FOR THE PARENTS
How to Use Proton-Man

We hope you and your children find this comic entertaining. Proton-Man is much more than a simple adventure story. Proton-Man symbolizes the determination and technology that doctors employ when they utilize proton therapy to fight cancer. So when Proton-Man is pummeling King Crab, that’s not one man fighting another – that’s Proton Therapy fighting cancer!

Allowing kids to personalize their treatment experience with Proton-Man representing proton therapy can be, with your help, both empowering and reassuring. Proton therapy is like having a superhero fighting alongside them in their battle with cancer.

This comic is also educational. One of Proton-Man’s educational missions is to show kids how their treatment process works. This first issue involves our brave, young patient (Sally) proceeding through the basic steps of treatment.

Another of Proton-Man’s missions is to spread the word about proton therapy treatment. By passing this comic along, or even requesting additional copies of this comic for friends and family, you can help Proton-Man in that mission.

We hope you enjoy this comic and that it is helpful to you and your child.
Every element is made up of even smaller particles. The most important particle is the proton.

- Because the number of protons determines what the element is.
- The element with one proton, at the top of the list, is hydrogen.
- Most of the sun is hydrogen, so everything the sun gives us started with just one proton.

Nervous, honey? Oh, you know...

Don't be. I've heard good things about this treatment.

You hear all sorts of things, mom... I just wonder what it will be like.

A hundred years ago, scientists figured out how to set the proton all on its own.

Hello there! You must be the Sandersons.

Which would make you Sally. I'm Dr. Willoughby.

Hello, it's nice to meet you. But...

Well, little warrior, speaking of wonder, take a look at that.

But they couldn't do anything with it until the 1950s.

Since then though, things have been moving faster and faster, so now we can do a lot!

I'd really like to meet... hm!

Of course, sweetie. He's right in here.

Authorized personnel only.
Hi, Sally. I'm Dr. Miles, Proton-Man's. I guess you'd say... Altered.

I don't get it.

Let me turn the proton suit off and explain.

I do the Flash stuff!

The plan, exactly, is to find the cancer, exactly the exact spot.

And to make that plan work, I've got to make a 3D model of that area inside of you. That model gives us the exact spot, in all directions... and that's the boring part.

The energy of those protons gives us, Proton-Man.

Sally, there's a huge tube behind this room, called a cyclotron. Sally, it splits atoms into protons and electrons, and then speeds up the protons...

Helping us fight the cancer.

Will I be staying here for those two weeks?

Oh, heck no! You're going to be too busy.

Me? Busy with what?

Anyway, the next couple of weeks, you'll be seeing me as Dr. Miles while I work out my plan.

And what is the plan, exactly?

Sounds ok to me.

Sounds ok to us too.

Of course, on my mission, we need your head to be still, so you're going to have to make yourself...
A Mask!

...A MASK!

OK, SALLY. I'VE DONE MY PART, AND I CAN SEE YOU'VE DONE YOURS.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I HAVE TO GO.

BUT IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU DON'T MOVE, EVEN A LITTLE BIT.

I'M NOT GOING TO MOVE A MUSCLE. I CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING ANYWAY.

THOSE... ARE COOL!

RIGHT??

AND CAN I DO WHATEVER I WANT?

UM... MAYBE? WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

OH, NOTHING THAT WILL GET US IN TROUBLE.

SO, ARE YOU READY, SALLY?

I WAS BORN READY.

THEN HERE WE GO.

BLEEEEPP

BUT I'VE GOT SOME AWESOME IDEAS...

SEE? JUST TO THE LEFT THERE? I WANT TO AVOID THAT CRITICAL TISSUE IF I CAN.

I'VE SEEN YOU DO MUCH HARDER THINGS THAN THAT, MILES.

THAT COLOR THOUGH...
YEAH, THAT COLOR LOOKS LIKE KING CRAB’S WORK.

THOSE GUYS ALWAYS THINK THEY'RE SPECIAL.

WWWWRRRRRRRR

REV THE 'TRON, JANET.

LIKE SALLY SAID, THIS...

... IS...

COOL!

AND I'M GOING SO STRAIGHT THAT IT'S LIKE SLIDING THROUGH WATER.

YOU'D HARDLY KNOW I WAS HERE.
But now - starting to slow...

Time to go to work.

Time to protect all this wonder...

Who are you? Proton-Man. Never heard'a ya.

Because each one of you is all on its own.

Get outta here, pal - now!

You're the one who's leaving.

Nuts! You're all alone....
I've got a castle! Massive, unmovable — and its power is all mine!

I didn't come to remove you.

I'm not going anywhere!

I came to remove you.

Enough of this!

All right, you wanna see what you're up against?

I'm my castle and my castle is me!

All of its power is mine!

I'm not going anywhere!

Growing to twice his size, King Crab attacks!
THOK!

BA-RROOM!
YOU DID YOUR BEST, PROTON-MAN.
BUT I'M STILL HERE!

PROTON-PUNCHER
THE FEARLESS CRAB KILLER
No Claw Armor

Lucky
kicking cancer butt and taking names

HOW'D IT GO?
JUST THE WAY I WANTED.
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.

SSSWIP

YOU THINK YOU'VE WON... PROTON-MAN...

WELL THEN, IF I'M GOING TO BE WEARING THIS FOR AWHILE, I'VE DREAMED SOME CRAZY NEW IDEAS.
The body works best when everything's on the same page.
There's no place for a personal kingdom here.
Blah, blah, blah.
Even now, I'd rather be a king... than a soldier.

A king wouldn't forget that I'm a master of disguise.

That's right! Run away! But not before I mess you up!

King, you don't see it. I am a soldier... and under the circumstances, happy to be so.

King, you don't see it. I am a soldier... and under the circumstances, happy to be so.

THUNK!

AHH!

KA-WHOOOM!

...But I'm not here to fight you. Fighting was just a means to an end.

Your end.

No sign of him, after that.

I think I got him -- but I have to double check. He was the master of disguise.
A LITTLE LATER...

WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES OPEN FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS, BUT I DON'T FORESEE ANY PROBLEM.

SO YOU'RE ALL DONE WITH YOUR TREATMENT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE...

OH, NO!

I'VE GOT A WALL THAT NEEDS THIS MASK ON IT.

YOU PUT ALL OF YOURSELVES INTO WHAT YOU DID, AND I PUT ALL OF MYSELF INTO THIS.

OKAY, HONEY.

I'LL TELL YOUR PARENTS YOU'RE AWAKE, AND YOU'LL BE ON YOUR WAY.

HMM! I NEVER NOTICED BEFORE - A BELL, IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

THAT'S A TRADITION THAT GOES BACK A LONG WAY - AMONG US NAVY.

YOU RING IT WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR TREATMENT.

CLANG

CLANG
TREATMENT ALL COMPLETED.
I FEEL GREAT!

EVERY BIT OF ME, ON THE SAME PAGE.

AND ALL OF IT MADE OF PROTONS.

SUPER-HEROIC EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CANCER.

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