these items include the Paramercia, the Zoan, and the Logia, and one example is the Gomu Gomu no Mi. Characters like Tony Tony Chopper, Nico Robin, and Marshall D. Teach have all used these items, and at the cost of never being able to swim in the ocean, Luffy becomes a Rubber Human by consuming one of these items. For 10 points, name these mysterious fruit that give their eaters supernatural powers in the pirate manga *One Piece*.**

ANSWER: **Devil Fruit** (prompt on "fruit," I guess)

5. **This character dressed up as a waiter while on a date with an amnesiac blonde named Ellen. This character used to have a roommate named Lyman, and he gets regular angry calls from his neighbor Mrs. Feeny. This character grew up on a farm with his brother (*) Doc Boy, and some of his dorky habits include burping games**

and playing the accordion. This character has begun a sustained relationship with the veterinarian Liz, and he owns the cat Nermal and the dog Odie. An existentialist webcomic shows this character talking to himself after the removal of the main character of the comic this character comes from. For 10 points, name this owner of the fat, lazy, Monday-hating, and lasagna-loving Garfield.

ANSWER: Jonathan Quentin Arbuckle (accept either, both, or any combination of underlined parts)

6. **Dr. Seward Trainer revealed a truth about one of these people in the issue “The Trial of Peter Parker.” One of these people took the mantle of (*) Goblin Queen before going insane after being told her true identity by Mr. Sinister. Kaine and a character who later became the first Scarlet Spider appeared with the Jackal in a namesake “Saga” of these people, and Laura Kinney was one of these people created in a program that attempted to reproduce Weapon X. For 10 points, Madelyne Pryor, Ben Reilly, and X-23 are examples of what people in the Marvel Universe who were created by copying the genetic material of other people?**

ANSWER: clones (accept clones of Spider-Man, Jean Grey, or Wolverine; prompt on just those characters by themselves, or descriptions of characters with those powers, by saying “it’s an identity thing, not a power thing”)

7. **The minor heroines Tora Olafsdotter and Sigrid Nansen both possess this power. Cameron Mahkent genetically inherited this power from his father Dr. Joar Mahkent, and the Firestorm adversary Dr. Louise Lincoln gained this power and became a supervillainess with the word (*) “Killer” in her title. The Barry Allen villain Leonard Snart typically uses a gun that lets him use this power, and the most famous villain with this power suffered an industrial accident while trying to heal his terminally ill wife Nora and so requires a suit to survive. For 10 points, name this thematic ability of the Batman villain Victor Fries.**

ANSWER: cold-based powers (accept really any synonym, like freezing or ice or snow; in order, the unnamed heroes/villains are Ice, Icemaiden, Icicle, Killer Frost, and Captain Cold)

8. **This artist debuted onto the comics scene with a book in which the title turtle tells the story of Orpheus and Eurydice to his mouse deer girlfriend Dandel before leaving her for the ocean. Bandits slit the throat of a scribe who marries a nine-year old girl at the beginning of one of this man’s works, which uses a North African talisman as a framing device and delves heavily into (*) numerology to tell the story of the title character and Zam, two escaped slaves. In another work, this creator of *Good-Bye, Chunky Rice* drew on his evangelical Christian upbringing to first tell the story of his relationship with his younger brother Phil, including their abuse at the hands of a babysitter, followed by the story of falling in love at church camp with a girl named Raina. For 10 points, name this award-winning creator of the graphic novels *Habibi* and *Blankets*.**

ANSWER: Craig Thompson

9. **This character told the Avengers, “My mistake was trusting you” in *Avengers Annual #10* after being raped in *Avengers #200* by Marcus. This character’s lover Mike Barnett was killed by Mystique, and she was the initial editor of *Woman Magazine*. The explosion of a (*) “Psyche-Magnetron” gave her her powers, and this heroine became Binary after being given new powers by Brood. This hero currently leads the Alpha Flight space program, and she led the effort to use Ulysses’s powers to predict crimes in opposition to Iron Man. This heroine gained her original powers after meeting the Kree superhero Mar-Vell. For 10 points, name this superheroine whose real name is Carol Danvers.**

ANSWER: Captain Marvel (or Ms. Marvel; accept any of Warbird, Catherine Donovan, or Binary; accept Carol Danvers before mentioned)

10. **The author of this comic created a medical pain chart with the metric “TOO SERIOUS FOR NUMBERS.” As of 2016, the last post on this webcomic was about a child in a green dinosaur costume titled “Menace.” This comic was published as a book partially subtitled (*) “Unfortunate Situations,” and in October 2016 its author will release another book titled *Solutions and Other Problems*. The main character in this webcomic**

is drawn with a pink shirt and yellow cone hat, and an image from this comic shows a character trying to “CLEAN ALL THE THINGS!” This webcomic was the source of a brown yak-like creature called the Alot, and it was the location of a post titled “Adventures in Depression.” For 10 points, name this webcomic slash blog drawn and written by Allie Brosh.

ANSWER: Hyperbole and a Half

11. **This character was trained by a martial arts master named I-Ching during a period when her powers were taken away and she was forced to run a mod clothing boutique. The Circle attempted kill this character as an infant, and in the “OMAC Project” story, this character snaps the neck of Maxwell Lord. The (*)** Cheetah is this character’s arch-enemy, and her sidekicks have included Cassie Sandsmark and Donna Troy. This character possesses the Bracelets of Submission, a razor-sharp tiara, and the Lasso of Truth. Hippolyta is this character’s mother, and she was crafted out of clay on the secret island of Themyscira. For 10 points, name this DC superhero, a Princess of the Amazons.

ANSWER: Wonder Woman (accept Diana Prince)

12. **Otto Nückel’s book *Destiny* notably did not use this medium, instead using a similar cheaper one. The books *Passionate Journey* and *25 Images of a Man’s Passion* by the Flemish artist Frans Masereel used this medium. One work in this medium centers on the Boy, the Girl, and the Elderly Gentleman and is set during the Great Depression; that work is (*)** Lynd Ward’s book *Vertigo*. This medium was the one most frequently used for early Expressionist wordless novels, though even prior to that it was used for works like the ukiyo-e work *The Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido* and *St. Jerome in His Study*. For 10 points, name this medium used by artists like Albrecht Durer and Hokusai.

ANSWER: woodcut prints (accept wood engraving or similar; prompt on wordless novel or book before they’re read by saying “the *medium*, not the format”)

13. **In 1986, German producer Bernd Eichinger obtained the rights to produce films with these characters, and then made a film with the help of effects specialist Roger Corman. Tobias puts on a musical based on these characters in season 4 of *Arrested Development*, and an unreleased film based on these characters was made in 1993 solely to retain the (*)** production rights to these characters. One film based on these superheroes had Cronenberg-inspired aesthetics and was directed by Josh Trank. A pair of films starring this group was made in the 2000s starring Chris Evans and Jessica Alba. For 10 points, name this quadrio of superheroes, most recently adapted into an atrocious 2015 film by Fox.

ANSWER: the Fantastic Four (*Ed’s note: accept variations like Fantastic 4, Fant4stic 4, or F4nt4sti4 4*)

14. **One character with this profession was based off Caligula and used his position as head of the SJS to assassinate Clarence Goodman. “Mortis” and “Fear” are among four undead villains with this profession that make up its “Dark” version. They undergo the (*)** Long Walk upon retirement, and prominent characters with this profession include Eustace Fargo, Rico, and Cassandra Anderson. These figures rule Mega-City One, and they wear face-covering black-and-red helmets. The most prominent of these figures is the longest running character in the British comic *2000 AD* and often says, “I am the law!” In addition to their title role, they serve as police, jury, and executioner. For 10 points, name this dystopian profession held by Dredd.

ANSWER: judge (accept specific types and bodies, like street judge, Chief Judge, psi-Judge, or the Special Judicial Squad)

15. **Johnny Storm’s cousin Bones runs one of these organizations that Johnny briefly joins. Professor Pyg leads a “Strange” one of them, and Daredevil helped Spider-Man defeat one of these organizations led by Maynard Tiboldt, who wears a (*)** hypnotic hat. The mafia boss Zucco attempted to extort one of these organizations run by C.C. Haly, and before meeting Rama Kushna and becoming Deadman, Boston Brand worked

for one of these organizations. Two workers for one of these organizations fell to their deaths, orphaning a boy soon adopted by Bruce Wayne. For 10 points, name these entertainment organizations that Dick Grayson was part of before the death of his trapeze artist parents.

ANSWER: circuses (accept carnivals)

16. **This character argues that a family chose him in a page that overlays his face in a checkerboard pattern over his opponent's face. This character angrily asks "You think you could have done...so...much...better?" to his opponent as Owen Reece listens nearby. After being challenged, this character kills Thanos in a single punch, and he tricked (*) Ben Grimm into acting as the Shield. Using the power of Molecule Man and the Beyonders, this character created a reality in which he was served by Sheriff Strange and the Thor Corps. This villain presided as "God Emperor" over the various Battleworlds in the 2015 *Secret Wars*, which ended with this man in Latveria discovering that his face had healed after taking off his iron mask.** For 10 points, name this megalomaniacal arch-rival of Mr. Fantastic.

ANSWER: Doctor Doom (or Victor Von Doom)

17. **A cover drawn by Rafael Albuquerque depicting this character with a drawn on smile and crying was controversially cancelled. During "Black Mirror," this character is stabbed in the legs by her brother James, and she lived in the trendy neighborhood of Burnside while attending grad school in (*) Gail Simone's run with her. In "No Man's Land," this character's base in a clocktower is one of the few structures to avoid being destroyed in an earthquake. With the Black Canary and the Huntress, this character appeared in the *Birds of Prey* series. In the second half of her career, this heroine became a hacker and intelligence expert, and in an attempt to prove this character's father could snap from "one bad day," the Joker paralyzed her in *The Killing Joke*.** For 10 points, name this DC hero who fought crime as both Oracle and the first Batgirl.

ANSWER: Barbara "Babs" Gordon (accept Oracle before mention; accept Babs; prompt on (first) Batgirl by saying, "Which one?"; prompt on Gordon)

18. **After leaving Excalibur, Pete Wisdom became the leader of this superhero team for a short time before it disbanded. This team's name was stolen by a team run by Spike Freeman that included Zeitgeist and Deadgirl. In "Messiah War," one incarnation of this team ventured to the future to defend (*) Hope Summers. A similarly named "Statix" series replaced the series named for this team, which also in 2010 produced an "Uncanny" variant. The original version of this team was drawn by Rob Liefeld, and repeatedly faced off the MLF led by Stryfe as well as some of the first appearances of Deadpool. This team was founded by Cable from the pieces of the former New Mutants.** For 10 points, name this team of mutant superheroes, who operate more lethally and proactively than the normal X-Men.

ANSWER: X-Force (prompt on X-Statix before mention; accept "Uncanny X-Force")

19. **Early in this story, the protagonist asks, "Do you know what radio waves look like?" after opening a box containing his friend's body sent by the Prankster and Toyman, which followed shortly after the suicide of Bizarro. A character in this story is given a statue holding a Phantom Zone projector, a weapon he later uses to kill this story's ultimate mastermind (*) Mr. Mxyzptlk ["mīks-yēz'-pīt-līk"]. This story climaxes with a siege of the Fortress of Solitude led by Brainiac and Luthor, and it ends with the protagonist walking through a closet of Gold Kryptonite. This story was written by Alan Moore, and it ends with the implication that Lois Lane's current husband is the title superhero despite his supposed death.** For 10 points, name this "imaginary" story depicting the "last" days of Superman.

ANSWER: Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow? (Writer's note: accept Action Comics #583 and Superman #423 from any Comic Book Guys who may be playing; Editor's note: complaints about Mxyzptlk's name can addressed % Jerry Siegel)

20. This person recalled being asked by a friend, “What comes after the dining car?,” and in his most famous book, he described discovering three people who shared his full name in a phone book. His books include *Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me* and *The Quitter*, and this artist accused (*) David Letterman of being a shill for General Electric. Many dolls of this artist have been made by his wife Joyce Brabner, who also collaborated with him on the graphic novel *Our Cancer Year*. This artist retired as a file clerk at the VA Hospital in 2001, two years before a documentary of his life was made starring Paul Giamatti. For 10 points, name this “poet laureate of Cleveland,” the author of the autobiographical *American Splendor*.

ANSWER: Harvey **Pekar** (Writer’s note: *What comes after the dining car? The Pe-kar*; Ed’s note: *Pekar’s last comic was Harvey Pekar Meets the Thing; naturally they talk about being Jewish and Ben asking if Pekar can get him a job at the VA Hospital*)

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