

BIO
COMICS

CAPTAIN **BIO**

ENCOUNTERS A BRAINSTORM



THE ORIGIN OF **CAPTAIN BIO**

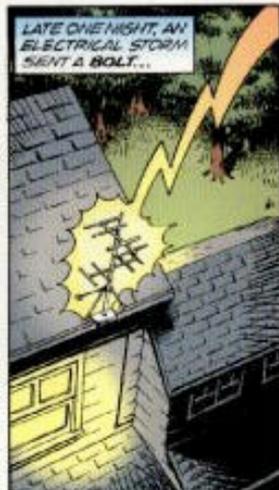


DOCTOR MARK PHILLIPS, A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST AND MEDICAL SCIENTIST, LOST HIS WIFE SUDDENLY TO A RARE DISEASE...



AFTER THE TRAGEDY, HE DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SOLVING THE MYSTERIES OF MEDICAL SCIENCE...

...LEADING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMAZING DIAGNOSTIC TOOL--THE BIO-METER!



LATE ONE NIGHT, AN ELECTRICAL STORM SENT A BOLT...



...THAT ALTERED THE DEVICE!



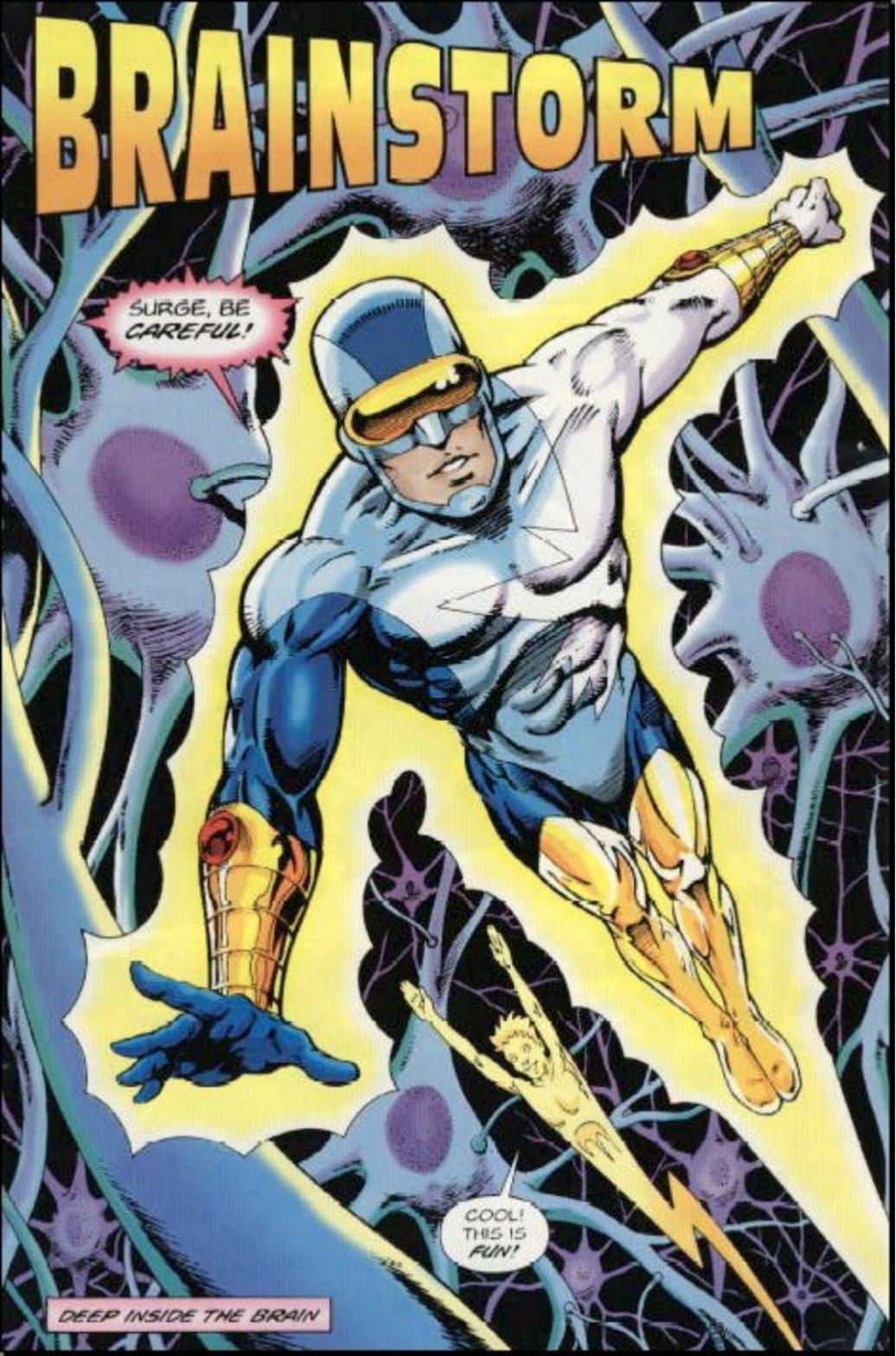
NOW, WHEN DR. PHILLIPS USES THE BIO-METER, IT TRANSFORMS HIM INTO...

CAPTAIN BIO,
THE SUPER HERO DEDICATED
TO FIGHTING DISEASE
WITHIN THE BODY.

...AND ACTIVATES HIS
COMPUTER-GENERATED
SIDEKICK, SURGE!

AND NOW OUR STORY...

BRAINSTORM



SURGE, BE
CAREFUL!

COOL!
THIS IS
FUN!

DEEP INSIDE THE BRAIN



UH-OH!

I GOT IT, SURGE!

THANKS, CAP!

YOU CAN THANK ME BY BEING MORE CAREFUL!

YOU NEVER NOW WHEN--
ARRR!

THANKS TO HIS POWERFUL *BIO-FIELD*, THE CAPTAIN IS ONLY STUNNED BY THE BRAIN'S ELECTRICAL CHARGE!

CAP!

IN A MOMENTARY DAZE, HE FINDS HIMSELF RECALLING THE EVENTS THAT LED HIM HERE. IT ALL BEGAN...



THIS MORNING IN HIS OFFICE.



DR. PHILLIPS, IT'S STEPHANIE MILLER. SHE WANTS TO SEE YOU.

SHE SAYS IT'S URGENT.

OKAY LINDA, TELL HER TO BE HERE AT TEN.

BRIEFLY...



SO, STEPHANIE, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

WELL, DOCTOR, DO YOU REMEMBER MY BOYFRIEND PETER?

A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO HE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT THAT LEFT HIM UNCONSCIOUS FOR A FEW MINUTES.

SURE HE'S ON THE SWIM TEAM, RIGHT? SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



DID HE GO TO THE HOSPITAL?

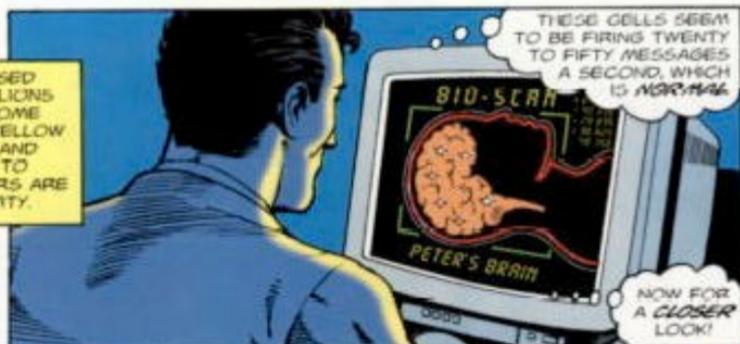
NO, EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A NASTY LUMP ON THE SIDE OF HIS HEAD.

AND THEN...





THE BRAIN IS COMPOSED OF BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF *NERVE CELLS*— SOME FILLED WITH BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT AS THEY SEND AND RECEIVE *MESSAGES* TO ONE ANOTHER; OTHERS ARE QUIET WITHOUT ACTIVITY.



THESE CELLS SEEM TO BE FIRING TWENTY TO FIFTY MESSAGES A SECOND, WHICH IS NORMAL

NOW FOR A CLOSER LOOK!

THIS IS THE TYPE OF SITUATION THE *BIO-METER* WAS CREATED FOR.



OF COURSE I NEVER ANTICIPATED IT WOULD TRANSFORM ME INTO...

CAPTAIN BIO!

YO CAP!

HELLO, SURGE!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M *ITCHIN'* TO CHECK OUT SOME *BRAIN WAVES*!

JUST REMEMBER TO WATCH OUT FOR *NERVE IMPULSES* SO YOU DON'T WIPE OUT!!

WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO THE PRESENT AS CAPTAIN BIO, FULLY RECOVERED, CONTINUES ON HIS MISSION.

THAT WAS QUITE A JOLT!

WE'LL HAVE TO BE EVEN MORE ALERT WHEN THE SEIZURE BEGINS.

HEY, CAP, CHECK IT OUT!

SOME KIND OF DAMAGE!

LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN THERE

GET READY, SURGE, THIS BIO-BEAM SHOULD TRIGGER A SEIZURE!

A SMALL RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL

IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED WHEN HE BUMPED HIS HEAD!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE OFFICE.

HE'S STARTING TO SHAKE!

DON'T WORRY, STEPHANIE, HE'LL BE OKAY!

YEOW!! LIKE
SUDDENLY IT'S THE
FOURTH OF JULY
AROUND HERE!

IT'S ALREADY
SENDING THREE
TO FOUR TIMES THE
NORMAL AMOUNT
OF WIFULSES!

SOON EIGHT TO TEN TIMES THE
NORMAL AMOUNT OF WIFULSES
FIRE AROUND THE DAMAGED AREA!

SURGE, GET READY
TO FOLLOW ME!! I
HAVE AN IDEA!!

GOTCHA,
CAP!!

NOW, FOLLOW
THAT DISCHARGE!

WHERE'S A
ROCKET WHEN YOU
NEED ONE?

JUST AS I THOUGHT.
THE DISCHARGE HIT THE
OCCIPITAL LOBE!

DOESNT
THAT CONTROL
VISION?

CORRECT, SURGE.
THAT'S WHY PETER'S
SIGHT WAS AFFECTED
JUST PRIOR TO THE
SEIZURE!

QUICK,
LET'S GO
TO...

JUST AS I SUSPECTED, ANOTHER DISCHARGE HITS HERE!

LOOK, IT'S SPREADING.

THIS IS WHAT CAUSED PETER TO LOSE CONTROL OF HIS FUNCTIONS AND FALL TO THE GROUND AND SHAKE!!

SURGE, WE'VE GOT THE INFORMATION WE NEED. IT'S TIME WE LEFT!

CATCH YA NEXT TIME, CAP!

SO LONG, SURGE!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

GOOD! PETER'S SEIZURE SEEMS TO BE SUBSIDING

NOW LET'S ANALYZE HIS TEST RESULTS.

SHORTLY IN
DR. PHILLIP'S OFFICE...

PETER, THE TESTS
INDICATE YOUR HEAD INJURY
CAUSED SOME BRAIN DAMAGE,
WHICH TRIGGERED AN EPILEPTIC
SEIZURE OR A "BRAINSTORM."

THERE ARE
MANY CAUSES
OF EPILEPSY.

YOU CAN BE *BORN*
WITH IT, IT CAN BE CAUSED
BY *POISONING*, OR RESULT
FROM A *HEAD INJURY*
SUCH AS YOU'VE
SUFFERED.

THE NATURE OF THE
SEIZURES MAY VARY
WIDELY IN LENGTH
AND SEVERITY.

YOURS IS
A TYPE THAT
ONE CAN
TREAT.

WILL I *ALWAYS*
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT?
WILL IT EVER GO AWAY?
IS IT SAFE TO *SWIM*?

PETER, THIS DEPENDS
ON THE KIND OF SEIZURES
YOU EXPERIENCE AND
HOW WELL YOU DO
ON MEDICATION.

I DO KNOW WE
ARE LUCKY TO HAVE
MEDICATIONS THAT IF
TAKEN ON SCHEDULE CAN
LOWER YOUR RISK OF
SEIZURES.

THANKS
FOR YOUR
HELP, DOC.

WE'LL START YOUR
MEDICATION TODAY
AND UNDER APPROPRIATE
SUPERVISION YOU SHOULD
BE SWIMMING LIKE A
CHAMP AGAIN.

YOU'RE ~~WELCOME~~
PETER, BUT REMEMBER IT IS
VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO
TAKE THIS MEDICATION AS
~~PRESCRIBED~~ AND TELL ME
IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY
CHANGES.

LATER THAT SUMMER AT THE SWIMMING REGIONALS.

BERNARDSVILLE'S HOMETOWN HERO PETER CRAWFORD COLLECTS HIS SECOND GOLD MEDAL!

LATER.

CONGRATULATIONS, PETER!

DR. PHILLIPS, YOU'RE HERE?

I HAD TO CHEER ON OUR STAR ATHLETE, DIDN'T I?

THANKS, DOC.

DR. PHILLIPS, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

OH, IT'S *EASY* WHEN YOU HAVE INSIDE INFORMATION.

THE END