**Fantastic Floor**  
A cartoonist at HeroesCon

Both heroes and villains were thick on the ground at the 30th Anniversary HeroesCon in Charlotte June 22-24. Started and still run by Sheldon Drum, owner of Heroes Aren’t Hard to Find comics shop, HeroesCon has grown into one of the largest shows of its kind. V.C. Rogers observed and sketched the action at the Charlotte Convention Center.

The Joker, Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy take a break in a stairwell. Other costumed characters included Doctor Who, Wonder Woman and Imperial Storm Troopers.

This female Captain America and her no-longer teenaged sidekick Bucky were among the most photographed guests. “When I did the show in ’94, there were very few people dressed up in costume,” said one dealer. “Now it’s part of the show.”

I never laid eyes on special guest Stan Lee, but the presence of the man behind Marvel comics was obvious—both on the posters and from the long lines of fans waiting to see him.

Half of the convention floor was occupied by dealers, the other half by artists. Above: Dealer Jim Walls looking through some of the ubiquitous white boxes he hauled up from Atlanta. Left: Artist Greg Adams sketching for a fan. Below: “Madeline from New Jersey” said she’d sketch anything for a dollar. I asked her to sketch me. You can see the result.

At age 92, former DC Comics artist Nick Cardy may have been the oldest person present. He’s shown here with his niece.

“Ther’s like a hundred and one million people here,” said Conall, a 6-year-old Starfleet Commander (and grandson of current “Dennis the Menace” artist Marcus Hamilton). That seemed about right.