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BAT, ME WORRY?

I am about to have my Bat-Mitzvah. Before I do, I must do acts of kindness I wouldn't usually do. I have given my time to charities, but I realize that you are in need of an act of kindness as well. Here it goes — I just want to thank you guys for making me laugh. I appreciate what you do. Thank you!

Madaline Goldstein, Woodside, CA

Solid Goldstein — First off, congratulations on becoming a woman. Secondly, your thanks are all well and good, but where is OUR invitation to this party? Nothing says "thank you" quite like an open bar, hot buffet and the hilarious injuries that result from elderly relatives doing the Electric Slide! Nonetheless, we are going to be a sport about this by giving you a traditional Bat-Mitzvah gift! It's a pen — hope we didn't ruin the surprise! Please send us a picture of you holding the pen at your party so we can run it on a future Letters Page. Bango and L'Chaim! —Ed.

HIDE AND FREAK

I am writing to thank you for wonderfully corrupting my mind with MAD. I have one question: do you have any good tips on how to hide MAD in class while reading it? So far, the book, notebook and even the good old read in the lap has failed and resulted in the loss of four precious magazines. I need help! Do you know any good disguise techniques?

Collin Armfield, Augusta, KS

Collinoscopy — First, we want to say that school is not the place to read MAD. School's for learning, and MAD should be enjoyed during your free time. That said, you'll have much more free time to read MAD if you just drop out of school. Think of it — all day, every day to read and re-read all your issues! And don't listen to your nagging parents and guidance counselors — there are plenty of great jobs to get with even just a grade school education. Just ask our editorial staff! —Ed.

ANTIQUES FREAKSHOW WITH HANS BRICKFACE

This is a picture of a Pinocchio bank. This Pinocchio bank was bought by my dad for $10 for my oldest brother David Jr. in Disney World in Orlando, FL in the early 70s. I hope this $10 Pinocchio bank has skyrocketed to maybe even over $1,000!

Brian Dunlop, Long Island, NY

Over and Dunlop — This certainly sounds like a job for our own Hans Brickface. We tore him away from his afternoon session of Spin-Bo (it's an exercise of his own creation — it combines Spinning and Tae-Bo) long enough for him to appraise your collectible.

You're in luck! Decapitated heads of certain cartoon characters are red-hot right now! For example, a ceramic representation of the severed cranium of Quick Draw McGraw is worth $1,500 — and climbing! Your Pinocchio's value is somewhere in between the disembodied skull of Magilla Gorilla and the torso-less Grape Ape. Not a bad return for just 30 years' time!

Hey readers! If you have an offbeat item that you want Hans to look at, send in a picture and a brief description to: Amy "The Big Appraiser" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

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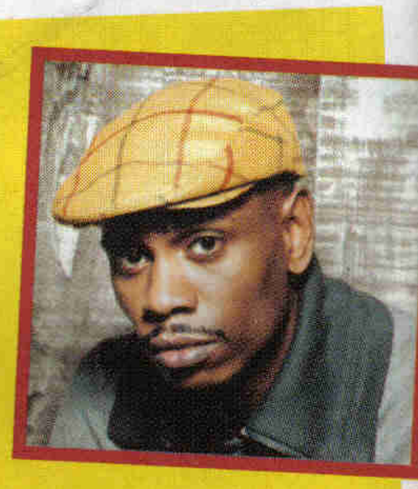

It's time again for the Nifty Fifty™, our little wish list of the 50 people we'd most like to see photographed with a copy of MAD! If we print your photo of the celeb holding an issue, you will receive a fabulous three-year subscription and a special secret surprise! (Sorry, photos cannot be returned.) So get out there and start harassing those celebrities today! And of course, we still want regular Celebrity Snaps as well!

- Publicity whore Paris Hilton and her pampered rat-dog Tinkerbell
- Craft-loving convict Martha Stewart
- Trump henchmen Carolyn or George
- Any Baudelaire orphan
- *O.C.* geek Adam Brody
- Busty bad-girl Lindsay Lohan
- Lip-synching train wreck Ashlee Simpson
- *Jeopardy!* super-nerd Ken Jennings
- Half-naked nutter Will Ferrell
- Kevin "Mr. Britney Spears" Federline
- 5-card studmuffin Phil Gordon
- Professional parent-torturer Bam Margera
- Car-pimpin' rapper Xzibit
- Right-wing tool Bill O'Reilly and/or his babelicious accuser Andrea Mackris
- Chris "Mr. Gwyneth Paltrow" Martin
- Made-over mistress Amber Frey
- Doe-eyed "It" boy Jake Gyllenhaal
- Star of every movie from 2004, Jude Law
- Scarlett Johansson (Scarlett, please return Associate Editor Dave Croatto's calls)
- Bush henchwoman Condoleezza Rice
- Fallen top cop Bernard Kerik
- NBA goodwill ambassador Ron Artest
- Half-time hoochie mama Janet Jackson
- Oscar-craving oddball Bill Murray
- Professional skate rat Tony Hawk
- Sith-head George Lucas
- Jennifer Garner — Half of Bennifer '05 edition
- The fat guy from *Lost*
- Dave Chappelle, bitch
- The hardest working woman in show business — Gwen Stefani
- Mafia Princess Victoria Gotti or her snot-nosed bratty sons
- Triple Crown loser Smarty Jones
- Abu Ghraib pin-up Lynndie England
- Bible-thumping hunk Mel Gibson
- Steroid-addled slugger Barry Bonds
- NASCAR pretty boy Jeff Gordon
- *Desperate Housewives* cradle-robber Eva Longoria
- Muggle author J.K. Rowling
- Party animal Alan Greenspan
- Gay American Jim McGreevey
- *The Princess Diaries'* dreamy Anne Hathaway
- Fashionable freak-a-doo Andre 3000
- Michael "You'll always be Kramer" Richards
- David Letterman's mother (again)
- *Lassie* matriarch June Lockhart
- That dude who cut his own arm off
- A slimmed down, but still crazy, Anna Nicole Smith
- Soon-to-be-single Jennifer Lopez
- Professional umbrella holder Fonzworth Bentley
- Big screen brothers Luke and/or Owen Wilson

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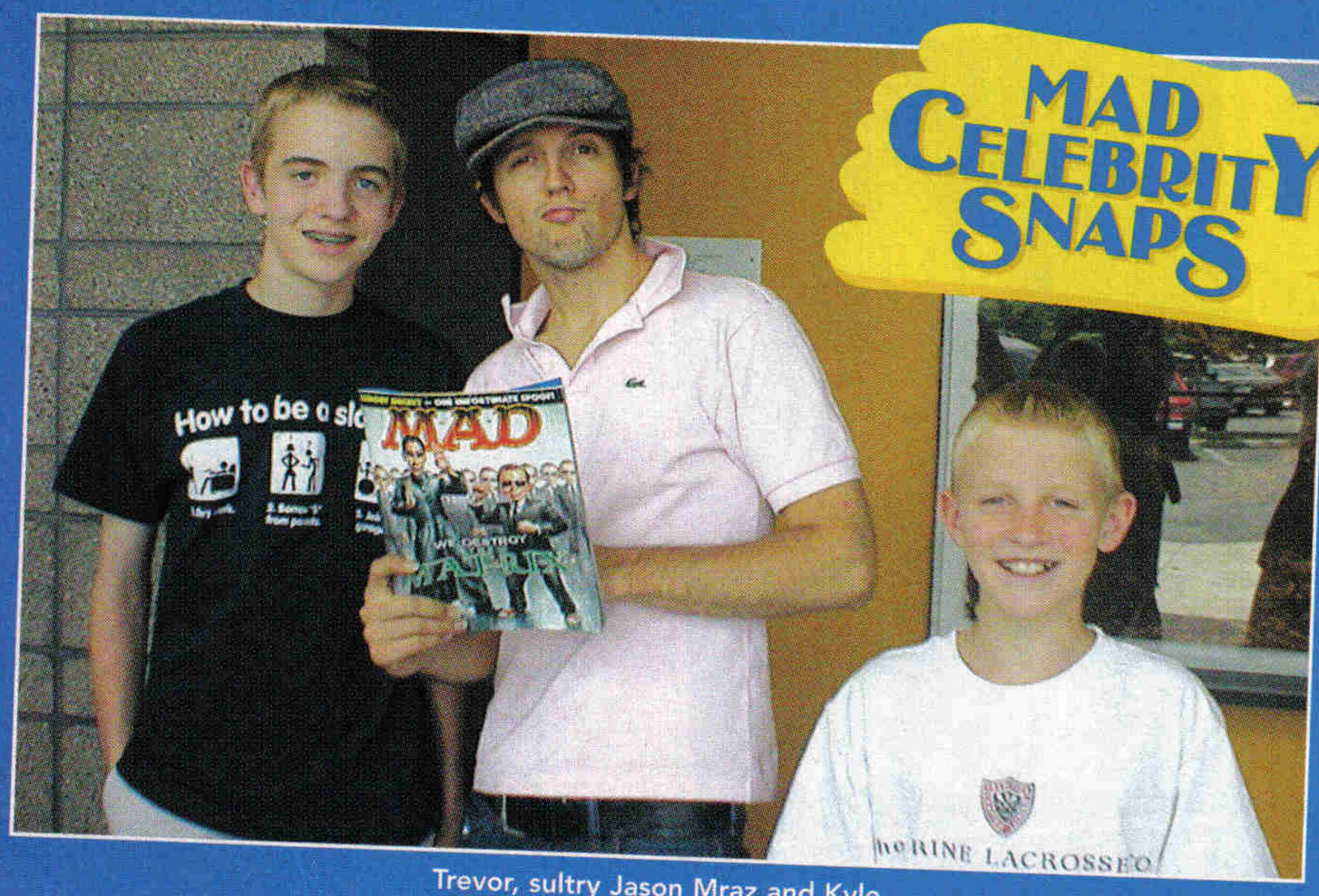


Trevor, sultry Jason Mraz and Kyle

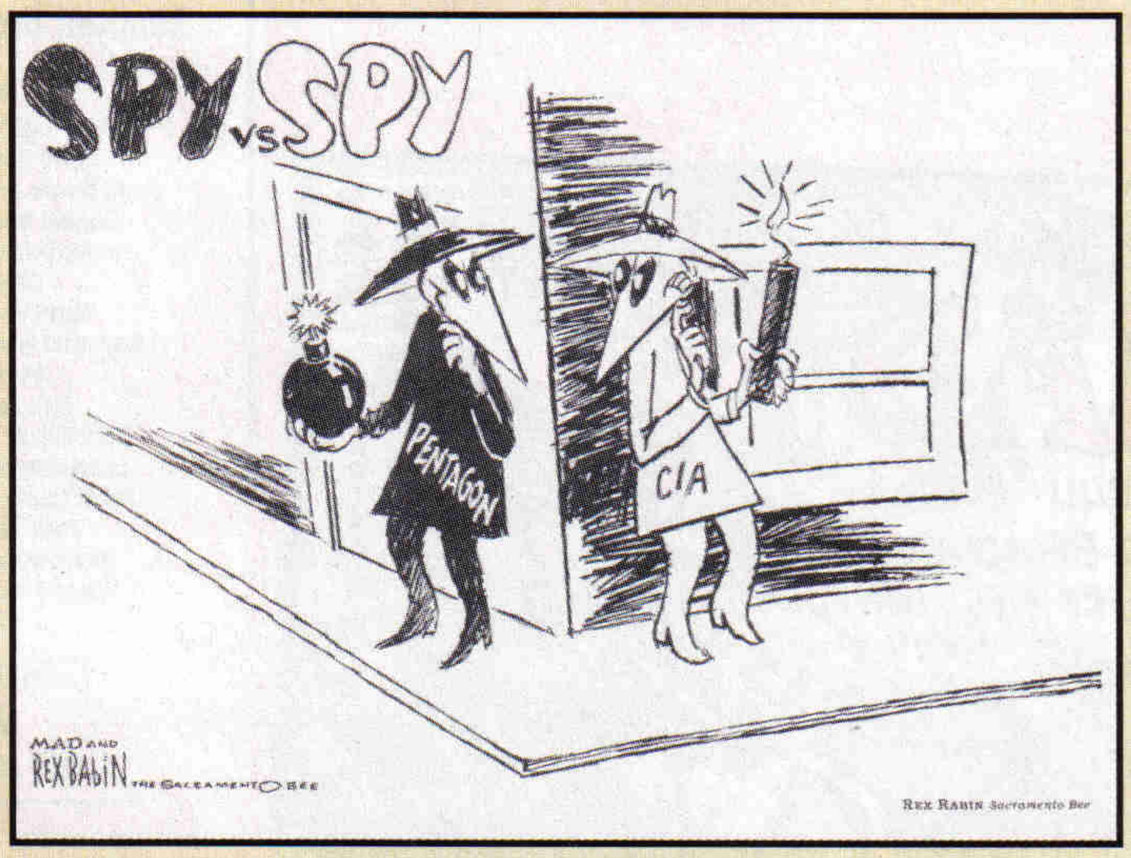
I've been a subscriber for over two years now. Recently Jason Mraz came to Denver, CO for a concert and I met him when he came to a Boulder radio station to do a live show. I waited in the station's lobby and got an autograph and a snapshot of him holding up a copy of MAD with my brother Kyle and me.

Trevor Doner, Erie, CO

Finding Trevorland — Thanks for sending in your snap of our favorite hat-lovin' pop star. We once waited at a radio station for our favorite band to show up, however, Nicaraguan singing sensation, Los Abogados, snuck out the back door! Those swine! Thanks again! You Mrock! —Ed.

IT WAS THE WORST OF THE *TIMES*

We're used to seeing Spy Vs. Spy on the pages of our own shoddy rag, but when it starts appearing in *respectable* rags like the January 31st edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, we know the world of publishing is in deep, deep trouble!



THE GAMING OF THE LEWD

I am a Spy Vs. Spy freak. When I saw the Mountain Dew commercials, I ran around my house jumping for joy. So when my brother told me that there was going to be a Spy Vs. Spy video game, I stripped butt-naked and ran around my house jumping for joy! I had to get my hands on this game. Please tell me when this game is coming out. Otherwise, I won't be able to torture myself by counting the days until it hits stores.

Galen Egan, Hamden, CT

Ten-Galen Hat — First off, we're not sure why your excitement resulted in you being "butt-naked." The good news is, by the time you read this, the game should be in stores. So it is quite possible that you already own a copy. However, since most video game sellers have a pretty strict "No shirt, no shoes, no service" policy, you're never going to get a copy of the game until you put on some freakin' pants! —Ed.

ONE THING READS TO ANOTHER

My daughter, Francesca, turned five in December. Is this a good time to get her started reading MAD? Is there a recommended beginning age for young MAD readers?

Chris Arrieta, Fredonia, NY

Now is the perfect time to start young Francesca on MAD! In fact, most MAD fans read at a four-year-old's level anyway, so she's already way ahead of the curve! —Ed.

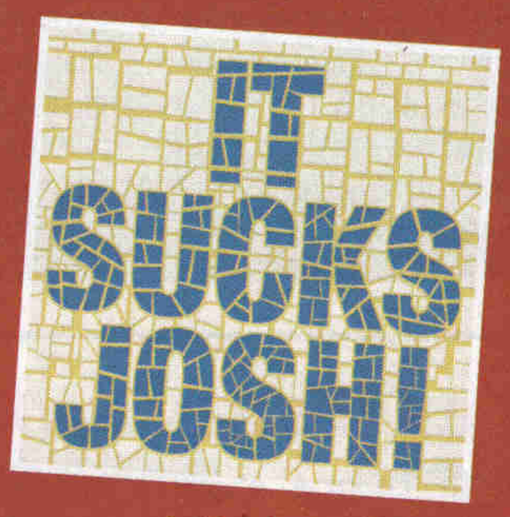
The Big Easel

I am just another fan with a picture of how bored he was. I made this out of glass and plaster with a wood back. It was made in art class and took like five weeks (I hated that class).

Josh Davis, Pinkeney, MI

Josh's class project

Josh Kidding — We decided to follow your example and crafted a response to your letter using glass and plaster with a wood back. Here's the result — enjoy! —Ed.



If you've created Alfred out of unusual art supplies or offbeat materials, send in a picture of it to: Amy "The Big Easel" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019 and we might print it in a future issue!

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I have a wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*. I would like to be the subject of a MAD Fold-in by Al Jaffee published in MAD. I enjoy all of Al Jaffee's MAD Fold-ins and it would be fun to see myself cleverly "folded" by Al. Enclosed is a photograph of myself.

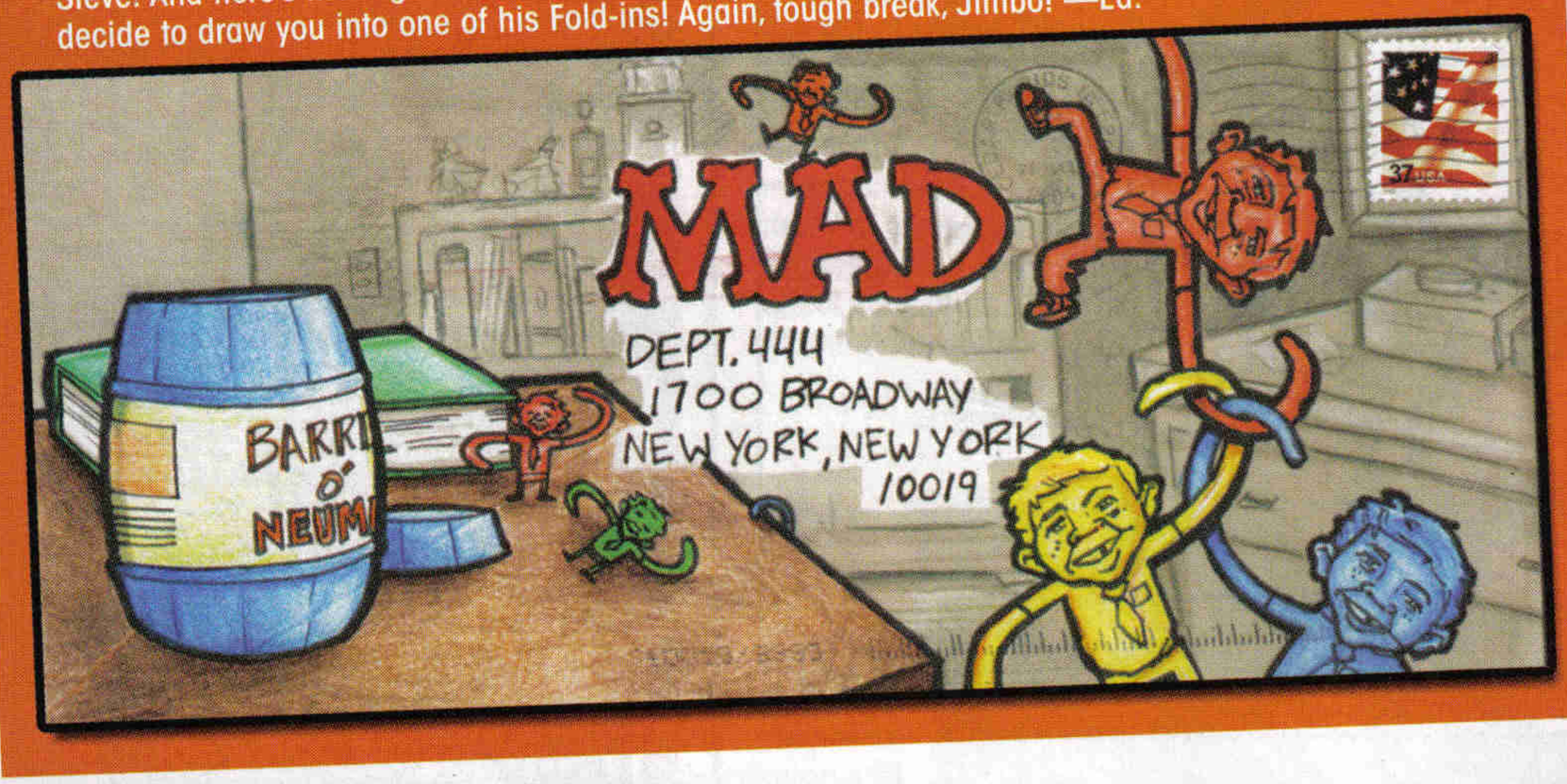
Jim Hutchings, Ontario, Canada

Much Ado About Hutchings — Usually, we love making the dumb wishes of our readers come true. But in this case, it's just impossible. We checked with Al, and he told us in no uncertain terms that, after what happened last time, he would never draw a Canadian! But hope is not all lost, Jimbo. Because we "enjoy" your avalanche of Envelopes of the Month, we are making you this month's MAD Fan of the Month. We do have one question — where in the world was that photo taken? Are you atop Mt. Everest? Have you died and gone to heaven? Thanks and congratulations! —Ed.

Canada's Jim Hutchings, eh?

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

This month's Envelope of the Month was sent in by Steve Potter of Cedar Falls, IA. Congratulations, Steve! And here's more good news — because you hail from the good ol' U.S. of A, Al Jaffee just may decide to draw you into one of his Fold-ins! Again, tough break, Jimbo! —Ed.



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If cheese could talk, what would it say? — Daisi Dragon...I bet people would be better drivers if cars had ray guns on them — GoodBick...MAD is not a way of life, it is in fact a roll of toilet paper — Roundeye14...Never ever make a hippo mad — LilSmurf89...I've always wanted to swim in a giant vat of blueberry Jello — MarissaP...The truth is only something that no one has proven wrong yet — Dave the Almighty.

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OR

Dying gasps of someone drowning in Godzilla's puke?

SKUBB

IKEA ORGANIZER

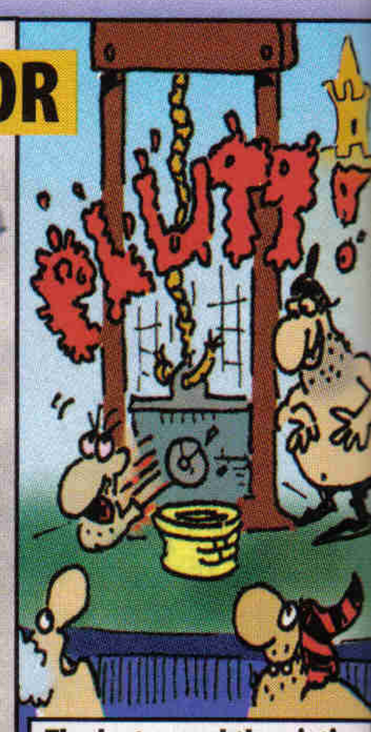
OR

Sound made when a hurtle jumper doesn't quite clear the bar?

PLUTT

IKEA ROLLING WALL POCKETS

OR



The last sound the victim of a guillotine hears?

KLYFTIG

IKEA STORAGE CART

OR

Sound made when you accidentally catch your nose in an electric pencil sharpener?

KLIPPAN

IKEA SOFA

OR

A three-legged horse on cobblestones?

Answer: All five are actual names of IKEA products.

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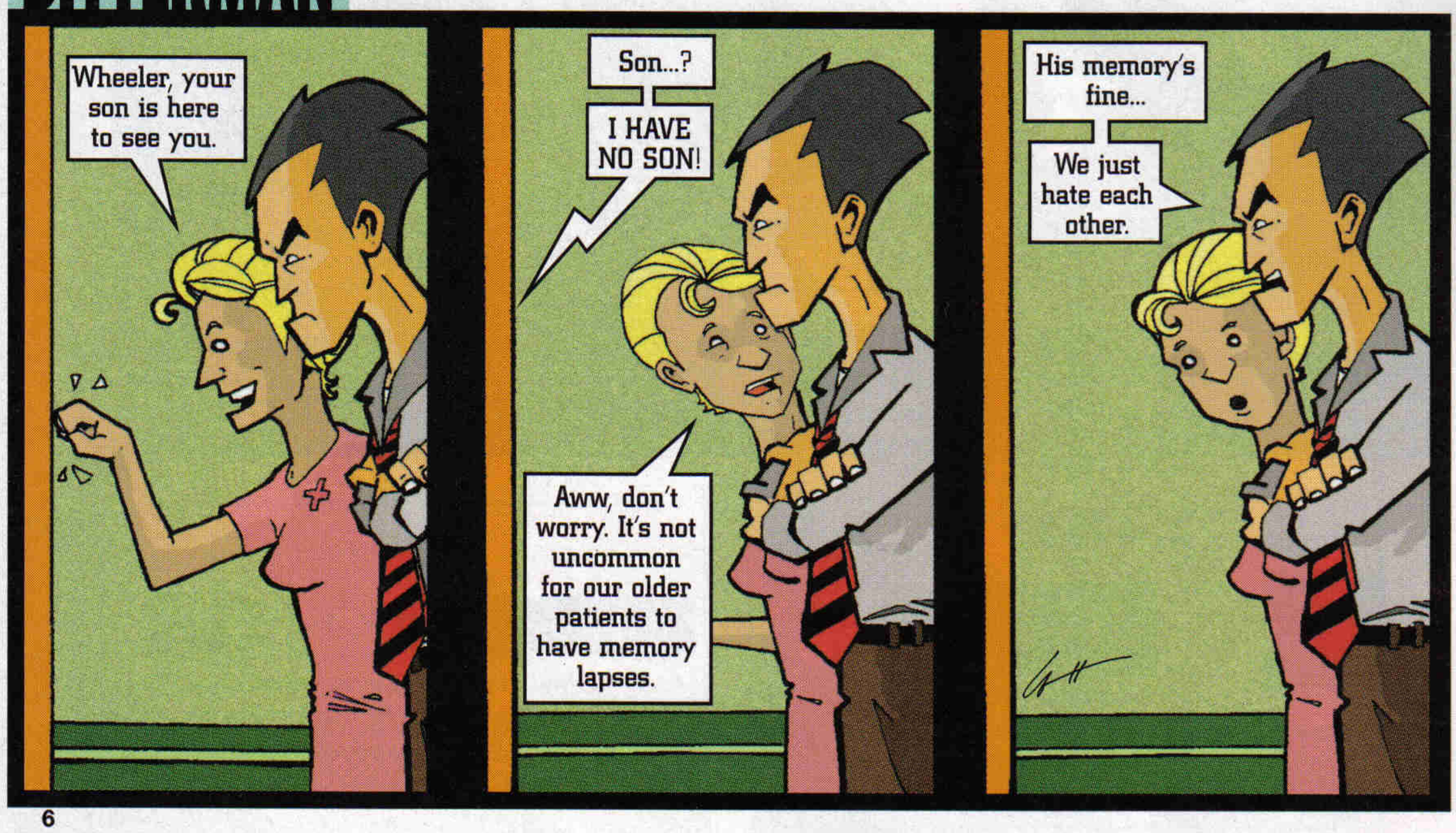

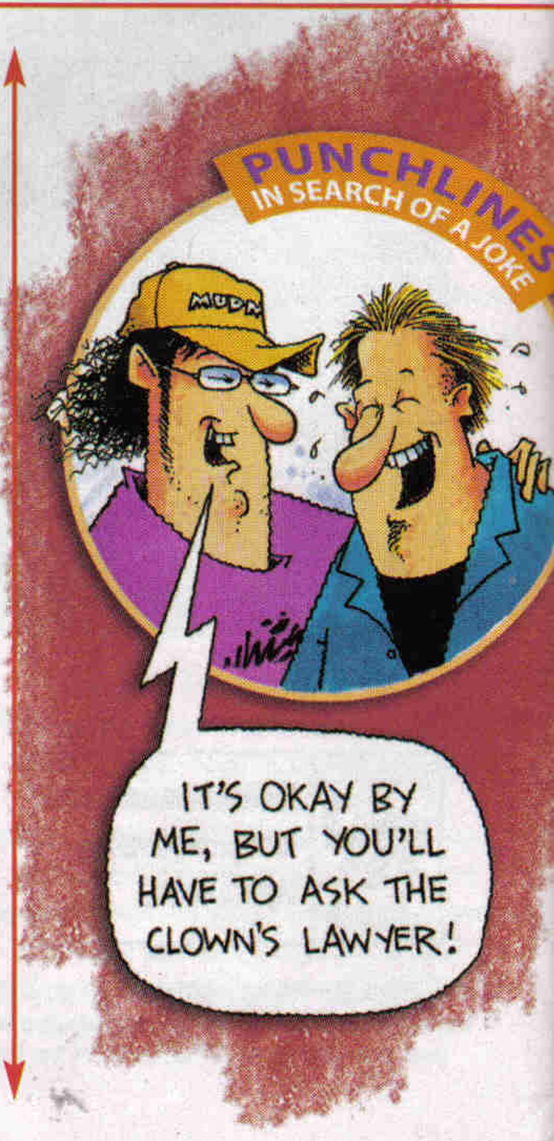

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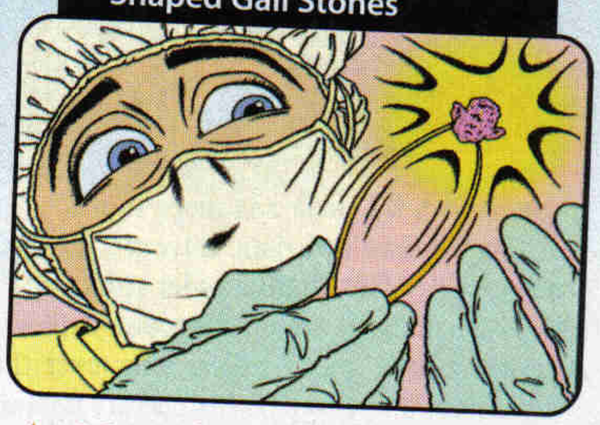

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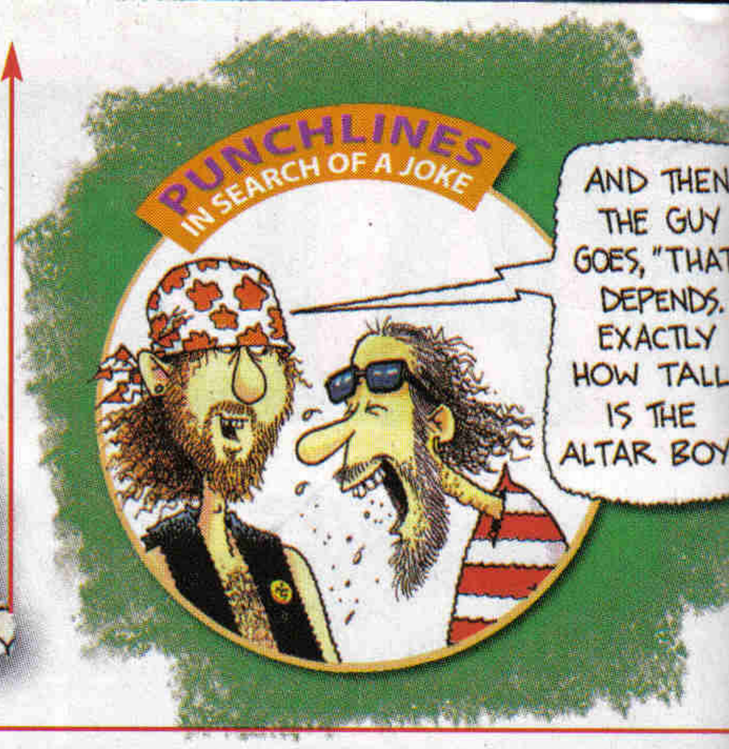
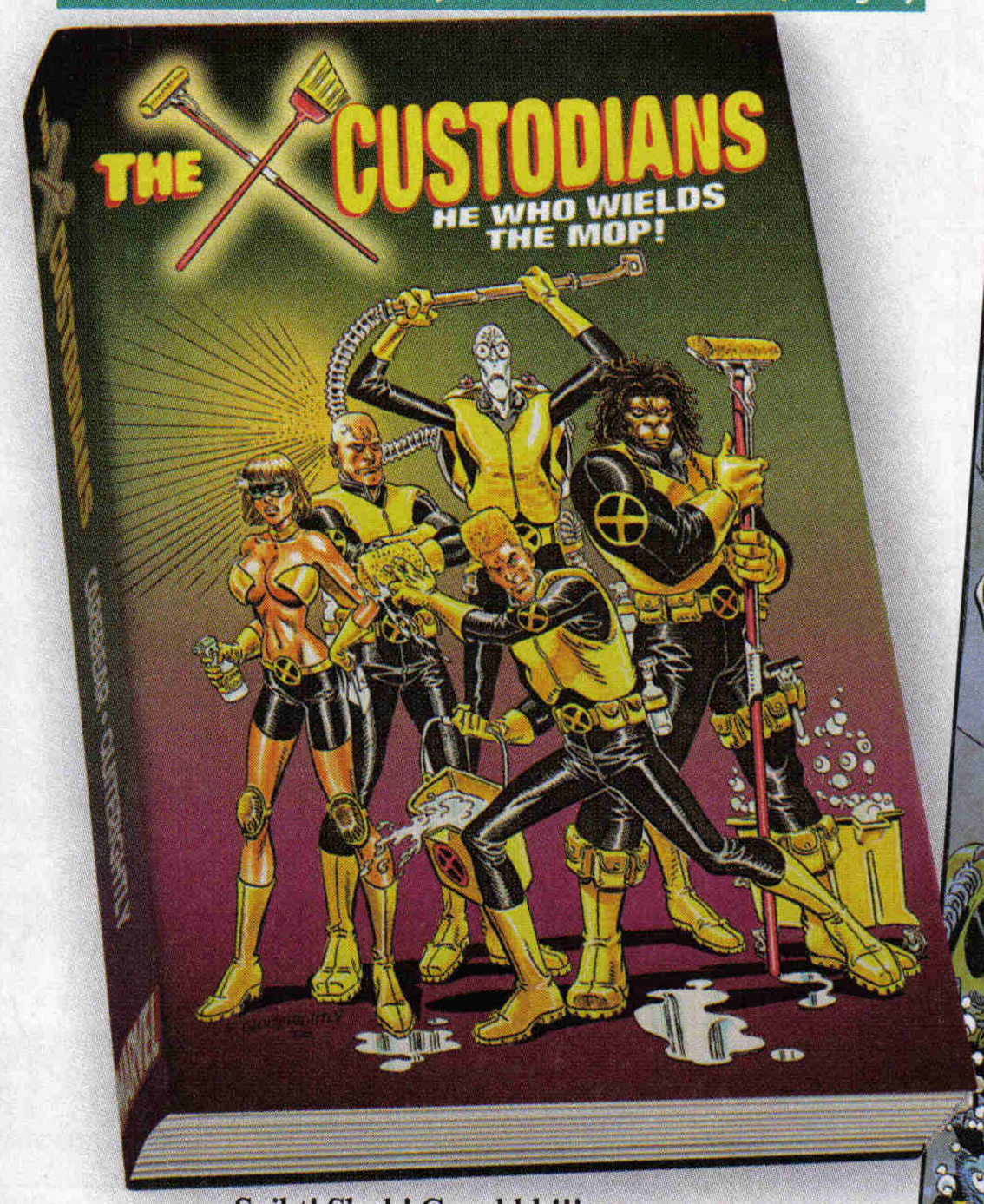


GRAPHIC NOVEL REVIEW

Marvel Comics $14.95 **By Chris Carebear and Frank Quiterightly**



Snikt! Slash! Gaaahhh!!! What superhero fan hasn't felt the rush, seeing their favorite X-Man unsheathe his adamantium claws, lunge forward and dish out some gory retribution as only Wolverine can? He's the most bloodthirsty Canadian mutant not on ice skates. However, brightly-inked mayhem like that is only the first chapter of the X-story.

What happens after the carnage is complete and the X-Men jet off to their next battle? Who sweeps away the rubble? Who scrubs the eyeblast residue off the driveway? Who squeegees up the bloody slop?

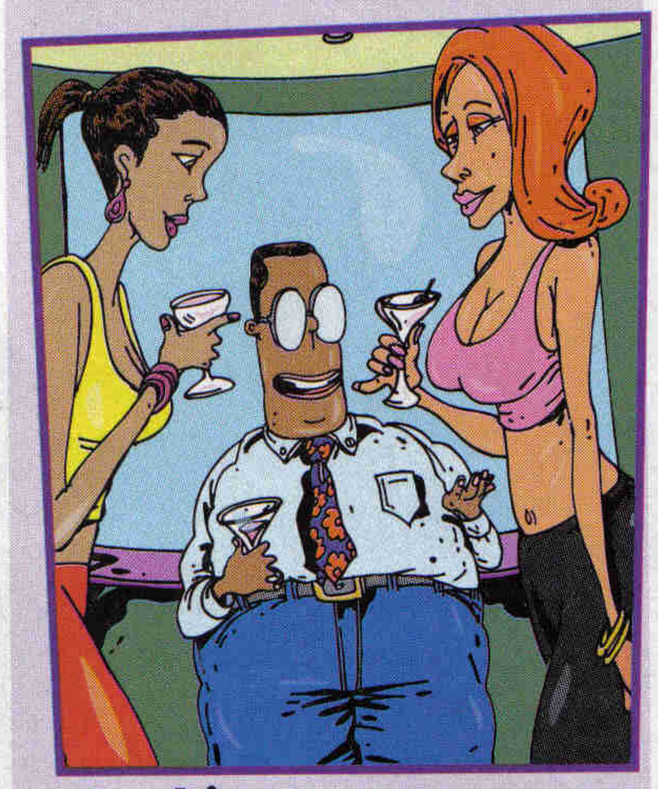
Marvel first attempted to answer these rarely-asked questions in the late eighties and early nineties in a little-read series called *Damage Control*. Though, as best we can tell, no one is still begging for an answer to these rarely-asked questions, Marvel is once again attempting to answer them in a new graphic novel, *X-Custodians*, which takes its place among the dizzying barrage of *X-Men* titles being cranked out by Marvel Comics' marketing department on an hourly basis: *Ultimate X-Men*! *Astonishing X-Men*! *New X-Men*! *X-Treme X-Men*! *Uncanny X-Men*! *Omnivorous X-Men*! *Bi-Curious X-Men*! *Translucent X-Men*! *Lactose-Intolerant X-Men*!

Specially hired by Professor X to maintain the grounds of the X-Mansion, X-Grounds, X-Dormitories and X-Sauna, this sleek, tough squadron of super-scrubbers, themselves mutant outcasts from the Damage Control team, is always one step behind the world's most powerful outcasts. Their role is vital to the series. Otherwise, having each new comic begin afresh, as if the place hadn't just been completely demolished one issue previously, would seem implausible.

Armed with the most advanced mops, dustbusters and futuristic solvents, the X-Custodians do the dirty work of the superhero world. After Nightcrawler stinks up the area with his sulphuric transportations, the X-Custodians are on the scene with some Airwick. They're the ones who have to use those little sticky-rollers whenever the Beast sheds blue fur on the upholstery. And when Magneto uses his powers to encase half the students in metallic sheaths, a few barrels of Rust-Oleum keep the helpless victims looking spiffy until their lives can be bartered.

We warily recommend this book, but only as a change of pace. If you're looking for all-out intergalactic superhero action, it's frankly not much. The sequence in which the X-Custodians painstakingly remove several tons of sandy grit from the drapes of Professor X's office is beyond thorough, and gets monotonous 15 pages before it ends. Still, for instructions on how to remove intestinal splatter from ceramic tile grout using nothing but Q-tips and a lime, it's invaluable.

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO PARTYGOING



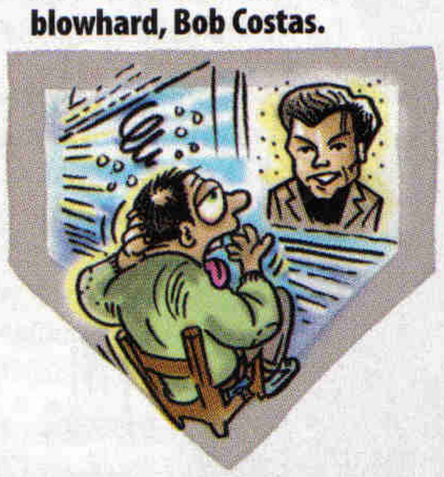
Jenkins is a little self-conscious at parties sometimes, but knows that if he wants people to talk to him, he's got to mingle.

Melvin spends the entire night lurking under the pile of coats in the bedroom, in case anybody comes back there to "do it."

FUNDALINI FOTO NEWS: THE 2005 GRAMMY AWARDS

BASEBALL STEROID PENALTIES THAT WOULD REALLY WORK

FIRST OFFENSE:
You're required to sit through a 6–hour "Dangers of Steroids" lecture from that pompous blowhard, Bob Costas.



SECOND OFFENSE:
Stadium vendors will provide fans with free batteries and debris to hurl during the game.

THIRD OFFENSE:
You must share a shower and loofah with Boston's David "Papi" Ortiz.

FOURTH OFFENSE:
Plaster cast of your shrunken 'nads sent to Hall of Fame for new interactive "Greatest Cheaters of the Game" exhibit.

FIFTH OFFENSE:
Jeter gets to sleep with your wife.

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PLANE NONSENSE DEPT.

There's a new show about a passenger plane that crashes on a deserted island. Looking at the collection of moronic survivors begs the question — how many annoying, pathetic losers could possibly be on one single flight? Sadly, the answer is...

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the **Captain!** Since some of you ***did not* sit down** and fasten your **seatbelts** when I asked, I've decided to **teach** you all a **lesson**. I've put the plane into a **tremendous dive** which is causing it to **break apart!** Now we'll **crash** and **everyone** will be **killed!** Let's see if you **pay attention** to my announcement ***next* time!**

There is **no need** to **panic!** The other **stewardesses** on this airplane are **panicking for you!** Please **remember** that often, in **plane crashes**, not everyone **dies!** So as the **plane** falls to **pieces**, I want **each one** of you to tell us a little bit about **yourselves!** Then I'll pray that the **more interesting** folks aboard **survive!** In case they make this **disaster** into a **TV series**, it would be good to get rid of the **bores** on **impact!** Now we've got **this page** and the **next page** before **impact**, so let's hear those **background stories!** And make sure they're **interesting!** Your **life** depends on it!

I'm **Hack**, a **doctor**, and I'd be a **big help** in tending to the **wounded** in a major **plane crash** like **this** will be! Also, I look pretty **decent** with my **shirt off** and there'll be a lot of **that** kind of thing if we crash on a **deserted tropical island!** So **I'd** like to be on the **survivors list**, please!

I'm **Sorehead!** I'm **hot-tempered** and always ready for a **fight!** So far today I had **fights** with my **cab driver**, the guy who **checked** my **luggage**, the **ticket agent**, the **stewardess** and my **two seat-mates!** And if I don't **survive** this **crash**, the **next** fight I pick is going to be with **God!** That's a **warning**, God! I better **live through this!**

나는 큰소리로 말할! 나의 남편은 나쁘다!
나에 의하여 그가 죽는 고가 기도한다!

TRANSLATION:
I **can't** say **anything** out **loud** because my **husband** is a **jealous, resentful, male chauvinist pig!** That said, I am **still praying** for **him! Praying** he's among the **first** to **die!**

나는 아주 질두한다! 그러나 나는 명예를
믿는다! 우리가 부수면, 나는 것이이다!

TRANSLATION:
I **AM** a **very jealous man!** But I am **also** a **very proud man** who **believes** in **honor!** So if we **crash** and I **find** my wife's **dead body next** to **another man's dead body**, there'll be **hell** to **pay!**

I'm **Scare**. I'm **sweet** and **gentle** and **agreeable** to just about anything. Maybe ***too* agreeable!** That's why I'm **unmarried** and **pregnant!** But as **young** as I am, I know I'll be a **responsible parent!** Now, where is the **stewardess** with the **liquor cart?** I'm down to my **last three** mini-bottles of **scotch!**

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

I'm **Mate** and you'll notice that I'm **handcuffed** to the guy on the **right!** Is he a **marshal** taking me to **prison?** Naw, I'm just kinda **kinky** and I love a bit of **bondage!** However, I'm **also** handcuffed to the guy on the **left!** He ***is*** a **marshal** and he ***is*** taking me to **prison** because I'm a **felon!** But I'm a **felon** with an **explanation!**

I'm **Sorry**, a faded **rock star!** I'm a **two-time loser! First**, I found myself **washed up** with my **rock band! Now** it looks like I'm about to find myself **washed up** with the **debris** of this **airplane!**

I'm **Rocke**, the **strong, silent** type! But for the next few minutes, you can forget the "**silent**" part — **HEEEEEELLLLL-LLLLLPPPPPPPP! I don't wanna die!!!!!**

I'm **Chubby**, the traditional **overweight** character with a sense of **humor** that you find in **every disaster story!** Even in a **catastrophe**, you'll find I can bring a **smile** to your face! **Unless,** of course, I land on **top** of you on **impact!**

TELL ME, JOEY... DO YOU LIKE GLADIATOR MOVIES?

I was **very high up** in the **Iraqi Republican Guard Intelligence Department!** My **job** was to **hide** our **weapons of mass destruction** and I did a **hell** of a **good job!** Sure, the **Americans** found the **high-strength aluminum tubes** we **hid**, but they **never** found the **giant peas** we were going to **shoot out** of **them!** I **saw** to **that!**

People say ***I'm* shallow** and ***I'm* self-centered**, but **I** say that's **not true!** As a matter of fact, ***I*** have decided **not** to be a part of this **crash!** All **those people** on this flight can fall to the **earth** in a **big mess** if they want to! But ***me***...just leave ***me*** up here! ***I*** choose **not** to be **involved!**

I'm **Boom**, Shallow's **brother!** I **care** for my **sister**, but we **fight** all the time! I think it's because she's **jealous! I'm** the one in the **family** who was blessed with a **second expression! She** only has **one!** And that's one's **blank!**

I'm a **divorced father** and I just gained **custody** of my **7-year-old son!** I was taking this **trip** so I can get to know my boy **Jimmy** better. I just pray we **both survive!**

My **dad's** got a lot to **learn!** First of all, I'm **9!** And my name is **Walt! I** just pray we **both survive!** And by **we**, I mean my **dog** and **me!** My *dog* **never** abandoned me!

This is some strange place!

I know what you mean! It's a tropical island, but I just saw a polar bear!

I saw it too! What could be stranger than that!

What could be stranger than that is that we crash landed on a deserted island, and they're still making everyone go through customs!

PORT OF AUTH

DECLARE AL VALUABLE

Weren't you in a wheelchair at the airport when we all checked in for the flight?

Yeah, that was me!

But now you're walking perfectly normal! Do you think there's some mysterious power on this island that gave you the power to walk?

Not really! It's the absence o spies from the insurance company that gave me the power to walk! Now I don't have to pretend I need to be in a wheelchair in order for them to keep paying me on my phony insurance claim!

GINSU

Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to start our food service! Your choices today are Leg of Larry, Steve's Ribs, or Cream of Clara! If we run out of the person you selected by the time we get to your rock, please accept our apologies! And since we don't have a movie to show, it would be nice if some of you could share your flashbacks while the food is being served!

You're pregnant with a very special child! You must not let anyone raise your baby but yourself!

Oh, my God!

I know that's shocking news! It must have surprised you!

No, what surprises me is that the impact must have been so great, even our flashbacks got mixed up!

I found a transmitter in the wreckage!

That's great, Sad! It works?

It didn't work at first! But then I found a brand new one! So I took spare parts out of the new one, and used them to fix the broken one!

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? ... GOOD!!

Why didn't you just use the new one? Who are you? The Iraqi MacGyver?

Sounds like our Iraqi friend here used to be an auto mechanic! Take the longest, most expensive route possible to fix anything!

If we can get a signal out from the high ground, someone might pick it up!

Great! Let's pray it works!

You better pray it doesn't work!

Doesn't work? Why would you say that?

We could be 10,000 miles from civilization Do you know what the "roaming charges" wil be if you make a con-nection? Are you going to pay them? Because I sure as hell won't!

Hack, what **happened?**

I was **following** a **man** who **looked** like my **father** right off the **edge** of that **cliff**. I feel so **stupid!**

Don't be so **hard** on yourself, **Hack!** It could **happen** to **anybody**...**anybody** who's **delusional** and **clumsy!**

I may be **clumsy**, but I am **not delusional! Look!** A **Good Humor Truck!** Tell him to **stop!** I'll buy us **both** a **treat!**

BALD IS BEAUTIFUL

It's **kind** of you to **stitch me** up, **Mate!** It must **not** be **pleasant!**

Hack, I have to **tell** you, I'm **stuck** on **you!**

That's **nice** to hear, **Mate**, but there's **too much** going on here for me to get **romantically involved** now!

That's **not** what I **meant!** I'm **stuck on you** because I **sewed** my **finger** to your **back** while **suturing** your **wounds!**

Hack, we've got to make a **list** of everyone who **survived** the **crash!** That way we'll know if **anyone** is **missing!**

We **also** need the **list** so we can **sort** the **mail** when it comes!

The **mail?** We're **thousands** of **miles** from where we **should be** and **you think** we're going to **get mail?**

I **already** got my **Visa bill** here! When those **sleazebags** want their **money**, **nothing** stands in their way from **finding** you!

KACHUK

Excuse me, sir, where are you **going?**

Behind that **tree**! You know, **answering** the **call of nature!**

I'm **sorry**, but **this tree** is **reserved** for our **First Class passengers only**! The **bushes** over **there** are for our **coach passengers!** And **here's** our **in-flight magazine**!

I don't **feel** like **reading!**

They're **not** for **reading!** There's **no toilet paper** on the **island!**

MAD

How come **you're** in **control** of the **island's supplies?**

You got a **problem** with **that?**

Yes, I do! You **rounded up everything** that people **need**, and if **they** want **anything**, they **have** to **come to you! Why** is **that?**

Because I used to **manage** a **Wal-Mart!** That's how we **do things!** Get **used** to it!

GENE SIMMONS HAIR CLUB

SALE

Look at all those **books**! ***Castaway***, ***The Twilight Zone***, ***Lord of the Flies***, ***Robinson Crusoe***...You were **lucky** to think to bring a lot of **reading material** on the **flight.**

Oh, these **books** aren't **mine**! I **found** them! They belong to **some guy** called **J.J. Abrams!** I don't know **who that is!**

You **should!** He **produces** this **series!**

I **thought** a **lot** of the **stuff** in our **scripts** sounded **familiar!** He's **more** of a **re-writer** than a **writer!**

LORD OF THE FLIES
CASTAWAY
TREASURE ISLAND
THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA
ROBINSON

Ladies and gentlemen, this seems like a nice place for another flashback! Any volunteers? Mr. Rocke, you've been very quiet! Do have an interesting flashback to share?

I do! It takes place at the cardboard box factory where I work!

I have a much more interesting flashback! Mine takes place in a hospital! My father is one of the surgeons and he's drunk!

Bingo! We have a winner! Roll that flashback!

It's over, Hack! The patient is dead!

The patient is dead because you screwed up, Dad! You're a drunk! The nurses told me to take over because your hand was shaking badly!

So I had a few drinks at lunch! And a few at breakfast! But my hands were not shaking! Look at that incision! One continuous straight cut through the skin!

Yes, but that's the nurse! The patient went into cardiac arrest and died!

This will be the fifth time this week I had to console the relatives of a dead patient by telling them, "This kind of thing has never happened in this hospital before"!

Everyone! I picked up a mayday signal!

Good work, Sad! That's incredible news!

Not really! The mayday signal I picked up has been playing over and over for almost 17 years!

17 years! And I thought 911 was slow to respond!

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Well, if it isn't the big hero Iraqi soldier flat on his ass! Trip on your own shoelace?

We're not alone on this island! I was taken prisoner by a French woman! I got away, but she tried to electrocute me!

Really? I don't see any burn marks on your skin!

Well there's no power on this island, so she used two AA batteries on me! But I didn't tell her anything! Good thing she didn't have a 9-volt battery handy or I would have cracked!

And now here are today's headlines! There were 48 survivors on our deserted island, but somehow now there are 49! That means someone on this island wasn't on the airplane! But Scare has disappeared, so we're kind of back to 48! But she's pregnant, so that brings us back to 49! And Hack still keeps seeing his father! That makes us an even 50! And—

Sorehead, what are you doing with that rock?

It's a primitive version of a remote control. Watch me shut that TV off by bouncing this rock off Chubby's head!

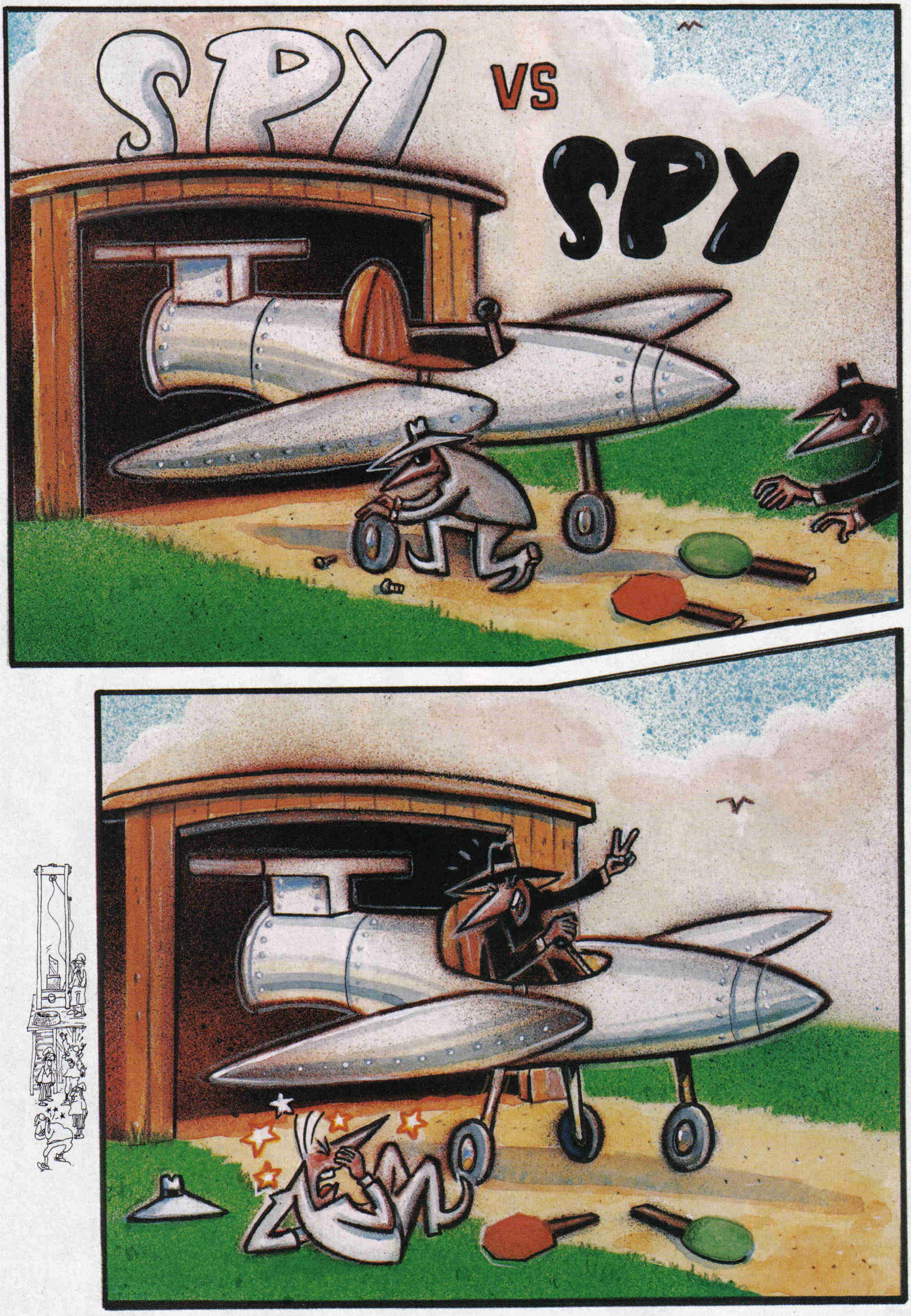
ISLAND TV NEWS

I caught the person who wasn't on the manifest! I bet you're the one who's been systematically killing us off! Tell me why, or I'll slit your throat!

I'm Ether! I was hired by ABC to bump off as many of you as possible!

Why would ABC want to kill us off? We're a hit show!

And that's why! A cast of 48 people on a hit show equals one hell of a payroll! They want to make sure you don't do what the cast of *Friends* did over at NBC — band together and demand one million dollars per episode! By the end of this season, half of you are dead and gone!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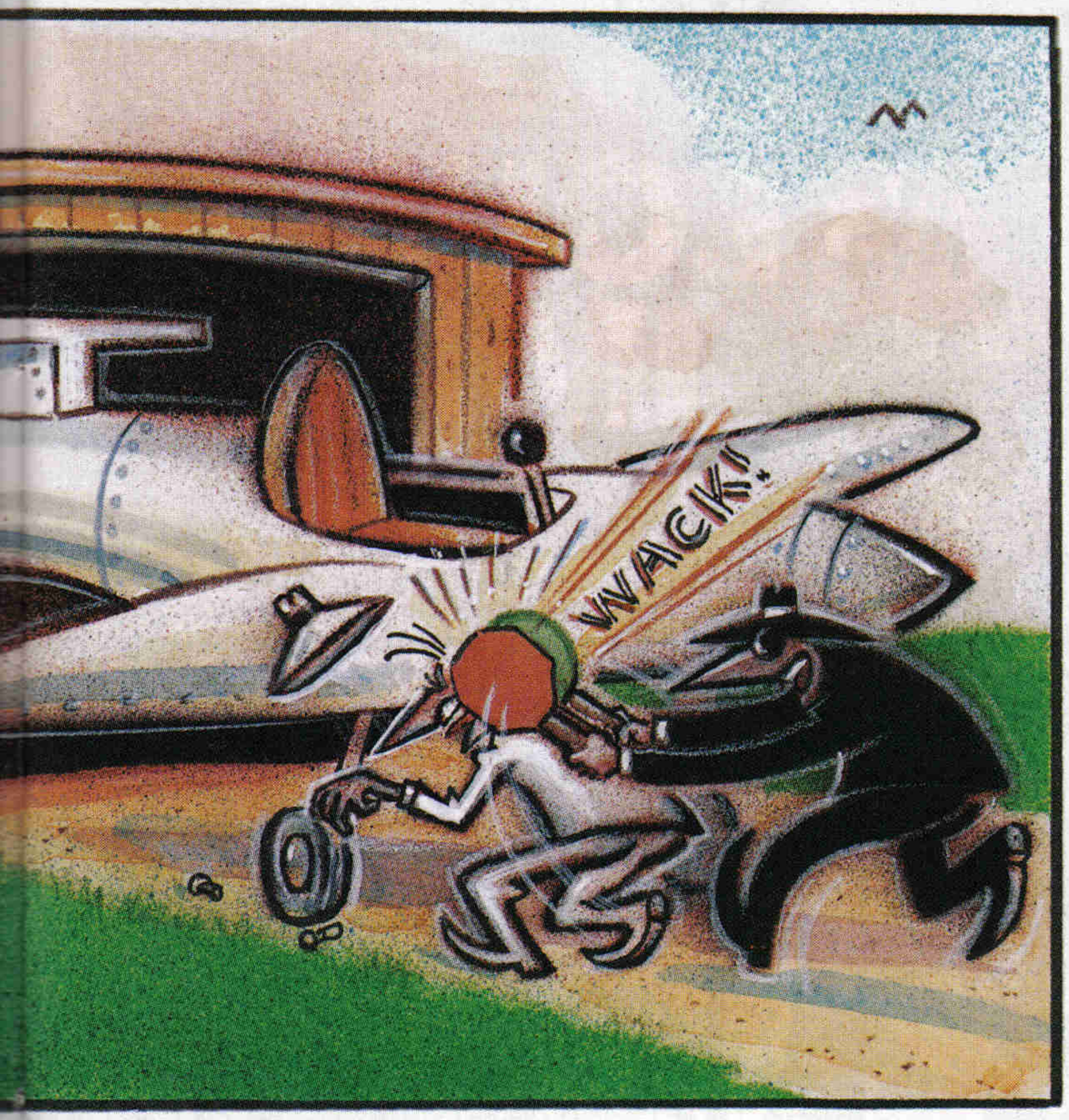
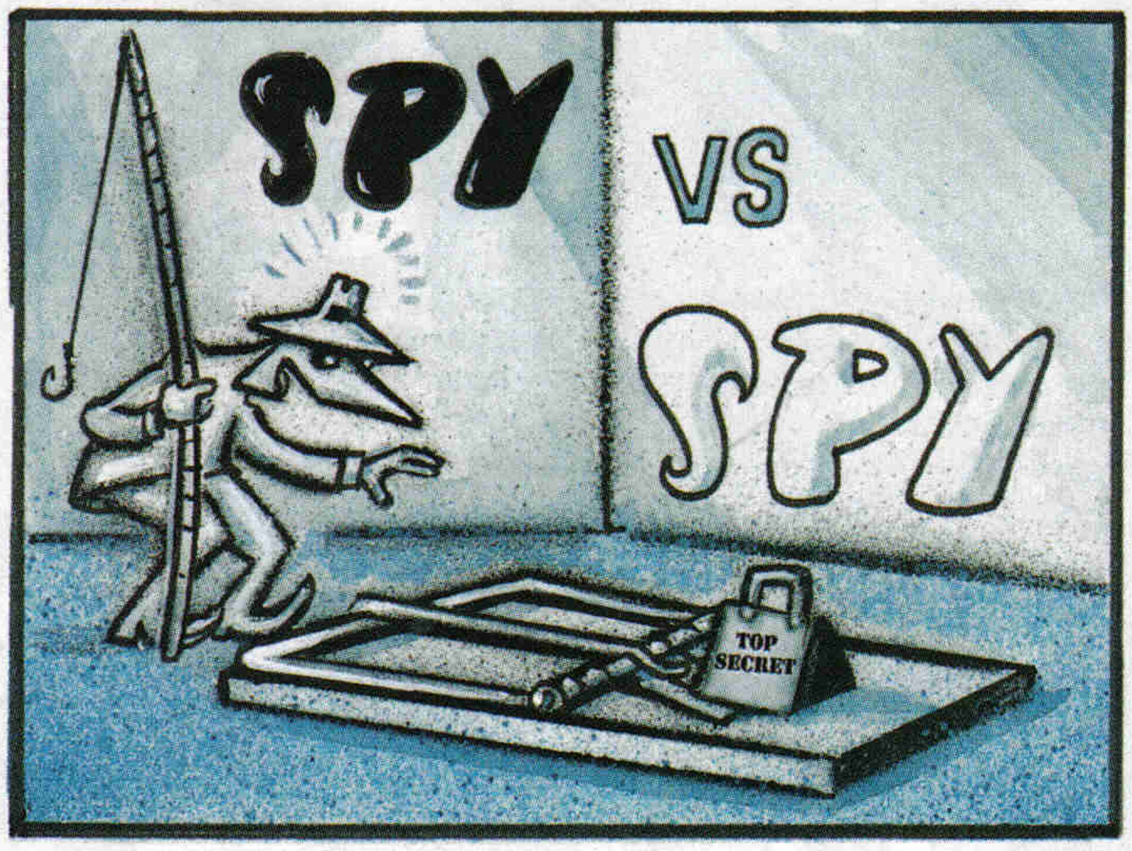
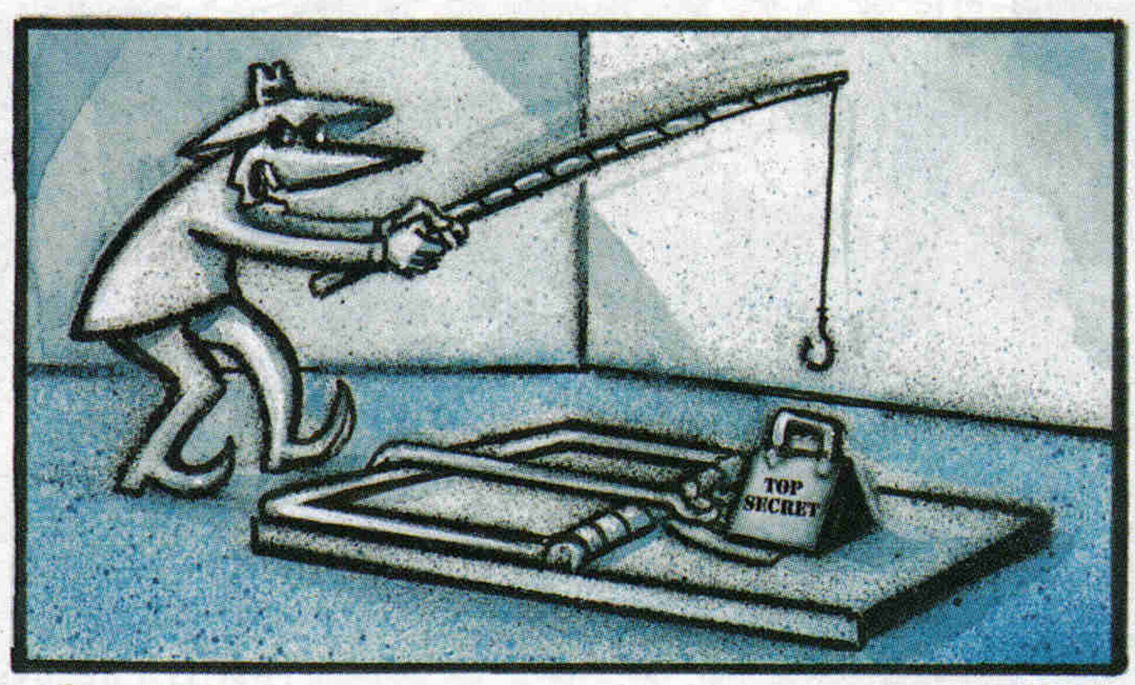
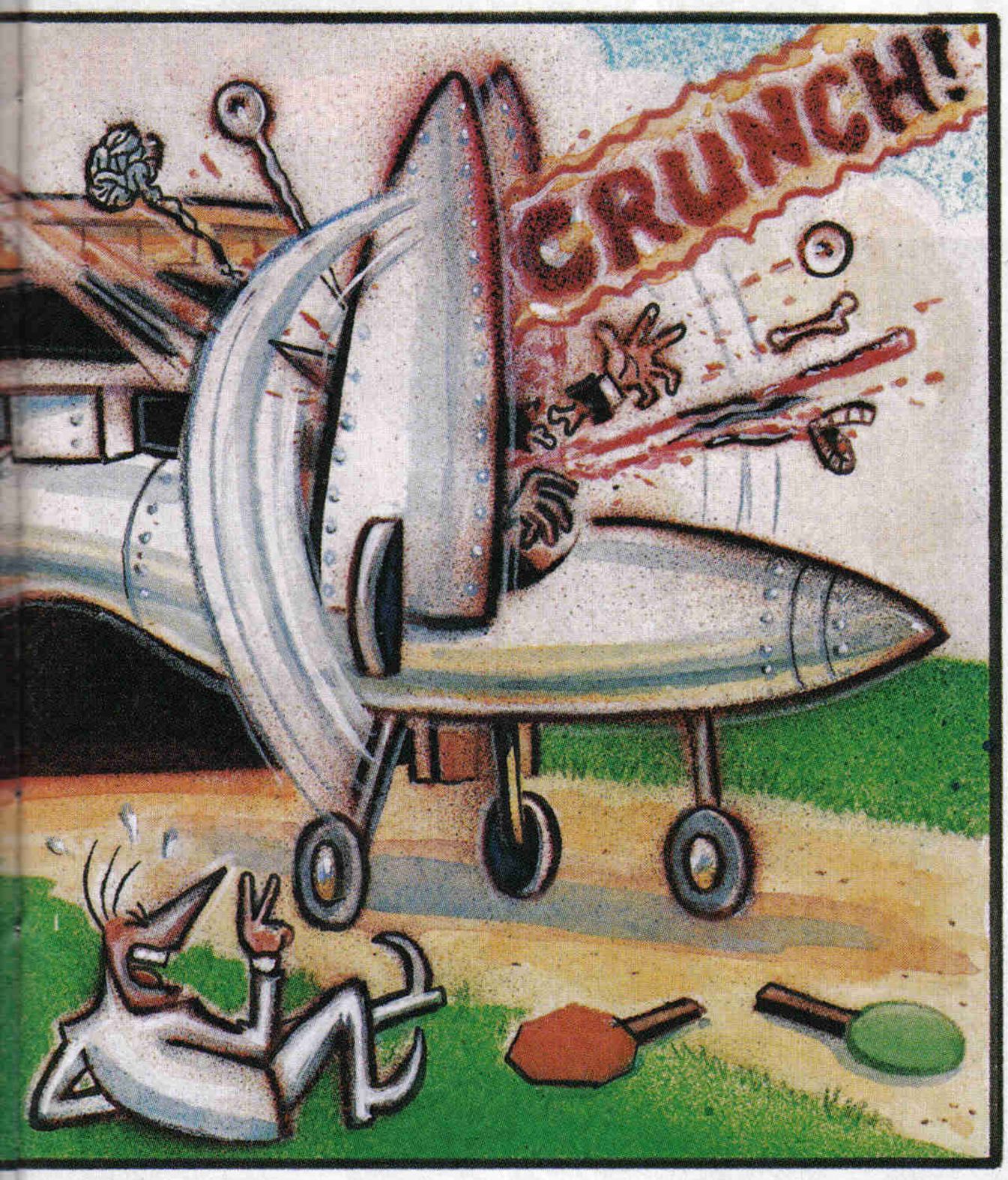
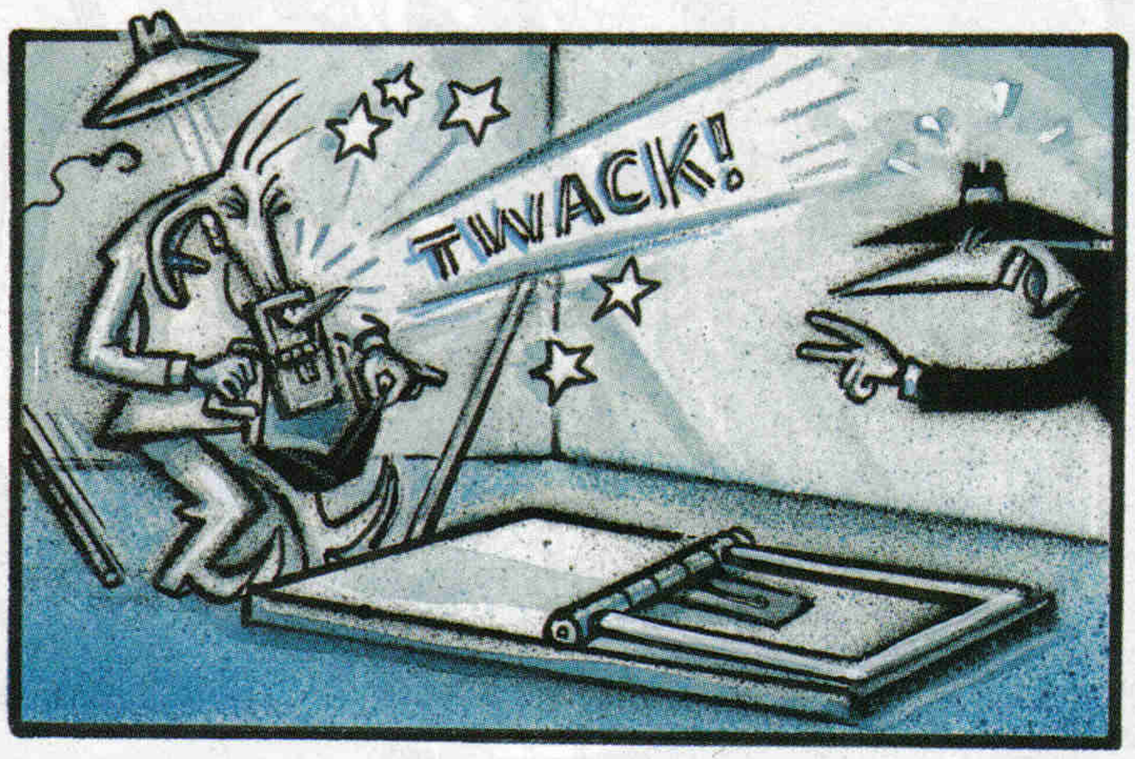










ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER

KUPER

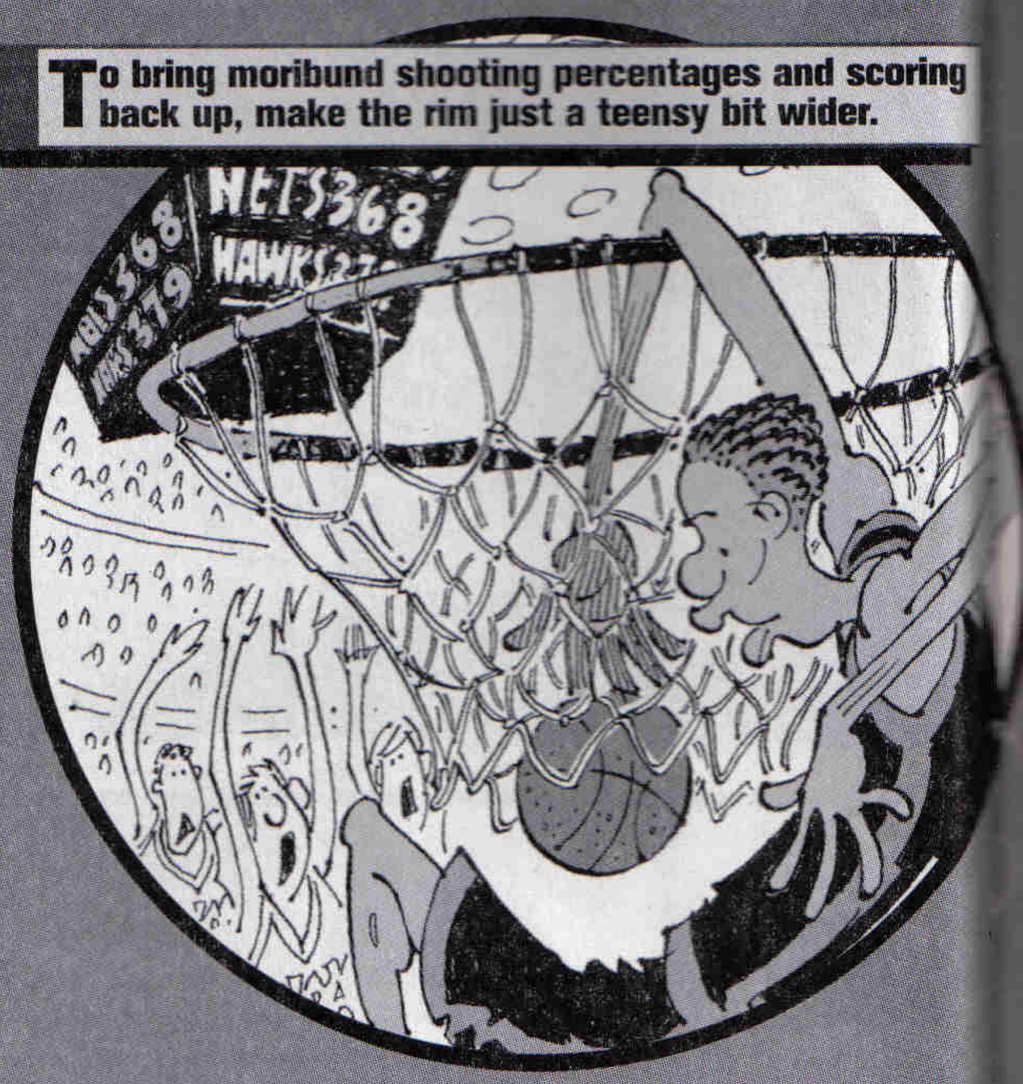
COURT REFORM DEPT.

9 SUREFIRE WAYS to Improve the NBA's LOUSY IMAGE

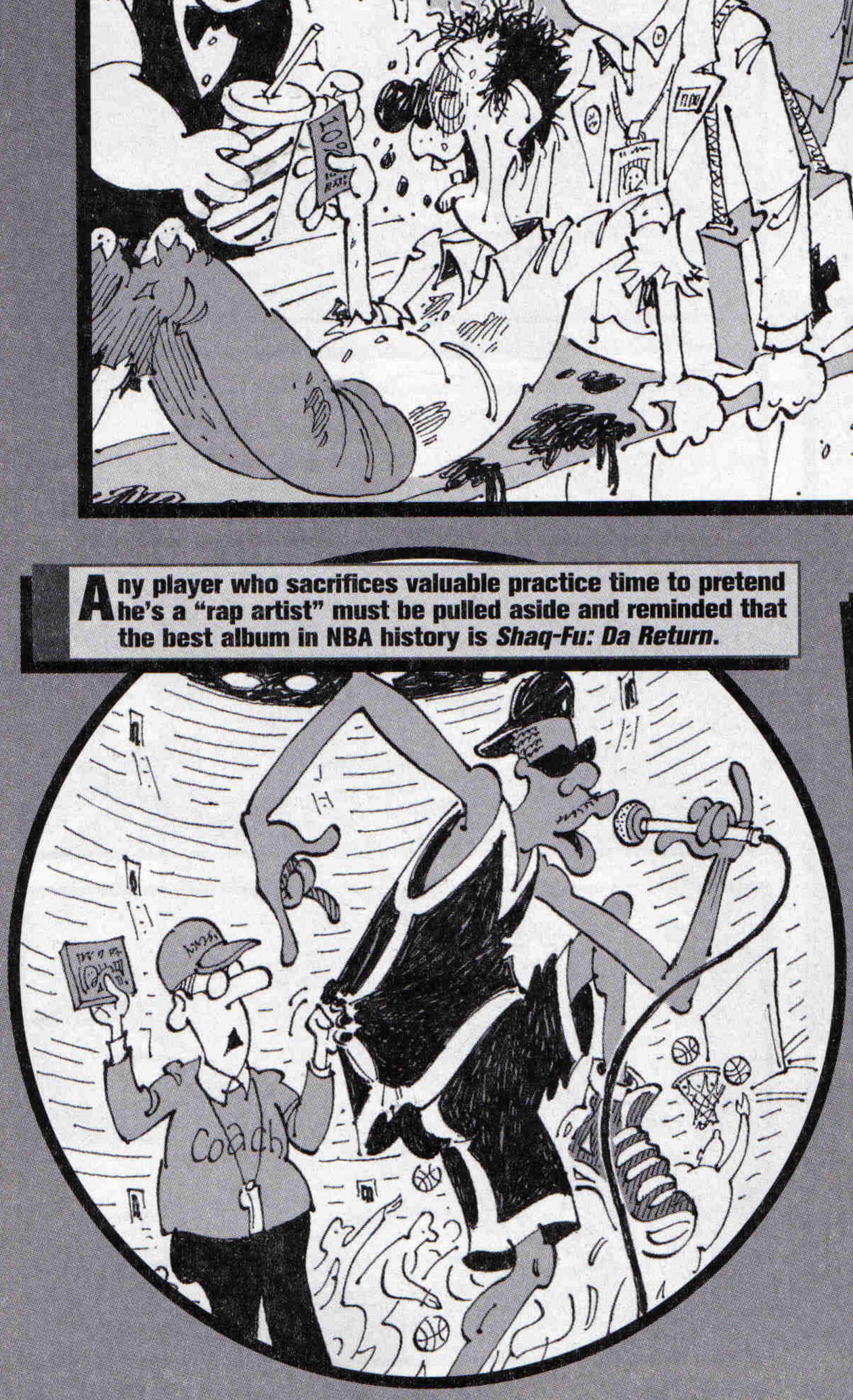
As the NBA limps towards another lackluster postseason, Commissioner David Stern must be wondering what can be done to salvage the wreckage of his league. Attendance and TV ratings are down, ticket prices and salaries are up and the players are committing felony assaults on the fans. (And those courtside mascots are as annoying and lame as ever!) Everyone agrees that the Commish should take strong action, so he'll probably want to consider these...

Any fan who's brutally assaulted by an out-of-control player will receive 10% off his next soft drink.

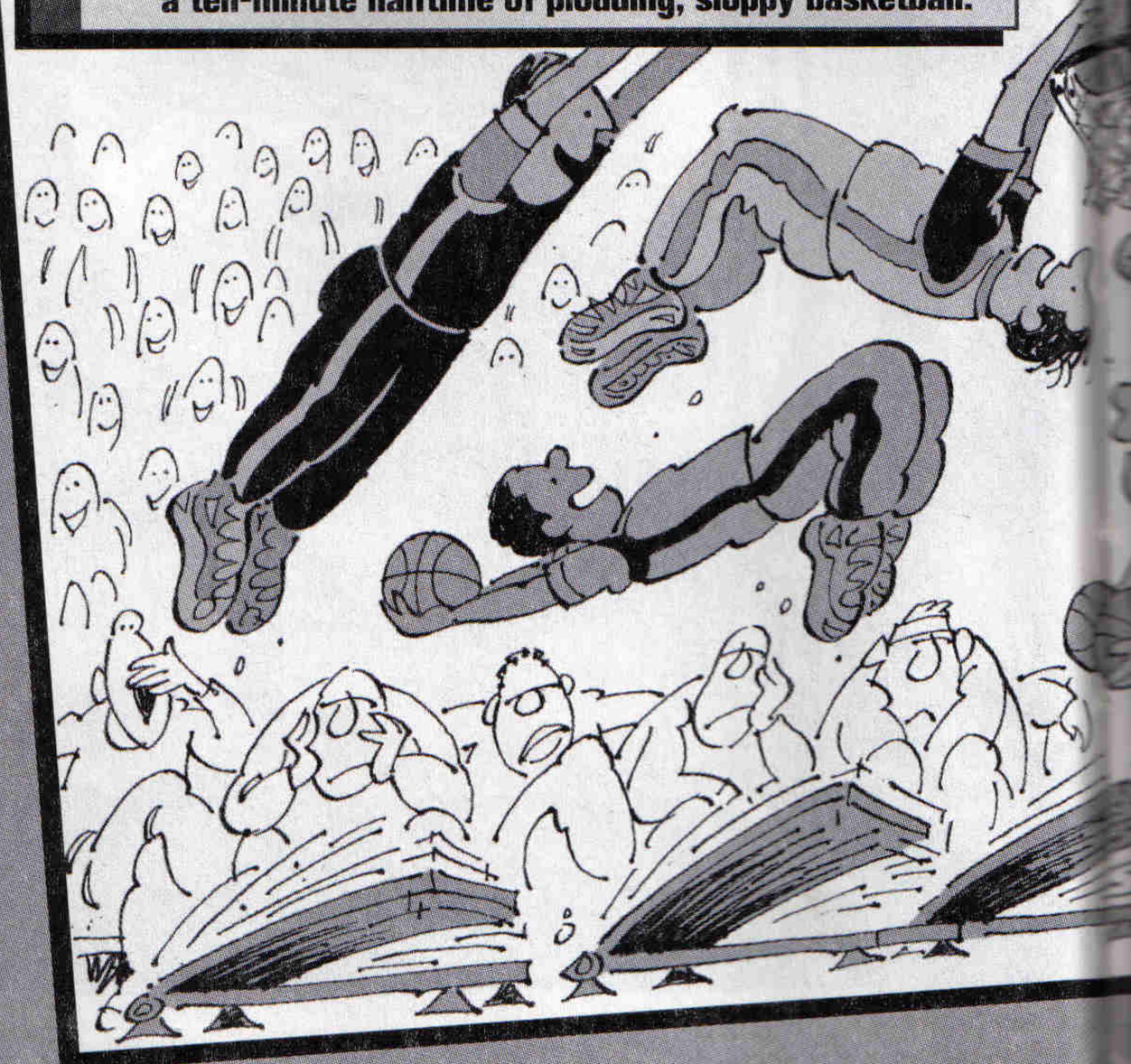
To bring moribund shooting percentages and scoring back up, make the rim just a teensy bit wider.



Any player who sacrifices valuable practice time to pretend he's a "rap artist" must be pulled aside and reminded that the best album in NBA history is *Shaq-Fu: Da Return*.



Make a subtle, but significant, switch: give the fans 48 minutes of acrobatic trampoline dunkers, separated by a ten-minute halftime of plodding, sloppy basketball.



ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

To fill half-empty arenas, offer free tickets to anyone who's ever been spit on, cursed at or impregnated by an NBA player.

Mimic the strong fundamentals and teamwork of the WNBA — just, you know, don't use women, so people will watch.

Introduce a new, more relevant set of infractions, including...

Feeble MJ imitation!

Pointless trick dribble!

Blatently transparent attempt to make *SportsCenter*!

If a player's going to have cornrows, at least have them say something constructive for the kids.

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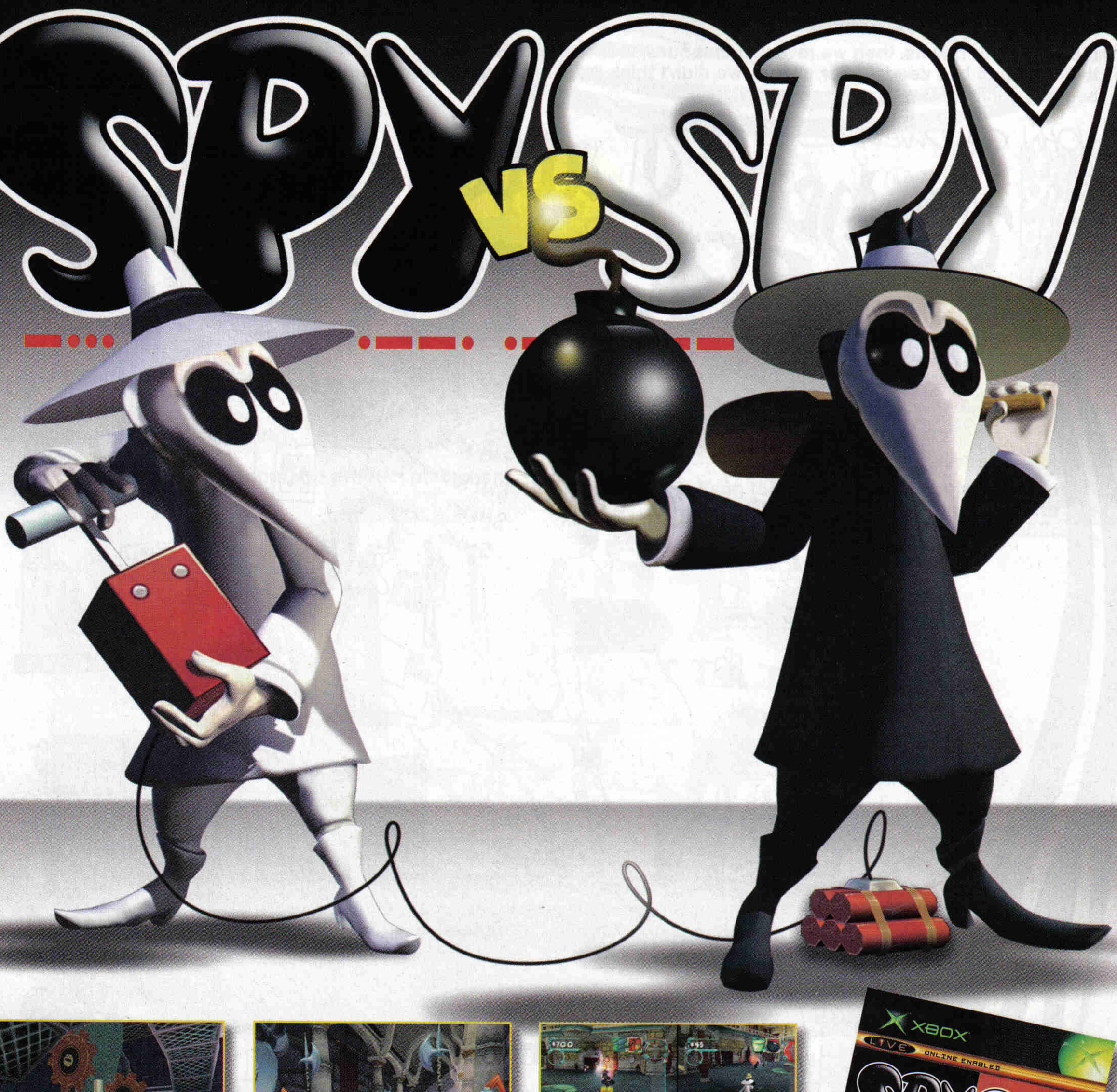

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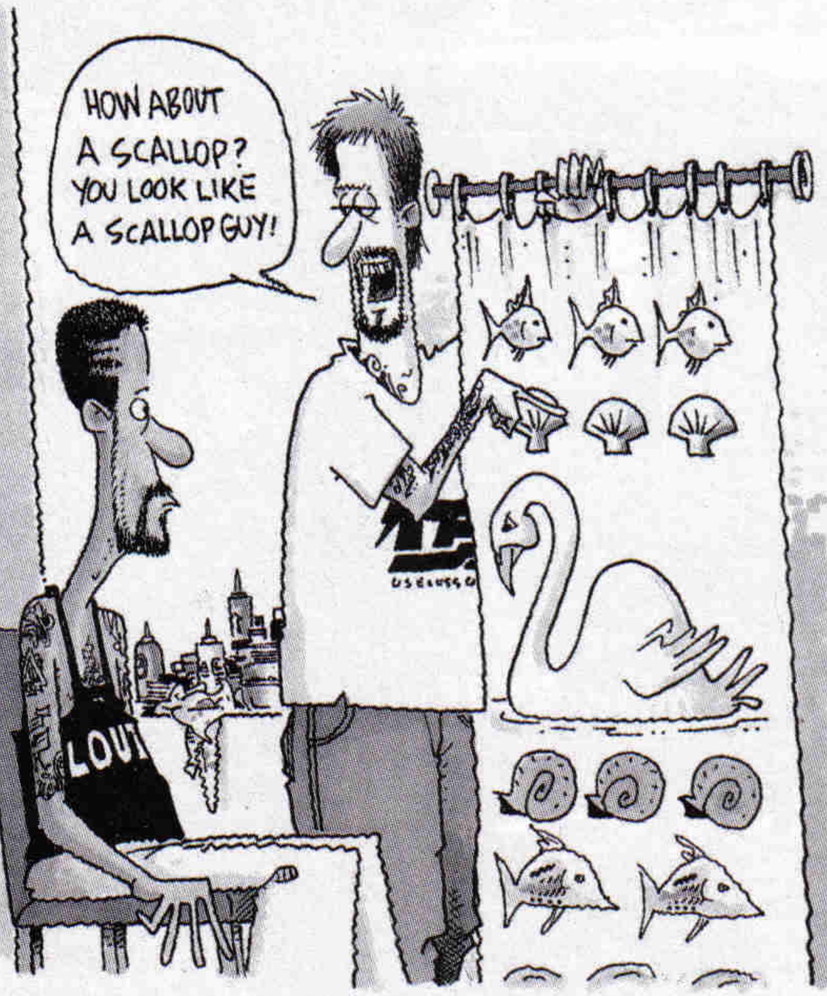
ON THE INK OF DISASTER DEPT.

It started with priests, then we revealed that nuns, teachers, veterinarians and even department store Santas all have their share of bad seeds! After all that, we didn't think it could get much worse, but then we discovered some inkers that became stinkers! Here's...

JOHN CALDWELL'S

When Tattoo Artists GO BAD

So-called "free estimates" are invasive, time consuming and more than a tad humiliating.

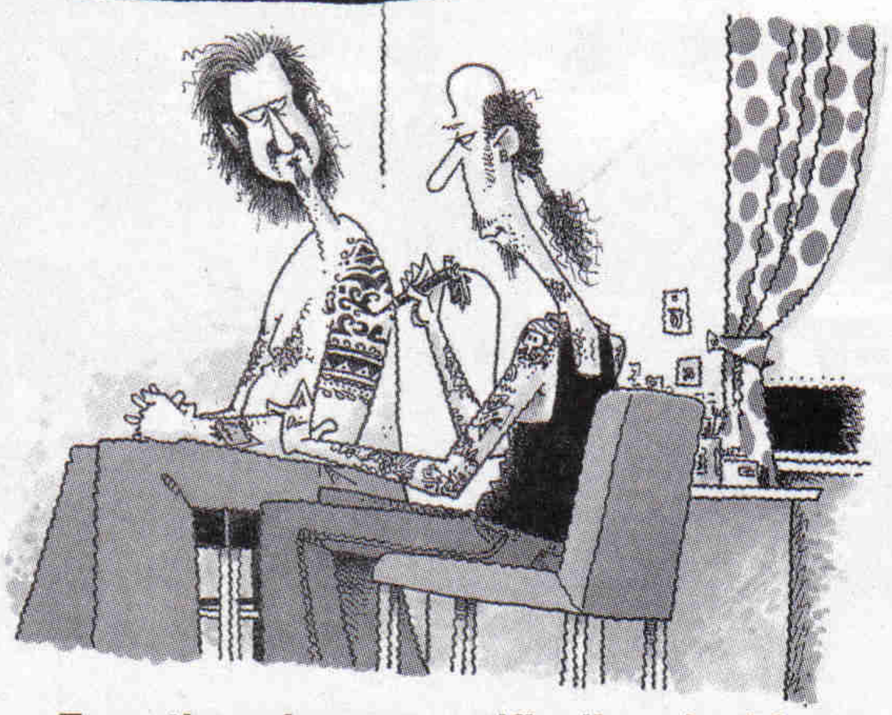


Instead of books full of designs to select from, all he shows you is a mildewed shower curtain with conch shells, fish and a big swan.

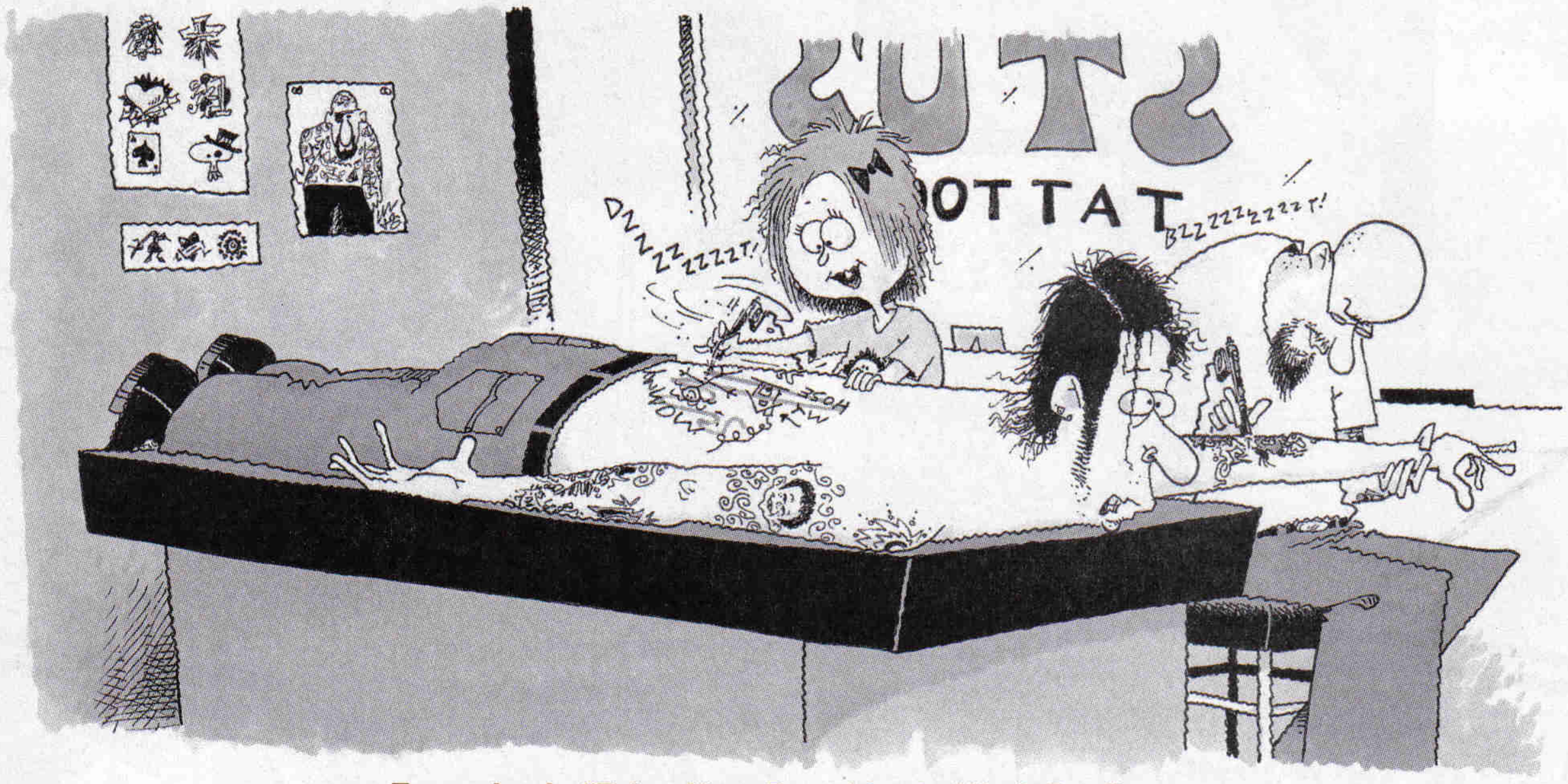
Instead of following strict government sterilization procedures, he spit-polishes his lone needle.

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

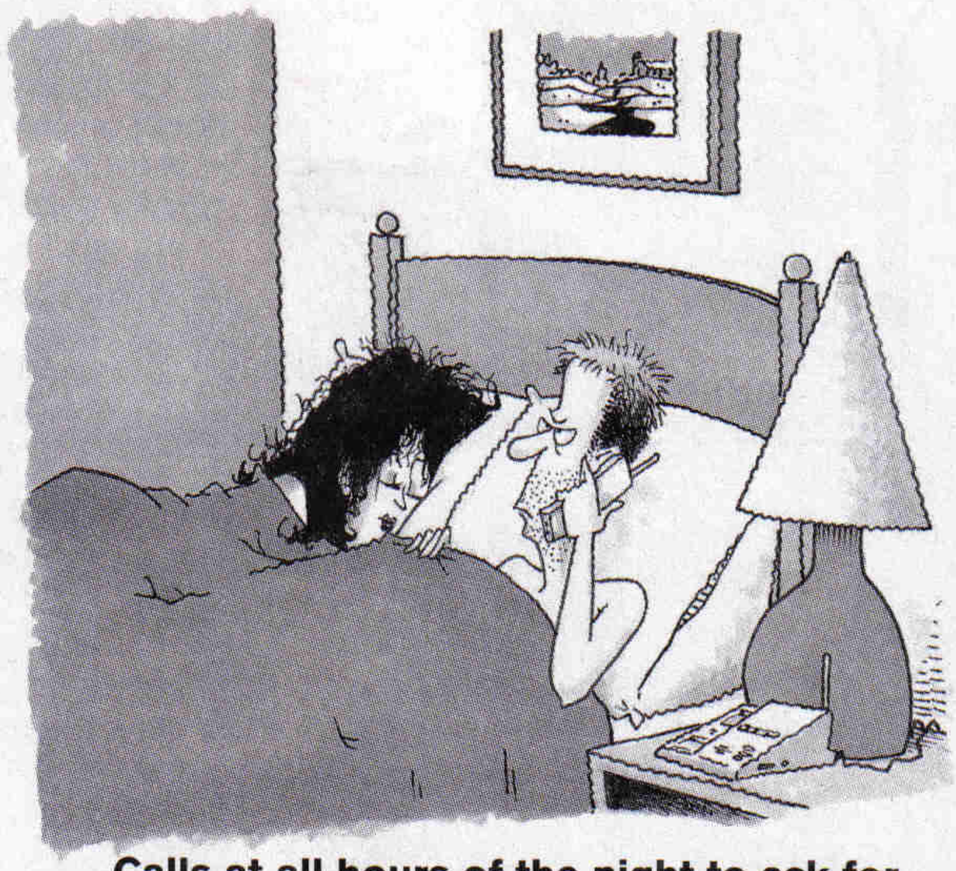
He dabbles in inappropriate product placement.



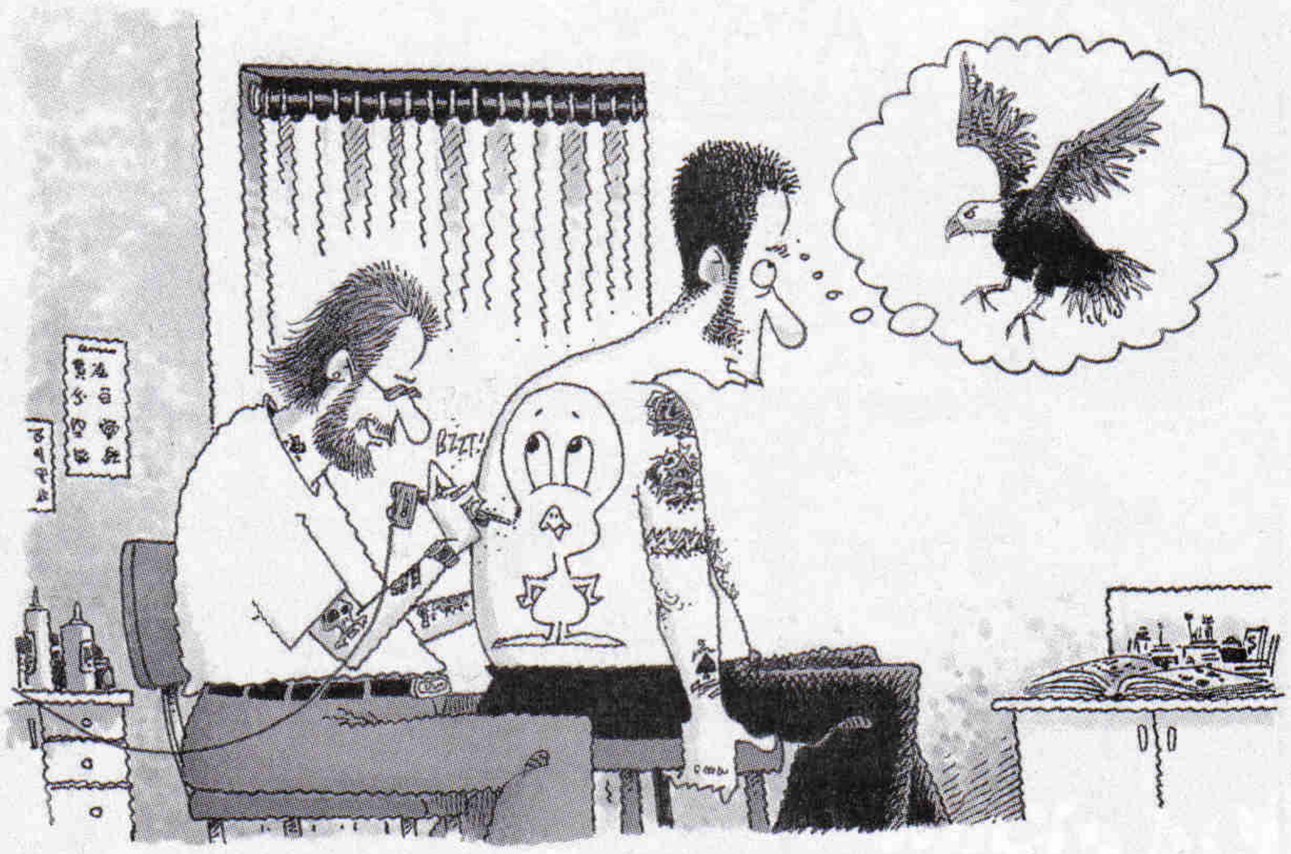
Even though you specifically asked for "warrior," he winds up adorning you with the tribal design of a Maori Notary Public.



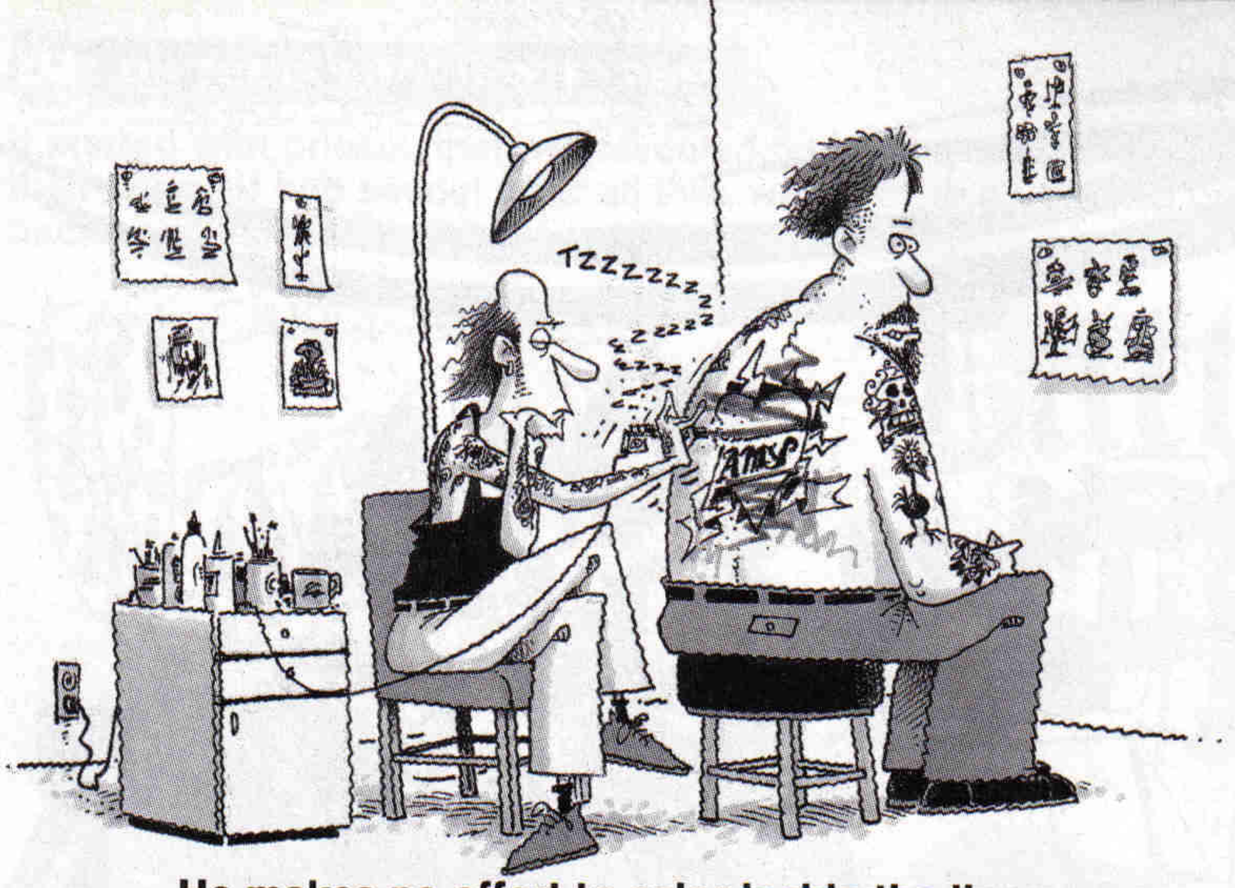
Every day is "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day."



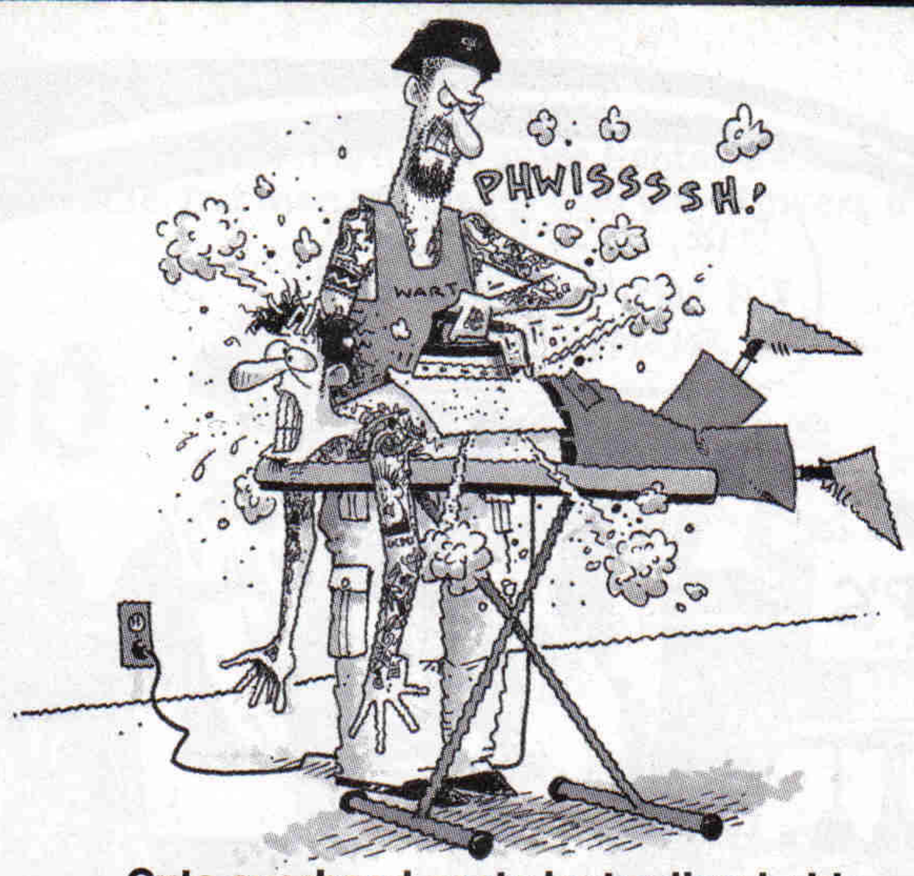
Calls at all hours of the night to ask for that important phone number he jotted down on your wife's inner thigh.



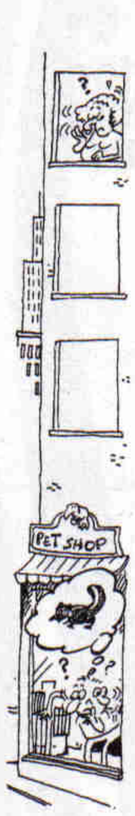
Employs the classic "American Eagle/ Tweety Bird" bait and switch.



He makes no effort to color inside the lines.

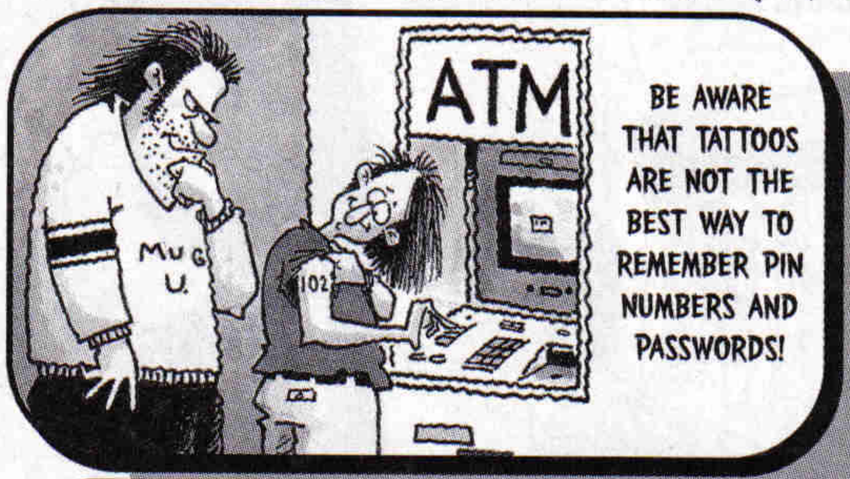


Cuts overhead costs by trading in his needle for a bunch of iron-ons.



Runs ethically repugnant "your likeness on a wino's ass" booth at local carnivals.

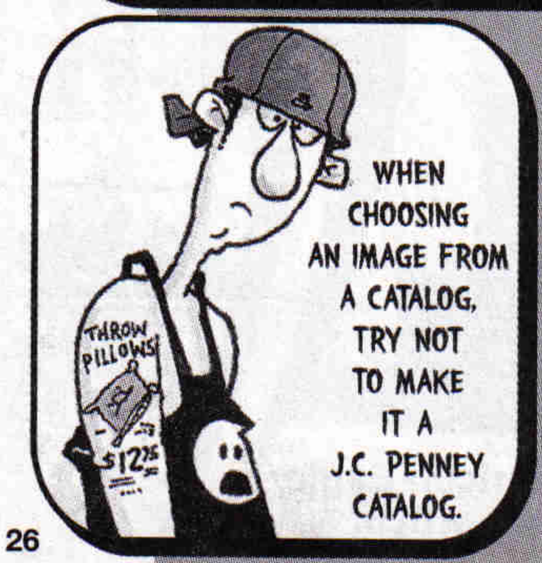
YOUR VERY FIRST TATTOO: A FEW SHOPPING TIPS...



BE AWARE THAT TATTOOS ARE NOT THE BEST WAY TO REMEMBER PIN NUMBERS AND PASSWORDS!

NEVER GET A TATTOO DURING HAY FEVER SEASON.

PASSED-OUT DRUNKS AND CRACKHEADS PROVIDE A GOOD PLACE TO "WINDOW SHOP" FOR JUST THE RIGHT TATTOO DESIGN.



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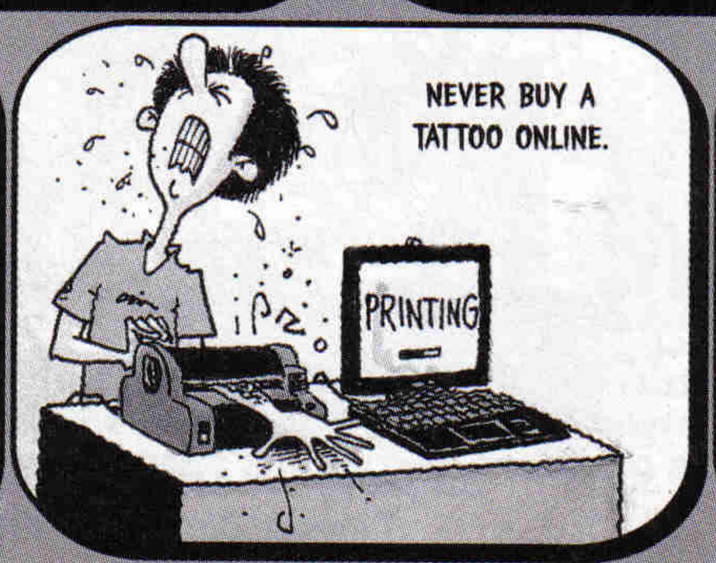

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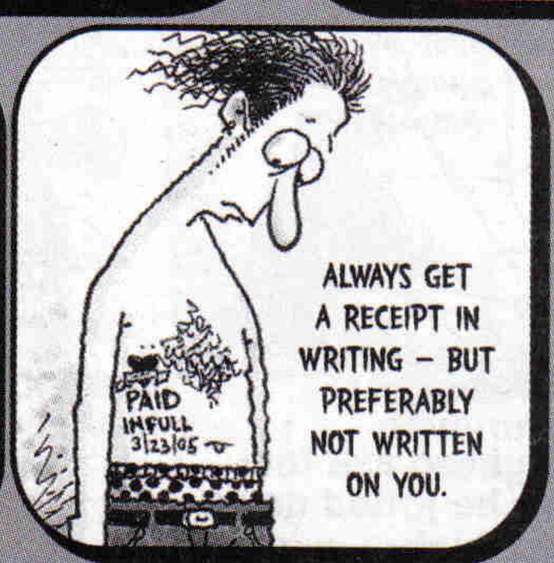

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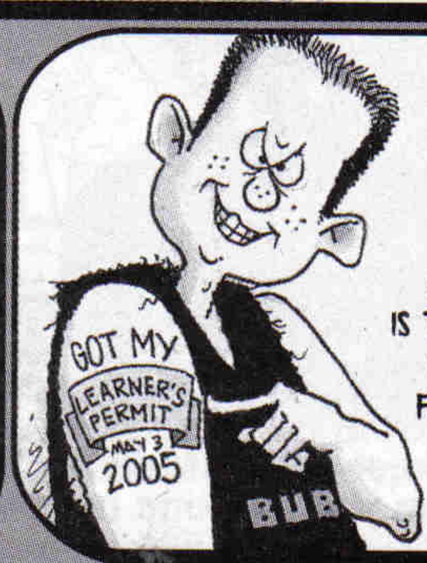
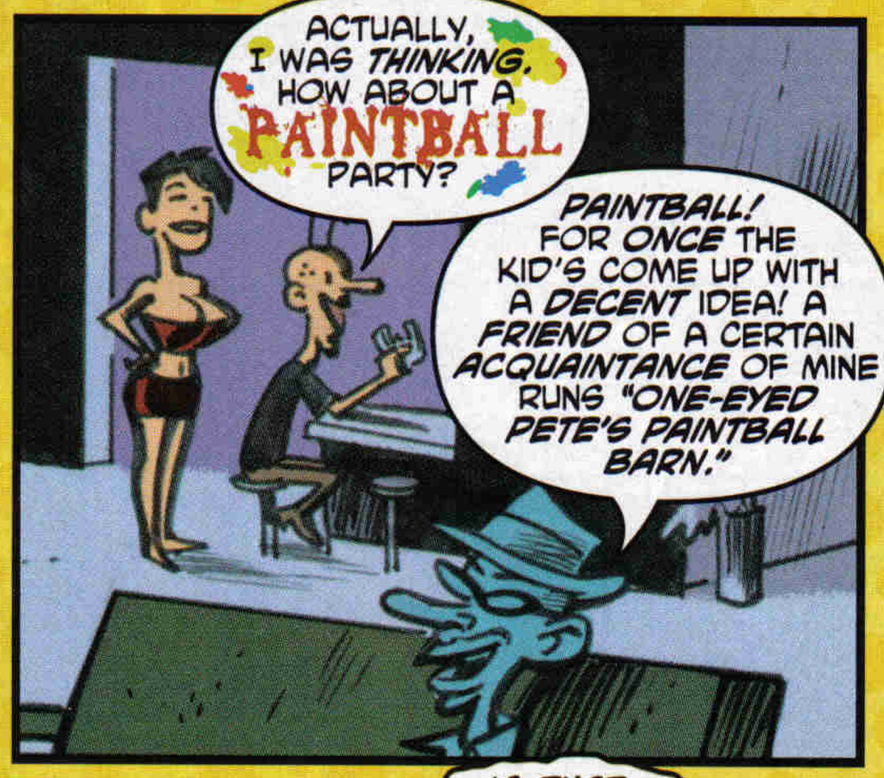
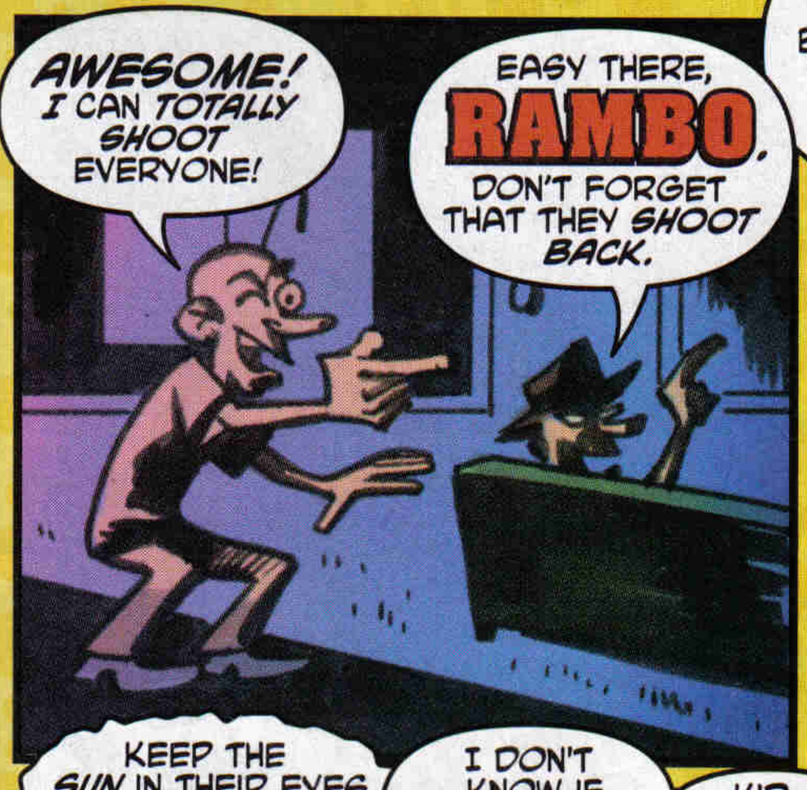


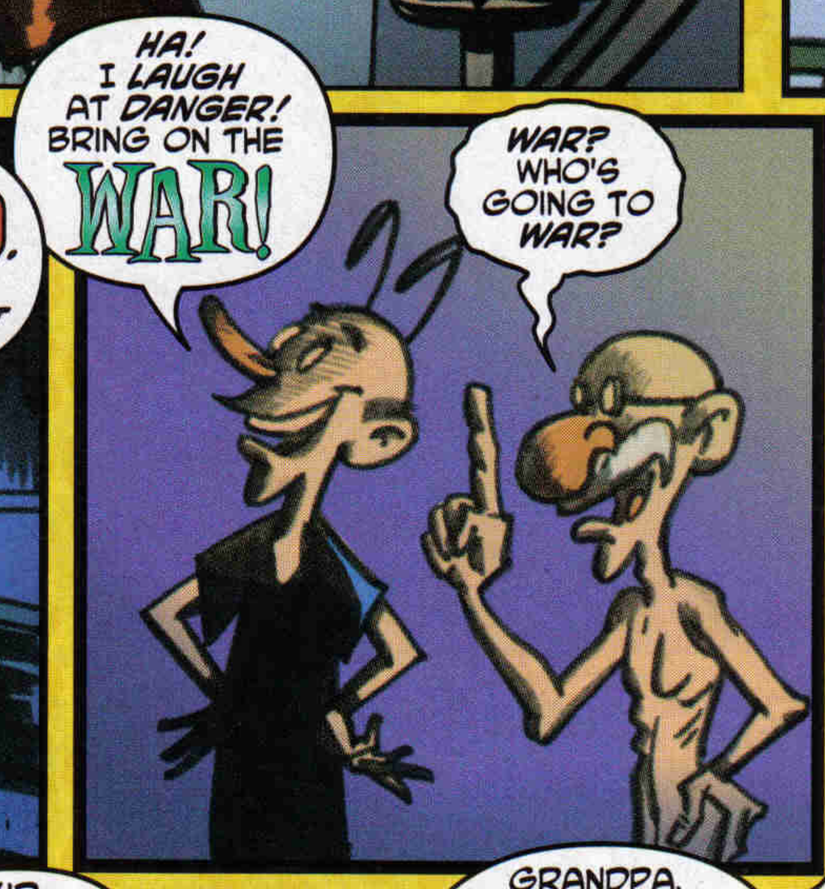
ASK YOURSELF: IS THIS A STATEMENT I WANT NOTED FOR POSTERITY?

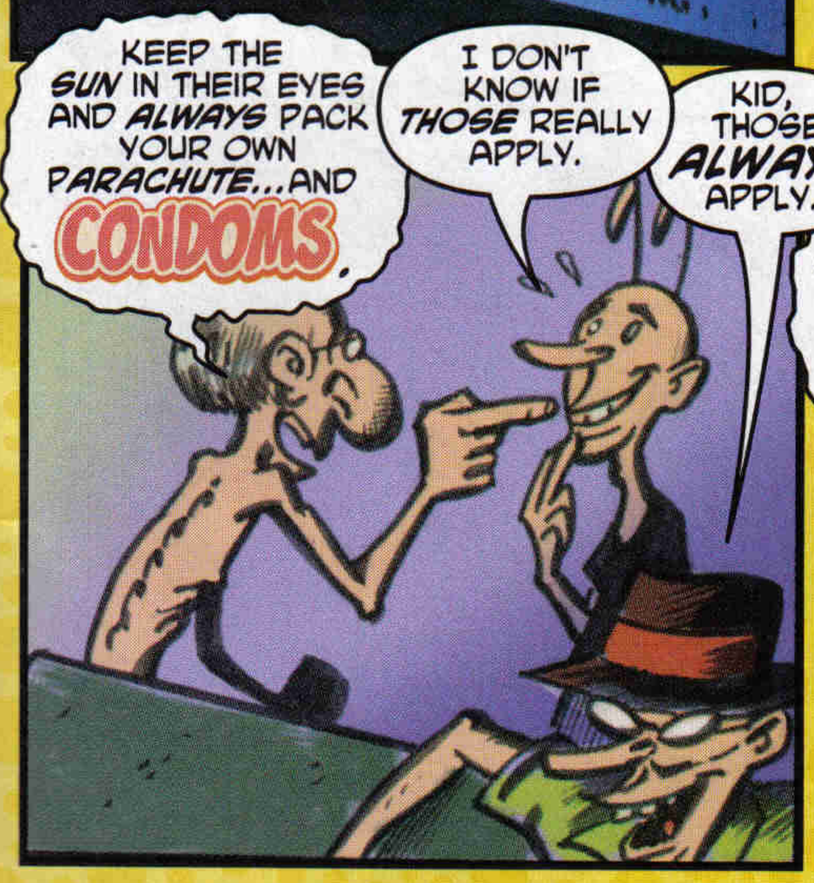
We're gonna need a bigger dropcloth. It's...

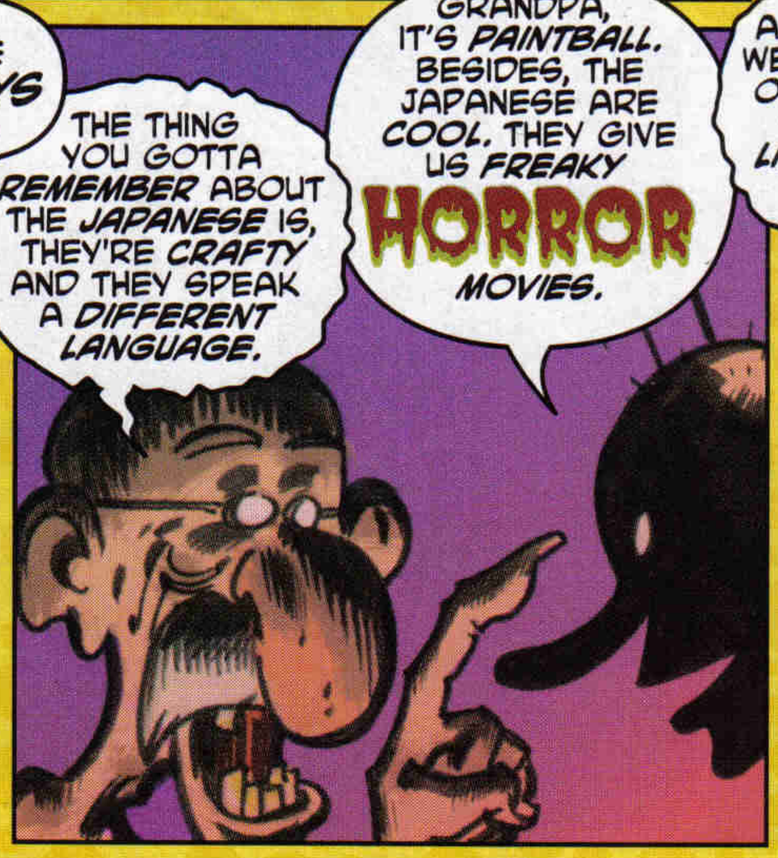
MONROE and... PAINTBALL

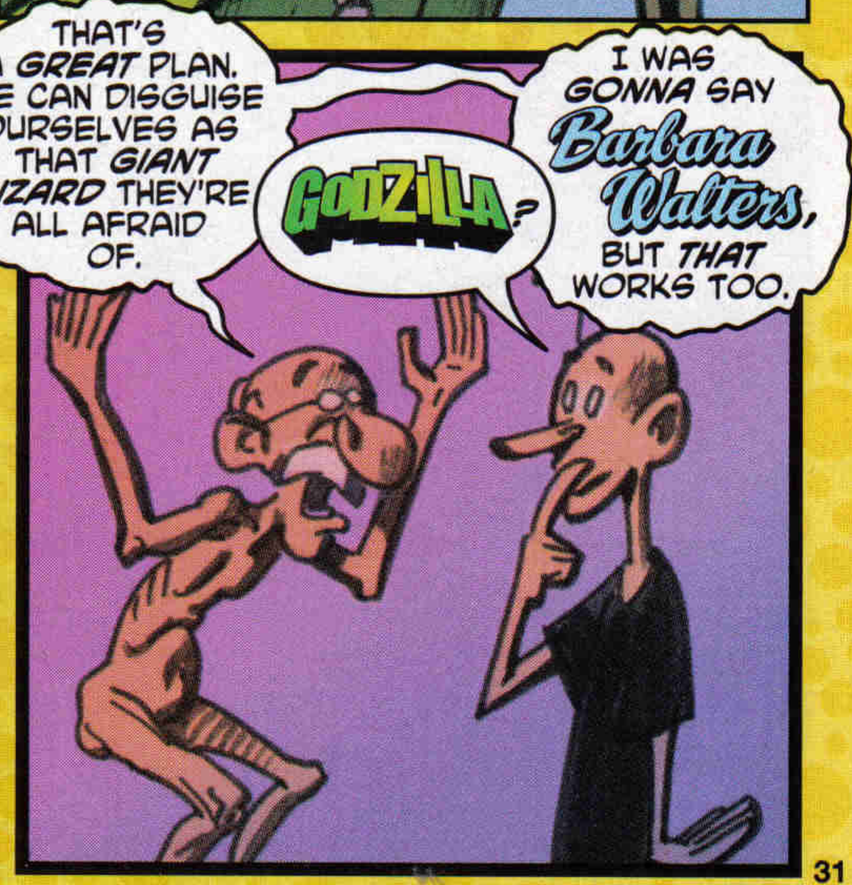












ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

A PAINTBALL BIRTHDAY PARTY? INTERESTING.

SOUNDS LIKE THE LITTLE TURD IS ACTUALLY DOING SOMETHING COOL. I JUST RETROFITTED MY TURBO 2000 SEMI-AUTOMATIC.

Um, YEAH. BUT IT'S KIND OF FULL AND...

I'LL BE THERE.

THAT CERTAINLY ADDS SOME DRAMATIC TENSION.

THIS IS SOME TURNOUT, MONROE. I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD SO MANY FRIENDS.

I WASN'T GONNA SAY IT.

WHO ARE WE KIDDING? IT'S THE PAINTBALL.

ONE-EYED PETE'S PAINTBALL

HEY, I'LL TAKE IT ANY WAY I CAN.

OKAY, BIRTHDAY BOYS, WE'RE GONNA SETTLE THIS ON THE BATTLEFIELD. YOU'RE EACH GONNA BE SQUAD LEADERS.

MONROE A SQUAD LEADER? OH, MAN. THAT IS SO LAME.

ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY TO YOUR PLATOONS BEFORE WE BEGIN?

UMMM. LET'S TRY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME OUT THERE, FELLAS.

TERRIFIC. VERY MOVING. STEVE?

YOU MEN ARE THE BRAVEST SOLDIERS I HAVE LAID MY EYES ON. IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU. NOW, ON TO VICTORY!!

YEAH!

WHATEVER.

POP!

POP!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

PAF! PAF! PAF! PAF!

OH MAN! WALTER! YOU'VE BEEN HIT!

POP!

'Tis not as deep as a well, nor as wide as a church door, but 'twill serve...

WHAT?

DIDN'T YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM?

HEL-LO? MERCUTIO'S DEATH SCENE? Romeo & Juliet? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I JUST DID.

YOU GET THAT FROM YOUR *MOM.*

OKAY KIDS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE *TWO* BIRTHDAY PARTIES BOOKED FOR THIS TIME. RATHER THAN *FORKING BACK* YOUR PARENTS' *DEPOSITS,* YOU'LL BE FIGHTING *EACH OTHER.*

WHAT? WHO'S THE *OTHER* PARTY?

OH, *MAN,* NOT *STEVE PAGNOTTA.* I CAN'T *STAND* THAT DUDE.

CHANNEL THAT ATTITUDE INTO YOUR **RIFLE SCOPE,** SON.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MONROE. I GOT A *CAR* FOR *MY* BIRTHDAY. WHAT DID *YOU* GET, A **BIG WHEEL?**

HEY!

SO SAD.

I THINK HE STOLE THAT FROM **BRAVEHEART.**

SO, SIR, WHAT'S OUR *PLAN?*

BEGIN THE KILLING!

HOW ABOUT... *RUUUUNNN!*

YOU'VE GOT US *PINNED DOWN,* SIR. WE NEED TO *RELOCATE.*

I'LL *STORM* THAT *HILL,* SIR.

WALTER, THAT'S *VERY* BRAVE.

POP POP POP POP POP

PAFF

PAF

ACTUALLY, I NEED TO *HIT* THE *HEAD.* ALL THIS TALK OF *WAR* HAS GIVEN ME A **NERVOUS STOMACH.**

THAT'S SOME *BAD SOLDIERING,* PRIVATE.

OKAY. I HAVE AN *IDEA.* I LEARNED THIS FROM **HALO 2.**

FINALLY, HE'S MAKING *SENSE.*

HENDRIX, TUG, BROOKLYN, YOU THREE HEAD UP THAT *FLANK.* ON THREE... TWO... *GO!*

YOU *SUCK,* DUDE! IS *THAT* HOW IT TURNED OUT IN **HALO 2?**

ACTUALLY, I THINK SO, BUT USUALLY I JUST HIT THE *RESET BUTTON.*

YOU'RE A REGULAR **G.I. JOKE!**

PLOOP

PIFF

PAF

SPAM!

PAF

PAF

LOOK, EITHER YOU HAVE A *PLAN* OR PREPARE TO GET **FRAGGED.**

THERE'S THE *FLAG* RIGHT THERE. YOU CAN *TOTALLY* MAKE IT.

IF WE ONLY HAD A *DISTRACTION...*

TIME TO SCARE **JOE ISUZU** *BACK TO YOKAHAMA!!*

WHAT THE *HELL?*

POK!

I GUESS THIS WILL WORK. *COME ON, MEN!* THERE'LL BE *NO FRAGGING TODAY!*

AND ON THE *OTHER* HAND...

UH-OH!

SPLAT!

PLOP!

PLURP!

SOON...

OH, MAN! WHAT *HAPPENED?*

NEVER SEEN A SOLDIER TAKE *SO MUCH PAINT.*

THAT'S MY *GRANDSON--* **NATURAL BORN TARGET.**

DID *EVERYBODY* SHOOT ME?

YEAH. IT WAS *AWESOME.* I MEAN...

YOU TOO, WALTER?

WELL, *STEVE PAGNOTTA* GAVE ME SOME OF HIS *BIRTHDAY CAKE* AND IT *WAS* KINDA FUN.

TERRIFIC.

WELL, ON THE *BRIGHT SIDE,* AT LEAST THE FIRE WAS *FRIENDLY.*

THAT WAS THE MOST *UNFRIENDLY* FRIENDLY FIRE I'VE *EVER* SEEN.

SORRY, **VIN DIESEL,** YOU *AIN'T* GETTING THAT *PAINT* ON MY *VINYL SEATS.* YOU CAN *HOOF* IT.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MONTE!

THE 100 LEAST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN SPORTS

Each year, *The Sporting News* names "The 100 Most Powerful People in Sports." The list usually includes the likes of George Steinbrenner, Phil Knight, Paul Tagliabue and even a few actual athletes. But have you ever wondered about those dedicated, sports-loving people who work just as hard but toil in obscurity, albeit well-deserved obscurity? Of course you haven't. But that won't stop us from presenting...

ARTIST: KEVIN POPE WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

HUMBERT BUBKUSS

Known affectionately as "The Clown Prince of Ultimate Fighting."

VLADIMIR CHANG

In charge of the real-time ping pong report for Sportingnews.com.

CLEMENT HELLGATE

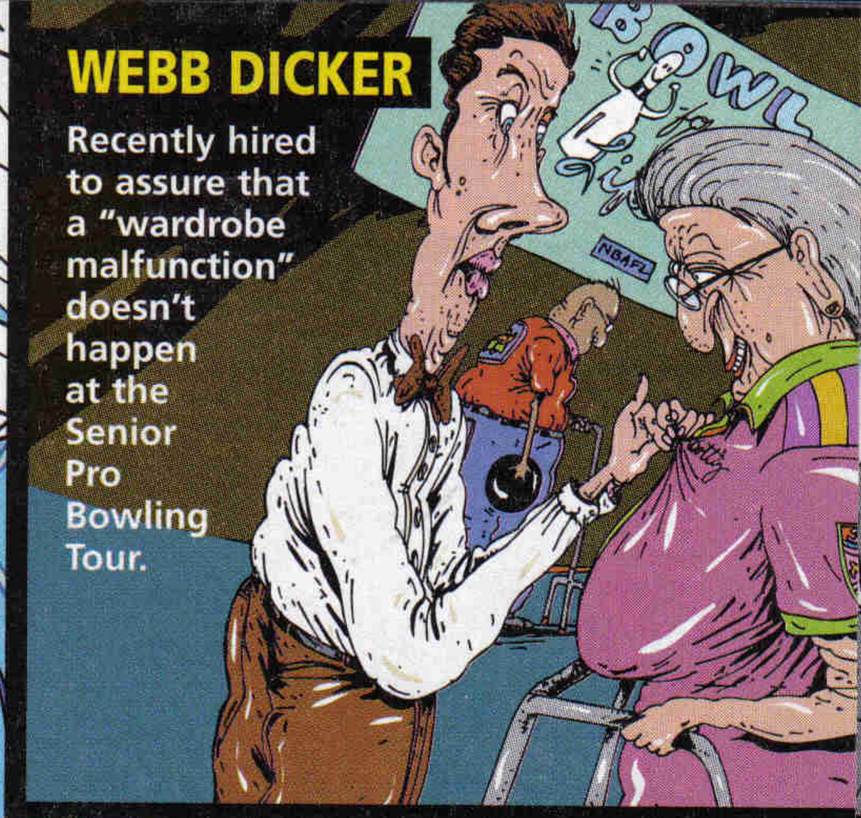
President of the society to unify the belts of Fox's *Celebrity Boxing* and *The Next Great Champ*.

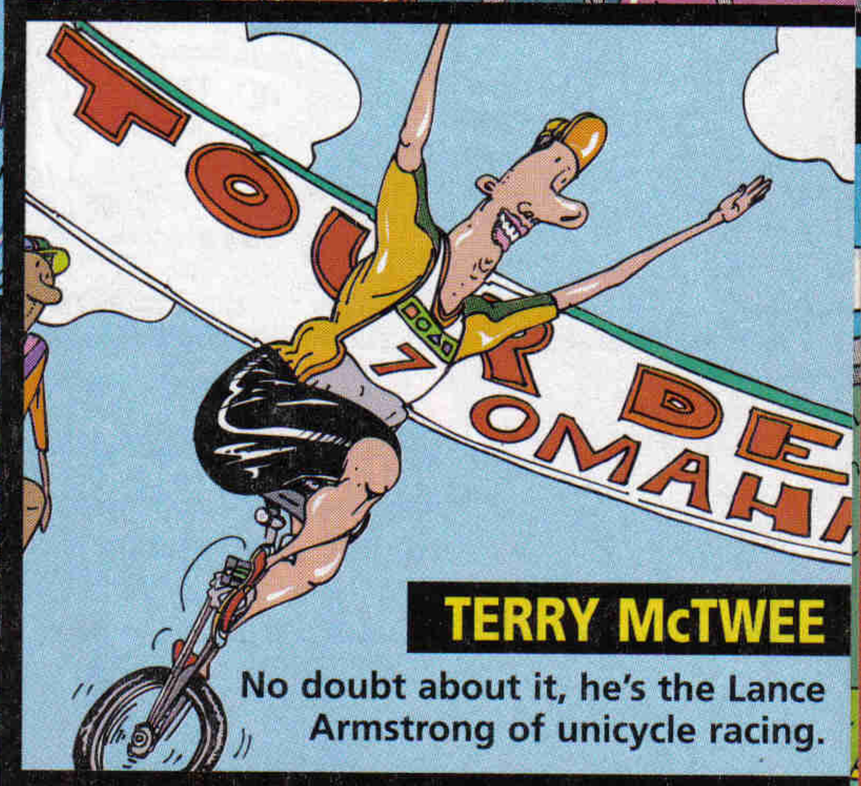
GREG "ONE-EYE" LUGGERTY

His humiliating 1971 surfboard mishap was *this* close to being chosen instead of the ski jumper for ABC's *Wide World of Sports* infamous "agony of defeat" clip.

WEBB DICKER

Recently hired to assure that a "wardrobe malfunction" doesn't happen at the Senior Pro Bowling Tour.



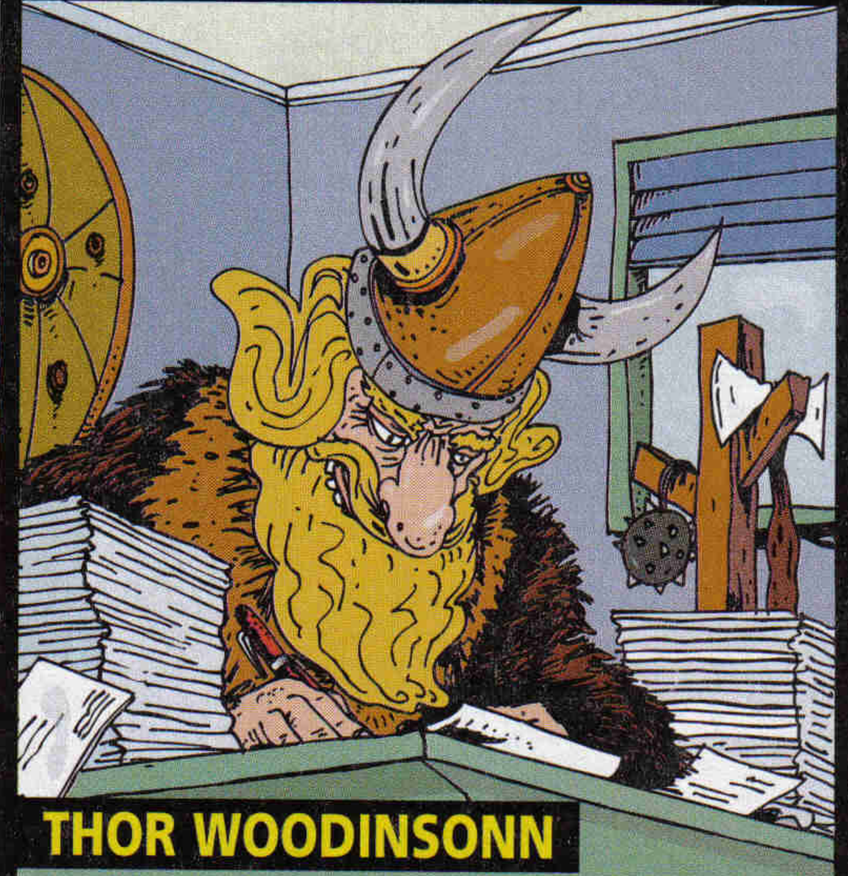


TERRY McTWEE

No doubt about it, he's the Lance Armstrong of unicycle racing.

BRANT BRUNT

Holds an annual golf tournament to *increase* juvenile diabetes.

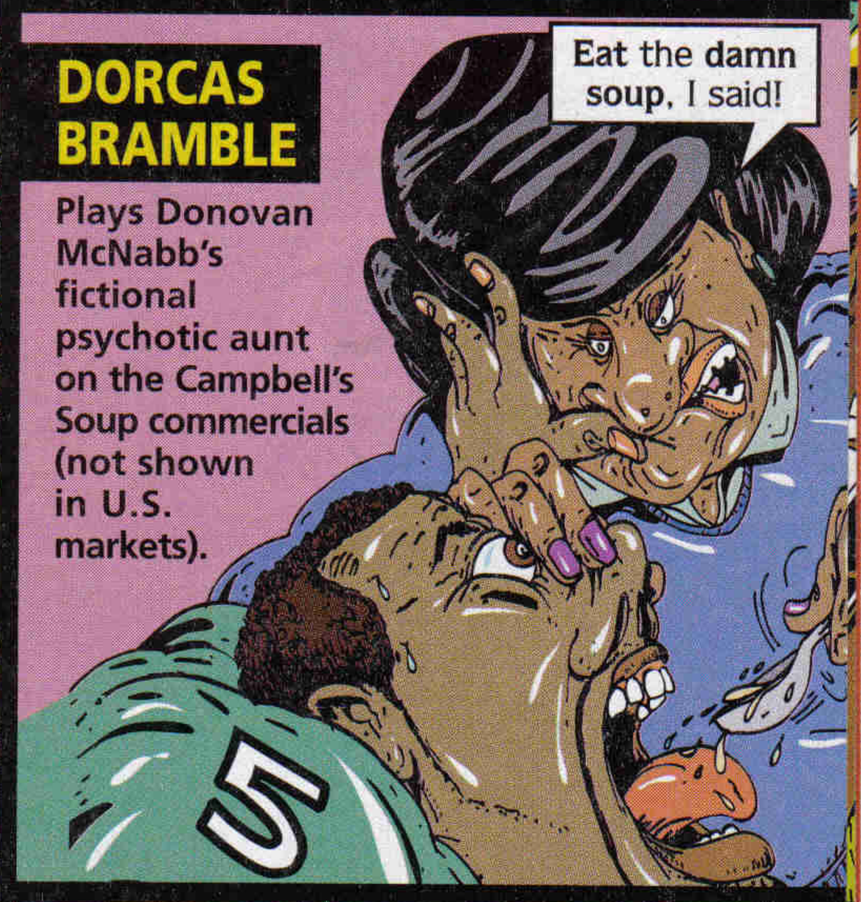


THOR WOODINSONN

Spearhead behind a vicious letter-writing campaign by Scandinavian Pride protestors, which he vows will continue until the insulting team name "Vikings" is dropped.

DORCAS BRAMBLE

Plays Donovan McNabb's fictional psychotic aunt on the Campbell's Soup commercials (not shown in U.S. markets).



REEVE SQUIRES

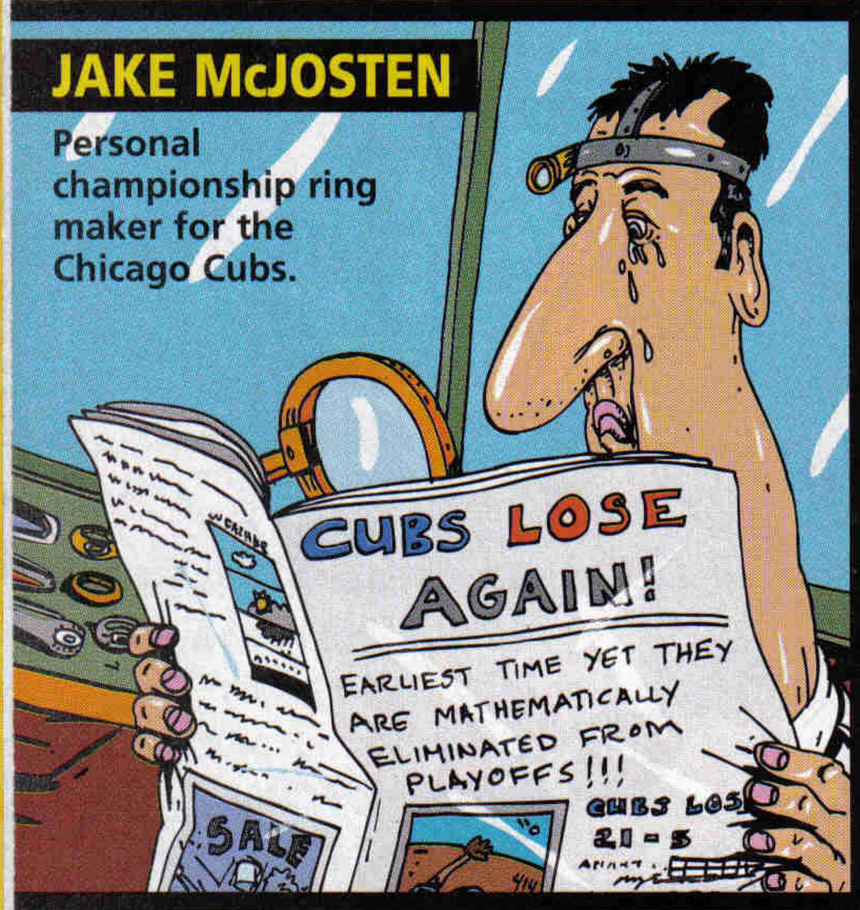
Probably the most respected arbitrator in all of Renaissance Faire jousting.

AHAB CROWDER

Runs the Gay Outreach Program for the Bob Jones University Athletic Dept.

JAKE McJOSTEN

Personal championship ring maker for the Chicago Cubs.

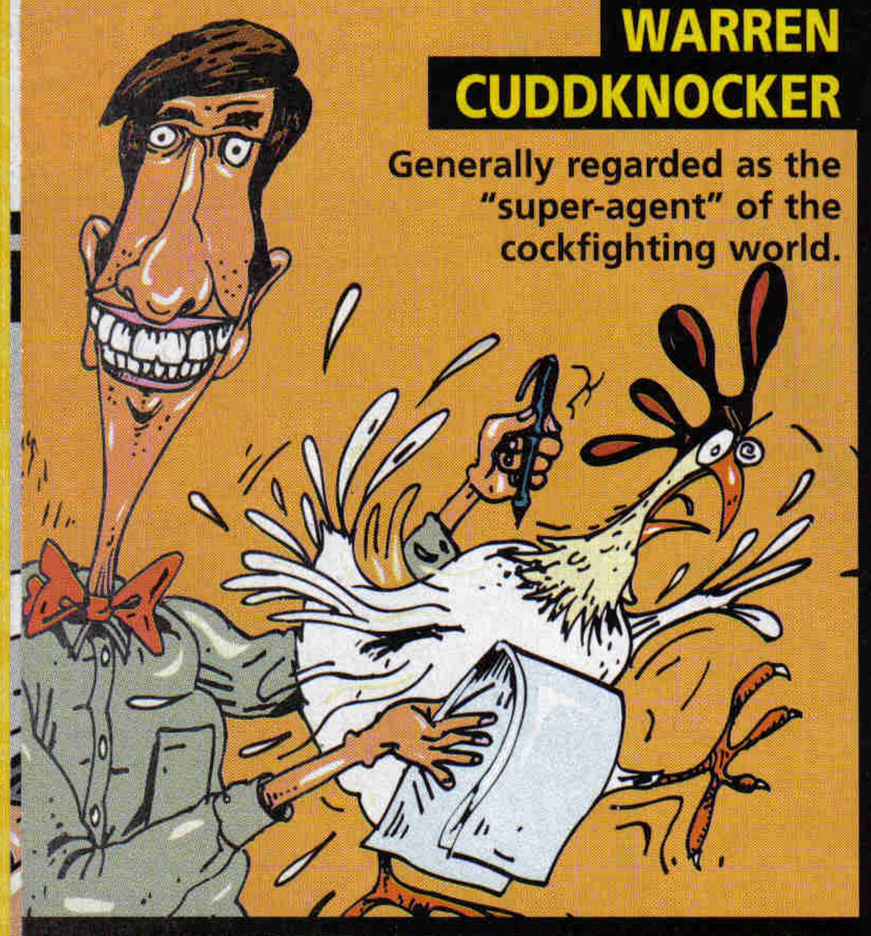


CAL FRANKENBEANO

If you need a John Madden impersonator for your next party or social event, this is the man to see.

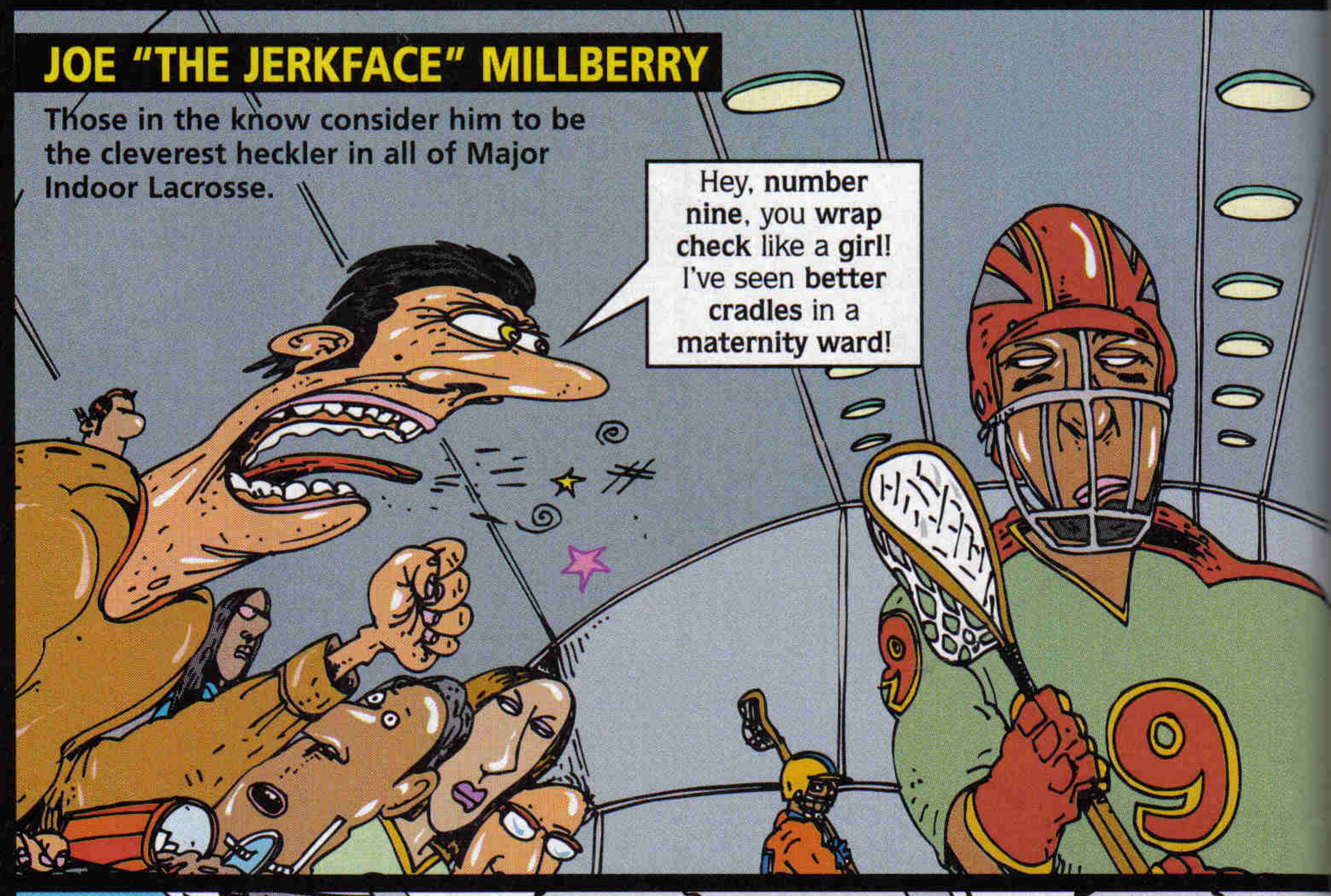
WARREN CUDDKNOCKER

Generally regarded as the "super-agent" of the cockfighting world.



JOE "THE JERKFACE" MILLBERRY

Those in the know consider him to be the cleverest heckler in all of Major Indoor Lacrosse.



TROY RIKER

When and if New York City is awarded the 2012 Olympics, he has your team handball tickets right here, pal.

PIERRE LeCLAUDE

Founder of the grassroots movement to bring the Expos back to Montreal.

SVEN SVOOMELLSOHN

Swedish-language announcer for the Arena League's Dallas Desperadoes.

Ya! Ya! **Tornado touchdown! Inga Swenson!** Ya! Ya!

Bob, Ralph and **Sidney** are all **out** with the **flu.** It's **up to you**, kid!

BOONIE McGRAW, JR.

#3 in the line of succession to wear the Phillie Phanatic costume.

HERBIE HIFFEL

Perennially tops the annual list of "Greyhound Racing's Sexiest Men."

Wheelchair races? Yeah, **who** do you **like?**

JACK PTANG

Operates the nation's leading sportsbook and betting hotline for Special Olympics events.

PABLO GATITO

Commissioner of Miami's largest fantasy water polo league.

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ZORA SCHLUFFT

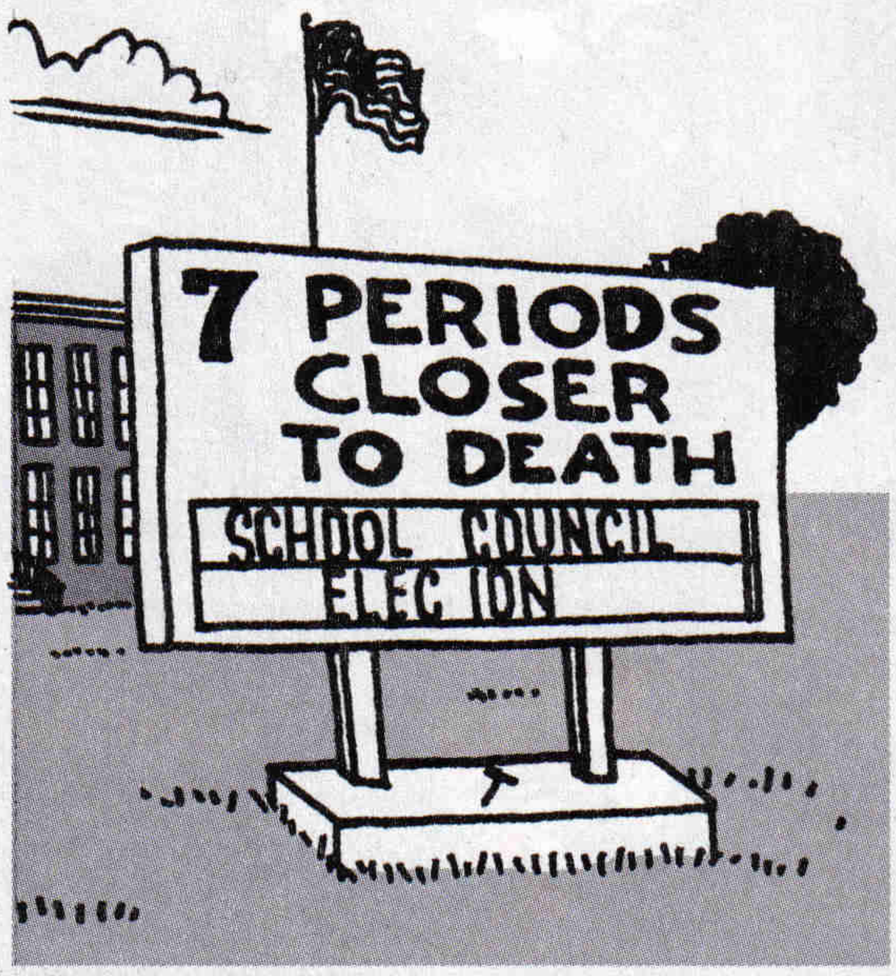
Fans of the sport have long considered her to be "JELL-O Wrestling's Goodwill Ambassador."

STAN BRONZEBERG

Official team rabbi, Toronto Raptors.

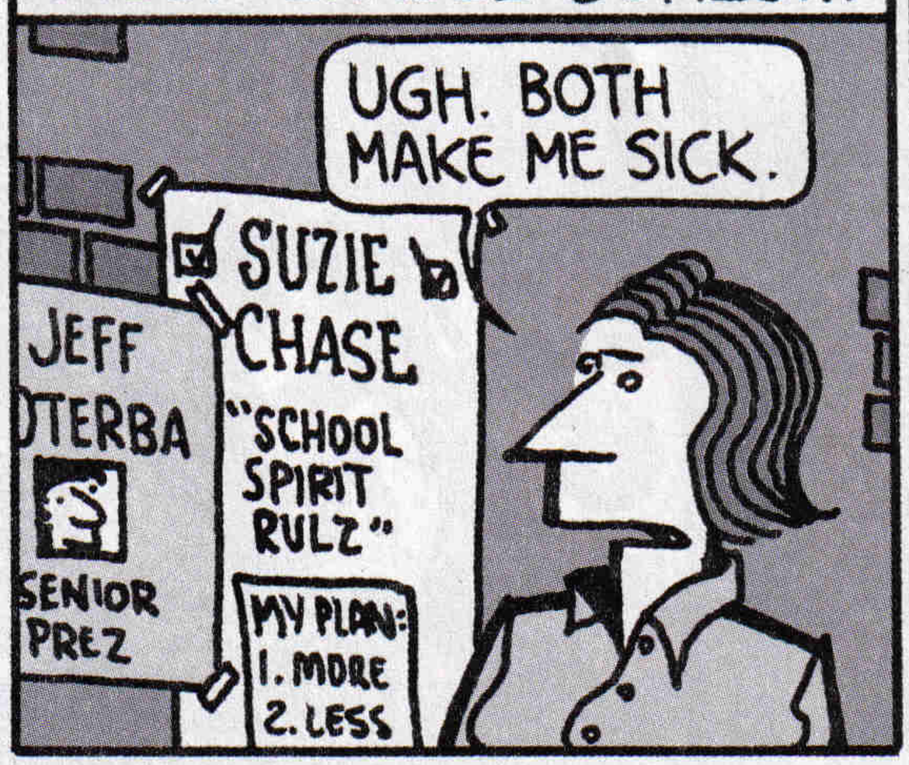
GARY BETTMAN

NHL Commissioner.



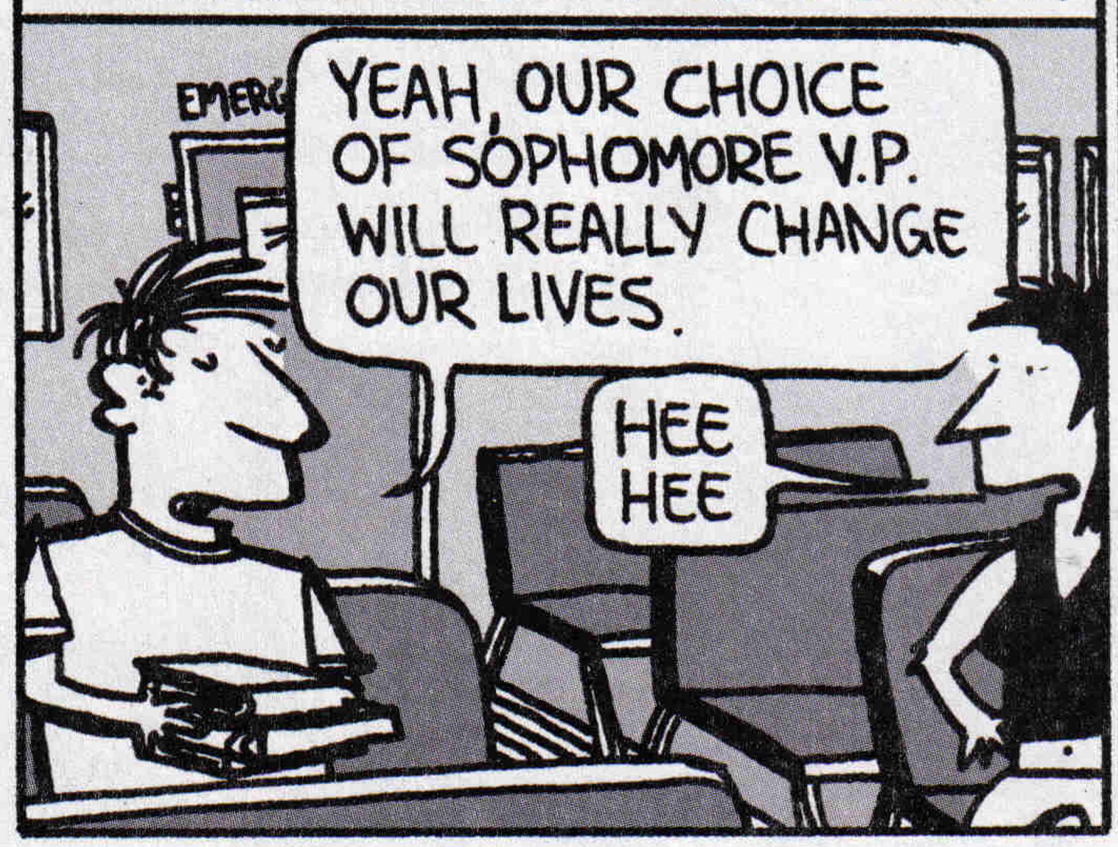
ANYONE WHO DOUBTS THAT SCHOOL TRAINS YOU FOR ADULTHOOD SHOULD CONSIDER THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION: NO PLACE IS SAFE FROM ANNOYING CAMPAIGN ADS...

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WANT THE JOB ARE INSUFFERABLE BORES...



...WHO MAKE PROMISES THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY KEEP...

...TO AN ELECTORATE THAT COULDN'T CARE LESS...



...THAT BASES ITS DECISION ON THE STUDENTEST OF REASONS.

ARTIST AND WRITER: TED RALL

GETTING CANNED LAUGHTER DEPT.

...DONALD TRUMP, YOU'RE

Every week *The Apprentice* ends with a contestant getting pink-slipped and told why he or she doesn't measure up business-wise — but never the one person who, week after week, consistently shows bad business judgement, makes embarrassing corporate decisions and, frankly, has one of the worst résumés in corporate history! This is an easy one. We're sorry, but...

For starting every season with 16 or 18 varied, multicultural contestants of both genders, only to pick as the winner another boring, corporate, brown-nosing white guy...

...Donald Trump, YOU'RE FIRED!

For pretending on network TV that any real businessman in his right mind would hand over the reins of a major building project to some guy who won the job by selling four cups of lemonade in the middle of a city street...

...Donald Trump, YOU'RE FIRED!

For being a dude with a zillion divorces, bankruptcies and/or mistresses who lectures contestants on "ethical behavior"...

...Donald Trump, YOU'RE FIRED!

For continually claiming your show is the highest-rated show on TV, except for the seven other shows that consistently and inconveniently outviewer you...

...Donald Trump, YOU'RE FIRED!

For wasting sixteen weeks to impart such rare gems of Trump business wisdom as "Think big"..."Work well with others" and "Love what you do"...

...Donald Trump, YOU'RE FIRED!

For subjecting America week after week to that moronic, gravity-defying, architecturally-unsound, can't-be-mocked-enough hairdo from no known period in coiffing history...

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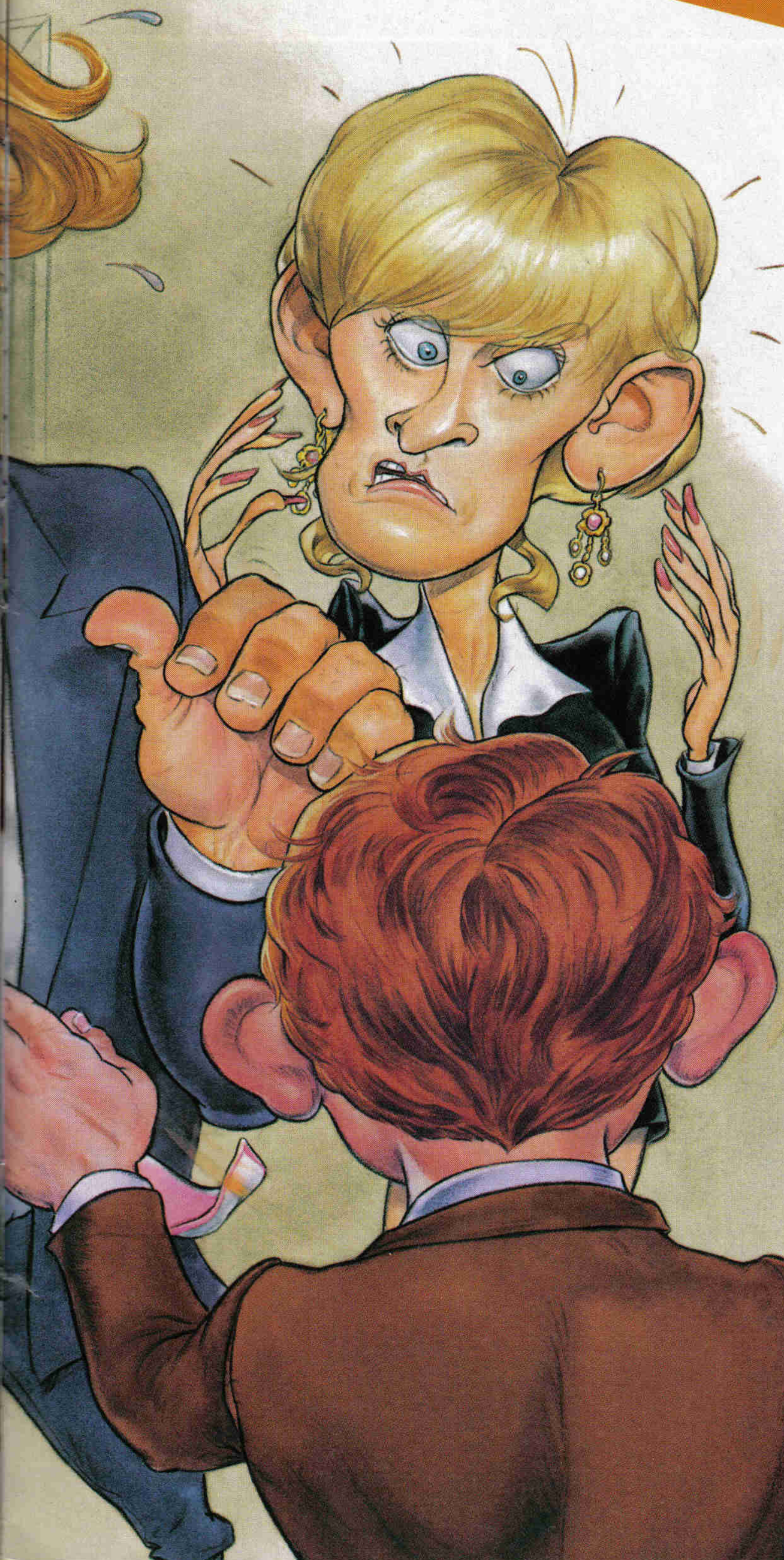


For encouraging every other annoying, charisma-deprived *Benefactor* and *Rebel Billionaire* to clog the airways with their own lame-o business reality shows...

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For being the only human in the history of planet Earth to own a casino that *LOST MONEY*...

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For picking female contestants with pouty lips, do-me hair and big boobs and then chastising them for using sex to get ahead...

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For somehow convincing the world your nickname should be "The Donald" instead of more appropriate monikers like "The Dickwad," "The Deadbeat," or "The Debt-Ridden-Diddler-of-Beauty-Pageant-Rejects..."

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For criticizing others about "not thinking outside the box" when your sum-total marketing strategy involves pathologically slapping the word "Trump" on everything in sight...

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For mentally ruining that hip-cool "Money, Money, Money" song by forever linking it to slow-motion images of a certain white, middle-aged, bloated, funk-free, lard-ass pucker-squinting his way out of a gold-plated helicopter...

...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

For somehow making *Joey* the SECOND most embarrassing show on NBC Thursday...

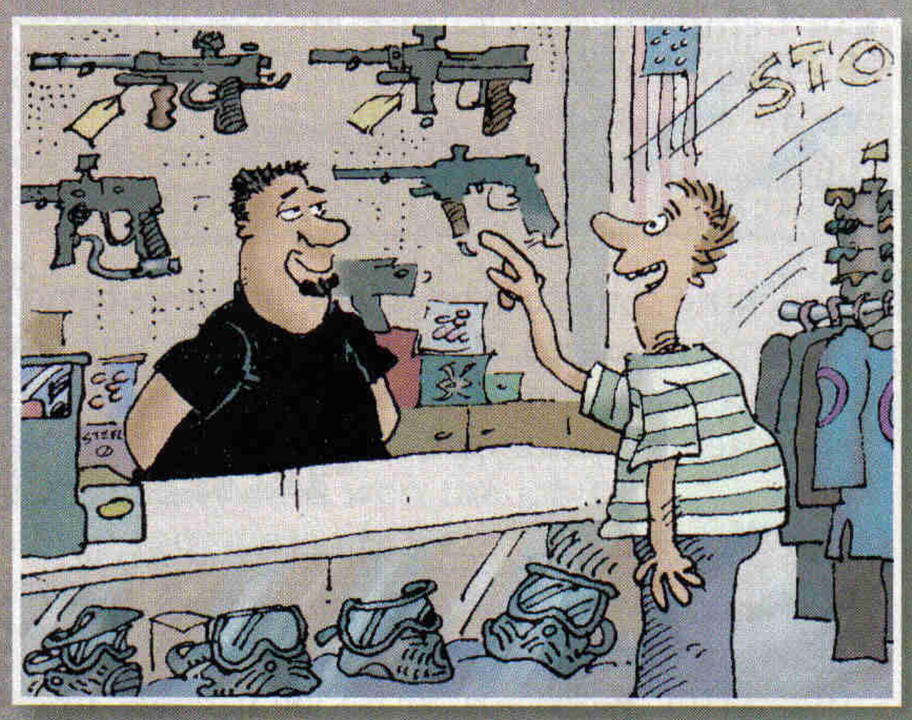
...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

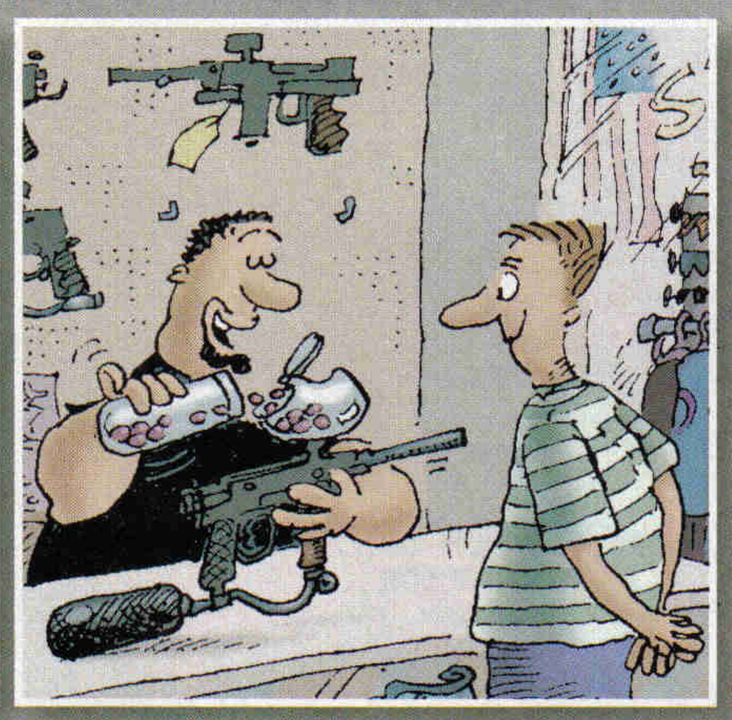
For unironically coming to the conclusion that it's perfectly reasonable for a bankruptcy-skirting, junk-bond-peddling, deal-reneging, contract-welching business-weasel to be the spokesman for Visa credit cards...

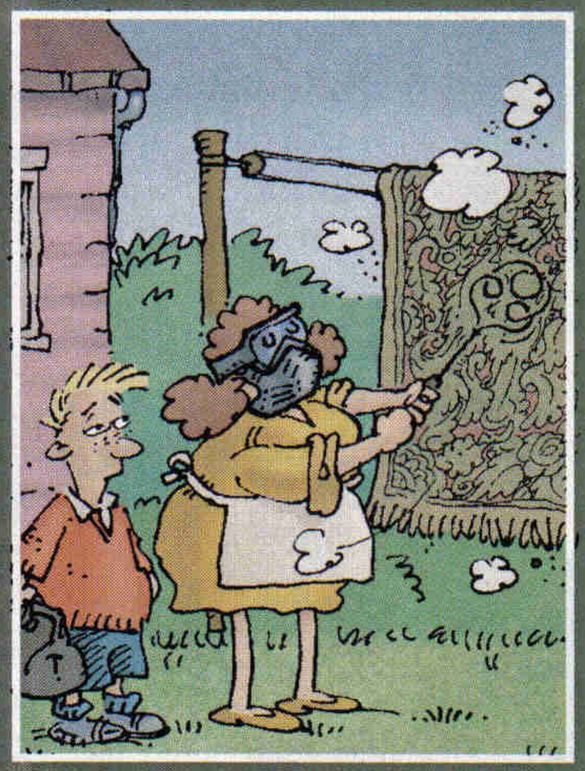
...Donald Trump, **YOU'RE FIRED!**

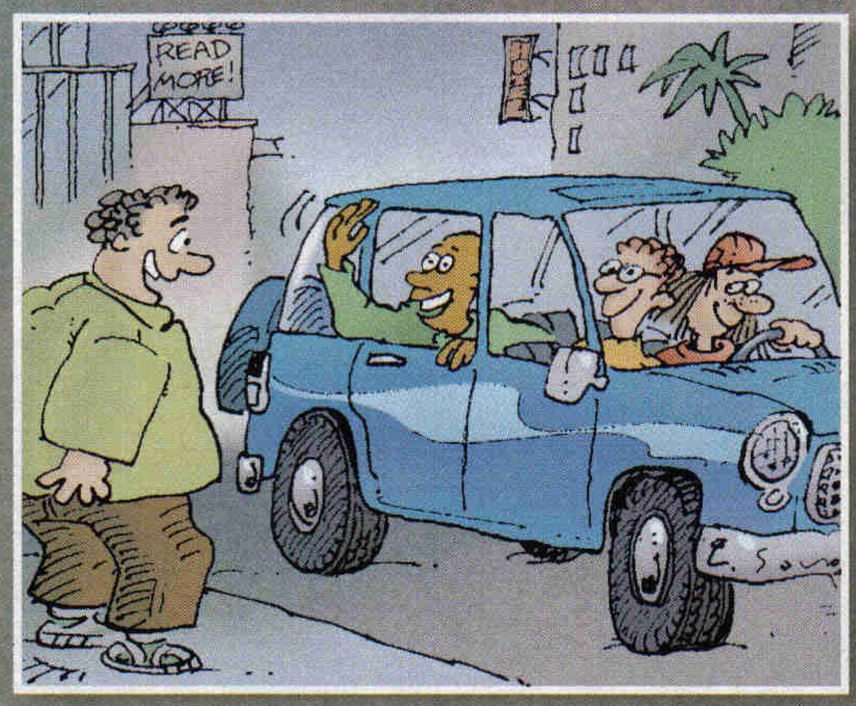
ARTIST: SAM SISCO
WRITER: RUSS COOPER

SERGIO ARAGONÉS presents a MAD look









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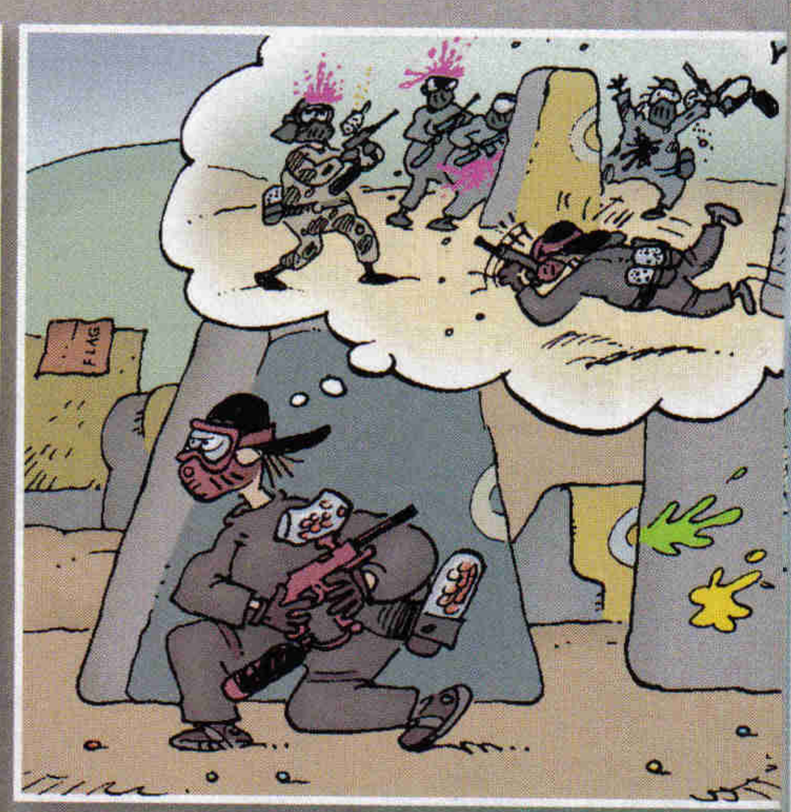

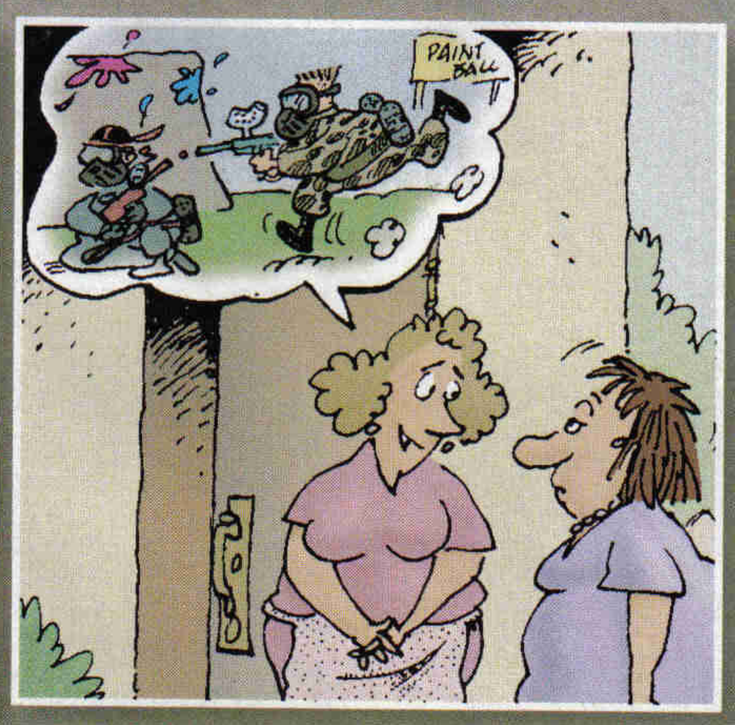

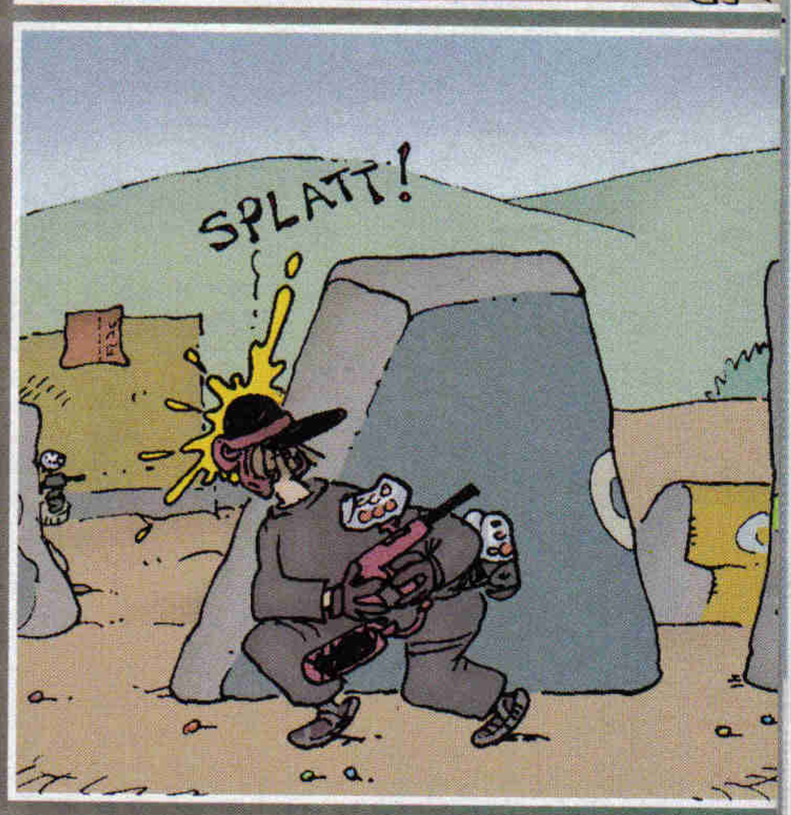

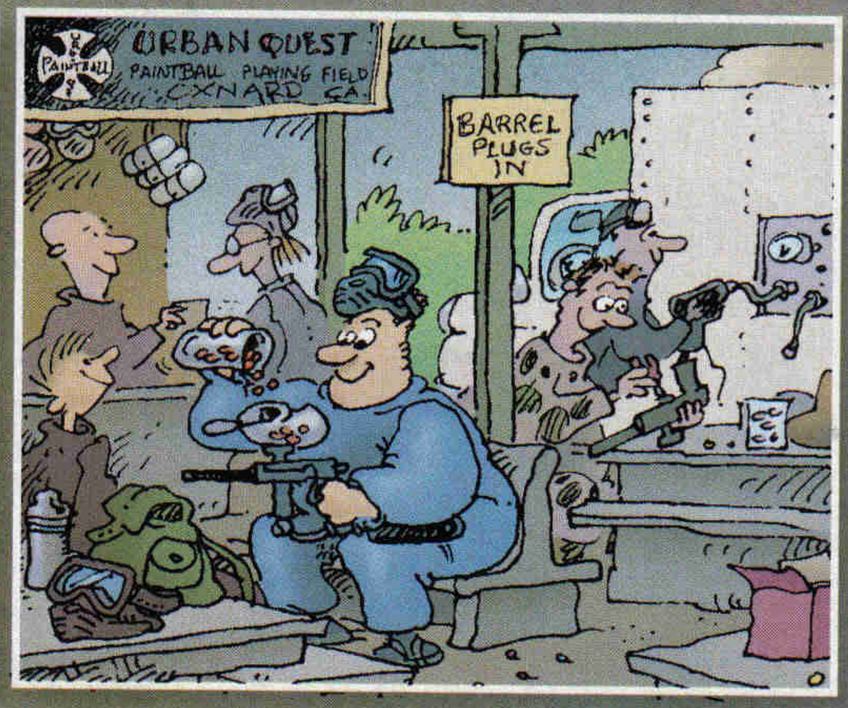

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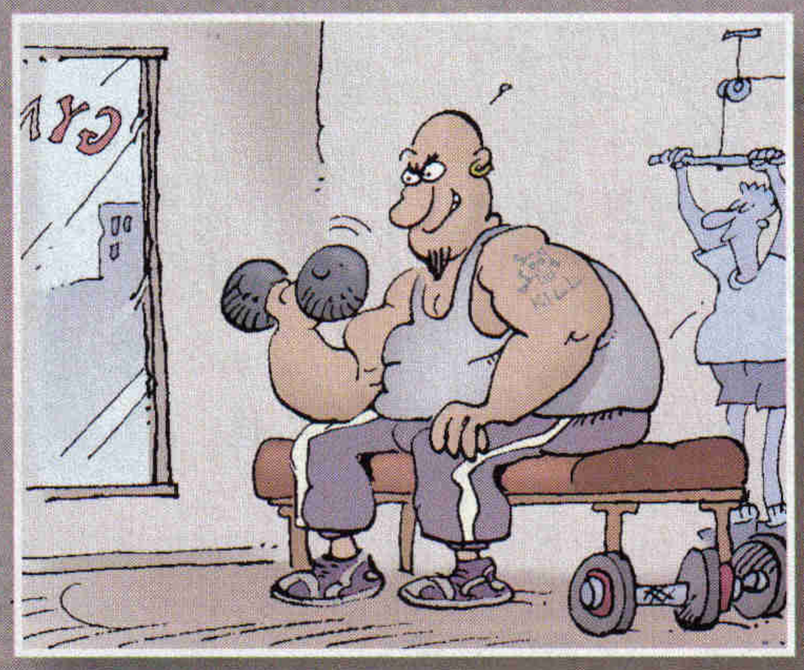

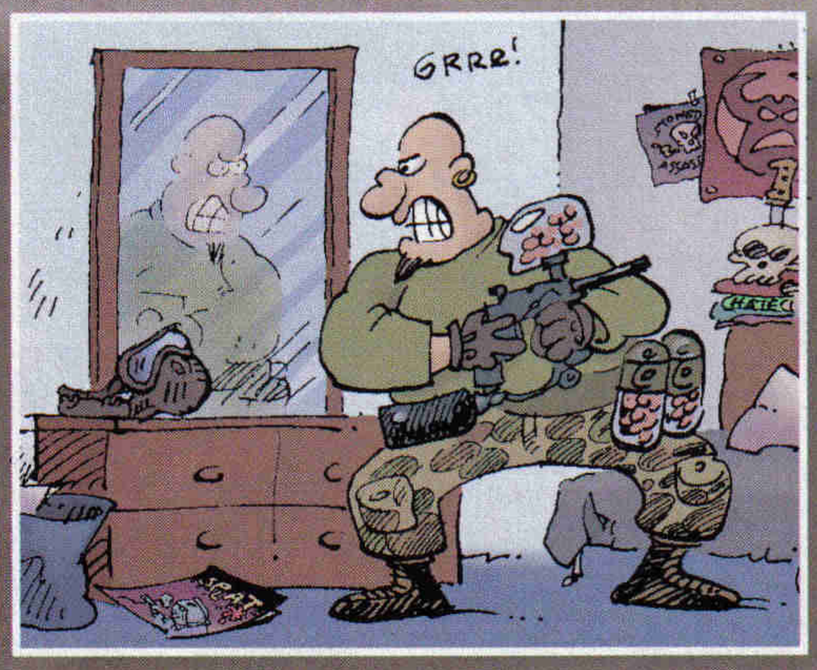
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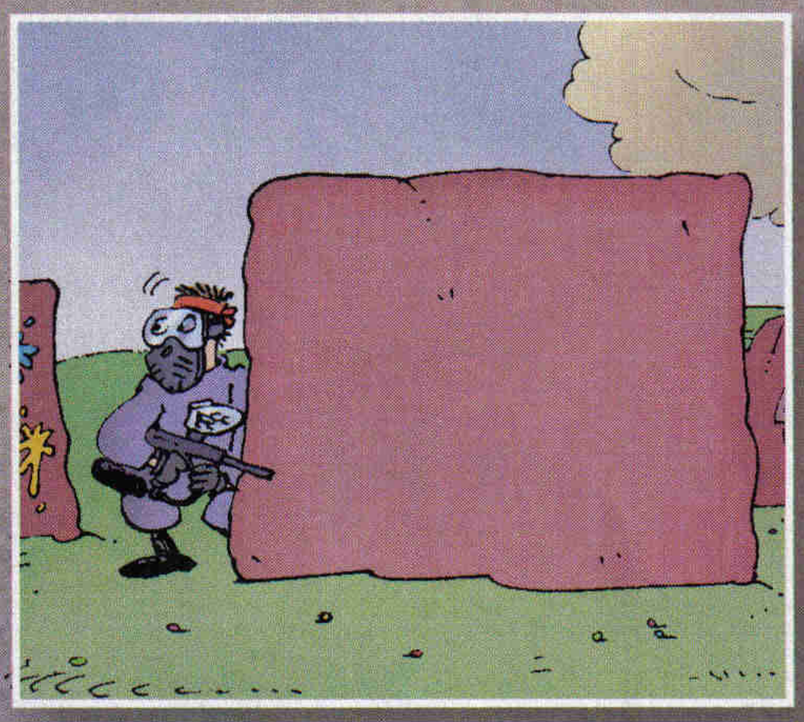

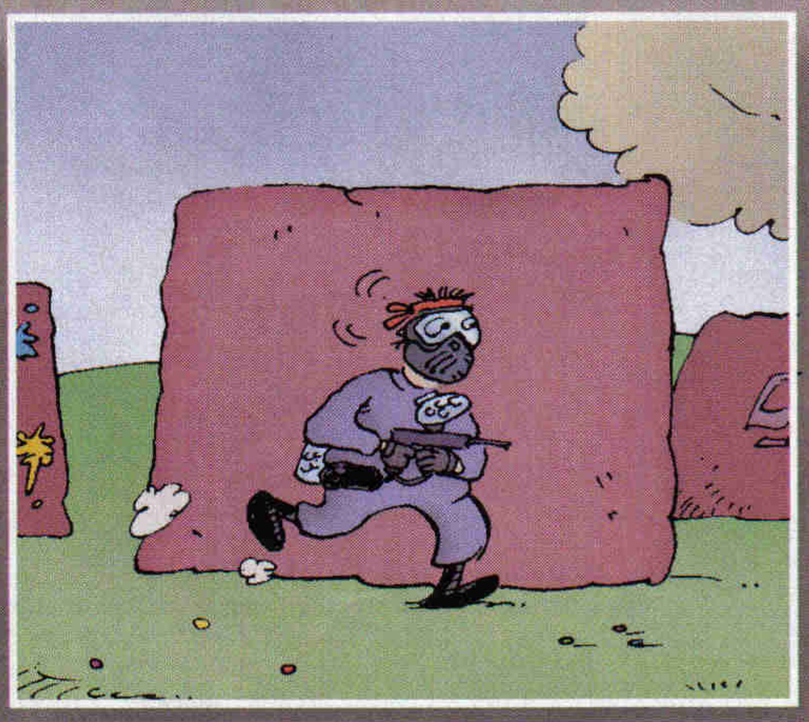

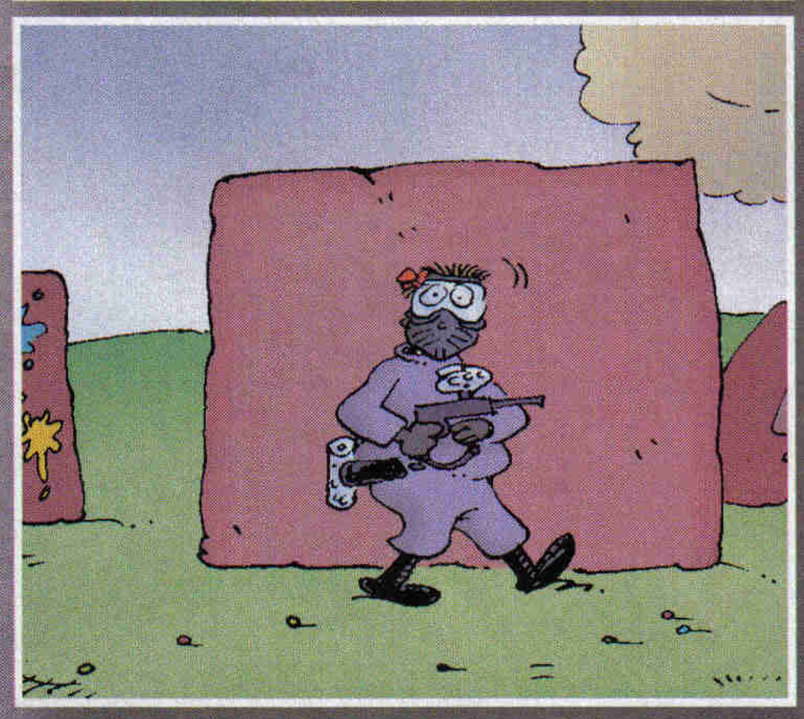

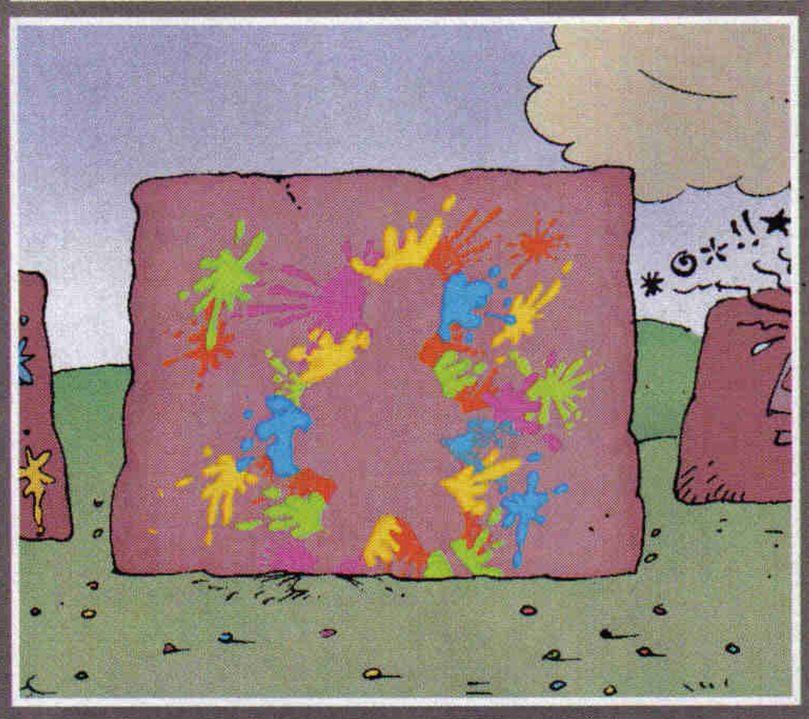

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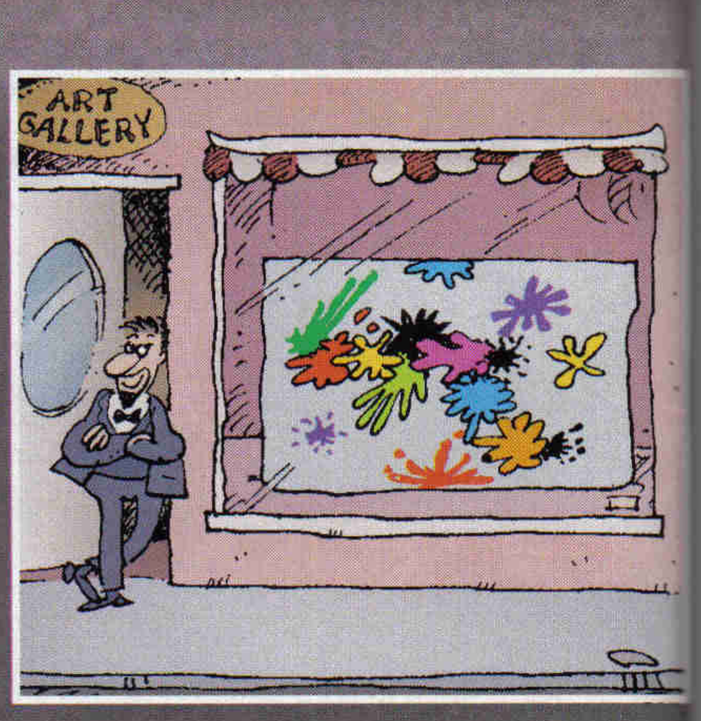
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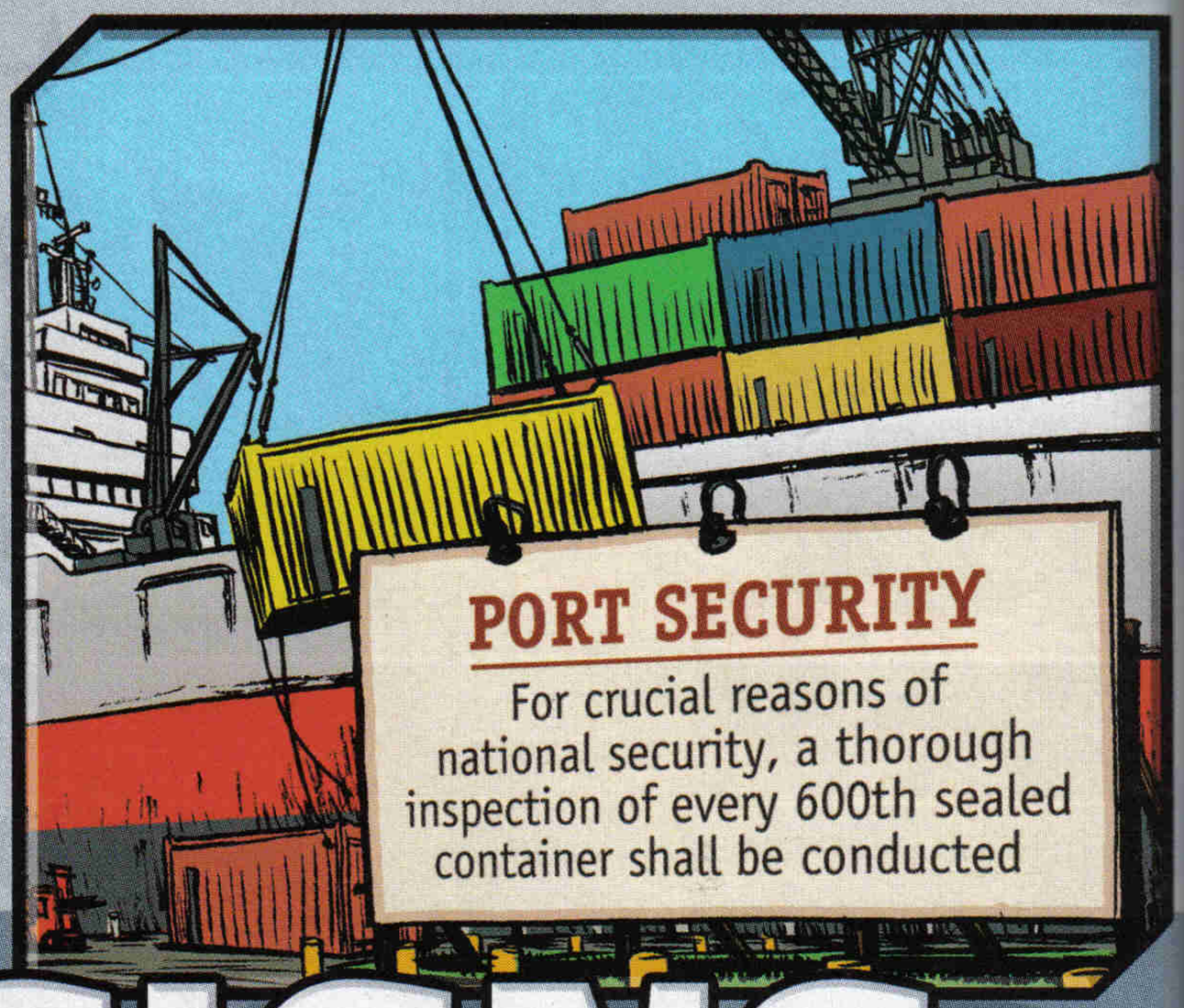

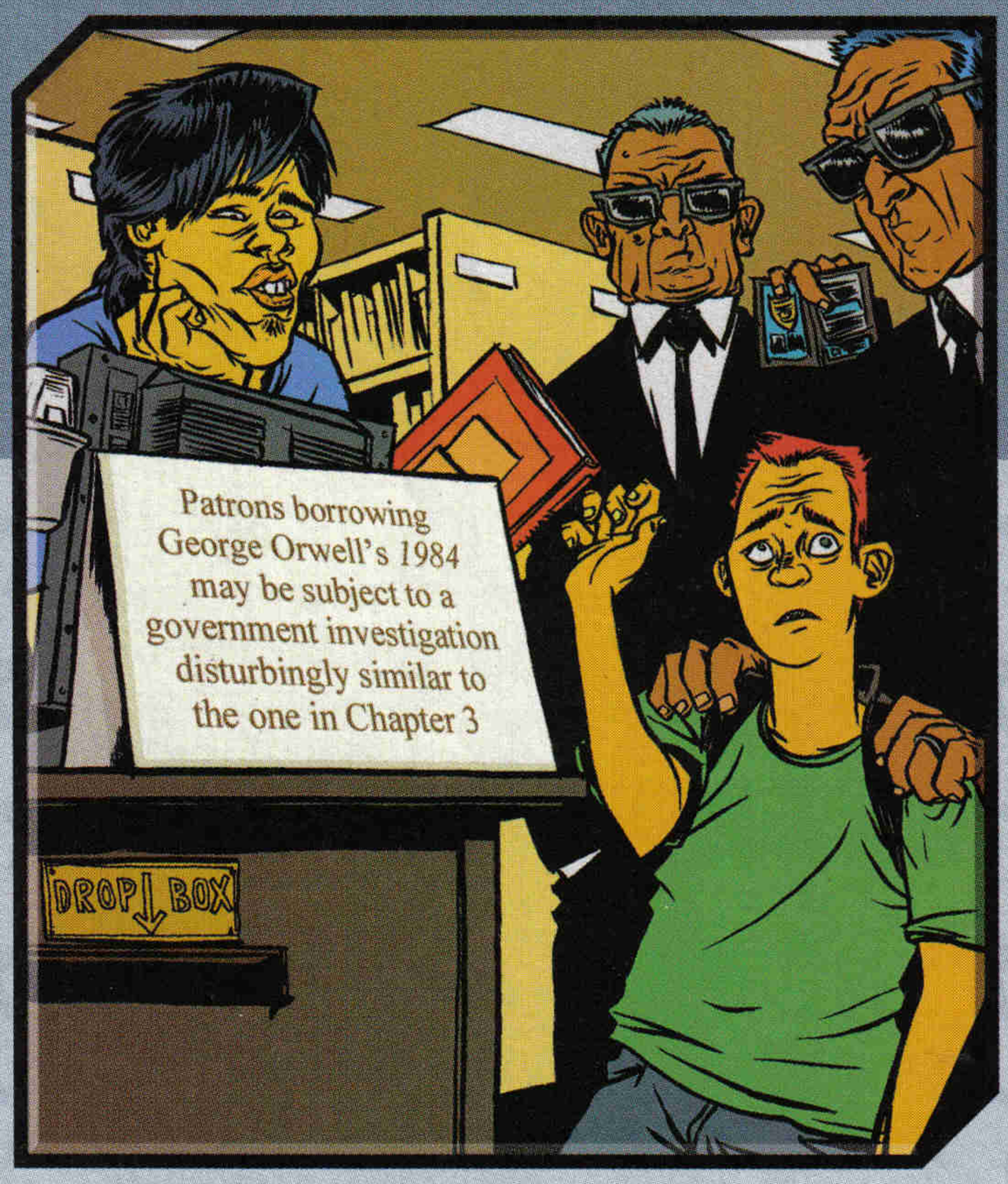

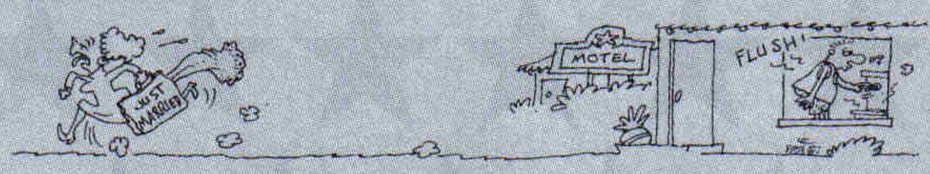

ARTIST: NATHAN FOX WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

POST 9/11 AMERICA

It's the number one new drama of the season! Of course, when the competition is *Dr.Vegas* and *Jack and Bobby*, that's like being the smartest kid in the slow class! Still, there must be some reason that tons of folks have been tuning in to ABC on Sunday nights! Let's see, is it...brilliant writing? Nope! Great acting? Nuh-uh! Legions of fans wondering what happened to the dude who played the gay guy on *Melrose Place*? No, probably not! Maybe it's because just like the characters on the show, the audience is made up of a bunch of...

DISPA

Hello, I'm **Scary Alice Young** and I'd like to welcome you to **Hysteria Lane** — a sunny paradise where every **lawn** is professionally **sculpted** and **maintained**, although **not** as much as the **housewives' faces!**

As you'll see, the **folks** around here appear to be **normal** on the **surface**, but have **little problems** lurking **underneath!** Take **me**, for example — I'm always **shooting** my **mouth off! Literally!**

Son, I have some good **news!**

What?

I'm pretty sure your **mother's never** going to **nag you** to **clean up** your **room again!**

Okay, so **not** the most **pleasant** way to kick off a supposedly **light-hearted** look at **suburbia**, but hey, **count** your **blessings!** If this were ***CSI*** you'd be seeing **every bit** of **blowback** and **brain** in **excruciatingly gory close-up!**

Let's take a **stroll** around the **neighborhood**...

HYSTERIA LANE

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SMOKING GUN

That's **Crabrielle** and her **gardener**, **Lawn!** Lawn likes to take a **hands-on approach** to his **work!** He **also** likes to take a **hands-on approach** with his **boss' wife!**

I am — *groan!* — a **big believer** in — *gasp!* — **monogamy!**

Huh? You're **cheating** — *moan!* — on your **husband!**

Yeah, but **only** with **you!**

I feel so **bad** for **Crabby's husband!** Even though he **lavishes** her with **expensive gifts**, she's only **sexually satisfied** by her **lawn boy!** Perhaps he should **switch** from **Viagra** to **Miracle-Gro!**

Here's **Seedy**, our resident **conniving skank!** She **pretends** to be your **friend**, but the **only** thing **faker** than her **smile** is her **chest**...and her **nose**...and her **cheeks**...and her **lips!**

Hello, **EZ Lube?** I'm calling to schedule my **20,000 mile maintenance! Drain** the **fluids**, **check** the **alignment**, **tighten** whatever needs **tightening!**

Wow, you sure do take **good care** of your **car!**

Yeah, but **this** is for my **face!**

RATE NO-LIVES

This is my **clumsy friend Snoozin!** She has a **crush** on our new neighbor **Mock**, but can't **act** on it because she gets so **flustered** around him! **Poor, poor Snoozin!**

Uh, hey, **Mock**, sorry for **running over** your **garbage cans! And** your **dog! And**, uh, your **foot!** Anyway, I thought you might **like** this **apple pie!** Only, I was **out** of **apples**, so I substituted **raw tuna!**

Er...**thanks?**

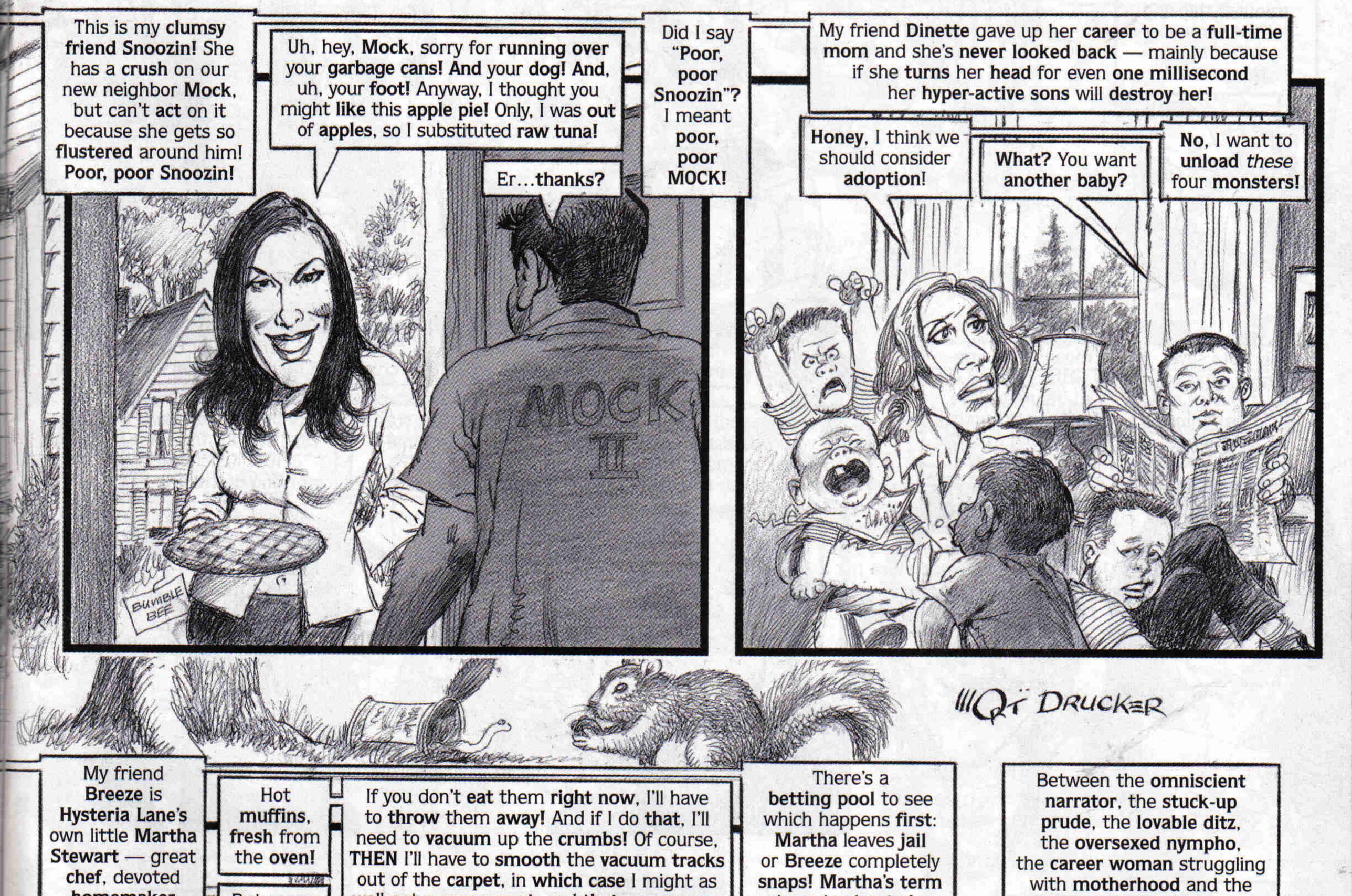
Did I say "**Poor, poor Snoozin**"? I meant **poor, poor MOCK!**

My friend **Dinette** gave up her **career** to be a **full-time mom** and she's **never looked back** — mainly because if she **turns** her **head** for even **one millisecond** her **hyper-active sons** will **destroy her!**

Honey, I think we should consider **adoption!**

What? You want **another baby?**

No, I want to **unload** *these* four **monsters!**



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My friend **Breeze** is **Hysteria Lane's** own little **Martha Stewart** — great **chef**, devoted **homemaker** and **psychotic control freak!**

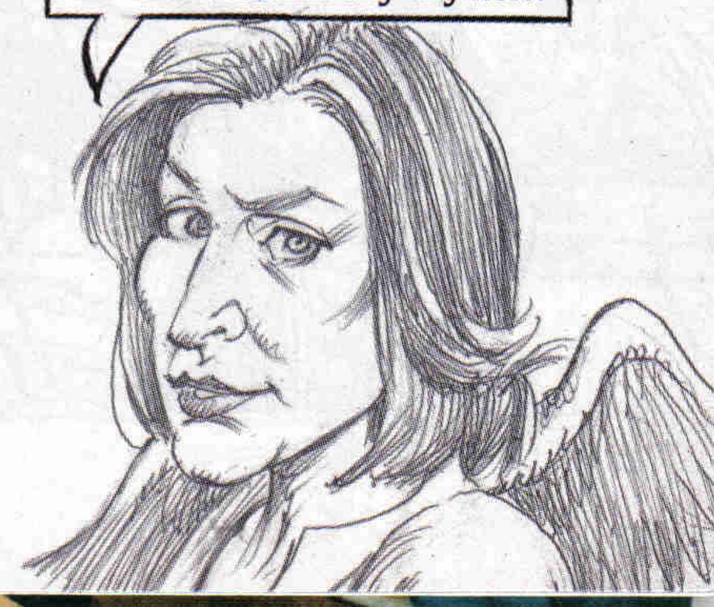
Hot **muffins**, **fresh** from the **oven!**

But **mom**, I'm **not hungry!**

If you don't **eat** them **right now**, I'll have to **throw** them **away!** And if I do **that**, I'll need to **vacuum** up the **crumbs!** Of course, **THEN** I'll have to **smooth** the **vacuum tracks** out of the **carpet**, in **which case** I might as well get a **new carpet**, and **that** means **new drapes** to **match** and **new wallpaper** and... oh dear, **this** is going to take **all day!**

There's a **betting pool** to see which happens **first**: **Martha** leaves **jail** or **Breeze** completely **snaps! Martha's term** is **up** in about **six months**, so the **smart money's** on **Breeze!**

Between the **omniscient narrator**, the **stuck-up prude**, the **lovable ditz**, the **oversexed nympho**, the **career woman** struggling with **motherhood** and the **Sunday-at-nine timeslot**, you'd think you're watching ***Sex and the City*!** But there's a **big difference** between **their** show and **ours! They** had **shoes! We** have **mystery!** The **mystery** of how **long** it will take **ABC** to **sell-out** and "**franchise**" this **series!** Given the way mindless **TV execs** think, you can expect ***Disparate No-Lives: Criminal Intent*** and ***Disparate No-Lives: Miami*** any day now!



ARTIST:MORT DRUCKER **WRITER: DAVID SHAYNE**

Something **odd** happens when you **die!** For **one thing**, you start **pontificating** in **long-winded voiceovers!** But even **odder**, your **self-centered friends** actually spend **five whole minutes** thinking about **someone other** than **themselves!**

I can't **believe** Scary Alice **shot herself!** Great **marriage**, loving **husband**, adoring **son** — she had the **exact same wonderful life** as **us!**

Well, **except** for **me** — my **husband** left me for his **secretary!** And **Breeze**, **your marriage** is a **mess!**

And **my kids** aren't "**adoring**" — they're little **Satans!** Of course, **Crabby**, **you** don't even **have kids** and you **sold your soul** to **marry** for **money!**

When you **think** about it, **Scary Alice's suicide** begs an **important question!**

What's **that?**

Any **bullets** left in that **gun?**

Wow! Can you **believe** it? They thought about **me** for **two whole panels** before they hopped the **five o'clock train** back to **Selfishville!** But then, **Breeze** had to **worry** about that **crumbling marriage** of hers...

This **note** says, "I **know** what you **did**. It makes me **sick**. I'm **going to tell**." What does **that mean?**

It means our lame-ass writers **ripped off** that **Jennifer Love Hewitt stinkbomb**, ***I Know What You Did Last Summer!***

I'm **leaving** you! I can't **take** your **obsessive**, **cold demeanor** anymore! You are as **icy** as our **freezer!**

How **dare** you!

You **deny** that you're an **impersonal neat freak?**

No, I mean how **dare** you say our **freezer** is **ICY!** I spent **all morning defrosting** it!

Crabby and **Clueless** were having their typical **fight** about **finances...**

Honey, I need some **cash**, I'm **buying** a **new dress!**

That's **all** you **do** — **shop** and **spend my money!** You need to take up a **hobby!** How about **gardening?**

Gardening!? What could **possibly** be **interesting** about **gardening?**

I **finished** the **hedges**, ma'am! Should I get to **work** on the **roses?**

Honey, I need some **money** — I'm **buying** a **new shovel!**

And **Dinette** was coping with the **daily struggle** of **motherhood!** Namely, the **struggle** to **restrain herself** from **killing** her **out-of-control children!**

Sometimes I **wish** I were in the **corporate world** instead of at **home!**

That's something **every career woman** deals with!

And there are **times** I feel like I **can't control** my **kids!**

That's something **every mother** deals with!

And I'm **completely strung out** on their **meds**, which have turned me into a **psychotic, babbling, incoherent idiot!**

And **that's** something every, um... **Anna Nicole Smith** deals with!

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Snoozin didn't have **time** to **chat!** She was busy **competing** with **Seedy** for **Mock's affections**, and they were **constantly trying** to **one-up** each other...

Hey, **Mock**, since you're a **plumber**, I thought you might like a **new wrench!**

And **I thought** you might like this **Craftsman 75-piece tool set!**

Hey **Mock**, I got a **water bowl** for your **dog!**

And I got him this **doggie spa package**, complete with **grooming, flea bath** and **shiatsu massage!**

DOG

Yet even though her **gifts** were **lame** — and she's **much smaller-breasted** than **Seedy** — somehow **Snoozin won out!** I **can't figure out** how a **ditz** like **her** landed a **guy** like **Mock**...

I have a **gun, thousands** of **dollars** in **unmarked bills** and **complete dossiers** on **every person** in the **neighborhood!** But I'm **not** a **spy** — I'm a **plumber!**

Sounds **totally plausible!** Let's have **sex!**

And **then** there was **MY family!** When it comes to **parental bonding**, they **take** the **cake** — the **NUTcake**, to be **precise!**

Why don't you **ever** want to do **normal father-son things** with **me?**

What about **yesterday**, when we **hung out** back by the **pool?**

So **you** could **dig it up!**

Well, what about **now?** We're at the **lake!**

Because you're **dumping** a **chest** filled with **human remains!**

Keep up the **smart talk** and **these** won't be the ***only*** **human remains I dump!**

But **Snoozin** had a **great relationship** with her **daughter!** They were **best friends!** They **talked openly** about their **secrets!** And they **never fought!** In **other words**, they were the **weirdest people** on the **block!** And **that's** saying something!

Snoozin was **curious** why my **husband** had put our **son** in an **institution!** And **Droolie** figured **someday** she'd have to **commit** her **nutjob mother** to the **loony bin**, so she might as well **check out** her **options!**

Droolie, I need you to do me a **favor!** It might seem a **little strange** —

Let me **guess**, you want **me** to **break into** a **neighbor's house** who's **blackmailing you?**

No, you're my **precious little girl!** I **promised myself** I would **never** ask you to **break into** another **neighbor's house** again! I want you to **break into** an **insane asylum** instead!

How'd you **get into** the **asylum?**

It was **easy** — I just had to **convince** them I'm **psychotic!**

How'd you do **that?**

I told them I thought it'd be a **good idea** to **promote this show** by doing a **raunchy crossover skit** on ***Monday Night Football!***

Breeze was **convinced** that seeing a **couples counselor** was **all** it would take to **save** her **dying marriage!** But then, **this** is a **woman** who's also **convinced** that the **smell** of **household cleanser** is an **aphrodisiac!**

As a **marriage therapist**, I have found that **many couples** have **trouble verbalizing** their **feelings** —

You're an **emotionless, unsatisfying, anal-retentive shrew!**

And **you're** a **self-centered, passionless, asexual dweeb!**

— although **"verbalizing"** doesn't seem to be the **problem** here!

She's so busy **cleaning**, she **never tries** to **satisfy** my **sexual fantasies!**

What about when I **dressed up** in a **maid's uniform?**

You **dusted** our **night-stands** while I was **making love** to **you!**

Well, **excuse me** for **multi-tasking!**

Crabby was **busy** getting her **daily sex fix**... and **fulfilling** the **"One Bra and Panty Scene Per Episode" clause** in her **contract!**

This is a **classic suburban extramarital affair** — the **illicit mid-day sex**...the **fear** of getting **caught**...

... the **MUCH older woman**...

...and the **idiot gardener** who **doesn't know when** to **shut the hell up!**

I have a **sneaking suspicion** my **mother-in-law** is **onto** us!

What makes you say **that?**

Crabby, could you **turn** a **little** to the **left?** And **lower** your **leg!** You're **blocking my light!** Treat the **camera** like you're **making love** to it! **Lord knows**, you **know** a thing or two about **lovemaking!**

Just call it a **hunch**...

Lucky for **Crabby, Clueless' mother** was **hit** by a **car** and now she's in the **hospital!** Here on **Hysteria Lane**, it's **funny** how **life works out!** Or maybe a **better word** would be **"convenient"!** And an **even better word** would be **"contrived"!**

I **know** I'm always **complaining** how your **mama's** on my **case,** but I'm **sure** from **now on** we're going to **get along fine!**

What're you **talking about?** She's in a **coma!** And even if she **comes out**, she may **never move** or **speak again!**

Did I say **fine?** I **meant FANTASTIC!**

Believe it or **not**, there were a **few people** on the **block** who were actually **upset** about **Clueless' mother!**

Son, do you **realize** the **tragic repercussions** your **actions** have had?

You mean because of my **reckless driving**, a **woman** is now in the **hospital** in a **coma** and may not **survive?**

No, I mean your **mother** used this **incident** to **guilt me** into **moving back home!** Next time, do us all a **favor** and **run over ME!**

We've gone a **whole day** without anyone **dying!** That's a **new Hysteria Lane record! Whoops!** Spoke too **soon!**

You're the **worst neighbor** ever, **Mrs. Hubris!** You **snoop** in **everyone's business!** You **steal money!** You sent this **threatening note** to my **wife!**

That's why you're *(GAK!)* **strangling** *(CHOKE!)* **me!?!?**

No! You don't properly **trim your hedges!** And in the **'burbs**, that's a **capital offense!** You ever hear of **property values!?!**

And like **Mrs. Hubris' windpipe**, things have a way of just **collapsing** around here...

I'm **moving out!**

You're **leaving** us?

I can't **take it** anymore! **Suicides, houses burning down**, people getting **strangled**, folks digging up **human remains!** I'm going to a **place** where **life** is more **normal!** Like **Fallujah!**

Oh, dear! Now his **house** will sit **empty!**

No it **won't!** I **sold it** to **someone** who can **deal** with all your **craziness! Someone** who has made a **fortune** off of **desperate housewives!**

Say **hello** to your **new neighbor — Dr. Phil!** If **he** can **handle** those **nutjobs** on ***Oprah***, he can **certainly handle you!**

Redhead, you need to pull that **cork** out of your **butt** and **stick it** in a **wine bottle! Gold-digger**, **diamonds** may be **forever**, but a **lousy marriage** feels a **lot longer! Weepy Mom**, **times** may be **tryin'**, but there's **no need** for **cryin'!** And **Lois Lane**, **you need** to get those **bangs** out of your **eyes** and take a **look** at the **world around you!**

That **advice** makes **no sense!** Those are just **meaningless phrases!**

Which have made **me** a **very rich man!** You can **argue** with **success**, but you'll **never win!** Anyway, **Crazy Dad**, you need to stop **digging up bodies** and start **digging into your heart!** And...

Hoo-boy. It's **days** like **this** I'm **awfully glad** I had a **gun** laying around the **house!**

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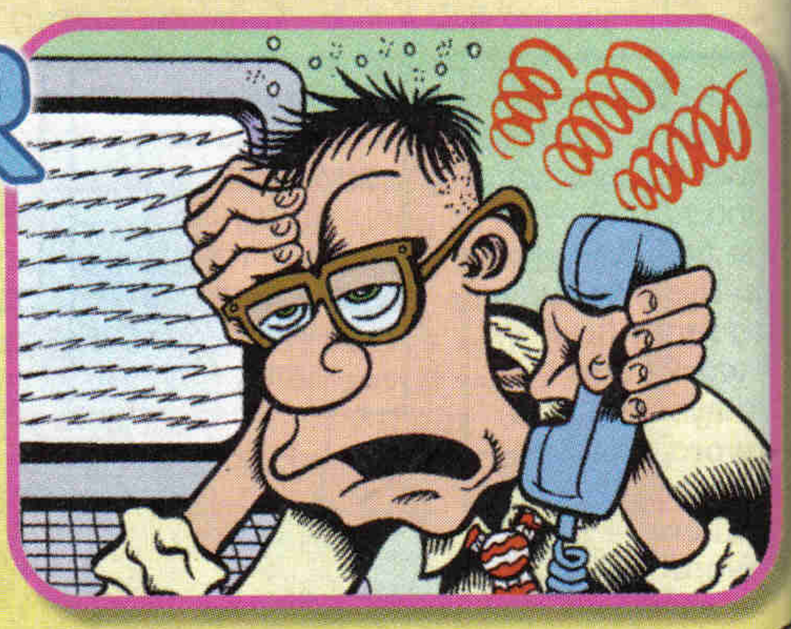
13 THINGS YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR FROM A COMPUTER TECH SUPPORT GUY



Hello, my name's Bob, and I'm an alcoholic.

Pentium? Gigabyte? Try speaking English, man!

I always find that the Holy Spirit guides me to the answers of every problem, so hold on while I get my Bible!

So you say it *is* plugged in? Well, I'm stumped!

Hey, wait a minute, I know this screen name! Aren't you the jerk who keeps kicking my ass on Xbox Live?

This is off the subject, but did you know that the letters in your name can be rearranged to spell "Snail Vomit"?

It seems to me that your problem goes deeper than simply an Internet connection. Tell me about your relationship with your father!

Well, did you ever consider that the screen is *supposed* to freeze up for ten minutes?

Me learn English goodly. Talk you do about problem!

Before we start, let me ask if you're satisfied with your current mortgage?

Let me consult with my supervisor — "Results hazy, try again later"!

Okay, I've located the problem, and I'll tell you how to fix it... over a romantic candlelight dinner!

I'm sorry, it's just that the word "byte" always makes me laugh!

ARTIST: PETER BAGGE WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

WHAT IS THE HOTTEST THING IN MUSIC TODAY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Recently, there have been tons of new innovations that have changed the way people listen to music. However, there is one hot development that has captured the public's attention and shaken up the music world. To find out what it is, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"

BASICALLY, AVID MUSIC FANS WANT EVERYTHING THEY EXPERIENCE TO BE SUPER. A SMASHING PERFORMANCE IS A TURN-ON AND LEAVES EVERYONE WISHING FOR MORE. THE SIMPLE FACT IS, GOOD MUSIC'S FOR EVERY PERSON

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

A B