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YEAH, MAN. I THINK I'M GONNA
DROP OUT NEXT WEEK.



I ONLY CAME TO MEET
GIRLS, ANYWAYS.



YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.



WHAT'S UP, BRO'S?



WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?

NOTHIN'.











COME BACK HERE! WAIT 'TIL I TELL YOUR GRANDFATHER ABOUT THIS.



WWW...HELLO?



WHAT?!



OKAY, YOU'RE GONNA SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH YOUR COUSIN. BUT THIS ISN'T A REWARD.



DAVE'S PRETTY TICKED OFF AT YOU. YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD HOW MAD HE WAS WHEN I TOLD HIM YOU WERE DROPPING OUT.







WHOA! YOU'VE GOT GANGLAND II, COLLAR VALOR III, POINT BLANK, DEAD RISIN'.



YEAH, I GOT THEM ALL. I GOT 'EM ALL.



OH, MAN. I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT DESIGNING A NEW GAME. THIS IS TOO EARLY FOR ME.



ALL RIGHT, GENIUS. LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS HERE.



SO, YOU WANT TO QUIT SCHOOL.



AND BECOME A GANGSTER RAPPER?

...YEAH.



OH, HEY, MAN. DON'T GET EMBARRASSED. I DIDN'T BRING YOU HERE TO POOP ALL OVER YOUR DREAMS. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO BE, THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO BE.



YEAH, MAN. I WAS YOUR AGE WHEN I KNEW WHAT I WANTED TO BE.



THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THE QUITTING SCHOOL THING. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?



I DON'T KNOW. I JUST DON'T SEE THE POINT.



AND IT'S BORING.



OF COURSE IT'S BORING! IT'S SCHOOL!



IF IT WAS FUN AND EASY, NO ONE WOULD DROP OUT. NO ONE LIKES TO WAKE UP AND DO STUFF ALL DAY.



BUT IT'S JUST SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DO.

WELL, NOT ME.



OH, REALLY?



AND WHY IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW.



OH, COME ON, TERRY. DON'T GIVE ME 'I DON'T KNOW'. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHY YOU FEEL YOU'D BE DOING BETTER OFF WITHOUT SCHOOL.



COME ON, MAN. WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT, OR I CAN SEND YOU RIGHT BACK HOME AND YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOUR ANGRY MOM.

NO, NO. DON'T!



I THOUGHT THAT WOULD GET YOUR ATTENTION.



SO, COME ON. WHAT'S GOING ON?

I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT I'D RATHER BE DOING, YOU KNOW?

WELL, LIKE WHAT?



YOU KNOW... HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS. TALKING TO GIRLS... PLAYING SPORTS AND STUFF.

YEAH, WELL THOSE ARE ALL PRETTY GOOD REASONS.

YEAH?

YEAH, BUT MOST OF THOSE THINGS YOU CAN DO AT SCHOOL ANYWAYS, RIGHT?



YEAH, I GUESS.



SO THEY'RE ALL PRETTY LAME REASONS TO DROP OUT, DON'T YOU THINK?

YEAH.



OKAY. SO NOW I KNOW WHY YOU WANNA DROP OUT OF SCHOOL. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY WE WANT YOU TO STAY IN SCHOOL?

YEAH, TO GET AN EDUCATION AND STUFF.

YEAH, WELL, THAT'S PART OF IT. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE OTHER PART IS?

NO. WHAT?

THE OTHER PART IS YOUR FUTURE. LET'S SAY THIS WHOLE HIP-HOP THING DOESN'T WORK OUT. THEN WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO FALL BACK ON?

UM... I DON'T KNOW.

EXACTLY. YOU DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW RIGHT NOW.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT YOU HAVE TO START PREPARING. YOU HAVE TO START PREPARING RIGHT NOW.


NOT YET. BUT I WANT TO. BAD.

ALL RIGHT. SCOOT OVER, CHUMP.


LET'S SAY YOU'RE POINT BLANK.

WITH A VIDEO GAME?


YEAH, DUDE. HAVE YOU PLAYED POINT BLANK YET?



SINCE THIS GAME REPRESENTS YOUR LIFE, YOU HAVE TO SIMULATE IN THE GAME THE CHOICES THAT YOU'RE MAKING RIGHT NOW.




SO, YOU QUIT SCHOOL. YOU LOSE MATH, ENGLISH, SCIENCE, ART, ETC.




NO MATH? LOSE YOUR NIGHT VISION.



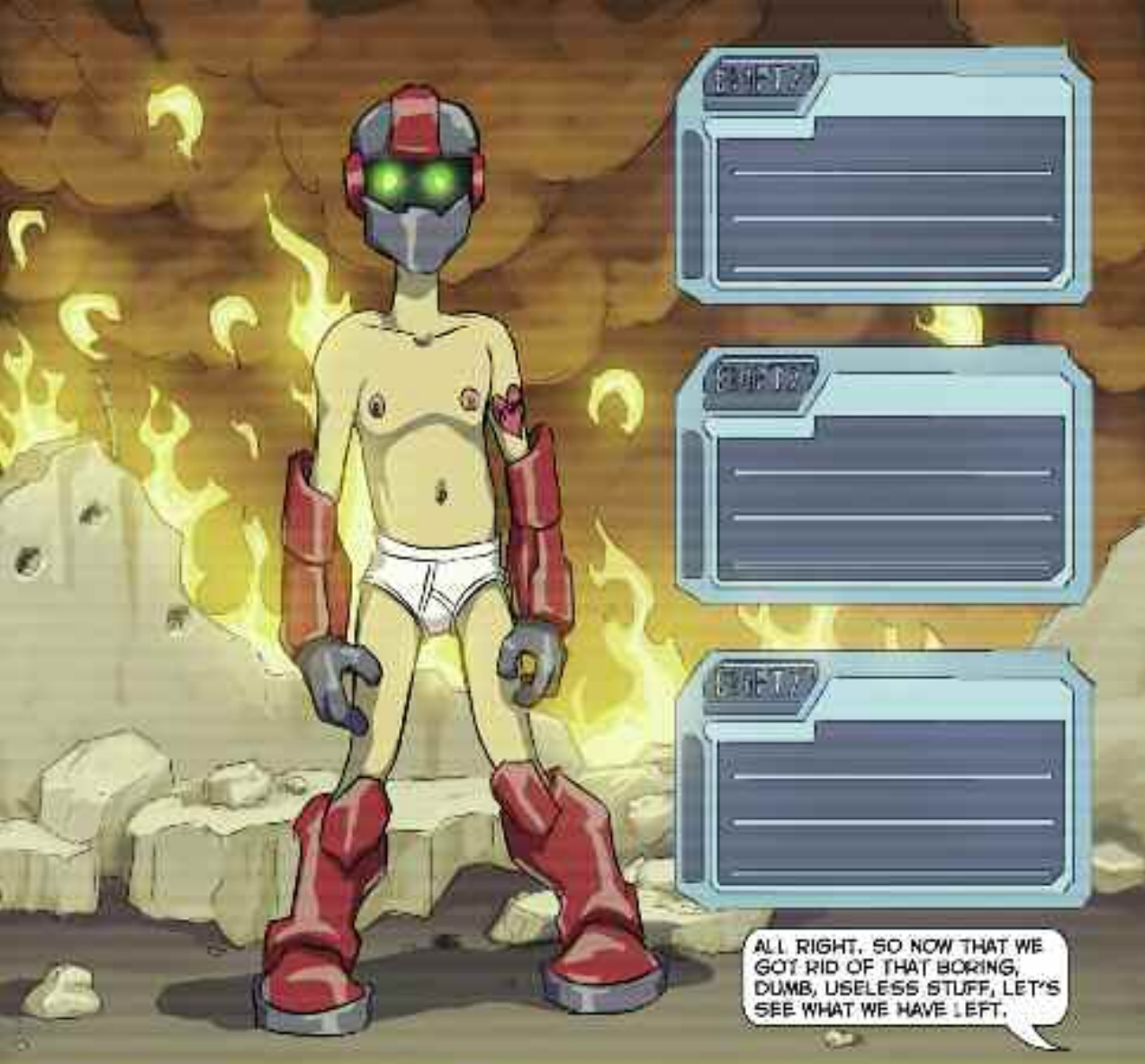
NO SCIENCE? NO JETPACK.



NO ENGLISH? NO WEAPONS.



ACTUALLY, YOU PROBABLY DON'T NEED ANY OF THIS BORING, ENHANCED SYNTHETIC ARMOUR. SO LET'S GET RID OF ALL THAT.



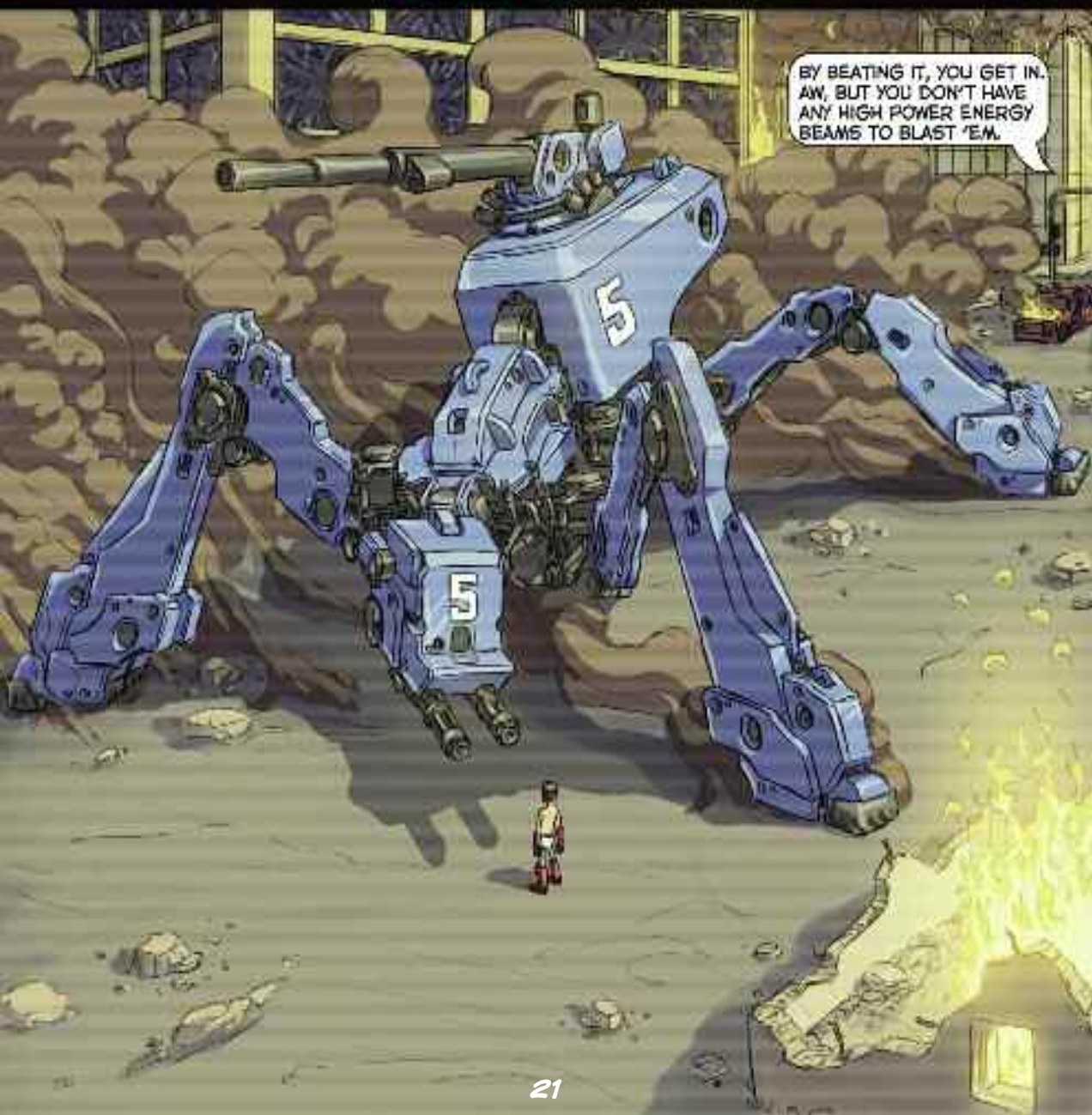
ALL RIGHT. SO NOW THAT WE GOT RID OF THAT BORING, DUMB, USELESS STUFF, LET'S SEE WHAT WE HAVE LEFT.



YIKES! NOT MUCH LEFT UNDER THERE, EH?



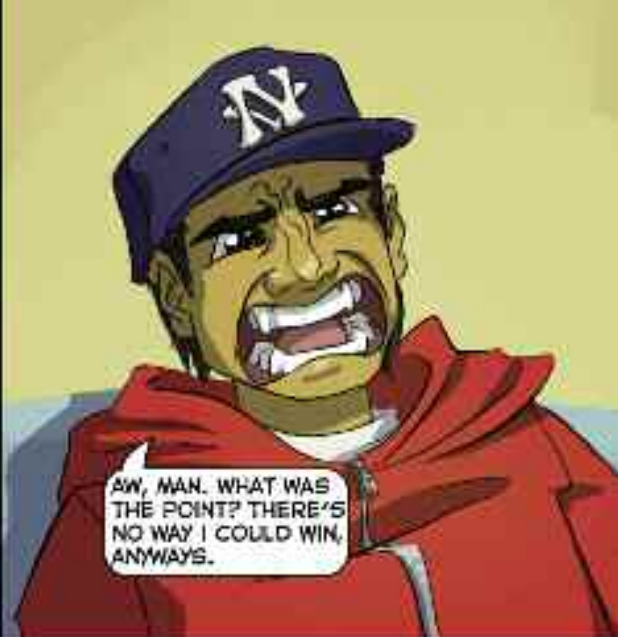






THAT'S TOO BAD.

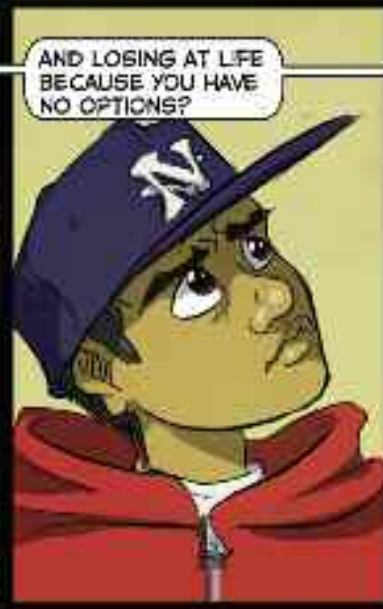
BOOM!



AW, MAN. WHAT WAS THE POINT? THERE'S NO WAY I COULD WIN, ANYWAYS.



EXACTLY. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOSING AT THIS GAME BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO POWERS...



AND LOSING AT LIFE BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO OPTIONS?



ALL RIGHT. LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN WITH YOUR POWERS ON.



FULL ARMOR MODE

LOADING



OKAY, HERE YOU GO,
HERE COME THOSE
JOB OPPORTUNITIES
AGAIN.





YEAH! YOU GOT 'EM, ALL BECAUSE YOU GOT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.



MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE - ALL THOSE POWERS ON, HUH?



USE YOUR HIGH POWER MICROWAVE SENSOR AND SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY THREATS COMING IN.



OH, HERE COMES THAT CHANCE TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY AGAIN.



HE'S BITING HIS LIP.



YEAH, DUDE! MESS 'EM UP WITH YOUR ENERGY BEAMS.



OH, NO, YOU'RE KILL-O-METER IS FULL. GIVE 'EM YOUR DEVASTATOR MOVE.















HEY, MOSOM.

SO HOW WAS YOUR TRIP TO THAT BIG CITY?

IT WAS FUN. I LIKED IT.



AND DAVE. HOW IS HE?

HE'S GOOD. HE SAYS HE'S COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

GOOD, THAT'S GOOD.



I'M SO GLAD THAT DAVE AND YOU HAD A CHANCE TO TALK. HE WAS PRETTY UPSET WHEN I TOLD HIM YOU WERE THINKING OF QUITTING SCHOOL.



THAT WAS YOU WHO CALLED HIM? I THOUGHT IT WAS MOM.

OH, NO. THAT WAS ME. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT MY GRANDCHILDREN TAKE THEIR SCHOOLING SERIOUSLY.



WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL TO HELP MY FATHER WORK AROUND THE FARM. BACK THEN, IT WAS DIFFERENT. YOU WEREN'T ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE RESERVE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT. I SEE YOU KIDS NOW. YOU'VE GOT SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES

NO ONE CAN TELL YOU WHAT TO DO. YOU CAN EVEN VOTE. YOUR WORLD IS UNLIMITED. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN STOP YOU IS YOU NOT TAKING YOUR EDUCATION SERIOUSLY.



MOSOM, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M STAYING IN SCHOOL.

RIGHT ON! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, TERRY. IT'S A HARD CHOICE, AND IT'S HARD WORK. BUT IT OPENS UP SO MANY WORLDS, MY BOY.



MOSOM?

HHMM?

YOU STILL NEED HELP WITH THAT TRACTOR?

OO I EVER...!

EMAIL US TO PREVIEW AND ORDER OUR OTHER BOOKS



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DARKNESS CALLS, our suicide prevention comic, is the story of a teenager who is bullied at school, misunderstood by his teacher and feels socially isolated from his family. He finds one day very overwhelming and considers taking his own life.



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