

NEW ENGLAND
NEC
COMICS PRESS

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY


the

TICK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

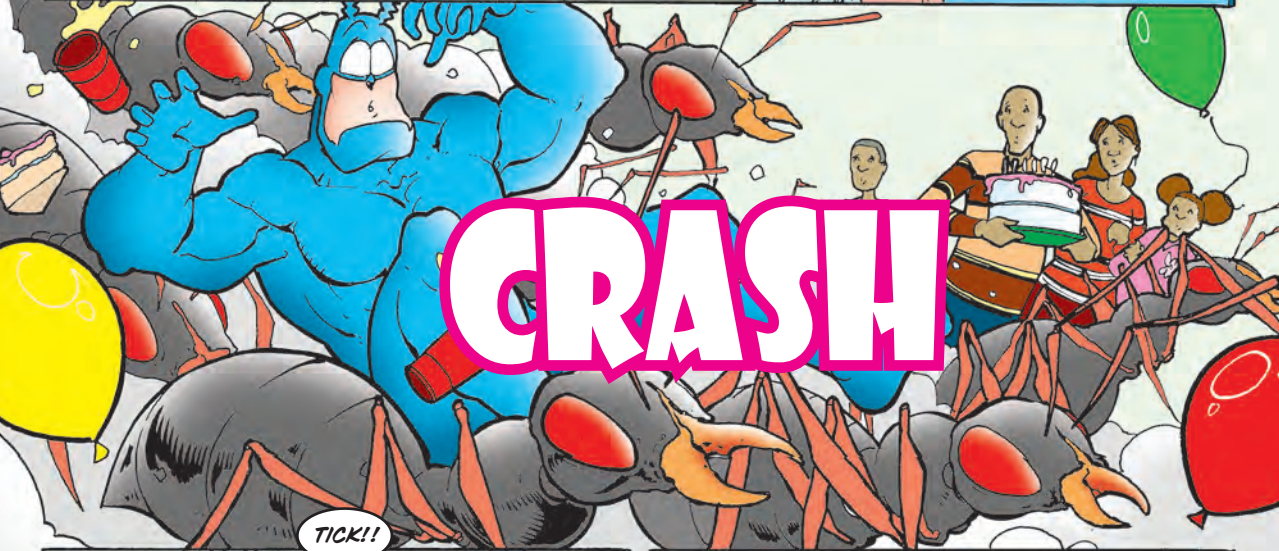
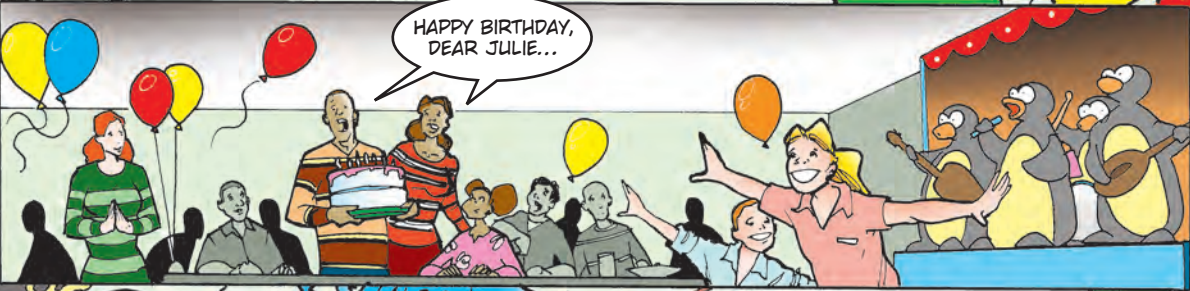


NEW STORIES!

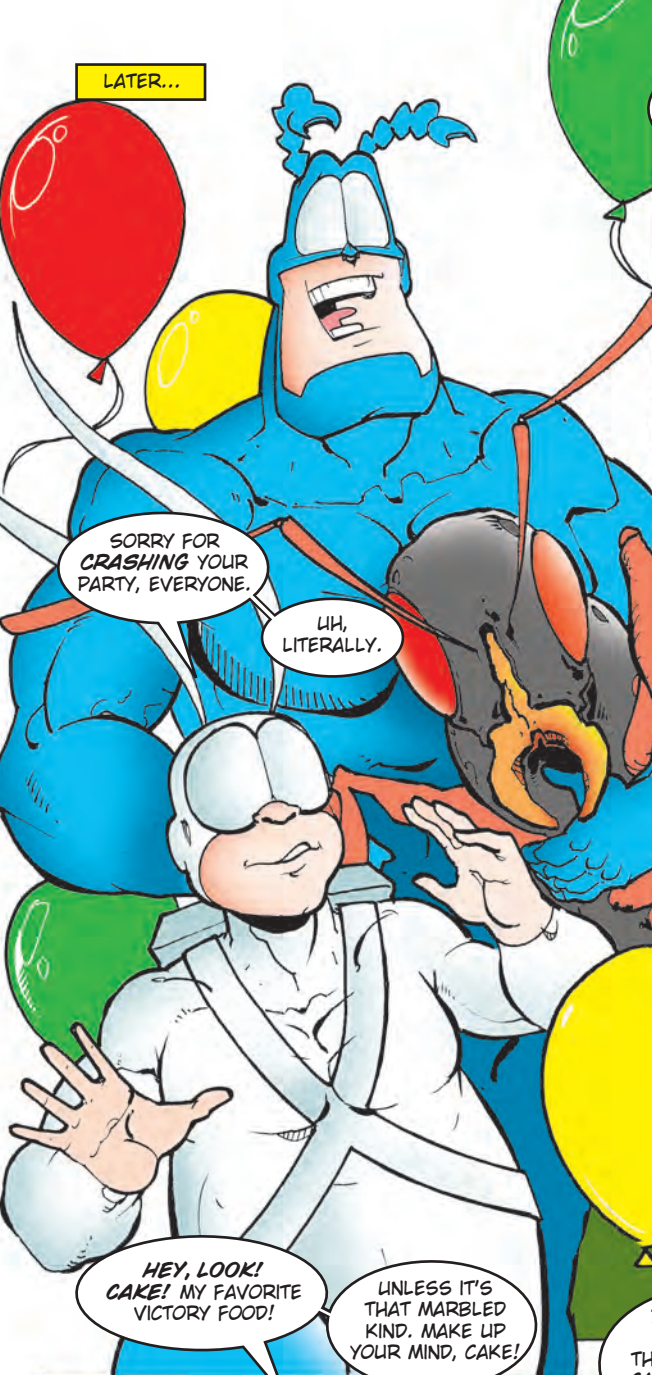
Rated  All Ages FCBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TICK!

SCRIPT: JEFF MCCLELLAND ART: DUANE REDHEAD



LATER...



SORRY FOR CRASHING YOUR PARTY, EVERYONE.

UH, LITERALLY.

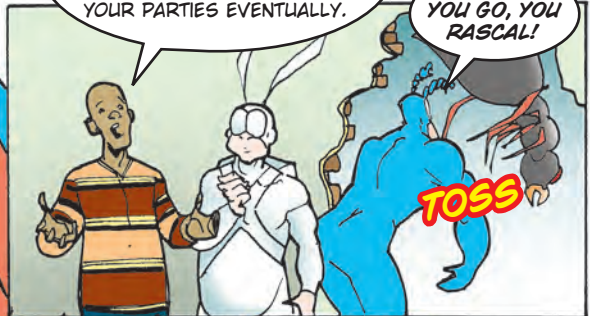
WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY GOT HURT.

AND THIS GUY WANTED TO APOLOGIZE!

NO HARM DONE. YOU LIVE IN THE CITY LONG ENOUGH, GIANT ANTS ARE BOUND TO TRAMPLE THROUGH ONE OF YOUR PARTIES EVENTUALLY.

BACK YOU GO, YOU RASCAL!

TOSS



HEY, LOOK! CAKE! MY FAVORITE VICTORY FOOD!

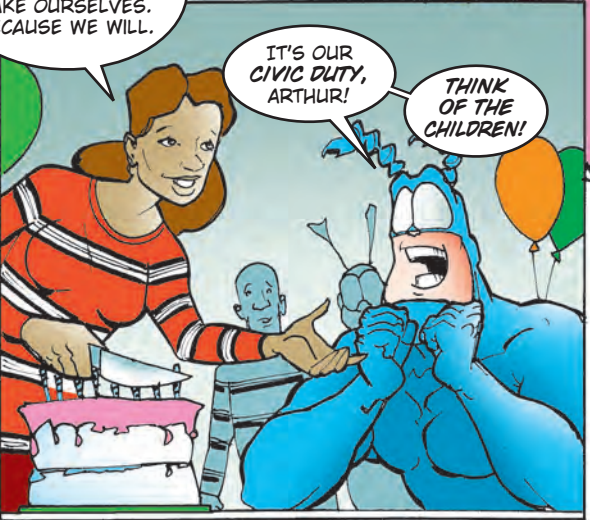
UNLESS IT'S THAT MARBLED KIND. MAKE UP YOUR MIND, CAKE!

PLEASE DON'T MAKE US EAT THE REST OF THIS CAKE OURSELVES. BECAUSE WE WILL.

WE'RE NOT BUTTING IN ON A LITTLE KID'S PARTY, TICK.

IT'S OUR CIVIC DUTY, ARTHUR!

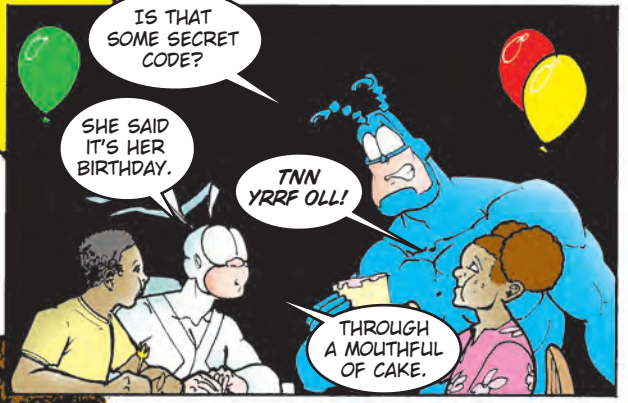
THINK OF THE CHILDREN!





SO WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

FFF MY BFFDY.

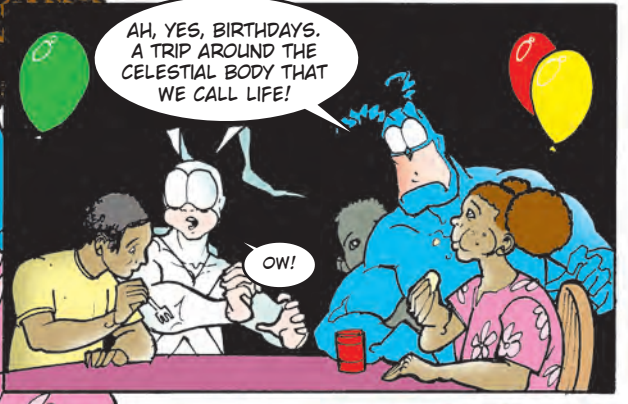


IS THAT SOME SECRET CODE?

SHE SAID IT'S HER BIRTHDAY.

TNN YRRF OLL!

THROUGH A MOUTHFUL OF CAKE.



AH, YES, BIRTHDAYS. A TRIP AROUND THE CELESTIAL BODY THAT WE CALL LIFE!

OW!



A YEARLY REMINDER THAT ON OUR COSMIC CALENDAR WE ARE BUT TRANSITORY SPECKS, HURDLING INEVITABLY TOWARD OBLIVION AND NOTHINGNESS AND ENTROPY! FREAKY!



WE'LL TAKE OUR CAKE TO GO.