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Dear Creator,

This has not been a good year for me. If you do not know me, I am a longtime comics professional who has had two spinal surgeries in the past five years and am slightly disabled. This has greatly affected my income and ability to earn enough to cover my bills. This year has been especially difficult.

I held a Go Fund Me held last year to pay my overdue property taxes for 2017 in full, which was a success, but I have other issues I need to deal with asap. The most urgent being my 2018 property taxes and a new roof for my house which is sadly not in good shape. The roof badly needs to be replaced and there is a hole in it which leaks through to my bedroom and another room when we get a heavy rain which is more often than I'd like. I cannot afford to fix it and the entire roof needs to be re-done asap, especially with Winter coming!

To raise the funds needed to pay taxes and fix the roof, I am going to hold a Benefit Art Auction.

I am hoping you can help me by donating a piece of artwork to auction off so I can raise what I need which is to pay the taxes by the first week of November or my house will go up for tax sale and also hopefully replace the roof.

The piece can be published or unpublished, a drawing, a cover, an interior page from a comic you worked on, a drawing, etc. If you want to do a new piece instead, that would be good too.

* Please message me back whether you can do it or not so I know.

If you can help me, please let me know something is coming and mail the art to me by October 15th – **Larry Shell, PO Box 45, Irvington, NJ 07111-0045.**

Contact me through Facebook Messenger or email at lawrenceshell@comcast.net.

I am hoping my friends at Heritage Auctions will put the pieces up for me but if not, I will put them all on eBay myself in one or two groups depending on how many originals I get in.

Please Note: With my medical problems having interfered with running my business, it is taking me a bit longer to get back on track, and these significant financial emergencies have been a bit of a distraction. Once I remove them, I can return to the business I have loved, for so many years and not have to ask for financial help again, hopefully for good.

Thanks and I hope you can help me! If you want to check up on me, you can ask around as many people in the comics industry and fandom know me.

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