

Wind Man v. The Hurricane
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Panel 1: Wind Man, a white nonbinary superhero with shoulder length brown hair and glasses is wearing a blue and grey superhero costume. They are standing with their feet shoulder width apart and are flexing their biceps. They are glaring at The Hurricane, a white nonbinary villain with red hair and glasses. The Hurricane is wearing a devil costume and is standing with her legs shoulder width apart and her hands on her hips. Both characters are surrounded by wind and bad weather. The Hurricane is saying “Welcome to our exciting new comic...” and Wind Man is saying “It’s a battle of wits!”

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Panel 1: Wind Man and The Hurricane are posed the same way as on Page 1, but instead are smiling at the camera. They say in unison “Presenting...WIND MAN vs. THE HURRICANE!” A caption beneath them says “By Wind Man & The Hurricane (aka: Peyton Douglas-Doran and Abby Ritter).”

Panel 2: The Hurricane is standing with her hands on her hips, still surrounded by wind and bad weather. A caption beneath her says “Somewhere in Florida...,” and she is saying “I am The Hurricane. Hurricanes are a combination of rain and wind, and I am very dangerous! I can swallow things up in my path. I will destroy everyone who gets in my way!”

Panel 3: Wind Man is floating above the street in Washington, D.C. with a horse and buggy behind them. They are surrounded by wind. A caption above their head says, “Somewhere in Washington, D.C...” and they are saying “I am Wind Man. I am a strong superhero. I am fearless! I will come to save the day!”

Panel 4: Wind Man is sitting in a leather desk chair in the Oval Office. There is an American flag and a Presidential Seal flag behind them. They are holding a smart phone in one hand and have a concerned look on their face. The caption beneath them reads “Wind Man learned that The

Hurricane was coming. He got out his phone and sent a tweet to everyone in Washington, D.C. warning them about the storm.” A dotted line speech bubble above the phone contains the text of Wind Man’s tweet. It says, “Hey yo! Citizens of Washington, D.C.! The Hurricane is coming! Gather your phones, tablets, laptops, and other stuff from space!”

Panel 5: A family is sitting in a living room watching television. Most of the people in frame are silhouettes, with a nonbinary person in the foreground wearing a baseball uniform and sitting in a wheelchair. They have blonde braids and sunglasses. A caption above their head says “The people with disabilities, especially the nonbinary ones, were the most afraid. They didn’t know if the shelter would have the things they needed to be safe.” The nonbinary person says “Hey yo! I’m scared! AHHHHHHHH!!!”

Panel 6: Wind Man is standing next to the desk in the Oval Office, winking and tweeting from the smart phone in their hand. The caption says “Wind Man told people that everything will be okay.” Wind Man’s tweet says “The shelter is going to be big big BIG BIG BIG BIG BIG BIIIIIGGG, and there will be room for everyone!”

Panel 7: Wind Man is standing in an office speaking to Lauren Jane, a black woman with an afro and a striped shirt, and Peggy Schuyler, an elder Indian woman with grey hair and a green and white shirt. The caption on the frame reads “Wind Man talked to Lauren Jane and Peggy Schuyler, two people who worked at the shelter. He told them all about the things they would need to have, starting with: accessible outlets for plugging in mobility equipment, communication and medical devices...”

Panel 8: Wind Man continues to speak with Lauren and Peggy while standing in a sensory-friendly room. The room has a laundry basket full of blankets, a radio, stuffed animals, and a stress ball inside. The caption reads “...a quiet, sensory-friendly space, with soothing objects like comfort/stim toys, stuffed animals, weighted blankets, and a white noise machine...”

Panel 9: Wind Man is speaking with Lauren and Peggy outside of the shelter. All three are standing next to a ramp up into the building. The caption reads “...and ramps and elevators to all spaces (with railings on ramps as well as stairs).”

Panel 10: A gender neutral restroom with the door open. The sink and mirror are visible inside. The sign next to the door is blue and white, depicting a masculine and a feminine figure. The caption says “Some of the people staying at the shelter will be nonbinary. They will need gender-neutral restrooms, name tags with pronouns, and period products! They will also need inclusive spaces to sleep that are for everyone, not just men or women.”

Panel 11: A first aid room, containing several shelves, a radio, a stool, a duffel bag, and a first aid kit. The caption reads “In the bathroom, people need grab bars, roll-in showers, shower chairs/benches, and accessible sinks. They might also need lifts (i.e. Hoyer or Sara lifts), diapers, wipes, and an adult-sized changing table.”

Panel 12: “Meanwhile, Officers Ben and Jim are contemplating that they should arrest The Hurricane at any cost.” Two police officers stand in front of a jail cell. The caption reads Officer Ben is a Latino man with curly purple hair. Officer Jim is a bald black man. Both men are wearing sunglasses and police uniforms. Officer Ben says, “We should arrest The Hurricane!” and Officer Jim says, “That’s a great idea!”

Panel 13: “The people arrive at the shelter, and they have everything they need. They aren’t worried about the hurricane. They know Wind Man is going to save them!” A large crowd of people are waiting outside the shelter. In the foreground are a nonbinary person with braids and sunglasses sitting in a wheelchair, a child in a jester costume, an adult Asian woman wearing a clown costume, and Lauren Jane and Peggy Schuyler. The blonde nonbinary person and the child wearing the jester costume are saying “Wind Man is going to save us!” The clown says “Look! Here comes The Hurricane! Woohoo!” Lauren Jane says “The shelter has everything you need thanks to Wind Man! Let’s rock and roll!”

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Panel 1: Wind Man is flying front of a large stadium, saying “Put your belongings inside right now because things are getting cold a lot right now! Stay safe inside, while I battle The Hurricane. Peace out! Stay safe kids!” The caption beneath him says “The shelter is a stadium that looks like a big igloo with a glass dome.”

Panel 2: “Wind Man and The Hurricane are battling!” Silhouettes of The Hurricane and Wind Man up in the air are behind a foreground of rain and wind. The Hurricane shouts “Give up, Wind Man! Give up!” Wind Man shouts back “Never! I’ll teach you to not cause destruction!”

Panel 3: “The Hurricane is knocked out. Wind Man saves the day!” The Hurricane is laying on the ground with her eyes closed as Wind Man floats above her with a tennis racket in their hand. Wind Man is saying “You got knocked out, you lumberjack! Prepare to be under arrest!”

Panel 4: “The Hurricane is under arrest.” The Hurricane is behind bars at the police station, and she is looking angrily at Officers Ben and Jim. The officers say, “You are under arrest, Hurricane!”

Panel 5: Wind Man is sitting at the desk in the Oval Office, holding up their smartphone and smirking. The caption says “Wind Man sends out a final tweet, saying that The Hurricane is under arrest, and everyone is safe.” A dotted speech bubble containing the text of Wind Man’s tweet says, “Hey yo! Citizens of Washington, D.C. The Hurricane was too WINDed out for the world! (But they are still under arrest!) HAVE A NICE DAY! You’re all safe!”

Panel 6: Peggy Schuyler, The Clown, Lauren Jane, the nonbinary baseball player, and the child dressed as a jester are under a white tent in front of many other folks cheering and dancing. Wind Man flies above the tent, holding a hot dog in their hand. All in frame are cheering, “HOT DOG PARTY!” The caption reads: “Everyone’s having a hot dog party to celebrate!”

Panel 7: Officers Ben and Jim stand with their arms crossed and serious looks on their faces. They shout “The End!” The caption reads “But wait!”

Panel 8: Officers Ben and Jim both have a finger raised, gesturing to the reader to pay attention. They say, “Would you be willing to let us conduct a brief interrogation?”

Panel 9: Officer Ben is standing with one hand on his hip. He says, “If your facility only has gendered bathrooms, how could you create gender-neutral bathrooms?” Officer Jim is sitting on a stool, and says, “How do accessible, gender-neutral bathrooms benefit everyone?”

Panel 10: Officers Ben and Jim are sitting on stools. Officer Ben says, “What is your shelter/organization already doing to ensure that services and spaces are accessible and welcoming to disabled and nonbinary people? What can you do better?” Officer Jim says, “Have you trained your staff about best practices in serving both disabled and nonbinary people?”

Panel 11: Officer Jim, Wind Man, The Hurricane, and Officer Ben stand in a line. The officers are smiling and giving a thumbs up, and Wind Man is smiling and waving. The Hurricane has her arms crossed and is pouting. Officers Jim and Ben say, “Thank you for taking our questions, and for helping Wind Man make the world a safer and friendlier place! That’s the end of our comic – see you later!”