



Knowing Me, Knowing You

in Kent

Comic Life User Guide



CHURCH ROAD TERRORS

AS THE FEROCIOUS STORM APPROACHED THE SHORES OF EAST KENT, TOSSING THE BOATS TO AND FRO. MIGHTY WAVES CRASHED VIOLENTLY AGAINST THE PEBBLY SHORE.



THE EVIL GROUP OF SMUGGLERS, KNOWN AS THE CHURCH ROAD TERRORS, PULLED THEIR MIGHTY CUTTER ONTO THE SHORE.



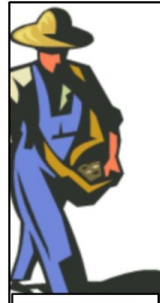
THE CHURCH ROAD TERRORS CONSISTED OF 78 SMUGGLERS, THEIR LEADER WAS A FREAKY, UGLY LOOKING PERSON CALLED BOB, HE WAS ALSO THE OLDEST OUT OF ALL THE SMUGGLERS IN THE GROUP.



BOB

Learn how to create a comic in 5 minutes!

THE TUBMEN CARRIED BARRELS AND BARRELS OF BACCI, GIN, LACE AND TEA. "RIGHT LADS, TIME TO FRIGHTEN SOME FARMERS!" CRIED BOB "GET YA' MASKS ON AND GET GOIN."

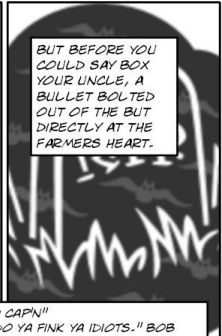


FARMER

"OH, HOW I HATE THOSE SMUGGLERS, ALWAYS STEAL!N ME BOO'TIFUL CABBAGES."



BUT BEFORE YOU COULD SAY BOX YOUR UNCLE, A BULLET BOLTED OUT OF THE BUT DIRECTLY AT THE FARMERS HEART.



"GREAT HIT AUGUSTUS!! BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR BOB'S GANG SOME KINGS MEN WERE LOOKING IN SOME BINOCULARS. "A'RIGHT GUYS CHARGE AT E'M AND RAM E'M." "OH, HECK THEY'VE FOUND ME, IDON'T KNOW HOW BUT THEVE FOUNDME."

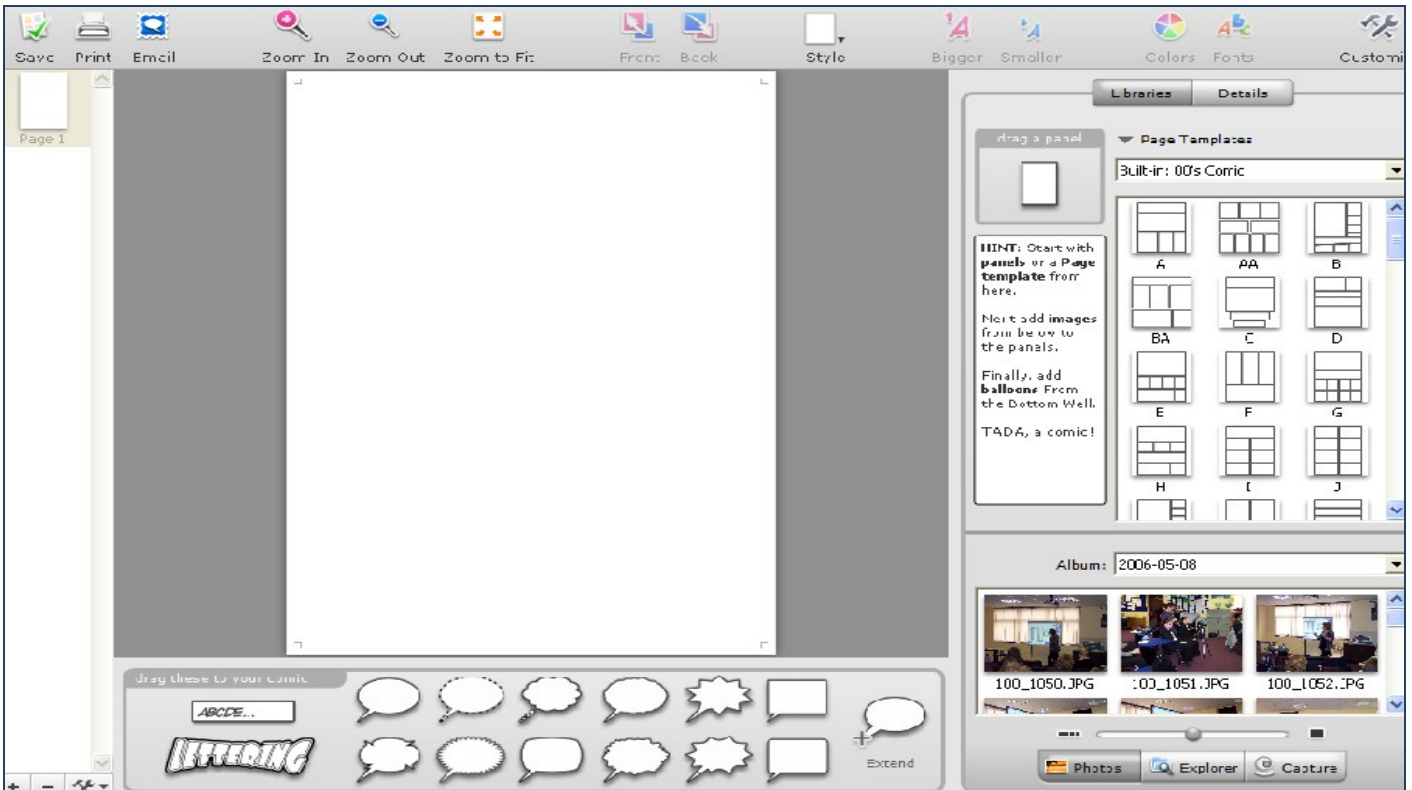
"WHO CAPIN!" "OO DO YA FINK YA IDIOTS." BOB REPLIED BOB, RAGING WITH FURY. THE GANG LOOKED AT EACH OTHER. "THE KINGS MEN, GET YA SWORDS AND CCHHEAARRGGEE". LEADING HIS CREW INTO BATTLE, BOB RAN INTO BATTLE. BUT HE RAN INTO THE SWORD OF THE CHIEF OF THE KINGS MEN. HE FELL TO THE GROUND. "AAAAAGGGGGHHHH!" HE YELLED. THE VOICE WAS GRADUALLY GETTING WEAKER, GOING, GOING, GOING GONE. IT WAS A HUGE LOSS FOR THE TEAM. THE NEXT TRAGEDY CAME WHEN AUGUSTUS (SECOND IN COMMAND) DIED SOON AFTERWARDS. THE SMUGGLERS WERE LOSING. BADLY.

To download a free 30 day "trial" version of the software visit:

<http://plasq.com/downloads/>

Load the software to display the menu page.

The following blank page will appear on the screen.



Getting Started! – Creating a comic page

Select a page layout

Double click on any one of the lay-outs (the layout will now appear on the blank page)

Adding an image to a Panel



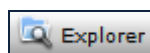
Click on any of the Panel (the rectangle will appear highlighted)

Now click and drag an image from the menu on the right hand side of the screen to the highlighted Panel or:

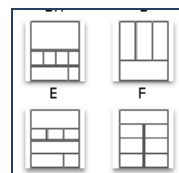
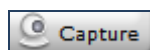
- Click on album to select and import an image from another album in the “My Pictures” folder



- Click on the Explorer icon to locate and upload an image from another directory or portable device



- Click on the web cam icon to record and upload an image from an attached web cam



What is a Panel?

A Panel is any one of the on-screen blank boxes.

Re-sizing images

This operation is not easy and you will need to demonstrate for many pupils how this can be successfully achieved.



Often the size of the image will exceed the space in the Panel.

To simply crop the image drag any of the handles from the corner of the image.



However, if the image is much larger than the Panel only part of the image will be displayed in the frame.

To overcome this problem pupils could:

Re-size the on-screen panels or edit and reduce the size of an image using possibly 2Photo or Paint

(As this will take time you might prefer to create a new folder containing re-sized images. This can be quickly and simply achieved using Windows Image Resizer.)

To download a free copy of the software click on the link below:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/Downloads/power toys/Xppowertoys.msp>

Adding Text to your Comic Page

Adding text a Panel is very easy. Follow the step-by-step instructions listed below.

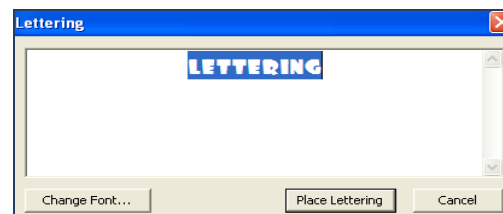
To **add a heading or sub-heading** “drag” the lettering tool on to the page



The following box will appear on the screen

Select the appropriate font type and size

Now click on Place Lettering to position the text



To re-size the any Title click on the heading and then drag and re-position any of the green corners. Look at the amazing effects you can create!



Changing the Font Style

To change the style click on the STYLE tab on the menu bar

A drop down list of alternative styles will now be displayed on the screen

Adding a Text Box or a Speech Bubble



Click and drag the Text Box or Speech Bubble or text on to the page

Once in position a text box will appear inside the frame



Type and add your text here

To **increase the size of the Speech Bubble or Text Box** click inside the frame (a green rectangle will appear around the frame)






Now position your cursor on any of the corners to drag and increase the size of the frame

To **increase the size of the text** inside the frame highlight the text and click on either the bigger or smaller icons



Re-sizing and editing the text is really that simple!

Other Effects

	Layering Items can be moved to the foreground and background by selecting the appropriate tab.
	Change the view Zoom in and out to have to acquire a more detailed view of the page. Zoom to fit shows you the whole page.
	The style button Clicking on the page enables you to change the colour of the background.
	Adjust the text Click on the colour or font tabs to change the appearance of the text.
	Add a New Page Click on the tools icon to add a new page to the comic.

More effects can be added to the page by clicking on details.



Publishing and sharing our work with others

All pages can be saved as a Comic Life File

However, to convert the file to a JPEG or AVI file for uploading and adding to a web page click on file and select Export

