



MIK & NERO



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Clackamas
County Sheriff
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METHED UP!

SWAT GEAR SEEN IN THIS ISSUE:

Binoculars

Helmet



Body armor

Radio

Elbow pads

Baton

Riot shield

Pouches for ammo and tools



Battering ram for doors (nicknamed "The Key")

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Contact the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Public Information Unit at the address or phone number above!

METHED UP!



ONE MORNING,
OUTSIDE A RURAL
DRUG HOUSE....

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THESE DOPES
STOLE THE TOWN
STATUE....



YEP. AND
THEY'RE USING
METH IN THERE...

... AND THEY'VE GOT
PILES OF WHAT LOOKS
LIKE STOLEN MAIL.



THEY'RE
BAD GUYS,
ALL RIGHT.

LET'S
MOVE.

INSIDE, ADDICTS SORT THROUGH **STOLEN MAIL** AND **METAL** TO FUND THEIR DESPERATE BAD HABITS....

THINK WE CAN SELL **THIS** FOR SCRAP? **HAW!**

HEY - I JUST FOUND SOME OLD LADY'S SOCIAL-SECURITY CHECK!

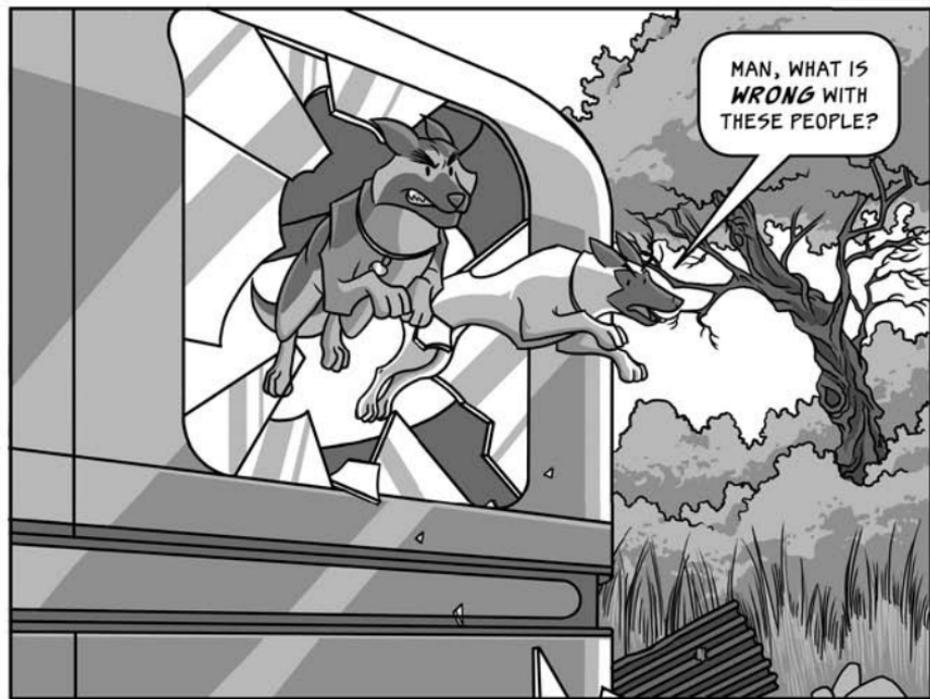
THANKS FOR THE "DONATION,"
MRS. ERNA PETERSON...
HEH HEH.

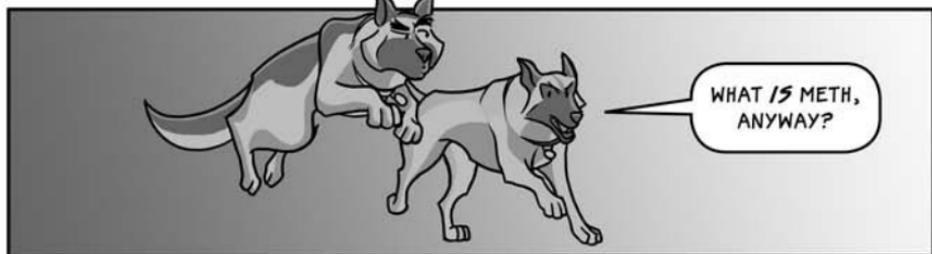
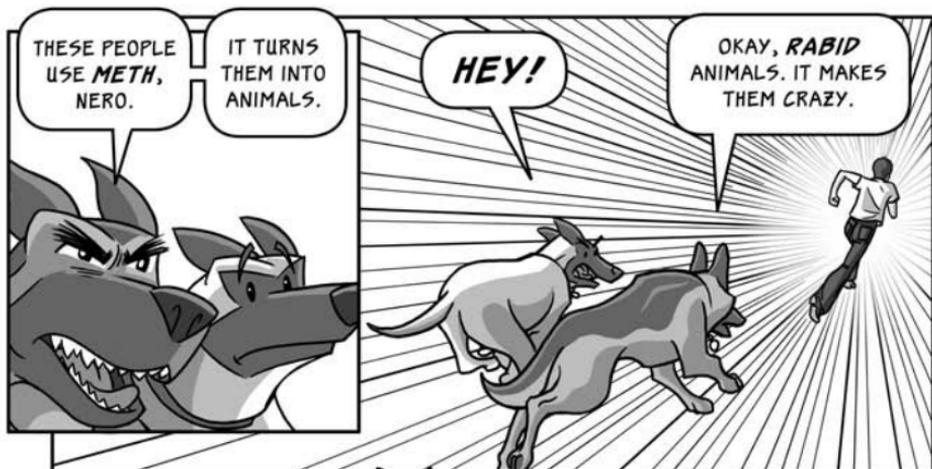
SLAM!



**HE'S RUNNING!
HE'S RUNNING!**



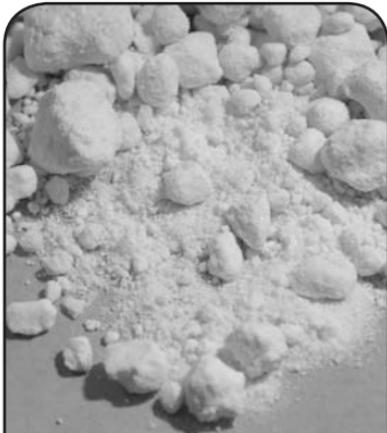




"METH" IS SHORT FOR
METHAMPHETAMINE*.

IT'S AN ILLEGAL
DRUG HUMANS
CAN MAKE RIGHT
AT HOME.

AND IT'S
SUPER-
ADDICTIVE.



* *PRONOUNCED*
"METH-AM-FETT-UH-MEEN"

METH WORKS
BY PUMPING
UP A HUMAN'S
NERVOUS
SYSTEM.

SO IT
MAKES
THEM
NERVOUS,
HUH?

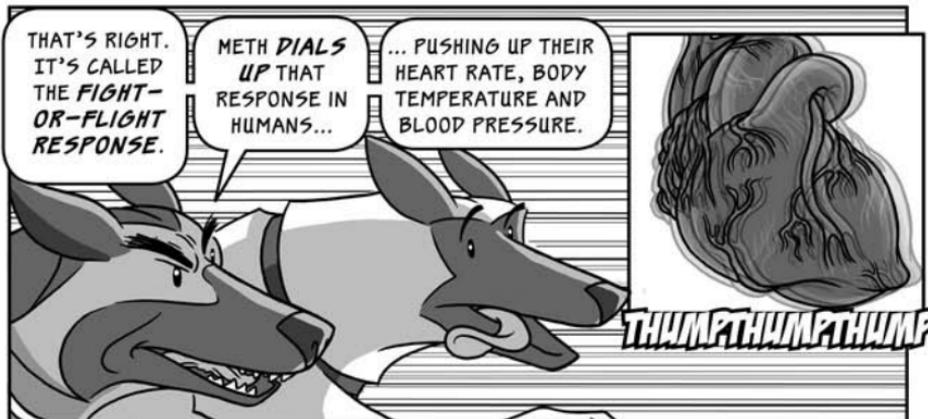
WELL,
SORT
OF...



METH IS A **STIMULANT**.

IT MAKES HUMANS FEEL LIKE WE'RE RIGHT ON THEIR HEELS ALL THE TIME.

SO THEY TRY TO RUN AWAY, LIKE THIS GUY - OR TURN AND FIGHT?



THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S CALLED THE **FIGHT-OR-FLIGHT RESPONSE**.

METH **DIALS UP** THAT RESPONSE IN HUMANS...

... PUSHING UP THEIR HEART RATE, BODY TEMPERATURE AND BLOOD PRESSURE.

THUMP THUMP THUMP



"USERS GET AMPED UP AND CRAZY."

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

"THE SHORT-TERM EFFECTS INCLUDE INCREASED ENERGY AND LOSS OF APPETITE...."

"... BUT ALSO NAUSEA, SWEATING, IRRITABILITY AND EVEN **PANIC ATTACKS**."



"EVENTUALLY, IF HE TAKES TOO MUCH METH, HE MIGHT FEEL LIKE HE'S COVERED WITH BUGS...."



"HE MIGHT START SEEING THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE...."



"IT MIGHT MAKE HIM PICK AT HIS SKIN UNTIL HE'S COVERED WITH SORES...."



"AND THE METH IS BREAKING DOWN HIS MUSCLES - UNTIL IT **WRECKS** HIS KIDNEYS AND HEART!"



"I'LL BET HE LOOKS **NOTHING** LIKE HE DID WHEN HE STARTED TAKING THE DRUG!"







BUT I SAW A WHOLE BUNCH OF CREDIT-CARD APPLICATIONS BACK IN THAT TRAILER. THEY MUST HAVE **GREAT CREDIT!**

NO, NO! THEY **STOLE** THOSE FROM OTHER PEOPLE. THESE GUYS ARE **IDENTITY THIEVES.**



"THEY TAKE MAIL OUT OF OTHER HUMANS' MAILBOXES. THEY USE IT TO FIND OUT THE VICTIM'S NAMES, ADDRESSES, THAT SORT OF THING.

AND THEN THEY BUY STUFF AND CHARGE IT TO THE **VICTIM!**"



"THEY ALSO STEAL METAL - COPPER WIRE, THE TOWN STATUE - AND SELL IT FOR **SCRAP.**

WE SEE THESE CRIMES A **LOT** WITH METH USERS!"



THAT ALL SEEMS LIKE A STUPID PRICE TO PAY JUST TO GET A BUZZ!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

IF THIS GUY HAS A **FAMILY**, HE'S GIVEN THEM A TON OF GRIEF.

I REALLY HOPE
NO CHILDREN
WERE LIVING IN
THAT TRAILER



"ONE THING WE SEE
TOO OFTEN IN THE
HOMES OF METH ADDICTS
IS THAT THE PLACES
TURN INTO
GARBAGE DUMPS!"

"THAT TRAILER WAS
FULL OF SPOILED FOOD,
TRASH, AND DIRTY
DISHES - NOT TO
MENTION DISCARDED
METH PIPES AND OTHER
DRUG TOOLS!"



"ANY KIDS LIVING
THERE RUN THE
RISK OF GETTING
SICK, INJURED OR
CONTAMINATED BY
DRUG RESIDUE!"

"AND THE METH
ADDICTS PROBABLY
NEGLECT THE KIDS
LIKE THEY NEGLECT
THE DISHES!"

YIKES! WE'RE DOING EVERYONE A FAVOR BY ARRESTING HIM!

WE'RE DOING HIM A FAVOR TOO, NERO....

"IN JAIL AND IN TREATMENT, HE CAN SOBER UP ..."

... AND MAYBE HE'LL DECIDE TO GET THE HELP HE NEEDS TO START FIGHTING HIS ADDICTION!

THERE THEY ARE!
ARE! THEY GOT HIM!



WHAT THE HUMANS HEAR....

**BARK BARK
BARK BARK**



WHAT THE DOGS ARE SAYING....

**DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WE'RE GETTING YOU
THE HELP YOU NEED!**



**THE
END!**

TEACHING MOMENT!



WHAT ARE A FEW OF THE SYMPTOMS OF METH USE?

- Nervousness and paranoia
- Sleeplessness
- Obsessive behavior
- Hallucinations
- Sores
- Kidney failure
- Extreme tooth decay ("meth mouth")
- Death

WHAT CRIMES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH METH USERS?

- Identity theft
- Child neglect
- Metal theft
- Violent crime

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT A METH USER OR DEALER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

• **DO NOT confront the suspected drug user yourself!**

Drug criminals can be extremely dangerous!

- Instead, contact local law enforcement.
- In an emergency, call 911.
- You can leave **anonymous tips** with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office:
 - Call our **Tip Line: 503-723-4949**
 - Use our online Tip Sheet: Visit **www.clackamas.us/sheriff** and click on **"Tip Sheet"**
- You can also call the Anonymous Meth Hotline: 1-888-609-6384.



YOU CAN
LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
DANGERS
OF METH
AND OTHER
DRUGS ON
THE **WEB!**



www.dare.com

Be sure to click on the "Kids" section —
where you'll find info, games and more!

www.CheckYourself.com

A place for teens to check where they are
with drugs and alcohol!

www.CrystalDarkness.com

A powerful documentary about the dangers of meth!

www.DrugFree.org

Detailed info from
The Partnership for a Drug-Free America!

www.DrugAbuse.gov/students.html

Drug info for students and young adults!

www.clackamas.us/sheriff/kids

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office —
the real-life employer of Mik and Nero!



WHY YES, THEY ARE REAL DOGS

(but we've never heard them speak English)



Mik and his tennis ball



Nero and his deputy

Mik (pronounced "Mick") and **Nero** are real-life K-9 dogs with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon.

To learn more online about the real-life K-9 Unit that employs Mik and Nero, visit our Kid's Web site at:

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