The Center for Cartoon Studies and Giant Helping Hands Present
OH!
WHOA... THIS IS JUST SO UNEXPECTED...

THESE THINGS ARE REALLY HEAVY...

HEH.

I JUST HAVE A FEW PEOPLE TO THANK...

IF I CAN FIND THAT NOTE WHERE...

AH! HERE IT IS! *(COUGH)*

Oh, so many giant hands have helped me along the way! Where would I be without them? I'd like to list a few of them now... Iris Yan, Paul Millman, Tom O'Brien, Carolyn and Fred Case, Donna Almendrala, Juan Fernandez, Bayle and Richard Drubel, Pamela Polston, William A. Nelson and Paula Schnurr, Breck and Will Longstreth, Liora Alschuler, Robert and Ann Hargraves, David and Barbara Roby, Peggy Kannestine, Jeffrey Brown, Curtis and Ed Koren, Kathleen and Jeffrey Bell, Richard and Sally Warren, Andrew and Paula Rosen, Miriam Katin, Arleen Stern and Albert Gal, Paul Levitz, John McKenna, Lincoln Peirce, Anonymous, Timothy Finn, Lucy Shelton CasmM, Donley and Susan Studlar, the Vermont Community Foundation, John Kern and Valerie Hurley, James Sturm, Dave Lloyd... And every helping hand still to come, thank you for everything!

Oh, wait! I prepared a short song! Do I have time...?

No?

Shoot.

*A list of early helpers*
THE TIME TO MAKE MY COMICS IS NOW!

BUT...

NO DESK...

HERE IS A DESK.

CREAK

SLIDE

THUMBS UP
OH MY!
YOU’VE JUST
MATCHED
THIS FLESHY
CHUNK OF TALENT
WITH A DESK!

THAT WAS REALLY
NICE OF YOU!

LOOK AT ’EM GO!
Dear Giant Hands,

I just wanted to say “thank you” for all your help.

I don’t have a ton of money for desks and tuition and stuff like that.

What I DO have is a fire in my heart for making comics and storytelling.

It would be a lot harder to keep the fire alive without everything you do.

One thing, though. Could you give me some kind of heads-up next time you drop something off?

It’s just a little startling...

Thanks for everything!

-XO
DO YOU GUYS KNOW HOW TO USE INDESIGN?

NO.

NOT REALLY.

Uh... so I'm guessing none of us knows about ethical guidelines in memoir comics.

WELL, I DO MAKE-

BUT NO...

NO.

These doodling daredevils to some quality instructors!
Do either of you know anything about contracts?

No.

Oh... no...

Hey!

Need some top-notch teachers?

Push

What just happened?

I was eating dinner.

You just

SHE

That was nice!
SCIENTISTS HAVE LONG DEBATED ABOUT THE GIANT HANDS THAT DESCEND FROM THE SKY TO MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER.

ARE THEY SUPERNATURAL? ARE THEY LIKE US, ONLY GIANT? WE MAY NEVER KNOW...

ONE THING IS FOR SURE. OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON THEIR HELP MATCHING US WITH THE THINGS WE NEED!

ANYWAY, WHO WANTS TO SEE THE GIANT FINGERNAIL CLIPPING I FOUND?

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You've just matched this human tooning vessel with a place to work in peace!

Welcome to Vermont!

You've just matched these squishy scribble makers with some of comics' best visiting artists!

Oh, hey guys...

You just matched this curious storyteller with the local community!

When I was stationed in Iraq...

I'm so thankful to the giant hands that provide for us.

Without the giant hands we would be on our own.
I heard that the giant helping hands belong to actual giants.

Yeah, that makes sense.

I heard the giant helping hands belong to huge cloud-creatures.

I can see that.

I heard that the helping hands thing is actually just a metaphor for generous people that help keep our community alive through kind donations...

What are you even talking about, Kyle?

See Kyle, this is why we don't hang out with you more.
OK, let me make sure I have this right... so every time someone donates to CCS during this year’s annual campaign—

The Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation will give a matching donation up to $50,000, yes!

That’s... w-wow...

Very nice of you!

It’s nothing.

I feel like we should clap or something.

Yeah! Let’s clap!

That’s really not necessary.

Uh oh.

It’s too late!

Whoops.

I’m already doing it!
AND THAT’S THE STORY OF THE GIANT HELPING HANDS...

NO OFFENSE, GRANDPA-

BUT I FELT LIKE THE WHOLE STORY WAS A LITTLE... ONE- NOTE...

YEAH, I MEAN, WHY DIDN’T THE CARTOON SCHOOL JUST COME OUT AND ASK FOR DONATIONS DIRECTLY?

YEAH.