[Author speaking]

Oh hey, I’m Fred Van Lente. You may know me from non-fiction comics, like Acton Philosophers, The Comic Book History of Comics, and Action Presidents. Well, this September, I’ll be tackling the history of basketball in the aptly titled, The Comic Book Story of Basketball, with great art by Joe Cooper and Dave Swartz. We’ll be starting from the very beginnings of the game, with James Nasmith, at the Springfield, Massachusetts, YMCA, all the way through the NBA and WNBA of today. We’ll be looking at street ball, college ball, the women’s game, the international game, and the American Basketball Association. You’ll be hearing all about Magic, The Bird, Lebron, Jordan, Kobe, and a bunch of storie you didn’t know were awesome until we told it to you. So if you have somebody in your life who loves comics and loves basketball, check out The Comic Book Story of Basketball on September 22nd.

Just to give you an idea of how intensely I studied for this book, here’s actual game footage of me playing Nets great Jason Kidd at the Nets basketball Hall of Fame.

[Video of a video game with Van Lente animated into it]

[Laughter]

Game: You missed the tip.

Woman: Oh my god, I’m recording it! It’s too good. Oh, wow, you’re not even…you’re just sliding. Oh!

[Laughter]

Game: Kidd scores from the outside.

Woman: Oh my god, oh my god.

[Author speaking]

Great memories. You remember, The Comic Book Story of Basketball by me, Fred Van Lente, Joe Cooper, and Dave Swartz hits stores on September 22nd. I’ll see you courtside.