**COMIC STRIP**

‘Terms to Know’

**What is a Comic Strip?**

An amusing short story or situation portrayed in a series of pictures with limited text. A comic strip is typically funny, but can be sarcastic, ironic etc.

**What are the parts of a comic strip?**

**Panel:** A single ‘picture box’ in a comic. Each panel represents one part of the story, and an effective comic should have a minimum of 5 panels (one to represent each part of the story).

**Gutter:** The white borders that surround and divide panels. These borders tell the reader that each panel is a different part of the story.

**Cartoon Character(s):** Any character portrayed in a fictional (cartoon) form.

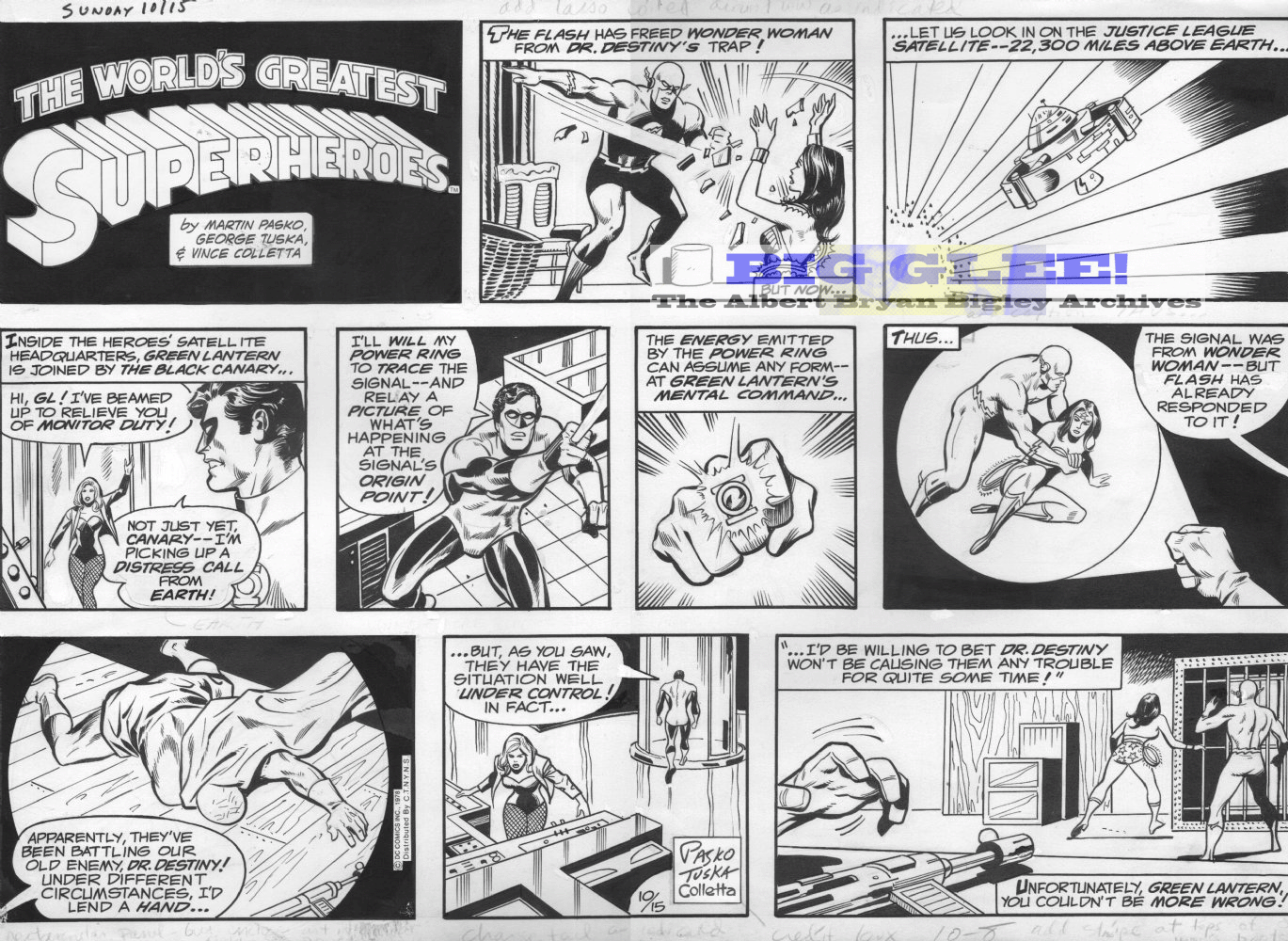
**Motion Lines:** Are lines drawn beside characters or objects that indicate the speed and direction of their movement.

**Speech Bubbles/balloons:** A balloon shape extending from a character that shows what they are saying. The speech bubble must have a ‘tail’ that connects to the speaker.

 **Thought Bubble (balloon):** A balloon shape extending from a character that shows what they are thinking. *\*The style of thought bubbles need to look different from speech bubble in font and style.*

**Word Art:** Enlarged words (onomatopoeia) that emphasize sound effects.

**Captions:** Captions give information from an unknown narrator, but they are not spoken from a character. The captions are usually in a rectangular text box, not a bubble.



* Draw an arrow to the gutter
* Circle the third panel
* Highlight the comic narrative
* Colour 2 speech bubbles
* Add a final comic panel that includes word art
* Identify one cartoon character: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Circle one thought bubble, and add an additional thought bubble