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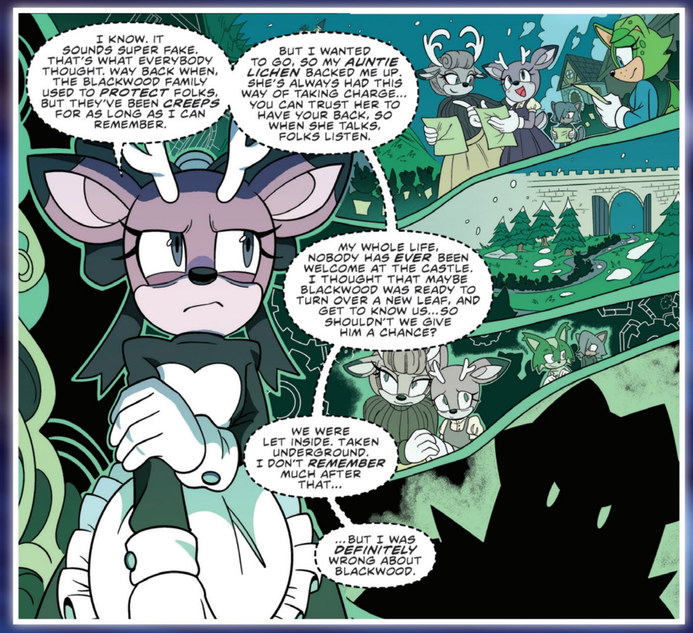
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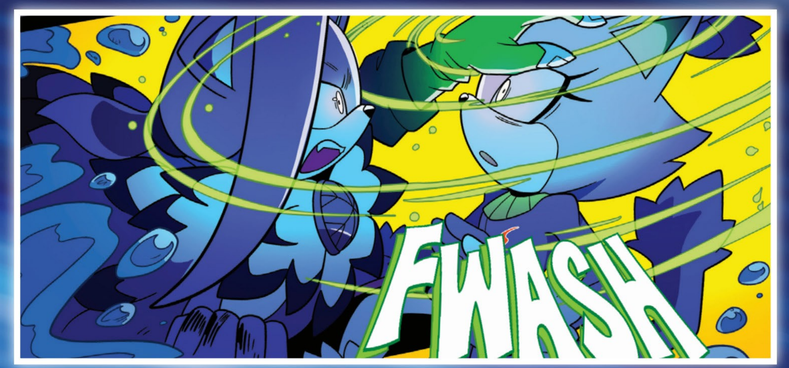
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BLAZE THE CAT

FIRE-POWERED PRINCESS.
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SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

YOUNG PSYCHIC HERO.
FRIEND FROM THE FUTURE.

RRRRUMMMBLE

WHAT-- WHAT EVEN *IS* THAT, SILVER?!

I DUNNO, BUT WE CAN'T STAY HERE. *C'MON!*

SHEEOOK

THE CASTLE IS... A DRAGON?!

WE HAVE TO FIND BLACKWOOD AND STOP HIM.

CHK-CHK-CHK-CHK

YOU...

You are to blame for this, forcing my hand into such...**unsubtle** action. I find myself with no other option but to accelerate my plans! Once I've dealt with you, I will **claim dominion** over all of Sylvania!

Consider this a **challenge,** Silver the Hedgehog! A duel to the very end!

YOU'RE **SURE** YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE, DAPPLE?

I--I SAID WHAT I SAID. WE'RE TAKING ON BLACKWOOD ***TOGETHER.***

ALL RIGHT. HANG ON TIGHT.

YOU'RE ON, BLACKWOOD!

SHOOM

FWOOSH

Of course, I won't be fighting ***alone.***

After all... what is a dragon without its *flame?*

BLAZE! YOU GOTTA FIGHT HIS *CONTROL!* REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE, WHO I AM, WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR!

I... *KNOW* YOU...

...YOU ARE MASTER BLACKWOOD'S ENEMY!

KATANG

THWAK

SILVER!

SORRY--THIS IS GONNA BE TRICKY. SHE'S *DEFINITELY* UNDER BLACKWOOD'S CONTROL...

GAH!

FIND SOME COVER. I'LL GET THROUGH TO HER!

Y-YEAH! OKAY!

CRAPCRAPCRAPCRAP!

AT LEAST WHEN I WAS A *MIND-CONTROLLED SERVANT* OR WHATEVER, I WASN'T *OUTRUNNING FIREBALLS!*

PHEW!

HE'LL BE OKAY...HE'S GOT CRAZY BRAIN POWERS, RIGHT? BETTER *LIE LOW* FOR NOW.

HEY...

...WHAT AM I SAYING?! I CAN'T HELP AUNTIE LICHEN AND THE REST OF THE TOWN FROM *HERE!*

THAT PUNK--I'M NOT GONNA SIT BY AND LET *HAIR BOY* DO ALL THE WORK!

THERE'S GOTTA BE *SOMETHING* I CAN DO TO MESS UP THIS CASTLE... DRAGON...WHATEV--

--WHOA!

PSHHH

CHUNK-A-CHUNK-A-CHUNK-A-

BOOM

My great-grandfather built this castle to make his dreams of ***dominion*** come true, but as clever as he was, he let his dream ***blind*** him.

WHOOSH

He trusted ***the people*** to play their part...

...but when no one came to ***stoke the fires*** and ***turn the wheels,*** his ***dragon*** could never ***take flight.***

I believe in his dream, but I face ***reality.*** I refuse to repeat his folly. And with the gift of ***control*** bestowed upon me by my ***benefactor...***

...I HAVE ***CORRECTED*** HIS MISTAKE.

KATHUNK

HURRY NOW, KEEP THAT COAL COMING!

RIGHT AWAY!

MASTER BLACKWOOD WANTS THE BOILERS *PIPING HOT,* AND HE DESERVES ONLY THE ***BEST!***

YES, MA'AM!

WAS THIS PLACE *ALWAYS* UNDER THE CASTLE?

AND THOSE THINGS ON THE WALL, IS *THAT* WHAT BLACKWOOD'S USING TO CONTROL THEM?

IF I COULD GET THEM DOWN...

VWMMM

GAH! ARE YOU OKAY?!

ONLY THE BEST...

THUNK

QUICKLY NOW, PEOPLE! PICK UP THOSE FEET!

AUNTIE LICHEN, *STOP!* BLACKWOOD IS *USING* YOU! PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT!

OH, DEARIE... IT IS AN HONOR TO BE USED.

VMMM

RRRGH-- *NOT THIS TIME,* YOU...

Already, the dragon's power is rising...the people will do their part and ***rejoice*** as I ascend!

BOOM

VMMM

OH DEAR...

WHAT... WILL... MASTER BLACKWOOD SAY?

NO!

Y-YOU CAN'T MAKE ME! I WON'T LET YOU!

HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER... I'LL SAVE YOU.

WHOOOOH! WHY DID I DO THAT?!

CAAATCH MEEE--

BLAZE! I KNOW YOU CAN BEAT THIS, SO KEEP--WAIT, IS THAT...

WHOOSH

--EEEEEE!

WHUMP

DAPPLE?! WHERE-- HOW--

DO THE FLYING THING! NOW!

OOP, RIGHT!

FWASH

Be quick, *my princess...* I want to see that hedgehog *burn!*

BWOOSH

I FOUND THIS WHOLE ENGINE ROOM THING. BLACKWOOD'S GOT EVERYBODY KEEPING IT RUNNING FOR HIM! THEY'RE WORKING TILL THEY--

ON YOUR RIGHT!

FWSSSH

THANKS! SHOULD WE GO GET THEM OUT?

THE FOLKS IN THERE AREN'T GONNA STOP. WE'VE GOTTA GO FOR ***BLACKWOOD.***

AND I THINK I KNOW ***HOW...***

ALL RIGHT! I'LL KEEP BLAZE AND BLACKWOOD OCCUPIED.

BASHOOM

WHOOSH

CRASH!

HEY, BLACKWOOD!

CATCH!

SNAP

YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME WITH THAT?!

It barely left a *scratch!*

OH YEAH?

HOW ABOUT *THIS?*

SHATTA

It really is pitiful... While you've frittered your time away ***throwing stones,*** my dragon has nearly reached ***full power!***

When this machine is fully charged, it will be ***invincible!*** The dragon will fly on thundering wings over Sylvania, smiting ***any*** who would oppose my rule!

After that, heh...

...who's to say?

KA-CHAK

LURCH

THUNK

Wait, aren't you...

How can you resist the--

NYARRH!

LET THEM GO! NOW!

The villagers? They were ***lost*** without me! They have purpose now. They know their ***place!***

FWASH

Allow me to remind ***you*** of ***yours!***

YOU... CAN'T... MAKE... ME...

BAM

DAPPLE!

WHAM

CLANG

H-hah! I got him!

I'M NOT... DONE... YET!

Oh, ***please.*** Look at yourself!

Your allies are under my sway, and you are ***quite literally*** in my clutches.

Either my claws will get you or ***she*** will.

YOU SHOULDN'T... ***UNDERESTIMATE*** US.

The ***honorable*** man knows when to admit defeat. And as you can see...your time is nearly up.

Ah, but I am a ***generous*** lord. If you learn your place, and do not bite the hand that--

CHOMP

KZZT

Gaaah!

You little *beast!* What do you think you're doing?!

BEATING YOU.

YOU THOUGHT YOU GOT ME? *REALLY?* YOUR BRAIN TRICK STOPS WORKING SO GREAT WHEN YOU KEEP *SPAMMING* IT, IDIOT.

I'M NOT FALLING FOR YOUR CRAP *EVER AGAIN,* AND WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS GLOVE, NEITHER WILL *ANYBODY ELSE.*

WHA...

YES! FIGHT IT, BLAZE!

WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING, DAPPLE, IT'S WORKING!

You won't best me! Not when I'm so--

-GYAAAH!

KRZZAK

Hah... Hah...

THE POWER'S GOING DOWN!

YOUR SPELL'S ***BROKEN,*** BLACKWOOD. THE PEOPLE AREN'T DOING YOUR DIRTY WORK ANYMORE! YOU'LL ***NEVER*** GET YOUR DUMB DRAGON OFF THE GROUND!

No... ***No!***

I WILL NOT BE DENIED!

KACHUNK

GRAAAAA

KRA-KRACK

AAAAH!

WHAM

BLAZE!

SORRY I'M LATE.

It doesn't matter! I already have all the power I--

NO!

FIZZLE

LURCH

FWASH

SHOOM

LATER...

SILVER! BLAZE! I FOUND HER!

THIS IS MY AUNTIE, LICHEN!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MA'AM! I'M SILVER.

BLAZE. YOUR NIECE IS TRULY REMARKABLE.

SHE REALLY IS...WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE HER LOOKING OUT FOR US!

WELL, SILVER DID A WHOLE LOT... BLAZE, TOO...

OH, *NOW* YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL HUMBLE? C'MON, TAKE A LITTLE CREDIT!

I'M JUST HAPPY...

...WE'RE ALL HERE TO SEE THIS.

STILL, QUESTIONS LINGER. I DON'T KNOW HOW BLACKWOOD MANAGED TO EVADE US AFTER WE FELLED HIS DRAGON.

AND ALL HIS "*BENEFACTOR*" TALK--WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

I'M SURE YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT!

YEAH... *YEAH!* IT'S A MYSTERY!

HEY BLAZE, D'YA THINK *THIS* MIGHT BE THE CRISIS I'M HERE IN THE PAST TO SAVE THE FUTURE FROM?

YOU'RE IN THE *WHICH* TO DO *WHAT* NOW?

SHF SHFFL

Please...

I was ***tricked! Betrayed!*** I just need another chance...

...a bit more power...

I SAW SOMETHING OF MYSELF IN YOU...

AN UNAPPRECIATED TALENT, EYES OPENED TO YOUR PREDECESSOR'S MISTAKES...

DO NOT WORRY. YOU WILL HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

CREEAK

ONLY THE BEST.

Oh, thank you, thank you...

Thank you...

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HORROR *in* SPIRAL HILL!

NEXT MONTH...





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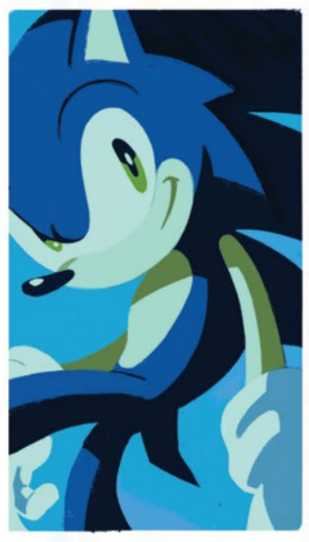


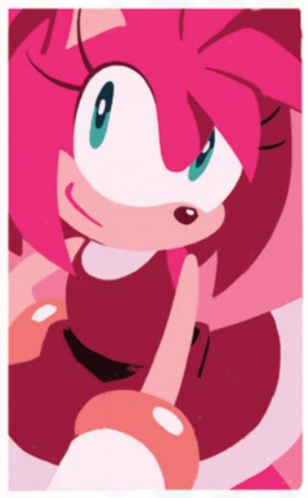
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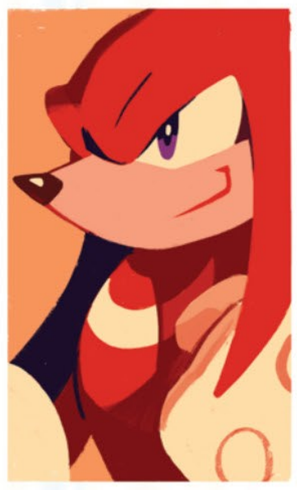


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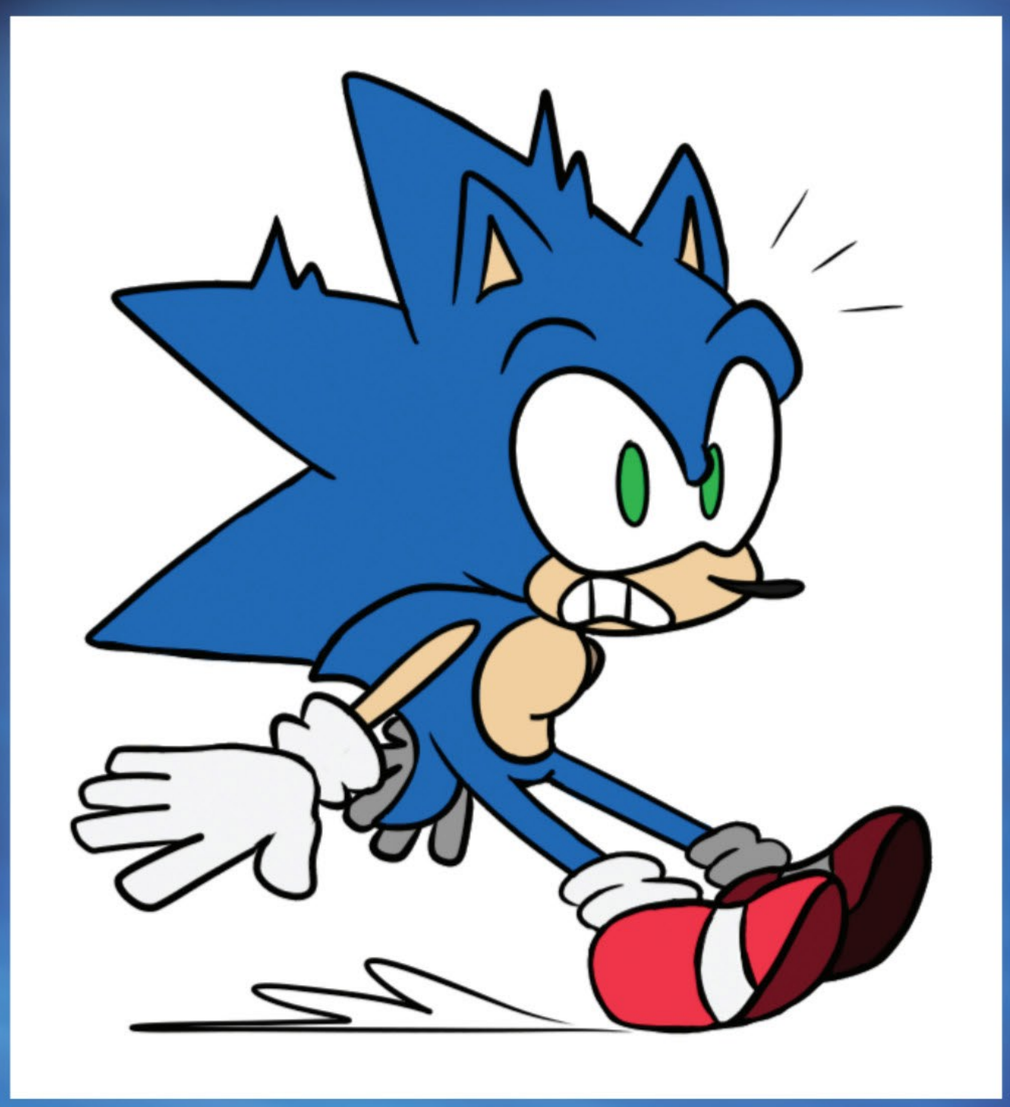


ART BY MILES ARQ

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

THE SYLVANIANS ARE FINALLY ABLE TO THINK AGAIN! WHICH MAKES ME THINK...WHAT IS BLACKWOOD GOING TO GET UP TO NEXT? AND WHAT DOES THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER HAVE PLANNED NEXT? SOMETHING TELLS ME IT CAN'T BE GOOD...

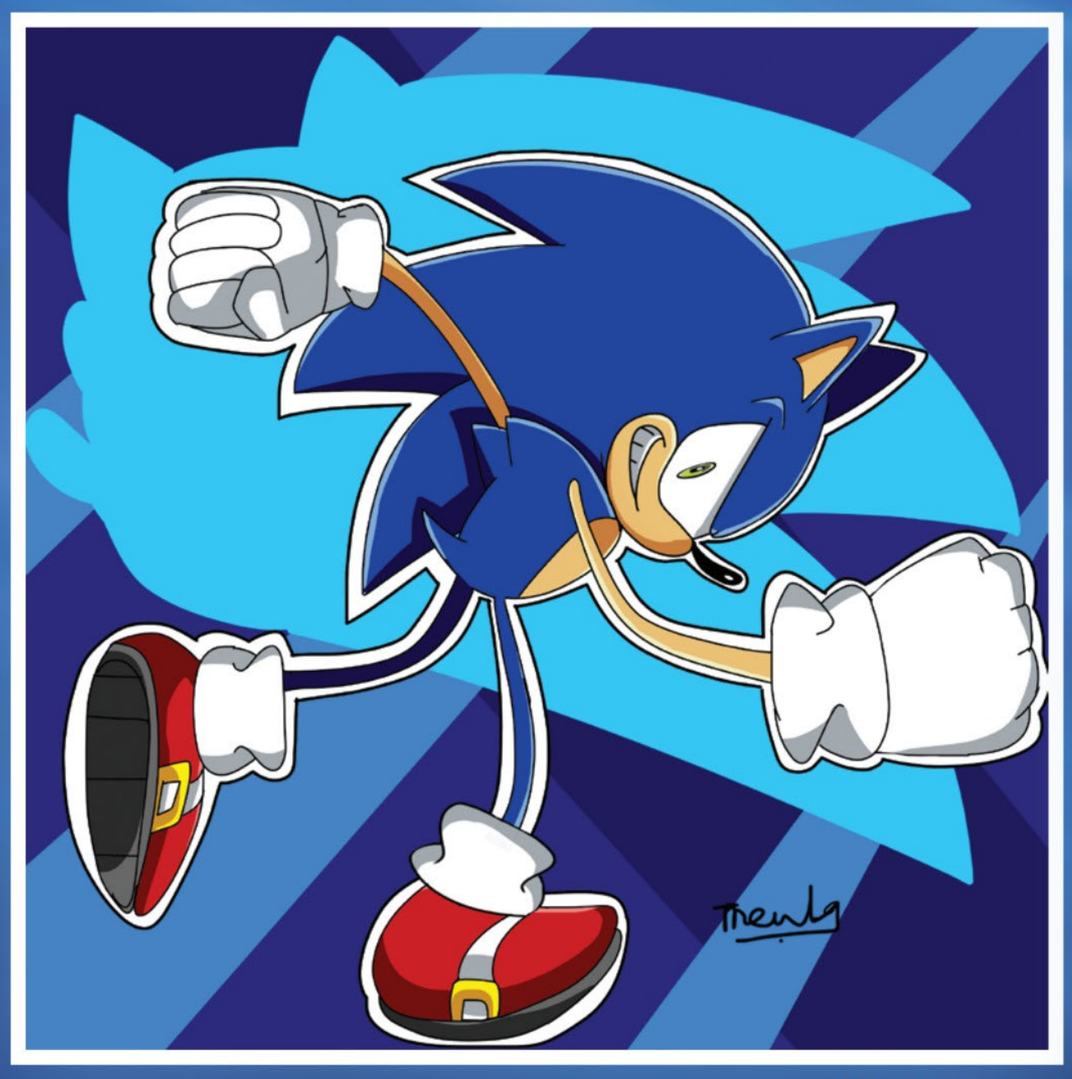
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD? OUR LOVELY TEAM WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE— EVAN STANLEY, ADAM BRYCE THOMAS, LEONARDO ITO, AND ED DUKESHIRE! NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM OUR WONDERFUL SONIC SQUAD!



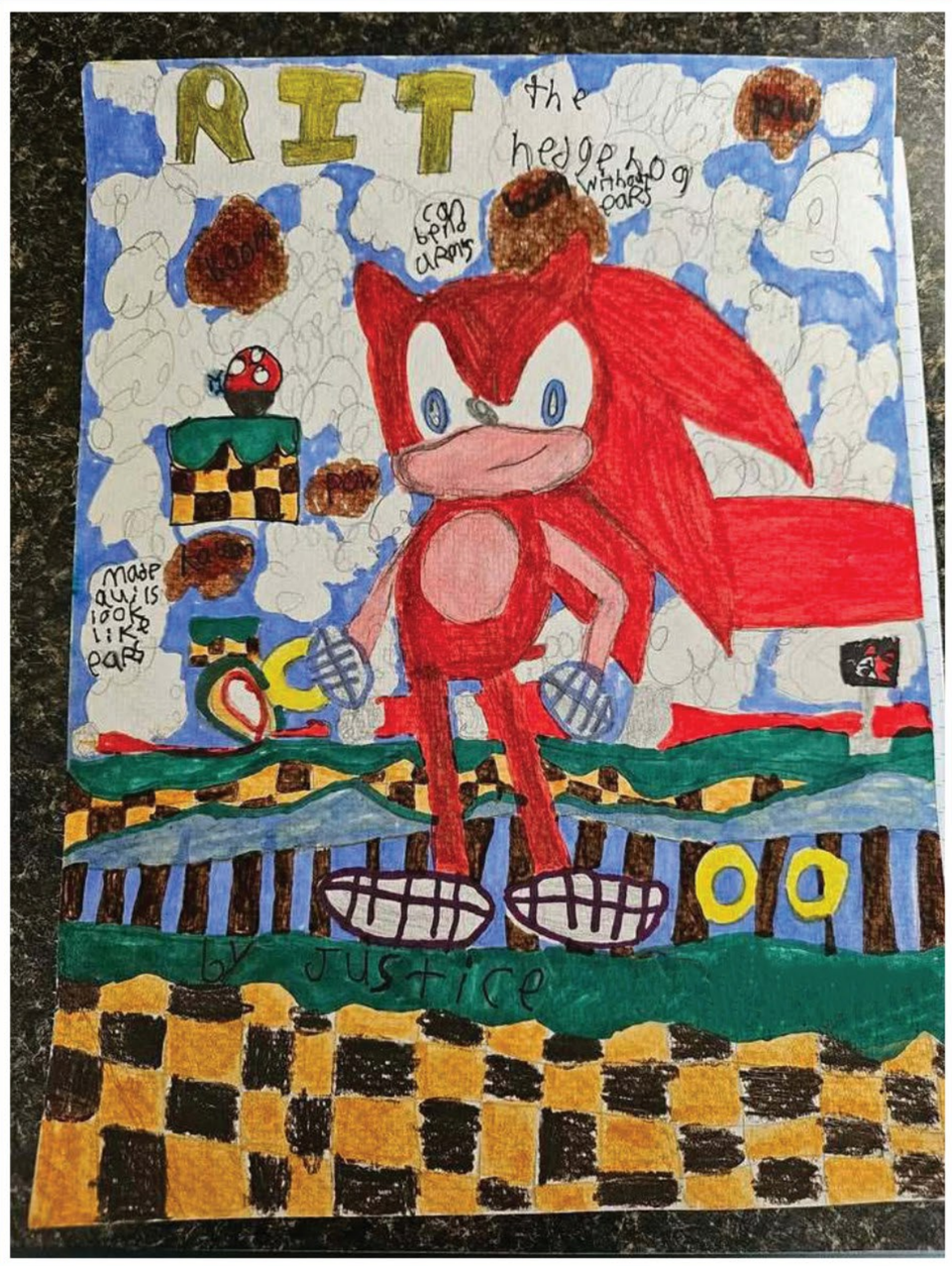
ART BY LAUREN

Hey! I'm Lauren, I'm 13, and I'm a huge Sonic fan! My dream is to draw Sonic comics when I'm older. My favorite character is Shadow the Hedgehog - will he play a big role in this arc? I'm so excited to keep reading! Happy 35th birthday to the Blue Blur - here's a quick sketch!

Hi, Lauren! Thank you for writing us and thank you for the sweet wishes! I am happy to let you know that Shadow will play a very large role in this arc, especially in the final few chapters! There's no way he would miss all of this action!



ART BY BLUESPEED



ART BY SULLIVAN

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Reina Strauss
Content Marketing Specialist

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