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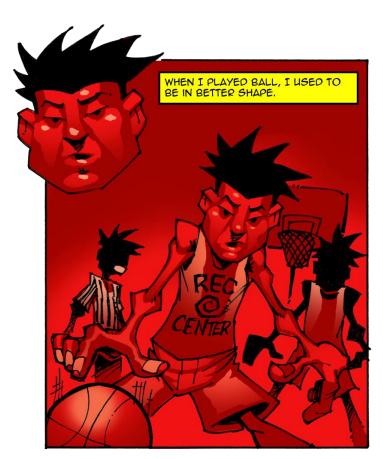


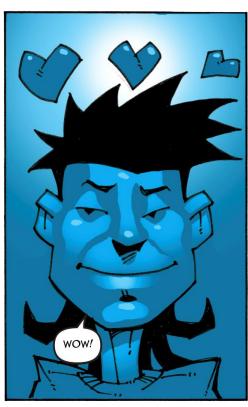




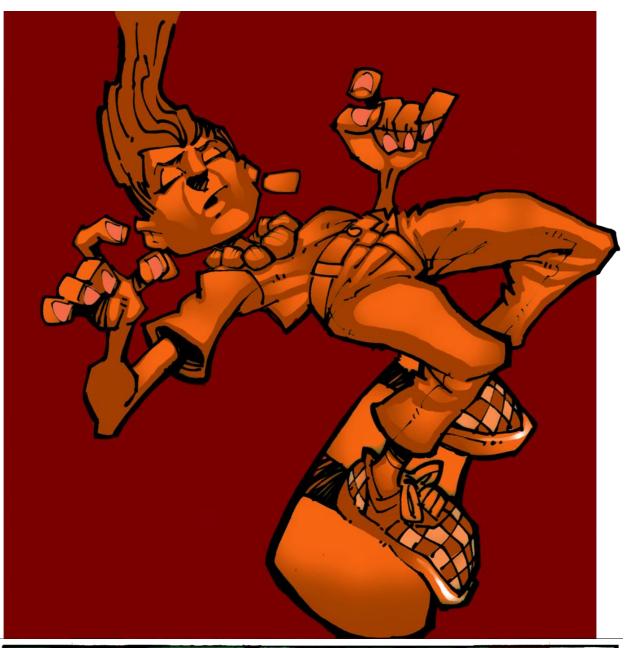
















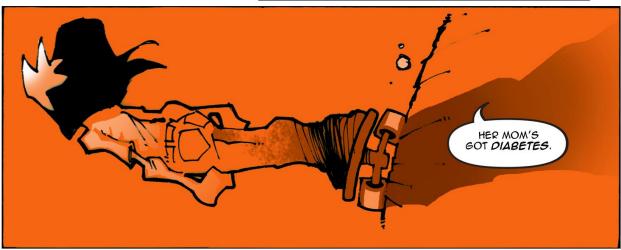






















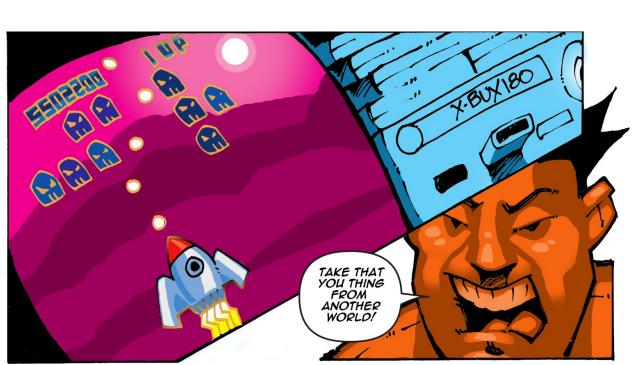
















































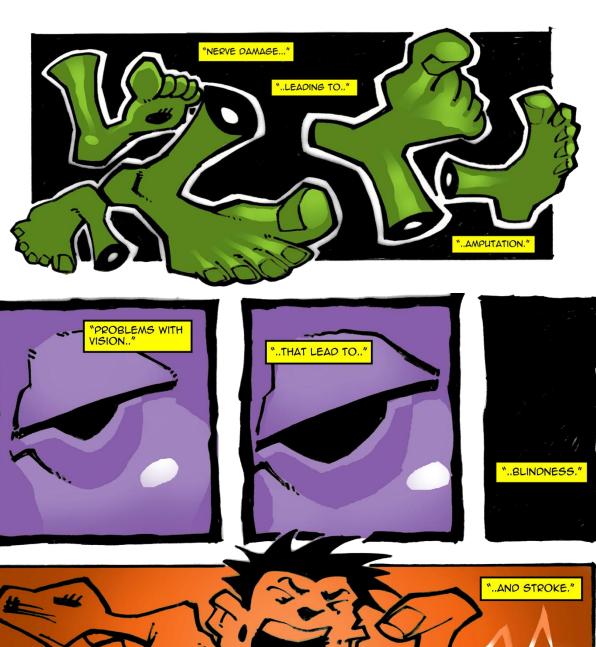




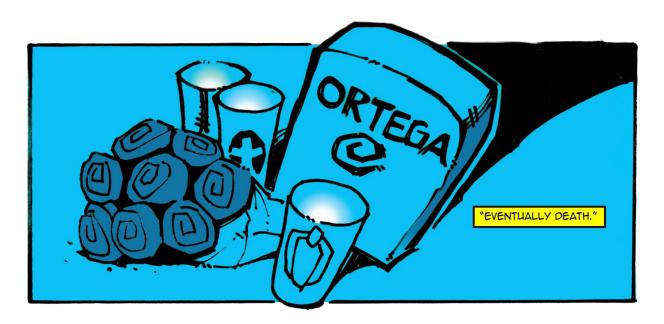
















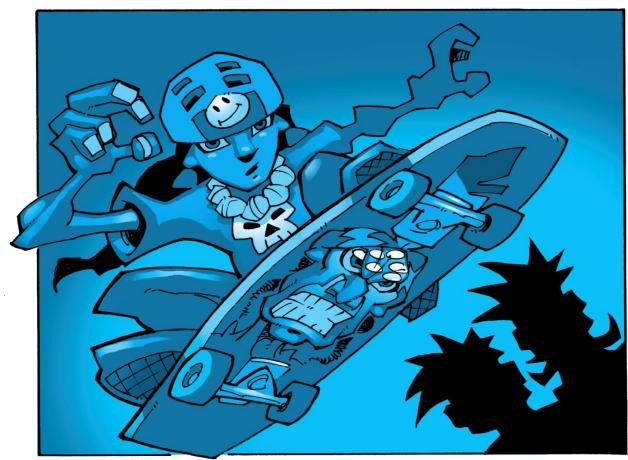




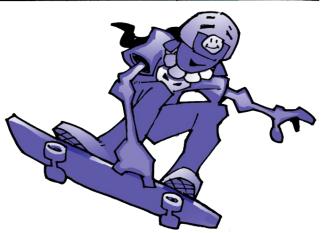


















WHAT IS DIABETES?
DIABETES MEANS THAT YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE (SUGAR) IS TOO HIGH AND YOUR BODY HAS DIFFICULTY CONVERTING THE GLUCOSE TO ENERGY. THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF DIABETES:

TYPE 2 DIABETES IS THE MOST COMMON FORM OF DIABETES, IT'S MOST OFTEN DIAGNOSED IN ADULTS, BUT TODAY A GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN ARE DEVELOPING TYPE 2 DIABETES. IN TYPE 2 DIABETES, EITHER THE BODY DOES NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH INSULIN OR THE CELLS INGNORE THE INSULIN (INSULIN RESISTANCE). SOME PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES NEED TO TAKE INSULIN, OTHERS CAN CONTROL THEIR INSULIN LEVELS WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS AND DIET AND EXCERCISE.

TYPE 1 DIABETES IS USUALLY DIAGNOSED IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. IN TYPE 1 DIABETES, THE BODY ATTACKS THE CELLS THAT MAKE INSULIN. THERE ISN'T ENOUGH INSULIN TO HELP THE BLOOD SUGAR TURN INTO ENERGY. TOO MUCH SUGAR STAYS IN THE BLOOD SO YOU MUST TAKE INSULIN SHOTS.

GESTATIONAL DIABETES MAY BE DEVELOPED DURING A PREGNACY. IT RESULTS FROM INSULIN RESISTANCE (LIKE TYPE 2 DIABETES) CAUSED BY INCREASED SENSITIVITY WHILE PREGNANT. IT OFTEN GOES AWAY AFTER PREGNANCY, BUT THE MOTHER AND HER CHILD ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DEVELOPING TYPE 2 DIABETES LATER IN THEIR LIVES.

WHAT IS INSULIN?

YOUR PANCREAS MAKES INSULIN. INSULIN IS WHAT CONVERTS SUGAR, CARBOHYDRATES AND OTHER FOODS SO YOUR BODY CAN USE IT FOR ENERGY. ALL FOODS BREAK DOWN INTO SUGARS (GLUCOSE). IF YOUR BODY RESISTS THE INSULIN, THE SUGAR BUILDS UP IN YOUR BLOOD. THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF DIABETES.

CAN YOU PREVENT DIABETES?

TYPE 1 DIABETES CANNOT BE PREVENTED. BUT TYPE 2 CAN BE PREVENTED AND IF YOU ARE DIAGNOSED WITH IT THERE ARE WAYS TO MANAGE IT. IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY HISTORY OF DIABATES OR HAVE BEEN TOLD YOU ARE PRE-DIABETES, EXERCISE AND A HEALTHY WHOLE FOODS-BASED DIET CAN HELP IT FROM GETTING WORSE.

WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF DIABETES?
SOME PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE THE FLU OR FEEL REALLY TIRED. YOU MAY HAVE TO PEE A LOT OR MAY BE REALLY THRESTY OR REALLY HUNGRY. SOMETIMES YOUR THOUGHTS GET FOGGY OR YOUR VISION BLURS. YOU MAY FEEL NUMBRIESS, TINGLING OR PAIN IN YOUR LEGS OR FEET, OR GET SORES OR INFECTIONS ON YOUR FEET.

COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES
DIABETES CAN AFFECT MANY PARTS OF YOUR BODY. IT CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS
BLINDNESS, KIDNEY DAMAGE AND LOWER-LIMB AMPUTATIONS. WITH DIABETES, YOUR RISK OF HAVING HIGH
BLOOD PRESSURE, HIGH CHOLESTEROL AND STROKES, INCLUDING HEART ATTACKS ARE INCREASED.
DIABETES CAN DAMAGE NERVES, WHICH MEANS YOU MAY NOT FEEL AN INJURY UNTIL A LARGE SORE OR
INFECTION DEVELOPS. IT CAN EVEN AFFECT YOUR TEETH. PERIODONTAL, OR GUM DISEASE IS MORE COMMON IN PEOPLE WITH DIABETES.



MYTHS ABOUT DIABETES

MYTH: DIABETES IS A NATURAL PART OF THE CYCLE OF LIFE: YOU GROW OLD, GET DIABETES AND DIE.

FACT:

TYPE 2 AND GESTATIONAL DIABETES ARE PREVENTABLE. WITH PROPER MANAGEMENT, MANY PEOPLE WITH DIABETES HAVE LONG AND HEALTHY LIVES.

MYTH:

DIABETES IS NOT THAT SERIOUS OF A DISEASE.

FACT

DIABETES CAUSES MORE DEATHS A YEAR THAN BREAST CANCER AND AIDS COMBINED. TWO OUT OF THREE PEOPLE WITH DIABETES DIE FROM HEART DISEASE OR STROKE.

MYTH:

IF YOU HAVE DIABETES YOU SHOULDN'T EXERCISE.

FACT:

EXERCISE IS CRUCIAL. WHILE EXERCISE MAY BE DIFFICULT TO BEGIN FOR SOMEONE WHO IS OBESE OR DOES NOT FEEL WELL, IT ACTUALLY WILL HELP KEEP YOUR DIABETES FROM WORSENING. YOU MAY NEED TO MONITOR YOUR SUGAR LEVELS WHILE EXERCISING. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR.

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YOU GET DIABETES FROM EATING TOO MUCH SUGAR.

FACT.

EATING TOO MUCH SUGAR DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY GIVE YOU DIABETES. BUT IF YOU EAT A LOT OF SUGAR COMBINED WITH HIGH AMOUNTS OF FAT AND CARBOHYDRATES YOU COULD DEVELOP RESISTANCE TO INSULIN, WHICH RESULTS IN DIABETES.

MYTH:

PEOPLE WITH DIABETES SHOULD EAT SPECIAL DIABETIC FOOD.

FACT:

A HEALTHY MEAL PLAN FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES IS GENERALLY THE SAME AS A HEALTHY DIET FOR ANYONE - LOW IN FAT, LOW IN SALT AND LOW IN SUGAR, WITH MEALS BASED ON WHOLE GRAIN FOODS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND LIMITED LEAN MEATS. SOME STARCHY FOODS CAN BE INCLUDED, BUT REMEMBER THAT TOO MANY CARBOHYDRATES MEAN TOO MUCH SUGAR. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS PORTION SIZE.

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