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PREFACE

WELCOME TO ISSUE #3 OF THE ARMORED COMICS' "KROME" SERIES.

OUR COMICS ARE PRODUCED WITH AN 'INFO-COMIC STYLE' APPROACH TO REAL ESTATE INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY FOR CONSUMERS. OUR ICONIC CHARACTER IS NONE OTHER THAN 'KROME', A HOME INSPECTOR AND OWNER OF ARMORED HOME INSPECTIONS, WHO DONS AN ARMORED SUIT EQUIPPED WITH AN ARRAY OF COOL GADGETS AND WEAPONRY THAT HE RELIES UPON TO HELP UNRAVEL THE VARIOUS PLOTS LAID BY EVIL MEN, OR TO USE IN BATTLE AGAINST CREATURES OF ALL SORTS.

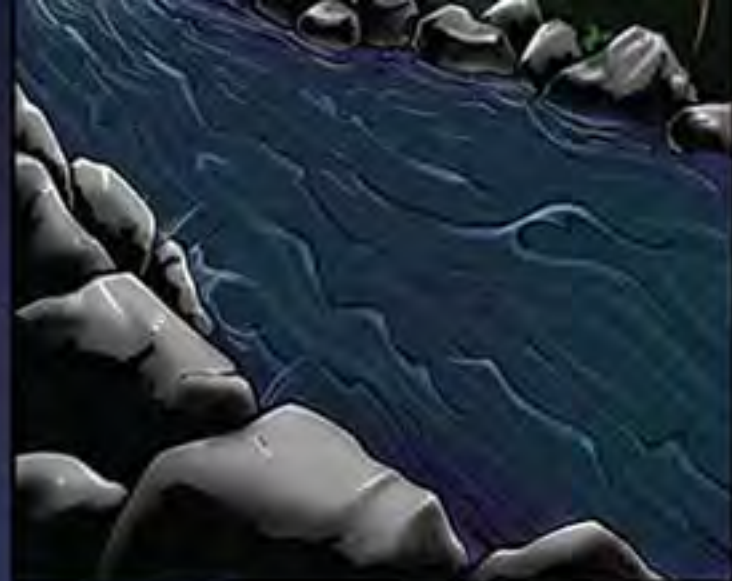
WE HAVE DESIGNED SEVERAL 'INFO-COMICS' THAT ARE SURE TO ENTERTAIN AS WELL AS EDUCATE YOU ON VARIOUS REAL ESTATE SUBJECT MATTER.

SEE OUR OTHER TITLES IN THIS SERIES:

ISSUE #1 HOME INVASION

ISSUE #2 SPORES OF TROUBLE

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HAVE
TO KEEP
MOVING...

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MAX?
COME IN,
MAX.

CAN
YOU HEAR
ME?

GREAT,
THE ONE PLACE ON
GOD'S GREEN EARTH
WITHOUT CELL OR RADIO
RECEPTION, IF YOU
CAN BELIEVE IT.



SOME
KIND OF HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT. MIGHT
BE ABLE TO USE IT
FOR COVER WHILE I
INITIATE SOME
REPAIRS.



HEY,
HERO!

COME
OUT, COME OUT
WHEREVER YOU
ARE!



CORRECTION--
HAVE TO USE
IT FOR COVER!

KRACK!



HEH. YOU
CAN RUN, HERO,
BUT I COULD TRACK YOU
THROUGH ALL HELL AND
DAMNATION. ONLY A
MATTER OF
TIME.

HOW DID I
GET INTO THIS
MESS?



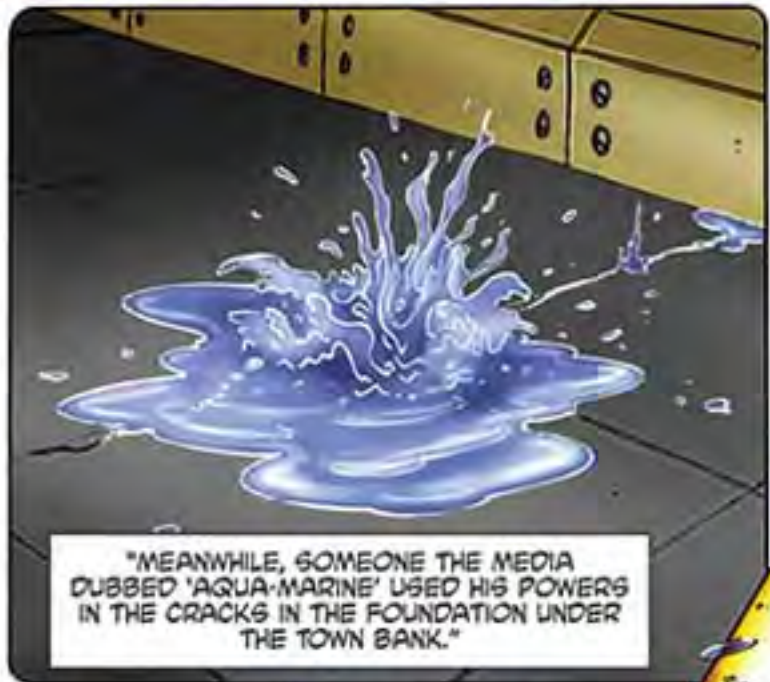
"I WAS CALLED INTO A SMALL
TOWN TO DO AN INSPECTION."



"HE QUICKLY
ERODED THE
VAULT FREE AND
TOOK OFF WITH IT
IN A MASSIVE
TIDAL WAVE."



"MEANWHILE, SOMEONE THE MEDIA
DUBBED 'AQUA-MARINE' USED HIS POWERS
IN THE CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION UNDER
THE TOWN BANK."



"FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, HE WAS
A MARINE CHARGED WITH GUARDING
SOME TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENT UNTIL
HE GOT GREEDY AND TRIED TO
STEAL ITS SECRETS."



"THE MACHINE MALFUNCTIONED
AND TURNED HIM INTO A BEING
OF LIVING WATER."

"HEARING ABOUT IT
ON MY POLICE SCANNER, I
ATTEMPTED TO STOP HIM..."





"... BUT ENDED UP GOING FOR A SWIM INSTEAD."



"IF IT WASN'T FOR MY PERSONAL AIR SUPPLY AND ARMOR, I NEVER WOULD HAVE SURVIVED LONG ENOUGH TO LET OUT A CHARGE AND GET AWAY."

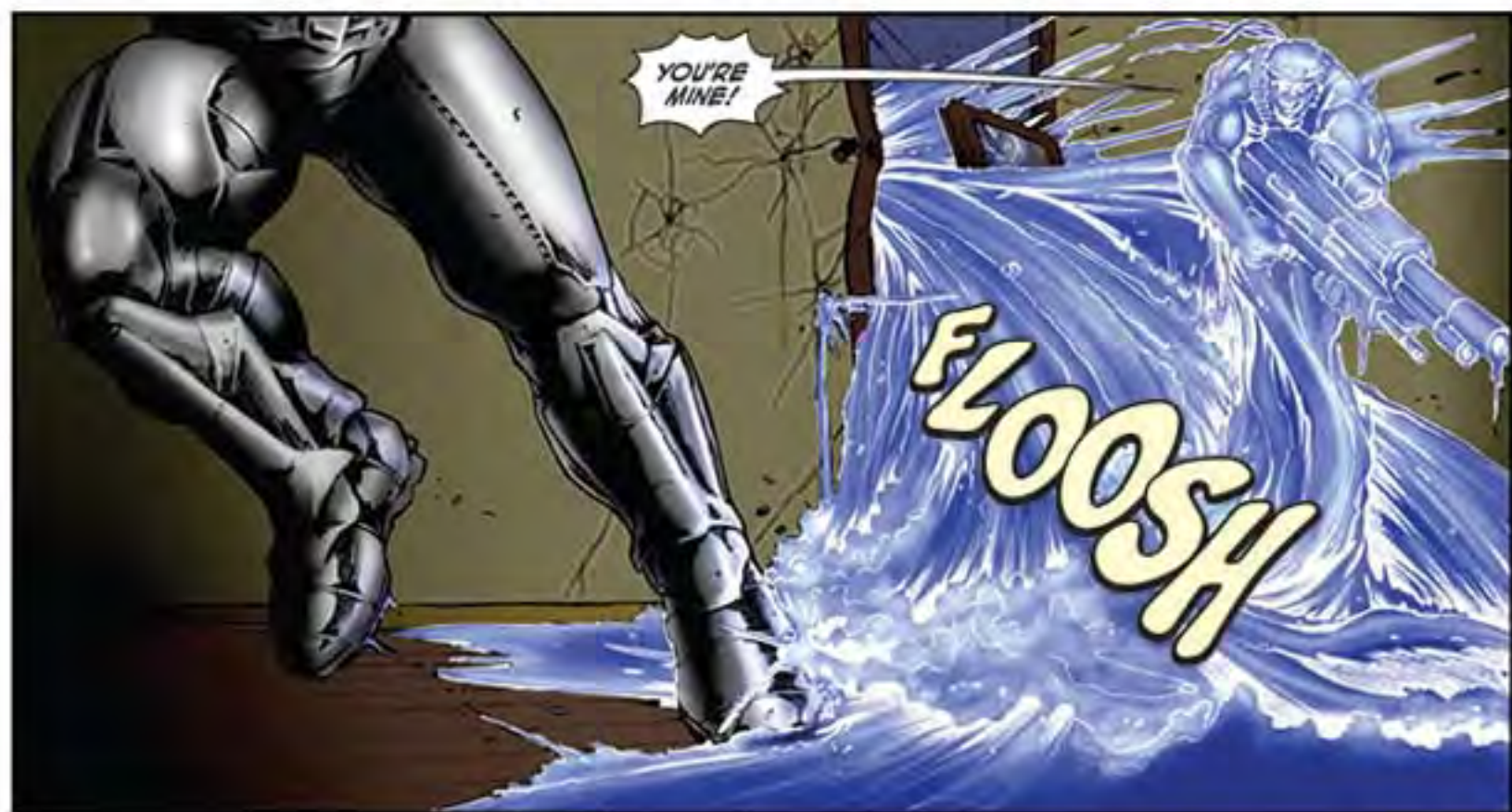


AND NOW HERE I AM-- BEATEN, BATTERED, AND RUNNING LOW ON POWER.



SHRAKTA-KRAK!

AND APPARENTLY TIME!



YOU'RE MINE!

FLOOSH



AAARGH!

BUDDA-BUDDA-BUDDA

KRAKT!



NNG!

THUD!



ARMOR'S HOLDING UP, BUT I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS PUNISHMENT!



UGHHH!

**BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA**

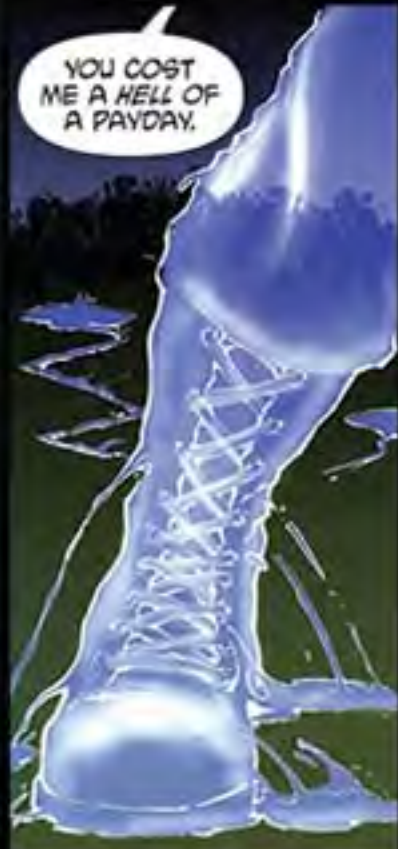


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TOLDJA IT WAS A MATTER OF TIME.



YOU GAVE ME A MIGHTY GOOD CHASE, BUT FUN'S OVER.



YOU COST ME A HELL OF A PAYDAY.



CLICK!

AND I'M TAKING IT OUT OF YOUR HIDE.





RRRRRARGH!

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FWOOOSH!







NOT A CLOUD IN SIGHT.

GONNA BE A LONG WHILE BEFORE WE HEAR FROM AQUA-MARINE AGAIN.



GOOD. LET HIM BE SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM.



ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET SOMEWHERE WITH A BED AND A NICE, HOT SHOWER.



... WELL, MAYBE NOT SO MUCH THE SHOWER.

End.

A building inspection is a very important component of the property purchasing process. I say 'building inspection' because home inspectors perform pre-purchase inspections on both residential, as well as commercial buildings. Anytime a purchase is being made, there is some level of risk in making that purchase. It is the job of the home inspector, with his or her vast knowledge of building science, construction, and design to uncover the potentially hidden problems that may be present in a given structure. The average property buyer is not trained to find such problems, so the inspector is heavily relied upon to mitigate the risk in the property purchase as much as humanly possible.

Water is a major focus for an Armored inspector because we understand that water is the single biggest problem that faces a structure. Water can cause the structure to shift or settle resulting in uneven floors and cracking in walls. Water contributes to termite activity and mold growth. Water causes corrosion and decay in building materials such as wood and metal framing. Water causes damage to personal effects such clothing and furniture. So with all the damage that we know water can cause, it is only fitting that we have a story about this powerful element.

It is very important during home ownership to monitor areas where water can penetrate the home, or where leaks are prone to occur. If your home or building has an area below ground such as a crawlspace or basement, it would be prudent to monitor vulnerable areas such as window and door openings for water penetration. Keep in mind though that water does not necessarily come from without, but often from within. When possible, monitor the plumbing supply lines and drains for leaks that can develop. Also keep in mind that leaks can develop from A/C condensate discharge lines and refrigerant lines. Appliances such as dishwashers, refrigerators, washing machines, water heaters, and boilers, to name a few, can also be a cause for leaks and water damage, so close monitoring of these appliances should be routine for the home owner.

The roof is also a known culprit for water related problems. Since there are a host of roof designs out there, many with their own weaknesses, it is a good idea to have your roof inspected on an annual or bi-annual basis. The older the roof, the more frequent the roof should be inspected to head off any potential leak issues. Chimney structures, plumbing roof vents, valleys, and flashing areas can cause leaks if not in good condition. You need to know the condition of these components to know when to anticipate potential problems with them. Gutters and downspouts also cannot be overlooked. The roof covers the entire foot print of the home, so when it rains this results in a large amount of water that must be directed to the ground and safely away from the foundation. The gutters and downspouts are the roof's drainage system, and play a big role in the level of water that accumulates at the home or building's foundation. If the water is not properly controlled and discharged far enough from the foundation, this can lead to water infiltration through the foundation walls or elsewhere. Left unchecked this condition can evolve into a significant structural problem resulting in expensive foundation repairs.

There are many solutions to water intrusion issues and most can be resolved without significant expense. So as Krome battles the water villain in "Splashdown", remember he's also here to help you when you have a water issue, you don't have to battle your water villains alone.



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Curtis S. Niles Sr. has been in the Real Estate Industry since 1994. Prior to Home Inspections, he owned and operated a contracting company, and performed various contracting services from Massachusetts to Maryland. In his company's history he has personally performed every aspect of home improvement/remodeling on all types of homes, from new construction to 100+year old historic homes. This experience provided him with significant, and in-depth knowledge of various types of construction methods. Building upon this background, he began his home inspection career in 1999, and strives to be a leader in his field.

Curtis is committed to Truth, Honesty, and Education as he carries out his various roles as; President of his company, New Inspector Trainer/Mentor, NAHI Director, and Past President (Board of Directors) of the local Southeast NAHI Chapter (NAHIPA). While under his 4-year leadership as President, the NAHIPA chapter earned the coveted NAHI Chapter Award in 2008 for outstanding chapter promotion, membership, and legislative initiative. As Past Chapter President, he was instrumental in the current drafting of the proposed Home Inspector Law currently in the State Legislature. He established his chapter's e-newsletter, and has authored numerous articles in national publications. Curtis is also the 2007 recipient of the NAHI Member of The Year Award, and was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2008. He has served NAHI in the office of President, and remains on the Board of Directors.

Curtis is also recognized in his area's judicial system as an Expert Witness. He maintains the following licenses/certifications and/or affiliations: Radon measurement by the PA DEP, PA Dept. of Agriculture Certified Pest Technician, PA Licensed Real Estate Agent, Certified Mold Inspector (CMI) by the Environmental Solutions Assoc., Member of Greater Philadelphia Association of Realtors, he is a NAHI Certified Real Estate Inspector (CRI), and is a NAHI Inspector Trainer (NIT).

He is a devoted husband, loving father of five children, an avid motorcyclist, and obviously enjoys comics!

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