THE CREATION AND DESIGN OF COMICS
A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND

- Comics and Sequential Art has been around for quite some time and has been used for a number of reasons.
- Entertainment, propaganda, education, historical documents, and overall art
- Throughout the years, as mediums have evolved, so have comics.
Cave paintings: also known in archaeology as "parietal art“, are paintings found on cave walls and ceilings, and especially those of prehistoric origin, which date back to some 40,000 years ago in both Asia and Europe.
Egyptian Hieroglyphics: date back as far as 3,300 BCE, this was a formal writing system used by the ancient Egyptians that combined logographic and alphabetic elements.
EARLIEST FORMS

- Rome's Trajan's Column, dedicated in 113 AD, is an early surviving example of a narrative told through the use of sequential pictures.
FIRST PRINTED COMICS

- A Rake's Progress: Created by William H, this work composed of a number of canvases, each reproduced as a print, and the eight prints together created a narrative.

- These publications utilized illustrations as a means of commenting on political and social issues, such illustrations becoming known as cartoons in the 1840s.
THE COMIC STRIP

- Distributed though syndicated print (news paper, magazine, etc), the comic strip got it's start in the late 1920’s. The comic strip usually consisted of a singular or multiple panel strip that could tell a variety of stories. Some were “a gag a day” while others were stories that were told little by little each day.
"I'm calling the auto club... now don't you try to fix anything."
THE COMIC STRIP

AN ACCIDENTAL BITE BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER HAS GIVEN TEENAGER PETER PARKER SUPER POWERS AND TRANSFORMED HIM INTO...

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

BIG C.L.E.E!

The Albert Bryan Bigley Archives

HE'S FALLING!

IT'S THE END OF SPIDER-MAN!

BUT, WITH DEATH A HEARTBEAT AWAY, THE WEB-SPIKER ENJOYS ONE FINAL EFFORT!

I MUSTN'T MISS!

BUT SOON I'LL MAKE THE WISH HE HADN'T!

AGAIN MY COG-JAR JOE HAS SAVED HIMSELF!

IT WORKED!

BUT WHAT HAPPENED NOW WHEN I BORE NO USE TO MY SPIDER POWER!!!
THE COMIC STRIP

FUNKY WINKERBEAN
by Tom Batiuk

After all the hard work, I did rehabbing my knee so I could play this year... because of the knee failure, there might not be any basketball.

There's no way I'd get a scholarship if that happened.

When life throws you a curve like this, do you know what you do?

Yeah, you feel hurt, angry and depressed.

True... but there's more...
COMIC BOOKS

- A publication that consists of comics art in the form of sequential juxtaposed panels that represent individual scenes. Panels are often accompanied by brief descriptive prose and written narrative, usually dialog contained in word balloons emblematic of the comics art form.

- Traditional comics are usually around 20-30 pages long, and usually are part of bigger story arcs.

- Graphic novels can consist of hundreds of pages and usually tell a larger story.
PAGE FLOW

START

2

3

END
Do you understand? I don't want to hurt you. I don't want both of us to end up killing the other.

BUT WE'RE BOTH RUNNING OUT OF ALTERNATIVES... AND WE BOTH KNOW IT.

It doesn't have to end like this. I don't know what it was your life. Out of shape, but who's ever been there too?

Maybe you say.

Maybe it all hinges on tonight. Maybe this is our last chance to sort this out before it's too late.

If you don't take it, then we're locked onto a suicide course.

Both of us to prison.

One could work together. I could rehabilitate you. You might end up there, but with me. I'll come over there too.

What do you say?

No. I'm sorry. No. I can't.

No, it's too late. I ask you that. I knew this situation. I've given in to a zone...
Your own size.

SKAPOOOOH!

RING!

HUMPP!

OH NO ITS A-</

LATE-LATEEF!

YOUR COUSIN'S MEHNDI STARTED AN HOUR AGO!!

LATE-LATEEF BHANGA!
COMIC ORDER

A Grid
A
B
C
D

B Blockage
A
B
C

C Separation
A
B
C
D

D Overlap
A
B
C
D

E Staggering
A
B
C
D
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WEB COMICS

- Comics that are published on the internet.
- Fairly new (as early as the late 1990’s)
- This has given a new generation of potential comic artists a way to publish their vision for a cheaper price.
- Because it’s usually self published, the restrictions on content is less than traditional print.
- Usually funded through internet ads and recently through Patreon.
- Successful artists sometimes can use this as a source of income or use it to break themselves into the comic industry (Please note however that this is a bit rare and those who do treat this as a real job and work very hard. They also go to comic cons and other conventions to sell their merchandise.)
AAUGH! HOW DO YOU KEEP BEATING ME AT GAMES!
HAI HAI!

OKEY, I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOUR STRATEGY IS!
I AM GOING TO PLAY RANDOMLY!

WHAT?!

YEAH, I JUST WORK THE JOYSTICK AND PUSH BUTTONS RANDOMLY.
HALF THE TIME I'M NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THE SCREEN.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY,
YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEND SEVENTY DOLLARS ON AN ARCADE STYLE CONTROLLER!

EASIER TO MIX BUTTONS RANDOMLY ON THIS THING!

TIGER!

AAAHHH!

YOU WOLF!

YOU STAY AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER! SHE'S MINE!

BLAM!

OHH!

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE DADS?

I SEE, WELL, NEXT CLASS PERIOD, I PROMISE YOU A COSTUME. I WANT THIS CLASS TO MEET EXPECTATIONS!

TWO DAYS LATER . . .

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP CHECKING ON ME?

WHEN THE IDEA OF YOU PASSING THIS QUIZ STOPS BEING FUNNY.
WEB COMICS
THE PROCESS (PRE-PRODUCTION)

- Ideation/Concept
- Writing/Plot Development
- Script
THE PROCESS (ART PRODUCTION)

- Pencils
- Inks
- Colors
THE PROCESS (WRITING, PRINTING AND BUSINESS)

- Letters
- Editorial
- Printing/Publishing
- Marketing
- Distribution
PENCILS

Tarzan

Jane - Layers of Clothing -
INKING
NOW! His injury must be painful! TRUMP!

Reggie can’t be hurt too badly! Look at him run!

No more stuntman tricks for me! I’ll try something gentler, but just as effective! SPOOSH!

I bet I’d look irresistibly helpless if I was covered in mud! You wouldn’t! I WOULD!

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RAISING DION

Hamilton County, KY

Over a single threat in
already one of the hardest
thrieving the town.

But why? You're a
Superpower, that's a whole
new set of problems.

You can do it, and
you'll be able
to do so.

KBLAM

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Yeah, a
whale took
of mention.