

IT WAS WHEN I STARTED TO FLY THAT I KNEW I NEEDED ANSWERS.

I'D BEEN -- WE'D BEEN G-DOG FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS BY THEN. WE WERE FIGHTING THE MECHA-NERDS --

-- A GROUP OF SCIENCE-FAIR WINNERS WHO GOT CONVERTED INTO ROBOTS, AND RATHER THAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO CHANGE BACK, THEY'D GONE ON A REVENGE SPREE.

**BABLAMM**

HA! CHEW ON THAT, DOGGO!

HEH. I SAID "CHEW ON THAT..."

I WAS HOPING IT WAS A PROGRAMMING GLITCH, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THEY SEEMED LIKE SMART KIDS.

ANYWAY, THEY BLASTED ME OUT OF THE 67TH FLOOR OR THE MCDONNELL BUILDING, AND I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER.



BUT --

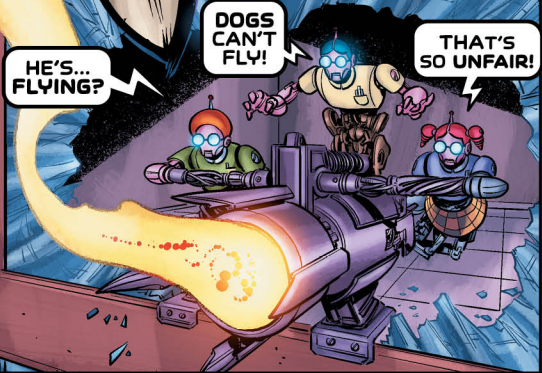
Uh...



HE'S... FLYING?

DOGS CAN'T FLY!

THAT'S SO UNFAIR!





SORRY, MECHA-NERDS...

...BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE POINTS OFF FOR THAT!

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STEREOTYPING! RANK STEREOTYPING!

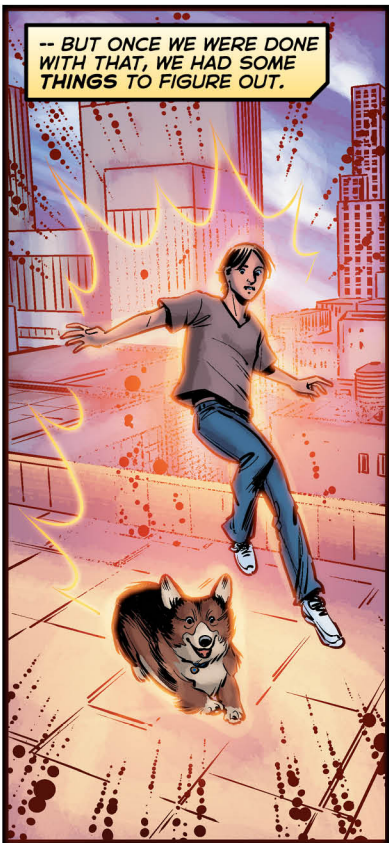
A DOG. WE GOT BEATEN BY A DOG. A CORGI, EVEN.

WE TOOK THEM OFF TO E.A.G.L.E. HQ.

WERECORGI. AT LEAST.

SHUT UP, BRIAN.

THEY'D SAID THEY COULD DOWNLOAD THE KIDS BACK INTO THEIR ORIGINAL BODIES, AS LONG AS THEY HAD THE BRAINCASES --



-- BUT ONCE WE WERE DONE WITH THAT, WE HAD SOME THINGS TO FIGURE OUT.



SO THAT CRAZY AMULET LETS US COMBINE, AND WE'VE GOT DOG POWERS PLUS I CAN UNDERSTAND ANIMALS.

BUT WHERE DOES FLYING COME INTO THAT?

DON'T KNOW. WENT FAST ZOOM. FUN.

TREATS NOW?



HANK WAS GREAT, BUT HE WASN'T MUCH HELP.

STILL, I KNEW WHAT I HAD TO DO. I HAD TO GO BACK --

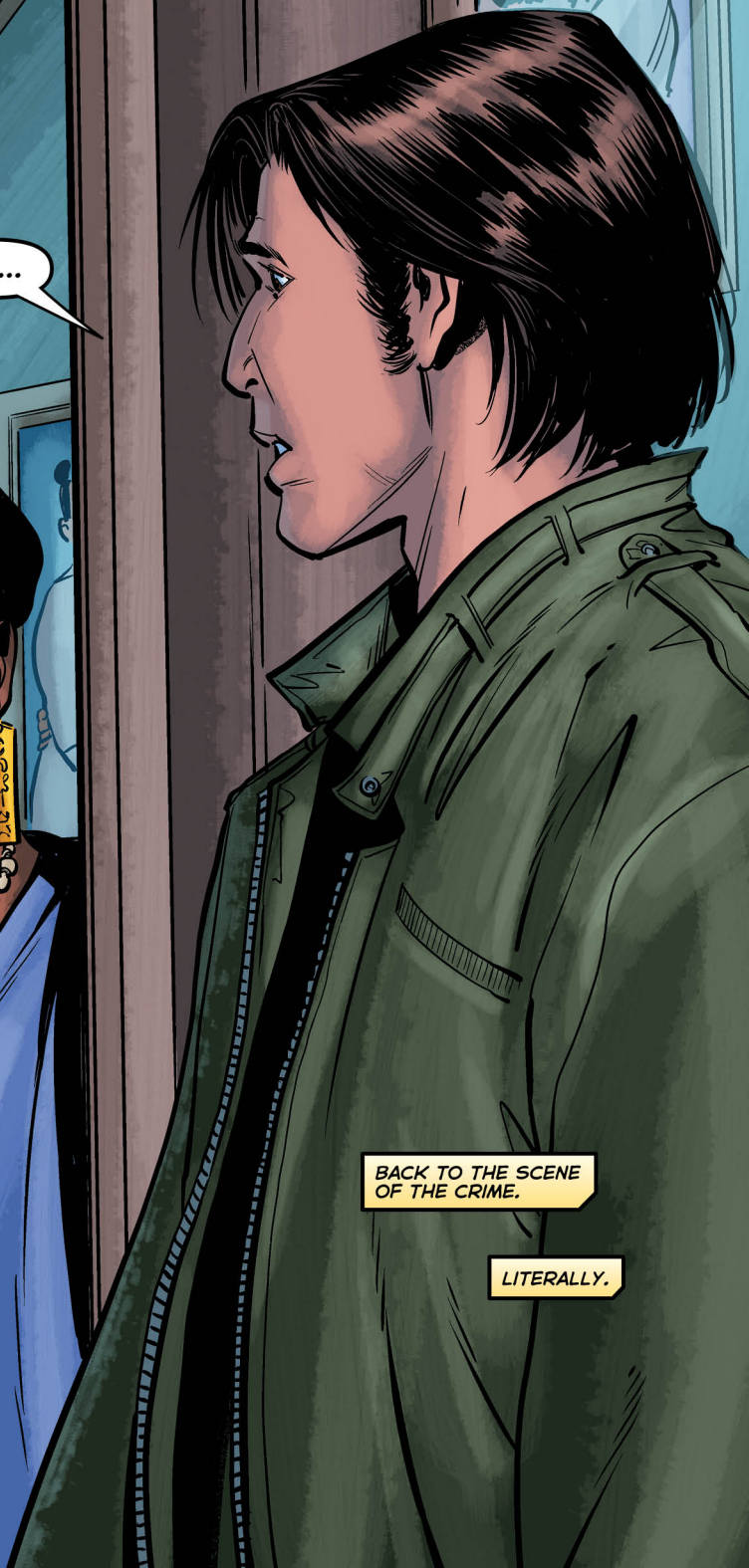
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# DOG

# DAYS

YES?

Uh...



BACK TO THE SCENE  
OF THE CRIME.

LITERALLY.



I'M, uh, **ANDY MERTON.**

I KINDA...  
BURGLED YOUR  
HOUSE A FEW  
YEARS AGO.

YEAH. I  
THOUGHT YOU  
MIGHT SHOW UP,  
EVENTUALLY.

WELL,  
COME IN,  
COME IN.

LOOK, I'M  
SORRY ABOUT  
THE BREAK-IN.

I CAN'T  
REALLY MAKE  
ANY EXCUSES,  
BUT I --

IT'S  
ALL RIGHT.  
I FORGIVE  
YOU.

IT DIDN'T GO LIKE I EXPECTED.



YOU  
DO?

Uh,  
WHY?

BECAUSE IF YOU  
HADN'T COME ALONG,  
SOMETHING ELSE WOULD  
HAVE HAPPENED. I DIDN'T  
KNOW THAT THEN, BUT  
I KNOW IT NOW.



I WON'T DENY IT HURT.  
I WAS MAD AT YOU FOR A  
LONG TIME. TOPHER --  
STORMHAWK -- I LOVED  
HIM DEARLY.

AND THAT  
AMULET...IT WAS  
ONE OF THE FEW  
THINGS I HAD TO  
REMINDE ME  
OF HIM.



BUT I KNOW HOW IT  
WORKS. SO I KNOW WHAT  
YOU'VE DONE WITH IT. YOU  
AND THE DOG, YOU'VE  
DONE GOOD THINGS.

AND REMINDED  
ME THE AMULET  
BELONGS OUT THERE.  
WORKING.

NOW. YOU  
MUST HAVE A  
PROBLEM...?



Uh, YEAH. I MEAN, I THOUGHT I HAD DOG POWERS, BECAUSE OF HANK. HANK'S MY DOG.

BUT YESTERDAY, I FLEW.

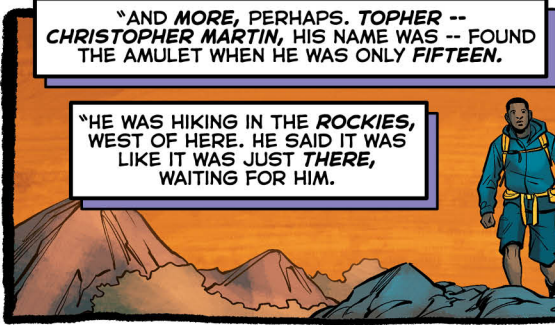
AH. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A SURPRISE.



YES, YOU CAN FLY, LIKE STORMHAWK DID. THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE.

YOU PROBABLY HAVE LIGHTNING POWERS, TOO, AND CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACCESS THEM, IF YOU TRY.

LIGHTNING POWERS?



"AND MORE, PERHAPS. TOPHER -- CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, HIS NAME WAS -- FOUND THE AMULET WHEN HE WAS ONLY FIFTEEN.

"HE WAS HIKING IN THE ROCKIES, WEST OF HERE. HE SAID IT WAS LIKE IT WAS JUST THERE, WAITING FOR HIM.



"HE BONDED WITH ONE OF HIS HAWKS -- HE RAISED HAWKS, AS A HOBBY, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THAT. BUT MAYBE...

"...I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE THAT'S WHY IT FOUND HIM.

"AND HE THOUGHT, LIKE YOU, THAT HE'D GOTTEN THE POWERS OF THE HAWK, OF HIS PET.



"BUT THE AMULET'S OLD, AND IT SEEMS TO STORE THE POWERS OF EVERY CREATURE IT'S BEEN BONDED TO. AND NOT ALL OF THEM WERE ANIMALS.

"OR NOT JUST ANIMALS."