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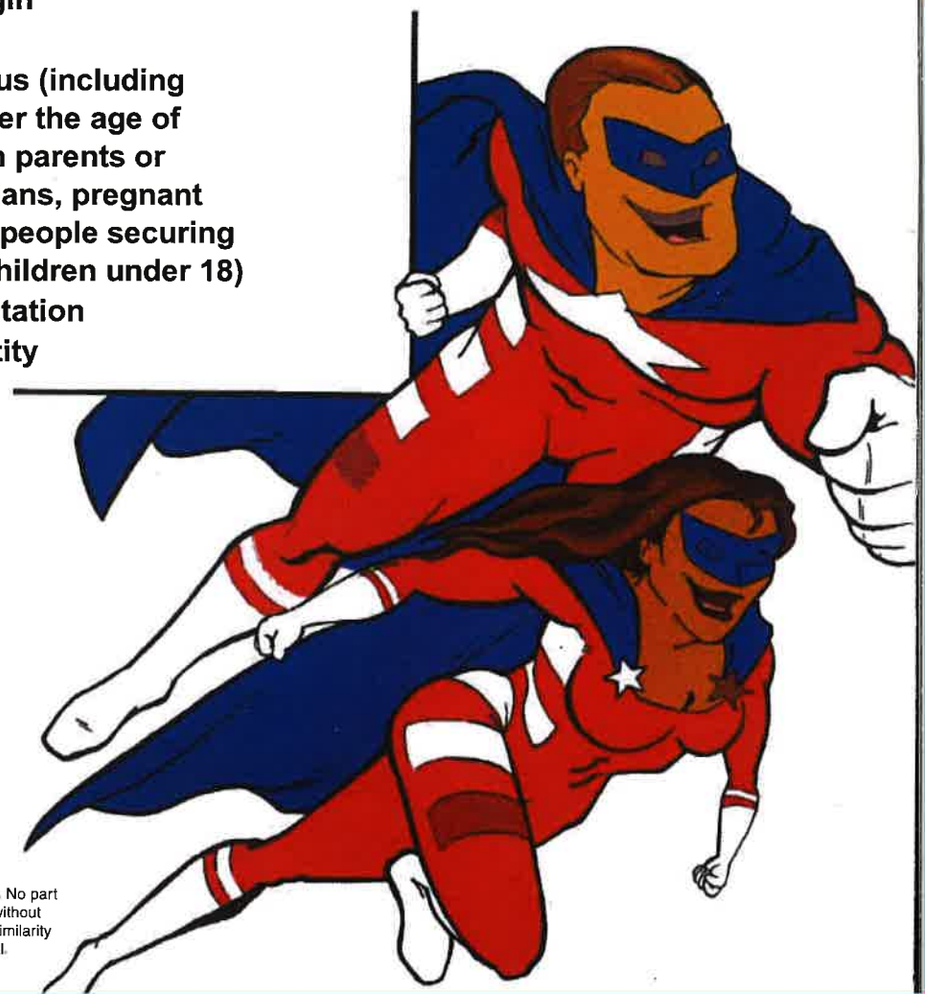

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10 YEARS AGO THE FORALL FAMILY IS TURNED AWAY BY YET ANOTHER SMUG LANDLORD...

FOR RENT

WHY CAN'T WE FIND A PLACE TO LIVE? IS IT BECAUSE OF OUR RACE? COULD IT BE BECAUSE WE HAVE CHILDREN? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY?

I HATE TO SEE MOM CRY! IT'S JUST SO UNFAIR! JUSTICE, LET'S PROMISE WHEN WE GROW UP TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT DISCRIMINATION.

YEAH, LIBERTY. LET'S FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. JUST LIKE OUR NAMES - LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FORALL.

I LIKE THAT. WE'LL FIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BE TREATED FAIR.

10 YEARS LATER...

SORRY. THIS PROPERTY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

FOR RENT

...WELL AT LEAST NOT FOR SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO NEED ALL KINDS OF SPECIAL RENOVATIONS. HANDICAPS ARE A PAIN.

FOR RENT

C'MON IN! YOU TWO ARE JUST THE KIND OF FOLKS I LIKE TO RENT TO.

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, HUH?

RENTAL APPLICATION
Name: Shanicka W. Smith
Current address:
123 Main Street
Michiana, IN 4660
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HRMM... APPLICATION LOOKS O.K. WE'LL CALL YOU IF WE HAVE ANYTHING SUITABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.

EXCUSE ME SIR. MR. AND MRS. VON STUBEN ARE HERE.

RENTAL APPLICATION
Name: Shanicka W. Smith
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Phone:
555-1234

SEND THEM IN.

SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY THE RENT I QUOTED HER AND KEEP ALL THOSE KIDS QUIET.

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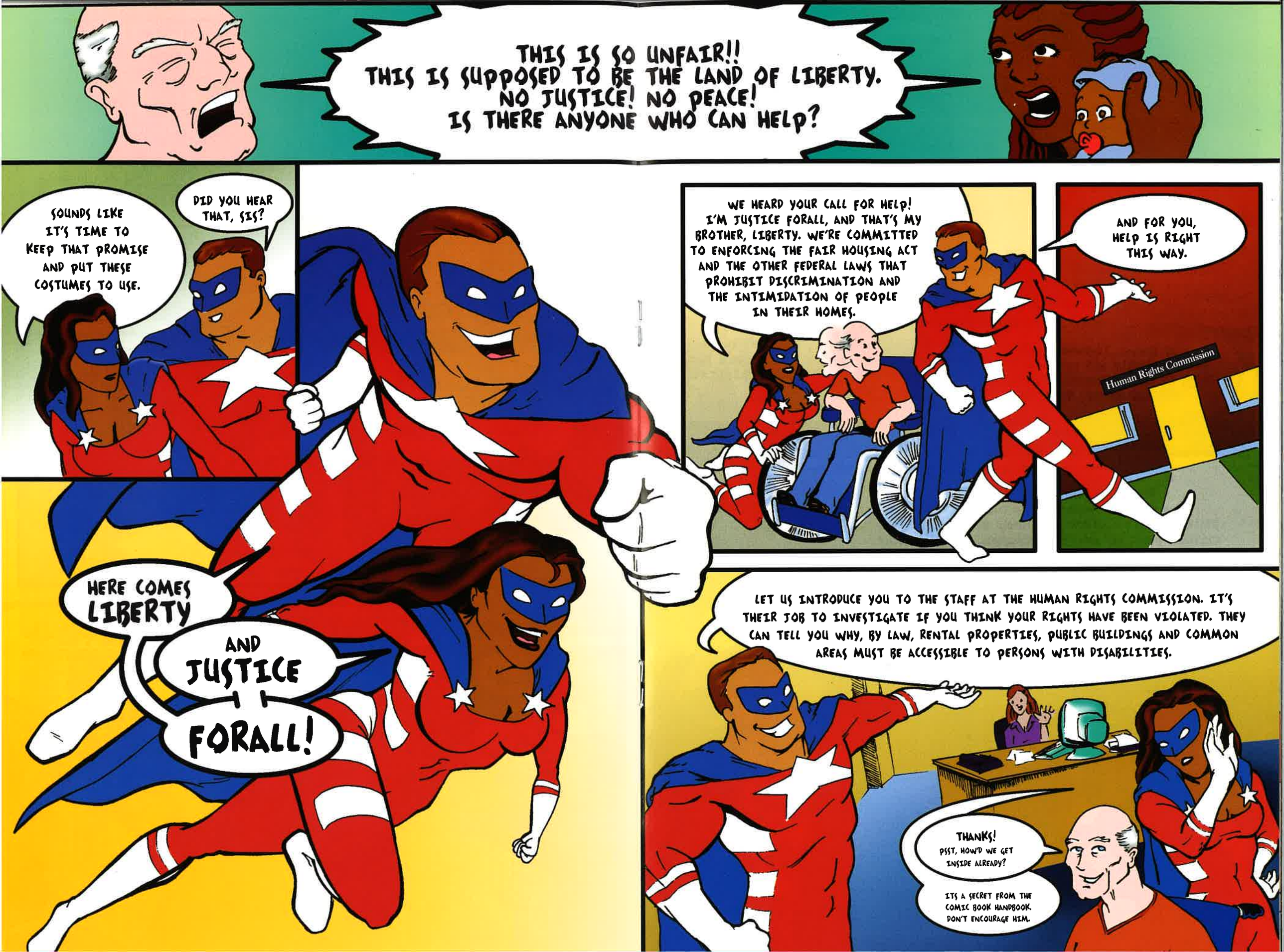
HELLO! NO NEED FOR AN APPLICATION. I CAN TELL YOU TWO ARE PERFECT FOR OUR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.


THIS IS SO UNFAIR!! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE LAND OF LIBERTY. NO JUSTICE! NO PEACE! IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN HELP?
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S TIME TO KEEP THAT PROMISE AND PUT THESE COSTUMES TO USE.
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SIS?
HERE COMES LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE
FORALL!
WE HEARD YOUR CALL FOR HELP! I'M JUSTICE FORALL, AND THAT'S MY BROTHER, LIBERTY. WE'RE COMMITTED TO ENFORCING THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE OTHER FEDERAL LAWS THAT PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AND THE INTIMIDATION OF PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES.
AND FOR YOU, HELP IS RIGHT THIS WAY.
Human Rights Commission
LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO THE STAFF AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IT'S THEIR JOB TO INVESTIGATE IF YOU THINK YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. THEY CAN TELL YOU WHY, BY LAW, RENTAL PROPERTIES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND COMMON AREAS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
THANKS!
PSST, HOW'D WE GET INSIDE ALREADY?
ITS A SECRET FROM THE COMIC BOOK HANDBOOK. DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE!
HOW CAN WE HELP?

I'M TRYING TO FIND A HOME FOR MY FAMILY, BUT EVERYONE JUST LOOKS AT ME SURROUNDED BY ALL THESE KIDS AND BRUSHES ME ASIDE.
CAN THEY DO THAT? WHERE CAN I FIND OUT WHAT TO DO?

HERE, READ THIS. JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE CHILDREN DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU CAN BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE HOME IN WHATEVER NEIGHBORHOOD YOU CHOOSE FOR YOUR FAMILY - REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE.

LATER...
CONGRATULATIONS!
NOW YOU KNOW ADA LAWS REQUIRE RENTAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE.
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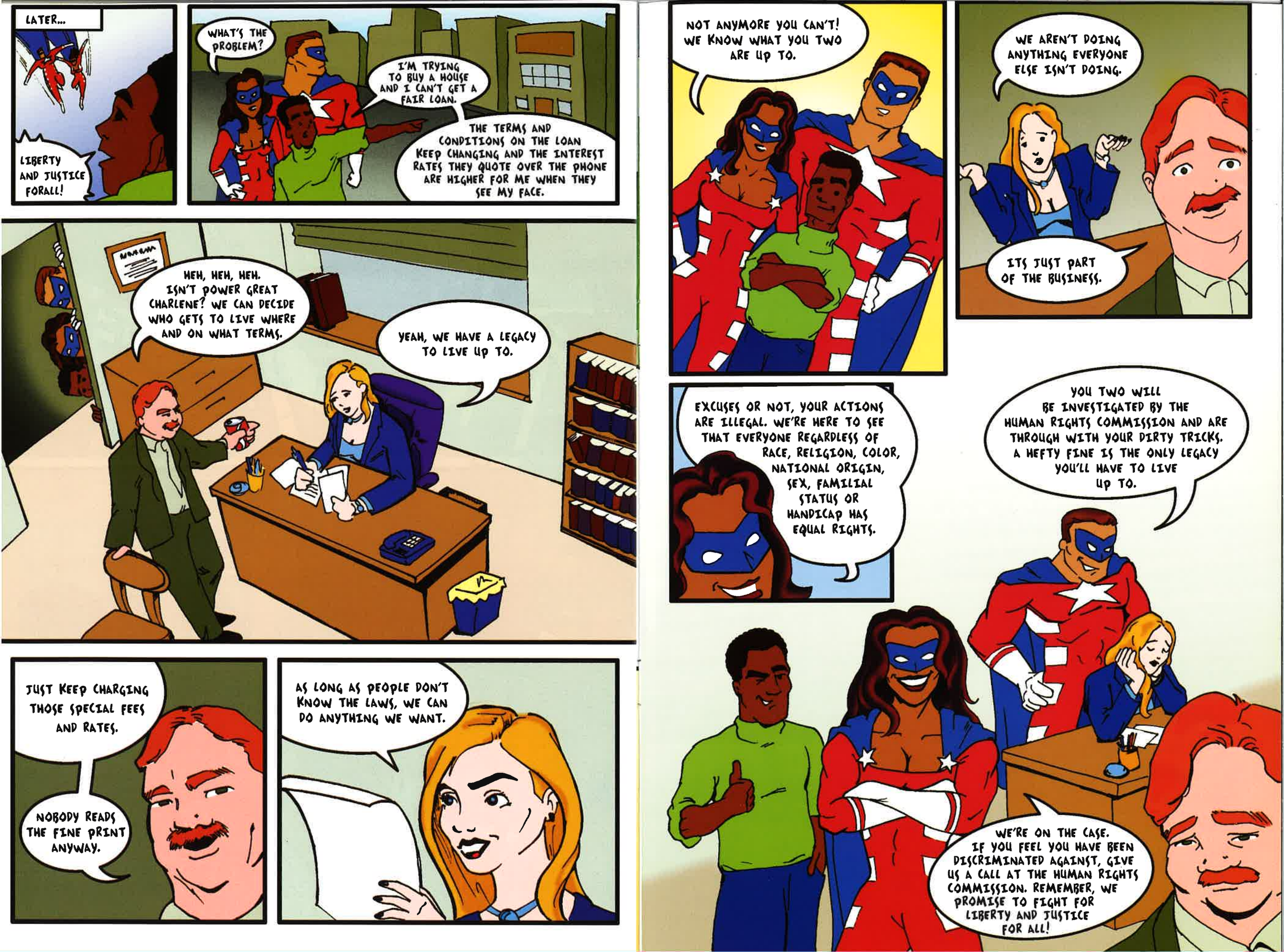
THANKS TO YOU TWO MY KIDS AND I NOW HAVE A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. HAVE YOU MET OUR NICE NEIGHBORS, THE VON STUBENS?


LATER...
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FORALL!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I'M TRYING TO BUY A HOUSE AND I CAN'T GET A FAIR LOAN.
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE LOAN KEEP CHANGING AND THE INTEREST RATES THEY QUOTE OVER THE PHONE ARE HIGHER FOR ME WHEN THEY SEE MY FACE.
HEH, HEH, HEH. ISN'T POWER GREAT CHARLENE? WE CAN DECIDE WHO GETS TO LIVE WHERE AND ON WHAT TERMS.
YEAH, WE HAVE A LEGACY TO LIVE UP TO.
JUST KEEP CHARGING THOSE SPECIAL FEES AND RATES.
NOBODY READS THE FINE PRINT ANYWAY.
AS LONG AS PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE LAWS, WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT.
NOT ANYMORE YOU CAN'T! WE KNOW WHAT YOU TWO ARE UP TO.
WE AREN'T DOING ANYTHING EVERYONE ELSE ISN'T DOING.
ITS JUST PART OF THE BUSINESS.
EXCUSES OR NOT, YOUR ACTIONS ARE ILLEGAL. WE'RE HERE TO SEE THAT EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS OR HANDICAP HAS EQUAL RIGHTS.
YOU TWO WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ARE THROUGH WITH YOUR DIRTY TRICKS. A HEFTY FINE IS THE ONLY LEGACY YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE UP TO.
WE'RE ON THE CASE. IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, GIVE US A CALL AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. REMEMBER, WE PROMISE TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

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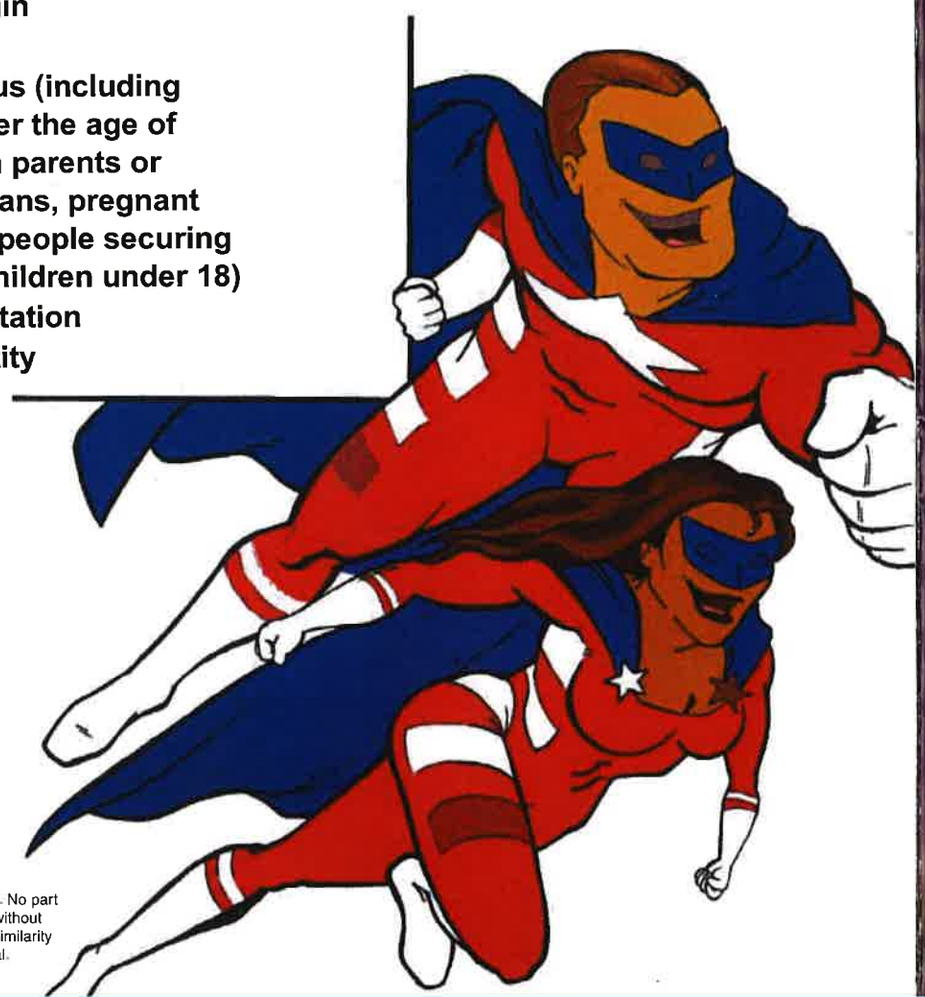

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