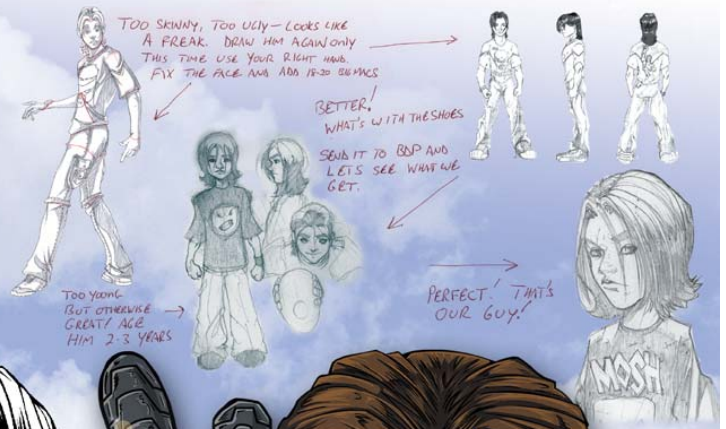


MYLES MASON



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 AND BRITTANY SIDE 2

EXT: MYLES HOUSE - DAY

As Myles exits the door he sees an oversize THE THING type super villain (only the rocks should be more meteor type and green - so it's like a mix of the HULK and THE THING). The villain swings a massive telephone pole at Myles and it cracks him right across the face. Surprisingly, Myles is neither killed nor sent flying. It was another hallucination.

BRITTANY (AS THE MONSTER)

Ha-San Chop!
(she whacks him across the forehead with a rolled up paper).

MYLES

Oooooffff!

Myles falls flat on his back. Papers go flying all over. His vision clears and he sees it's Brittany, not a super villain. She was hiding by the side of his front door and has a simple rolled up newspaper for her weapon.

MYLES (CONT'D)

What was that for?

BRITTANY

For leaving me last night! You ditched me! Do you have any idea how far 6 miles is when you can't run a hundred miles an hour!

MYLES

It was for real?

EXT: MYLES NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

Myles gets up and the two begin walking to school. They talk the whole way. Brittany is so excited. She is jumping around him, showing him her ideas and assuming he'll be thrilled to be a hero.

BRITTANY

You were so cool! It was
fantastic! Amazing! Uncanny!

MYLES

Incredible?

BRITTANY

Yeah, that too! I've been up all
night.

(cold)

Walking mostly. But when I got
home I went right to work. I have
a whole plan for the ZOOM PLANE
and ZOOM BOAT and of course the
ZOOM MOBILE. I'm working on a
utility belt for you...and I made
this for me.

She pulls a small Dollar Store flashlight out of her back
pocket. She has cut a "Z" out of cardboard and it is in
front of the lens. It's so cheap it barely casts any
light, and certainly wouldn't light the sky. She starts
flicking it on and off in his face. He pushes it out of
his face as he speaks.

MYLES

And what exactly is that?

BRITTANY

The ZOOM SIGNAL! When I shine
this light you come running...er
flying. Well...whatever, but you
come fast!

BRITTANY (CONT'D)

And here's the masterpiece, THE
FORTRESS OF ZOOM!

(she pulls out a drawing
of a Bat Cave, Fortress
of Solitude, Hall of
Justice type place)

MYLES

Why is there a giant penny in there?

BRITTANY

For effect. We're going to be bigger than Justice League of America!

MYLES

No we're not! You didn't tell anyone about last night did you? I don't want anyone to know!

BRITTANY

(repeats it back slowly)
Don't want anyone to know?

She unrolls the paper like a medieval scroll revealing to Myles that ZOOM is front page news...the entire front page.

MYLES

(Miserable)
Oh no.

He looks around and sees people all over the park are reading the paper. A guy lying on the grass, a man walking his dog, a guy hidden behind a paper on a park bench. Zoom is big news. It should be a "high anxiety" type scene as the reality of the situation hits him. The world knows about ZOOM! How long will it be before they find out Myles is ZOOM?

MYLES

I think I'm going to be sick.

BRITTANY

Relax.

(looks both ways and
whispers)

Secret Identity. Besides I know
everything there is to know about
the superhero business. Just meet
me at the fountain after school.
I'll take care of
everything...ZOOM.

MYLES

Good grief...