

# The Broomers



There was in the city of Zputnik a long and proud tradition of broomers, skilled men and women – artisans, really – whose job it was to sweep the streets clean each morning, no matter how foul the weather. A broomer who plied his trade for 40 years or more was accorded the honorific of *Super Sweeper Supremo*. A ten-year employee was a “Boffo Brusher.” And those just starting out? No surprise, really: they were baby broomers.