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QUANTUM RAY



COSMIC QUANTUM RAY
26x22 minutes TV series



THE STORY !

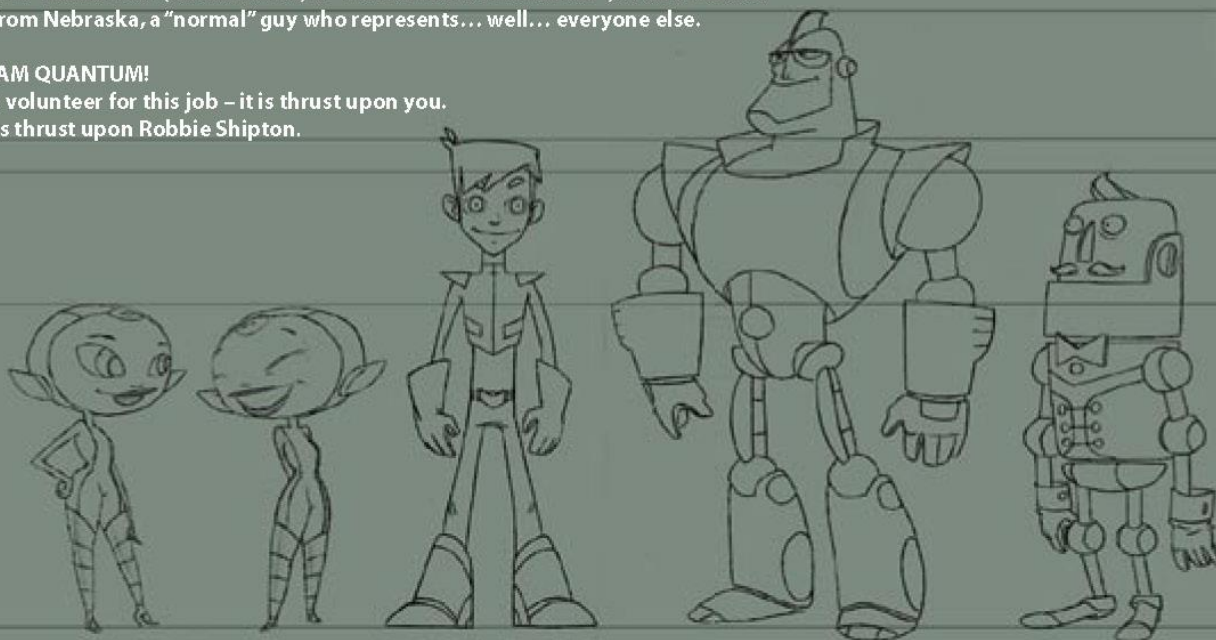


Teenage Robbie Shipton of Nebraska represents Earth as a member of Team Quantum – an elite, eccentric team of heroes that saves the Universe almost every day ... hopefully in time for Robbie to get to his third-period Science class!

There has always been a Natural Law Enforcement team that protects the universe against any and all violations of natural law. They are the universe's "emergency response" when evil villains and cosmic catastrophes rip gravity apart and shoot Earth's buildings into space, shrink galaxies to the size of a Ford Escort, melt planets into a tasty pseudo cheese sauce, or warp time and space to the point nobody knows whether they're coming or going.

This team of eclectic, daring heroes is chosen from the four major "organism groups" (much like the Food Pyramid) of the universe: the higher dimensions (Quantum Ray of the Ninth Dimension), the advanced civilizations (Atee and Geecey of the Tooferwun Galaxy), the mechanical (Bucketworth, a "mechanical's mechanical")... and Robbie Shipton from Nebraska, a "normal" guy who represents... well... everyone else.

This is TEAM QUANTUM!
You don't volunteer for this job – it is thrust upon you.
And it was thrust upon Robbie Shipton.





ABOUT THE SHOW!

Cosmic Quantum Ray is a character-driven, COMEDY-action-adventure that brings the strange, dark, freaky corners of the universe to the world of an Earth teenager. Our team of heroes battle evil, brilliant aliens with hamster mothers; cosmic surfers; belligerent slime, and wormhole-making Contessas. This is not Star Wars... it's Star Weird.

And the stories in each episode have a basis in ACTUAL QUANTUM PHYSICS THEORY!!! Our cartoon law is dictated by the machinations of the quantum universe... IN A FUNNY WAY! For instance, eliminate electromagnetic energy and everything loses friction and becomes incredibly slippery – a GIANT BANANA PEEL GAG! Suck up gravitons and gravity becomes weak and COWS BOUNCE! A baby universe can be hidden inside a teenager's head – wreaking cosmic havoc with his orifices (shooting cosmic rays out your nose can be dangerous during lunch in the cafeteria). It's enough to straighten Einstein's hair!

To make matters more complicated for our Earth hero, no matter how big the cosmic challenge, no matter how dangerous the alien villain, no matter how bizarre the quantum catastrophe – Robbie Shipton, Nebraska teenager, is also battling deadlines on school projects, a demanding lab partner/potential girlfriend, a career-driven Mom who sells real estate, and a school bully obsessed with throwing Robbie in his locker.

SPECIAL NOTE: In each episode, the quantum physics is not a priority for the story, but something underlying the story – the basis for what can physically and cosmically happen in our series. At the end of each episode will be a 60-90 second SCIENCE FACT-TION, where Bucketworth and Robbie explain the actual quantum physics that existed in the episode (this will always be written by the story editors in cooperation with the science advisor/show creator, Dr. Mani Bhaumik).



TEAM QUANTUM

(THE GOOD GUYS)

ROBBIE SHIPTON

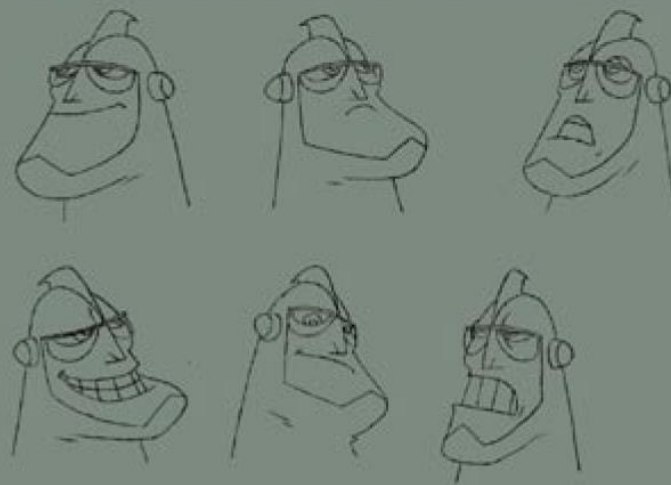
Robbie leads a double life: he's a hero to the universe, and a smart "normal" teenager on Earth. At school in Nebraska he wins the science fair, and allows himself to be thrown out at dodgeball (to maintain his cover). Robbie has found his true calling with Team Quantum – brave, quick, and clever, he can quickly adapt to the weird and unusual world of life beyond Earth. Within the team he is the "reality anchor" for the over-zealous team leader, Quantum Ray. But no matter how many times Robbie saves the universe, or tells of his exploits – nobody on Earth believes him. To his schoolmates, he is Robbie Shipton the "normal guy" who gets locked in his locker by Scott Stotz the school bully (Robbie doesn't really mind this as his locker has been converted into a high-tech, futuristic inner sanctum). NOBODY on Earth believes Robbie is a galactic hero. He is very upfront about his exploits – KNOWING that no one will believe him and will assume his stories are "Shipton being weird again." He is very close to Allison at school, but always claims to everyone: "She's NOT my girlfriend." Forget it – she's his girlfriend, he just won't admit it. When Robbie goes to work he hits a button on his belt and his street clothes and backpack changes into his Natural Law uniform and jetpack. Robbie's glasses were designed by the team's scientist, Bucketworth: they can "see" invisible rays, look into the sub-atomic universe, or send out red laser beams to "target" something for Ray.





QUANTUM RAY

Nine-dimensional man. Brave and courageous to a fault... unless there's a wormhole involved (he hates traveling through wormholes!). Not all of Ray's body can be seen – his elbows, knees and midriff are all in "higher" dimensions (we can't see them, but Ray can). Since his joints are in another dimension it appears to us that Ray's arms and legs can be "launched" and, sometimes, accidentally fall off. Ray and Robbie are very good friends; Ray affectionately calls Robbie his "faithful human sidekick." Ray's superpower is his ability to control and change his atoms into any inorganic material: he can turn to titanium, diamond, rubber – anything he needs to get the "hero job" done. In addition to the control of his atoms, he has super-strength, and can fly. Ray's mind, like his joints, is in several higher dimensions – so sometimes he comes off as a bit "flakey" or "weird" – but he's just thinking "differently" than we 3-dimensional creatures. Ray is the official leader of Team Quantum, and is very territorial. The "know-it-all" Bucketworth sometimes gets up his nose because... well... because he KNOWS it all! Ray has two catchphrases: "Stop in the name of Natural Law!" and "I'm here and I'm quantum!"



A NOTE ABOUT RAY'S AND ROBBIE'S RELATIONSHIP: In this series, Robbie is the ultimate hero (the one our fans will identify with) – but Ray is a hero, too. They work together to vanquish villains and save the universe. Robbie will often have an idea of how to beat the villain, and Ray will add his quantum powers to make it work. Robbie does not overshadow Ray in the series and vice-versa – they compliment each other.

TEAM QUANTUM

(THE GOOD GUYS)

ATEE & GEECEY

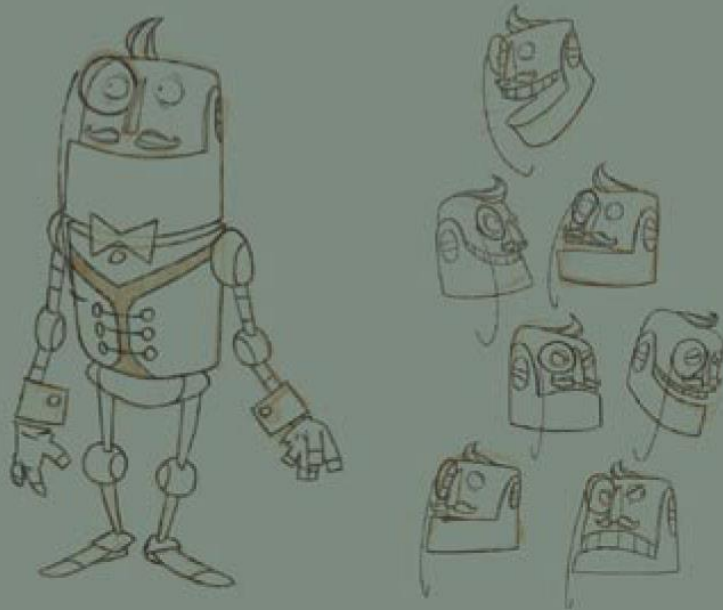


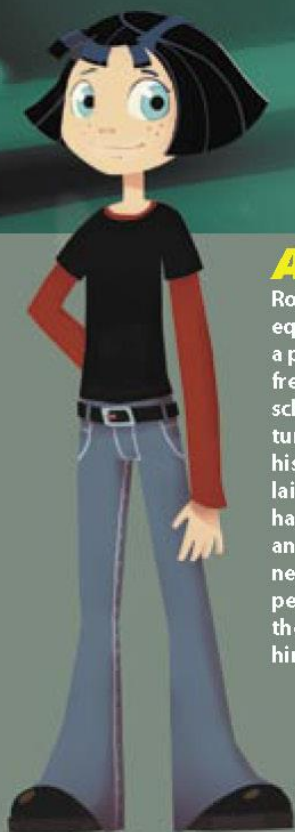
Twin teenage girls from the Tooferwun Galaxy – where everyone is a twin (therefore they count as one member of the team). It's very easy to tell them apart: Atee is sweet-tempered, and Geecey is "punk-ish." Both girls like Robbie... especially his hair – it's fascinating to them because Earth guys are the only guys in the cosmos who have hair. Atee and Geecey are the lead-footed pilots of the Quantum... the official spacecraft of Team Quantum. They know only two speeds: fast and faster! Their combined catchphrase is: "PUNCH IT!" It's worth noting that whenever the girls "PUNCH IT!" they are most often the only ones in the Quantum seated and wearing a seatbelt – everyone else gets zipped to the back of the ship. The girls have a superpower that only works when they combine their bodies together to form "Double Helix" – a large band of superstrong, super-elastic DNA that can catch, launch or catapult villain, dangerous objects (out of control meteorites) – or Ray and Robbie. Their one weakness is separation. They are "connected" on a quantum level... should they be separated they would be powerless. And if they are separated for a very long period of time... they could cease to exist as we know them (but being quantum, we're not quite sure what they would become). The girls special "job" on the Quantum is to wrestle and wrap up Ray whenever they have to go into a wormhole. Their special "game" is to give Bucketworth lots of teenage attitude.



BUCKETWORTH

James Bond has his Q, Batman has Alfred, and Team Quantum has Bucketworth. Bucketworth (very much the “proper English gentleman”) is the brilliant inventor of all the super-scientific devices the team uses in its mission to protect the universe. Bucketworth is the oldest member of the team (robots don’t retire, they just get upgrades). As such, he demands respect. He almost never gets it. Ray won’t listen to him and Atee and Geecey think he’s boring. Bucketworth likes Robbie – the kid was raised with good Nebraska manners and gives the robot respect. Therefore, when Bucketworth needs to explain how something works, he tells Robbie. Bucketworth has no super-powers beyond his superbrain and solid steel body. Bucketworth has a “pocket” on his front – it opens like a hopper and contains a plethora of super-scientific (weird) devices... many of which appear to be much larger than Bucketworth himself. Bucketworth always addresses Ray as “Raymond,” Robbie as “Robert,” and Atee and Geecey as “Young ladies.”





PEOPLE IN ROBBIE'S WORLD



ALLISON

Robbie's best friend at school, and every bit his intellectual equal. She's in no way an aspiring cheerleader, but is definitely a proudly-militant vegan and "animal rights" advocate (she once freed the school's mascot back to the forest – unfortunately the school mascot is fellow student Chip Monahan in a squirrel costume – SEE BELOW). If Robbie were Superman, Allison would be his "Lois Lane" – and more! She is a magnet for other-worldly villains and catastrophes that make their way to Earth. When this happens, Robbie must save her – or he must enlist her help as an adjunct member of Team Quantum. But when it's over, Allison never remembers the adventure, for her memory is always "wiped" by Bucketworth. Robbie always tells the truth about what they've been doing – saving the universe. Allison never believes him – she thinks he's just telling her a "stupid joke."



CHIP MONAHAN

Chip has one claim to fame – he is "Mr. Nutzi," the mascot for the school's sports teams, THE FIGHTING SQUIRRELS. As the school mascot, Chip often (but not always) wears his costume... a squirrel suit. He loves his suit. It transforms him from a "nothing" to a "symbol of power." He's not unlike Bruce Wayne's personality changing when he puts on the Batman costume. Chip has convinced himself that the schools' teams win because of MR. NUTZI. In each story, Chip always has at least a brief appearance in each episode, coming under some comic attack by quantum villains (being "slipped" to the desert; shot through a wormhole; blown away by a stiff low-gravity wind). Somewhere at the end, or near the end of the story, his plight is resolved or revisited (he's walking back home on an isolated desert highway; he falls off the goalpost where the wormhole sent him; he's dropped from the sky onto the hood of Robbie's mother's car). He's not unlike Kenny in "South Park" except he's never injured or killed, just "inconvenienced" in ridiculous ways. He secretly has a crush on Allison.

SCOTT STOTZ (The School Bully)

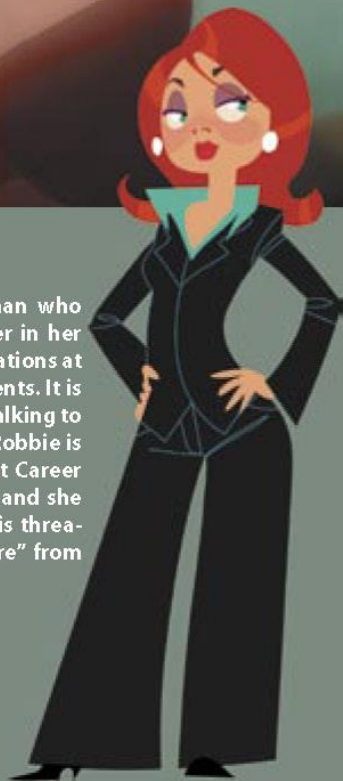
Robbie has faced the most dangerous villains in the universe, yet he has no defense against his school's bully, Scott Stotz. Scott's world revolves around making Robbie's life miserable because HE CAN! His signature "bully" move is to throw Robbie into his locker. Robbie accepts this – it's necessary to maintain his cover. However, Scott gets his "lumps" as well. Every time an evil villain or catastrophe befalls Robbie's school – it befalls Scott. Scott has slipped into walls because of anti-electromagnetic monsters (which he mistook for guacamole dip), run afoul of evil alien scientists pretending to be the new substitute teacher, and had a baby universe planted in his head. Sometimes this means Scott realizes all of Robbie's weird stories are TRUE. But, like Allison, by the end of the episode Scott's memory is wiped and he goes back to being the knuckle-dragging jock he is.



ROBBIE'S MOM

DEBBIE SHIPTON

She's a real estate-selling, career woman who always has a "Bluetooth" phone adapter in her ear. She is often carrying on two conversations at once: one with her son, one with her clients. It is not unusual for Robbie to ask, "Are you talking to me or a client?" But as driven as she is, Robbie is her FIRST PRIORITY! She WILL appear at Career Day, she WILL pick him up from school, and she WILL put her life on the line if her son is threatened. Robbie inherited his "hero nature" from Mom. (Note: Debbie is a single parent).



LUCAS

Lucas is a tall, thin, "geek" friend of Robbie's. But don't let the geek exterior fool you, Lucas is a very self-possessed, very assured UBERgeek! He's as if Bill Gates and Mark Cuban were suddenly transformed into a single, egocentric 14-year-old. He doesn't think anyone (even Robbie) is smarter or more capable than he. Lucas is driven – he's the President of the Chess Club, the head of Dungeons and Dragons Role-Playing Game, the President of the Future Scientists Club, the President of the Future Entrepreneurs Club, Head of the school Dance Committee, and the Hall Monitor. HE TAKES ALL OF HIS DUTIES VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. Despite all this, he is still Robbie's friend – because he SAYS SO, and he's always right – even when he's totally wrong. Like Robbie's other friends, Lucas also comes afool of quantum/cosmic criminals (once shot into a garbage dumpster at light speed by the villainous SLIPTILICUS).



OLGA

THE ALIEN IN THE CAFETERIA

Olga knows Robbie is a member of Team Quantum because Olga is a space alien working as the only cook in Robbie's school's cafeteria. She is apparently human – but only from the waist up. Below the waist she has the body of a giant banana slug. Olga likes Robbie – he's a hero and Team Quantum has saved her "people" many times in the past. Olga is also the only resident of Robbie's school who knows Robbie's secret identity. As such, she has become Robbie's confidant – when nobody else will listen to Robbie, he can always get a sympathetic ear from Olga... and a stale brownie. Olga has two "secrets" (that are, of course, revealed): she has a crush on Quantum Ray, and she's the cousin of Ray's sworn nemesis Contessa De Worm.



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ALIEN VILLAINS and COSMIC CATASTROPHES

The villains who do evil in Cosmic Quantum Ray do it on a “cosmic level,” which is to say that nobody can “try this at home” – these are evil, outrageous “way-over-the-top” plans that will span galaxies and freak out billions of life forms, usually causing a galactic-sized dilemma for Robbie on Earth. These are alien villains who think in alien ways. That’s why it takes a team from all over the cosmos to fight them!

When it comes to cosmic catastrophes, Team Quantum is also fighting against nature gone ridiculously wrong: black holes swallowing planets, an expanding glob of “nothing” destroying “everything,” and gravity disappearing from solar systems, releasing the planets like steel balls in a galactic pinball game.

Each episode will focus on a specific catastrophe or mad scheme, and how Robbie and Team Quantum eventually put life as we know it back in order.

PROFESSOR EVIL BRAINHEAD

Professor Evil Brainhead is the universe’s most evil and most dedicated villain. He wants power! He wants destruction! He wants recognition! He wants all that because his MOTHER tells him he wants it and he NEVER contradicts his mother. He is ever loyal and obedient to his mom – EVEN THOUGH she is a hamster. For some odd quirk in the cosmos, many of the Professor’s evil plans lead him to Earth and, in particular, Robbie’s school where he is forced to “go incognito” and assume the identity of a substitute teacher or new janitor to hide his nefarious scheme. All of his wild inventions and weapons look like something out of a high-tech Rube Goldberg cartoon and often have large, white-gloved hands on the ends of robotic arms (some evil tribute to 30s Earth cartoons, no doubt). But make no mistake – Brainhead CAN destroy the universe as we know it... just for Mom!





MOTHER BRAINHEAD

The ultimate controlling mother – a “stage mother” for the most dangerous villain in the cosmos. She’s also a hamster – the product of her son desperately trying to give her the “fur coat” she wanted for her birthday. During battles she will often take charge of operations in her “power chair” located on the inside her evil son’s battle helmet. When the helmet is removed, it turns into a simple hamster cage – the perfect “disguise” for the evil Mother. Mother is not without her own “protection” – in particular her HAMSTER BALL OF DOOM! It’s an energy ball that surrounds Mother and is propelled by the rapid skittering of her tiny hamster feet. She lives for one thing and one thing alone: to prove she has the greatest evil son in the cosmos.



CONTESSA de WORM



An alien villainess in the decadently-glamorous tradition of Cruella De Ville (“101 Dalmatians”) – except she’s a human-sized worm who can create wormholes anywhere and anytime. The Contessa is a “criminal cosmic capitalist” always looking for a way to make an illegal buck off the resources of the cosmos. She has her “finger” in everything illegal: black market gravity, illegal black hole containment units, and purloined planets. If she can’t make a profit and it’s not illegal, she’s not interested. She HATES Quantum Ray – he always stops her schemes. He is “BAD FOR BUSINESS!!!!” She is also contemptuous of her cousin Olga, who makes an honest living running the cafeteria at Robbie’s school.

ALIEN VILLAINS and **COSMIC CATASTROPHES**

KRONECKER THE UNDEFEATED

A tiny, sentient, alien spore. Kronecker is considered the most aggressive, violent villain in the universe. Kronecker can invade a host body and turns the host into a powerful, destructive, super-villain under the total control of Kronecker. And a host body for Kronecker is literally anything with a "brain" (it doesn't matter if it's mechanical or organic) – from a computer, to a satellite, to Allison. And everything he takes control of – takes on the "looks" of Kronecker himself (spiky hair is a must). He hates Ray and Robbie for one thing and one thing alone – they DEFEATED HIM!!! He can never again claim the title of "Undefeated" until the day he defeats Team Quantum.



The squirrels



SLIPTILICUS

Another Bucketworth creation – gone terribly wrong. Bucketworth was trying to create the perfect zero-friction lubricant – and he succeeded. Unfortunately it can think and it's evil. Those who touch Sliptilicus know the horror of the ultimate banana peel joke. Sliptilicus hates friction and looks to "lubricate" the universe into the chaos of a cosmic pinball machine.



RIP KURL

A self-centered, egomaniacal, tanned, buff alien "surfer" who rides light waves and solar winds on his photon "surf" board. The problem is that Rip's wake pulls dangerous, planet-destroying subatomic "flares" behind him. When Rip surfs, the cosmos burn!



Quantum world

From high school to outer space



Robbie's High school



Robbie's secret room





Quantum Ship





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