

**COIB**

# October Public Service Puzzler

Can you see the conflicts of interest issues in the comic strip? Flip the page to find out!

This month's puzzler requires you to read the comic on page two and answer the questions on the following page. It's part logic game and part spot-the-violation.

*Good Luck!*

**Enter to Win!**

Submit your responses to COIB's Training Unit at [CONTEST@COIB.NYC.GOV](mailto:CONTEST@COIB.NYC.GOV) by **Monday, October 24th by 5pm**. The winner will be picked at random from the respondents who answered the puzzler questions correctly.



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Introducing our City employees...



**Carl**

Olive's officemate



**Olive**

Bea's roommate



**Ian**

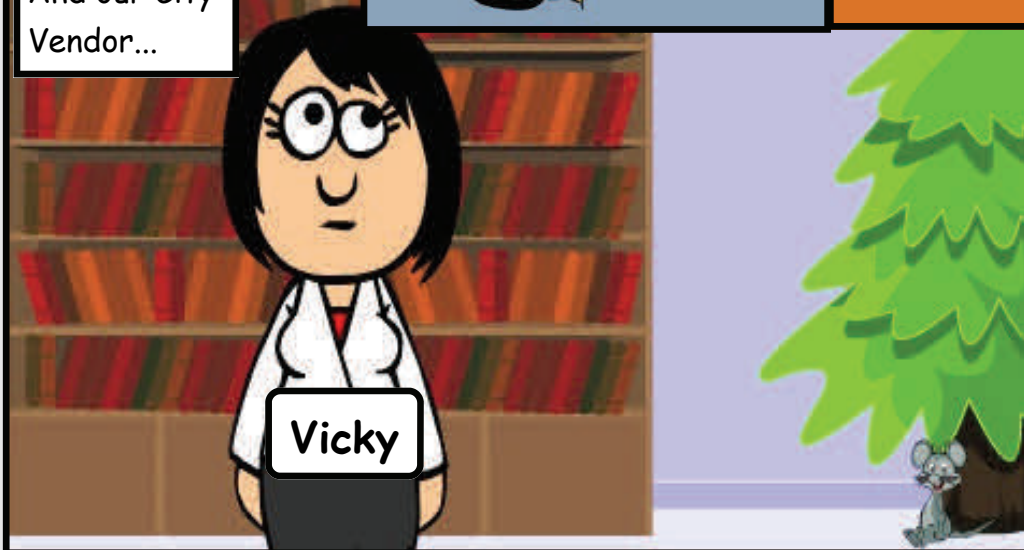
Carl's bestie



**Bea**

Ian's Sister

And our City Vendor...



**Vicky**

Carl, our City employee, is asked out on dinner date by Vicky, who is a vendor who Carl deals with at his City job.



After dinner, Carl and Vicky run into Carl's City work buddies: Olive, Ian, and Bea. Everyone is having such a nice time that they all decide to go out together for a night cap.



They had such a blast they close the bar down.

**THE END**

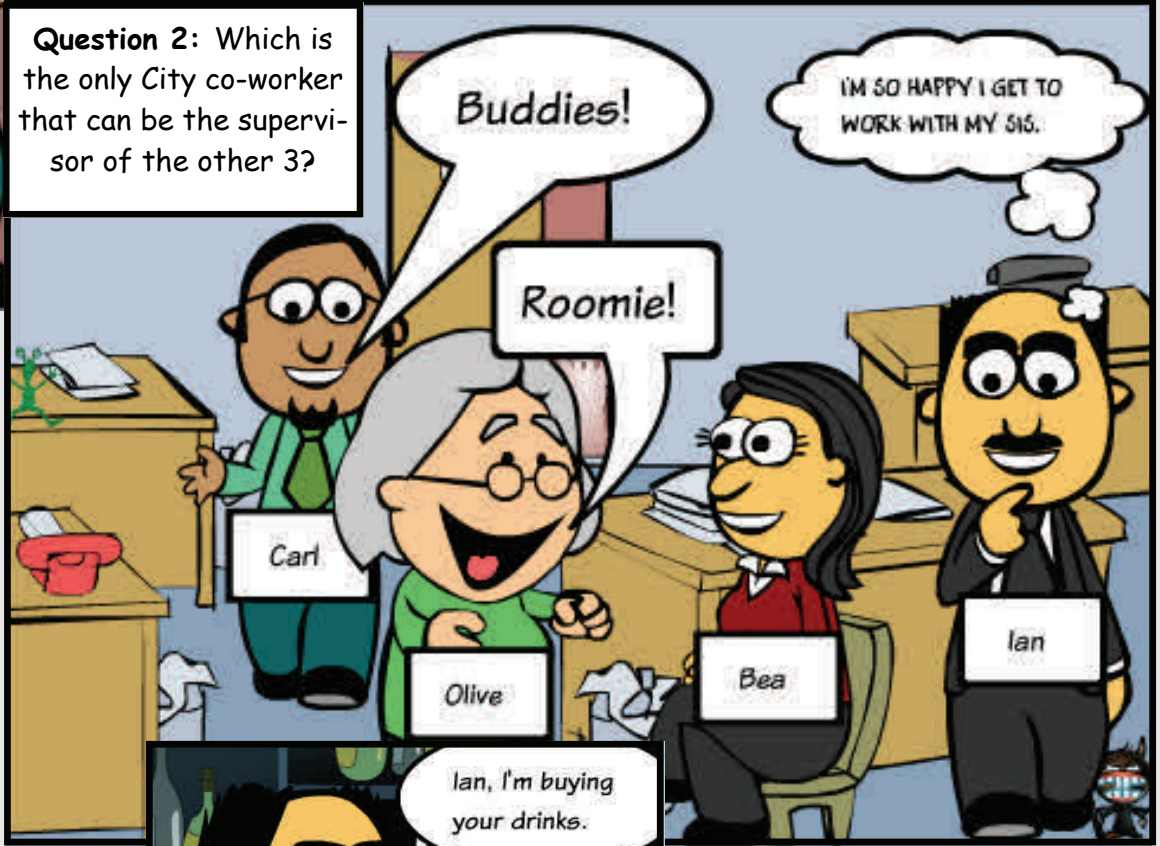
Answer the questions on the following page.



**Question 1:** Was it Ok for Vicky to pay for Carl's dinner?



**Question 2:** Which is the only City co-worker that can be the supervisor of the other 3?



**Question 3:** If Olive and Ian are peer City co-workers, was it ok for Olive to buy Ian's drinks? What if Ian was Olive's supervisor?

# August Public Service Puzzler Winner!



“As you can see, mister, these pants I’m wearing have some deep pockets, but don’t get the wrong idea!”



**WILLIAM GASTON** an Associate Staff Analyst at Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

**Q. What do you do in your job?**

**A.** I work in the Administration, Customer and Exam Support (ACES) group within the agency’s Bureau of Examinations. I work in a small but very important unit that plans and executes many of the logistical details surrounding the administration of civil service exams that thousands of New Yorkers take during the year. Our unit handles the planning and implementation of monthly self-scheduling exams at our computer-based testing facilities, special accommodations requests, as well as old-fashioned paper and pencil exams (they still exist!).

**Q. How long have you been working for the City?**

**A.** I have been working for the City for just over 7 years. I started in August of 2009. My entire career to date has been with DCAS.

**Q. Name a special interest or hobby.**

**A.** My special hobby you could say is running, which I have been active in since high school. I ran cross country and track and field in high school and moved on to marathons in college and beyond, serving for years as the president of my Bronx-based running club while continuing to compete in road races. Although I’ve lost a step here and there (my marathon personal best is 2 hours, 38 minutes), I still try to keep up a weekly regimen, even with a busy job, and a busy family life!

**Q. What's your favorite thing about City service?**

**A.** Helping to administer civil service exams annually to thousands of candidates, I feel, in some small way, I am helping them to gain a foothold into a challenging job with the City of New York.

