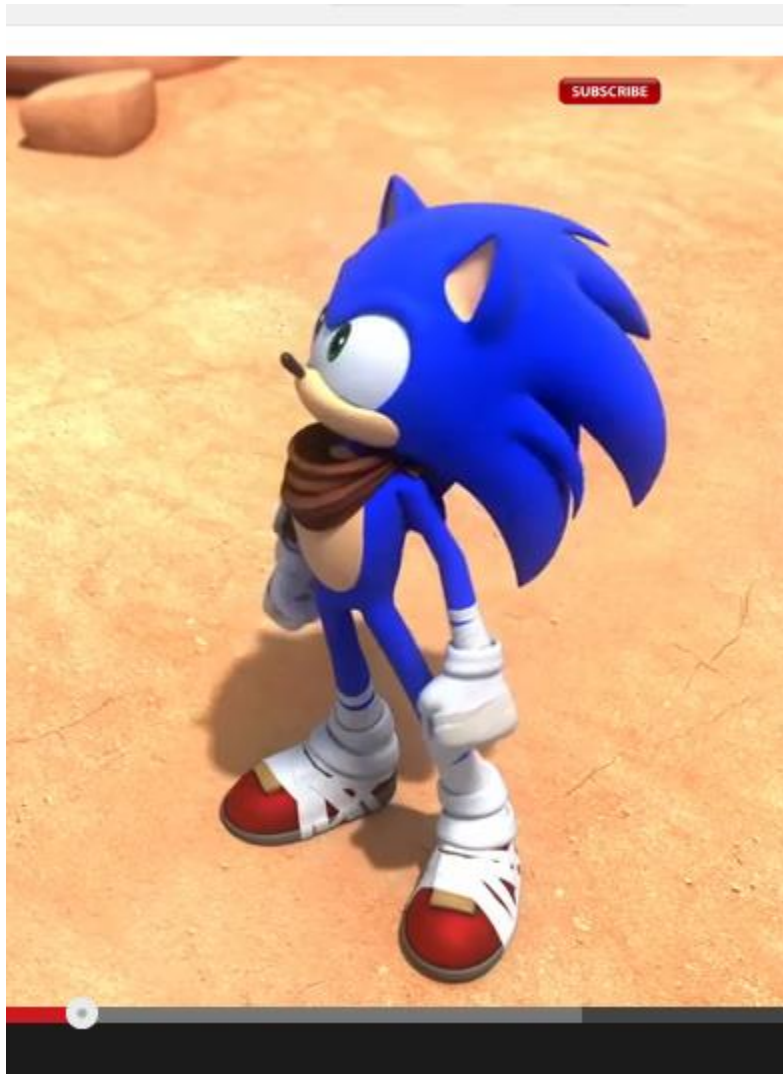


Further differentiating JB from Sonic, 14 FEB 14...

...or my response to the Sonic Boom series.



That is what Sonic's re-designed for the latest CN outing, Sonic Boom:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=Sonic+Boom&pc=MOZI&form=MOZSBR>

At first I thought, Meh. With my usual Post-Sonic apathy that's hiding one of the things driving me to make "Ballad of Johnny Briz" (To make a better Hedgehog. And Sally Acorn. And Mobius-like world)

And then the second thought came up: What on earth is all these wrappings? Sonic's almost mummified.

Apparently I'm not the only one, because there's a lot of people thinking the same thing, and apparently with varying degrees of drama. Me? I just wanted it explained, and one of my friends did so:

[The Sonic Boom Controversy...um yeah...](#)

- by [Kartoon-Kompany](#), 1 hour, 51 minutes ago
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Today, as I was making my usual haunts around the net, I had seen so many folks going on about the new Sonic design. Personally, change is good. I like his arms BLUE and the wraps. At the time, I don't know why they decided to design him like this, until I came across this on Tumblr:



The author went on to explain:

Ok, I don't post a lot. I just scroll tags but I'm just TIRED of people harping on, of all things, Sonic's SHOES in the new design. People really seem to think they are smart by commenting on how silly it is to "wrap the shoes" "why are the shoes wrapped" "why is there tape on the shoes." Then I laugh when I read people trying to defend it by saying they are shoe laces and, while I appreciate trying to defend the design I happen to like, you're clearly wrong also.

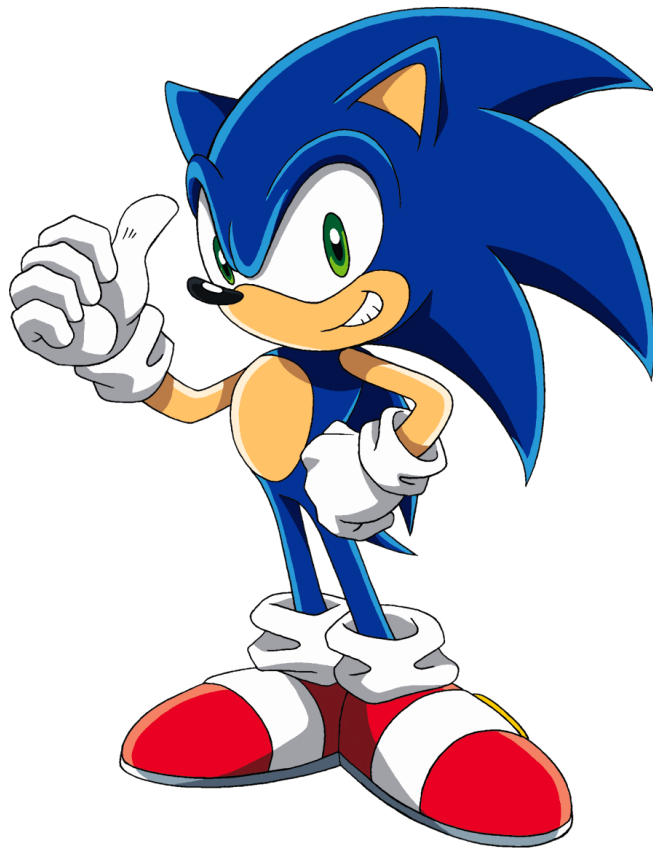
I know Tumblr probably isn't full of athletes but you really shouldn't start talking on something you don't know anything about. Its a sports wrap. Its sports tape put around the shoe and ankle to help support the foot.

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(This could not be explained ANY better. Sonic needs the support, especially since he is the fastest thing on two feet, so he is like an athlete, isn't he?)

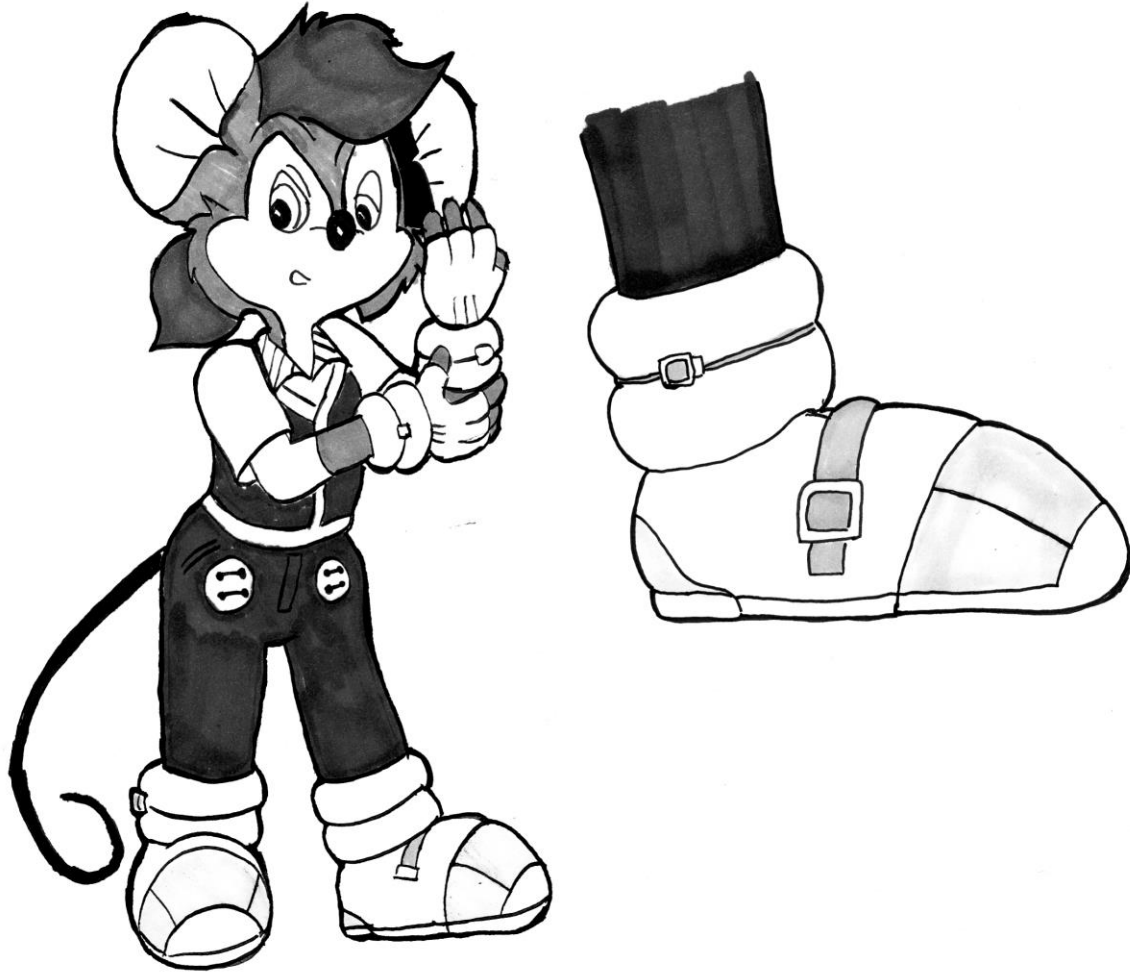
From <<http://kartoon-kompany.deviantart.com/>>

Okay, so it's for support. Perfectly understandable. I just don't find it as athletically appealing as the designs of before, like in Sonic X Sonic:



It just looks better, imho. And it's just my opinion.

Nevertheless, I would agree that Johnny, an athletic freerunner himself (more of a Ninja Warrior All-Star than a out and out speedster), would use a little support around the ankles. In that way, I'm going to have Alex design an alternative footwear for Johnny so that support is added:



I'm adding a brace. It goes around the shoe making the white pattern on the shoe, with a high-friction base on the sole for added traction (for those tight turns and Warped Walls) And it's bound by industrial strength Velcro not just at the foot's 'waistline' but also at the ankle, forming the "Sock" of the shoe. The result is a better looking legwear that gives the athletic support Johnny would need for the Parkour scenes.

Another area JB'll differ is the way he runs:



When Sonic's at cruising speed, his arms go back, probably for aerodynamics.

When Johnny runs, he'll be running with his arms, as well as his feet. Like how trained human athletes run, like you see in most sporting events.

