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— Alfred E. Neuman



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SORRY, MAC!

I was excited about your special Free CD-ROM in issue #350. But when I tried it, I was disappointed to find out it was DOS and Windows only! Not all of your readers are computer geeks...some of us use Macintoshes! Fa!

Timothy Arends
Hobart, IN

Tim — We understand your disappointment — Unfortunately, we could only produce one version of the disc and IBM dominates! Remember, the songs on the CD-ROM can be played on any audio CD player...just don't write in and tell us you're one of those loyal 8-track guys! —Ed.

You gotta be kidding me! Who would actually spend their 15 free hours of America Online on MAD? Not me or hopefully any other idiot out there!

AWells0925@aol.com

Good one, dude! —Ed.com

YOU GO, GIRL!

Thank you for printing my letter in MAD #351 under the headline "This Lady Writes to MAD..." There's only one problem...I'm a man!!! Oh, the humiliation! My always suspicious girlfriend has left me, I've been kicked off of my softball team, and my neighbor Larry now looks at me in a beguiling fashion. I'll give you two options on rectifying this situation: A free subscription or pay for my operation, counseling, relocation and new wardrobe!

MR. Tracy K. Lorenz
Grand Haven, MI

Okay, we'll take the latter of your options — the operating, counseling, relocation and new wardrobe! Upon your return to the states, show up at our offices with an itemized bill and proof in hand! —Ed.



LETTERS &

YANKEES GO HOMER!

A prophetic "marginal" by Sergio Aragones appeared on page 18 of MAD Collector's Series #1. It reminds me of one of the most memorable catches in the history of Major League Baseball, in game one of the 1996 American League Championship Series.

Bob Van Winkle
Peoria, IL

Bobby Van — Now imagine if Sergio doesn't draw this marginal, or young fan Jeff Maier doesn't read MAD, so he isn't inspired to go to the championship game, doesn't make the fateful catch, and Baltimore wins in four! Note to Yankees owner George Steinbrenner: for his crucial role in your team going all the way, you can send Sergio's World Series ring to our New York office. (Be sure to send it before you move the team so postage won't cost you as much!) —Ed.



AP/WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Holy cow! Life imitates MAD art: Sergio's marginal (which originally appeared in issue #150, April '72!) and Jeff Maier's catch at Yankee Stadium! Coincidence?

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Would you call someone who knows a lot about fashion a fascist? — BolkoVR...KILLER PASTA: A kid is eating pasta and it's a worm and the worm eats his head off! — Peetrie...I'm reading MAD from my cell right now — Davedodger...Why did the cow jump over the moon? No really, why?? Why did he do it? WHY??? WHY DID HE JUMP??!!???!! WHYYYYYYY?!!?!?!? — WeenieMan5...Usually I take my socks off before bed. Not today, though. — SlickJoe09...Please, whatever you do, do not, oh please do not read this sentence. If you do, I will disap— — TELEBOR

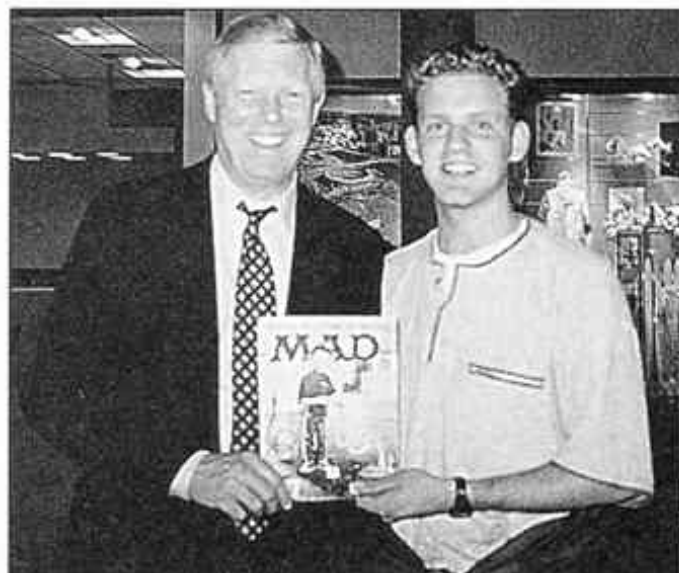
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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



This issue, Celebrity Snaps goes to Washington! On the left, Ryan Reinbold of Bridgeport, MI turns a chance meeting with Missouri Congressman and Non-Speaker of the House Richard Gephardt into a free three-year subscription! On the right, Kendra Levin of Marblehead, MA wins the same with Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, with whom she says she had to agree to split her free MAD issues! Send us a photo of yourself and a famous celebrity holding MAD and if we print it, you win! Now, why aren't any Republicans posing? We want to know!

TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

COMPLAINT'S THE THING

I swear, you dumbasses are so stupid sometimes it's scary. Issue #350 is the worst MAD I've ever read. First, you insulted Courtney Love-Cobain. She doesn't do drugs anymore; she's an alcoholic and she smokes (cigarettes, not dope, stupid). Then you made fun of MTV's *Singled Out*. People of the younger generation happen to like that show, even if it isn't as good as *Beavis and Butt-head*. But the worst, I mean the WORST thing was in "You're Their Biggest Fan...But You Just Might be a Stalker if." You misquoted the Oasis song *Champagne Supernova*. It's not "Caught BETWEEN a landslide," it's "Caught BENEATH a landslide." There's a big difference. Next time you want to copy a song, buy the CD and look at the words, you fools! Oh, and have a nice day?

Amanda Cochran
Bramwell, WV

Mandy — Thanks for your letter! It's the perfect way for us to introduce a new letters page feature: The MAD Crystal Balls (we have a spare)! Let's see...what does the future hold for you? Is Amanda going to be a brain surgeon? Reply hazy. Is Amanda going to be a rocket scientist? Doesn't look good. How about at least a gym teacher? Nope! Wait — the cloud is lifting — your future looks pink — mainly because your future can be summed up in three words — Mary Kay Cosmetics! Have a NICE day! —Ed.

LIVE AND LET SPY

My friends and I took this picture at Halloween when I was in sixth grade. I hope it's not too late for me to get this picture published. The Black Spy is Ryan Oakes, the Gray Spy is William Kuykendall and the White Spy is me.

Trevor Oakes
Somewhere in America



Trevor — Thanks for your letter explaining this photo. For a minute, we were afraid it was a press release from CBS announcing they were bringing back *The Hat Squad* to prime time! —Ed.

CRITICS RAVE!

"A good argument for paper rationing."

— National Review of Classic Literature

"Stay Ucksay!"

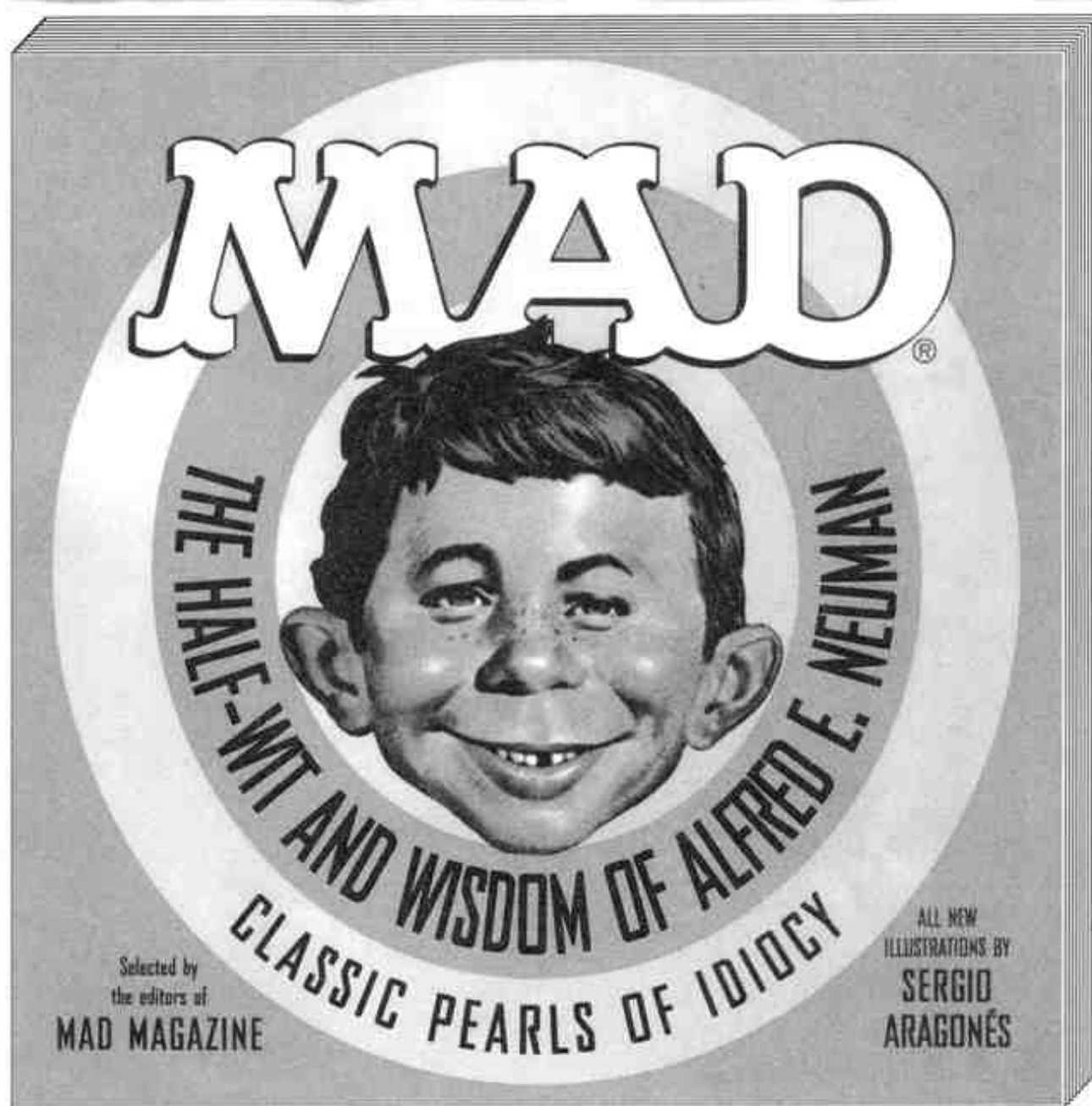
— Pig Latin Book Club

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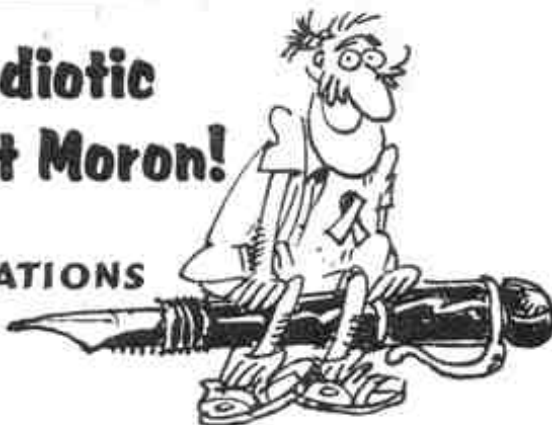
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Why does Mel Gibson look so old and unattractive in this film?

It's Director Ron Howard's revenge for Gibson winning Best Director for *Braveheart* while Howard's *Apollo 13* wasn't even nominated!

I loved seeing Mel Gibson in a kilt, but I still think all of us have better legs!

Um, who are you ladies?

I'm Patrick Swayze!
I'm Wesley Snipes!

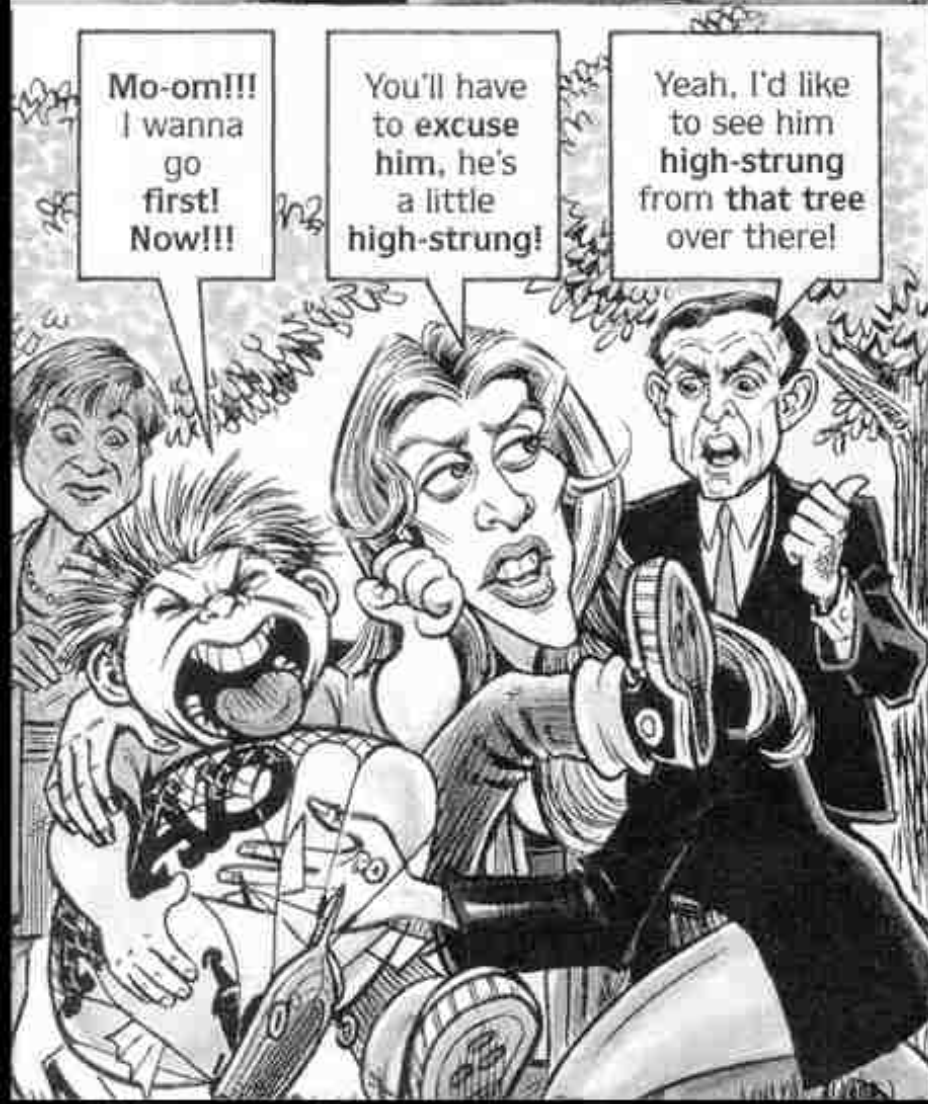
And I'm John Leguizamo!
Remember us from *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*?



Mo-om!!!
I wanna go first!
Now!!!

You'll have to excuse him, he's a little high-strung!

Yeah, I'd like to see him high-strung from that tree over there!



Honey, I can't find Sham!

I can't find him either! What can we do?

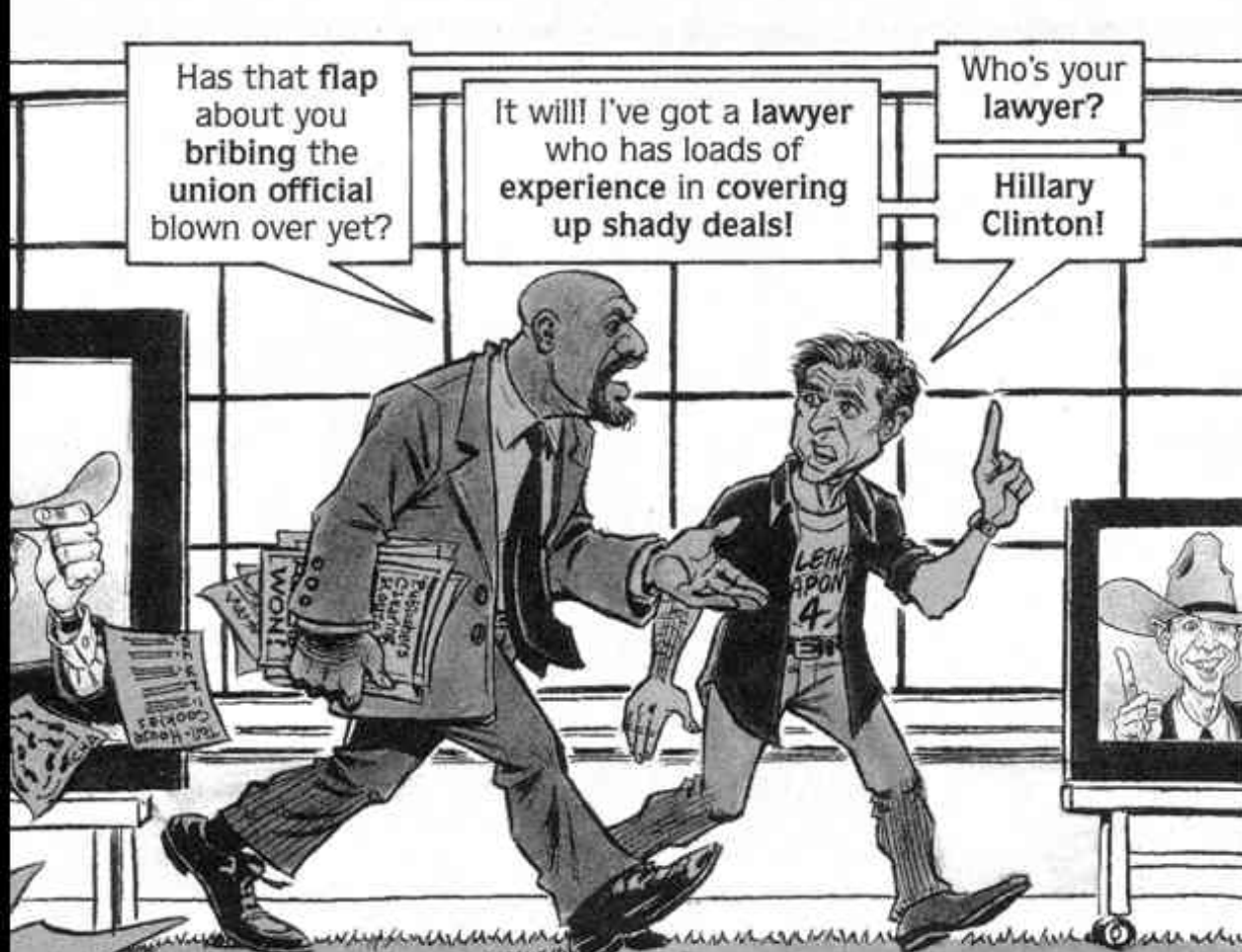
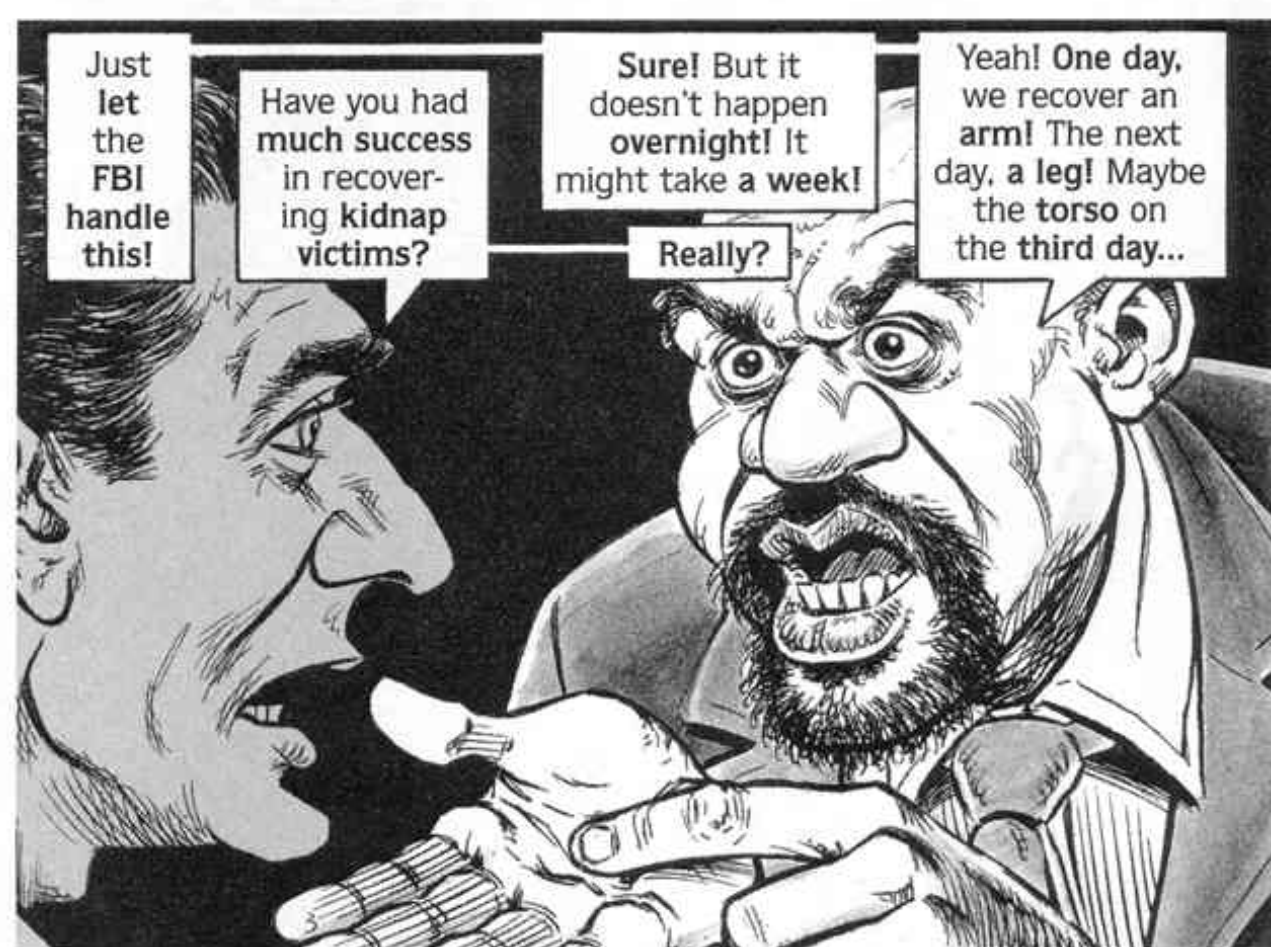
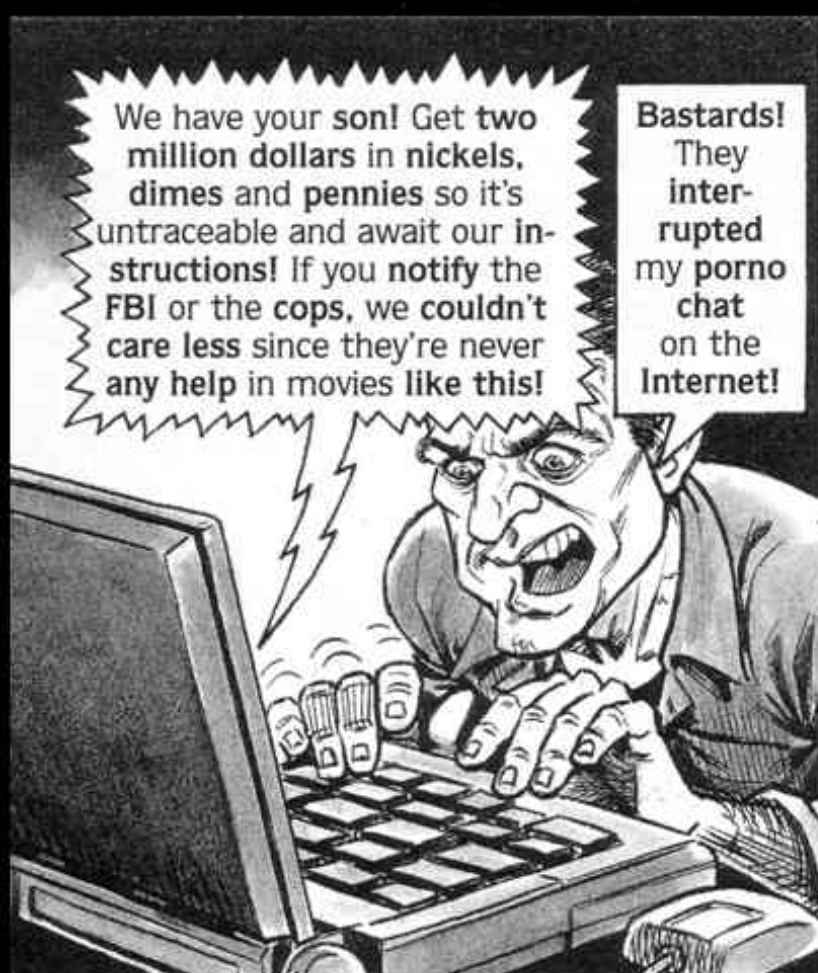
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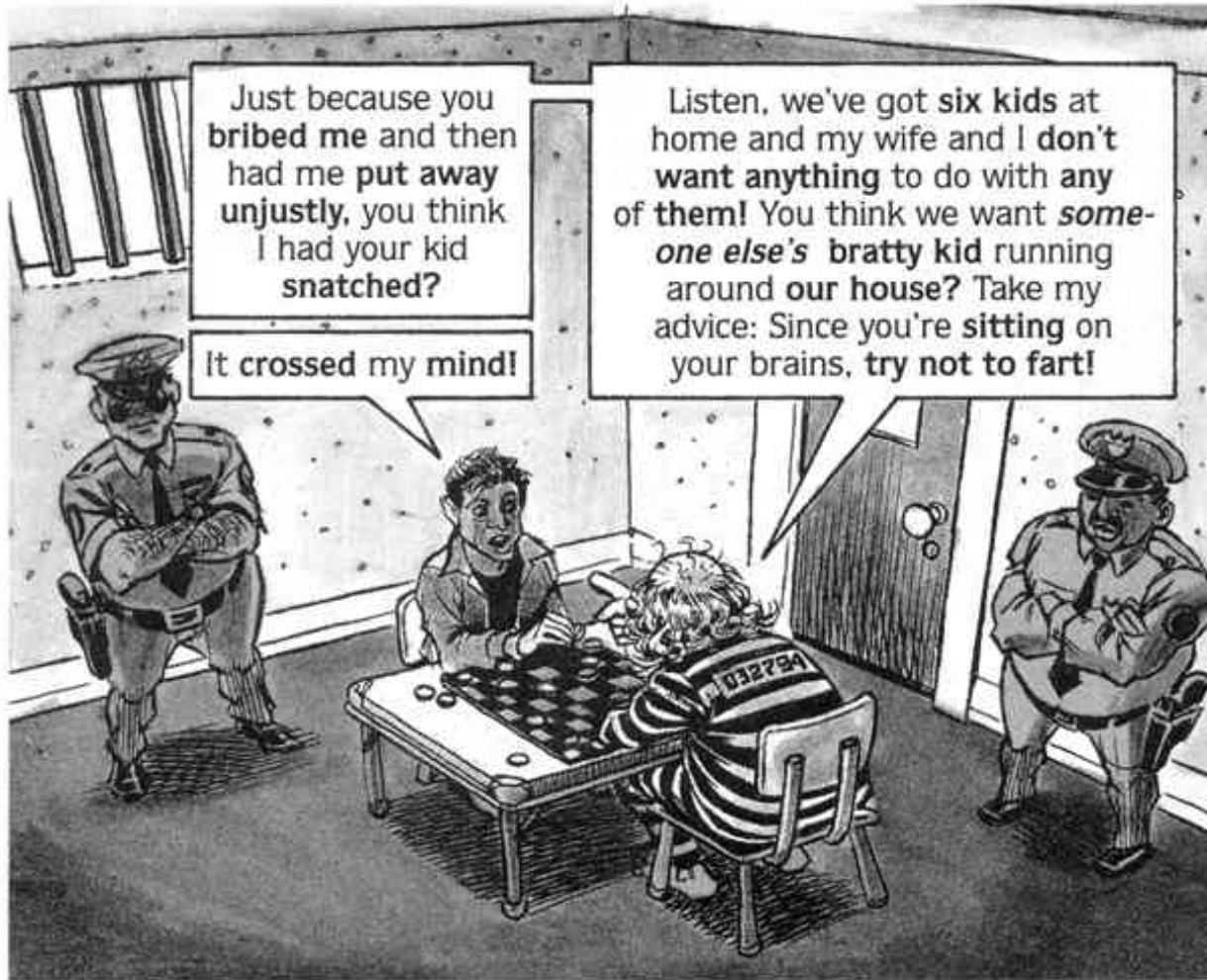
I couldn't! All through the movie I'd worry about Sham!

That the boy might be lost?

That the little #@\$& might be found!







Just because you bribed me and then had me put away unjustly, you think I had your kid snatched?

It crossed my mind!

Listen, we've got six kids at home and my wife and I don't want anything to do with any of them! You think we want *some-one else's* bratty kid running around our house? Take my advice: Since you're sitting on your brains, try not to fart!



Jerky, doesn't masterminding this kidnapping ruin the pride you always had in being an honest cop?

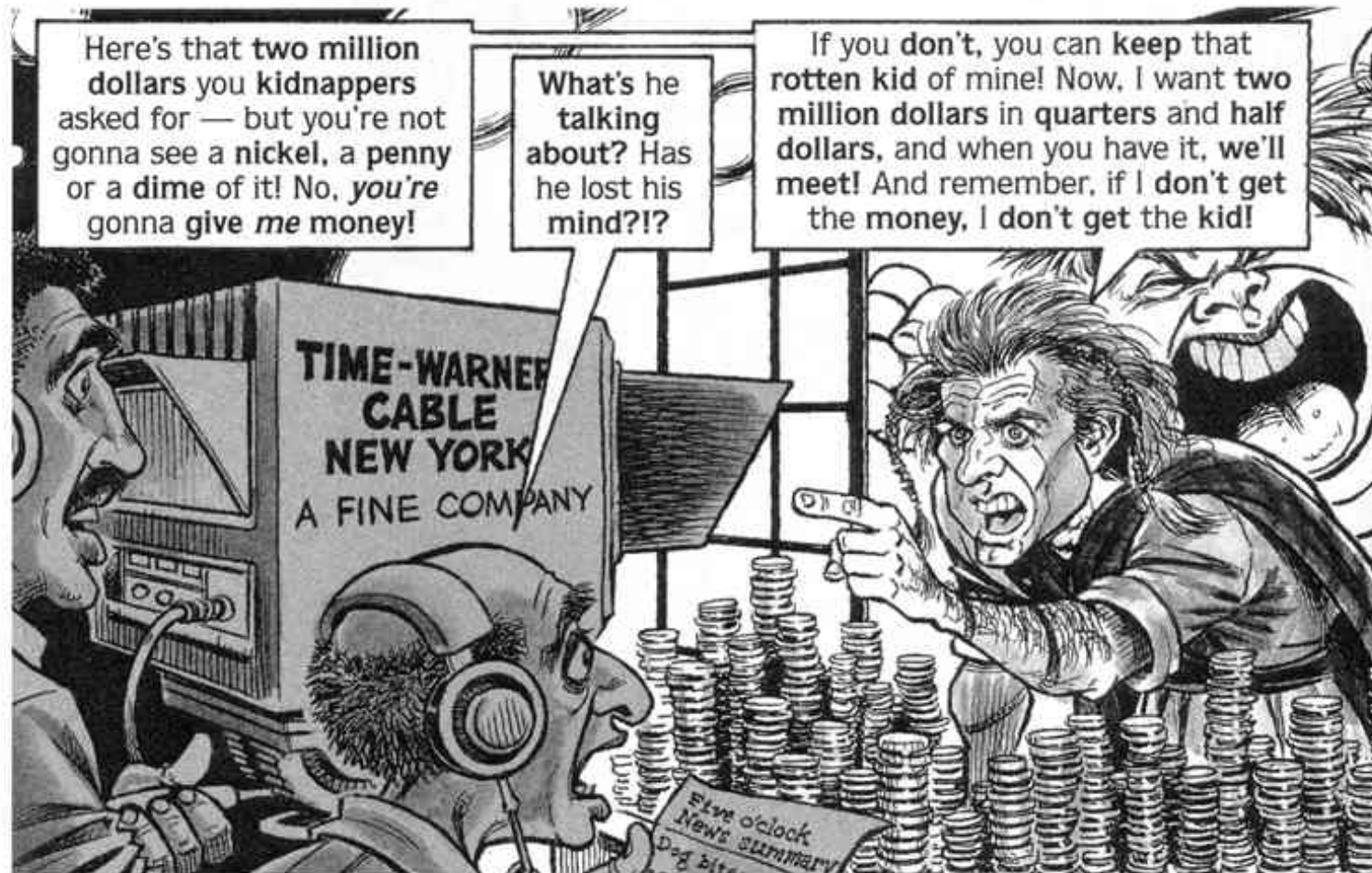
No way! Once I get the two million in ransom, I'll have enough money so I won't have to take graft from drug dealers or pimps ever again! How many other New York City cops can make that statement?



Are you thinking of Sham?

Unfortunately, yes! But it gives me an idea!

Kick!



Here's that two million dollars you kidnappers asked for — but you're not gonna see a nickel, a penny or a dime of it! No, you're gonna give *me* money!

What's he talking about? Has he lost his mind?!?

If you don't, you can keep that rotten kid of mine! Now, I want two million dollars in quarters and half dollars, and when you have it, we'll meet! And remember, if I don't get the money, I don't get the kid!



It's time you took a bath.

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I mean it.

I mean it.

I'm not fooling around!

I'm not fooling around!

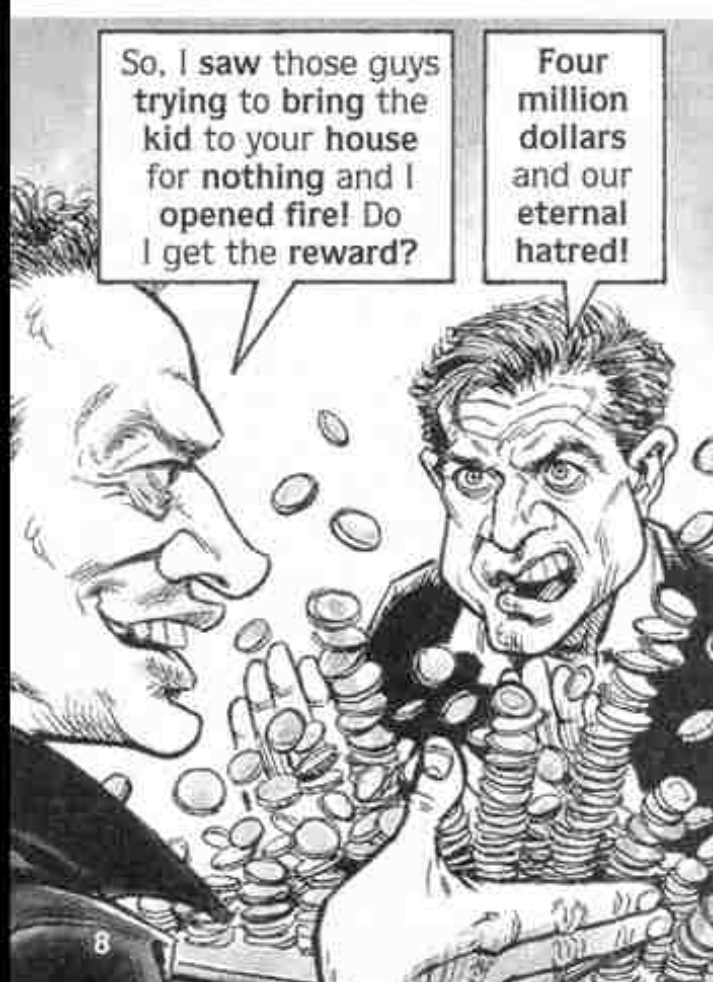
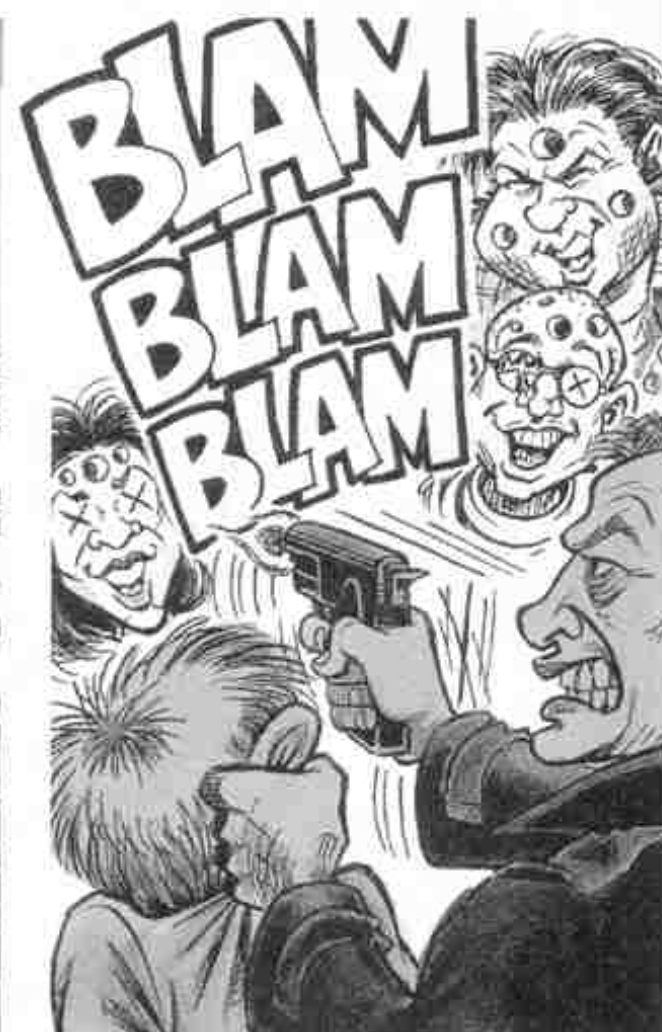
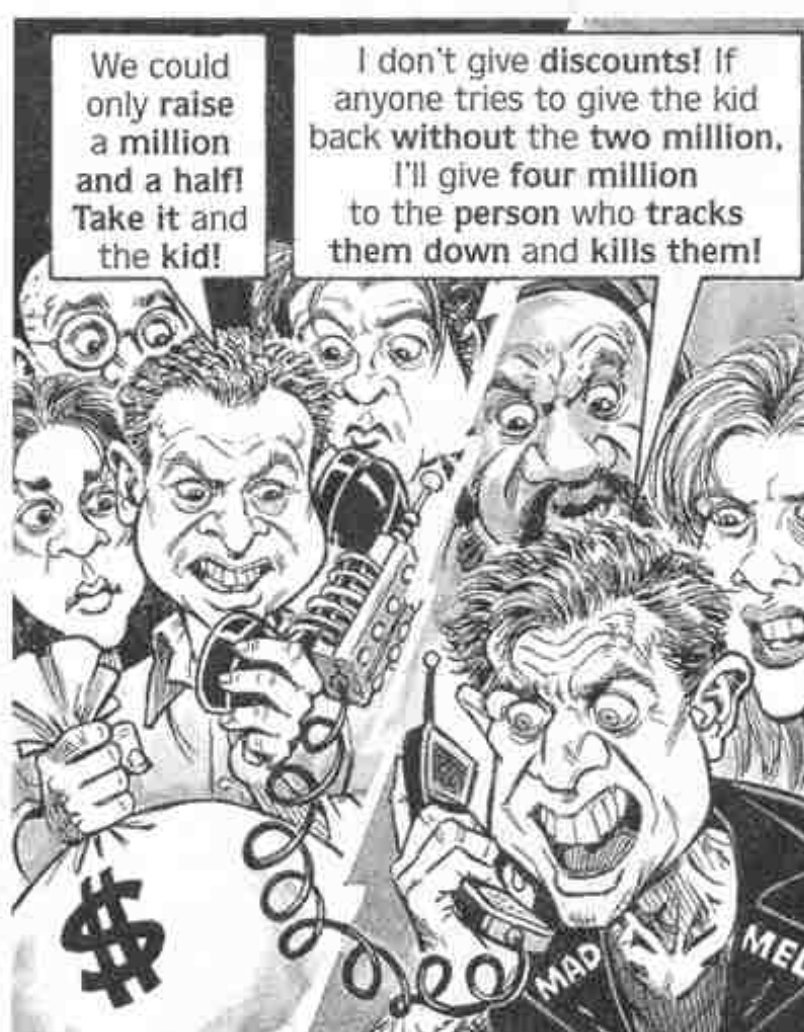
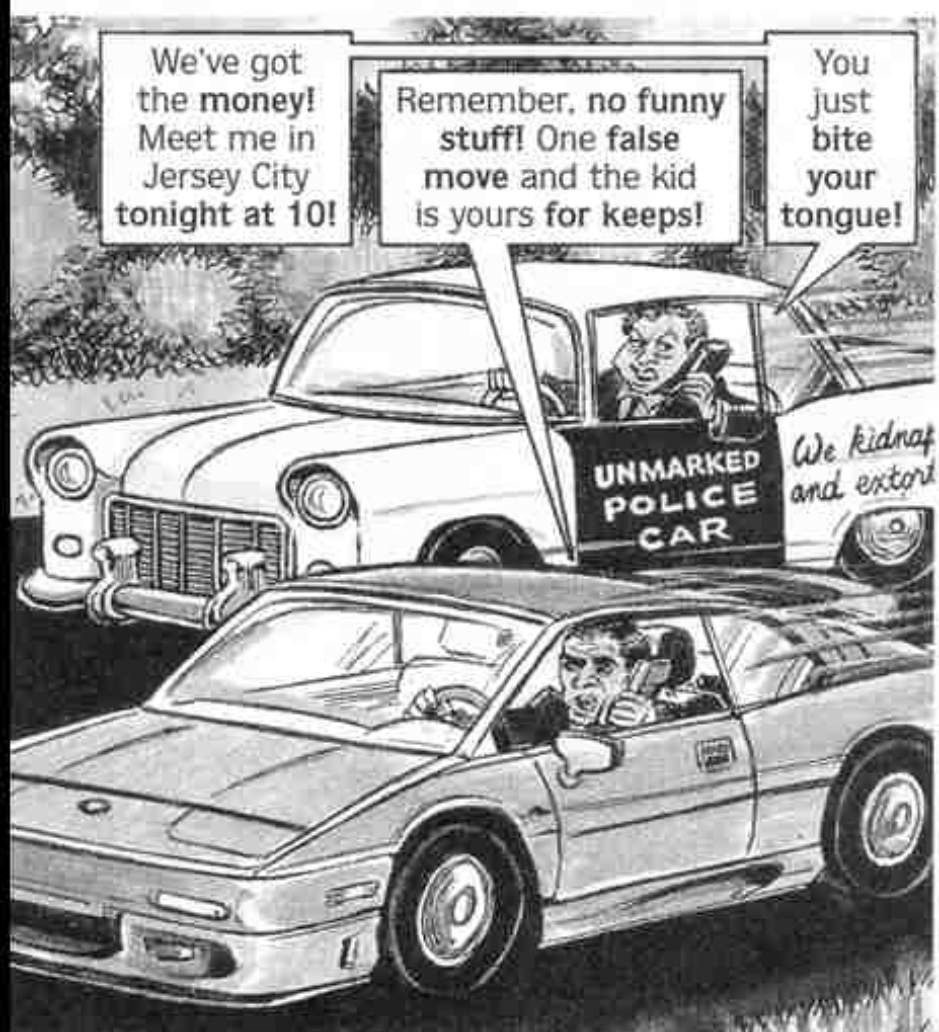
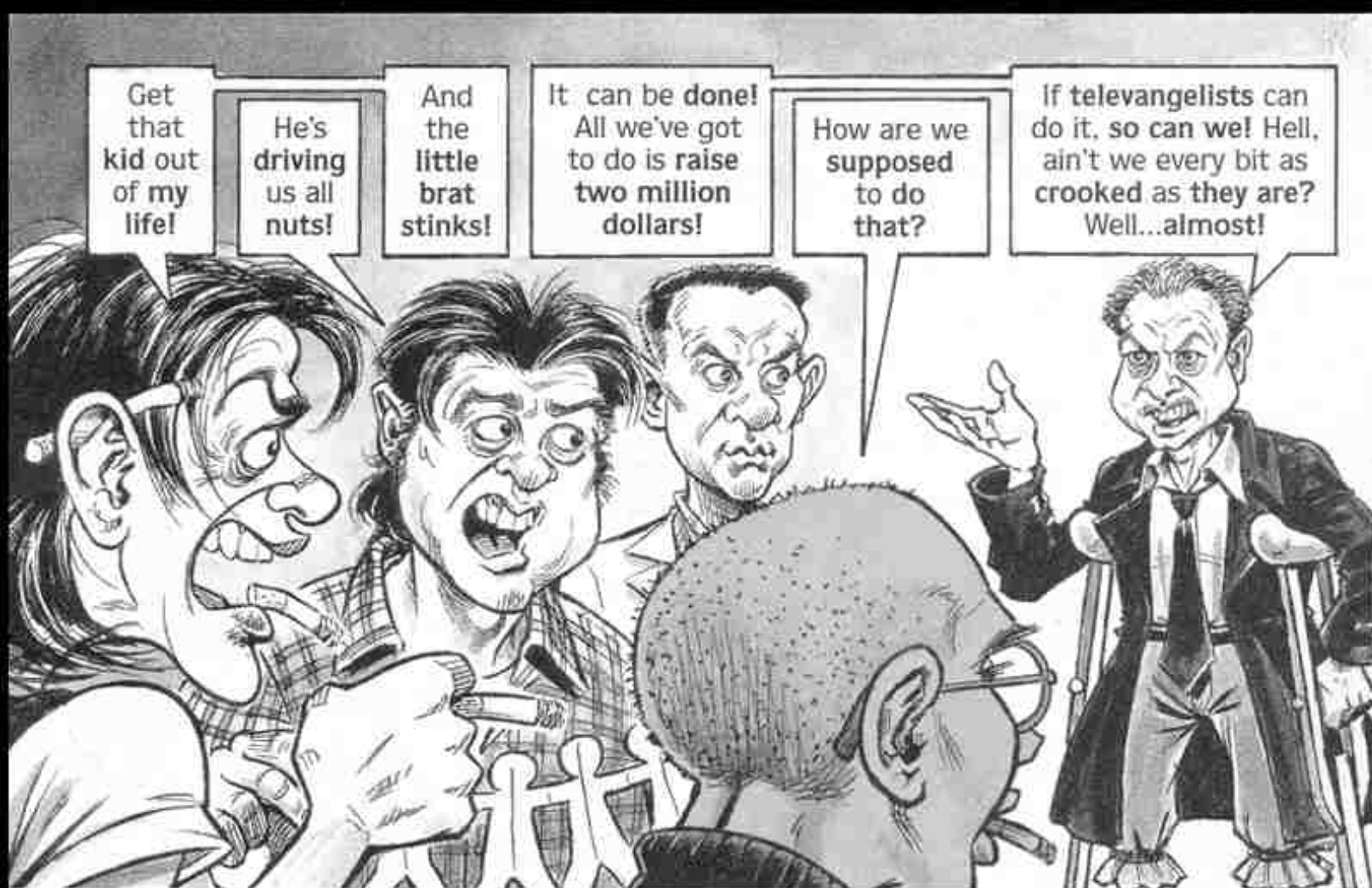
Stop repeating everything I say!

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I HATE YOUR SMELLY LITTLE GUTS!!!

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SALUTING THE FLAB DEPT.

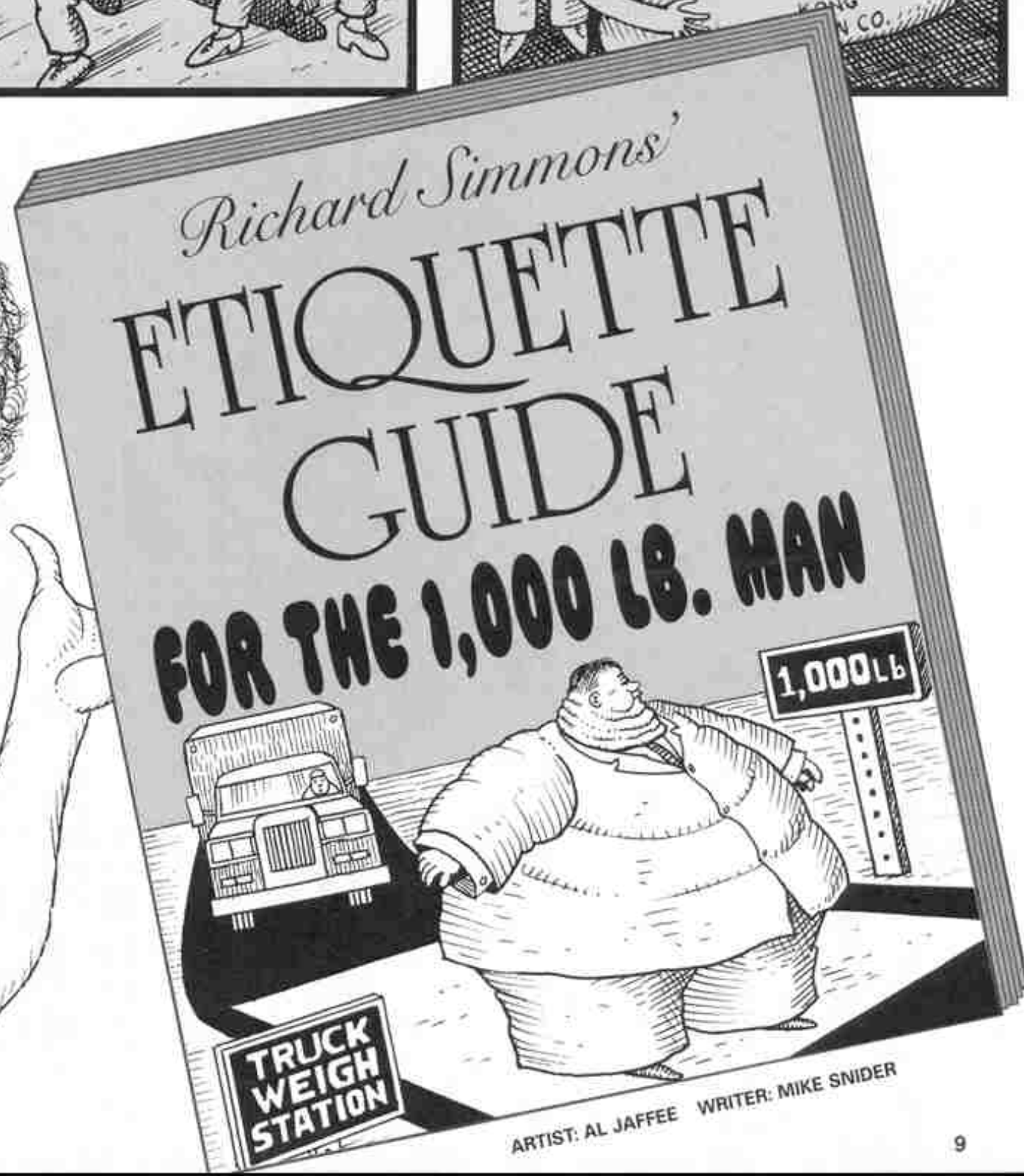
Hi, hi, hi! Fitness Guru **Richard Simmons** here! You know me for my annoying **Deal-A-Meal** commercials, embarrassing-to-watch **Sweatin' To The Oldies** videos and schticky **David Letterman** appearances that make **Calvert DeForest** seem like a great **Shakespearean** actor!



You may also have seen me last year in the news, when one of my, er, "**friends**" ballooned up to over **1,000 pounds** and had to be **rushed** to the **hospital** through the **knocked-down front wall** of his living room!



How **tragic** and **embarrassing**! Not for him, **for me**! I have a **reputation** to **uphold**! One that depends on helping people to **LOSE** weight, not gain the **equivalent** of a **Buick Skylark**! So, how could he do such a **rude** and **thoughtless** thing, making me look so **bad**! Simple! Like so many **super-porkers** he just **doesn't** know **better**! Which is why I'm introducing...



ARTIST: AL JAFFEE WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

When getting out of the house, it is customary to tip the forklift operator!



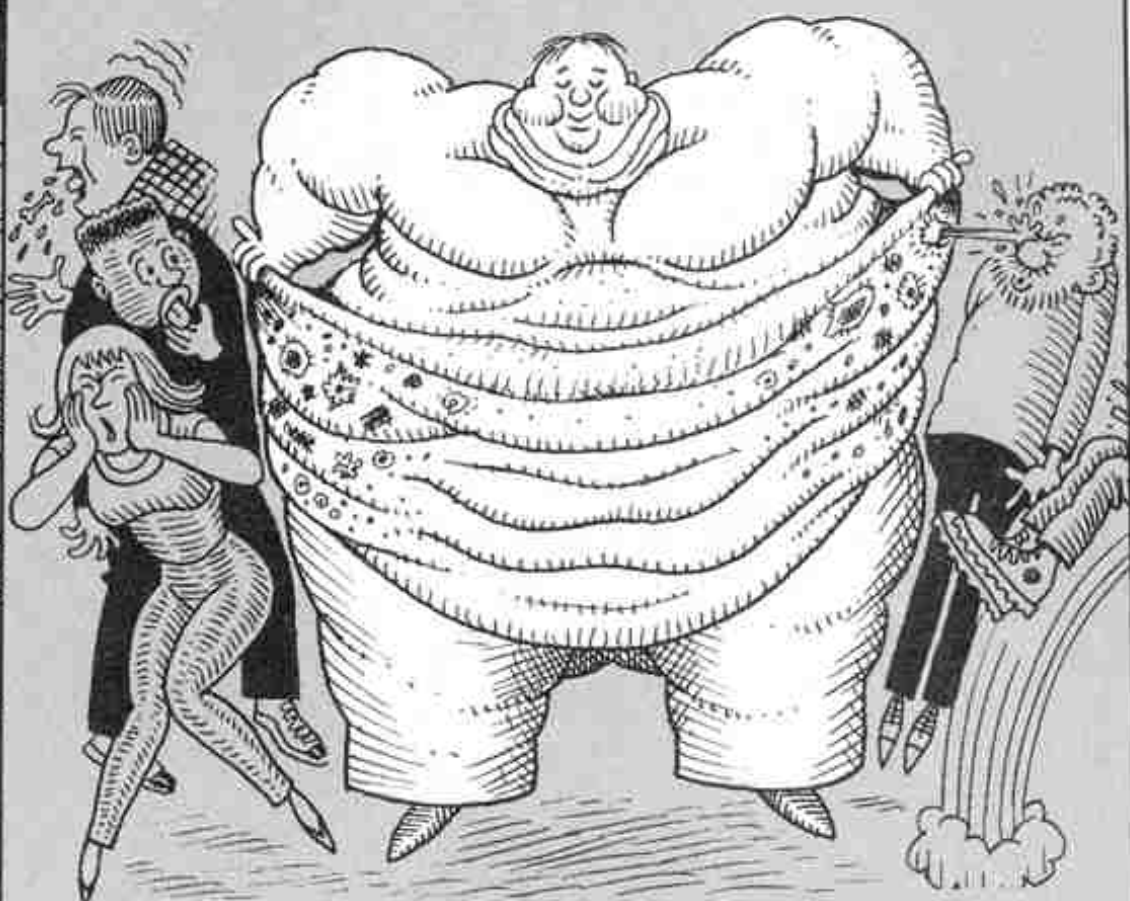
After passing gas, make use of the 20 to 30 seconds it will take to rumble through all your skin folds to warn guests that it's coming!



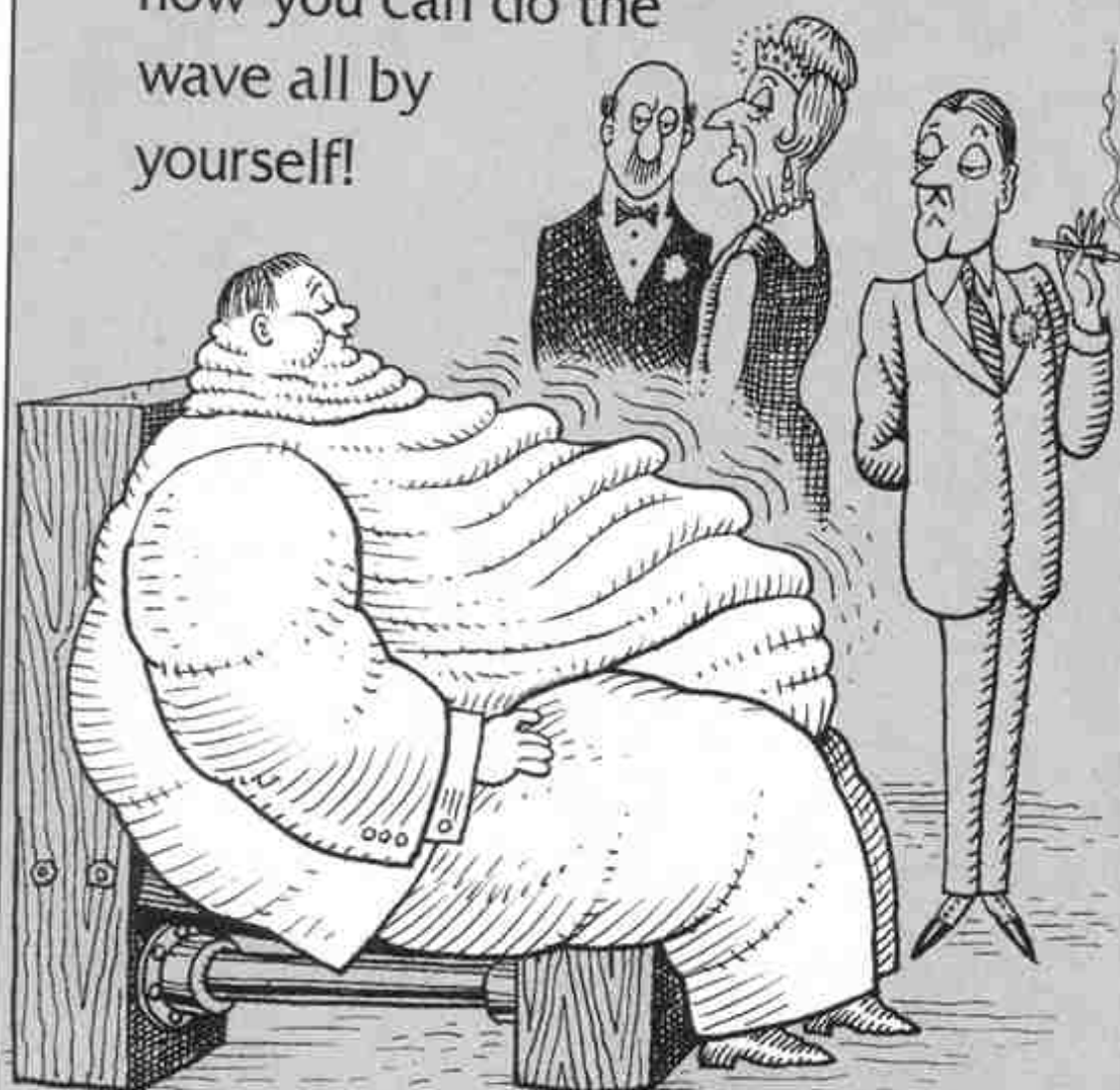
It is impolite to take the last side of beef without first offering to split it with the other diners!



Even if you are proud of them, showing off your collection of bedsores, rashes and skin ulcers is considered very tacky!



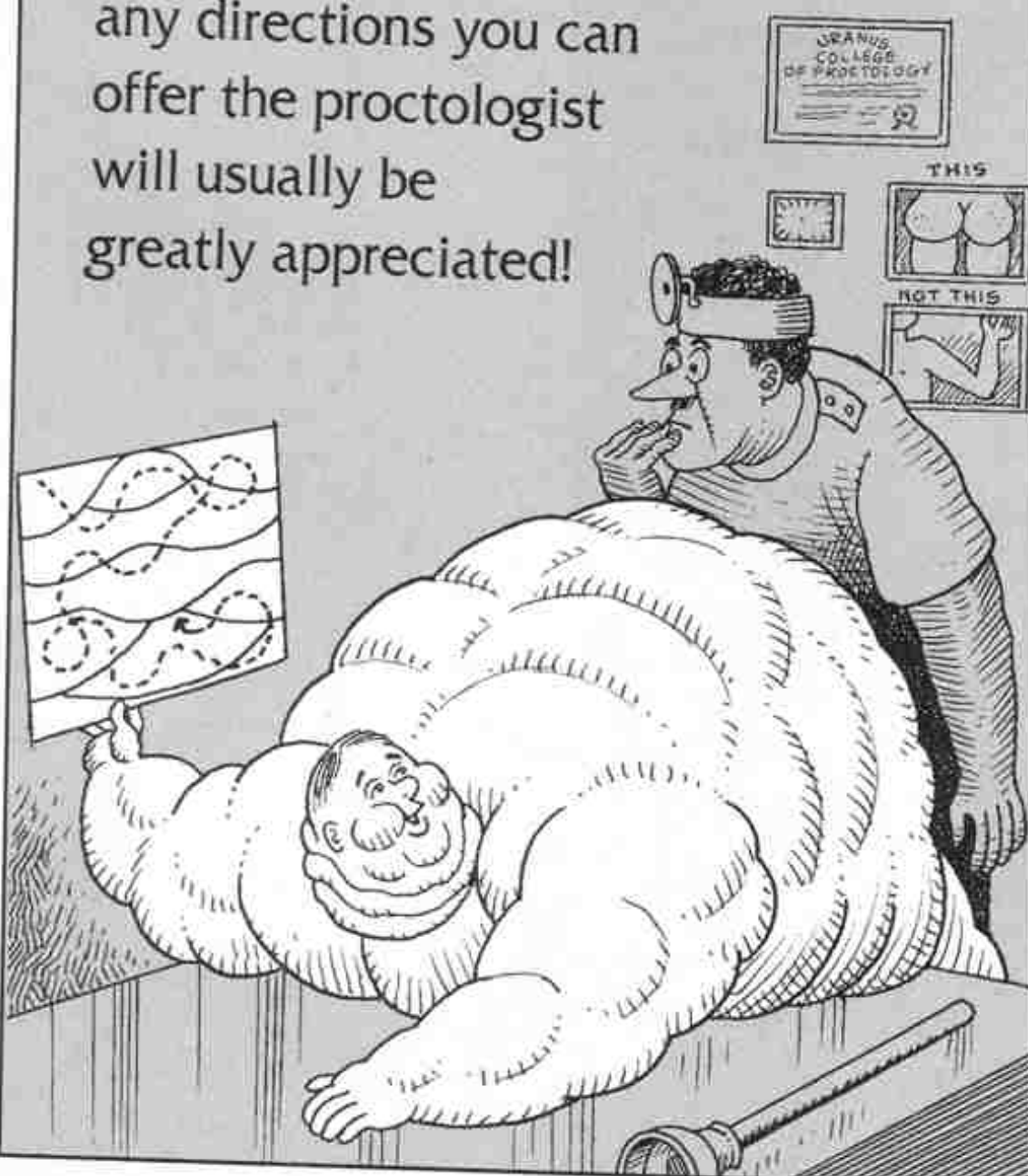
Unless specifically requested, refrain from demonstrating how you can do the wave all by yourself!



The truly thoughtful 1,000 lb. man checks his surroundings regularly before any pets or small children turn up missing!



During physical exams, any directions you can offer the proctologist will usually be greatly appreciated!



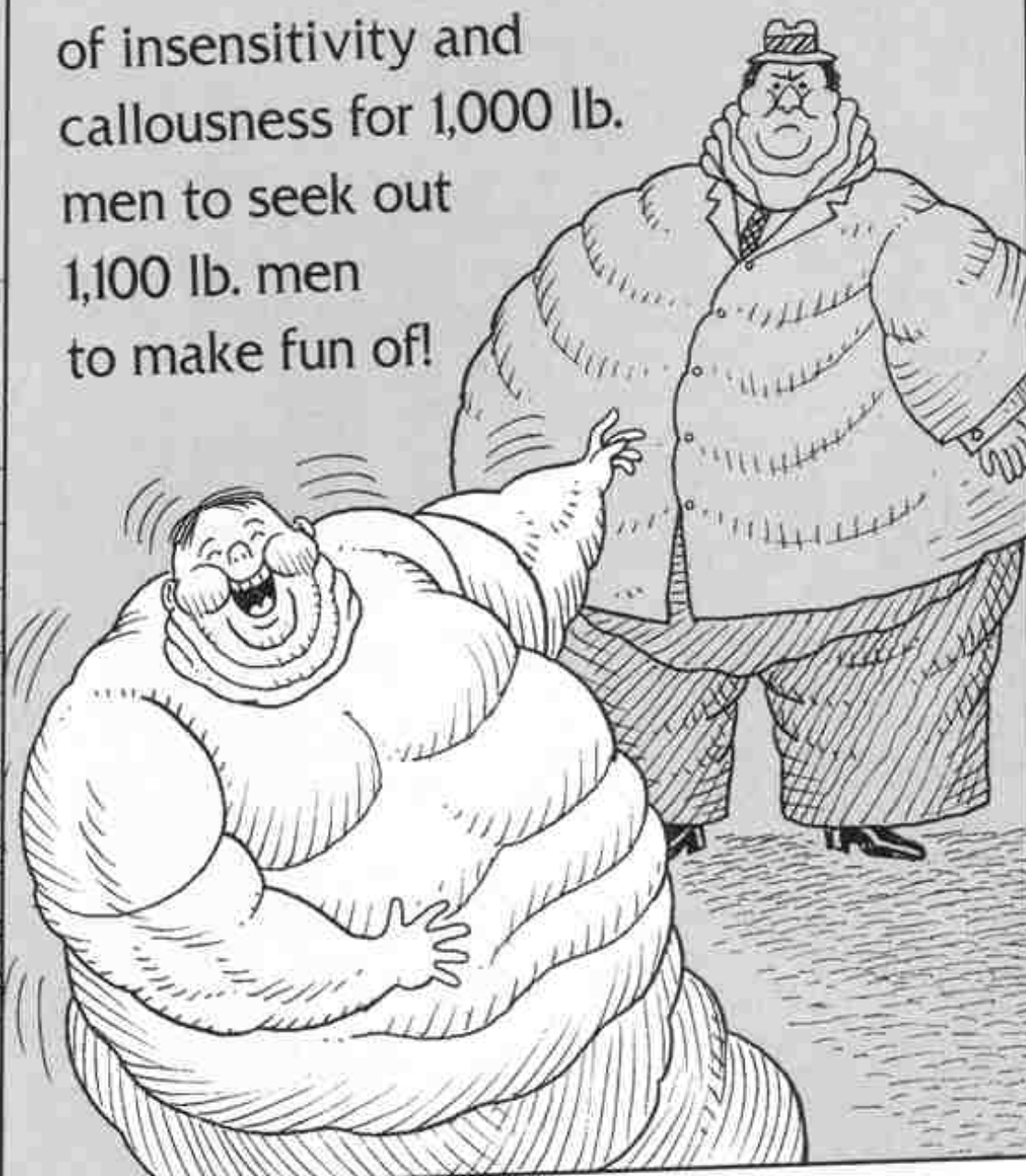
It defeats the purpose of Deal-A-Meal to buy several decks and deal them out of a Las Vegas-style shoe!



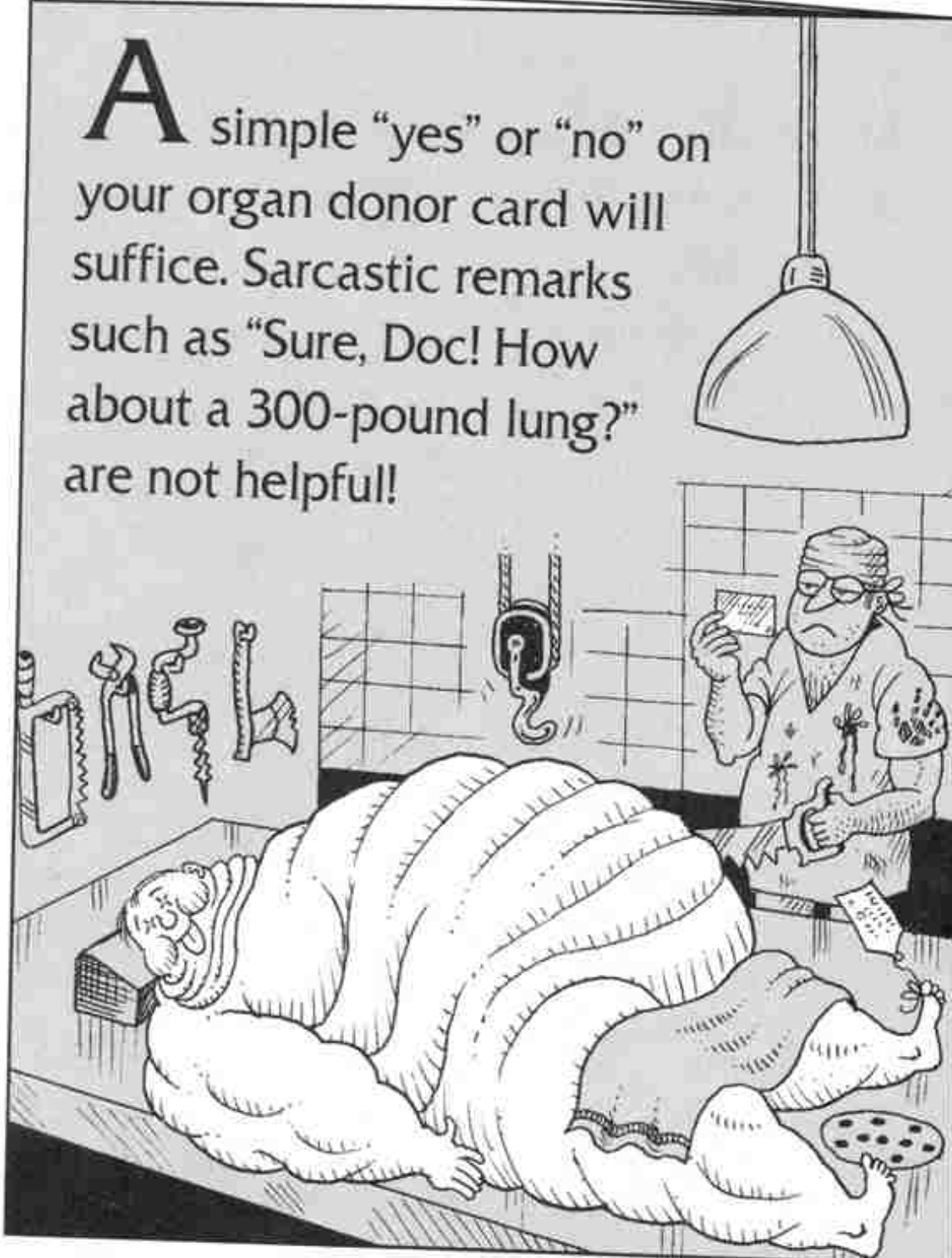
In any emergency at sea, the gallant 1,000 lb. man offers himself as a flotation device!



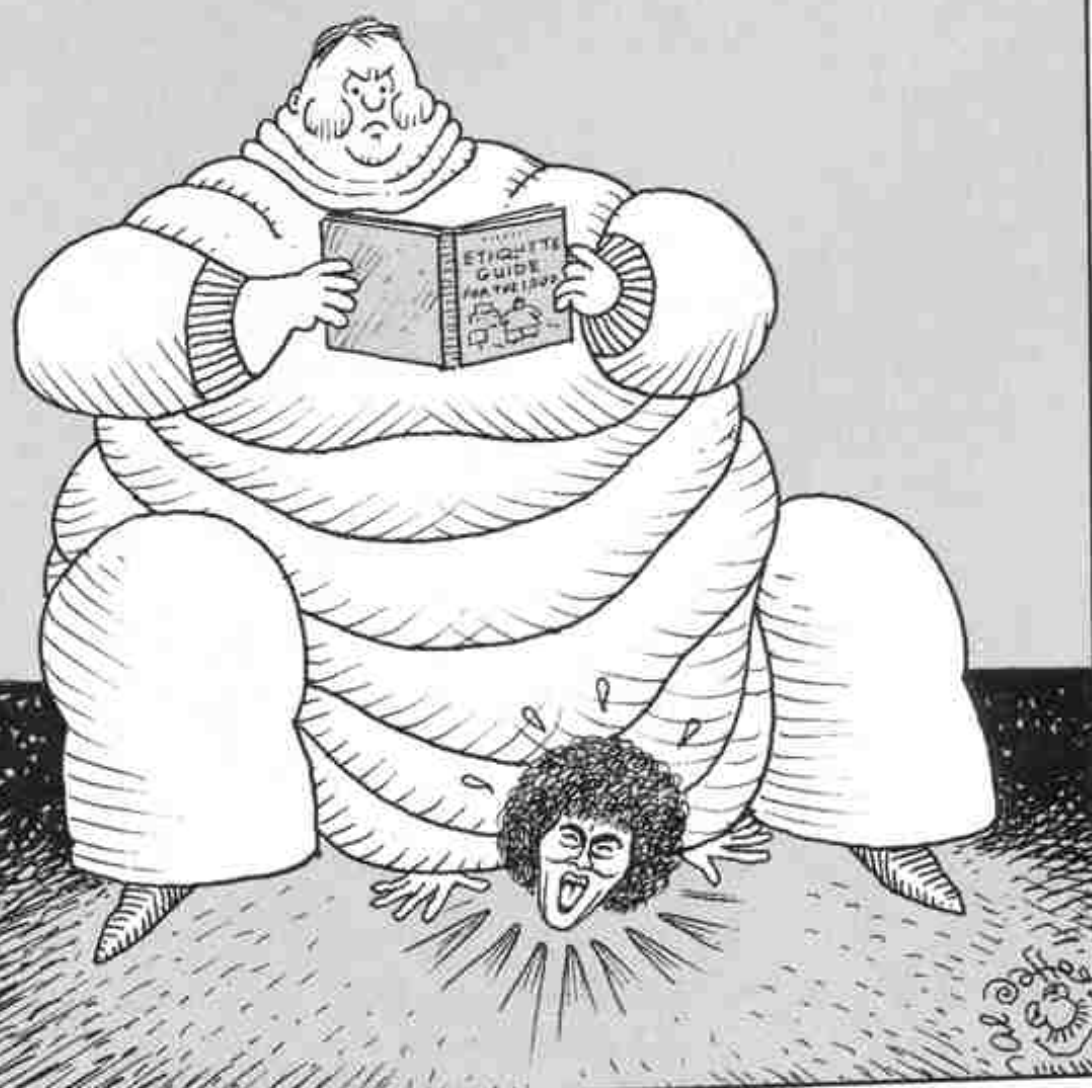
It is considered the height of insensitivity and callousness for 1,000 lb. men to seek out 1,100 lb. men to make fun of!



A simple "yes" or "no" on your organ donor card will suffice. Sarcastic remarks such as "Sure, Doc! How about a 300-pound lung?" are not helpful!



Even if you find this book offensive, it is bad form to weigh in heavily against the author!

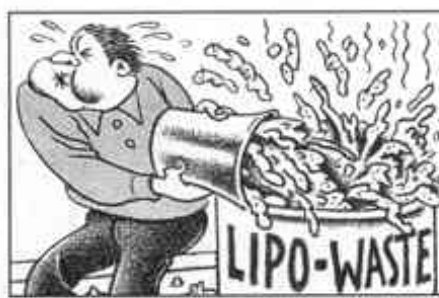


THE FRIGHT STUFF DEPT.

The things
growing in
Lenny
Kravitz's
hair!



The waste
storage
facility
at a
liposuc-
tion clinic!



The number
of times
we've milked
this lousy
premise into
three pages!



Each, in its own way, a terrifying notion! But if you think **THOSE** things make your flesh crawl and your face turn whiter than Richard Simmons' creamy inner thighs, wait until you read...

EVEN MORE CHILLING THOUGHTS

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



The type of person who would spend five hours downloading a nude photo of Teri Hatcher is exactly the type of person whose sex life would be completely destroyed by carpal tunnel syndrome.

Thanks to political correctness, if Shakespeare were writing today he'd have to disguise himself as a lesbian Eskimo just to make it onto most college reading lists.



There are circus groupies who beg the clowns they seduce to "please, please, leave the makeup on."



Dial both numbers at the same time, and the mattress will probably arrive at your house before the ambulance.



To make sure your inflatable love woman is totally safe for use, it must have been, uh, tested at the factory.



After receiving your college diploma, it will take you 53,808 hours of working at Burger King to pay off your student loan.



The scientist who developed the artificial heart for all mankind won't make nearly as much this year as Howard Stern's flunky monkey, Baba-Booeey.



If our schools allow a moment of prayer, silent reflection, or whatever you want to call it, American kids will fall another minute further behind the Japanese each day.



Right now, a Broadway producer is *thisclose* to greenlighting "Unabomber: the Musical."

37% of all Americans know how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. 94% of them know how to perform the Macarena.



If Elvis is any indication, it's only a matter of weeks before the first wave of Kurt Cobain impersonators hits the Vegas nightclub circuit.



Marrying Michael Jackson is only seventh on the list of the most unstable things ever done by a Presley.

With John Wayne Gacy paintings and Charles Manson CDs doing brisk business, every no-talent hack in the country may decide that mass murder is the perfect artistic career move.



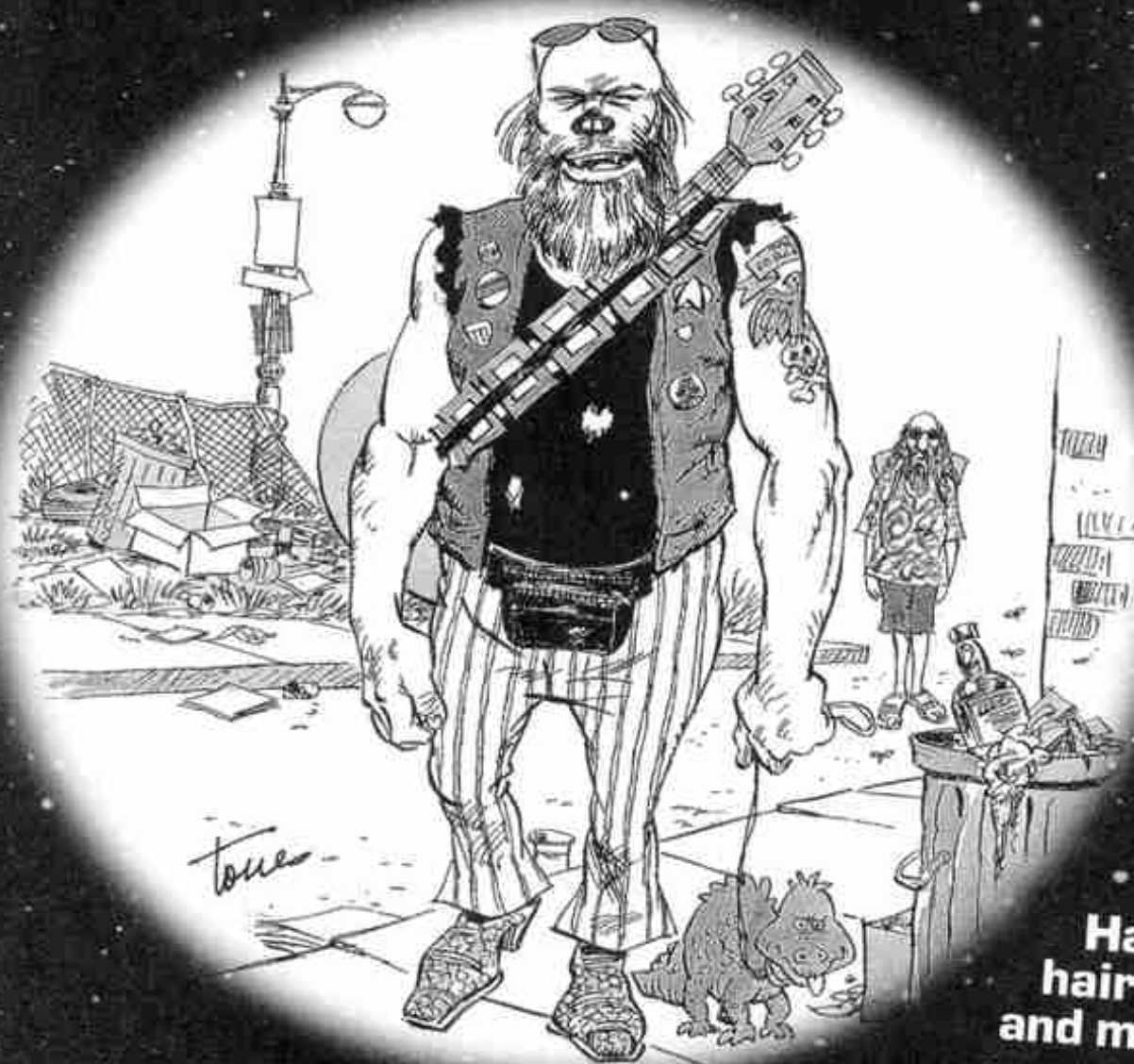
There's no money in the federal budget for keeping translucent sludge out of our rivers, but there's just enough to help fund Indiana's Dan Quayle Center and Museum.



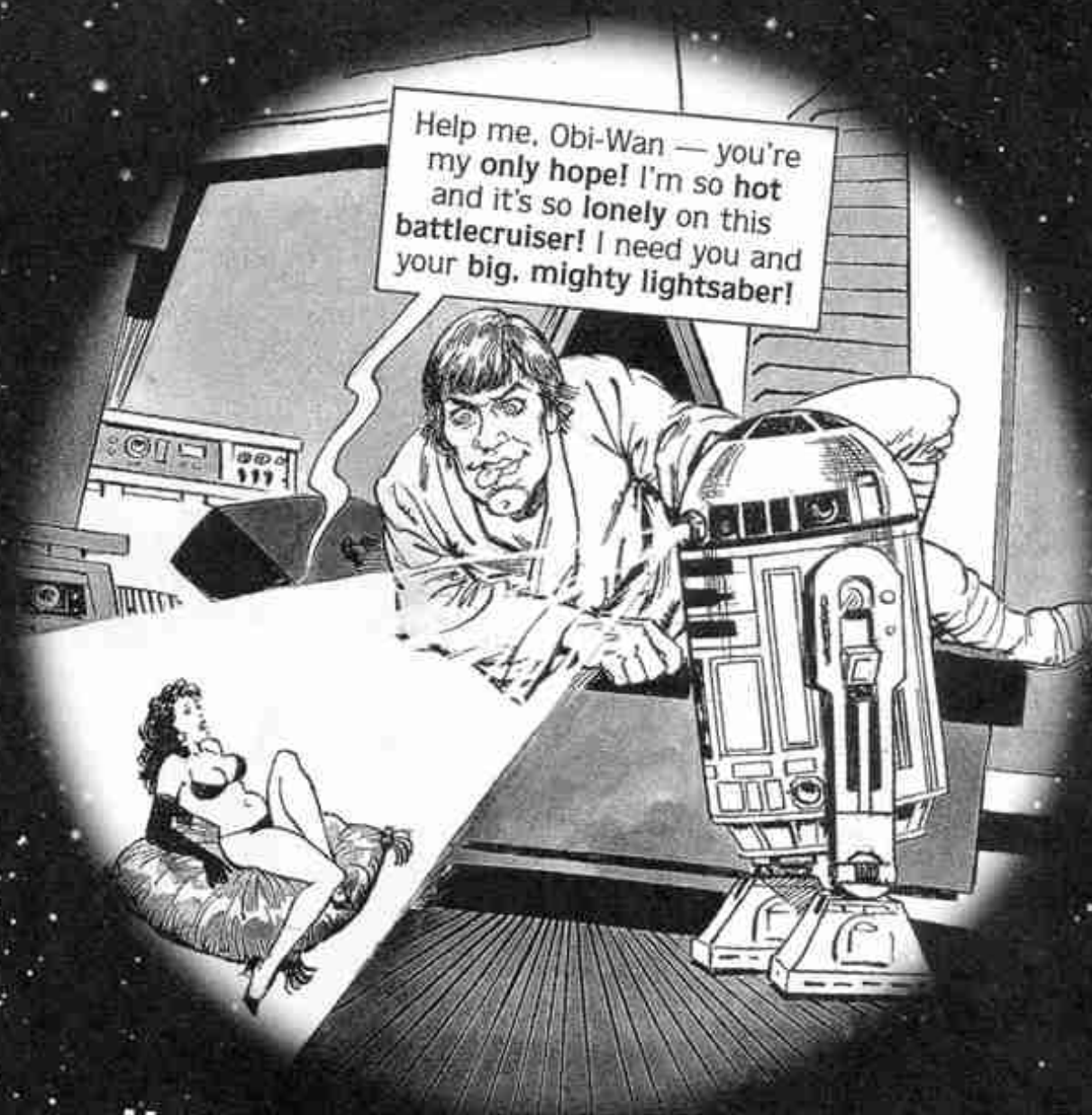
**TRYING TO RECAPTURE THAT OLD
INDUSTRIAL LIGHT AND MAGIC DEPT.**

Next spring, George Lucas is releasing a version of his *Star Wars* trilogy that boasts computer-enhanced graphics, digitally re-mastered sound and never-before-seen clips from all three movies! In other words, he's going to make the lightsabers orange instead of red, turn up the bass on the soundtrack and add three minutes of scenes that should have stayed on the cutting room floor! Too bad, because Lucas had a golden opportunity to make the *Star Wars* trilogy much more *au courant*! Instead of sitting at his ranch counting up the profits from action figure sales, maybe our buddy George could have taken our suggestions for...

UPDATING STAR WARS FOR THE FUTURE



Have Chewbacca shave his body hair, get a tattoo, pierce his nose and move to the East Village!



Have Luke Skywalker use R2-D2 to gain access to cyber-porn!

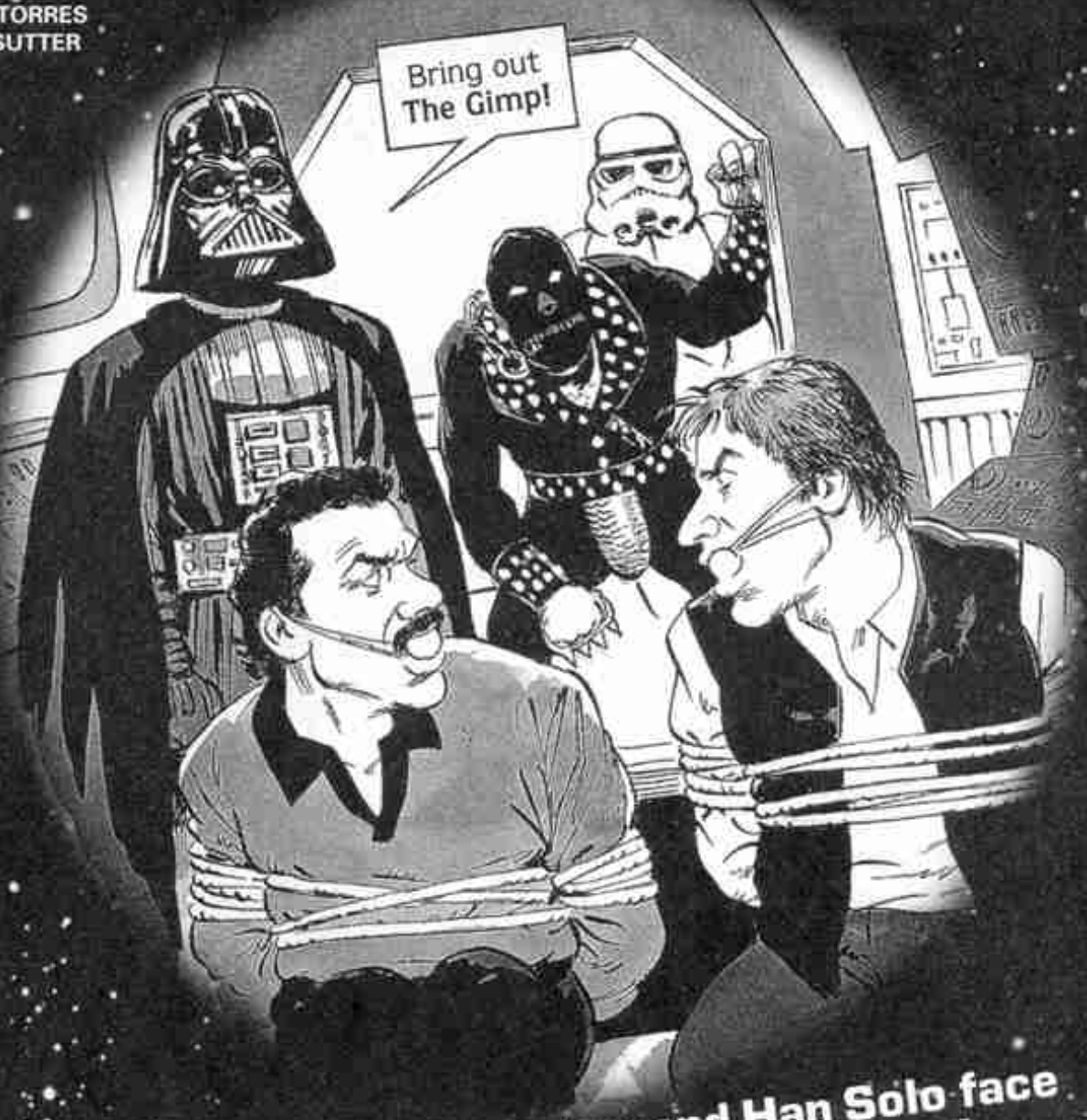


Instead of "May the Force Be With You," change the *Star Wars* slogan to something a little more contemporary!

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES
WRITER: LARRY SUTTER



Have the whole gang hang out in a galactic coffee shop, and give them all haircuts like the cast of *Friends*!



Have Lando Calrissian and Han Solo face some *Pulp Fiction*-style torture!



Have Princess Leia perform a lap dance on Jabba the Hutt — assuming she can find his lap!



Turn Yoda into a foul-mouthed couch potato who calls everyone "asswipe" and "butt-munch"!

I CAN'T BREATHE!!



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A MAD LOOK AT

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



CIGAR SMOKING







MAY THE FORCE BEAT WITH YOU DEPT.

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Hola, los readers! I'm Señor George Lucas, creator of the legendary *Star Wars* movies! This year is the trilogy's 20th anniversary, and I'm cashing in el big-time-o by introducing Luke and the gang to a whole new generation of los gullible fans! And what better way to do it than to ride on the jalapeno-hot coattails of the most popular dance since The Lambada (the forbidden dance of love)! So, grab hold of your lightsaber and feel the Force, as we sing the...

Obi-Wan Kenobi, he get by
on Jedi pension!
He now suffer from arthritis -
constipation not to mention!
Try to use El Force-o, brain
all dried up like adobe!
HEY, BEN KENOBI!

Flyboy is Han Solo, hot to
jump on Princess Leia!
But Leia, she play hardball,
never give him time of day-a!
Han no give a damn - soon
Indy Jones his primo role-o!
HEY, FLYBOY SOLO!

Dark Side turn Darth Vader
into deep-space Dr. Death-o!
He turn off Rebels plenty
with his wheezy morning breath-o!
Whole planets he wipe out -
no one to stop him like Ralph Nader!
HEY, EL LORD VADER!

Wookie El Chewbacca show off
shaggy Bigfoot torso!
He member of El Hair Club -
La Rogaine he now endorso!
Han Solo, he comprende
- Wookie lingo mucho screwy!
HEY, SEÑOR CHEWY!

Bimbo Princess Leia she play
hard to get, by golly!
When she strip down to her skivvies,
she one very hot tamale!
Mucho kicks she gets when men
they bow down, and obey-a!
HEY, PRINCESS LEIA!

I THINK
WE'RE DOING
THE LAMBADA.



TAR WARS A C A R E N A

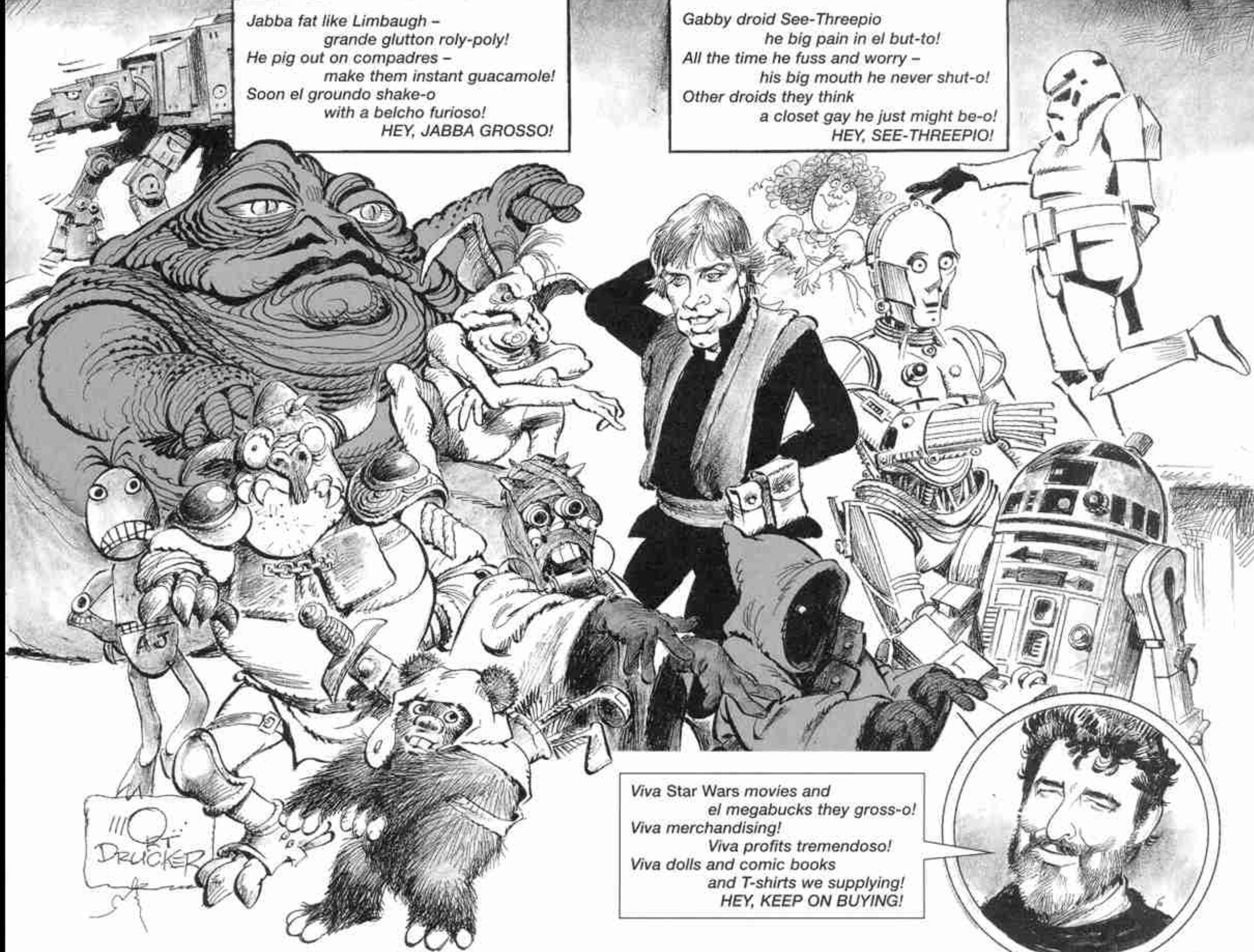
Jedi maestro Yoda he
no bigger than a taco!
Come across like drop-out Muppet –
ears he steal from Mr. Spock-o!
Lives on distant planet –
no one sure of his Zip Code-a!
HEY, MAESTRO YODA!

Luke-o all shook up when
learn Darth Vader is his padre!
Find out Leia she his sister –
hope that Jabba not his madre!
Mucho stupefied like gringo
bombed out on Sambucco!
HEY, SEÑOR LUKE-O!

Robot Artoo-Deetoo he
computer mucho grande!
So smart that even
Windows 95 he understande!
Glad to show you cyber-porn
once price you both agree to!
HEY, ARTOO-DEETO!

Jabba fat like Limbaugh –
grande glutton roly-poly!
He pig out on compadres –
make them instant guacamole!
Soon el groundo shake-o
with a belcho furioso!
HEY, JABBA GROSSO!

Gabby droid See-Threepio
he big pain in el but-to!
All the time he fuss and worry –
his big mouth he never shut-o!
Other droids they think
a closet gay he just might be-o!
HEY, SEE-THREEPIO!

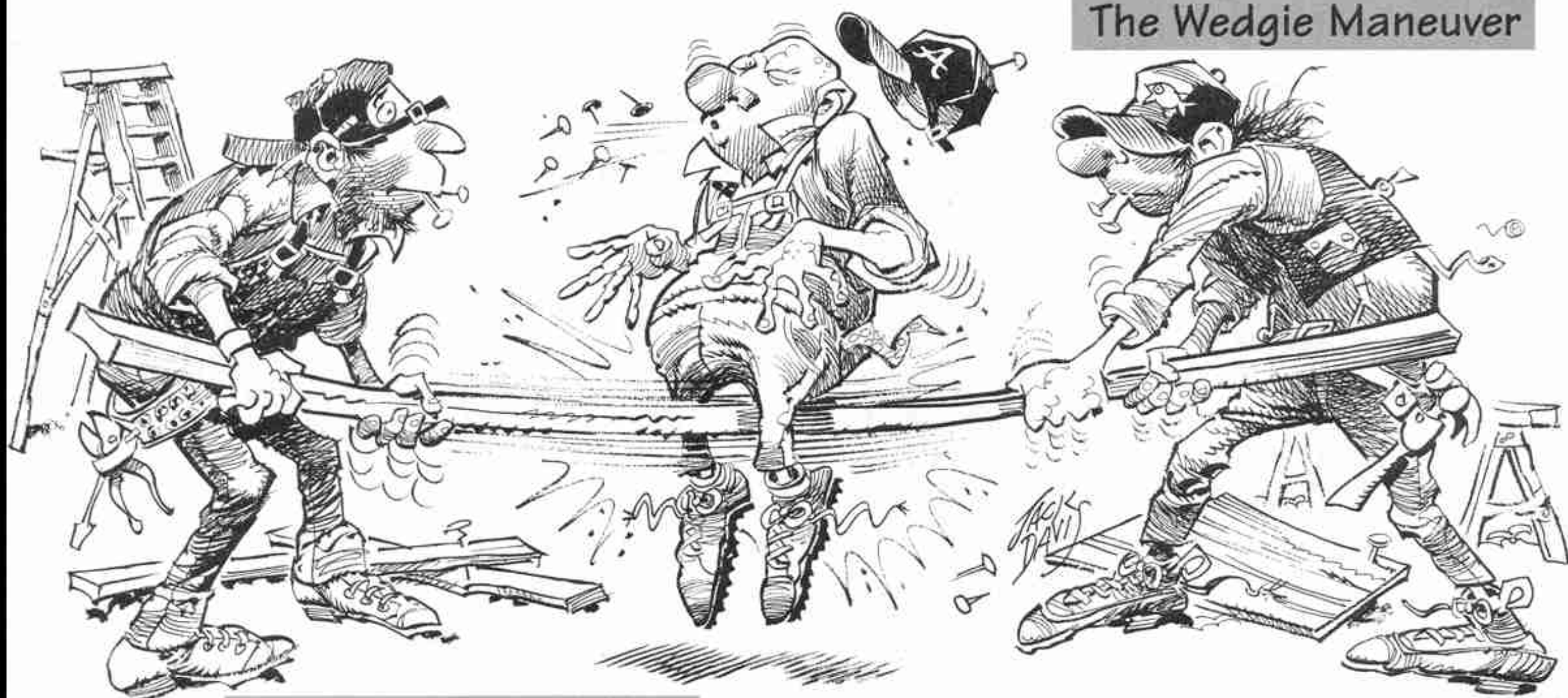


Viva Star Wars movies and
el megabucks they gross-o!
Viva merchandising!
Viva profits tremendosi!
Viva dolls and comic books
and T-shirts we supplying!
HEY, KEEP ON BUYING!

Whenever you hear the words "choke artist," who comes to mind first? 1986 World Series goat Bill Buckner? Well, yeah, but we didn't mean that kind of choke! The Boston Strangler? Um...closer — sick, but closer! Henry Jay Heimlich, inventor of the Heimlich Maneuver? Bingo! But while Mr. Heimlich's creation has meant that we can enjoy a tasty dish of chicken bones and gristle without fear, there are a lot of ugly, fat, sweaty choking people out there who we don't want to wrap our arms around and thrust! That's why we've come up with these...

ALTERNATIVES TO THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER

The Wedgie Maneuver



The Roadkill Maneuver



The Hoover Maneuver



The Dirty Harry Maneuver



The Wrestlemania Maneuver



The Wagner Maneuver



The Madonna Maneuver



The Koufax Maneuver



The Curly Maneuver



LEADERSHIP

...and remember this above all! Football is more than a game! It's the best education you can get in becoming your own man! You'll learn to **develop initiative** and make **split-second decisions!**



Now go out there and don't do anything except what I tell you to do!



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTS

SERVICE

Hey, idiot waiter! How about a little service in this dump?

I'm sorry, sir! What seems to be your problem?



You creeps are my problem! Here I am trying to make a good impression on this bimbo and you brainless wonders are spoiling everything!



MODERN POETRY



R SIDE OF...

JUSTICE

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG



TECHNOLOGY



LONGEVITY



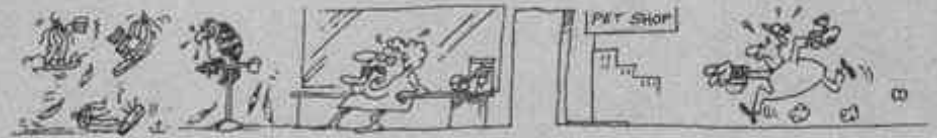
THERAPY



PRIVACY



ECONOMICS



I'm conducting a survey for my social studies class project! Where does your family fit on the financial ladder?

Well, judging by the way my mother complains about not being able to afford a new washing machine, I guess we're not high-income!

And hearing the way my father complains about how much it's costing to keep my brother in college and us not being qualified for any assistance programs would mean we're not a low-income family!

So put me down for middle-class!

CONSIDERATION

What could be more serious than a bad hair day?!

You sure stayed in the shower a long time! I hope this time you left some hot water for me!

Of course I did, Mitch!

You'll find it in a cup on the shelf next to the shampoo!

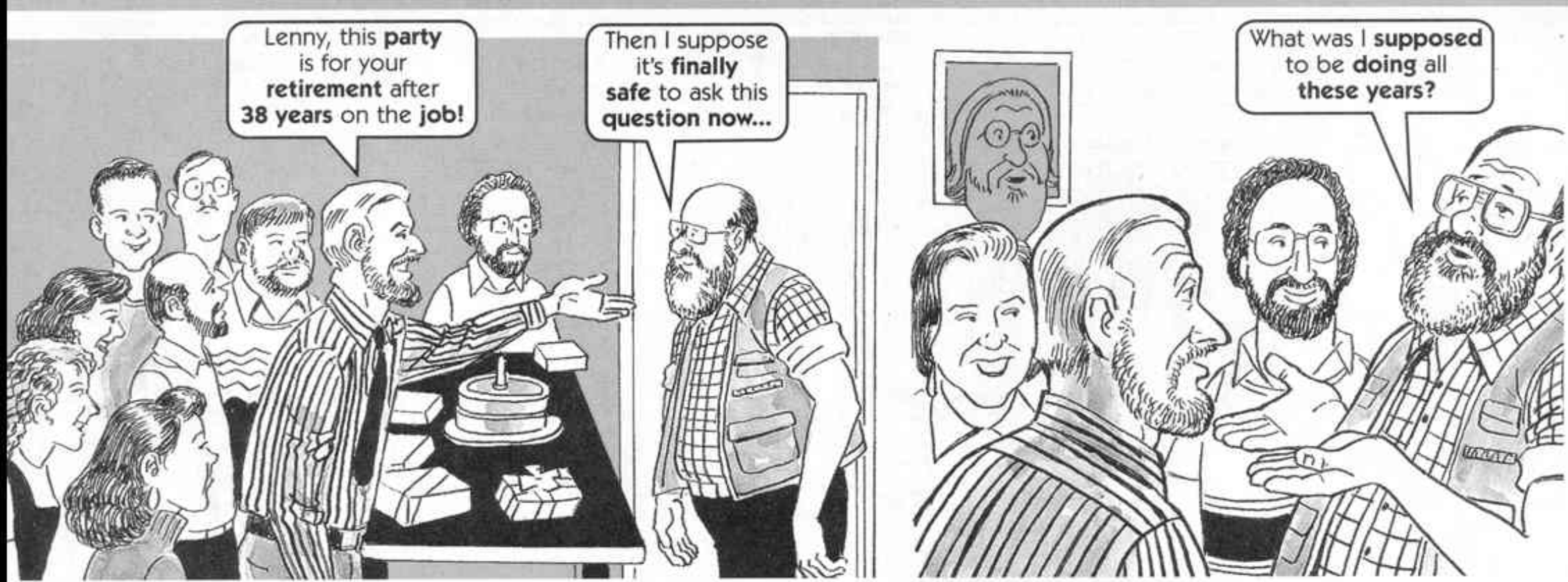
GUN LAWS

I tell you, this waiting period before they let you buy a gun is a pain in the butt!

They have to do it in order to check out whether or not the person who's buying it is the criminal type! So did you fill out an application?

No way, pal! I stole it!

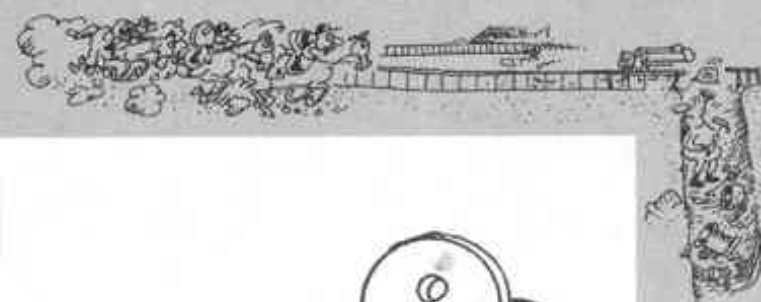
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PLANNING



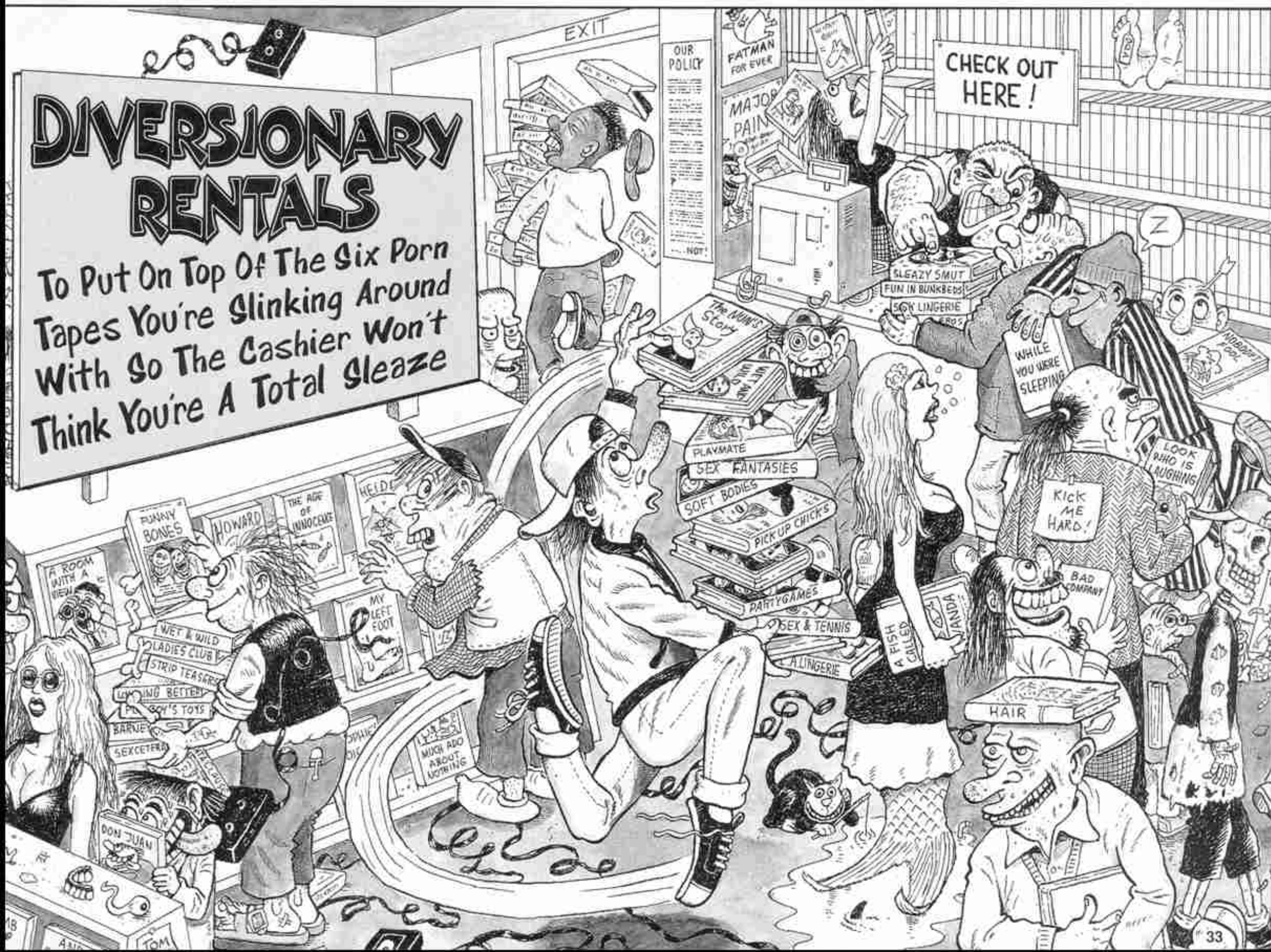
DOCTORS



Don't you hate when you walk into your video store and the movies are grouped into useless generic selections? By the stores' thinking, a classic like *The Silence of the Lambs* should be lumped in with the schlock like *Power Drill Maniacs*, under the all-encompassing category of "Horror"! Face it, video store shelves are organized about as well as the MAD offices — that is, not at all! The result: You pop your rental into the VCR and spend the night watching a lousy movie! You feel suckered! You feel duped! Dontcha wish video stores would find a way to tell you exactly what you're gonna get? Maybe one day, in a happier time, we'll have...

Tell-it-Like-It-Is VIDEO RENTAL CATEGORIES

WRITER: RUSS COOPER



FAMOUS ACTRESSES

In Embarrassing Nude Performances Before They Became Famous In Films

ANGRY BLACK
"IN THE HOOD" MOVIES
YOU WERE TOO
INTIMIDATED
TO ACTUALLY GO TO
A THEATRE AND SEE

EXTREMELY-USED MOVIES FOR SALE

(At A Savings Of About 5 Bucks)
That Gunk Up Your VCR
(At A Cost Of About 200 Bucks)

SPECIAL DIRECTOR'S CUT MOVIES
With About 10 Seconds Of
Dirty Stuff Added To
Trick You Into Wasting Money
On The Same Bomb Twice

SCIENCE FICTION

SUSPENSE

WAR

WESTERN

FLICKS That You Will Later Find Out Are On TV For Free Tonight

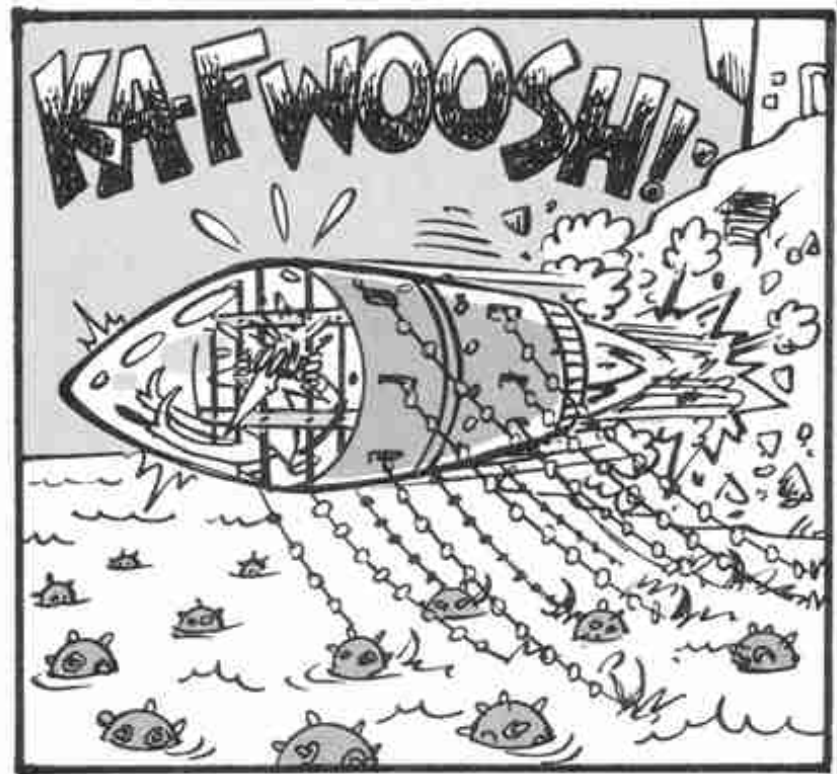
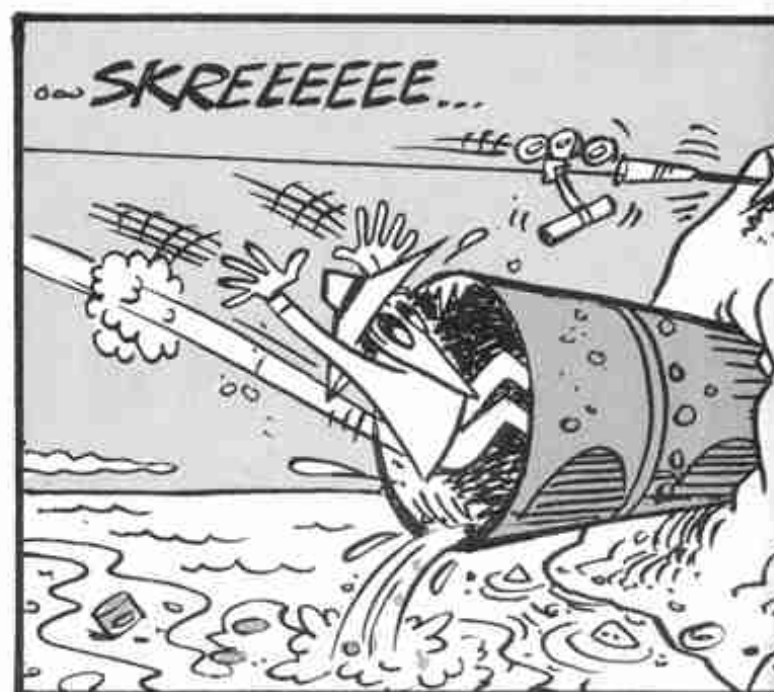
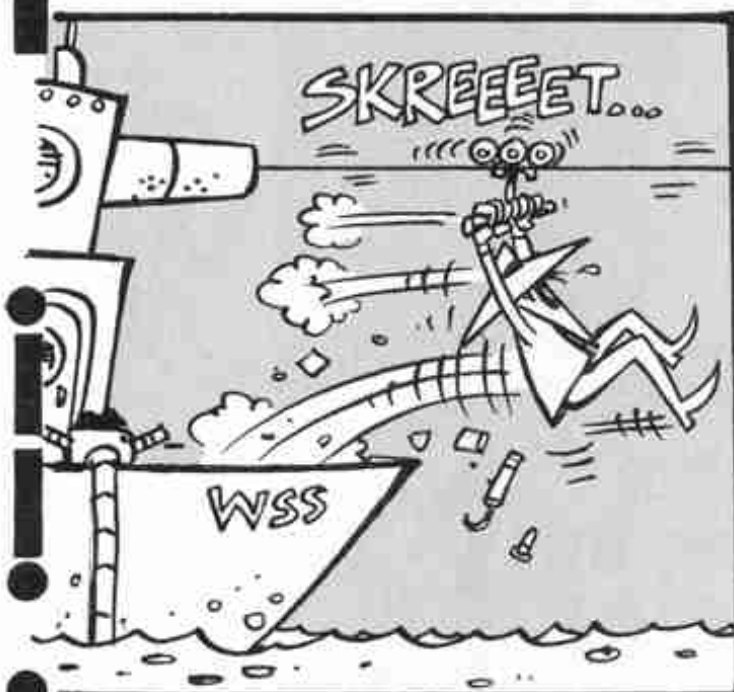
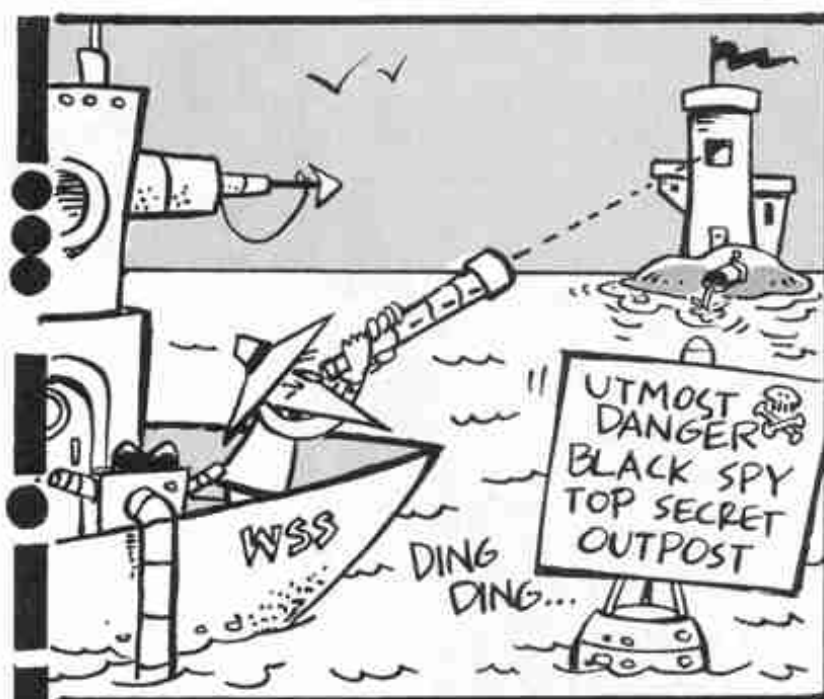
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
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Things You Didn't
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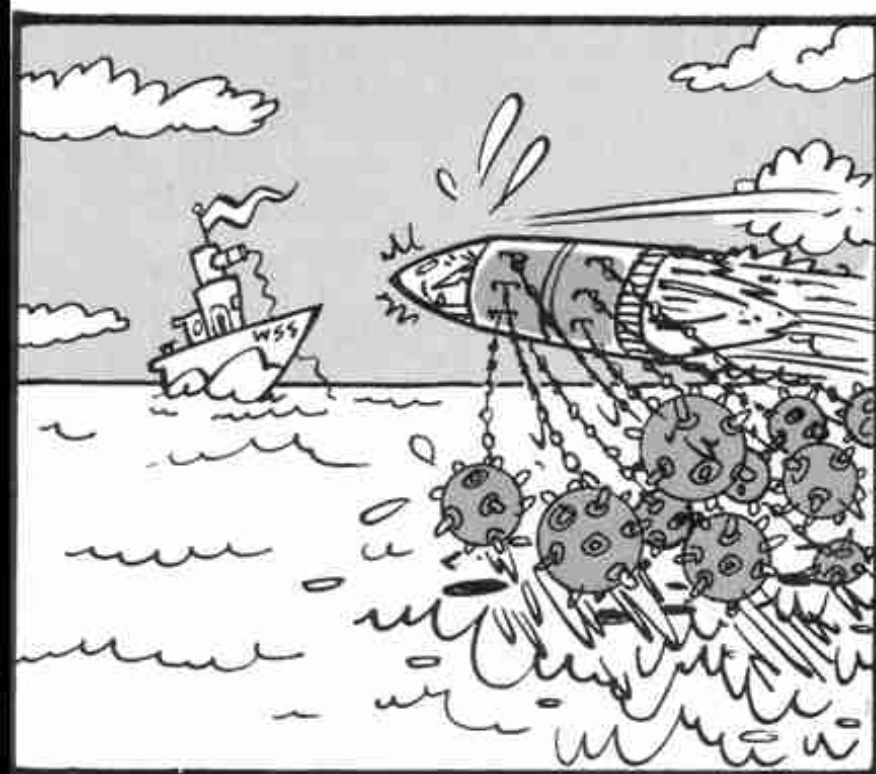
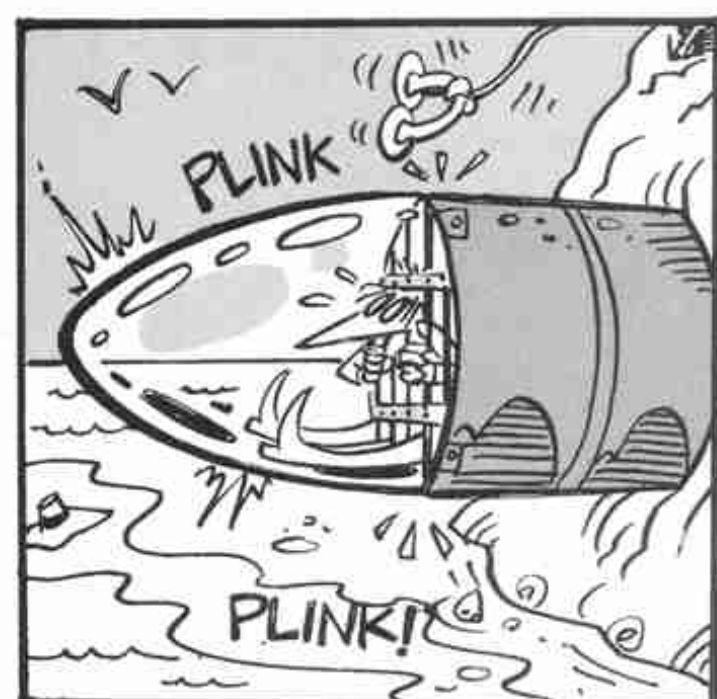
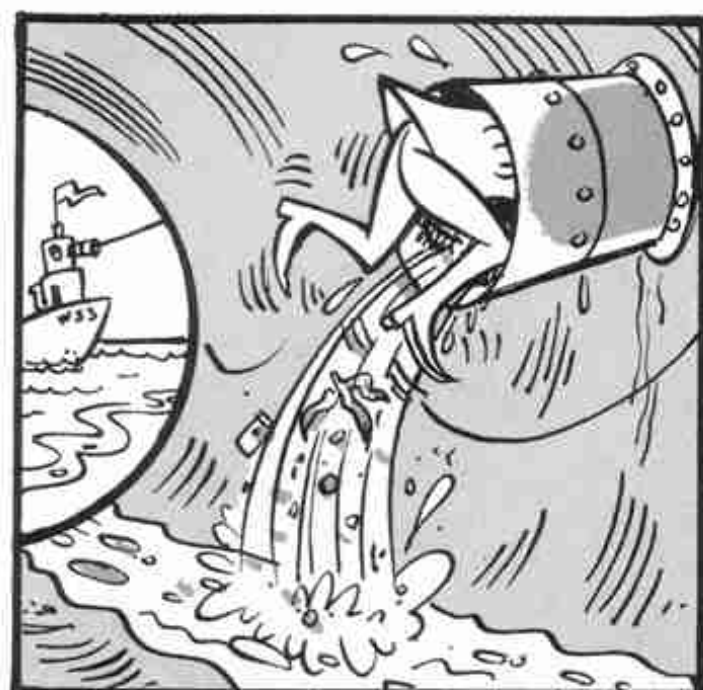
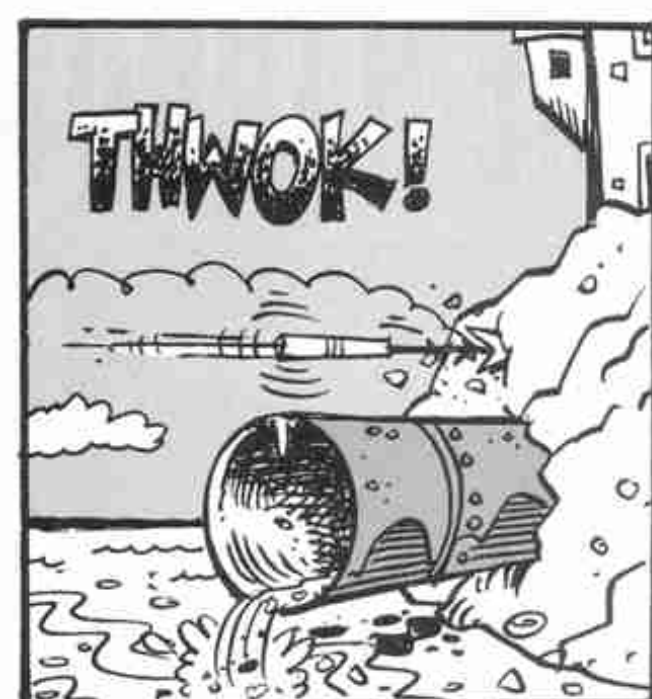
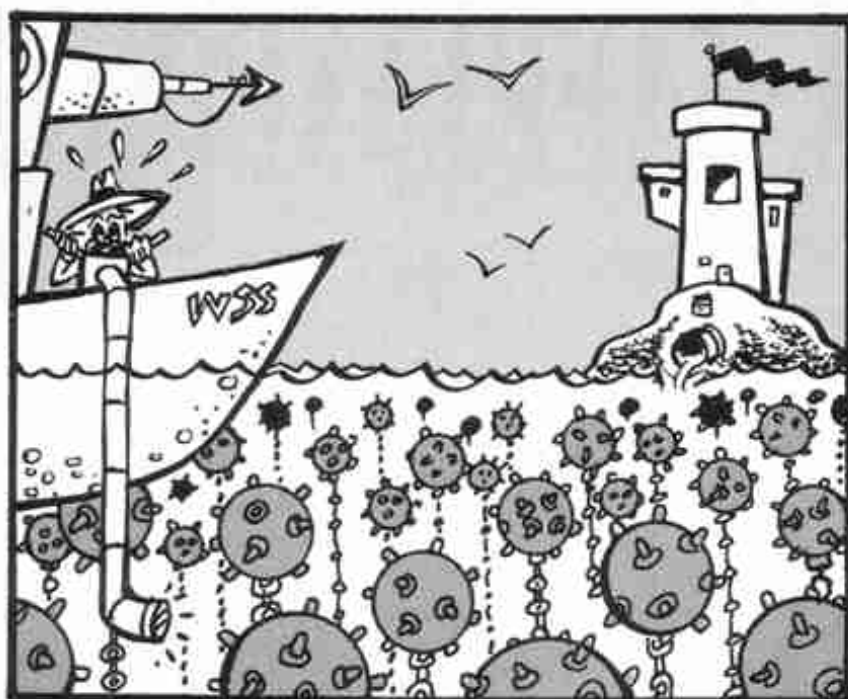
MOVIES

Made By People Who
Were Funny When They Were
On *SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE*,
But Who Couldn't Carry
A Full-Length Feature If
Their Life Depended On It

**CRAP YOU HAVE
TO RENT
BECAUSE ALL THE
GOOD STUFF
IS TAKEN**

**"EROTIC MYSTERY"
VIDEOS**
Where The Box Cover
Art Is Twenty Times
As Sexy As Anything
In The Actual Movie





When a filmmaker like George Lucas sets out to create a work that will bear his name, he has but one lofty goal, one higher plane he hopes to reach — making money! And lots of it! It's no surprise that a businessman like ol' George figured out that as good as his three *Star Wars* flicks were, the real dough is in the toys! So he licensed playsets and action figures that hop off the shelf faster than you can say "Mommy, I wanna Wookiee." But for every successful Millennium Falcon or Death Star toy, there were the lesser-knowns, the also-rans, the unwanted merchandising items like these...

STAR WARS PLAYSETS

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

ARTIST: JAMES WARHOLA

WRITER: DAVID SHAYNE



STAR WARS: THE FINAL FRONTIER

At first blush, it seemed like a good idea: combine the two most popular science fiction franchises in motion picture history — *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* — to create the ultimate toy spaceship, the Millennium Enterprise. But bringing these two unrelated universes together only confused and frustrated kids! Who commands the ship, they asked, Luke or Kirk? Is that load of blubber in Sick

Bay Jabba the Hutt or Scotty? Is that Kirk's real hair, or is Chewbacca shedding again? Who knows? Who cares? Certainly not the toy-buying public, which avoided this plastic monstrosity like a lice-infested Ewok!

STAR WARS PLAYSETS

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

THE DIZZY DROID DRAG CANTINA

Saving the galaxy ain't exactly a spacewalk in the park — just ask Luke Skywalker! Between getting his hand cut off (by his own father no less) and finding out that the woman he loves is his sister, Luke has a couple of emotional skeletons in his closet that he needs to let out from time to time. So where does a frustrated Jedi Knight head to cut loose? To the Dizzy Droid, the Empire's only "alternative" watering hole. At this intergalactic drag bar, Luke can put away his drab pilot duds, throw on his best Versace floor-length Wookiee fur coat, and have a drink with other "space" explorers! Based on a *Star Wars* scene left on the cutting room floor, this playset includes four bonus figures: the Extraterrestrial Village People.



AL'S IMPERIAL JIFFY LUBE AND GARAGE

Meet Al Mertzer, Mechanic to the Empire. This poor action figure has the unenviable task of doing all the unpleasant-but-necessary dirty work that keeps a galaxy running! From scraping the corpses of Rebel pilots off the feet of an Imperial AT-AT Walker to cleaning up TIE Fighters whose pilots couldn't quite stomach the jump to Hyperspace, Al's done it all at his garage. Playset features a working turbo lift, lube station and landspeeder bay. Deluxe set also includes three action figures: Al, Hank-G48 and Fred-bot, Al's two drunken assistant mechanics, with real cursing action!

CHEWBACCA'S INTERGALACTIC FUR HUT

The au courant Wookiee or Ewok in search of a hip, new image need look no further than this trendy salon in the heart of the Empire's fashion district. From Milan to Alderaan, Chewie's head stylist Tonytron (known to his friends as the Jedi Master of Haircuts) travels the galaxy to hire haircutters who know the latest in body-hair braiding and mane styling. French Poodle cuts, David Schwimmer-style Caesars or Tonytron's special, the Grand Coif Tarkin — they're all available at Chewbacca's Intergalactic Fur Hut! Combination lightsaber/hair clippers not included.



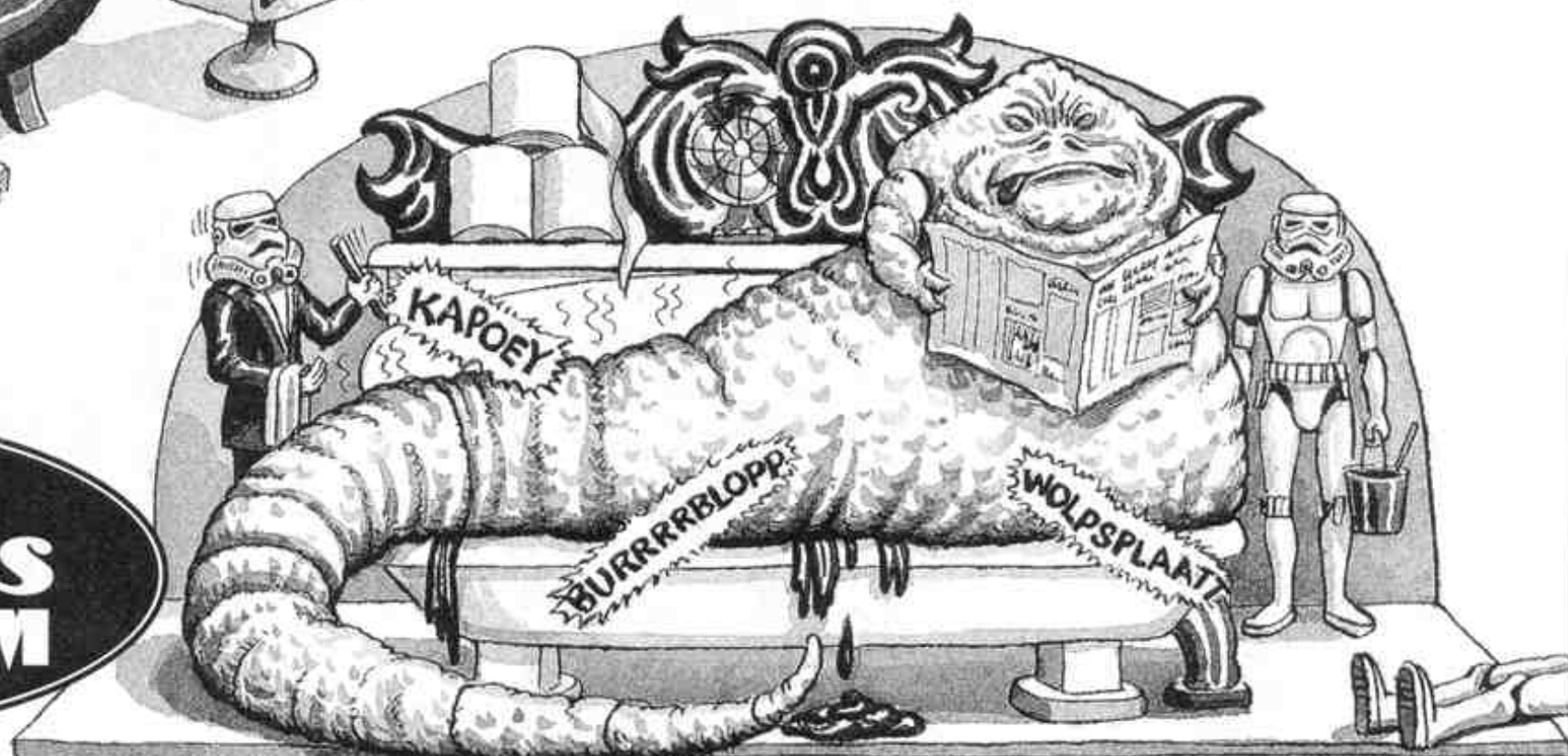
YODA'S SWINGIN' PAD

Sure, in *The Empire Strikes Back*, Yoda lived in a dingy swamp, but when he isn't training Luke how to kick some stormtrooper ass, Yoda likes to chill somewhere a little more

chic than a slimy, bug-infested mudhole. And that somewhere is Yoda's Swingin' Pad, the kind of laid-back bachelor apartment where a three-foot, 900-year-old muppet can entertain the ladies in style. With Yoda's Swingin' Pad, kids will learn how to woo the babes — and they'll love playing with Yoda's margarita mixer, mirrored bed and an actual, working condom machine! As the Jedi Master himself says, "A special way I have with the ladies!"



JABBA THE HUTT'S BATHROOM



After sitting around all day eating that greasy Tatooine food, where in the palace does Jabba go to ease his 30' colon? The "throne room," of course! Technicians from Industrial Light and Magic spent months digitizing the seven realistic bathroom noises this playset makes, such as the sound of Jabba after he's had a little too much bran. Set includes intergalactic toilet with real Hyperspace flusher! Stormtrooper Washroom Attendant and Janitor figures with gas masks sold separately.

BEHIND THE ANIMATE BALL (YOU SAID "BALL" HEH-HEH, HEH-HEH) DEPT.

Huh-huh! They've done TV! Heh-heh-heh! They've done books! Heh-heh-hmm-heh! They've done CDs! Huh-huh-huh! And now they've moved to the world of film! Sure, you can criticize them, but they've already got as many Emmys and Susan Lucci, as many Pulitzer Prizes as Maya Angelou, as many Grammys as the Rolling Stones and as many Oscars as Ron Howard! It won't take many more "heh-heh's" before...

BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD GO HOLLYWOOD

ARTIST: DAVID MANAK WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

DECEMBER 20, 1996



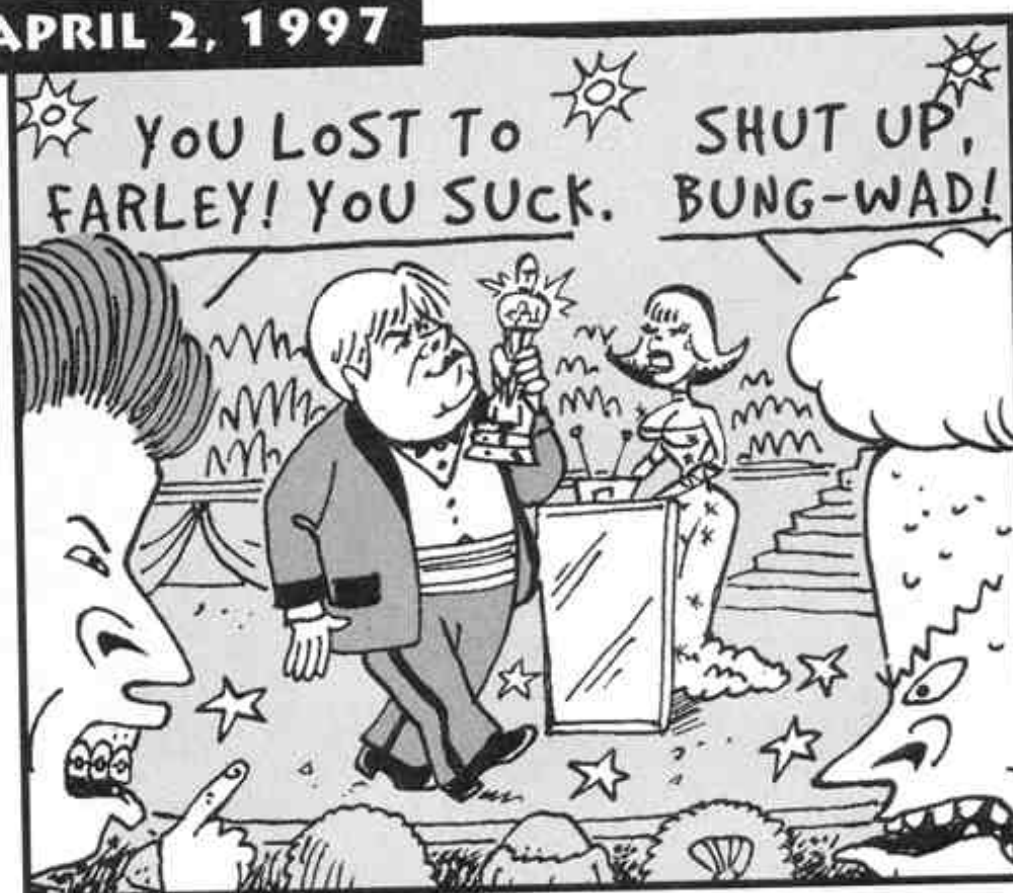
The premiere of *Beavis and Butt-head Do America* is spoiled when Butt-head uses the sweeping floodlights to make a silhouette of his thingy in the sky.

FEBRUARY 10, 1997



To fit in with the Hollywood community, Beavis gets his inflatable woman breast implants.

APRIL 2, 1997



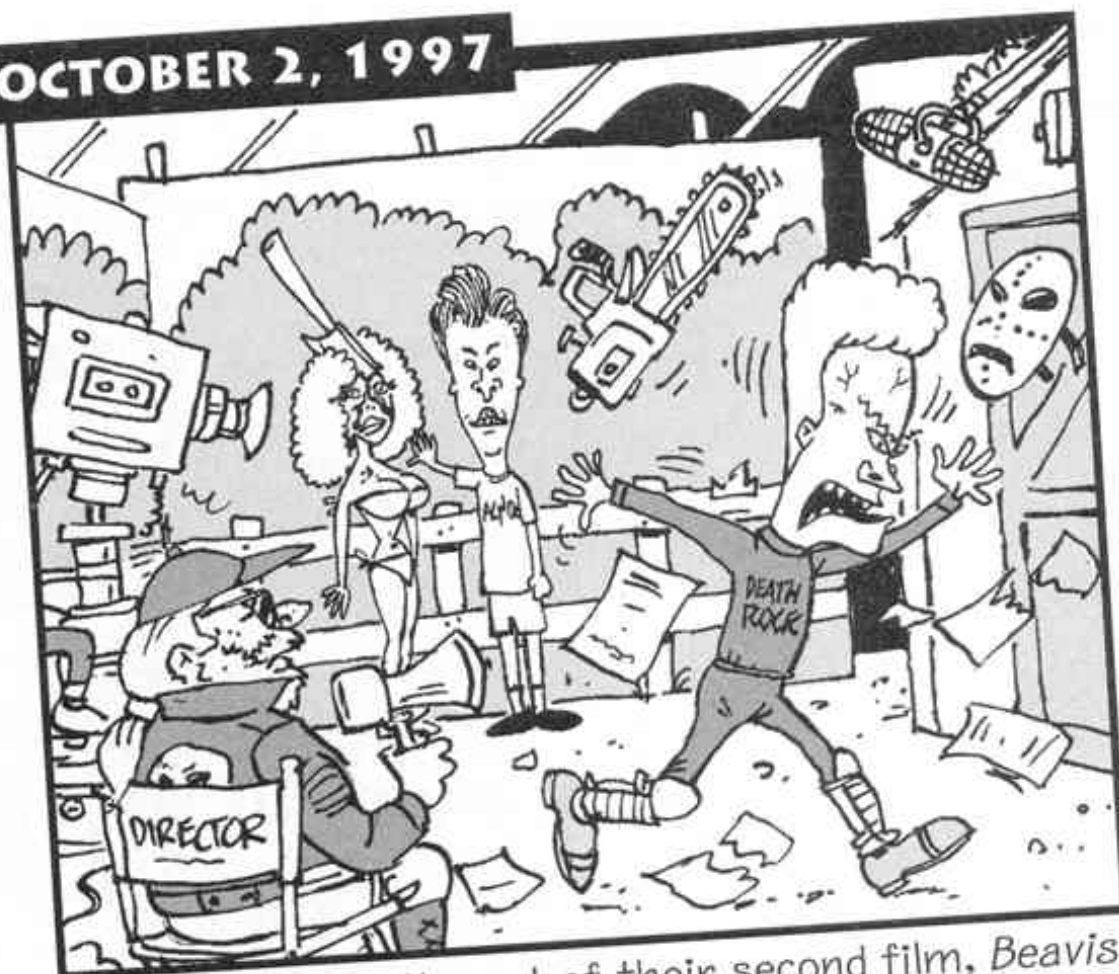
Thanks to the newly-created category of "Best Supporting Asswipe," Beavis is nominated for an Academy Award. He loses to Chris Farley.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1997



Just days after purchasing his \$3 million cliffside estate, an earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter Scale sends Butt-head's uninsured investment crashing into the sea below. It's "cool."

OCTOBER 2, 1997



Beavis storms off the set of their second film, *Beavis and Butt-head Still Suck*, citing "insurmountable creative differences between a vibrant artiste and a pack of philistines." The dispute is amicably resolved within 48 hours, when producers allow their star to ad lib "butt-munch" instead of "dillhole" whenever he enters his "personal acting zone."

NOVEMBER 7, 1997



The pair's performance in front of Mann's Chinese Theater nearly ends the 60-year tradition of immortalizing movie stars' body parts in concrete.

NOVEMBER 9, 1997



With the help of a jackhammer, Beavis is finally freed from his concrete square.



DECEMBER 5, 1997

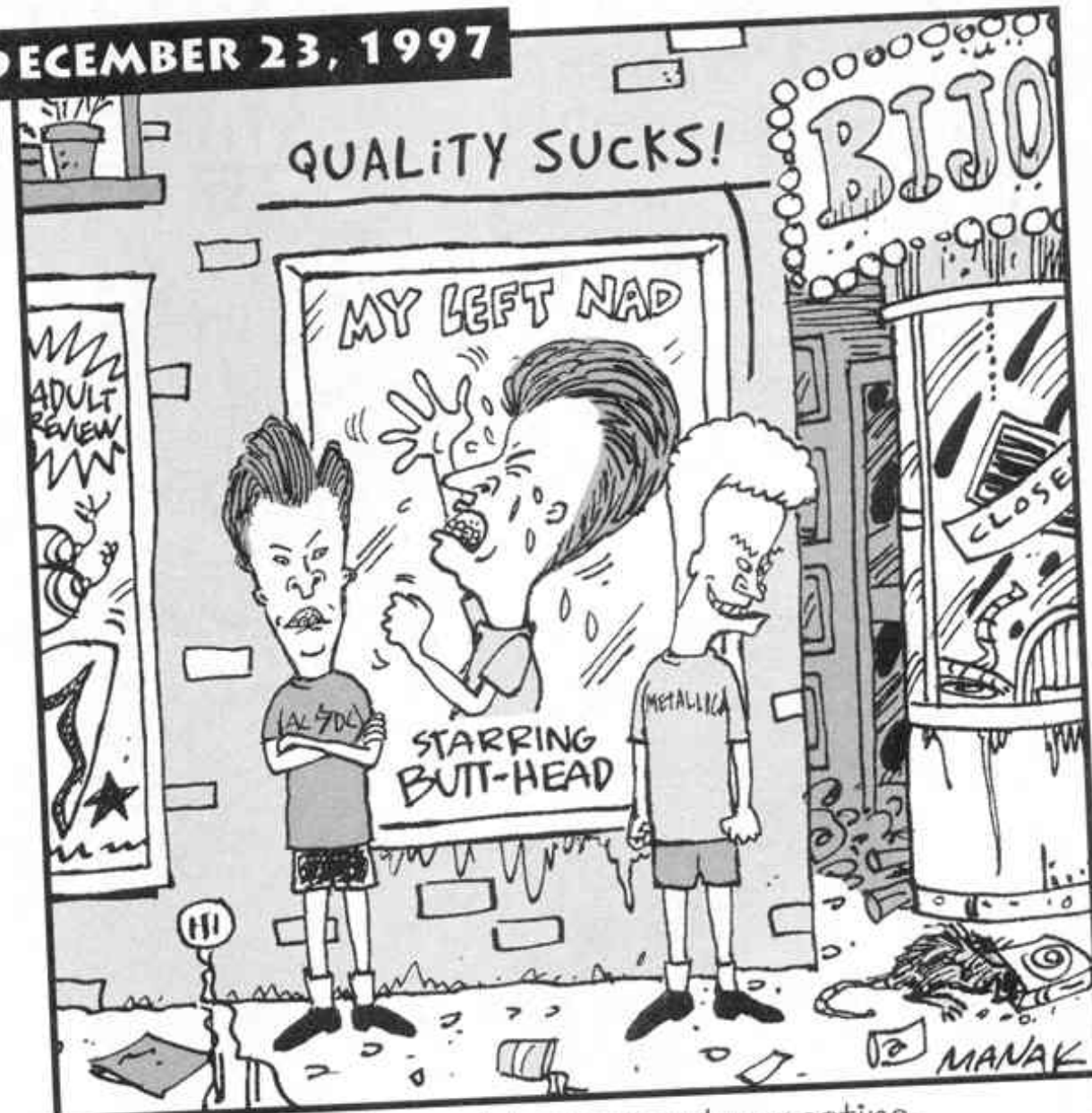
Although all the “good” diseases like cancer and muscular dystrophy have already been taken, the pair is proud to present the first annual fund-raising effort for a cause close to their own hearts: *The Small Wiener Telethon*.

DECEMBER 6, 1997



The Small Wiener Telethon falls far short of its cash-raising goal. This is primarily due to the fact that Beavis and Butt-head spend several hours making prank calls to the phone bank volunteers.

DECEMBER 23, 1997



Feeling trapped by narrow typecasting, Butt-head's first solo dramatic project is given a limited release. The tragic tale of an artist trapped in his own body, *My Left Nad* is neither a critical or commercial success.

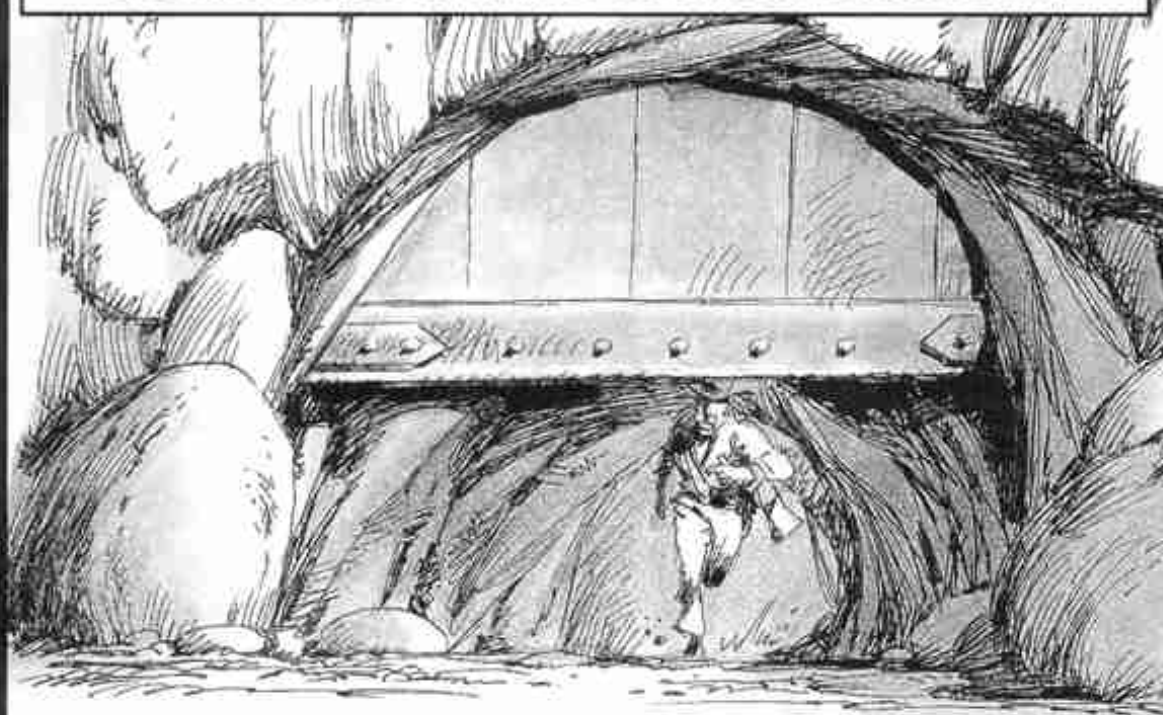
CLICHÉ IT AIN'T SO DEPT.

If you want to know the meaning of "cliché," don't bother with a dictionary, go straight to your local bazillionplex! There are, on the big screen, clichés, as you've always seen them before, come to life in predictable, hackneyed scene after predictable hackneyed scene! Is there not one friggin' film maker in all of Hollywood who can give us something truly original, like these...

TRULY UNBELIEVABLE PLOT TWISTS IN

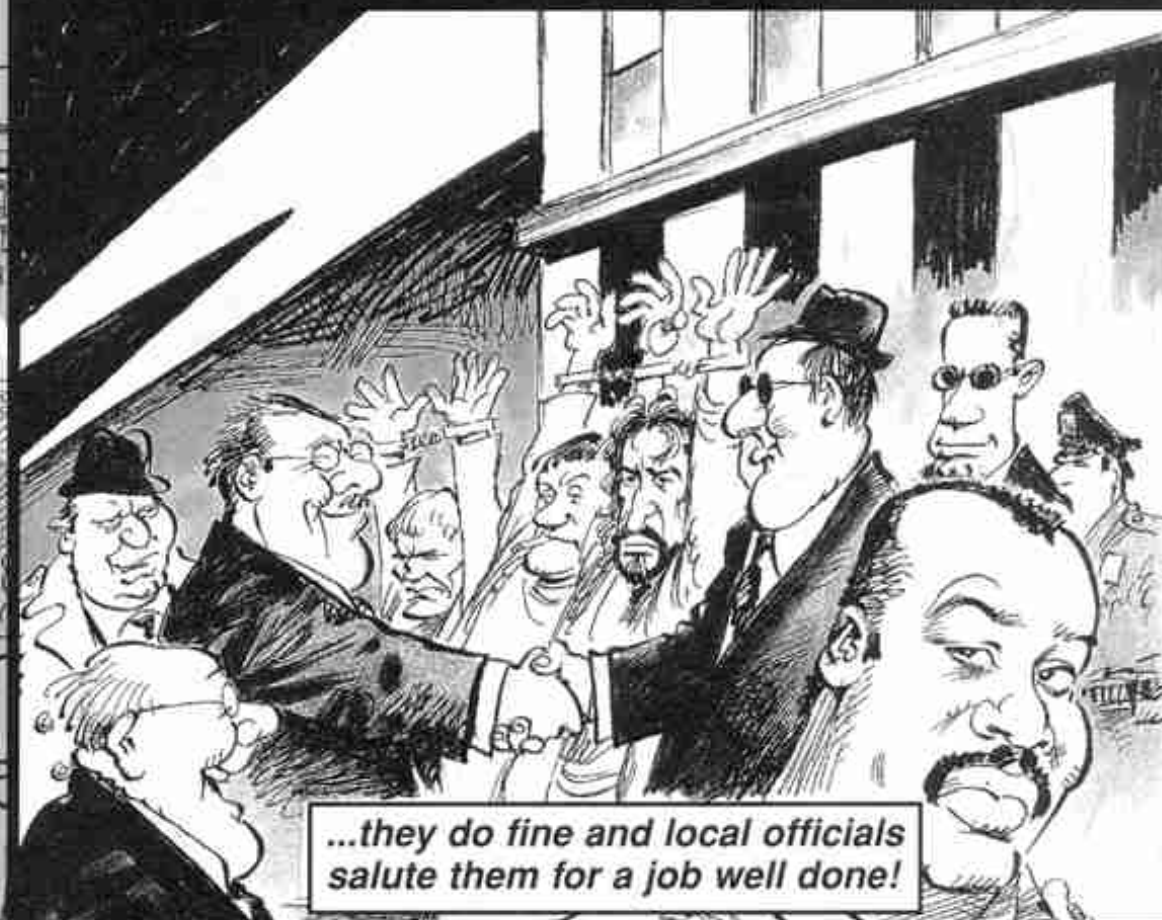
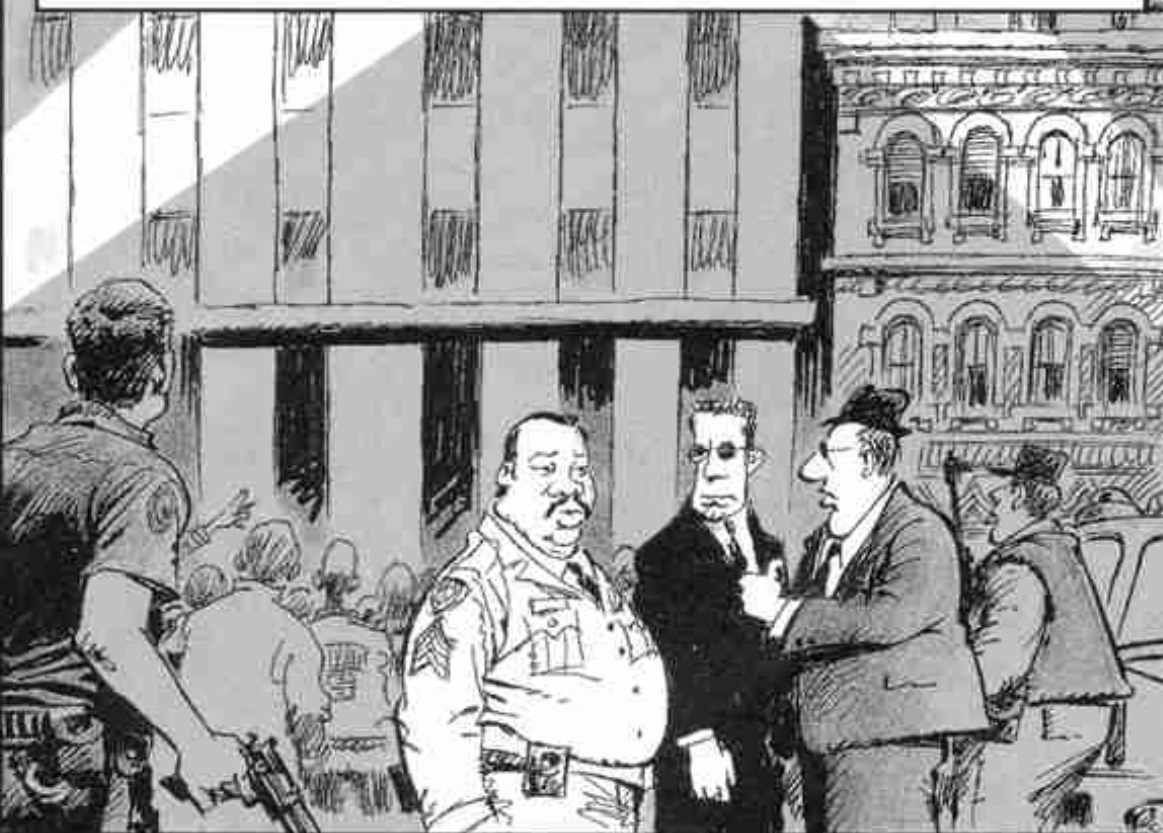
ACTION MOVIES

The hero notices that he's about to be trapped as soon as the huge remote-controlled metal door at the end of the hallway slams down. Running like he's never run before, the hero lunges forward so he can roll underneath...



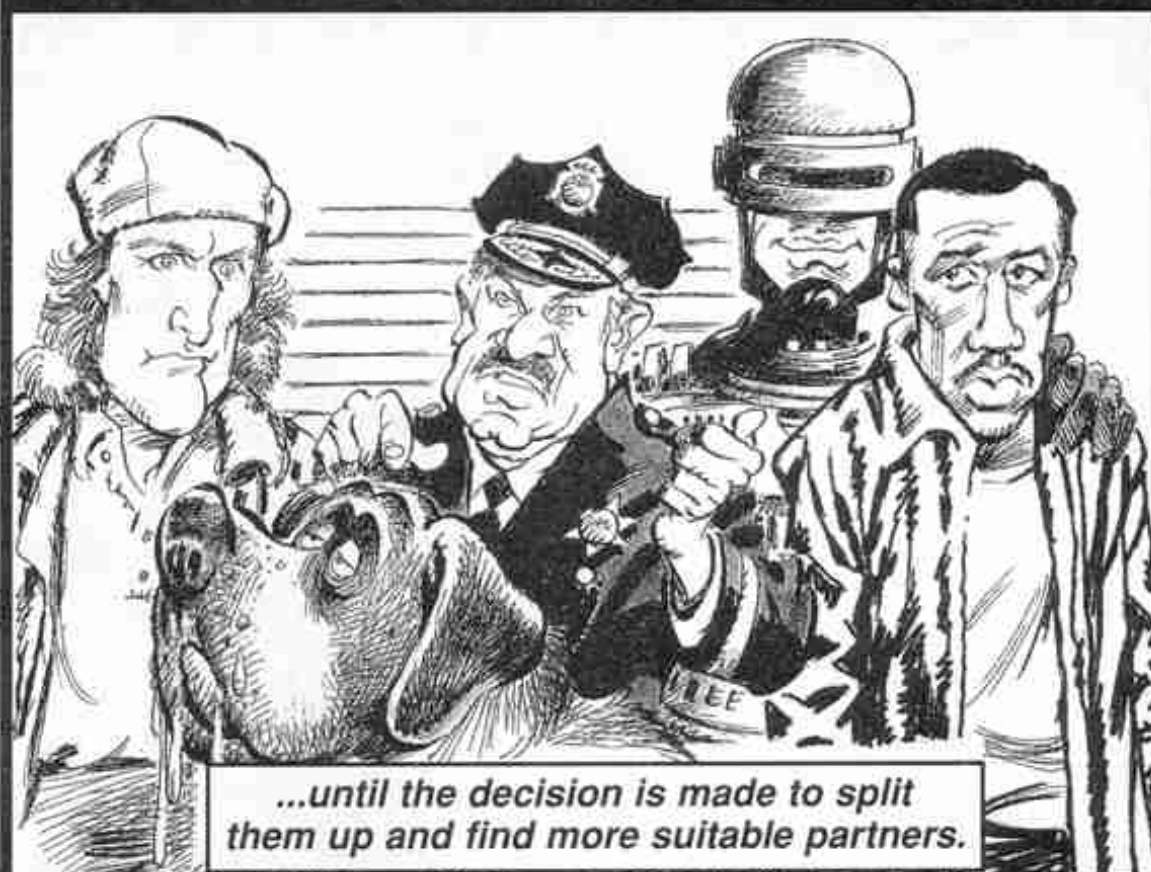
...He almost makes it, too.

At the critical moment, FBI agents sweep onto the scene and announce that they are now in charge of the situation. Having had extensive experience in hostage negotiations...



...they do fine and local officials salute them for a job well done!

Two cops from opposite sides of the tracks find out that they've been assigned together. The badly mismatched pair spend half their time bickering and insulting each other...



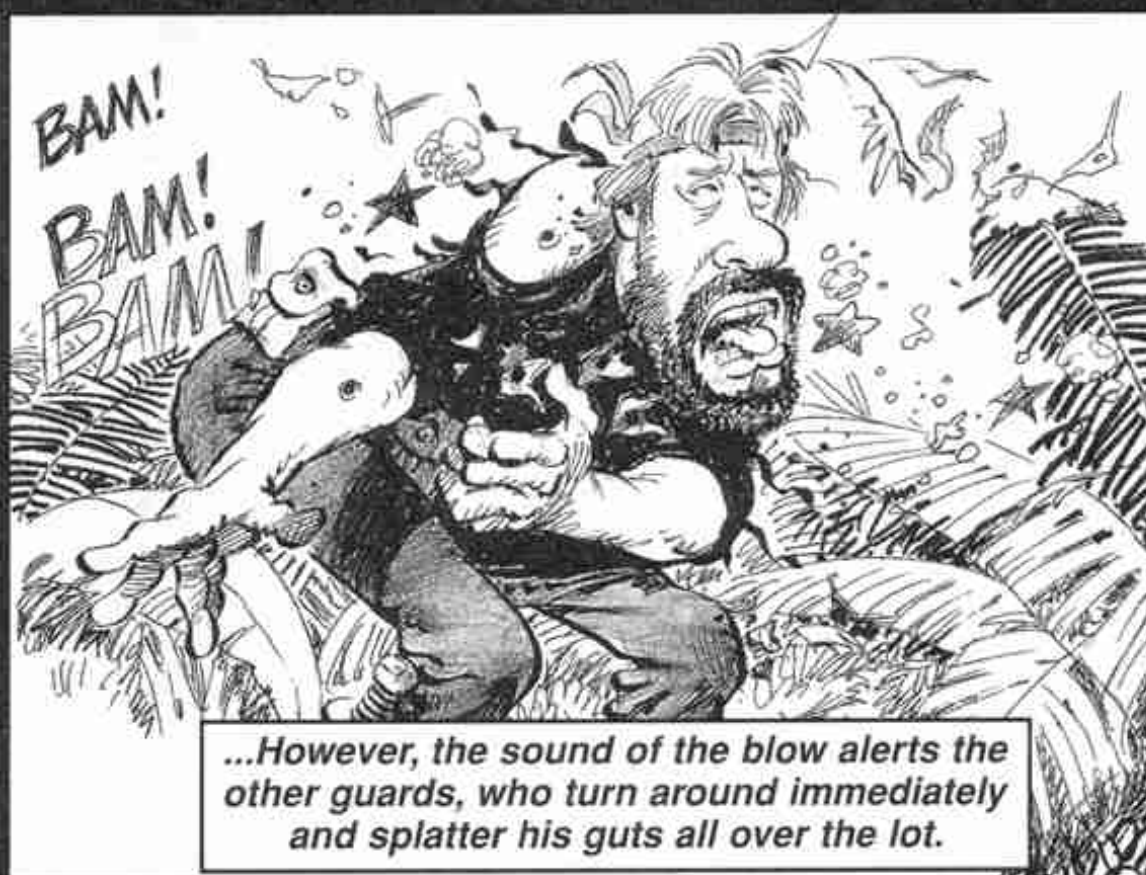
...until the decision is made to split them up and find more suitable partners.

With split-seconds to spare, the hero leaps forward, just ahead of a tremendous explosion that sends him flying through the air...



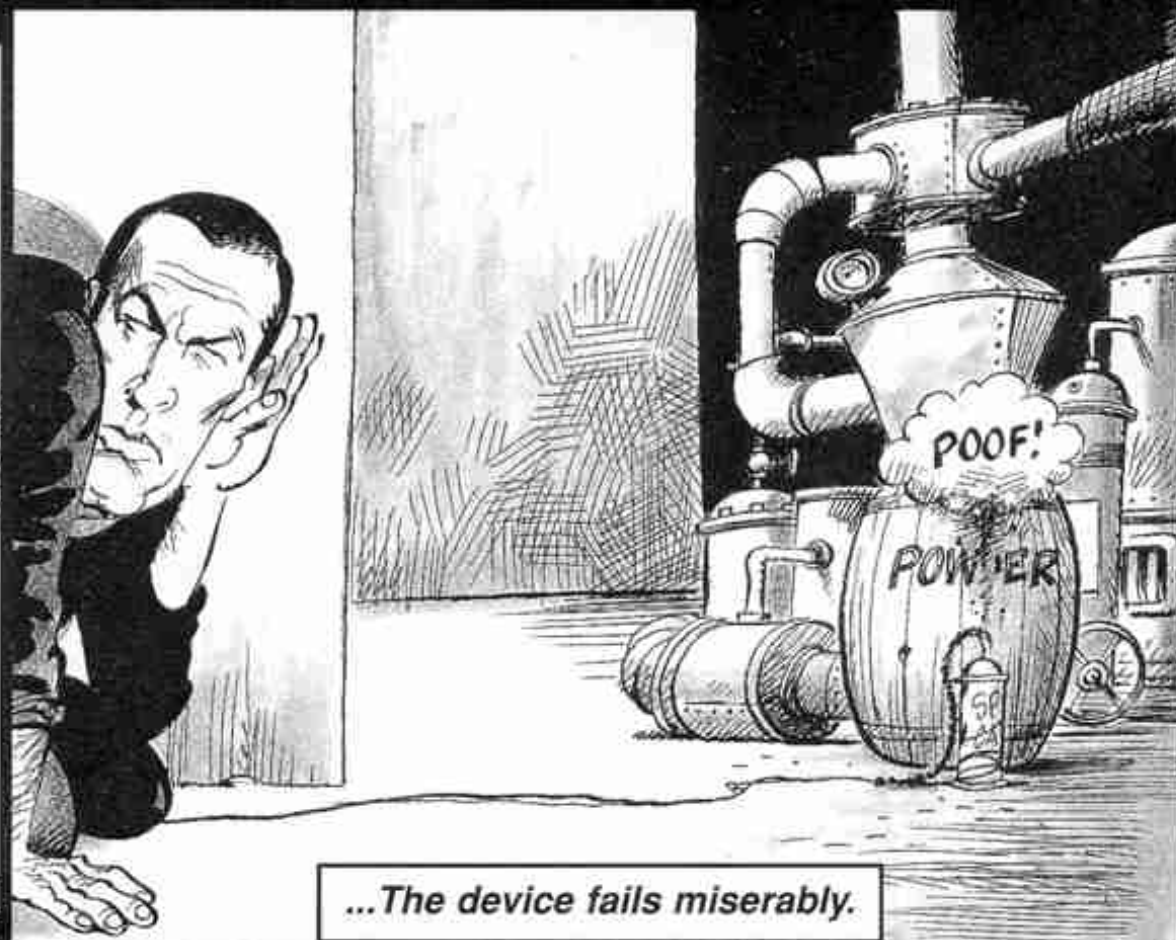
...Painful skin grafts are later needed to repair the damage to his back.

From his hiding spot, the hero sees a row of guards pass by in single file. Waiting until just the right moment, he jumps out and knocks the last guard unconscious...



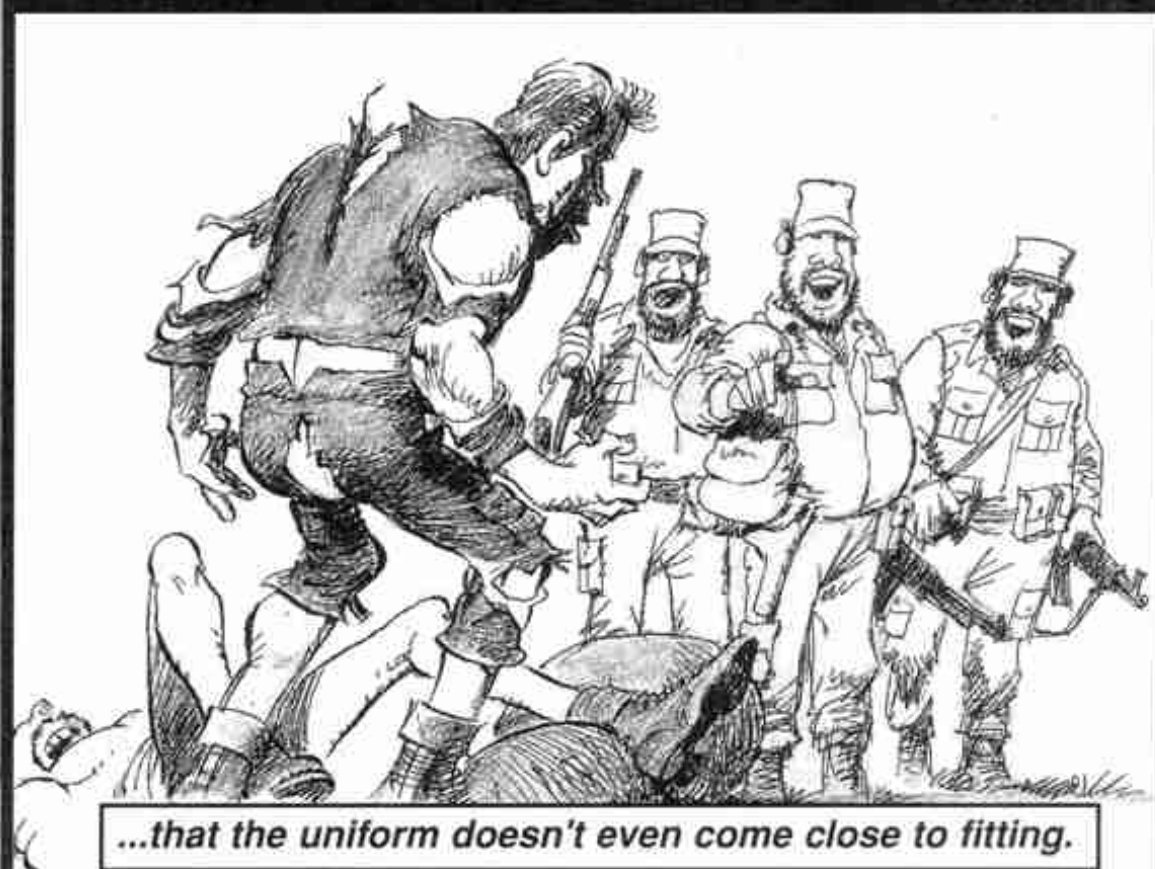
...However, the sound of the blow alerts the other guards, who turn around immediately and splatter his guts all over the lot.

Using the raw items available – some rubber tubing, an aerosol can and his shoelaces – the hero quickly fashions a rudimentary smoke bomb...



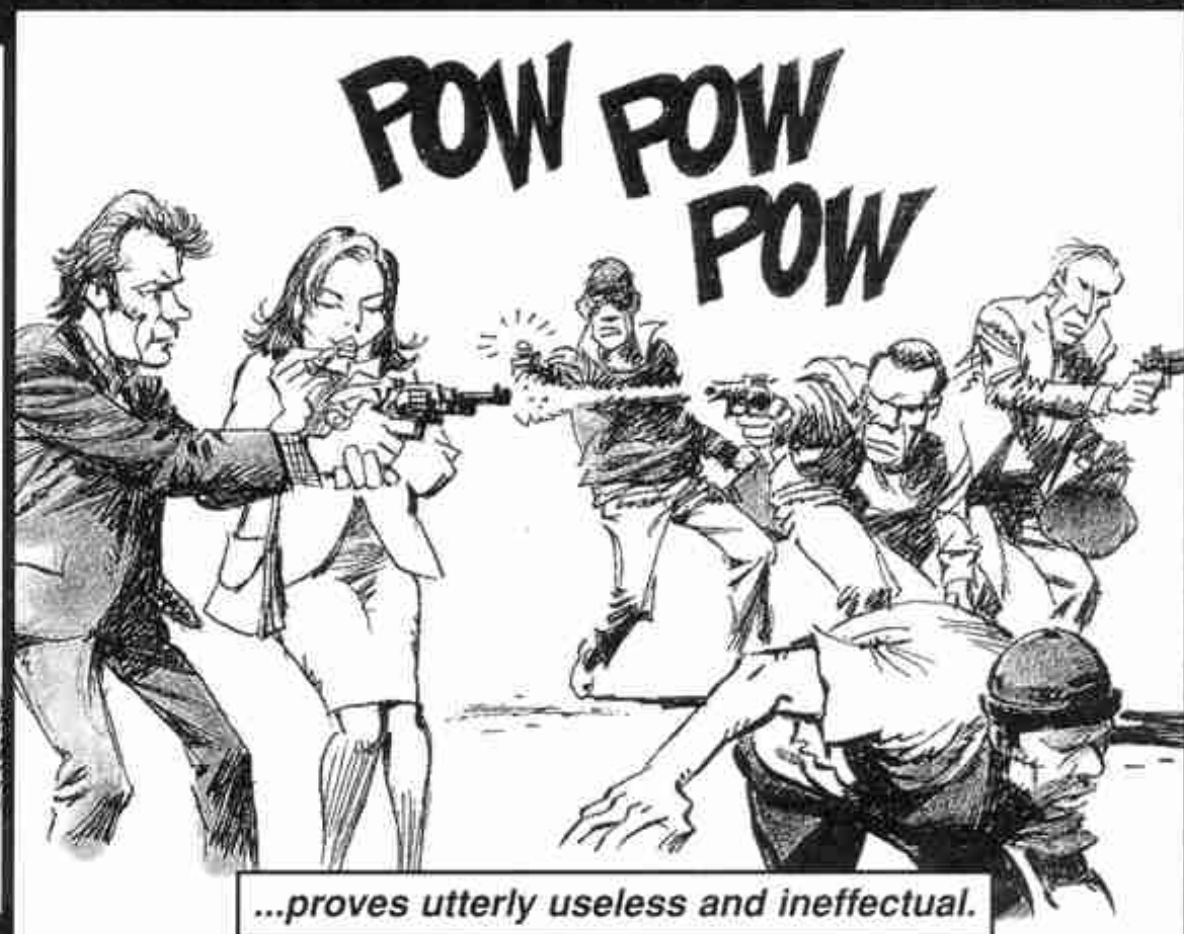
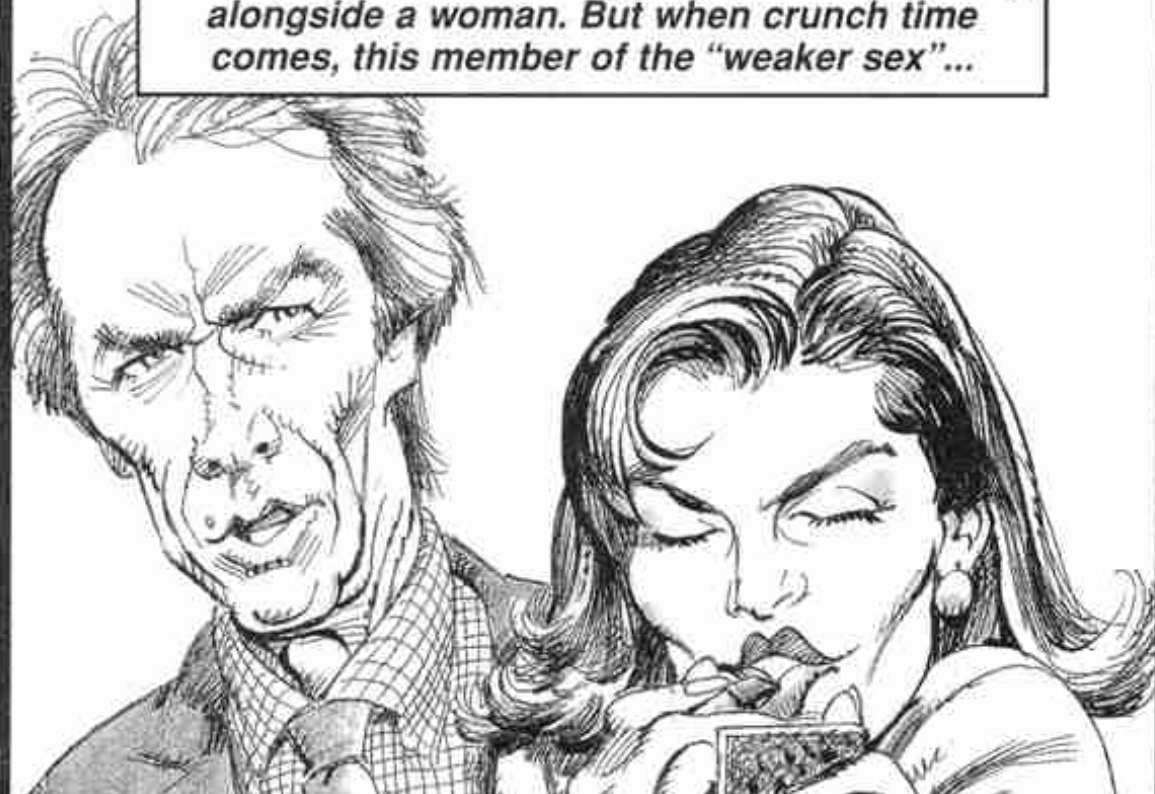
...The device fails miserably.

After successfully misdirecting one of the bad guys so he can conk him over the head and change clothing with him, the hero discovers...



...that the uniform doesn't even come close to fitting.

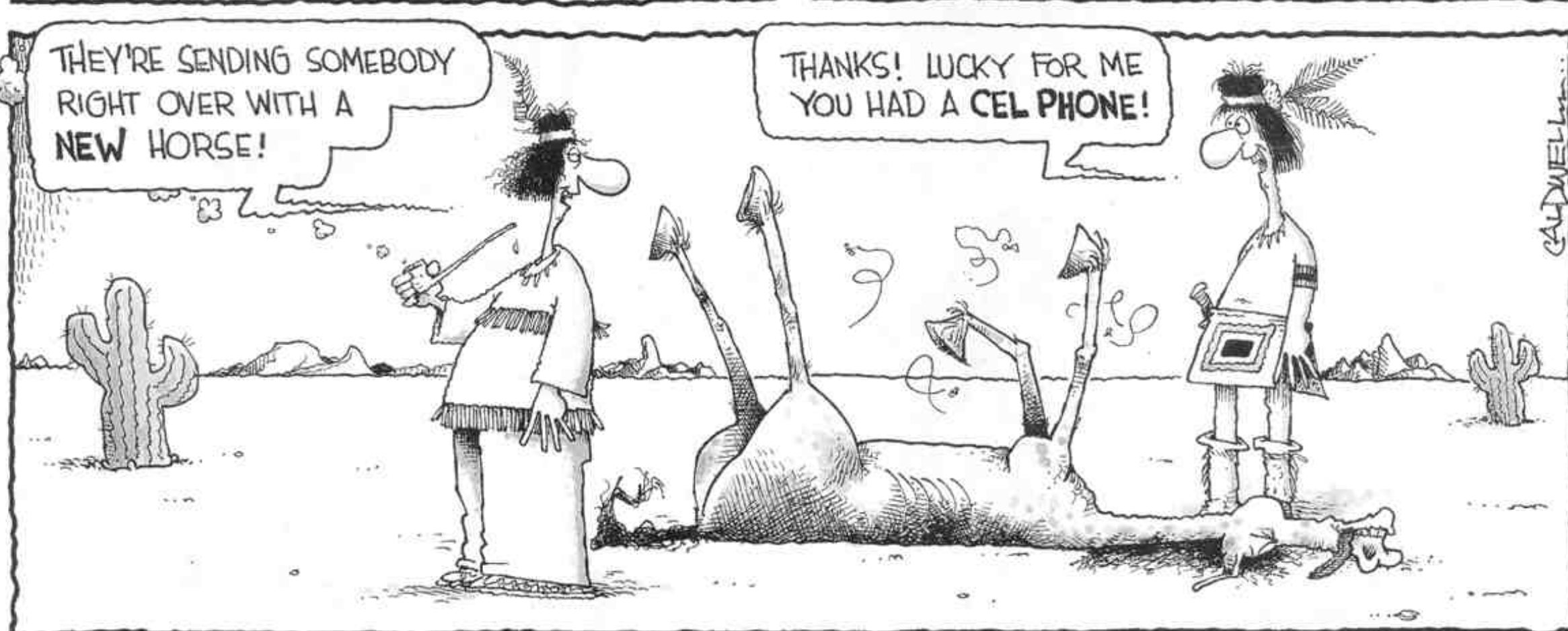
At first, the hero isn't very happy about working alongside a woman. But when crunch time comes, this member of the "weaker sex"...



...proves utterly useless and ineffectual.

DRAMA

...ON
PAGE
48!



**WHAT
POP CULTURE
PHENOMENON
WOULD WE LIKE TO
SEE SHOT DOWN?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

It's hip. It's hot. It's happening. And it's everywhere! It has become so irritatingly popular, you can't turn on the radio or television without hearing about it. To find out what this wild and crazy movement is, fold page in as shown.



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**PROPER CITIZENS DEPLORE AND WANT TO STOP
STRANGE BEHAVIOR. THEY'D LOCK BEHIND BARS
SHOW-OFFS WHO EXHIBIT SUCH TENDENCIES. NOTING
HOW WIDESPREAD THIS DISGUSTING GROUP
ACTIVITY IS, THEY DEMAND ACTION.**

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ONE DAY ON THE SNOWY PLAINS OF HOTH

