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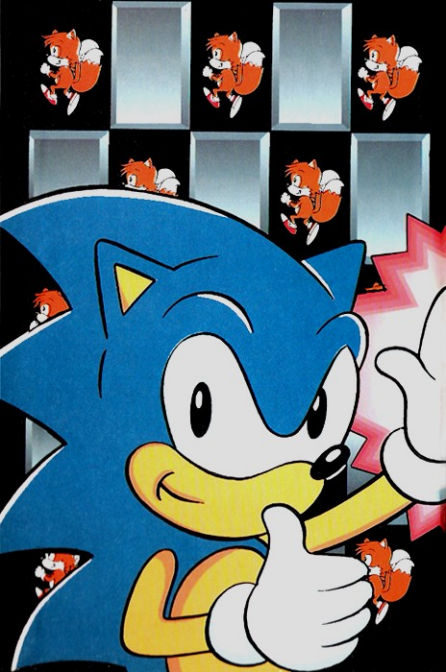
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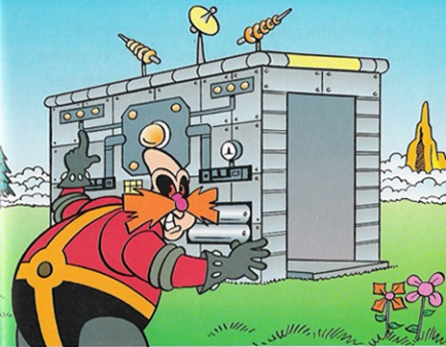


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Deep in the Hill Top Zone of Planet Mobius there lurked a most unpleasant individual. His name was Doctor Ivo Robotnik, builder of Badniks, all-round bad guy and number one enemy of Sonic the superhero Hedgehog.

"I am the nastiest nasty on the whole of this planet!" boasted Robotnik.



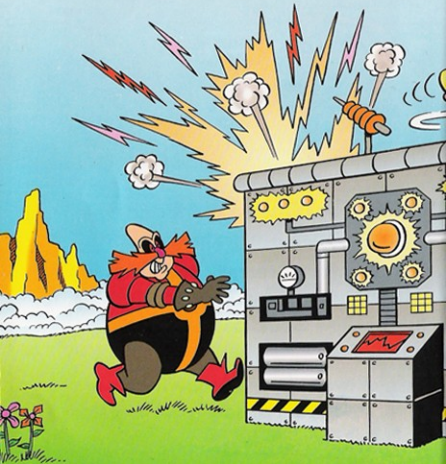


The dodgy Doc had perfected a plan to get rid of Sonic – or so he thought!

Robotnik had secretly built an amazing 'invisibility' machine. Anyone who entered the machine would be made instantly invisible!

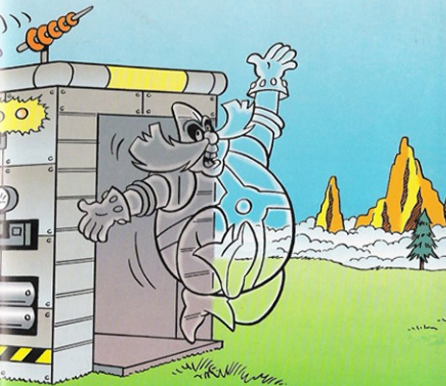
"Not even that most superheroic of superheroes will be safe now!" cackled Robotnik.

Switching on the machine, Robotnik quickly walked inside. The whole machine shook. Lights flashed and jets of steam and multi-coloured electrical sparks flew in all directions. WANG! CLANK! BUZZ! SPLONG! Strange noises filled the air.



Suddenly everything went quiet. The jets of steam disappeared. The egg-shaped one walked out of the other side of the invisibility machine. The visible Robotnik had become – the invisible Robotnik.

"Eggs-cellent!" crowed Robotnik. *"Now you see me... now you don't!"*





Later that day some of Sonic's animal friends saw a strange flying vehicle heading towards them.

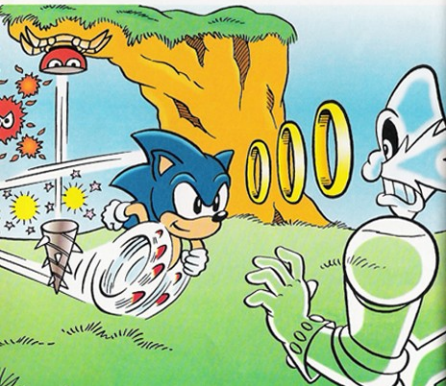
"That belongs to that rotten rat, Robotnik!" said one nervously. "Don't worry," said a second, "think of how Sonic would handle this. He would be brave!"

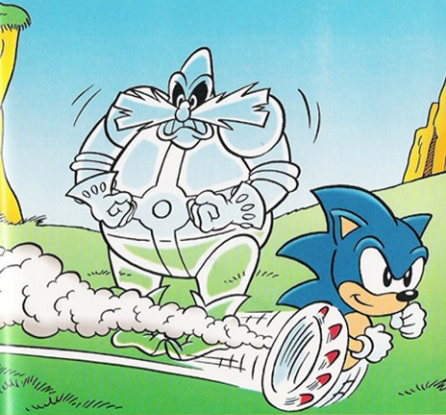
But when the machine came closer, Sonic's friends were shocked to see that it was completely empty. The animals, now very frightened, ran away as fast as their legs could carry them.

Robotnik, piloting the craft, was gleeful. "I really *am* invisible," he chortled. "Now for that so-called superhero, Sonic."



Sonic the Hedgehog was racing through the Hill Top Zone at supersonic speed, easily gathering the golden rings that supplied him with much-needed energy. The Badniks who tried to stop him were all too slow. But the happy hedgehog was unaware of the danger waiting ahead... the invisible Robotnik, who was now out of his flying machine.





The Doc's plan worked too well!

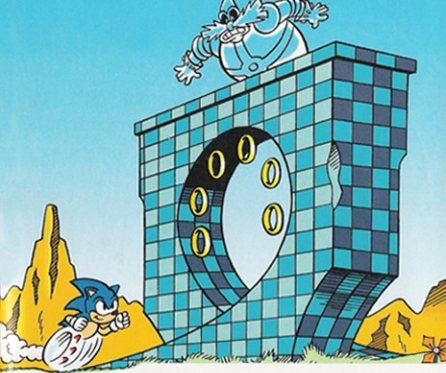
Because Sonic couldn't see the egggy one, the hedgehog ran straight over his toes. Having your toes trampled by a supersonic hedgehog is not something the egg-shaped one would recommend! But Robotnik gritted his teeth and kept quiet until Sonic was out of sight.

Poor Robotnik! He hopped around in invisible agony, holding first one Sonic-injured foot and then the other.

"EEEK!" he yelled. "OUCH!" he complained. "OWWWW!" he moaned.



When the nasty villain's toes finally stopped throbbing, the most menacing inhabitant of Mobius made a promise – he would get even with Sonic!



Before long, the invisible Doc was waiting in ambush on top of a loop full of energy rings. "Yok, yok, yok," said the devilish Doc eggily. "Sonic won't stand a chance this time!"

Suspecting nothing, the hedgehog hero travelled at mach velocities* towards the start of the loop.

* Supersonic speed