Comic Book Scripting Techniques

Dialogue
Indicate the text that characters in the comic say by writing the character's name followed by a colon then writing what they should say.

Example
John: I need my super powers!

Directions on Drawings
Place directions to the artist about the scene and characters in parentheses or brackets.

Example
[John, dressed in street clothes and surrounded by passers-by, should be waving his fist in the air, his pointer finger extended as he exclaims with a look of excitement and urgency]

John: I need my super powers!

Directions on Story Layout
Indicate what should go on each page and panel in the script by labeling the action with page and panel numbers.

Example
Page 1
Panel 3
John: I need my super powers!

Narratory Blocks
Label narratory blocks and follow the label with a colon. Next, enclose details on where the narratory block should be placed in brackets. Follow the bracket with the text that the block should contain.

Example
Narratory block: [In lower left corner] Meanwhile, across town....

Complete Example Passage

Page 1

Panel 3

[A closed, rectangular panel that runs the width of the page. John, dressed in street clothes and surrounded by passers-by, should be waving his fist in the air, his pointer finger extended as he exclaims with a look of excitement]

John: I need my super powers!

Narratory block: [In lower left corner] Meanwhile, across town...

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