SERIES BIBLE

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FANBOY! THE SERIES

Every kid secretly wishes they could wear their favorite superhero costume to school. This is a show about the kid who actually does it!

“Fanboy” follows the exploits of a fearless fifth-grader who lives and breathes comic books, and every movie and cartoon related to them. Sci-fi, horror, fantasy gaming, Fanboy just can’t pick a favorite. That’s why he has fashioned an identity that pledges allegiance to all. So squeeze into your tights – and then your tighty-whites – and let’s meet the ultimate fantasy fan – Fanboy!

FANBOY

Fanboy is the star of the show – even in his own mind! Refreshingly fearless, he never worries what others think. Or hears what they are saying. Sometimes his self-confidence borders on self-delusion. Forget that – Fanboy’s confidence invades self-delusion and plants its flag! Everything Fanboy does reflects his own glory. Fanboy always declares himself the best in the world at everything he tries, no matter how embarrassing the outcome. He is a self-appointed expert on every subject, and the self-elected leader of his class. But he is also very friendly and inclusive. Fanboy likes everyone. So if he’s in your face – and in your personal space! – it’s just because he wants to include you in the fun.

Speaking of fun, Fanboy likes his non-stop, full-tilt, open throttle, to-the-extreme! He has no shut-off switch, no governor on his speedometer. He’s the 10 yr. old who’s dialed up to 11! He always seeks out the maximum experience possible -- the sourest candy, the hottest hot sauce, the movie seat closest to the screen. He’s the only kid who drinks Frosty Freeze Freeze to get the brain freeze. Incidentally, that’s the only time his brain gets a rest.

Thanks to his overly creative mind, Fanboy can squeeze fun out of even the most boring situation. The world is his playground. He’s never heard the words, “That’s not a toy!” even though annoyed people shout it at him every day. Though he likes to play with action figures, he doesn’t need them -- Fanboy is his own action figure! -- bendable into a thousand exciting poses and capable of withstanding tremendous punishment (all self-inflicted, of course)!

Fanboy is unstoppable. Especially when it comes to his passion for toys and collectibles. The phrase “collect ’em all” isn’t a suggestion, it’s a do-or-die mission. If it can be yanked out of a protective mylar sleeve, Fanboy has to touch it, caress it, take it home.

Grown-ups find his enthusiasm trying. Fanboy especially exasperates teachers, because he can’t stop asking questions. In fact, the only time Fanboy stops asking questions is when the teacher is giving vital instructions. Then he’s just zoning out. Fanboy always remains convinced of his own awesomeness, despite all evidence to the contrary. Fanboy always see the positive in everything, when he focuses long enough to see anything at all.
But that’s what makes him “the greatest, most awesome, talentedest kid in the whole universe!” (Fanboy added that. We just cleaned up the spelling.)

“Enthusiastic, spastic, and dressed in plastic” – that’s Fanboy!

THE CHARACTERS

CHUM CHUM

Fanboy’s best friend and trusty sidekick. But if Chum Chum seems to lack Fanboy’s 5th grade “sophistication and savoir faire,” it’s because he’s actually only a 3rd grader that Fanboy smuggled into his class so they could be together all day long! Fanboy, of course, sees Chum Chum as his immature young pupil. But in truth, our 10 yr. old hero and his 8 yr. old playmate are perfectly mentally matched. Yup, perfectly.

Chum Chum and Fanboy are inseparable. If Fanboy blows a spit bubble, Chum Chum is there to catch it and blow it back. They share all the same loves -- fish tacos, breakfast cereal and Wienerpretzel, “the pretzel with the wiener inside!” About the only thing they don’t share is underwear. (Fanboy’s is called “overwear.” It’s proprietary, and he owns the patent.) Their favorite spot is the Frosty Mart, where they can blast each other with freeze breath in a spirited game of “brain freeze tag.” But they also love school, because they have a captive audience for all their Fanboy & Chum Chum “special performances.” It’s as if nature made Fanboy’s head flat, just so Chum Chum could ride atop it. They are kindred spirits, and their bond is as tight as their spandex.

KYLE…THE NECROMANCER!

That’s what Kyle would like to be called. See, Kyle is an actual wizard who was forced to attend public school when he was kicked out the prestigious Milkweed Academy for Wizards. But when he marched in and announced, “I am the mighty Kyle! Master practitioner of the dark art of…SORCERY!” the teacher took one look at his cape and told him to sit in the back with “that kid in the underpants and mask.” On that day, Kyle’s fate was sealed – third banana to Fanboy and Chum Chum.

To add insult to injury, Fanboy and Chum Chum seem frustratingly unable to appreciate his magical prowess! It drives him crazy that Fanboy sees the fantastic everywhere but right in front of his face! He resents that Fanboy will not acknowledge his superiority. Fanboy is oblivious to Kyle’s disdain, and always invites him along. And Kyle always accepts. Well, even wizards don’t want to sit alone at lunch.

There is nothing Kyle would like more than to turn Fanboy into a Moldavian dung bird, nesting in a pile of dung! In fact, he’d turn everyone into dung birds! But unfortunately, Mrs. Pepper took away his wand and put it in her bottom desk drawer. But it will be returned on the last day of class, and when it is…dungpiles all around!
YO

Rounding out the gang is Yo, an Asian girl who loves comic books and video games. Just like the boys, Yo can usually be found at Oz Comix, obsessively collecting her favorite Phoocheemon cards. Yo is enamored of all things cute and tiny. Chum Chum is especially irresistible, like a huggable lifesize Phoocheemon critter. She has to fight the urge to snatch him up and clip him to her backpack. Chum Chum likes Yo because she gives him treats.

Yo is never without her two dozen keychain virtual pets clipped to her belt. Yo loves all her electronic friends, except her very first tamagotchi -- a fat panda named King King -- who has grown very needy and demanding. She snaps at him when he beeps (“What now?! I just fed you!”). Yo resents him for growing too fat to perform funny tricks. She feeds him only grudgingly and accuses him of pooping on purpose to get back at her. She makes it clear that her other pets are her favorites and when he flings his square 8-bit digital poo at the screen, she threatens to take his batteries out. Yo and King King have a very dysfunctional relationship.

Mostly, Yo is sweet and giggly and polite -- until it comes to games of any sort -- then she is a fierce and often superior competitor, usually beating the boys easily. She doesn’t recognize Fanboy’s “leadership.” She is always her own person – often aloof, and a bit of an enigma. Yo is effortlessly excellent at everything she does. Though Fanboy would never admit it, he’s a bit intimidated by her. Kyle on the other hand, is smitten. But she remains unimpressed.

“THE OZ”

Master. Guru. God. These are the lofty titles Fan Boy and Chum Chum have conferred upon the Mighty Oz. Why? Because Oz owns Oz Comix, the greatest compendium of human knowledge since the Dead Sea scrolls – and with cooler pictures! To Fanboy, Oz Comix is a Holy Place (he’s been known to genuflect at the altar of Hannah Barbera collectibles), and Oz is his personal Shaman. Kind of a rounder geekier Yoda.

Oz is an authority figure, but he’s also an over-grown kid. One minute he’s yelling at the boys not to touch his light saber collection, the next minute they’re all battling in an epic duel. Oz lives for 3:00, because that’s when the kids race from school to see all his cool new stuff. He loves to play fantasy games, as long as he is leader. Oz is always dungeon master. He has a fragile ego, and he always has to be right. (“In Japan, my sumo wrestler size would afford me the greatest respect. I demand that same respect when you enter my dojo here.”) He can’t stand Kyle, who treats him with open contempt. The other kids love Oz, because he’s the only grown-up who’s fun.

In reality, “Oz” is Ozwald Harmounian, a 34 yr. old uber-geek who lives with his mother. And his “store” is actually his comic book collection that his mother is selling out from
under him. This is a source of constant frustration for Oz. (“And you wonder why I stress eat!”) He is locked in a pitched battle with his little Armenian mother, who wants him to “sell off funny books now!” She even hung an enormous neon ALWAYS OPEN sign which she controls from a switch in her apartment. That’s why Fanboy and Chum Chum are his favorite customers – they never buy anything! Oz’s happiest day is one spent hanging in his plastic egg chair with his first love, comics.

LENNY (17)

Beleaguered junior manager of the Frosty Mart and Fanboy’s hapless victim. Lenny doesn’t love his job, but he could tolerate it, if it just weren’t for Fanboy. It’s Lenny who has to mop up all of Fanboy’s spills, and put up with all his inane questions. It’s Lenny who has to hose down the store after a particularly sloppy game of “Frosty Freeze tag” or fix the electric door after Fanboy and Chum Chum mount a daring “airlock escape.” It’s Lenny who has to wipe off their greasy fingerprints and unstick their wads of coins and gum. Fanboy is a pest.

And then there’s “the cup” – Fanboy’s personal plastic Frosty Freezy Freeze cup, that guarantees him “FREE REFILLS.” The promotion ended long ago but somehow, impossibly Fanboy’s cup survives. It’s nasty and tooth-marked, and it’s giving Lenny serious repetitive motion disorder! It’s enough to make Lenny want to stick his head in the microwave and press “burrito.”

Not to mention that he still jumps out of his skin every time Fanboy enters in that stupid mask! Lenny dreads Fanboy.

BOOG (19)

Obnoxious Frosty Mart employee. And to the boys’ dismay, gate keeper to the Frosty Mart “Game Zone” -- an area of battered video machines that he treats as his own private nightclub, personally selecting who he allows past the (yes, actual) velvet ropes. Boog is convinced he is an internationally recognized celebrity because he once set the record high score on Chimp Chomp. He always brags that “Mine is the life of weary gunfighter, who must always accept any challenge from every cocky kid with a fast fire-button finger and something to prove.” But whenever a kid comes close to beating his record, he activates a hidden kill switch to sabotage their game. He’s a bully, and the boys avoid him as much as they can.

Boog could care less about doing his actual job. He always strolls in late, grabs a fistful of quarters from the cash register and heads straight for the machines, which he plays for his entire shift, all the while helping himself to snacks right off the shelves. And though Lenny is technically his boss, Boog treats him like his mom. He even brings in his dirty laundry for Lenny to wash (“My uniform is in there somewhere, and I know how important it is to you for me to look professional.”) Basically, he acts like the star quarterback who thinks he owns the school.
THE KRAKEN TWINS

Fanboy’s nemesis. Nemeses? It’s hard to tell, because the Kraken brothers always show up stuck together, like some strange two-headed squid. And like the mythical krakens that would pull ships to their watery graves, these Krakens live to drag Fanboy down. The twins’ dad owns Krazy Kraken Fish Tacos, and he forces his sons to wear embarrassing squid costumes to promote the restaurant. They resent Fanboy and Chum Chum’s freedom to choose their own outfits, and have made it their mission to spoil all their fun.

The brothers are very creepy and weird. Viggo has a tendency to lick things. Hugo is not as bad. He only sniffs things. But they both live to rain – or squirt black ink – on Fanboy’s parade.

MARSHA

This pig-tailed girl of ten is the only thing that strikes fear into the heart of the normally cocksure Fanboy. The mere whisper of her name necessitates a change of Fanboy’s underwear – the inner and outer pairs. Everyone fears Marsha – even Kyle. But it wasn’t always that way…

Once upon a time, Marsha was the perfect student. Perfect posture, perfect penmanship, better than perfect attendance (she’d come in on weekends to shampoo the class hamsters). She was top in the class. Teacher’s pet. But that was all before that fateful day they gave the state standardized test in reading. Fanboy accidentally ruined her test and when the results came back, it was mistakenly believed that Marsha only read at a kindergarten level. She was immediately pulled from fifth grade and banished to kindergarten! Now she wants revenge against Fanboy, and nothing will stop her! Except graham crackers. And sing-a-long. Oh yeah, and nap time. All heads have to be down during nap-time.

Lucky for Fanboy you can’t really be hurt by pelican-shaped safety scissors. Or those really fat pencils.

LUPE

Fanboy and Chum Chum pray they never get sent to the back of the class, because that’s where Lupe sits. Lupe lives to capture little boys. The only thing worse than having Lupe hate you, is having her love you. Either way, you better run. Lupe has a tendency to hurt the things she loves.

When Lupe is not on the prowl for boys, she acts as muscle for Marsha.
BARRY THE ICE MONSTER

Barry is the mighty and terrible CREATURE OF ICE who could CRUSH any mortal in his ARCTIC GRIP!! If only he was bigger than two feet tall.

See, Barry was created from a toxic blend of Frosty Freeze Freeze residue in Fanboy’s unrinsed cup. But there wasn’t enough Frosty Freeze Freeze to complete his full monstrous transformation, and the boys refuse to give him more. He’s been reduced to their house boy, forced to live in their freezer and cool their beverages. But he definitely ain’t chill wit’ it. Call it “short monster’s complex.” But for a little ice dude, he gets pretty hot.

THE WORLD OF FANBOY

To you and I, Fanboy’s world seems like a pretty normal place. But when viewed through a purple rubber mask, it’s a world where anything can happen, and often does! Fanboy doesn’t need to escape into a world of fantasy, he can find it in real life. When Fanboy has a food fight, the food fights back! And when his class takes a field trip to a planetarium, you can bet Fanboy will find the black hole! Why? Because Fanboy’s universe has a certain elementary (school) logic that says, if you can build a birdhouse to attract birds, then you can build a seal house to attract seals! Or if your clothes can shrink, then you can shrink yourself to fit ‘em! Call it Fanboy logic, or maybe simple flat-headedness, but it makes “Fanboy” is a show where we can always expect the unexpected.
Episodes

1. “Behavior Self”

There’s a new flavor of Frosty Freeze Freeze to be released at 3:00 after school, and Fanboy is so excited he’s practically bouncing off the walls. His teacher, Mr. Pepper tells him that if he can’t control his outbursts, he will be forced to stay for “extra time” after school. Extra time at school! To Fanboy, it might as well be a sentence of death. The teacher gives Fanboy 3 strikes to try to behave. Of course, by the time Mr. Pepper has even written “Fanboy’s 3 stri – “ on the board, Fanboy’s already racked up strike 1. For the remainder of the day, Fanboy must struggle to keep silent in class. But a succession of crazier and crazier occurrences provoke him, culminating with a fly that lands on his arm and pleads with him “You have to help me! My species is dying and we need your help! You must tell the world!” Fanboy squashes him. The greater challenge is fighting the distractions caused by his best friend Chum Chum.

2. “Kyle the Necromancer!!”

Mr. Pepper announces that a new kid will be joining their class. Suddenly there is a thunderclap! From a plume of red smoke, Kyle appears and declares himself “Kyle the Necromancer! Master practitioner of the dark art of…SORCERY!” No one seems the least impressed by his entrance -- except Fanboy and Chum Chum. It’s not that they believe he’s an actual wizard – they don’t – but they do think he’s worked out a nice gimmick for himself, almost as good as the whole Fanboy/Chum Chum thing they have going. Kyle is confused. He tries to convince them that he actually is a real wizard, but they’re not buying it. They tell him, if he really is magic, then do a spell. Kyle explains that if he is ever to be re-admitted to Milkweed Wizard Academy, he must refrain from performing magic in public. This only further cements their opinion that he’s full of baloney. Oh very well, says Kyle, he’ll perform a spell. He takes out his wand and raises it in the air – only to have Mr. Pepper confiscate it. The boys laugh. Humiliated, Kyle vows to prove his magic ability no matter what.

The next day, Kyle enters class again (this time to a much less impressive fanfare – he paid Yo to make “smoke” by clapping blackboard erasers, while he is reduced to providing his own “lightning” by flicking the lightswitch off-and-on). Kyle sits and opens a large ancient book, which he explains is his book of spells. Immediately Fanboy and Chum Chum seize it, and totally start making fun. Fanboy starts reading some “spell”. Kyle freaks – it’s a charm to summon a giant prehistoric bird called a Roc. Of course, no Roc comes. Fanboy and Chum Chum laugh, only infuriating Kyle more.

As the day goes on, Kyle keeps trying to impress them, but to no avail. He even conjures up a giant ogre (named Mudge) before a game of dodgeball, but even that backfires when Mudge is picked for the other team. Finally Kyle can stand no more. He explodes, imploring them to tell him what he must do to convince them. Fanboy challenges Kyle to change his regular milk into chocolate. Kyle is giddy at the thought of so simple a challenge. All eyes are focused on the milk. Just at the second Kyle casts the spell, a
giant Roc swoops down and carries Kyle off in its talons, so fast that no one even sees. The boys conclude that Kyle chickened out and ran. Fanboy chuckles and sips his milk. “Hey, the factory put the wrong milk in this container. It’s chocolate!”

3. “I, Robot”

Fan Boy and Chum Chum have a big school test coming up. Fanboy is looking for any strategy he can find to help him pass, short of studying of course. At one point, he even blends all his schoolbooks into a thick “brain energy” shake and drinks it. Nothing works. Finally he decides that he would never have to study again, if only he were a robot, because robots know everything. Then he remembers that Oz has a collection of vintage 50’s Japanese robots he can use! With Oz’s help, he puts his brain into a robot body and rolls off confidently to ace the test because he now he is the all-knowing robot, Fanrobo! The flaw being, of course, that Fanrobo is no smarter whatsoever, because while the body is shiny and metal, the brain is pure Fanboy. “Fanrobo” convinces all the other kids to use his test answers. When inevitably they all get F’s, the angry mob tears Fanrobo’s robotic body apart. Only Fanboy’s brain survives, which Chum Chum must somehow put back into Fanboy’s real body before it’s too late.

4. “Chum Chum and Yum Yum”

It’s show-and-tell and Fanboy and Chum Chum are unprepared as usual. Fanboy skate by with a hastily improvised mini-Fanboy made from a cardboard toilet paper roll. Chum Chum, meanwhile, assembles a gum collection by gathering chewed pieces of gum from under all the desks and wadding them together into a glistening ball. But when it comes time to throw his glorious globulous creation away, he finds he can’t – not just because it’s stuck to his hand – but because he has grown sorta fond of it. He secretly decides to keep it. Cut to the next morning. Somehow (ah, that magic Frosty freeze freeze again) the gum wad has mutated into a walking talking gum creature that Chum Chum affectionately calls “Yum Yum.” Chum Chum says Yum Yum is his new friend, and will be living with them. Fanboy is not pleased. He takes an instant dislike to Yum Yum, whom he can see is just a manipulative freeloader who’s playing Chum Chum for a fool. Tensions between them mount until Fanboy decides that Yum Yum must be “eliminated.” Fanboy secretly seeks out the school janitor, and in a dark smoky Janitor’s closet, and asks him conspiratorially what you do if you’ve got some gum that needs to be “gotten rid of.” The janitor says there’s lost of ways to “take care of” sticky unwanted gum, and gives Fanboy a gun – a spray gun – full of gum remover. Fanboy leaves with his new weapon, but will he actually have what it takes to go through with the “hit”?

5. “Got Your Nose”

At school one day, Fanboy and Chum Chum are playing a spirited game of “Got Your Nose”, in which Fanboy actually removes Chum Chum’s nose and plays keep-away with it. Teasing his friend, Fanboy pretends to throw the nose, telling Chum Chum to “fetch.” While Chum Chum is gone, a curious Fanboy decides to try on his friend’s nose. Instantly, people respond to Fanboy’s new appearance with compliments and admiration.
Fanboy prefers his new look, too. Plus, Chum Chum’s nose seems to have enhanced smelling ability. Fanboy is hooked. He decides to keep Chum Chum’s nose for himself. He quickly fashions a replacement out of bubble gum. It works at first, but then Chum Chum becomes suspicious when he sneezes and his nose turns into a bubble, and is immediately confiscated by their teacher. Fanboy convinces his friend that someone must have stolen his real nose (when of course, it’s really in Fanboy’s pocket). Chum Chum becomes determined to find the culprit, and wants Fanboy to help. He begins interrogating innocent suspects. Now Fanboy must decide whether to come clean, or live with the guilt of his double-nosed double-life.

6. “Suit Yourself”

Fanboy has started to reek. Reeally bad. Why? Because it turns out, Fanboy hasn’t bathed in a week. At first, his new rank odor has distinct advantages – he can clear out the cafeteria line and have all the puddings to himself (of course, he has a table all to himself, too). He can clear out a movie theater and have his own “private screening.” But things take a turn for the sinister. His suit starts to smell so foul that somebody says “it could walk around by itself.” And that’s exactly what starts to happen! While Fanboy sleeps, his suit comes to life and marauds around town, dragging unconscious Fanboy with it. It steals fruit and pushes old ladies. Fanboy soon catches on, and tries to bring his suit to heel, but the suit has grown to like its new-found independence. Finally, Fanboy decides the only way to defeat the suit is to rip it off. The tension builds to the moment of truth when Fanboy’s true appearance will finally be laid bare, only to reveal…another identical clean suit underneath!

7. “Marsha Returns”

Fanboy’s class is in an uproar. A rumor is circulating that “Marsha” is coming back! Everyone is terrified of this pig-tailed girl of ten, and no one is quaking more than Fanboy. Why? Because once upon a time, Marsha was the perfect student, until the day they gave the state standardized test in reading. When tests were passed forward, Fanboy accidentally ruined Marsha’s with ink. He tried to fix things by hastily fixing the answers but when the results came back, it was revealed that Marsha only read at a kindergarten level! She was immediately pulled from fifth grade and banished to kindergarten where she was forced daily to suffer the humiliation of pelican-shaped safety scissors and those embarrassing fat pencils! Now Marsha is back and she wants revenge…on Fanboy!

8. “Blind Spot”

Down at the Frosty Mart, Lenny is painstakingly adjusting the security cameras, as usual. The boys begin pestering him, as usual, and Lenny tries to chase them out. A game of hide-and-seek ensues, and Lenny believes the boys have gone. In actuality, the boys have stumbled upon a blind spot in the store which the security monitors cannot see. The boys begin to exploit their discovery, using it as a safe zone to eat all the free candy and snacks they want. Lenny has no idea, even though he’s standing only 12 feet away. He is perplexed by the voices he and crunching sounds he hears and comes to believe the store
is haunted. The boys take to camping out in the blind spot for days at a time, even throwing parties.


Fanboy and Chum Chum are tired of having all their toys confiscated (in their minds, unfairly) by Mr. Pepper. They want their stuff back. So they plan a daring after-school heist on Mr. Pepper’s bottom desk drawer. For days, they meticulously work out the details, casing the joint, studying Mr. Pepper’s routines. Finally, it’s Go time. They break into the classroom, only to discover another gang of robbers – Kyle and Yo – had the same idea! At first they dispute with each other, but then decide there’s enough loot to go around. Back at the Fanlair, they divvy up the haul (squirtguns, gum, candy, superballs, etc. It’s like the Lufthansa heist!). Fanboy issues one edict – he wants everyone to lie low. Don’t bring any of the loot to school. Play it smart and no one will get caught. But of course the next day in school, Chum Chum, Kyle and Yo are all conspicuously flashing their wealth. Kyle is even bedecked in a purple robe and pointed hat. Fanboy goes ballistic. Then he starts to grow paranoid that one of his cohorts is going to give them all away. He decides to drop dime. He writes anonymous notes to the teacher, first giving up Kyle, then Yo. But when the teacher turns his attention to Fanboy himself, paranoid Fanboy starts to suspect that his own best friend Chum Chum might have fingered him.