

THIS IS THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OF USED GRAVITONS. WHEN USED GRAVITONS BEGAN IN 1934 BY LOCAL BOISE IDAHO NE'ER-DO-WELL, SHEA SOMETHING, THE MAGAZINE WAS PACKED WITH THE USUAL GET-RICH-QUICK-SCHEMES AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SNAKE OIL REMEDIES. THE MAGAZINE WAS NAMED AFTER THE HYPOTHETICAL ELEMENTARY PARTICLE THAT MEDIATES THE FORCE OF GRAVITATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF QUANTUM FIELD THEORY. HOWEVER, PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT IT WAS NAMED AFTER THE COUNTY FAIR RIDE AND HISTORY WAS BORN. WITH A RUN OF 17 MILLION COPIES, USED GRAVITONS WAS THE MOST POPULAR MAGAZINE IN THE WORLD; MAYBE EVEN THE UNIVERSE... POLLS HAVE YET TO BE TALLIED. BUT THEN TRAGEDY STRUCK IN 1980, YEARS BEFORE THE MAGAZINE WAS EVEN STARTED IN WHAT WILL LATER (AROUND 2076 WHEN TIME TRAVEL WILL BE INVENTED) BE REFERRED TO AS "THE SHITTIEST TIME TRAVEL SCREW UP IN THE HISTORY OF SHITTY TIME TRAVEL SCREW UPS", WHEN SHEA WHATSHISNAME WAS STRUCK DEAD BY A RUNAWAY MULE HOPPED UP ON COUGH SYRUP, WHICH WAS A FAD AT THE TIME. YES, THERE WAS A FAD THAT INVOLVED PEOPLE GIVING LARGE QUANTITIES OF COUGH SYRUP TO MULES. IT WAS A SMALL TOWN. SERIOUSLY, LIKE YOU DIDN'T DO STUPID STUFF WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHATEVER MAN IT WAS YEARS AGO, FUCKING GET OVER IT. I'VE MADE UP FOR ANY WRONGDOINGS, I DONATE BLOOD, LEAVE ME ALONE ABOUT IT. ANYWAYS, LIKE I WAS SAYING, A MULE ON COUGH SYRUP KILLED HIM. GOOD NEWS WAS THAT DURING THAT SAME YEAR 2076 MICHAEL KUNTZ, WHO INSISTS HIS NAME IS NOT PRONOUNCED HUMOROUSLY, DISCOVERED THAT NO ONE OWNED THE RIGHTS TO THE UG NAME, AND HAVING A LARGE QUANTITY OF SNAKE OIL CURES WITH NO WAY TO SELL THEM SINCE THE INVENTION OF THE FIX-EVERYTHING PILL AND THE ERADICATION OF ALL AILMENTS IN 2059, SWOOPED IN AND GRABBED THE COPYRIGHT FOR A MEASLY MILLION DOLLARS AND PREPARED TO PUBLISH HIS FIRST ISSUE. AROUND THIS TIME MIKE MET HIS NOW WIFE CATHERINE BALDWIN, WHO JUST BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON FOR EXTORTING A LITTLE BABY, SERIOUSLY SHE WAS EXTORTING AN INFANT, IT WAS A PAINFUL PROCESS, HAVE YOU EVER TRIED EXTORTING A TODDLER? IT IS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE, BUT DAMN IT IF CAT WASN'T GOING TO AT LEAST TRY. SHE FAILED, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT WHEN HER PATH CROSSED MICHAEL'S. TOGETHER WITH A WELL-KNOWN FRIEND IN BIOCHEMISTRY, MORGAN PEBRINE, THEY CREATED WHAT YOU NOW HOLD IN YOUR HANDS. THEY ASKED ME TO DO THE COVER FOR THIS SPECIAL EDITION, AND HAVING HAD EVERY STORY I HAVE EVER SUBMITTED REJECTED BY THEM AS BEING CHILDISH AND UNFUNNY I SAW THIS AS A WAY TO FINALLY GET PUBLISHED BY USED GRAVITONS. I PURPOSELY WAITED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT THIS SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE. I ALSO BROKE MY THUMB WHILE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A SIZE FOR THIS COVER, SO I HAVE LITERALLY BLED FOR THIS ISSUE. CAN THEY SAY THAT OF THEMSELVES? NO. OF COURSE THEY CAN'T. WHY NOT? BECAUSE THEY HAVE SECLUDED THEMSELVES IN THAT IVORY TOWER OF THEIRS, LOOKING DOWN ON US.

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