
Story Pitch

Avery Solt - Foundations of Story

The Lord of Lava: Warblaze

Comic Miniseries

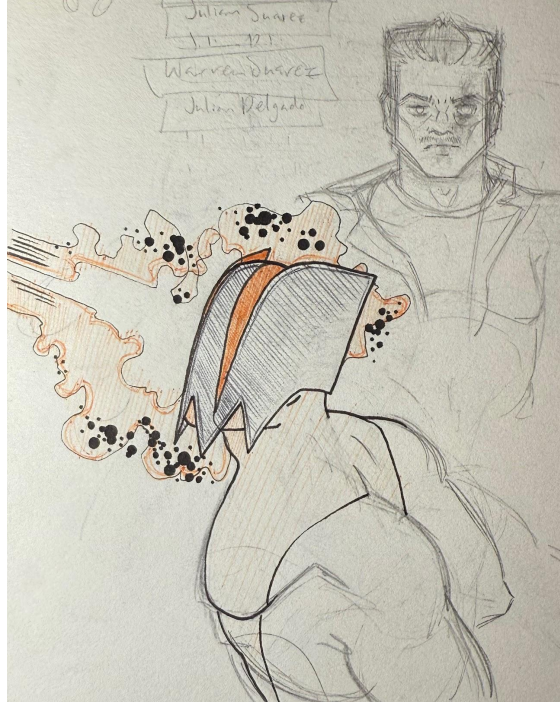


Genres:

Science Fiction

- Speculative Fiction
- Superhero Fiction

Action



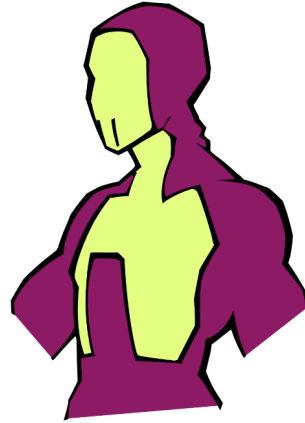
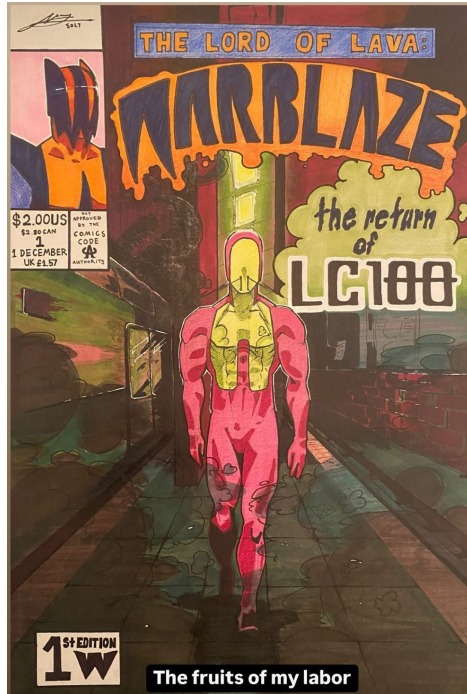
Characters and Story

Warren Suarez (Warblaze)



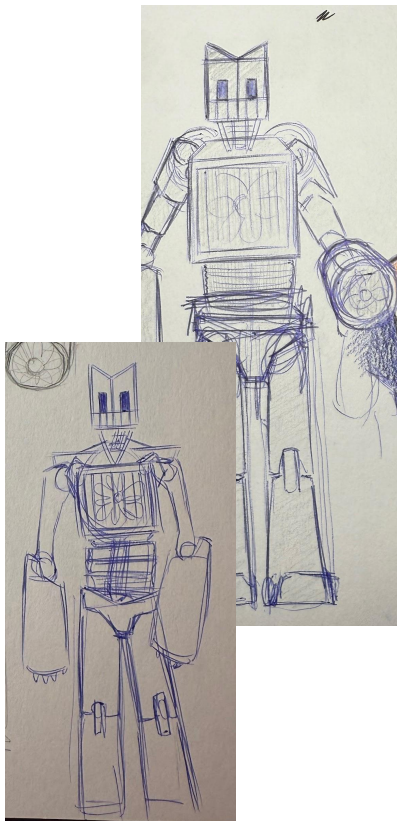
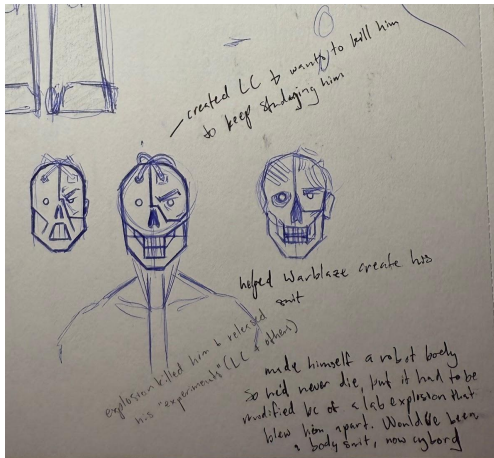
1. Ex-Search and Rescue
2. Discovered Warblaze Mantle during a mission to the Potrillo Volcanic Field
3. Moved to Pacifica
4. Lava powers
5. Brave and empathetic, but also very dry and stern

LC-100



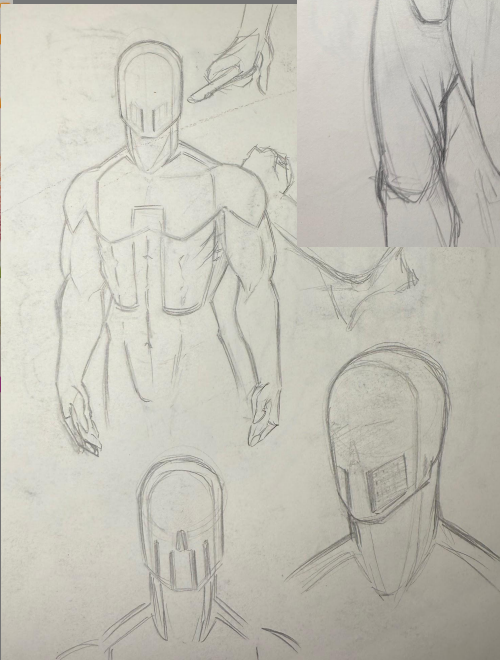
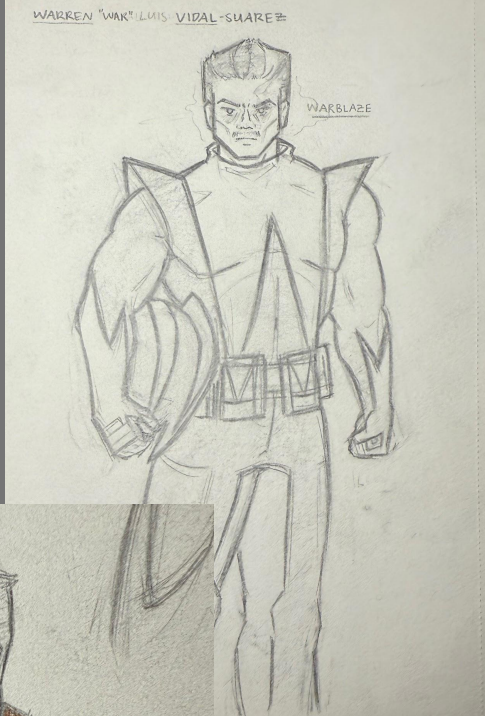
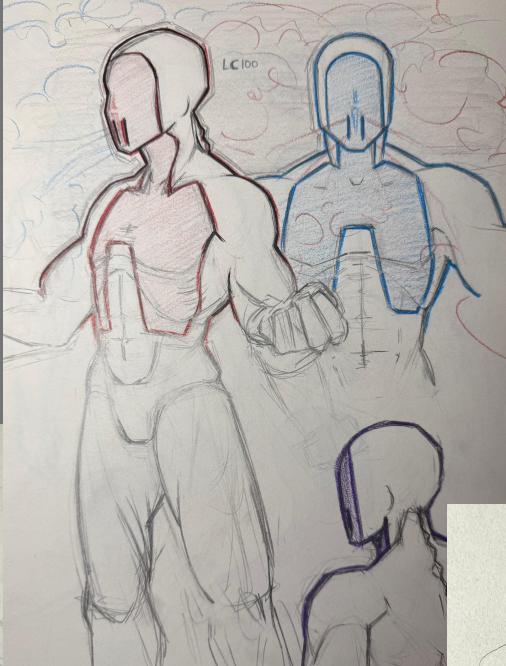
1. Created in the illegal experimental lab by Dr. Silas Cromwell - escaped during its explosion alongside many other of Cromwell's experiments
2. Breathes extremely toxic gas out of mouth and nose
3. Seeking revenge for Cromwell's torturous experiments
4. Reckless, little regard for _____ others, vengeful

Dr. Silas Cromwell

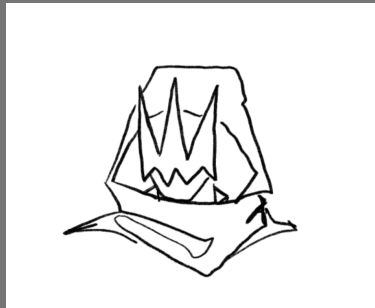
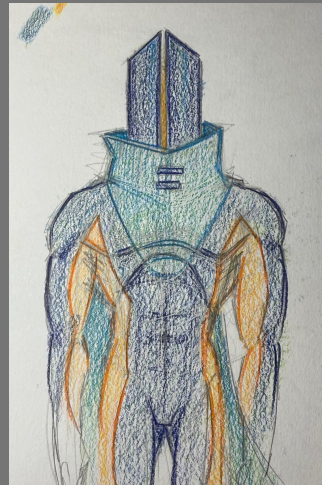
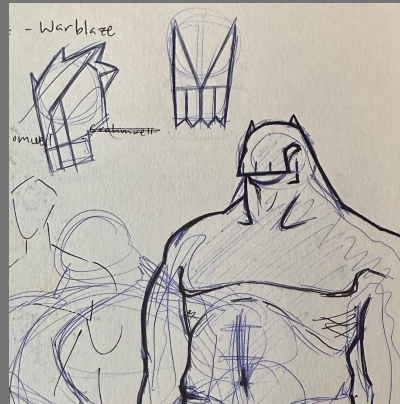
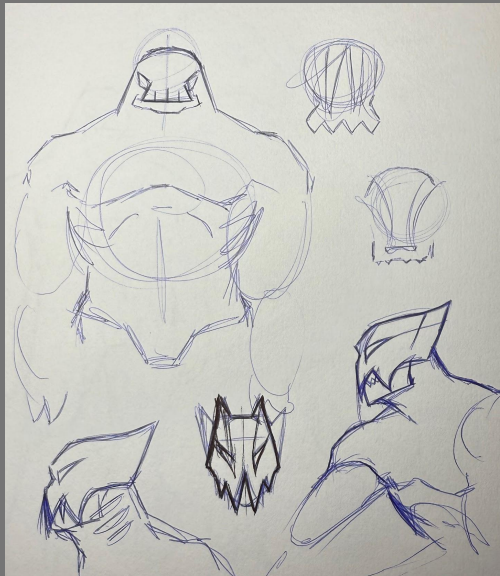


1. Deranged “mad” scientist
2. Had a secret evil laboratory where he conducted experiments on humans
3. The lab exploded, allowing several of the experiments to escape, killing the rest
4. He was paranoid - had a mech suit to revive him after death. The suit had to be modified by his assistants after fragments of his body were rendered unusable after the explosion. He is technically something of a zombie
5. Hunting down his experiments to kill them

Extra:



Potential Characters:



Setting (Modern Day, Alternate Universe):



El Paso, Texas

- Warren's hometown

Potrillo Volcanic Field

- Where Warren conducts a Search and Rescue mission
- finds ancient helmet that grants him lava powers

Pacifica

- Fictional City in the Western United States where Warren moves
 - Notorious for its superhuman population after an experimental lab explosion
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Plot Summary:

Protagonist, Warren Suarez, was an amateur blacksmith and member of a Search and Rescue team in El Paso, Texas. On a mission to the Potrillo Volcanic Field, he found an ancient lava pool within a long-dormant volcanic mound that granted him extreme heat tolerance and the power to fabricate lava. Around this time, it came out that the renowned “mad” scientist, Dr. Silas Cromwell, was secretly conducting brutal experiments in his laboratory, on both humans and animals. The lab, based in a fictional city called Pacifica, exploded, making his endeavors international news. His escaped creations were wreaking havoc on Pacifica, with only the sparse public servants and the rare good-hearted Experiments able to help the city. Warblaze moved to the city, feeling that his new powers obligated him to help the citizens of Pacifica. This comic run will focus on his battles with superhuman Experiment LC-100, who, in his attempts to seek revenge on Cromwell, is terrorizing the city with toxic gas. Warren eventually defeats LC-100, gaining him the title of Warblaze by Pacifica citizens. Warblaze is now a local hero; however, crime among the other Experiments is increasing, and the local government is hunting them down, regardless of their intentions.

Primary Conflicts:

Warblaze vs. LC-100

- This will be the main conflict of this comic run. LC-100 is blind with hate, attempting to kill Dr. Cromwell by any means necessary, endangering civilians in the process. Warblaze takes it as his responsibility to stop him.

LC-100 vs. Cromwell

- Cromwell is now in hiding after his inhumane endeavors were discovered - both from the law and from his angry victims, especially LC-100. However, one is a bit easier to bribe.
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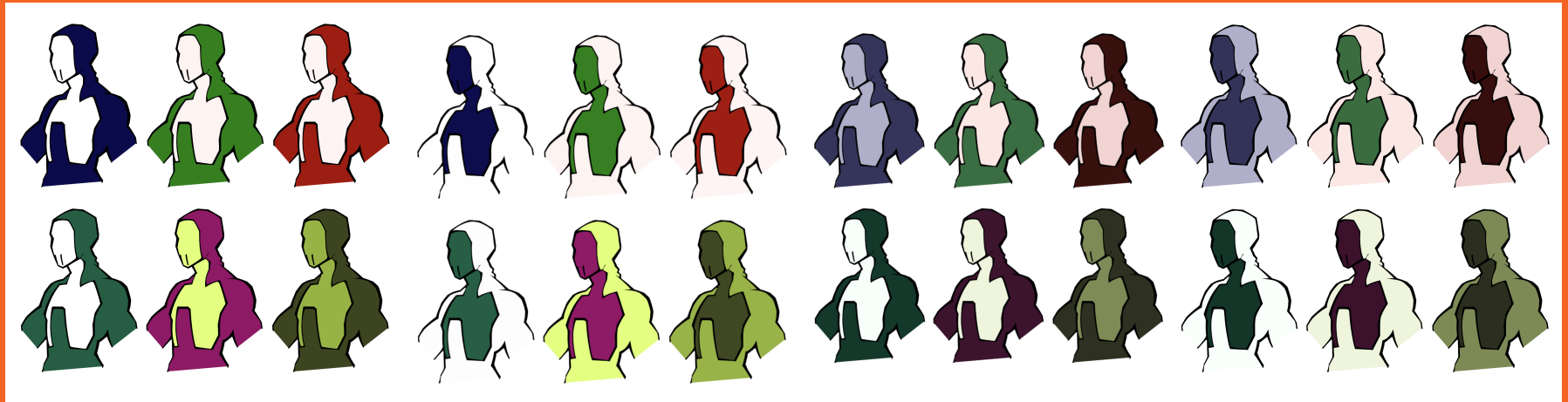
Secondary Conflict:

Experiments vs. Government

- The Pacifica higher-ups are now determined to contain all of Cromwell's creations, but this is not the solution that they believe it to be. Before Warblaze, the only things that could fend off the Experiments were other Experiments. Now that the city insists on haphazardly capturing all of them, they're destroying their own force of resistance.
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Narrative Strategies

Point-of-View: Third Person Multiple



Five-Act Structure:

Exposition

Warblaze in El Paso, news of lab explosion

Rising Action

Warblaze moves to Pacifica, crime off the charts

Climax

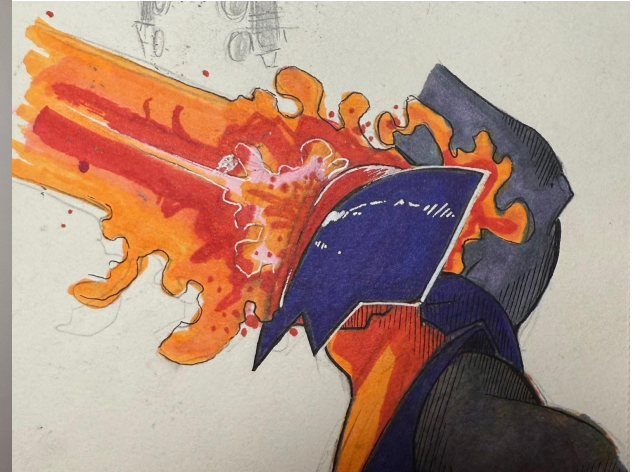
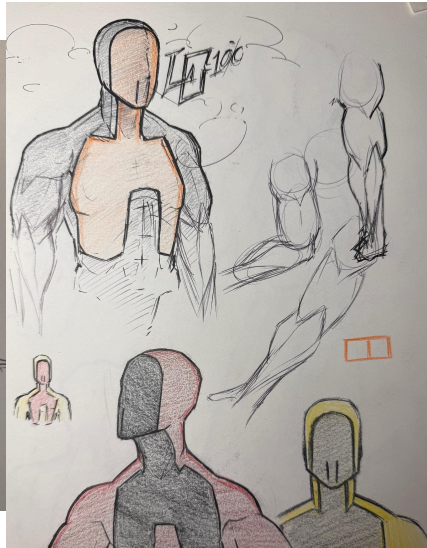
Major fight with LC-100

Falling Action

LC-100 is defeated and contained

Resolution

Warblaze becomes local hero



Theory of Equilibrium

“(Tzvetan Todorov) described how stories should begin with a stable situation, but this routine is disturbed by some force which results in a state of imbalance. Characters then have to search for a new equilibrium.”

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- Equilibrium
 - Warren working with a Search and Rescue team in Texas
- Disruption of Equilibrium
 - He discovers the Warblaze mantle, lab explosion in Pacifica
- Recognition of Disruption
 - Warren moves to Pacifica to help fight Experiment crime
- Attempt to Repair Disruption
 - He fights Experiments in Pacifica as Warblaze, city also attempts to contain Experiments
- New Equilibrium
 - Warblaze is now Pacifica's local hero, he spends his days as a crime-fighting vigilante

Binary Opposition

Good

Evil

Most superhero-centered comics (along with most narratives) focus on Good vs. Evil. This is mostly due to the history of comics being heavily filtered, but now has become a charming narrative technique. In this case, Warblaze is the good, fighting the “evil” LC-100.

Business Stuff

Art Form:

Comic Miniseries

A comic miniseries is a set of comic books that have a defined endpoint, rather than go on indefinitely. The great thing about miniseries is that they can be enjoyed more widely by broader audiences who may be new to the characters, but they can also be connected by a larger comic universe.

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Requirements:



- **Writer**

- **Artists**

Sketching, inking, coloring, shading, backgrounds

- **Publisher**

Dynamite Comics

- **Marketing**

Newspapers, magazines, comic preview booklets, local comic/game stores, TV commercials, bookstores, social media (ads and accounts), online ads, paid articles/reviews

Expansion Potential:



Larger Universe

More characters and lore, different comic runs, can become a far more developed world

Merchandise

Toys, clothing, costumes, collectors edition items

Collaborations

Collaborations with other comic creators, brands, shows, movies, etc

More Media

Movies, TV shows, comic volumes

Thank you!
