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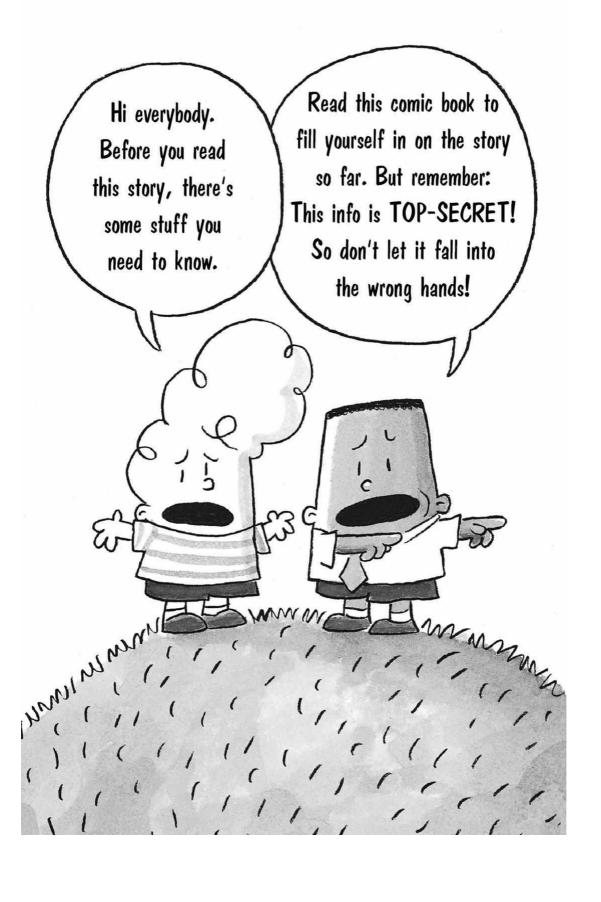
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"Imagination is more important than knowledge." —Albert Einstein

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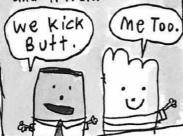


The TRUBBLE WITH CAPTAIN Underpants

NOW It Can BE TOLD!!!!!!!

- A informashonal comic By George and Harold.

Onse upon a time There were Two Cool Kids named George and Harold.



But They had a mean principle named MR. Krupp. Come over Here, Bubs!

one time George and Harold Hipnoti≥ed MR. Krupp with the 3-D Hipno-Ring™











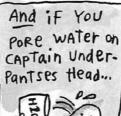












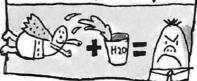


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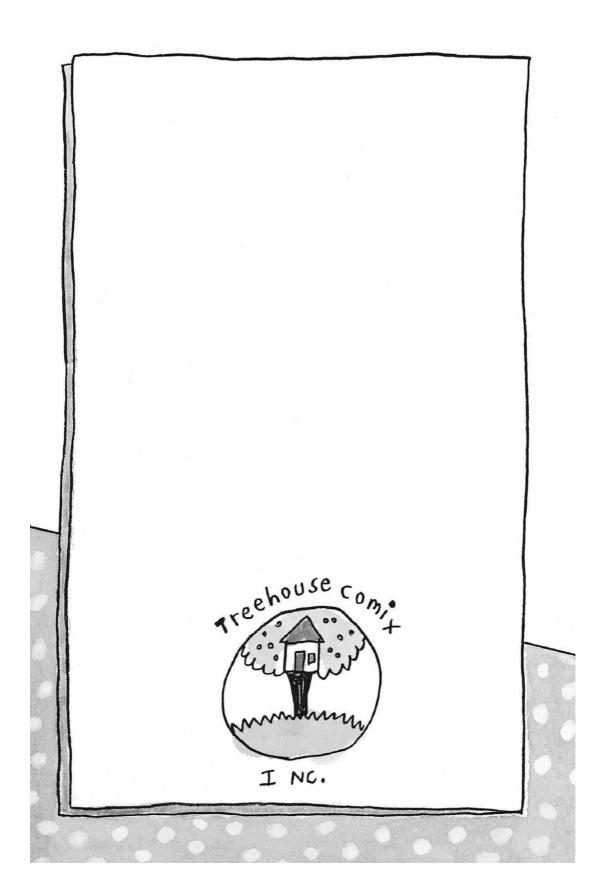
So... If you see MR. Krupp, don't snap your fingers or youL'L Be sorry.



And if you see CAptain Underpants, don't pore no water on his head or youll Be SORRYER!!!



Remember-This is Top-SECRET
So don't tell Anybody!!!



CHAPTER 1 GEORGE AND HAROLD

This is 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.



At most schools, the teachers try to emphasize "the three **R**s" (**R**eading, '**R**iting, and '**R**ithmetic). But George and Harold's teacher Ms. Ribble was more concerned with enforcing what she called "the three **S**s" (**S**it down, **S**hut your pie holes, and **S**TOP DRIVING ME CRAZY!)

While this was unfortunate for all of her students, it was especially bad for

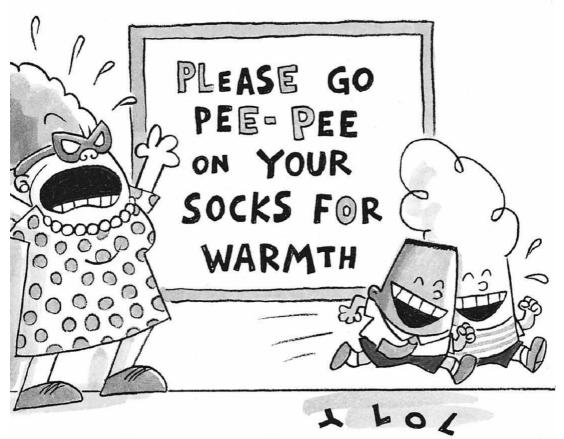


George and Harold, because they were very imaginative boys.

You see, imagination was not really encouraged at George and Harold's school—in fact, it was discouraged. "Imagination" would only get you a one-way ticket to the principal's office.

This was sad for George and Harold, because they didn't get straight As, they weren't sports stars, and they could barely walk down the hallway without getting into trouble. . . .





... See what I mean?!!?

But George and Harold had one thing that most of the other folks at Jerome Horwitz Elementary School didn't have: *Imagination*. They were *full* of it! And one day they would use that imagination to save the entire human race from being overthrown by a crazed woman with even crazier super powers.

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

CHAPTER 2 MS. RIBBLE'S BIG NEWS

One fine day, George and Harold's homeroom teacher, Ms. Ribble, entered the classroom looking a bit meaner than usual.

"Alright, settle down!" shouted Ms. Ribble.

"I have some bad news: I'm retiring."

"Hooray!" cried the children.

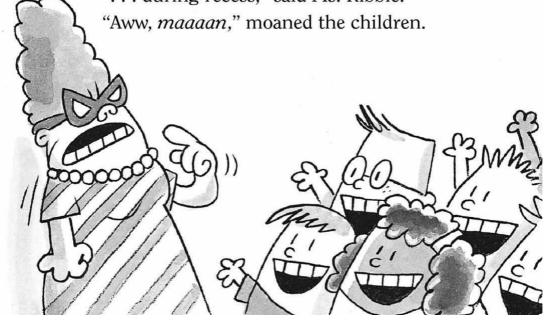
"Not today!" snapped Ms. Ribble. "At the end of the school year!"

"Aww, maaaan," moaned the children.

"But the staff is throwing a retirement party for me today . . ." said Ms. Ribble.

"Hooray!" cried the children.

"... during recess," said Ms. Ribble.





"There will be lots of free ice cream!" said Ms. Ribble.

"Hooray!" cried the children.

"My favorite flavor: *chunky tofu*!" said Ms. Ribble.

"Aww, maaaan," moaned the children.

"But first," said Ms. Ribble, "it's time for something fun!"

"Hooray!" cried the children.

"You all get to make 'Happy Retirement' cards for me!" said Ms. Ribble.

"Aww, maaaan," moaned the children.

CHAPTER 3

WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEND THE VERY BEST

Ms. Ribble went around the classroom handing out envelopes, sheets of construction paper, and butterfly stencils to all of the children. Then she wrote a poem on the chalkboard.

"Alright, take out your crayons," said Ms. Ribble harshly. "I want you to use stencils to make a yellow butterfly on the front of your cards. When you're done, copy this poem on the inside."

