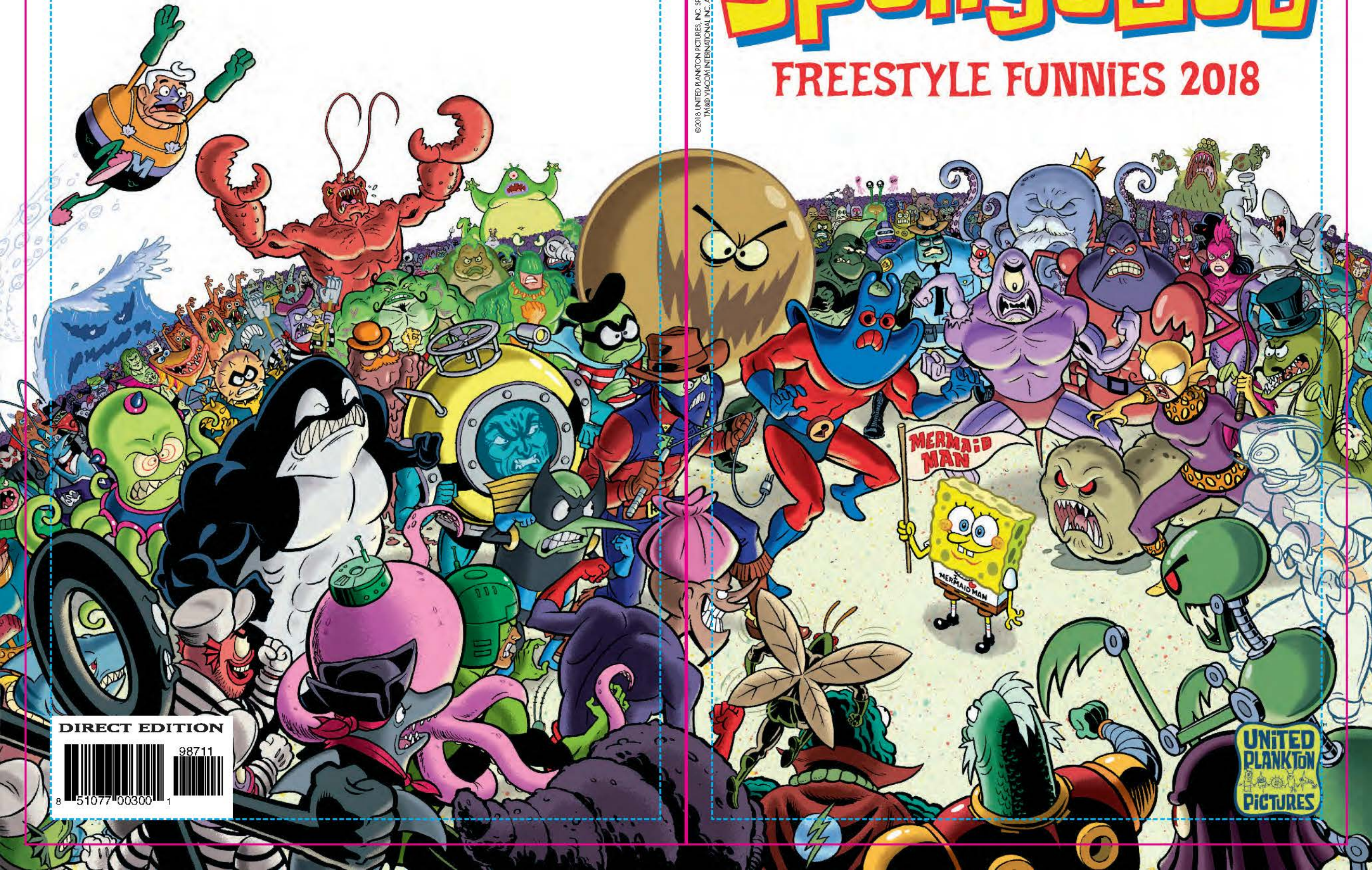


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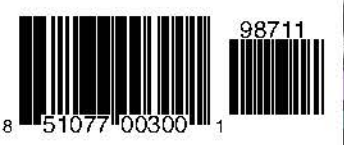
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It's the dirty bubble! we need something to poke him with!

you can use my lollipop!



no, I meant to poke him.

liz climo

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FOR MANY YEARS, PLANKTON'S LONELY QUEST FOR THE KRABBY PATTY SECRET RECIPE HAS MEANT ONE FAILURE AFTER ANOTHER, BUT WHEN HE ENLISTS HELP FROM THE OCEAN'S MOST DIABOLICAL VILLAINS, THE TIDE TURNS IN HIS FAVOR! THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN A TALE WE COULD ONLY CALL...

SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP!

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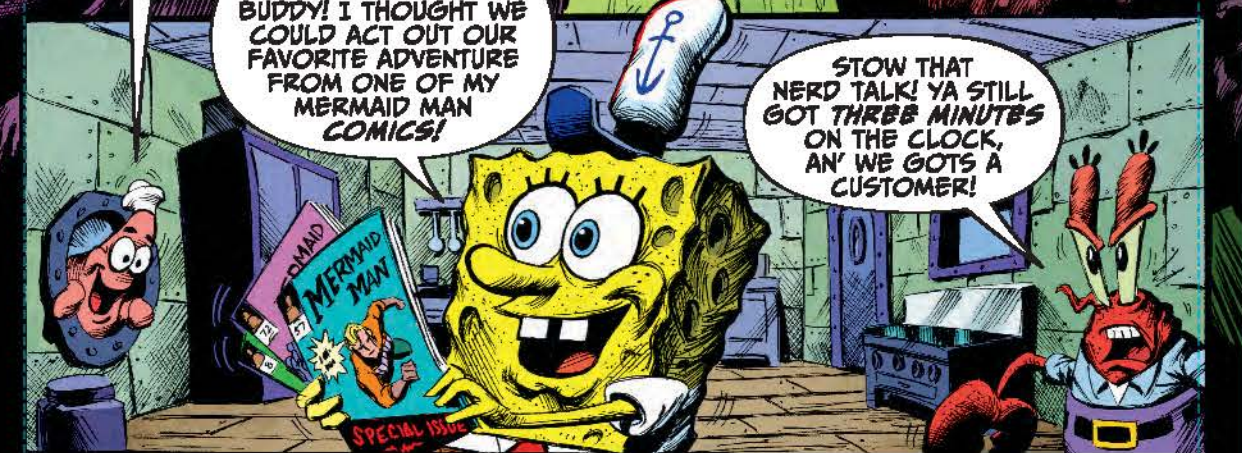


COME TO PAPA, YOU DELICIOUS KRABBY PATTY!

HEY, SPONGEBOB, I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA PLAY MERMAID MAN AND BARNACLE BOY?

AS SOON AS I GET OFF OF WORK, BUDDY! I THOUGHT WE COULD ACT OUT OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURE FROM ONE OF MY MERMAID MAN COMICS!

STOW THAT NERD TALK! YA STILL GOT THREE MINUTES ON THE CLOCK, AN' WE GOTTS A CUSTOMER!



I'LL TAKE--

ONE KRABBY PATTY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS?

THANKS. I'M TAKING THIS TO GO!

OF COURSE, MAYBE FOR AFTER YOUR JOG?

WAIT A MOMENT-- WHAT'S THIS?





NO JOGGER WOULD EXERCISE IN WING TIPS, UNLESS...



...IT'S PLANKTON IN DISGUISE!

CURSES! MY COVER IS BLOWN!

WELL, NO MATTER! I HAVE WHAT I CAME FOR!



THE IRONIC THING IS THAT I ALWAYS JOG IN WING TIPS!

NOT SO FAST, BUG!

YOU'LL NEVER COME UP WITH A SCHEME TO STEAL ME KRABBY PATTY FORMULA THAT I CAN'T STOP!



IS THAT A SPIKE STRIP?



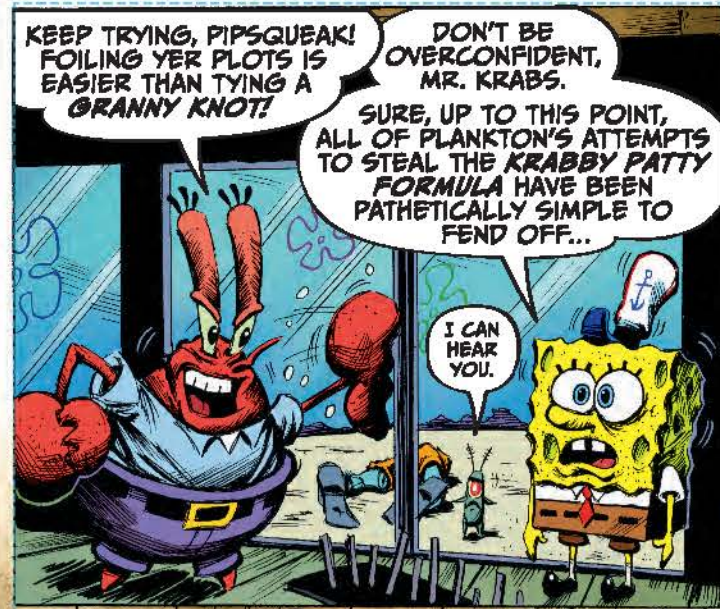
STAB!

POW!

TARTAR SAUCE!



YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS TIME, KRABS, BUT I WILL NEVER STOP TRYING TO STEAL THAT FORMULA!



KEEP TRYING, PIPSQUEAK! FOILING YER PLOTS IS EASIER THAN TYING A GRANNY KNOT!

DON'T BE OVERCONFIDENT, MR. KRABS.

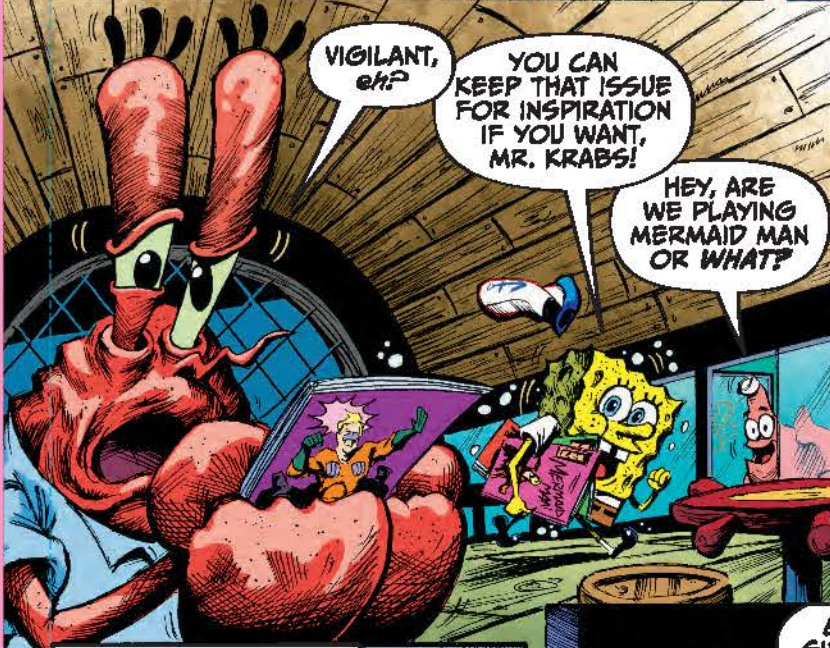
SURE, UP TO THIS POINT, ALL OF PLANKTON'S ATTEMPTS TO STEAL THE KRABBY PATTY FORMULA HAVE BEEN PATHETICALLY SIMPLE TO FEND OFF...

I CAN HEAR YOU.



...BUT UNLESS WE ARE AS VIGILANT IN GUARDING THAT FORMULA AS MERMAID MAN IS IN FIGHTING EVIL...

...PLANKTON MAY ONE DAY SUCCEED IN HIS HEINOUS QUEST!



VIGILANT, eh?

YOU CAN KEEP THAT ISSUE FOR INSPIRATION IF YOU WANT, MR. KRABS!

HEY, ARE WE PLAYING MERMAID MAN OR WHAT?



LATER...AT A FAMILIAR HOME FOR AGED HEROES...

MERMAID MAN? HE'S IN HIS ROOM.



I THINK SPONGEBOB'S RIGHT! I GOTTA BE PREPARED FOR PLANKTON AT ALL TIMES...

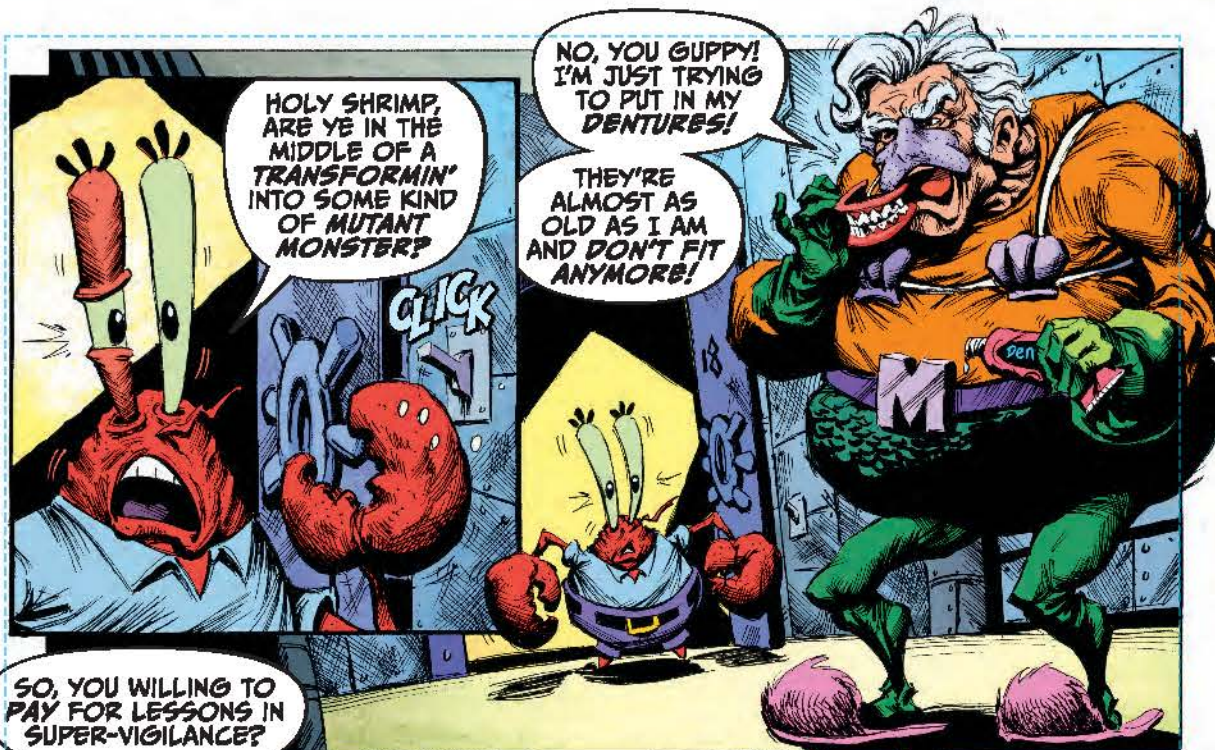
~MRMFFE~



Er...EXCUSE ME, MR. MAID, SIR, I'M LOOKING FOR SOME MENTORING IN THE ART OF SUPERHERO VIGILANCE.

Uh, ARE YE OKAY?

~MRMME~



HOLY SHRIMP, ARE YE IN THE MIDDLE OF A TRANSFORMIN' INTO SOME KIND OF MUTANT MONSTER?

NO, YOU GUPPY! I'M JUST TRYING TO PUT IN MY DENTURES!

THEY'RE ALMOST AS OLD AS I AM AND DON'T FIT ANYMORE!

CLICK

SO, YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR LESSONS IN SUPER-VIGILANCE?

WELL, I'M DESPERATE, SO I'D BE OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS...

GOOD, CAUSE I COULD USE A NEW SET OF DENTURES!

BACK ACROSS TOWN...

HERE'S AN ADVENTURE WE CAN RECREATE, PATRICK!

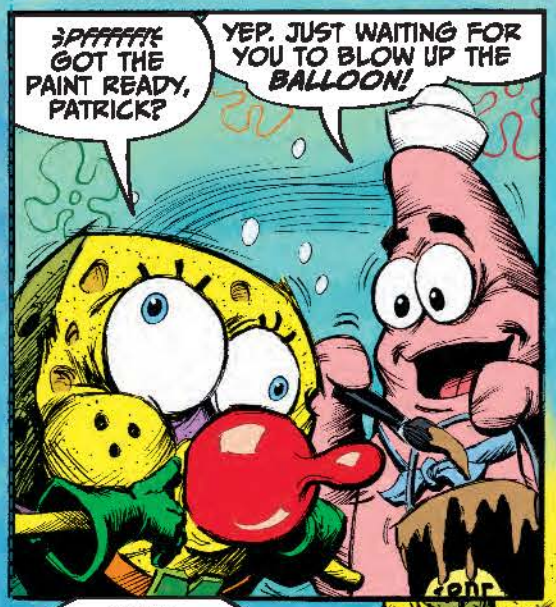
IT'S FROM ISSUE #181, WHERE THE DIRTY BUBBLE ENCASED MERMAID MAN'S HEAD WITHIN HIS CONTAMINATED CIRCUMFERENCE!

Heh, heh... WHILE KRABS IS BUSY PATTING HIMSELF ON THE BACK FOR FOILING MY JOGGER SCHEME, I'LL STRIKE OUT AGAIN IN MY NEVER-ENDING QUEST TO STEAL THE KRABBY PATTY RECIPE!

Hee, hee!

Ha, ha!

THIS TIME, I'LL USE HIS STOOGE SPONGEBBOW...



SPFFFFFF GOT THE PAINT READY, PATRICK?

YEP. JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO BLOW UP THE BALLOON!

NOW, WHILE THEY'RE DISTRACTED BY MUSCLED WEIRDOS...

...IT'S TIME TO STRIKE!

WAIT, STOP-- AAAAIIIEE!

SPLAT!



BREATHE DEEP MY FETID FRAGRANCE, MERMAID MAN!

...OVERWHELMED BY... UNSAVORY FROTH!

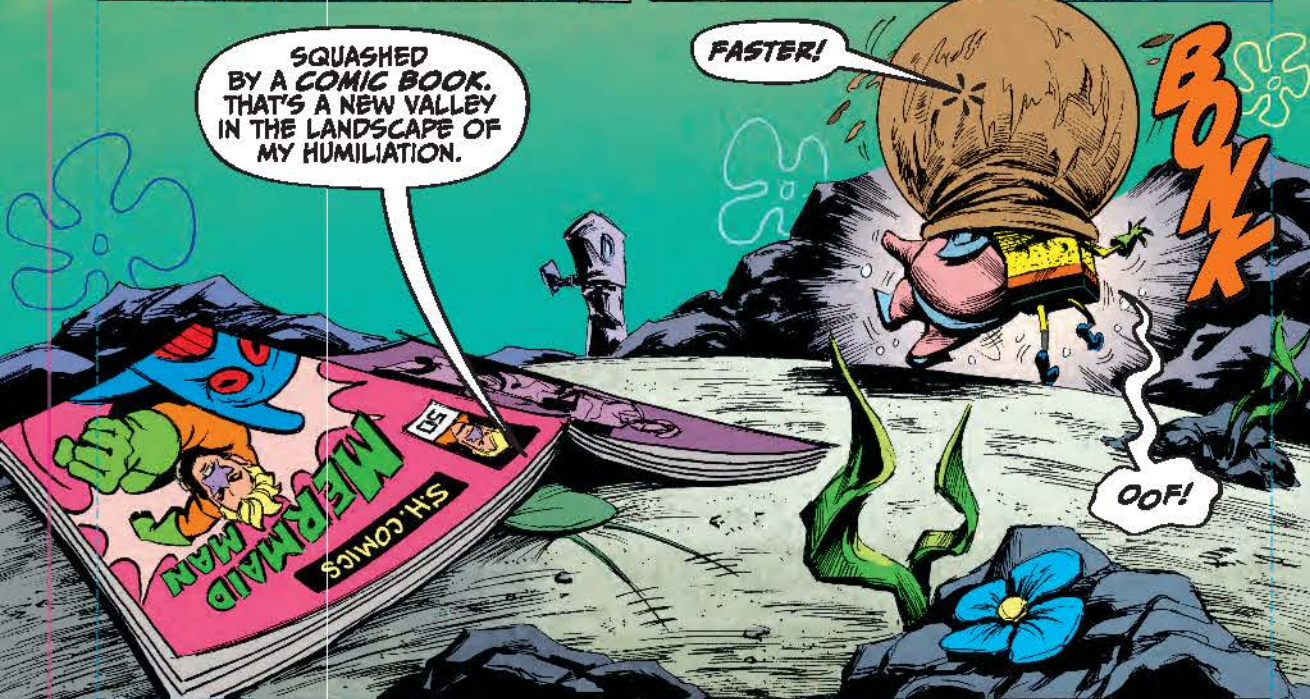


SPONGEBOB, I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...

DON'T LOOK NOW, BARNACLE BOY, BUT THE DIRTY BUBBLE HAS TRAPPED US WITHIN HIS POLLUTED PERSONA!

P.U.! THE DIRTY BUBBLE SURE IS STINKY... OR MAYBE THAT'S MY BREATH?



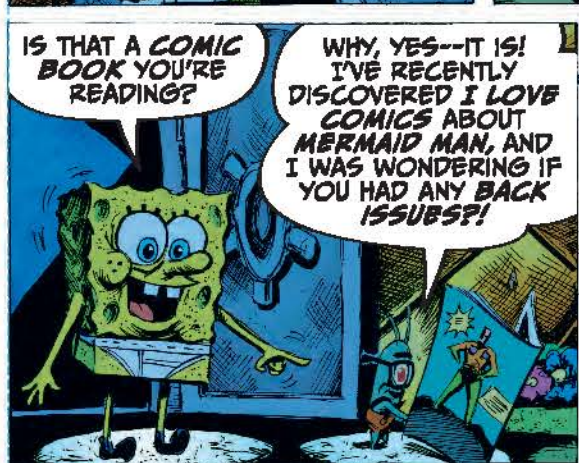




HELLO?

PLANKTON, IS THAT YOU?

HEY, BUDDY! OF COURSE IT'S ME!

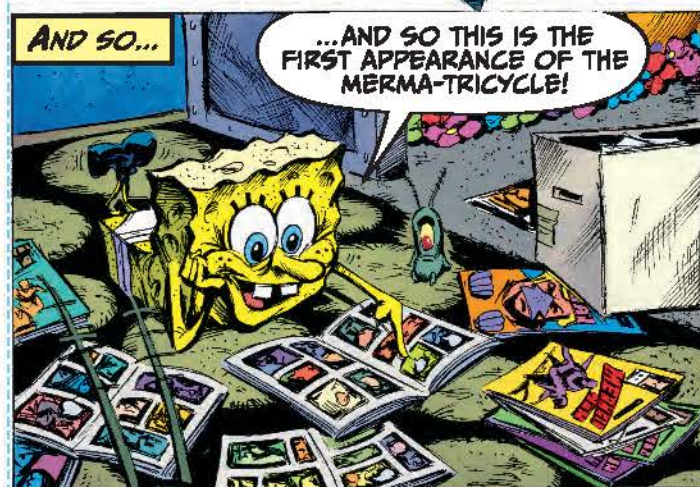


IS THAT A COMIC BOOK YOU'RE READING?

WHY, YES--IT IS! I'VE RECENTLY DISCOVERED I LOVE COMICS ABOUT MERMAID MAN, AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU HAD ANY BACK ISSUES?!

DO IT

DON'T DROP IT ON ME!!!



AND SO...

...AND SO THIS IS THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE MERMA-TRICYCLE!



INTERESTING! WELL, THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT EIGHT-HOUR CRASH COURSE, BUT I WAS WONDERING...



DO YOU KNOW ANY OF MERMAID MAN'S VILLAINS IN REAL LIFE?!

LIIIIIFE?!



OF COURSE I DO! LET'S GO MEET ONE NOW!



SOON, IN THE DARK LAIR OF MERMAID MAN'S GREATEST NEMESIS...

MY NEWEST CREATION IS ALMOST FINISHED!

MIND IF WE BARGE IN?

WHA--? WHO'S THERE?

HI, MAN RAY. I WANT YOU TO MEET PLANKTON-- A NEW COMIC BOOK FAN!

HELLO.

OH, YOU INSUFFERABLE PEST!



ANY FRIEND OF YOURS ISN'T ANY MORE WELCOME THAN YOU ARE, SO GO AWAY!

Uh...MY, THERE ARE SO MANY COOL COMIC BOOK-STYLE GIZMOS AROUND HERE, OHH! LOOK AT THAT ONE!

WHILE SPONGEBOB IS DISTRACTED...

Pest! I'M PLANNING A BIG CAPER! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, STOP BY THE CHUM BUCKET TONIGHT AND LEARN MORE.

THERE'LL BE SNACKS.

NEATO!



SNACKS? Hmmm...



LATER...

WELL, THANKS FOR ALL THE INFO TODAY, SPONGEBOB.



VERY EDUCATIONAL.

I'VE NOTICED. BYE.

ANYTIME, PLANKTON! I COULD TALK ABOUT MERMAID MAN COMICS ALL DAY!

I FINALLY MANAGED TO GET RID OF THAT BOOB. NOW, ONTO BUSINESS.

THIS IS SOME SECRET LAIR YOU HAVE--- THE CURTAINS, THE GIANT LETTERS...

I ESPECIALLY LOVE THE VILLAINOUS LIGHTING!

TVU

IT'S ON A DIMMER, SO IT CAN GET EVEN MORE EVIL!

OH, YES! THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

HOLD IT.

THAT'S TOO DARK.



LET'S GO OVER THE PLAN! WE SNEAK INTO THE KRUSTY KRAB AND BUST OPEN THE VAULT!

I THINK I HAVE A BETTER IDEA...

LOOK, THERE'S NOT MUCH TO IT, SO LET'S JUST---

I SAID I HAVE AN IDEA!

Er, OKAY. LET'S HEAR IT.

I SAY WE JUST USE MY LATEST CREATION, THE GALACTIC GLOVE, TO OPEN THE VAULT!



LIKE SO!

Press!



AAIEEEEE!