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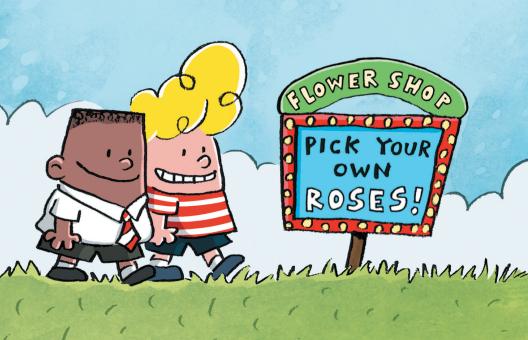
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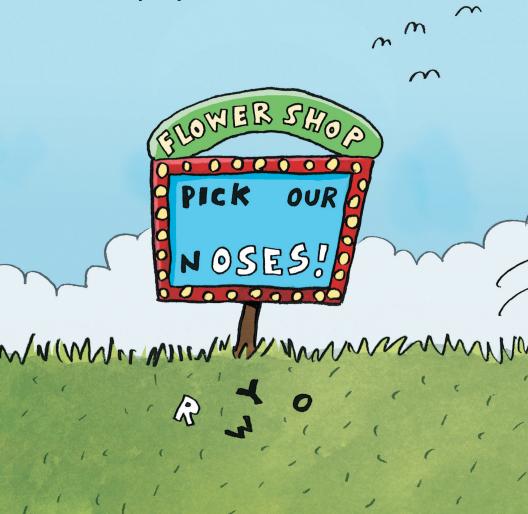
CHAPTER 1 GEORGE AND HAROLD

Meet George Beard and Harold Hutchins. George is the kid on the left with the tie and the flat-top. Harold is the one on the right with the T-shirt and the bad haircut. Remember that now.



George and Harold were best friends. They had a lot in common. They lived right next door to each other and they were both in the same fourth-grade class at Jerome Horwitz Elementary School.

George and Harold were usually responsible kids. Whenever anything bad happened, George and Harold were usually responsible.



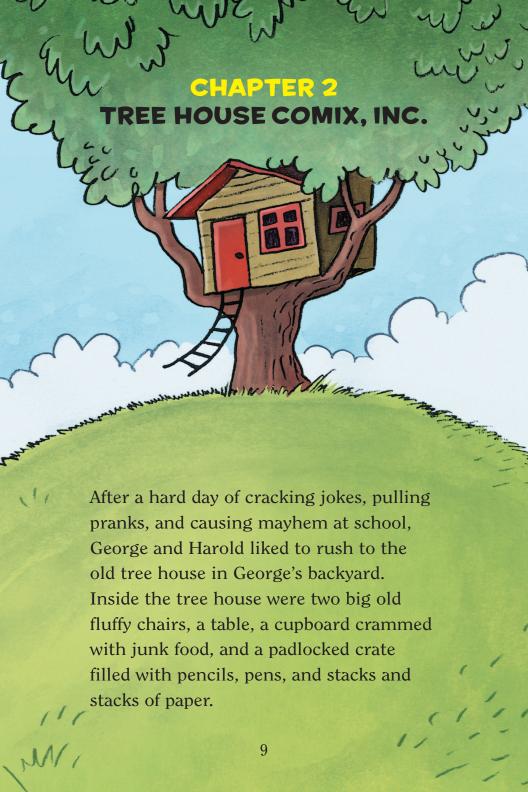
But don't get the wrong idea about these two. George and Harold were actually very nice boys. No matter what everybody else thought, they were good, sweet, and lovable . . . Well, OK, maybe they weren't so sweet and lovable, but they were good nonetheless.



It's just that George and Harold each had a "silly streak" a *mile* long. Usually that silly streak was hard to control. Sometimes it got them into trouble. And once it got them into big, *BIG* trouble.

But before I can tell you that story, I have to tell you *this* story . . .

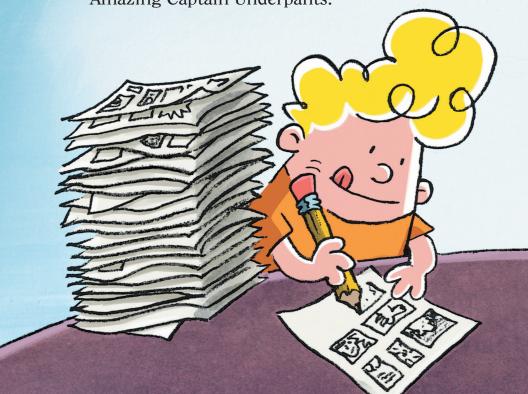




Now, Harold loved to draw, and George loved to make up stories. And together, the two boys spent hours and hours writing and drawing their very own comic books.

Over the years, they had created hundreds of their own comics, starring dozens of their own superheroes. First there was *Dog Man*, then came *Timmy the Talking Toilet*, and who could forget *The Amazing Cow Lady*?

But the all-time greatest superhero they ever made up *had* to be "The Amazing Captain Underpants."



George came up with the idea.

"Most superheroes *look* like they're flying around in their underwear," he said. "Well, this guy actually *is* flying around in his underwear!"

The two boys laughed and laughed. "Yeah," said Harold, "he could fight with *Wedgie Power*!"

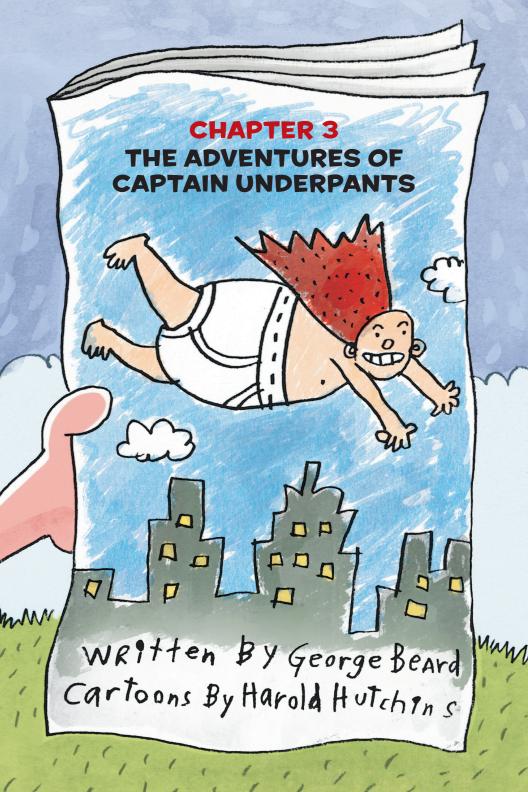
George and Harold spent entire afternoons writing and drawing the comic adventures of Captain Underpants. He was their coolest superhero ever!

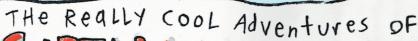


Luckily for the boys, the secretary at Jerome Horwitz Elementary School was much too busy to keep an eye on the copy machine. So whenever they got a chance, George and Harold would sneak into the office and run off several hundred copies of their latest Captain Underpants adventure.

After school, they sold their homemade comics on the playground for 50¢ each.







CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

Written by George Beard. Drawed by Harold Hutchins

It was a time of darkness And Dispare for PLanet earth. Bad guys had taken over the streets, and all of the superherose in the world were too old to fight evil.



Then along came a new improved extra-strength super hero.













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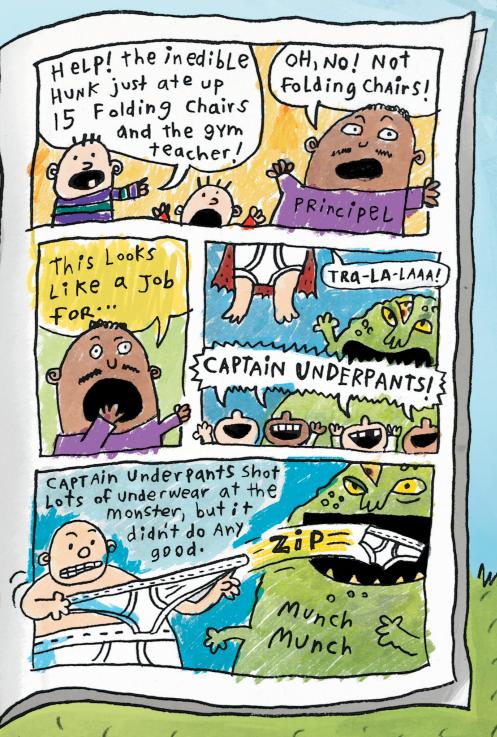




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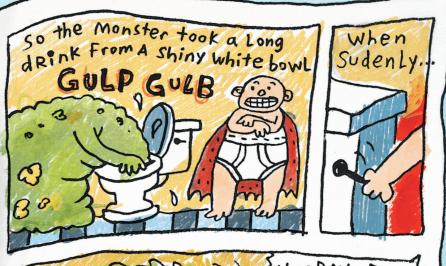








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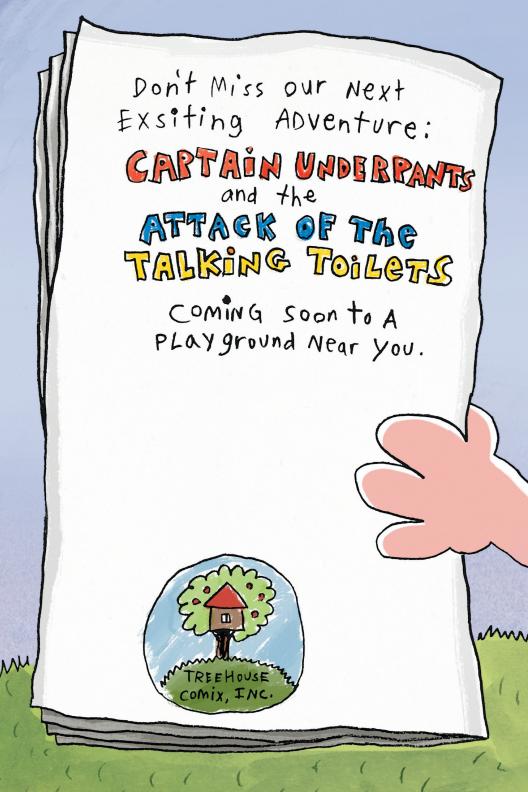




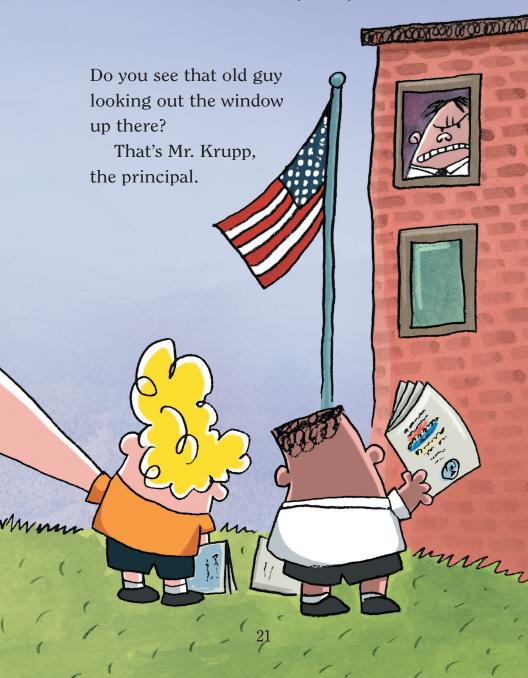
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CHAPTER 4 MEAN OLD MR. KRUPP



Now, Mr. Krupp was the meanest, sourest old principal in the whole history of Jerome Horwitz Elementary School. He hated laughter and singing. He hated the sounds of children playing at recess. In fact, he hated children altogether!

And guess which two children Mr. Krupp hated most of all?



If you guessed George and Harold, you're right! Mr. Krupp *hated* George and Harold.

He hated their pranks and their wisecracks. He hated their silly attitudes and their constant giggling. And he especially hated those awful Captain Underpants



