

SHROUGED™

A LITTLE
PERSPECTIVE



ASPEN
Vol. 1
COVER A

SHROOGEED

P R E V I E W



© 2008
GORVER
Sotelo



SHRUGGED



Written by

Michael Turner



Frank Mastromauro

Pencils

Micah Gunnell

Inks

Jason Gorder



Don Ho

Colors

Beth Sotelo

Letters

Dreamer Design

VOLUME ONE PREVIEW

SHRUGGED CREATED BY **MICHAEL TURNER** & **FRANK MASTROMAURO**

Digital Editors: **FRANK MASTROMAURO, VINCE HERNANDEZ** Design and Production: **JOSH REED, MARK ROSLAN, PETER STEIGERWALD** Lettering font designed by: **DREAMER DESIGN**

FOR ASPEN:

Founder: **MICHAEL TURNER** President: **FRANK MASTROMAURO** Vice President: **PETER STEIGERWALD** Editor in Chief: **VINCE HERNANDEZ** Editorial Assistant: **JOSH REED**
Marketing Assistant: **STEPHANIE MATSON** Production Assistant: **CHAZ RIGGS** AspenStore.com: **CHRIS RUPP** Director of Design and Production: **MARK ROSLAN**

SHRUGGED™ Vol. 1 Preview

MAY 2011. DIGITAL COPY. Published by Aspen MLT, Inc., Office of Publication: 5855 Green Valley Circle, Suite. 111, Culver City, CA 90230. The Aspen MLT, Inc. logo® is a registered trademark of Aspen MLT, Inc. Shrugged™ and the Shrugged logo, are the trademarks of Aspen MLT, Inc. The entire contents of this book, all artwork, characters and their likenesses are © 2011 Aspen MLT, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Any similarities between names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with persons living or dead or institutions is unintended and is purely coincidental. With the exception of artwork used for review purposes, none of the contents of this book may be reprinted, reproduced or transmitted by any means or in any form without the express written consent of Aspen MLT, Inc.

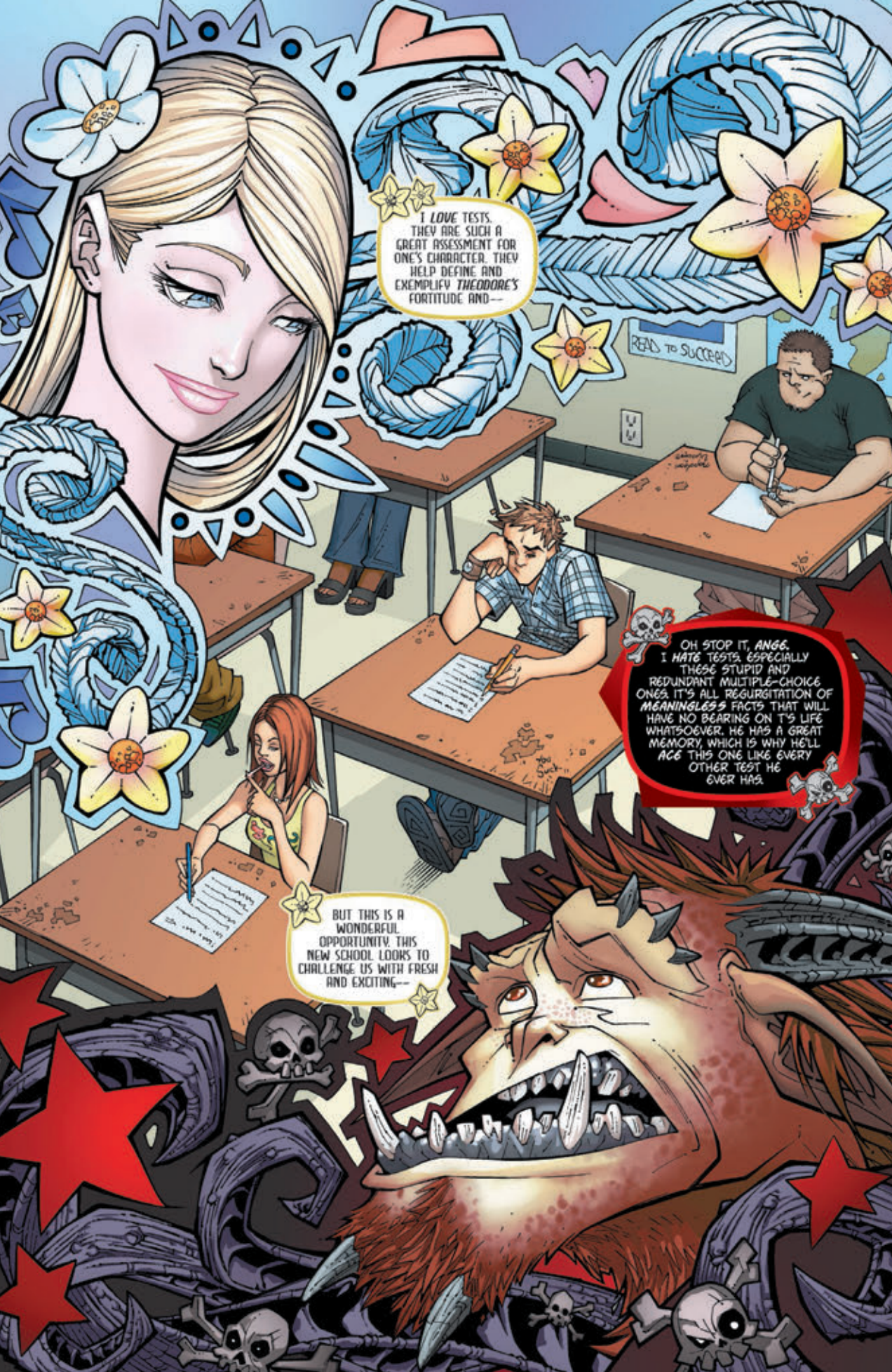
VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.ASPENCOMICS.COM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT
FACEBOOK.COM/ASPENCOMICS

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT
TWITTER.COM/ASPENCOMICS

FOR MORE ASPEN COMICS GO TO
WWW.ASPENSTORE.COM

FOR THE COMICS RETAILER NEAREST YOU CALL **1800-COMICBOOK**



I LOVE TESTS. THEY ARE SUCH A GREAT ASSESSMENT FOR ONE'S CHARACTER. THEY HELP DEFINE AND EXEMPLIFY THEODORE'S FORTITUDE AND—

READ TO SUCCEED

OH STOP IT, ANGE. I HATE TESTS, ESPECIALLY THESE STUPID AND REDUNDANT MULTIPLE-CHOICE ONES. IT'S ALL REGURGITATION OF MEANINGLESS FACTS THAT WILL HAVE NO BEARING ON T'S LIFE WHATSOEVER. HE HAS A GREAT MEMORY, WHICH IS WHY HE'LL ACE THIS ONE LIKE EVERY OTHER TEST HE EVER HAS.

BUT THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY. THIS NEW SCHOOL LOOKS TO CHALLENGE US WITH FRESH AND EXCITING—



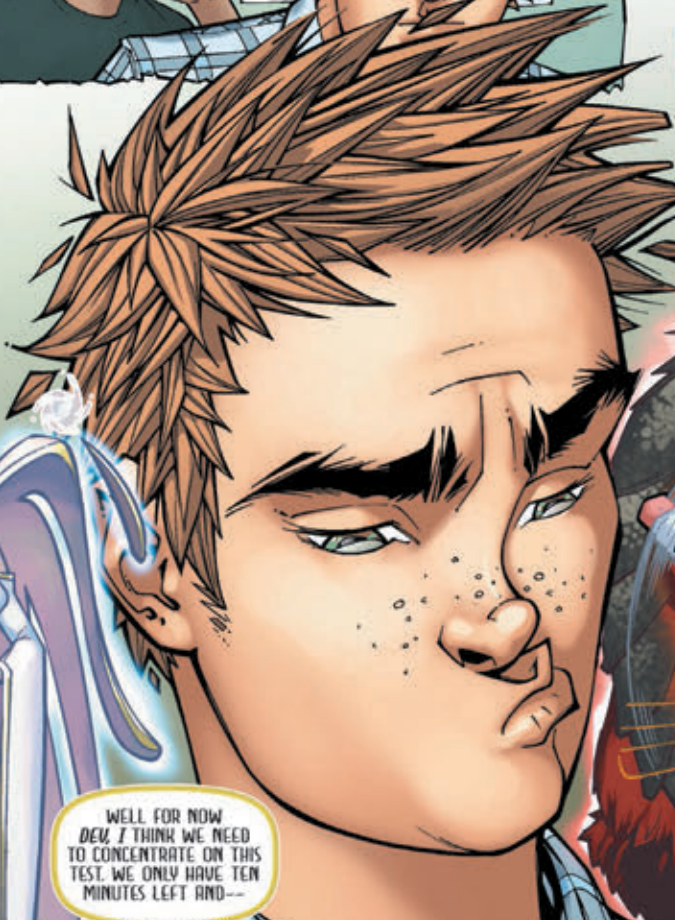
TRY TEDIOUS
AND BORING.

THESE
EGGHEADS ARE
HERE BECAUSE
THEY COULDN'T FIT
IN WITH NORMAL
KIDS.

INTELLIGENCE
IS A TRAIT
FROWNED UPON BY
THE POPULAR.

WE ARE POPULAR.
EVERYONE LIKES
THEODORE. HE IS THE MOST
POPULAR KID IN---

EVERYONE
TOLERATES HIM. WE
DON'T FIT IN. WE'RE ON
THE OUTSKIRTS OF EVERY
GROUP. I THINK HE NEEDS
TO MAKE A STAND AND
FIT IN SOMEWHERE.



WELL FOR NOW
DEU, I THINK WE NEED
TO CONCENTRATE ON THIS
TEST. WE ONLY HAVE TEN
MINUTES LEFT AND---



NOW THIS IS A TEST!

OK THEO, TURN AROUND AND BELT THAT LITTLE TURD RIGHT IN THE KISSER, AND WHEN HE HITS THE GROUND, GRAB THAT ABSURDLY BIG BIOLOGY BOOK AND--

IF SHE'S CONCENTRATING ON HER TEST SO HARD, WHY IS SHE LOOKING AT T? SMON YOU SLY DOG. GIVE HER A WINK.

NOW THEODORE, YOU WILL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT. HE IS THE ONE IN CONTROL OF HIS EMOTIONS, AND HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON HIS TEST. JUST LIKE KIORI--

THAT'S IMPOLITE AND TOO AGGRESSIVE. GIRLS WANT TO BE ROMANCED AND--

NO. GIRLS WANT ASSERTIVENESS. COME ON AND WINK. DO IT. SHE'LL LIKE IT.

I TOLD YOU, HE IS IN CONTROL. LET'S GET BACK TO THE TEST. OR NOW, THE MITOCHONDRIA DO WHAT FUNCTION FOR THE CELL? A... B, C, OR D?

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A FREAKIN MITOCHONDRIA IS GONNA DO TO THAT LAINE ASS BEHIND US! COME ON! GET UP AND SOCK HIM IN THE GRILL!

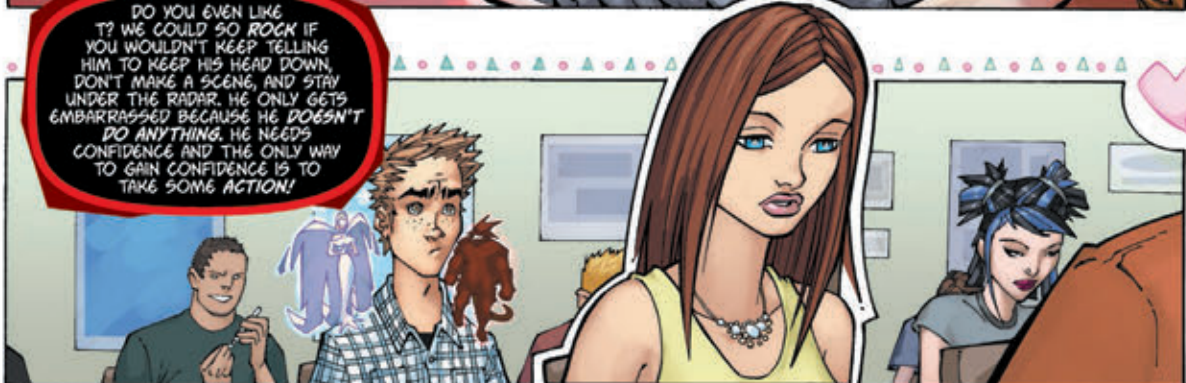
THERE YA GO!

WAIT... CALM... WAIT, KIORI WILL THINK YOU ARE--



A MAN! COME ON KID! I'M REALLY GETTING TIRED OF THIS. YOU ARE GONNA HAVE TO STAND UP FOR YOURSELF. EVEN CARRIE WILL THINK YOU ARE COOL. DO IT KID.

CARRIE IS A LITTLE OUT OF OUR LEAGUE. SHE IS--



DO YOU EVEN LIKE T? WE COULD SO ROCK IF YOU WOULDN'T KEEP TELLING HIM TO KEEP HIS HEAD DOWN, DON'T MAKE A SCENE, AND STAY UNDER THE RADAR. HE ONLY GETS EMBARRASSED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING. HE NEEDS CONFIDENCE AND THE ONLY WAY TO GAIN CONFIDENCE IS TO TAKE SOME ACTION!



BUT IF HE FAILS IT WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR HIS FRAGILE EGO.



THE ONLY REASON IT IS FRAGILE IS BECAUSE HE LISTENS TO YOU TOO MUCH! AND FAILING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO LEARN.

HOW DO YOU EXPECT HIM TO EVER GAIN ANY EXPERIENCE IF HE NEVER TRIES?



OH THAT'S IT!



WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?!!?

I... uh... I'M NOT SURE.

HOW DID YOU DO THAT? YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BE SEEN. WE ARE ONLY HERE FOR GUIDANCE AND PERSPECTIVE... NOT...

I DON'T KNOW, OK?!?
I FEEL... WEIRD. I'VE NEVER FELT THAT BEFORE. IT WAS **AMAZING!** I ACTUALLY GOT A REACTION FROM SOMEONE.

I'M SO USED TO THE NEVER ENDING FRUSTRATION OF HAVING T NOT LISTEN TO ME... I JUST **SNAPPED!** I'M NOT SURE HOW I DID IT, BUT I LIKE!

WE HAVE TO FINISH THE TEST! THE BELLS ABOUT TO RING. WHERE IS HE?

