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Reggie's home town sent him to the big, bad city to be a hero. He's gonna learn he's got a loong way to go...

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# THE PHANTOM KID



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WEREDEVIL  
THE PROFESSOR FROM THE DARK LEGION

DEATHWITCH  
TRINITY CROSS





Presents

# THE PHANTOM KID™

*A Railway City Story™*

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## The Phantom Kid Stinks!

**Reg Reynolds is a stereotype. He's that kid you read about in tons of comics, you know the one who does good because his Midwest upbringing taught him that's what you do...except there's one small problem: Reg is reeeally bad at being a superhero. The harder he tries, the worse he gets (seriously, you've no idea!) Enjoy!**

*PHANTOM KID is part of THE REALITY (1 of 4 titles — so far) and is our "typical" superhero book...except we'll be turning common superhero tropes on their ear here. While all 4 of our books can be enjoyed on their own, each one hints at the future and of the bigger story which brings our characters together at the end of the "season" (more on this in the back). So get set. We're doing a whole new things with heroes here. Thanks for joining us!*

### Future Stops for THE PHANTOM KID

Love Note from  
the Muertes

TV, RCFD

Meet Roja y Baz

Cult of Perfidy

PK vs. Ever

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REGGIE REYNOLDS IS THE  
**PHANTOM KID!**

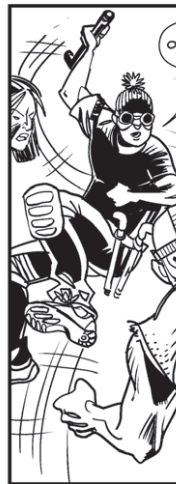
WHEN MY ENTIRE TOWN SENT ME TO RAILWAY CITY TO BE A HERO -- LIKE, A SUPER ONE -- I THOUGHT THAT WAS CRAZY.

BUT THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY FIRST NIGHT TACKLING CRIME...















LATER, %@WIFES!



PICK 'IM OFF!



NAW, HOL UP, GUYS.

TOBE!

DON'T NEED NO MURDERS ON WHYTUBE, MAN!



JUST HANG ON, DUDE.

HEY, YOU GAVE ME THE PHONE, OK?

JUST WANNO ERASE THE VIDEO.

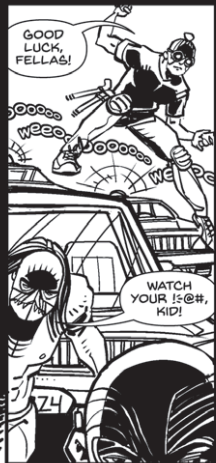


THANKS.

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FWAH!



...THIS CITY'S NEVER  
GONNA FORGET ME --  
THEIR NEWEST HERO!



FIVE STAR FINAL

# RAILWAY CITY SIGNAL

FRIDAY

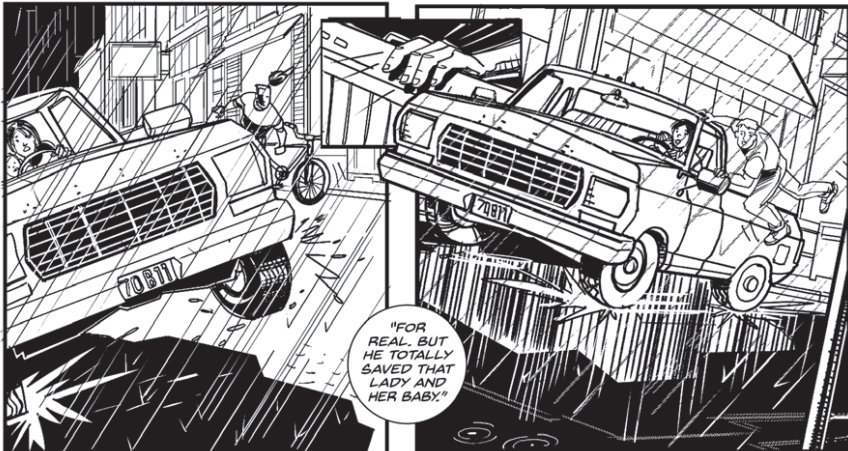
WEATHER  
PARTLY CLOUDY  
★★★★★

## 'THE PHANTOM KID'?

### Social Media Frenzy Over New Hero Running Away "#ThePhantomKid"

RAILWAY CITY, Eco. — When the woman barged into our offices late at night, telling the staff she had an exclusive, we were certain she was insane. Then we all gathered around her cell phone, watched a video of a now "hero" — a young one at that — and watched him brave a dangerous situation, then turn tail and run. The hero ran off, forcing onlookers to fend off a team of Mieries — Railway's growing street problem — on their own. Several of these bystanders took to Tweet and "tagged" the hero with the moniker "The Phantom Kid," because — as one user TweetRed — "it was like he disappeared in the blink of an eye."





### IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD...

Thanks so much for buying The Reality comics — **1st issues** to what are hopefully **ongoing series**.

The concept: Build a world of superish hero types who feel like **real people** and who live in a truly modern world. See, although I enjoy the supers, invincibles, & hyphen-mans of other comics, I always feel like I'm reading books that are either trying too hard to be modern or are harkening back to a bygone era. We didn't want to do any of that.

By the way, the "we" I mean are me (thy writer/editor) and the awesome group of artists I found via the webbynet. Those folks who shall amaze are as follows:

- **James Avila**, the astounding artist on **DEATHWITCH!**
- **Jarret Katz**, the visionary on **TEAM INDYSTRUCTIBLE!**
- **Joe Kozlarski**, the perspicacious pen on **PHANTOM KID!**
- **Mikolaj** ("week-o-lai") **Ostapiuk**, the super-duper scribbler of **WEREDEVIL!**
- And thanks to letterers **Lucas Gattoni** & **Jerome Gagnon**.

These guys worked *really* hard on bringing THE REALITY to life — and bring it they did! The details, the storytelling, and the character designs, each one will knock your socks on (yes, they're that good!).

Keith Planit, March 2017



### WELL, HOW DID WE GET HERE?...

THE REALITY name was originally just a place-holder the artists talked Keith into keeping. And our heroes? Not geniuses, scientists, nor rich magnates — they're not even heroes most of the time. They're actually kinda effed up. In other words: **Real**. And as such they should *look* real.

**Deathwitch's Trinity**'s a little "thick" as they say; **Team Indy** all have terrible haircuts; **Werewolf's Jo B.** couldn't try to look more the average Joe. And each of these folks are fallible. Now, here's where creators usually say, "But they try their best to do what's right!" Nope. Not here. Just like most people you know, our characters are self-involved, selfish, & have to be talked into being selfless.

THE REALITY is planned for 3 "seasons" of 24 issues. While there are shorter stories throughout the season, the season itself *will* have an actual arc. You can learn more on our **Indiegogo** & **Patreon** pages (via the **rewards**.) Where our characters go next is not at all typical for caped heroes — this is going to be something new and so much dang fun, we really can't wait to bring it to you!

So please check out ALL our books! **Deathwitch**, **Werewolf**, **Phantom Kid**, & **Team Indestructible!**

The Reality Team

## Thanks for reading...



Cropped look at Joe's first sketch for our awesome cover!

### NEXT:

*Is the cat out of the bag? If so, which cat is it? Heathcliff? Panthro? The tall one in the hat? A SWAT Kat? And who's that dude giving him crap over it? (A thorn in Reg's side, we can tell ya that much!) All this & the documentary-style story intros Reg's most ardent supporter & potential nemesis: His mom! We'll also meet his roommate...& then there's the fire. Yeah. \$#! gets real.*

## Announcements from...



1. Want to see the origin of THE REALITY's heroes? Go to our website's gallery; find & click the **INVISIBLE** image next to the **WEREDEVIL** cover layout!
2. Guess what? Our 5th book **SPYBORG** needs an artist! You need to show us sample comics pages, prove you can tell a story in pictures, and understand the demands of drawing a comic book. Wanna give it a shot? No pay up front, but you'll co-own **SPYBORG**. Contact: [TheRealityComics@gmail.com](mailto:TheRealityComics@gmail.com)
3. Don't forget, we're quarterly, & we need your support to get out our next issues and go monthly. Please be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram for more info! And, hey, thank you for supporting indie comics!

