

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



the

TICK

FREE!



ALL NEW
STORIES!

THE HOLE STORY

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AND THAT'S THE CASE FOR TAX CODE REFORM, THOUGH NOT EVERYONE AGREES ON HOW TO ENACT IT.

THE TAX CODE, HUH?

HAVE YOU EVEN BEEN LISTENING?

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR NEARLY AN HOUR.

IF THE TAX CODE IS SUCH A PROBLEM, MAYBE THE SOLUTION IS... A DE-CODER...RING?

A DE-CODER RING. LIKE YOU GET IN A CEREAL BOX.

A CAPITAL IDEA, CHUM!

LET'S PICK UP A FEW BOXES BEFORE WE GET BACK TO THE APARTMENT.

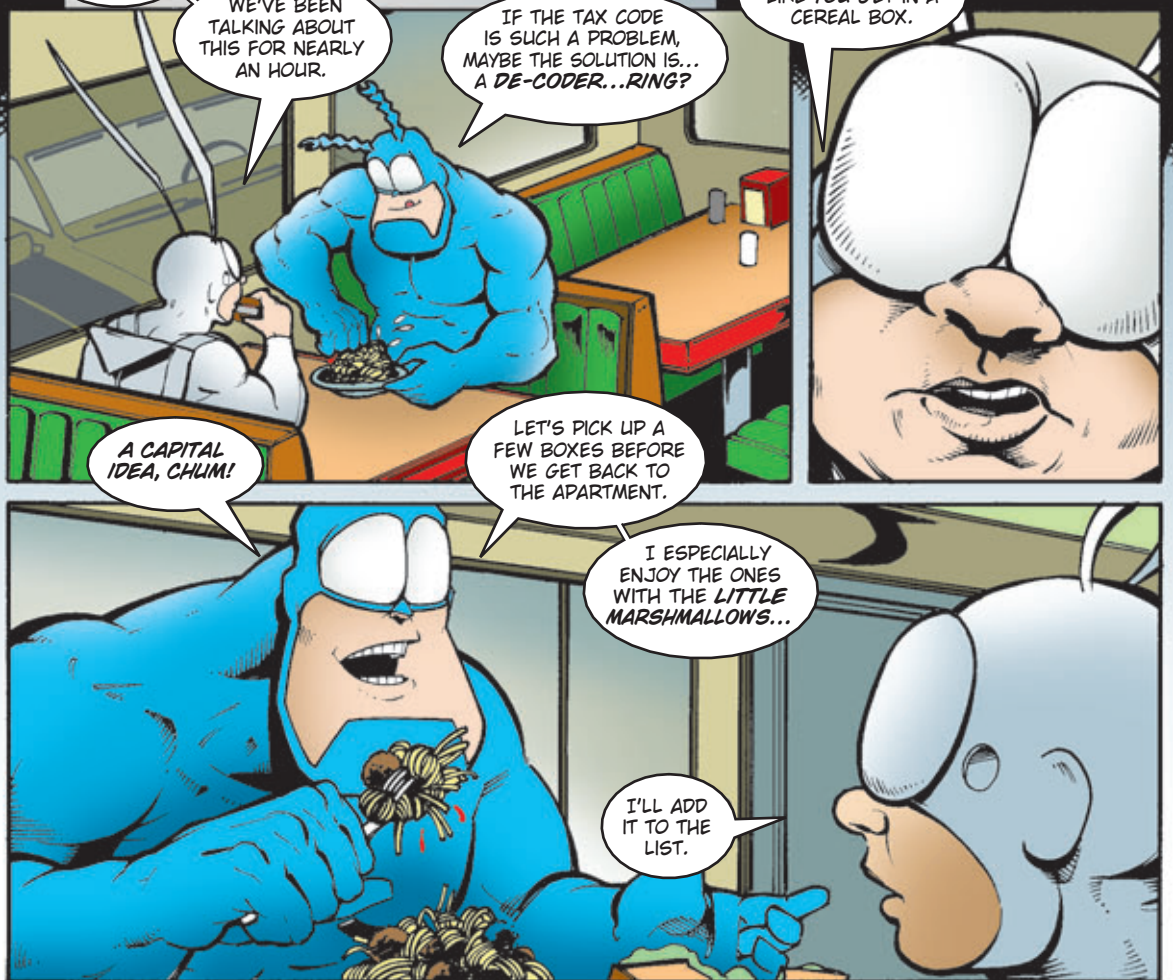
I ESPECIALLY ENJOY THE ONES WITH THE LITTLE MARSHMALLOWS...

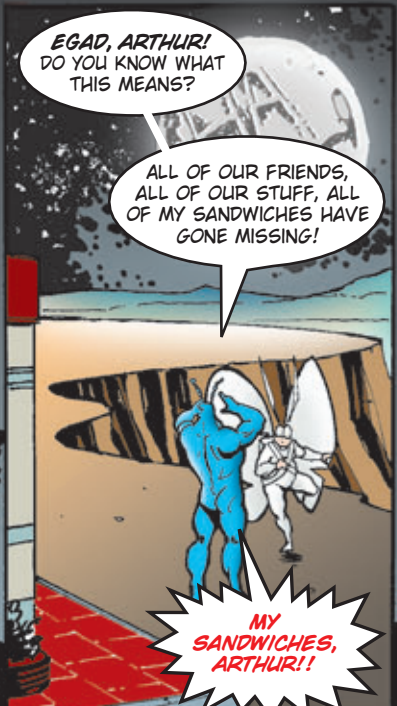
I'LL ADD IT TO THE LIST.

PARK
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EAT
HERE
City Limit
DINER
← PARKING
WE HAVE PIE!

City Limit
DINER





EGAD, ARTHUR!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT
THIS MEANS?

ALL OF OUR FRIENDS,
ALL OF OUR STUFF, ALL
OF MY SANDWICHES HAVE
GONE MISSING!

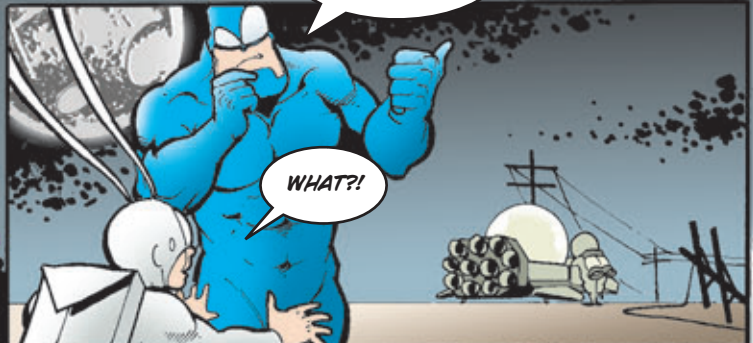
**MY
SANDWICHES,
ARTHUR!!**



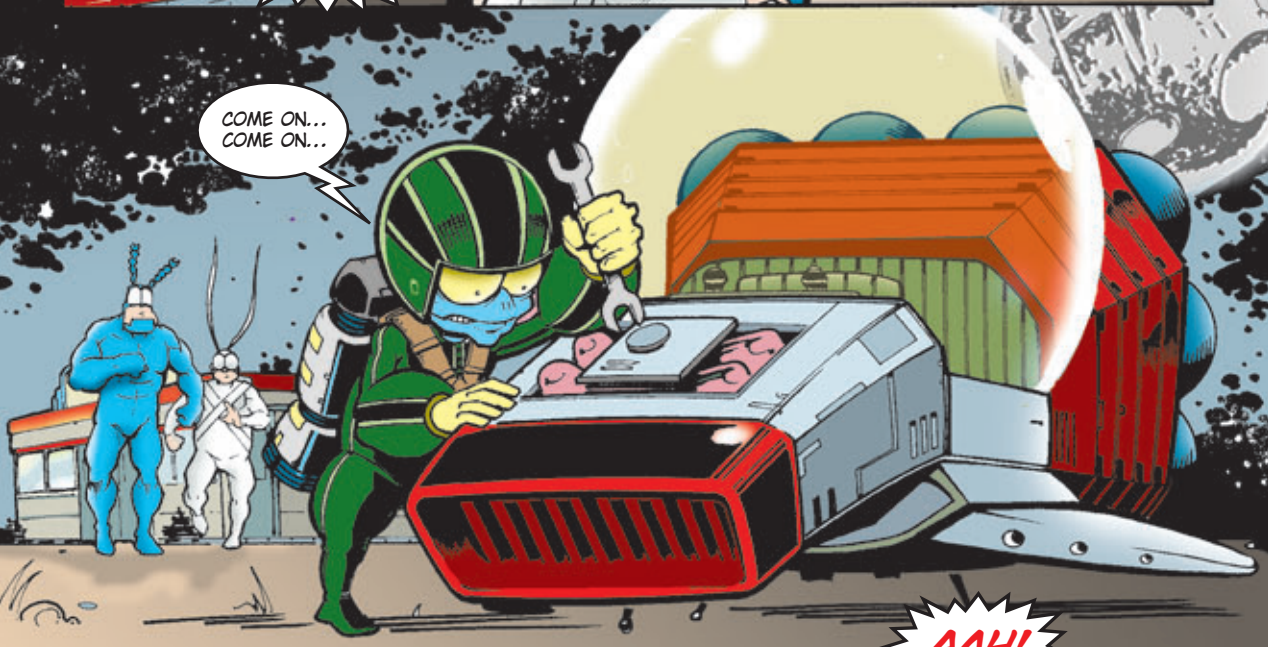
I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO DEAL WITH
THIS, TICK!

WHAT CAN
WE DO?

HMM...THIS IS A
QUANDARY...MAYBE
WE SHOULD ASK
THAT GUY?

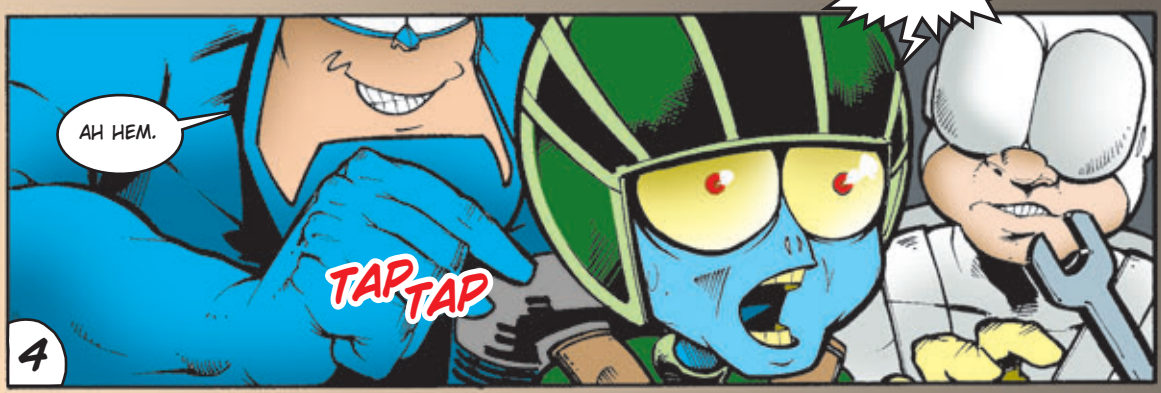


WHAT?!



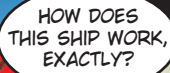
COME ON...
COME ON...

AAH!



AH HEM.

TAP TAP



HOW DOES THIS SHIP WORK, EXACTLY?



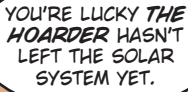
DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE —



AAAHHH!!



BEEP



YOU'RE LUCKY **THE HOARDER** HASN'T LEFT THE SOLAR SYSTEM YET.



HE MUST HAVE FOUND SOMETHING ON ONE OF CRANULOX'S MOONS.



CRANU... WHAT? IS THAT... **JUPITER?**



MAYBE THAT'S WHAT YOU HILLBILLIES CALL IT...

MEANWHILE, IN THE (BOTTLE) CITY...

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.

WE'VE GOT THE CITY!

I'LL CATCH UP AFTER I TAKE CARE OF THESE JUNKYARD DOGS!

GET BACK HERE!

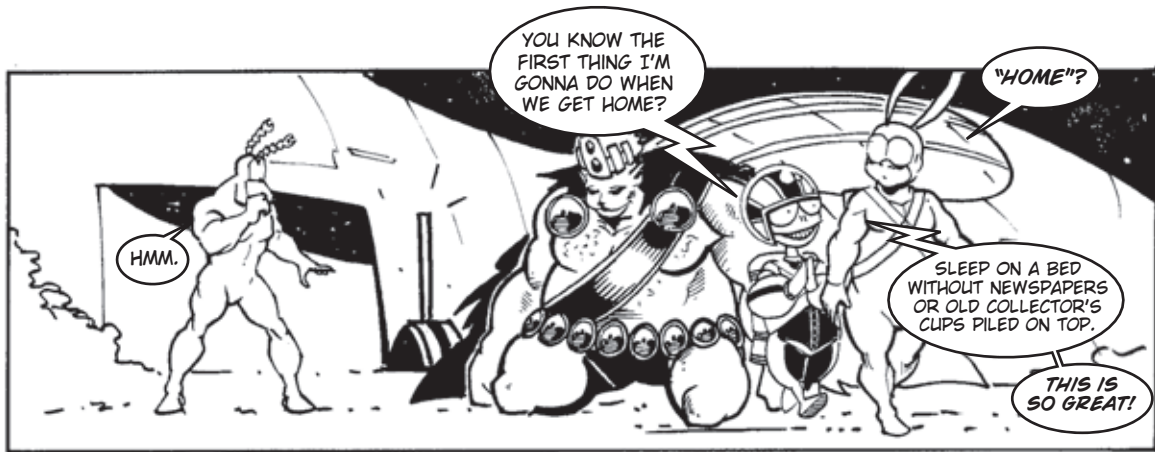
YOU'RE GETTING FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER THE GLASS!!

HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY —

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY THAT!!

QUICK! LET'S HIDE BEHIND THIS PILE OF JUNK!

OH, THE IRONY!!



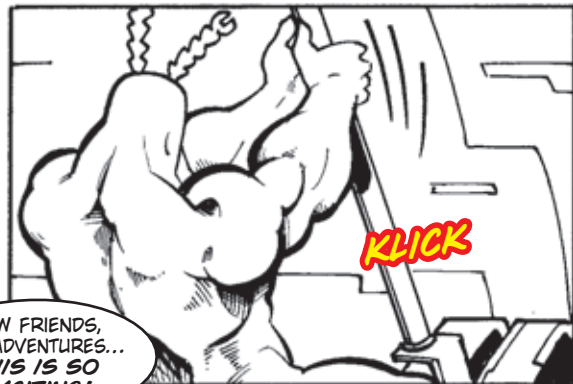
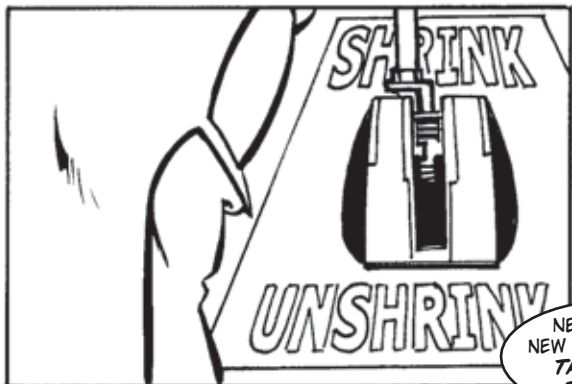
HMM.

YOU KNOW THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO WHEN WE GET HOME?

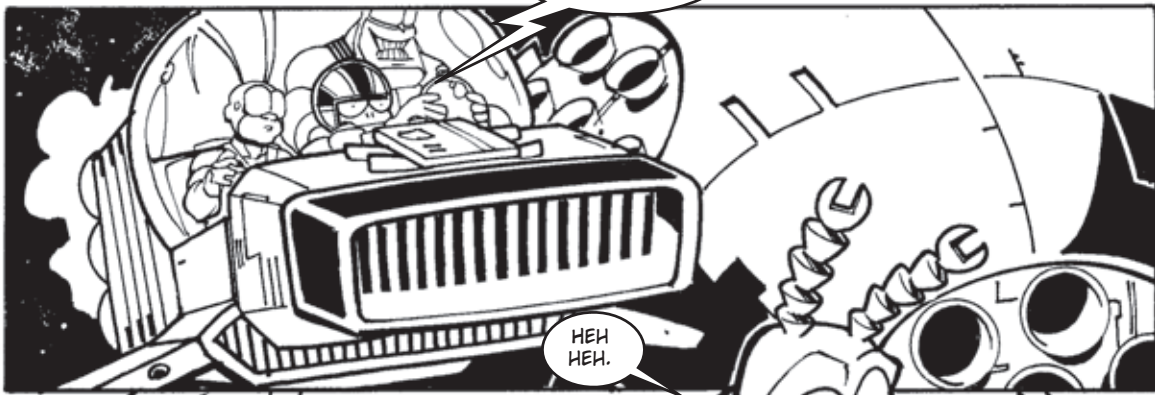
"HOME"?

SLEEP ON A BED WITHOUT NEWSPAPERS OR OLD COLLECTOR'S CLIPS PILED ON TOP.

THIS IS SO GREAT!



NEW FRIENDS, NEW ADVENTURES... THIS IS SO EXCITING!



HEH HEH.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

WAIT FOR IT...

