



**The VOICE Beyond
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PAGE ONE - SPLASH PAGE

SPLASH PANEL

On Voice Beyond, flying through the morning sky.

CAPTION

When Special Education teacher Glessa Palmer was given powers she did not want, she knew she still had to put them to good use. Now she teaches class during the day and battles crime during the night as

LOGO

The VOICE Beyond!

CAPTION

Last issue, Voice Beyond prevented a violent shoot out between the police and a gang of teenagers.

CAPTION

But that whole incident was caught on tape, leading many to speculate on who or what she is, and if she is friend or foe.

CAPTION

So now Glessa Palmer, who wanted no publicity, must face the

TITLE

Aftermath of Heroism

PAGE TWO - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

Establishing shot. Wide angle. Daylight. Overview of the small city of Liberty, VA.

CAPTION

"This is the city. Liberty, Virginia."

CAPTION

"It's a small city, with a population of around 6,000 residents."

PANEL TWO

On a small town post office.

CAPTION

"We have a post office..."

PANEL THREE

On a small town library.

CAPTION

"...a library..."

PANEL FOUR

On a small town hospital with an ambulance parked out front.

CAPTION

"...a hospital..."

PANEL FIVE

On a small display clock on the corner of an almost busy street.

CAPTION

"...and a town clock."

PAGE THREE - FOUR PANELS

PANEL ONE

Wide angle. Shot of Main Street with offices and stores along the sides. A lot of antique stores with some banks and a general store. A few people here and there are walking along the sidewalks going about their business. Some are waving to each other or chatting on the sidewalks.

CAPTION

"Liberty is a friendly town. Folks here seem to like each other."

PANEL TWO

On a baseball field in the park. Teenagers happily playing baseball.

CAPTION

"The children and teenagers are pretty much well behaved."

PANEL THREE

Twilight. Teenagers out in the middle of nowhere, climbing a ladder on the Liberty water tower.

CAPTION

"But sometimes youngsters can get into mischief."

CAPTION

"When that happens, I go to work."

PANEL FOUR

Liberty police badge on red background. Badge number 417.

CAPTION

"I carry a badge."

PAGE FOUR - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

Exterior shot of Liberty police headquarters. Rising sun in the background.

CAPTION

"It was Saturday, 7:13am. We'd been working the night watch out of juvenile division."

PANEL TWO

Establishing shot. Wide angle. Interior, police station. John Monday and Ben Garnon are seated in the captain's office explaining the events of the previous night. View is on all three.

CAPTION

"The captain's name is Fowler. My partner's name is Garnon. My name is Monday."

PANEL THREE

Night by the water tower. Teenagers (from last issue) on the tower and officers on the ground are pointing guns at each other.

CAPTION

"My partner and I were filling the captain in on the previous evening's events."

CAPTION

"A gang of youngsters calling themselves the Gunshots decided to paint the town water tower green. Police were notified and things out of hand."

PANEL FOUR

On Fowler, Monday, and Garnon.

FOWLER

What happened next, John?

MONDAY

Not sure how to explain it, Captain.
It was like something out of a comic
book.*

CAPTION

*See last issue for details.

PANEL FIVE

Wide angle. On Fowler with view of office door. An
officer is peaking his head in.

FOWLER

What do you mean it was like out of a
comi--

OFFICER

--Guys, I think you'd better come see
this.

PAGE FIVE - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

Officers gathered around a TV set hanging on the wall.
Set shows blurry video of the Voice Beyond as she takes
Jimmy Laurens away from the water tower.*

FOWLER

I see what you mean about the comic
book, Monday.

MONDAY

I don't remember this happening.

GARNON

Neither do I.

CAPTION

*See last issue.

PANEL TWO

On Monday.

MONDAY

Someone's playing games with us. And
I'll tell you something else.

PANEL THREE

On Monday and Garnon.

GARNON

What's that?

PANEL FOUR

On an angry Monday.

MONDAY

I don't like being played with.

PANEL FIVE

On Monday and Garnon.

MONDAY

We need to find this "Voice Beyond" person and get to the bottom of this.

GARNON

But how? We don't know who she is or where she went?

PAGE SIX - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

Establishing shot. Wide angle. Night. On Voice Beyond as she lands behind a building by the water tower. Watching her with awe and just a touch of fear is Glessa's student, Jimmy Laurens.

CAPTION

Where she went the night before was to a building close by the water tower, where Jimmy Laurens had been watching the scene in last issue unfold.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

James Laurens. We need to talk.

PANEL TWO

View from behind Jimmy. Jimmy is on his knees looking up at the towering figure of Voice Beyond.

JIMMY

Who...Who are you?

PANEL THREE

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

I am as you said, James Laurens. I am a Voice Beyond.

PANEL FOUR

On Jimmy and Voice Beyond. Voice Beyond is in the middle of sitting down in front of Jimmy.

JIMMY

Why...Why did you save me from the police?

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy. Voice Beyond is now seated in front of Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

There are two reasons, James Laurens.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

You had no gun. And I believe your heart is pure.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

How came you to be with the others tonight, James Laurens?

PAGE SEVEN - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On an embarrassed Jimmy.

JIMMY

I guess I just wanted to belong. I've never been popular, but these guys did seem to care about me. At least enough to give the time of day.

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy.

JIMMY

I Thought maybe--maybe this was a way to be cool. I see the popular guys in school and in the neighborhood and I want to be like them.

JIMMY

But I'm not.

PANEL THREE

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

James Laurens. Cool is not about popularity. It is not about guns and violence. It is not about having girls fight over you.

PANEL FOUR

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy. Jimmy is hanging on every word Voice Beyond says to him.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Cool is about knowing and believing in who you are, James Laurens. It is about being comfortable with yourself and helping and being good to others. Once you are, others will see this in you and believe you to be cool.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Part of being cool is being unique and different and being okay with that. You are unique and different, James Laurens. I believe it is in a good way.

PANEL FIVE

On Jimmy.

JIMMY

Hmmmm...

JIMMY

I think my teacher would agree with you.

PAGE EIGHT - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
She must be a very good teacher,
James Laurens.

JIMMY

She is. And--

PANEL TWO

On Jimmy, looking down, embarrassed and hesitating.

JIMMY

(Small)
--well--

PANEL THREE

On Jimmy, looking back up with just a tiny hint of a smile
on his face.

JIMMY

--She's very pretty, too!

PANEL FOUR

On Voice Beyond gazing at Jimmy, imperceptible behind the
helmet.

NO DIALOG

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
You are a fortunate man, James
Laurens.

JIMMY

Yeah. Yeah, I guess I am.

PANEL SIX

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
What do you like, James Laurens?
What kind of things interest you?

JIMMY

Well--I like animals.

PAGE NINE - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On an excited Jimmy.

JIMMY

For instance, did you know that fossils date cats back over 35 million years with very little change in shape or behavior?

JIMMY

Also, the average domestic cat can run around 31 miles an hour.

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

How do you know this, James Laurens?

PANEL THREE

On Jimmy.

JIMMY

I read it just the other day.

PANEL FOUR

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Keep up the good work, James Laurens.

JIMMY

Thank you.

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond and Jimmy, both beginning to stand up.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Now return home, James Laurens. Tell no one you were here or that we met, or you may yet join those others and there will be nothing I can do to help you.

JIMMY

I understand.

PANEL SIX

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

It is good, James Laurens.

PAGE TEN - EIGHT PANELS

PANEL ONE

Wide angle. View from behind Voice Beyond as she watches Jimmy walk away.

NO DIALOG

PANEL TWO

Wide angle, same view. Jimmy is slightly further away.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

James Laurens.

PANEL THREE

On Jimmy, turning to see Voice Beyond.

JIMMY

Yeah?

PANEL FOUR

Wide angle. On Voice Beyond, flying away and looking behind her, down to Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

You are a good person, James Laurens.
Worthy of friendship. Never forget
that.

PANEL FIVE

On Jimmy.

JIMMY

Well...

JIMMY

Can you and I be friends?

PANEL SIX

On Voice Beyond, hovering in the air and facing Jimmy.

NO DIALOG

PANEL SEVEN

On Voice Beyond, flying away from Jimmy.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

We already are, James Laurens.

PANEL EIGHT

View from behind Jimmy as he watches her fly into the distance.

JIMMY

(Small)

Cool.

PAGE ELEVEN - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice Beyond, soaring in the darkness.

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)

Bless his heart. He tries to look tough, but inside he is just a teddy bear! I must remember to do some animal teaching in a week or two.

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)

Beautiful night to fly. I love this sense of freedom. I need to do this more often! Maybe start a patrol?

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)

...But do I have time for that?

PANEL TWO

Establishing shot. Wide angle. Night. Exterior view of Glessa's house.

CAPTION

That night--

PANEL THREE

Wide angle. Dark. Interior of Glessa's bedroom. View from ceiling as Glessa sleeps peacefully with Roxi asleep next to her.

CAPTION

--Glessa sleeps, exhausted.

PANEL FOUR

Wide angle. Morning. Exterior of Glessa's house. Pretty sunrise in the background.

CAPTION

Morning breaks--

PANEL FIVE

View on Voice Beyond in the sky.

CAPTION

--And the Voice Beyond flies once more!

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)

Think I'll try flying around a bit on patrol and see what I think about it...?

PAGE TWELVE - SEVEN PANELS

PANEL ONE

Establishing shot. Wide angle. Exterior of the Webster farmhouse. Nice porch in front, good size farmhouse. Lots of land to farm around it.

CAPTION

Meanwhile, at the Webster farmhouse...

PANEL TWO

Wide angle. Interior of Webster living room. View from television as Robert and Marion Webster are sitting on the couch or sofa watching the morning news. Marion has a cup of coffee in her hands. There is an empty easy chair off to the side.

TV

(Filtered for TV)

Again, here is some footage shot by the WLIB team in Liberty, VA, of a supposed mystery woman appearing at the sight of a disturbance.

PANEL THREE

View of the front of the TV. Picture shows WLIB logo on front right side. Screen shows Voice Beyond hovering in front of five kids with guns on top of the water tower.*

TV

(Filtered for TV)
Experts have spent all night combing through this footage and some of them believe it may be real.

CAPTION

*See last issue.

PANEL FOUR

Wide angle. Robert is walking away toward the door. Marion is still watching TV.

MARION

Where are you going, Robert?

ROBERT

Just checking the weather. Reckon I might want to do some farming this weekend.

PANEL FIVE

On Robert, standing on the porch, peacefully enjoying a pipe and looking at the morning sky.

ROBERT

(Thought)
Who woulda thought that call we made* would cause so much commotion? I'm glad we were able to remain anonymous, otherwise we--

ROBERT

(Thought)
--Eh? What's that up there?

CAPTION

*Again, last issue!

PANEL SIX

View from behind Voice Beyond. Her back is seen as she flies through the morning. Below her, in the distance, is the farm house. Robert can (barely) be seen on the porch below.

ROBERT

(Thought)
Tarnation! It's her! It's really HER!

PANEL SEVEN

Close on Robert, still watching.

ROBERT

(Thought)
C'mon down here and chat for a
minute, lady...

PAGE THIRTEEN - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice Beyond, flying over the farmhouse.

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)
This is a great morning. I think I--

ROBERT

(Disembodied balloon)
*C'mon down here and chat for a
minute, lady...*

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond. She looks down and sees Robert.

VOICE BEYOND

(Thought)
That must've come from that man down
there! Well, this is what patrol is
all about...

PANEL THREE

On Voice Beyond and Robert. Voice Beyond is landing in
front of Robert.

CAPTION

And so...

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
Yes, Sir? You asked me come down and
chat?

ROBERT

(Small)
Reckon ... Reckon only in my head,
Miss.

PANEL FOUR

On Voice Beyond and Robert.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
That's all I need, Sir. What can I
do for you?

ROBERT

You're for real, ain't you? This ain't fake like those chatterboxes are saying on the news?

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond and Robert, recovering.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

What do you mean, the news? Is there something I should see?

ROBERT

Reckon so, Miss. Come with me, I'll show you.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Lead on, Sir.

PAGE FOURTEEN - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice Beyond and Robert, walking into living room. Marion is seen still watching TV.

ROBERT

Marion, put another pot on. We have us a visitor.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Greetings, Mrs...?

MARION

(Surprised)

>GASP!<

MARION

Sweet Heaven above!

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond and Marion, who is pointing to the TV.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to startle you. This nice man here said there was something I might want to see on the news.

MARION

Well...Well, yes. I believe he's right. Take a look for yourself.

PANEL THREE

View on TV. A middle age male pundit is giving an opinion.

TV

(Filtered for TV)
...must be a hoax. An elaborate one at that. This is simply not possible outside the realm of the comic books. Whoever she is, she has a lot to answer for.

TV

(Filtered for TV)
So do those cops gone bad who went along with her little freezing game.

PANEL FOUR

On a younger male pundit, responding.

TV

(Filtered for TV)
How can you be so sure? Many things that were science fiction yesterday are reality today. Take for example the communicators in the Star Trek series. Now we've had cell phones that not only look just like them, but work in almost the same way.

PANEL FIVE

On TV, back to original pundit.

TV

(Filtered for TV)
This is not science fiction, my young, ambitious friend, this is fantasy! Pure fantasy! No one can just jump up in the air and keep on going!

PANEL SIX

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Whispering to herself)
Oh no. What have I done?

PAGE FIFTEEN - SEVEN PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Marion.

MARION

What was that you said, Dear?

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Wha...? I said I...I didn't mean for any of this to happen. I don't... want to be the center of attention.

PANEL THREE

On Robert, taking a seat next to Marion.

ROBERT

Kinda hard not to be in that dang outfit.

PANEL FOUR

On Robert, indicating third seat.

ROBERT

Have a seat, Miss.

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond, sitting down in the chair.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

Thank you.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

I didn't design this suit. I didn't even ask for it. Or for the powers. They were given to me and I was told to do...what was right.

PANEL SIX

On Robert and Marion.

MARION

Powers?

ROBERT

She came plumb out of the sky,
Marion. She done read my mind like I
was speaking aloud.

MARION

Sweet Heaven above!

PANEL SEVEN

Front of TV. Angry pundit yelling.

CAPTION

Suddenly...

TV

(Filtered for TV)
NO! I completely disagree! She is
no hero if she freezes the police
department! If anything, she is a
danger to society and should be
locked away!

PAGE SIXTEEN - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
He's right. Maybe that wasn't such a
good idea.

PANEL TWO

On Marion.

MARION

Why did you do that, Dear?

PANEL THREE

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
It was a tense situation. The police
looked more ready to fire than the
kids, and I wanted the kids to give
up on their own. I Thought that
might be better for them.

PANEL FOUR

On Robert.

ROBERT

Pardon my saying so, Miss, but you can't just go 'round freezing the law!

ROBERT

It ain't right.

PANEL FIVE

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

That was...a mistake. One I can assure you I will not be making again.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

I am new at all of this.

PANEL SIX

On Robert.

ROBERT

Glad to hear you're willing to learn.

PAGE SEVENTEEN - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Robert and Marion.

ROBERT

Long past time we introduced ourselves, Miss. My handle's Robert. Robert Webster. This here's my wife, Marion.

MARION

Pleased to meet you, Miss...?

PANEL TWO

On Voice Beyond.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

I am called the Voice Beyond. You may call me...

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)

...I haven't really even thought about it. Call me "Voice," I guess.

PANEL THREE

On "Voice" and Robert.

ROBERT

Whereabouts do you hail from, Miss Beyond? You from around here? Are you...ah...one of US?

VOICE

(Ghostly)

I am an earth female, if that is what you mean, Mister Webster.

PANEL FOUR

On an embarrassed Robert.

ROBERT

Just checking, Miss. Lots of guessing and speculating about you going on 'round the boob tube.

PANEL FIVE

On Voice.

VOICE

(Ghostly)

I didn't want to be filmed. I would have preferred to work anonymously.

PANEL SIX

On Robert, Thoughtful.

ROBERT

Reckon you just can't expect it these days. These are the days of Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, Lindsey Lohan, and Lord only knows who else. Sure is a shame those gals make news like they do, but you can see that you ain't about to escape notice.

PAGE EIGHTEEN - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Marion.

MARION

There's nothing wrong with wanting to do good, Dear. The world could use more like you if that is what you are doing.

PANEL TWO

On Robert and Marion.

ROBERT

You can't expect folks to take a shine to you overnight. People fear what they don't understand. You seem to be the likes they never seen before.

PANEL THREE

On Voice and Robert. Robert is rising from the sofa.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
What of you, Mister Webster? You have taken me in stride since you first saw me on the porch.

ROBERT

True enough. Follow me, Miss. I want to show you something.

PANEL FOUR

Voice and Robert in front of a closet door elsewhere in the house. Robert is reaching to open the door.

ROBERT

Reckon this'll explain a few things for you, Miss.

PANEL FIVE

The door is opened and seen are rows and rows of comic book long boxes. Neatly organized and labeled.

ROBERT (O.S.)

Go ahead. Have a look.

PAGE NINETEEN - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice, a box opened and holding a mint condition bagged copy of the classic *All Star Comics* #3 in her hand.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Comic books?

PANEL TWO

On Robert, watching Voice from behind.

ROBERT

Yep. I sure was into that when I was a youngster. Couldn't get enough. Always dreamed that someday I would see a hero for real. Didn't think it would happen in my lifetime, still ain't sure it has. But you're at least close, if not the real thing.

PANEL THREE

On Voice and Robert. Voice is looking down at the comic.

NO DIALOG

PANEL FOUR

On Voice.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Mister Webster...

ROBERT (O.S.)

Robert.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Okay...Robert...

PANEL FIVE

On Voice, different angle.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Could some of these old comics ...

VOICE

(Ghostly)
...Could they teach me how to be a hero?

PANEL SIX

On Robert, smiling.

ROBERT

I reckon some of them could, yes.

PAGE TWENTY - SIX PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice and Robert.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Mister Webster...

ROBERT

Robert, Miss. Call me Robert.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Robert...

PANEL TWO

On Voice.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
I'd like to come back. And read.
And talk. If that would be okay?

PANEL THREE

On Robert and Voice.

ROBERT

Long as you keep doing good, you are
always welcome here, Miss.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Voice. Call me Voice.

PANEL FOUR

On Robert and Voice.

ROBERT

Okay. Voice.

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Thank you, Mister Webster.

ROBERT

You're welcome, Miss.

PANEL FIVE

On Marion, rolling her eyes.

MARION

Sweet Heaven above! What is it with the two of you?

PANEL SIX

On Voice and Robert exchanging smiles, though Voice's smile can't be seen, it is obviously there.

NO DIALOG

PAGE TWENTY-ONE - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Voice, Robert and Marion out on the porch of the farmhouse.

CAPTION

A short time later...

VOICE

(Ghostly)
Thank you for your hospitality.

VOICE BEYOND

(Ghostly)
And your friendship.

PANEL TWO

On Marion.

MARION

You're welcome, dear. We won't tell anyone you dropped by. Your secrets are safe with us.

PANEL THREE

On Robert and Marion.

ROBERT

'Sides which, we'd never get a moment's rest from the media the way they're carrying on.

PANEL FOUR

View from above Voice, soaring into the air. The farmhouse, and Robert and Marion waving, can be seen below.

VOICE

(Thought)
What wonderful people. I look forward to seeing them again!

PANEL FIVE

Caption panel.

CAPTION

But before she sees them again, other things will happen! Next issue, Glessa's silent student is silent no longer! But what does Toby have to say? Find out next issue, coming soon!

PAGE TWENTY-TWO - FIVE PANELS

PANEL ONE

On Glessa Palmer, sitting comfortably in her living room. Roxi is on the floor and has her front paws up on Glessa's legs.

CAPTION

(upper left)
Moral.

GLESSA

Hello. Glessa Palmer here.

GLESSA

In today's story, Robert and Marion Webster met the Voice Beyond.

PANEL TWO

On Glessa, standing up. Roxi looking excited.

GLESSA

Voice Beyond learned that she was not in this alone. She learned she had friends.

PANEL THREE

On Glessa, in the kitchen and reaching for the cabinet. Roxi is jumping in an excited kind of way.

GLESSA

None of us should have to weather the storms of life on our own. If you are going through a rough time, please find a friend or adult to talk to.

PANEL FOUR

On Glessa, with the cabinet open and a box of cat treats in her hand. She is taking a couple of treats out of the box. And Roxi can't wait to eat them.

GLESSA

In the long run, you'll be glad you did.

GLESSA

I'll see you next time.

PANEL FIVE

On Glessa, handing treats to a very happy, tail wagging Roxi.

GLESSA

Here you go, Roxi.

ROXI

>MEOW!<

CAPTION

(Bottom right)

End.

END