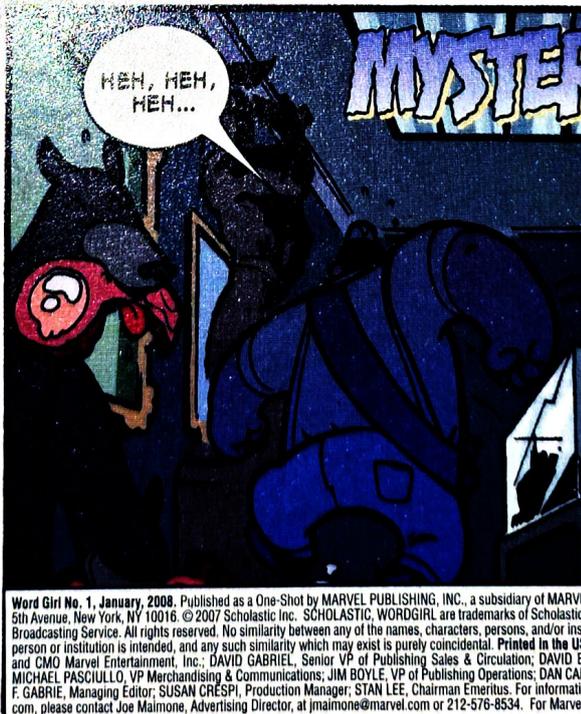


AN OMINOUS AND SHADY FIGURE SNEAKS INTO THE MUSEUM!



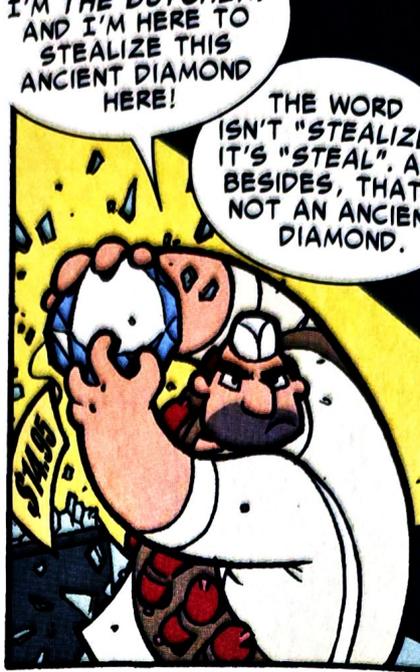
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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, FELLA!



FELLA! I'M THE BUTCHER! AND I'M HERE TO STEALIZE THIS ANCIENT DIAMOND HERE!

THE WORD ISN'T "STEALIZE," IT'S "STEAL". AND BESIDES, THAT'S NOT AN ANCIENT DIAMOND.



IT'S NOT?

NOPE. IT'S AN ANCIENT ZIRCONIA. THAT'S AN ANCIENT DIAMOND OVER THERE.



OH. WELL, I'LL TAKE IT ANYWAY. IT'S ALL SPARKLY!

THE WORD IS "SPARKLY" NOT "SPARKLY."



MEANWHILE, IN THE SPACESHIP LAIR OF WORDGIRL AND CAPTAIN HUGGY FACE...

A ROBBERY? AT THE MUSEUM? C'MON, HUGGY.

WORRRRD UP!



LATER, AT THE HOME OF BECKY BOTSFORD (ALSO KNOWN AS WORDGIRL)...



WHAT'S WRONG, BOB? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO REFUSE HAM.

HE, UHHHH... HAD A LATE SNACK.



DID YOU GUYS SEE THE NEWS TODAY? WORDGIRL FACED OFF AGAINST THE BUTCHER!

OOOH! HOW'D SHE DO?

NOT SO GREAT.



SHE GOT BURIED IN A HAM-ALANCHE.

HUMPH+

SHE WASN'T COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE.



THE BUTCHER HAS ALWAYS GIVEN HER A HARD TIME.

YUP, BUT THAT HAIRY LITTLE BOY THAT FOLLOWS HER AROUND SEEMS TO DO OKAY...



YUP. HE'S PROVEN TO BE PRETTY EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE BUTCHER.

SCRUNCH



WHOA, HONEY!
WHAT'D YOU DO
TO THAT FORK?



OH, THIS? UHH...
THIS IS A SCULPTURE...
FOR ART CLASS...

AND BOB DID
IT...WITH HIS
MONKEY
STRENGTH...



IT'S VERY NICE,
BOB, BUT THAT'S
THE 14TH SCULPTURE
YOU'VE MADE THIS
MONTH. WE'RE
RUNNING OUT OF
FORKS.

HE SAYS
SORRY...

UMMM...
MAY WE BE
EXCUSED? I
HAVE TO TRIPLE-
CHECK MY
HOMEWORK.



THAT'S
MY GIRL!

SHOW-
OFF!



I SWEAR
TO YOU, HUGGY...
NOTHING IS GOING
TO STAND IN MY WAY
OF FINDING THE
BUTCHER AND
PUTTING HIM
BEHIND BARS...



YOU
GUYS ALMOST
FORGOT. IT'S
PUDDING
NIGHT!

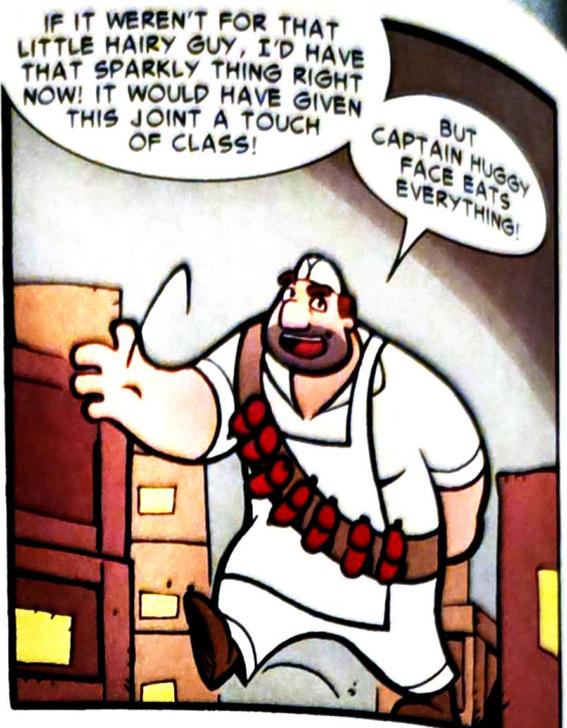


...STARTING
RIGHT AFTER
DESSERT.



MEANWHILE, IN THE LAIR OF THE BUTCHER...

OH, MAN... THAT HAM-ALANCHE TOTALLY WORKED! KIND OF...BUT I STILL HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT!



IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT LITTLE HAIRY GUY, I'D HAVE THAT SPARKLY THING RIGHT NOW! IT WOULD HAVE GIVEN THIS JOINT A TOUCH OF CLASS!

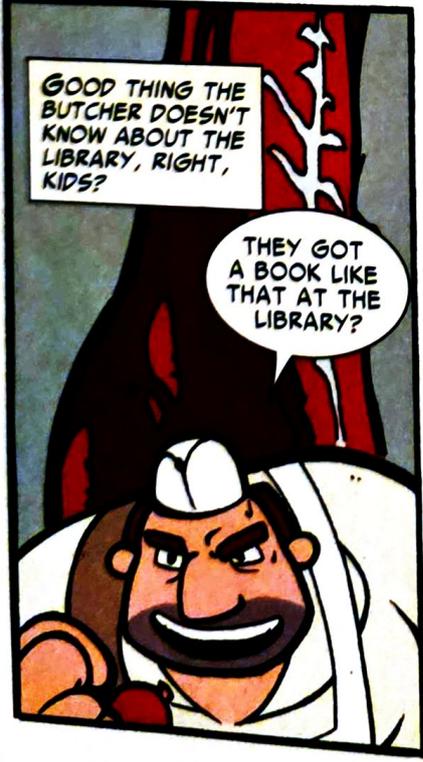
BUT CAPTAIN HUGGY FACE EATS EVERYTHING!



IF ONLY THERE WAS A PLACE WHERE I COULD GET A BOOK FULL OF RECIPES, STUFF TO COOK THAT A MONKEY SUPER HERO WOULDN'T LIKE.

BUT WHERE WOULD I GET SUCH A "COOK-BOOK"?

CRAC CRAC...



GOOD THING THE BUTCHER DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY, RIGHT, KIDS?

THEY GOT A BOOK LIKE THAT AT THE LIBRARY?



WAIT A MINUTE. YOU CAN READ WHAT I'M SAYING?

OH.

YEAH. OF COURSE. IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT THERE.

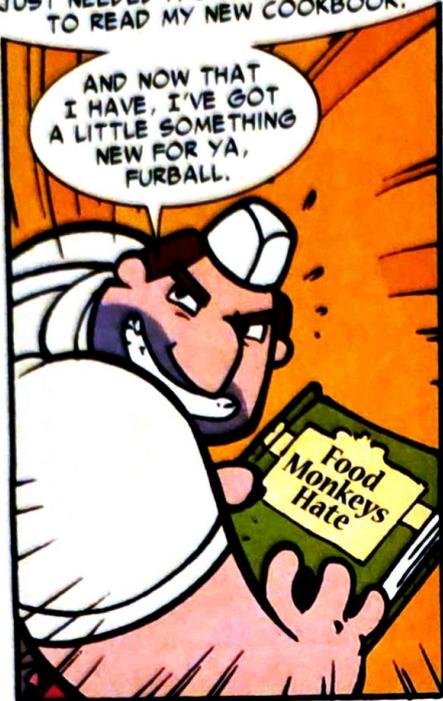


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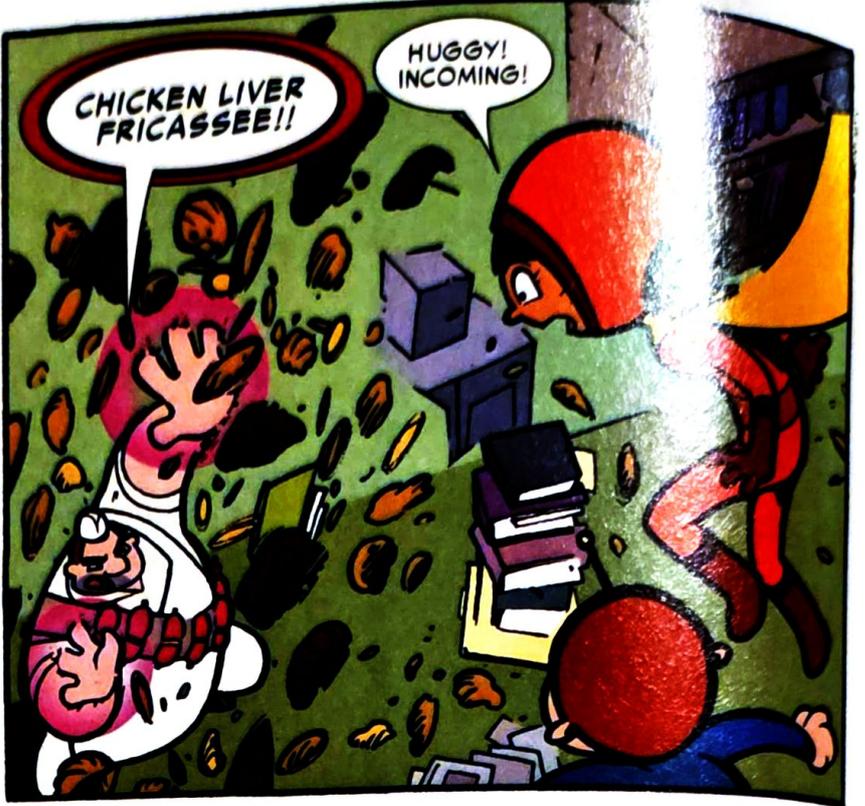
WHOOOPS...



I WASN'T TRYING TO DEFEAT HIM... I JUST NEEDED A COUPLE OF SECONDS TO READ MY NEW COOKBOOK.



AND NOW THAT I HAVE, I'VE GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING NEW FOR YA, FURBALL.



CHICKEN LIVER FRICASSEE!!

HUGGY! INCOMING!



CHOMP!



HUGGY? ARE YOU OKAY?

HEY, WORDGIRL... LUNCH IS ON YOU!



CHICKEN LIVER FRICASSEE!!

HUGGY! HELP!



HA HA! I AM VICTORIOUS!

THAT'S DUE BACK IN TWO WEEKS!



LATER, AFTER SOME REPULSIVE DIGGING OUT....

WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE? I THOUGHT YOU EAT EVERYTHING?

SQUEAK!

YES, I GUESS IT'S CLEAR NOW THAT YOU DON'T.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? THE CHICKEN LIVER FRICASEE IS SO REPULSIVE THAT YOU'RE INEFFECTIVE! AND I'VE NEVER FACED THE BUTCHER ALONE...

I NEED MORE TIME TO THINK OF A PLAN...



I GUESS I DON'T HAVE THAT TIME...

COME ON, HUGGY, BACK TO THE MUSEUM!

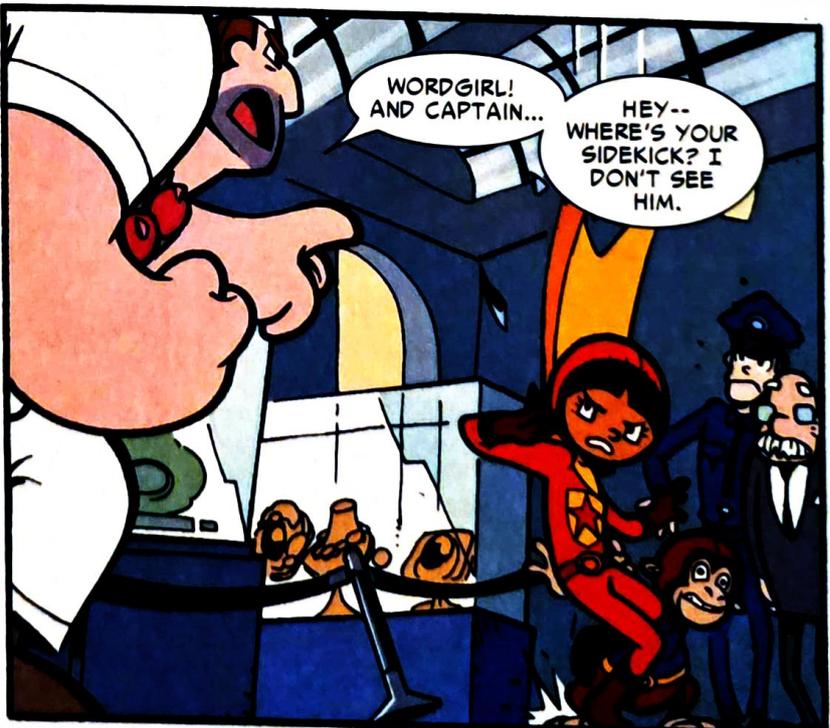


ALL RIGHT--THE BUTCHER IS BACK IN BUSINESS! I WANT THAT ANCIENT CUBIC ZAMBONIA!

AND MAKE IT QUICK!



GAME OVER, BUTCHER!



WORDGIRL! AND CAPTAIN...

HEY-- WHERE'S YOUR SIDEKICK? I DON'T SEE HIM.







WILL WORDGIRL FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT THE BUTCHER?



WILL CAPTAIN HUGGY FACE OVERCOME THE REPULSIVE CHICKEN LIVERS TO BREAK OUT AND COME TO HER AID?



WILL THERE BE ANY ROOM LEFT IN THESE PANELS IF THE MEAT KEEPS FLYING AROUND LIKE THIS?



SORRY ABOUT THAT.

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