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FOREWORD

SO SUPER DUPER: A Foreword by Troy Brownfield

I'm going to tell you the one thing that you need to know about Brian Andersen. I mean, it should be glaringly obvious, but I feel like I need to comment on it before we move forward. I know that you know that I'm going to say, but I'm going to say it anyway. If there is one, single defining trait that you can identify, one glowing certainty that you can glean, whether conversing with Brian in person or online, it's this: Brian Andersen loves comic books.

What, you thought I was going to say something else?

Brian loves comics, kids. That was clear when I was working for Newsarama. I started there in January of 2004 and quickly launched the Best Shots column, pulling together writers I knew and writers I didn't to bring weekly reviews to one of the biggest comics sites around. A few eventual members of the team made their case for inclusion by posting incisive comments below the articles (ah, remember those days?), and a few pitched themselves as writers. Brian did both, drawing my attention with his humor and his enthusiasm. His reviews weren't always beloved by humor-challenged readers, but by God, they were HIS. I liked them.

Going back to humor and enthusiasm. I guess you'd say those are two more defining traits. Brian applied both, and a ridiculously high-powered work ethic, to his own project, "So Super Duper". When I saw it for the first time, I found it immediately charming. More than that, I dug the undercurrent. When we opened more of Blog@Newsarama to posting webcomics, "So Super Duper" became a fixture. Brian took some heat for various reasons, but he handled in with grace and professionalism. He let me be the guy that yelled at people. That's okay; I sort of enjoy that on occasion.

But clearly, "So Super Duper" is about discovery. Psyche doesn't have a complete picture of who he is, and as he goes on the journey, he also discovers what it's like to be a hero and a teammate. It can be argued that the central identity issue in Psyche's struggle is a specific one, but I would counter that Psyche is merely going through what ANYBODY goes through. Brian gives us narrowed incident, but the feeling is universal. That is, in any estimation, Good Work.

I can't say more about "So Super Duper" without also commenting on the tremendous Celina Hernandez. Partners with Brian on "Reignbow & Dee-Va", Celina hopped over to handle art chores on "So Super Duper" with issue #9, raising the bar while allowing Brian to focus on bringing the story into the home stretch.

"So Super Duper" is a special book. Brian funneled personal feelings and love of the medium into a story that balances laughs, action and pathos. Celina comes in to help him realize the vision, and it's all together here for you to discover for yourself. Whatever your journey is, I hope that "So Super Duper" makes it a little bit brighter.

Troy Brownfield is the writer of "Sparkshooter" (at Sparkshooter.com) and has written for Zenescope, Dynamite, and DC Comics (the latter two with Matt Brady), among others. He and Brian plan to do a project together when their dueling schedules allow.

I AM SO ONE OF THE ELITE!

I AM SO ONE OF THE POWERFUL



I AM SO TOTALLY SUPER DUPER I JUST CAN'T STAND IT!

HIEEEEEE!



WE ARE WORLD RENOWNED!

OW!

POW

CAPTAIN IDOL

- ★ SUPREME STRENGTH
- ★ SPEEDY FLIGHT
- ★ ALL-AROUND NICE GUY

HALO

- ★ ENERGY RINGS
- ★ SUPER FLIGHT
- ★ KINDA STRONG

SASS

- ★ CRAZY STRONG
- ★ BITING WIT
- ★ HARD BODY

BARNAR

- ★ THORNY TOUGH GUY

TINK
FAIRY POWERS

TEE HEE!

WE ARE THE...
AMAZIN'NAUGHTS!

AND WE
KICK MAJOR
FANNY!

PSYCHE

GRRRR!

- ★ **EMPATHIC:**
ABLE TO READ
EMOTIONS...
AND UH...
THAT'S IT.

AS A BOY I WOULD FULL-ON DREAM THAT I WAS THE GREATEST SUPERHERO EVER!



OF ALL THE HEROES I ADORED **ULTRA WOMAN** THE MOSTEST! BEFORE SHE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED DECADES AGO (TO RETIRE?) SHE AND CAPTAIN IDOL WERE A TOTAL DUO SINCE, LIKE, THE 30'S!



SO IMAGINE HOW CRAZY STOKED I WAS WHEN **CAPTAIN IDOL** HIMSELF ACTUALLY INVITED ME TO JOIN ONLY THE AWESOMEST SUPER TEAM IN THE HISTORY OF EVER-DOM!



CAPTAIN IDOL SAID MY TALENTS WERE NEEDED SINCE I COULD, LIKE, FEEL THE EMOTIONS OF OTHERS AND EVIL IS ALWAYS SUPER SIMPLE FOR ME TO FEEL.



DESPITE MY LACK OF (AHEM) PHYSICAL PROWESS, I AM TOTALLY ABLE TO LOCATE TONS OF MEAN OLD BAD GUYS HELL-BENT ON BEING ALL SUPER KILLY AND STUFF! *I ROCK!*



NOW THAT I WAS GONNA BE ALL MEGA FAMOUS AND CRAP I TOTALLY GOT MY OWN AGENT!

IT'S GREAT TO MEET YOU PSYCHIC!

PSYCHE...

BIKE?

YEAH, YEAH, GOT IT KID, TERRIF NAME.

LOVE IT! LOVE IT!

HA HA.

HEH.

HA.

NO, MR. KEEN, PYSCHIE, WITH A 'P.'

HEH.

AND I WAS EVEN IN THE TEAM CALENDAR! HOW CRAZY AWESOME IS THAT?

TEE HEE!

THANKFULLY I ALWAYS HAVE MY LITTER FABO AND TRUSTY BFF, SKIPPER "SKIP," TO BE ALL SUPER GOSSIPY WITH!

AND BRIAR, HELLO, TOTAL BAT COMPLEX!

HA HA HA HEE HEE HEE HEE

FOR SURE, WHAT A WANNABE.

SKIP IS THE OWNER OF "KINK," THE ONLY SUPER HAIR SALON FOR US INDUSTRY FOLK!

SKIP'S MOM WAS A MINOR HERO BACK IN THE DAY, BUT SKIP IS A TOTAL NORMIE!

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT BRIAR AND HALO TOTALLY HOOKED UP!

HA HA!

EW! GET OUT!

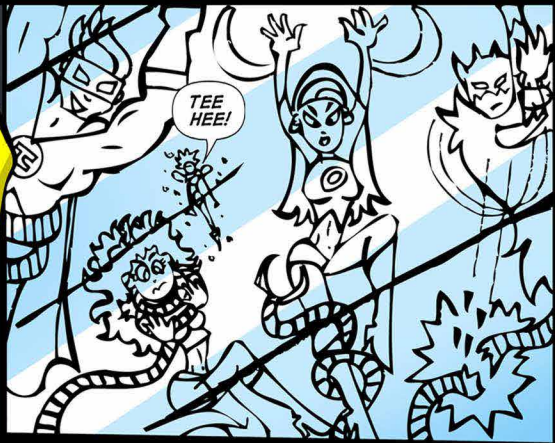
TALK ABOUT 'HITTING' THE DARK KNIGHT!

THE COOLEST PART ABOUT JUST HAVING EMPATHIC MENTAL POWERS IS NOT HAVING TO WORK MY FLABBY BUTT OFF IN LAME TRAINING SESSIONS EVERYDAY!

TRAINING SESSIONS IN PROGRESS

'CAUSE WE ARE LIVVVIN' IN A MATERIAL WORLD...

I SO LOVE MY LIFE!



BOOP

BEEP

I LOOK AT MY ROLE IN THE TEAM AS THE SPECIAL BACKUP, BREAK-IN-CASE-OF-NECESSITY, SECRET-WEAPON GUY. I STRIKE FROM A NICE, SAFE DISTANCE WHILE I JOYFULLY SIP HOT COCOA AND READ TRASHY CELEB BASHING TABLOIDS.

DOING THE WHOLE YUCKY FIGHT-FIGHT THING, SO NOT ME!

FRANKLY, I SEE **NO** REASON TO TAKE BORING COMBAT CLASSES-

OR DO STUPID TESTS TO TRY AND ADVANCE MY POWERS.

THREE CHEERS AND A HIP-HOP HURRAY TO YOU AND YOUR LAZINESS!

