Comics Uniting Nations: Heroes for Change

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How to Read a Comic

Panels are frames that each contain a segment of the action. Panels can be any shape or size. Read the panels from left to right, top to bottom.

Captions usually contain narration, sometimes dialogue or other text information.

Gutters are the spaces between panels. This is where the reader must imagine the action from panel to panel.

Word balloons contain character dialogue. The tail of the bubble points to the speaker. Sometimes different colors, shapes, or fonts are used to show the personality of a character.

Slow down! Read both the text and the pictures. Think about what is happening between the panels.
This is the Earth, as far as plane—it’s kind of a big...

...both natural.

...and those our selves have created.

It’s a world filled with wonders...

But there is nothing on all the Earth more wonderful than the billions of people who call it home.

Because we all have something special within us:

The ability to imagine a better world and then take action to make it real.

And isn’t that kind of superpower?

And if we use that power to help others, then wouldn’t that make us all... superheroes?
GOOD THING, TOO, BECAUSE THE EARTH NEEDS ALL THE HEROES IT CAN GET TO DEFEND ITS ENVIRONMENT FROM HARM AND TO GUARANTEE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE BY PROTECTING ITS PEOPLE FROM INJUSTICE, POVERTY AND INEQUALITY.

BUT NO ONE.

NOT EVEN A SUPERHERO.

IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ALONE.

BUT TOGETHER, WELL, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.

TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE PRACTICALLY ANY PROBLEM AND OVERCOME ALMOST ANY CHALLENGE.

NEED PLAN.

THAT'S WHY THE UNITED NATIONS SPOKE TO OVER 7 MILLION PEOPLE IN 193 COUNTRIES AND ASKED THEM FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO FIX, WELL, EVERYTHING BY THE YEAR 2030.

OUT OF THOSE MILLIONS OF CONVERSATIONS CAME THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - A PLAN FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF TODAY WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE RESOURCES OF THE FUTURE.
Think of the 17 Global Goals as the ultimate to-do list for people and planet - a way for us to work together so we can find solutions for the world's biggest problems.

It won't be easy, but it can be done. And if the goals are achieved, it will make the world a more just, more prosperous and safer place for us all.

But setting the goals is just the beginning. It's up to everyone to take action and make sure they're fulfilled. And everyone includes you.

So what are you waiting for? Turn the page to find out what you can do to help!
1: LEARN ABOUT THE GOALS

FIND OUT WHAT THE GOALS ARE AND DISCOVER WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO YOUR OWN LIFE!

2: TELL EVERYONE

THE ONLY WAY THE GOALS CAN SUCCEED IS BY MAKING THEM FAMOUS. SO FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GLOBAL GOALS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THE SAME!

The #globalgoals can change the world, but only if we all work together! #telleveryone
4: DO SOMETHING

Get involved with organizations that work on issues that matter most to you. Engage with your government and find ways to be a hero for change in your own community.

Because here's the thing: we all have a special quality, a unique ability to help change our planet—and the way we live on it—for the better.

So find your inner superpower and share it with the world!

And together we will accomplish wonders!
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