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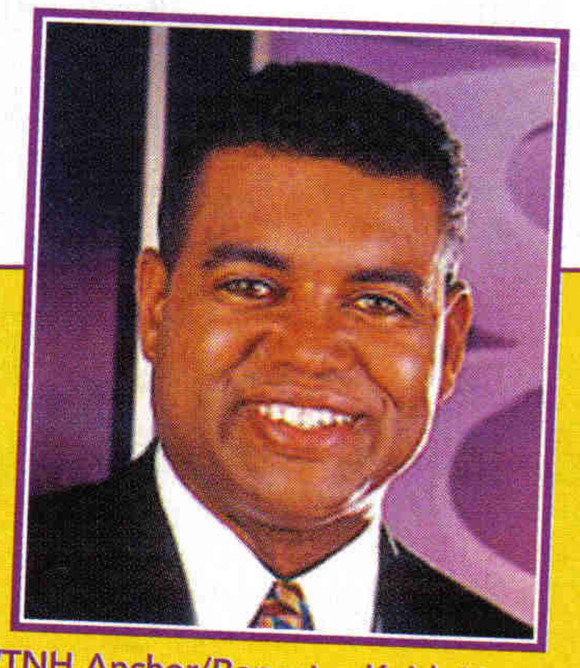
DEPARTMENT OF TOMATOES AND LETTERS

FISH OR FOUL?

On New Year's Eve, 2002, I was watching my local news anchors make pointless statements and waste time with nonsensical news. One bit of this bilge caught my attention. Anchor Keith Kountz and the rest of the group reported on the "MAD 20 Dumbest People, Events & Things of 2002," remarking that you included Martha Stewart in the 20. Mr. Kountz, after reporting several more examples on the list, candidly remarked "I'm glad I'm not in MAD!" Now, let's be serious, Ed., are you going to let him get away with this? I would like to see Mr. Kountz parodied to death. If you need a visual, Keith Kountz looks like a diseased fish.

Eric Thomas, Windsor, CT

Eric B — Thanks for writing! We'll leave it up to our readers to determine if Keith looks like a diseased fish. —Ed.

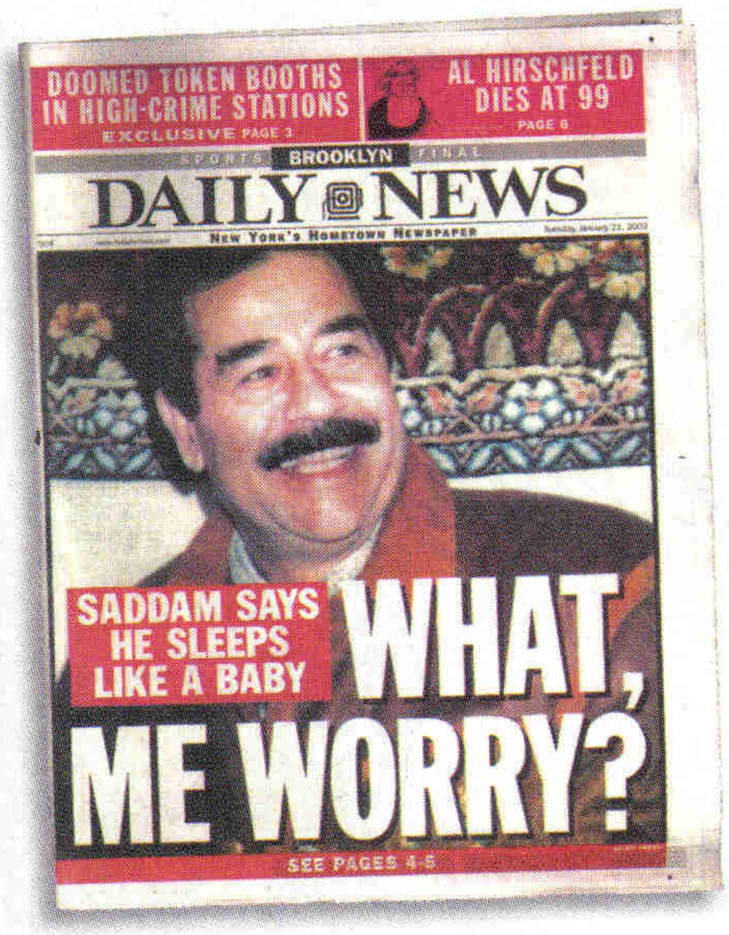


WTNH Anchor/Reporter Keith Kountz



A Diseased Fish

WHAT, SADDAM WORRY?



In another example of the sinking quality of the "legitimate" press, the *New York Daily News* "borrowed" the infamous words of MAD's grinning, gap-toothed mascot Alfred E. Neuman for their January 21, 2003 edition. We couldn't be more proud!

MENTALLY AFFLECK-TED

In MAD #422 you were making fun of *The Sum of All Fears* ("The Dumb of All Films"). All throughout the parody, there was a duck or goose that kept saying "Affleck!" Was this supposed to symbolize something? What does it mean?

Deonna Grooves, Plano, TX

Groovy — What does it mean, Deonna? It means that Deonna won't be going to that Ivy League college after all! In fact, Deonna might be spending quite a few more years than normal in high school. Now, if Deonna has trouble understanding this answer, Deonna should investigate adult halfway houses. Thanks for writing, Deonna! AFLAC! —Ed.

LETTER IT BE

I was really shocked to see that my last letter was not printed in your latest issue. Does this mean I'm not gonna see this one printed either?

Jeff Osterhage, Burbank, CA

Jeffy Pop — See next issue for your last letter! —Ed.

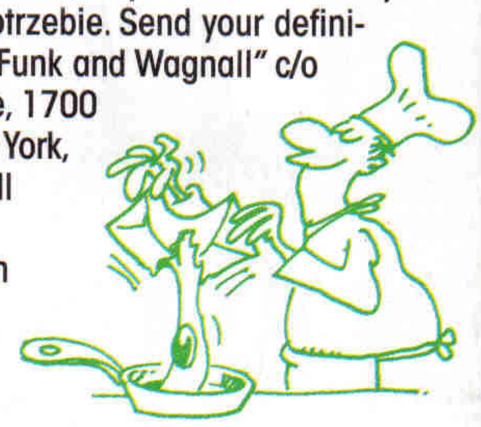


Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

My dumb wish is that you would give a dictionary definition of Potrzebie!

E. Costa, Eola, IL

Easy-E — We had one of our research fellows here at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™ look up Potrzebie in the dictionary, but unfortunately, we could not find a listing. So in order to make your dumb wish come true, we throw down the challenge to all MAD readers to come up with a dictionary definition of Potrzebie. Send your definitions to: Amy "Funk and Wagnall" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. We'll print the best responses in an upcoming issue! —Ed.

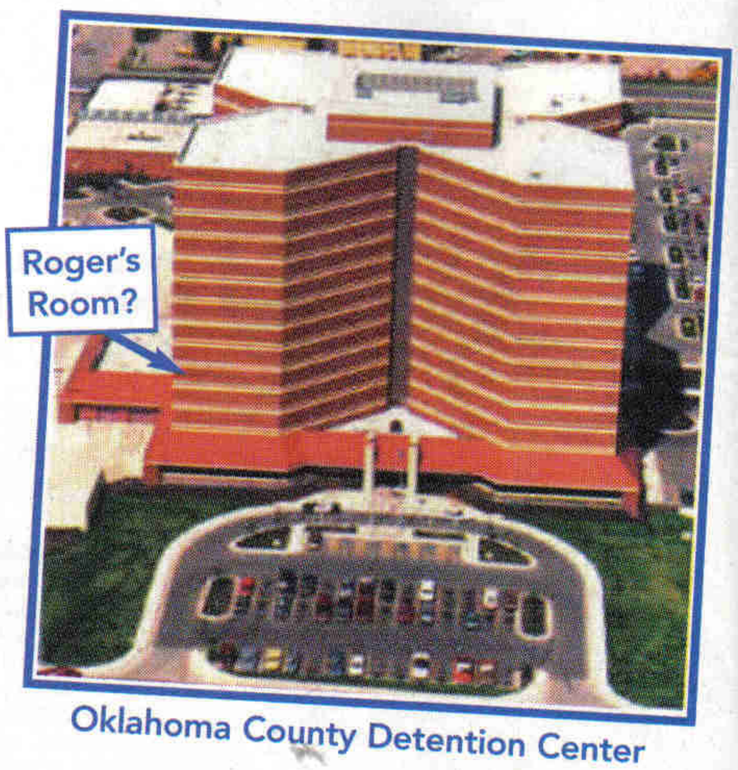


YOU'VE GOT JAIL

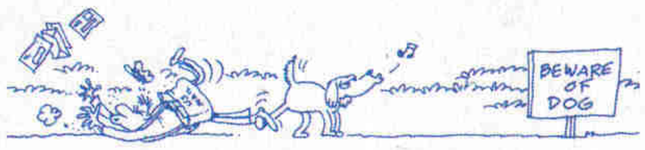
Yeah, so I'm 50 years old and in jail, what of it? It's probably all your fault since I've been reading your magazine since I was a kid and your crap has really warped my mind. However, I still want to say thanks for always putting a smile on my face, even while I am in jail. I also want to let you know that you still piss people off, especially the censors here at the Oklahoma County Detention Center, who really have a field day censoring your mag. They either cut out cartoons, rip them out or obliterate pages with black magic marker. I'd say that indicates that MAD hasn't lost its touch! Keep up the good work!

Roger Keith Henton, Oklahoma City, OK

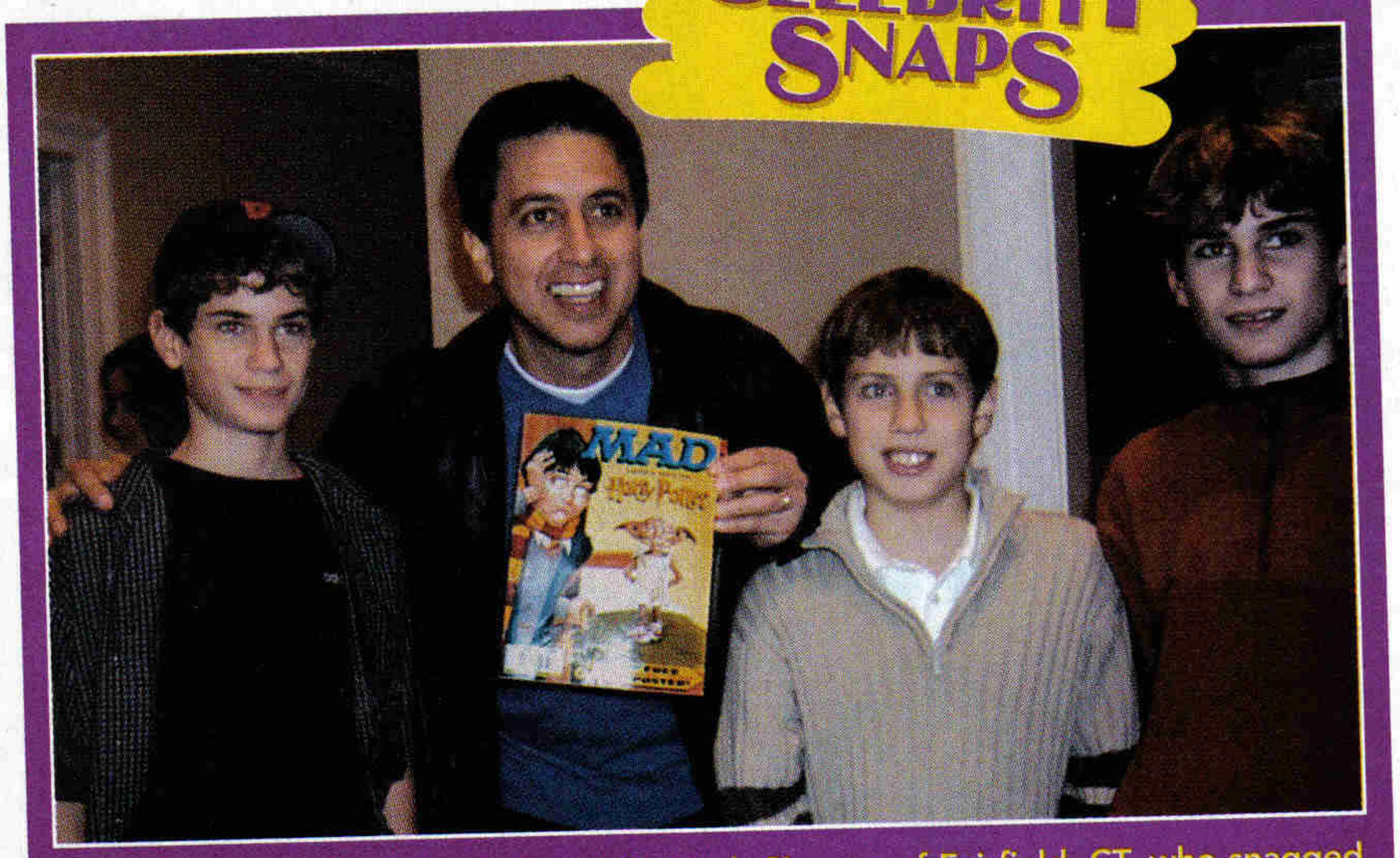
Roger Dodger — What a coincidence! Just last night we were curled up on the sofa with a roaring fire going, nursing a glass of exemplary and extraordinary Cabernet, watching *Oz*, and this morning we get this letter from you! We thought our readers would like to know where you are writing from — so we did a little digging. Tell us, is that your room on the third floor to the left? Say hi to Major Russell Dear and all the boys in the laundry for us! —Ed.



Oklahoma County Detention Center



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Everybody loves Raymond, especially Mark Ciccone of Fairfield, CT, who snagged Ray Romano to pose for a picture with a copy of MAD. He even got Ray to hold it up, so he gets a big three-year subscription! Congrats to Mark, condolences to Ray!

THE BIG BALLOT

In MAD #425 we asked readers to determine whether Monroe Fan Club President Ken McClelland should be ousted in favor of the young upstart Zeb Williams. Well, the votes are in and it's a landslide for Zeb Williams! Here's what some of the voters had to say:

Count this vote towards Zeb "The Man" Williams. Let's hope this coup is successful. Viva La Revolution!
— Issac, San Rafael, CA.

I think you should totally screw Ken McClelland! Vote Zeb Williams!
— Keith Gelsinger, Marquette, MI.

Zeb Williams should be President of the Monroe Fan Club, that other guy bitches too much! — Andrea Whaley, Kent, OH.

I vote Zeb Williams for President!
— Karen Garner, Sylvania, OH.

I cast my vote for Zeb Williams.
— Ken McClelland, Reston, VA.



WE LOST ON *JEOPARDY!*

If you needed any further proof that Alex Trebek has been sipping too much of the monkey juice, then we submit the October 25, 2002 episode of *Jeopardy!* which featured an entire Double Jeopardy! category (including a "Daily Double") dedicated to MAD! Here are the answers, and remember, your responses must be in the form of a question!



THE MARCH 2001 ISSUE INCLUDED THESE, A FIRST IN THE MAGAZINE'S HISTORY

What Are Funny Jokes?

IN APRIL 2002 THIS NETWORK RENEWED ITS "MAD TV" FOR 2 MORE SEASONS

What Is FOX? (Though It Could Be Argued FOX Is Not A Real Network — Let Alex Get A Judges Ruling)



What Is "Boy, The Script For The Last Episode Is A Real Stinker!"?

ON EACH COVER YOU'LL FIND A LITTLE "IND" NEXT TO THE "M" IN MAD & THIS 5-LETTER WORD AFTER THE PRICE

What Is "Sucks"?

HIS NAME IS ON THE MASTHEAD AS "FOUNDER"

Who Is Claude Balls?

MAD FAN OF THE MONTH







We don't know about you readers, but we sleep better at night knowing our country is being defended by guys like Nathan Chappelle, who get all liquored up and have ridiculous tattoos etched into their flesh for all eternity. On the other hand, for sheer dumbness, we're sending Nathan a MAD T-Shirt to wear on the USS Parche!

JOHN CALDWELL: THE GIFTED ONE

I've been having trouble sleeping the last few nights because I've been pondering the same question that has baffled mankind for the last 1,000 years: is it humanly possible to burp, fart and sneeze at the same time? I've seen people burp and fart at the same time, so I know that's possible. But the challenge becomes nearly impossible when you add the sneeze, because they're so uncontrollable. Anyway, I thought you could help.

Ben Carroll, Evansville, IN

Benji — What you're asking is a feat that can be accomplished by only a few rare individuals. Fortunately for you, we have one such individual as a member of the Usual Gang of Idiots, long-time artist, writer and hammerhead, John Caldwell! Enjoy! —Ed.

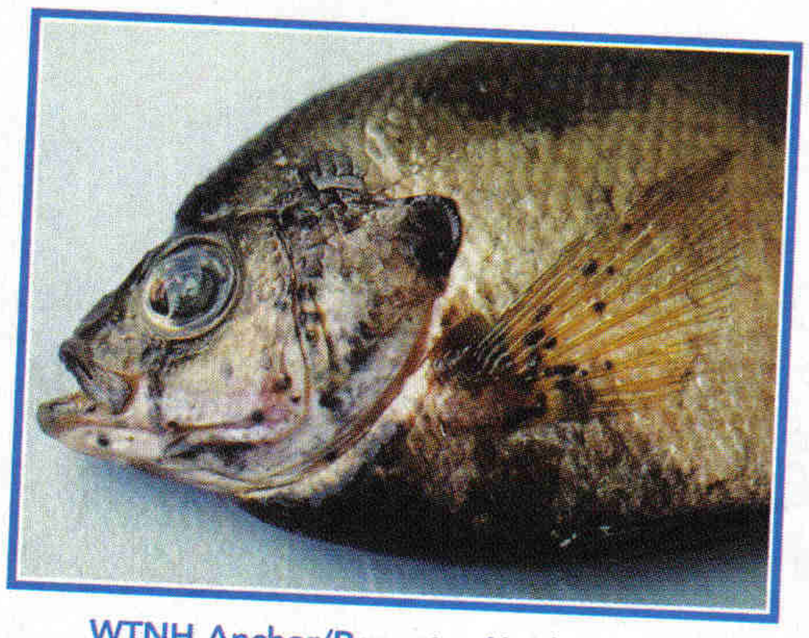


YOU'RE PLUCKING CRAZY

If I sent in a letter saying I get strangely aroused by Alfred E. Neuman in a bikini on a hot summer morning while playing a banjo with ham on his big, smelly toes, would it affect my subscription? If so, I didn't send this letter and the information herein is not true. If not...can you please put a picture of Alfred E. Neuman in a bikini on a hot summer morning while playing a banjo with ham on his big, smelly toes in your magazine? I would greatly appreciate it.

Dave Ellis, Moselle, MS

Davy — Sorry, no can do Alfred in a bikini on a hot summer morning while playing a banjo with ham on his big, smelly toes. We can, however, provide you with this picture of WTNH Anchor/Reporter Keith Kountz! Enjoy! —Ed.



WTNH Anchor/Reporter Keith Kountz

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BREAKING A NASTY HOBBIT DEPT.

BORED OF THE RINGS

How do you turn a dumb kiddie story into an "epic quest"? Make it big, make it long, and make it three times. Frantically cut back and forth between storylines, so nobody notices how drawn-out and repetitive each one is. Use made-up languages and subtitles to hide how boring the dialogue would be in English. Create a love story out of thin air. Every moment of alleged suspense should end with another character and his army showing up out of nowhere and saving the day. And whatever you do, make sure you buy the extra-large tub of popcorn. You'll need it before you're done! Because there are NO bathroom breaks during...

Unlike the **real movie, MAD won't** make you sit around **waiting** for **two** and a **half hours** before you get to see the **CGI mayhem** and the **computer-generated gore! Gaaaaaaahhhhhh!**

Fine, but **this** is **ridiculous!** They drew **all** the **characters together,** even though **half** of **them** aren't in this **battle scene!** They **shouldn't** be **allowed** to **screw around** with **true source material** like that!

It's **artistic license!** After all, the **filmmakers** made a **few changes** to the original ***Lord of the Rings*** **books, too!**

Books? These **ridiculous plot-lines** come from **books?**

There are **many paths, Legolamb!** Some are **tangled** and **dark, others straight** and **true!** And they're all **crawling** with **unseen enemies!** But **enough** about my **hair! We're** the **good guys!** We **represent everything** that's **right** and **good** and **kind** in the **world!** So **let's kill, kill, kill, kill, kill!**

Gee, your **hair smells rancid!** No **wonder** you're the **king** of **long-distance relationships!** Me, I'm **here** to **supply** the **Fellowship** with a **softer side!** And it **sure needs it!** Over **10,000 creatures galloping** through this **movie** and maybe **three girls!** There was **more** of a **feminine feel** to ***Fight Club!***

Obviously you're **forgetting** my **incredible two-minute cameo scene!** It's the **one** where I get **outacted** by a **dead guy!** But **New Line Cinema** didn't **hire me** to play **Argon** for my **emotional chops!** Get a **load** of these **bad boys! They're** the **two towers all** those **role-playing virgins** out there in the **dark theatre audience wish** they could **visit!**

Eeennyeehhhh! Some **calls** me **Golfclub!** Others **calls me Cheeseball!** Just **don't call me** the **name** I **fears most: "Jar-Jar Jr."!** Me **wants** my **Precious!** Me **needs** my **Precious!** But **what am** my **Precious?** An **Oscar nomination!** Some **peoples** say that a **deeply disturbed special effect** shouldn't be **gets** an **Academy Award!** Me say, what about **Angelina Jolie?**

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

THE TWO + HOURS

I'm **still Dodo Gaggings**, and I'm **secretly carrying The Ring!** At least it was **supposed** to be a **secret!** Too bad **every** other **character** in the **entire trilogy** apparently knows **I'm hiding it!** My **number one dilemma** is that the **Ring's evil power** is **warping** my **mind!** It's **turning me** into a **quick-tempered, embittered, bug-eyed midget!** And **Spike Lee** says if I **steal** his **act**, he'll **sue me!**

Enjoy the **Spike Lee reference!** It's the **first** and **last time** in these movies that **you'll hear about** or **see a black person!** I'm **Spam Gangrene**, his **faithful sidekick!** But I've **got** my **own problems!** Can you **imagine** what it's like, **losing** a **charisma contest** to a guy with **one facial expression? Confused shock, confused shock, confused shock! Dodo** makes the **walking tree** look like a **method actor!**

There's **lots** of **wooden acting** around here, but **don't** look at us **trees!** You'll **never see** a bigger **pissed-off vegetable** than **me**, at least **until** the next **Vin Diesel film** comes out! **Angry, violent trees, walking around** and **kicking butt?** It's like the **ultimate horror movie** for **dogs!**

Gandoof here, complete with **flashy costume change!** Just call me the **VH1 Diva** of the **year 3019!** I've **gone** from **Gandoof the Gray** to **Gandoof the White!** Of course, I'm **not** as **young** as I **used** to **be!** Let's just say that my **wizard's Depends** are **off-white! Sorry, horsie!**

This **bloody battle** presents the **greatest fear** that any **warrior dwarf has!** My **last sight** on **Middle-earth** could be a **dorc's groin!**

Rrrrr! Do my **eyes deceive** me or is that **Gimmicki's twin?**

That's **no fat, hairy dwarf! That's** the **director, Peter Jackson!**

I'm **totally** into **Middle-earth!** In fact, my **middle** ***looks*** like **Earth!** While I **directed** these **three epics,** I **even learned** to **speak** in **Elvish, Sindarin,** and **Quenya!** The **only thing** I **never learned** to **say** in **any language** is "**cut**"!

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

Before I stab you, tell me something! How could we fall for hundreds of miles through a dark cavern inside Middle-earth, and land on top of a snowy mountain?

Search me! I'm still trying to figure out why I let myself fall in the first place! Look at me! I've got wings! What was I thinking?

Yow! I had a horrible nightmare!

Yeah, me too! Michael Jackson was dangling me from a hotel balcony! It's tough being three feet tall!

Look out, Mr. Dodo! I think it's David Spade, without makeup!

Grab him, Spam! Punch him! Meanwhile, I'll just stand here and make my bug-eyed "stunned" face!

What good will that do?

I don't know! But somehow, holding this dumb, wet, non-blinking expression has kept me alive through 87 attacks so far!

The dorcs passed by this place nine hours and 16 minutes ago! This footprint is 1/100th of an inch deeper than the others! The dorc who left it was carrying Baggybuns! And this microscopic flake of foot dandruff came from Pimple!

Great! So, which way did they go?

Hey, what am I, a mind reader?

Impossible! This man is the supreme ruler of a nation! Who would believe he could be a zonked-out vegetable, taking orders from his sleazy underlings?

My friends, we face an Axis of Evil! Let's roll! But we will stop these evildoers from doing those evil doings that they do! Let's roll! They're either with us, or against us! Let's roll! Let's roll! Let's roll! I recently received a letter from a 10-year-old girl asking me to stand tall for freedom, and also to end the estate tax!

Suddenly it's believable!



Amazing! I've **never seen** a **living, talking tree!** But **maybe** that's because I'm the **only person** on **Middle-earth** who's **never watched** ***The Wizard of Oz*****!**

Watching you **herky-jerky trees lurch** and **lumber around** is like having **front-row seats** for a **Cavaliers-Raptors game!**

It's true! You **trees** are **very, very slow!**

Slow, huh? That's **pretty big talk** for two "**heroes**" who spend **five hours** out of a **nine-hour trilogy** basically **hanging around, waiting** for to be **rescued!**

Come out, come out, wherever you **are!** Oh well, I've **searched** this **area** for **nine seconds!** What **more** can **I do?**

Hide, Master! It be a **Fazool! Thems only** have **one weakness! Thems** can **track** the **Ring** for a **thousand miles right** to the **exact spot** where **Master** is **hiding,** but **thems** can't **quite** find him **hiding under** a **tree!**

Astounding! It's Gandoof! We **thought** you were **dead!**

Yes, I guess it **would be** a **huge surprise** to **anyone** who **hasn't read** the **fifty-year-old books** and **didn't see** the **movie trailers** and **didn't notice all** the **publicity** featuring **Ian McKellen** and all **three** of you!

Before you **enter,** you must **surrender all** your **weapons!** But the **guy** with the **eight-foot oak staff shooting sparks** can **pass!**

D'oh! That's **what** I **get** for **hiring** special **U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix!**

Nay, spare this wretch's life, Sire!

Your peaceful nature has softened my heart! You don't like to see anyone die, do you?

Just the opposite! I love to kill by the dozen! So instead of whacking this one weasel, let him go tell Aspercreme about our plans! Then we get to face yet another army of ugly creeps for me to slaughter!

MAX KORN

We must attack!

We must attack!

We must not attack!

We must not attack!

If we can keep this scintillating debate going for another year, we could get a show on CNN or FOX News!

Batten down the hatches! Me goes for the Oscar now! Apparently all me have to do to be an Oscar contender is to copy that "Subliminal Man" skit from *SNL*! Shut up! No, you shut up! Why don't you both shut up? My sister! My daughter! Knock, knock! Who's there?

He's the nuttiest movie character since Mariah Carey's in *Glitter!* But even she doesn't sing duets with herself!

Hey, don'ts be knocking it! I've got two more personalities than both of you combined!

Many people think Golfclub is a computer-generated character like me! They are wrong! In fact he is the bastard love child of Calista Flockhart and Mr. David Hyde Pierce!

My heart is yours, Princess! Is it so hard to believe that a man could fall in love with a woman he barely knows, just because she spoke to him once?

Not for half of the dateless wonders watching this movie! And the other half wouldn't know! They've never spoken with a woman!

You're an elf and he's a man! Don't you know that mixed marriages rarely work out?

This is a good dream, Willlburrrr!

Ah, I knew it couldn't be Princess Argon kissing me awake! These lips felt too small to be hers!

Aspercreme's forces are concentrated past the Bottomless Coffee! If we can contact our allies across the Sausage Link, send scouts to the Silver Dollar Stack, and regroup by the Harvest Grains, we'll be ready!

Hey, dummy! This isn't a map of Middle-earth! This is a placemat for the International House of Pancakes!

No wonder I could never find the River of Log Cabin Syrup!

Sausage Link

IHOP

Harvest Grains

River of Syrup

Silver Dollar Stack

Pigs In Blankets

Bacon Strips

Hash Browns

I'm gonna cut your tiny pieces into tiny pieces!

It's the Ring, Mr. Dodo! The Ring is poisoning your soul! It's turning you into a bitter, hateful dwarf! You're like Janeane Garofalo with hairy feet! Well, *hairier* feet!

The odds are hopeless! I'd say we're doomed! Unless we get last-minute help from an army of elves, a division led by a wizard, and some giant killer trees! In that case, we'll only lose one character with a speaking role!

Impressive! Where did you learn to harness your rage and inflict such insane punishment?

I used to coach Little League!

Sire, this battle will go on for almost the rest of the movie!

Not a problem! Before I took this role, I played the ship captain in *Titanic*! So you see, I'm used to choppy, overlong disasters!

TOP SECRET ENTRANCE PLEASE KNOCK

My God! There must be 10,000 of them!

Gesund-Heit super-dorcs?

No, internet super-geeks! They're mass-voting this confused mess up imdb.com's all-time movie list! They're whining about every single change from the books! They're pre-ordering online tickets for the third movie! They're unstoppable!

It's impossible! How can we defeat 10,000 foes?

You're right! I'll take the 9,999 on the left! You guys handle that one-legged Gesund-Heit having the coughing fit!

You have thirty arrows in your chest, your bowels are missing and your spine has been slashed in two!

Don't worry about me! Everybody who's supposed to be dead in these movies turns up alive! Dodo, Gandoof, Pimple, Baggybuns, Peppercorn! The best survival plan for anyone in *Bored of the Rings* is to seemingly get killed!

This whole battle is impossible to follow! Lemme break this down! Dumb play by Aspercreme! Dumb play! The lizard offense moves in here, then boom! Where'd those trees come from? Back in the day, they used sticky maple sap on their hands, but now they've got those gloves!

Do some-thing! Stop that dorc!

All I can do is give him a 6.8! But it's hopeless! They drop the lowest score anyway!

I can't believe we're inside a triple-layered impregnable castle, yet there just happens to be one teeny-weeny hole in the wall that can explode the entire structure! Who built this thing, anyway?

The same guys who designed the Death Star for Darth Vader!

What I'd like to know is why the dorcs invented a gunpowder bomb, but for some unexplained reason don't have guns!

TNT

Foul beasts! We'll cut your legs off!

We'll boil your man-tongues and eat them on bread!

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I wasn't talking to you, Mr. Dodo! I was talking to the audience! They've almost made it to the six-hour mark and there's still a whole other movie to go! Their butts must be number than Joan Rivers' face on Botox night!

Still, I can't help but feel like everything's changed!

El wrongo! When we started, Peppercorn, Legolamb and Gimmicki were looking for the Slobbits, and they never found them! The Slobbits were lost near the forest, and they're still lost by the forest! Sorehead was preparing his final attack! Golfclub was plotting to steal the Ring! Argon was longing for Peppercorn! And you and me were trying to reach Torpor, and guess what? We're still trying to get there! Those chumps out there just sat through a three-hour movie where absolutely NOTHING in the plot has progressed!

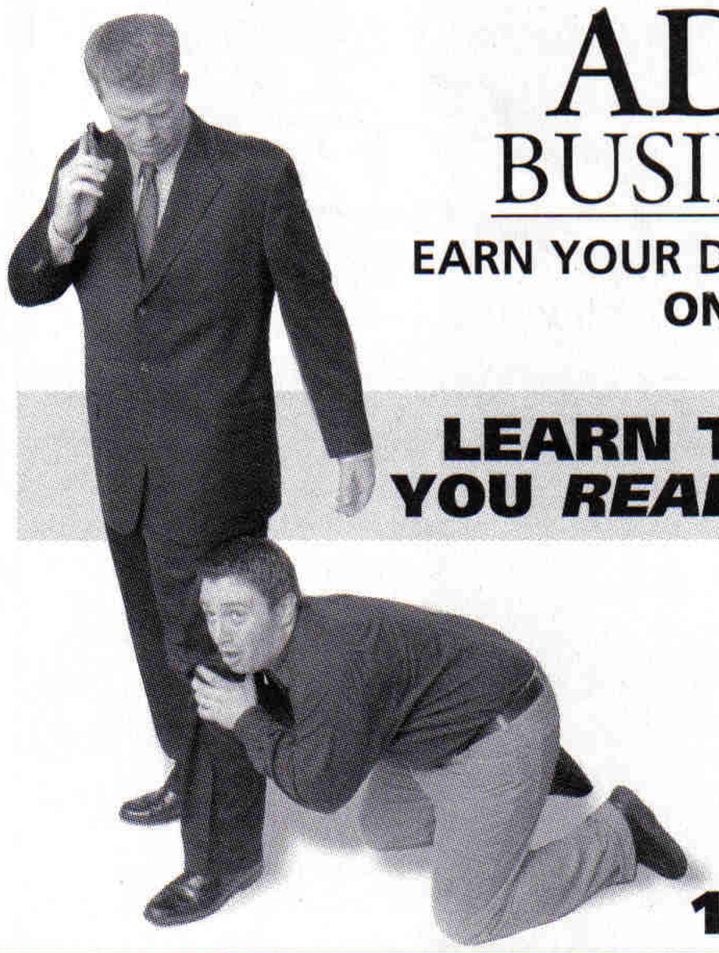
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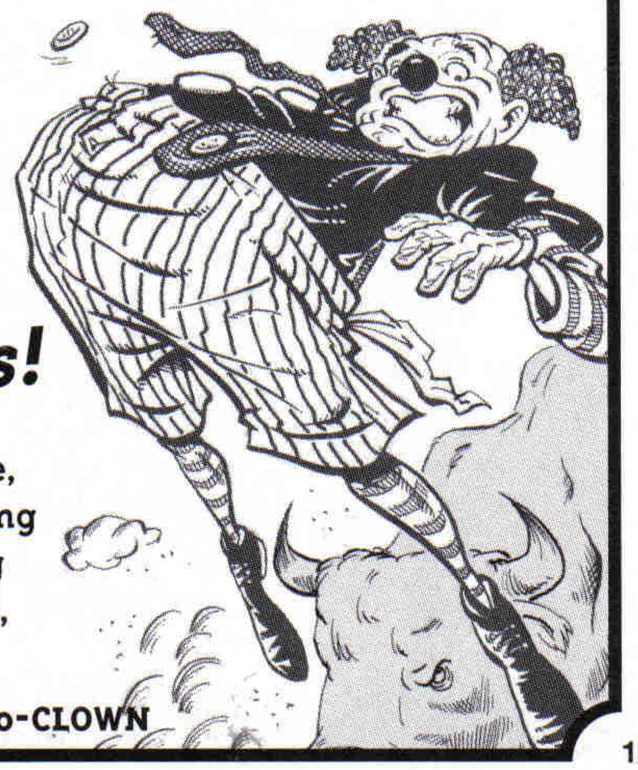
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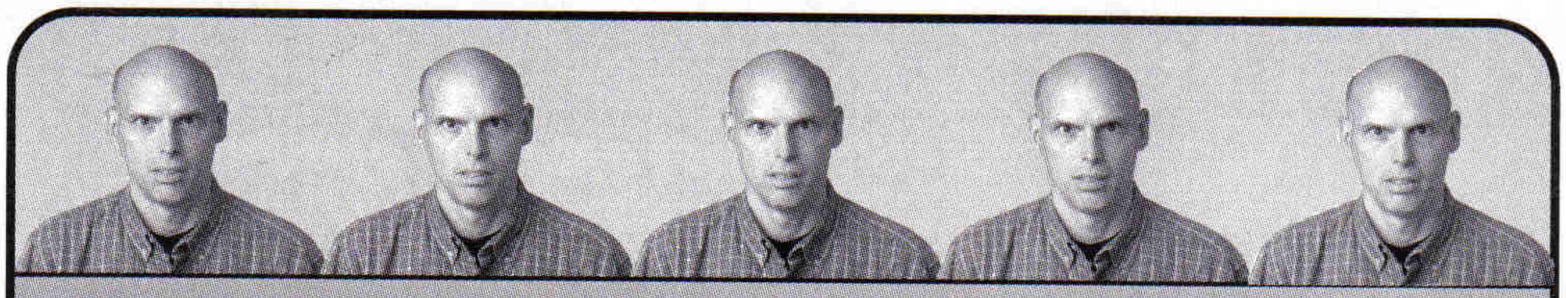
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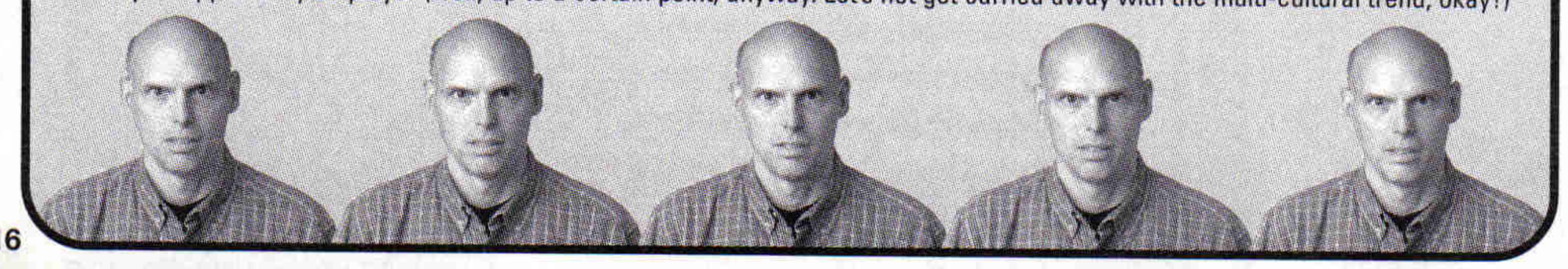
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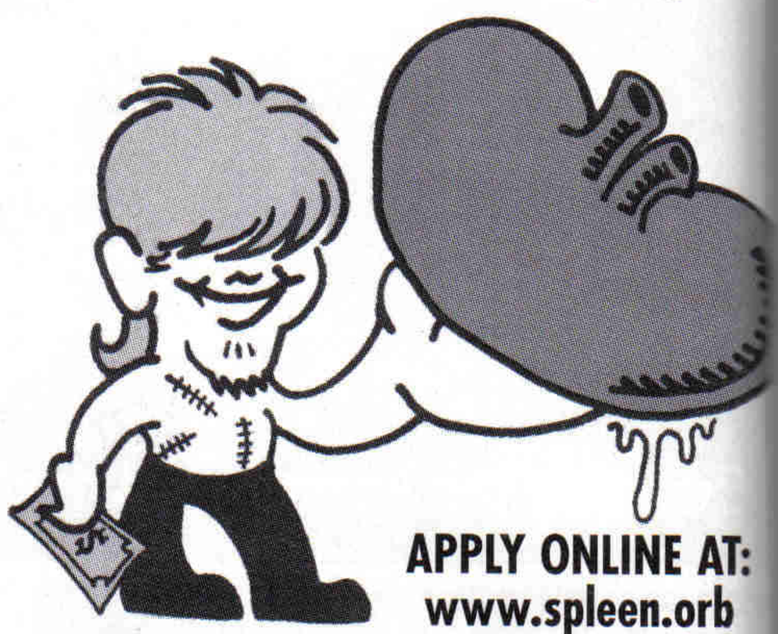
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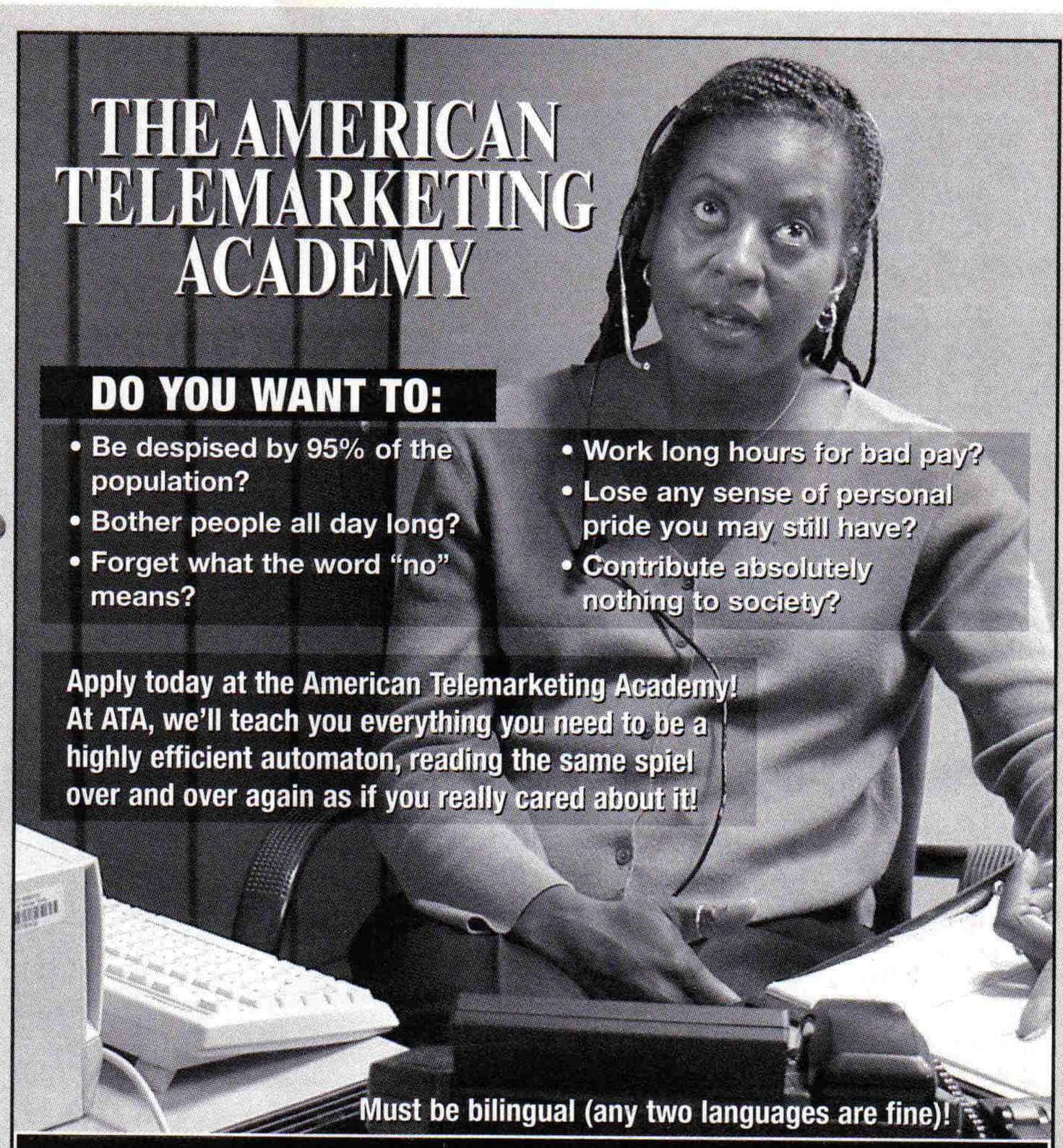


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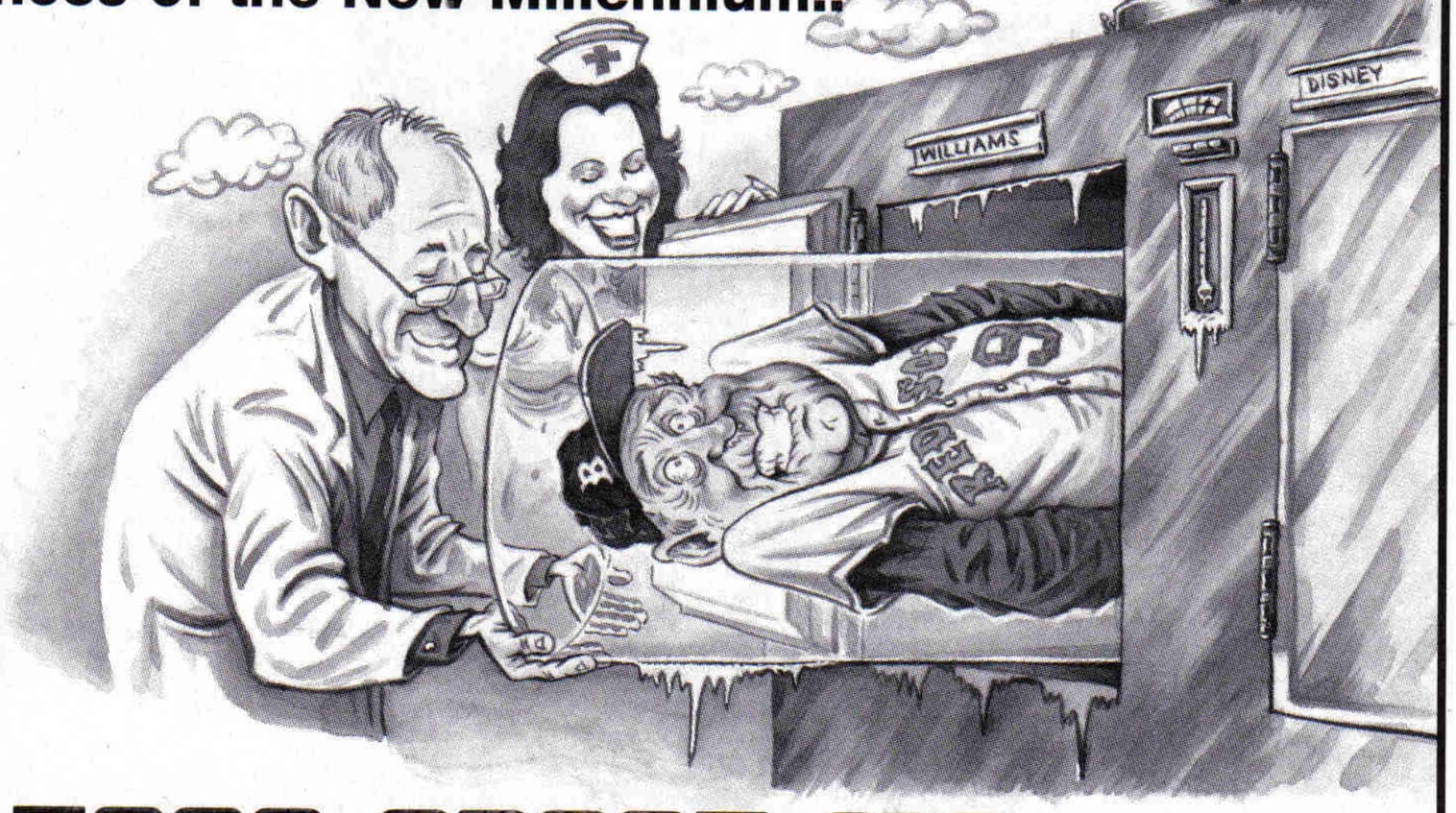
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MAD SIZES UP THE *Best*

EMINEM 8 MILE



WHY HE SHOULD WIN

An Oscar statuette would give him something else to fondle besides his crotch.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

Last year, history was made when the Oscar went to a real black man, so why bother giving it to a fake one now?

LEONARDO DICAPRIO CATCH ME IF YOU CAN



WHY HE SHOULD WIN

It takes real talent to make a check-forging swindler seem lovable in post-Enron America.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

Leo's greatest performance as a con man came when he convinced Scorcese he'd make a credible tough street thug in *Gangs of New York*.

ADAM SANDLER PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE

WHY HE SHOULD WIN

Hell could use a nice cold day every once in a while.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

It would give him the clout necessary to make the sequel *Nine Crazy Nights*.



RICHARD GERE CHICAGO



WHY HE SHOULD WIN

In a cast full of hotties like Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones, Gere still managed to be the prettiest.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

If you thought he babbled on about Buddhism and "Mass Consciousness" as a presenter, imagine what he'll do with an entire acceptance speech.

JACK NICHOLSON ABOUT SCHMIDT



WHY HE SHOULD WIN

Nicholson earned it by surviving the nude Kathy Bates hot tub scene without choking on his own vomit.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

Jack's already been rewarded with a skinny little trophy — Lara Flynn Boyle.

2003 OSCARS

Actor



MIKE MYERS AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER



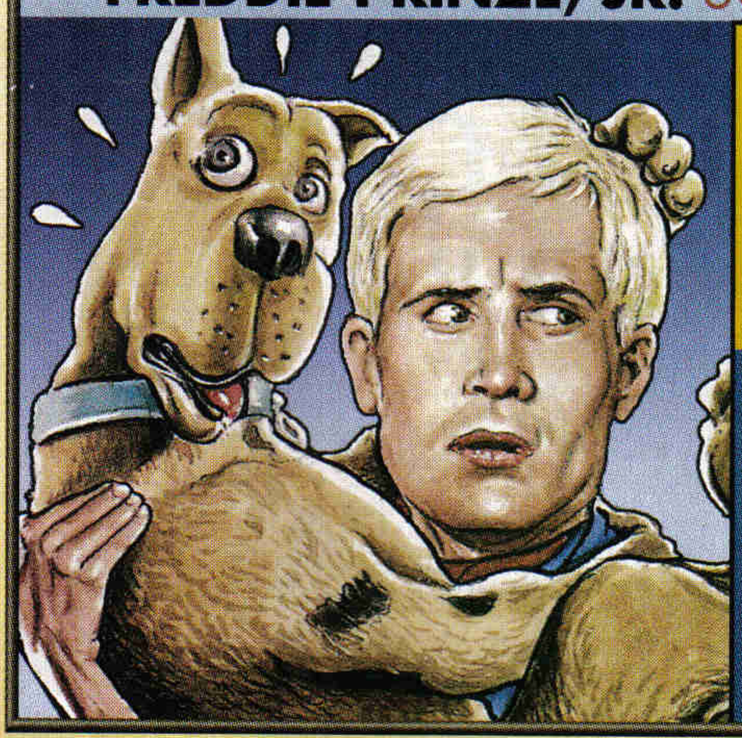
WHY HE SHOULD WIN

Myers deserves a token of gratitude for making a crappy comedy and not a crappy serious film, like Robin Williams and Jim Carrey did.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

His portrayal of a dumb, lovable, party-going schmuck who fights evil isn't half as funny as the dumb, lovable, party-going schmuck viewers see on TV every time President Bush addresses the nation.

FREDDIE PRINZE, JR. SCOOBY-DOO



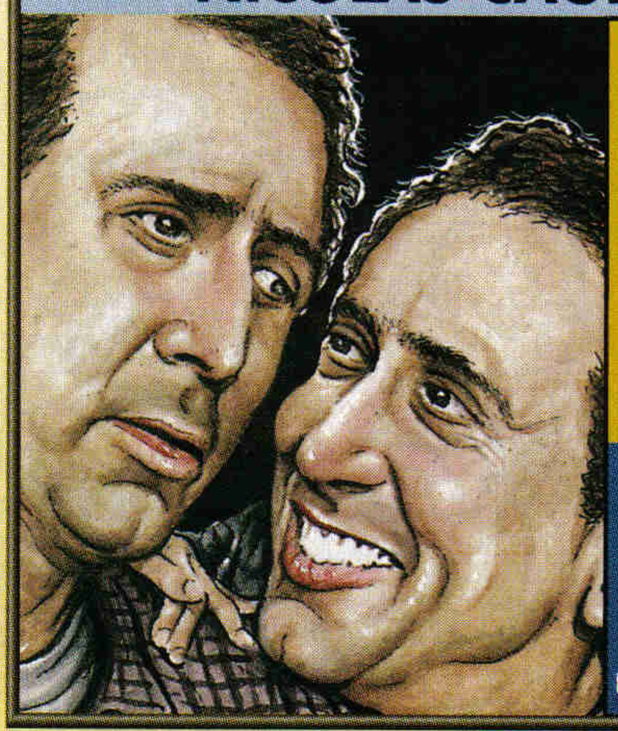
WHY HE SHOULD WIN

After paying his dues in dozens of sucky movies, it's time Prinze was recognized for being in a sucky *hit* movie.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

He actually managed to be the worst actor in an ensemble cast that included both Sarah Michelle Gellar *and* a computer-generated dog.

NICOLAS CAGE ADAPTATION



WHY HE SHOULD WIN

This would be the much-deserved make-up Oscar for his unrecognized work in *Windtalkers*, or, um, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*... Wouldja believe *Snake Eyes*? Heh. Maybe not. *8MM*? *The Family Man*? *Gone in Sixty Seconds*? Oh, never mind.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

Cage's best performance of the year was pretending for three whole weeks that his marriage to Lisa-Marie Presley wasn't a sham.

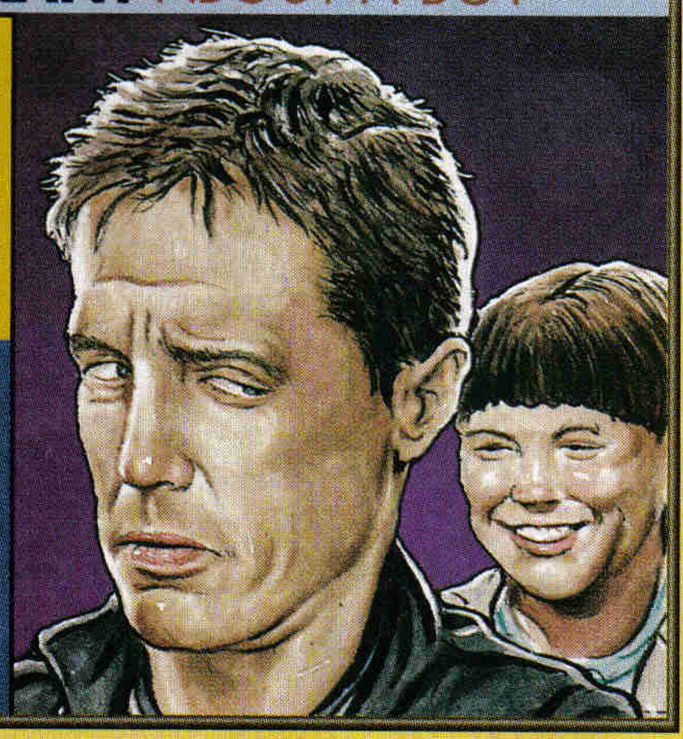
HUGH GRANT ABOUT A BOY

WHY HE SHOULD WIN

It would be nice for once to see the phrase "About a Boy" in the headlines without it referring to priests and cardinals.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

We'd have to endure Hugh Grant stammering out a fourteen-minute acceptance speech — and that's just to hear him spit out the film's title.



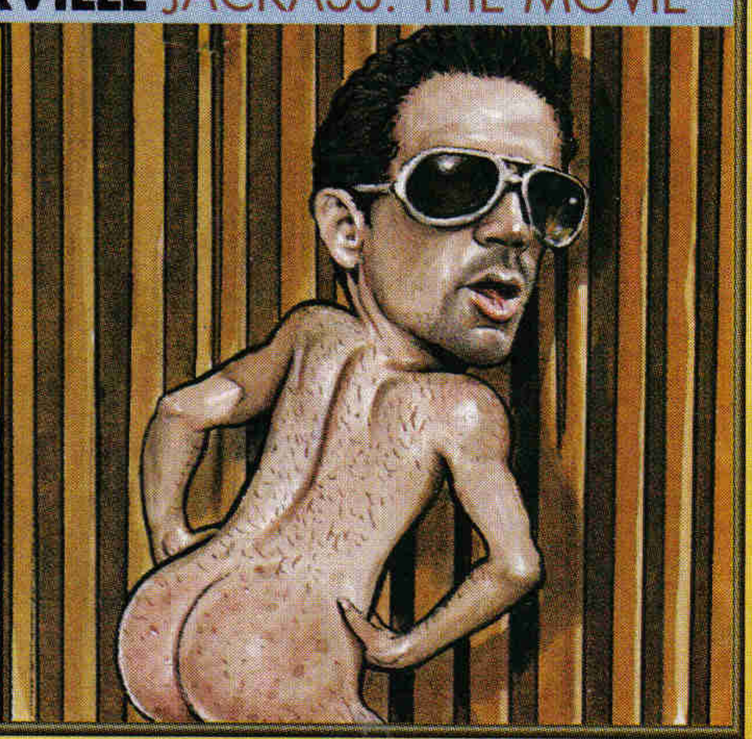
JOHNNY KNOXVILLE JACKASS: THE MOVIE

WHY HE SHOULD WIN

If Robert DeNiro can garner critical raves just for gaining a few lousy pounds in *Raging Bull*, then surely Knoxville deserves an Oscar for taking a buncha shots to the 'nads.

WHY HE SHOULDN'T WIN

We don't even want to THINK about what orifice he'd try to cram his Oscar into.



WRITERS: GREG LEITMAN, BARRY LIEBMANN, DAVID SHAYNE, MIKE SNIDER
ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN "ALFIE" STATUE: HARRY NORTH

Live free or die, it's... MONROE and...



ARTIST: BILL WRAY

DISCRIMINATION

LISTEN, IF IT WASN'T FOR WOMEN'S LIB, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DRIVE A CAR TO PICK YOU UP FACE-DOWN AT THE BAR, OR SIGN A BAIL CHECK MYSELF AND SPRING YOU FROM DOWNTOWN.

YOU GOT ME THERE.

SPORTTIGE VS. THE

MY GOD, WHAT A *SWEET SCAM!* JUST GO WHERE YOU'RE NOT WANTED AND SUE THE PEOPLE WHEN THEY KICK YOUR SORRY **ASS OUT!**

HEY GUYS!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME SO SOON?

I GOT BOOTED FROM THE ARCADE AGAIN. ANYTHING TO EAT?

BOOTED, *EH?* I THINK OUR LITTLE **"scam"** IS IN PLAY.

OH NO! DID YOU SAY SCAM? CAN I JUST GO BACK OUT AND WE'LL START OVER?

YOU'VE BEEN ***DISCRIMINATING*** AGAINST MY *KID!*

WHAT THE *HELL* YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ARCADE

STREET FIGHTER IS HERE

I'M GONNA SUE YOUR ASS UNLESS YOU WANT TO JUST, LIKE, SETTLE NOW.

LOOK, I KICKED THE KID OUT BECAUSE HE WAS WRECKIN' THE *PLACE!* LOOK AT ALL THE DAMAGE TO THAT GAME *SCREEN!* THAT'S FROM HIS HEAD WHEN THE OTHER KIDS WERE BEATING ON HIM!

THAT'S THIS SCAR HERE, NO WAIT, THIS ONE, I THINK.

I SHOULD SUE YOU. BUT, SO THERE'S NO HARD FEELINGS, HERE'S A HANDFUL OF TOKENS AND SOME NACHOS.

SWEET!

FINE. WHAT THE HELL.

OKAY, SO MY SON HERE WANTS TO JOIN YOUR EXCLUSIVE ***CLUB.***

WELL, WE DO HAVE A YOUTH MASON PROGRAM, CALLED DEMOLAY.

DO YOU HAVE A RESTROOM? THOSE NACHOS GOT ME PLAYING "TAPS" ON MY LITTLE BROWN TRUMPET.

THAT'S THE STUFF, KID! SO, HE'S PRETTY REPULSIVE, HUH? BET YOU DON'T WANT HIM IN YOUR CLUB!

ON THE CONTRARY! WE'D LOVE TO HAVE HIM!

Whuh?

WE MIGHT GET A TAX BREAK IF WE LET A COUPLE OF TOKEN RETARDED KIDS IN.

FER THE LOVE OF GOD!

SLAP!

BRING HIM AROUND BACK, WE'LL BURN HIS CLOTHES AND GET HIM A *FRESH ROBE!*

GET IN THE CAR, **Boy!**

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

MoNroe

I HAVE AN IDEA. WE'RE HEADING TO THE **Strip Club.**

OH, THANK GOD! FINALLY A **Father-Son** ACTIVITY I CAN GET INTO!

YEAH, ME AND MY SON WANT TO GO WATCH SOME EXOTIC **DANCING.**

SORRY, WEIRDO. 21 AND OVER.

MUST BE 21 NO MINORS

JUST AS I THOUGHT! ***AGE-ISM!***

WHAT GIVES HERE?

SORRY, BOSS. THIS GUY IS MAKING TROUBLE.

MUST be 21

OKAY, SO MAYBE I UNDERSOLD US ON THAT LAST ONE.

I GOT NOTHING OUT OF IT.

QUIT YER WHINING! SVETLANA HAS A WEBSITE. I'LL LET YOU LOOK AT IT LATER.

SWEET!

OKAY, WE HAVE TO GET OUR THOUGHTS TOGETHER AND WORK THIS SCAM.

ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT ARE THOSE ***GIRLS.***

TONY'S

GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS... WAIT, THAT'S IT!

UH OH.

GET OFF ME!

AHEM.

OFFICER! THANK GOD! YOU HOLD HIM DOWN WHILE I YANK OFF HIS PANTS AND PUT THIS SKIRT ON HIM!

LATER...

WELL, THAT WAS AWKWARD.

WHEN YOU FIGURE IN ALL THE COPS YOU HAD TO GREASE TO GET OUT OF THIS FIX, THIS SCAM ENDED UP COSTING YOU BIG.

POLICE

I DON'T GET IT. WE JUST NEEDED TO FIND A PLACE THAT DIDN'T WANT YOU. HOW HARD CAN THAT BE?

YOU'RE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MY POOR UNDERAGE SON HERE!

UNDERAGE? YOU TALKING FOOLISH, AMERICAN MAN. BUT YURGI DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE WITH COPS. LOSE LIQUOR LICENSE AND MONEY LAUNDERING RING.

I TELL YOU WHAT – YOU LEAVE KID OUTSIDE, I LET YOU TAKE SVETLANA INTO THE V.I.P. ROOM FOR PRIVATE **DANCING.**

YOU'RE THE BOSS, YURGI. *MONROE...*

I KNOW, WAIT IN THE CAR.

HA! *KIDS, I TELL YA!*

ENTRANCE

No way!

LOOK, YOU JUST TELL THEM YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO SELL COOKIES, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

INDIA HILLS

GIRLSCOUTS

I'M NOT GOING TO JOIN THE GIRL SCOUTS!

OF COURSE YOU'RE *NOT!* THEY'LL NEVER LET YOU IN. THAT'S THE POINT.

UNIFORM IS HERE!

LOOK

GLANCE

THIS IS A **NIGHTMARE!**

I KNOW, THINK OF ALL THE PRESS WE'LL *GET!* EVERYONE WILL HEAR ABOUT THIS CRAZY FEM-BOY WHO WANTS TO BE A *GIRL!*

CRASH!

EVERYONE?

ABSOLUTELY! NOW, LET'S GET YOU INTO THIS OUTFIT AND START MAKING THE PAPERS!

I NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH IT.

LEAVE IT TO YOU TO FINALLY BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY WHEN IT COULD HAVE MADE US SOME $ **MONEY.** $

SO IN OTHER WORDS...

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE A WINNER, YOU'RE **A LOSER.**

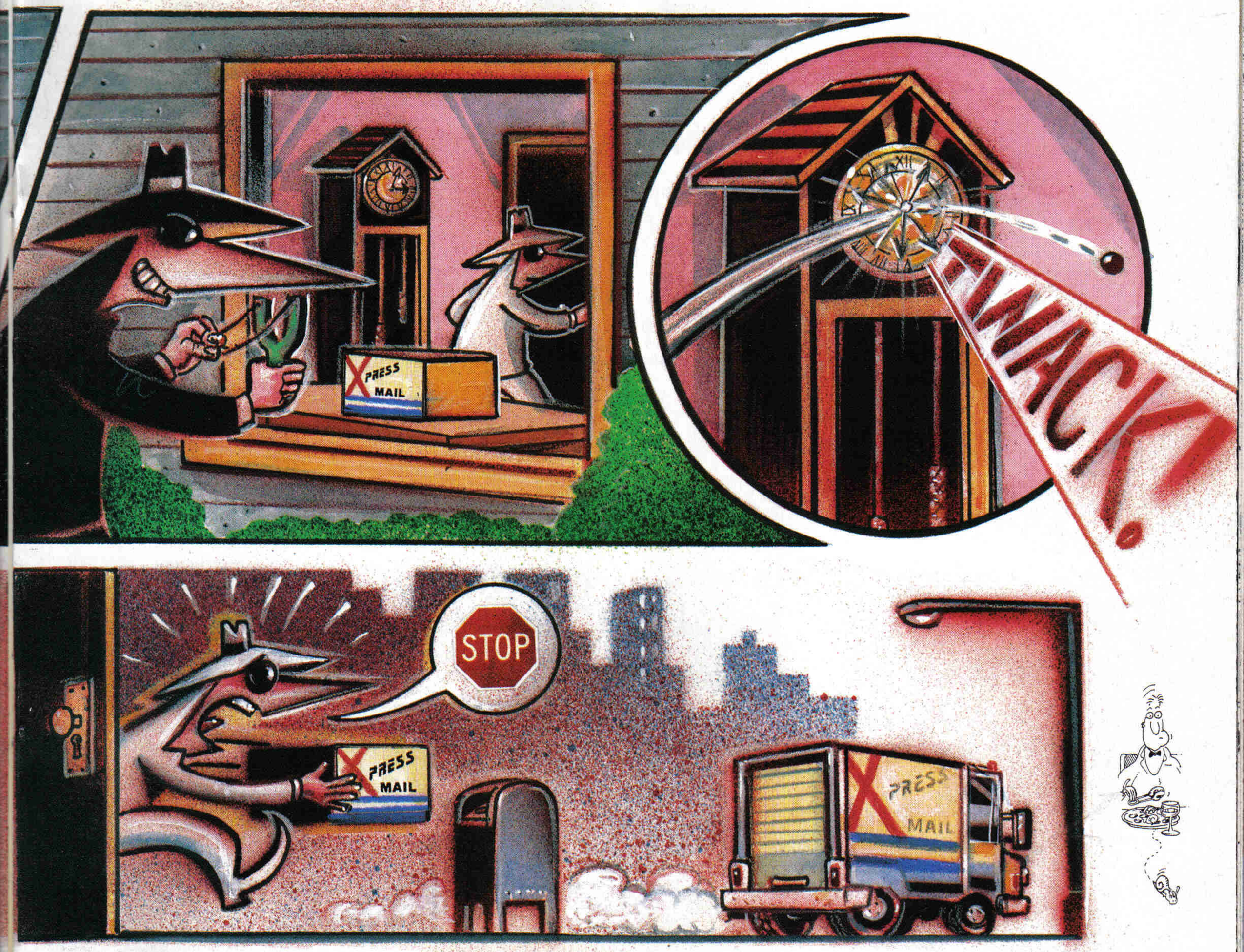
GEE, THANKS, **POP!** THAT MIGHT BE THE NICEST THING YOU EVER SAID TO ME.

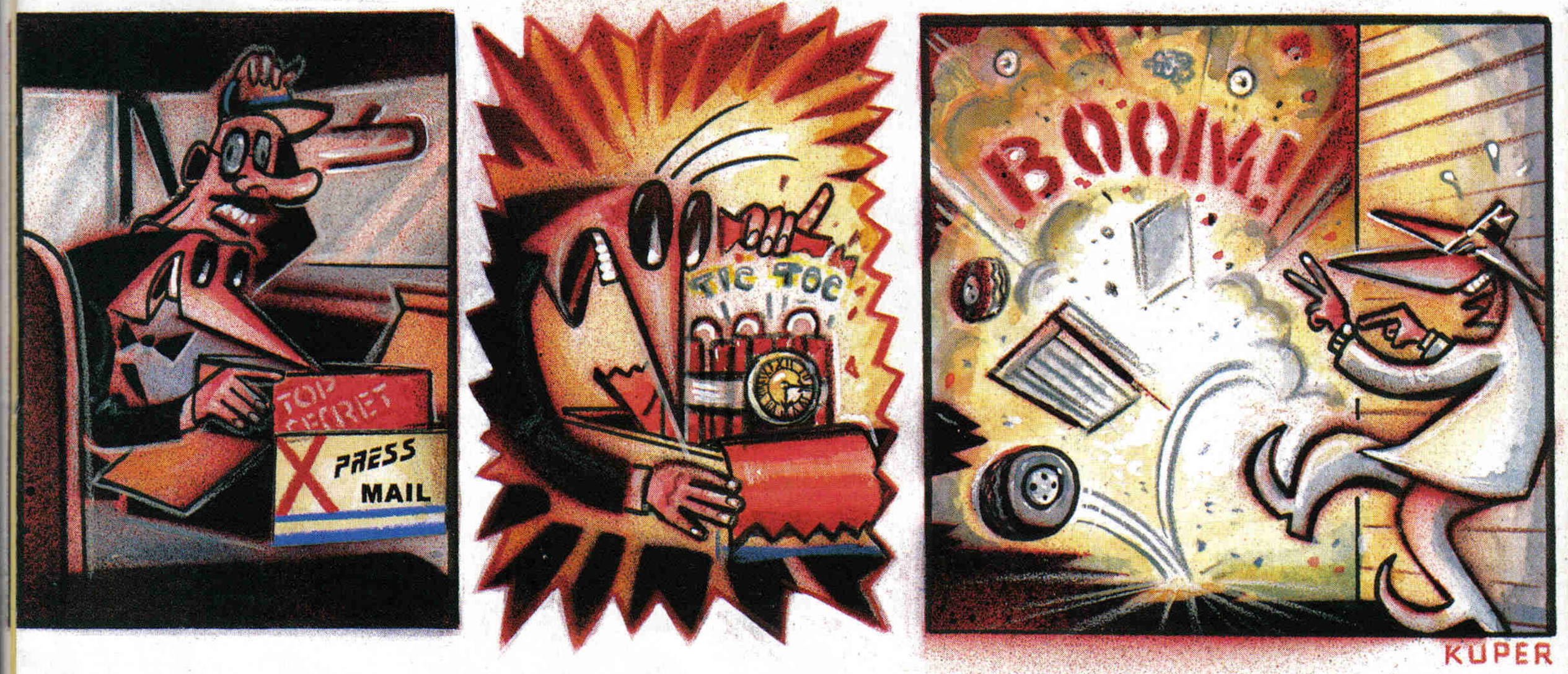
KEEP IT UNDER YOUR *HAT.*

Bill Wray

SPY VS SPY


SCHEDULE
SEND TODAY!
Last pick up 5pm
TOP SECRET
XPRESS MAIL
XPRESS MAIL
TO: SPY Headqua
DONG! DONG!
STOP
XPRESS MAIL
XPRESS MAIL
SCREECH!!


X PRESS MAIL
TWACK!
STOP
X PRESS MAIL
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TOP SECRET
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BOOM!
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ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER

MAD SIZES UP THE *Best*

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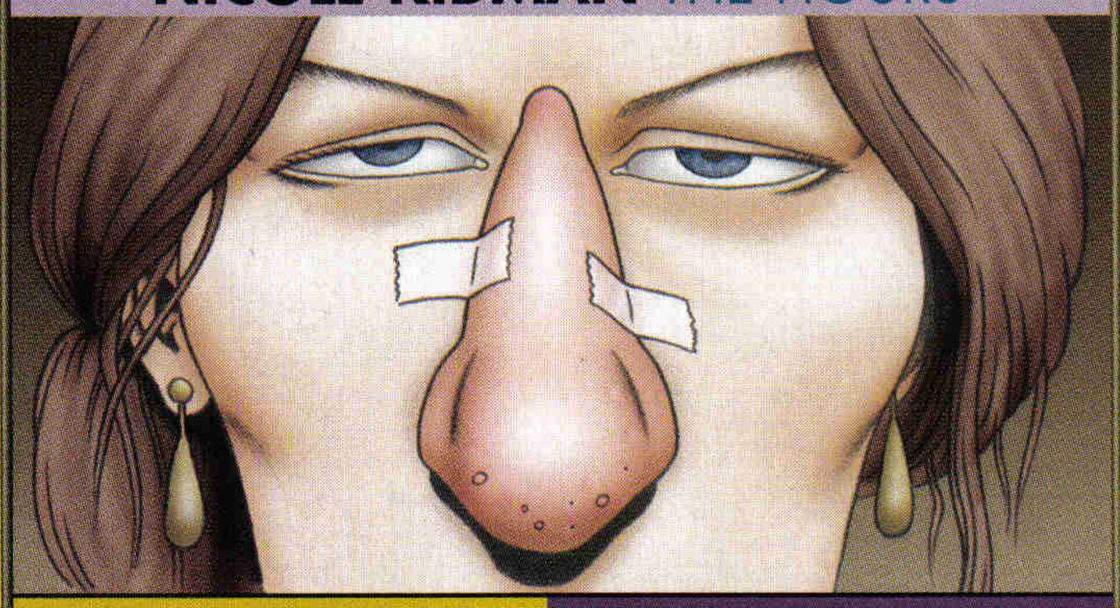
WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

She managed to perform several prison dance numbers in high heels without her "Living Skeleton" body slipping through the bars.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

If she won, late-night talk show viewers would be subjected to even more of those awkward "deer in the headlights" guest appearances of hers.

NICOLE KIDMAN THE HOURS



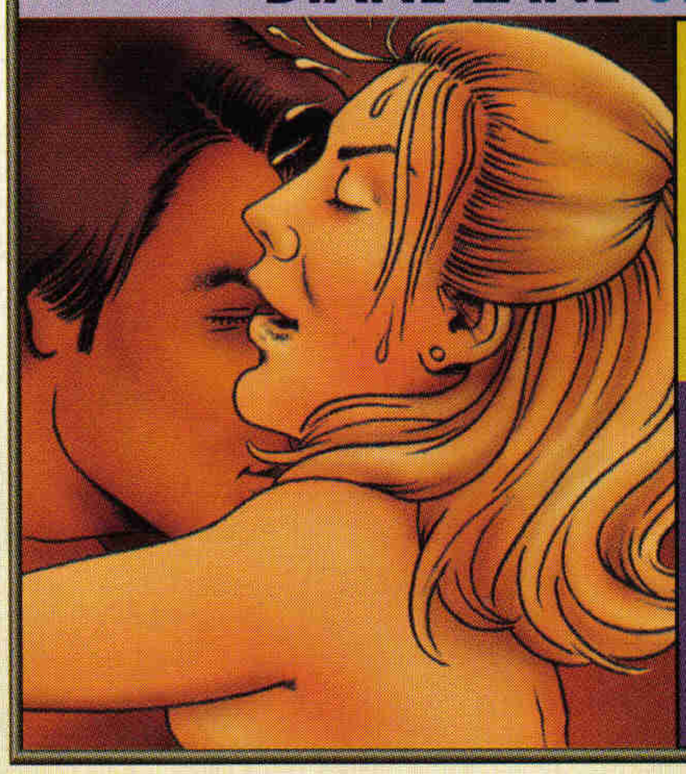
WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

She's still close enough to Tom Cruise to have him "sic" those Scientology goons on all Academy members who don't vote for her.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

To get her prosthetic nose affixed, she had to suffer through a tedious, uncomfortable two-hour ordeal — but so did everyone who saw this movie.

DIANE LANE UNFAITHFUL



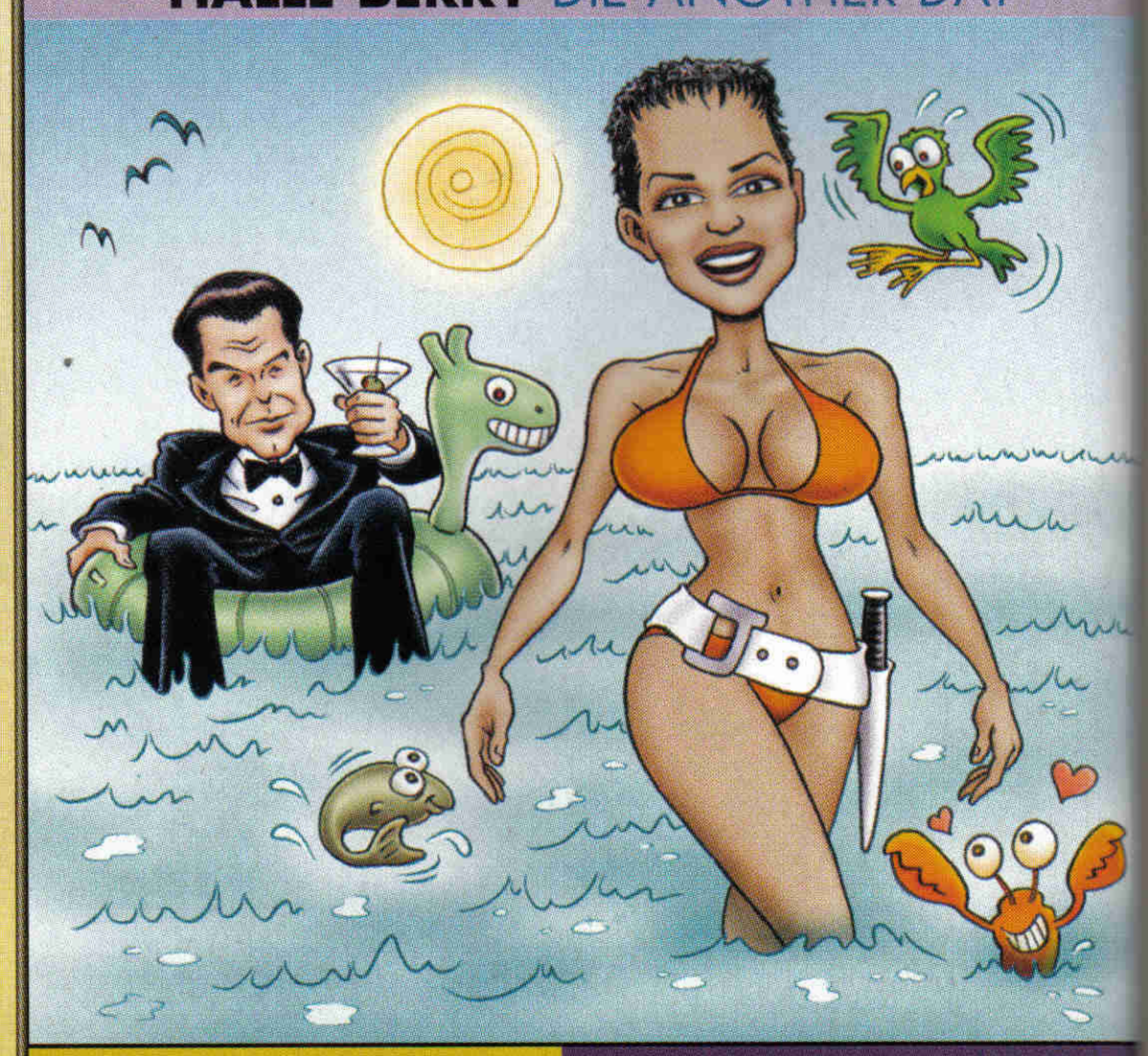
WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

Because we should celebrate any actress who lifts her shirt on-screen more often than a drunken sorority chick in a *Girls Gone Wild* video.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

Let's see, a woman is left sexually unsatisfied by her romance-free marriage to Richard Gere — where's the acting challenge in that?

HALLE BERRY DIE ANOTHER DAY



WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

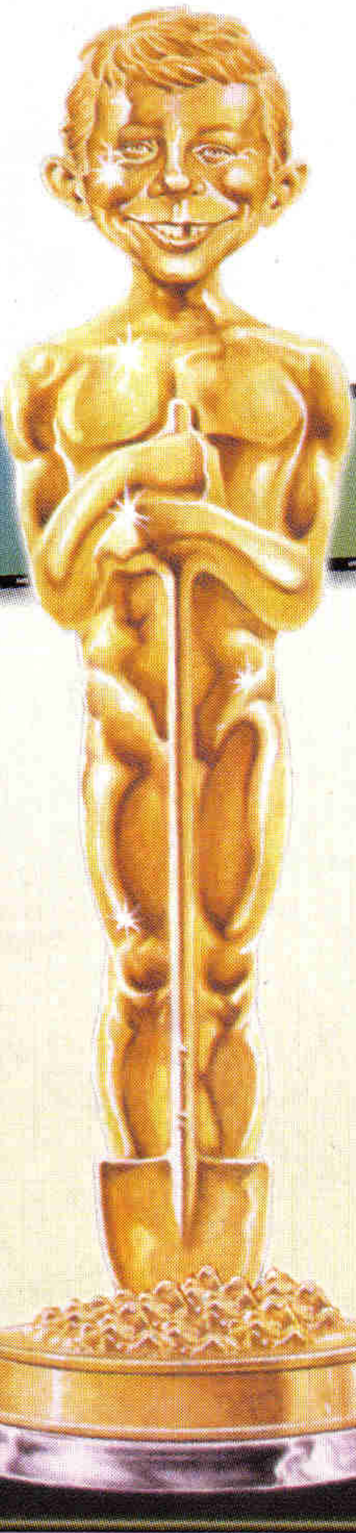
She was able to do something nobody else in the world has been able to: pretend that Pierce Brosnan is the real James Bond.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

The Academy doesn't have a Best Swimsuit Oscar, and the only thing anybody remembers about Halle in this movie is that orange bikini.

2003 OSCARS

Actress



NIA VARDALOS *MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING*



WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

Working for years to get her story to the big screen, Nia Vardalos has taught aspiring comediennes everywhere to work hard, never give up on your dreams… and make horrible ethnic stereotypes about yourself and everyone you love.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

She's a big fat Greek.

JENNIFER LOPEZ *MAID IN MANHATTAN*

WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

It'd be fun watching her try to convince everyone that winning an Oscar for playing a servant is somehow a big step forward for minorities.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

There's only room for one undeserving Oscar winner in her relationship with Ben Affleck.



BRITNEY SPEARS *CROSSROADS*



WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

Britney challenged herself as an actress by portraying a character who was only *kind of* a ditz.

WHY SHE SHOULDN'T WIN

Spears was even less convincing than when she was pretending to be a virgin.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES *CHICAGO*



WHY SHE SHOULD WIN

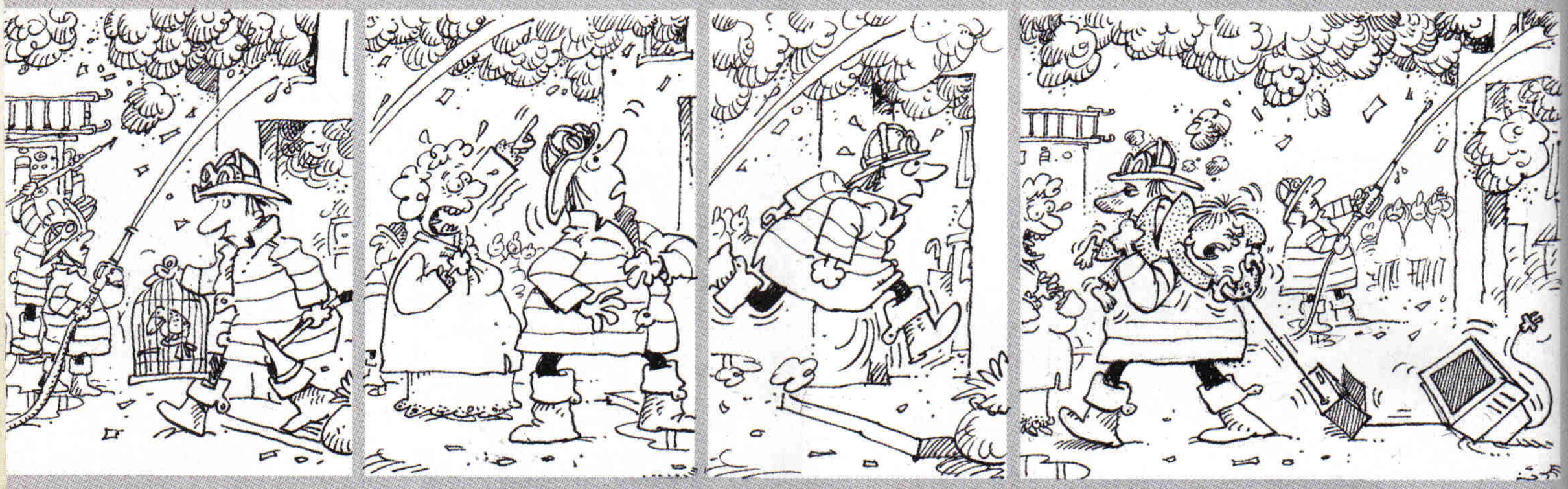
If Zeta-Jones regains A-List status, maybe she'll quit making those annoying T-Mobile commercials.

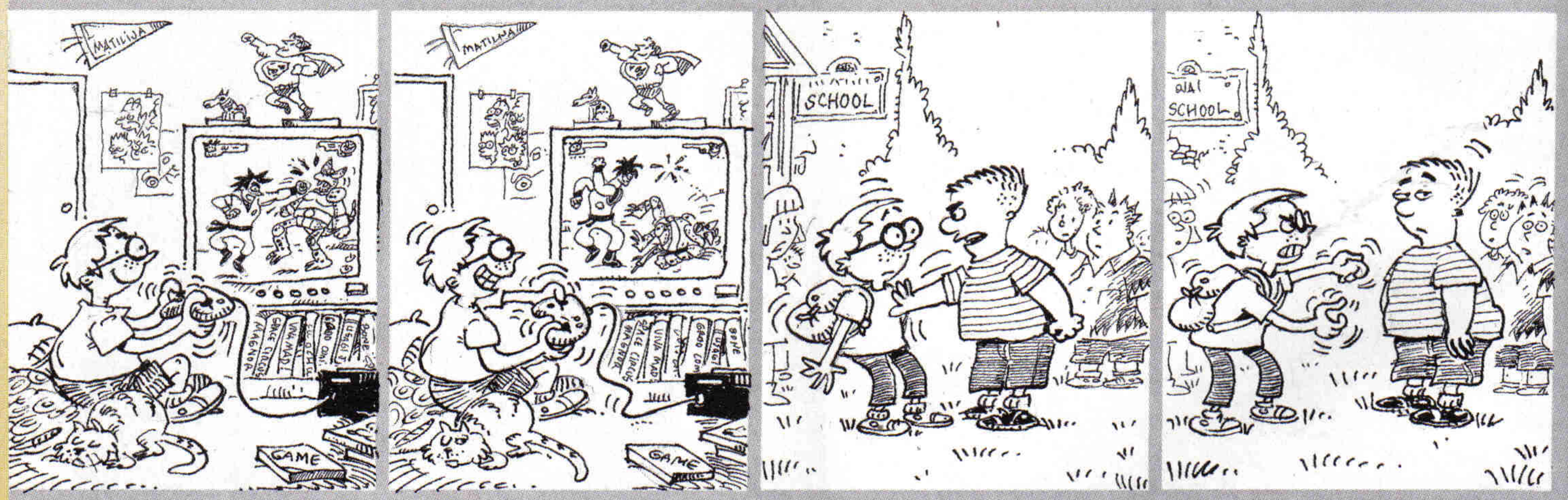
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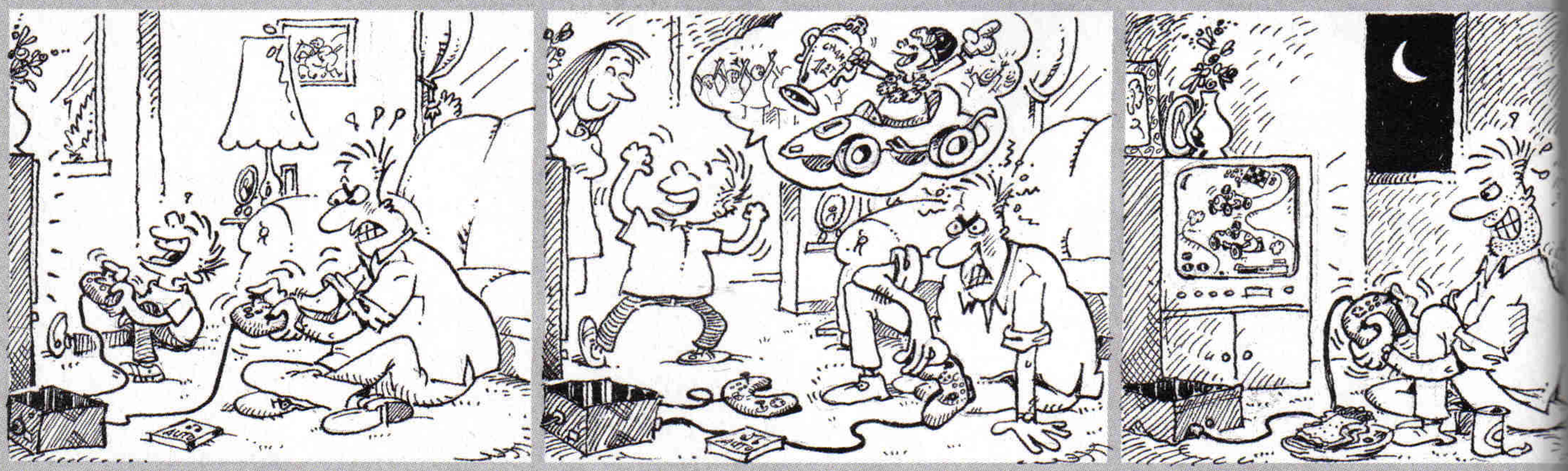
Come on, what the hell kind of name is "Zeta-Jones"? It sounds like a friggin' *Star Trek* character.

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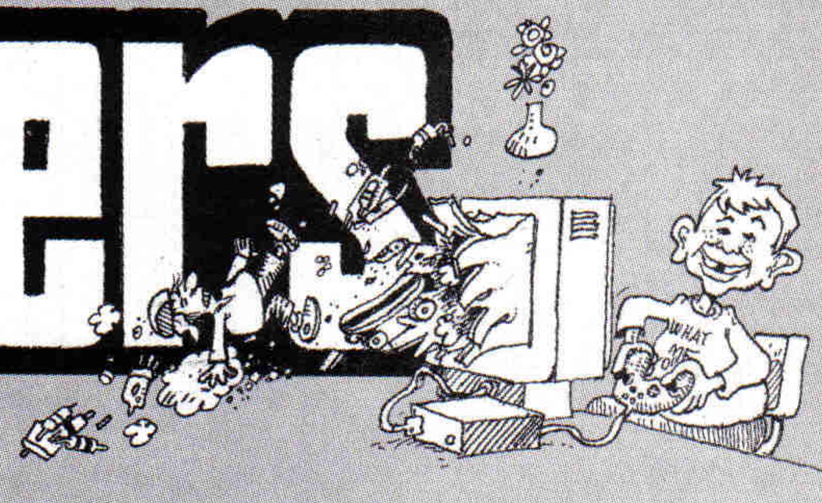
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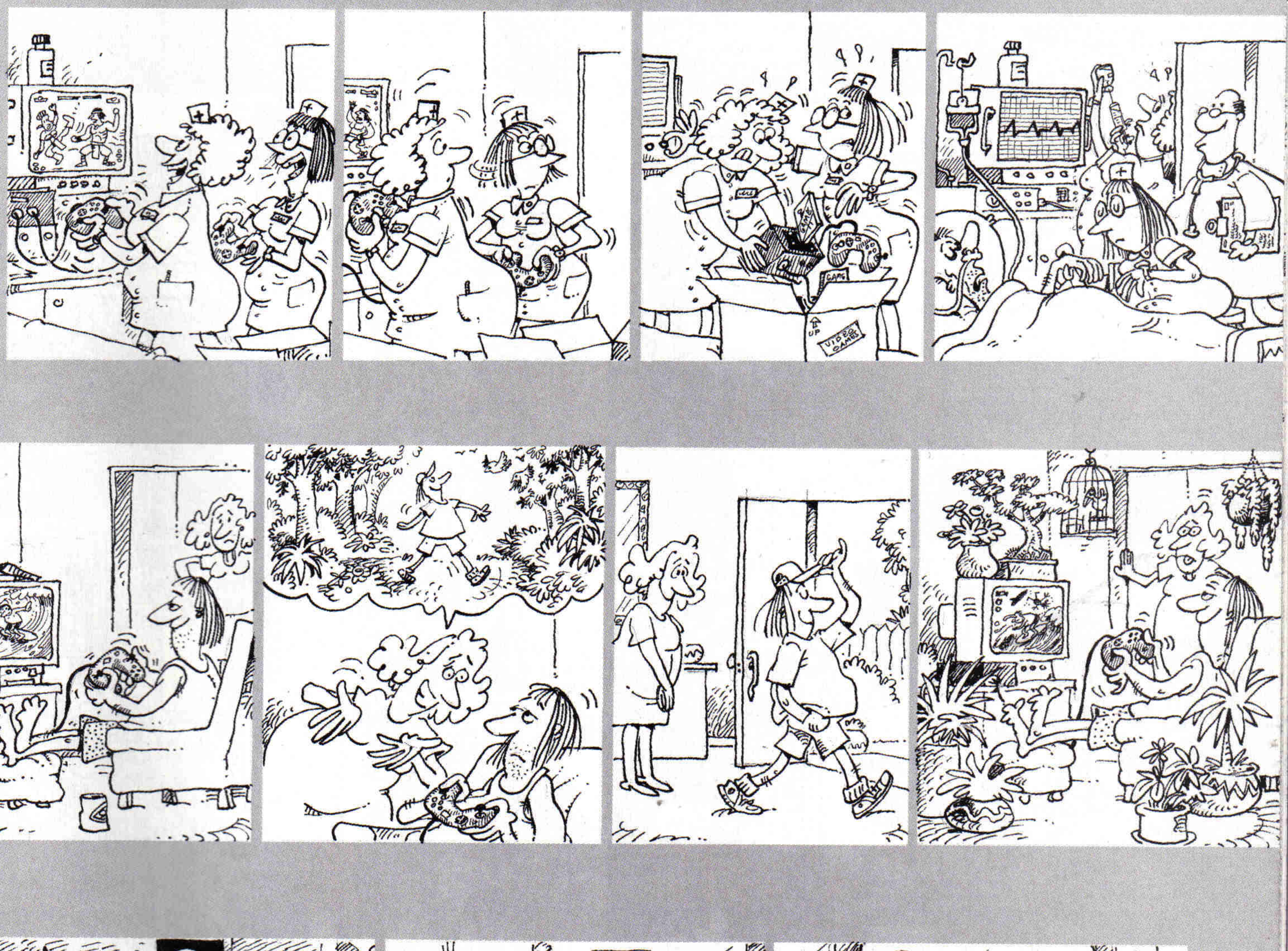


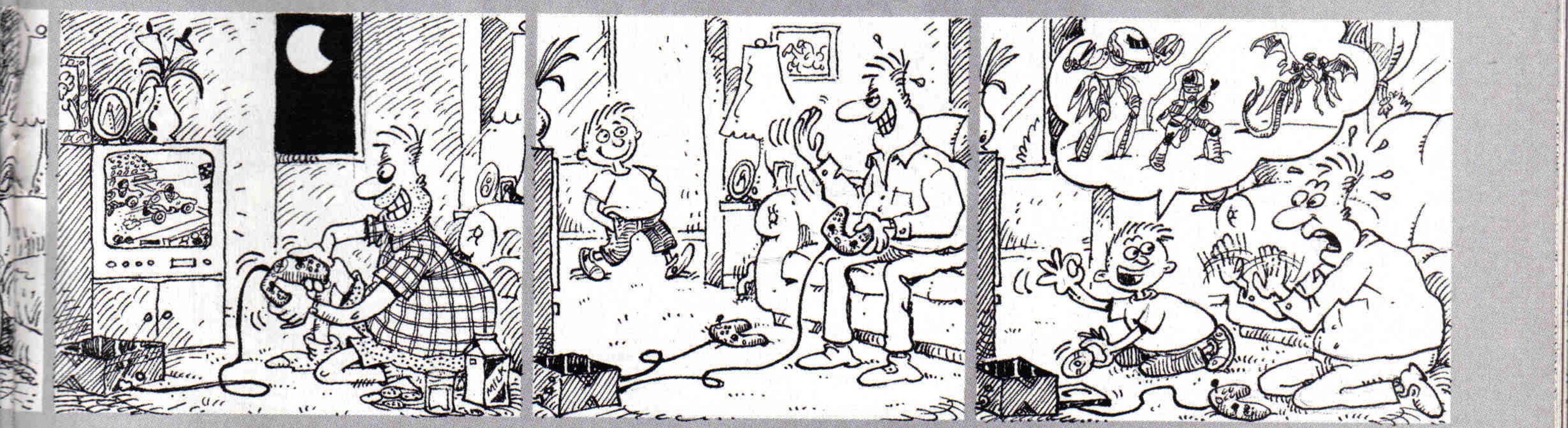




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ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

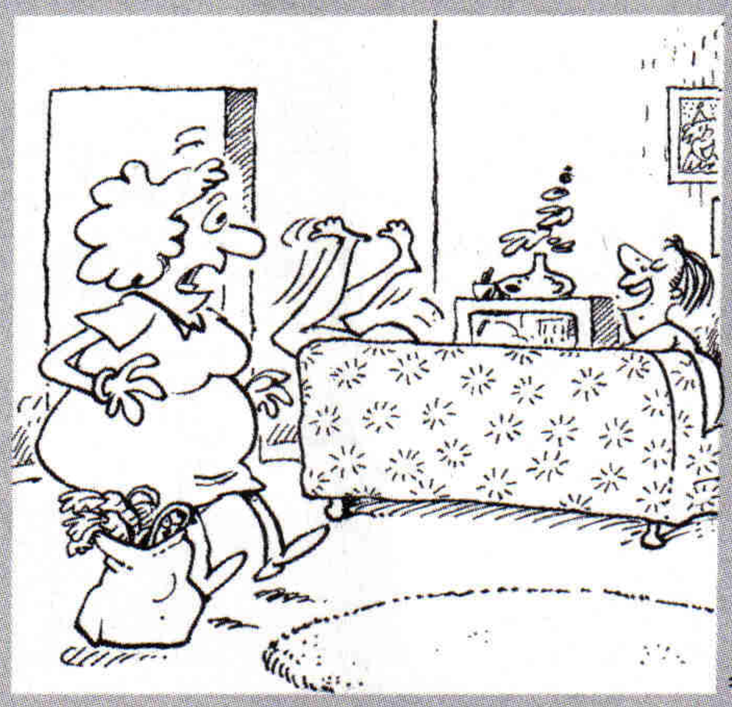


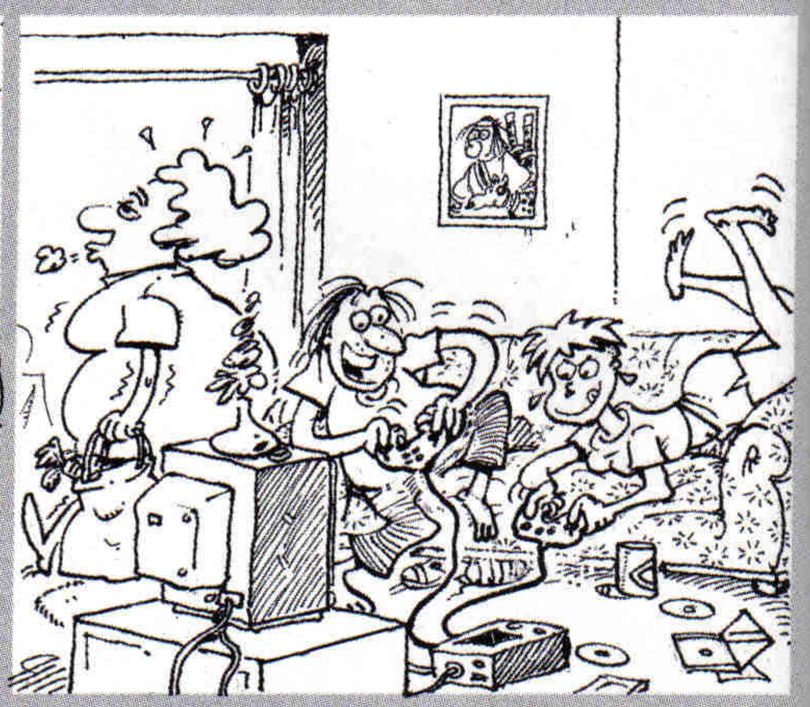


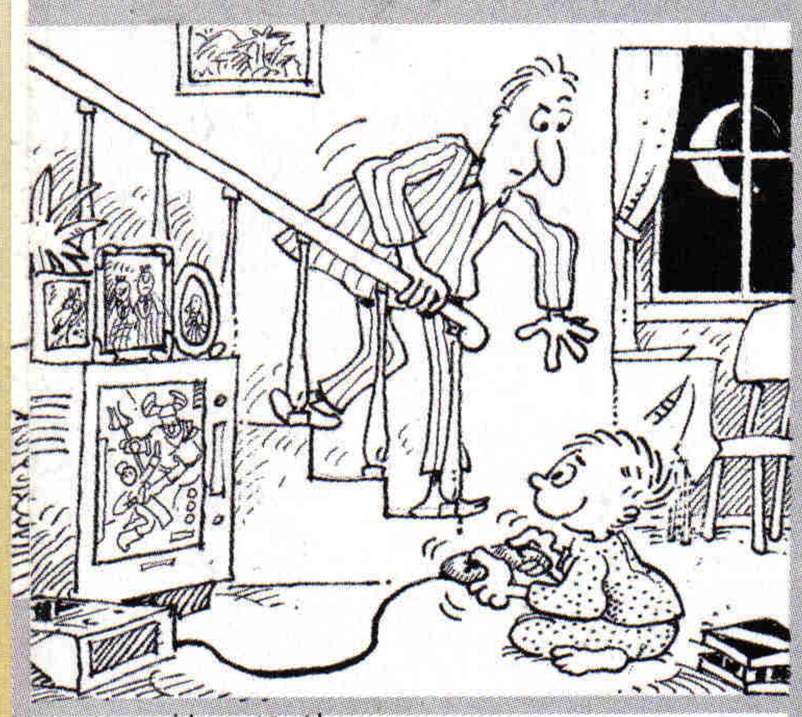

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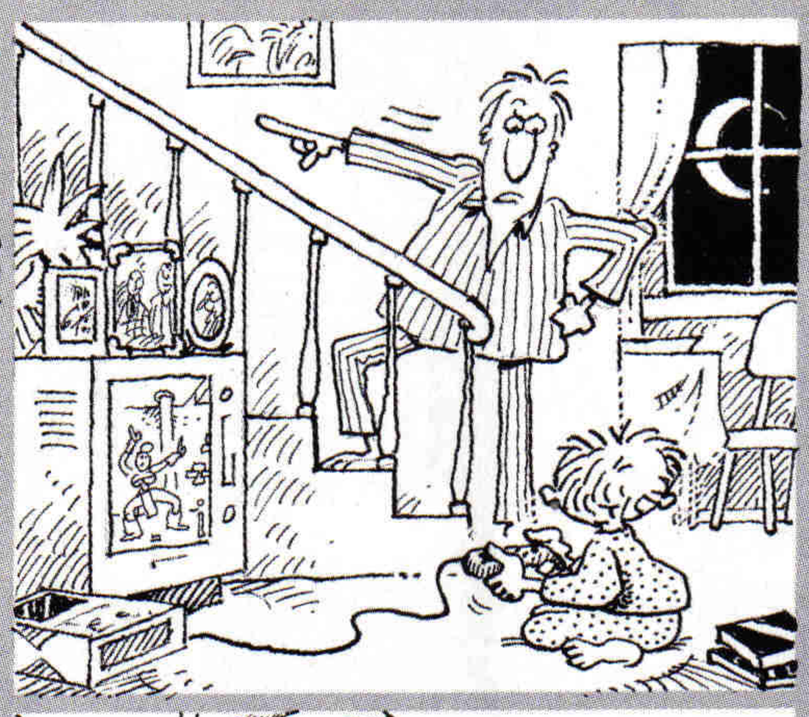



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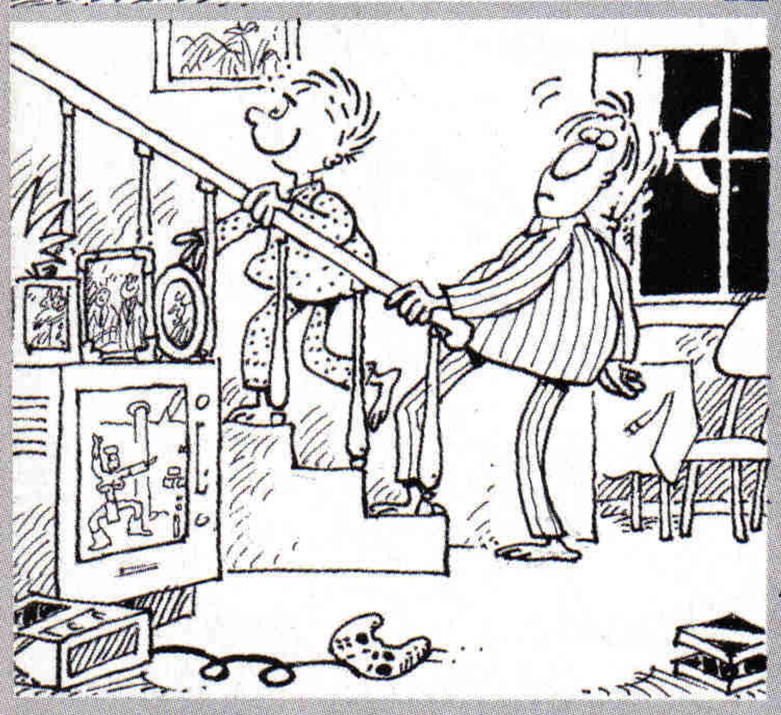


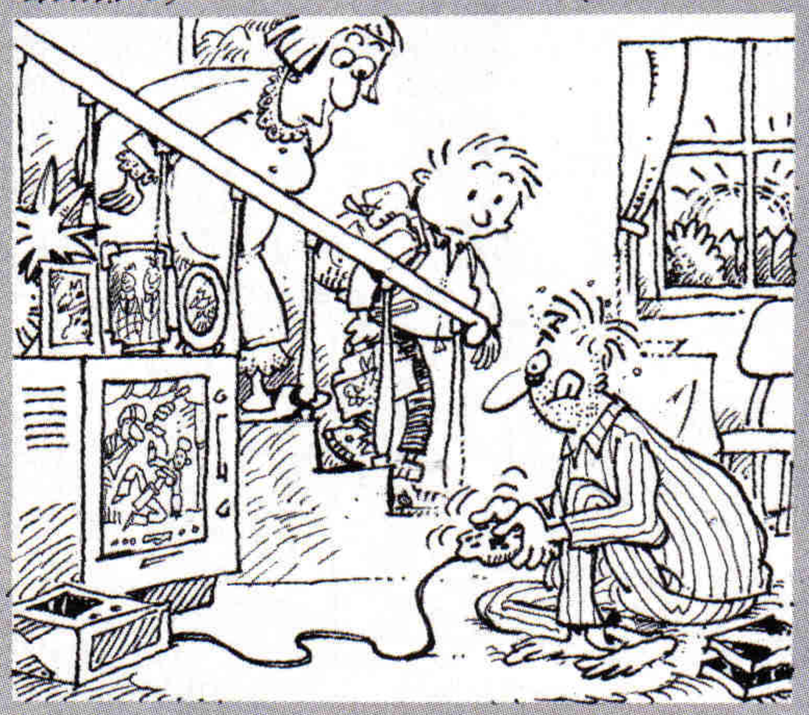







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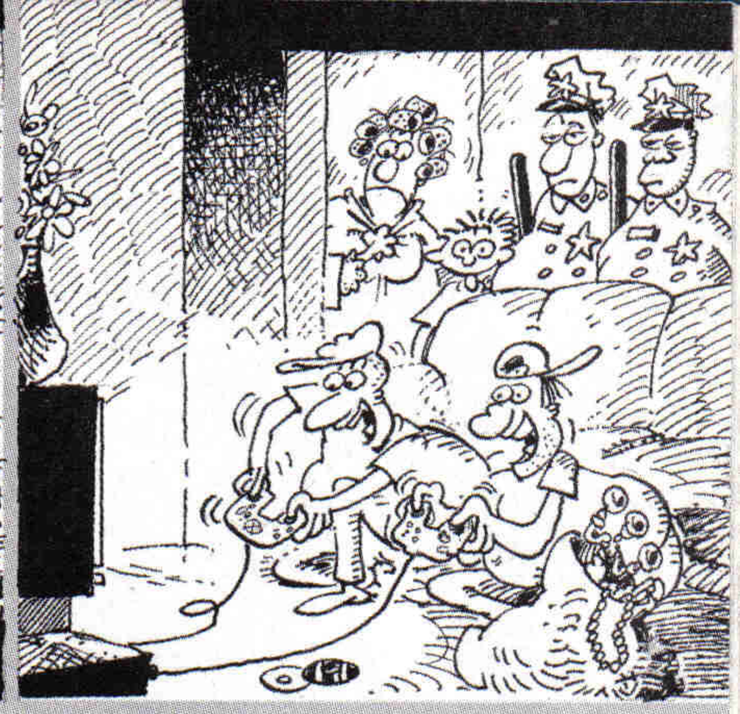



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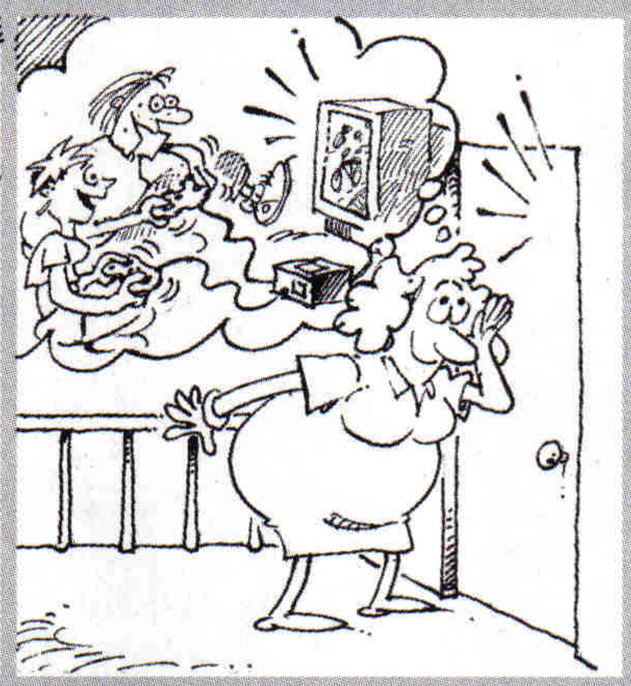


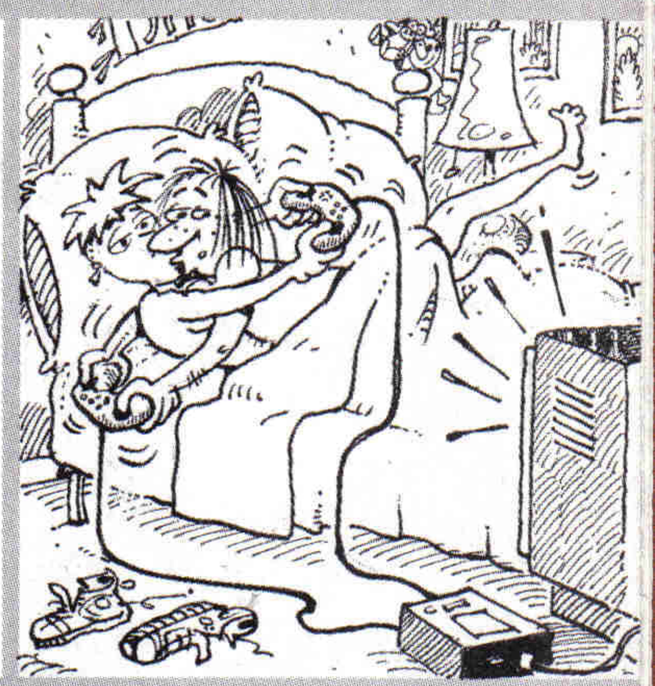

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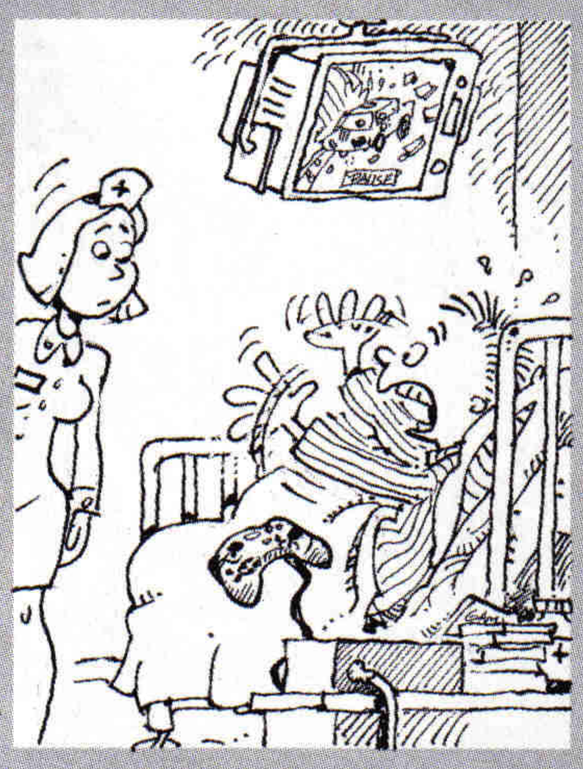




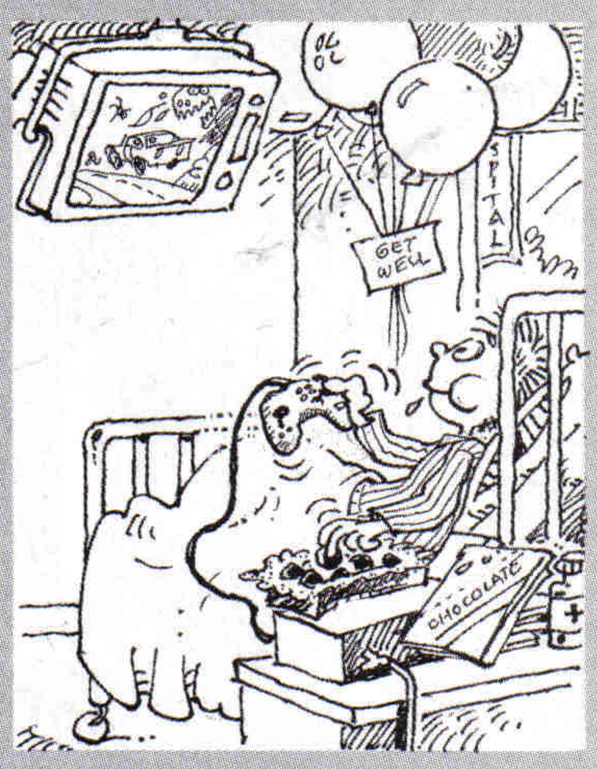





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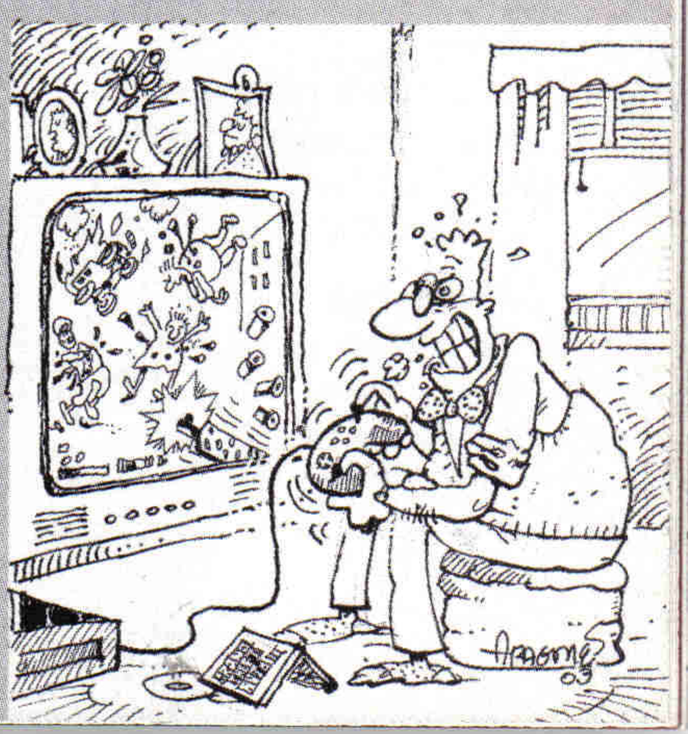

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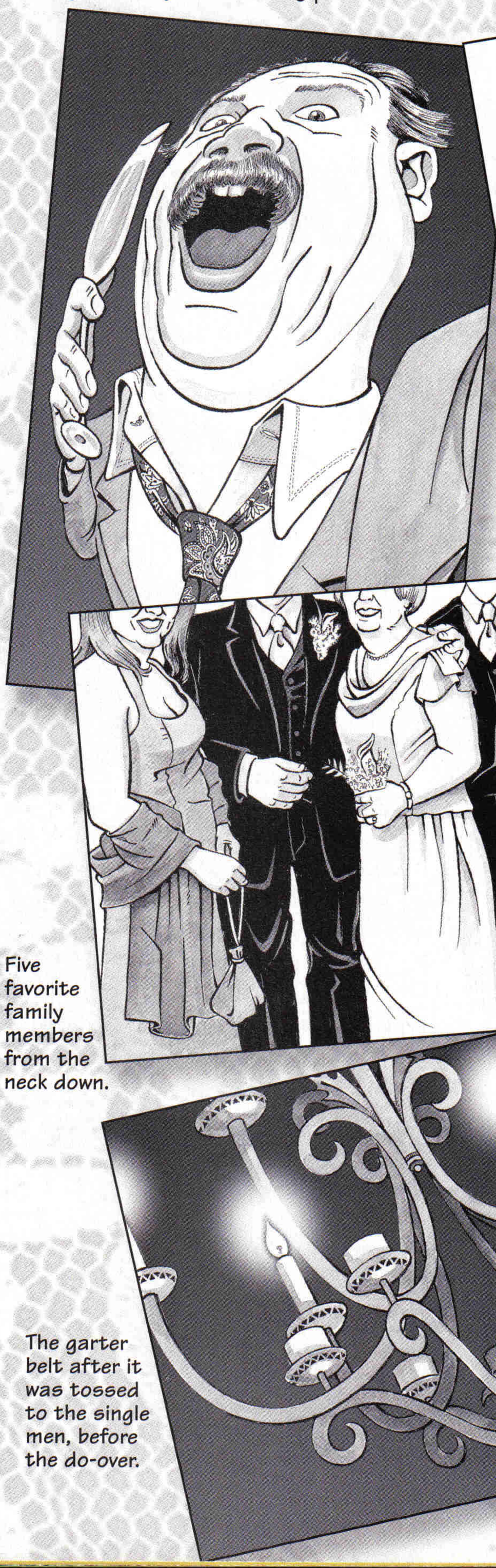

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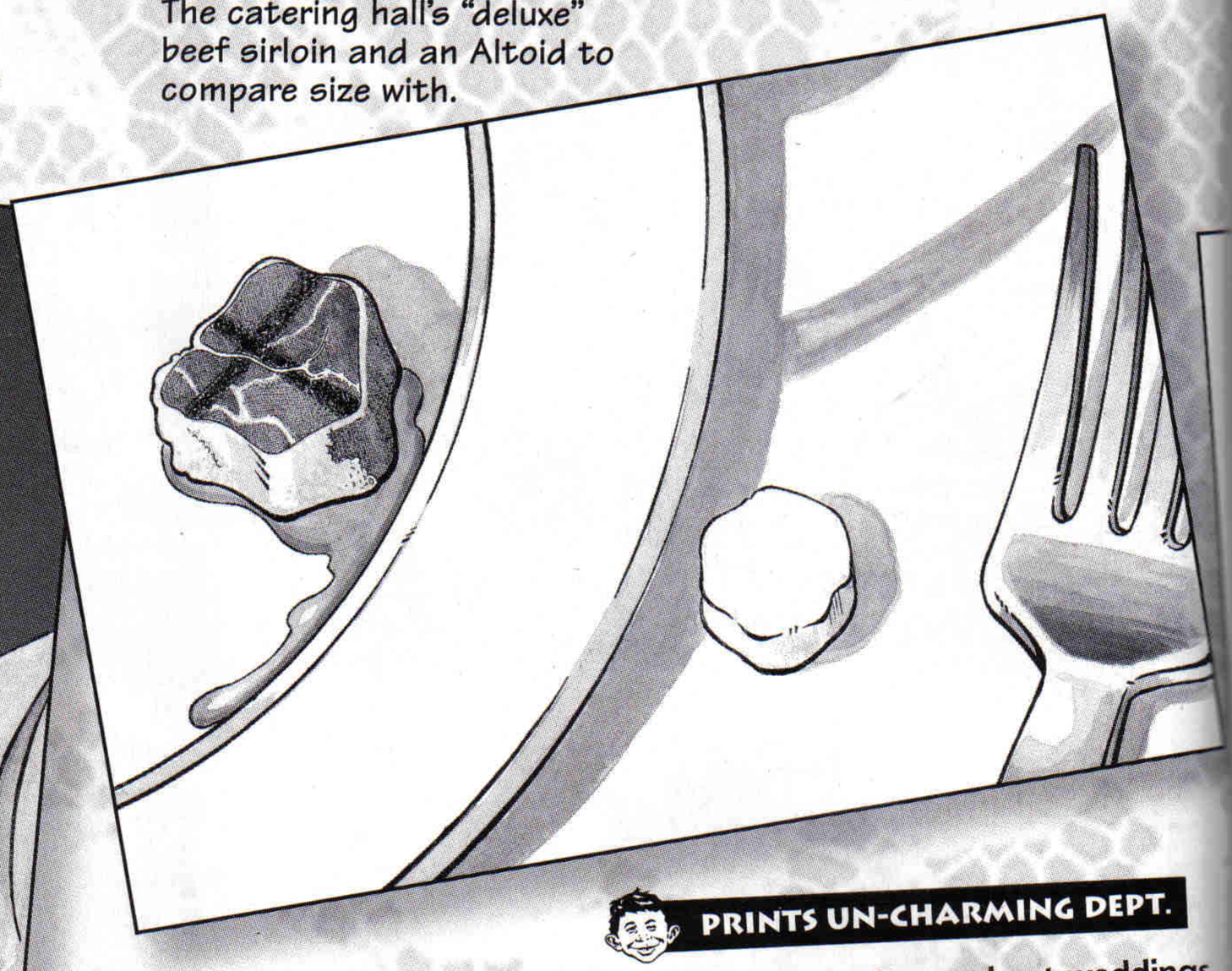




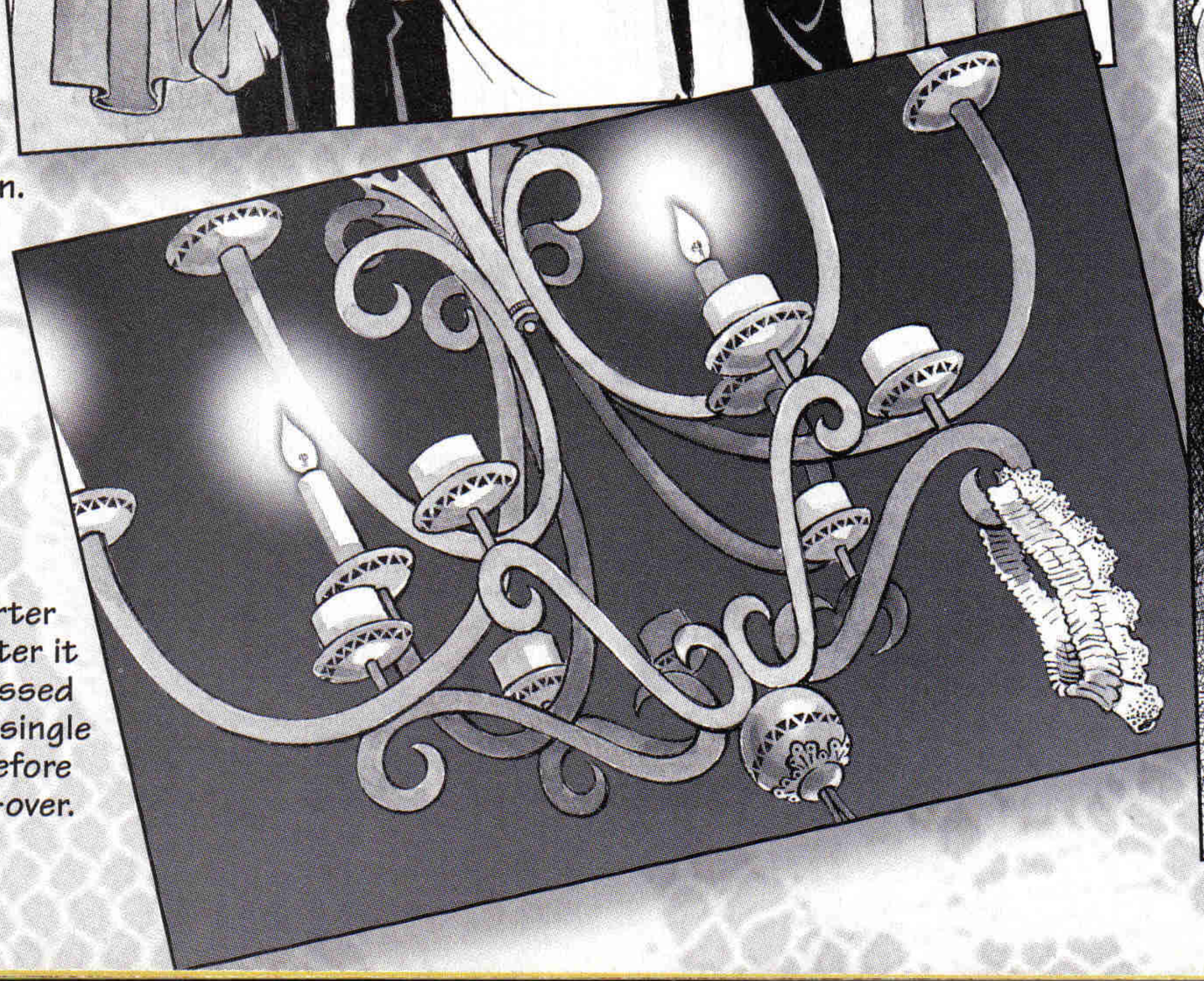
Yet another self-portrait by someone who doesn't realize that cameras held at arm's length never yield flattering pictures.



The catering hall's "deluxe" beef sirloin and an Altoid to compare size with.



Five favorite family members from the neck down.



The garter belt after it was tossed to the single men, before the do-over.

PRINTS UN-CHARMING DEPT.

The latest "in" thing to do at weddings and other social events is to place a cheap, disposable camera on each table so guests can take their own candid pictures at the reception — beautiful, emotion-packed, artistic masterpieces that could only be captured on a $5.99 Kodak throwaway. Well, unless your drunken Uncle is Ansel Adams and your Aunt is Annie Leibovitz, it ain't gonna happen! For proof, look at this recent collection of...

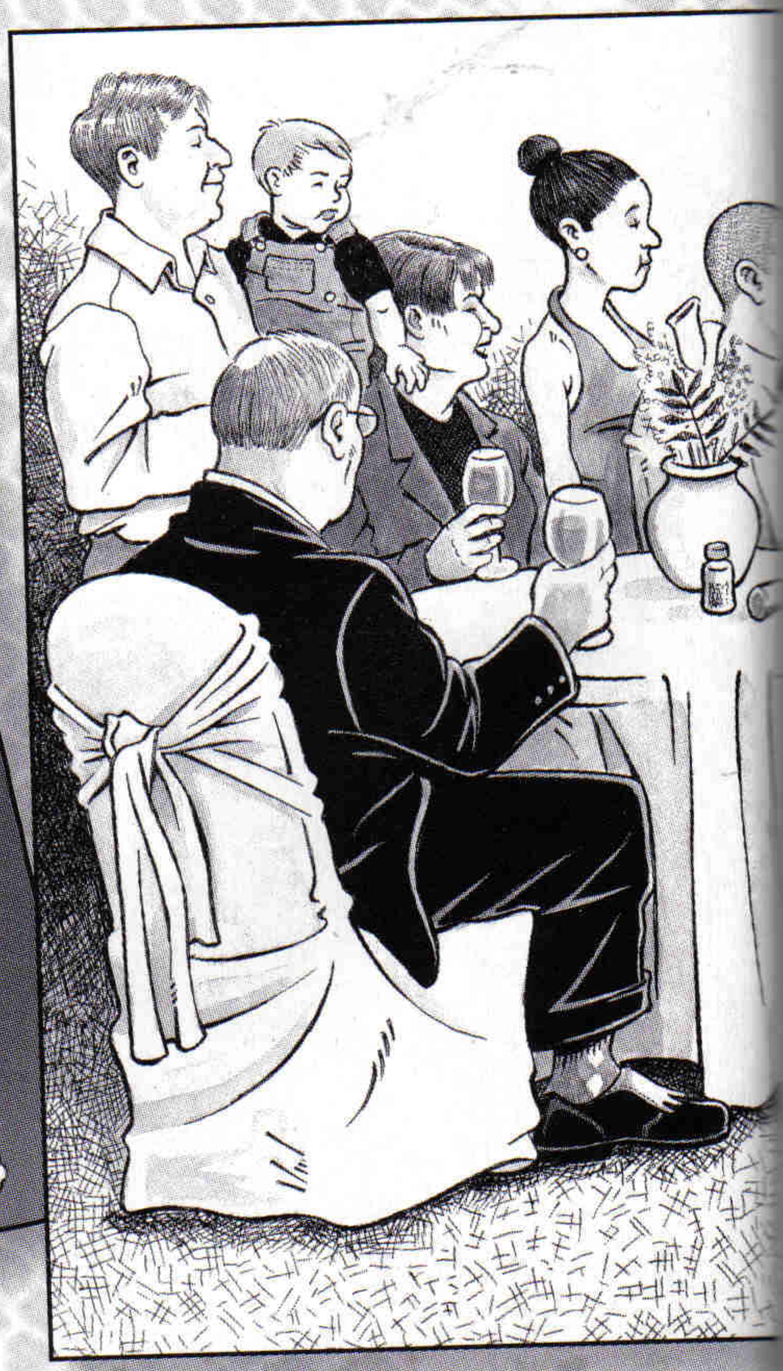
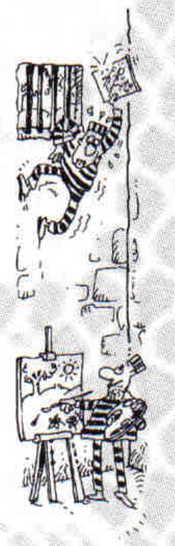


Table Seven posing for another camer

A waitress walking in front of what would have been a great shot of the groom feeding the bride.





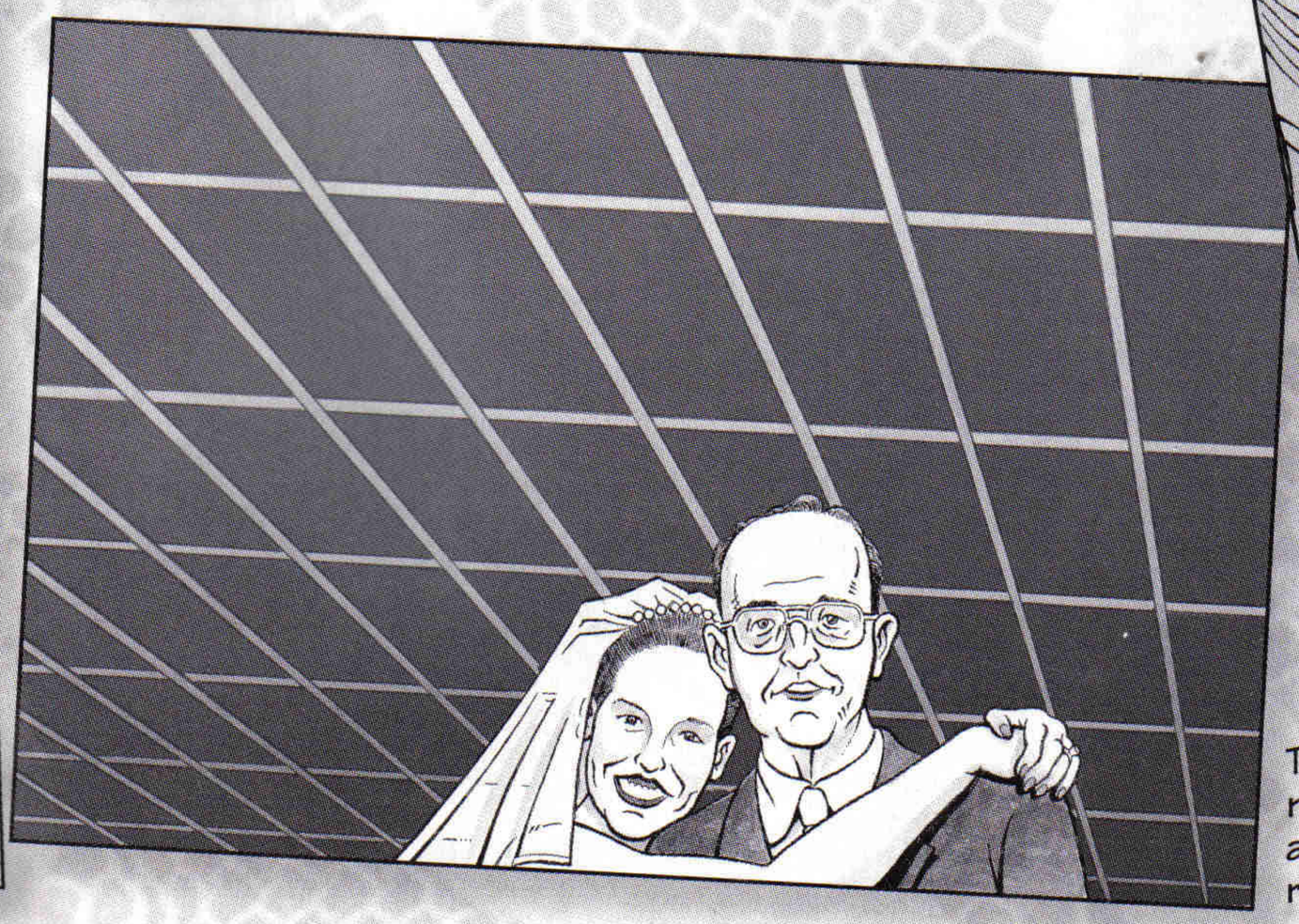


The bride after vomiting in the women's room, before her bridesmaids have a chance to freshen her up.

Disposable Camera Wedding Photos THAT DIDN'T MAKE THE ALBUM



The person whose cell phone rang during the best man's toast.



The bride, her father, and more ceiling tiles than anyone ever has good reason to look at.

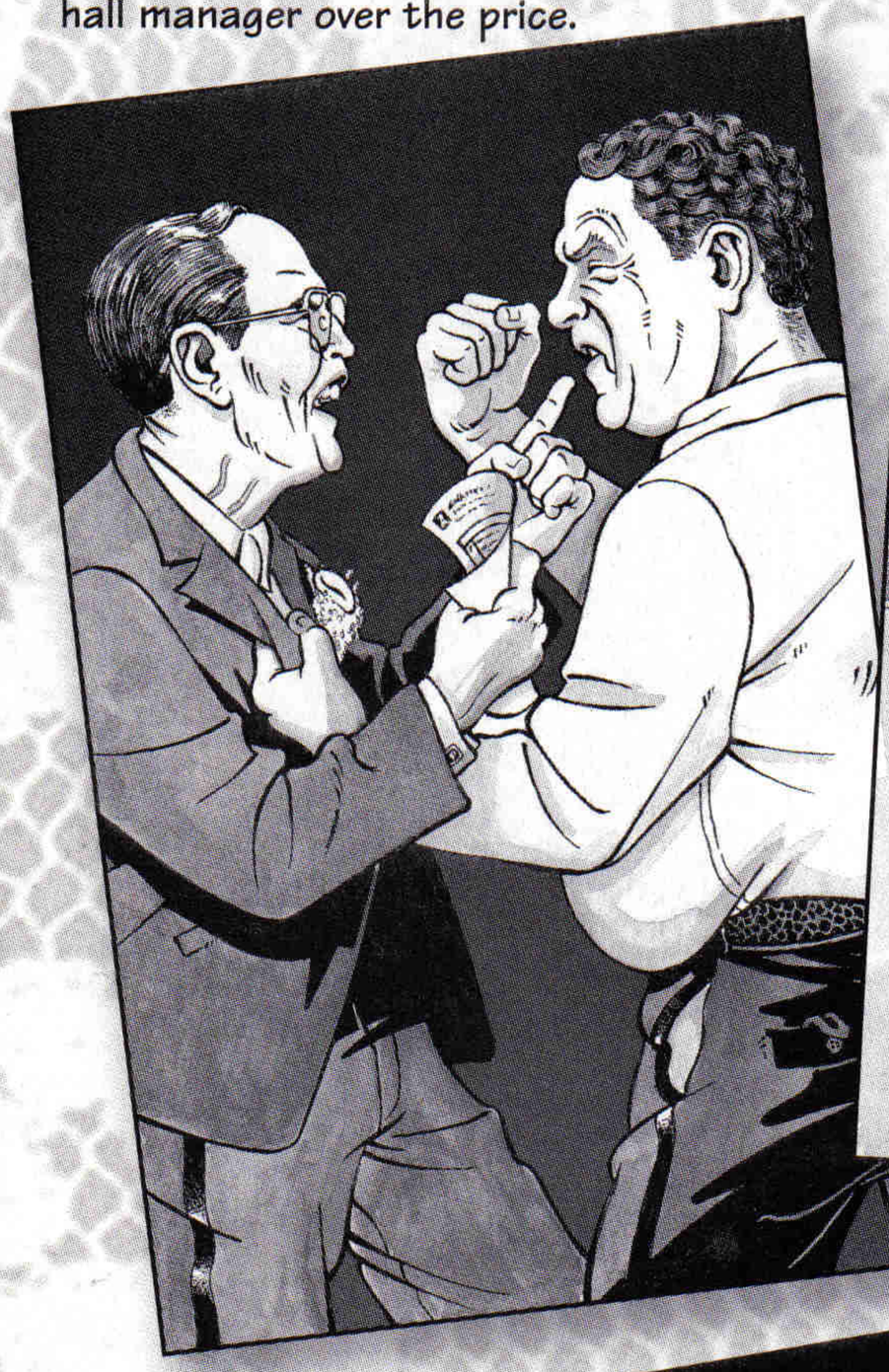
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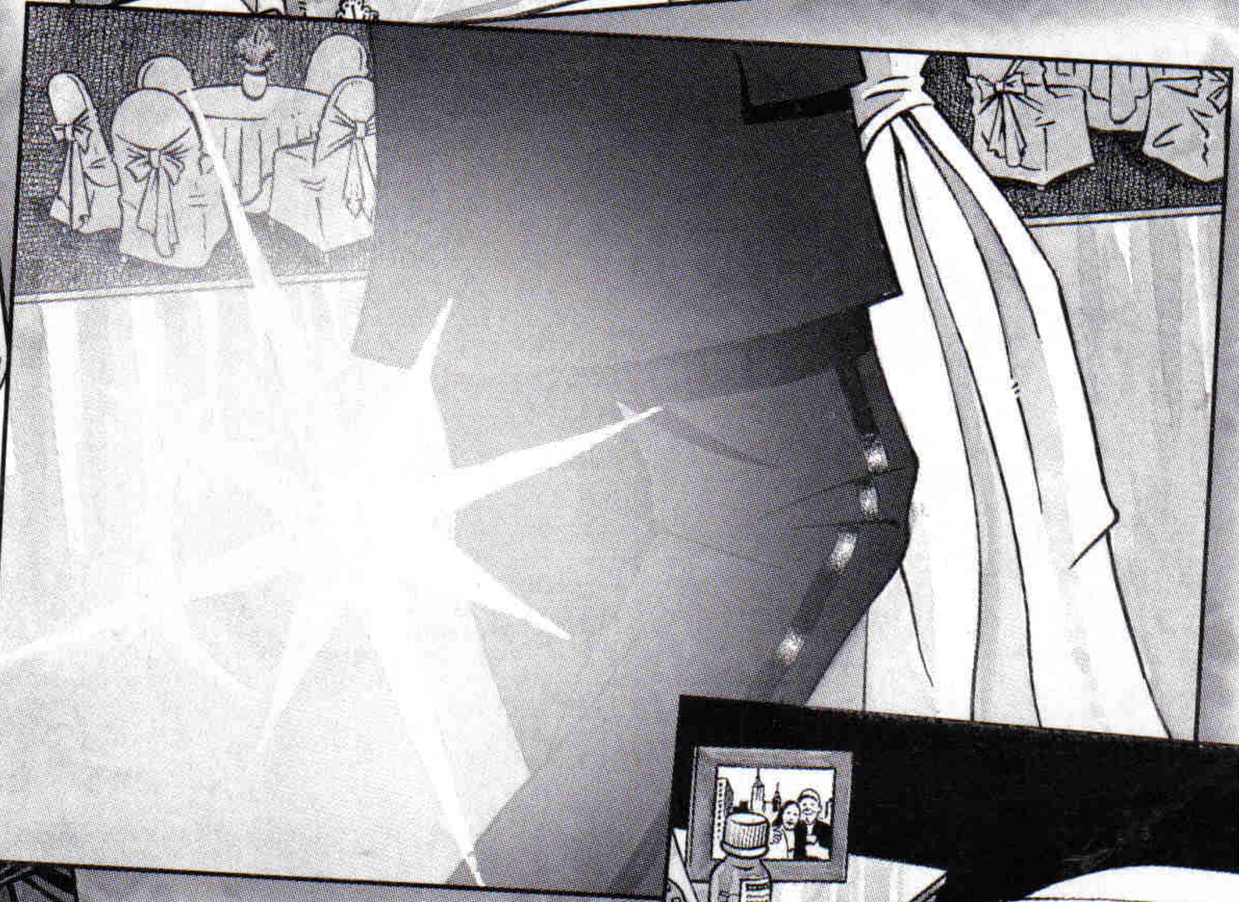
The band eating.



The bride's father arguing with the hall manager over the price.



The mirror that the "creative" cousin tried taking a picture of the reflection of the couple's first dance in.



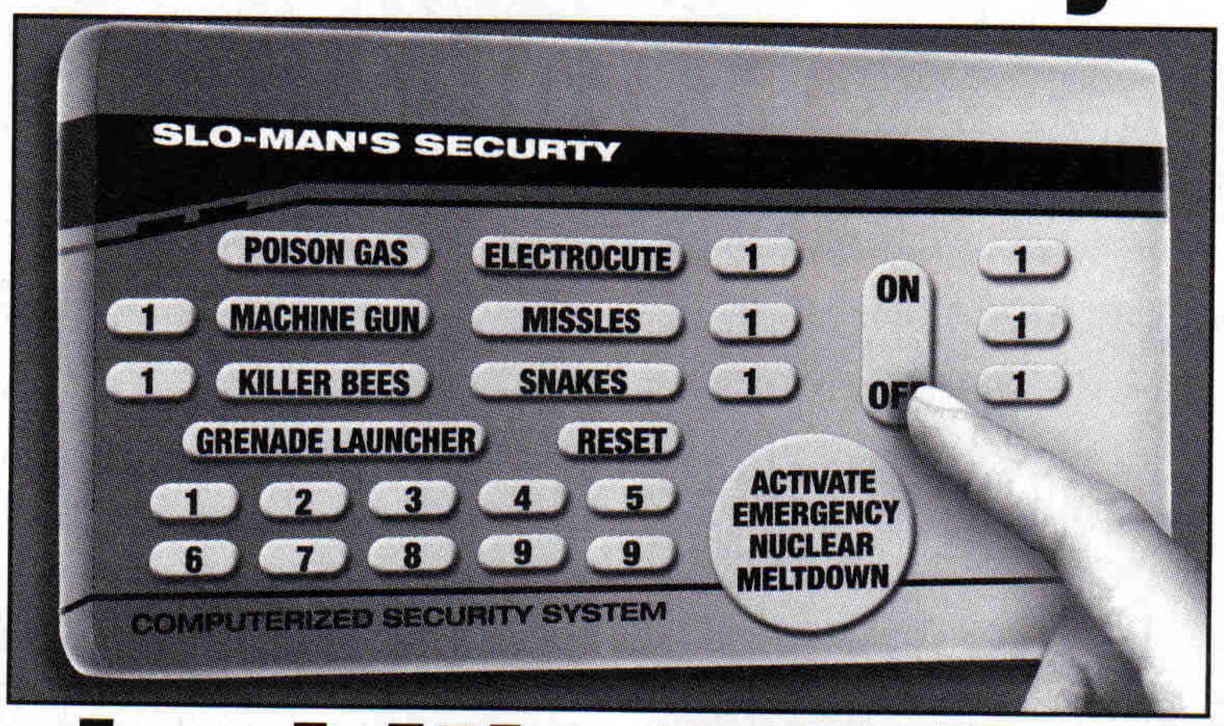




Groom's grandparents posing for the camera with his underage nieces in the background caught drinking.

Picture of newlyweds' cat taken three weeks after the honeymoon to finish off the roll.

How much are we charging for this Advanced Home Security System?



Surprise! It's totally FREE!*

* as long as you pay us $99 a month for rental. And don't worry if you move! Our monthly bills will follow you — even if you don't take your alarm with you!

Here's what you get with the Slo-Man's Advanced Home Security System shown above.

•**Loud outside alarm —** Our 220-decibel alarm is the loudest alarm in the industry. Twice as loud as a jet airplane flying right through your living room! Four times louder than a pneumatic hammer drilling in your ear canal! Eight times louder than a nuclear bomb going off in your toilet! With Slo-Man's Advanced Home Security System, there's no need to waste a phone call to the police. They'll hear our alarm up to 25 miles away!**

•**Yard sign —** Our exclusive sign lets a thief know that the owner has installed a state-of-the-art Slo-Man's security system! It also lets him know that there is very little money to steal, since the owner pays us most of his income to monitor our Advanced Home Security System month after month after month.

•**Window decals —** Each of our exclusive neon decals is a gigantic 4' X 6' so they totally obscure your windows — making it virtually impossible for a burglar to find, let alone break, the glass!

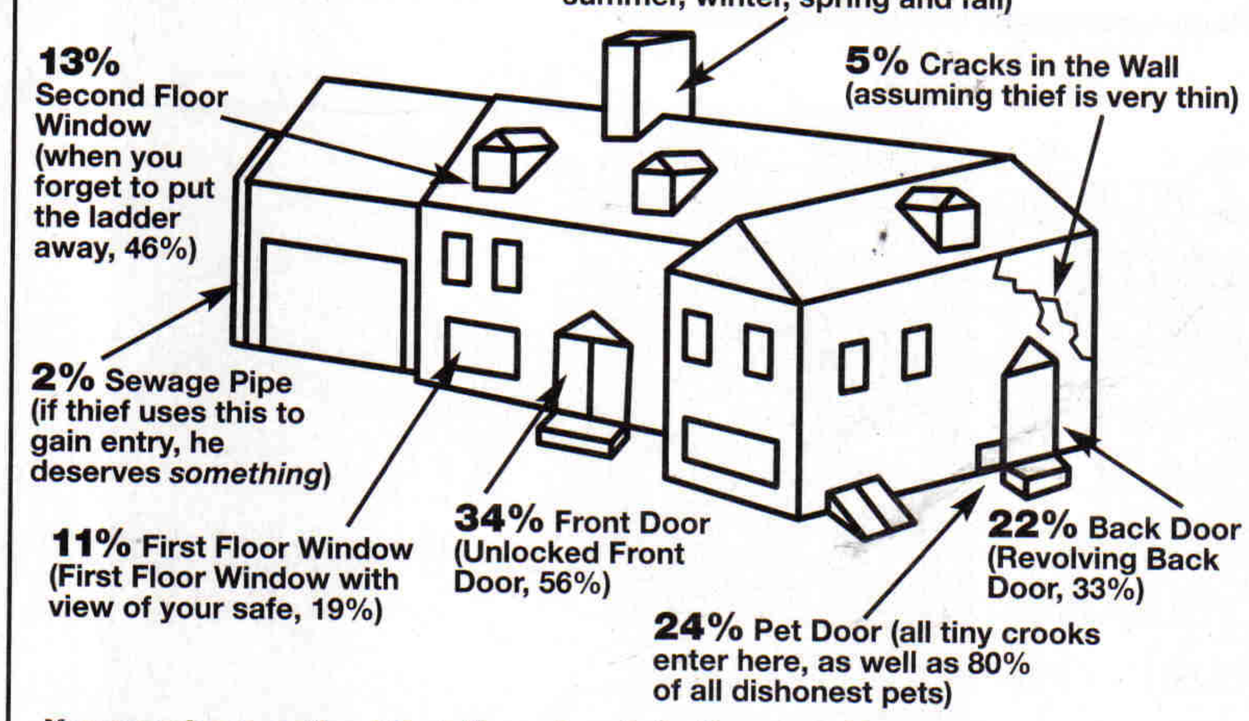
•**Professional monitoring —** We monitor our alarms 24/7! That's 7 hours out of every 24! Should you happen to be robbed during those 7 hours, we will phone your neighbors and politely ask them to "please go next door and stop the crooks!" We, of course, cannot guarantee they will do that. If they don't, we suggest you move to a different house with braver neighbors! And, of course, don't forget to come to us for your new home's alarm system! See this ad!



This Alarming action figure stretches his arms and legs and sounds like he is snoring when his chest is pressed. And he's yours (or your kids'), when Slo-Man's installs your state-of-the-art security system, free!

** OSHA regulations require all occupants of the house to wear earplugs at all times.

HOW THEY BREAK IN



You may have noticed that these break-in figures add up to more than 100% — Another indication of just how high home crime figures are!

THE SLO-MAN'S SHIELD
HOME SECURITY SYSTEM
1-600-ALARMING!!

With 24-hour home security from Slo-Man's, you get so much for what appears at first to be a very small investment. You can't put a price on peace of mind! Fortunately for us, *we* can!

Also Included with your alarm system are Secret Security Tips from the experts!

Here's just a small sample of the valuable "law enforcement insider" information you'll receive when your order is completed.

- Don't leave large amounts of cash in a glass jar in your garage.
- Put super-bright bulbs in all your fixtures and never turn them off. This will probably make it impossible for you to sleep, which is another good burglar deterrent! You'll be wide awake all night long, ready to take action if your alarm goes off!
- Whenever you leave your house, always remember to lock the doors and board up the windows.
- Don't tell anyone except close family members where you live.

CALL 1-600-ALARMING!!

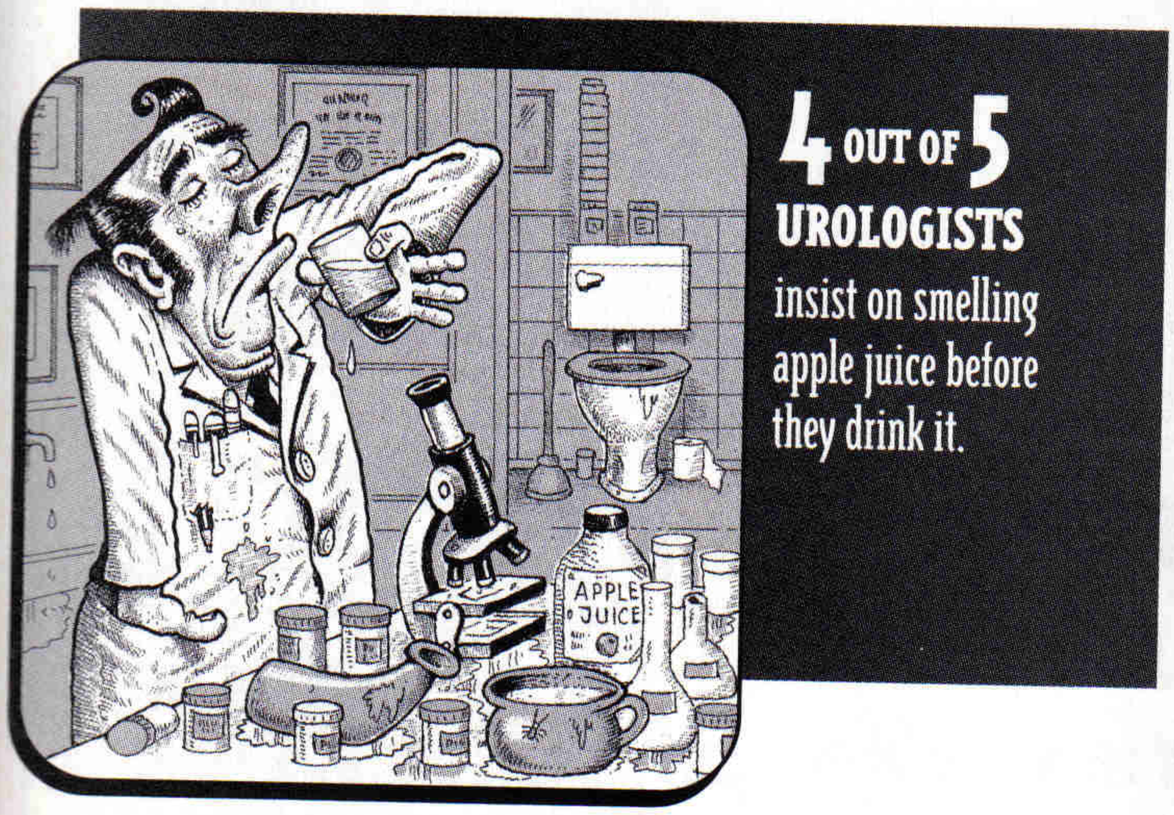
A MAD AD PARODY

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

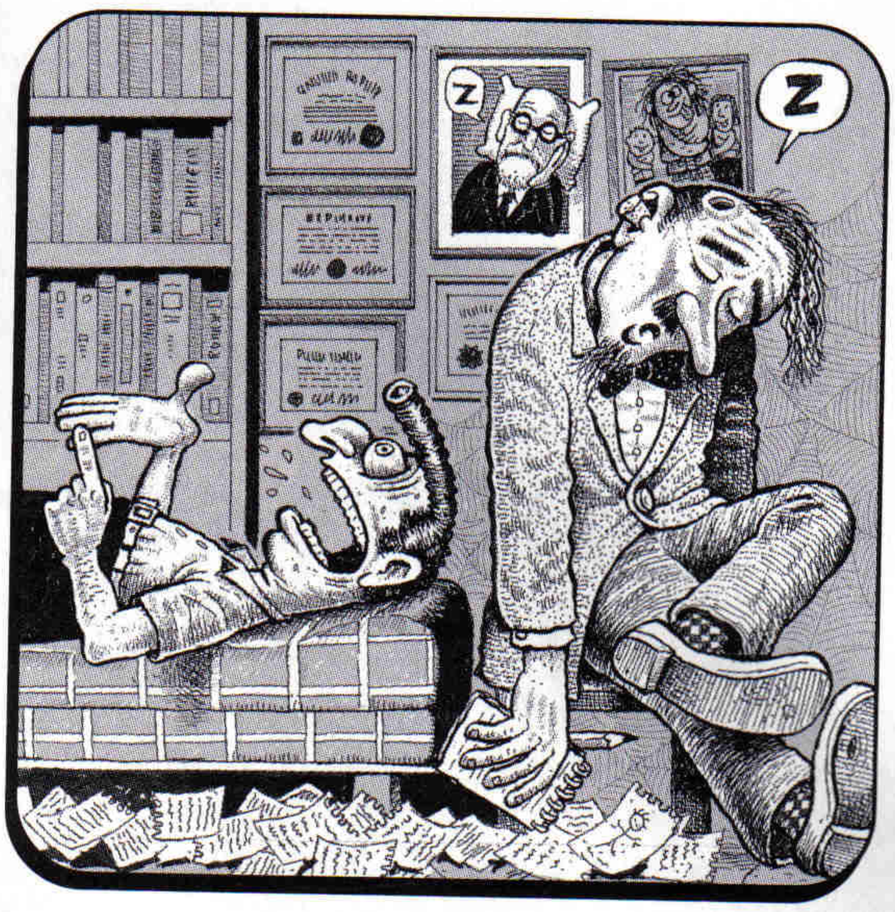
GETTING A STAT SCAN DEPT.

Almost every advertisement for anything remotely health-related includes a "doctor's survey." Phrases like "4 out of 5 dentists recommend" and "75% of doctors agree" abound throughout magazine and television ads. Well, we don't care which toothbrush or aspirin is most popular these days! What we'd like to hear about are these...

OTHER MEDICAL "SURV



4 OUT OF 5 UROLOGISTS insist on smelling apple juice before they drink it.



9 OUT OF 10 PSYCHIATRISTS wish they had at least one patient as interesting as Hannibal Lecter to break up the monotony of guys who can't get dates and women who drown their sorrows in ice cream.

2 OUT OF 3 DENTISTS aren't exactly sure how to spell "gingivitis," so they write "gum disease" on their patients' charts instead.



3 OUT OF 4 GASTROENTEROLOGISTS say they can "sniff out" their regular patients from a distance of 40 yards while in a crowded movie theater.





3 OUT OF 4 PEDIATRICIANS say they have a very hard time getting the smell of vomit out of their shoes.



6 OUT OF 7 CARDIOLOGISTS find that their patients who have received chimpanzee heart transplants are much more likely to throw dung at them during follow-up examinations.

ARTIST: TOM BUNK WRITER: ANDREW J. SCHWARTZBERG

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6 OUT OF 8 OPHTHALMOLOGISTS consider it their medical duty to show their glaucoma patients how to properly use a therapeutic bong.

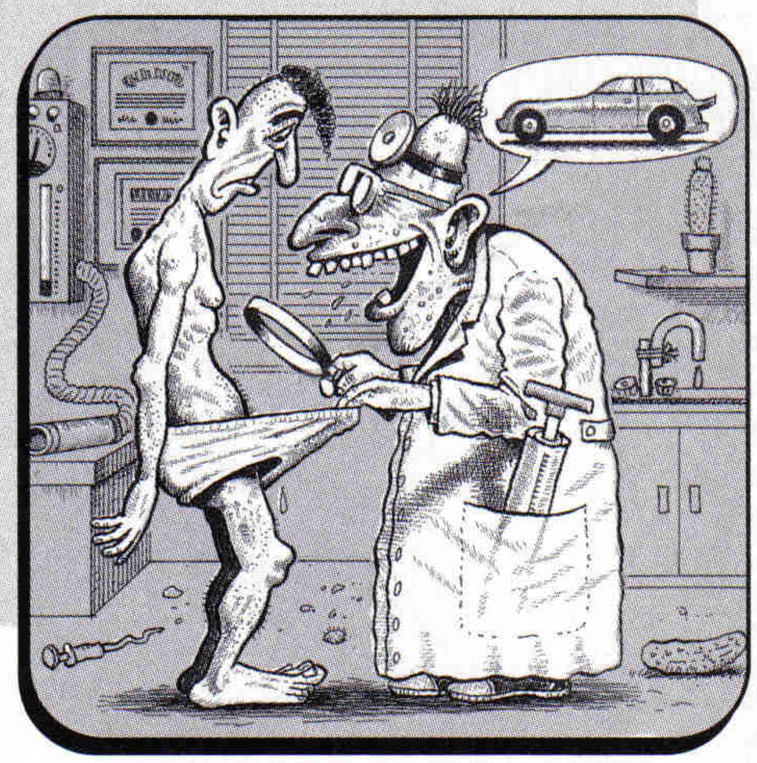


2 OUT OF 3 PLASTIC SURGEONS admit that about 40% of their patients will remain "butt-ugly" no matter how many facelifts and tummy-tucks they get.

4 OUT OF 5 NEUROLOGISTS use the term "brain dead" more frequently when talking about HMOs than when talking about their patients.



5 OUT OF 6 UROLOGISTS say that most men who come to them for a "lengthening" procedure would be more successful with women simply by buying a Porsche.





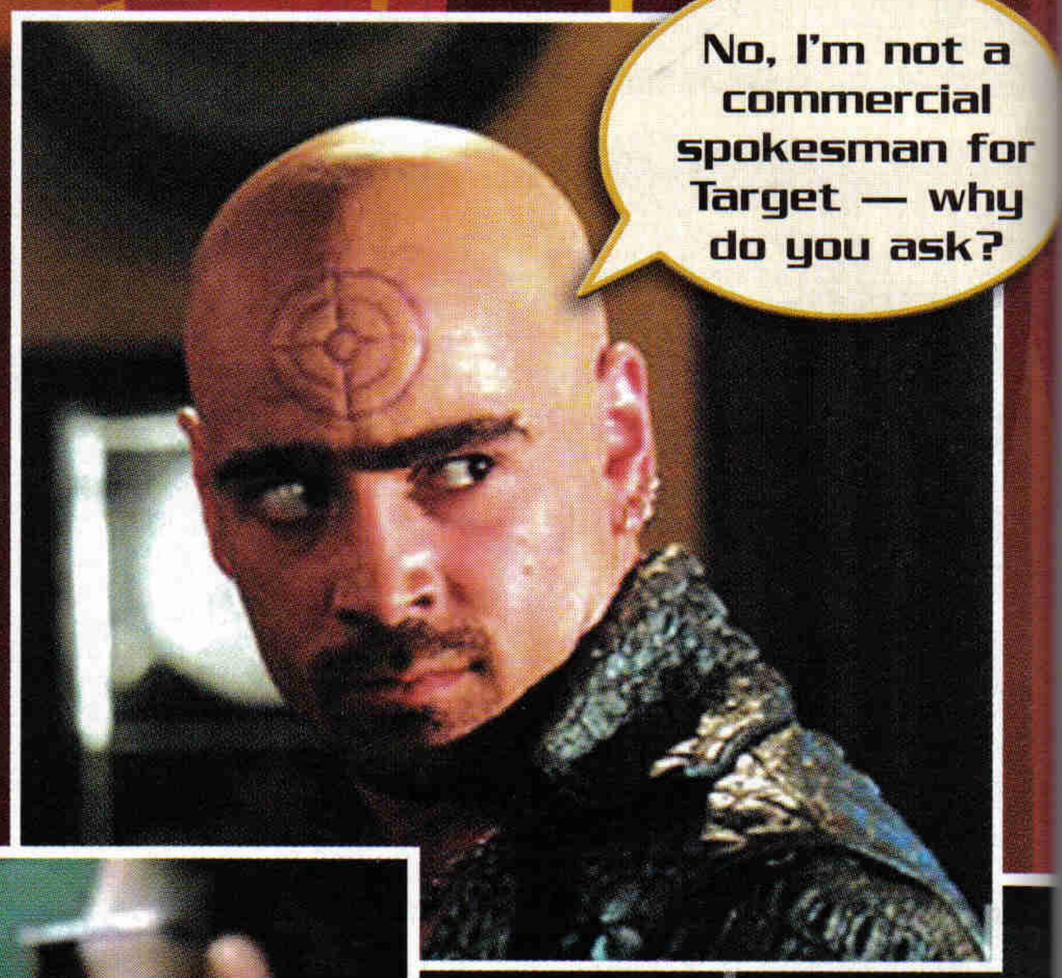
8 OUT OF 10 DERMATOLOGISTS enjoy playing connect-the-dots in their mind's eye when examining acne patients.



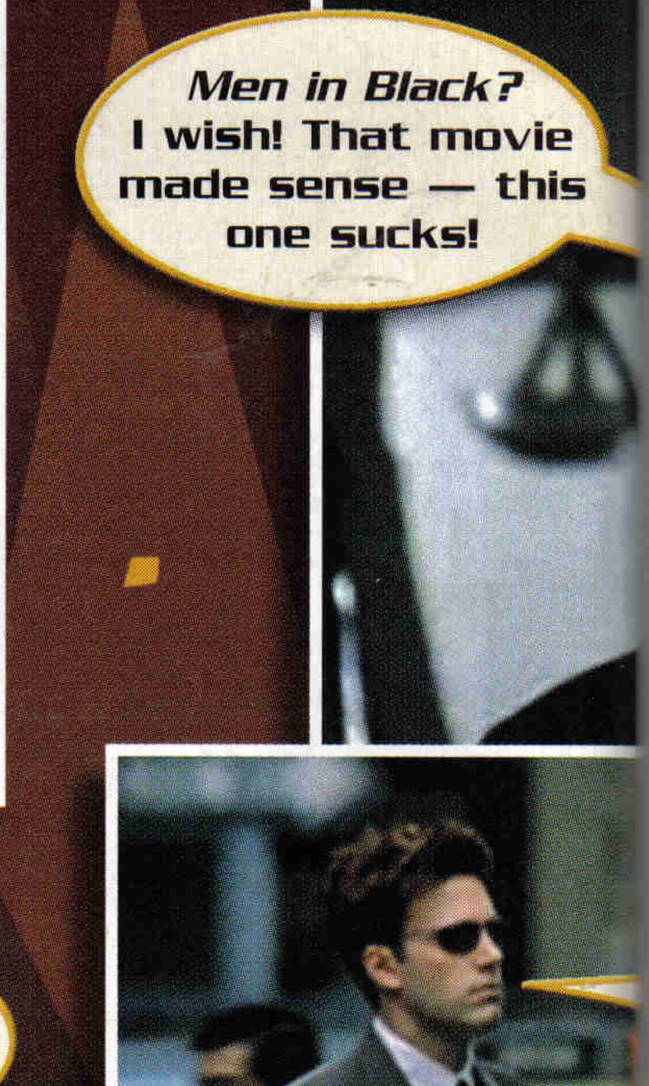
2 OUT OF 10 PROCTOLOGISTS actually started off as spelunkers, but couldn't make a living at it.

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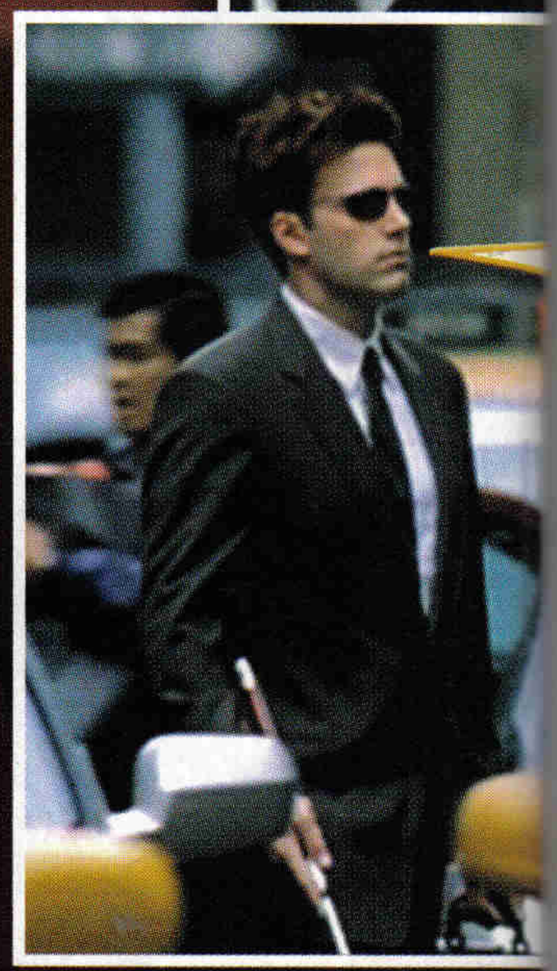












FROM DAREDEVIL

This outfit? I bought it from Catwoman!

For the last time, I'm NOT Andre Agassi!

Damn right I'm pissed! From *The Green Mile* with Tom Hanks to *this* piece of crap!

A blind man stumbling through traffic — now I know what the studio exec who green-lighted this turkey feels like!

OK! OK! I'll sign the pre-nup, Jennifer!

YOUR TEAM May Not Be FiNaL FOur MaTeriaL IF...

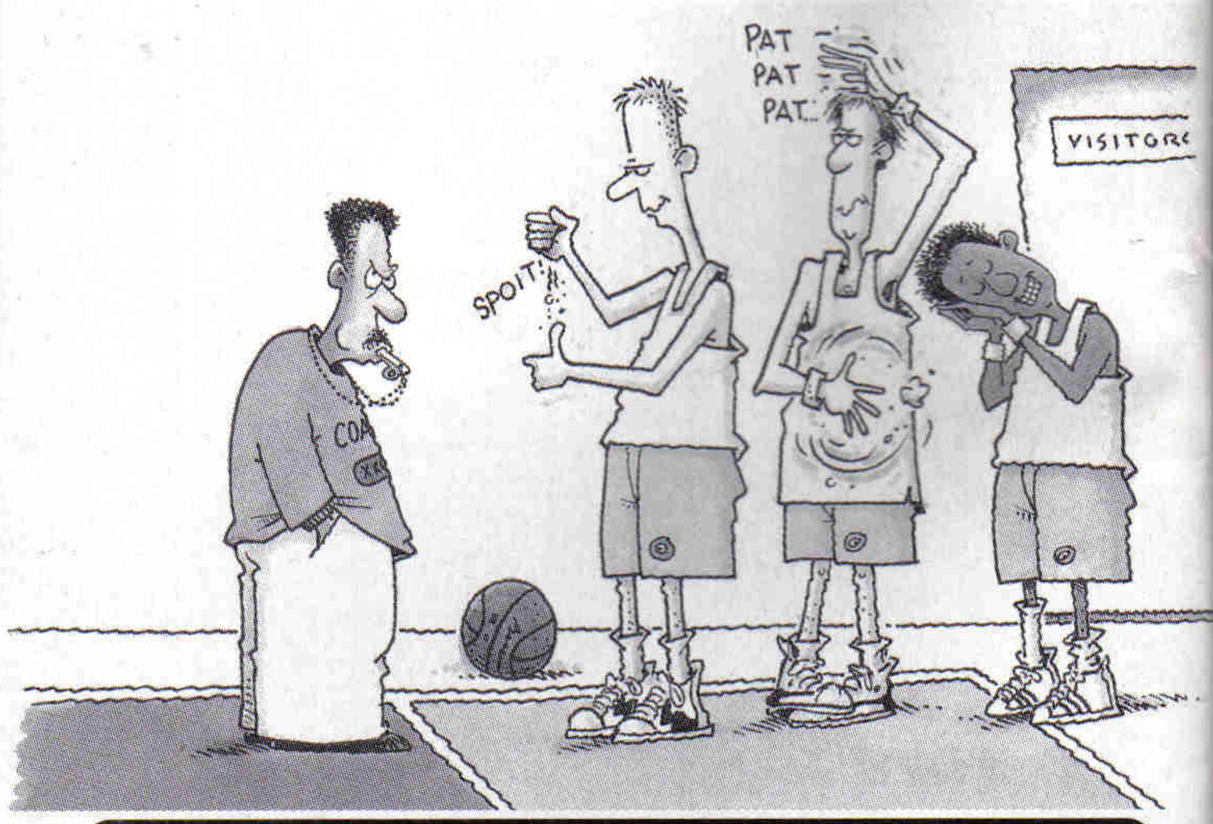
Duke. North Carolina. Kentucky. Sacred Heart University. Can you figure out which one doesn't belong? Yep, for every NCAA champion, there are dozens of college basketball teams that couldn't beat Duke even if they used pogo sticks and firearms (although Vince McMahon is developing just such a basketball league)! So how can you tell if your favorite team is another gang of hopeless losers? It's quite simple:



The team is devastated when your enormous hyperthyroid Serbo-Croatian center is taken in the hardship draft by Barnum & Bailey

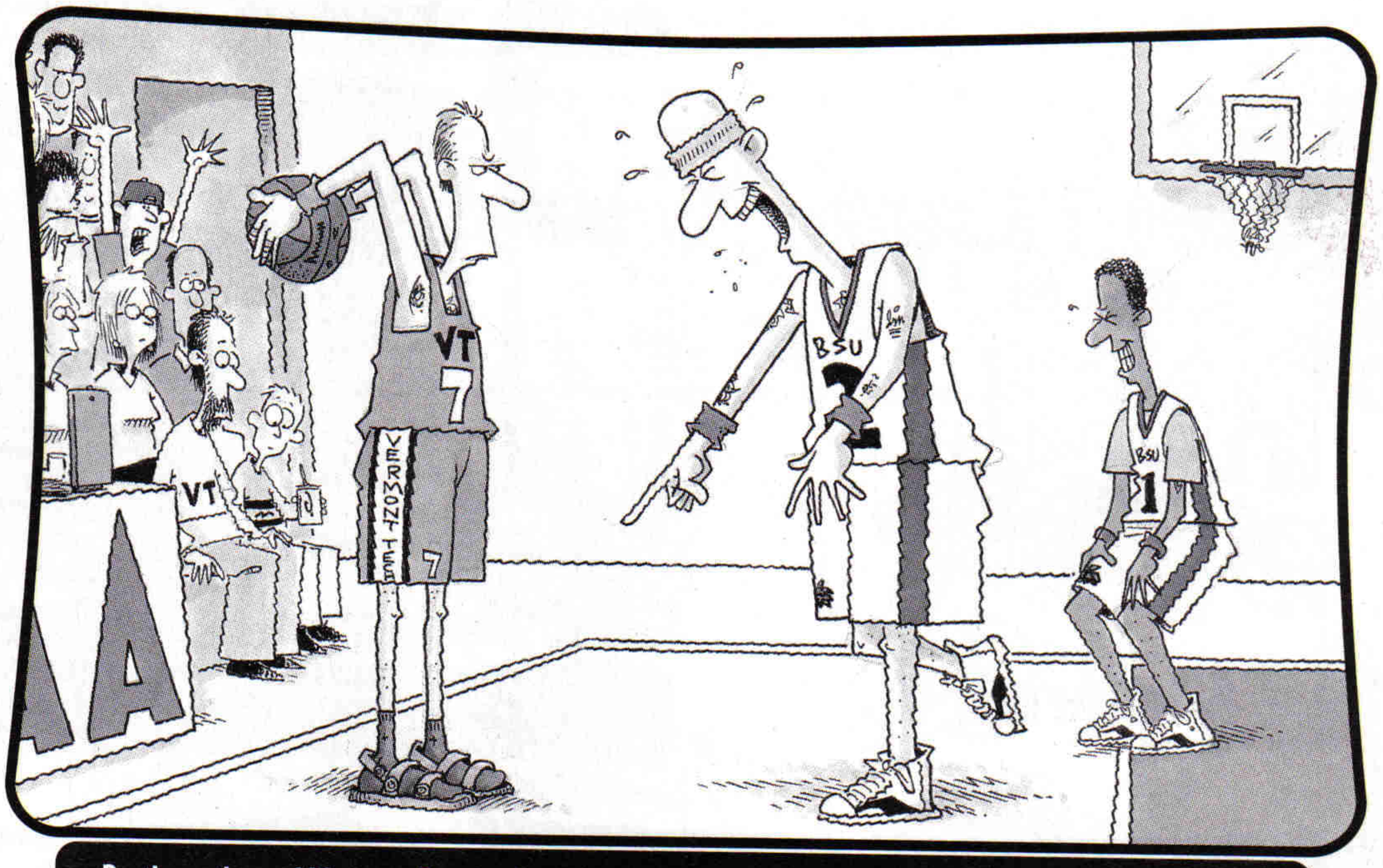


They've gone five straight games without making

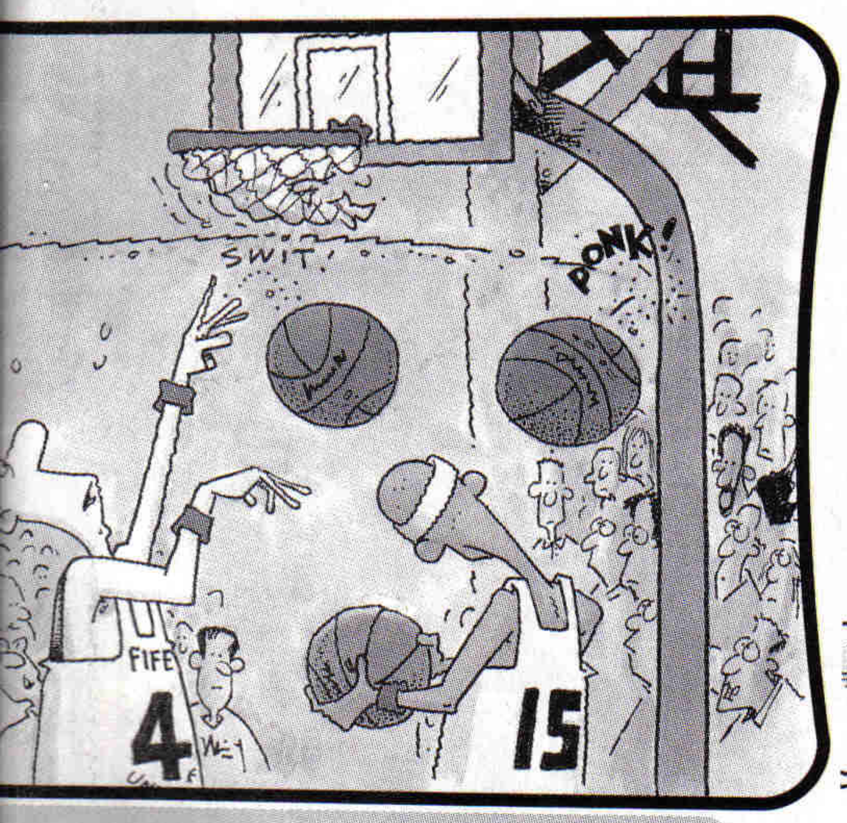


They waste way too much practice time working on the fundamentals, like how to call a time-out

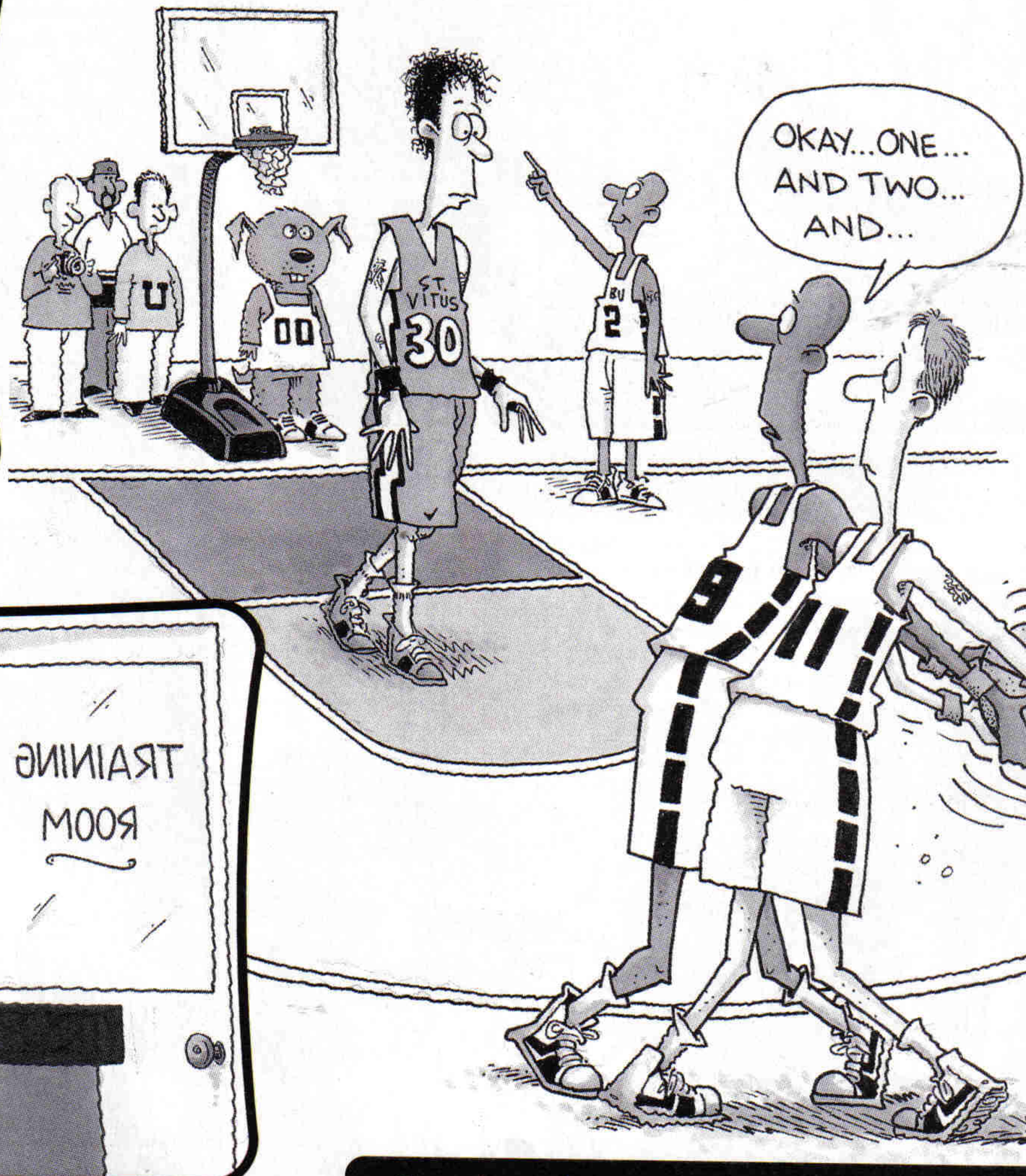


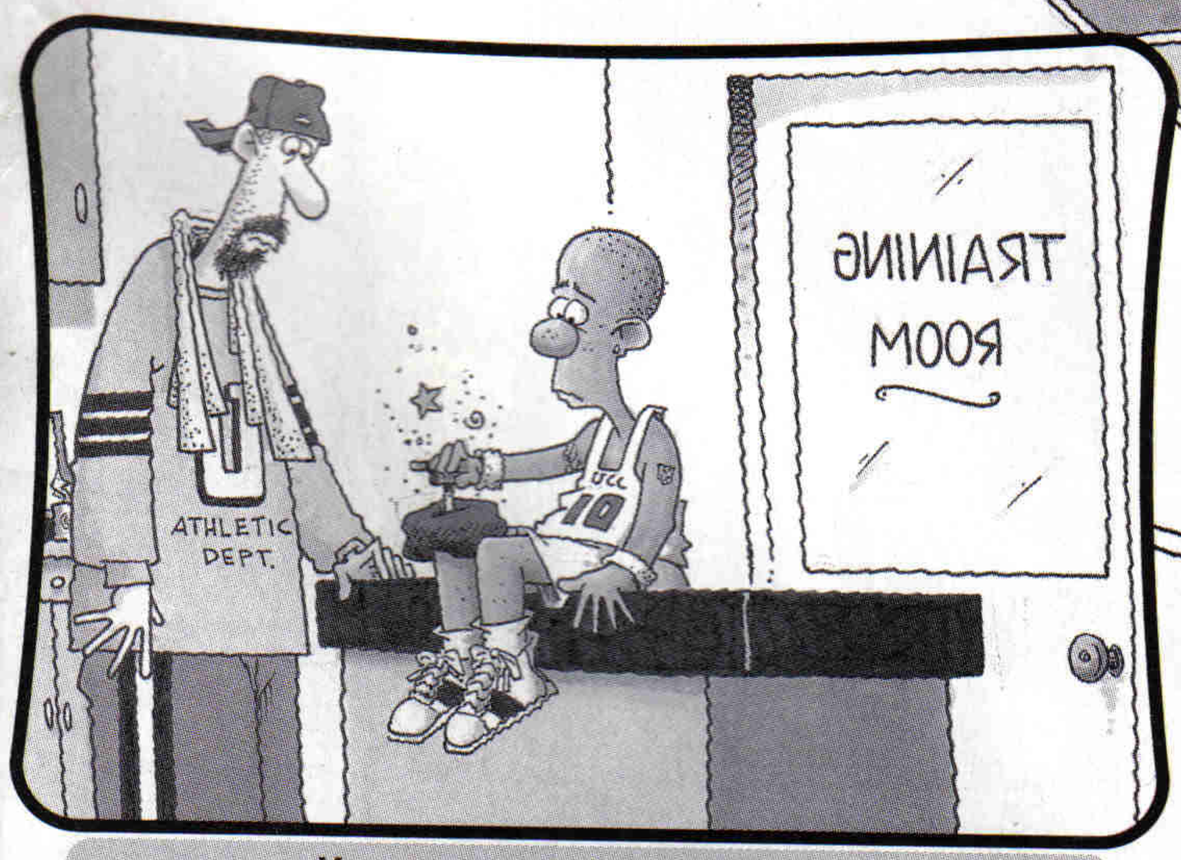


Rather than Nike or Reebok, your school's shoe contract is with Birkenstock



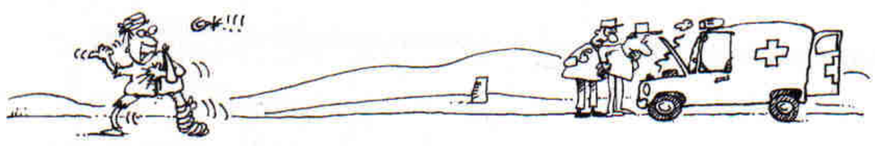
a pre-game warm-up basket



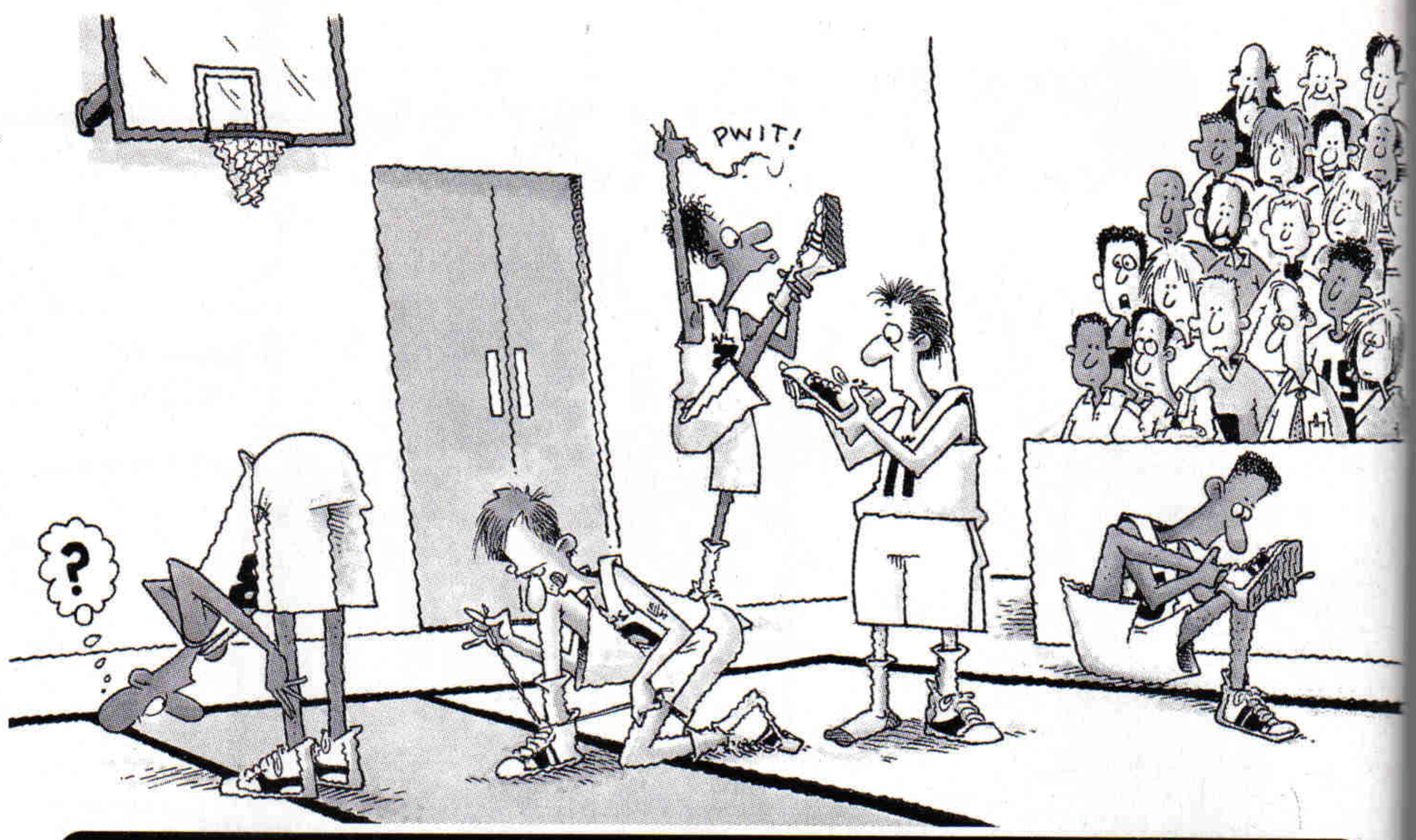


Your center is hobbled by a nagging dwarf-tossing injury

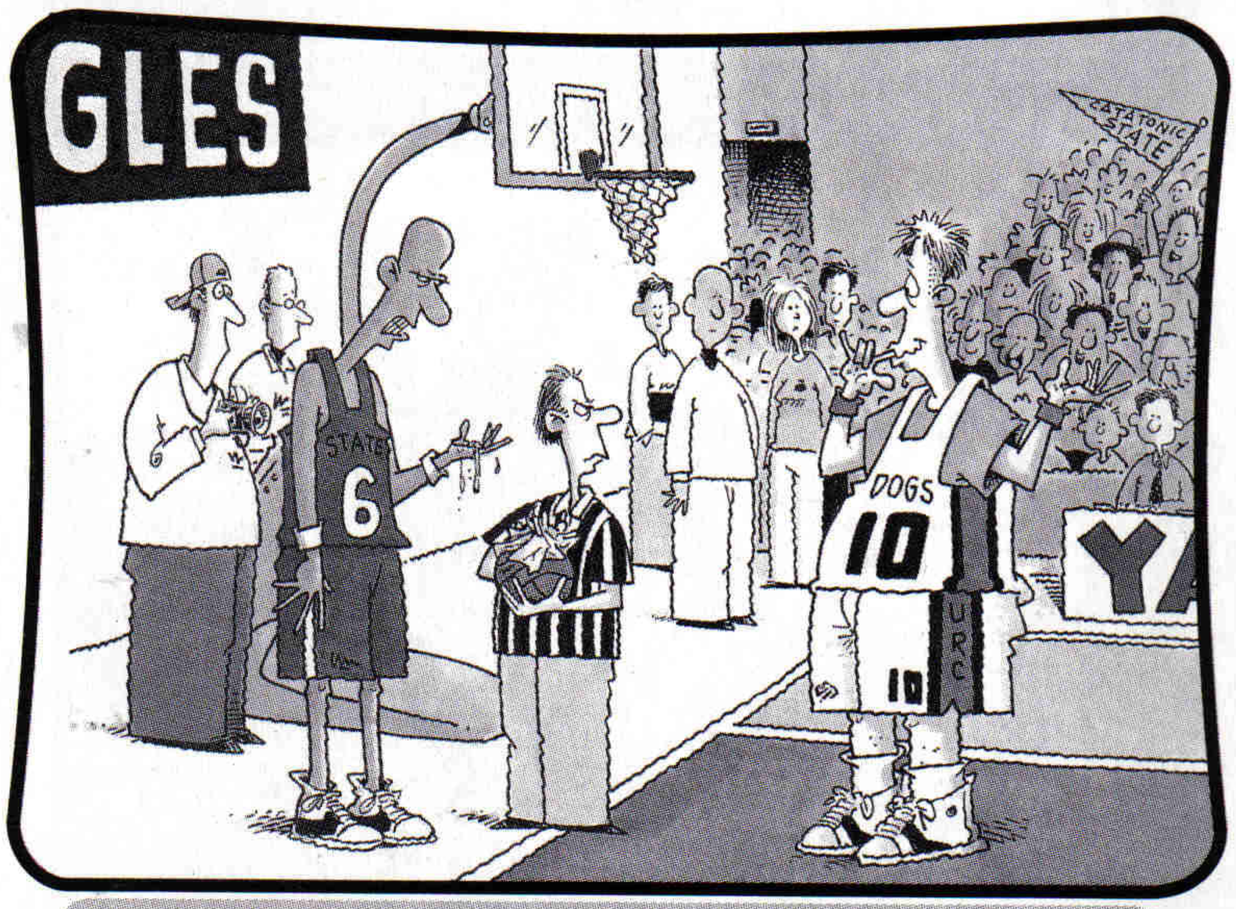
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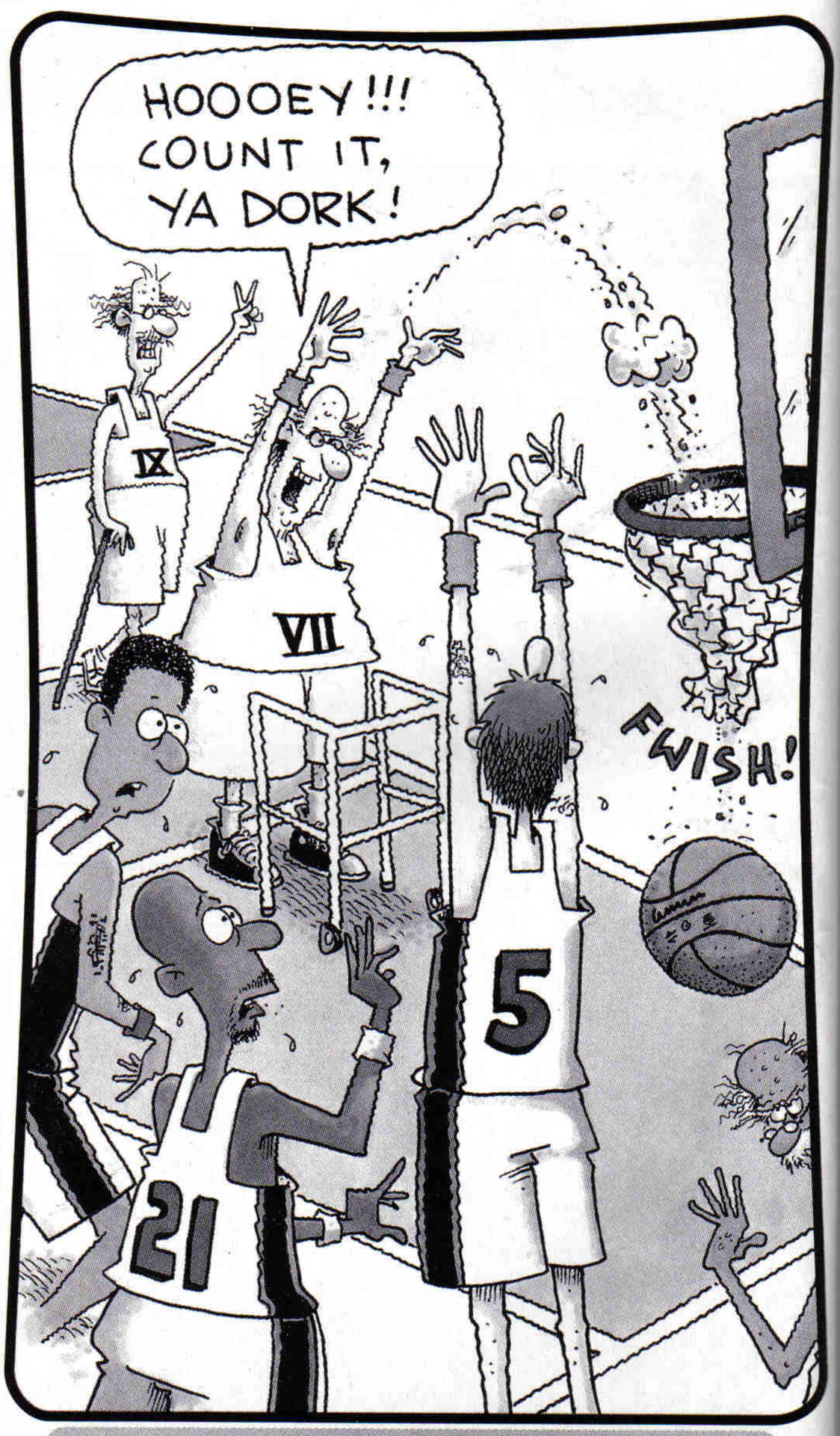
YOUR TEAM May Not Be FiNaL FOUR MaTeriaL IF...



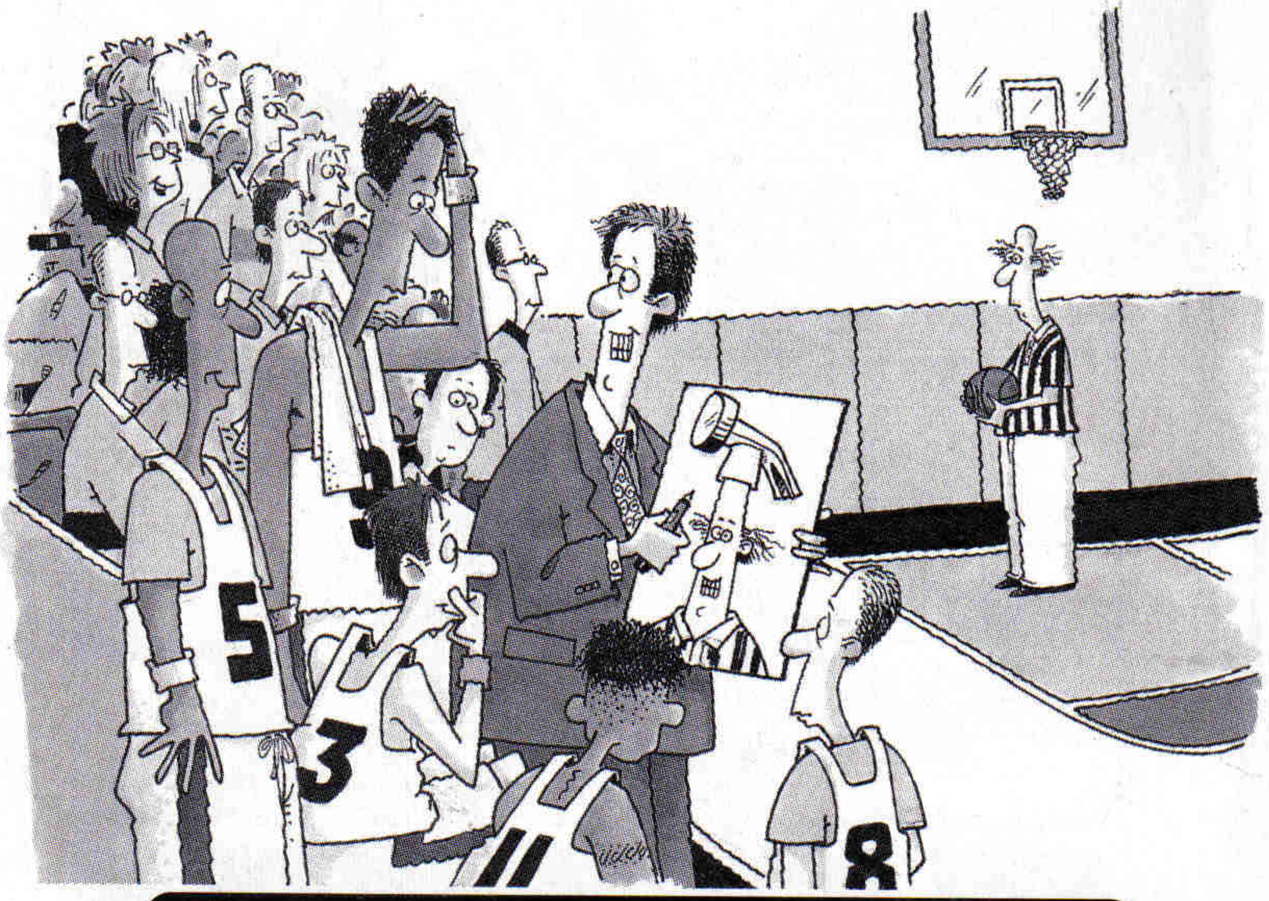
It's common knowledge to opposing teams that at least five times a game, yelling out "Your shoe's untied!" will work



Your games are frequently stopped to wipe nacho cheese off the ball



During homecoming weekend they scrimmage against the surviving 1952 squad and get their asses handed to them



The only time the coach pulls out his chalkboard is for a little Pictionary

One of MTV's most popular shows is ***Making the Video***, where viewers get to see all the hard work that goes into their favorite stars' latest creation. But in the world of videos, Eminem isn't the only one picking fights, and "Xtina" isn't the only one who's deliberately shocking. Just take a look at…

MTV MAKING THE VIDEO: OSAMA BIN LADEN

Hey, **guys** – glad you could come **hang out** and **watch** me **do my thing**. Let's **see** what **my director, Thaqib**, is up to!

Hey, I'm **Thaqib!**

DIRECTOR

Osama bin Laden: Terrorist Leader

Thaqib Qatadah: Director

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: DAVE CROATTO

When I heard **Osama** wanted to **meet with me**, I **figured** he just wanted me to **martyr myself** on some **suicide mission**. But I was **flattered** when I **heard** it was about directing **his video**. Still, I **suppose** it's **kind of** like a **suicide mission** — **you know**, if **Osama** is **unhappy** with the **final product**…

Thaqib is **great!** He's got a real **vision** and **energy** — and I had long admired his **directorial work** on the **Al Jazeera crime drama**, ***Malif Kalehadem: Undercover Shepherd***.

We had a lot of **expectations** to live up to on **this one** — the previous **videos** got a **ton** of airplay and **great word of mouth**. **But** it's a lot of **pressure** to keep **topping yourself**. If you don't always **push the envelope**, displaying **new threats of madness**, you become **stale** and **forgotten** — like Qaddafi…or **Tom Green**.

This is an **exciting** project — we're working with a lot of **fresh, up-and-coming** al Qaeda **talent.** Um...out of **necessity,** really. But having **so much** of the old crew **buried alive** in the **Tora-Bora caves** or **killed in military raids** was a real **blessing in disguise** for this **project!**

Hey, come meet **Ragheb!**

Hello!

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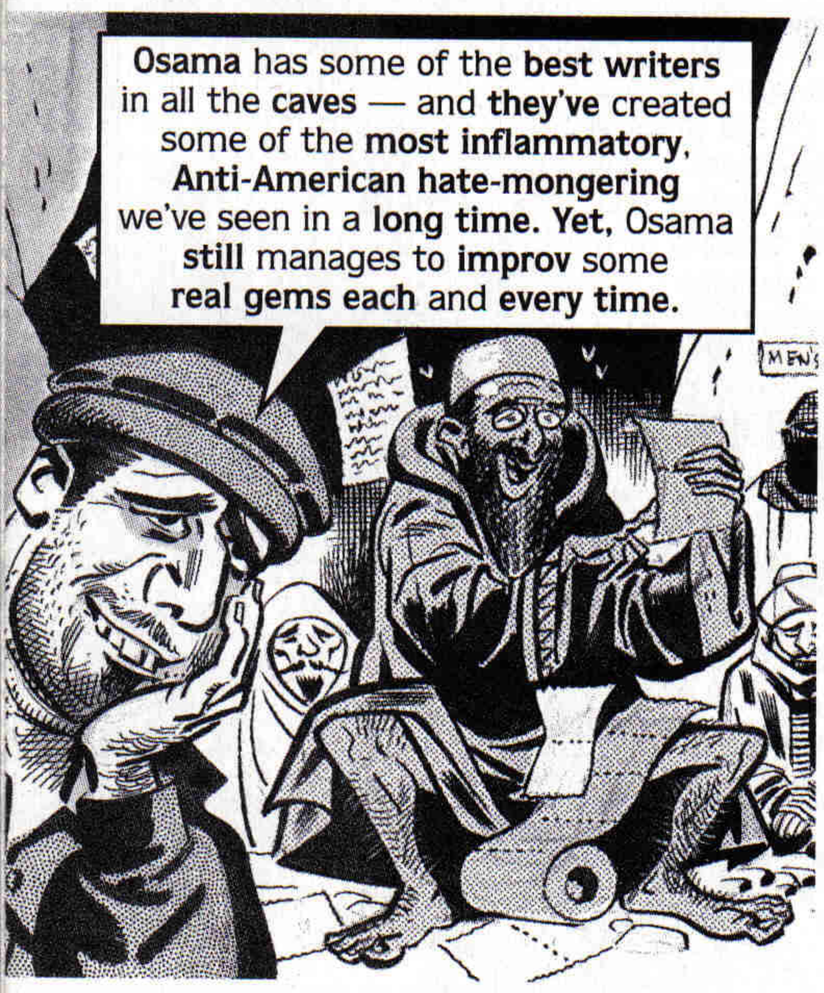
Ragheb Saariyah: Stylist

Ragheb is the **greatest!** I **swear,** you just give him a **clump of dirt** and a **teaspoon of spit** and he'll **whip up** a batch of **pancake make-up** that would give the **infidel L'Oreal corporation** a run for their **tainted money!**

Osama really **reinvented** himself for his **latest video.** **He's** got this **tired, sunken look** in his eyes that's ***very*** **mysterious** and **sexy! Plus,** thanks to the **kidney disease,** he's lost a **ton** of weight — so he's ***really*** going to be **showing off** his **ribs** this time **around.** It gives him a **vulnerable, "stray dog"** look that's going to melt **a lot** of **hearts.** His **female fans** and **miscellaneous wives** are in for a **real treat!**

Osama doesn't just **wake up** looking the **way** he does. I have to **rewrap his turban,** maybe **bandage a head wound** and **comb the shrapnel and gruel** out of his **beard.** And all **eyez** are on my **boy! True story:** right before we **shot** the **second video,** Osama **cut his face** and we had to **bandage** it...

Two weeks **later,** **Nelly's** on the **cover** of ***The Source***, **rocking** the **face bandage** and totally **biting** off **Osama's style!**



Osama has some of the **best writers** in all the **caves** — and **they've** created some of the **most inflammatory, Anti-American hate-mongering** we've seen in a **long time. Yet,** Osama **still** manages to **improv** some **real gems each** and **every time.**

I **know** in the **script** it says **"American jackals,"** but how would you **feel about** going with **"Capitalist butchers"?**

Yeah, that's **good.** I like **that!**

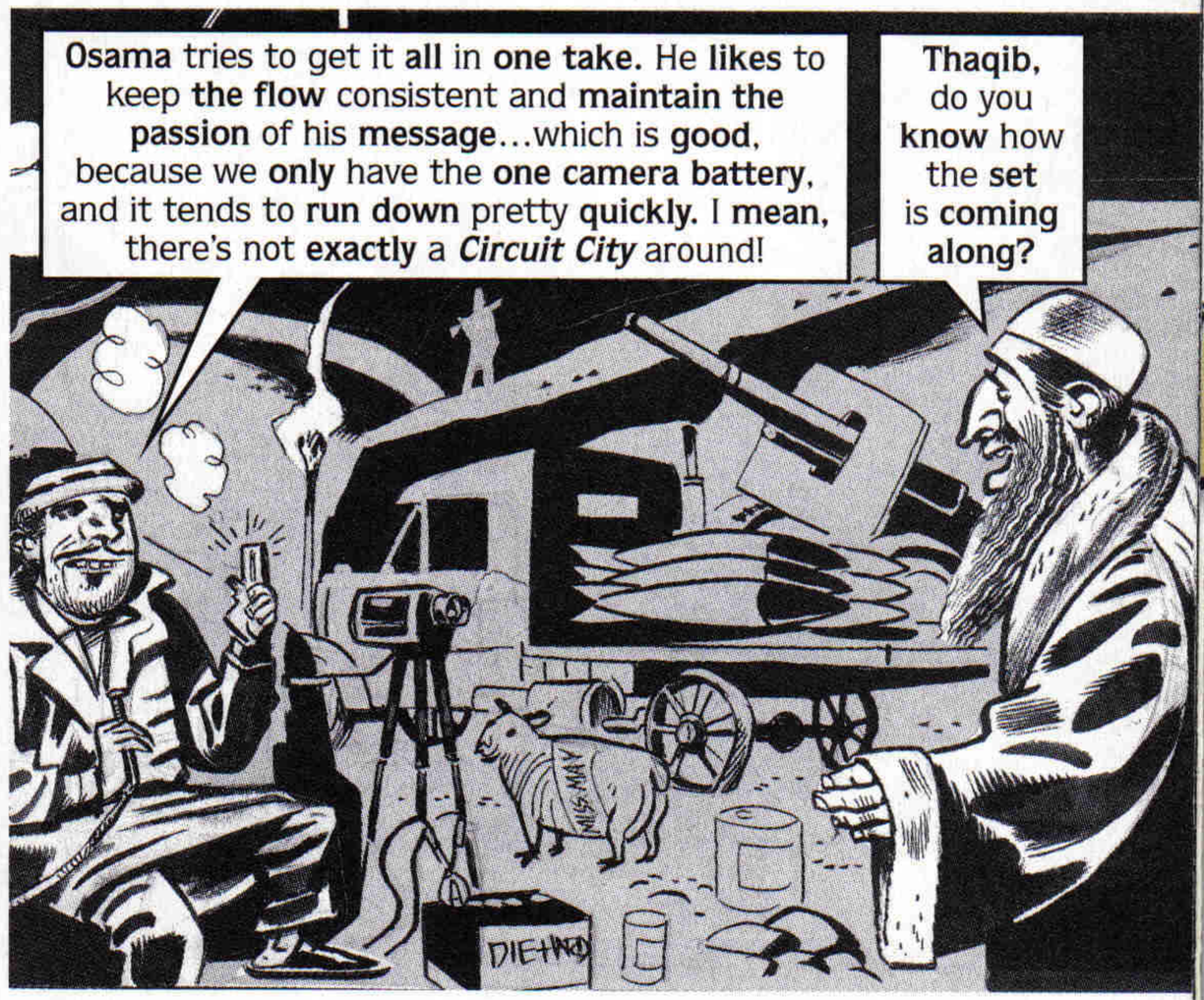
Hmmm....

All **riiiight**...and on the **back** of the **third paper towel** here, it says **"awash** in your own **blood."** I just **feel** like we've already **done** that...

So why don't we **change** that to **"choking** on your own **corpses"?**

Ooh, good **rhythm! Run** with it!


Great. Ok, now here's a notion — what if, at the very end, I rub my hands together, throw my head back and just laugh maniacally?
Mmmm...a little too "Bond villain-esque." I'd scrap that!
I kind of like it.
I kind of love it!

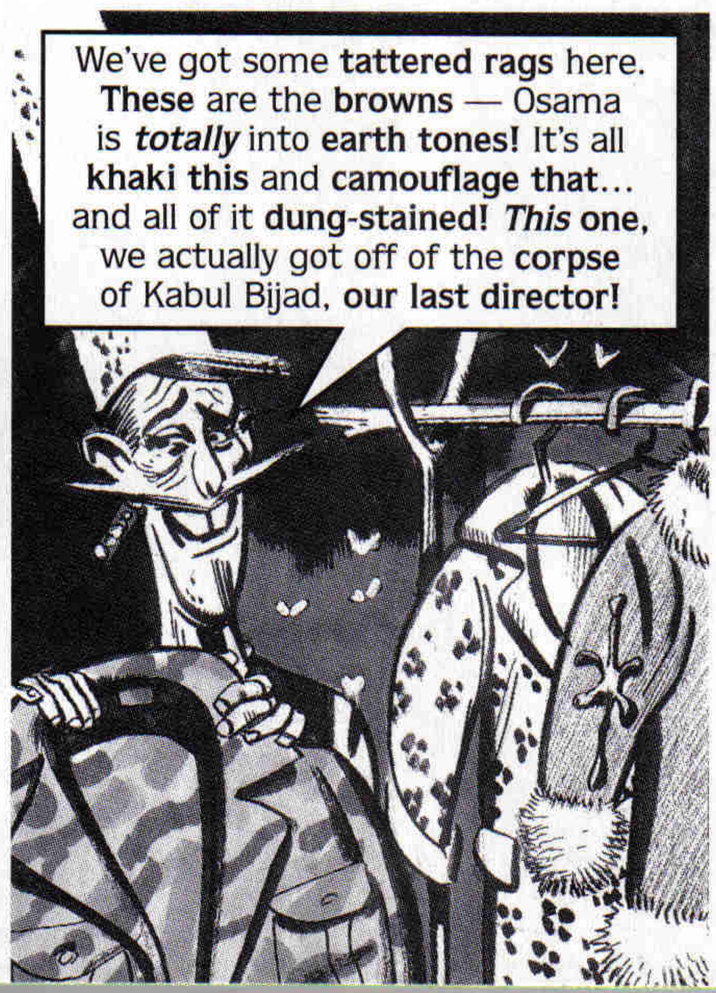

Osama tries to get it all in one take. He likes to keep the flow consistent and maintain the passion of his message...which is good, because we only have the one camera battery, and it tends to run down pretty quickly. I mean, there's not exactly a Circuit City around!
Thaqib, do you know how the set is coming along?
DIE HARD

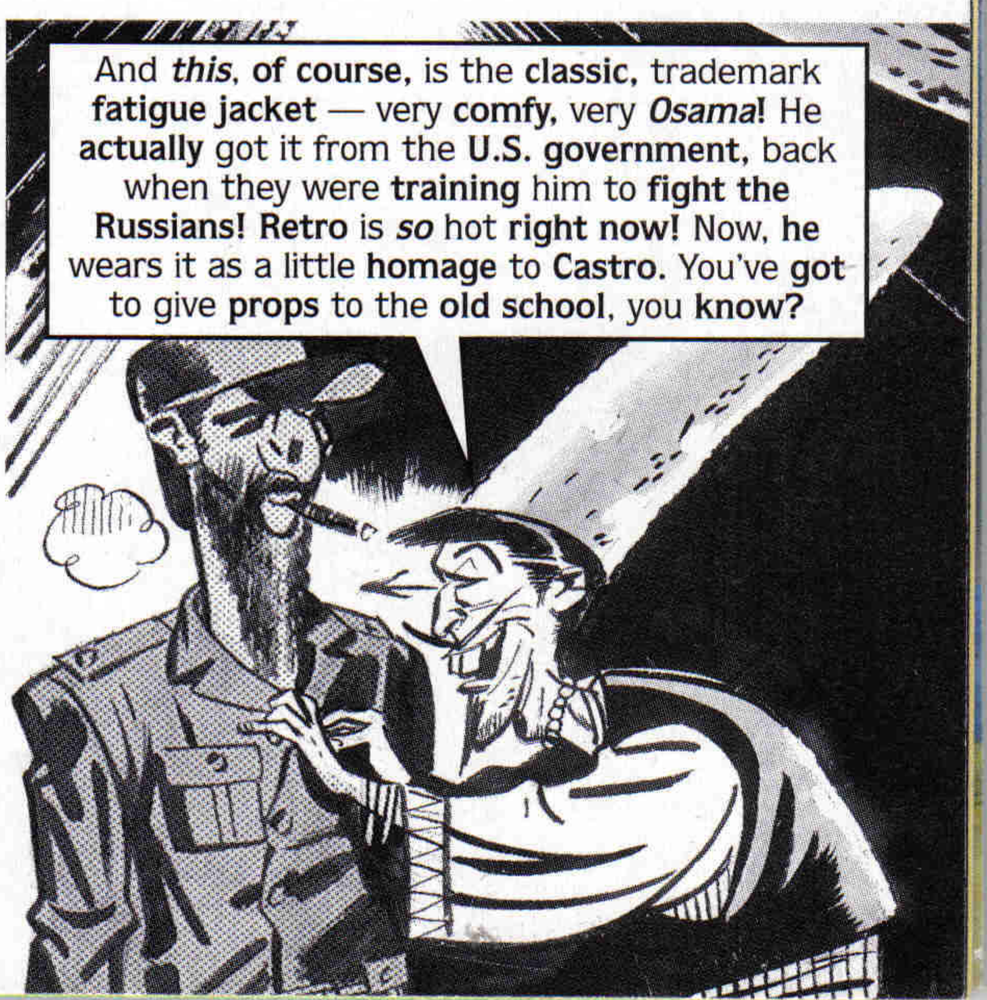

Hey, I'm Shihab and I design all of Osama's sets.
Shihab Uqbah: Set Designer


Let's see what we have here — here's a rock...another rock...oh, a bigger rock! Now that rock could tell some stories!


We're pretty squared away here — now, wardrobe will do their thing and it'll be time for the magic!


Hi! I'm Shihab and I also put together Osama's fab wardrobe!
Shihab Uqbah: Wardrobe


We've got some tattered rags here. These are the browns — Osama is totally into earth tones! It's all khaki this and camouflage that... and all of it dung-stained! This one, we actually got off of the corpse of Kabul Bijad, our last director!


And this, of course, is the classic, trademark fatigue jacket — very comfy, very Osama! He actually got it from the U.S. government, back when they were training him to fight the Russians! Retro is so hot right now! Now, he wears it as a little homage to Castro. You've got to give props to the old school, you know?

What's **up? Mullah Omar** here!

Mullah Omar: Friend/Collaborator

They gave me this **personal cam** to go around the **set** and **show you** all the **backstage stuff!**

Is the **lens cap** on? I'm not **seeing** anything...

Whoops...heh heh heh! I was **holding** the camera up to my empty **eye-socket! My bad!**

Hey, **Mullah!**

REC

SMACK!

Fallah Monshad: Location Scout

We **move around** a ***lot*** — and **I'm** the one who finds **shooting locations** for the **videos.** Always **scuttling** from **hiding place** to **hiding place** — it **feels** like we're **on tour! Plus,** it prevents us from being **swarmed** by **fans**...or the **Special Forces** and Osama's **countrymen** trying to **collect** the **$25 million reward** on his **head!** Not to **mention**...What's that **noise?**

I don't know...

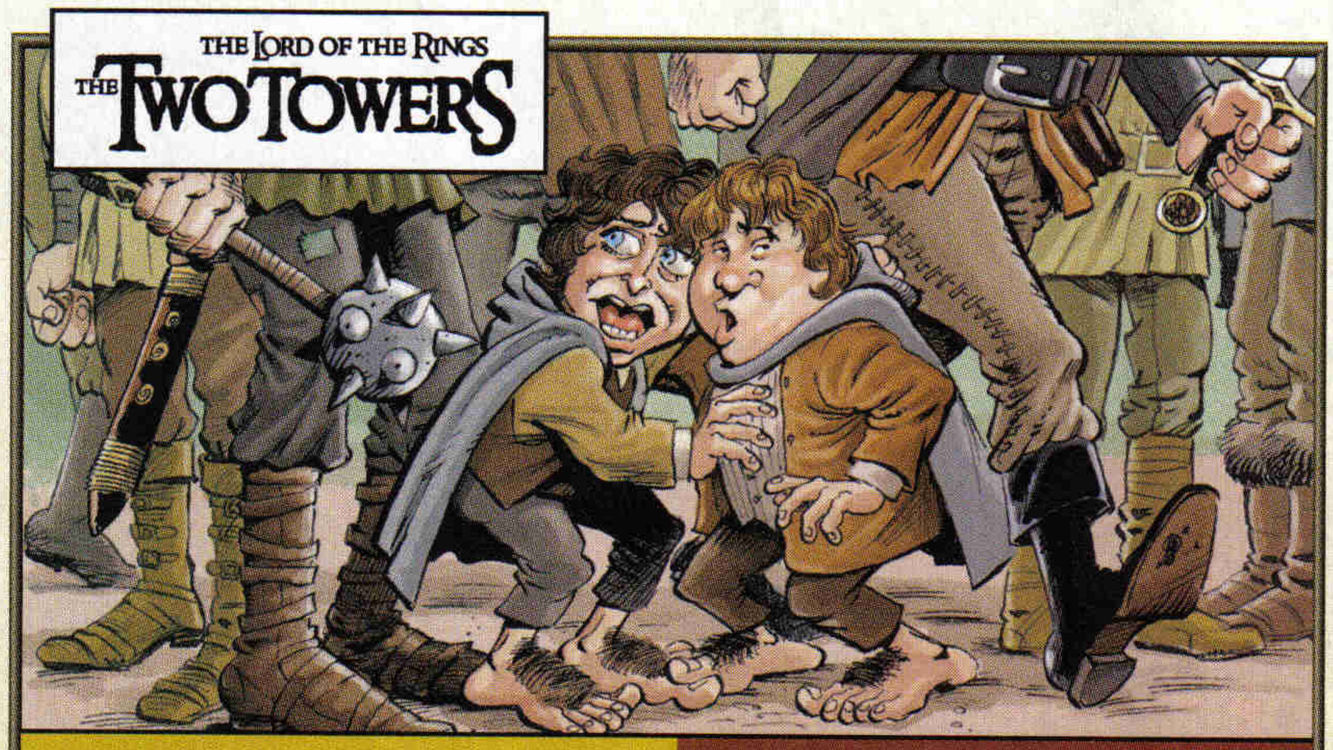
American bombers **approach!** Mullah, **why** did you not **warn** us?

I **only** have **one eye** — **I** have no **depth perception!**

Ok, this has been **great,** but it's **time** for us to **run**...uh...run...***into battle*!** **Um**...**look** for the video **soon** — if the **cowardly American government** doesn't stop the **networks** from **broadcasting** the **truth!** Remem...

CLICK!

MAD SIZES UP THE Best



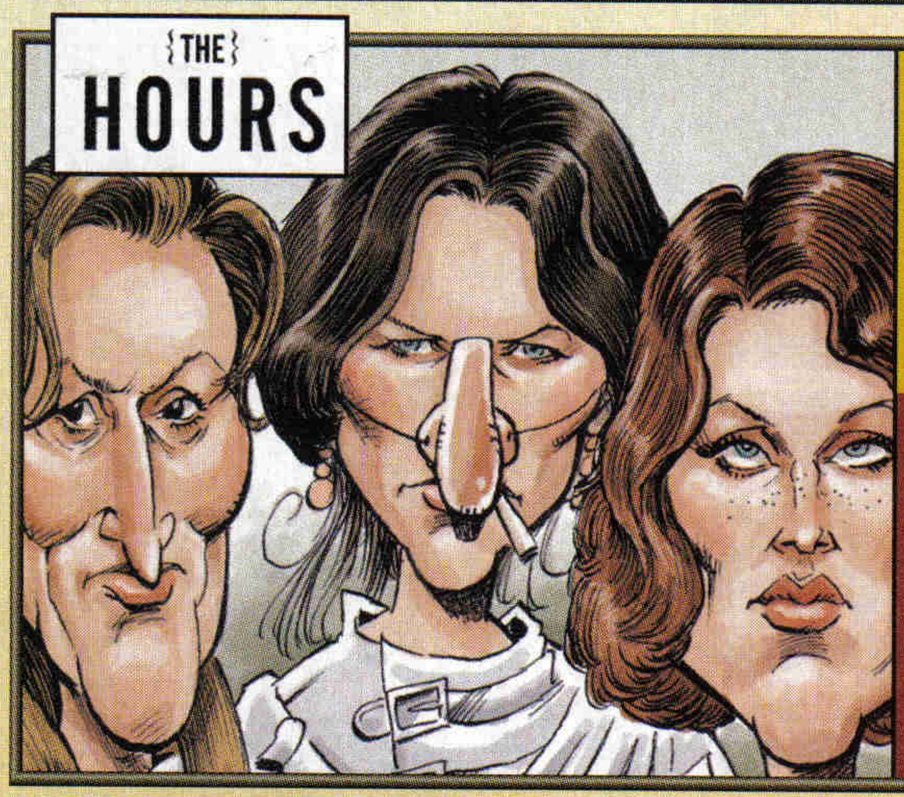
WHY IT SHOULD WIN
It's high time the Academy honors dwarves — especially after snubbing Tom Cruise all these years.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN
Why honor anything longer and more drawn out than the Oscar telecast itself?



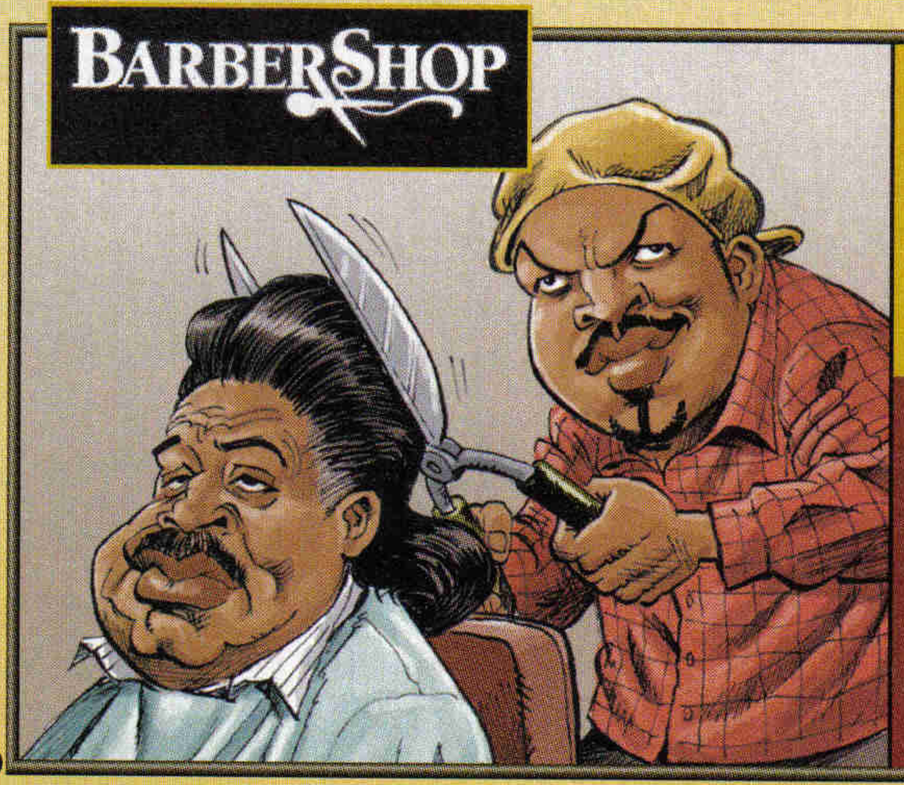
WHY IT SHOULD WIN
It featured Catherine Zeta-Jones looking and acting super-sexy, which allowed insecure straight males to feel far less "gay" for watching a musical.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN
Given Hollywood's slavish insistence on imitating the formulas of successful films, it'll only be a matter of time until Billy Joel's stupid Broadway musical is turned into a star-studded blockbuster.



WHY IT SHOULD WIN
They were able to cram more suicidal nut-jobs into this film than in *Jackass: The Movie.*

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN
Nicole Kidman's prosthetic nose made her look like a cross between Big Bird and Martin Short.



WHY IT SHOULD WIN
It would really, really, really piss off that blowhard Al Sharpton.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN
We dread the prospect of a FOX star being able to promote himself as "Cedric the Oscar-Winning Entertainer."



WHY IT SHOULD WIN
Finally, a film for the under-served "Lonely, Low Self-Esteem Fat Chick" audience whose only entertainment up till now was a daily dose of *Cathy* on the comics page.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN
It promoted the idea that Windex can be used to cure most common ailments, giving HMOs yet another cost-cutting idea.

2003 OSCARS

Picture



jackass the movie



WHY IT SHOULD WIN

The traditionally dull-as-watching-paint-dry Oscar ceremony would definitely be livened up by an acceptance speech featuring scrotum-stapling.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN

The "teenage male bozo" demographic might gain even more influence over Hollywood decision-making than it already has.

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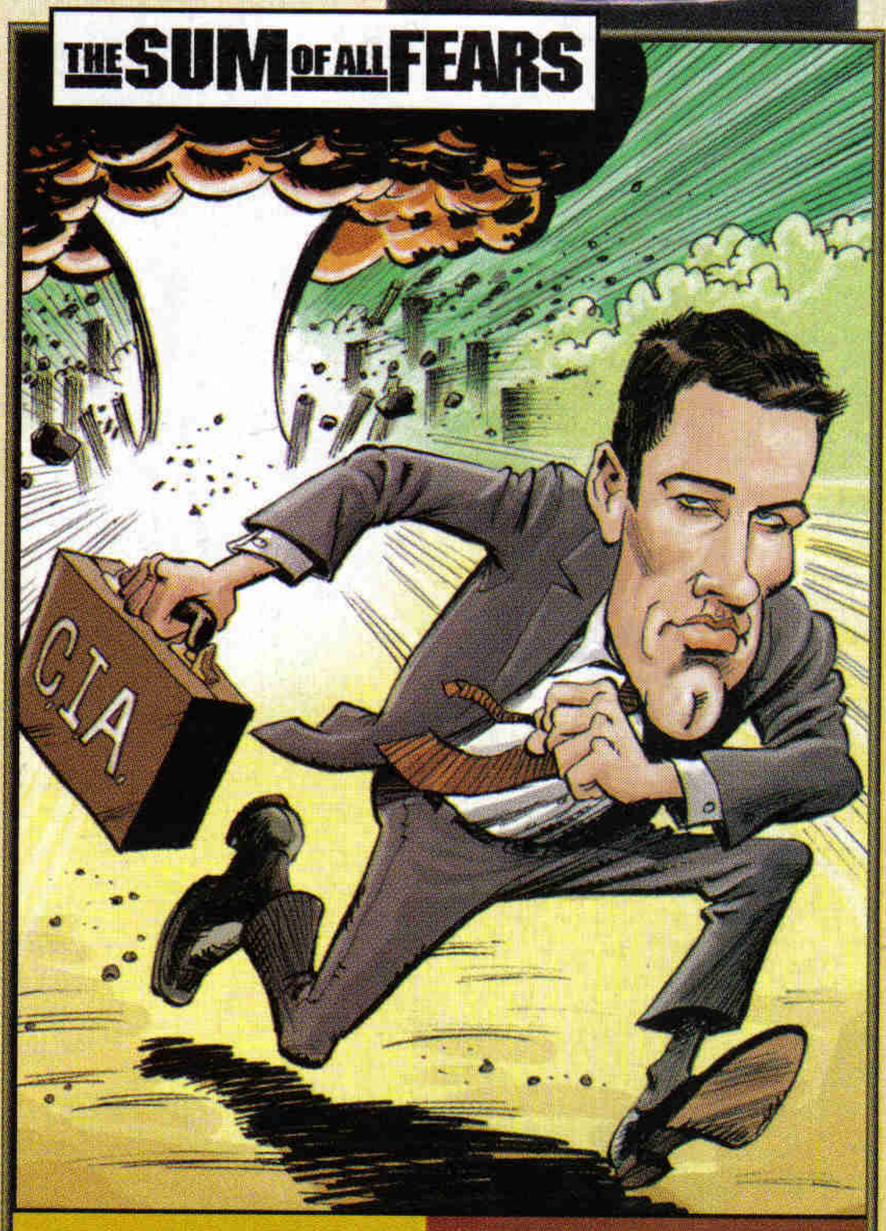
WHY IT SHOULD WIN

Vin Diesel earned $20 million for making *XXX*, which meant he felt rich enough not to make a single other movie last year — it seems like an Oscar is the least everyone could do to say, "Thanks, Vin!"

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN

The title was totally misleading — the only bare breasts in the whole movie were Vin Diesel's.

THE SUM OF ALL FEARS



WRITERS: GREG LEITMAN, BARRY LIEBMANN, DAVID SHAYNE, MIKE SNIDER
ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND "ALFIE" STATUE: HARRY NORTH

WHY IT SHOULD WIN

Finally, someone got the message that Jack Ryan ought to be played by a younger actor whose neck-wattles don't flap in the breeze during action scenes.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN

We've yet to figure out why Hollywood thought shots of the World Trade Center were too jarring for post-9/11 audiences, but the sight of Baltimore being nuked is pure entertainment.

GANGS OF NEW YORK



WHY IT SHOULD WIN

Given the state of the Knicks, Mets, Yankees, Rangers, Giants and Jets, it'd be nice if *something* from New York won the top prize this year.

WHY IT SHOULDN'T WIN

A film about bloody violence and ethnic cleansing in New York City — yeah, that's just what the world needs right now.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A MAJOR INCREASE IN CRACK ON OUR STREETS?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Crack continues to be a plague, infiltrating our neighborhoods and corrupting our children, but society seems powerless to curtail it. Recently, however, there has been a tremendous surge in the amount of crack on our streets. To find out the cause of this disturbing blight, fold page in as shown.

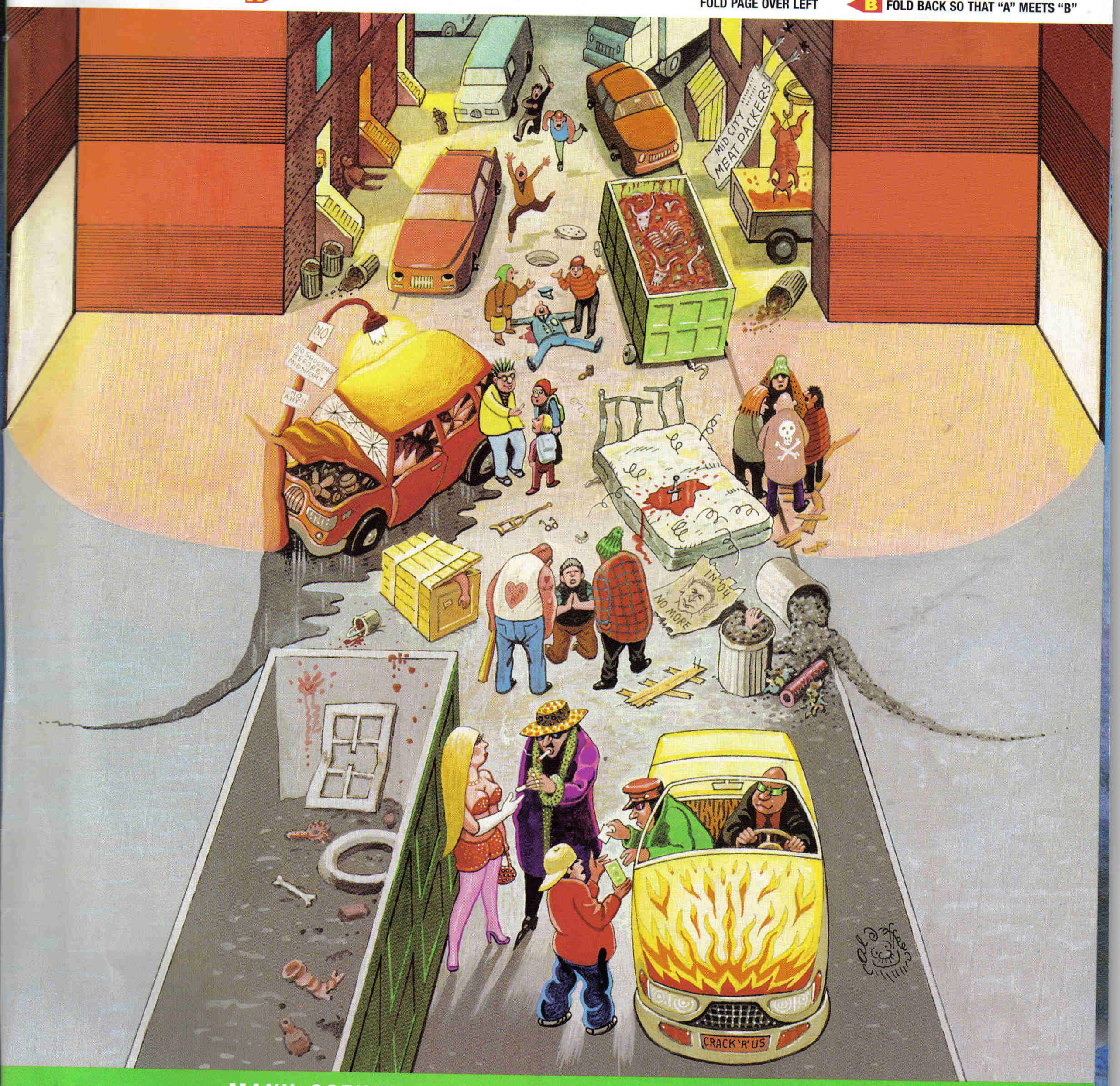


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MANY SCENES ON OUR STREETS ARE REAL SHOCKERS OF LATE. SOME ALARMED PEOPLE WANT TO SOMEHOW RID US OF THEM. OTHERS ACCEPT IT. BUT WHATEVER JUDGES DO, IT WON'T BE STOPPED BY ANY MEANS.

A

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

B