

ASTRO CITY.

MY FIRST SUPERHERO SIGHTING. JUST LIKE ALL THE STORIES.

# SHUDDER

THE FIRST FAMILY, BLASTING UP SULLIVAN AVENUE ON A MISSION. AND I WAS THERE. I WAS ACTUALLY THERE.

THE IONIX! THEY'RE ATTACKING AGAIN!

UP BY BINDERBECK PLAZA, THEY SAID --!

BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I WAS THERE.

HUH?

WH -- ?

I COULD GET PLENTY OF FIGHT STUFF AT HOME, IF I REALLY WANTED.



I WAS THERE BECAUSE I'D BEEN DREAMING ABOUT IT MY WHOLE LIFE.

THE PEOPLE --



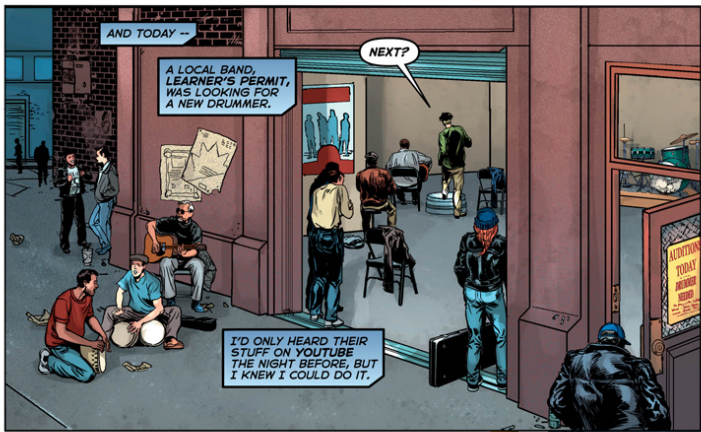
Looney Loops

THE NEIGHBORHOODS --



THE MUSIC --

LORD OF TREES, THE MUSIC --



AND TODAY --

A LOCAL BAND, LEARNER'S PERMIT, WAS LOOKING FOR A NEW DRUMMER.

NEXT?

I'D ONLY HEARD THEIR STUFF ON YOUTUBE THE NIGHT BEFORE, BUT I KNEW I COULD DO IT.

AUDITIONS TODAY



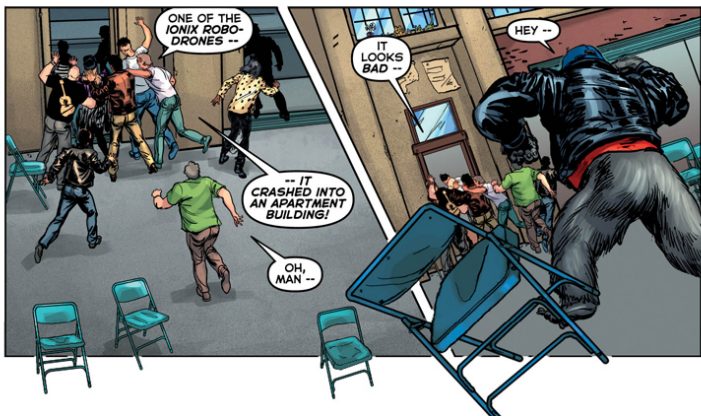
HEY, GUYS.

# STICKS



CALL ME  
STICKS.

AND I WAS JUST  
BUSTING TO SHOW  
WHAT I COULD DO.



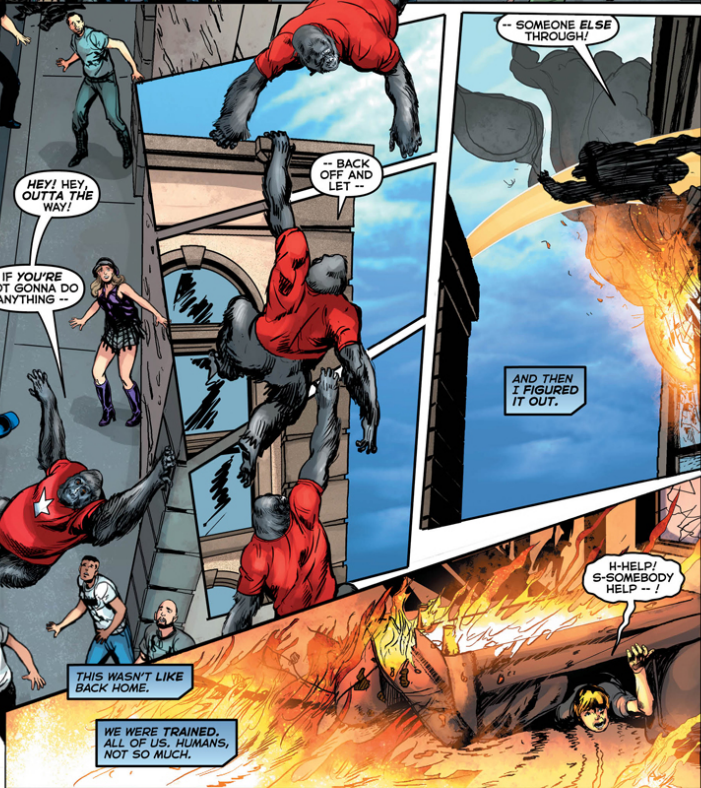


AH, GEEZ --  
THE FIRST FAMILY'S  
STILL TIED UP IN THE  
FIGHT! NO ONE'S  
COMING!

ARE THERE  
PEOPLE UP  
THERE?

WE MANAGED TO HEAR  
STUFF ABOUT THE  
HEROES ALL THE TIME  
BACK HOME, BUT NOT  
STUFF LIKE THIS.

I WONDERED WHY NO  
ONE DID ANYTHING --



-- SOMEONE ELSE  
THROUGH!

-- BACK  
OFF AND  
LET --

HEY! HEY,  
OUTTA THE  
WAY!

IF YOU'RE  
NOT GONNA DO  
ANYTHING --

AND THEN  
I FIGURED  
IT OUT.

H-HELP!  
S-SOMEBODY  
HELP --!

THIS WASN'T LIKE  
BACK HOME.

WE WERE TRAINED,  
ALL OF US, HUMANS,  
NOT SO MUCH.