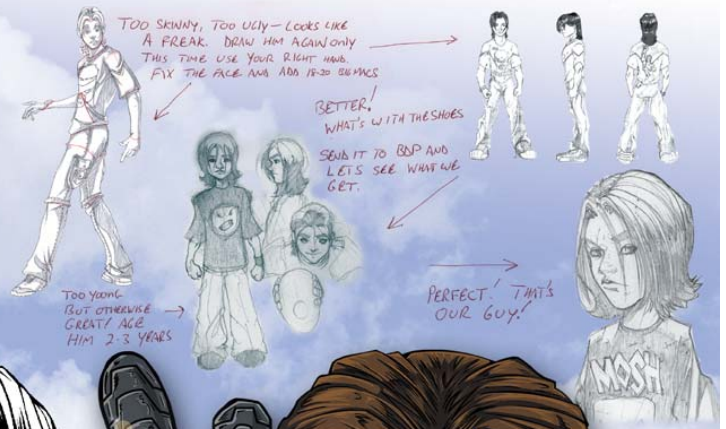


MYLES MASON



A SHEEPISH BOY THAT LIVES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A NORMAL 12 YEAR OLD LIFESTYLE. HE'S THE SHY, QUIET TYPE WHICH OFTEN GETS HIM MADE FUN OF BY THE LOUDER, MORE OBNOXIOUS SET. HIS DAD LEFT HOME FOR REASONS AND LANDS UNKNOWN AND HIS MOM STRUGGLES WITH TWO JOBS TO KEEP THE HOUSE. HE'S ALONE IN THE CROWD AT SCHOOL AND ALONE AFTER THREE AT HOME. ON HALLOWEEN HE'S THE ONLY KID AT SCHOOL WITHOUT A COSTUME. MYLES IS THE CATERPILLAR, SOON TO BECOME A BUTTERFLY. A VERY POWERFUL, SUPERSONIC, INDESTRUCTIBLE, LASER BEAM TOUTING BUTTERFLY. HE HAS AN OBVIOUS CRUSH ON HIS NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR BRITTANY.



Myles/Zoom and Brittany

Myles sits on the front porch step. He is disappointed because he wanted to show Brittany his newly acquired costume. Forgetting he's wearing the Zoom Suit, he opens a candy bar and slams it into the helmet when he tries to eat it. Chocolate covers his face.

MYLES

This is humiliating.

He throws the candy to the side. Brittany comes walking up, she has no idea it's Myles.

BRITTANY

What's wrong? Are we outta treats? Here. Take some of mine.

MYLES

Britt! It's me!

BRITTANY

Who dat say Me?

MYLES

Me say me

BRITTANY

Who dat say me say me?

MYLES

Me say, "me say me"

Brittany knocks on the helmet like it's a front door.

BRITTANY

Myles??? Is that you in there?

MYLES

This suit is magic! It's unbelievable! It gives me powers Britt! I can run so fast that I can run on water!

BRITTANY

Shut up! No way.

MYLES

Way! And...and I'm strong now! I bet I can pick you up and still run on water.

BRITTANY

Myles, you look like an Oompa Loompa in an Iron Man get up! It's like you made a Gundam Wing costume out of a trash can...in the dark.

MYLES

[unusually confident]
Oh yeah?
[He picks her up]

BRITTANY

Ah! What are you doing? Put me down Optimus Primate.

MYLES

Hang on...

Myles takes off with her in his arms. Think of the 12 year old version of the flying scene in Superman. Brittany is screaming like she's on a roller coaster. She's wearing a huge smile as Myles is booking down the street at supersonic speed. They are having a great time and pheromones are flying all over the place.

BRITTANY

What's that hum?

MYLES

Hum?

BRITTANY

The sound...it's like...ZOOOOOOM.

MYLES

I don't hear it?

Myles finally comes to a stop.

BRITTANY

That was amazing! You were like...and I was...it was like a motorcycle, but not, well I've never really been on a motorcycle before but I'm sure it's fast, but not that fast. That was incredible!

MYLES

[shining the nails on his glove on the chest plate like a show off.
Myles is acting cool]
Ain't no thing, but a chicken wing.

BRITTANY

Your amazing!

MYLES

[acting coy until he hears the superhero part]
I don't know about amazing...

BRITTANY

Incredible, uncanny, invincible...

MYLES

Invincible? ugh...What does uncanny mean anyway?

BRITTANY

It means you're a superhero!

MYLES

I'm a what?

BRITTANY

A superhero! You're going to fight crime and beat up bad guys!

MYLES

I'm going to do *what*?

BRITTANY

You'll save the world from
impending doom!

(changes her voice to
mimic Superman Opening
Sequence)

*change the course of mighty
rivers, bend steel in his bare
hands, and who, disguised as Myles
Mason, mild-mannered kid attending
Intermediate School 24...fights a
never-ending battle for truth,
justice, his friend Brittany and
the American way.*

MYLES

Fight crime? Are you nuts?
I got homework...and besides, I
don't know how Mom will feel about
me running around in this get up
hitting people.

Fire trucks and an ambulance speed by with sirens blarring.

BRITTANY

Look! A fire! Oh we gotta go!
We gotta take this baby out for a
spin!

MYLES

But...

BRITTANY

Hurry!
(jumps in his arms)
Lets go!

MYLES

But...
(catches her)
OK...maybe we should try a cat in
a tree first?

BRITTANY

No! No! The fire! Hurry! Lets
go.

She leans in and kisses him on the mask. Inside the helmet the digital read out shows his temperature rises. He is psyched. A light goes on in the heads up display; COOLING SYSTEM ACTIVATED.

MYLES

Hold on tight.

Myles carrying Brittany takes off in the direction of the fire.