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CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!

AND THE FUTURE VOTERS



ALL NEW NONPARTISAN
ADVENTURE

LOST IN THE MISINFORMATION MAZE

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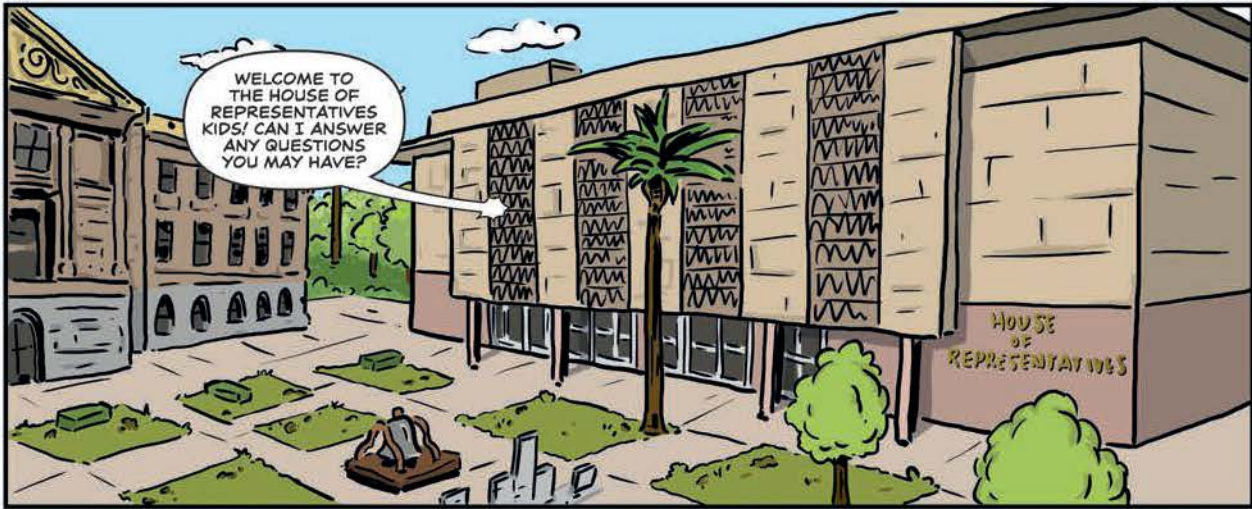
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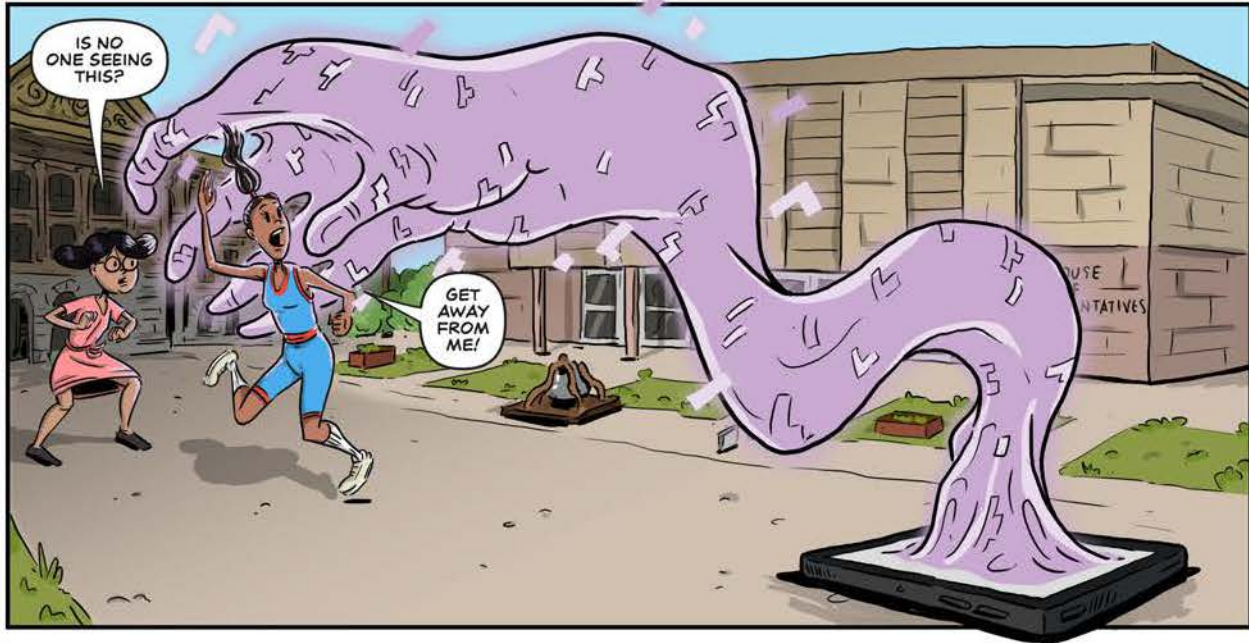
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EXCLUSIVE

LEAKED

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

BREAKING NEWS

TO BE HONEST...I SHOULD NOT HAVE PRESSED THAT LINK.

WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?

WE NEVER CLICK A LINK FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, CALEB. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT.





YOUR VOTE ONLY COUNTS IF YOU VOTE FOR THE WINNING CANDIDATE.

NAH, THIS IS WRONG! EVEN IF YOUR CANDIDATE LOSES, YOUR VOTE SIGNALS YOUR VALUES AND CAN INFLUENCE FUTURE ELECTIONS.

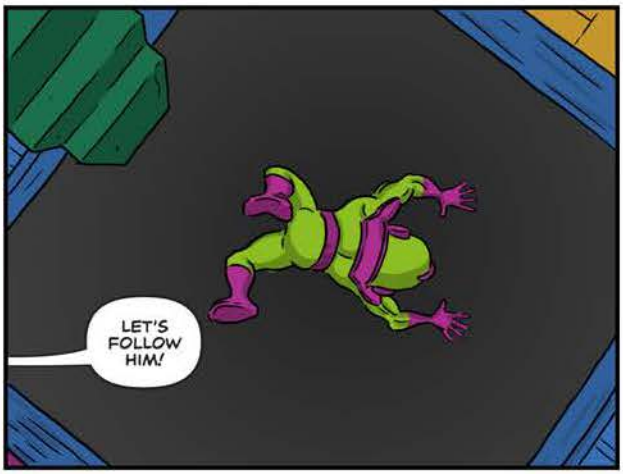
THE MISINFORMATION IS GETTING MORE CONFUSING THE DEEPER DOWN THIS HALL WE GO.



WHY IS HE NOT STOPPING?

I DON'T KNOW AND HE'S LIKE RIGHT THERE!

MAYBE HE CAN'T HEAR US?







YOU KNOW, I HEARD YOUR VOTE DOESN'T MATTER IN A LOCAL ELECTION IF YOU LIVE IN A RURAL TOWN.

WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

THIS RANDOM GUY ONLINE.

THAT'S NOT TRUE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS AND LOCAL ELECTIONS HAVE A SMALLER POPULATION SO YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT.



WELL, BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT INDEPENDENT VOTERS CAN'T VOTE IN PRIMARIES.

THAT'S FALSE! IF YOU'RE AN INDEPENDENT VOTER IN ARIZONA...

...YOU CAN STILL VOTE IN PRIMARIES BY PICKING A BALLOT FROM THE REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, OR ANOTHER PARTICIPATING PARTY FOR THAT ELECTION.



WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?



WE AREN'T JUST MAKING THIS STUFF UP. WE GET OUR INFORMATION FROM TRUSTED NON-PARTISAN RESOURCES.

YEAH, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT ALL THE VERIFIED INFO ON THE CLEAN ELECTIONS WEBSITE?



AZCLEANELECTIONS.GOV IS WHERE WE GO TO FIND OUT ELECTION INFORMATION. WE'RE THE FUTURE VOTERS!



WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. HOW ABOUT I INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE YOU'LL FIND RATHER CHALLENGING.

CHALLENGES DON'T SCARE US!

WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE ROBOT RABBITS?

RA-BOTS!



LEADER, I HAVE SOME FUTURE VOTERS HERE FOR YOU TO DISENFRANCHISE!

VERY WELL. DISENFORM THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME!



RABBIT HOLE!!!!



WE FOLLOWED THIS DEEP FAKE CAPTAIN ACTIVATE DOWN A RABBIT HOLE!



WE COULD BE HERE FOREVER.

BE POSITIVE, ZOEY AND JUST STAY FOCUSED ON FINDING A WAY OUT.



HEY, LET'S GO THIS WAY!



ZOEY, WAIT!



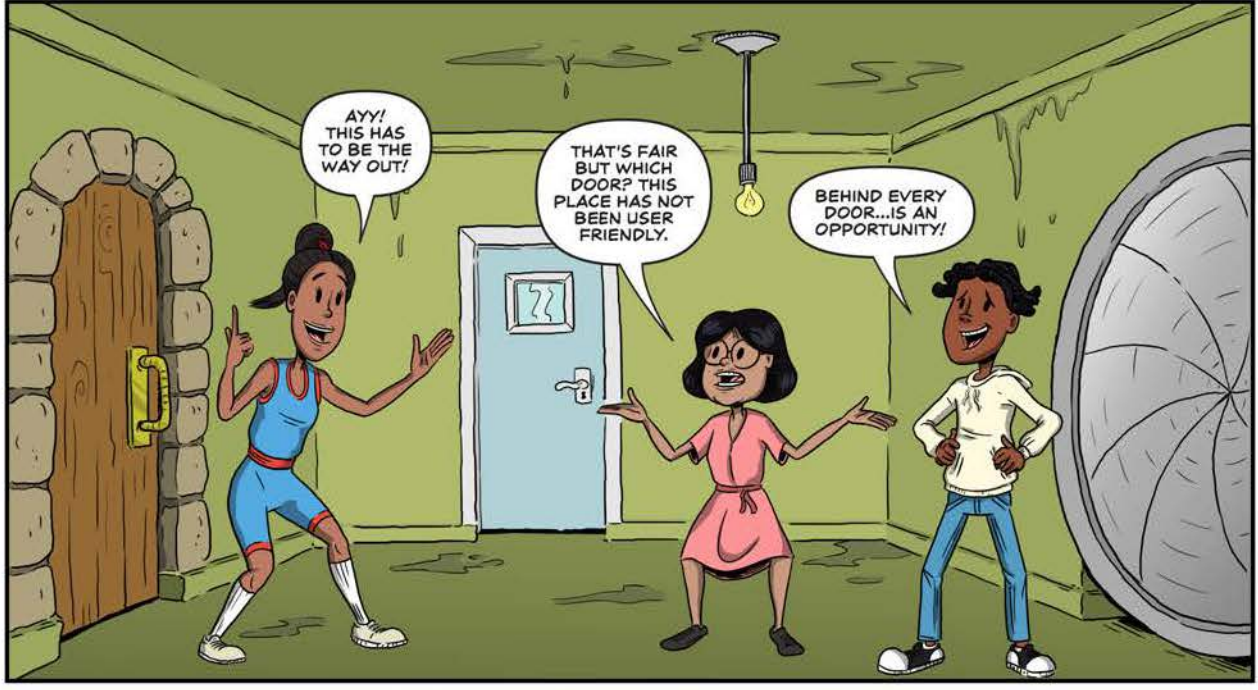
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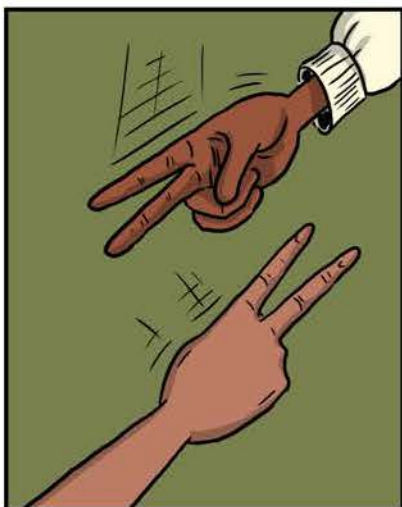
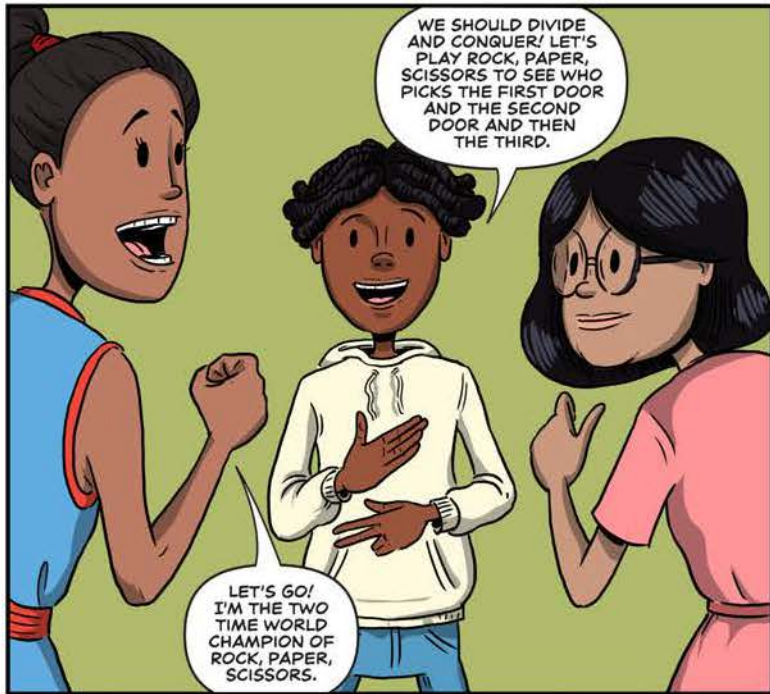


ZOEY! YOU GOOD?

ARE YOU DOWN THERE?

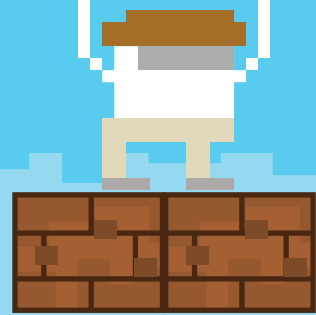








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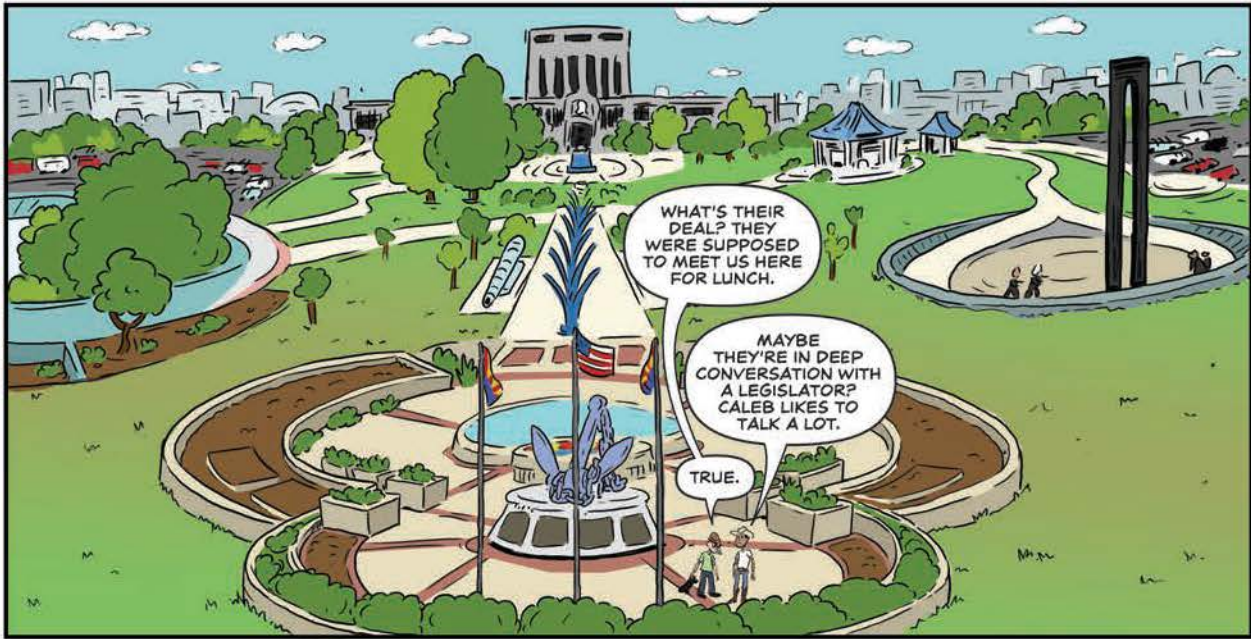


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WHAT'S THEIR DEAL? THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET US HERE FOR LUNCH.

MAYBE THEY'RE IN DEEP CONVERSATION WITH A LEGISLATOR? CALEB LIKES TO TALK A LOT.

TRUE.



I DON'T HAVE ANY MISSED CALLS.

SAME. NO TEXTS FROM THEM EITHER.



¿QUIÉN LLAMA A MI TELÉFONO?

BRRING

WHO IS IT? IS IT CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!?



I THINK SO.

ASK! PUT HIM ON SPEAKER PHONE.



IS THIS CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!?

YEAH, SURE. CLICK THE LINK I JUST TEXTED YOU.



THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE CAPTAIN. HANG UP THE PHONE.

BLOOP!

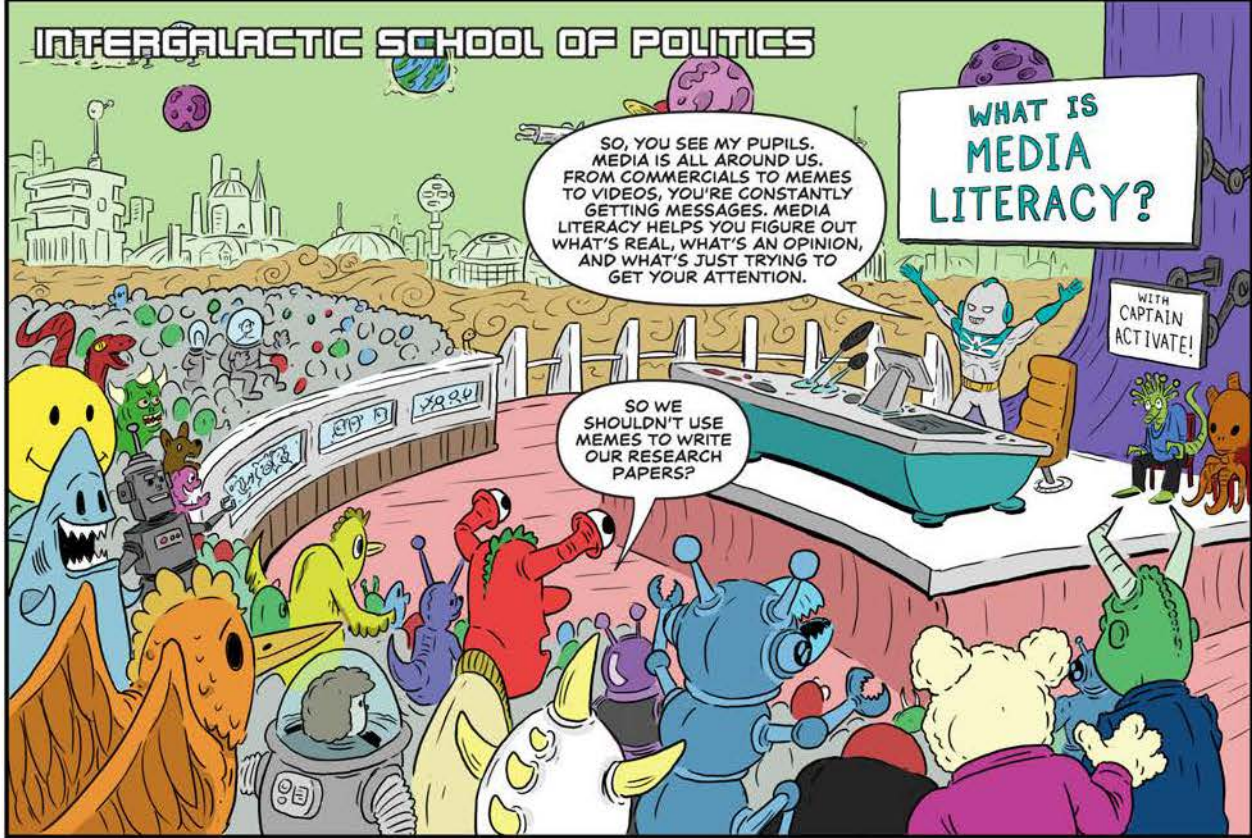


DUDE, THIS IS SO MESSED UP. WE NEED TO GET A HOLD OF CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.

YEAH, I'LL TRY CALLING HIM TO SEE IF THAT WAS REALLY HIM OR NOT!



HE'S NOT ANSWERING.



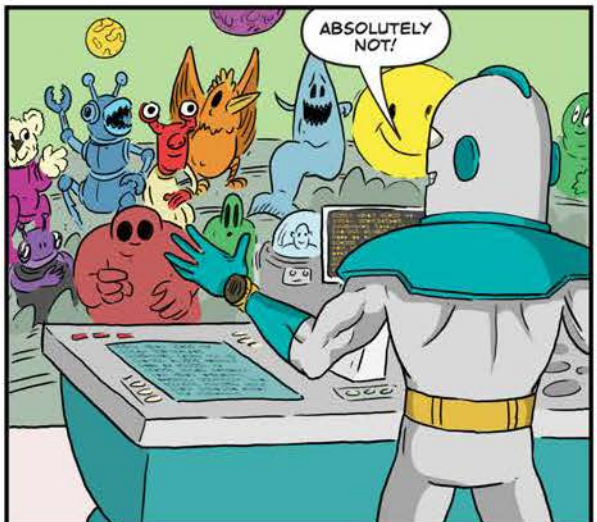
INTERGALACTIC SCHOOL OF POLITICS

SO, YOU SEE MY PUPILS. MEDIA IS ALL AROUND US. FROM COMMERCIALS TO MEMES TO VIDEOS, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY GETTING MESSAGES. MEDIA LITERACY HELPS YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT'S REAL, WHAT'S AN OPINION, AND WHAT'S JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.

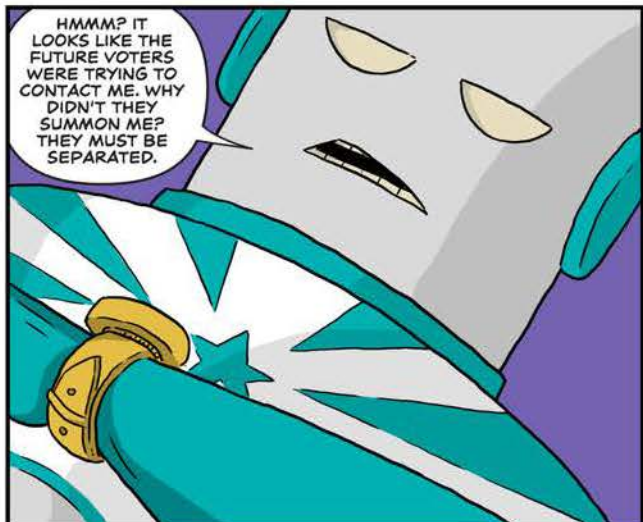
WHAT IS MEDIA LITERACY?

WITH CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!

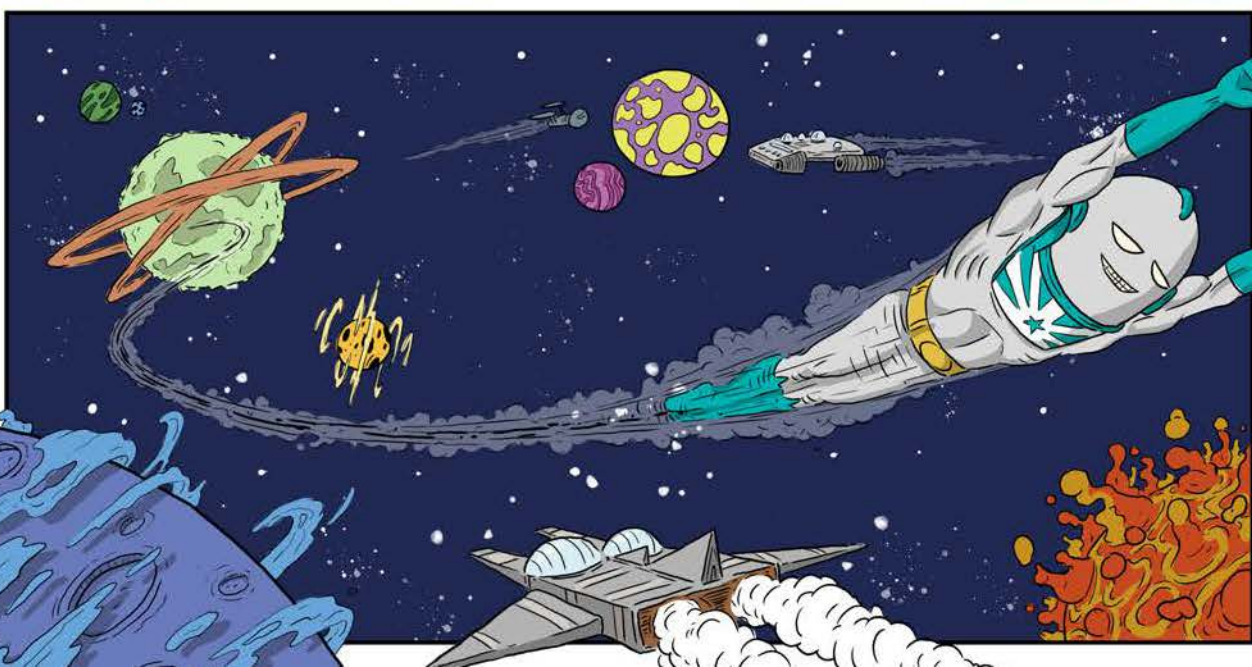
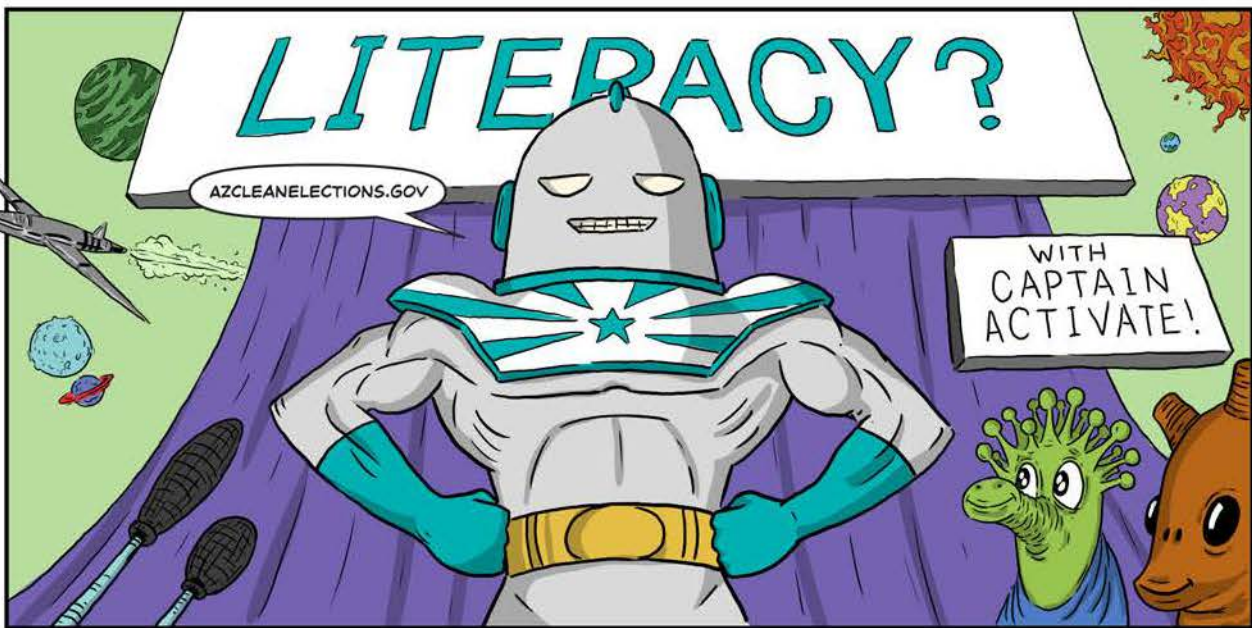
SO WE SHOULDN'T USE MEMES TO WRITE OUR RESEARCH PAPERS?

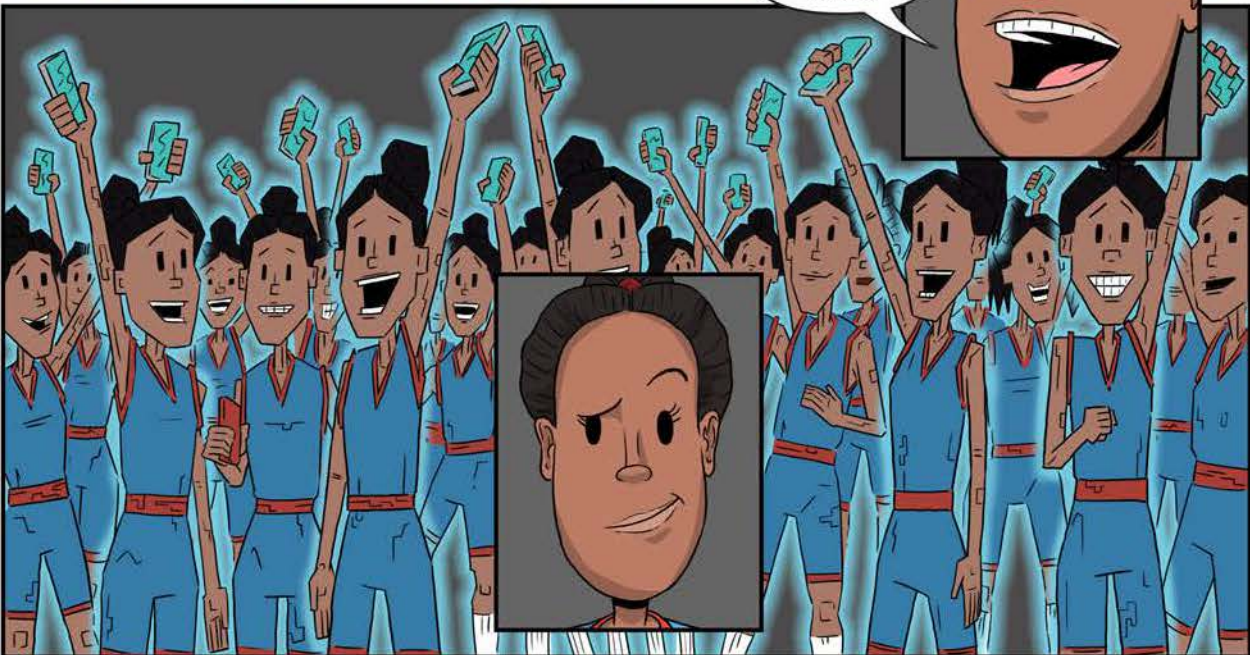
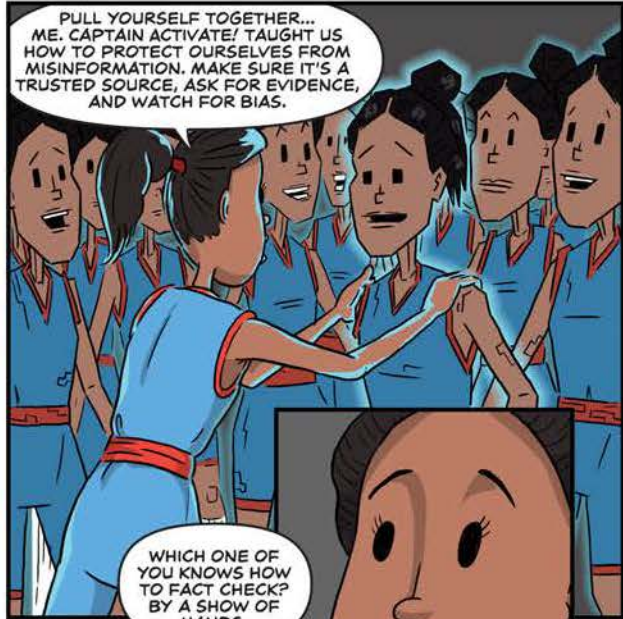


ABSOLUTELY NOT!



HMMM? IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUTURE VOTERS WERE TRYING TO CONTACT ME. WHY DIDN'T THEY SUMMON ME? THEY MUST BE SEPARATED.







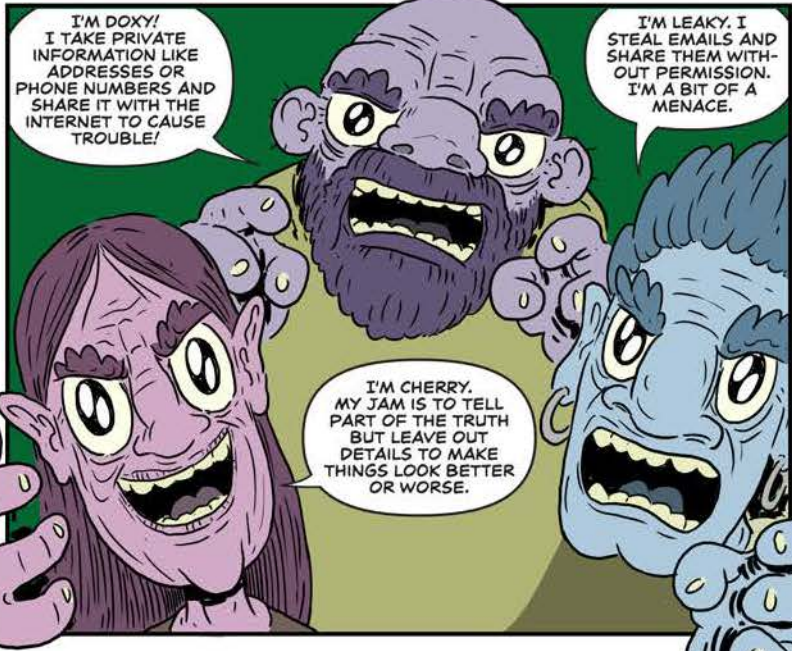
THIS ISN'T
A FAIRYTALE
I WANT TO
BE IN.



MAL-
INFOR
MATION



YIKES!



I'M DOXY!
I TAKE PRIVATE
INFORMATION LIKE
ADDRESSES OR
PHONE NUMBERS AND
SHARE IT WITH THE
INTERNET TO CAUSE
TROUBLE!

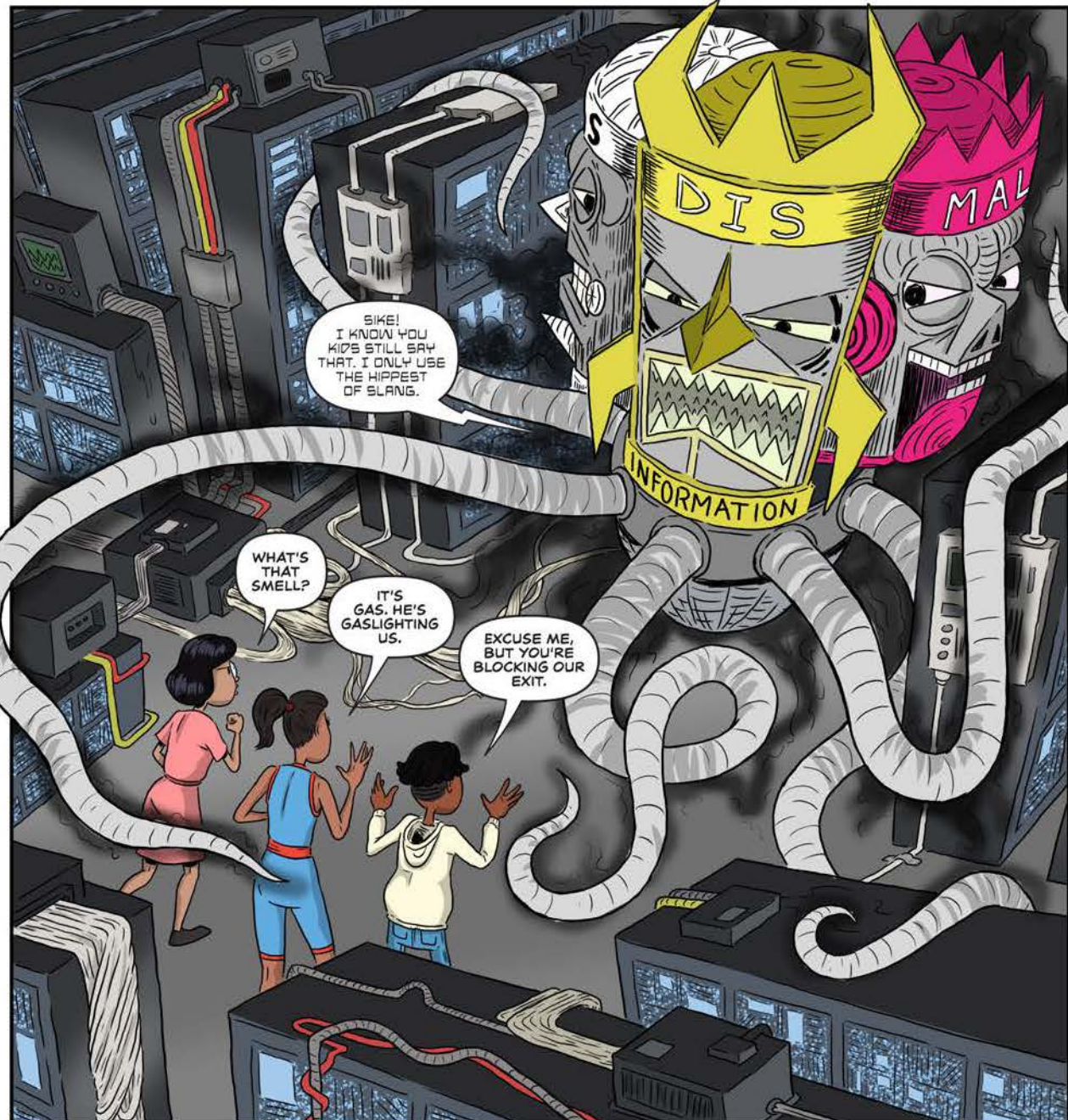
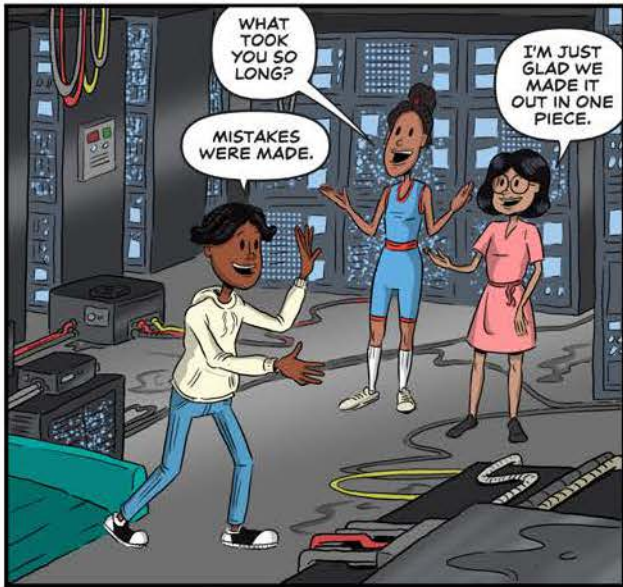
I'M LEAKY. I
STEAL EMAILS AND
SHARE THEM WITH-
OUT PERMISSION.
I'M A BIT OF A
MENACE.

I'M CHERRY.
MY JAM IS TO TELL
PART OF THE TRUTH
BUT LEAVE OUT
DETAILS TO MAKE
THINGS LOOK BETTER
OR WORSE.



WAIT A MINUTE. DOXING,
LEAKING EMAILS AND CHERRY
PICKING STATISTICS IS ALL
MALINFORMATION. YOU'RE BAD
FOR DEMOCRACY! JUST KNOW...
WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE I'LL
BE REPORTING YOU THREE!







DISINFORMATION CAN MAKE VOTERS BELIEVE THINGS THAT AREN'T TRUE, WHICH CAN IMPACT THEIR VOTE.

AYO!

THIS IS NOT HOW YOU MAKE FRIENDS.

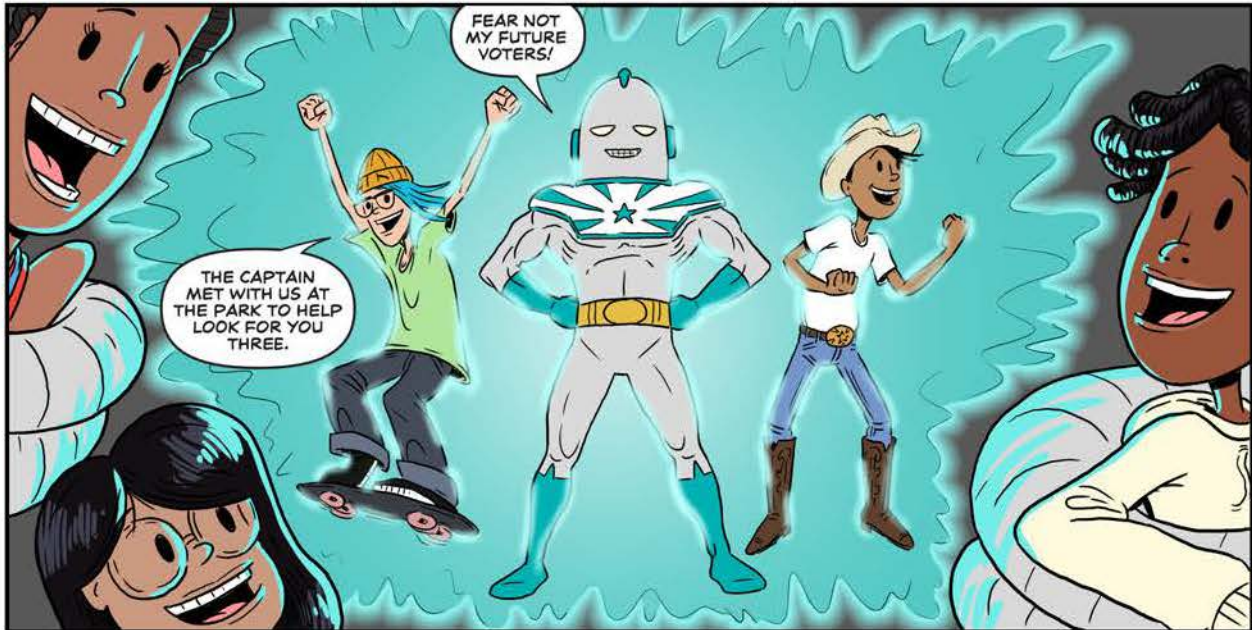
HEHEHEHEHE!



MISINFORMATION CAN MAKE VOTING CONFUSING BY GIVING PEOPLE WRONG INFORMATION.



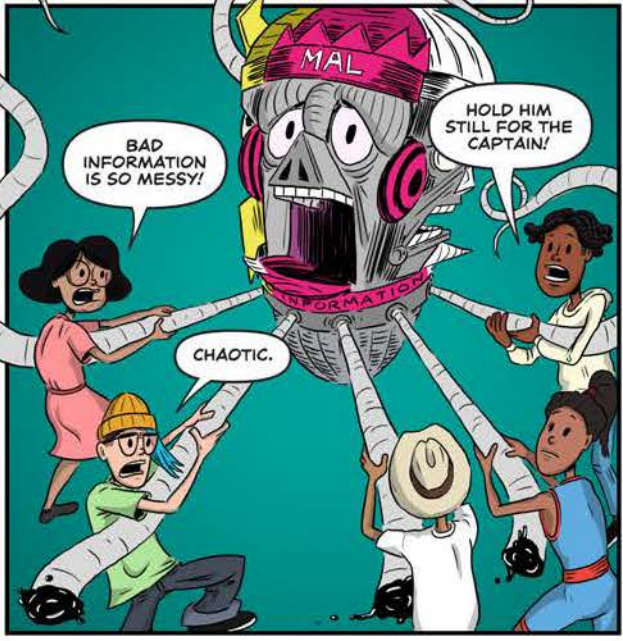
MALINFORMATION CAN SHARE REAL FACTS BUT IN A WAY THAT CONFUSES OR MANIPULATES VOTERS BY CHERRY-PICKING DATA.





YOU THINK YOU CAN OUTSMART THE FUTURE VOTERS?

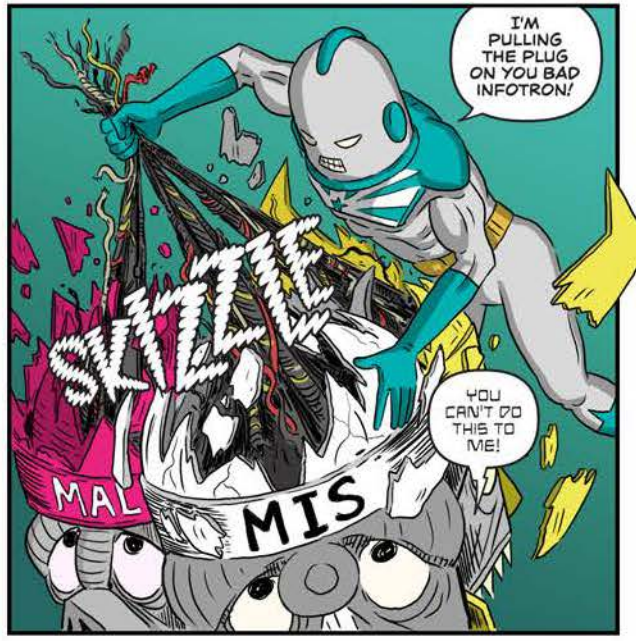
NOT ON YOUR BEST DAY!



BAD INFORMATION IS SO MESSY!

HOLD HIM STILL FOR THE CAPTAIN!

CHAOTIC.

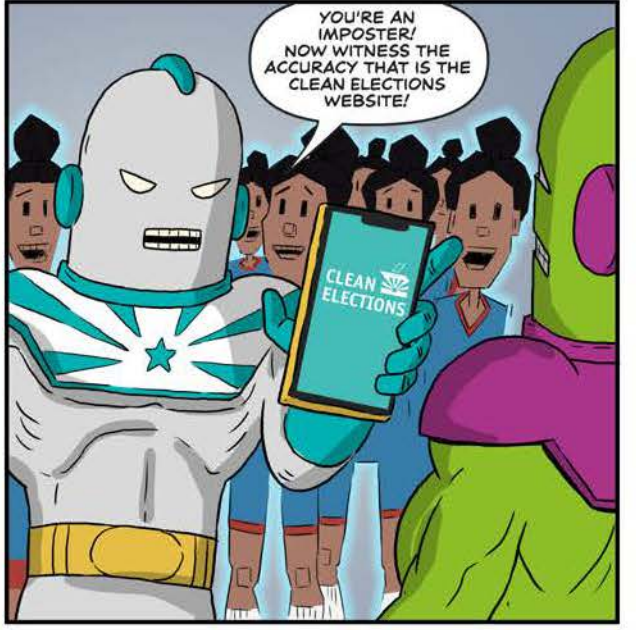


I'M PULLING THE PLUG ON YOU BAD INFOTRON!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!



WAIT, I CAN EXPLAIN...



YOU'RE AN IMPOSTER! NOW WITNESS THE ACCURACY THAT IS THE CLEAN ELECTIONS WEBSITE!

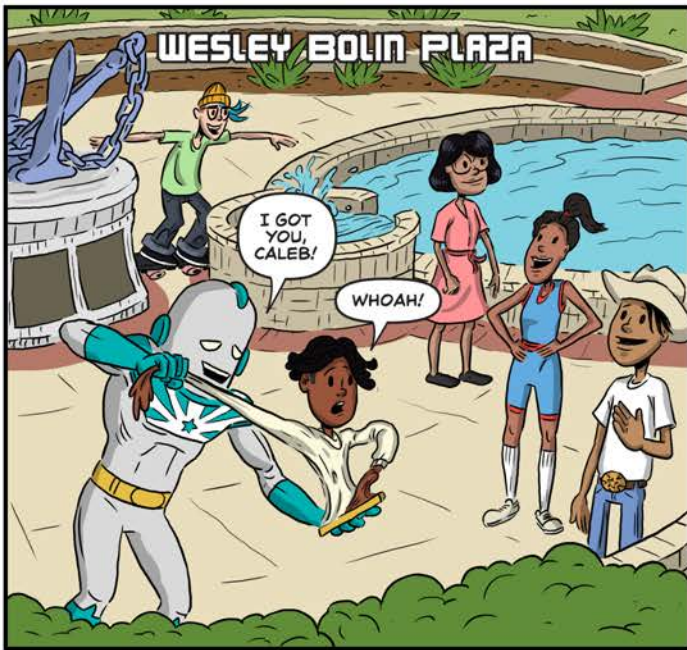


GASP! TRUSTED, NONPARTISAN ELECTION INFORMATION.



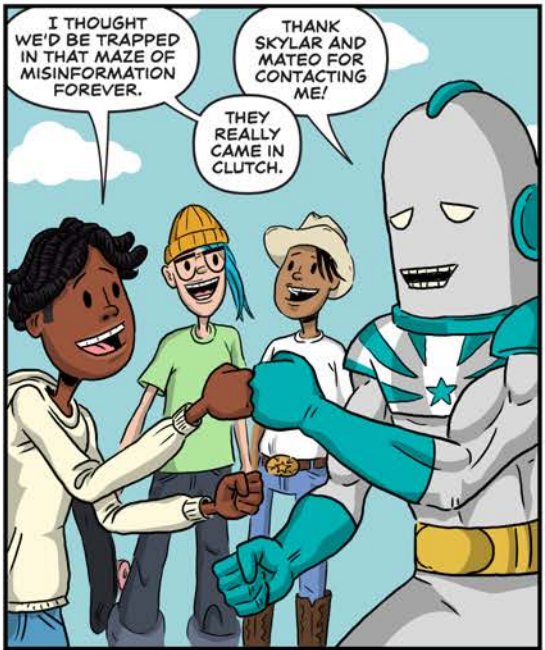
AAAAHHHHHOOOOHHH!

WESLEY BOUN PLAZA



I GOT YOU, CALEB!

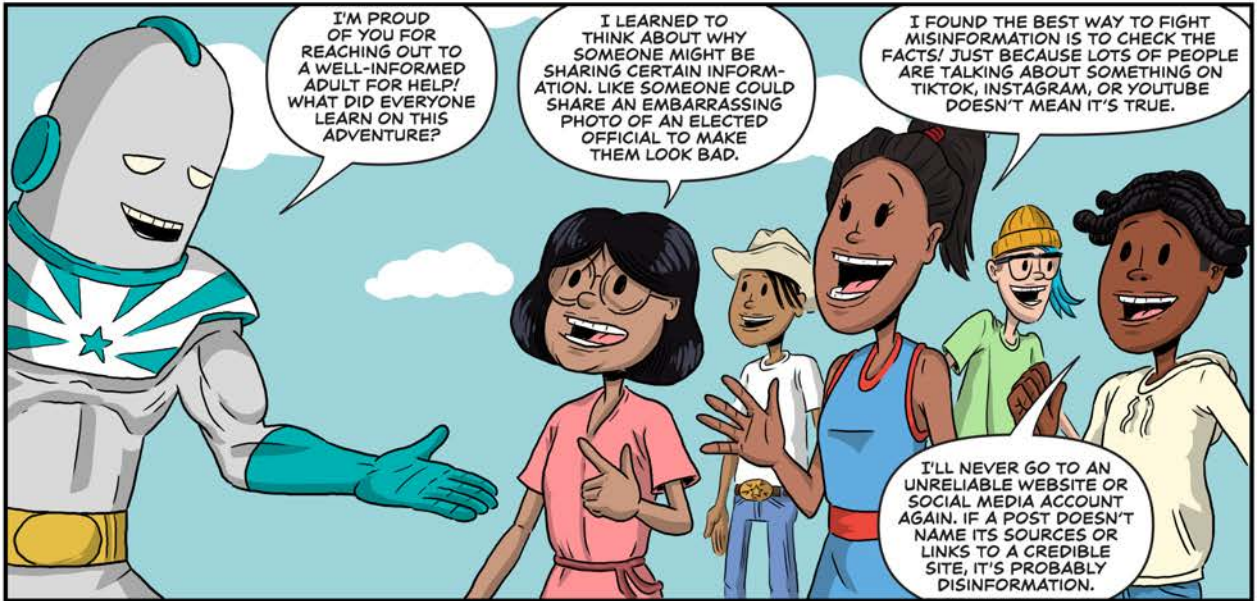
WHOAH!



I THOUGHT WE'D BE TRAPPED IN THAT MAZE OF MISINFORMATION FOREVER.

THANK SKYLAR AND MATEO FOR CONTACTING ME!

THEY REALLY CAME IN CLUTCH.

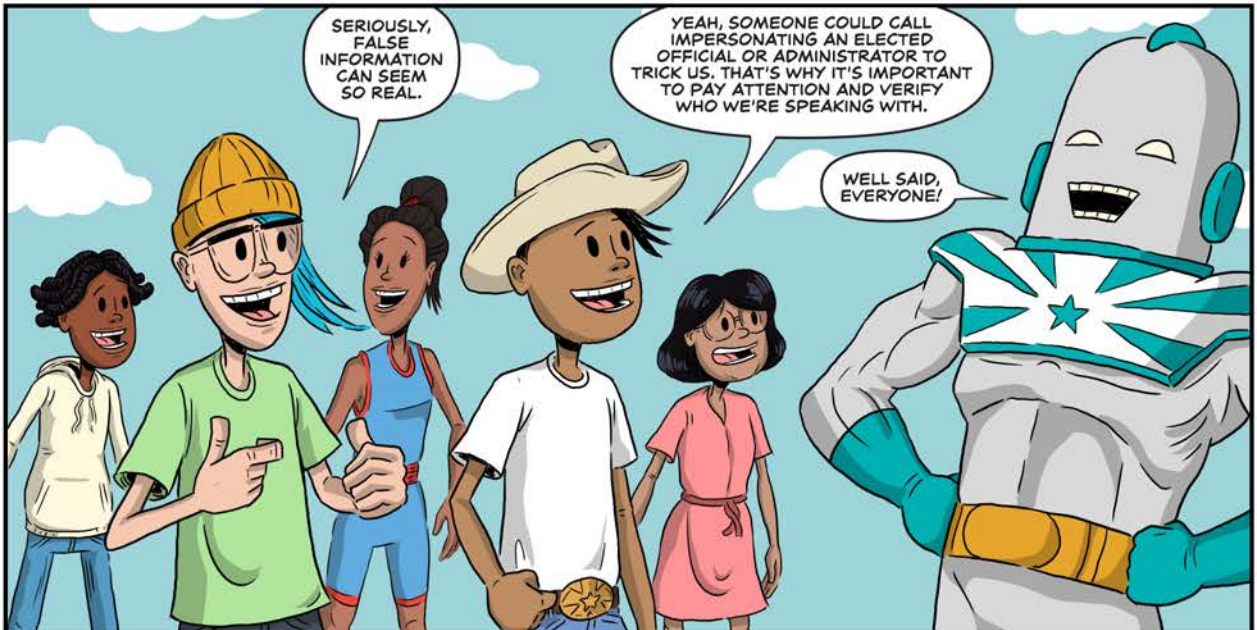


I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR REACHING OUT TO A WELL-INFORMED ADULT FOR HELP! WHAT DID EVERYONE LEARN ON THIS ADVENTURE?

I LEARNED TO THINK ABOUT WHY SOMEONE MIGHT BE SHARING CERTAIN INFORMATION. LIKE SOMEONE COULD SHARE AN EMBARRASSING PHOTO OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO MAKE THEM LOOK BAD.

I FOUND THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT MISINFORMATION IS TO CHECK THE FACTS! JUST BECAUSE LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ON TIKTOK, INSTAGRAM, OR YOUTUBE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE.

I'LL NEVER GO TO AN UNRELIABLE WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT AGAIN. IF A POST DOESN'T NAME ITS SOURCES OR LINKS TO A CREDIBLE SITE, IT'S PROBABLY DISINFORMATION.

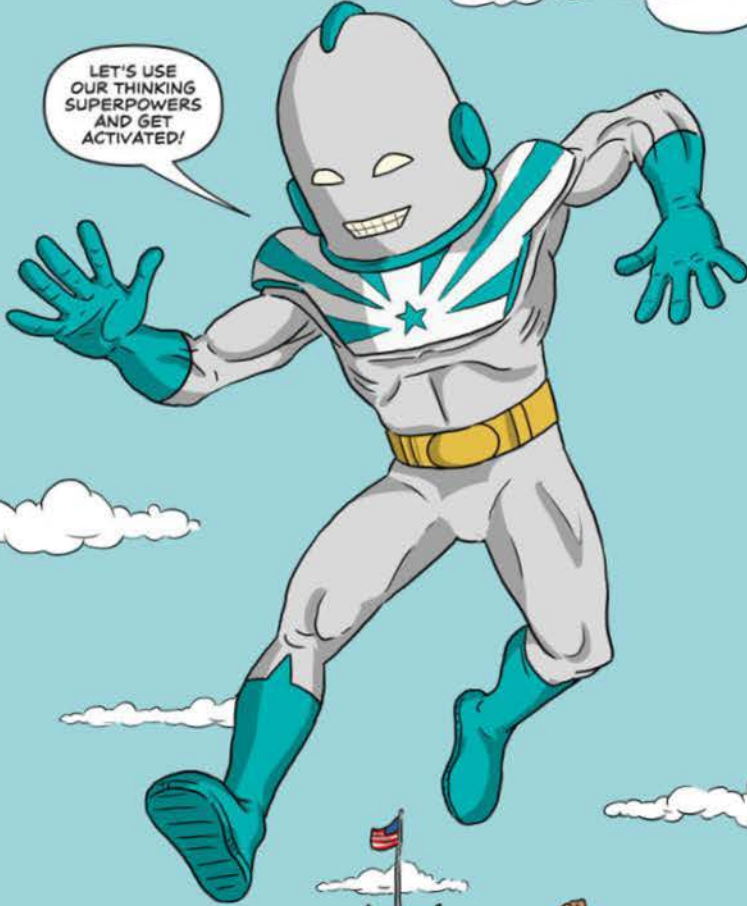


SERIOUSLY, FALSE INFORMATION CAN SEEM SO REAL.

YEAH, SOMEONE COULD CALL IMPERSONATING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR ADMINISTRATOR TO TRICK US. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION AND VERIFY WHO WE'RE SPEAKING WITH.

WELL SAID, EVERYONE!

LET'S USE
OUR THINKING
SUPERPOWERS
AND GET
ACTIVATED!



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KEYWORDS

1. MISINFORMATION

Incorrect or misleading information that is shared by someone who doesn't realize it's wrong. *Example:* A person might accidentally share the wrong date for an election.

2. DISINFORMATION

False information shared on purpose to confuse or trick people, especially to change how they think or vote. *Example:* A fake post saying a candidate dropped out of the race when they didn't.

3. MALINFORMATION

Information that is true but shared in a way that is meant to hurt someone or cause problems. *Example:* Sharing a private email just to embarrass a candidate.

4. STATISTICS

Numbers and facts that are collected and used to explain something. In elections, statistics might show how many people voted or what percent supported each candidate.

5. DEEPPFAKE

A fake video, image, or recording made using technology to look real. It can make it seem like someone said or did something they didn't. This can be used to confuse voters.

6. TRUSTED SOURCE

A person or group that shares accurate and honest information, like a government election website or a well known news outlet that checks its facts.

7. NONPARTISAN

Not supporting any political party or candidate. Nonpartisan groups focus on giving fair and balanced information to help voters make their own choices.

8. DISENFRANCHISE

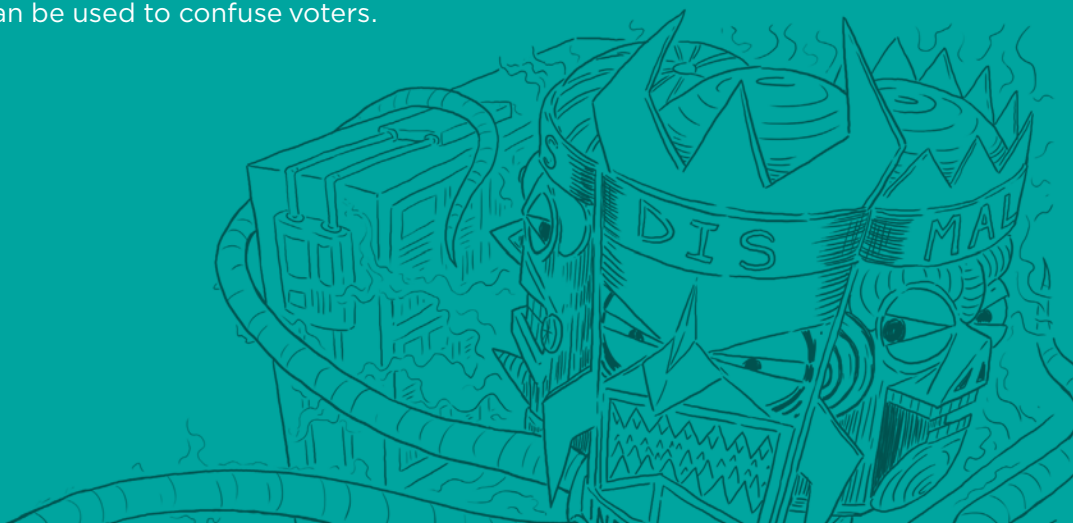
To take away someone's right to vote or make it harder for them to vote. *Example:* If there's misinformation about who can vote.

9. ECHO CHAMBER

A situation where someone only hears opinions and information they already agree with, so they don't learn other points of view. Social media can sometimes create echo chambers.

10. MEDIA LITERACY

The ability to find, understand, and check the information you see, especially online or in the news. It helps people tell what's real and what's false.





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