

On an otherwise quiet afternoon in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Corrina Lopez receives a mysterious message...

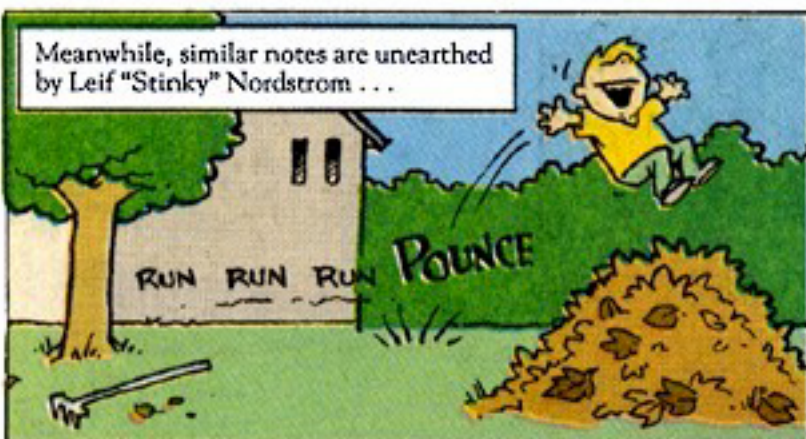


WHAT THE...

SAVE THE WORLD
IN YOUR SPARE TIME
MEET ME THIS AFTERNOON
IN THE BIG PLAYGROUND
-the Doctor



Meanwhile, similar notes are unearthed by Leif "Stinky" Nordstrom...



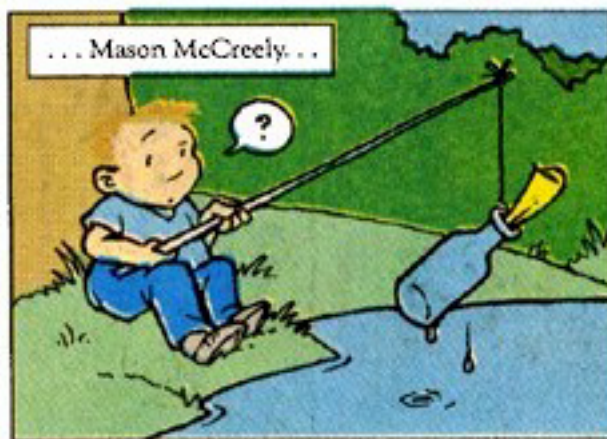
HMM...



... Henry David Peterson ...



... Mason McCreely ...



... and Alison Lee.



And so these five unsuspecting heroes make their way to the Big Playground, there to meet their destiny...



THIS MUST BE THE PLACE, KUH?



WOW!

LOOK AT ALL THIS COOL STUFF!

BUT WHO IS 'THE DOCTOR'?

LOOK!



IT'S...
Dr. RECYCLE!

YOU WERE EXPECTING MAYBE
A BIG PURPLE DINOSAUR?

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. THE WORLD'S
RESOURCES NEED YOUR HELP, AND QUICKLY!

HOW? RECYCLING?

AND COMPOSTING?

AND BUYING RECYCLED STUFF?

BUT WE DO THAT ALREADY!

WELL, SURE! EVERYONE SHOULD DO THOSE THINGS. BUT
YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO DO EVEN MORE - TO SERVE AS
EMBLEMS OF HOPE FOR THE NON-DISPOSABLE FUTURE, AND
PROTECTORS OF THE WORLD'S NATURAL RESOURCES!

OF COURSE, YOU'LL NEED
COURAGE, STRENGTH, A
GOOD VOCABULARY OF
WORDS LIKE **"BAM"** AND
"SOCKO," AND...

...THESE!!

SOAP ON A ROPE?

THESE AMULETS WILL TRANSFORM YOU INTO
ECOLOGICAL SUPERHEROES THE LIKES OF
WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN! (AT
LEAST, NOT IN A MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER.)

As the five children grasp the amulets, strange energy
flows through their bodies, transforming them into . . .

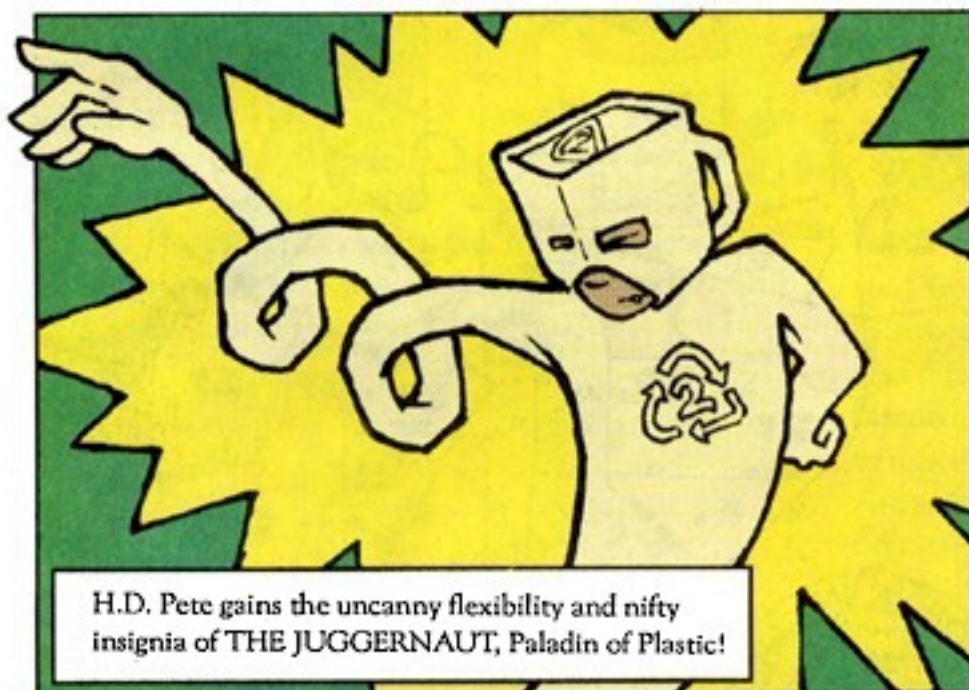
THE WASTE WATCHERS!



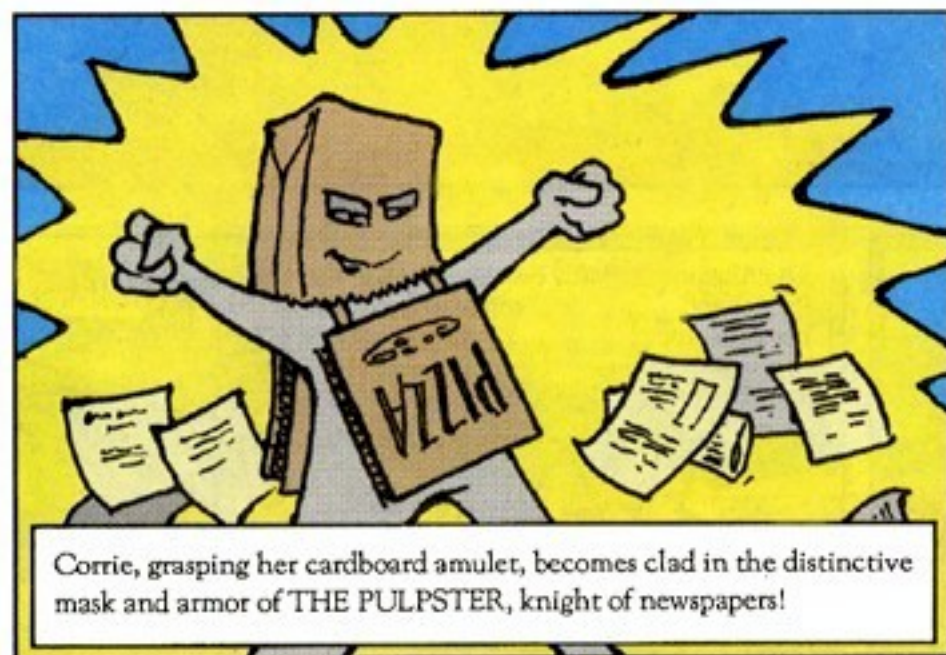
Allie is transformed by her metal amulet into the glittering, collapsible ALUMINATOR, foiler of evil!



The glass amulet jars Mason into his new identity as THE BOTTLE-ROCKETEER, high-flying carbonated crusader!



H.D. Pete gains the uncanny flexibility and nifty insignia of THE JUGGERNAUT, Paladin of Plastic!

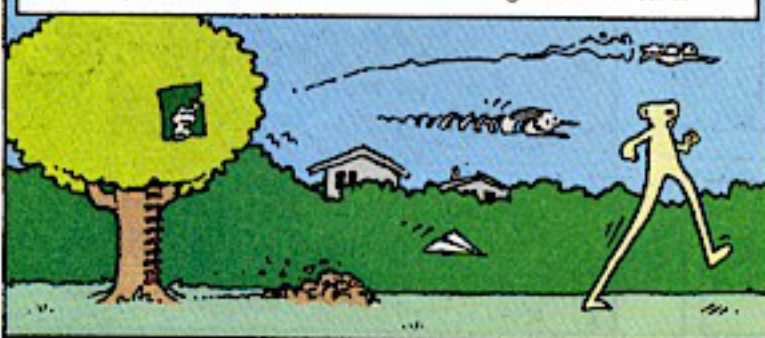


Corrie, grasping her cardboard amulet, becomes clad in the distinctive mask and armor of THE PULPSTER, knight of newspapers!

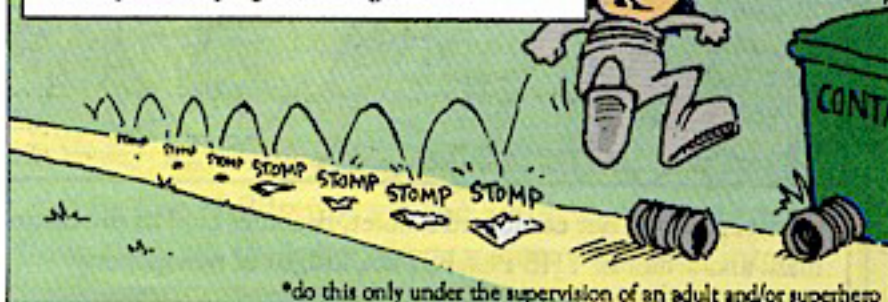


And Leif, festooned with biodegradable greenery, becomes none other than THE COMPOST KID, Titan of Tillage!

Bursting with valor and special effects, the fabulous five leave Dr. Recycle's treehouse in search of ecological adventures -



The Aluminator swiftly encounters evil in the form of unflattened metal containers, and puts her super-stomping boots to good use:



*do this only under the supervision of an adult and/or superhero

Meanwhile, the flexible limbs of the Juggernaut face the ultimate terror of the "containers" bin - unwashed milk jugs.



*discard caps

The Bottle-Rocketeer uses his abilities as a "glasstronaut" to fly over picnic areas, in search of discarded returnables...



... while the Pulpster, disguised as origami, infiltrates a café to encourage the reuse of newspapers.



The Compost Kid - a master of disguise - patrols the yards of Ann Arbor...



And so the Waste Watchers are born... five resourceful youths, fighting for Truth, Justice, and Ecology. Wherever the world is threatened by rampant garbage... whenever you can't remember the difference between #2 HDPE and #1 PET... WHEREVER WASTE NEEDS TO BE WATCHED, CALL...

THE WASTE WATCHERS!



NEXT EPISODE: THE DISPOSABLES OF DOOM!