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# TrashMasters!™

**FOR NYC SCHOOL KIDS: GRADES 2 AND 3**

**WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY**

WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THIS COMIC, PASS IT ON TO A FRIEND, OR RECYCLE IT!

**STUFF**

**HENRY**

**NICK**

**FRANNY**

**SHIRLEY**

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TRASHMASTERS!  
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**T**hing and Shirley know that Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling are really great things for our city and our planet!

**T**hat's why they want you to get involved in the Golden Apple Awards. It's a cool contest to see which schools can do the best job of spreading the word about recycling and other ways of making less waste and a better world!

**I**t's fun, it's exciting, and your school could win big prizes! So, raise your hand today and tell your teacher that you want to enter the Golden Apple Awards. And be sure to tell your teacher to get more information from the people at the NYC Department of Sanitation.

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WHEN AN ORDINARY GROUP OF NYC KIDS TURNED THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KNOWN FOR ITS WASTEFUL WAYS AND MESS-UP MANNERS, INTO A MODEL CHAMPION OF REDUCING, REUSING, AND RECYCLING (RRR) -- THEY BECAME THE ULTRA COOL, AWE-INSPIRING, WARRIORS OF WASTE.

# TrashMasters!

IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASTE SIDE) WON A GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR BEST RRR SCHOOL IN THE CITY, BUT ALREADY SOMETHING'S CHANGED...

CANDY WRAPPERS ON THE STAIRWELL?!

STUFF

RECYCLABLES IN THE TRASH?!

TRASH

TRASH IN THE RECYCLABLES?!

SHIRLEY

FRANNY

STACKS OF BARELY USED PAPER IN THE GARBAGE CAN?!

TRASH

NICK



DOWN IN SUB-SUB-BASEMENT 3 OF WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY IS THE WORKSHOP OF SCHOOL CUSTODIAN, RUSSELL REGINALD RILEY (A.K.A. RUSTY), WHICH ALSO SERVES AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE TRASHMASTERS!

**RRR!**  
...A MESS MONSTER!



I REALLY DOUBT THERE IS A MONSTER ON THE LOOSE, SHIRLEY.

ONLY A 1ST GRADER WOULD BELIEVE IN A MESS MONSTER!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT MUST BE HUGE TO GO THROUGH SO MANY CANDY WRAPPERS!

AND REALLY EVIL TO WASTE SO MUCH PAPER!

IF THE HULK WERE HERE, HE'D KNOW WHAT TO DO!





C'MON, GUYS! WE'RE TRASH-MASTERS!

WE CAN HANDLE SOME ICKY MESS MONSTER!

BESIDES, IT'S NOT A REAL MONSTER ...



...IS IT?



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND WHO-- OR WHAT!-- IS MESSING WITH OUR SCHOOL...

...WE'LL HAVE A STAKEOUT!

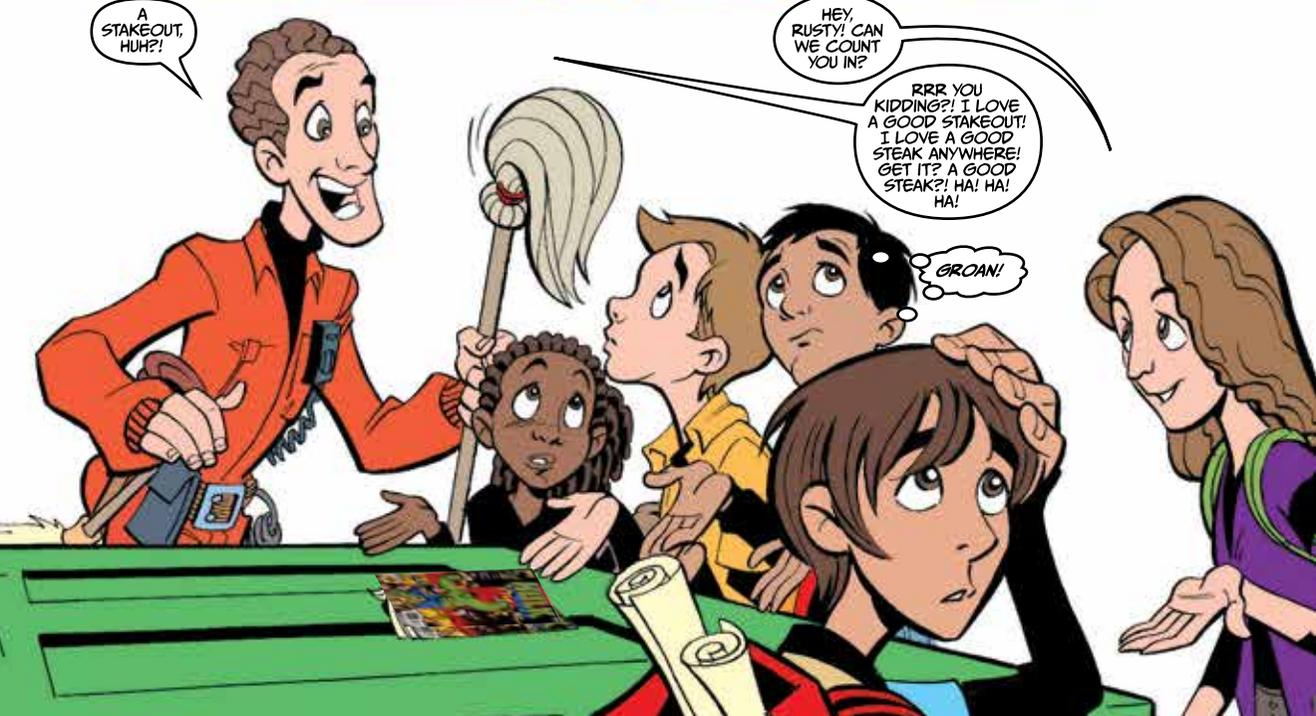
COOL!

BUT IT HAS TO BE AFTER SCHOOL, WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND...

... BECAUSE THAT'S THE BEST TIME TO CATCH A MONSTER.

FRANNY?!

UM ... OR A REALLY MEAN, MESSY PERSON.



A STAKEOUT, HUH?!

HEY, RUSTY! CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

RRR YOU KIDDING?! I LOVE A GOOD STAKEOUT! I LOVE A GOOD STEAK ANYWHERE! GET IT? A GOOD STEAK?! HA! HA! HA!

GROAN!

4:00

GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE!

REMEMBER, WEST SIDE IS COUNTING ON YOU.

MS. RUSH, WEST SIDE'S PRINCIPAL

AND I'VE ALREADY CLEARED A SPACE FOR NEXT YEAR'S GOLDEN APPLE!



PAPER CUPS = WASTE!

FRANNY AND HENRY, YOU TAKE THE FIRST FLOOR...

...NICK AND STUFF, THE SECOND.

SHIRL AND I WILL PATROL THE THIRD.

WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY

3RD FLOOR

2ND FLOOR

1ST FLOOR

MESSWATCH!

THESE HALLWAYS ARE KIND OF SPOOKY WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND.

DON'T WORRY, SHIRL...

...I'LL HALLWAYS BE RIGHT BESIDE YOU! HA! HA! HA!



HEY, NICK, WANNA HELP ME LOOK FOR CLUES?

I'D BETTER, SINCE YOU LOOK KIND OF CLUELESS!



HENRY, DID YOU KNOW THERE'S A FAMOUS MONSTER CALLED BIGFOOT THAT NO ONE'S EVER SEEN?



WELL IF BIGFOOT'S MAKING THE BIG MESS...

...I'LL BE SURE TO GET A PICTURE.



6:00

WHUMP!  
WHUMP!  
WHUMP!

SSSSHHH!  
HEAR THAT?

THE  
MESS MONSTER!!!



AND IT'S  
UPSTAIRS...

WITH  
STUFF AND  
NICK!!!

WHUMP

LET'S  
GO!



CUTS  
TO THE  
RIGHT...

WHUMP!

...TO THE  
LEFT...

WHUMP!

...BETWEEN  
HIS LEGS...

WHUMP

BOY  
THIS KID CAN  
BRING IT!

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M  
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P!



NICK!

UH,  
WHO WERE YOU  
EXPECTING?

SHAQUILLE  
O'NEAL?

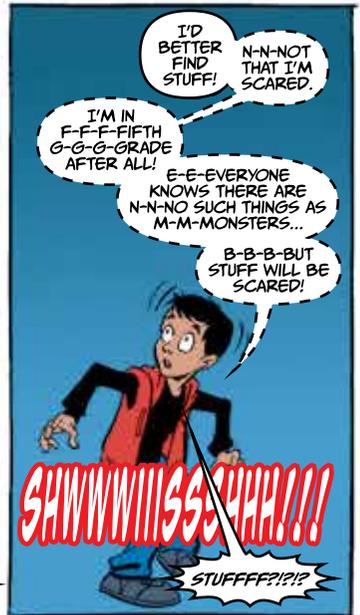
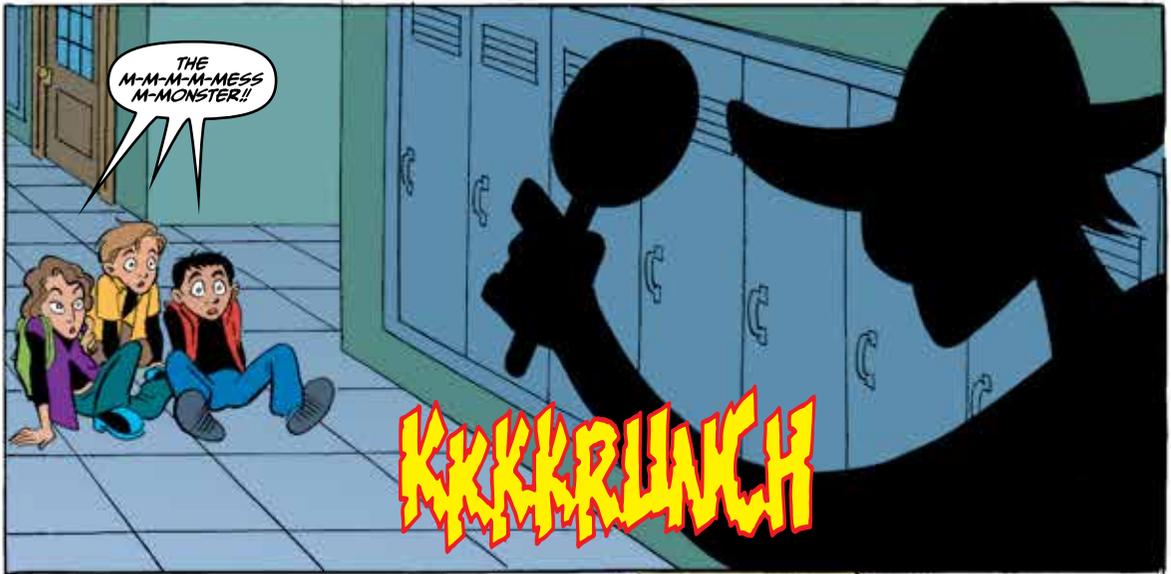
WHUMP!

WHUMP!

AND JUST WHEN THEY  
THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE...

KA-RUNCH!







**SHWWIISSSHHH!!!**



**SPLASH**





A LITTLE SLEEPY, RUSTY BOY, STAKEOUTS SURE ARE BORING!

HOW YOU DOING, SHIRL?

THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY QUIET.



SNIFF! SNIFF! HEY, RUSTY. WHAT DO MONSTERS SMELL LIKE?

I DON'T KNOW I'VE NEVER SMELLED A MONSTER. WHY DO YOU ASK?... SNIFF SNIFF...

OH, I SEE ... I MEAN, I SMELL!

LET'S GO DOWNSTAIRS AND TAKE A LOOK.



MEANWHILE...

UGH! I THINK BIG FOOT SHOWED UP AND TOOK HIS SOCKS OFF!

THE BOOK DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A BIG SMELL.



AAAAHHHH!!!



ANYTHING WRONG?



NICK!

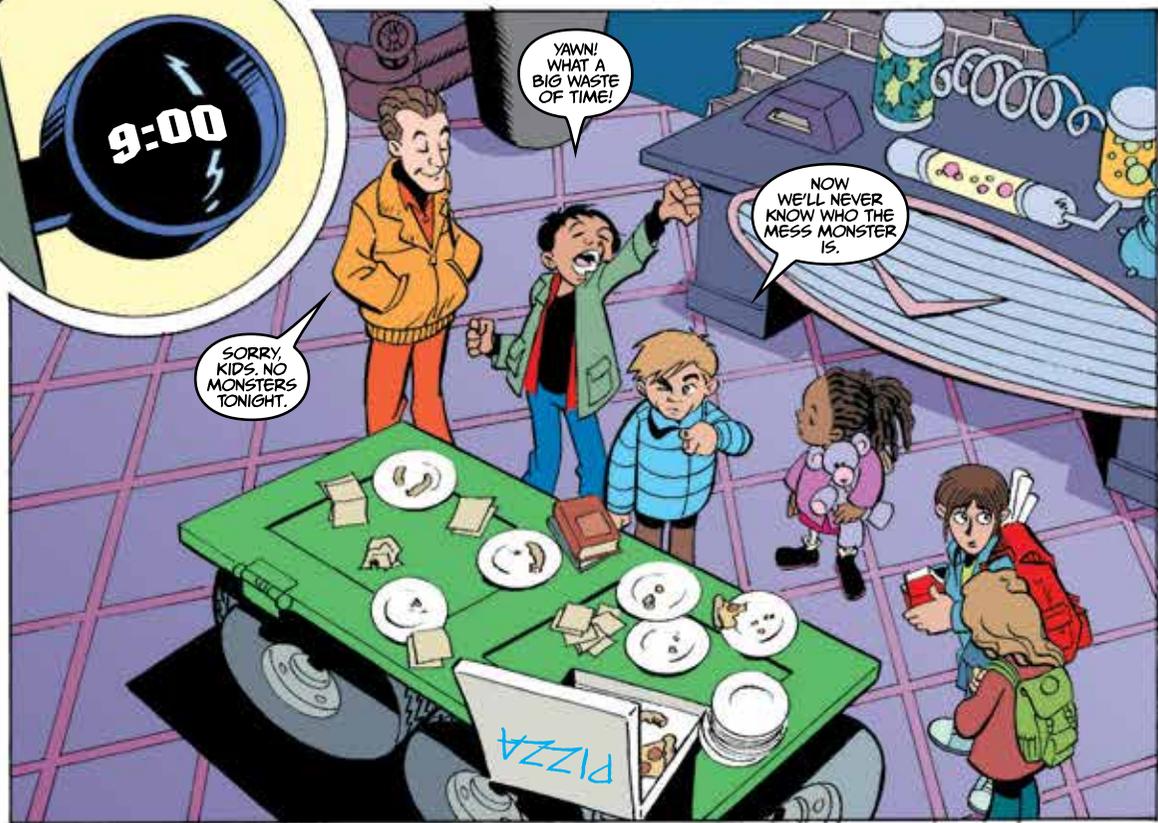
SNIFF! BUT WHAT'S THAT AWFUL SMELL?



LOOK! I FOUND MY BANANA!

THE ONE I LOST IN KINDERGARTEN!

ANYONE WANT A BITE?



YAWN!  
WHAT A  
BIG WASTE  
OF TIME!

NOW  
WE'LL NEVER  
KNOW WHO THE  
MESS MONSTER  
IS.

SORRY,  
KIDS. NO  
MONSTERS  
TONIGHT.



STUFF!  
DON'T  
THROW YOUR  
MILK CARTON  
IN THE  
GARBAGE! IT'S  
RECYCLABLE!

OH,  
RIGHT.  
SORRY.  
GUESS  
I'M JUST  
TIRED.

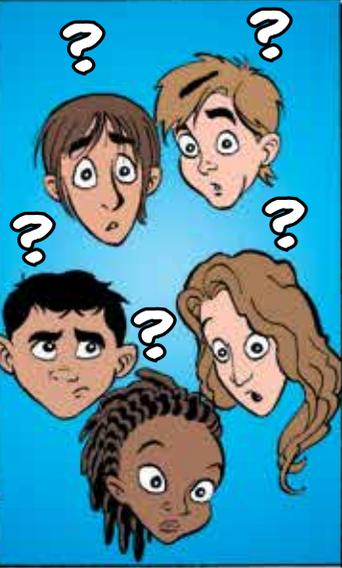
TRASH



LOOKS  
LIKE YOU'RE  
REALLY NOT  
THE ONLY  
ONE.

DID WE  
REALLY MAKE  
ALL THAT  
MESS?

LOOKS  
LIKE WE FOUND  
OUR MONSTER,  
AFTER ALL.



BACK AT SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY, THE TRASHMASTERS! BEGIN TO NOTICE LITTLE THINGS...



THE TEACHER WHO'S NOT RECYCLING PAPER IN HIS CLASS!



UH... OH.

EMPTY MILK CARTONS IN THE TRASH, INSTEAD OF THE BLUE RECYCLING BIN!

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE ALL FORGOTTEN OUR RRRS!

WASTE SIDE, HERE WE COME?!



OH, NO!

NOT WITH THE TRASHMASTERS! AROUND!



FOOD THROWN IN WITH THE PAPER RECYCLABLES.

MS. RUSH, USING PAPER CUPS INSTEAD OF HER MUG.



# WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## WEST SIDE RRRETURNS! "WASTE SIDE" GONE FOR GOOD?



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# ALUMINUM AL'S FAMILY REUNION

HELP AL ROUND UP ALL HIS RELATIVES FOR A PARTY, BY SEARCHING THIS PICTURE AND CIRCLING THE 6 ITEMS YOU FIND THAT ARE MADE OF ALUMINUM.

#1 - MIXING BOWL



#4 - TOWELS

#9 - FOIL DISH

#2 - MILK CARTON

#7 - FOIL WRAP

#5 - POTTERY

#12 - PLATES

#10 - SERVING UTENSILS

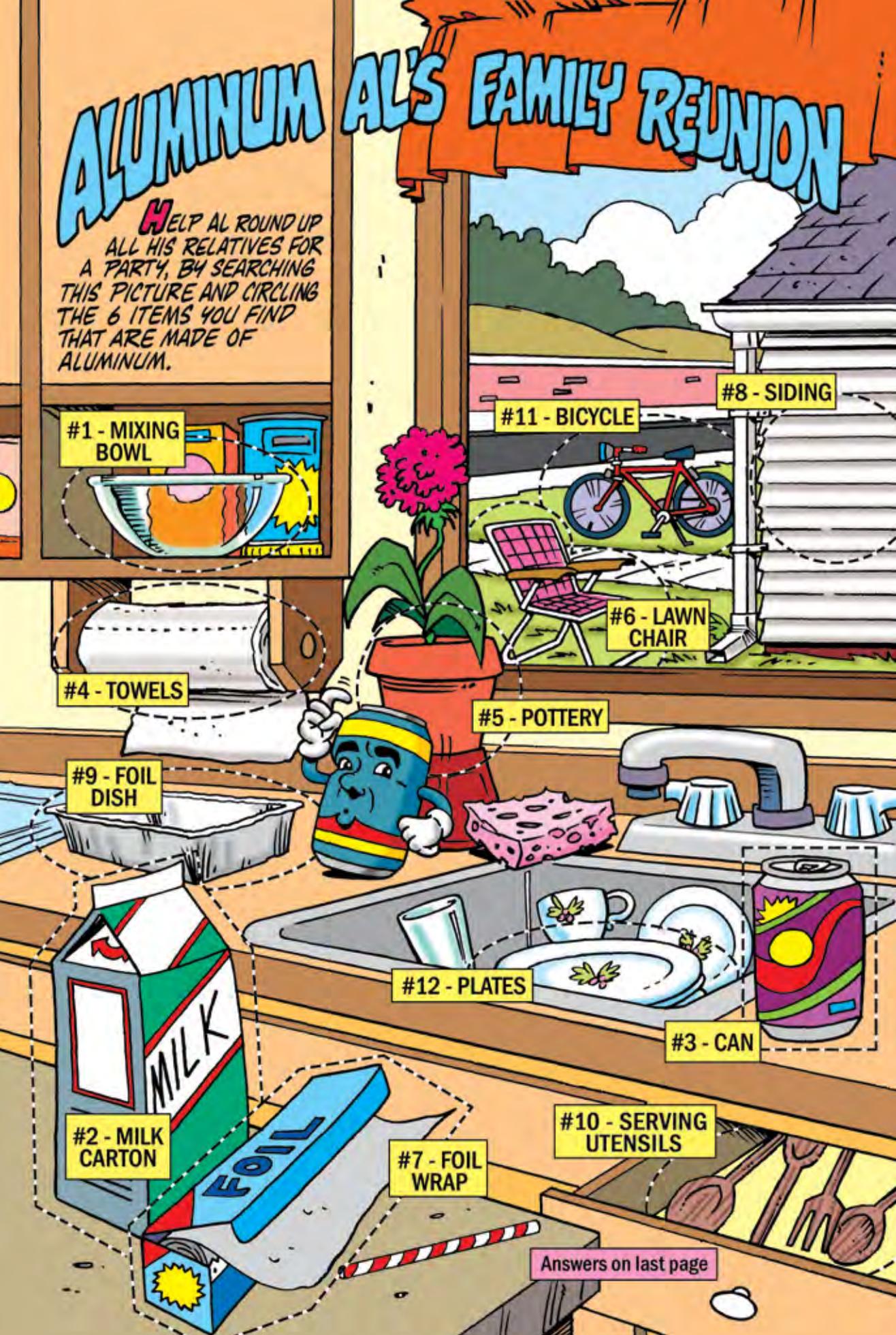
#11 - BICYCLE

#6 - LAWN CHAIR

#8 - SIDING

#3 - CAN

Answers on last page



# GONE TO THE DOGS

**U**H-OH! NICK'S DOG RRROVER HAS GOTTEN INTO THE TRASH AGAIN! WHAT A MESS! THE GARBAGE AND THE RECYCLABLES ARE ALL MIXED UP. HELP NICK SORT THINGS OUT BY DRAWING A LINE FROM EACH ITEM ON THE GROUND TO ITS PROPER BIN-- EITHER THE BLUE RECYCLING BIN, OR THE GREEN RECYCLING BIN, OR THE TRASH (NON-RECYCLABLES) CAN.

For beverage cartons, bottles, cans, metal, and foil.

For mixed paper and cardboard.



Answers on last page

# DON'T **MESS** WITH ME!

**H**AVE FUN COLORING IN THE TRASHMASTERS!

**H**ANG THIS PULLOUT POSTER IN YOUR ROOM, AND YOU'LL BE A TRASHMASTER, TOO!



**FRANNY!**



**HENRY!**



**STUFF!**

# I'M A TRASHMASTER!™



**NICK!**



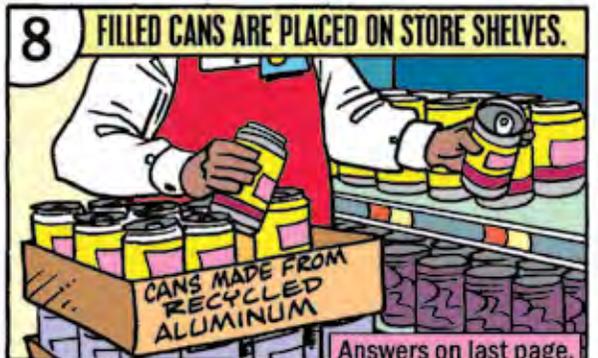
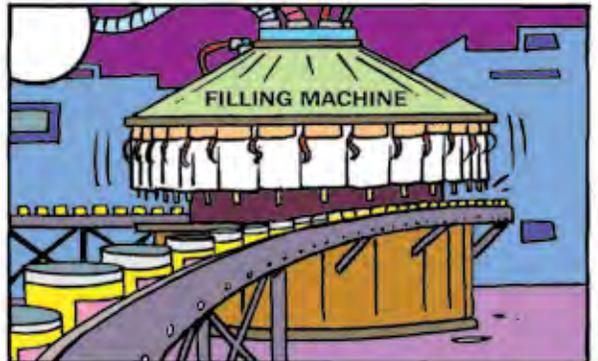
**RUSTY!**



**SHIRLEY!**

# From Start to Finish!

SOME OF THESE PICTURES ARE OUT OF ORDER. CAN YOU HELP THIS BEVERAGE CAN GO THROUGH THE WHOLE RECYCLING PROCESS BY PUTTING ALL THE PICTURES IN THE CORRECT ORDER? THE FIRST AND LAST PICTURES IN THE SERIES (#1 AND #8) HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR YOU. USING THE LIST AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, NUMBER THE REMAINING PICTURES TO SHOW WHAT HAPPENS SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, AND SO ON.



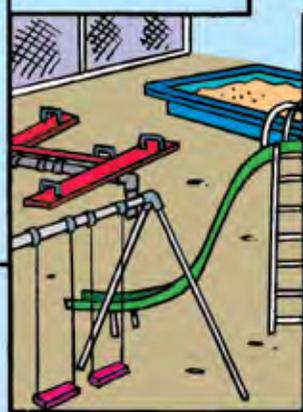
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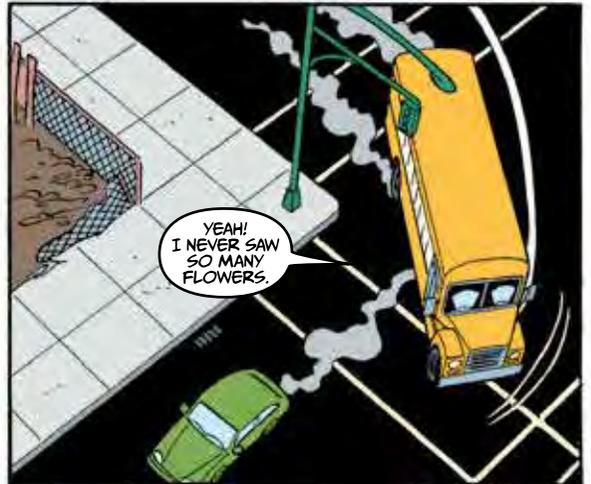
- 2) DRINKING THE BEVERAGE AT HOME.
- 3) PLACE EMPTY CAN INTO A BLUE RECYCLING BIN.
- 4) THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION COLLECTS RECYCLABLES.

- 5) THE EMPTY CAN IS BROUGHT TO A RECYCLING PLANT.
- 6) CRUSHED ALUMINUM GOES TO A CAN MANUFACTURING PLANT.
- 7) BEVERAGES ARE PUT IN NEW ALUMINUM CANS

# TRASHMASTERS!<sup>TM</sup> TO THE RRRESCUE!!

HELP! IRON MAN IS TRAPPED INSIDE A RECYCLING PLANT! TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE TRASHPORTER IS BROKEN! IRON MAN NEEDS YOUR HELP. CAN YOU GUIDE THE TRASHMASTERS! THROUGH THIS MAZE AND GET THEM TO THE RECYCLING PLANT BEFORE IRON MAN IS TURNED INTO A SIX-PACK? HURRY!





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## THANKS A LOT!

NEXT DAY IN RUSTY'S WORKSHOP...

... AND SO, I THINK WE SHOULD FILL THAT YUCKY LOT WITH SOMETHING NICE LIKE A GARDEN.

OR A PLAY-GROUND.

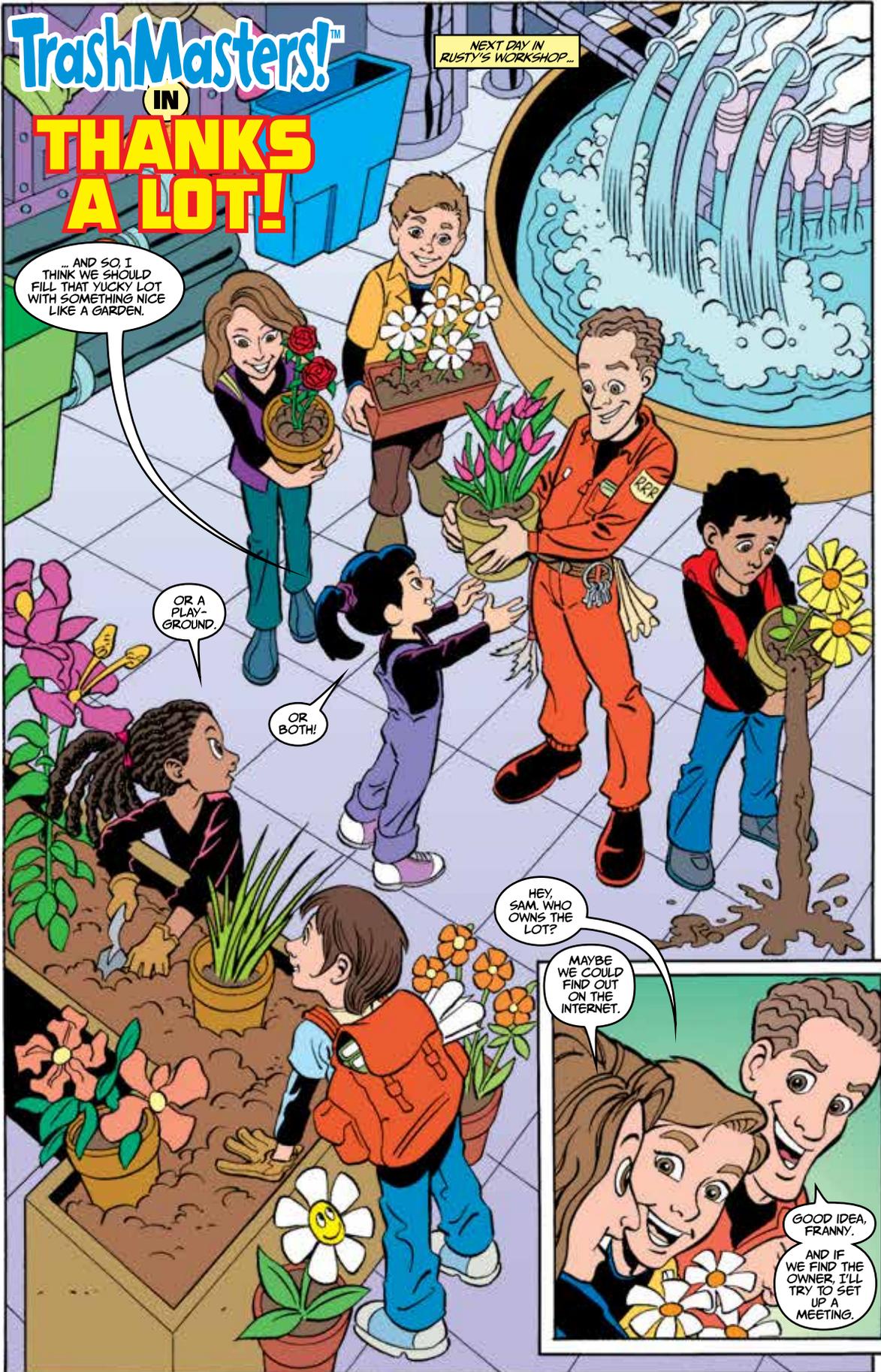
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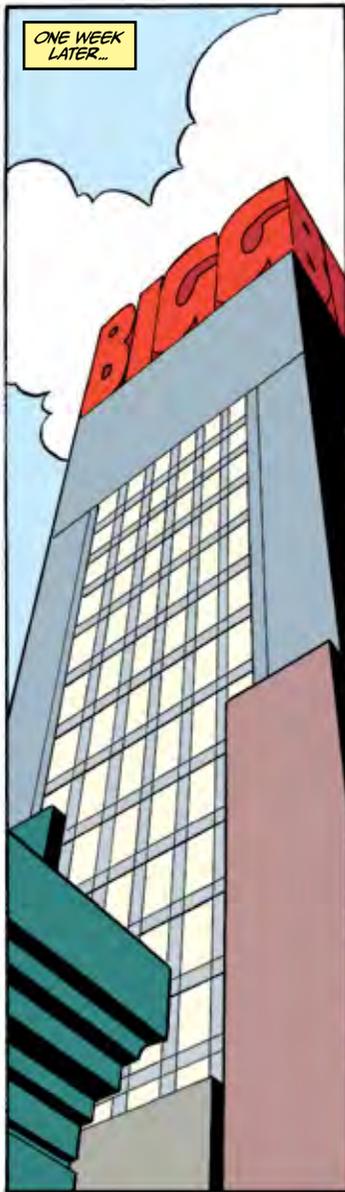
HEY, SAM, WHO OWNS THE LOT?

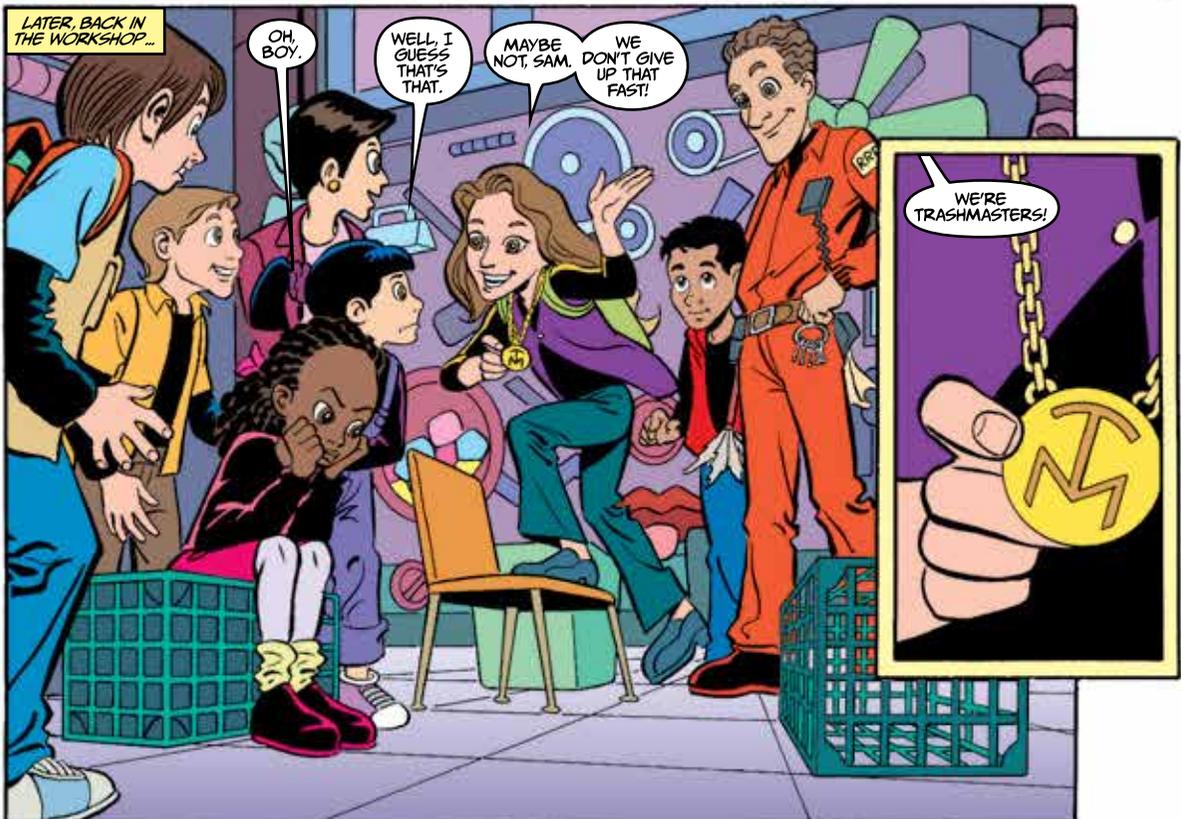
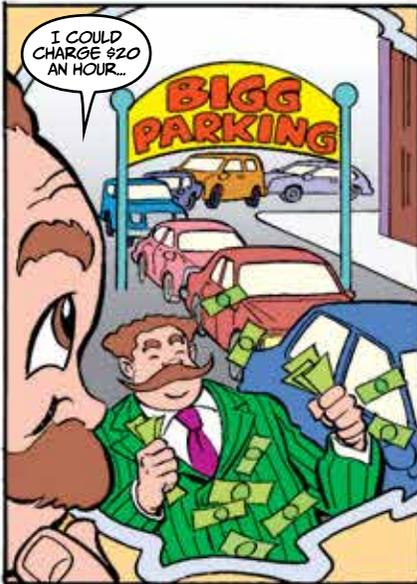
MAYBE WE COULD FIND OUT ON THE INTERNET.

GOOD IDEA, FRANNY.

AND IF WE FIND THE OWNER, I'LL TRY TO SET UP A MEETING.



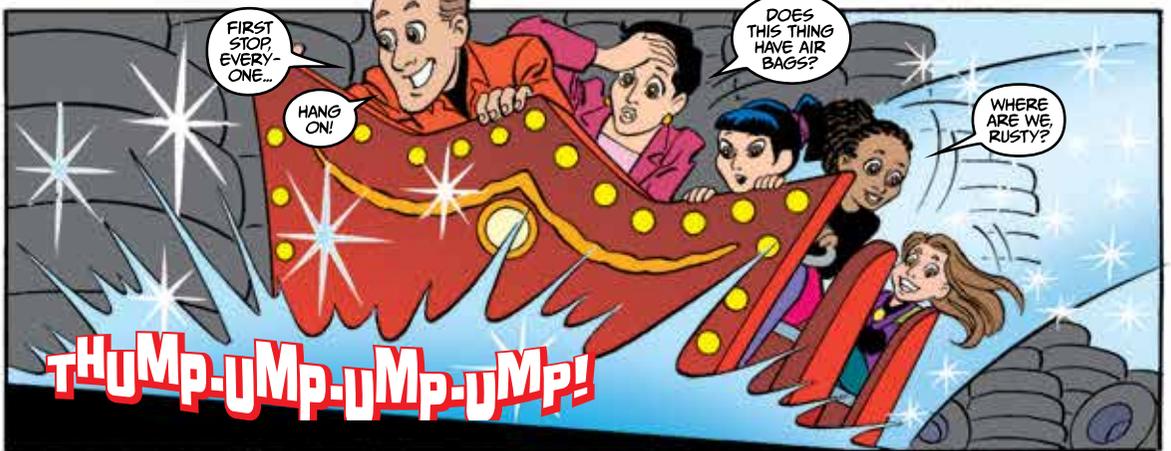








trashporter (trăsh-pôr'-tor)  
n. A means of transport to any RRR-related locale. Invented by R.R. Riley, circa 1998.





TIRE DUMP, SHIRL.  
TIRES CAN BE LOTS OF FUN. JUST IMAGINE...



... HANG A TIRE ON A CHAIN...  
IT'S A SWING!  
LOOK! I'M RUBBERMAN!  
OR LINE THEM UP, AND MAKE A TUNNEL.



HEY, CAN WE STOP AT THE BALLPARK?  
C'MON NOW, WE CAN'T PARK OURSELVES HERE ALL DAY... HA/HA! HA!



WHAT'S UP WITH THIS PLACE? IT'S FULL OF OLD PIPES AND WOOD AND STUFF.  
IS THAT ALL YOU SEE?  
HEY LOOK!  
A PILE OF WOOD?



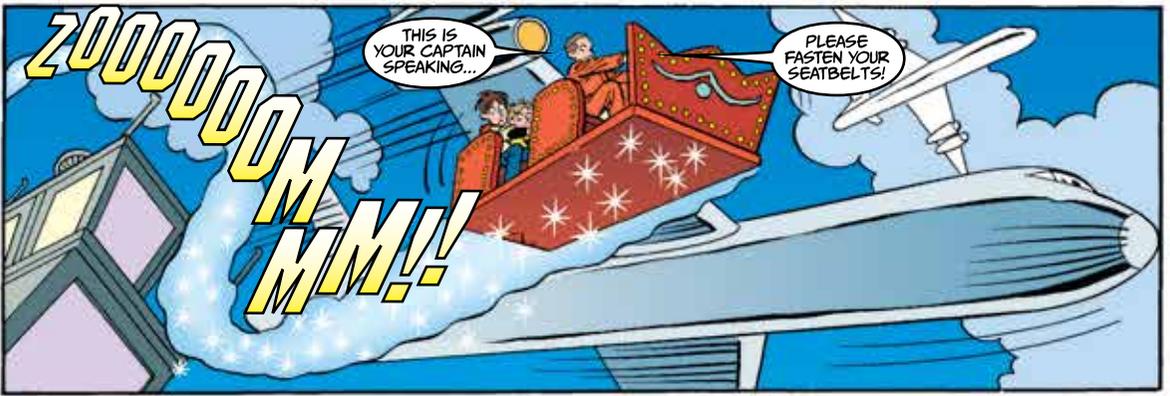
NAH! IT'S A CASTLE!



AND LOOK OVER THERE!  
IT'S A BOAT!



COOL!



**ZOOOOOM  
MM!!**

THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS!



UGH! WHAT DO THEY DO WITH ALL THESE OLD LEAVES AND YARD WASTE?

IT'S CALLED COMPOST, STUFF.

AND IT HELPS PLANTS AND FLOWERS GROW ALL OVER THE CITY.

**SPLAT!**

\*NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION COMPOST SITE



LIKE THE ONES WE SAW AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS ON OUR CLASS TRIP. REMEMBER, SAM?

**WAAHIIIRRR!**



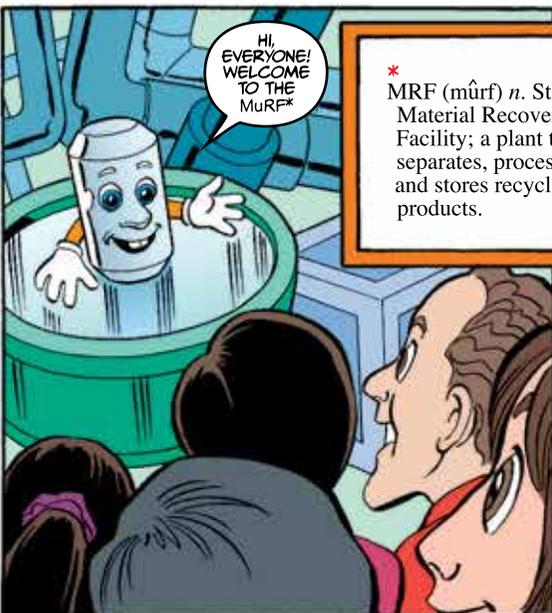
WHAT'S THIS PLACE, RUSTY?

YOU'LL SEE.



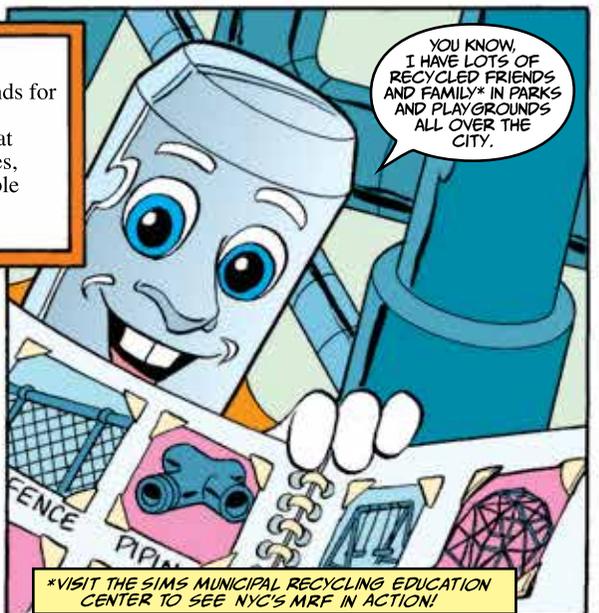
INSIDE...

LOOK! ALUMINUM AL!



HI, EVERYONE! WELCOME TO THE MuRF\*

\* MRF (mûrf) *n.* Stands for Material Recovery Facility; a plant that separates, processes, and stores recyclable products.



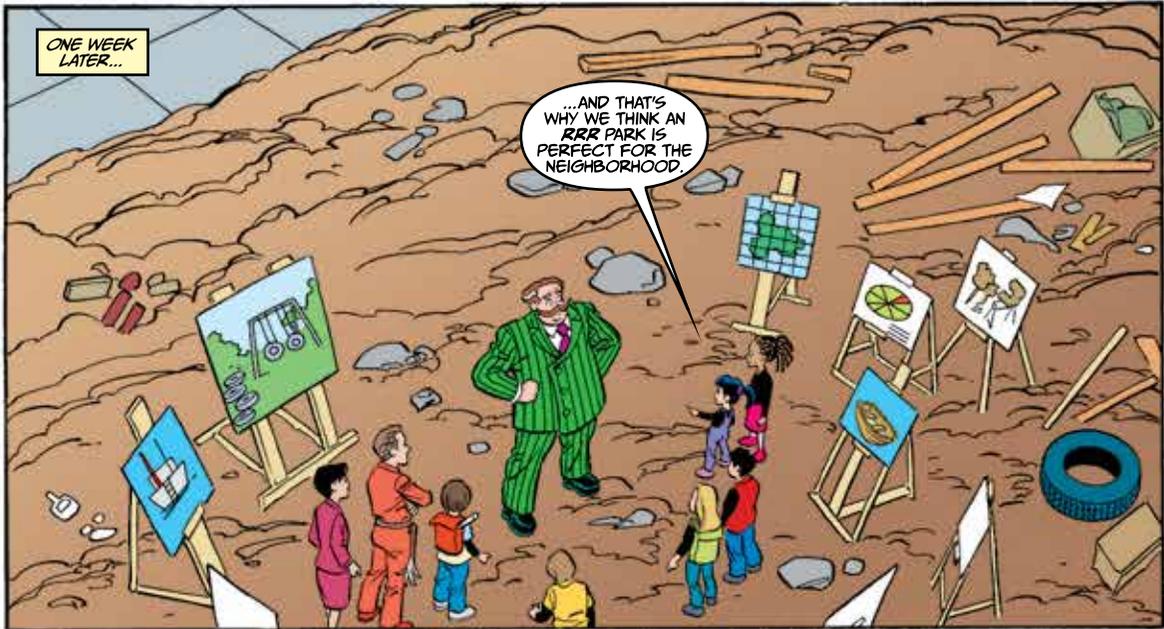
YOU KNOW, I HAVE LOTS OF RECYCLED FRIENDS AND FAMILY\* IN PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ALL OVER THE CITY.

\*VISIT THE SIMS MUNICIPAL RECYCLING EDUCATION CENTER TO SEE NYC'S MRF IN ACTION!



ONE WEEK LATER...

...AND THAT'S WHY WE THINK AN RRR PARK IS PERFECT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



WELL... THIS IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, I ADMIT.

BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

AND WHILE A RECYCLED PARK CAN SAVE MONEY...

...I CAN STILL MAKE MUCH MORE MONEY WITH A PARKING LOT. SORRY, KIDS.



BUT... BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE LITTLE BIGGS AT HOME?

DON'T THEY NEED A PLACE TO PLAY?



THE LITTLE BIGGS ARE ALL BIG BIGGS NOW...

...AND THEY HAVE MORE CARS THAN KIDS!

UH, WELL, WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU WERE JUST A LITTLE BIGG BOY...



...WHAT ABOUT YOUR OLD TIRE?!

I DID LOVE THAT TIRE! I WOULD TWIRL AROUND AND AROUND AND AROUND.

UNTIL I GOT SICK...

**BLAH!**

UMMMM... SHOULDN'T OTHER KIDS HAVE A CHANCE TO GET SICK, TOO?





SIX MONTHS  
LATER...

our  
paRRRK

WHEEEE!  
LOOK AT ME! I'M A  
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## ANSWERS

### Aluminum Al's Family Reunion

These items are aluminum and should be circled:

- 3. CAN
- 6. LAWN CHAIR
- 7. FOIL WRAP
- 8. SIDING
- 9. FOIL DISH
- 11. BICYCLE

These items are not aluminum:

- 1. MIXING BOWL (Glass)
- 2. MILK CARTON (Paper & Plastic)
- 4. TOWELS (Paper)
- 5. POTTERY (Clay)
- 10. SERVING UTENSILS (Wood)
- 12. PLATES (Ceramic or Glass)

### Gone to the Dogs

#### Blue bin

- Empty Plastic Milk Jug
- Empty Juice Carton
- Empty Tuna Can

#### Green bin

- Newspapers
- Junk Mail
- Cereal Boxes

#### Trash

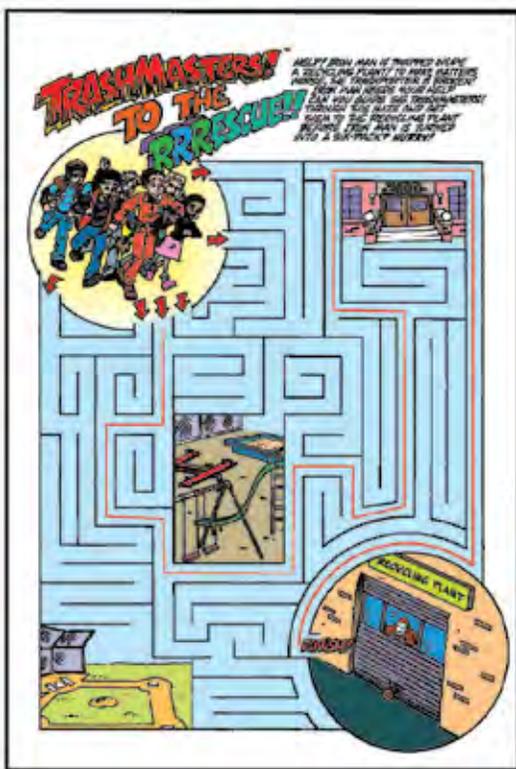
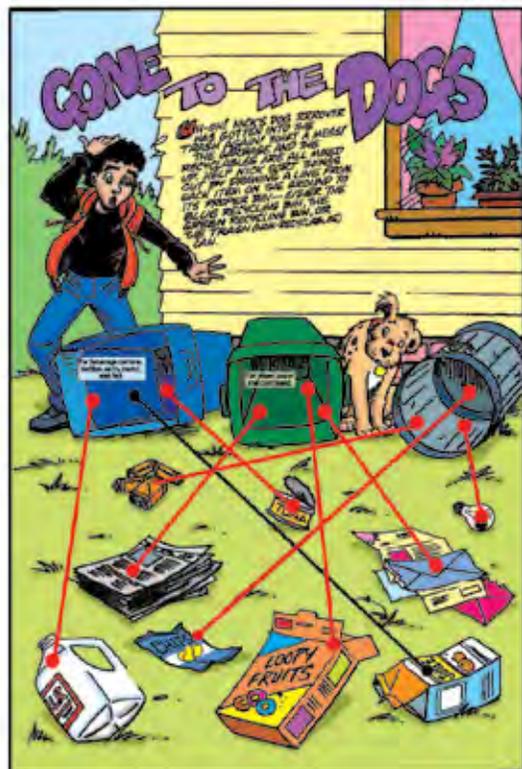
- Light Bulb
- Chip Bag
- Alkaline Batteries

### From Start to Finish!

SOME OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE PUT IN SPECIAL CANS YOU'VE USED. THESE MATERIALS CAN BE RECYCLED AND REUSED TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS. YOU CAN HELP BY SORTING YOUR TRASH INTO THE RIGHT BINS AND PUTTING IN THE RECYCLING BIN. MAKE SURE YOU'RE PUTTING IN THE RIGHT BINS AND PUTTING IN THE RIGHT BINS. MAKE SURE YOU'RE PUTTING IN THE RIGHT BINS AND PUTTING IN THE RIGHT BINS.



1. DRINKING THE BEVERAGE AT HOME.  
2. PLACE EMPTY CAN WITH A BEVERAGE LABEL IN THE RECYCLING BIN.  
3. THE RECYCLING BIN IS FULL OF CANS.  
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# TEAM UP TO CLEANUP

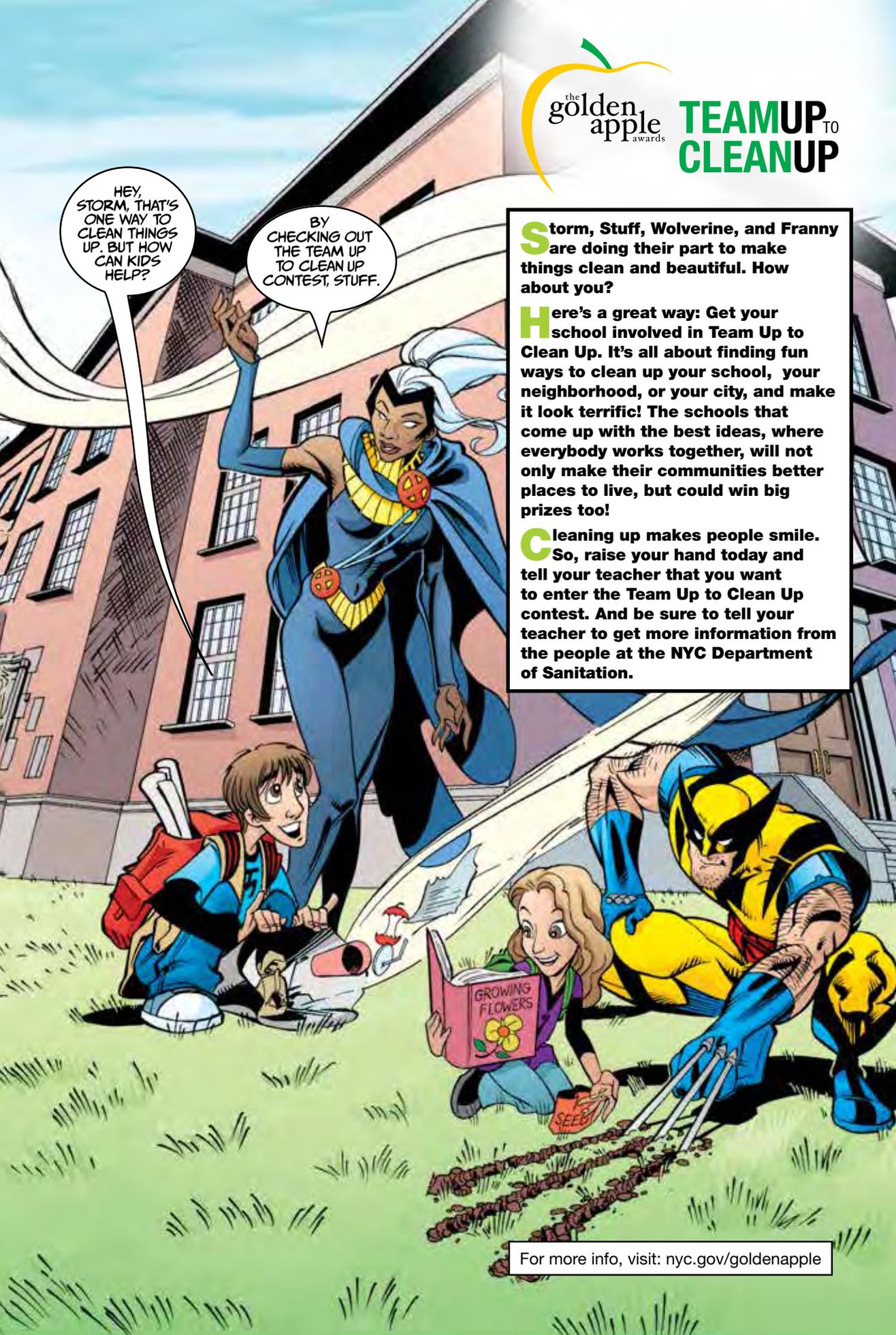
HEY, STORM, THAT'S ONE WAY TO CLEAN THINGS UP. BUT HOW CAN KIDS HELP?

BY CHECKING OUT THE TEAM UP TO CLEANUP CONTEST, STUFF.

**S**torm, Stuff, Wolverine, and Franny are doing their part to make things clean and beautiful. How about you?

**H**ere's a great way: Get your school involved in Team Up to Clean Up. It's all about finding fun ways to clean up your school, your neighborhood, or your city, and make it look terrific! The schools that come up with the best ideas, where everybody works together, will not only make their communities better places to live, but could win big prizes too!

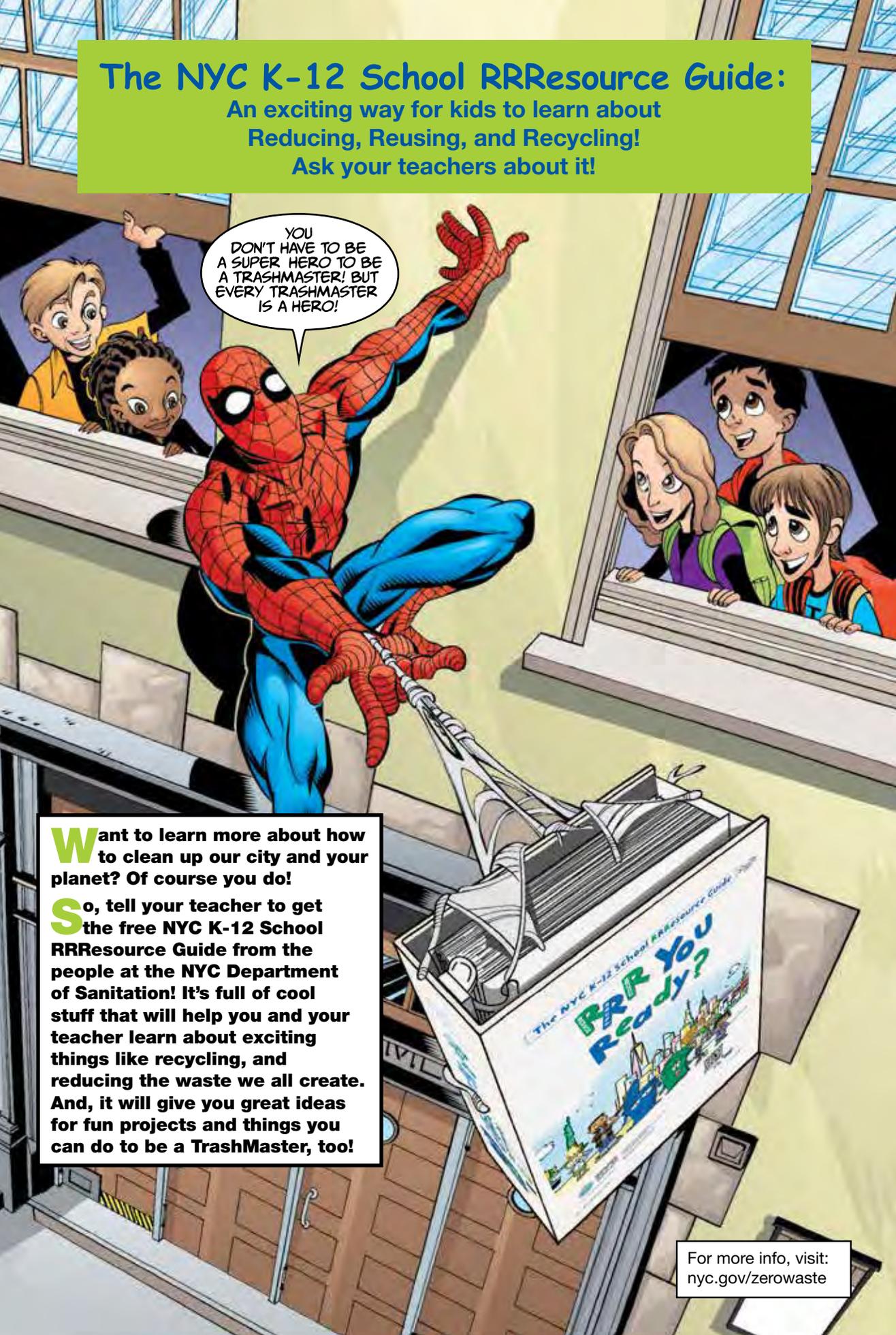
**C**leaning up makes people smile. So, raise your hand today and tell your teacher that you want to enter the Team Up to Clean Up contest. And be sure to tell your teacher to get more information from the people at the NYC Department of Sanitation.



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# The NYC K-12 School RRResource Guide:

An exciting way for kids to learn about  
Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling!  
Ask your teachers about it!



YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO BE  
A SUPER HERO TO BE  
A TRASHMASTER! BUT  
EVERY TRASHMASTER  
IS A HERO!

**W**ant to learn more about how to clean up our city and your planet? Of course you do!

**S**o, tell your teacher to get the free NYC K-12 School RRResource Guide from the people at the NYC Department of Sanitation! It's full of cool stuff that will help you and your teacher learn about exciting things like recycling, and reducing the waste we all create. And, it will give you great ideas for fun projects and things you can do to be a TrashMaster, too!

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