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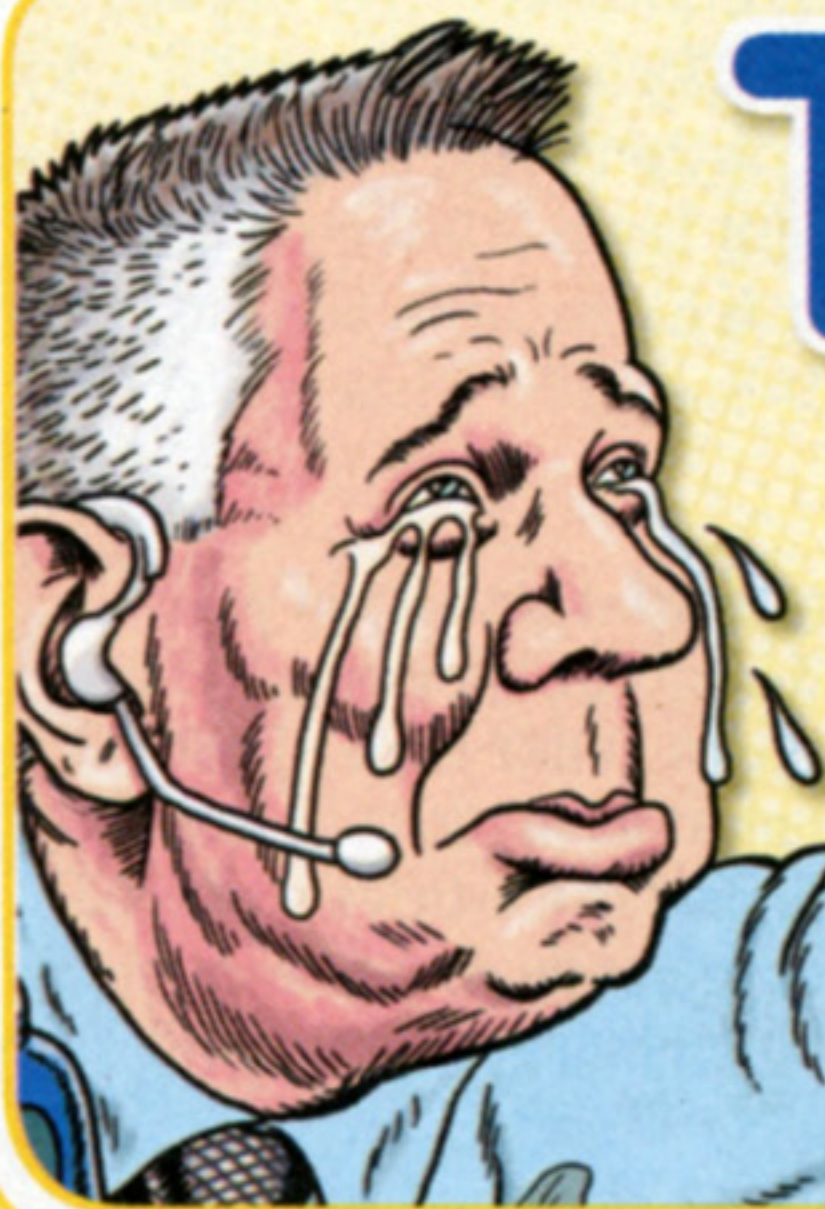
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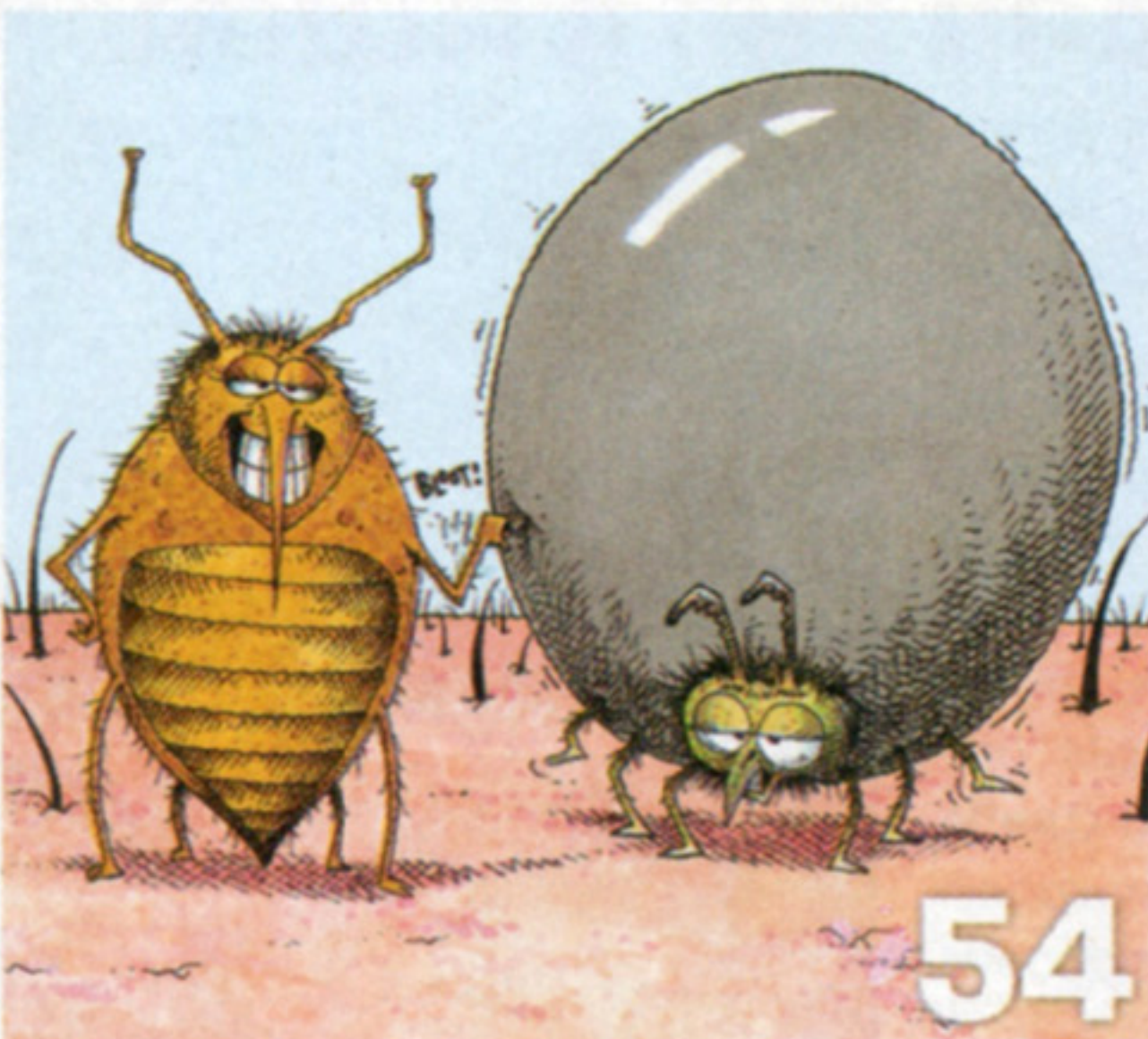
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COVER ARTIST: MARK FREDRICKSON

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I always ask my mom how people get their letters to the magazine published. She says the reason is that the letters to the magazine aren't real at all! A loser 40-year-old in a dead-end job at the company makes them all up! I love my mom and all, but I think she's wrong. I'd love to get one over my mom once in my life, so please publish this letter so I can finally say, "I'm right, you're wrong! Ha!" to her.

Quinton Graham • Edmonton, Alberta

Shades of Graham — Though we're sure she's a lovely woman, your mother is as wrong as a Texas science book! Go ahead and ask your mother something else. Anything at all. Then don't even bother to wait for her answer — you already know she can't be trusted, and you'd just be wasting your time. We're glad you're finding this out now — it might not be too late for you. Maybe if you stop listening to her this minute, you can turn your life around and you won't end up as a 40-year-old in a dead-end job. If not, let us know — we may be hiring! —Ed.



FAMILY SPIES

This past Halloween, Amy Bucci and her cousin Corey Mifsud dressed as the Spies. Here's a Fun Fact: Amy and Corey are William M. Gaines' grandchildren! Which makes it all the more heartbreaking that our legal department is suing them back to the Stone Age for their unlicensed costumes!



Corey (Black Spy) and Amy (White Spy)

Photos: Laura Bucci

ALFRED E. NEUMAN LOOK-A-LIKE

Behold! Adam Porell, 12, of Newington, CT! We'll say this — getting braces was *definitely* a good call! You should do everything you can to make those teeth look PERFECT. The last thing you need is a gap-toothed smile to really push things over the top. Keep flossing!



TABLE OF CONTENTS MAY SHIFT

In your August issue, your Table of Contents listed on page 35, "What if Don Rickles Starred in *Clash of the Titans*?" Well, that article was NOT in my subscription copy, nor the ones sold in stores! Then, in your current issue (#506), on page 34, the article was entitled "What if Elton John Sang at Jeff Bezos' Funeral," and that also is missing! So what gives?

Steve Brown • Rosamond, CA

Brown Without Pity — You say those articles weren't in your subscription copies or "the ones sold in stores." However, did you check if those articles were missing from EVERY issue of #504 and #506? We're sure those articles must have run in at least SOME of the issues! Better yet, perhaps those articles appeared in issue #505 (an issue which you conveniently do not mention)! Next time, please conduct a more thorough investigation before you harass us with such petty chicanery! —Ed.

A FOLD-IN AND A FILLION

The MAD Fold-in was a major clue on a recent episode of the ABC show *Castle*! Rick Castle (Nathan Fillion) is trying to decipher a map that has been folded over multiple times. His daughter points out, "It's like a puzzle or one of those paper fortune-tellers..." and Castle adds: "Or MAD Magazine!" Nice sleuthing, handsome!



FRIGHT OR FLIGHT

I live in a luxury hi-rise on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. The towering building has an area of grass, bushes, trees, blooming plants and flowers around its entrance. Birds, mostly swallows, live in there sometimes. My conundrum is, I feed the birds fairly expensive crumbly cake and bread but I don't know if they like me. Sometimes a bird hops towards me; does he/she want something? At what time of day or night do the sparrows like to be fed? Do they eat in the rain? Will they ever chirp out their thanks and should I throw the food at them or in front of them? There are many imponderables; I want to be good at it.

Ruth A. Unterberg (Age 83) • New York, NY

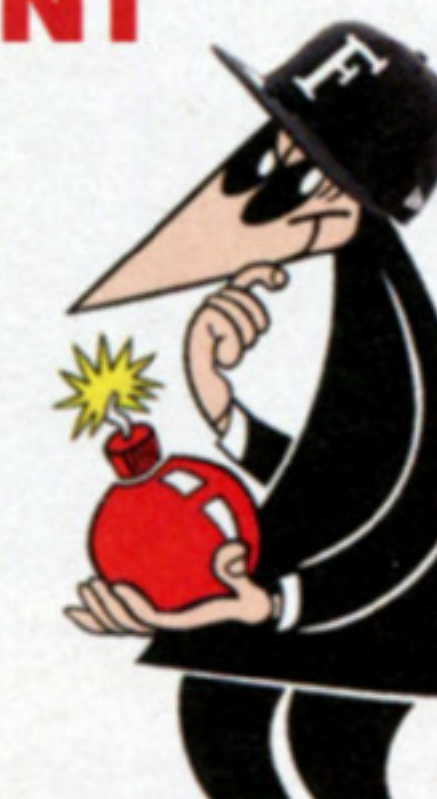
An Inconvenient Ruth — Those are all good questions, but before we get started, we have just one question: are you only quasi-bonkers, or would you say you're a full-tilt, foam-spitting crazy pants? For example, can other people see these "birds"? Do the birds ever talk to you? Do they ever tell you to do things...bad things? We want to help you, but there are so many imponderables; we want to be good at it! —Ed.



A FRANK ASSESSMENT OF PROHIAS



The Frank Book is a quarterly publication that focuses on a different theme each issue. Their latest installment puts the spotlight on Cuba and features an awesome article about Spy Vs. Spy creator Antonio Prohias, written by his daughter Marta! You can see more at www.frank151.com!



TANKS FOR COMING

Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert's "Rally to Restore Sanity And/Or Fear" drew massive crowds from all walks of life — including the Spies! One protestor (who was also shown on *The Colbert Report*'s recap of the rally) even drove a rhino-tank inspired by this strip from MAD #286. To him, we say: if you managed to un-wedge yourself from your cardboard tomb, drop us a line and send some more pics, you love-able weirdo, you!



Photo: Darcy Savit



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MAD Fold-In creator Al Jaffee and Mary-Lou Weisman have been touring to promote their new book *Al Jaffee's MAD Life*. The biography, featuring TONS of new illustrations by Al, is published by It Books and is out now!



HALLOWEEN-ER'S CIRCLE

Due to many years of excessive MAD consumption, I was finally driven to grab a knife and plunge it repeatedly into the nearest pumpkin. The aftermath was this Alfred-E-Lantern. Thank you, Alfred et al., for lighting up the dark corners of my brain and darkening the light ones.

Leah Palmer Preiss • Raleigh, NC

Mama Leah — We know what you mean about the urge to destroy pumpkins. One look at your handiwork and we want to cram it full of as many M-80s as that gourd can hold! —Ed.



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SHEET HAPPENS

For the exhibit "What Makes Us Smile" at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, artist Patty Kuzbida created a bed frame that featured Alfred and his catchphrase, made out of glass beads, fake jewelry and beetle wings. Why a bedframe? Beats the pudding out of us! All we know is, we won't be switching over from our race car bed anytime soon, thank you very much!



WALL OF FAME

There's no reason whatsoever to leave America (have you ever tried to find a Snuggie or a Hot Pocket in France? Très impossible!) But every once in a while, something cool actually happens in a non-American nation. For example, Mary Dwyer of Lake Waukomis, Missouri spotted this huge piece of Spy Vs. Spy graffiti while she was in Akureyri, Iceland! Nice! We had you all wrong, Iceland — you're not so bad after all! (Except for you, Reykjavik — you can suck it!)



READER ALERT

Everyone who was lucky enough to have their letter printed in this issue is in for a whole world of happy! They'll be getting the soundtrack to *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*, courtesy of our friends at Water-Tower Music; *The Looney Tunes Treasury*, courtesy of our compatriots at Running Press; *Lego Universe: Massively Multiplayer Online Game*, courtesy of our chums at The Lego Group; *The Pixar Treasures*, courtesy of our pals at Disney Book Group; *Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions* on PS3, courtesy of our compadres at Activision; and *GoldenEye 007* on Wii, courtesy of our amigos at Activision! If your letter didn't get published, get writing and get winning, suckeroos!



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Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds

KATY PERRY

- Fatally bitch-slapped after she kissed a girl who didn't like it.....2:1
- Infected rash caused by Cookie Monster's off-camera "motorboating".....3:1
- Massive chest cold.....6:1
- Catastrophic whiplash when bra snaps due to extreme pressure.....15:1
- Catches pneumonia from repeatedly being hot and then cold.....20:1
- Stoned to death as a "floozy of the devil" by members of her parents' flock.....20:1
- Tragic fall while entering catering hall to celebrate her 50-year, blissfully happy marriage to Russell Brand.....350,829:1



Artist: Sam Viviano

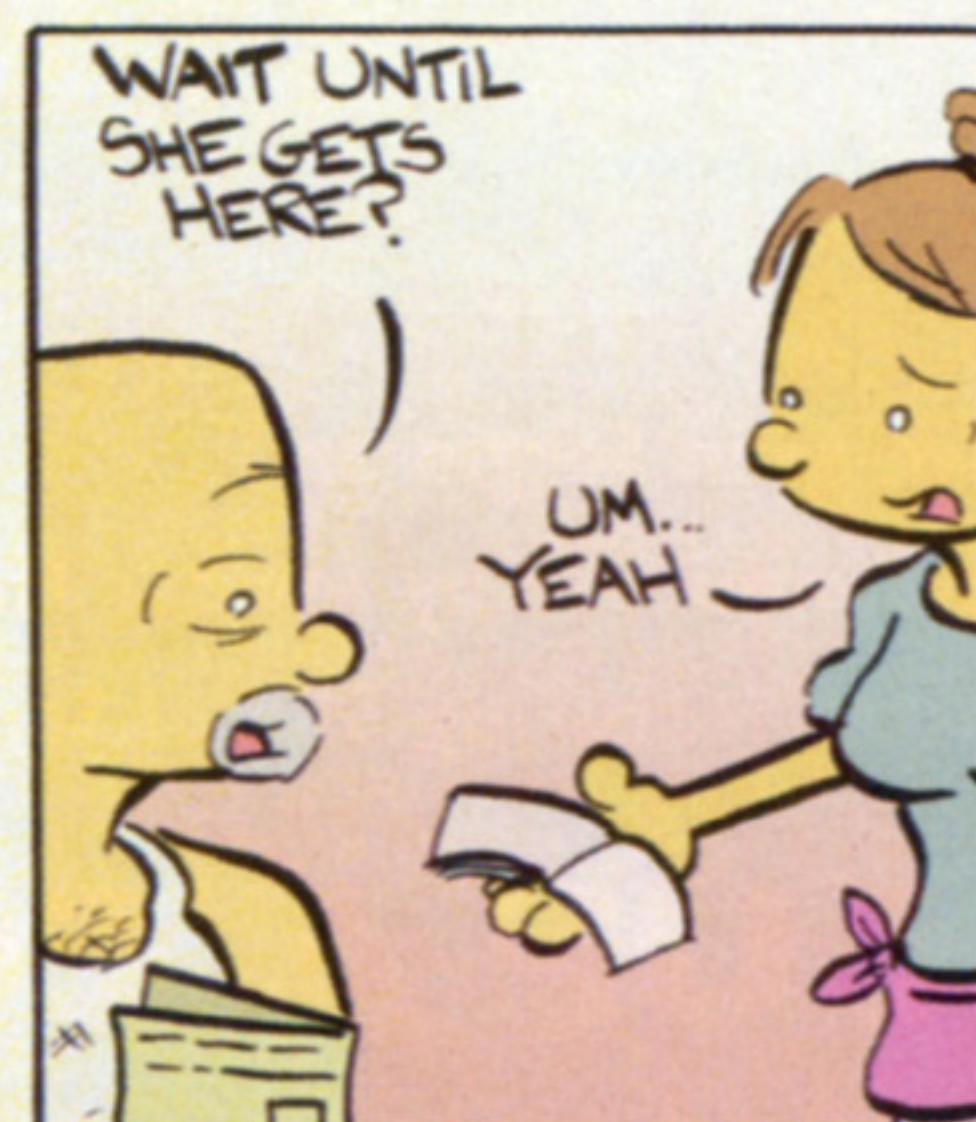
When the Going Gets Duff



Writer and Artist: J.C. Duffy

"Oh, relax. It's not a cell phone, it's a flask."

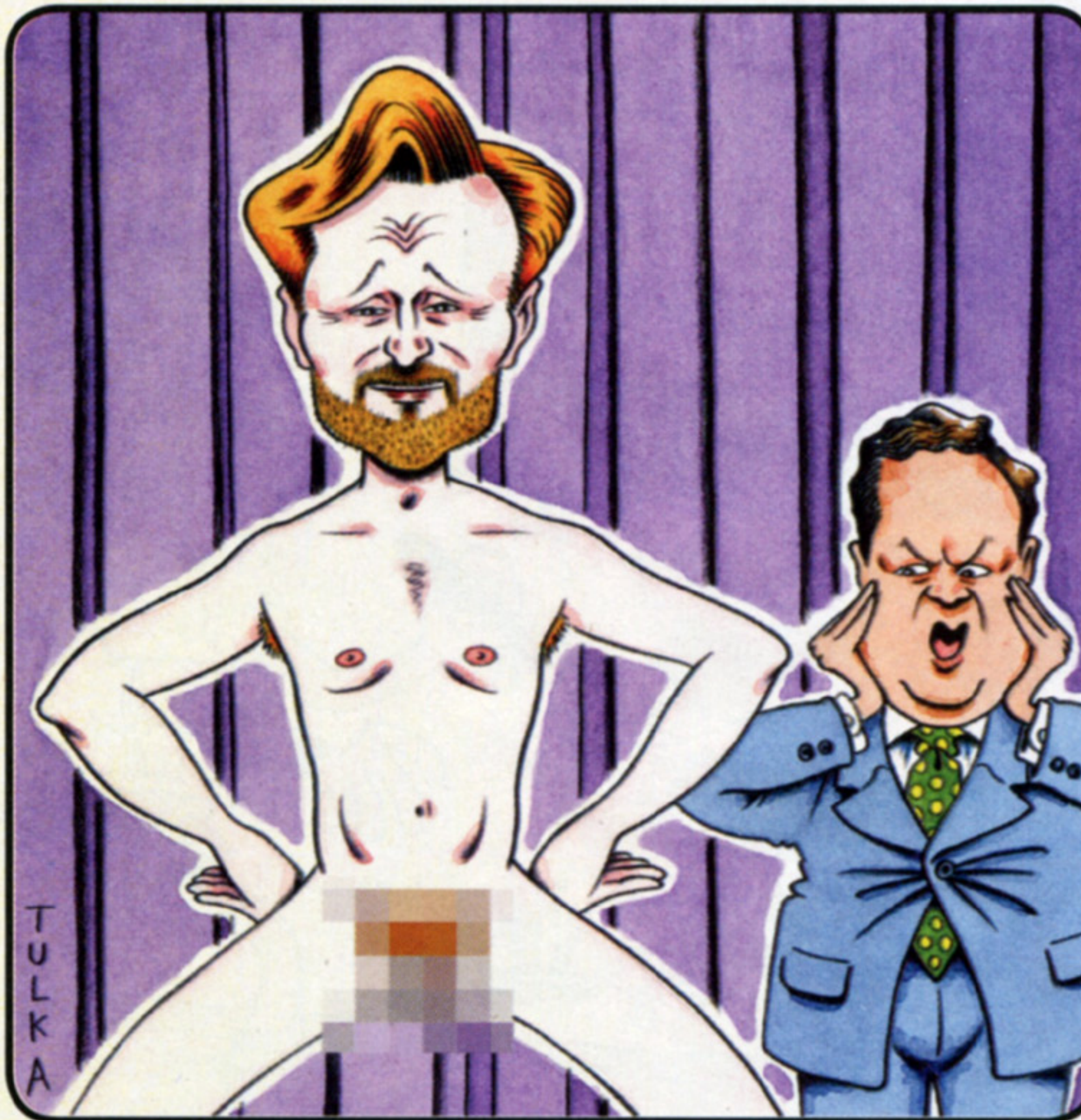
My Wife the Turtle (Episode 1)



Writer and Artist: Nate Fakes

The Fast Five Reasons No One Is Watching Conan's New Show on TBS

- 1 If people wanted to see an hour of a pasty-white, socially awkward creep, they'd just watch half of a *Twilight* movie.
- 2 At that time, most viewers are brushing their teeth and putting on their pajamas so that at midnight they'll be ready to watch the hilarious new king of late night talk, Mr. George Lopez!
- 3 Conan's on cable now — which means there's a small but haunting possibility that he'll show full-frontal.
- 4 Turns out six straight episodes of *The Office* reruns isn't as strong a lead-in as you'd think.
- 5 Most people would just rather watch Jay than Conan. (Didn't we already settle this?)



Artist: Rick Tulka

SERIOUSLY SUCKY SECRET SANTA GIFTS

CANARIES



AN UNPACKAGED NOSTRIL HAIR TRIMMER



ONE FINE LEATHER GLOVE



A WINDOW TREATMENT



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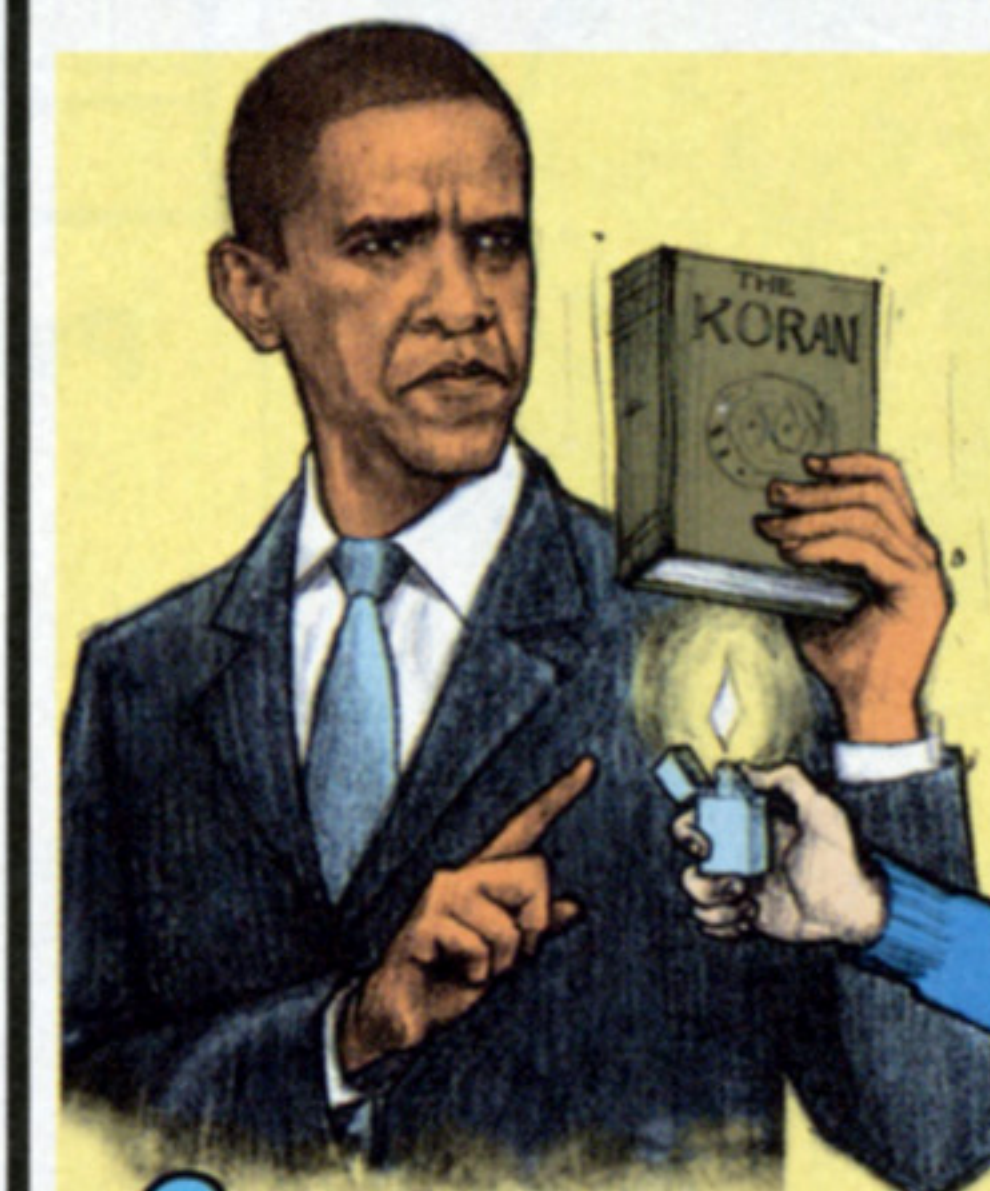
Vey to Go



Writer and Artist: P.C. Vey

"THEY USUALLY DON'T SMOKE THIS CLOSE TO HUMANS."

The Tea Party's Believe Barack It or Not!



OBAMA CLAIMS HE'S NOT A MUSLIM, YET HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE BURNING OF THE KORAN — ISLAM'S MOST HOLY OF HOLY BOOKS!

BELIEVE BARACK OR NOT!

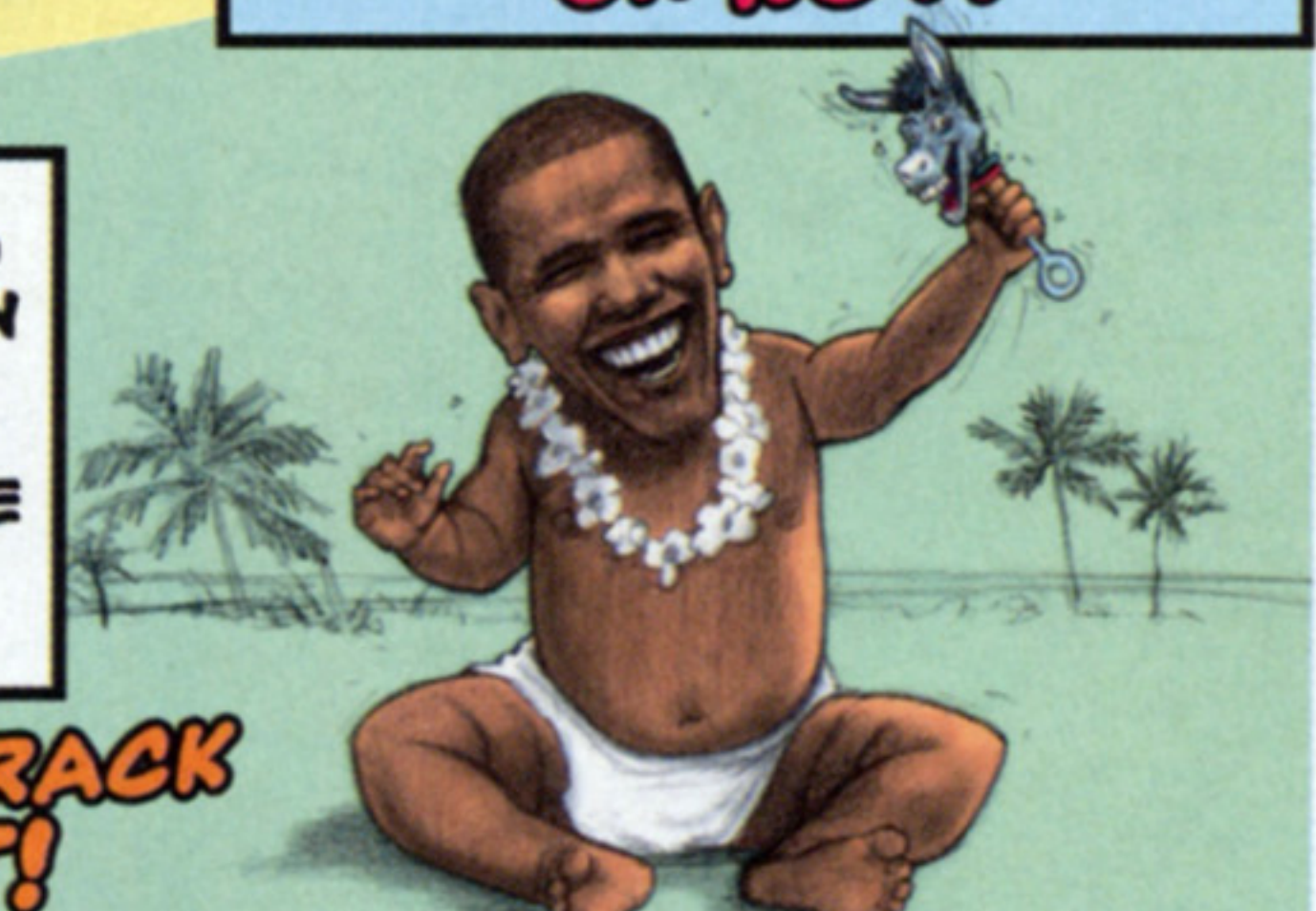


OBAMA CLAIMS HE'S NOT A FASCIST DICTATOR — YET THERE ARE COUNTLESS PICTURES OF HIM DRESSED AS HITLER, THE MOST REVILED MAN IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY!

BELIEVE BARACK OR NOT!

OBAMA CLAIMS TO BE A U.S. CITIZEN BORN IN HAWAII, YET HE HAS NOT HOSTED A SINGLE WIAU AT THE WHITE HOUSE!

BELIEVE BARACK OR NOT!



Writer: Nate Fakes Artist: Zachary Baldus

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THE KITCHEN SINK UPCOMING REALITY SHOWS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- Trading Pacemakers
- This Old Hospice
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- Mallwalking with the Stars

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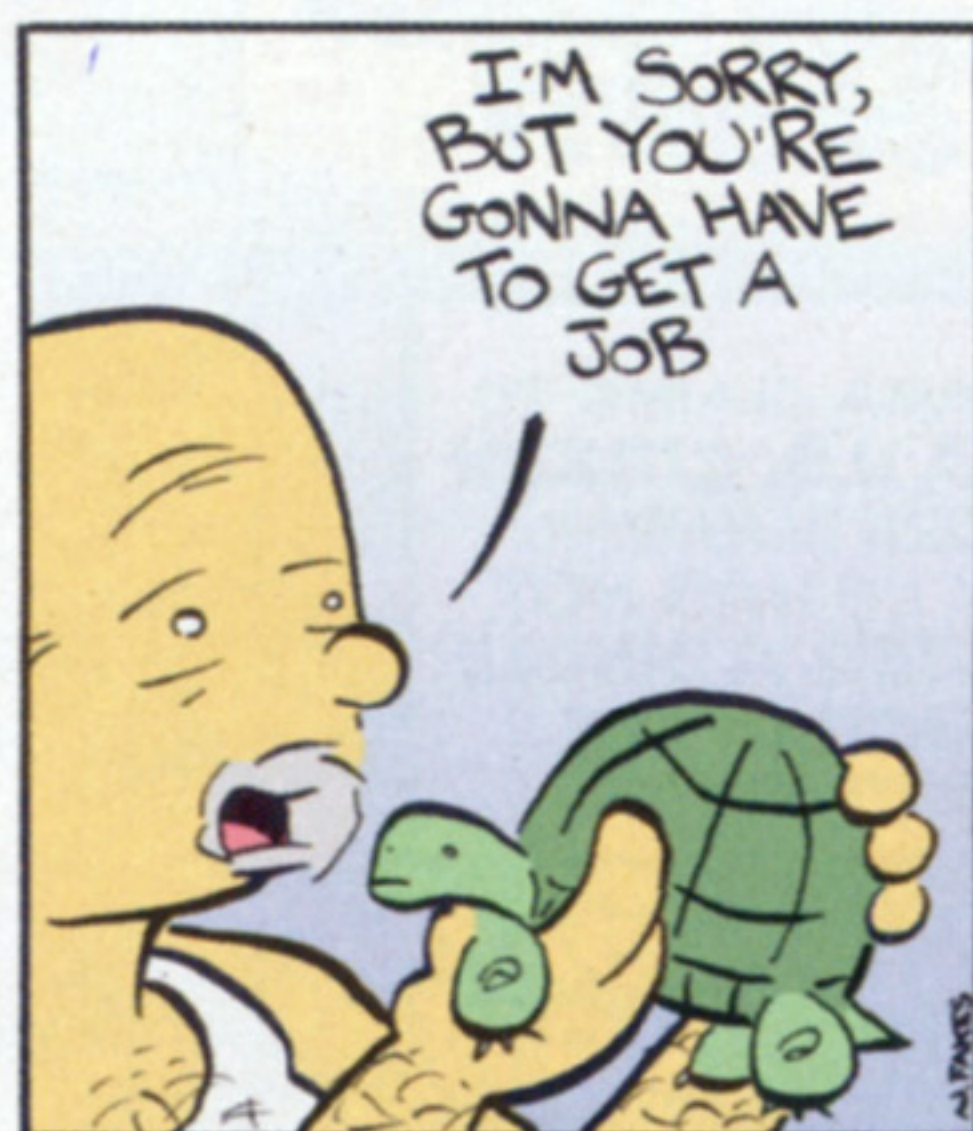
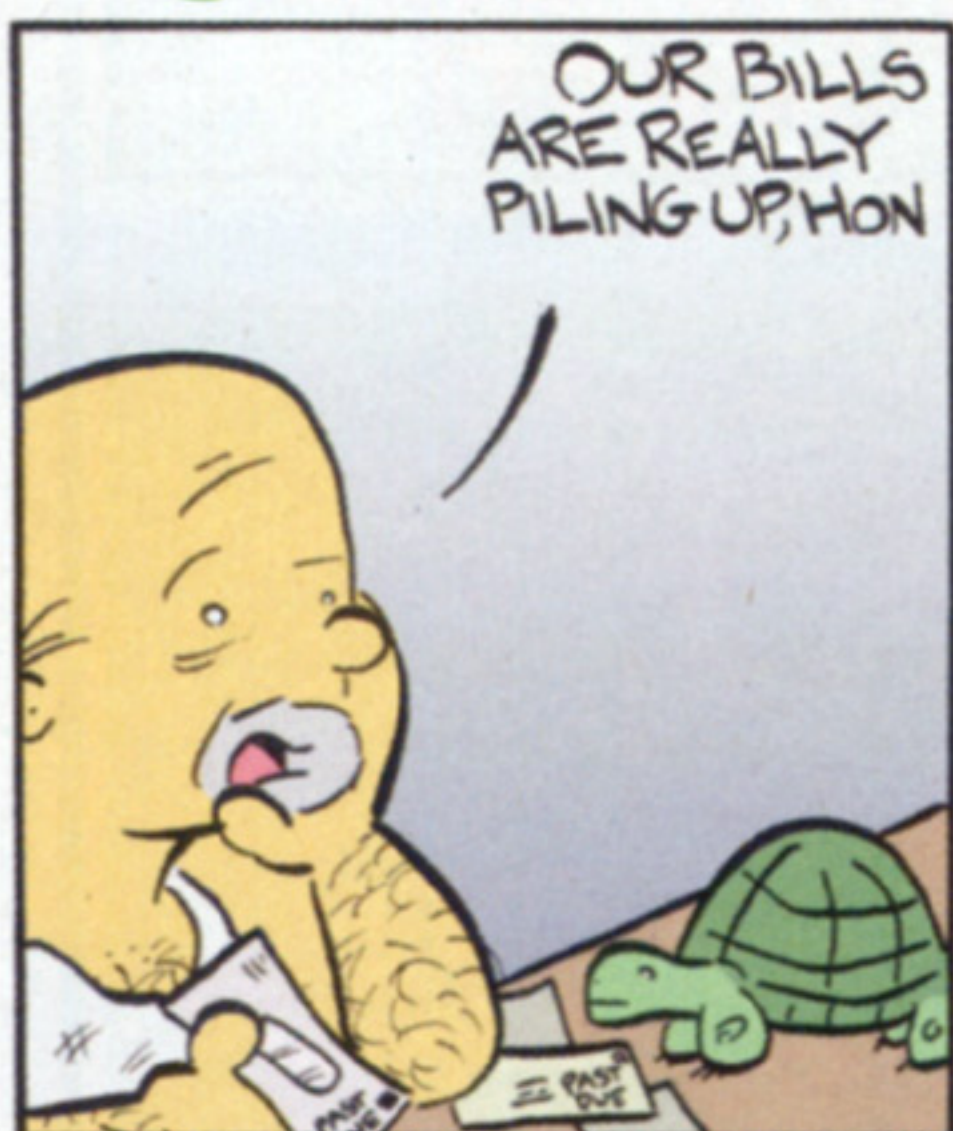
Ernest Borgnine
Is 93 and Single



Artist: Bob Staake

- Project Wheelchair Ramp
- My Super Sweet 90th
- Kathy Griffin: My Life on the DNR List
- So You Think You Can Fall
- The Amazing Race to the Bathroom
- Donald Trump's Celebrity Arthritics

My Wife the Turtle (Episode 2)



DOUBTING THOMAS



Writer and Artist: Eric Scott

Pull My Cheney



"NO, TED, THIS IS THE CHRONIC SUNBURN GROUP - THE RAGING MOTION SICKNESS GROUP MEETS ON THURSDAYS AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK."

Writer and Artist:
Tom Cheney



Writer and Artist: Nate Fakes

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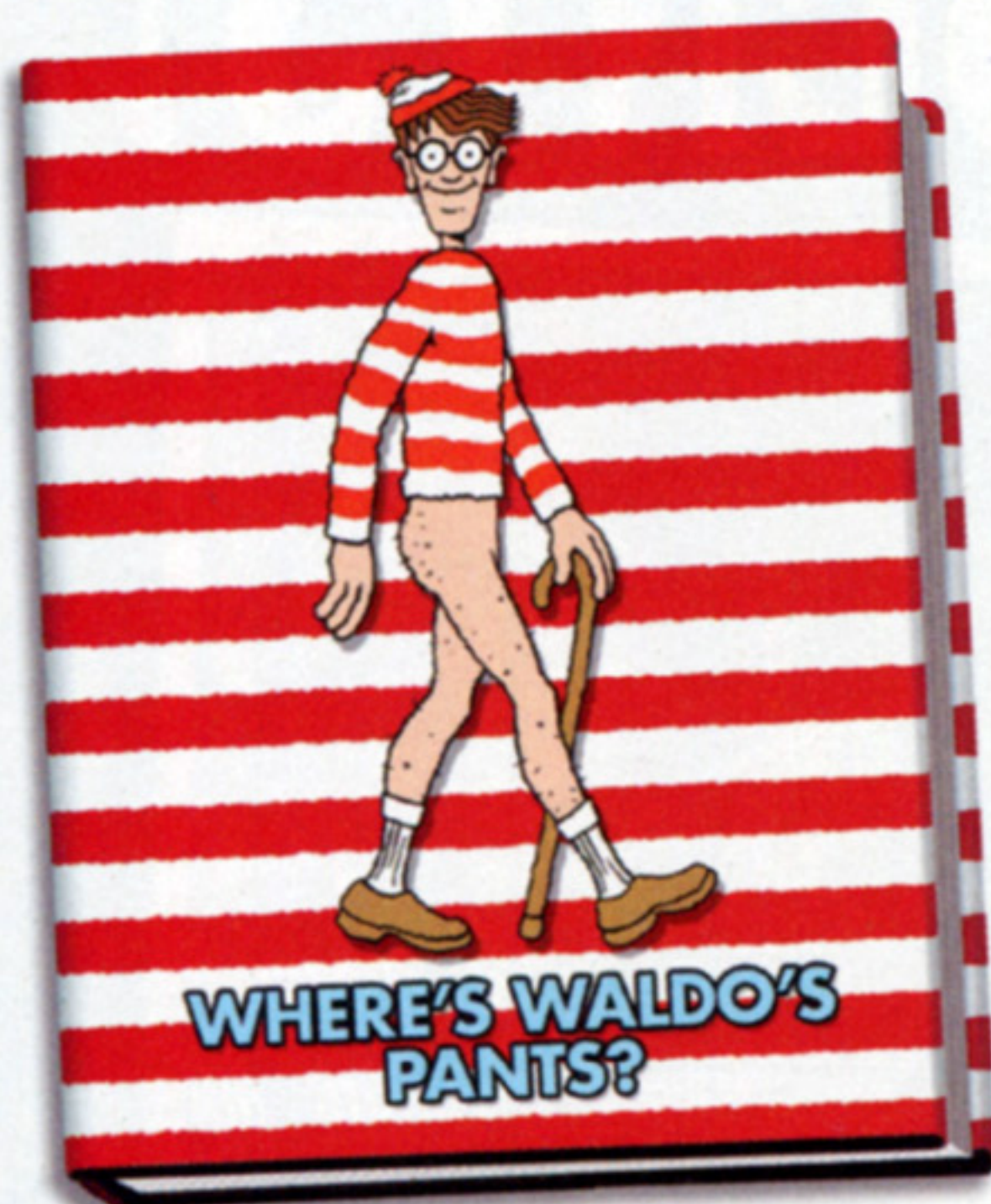
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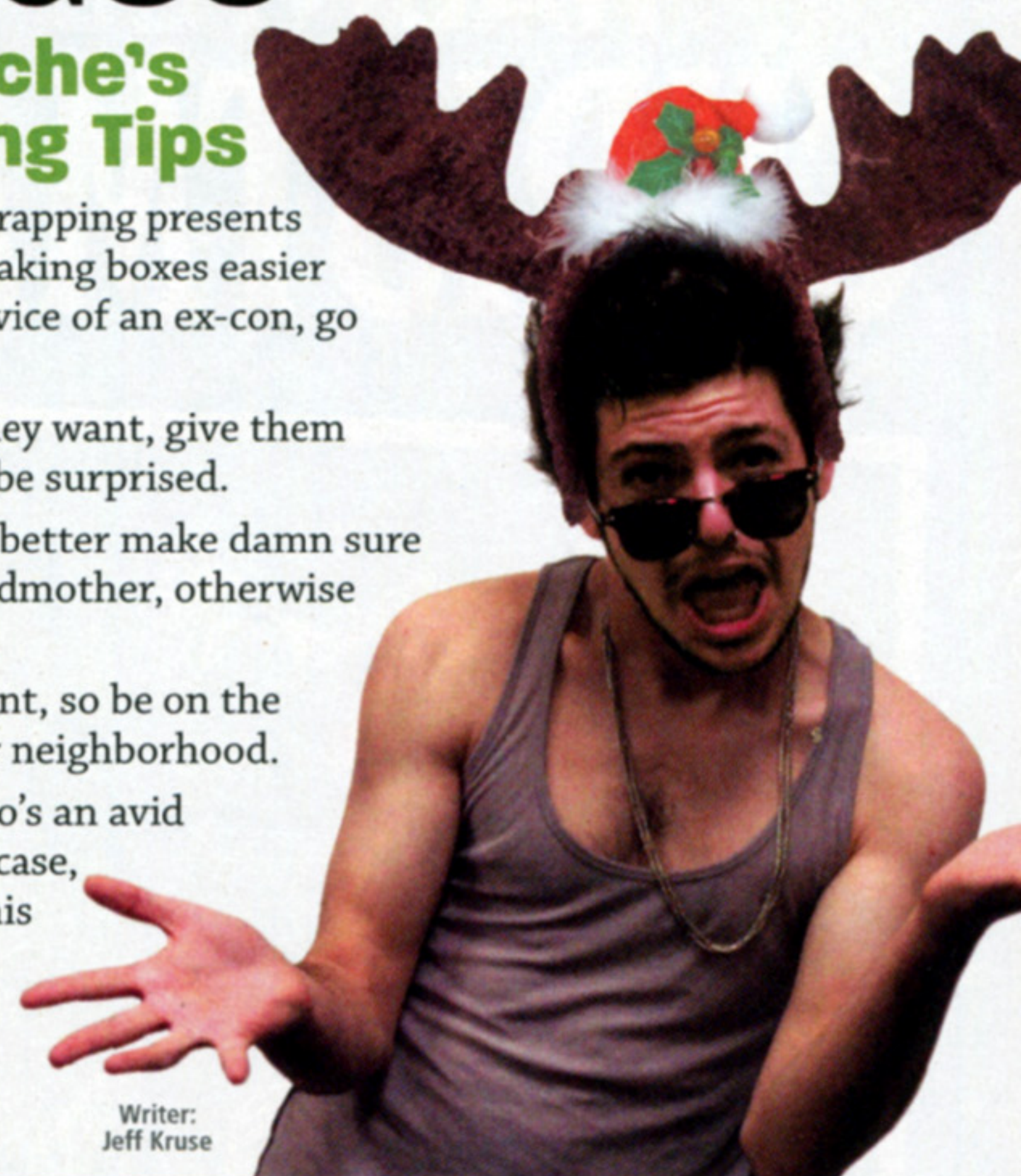


Writer: Darren Johnson

Donnie The Douche's Holiday Gift-Giving Tips

- Martha Stewart advises you to start wrapping presents early, adding ribbons and tags later, making boxes easier to store. So, if you want to take the advice of an ex-con, go ahead and try that.
- If people drop hints about what gift they want, give them something totally different, so they'll be surprised.
- Before giving Grandma that mug, you better make damn sure she really is the World's Greatest Grandmother, otherwise you're going to piss a lot of people off.
- A pet is a thoughtful and unique present, so be on the lookout for stray dogs and cats in your neighborhood.
- Let's say you have a brother-in-law who's an avid golfer at the local country club. In that case, screw the rich bastard. He can afford his own damn equipment.
- It's considerate to give practical items that people really need (i.e., a can of Slim Fast for a fat person)

Writer:
Jeff Kruse



World of Warcraft Character or NBA Nickname?

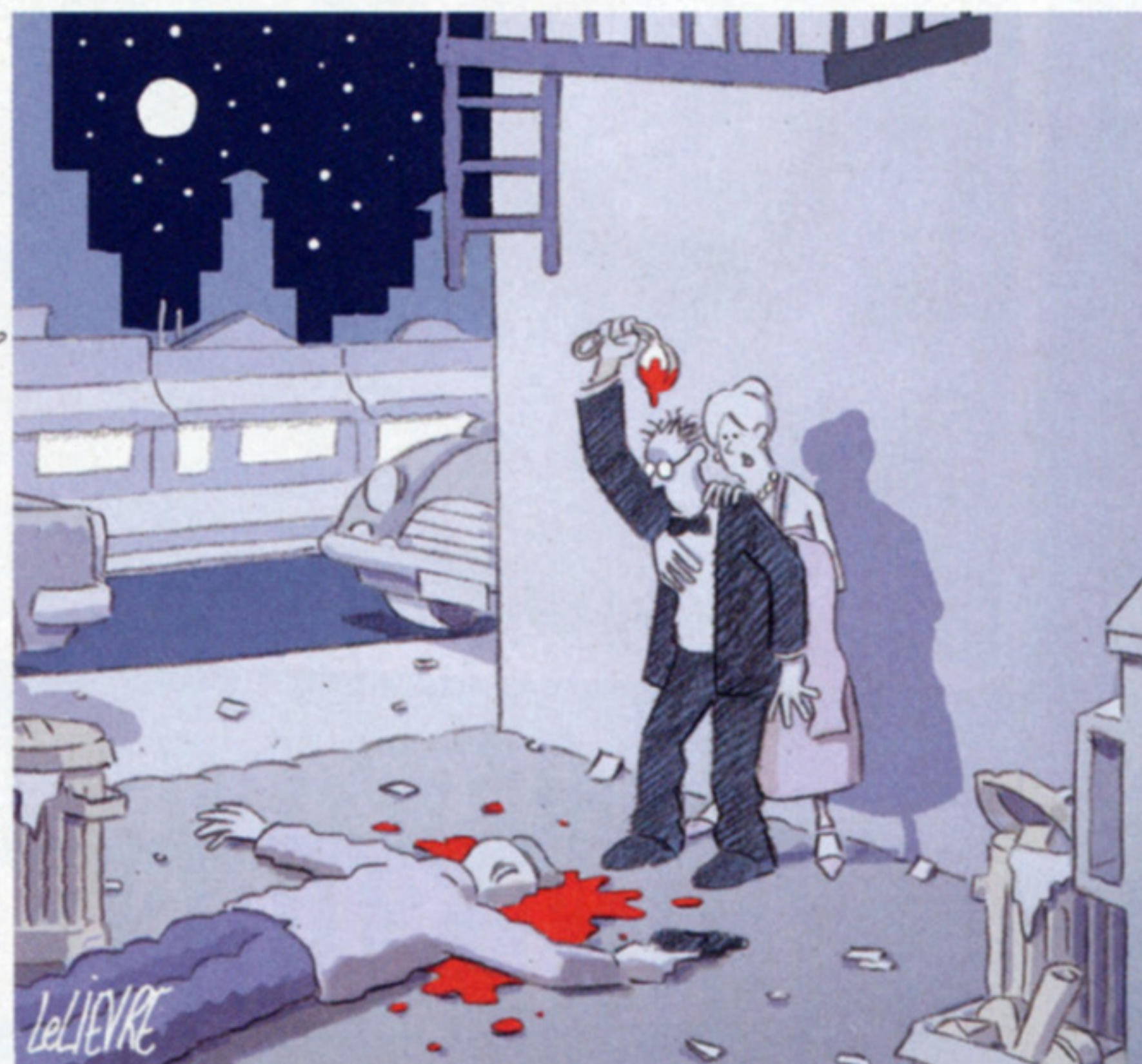
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- 7 The Darantula
- 8 Mummified Headhunter
- 9 The Zenmaster
- 10 Rokmar the Clacker
- 11 Agent Zero
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ANSWERS: Odd-numbered are NBA nicknames; even-numbered are WoW characters



Writer: Jeff Kruse
Artist: Tom Bunk

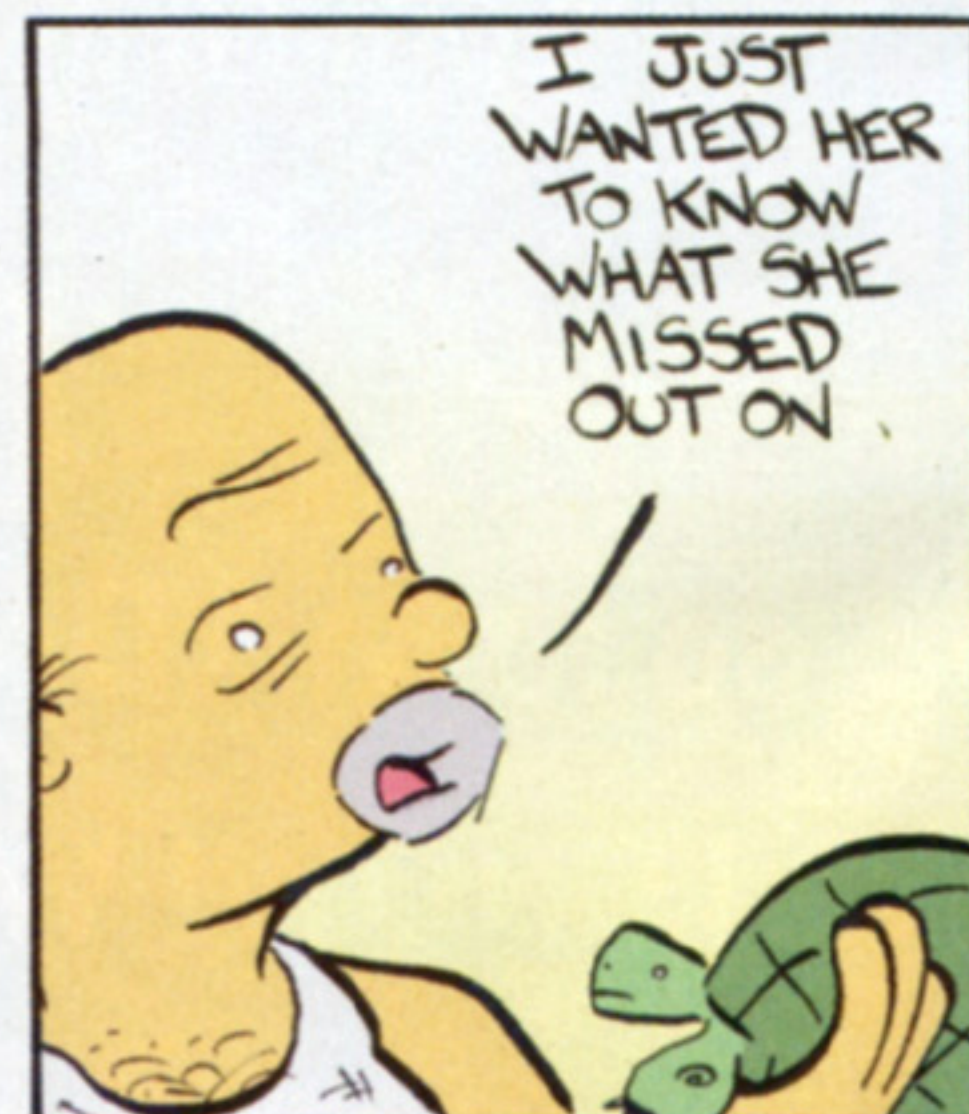
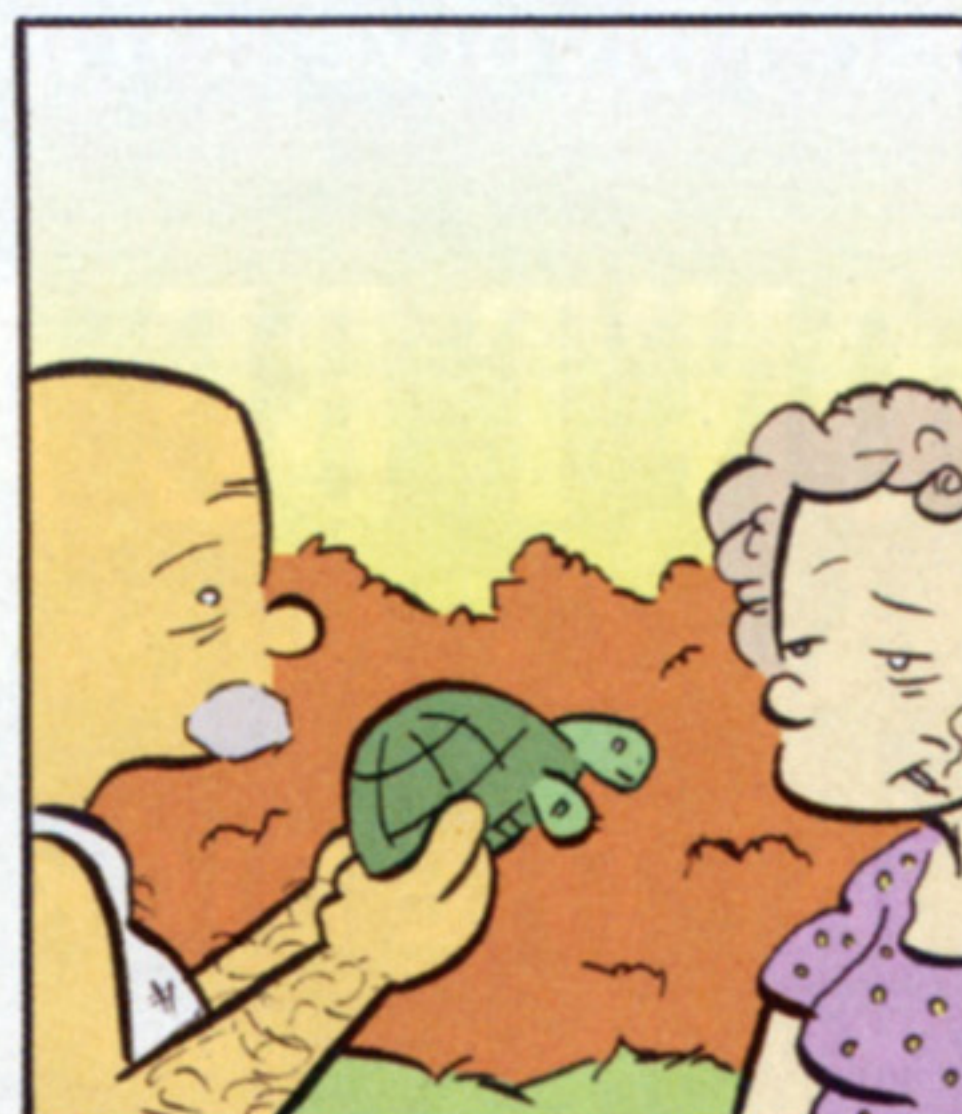
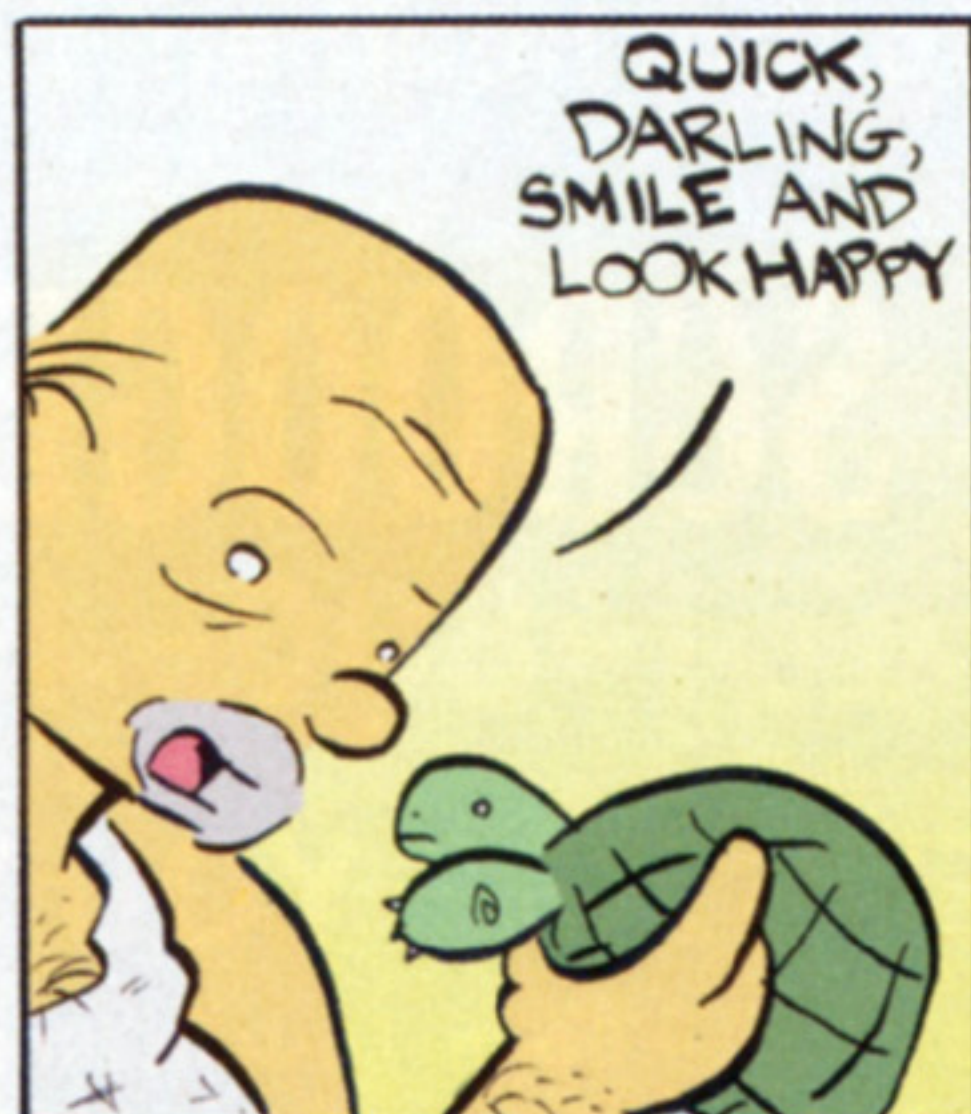
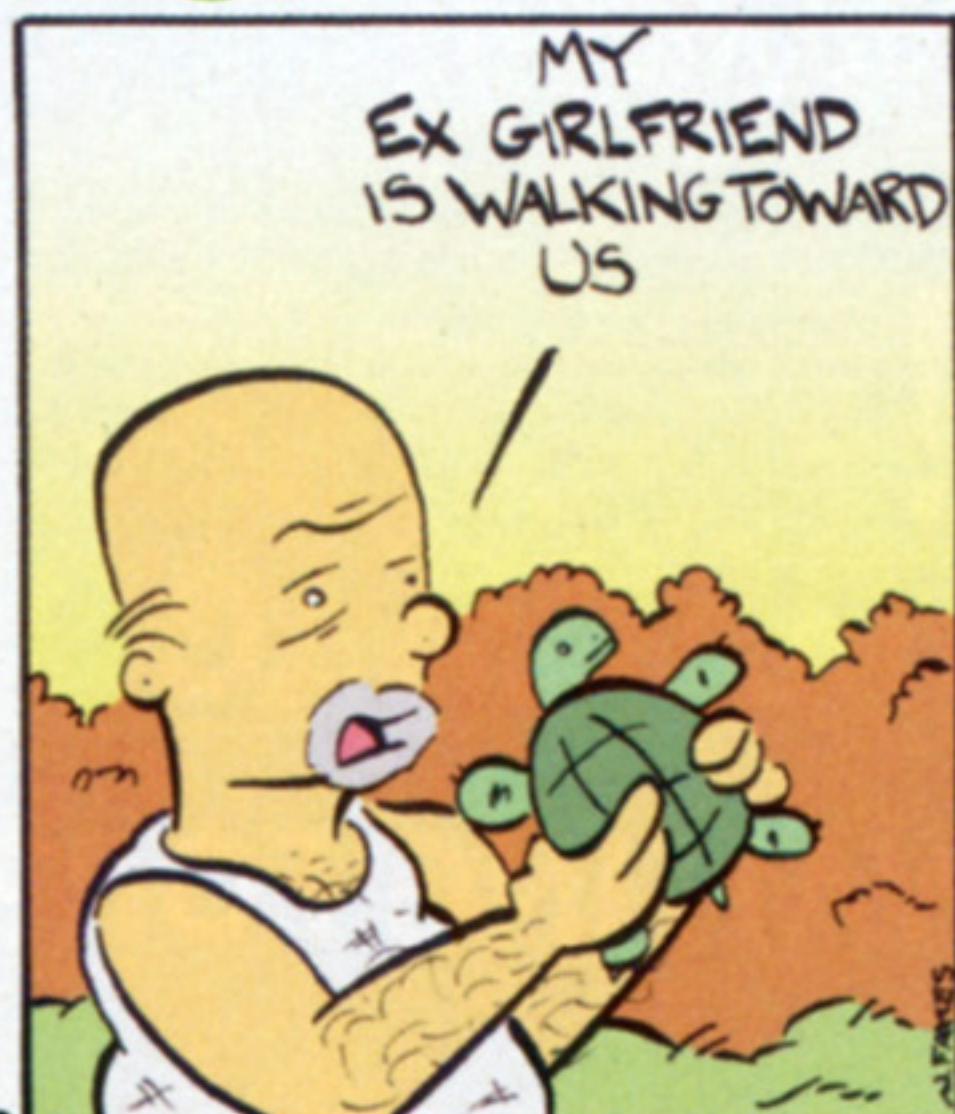
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"Thank God for your Nobel Peace Prize."

Writer and Artist:
Glen LeLievre

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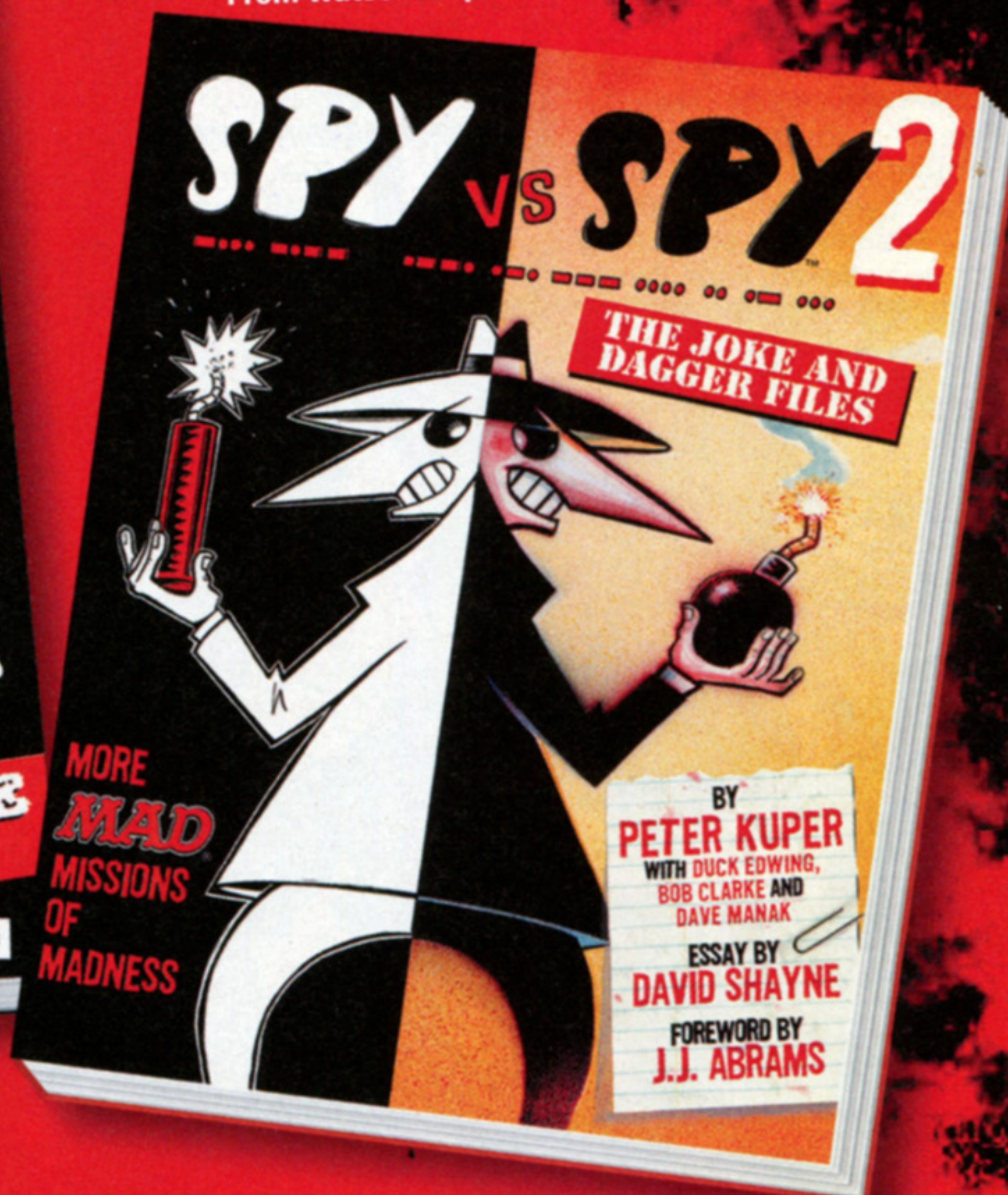
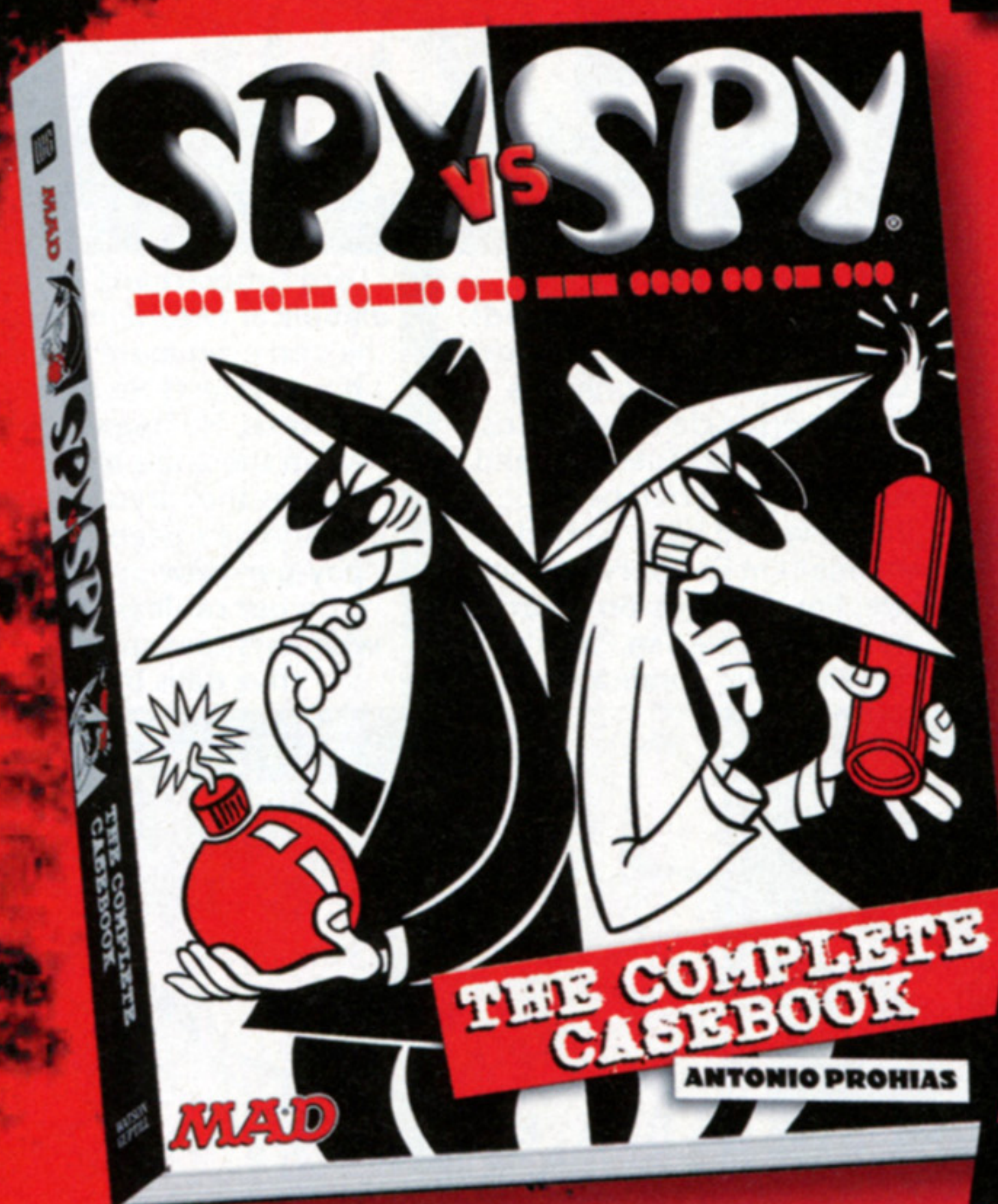
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AND IT'S DREADFUL
WHAT FOLLOWS

The boy is all alone and vulnerable. But we can't blast Plodder to pieces until he physically leaves his house, because it's protected by the potent Stretchio Convenius charm! That spell can only be created by combining powerful magic, a dying mother's love, and an author who didn't want her \$8 billion franchise to come to a screeching halt on Book Seven, Page Two!

My Lord Druckermort, I bring you news! They will be moving Harry Plodder this Wednesday night. We must travel there to attack!

You mean to say...?

Yes — we shall have to TiVo Cougar Town!

In the battle between the purebloods and the mudbloods, we Malformeds are *no-bloods*! Our entire family only has one red corpuscle between us. I get to use it on Tuesdays and Fridays! If Drano had been born a girl, we would have named her Anemia! I'm so angry and so white, I'm the odds-on favorite to capture the Tea Party's presidential nomination!

Lord Druckermort is the most diabolical wizard in history, but he's an even *more* unbearable house guest! He abuses and insults us. He opens new cereal when there are already open boxes that aren't finished. And he's been ordering pay-per-view programming, on *our* cable bill! I mean, who pays to watch MacGruber five days in a row?

Being the youngest Death Eater is tough! Sometimes I wish I were a regular kid with a normal summer vacation. I've never even been to Disney World! Instead, I'm stuck with ugly strangers and oversized animals, hanging around some old castles and sweating like a pig. On second thought, this is *exactly* like going to Disney World!

Check it out! With these 3-D glasses, you can almost see the boss' nose!

Who cares! Druckermort gives me the creeps. Besides the skinless nostrils, he's got those slits for eyes with no eyebrows, that waxy see-through flesh, those veiny temples, that clenched jaw with missing lips...

Eh, whatever. It's *still* better than the work Bruce Jenner had done!

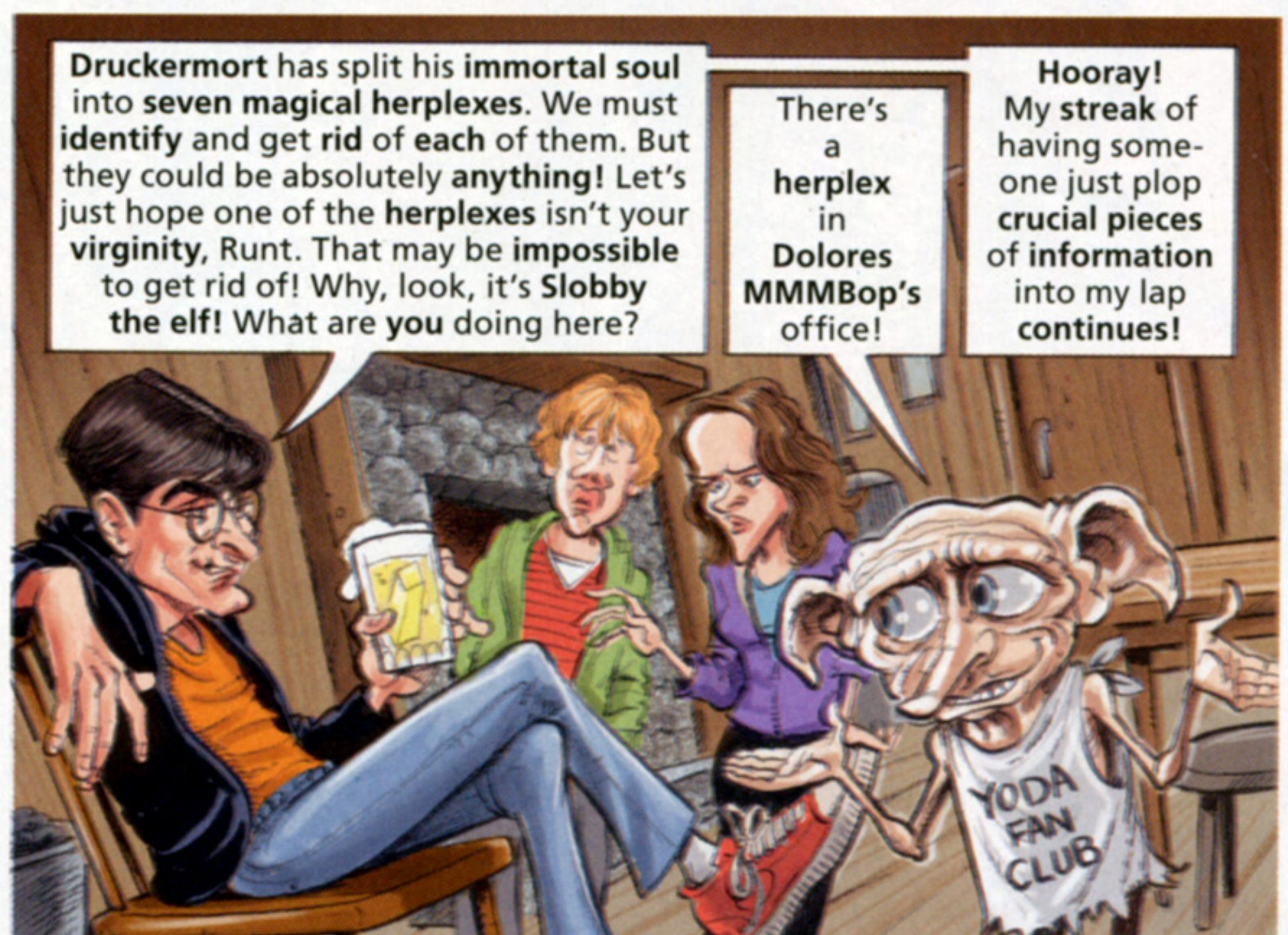
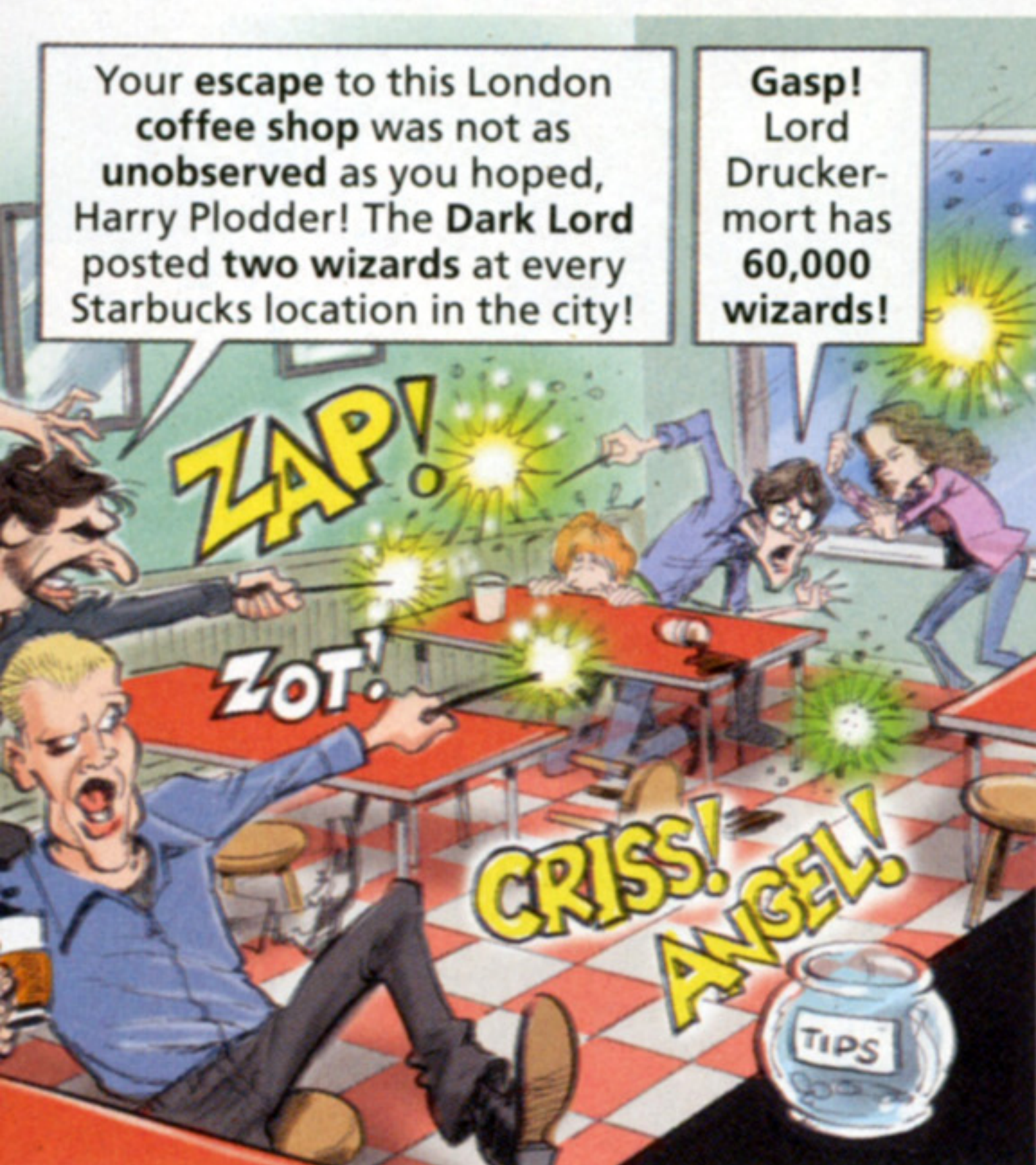
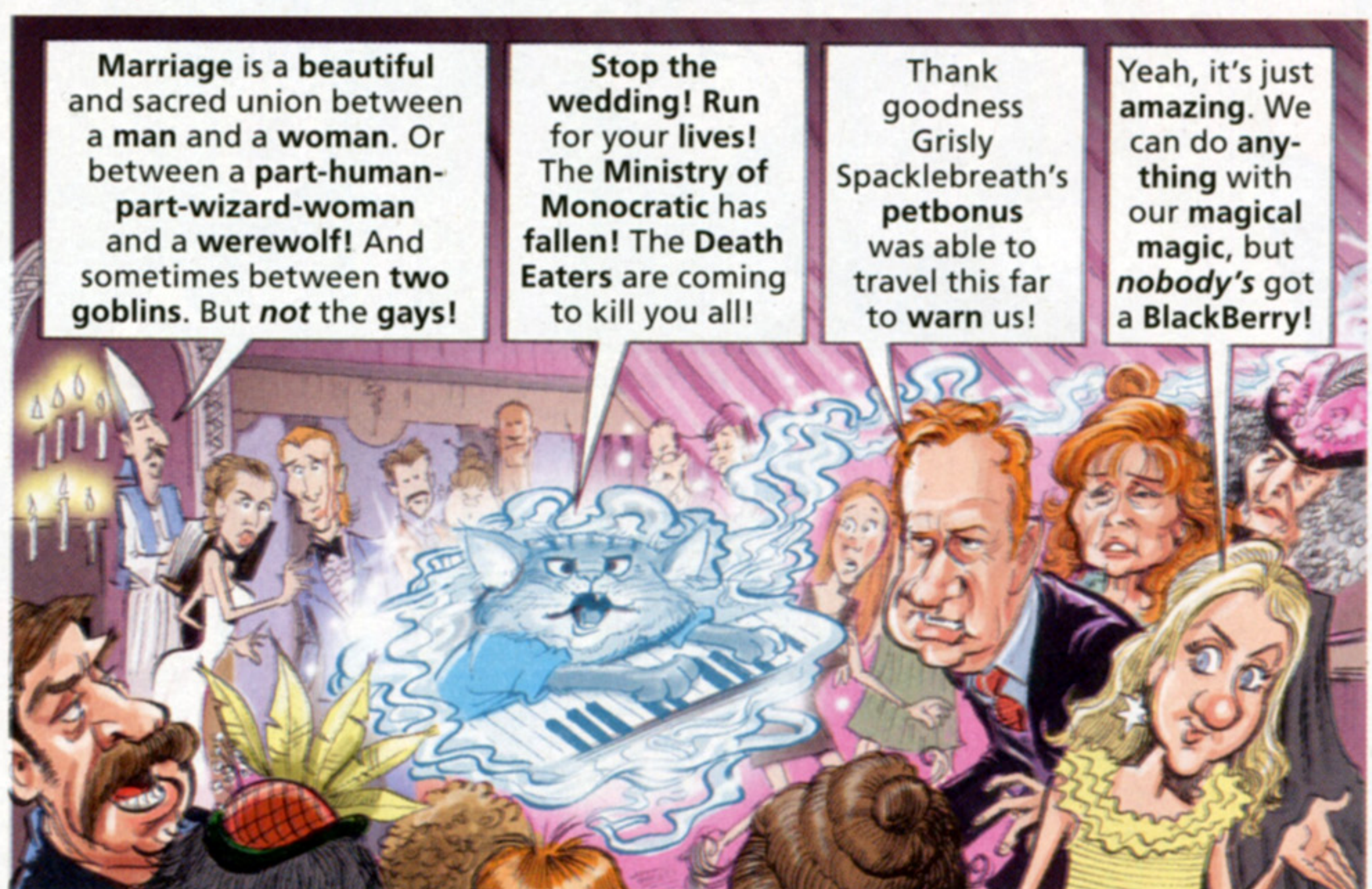


To fool Druckermort, six of you have become exact duplicates of Harry Plodder. Suddenly the room just got 700% nerdier!

At long last, Harry Plodder in a bra! Hmm. Somehow, this isn't as sexy as the online fanfic made it seem!

What are you doing, Herwhiny?

Just satisfying my curiosity about something... yup! Just what I thought! You're not even close to being the greatest wizard of them all!





It's not enough to *look* like three of Lord Druckermort's followers. To fool the Ministry workers, Runt, you've got to *be* like them. Just fake being an expert. Shout for no reason. And act like an arrogant a-hole at all times. If you're good, you might even be able to parlay it into a recurring guest spot on MSNBC or Fox News!

This is the second time this week I've transformed my face. The only part I hate is changing back!



Harry, you unthinkable bonehead! Why would you turn yourself in?

For the cash reward, of course! How was I to know that I'm ineligible? Now we need to reach the new hideout, and time is of the essence! About half of the book is just the three of us, dicking around in the forest for 300 pages. And that forest-dicking excitement begins...now!



Tomorrow, we'll research how to destroy the herplex inside the necklace. Inside my magic bag, I've packed books, maps, potions, equipment, money, clothes and dozens of other magical items!

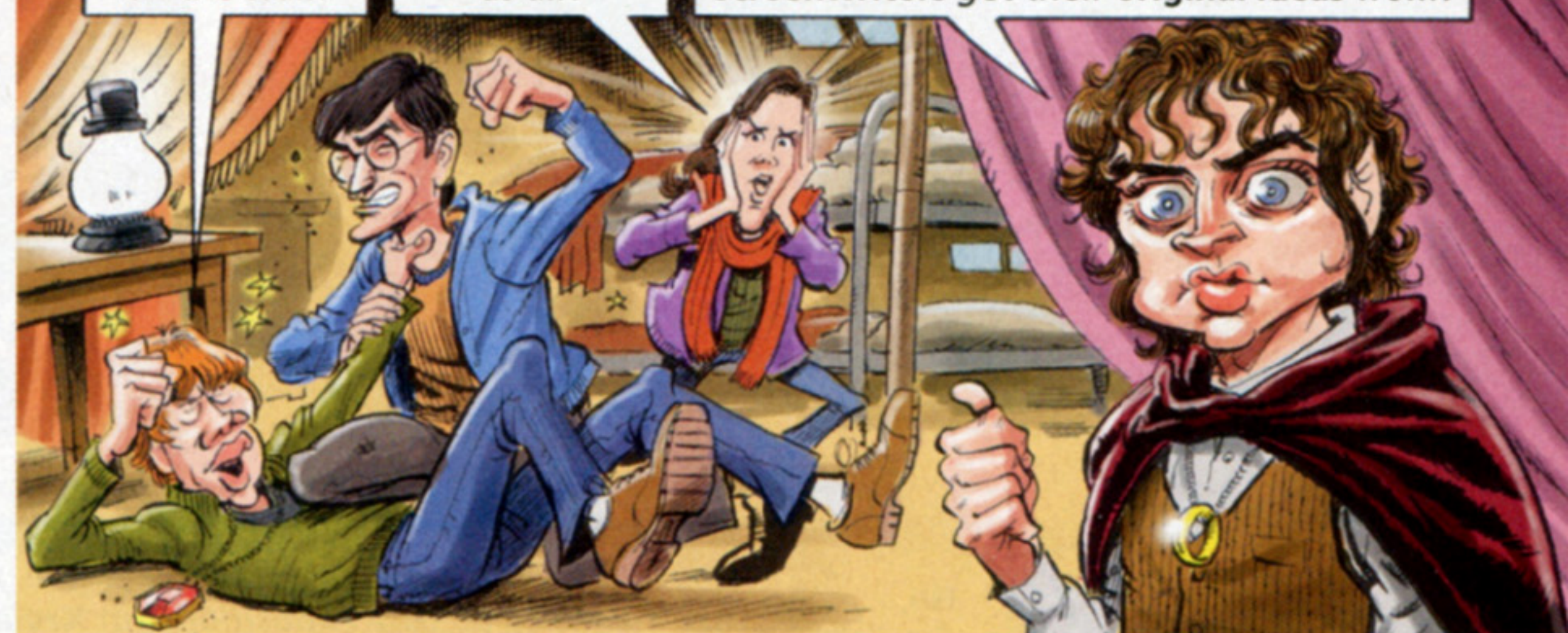
Oooh, fantastic planning! You wouldn't happen to have packed a space heater anywhere in there? Idiot!



We've been on the run for months! I can't take it! We're up to 74,853,991,208 bottles of beer on the wall!

Stop it, you two! Can't you see that this necklace has a negative energy that's affecting us all?

Gosh! A hunted group of heroes traveling the countryside, to fulfill the quest of a kindly bearded wizard who died, sort of! And struggling to destroy one enchanted piece of jewelry that's part of a larger set, before it warps their personalities and wrecks their friendship! Where do these screenwriters get their original ideas from?



We've lost Runt, but we've found a replacement with just as much charisma. Your dead parents!

The softly drifting snow...the twinkling holiday lights...going home again... and two rotting corpses. It's like a Hallmark Christmas special, designed by the guy who does the Saw movies!



Oh no! It's Druckermort's snake, Linguini! Oh, Harry! Have you ever heard such horrible hissing?

Once! A couple of years back, when I was in that Broadway play! But what a diabolical trick! Killing poor old Godzilda Hagsnot was cruel enough, but to lie in wait for us, disguised as his own hollowed-out victim! What soulless creature would even dream of wearing the skin of an old dead woman?

Lady Gaga?



Harry! Harry!
You've been
shaking and
convulsing all
night! Is Lord
Druckermort still
inside your head?

Yes, him. And that Katy Perry song!
It's so catchy!
Cal-i-fornia girls, we're unforgettable!
Daisy Dukes, bikinis on top!
Sun-kissed skin so hot, we'll melt your
Popsicle! Oh oh ooo oh ooo oh ooo!



Oh look, a mysterious glowing deer. Well, I haven't been
attacked and almost killed by a strange animal in two
days! I think I'll follow this one....what could go wrong?



Glub! Blurble! Runt, you came
back! And saved me from
drowning! I think you should
have the honor of taking the
magic **Sword of Griddlecake**
that we just found, and
using it to personally
destroy the necklace!

Wow,
really?
Having
your trust
means
so much
to me!

And who knows, the
bloody thing might
explode! So I'll be
crouching over there,
behind that thick
oak tree, admiring
you and valuing
our friendship!



This sneaky herplex will do anything to distract me
from destroying it! It's showing me enchanted nude
pictures of Herwhiny, doing the nasty with my best
friend! The images are so sensual. So realistic. So
naked! And now I can't get the most hurtful and
awful questions out of my mind! Starting with
Question One: where's the friggin' pause button?



Mr. Lovegoo, we came to
you because the official
newspaper is nothing
but propaganda and
lies! Only *your* paper
prints the truth. You're
like a crusading blogger!

No,
I'm
not.
I
have
readers!



"Joe, Kevin and Nick were brothers. Joe was
happy to be *trite exposition*. But Kevin wanted
to be an *unambiguous allegory*. And Nick hoped
to become an *ancillary book project*. Thus
they *sought* the *three crucially essential items*
that are so *central* to the *story* that it only took
3,745 pages before J.K. Rowling got around
to *mentioning* them. The *first* of these..."

Hold it. Are
the clues to
Druckermort's
lifelong secret
plan **REALLY**
hidden in some
fakakta old
children's story?

Possibly!
Maybe
Linguini isn't
a snake.
Maybe he's
just a Very
Hungry
Caterpillar!





At long last, Runt and I are tied together at the wrists with ropes! Hmm. Somehow, this isn't as sexy as the online fanfic made it seem! But how did you find us?

Easy! Your friend here smells like Snausages!

It's a glandular problem, okay? I'm working on it!



Let's be clear about this. Yes, I'll be your prison bitch! But if you try to rent me out for a pack of cigarettes, I'll shiv you in your sleep!

Runt, we've only been locked in this dungeon for five minutes!

Really? Maybe I should have waited to give myself this Aryan Nation tattoo!



Next we have Haley Joel Osment! Oscar-nominated at age 11. Doing cartoon voiceover work at age 13! In rehab at age 18! Or Frankie Muniz, Hollywood teen star in 2003. Out of the acting business by 2006!

NO! NO! THAT WON'T BE ME! GAA-AH-HH!!

Now, whose porno film would you like to watch first? The kid actress from *Family Matters*, or the kid actor from *Saved by the Bell*?



Thanks to Slobby, we're busting out of here! *Carnivorous vulgaris!* *Accelerati incredibulus!*

Nelly Furtado!

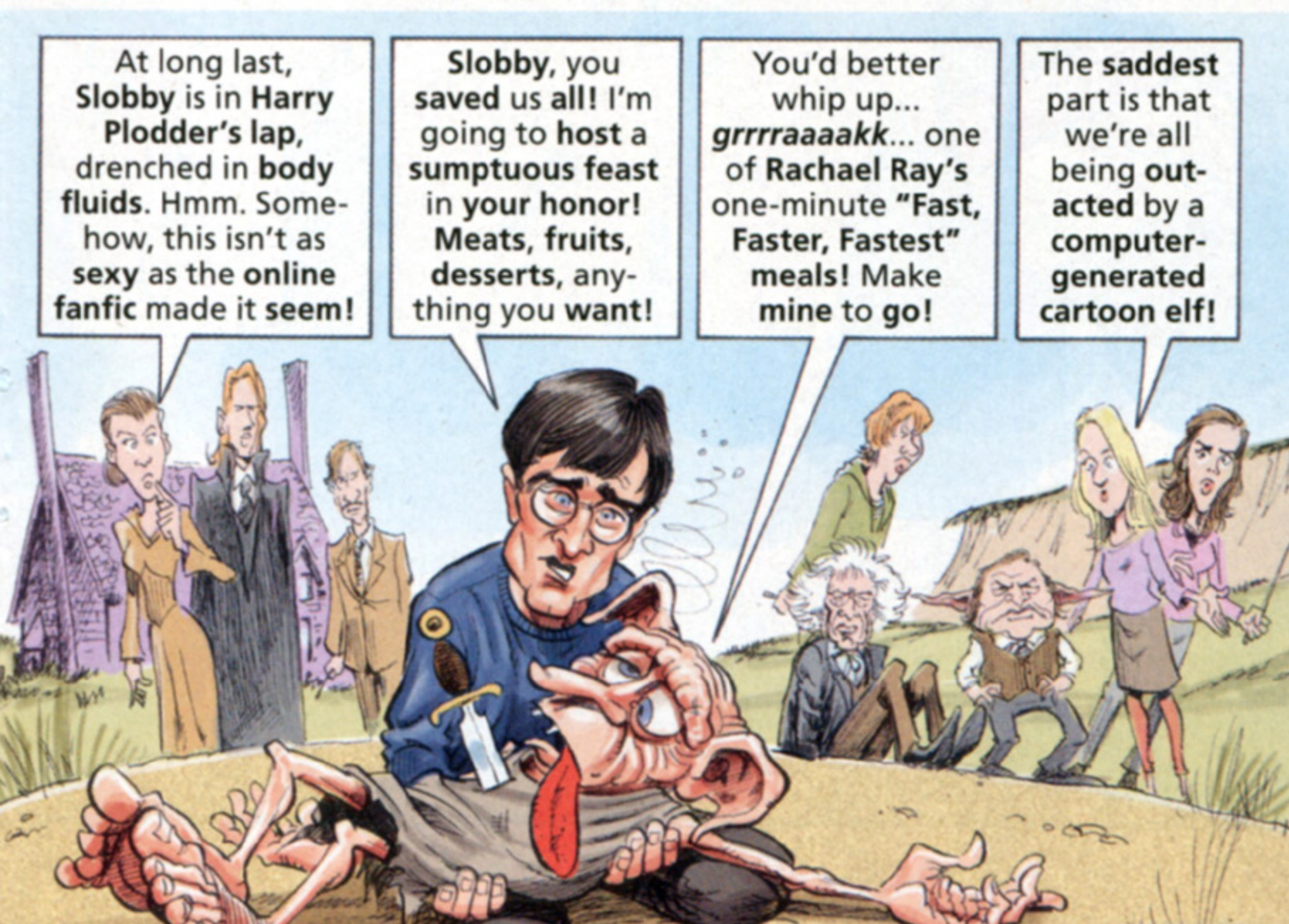
Cystic Fibrosis!

Lipitor Nexium! Flomax Allegra!

Ochocinco! Antonio Banderas!

Rummikub Jenga Stratego!

These spells aren't getting us anywhere! We need something more refined! More sophisticated! So, now me go stabby-stabby!

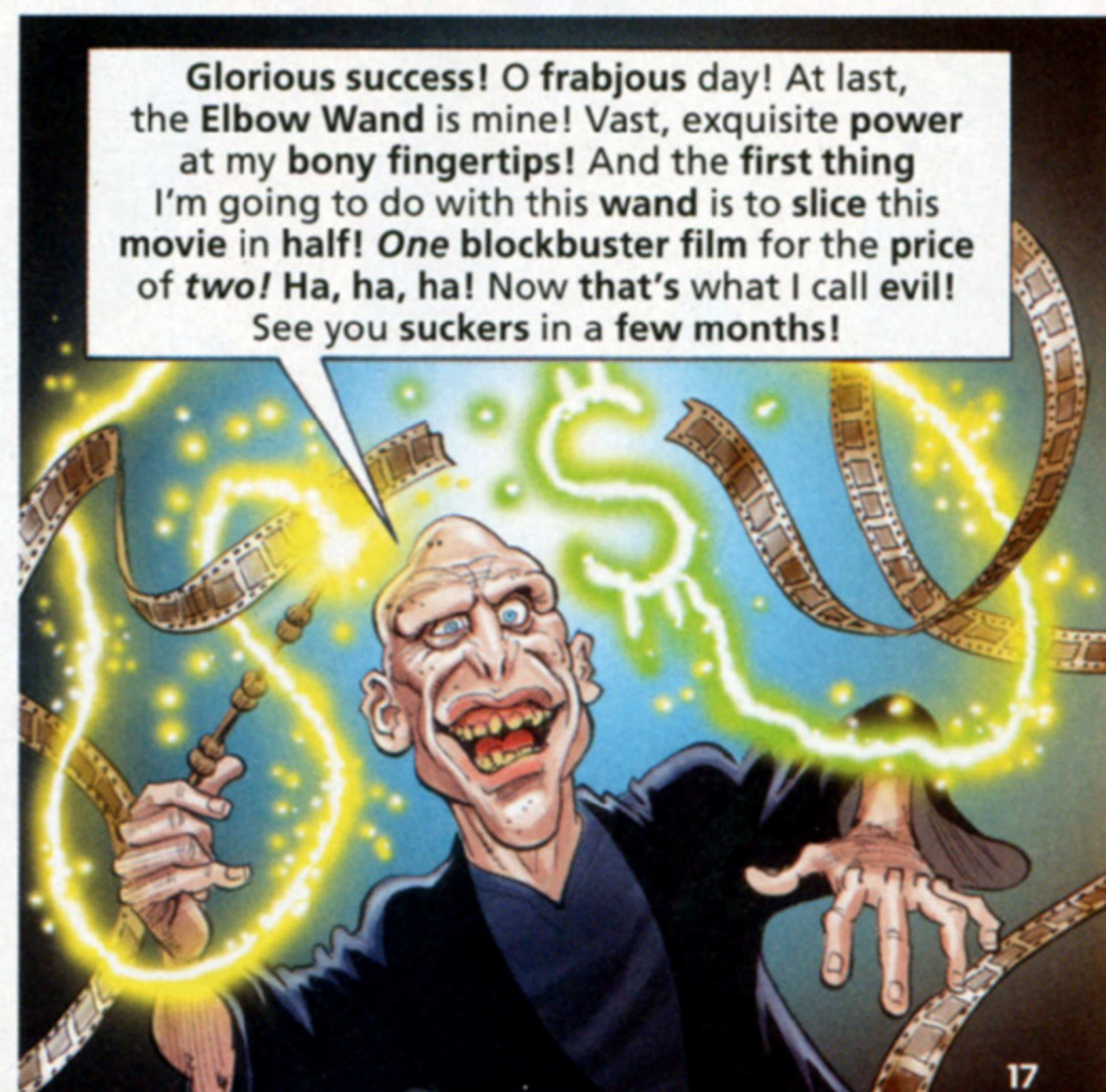


At long last, Slobby is in Harry Plodder's lap, drenched in body fluids. Hmm. Somehow, this isn't as sexy as the online fanfic made it seem!

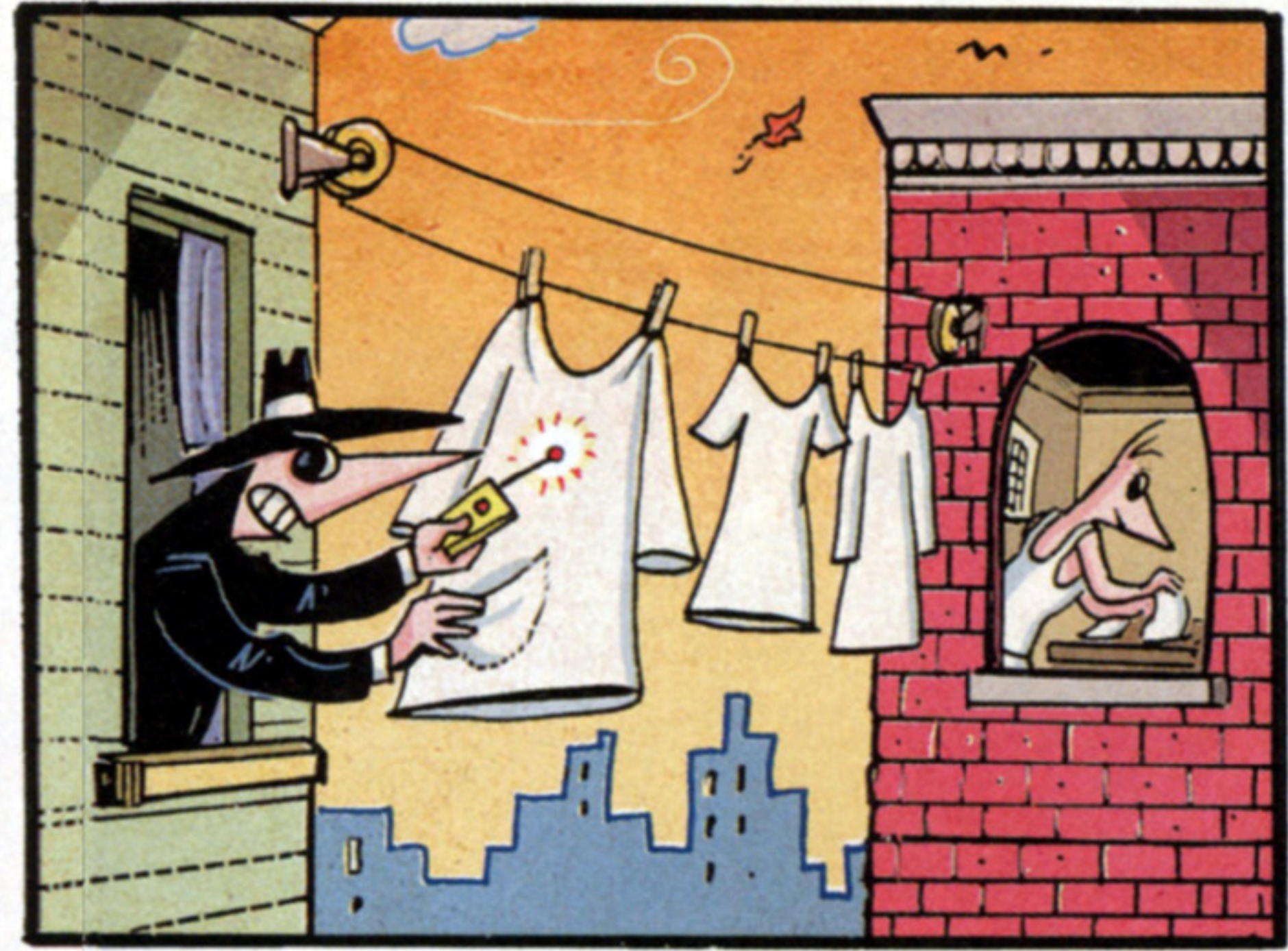
Slobby, you saved us all! I'm going to host a sumptuous feast in your honor! Meats, fruits, desserts, anything you want!

You'd better whip up... grrrraaaakk... one of Rachael Ray's one-minute "Fast, Faster, Fastest" meals! Make mine to go!

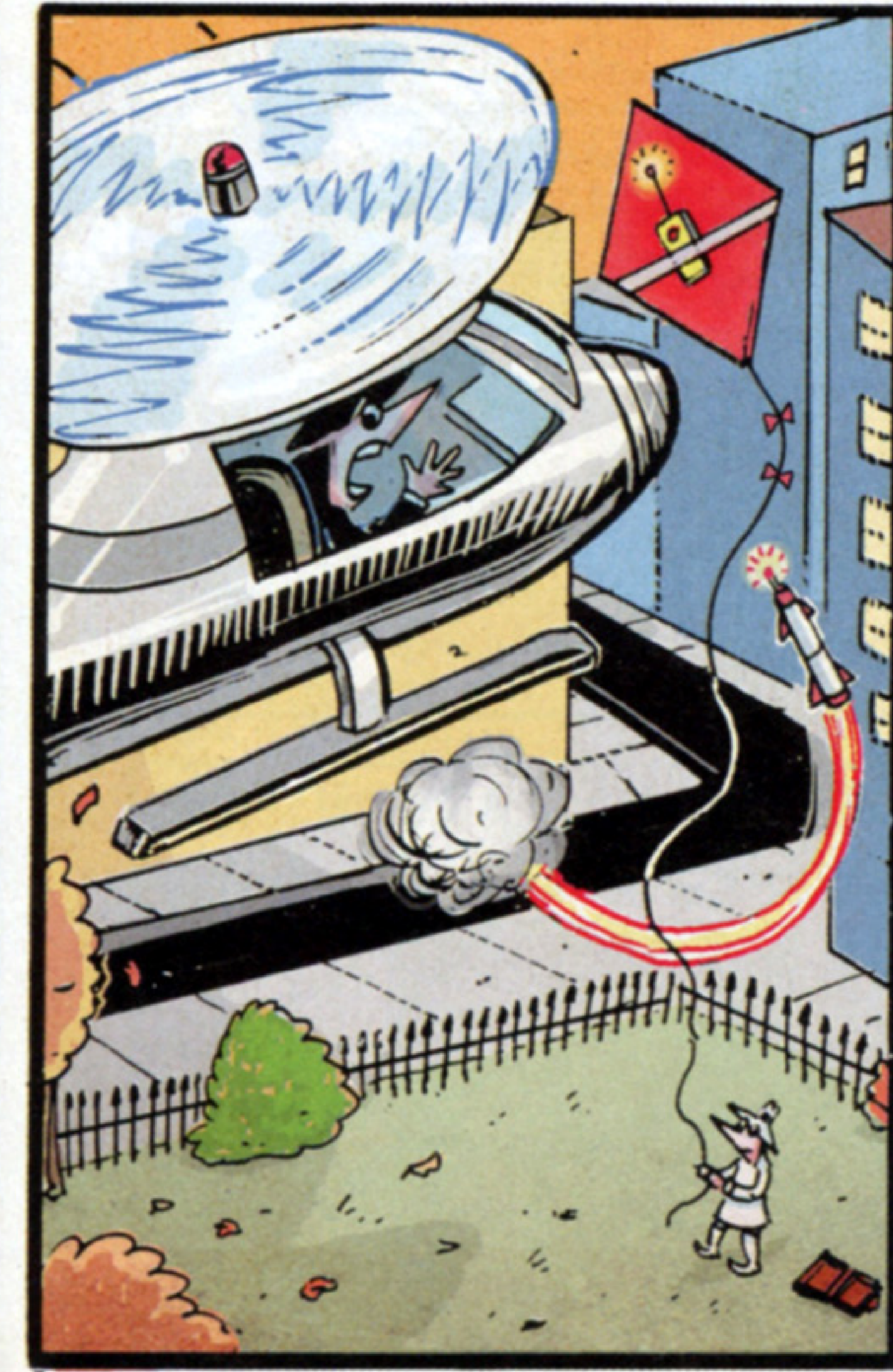
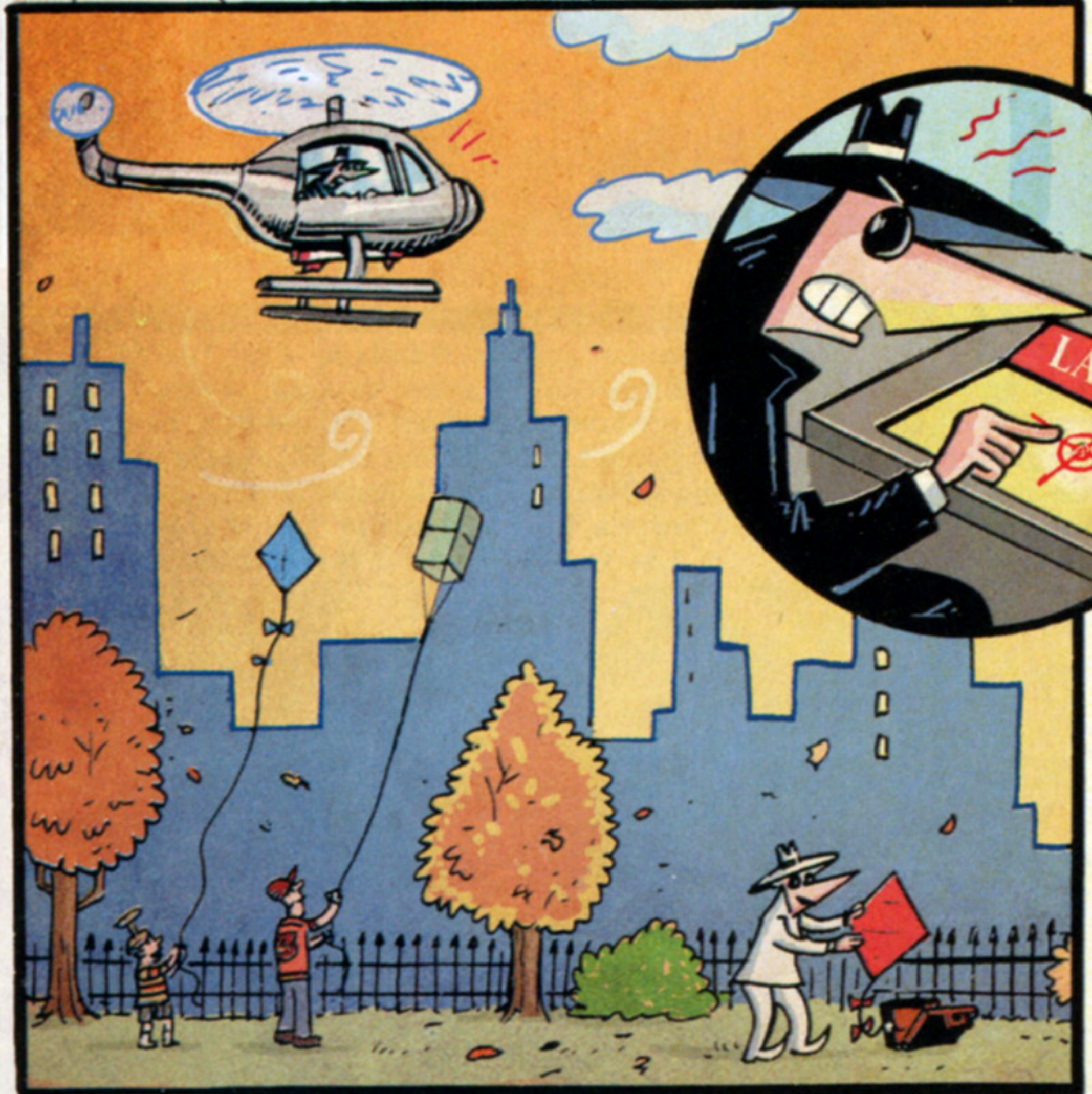
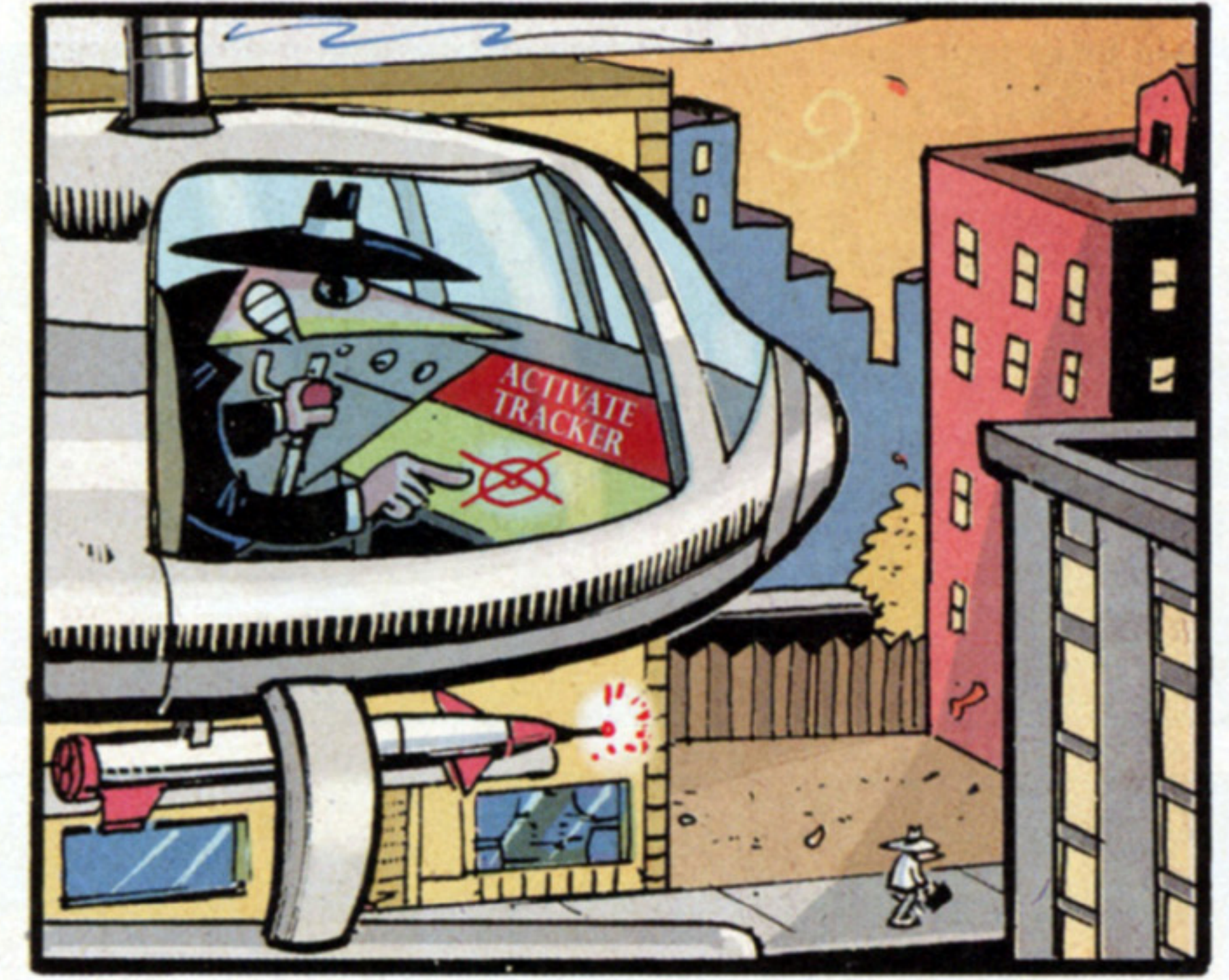
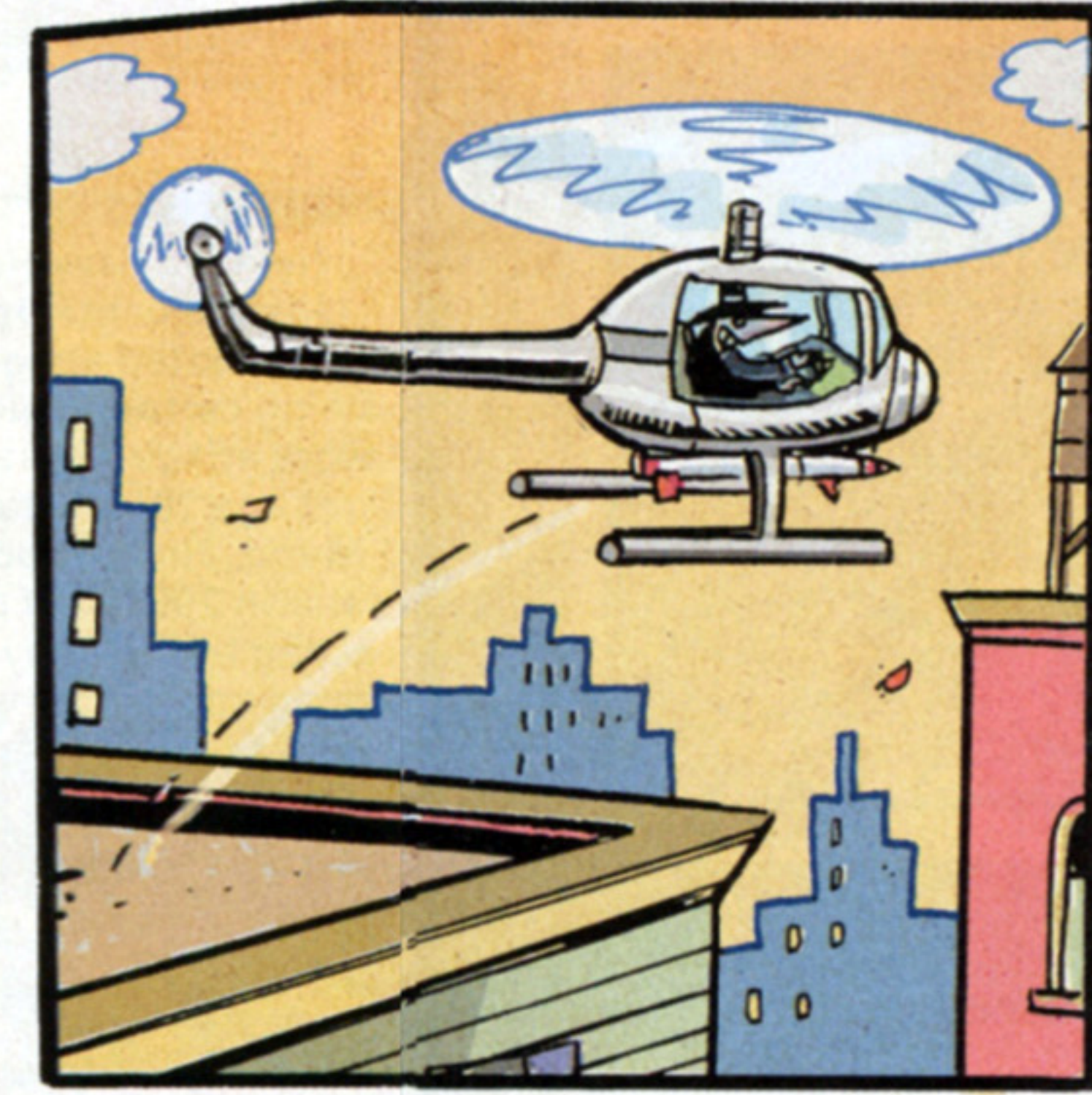
The saddest part is that we're all being out-acted by a computer-generated cartoon elf!



Glorious success! O frabjous day! At last, the Elbow Wand is mine! Vast, exquisite power at my bony fingertips! And the first thing I'm going to do with this wand is to slice this movie in half! One blockbuster film for the price of two! Ha, ha, ha! Now that's what I call evil! See you suckers in a few months!



SPY VS SPY





THE STRIP CLUB

Mob Mentality



GOT YOUR NOSE

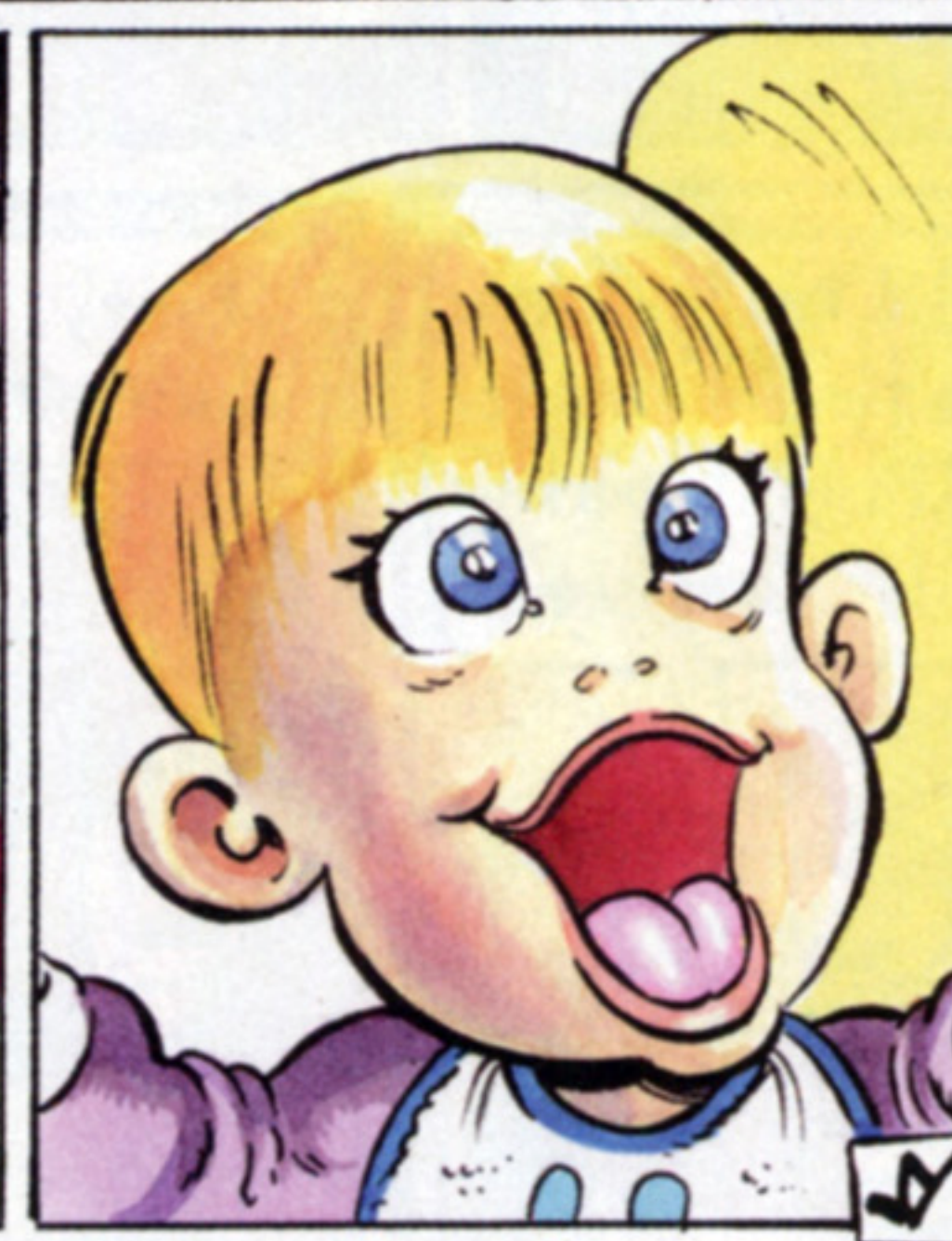
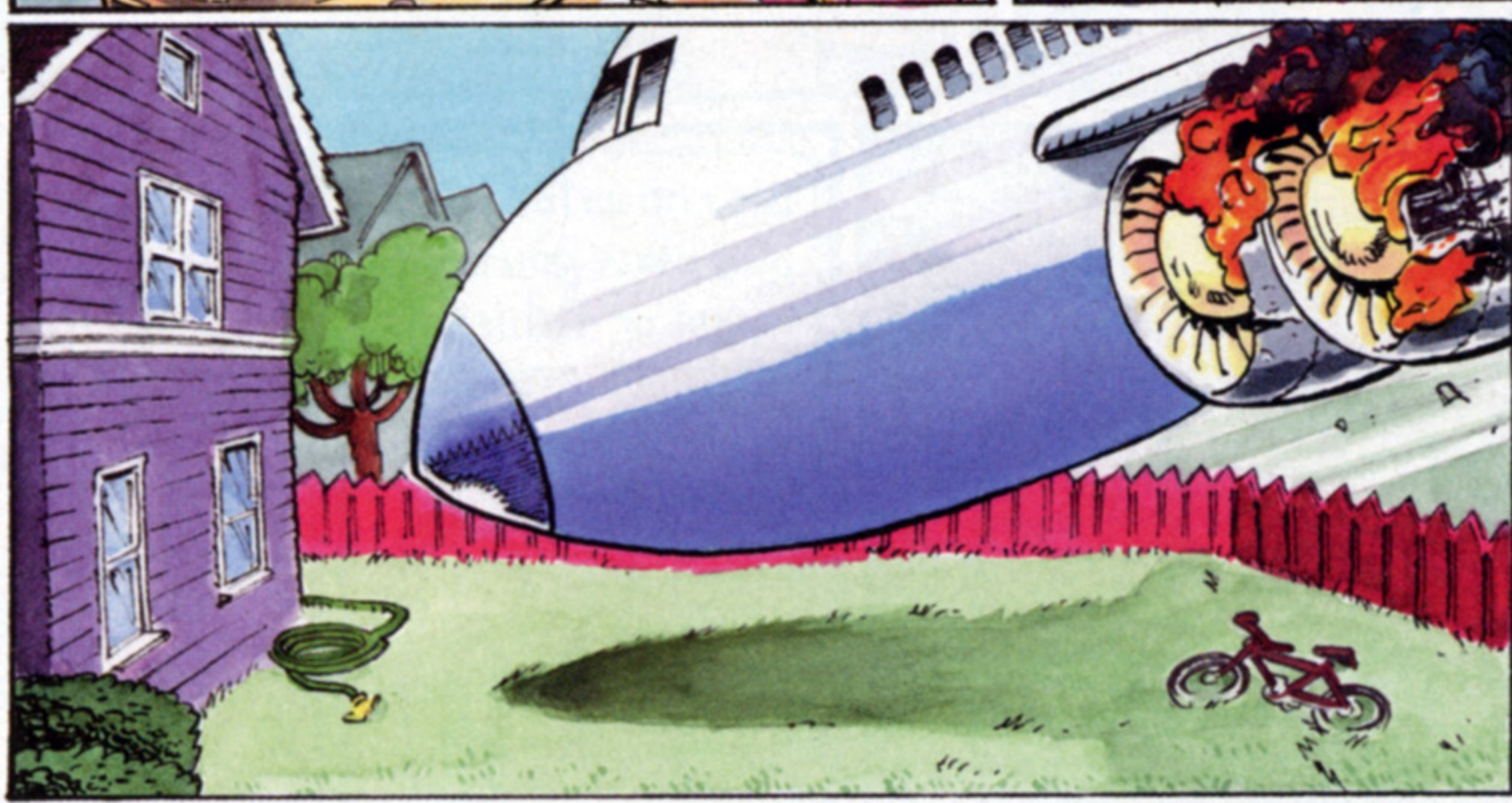
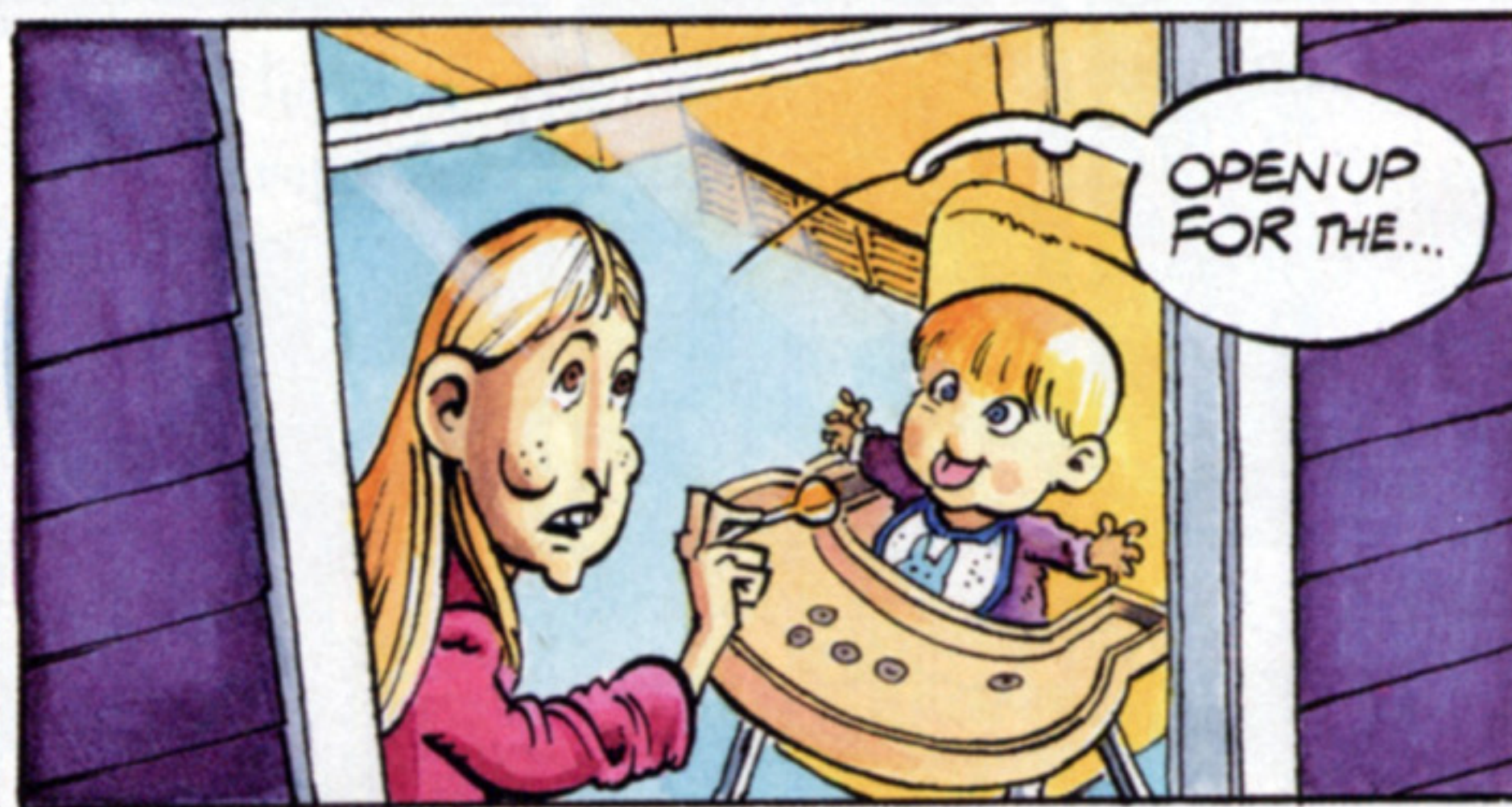
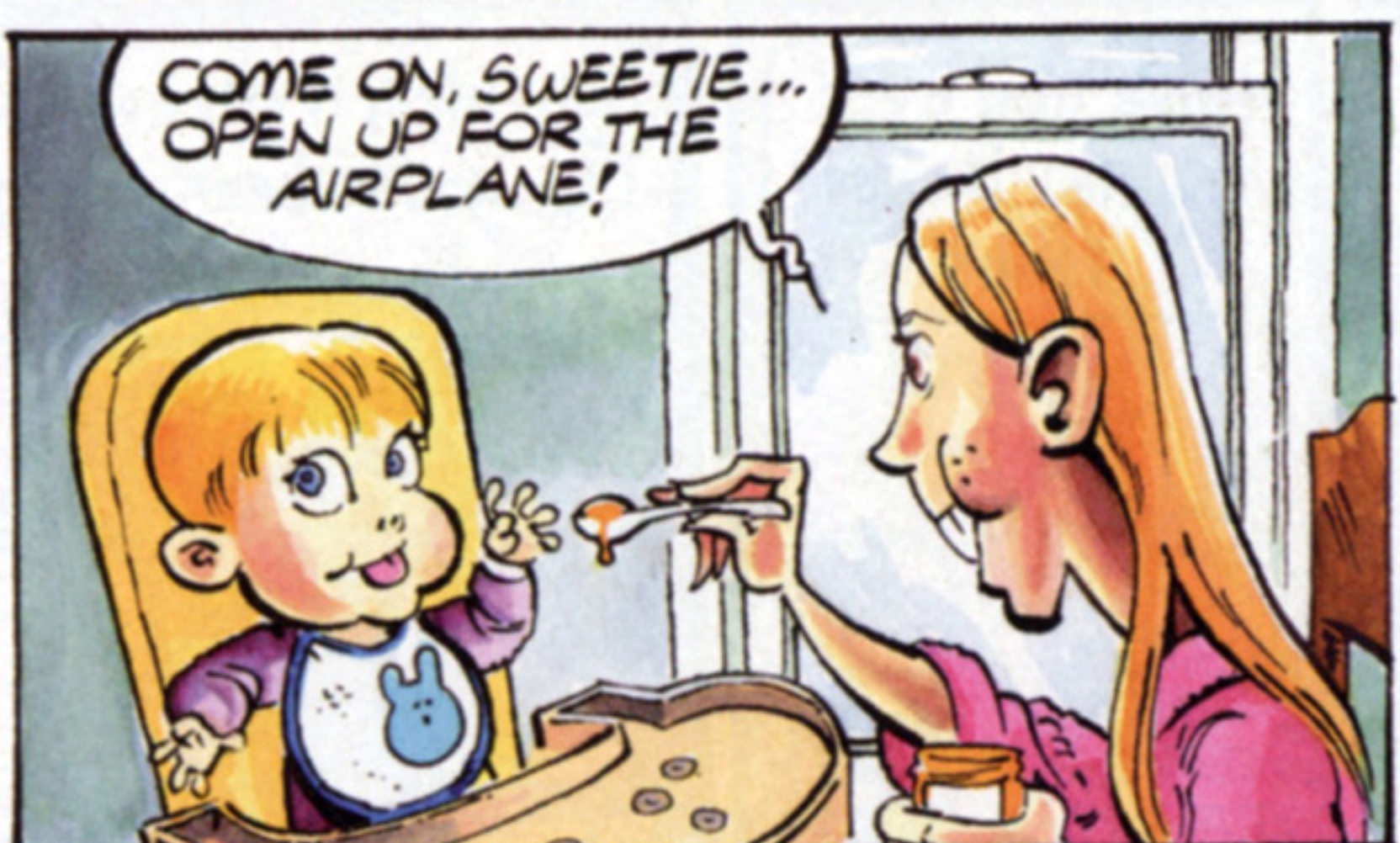


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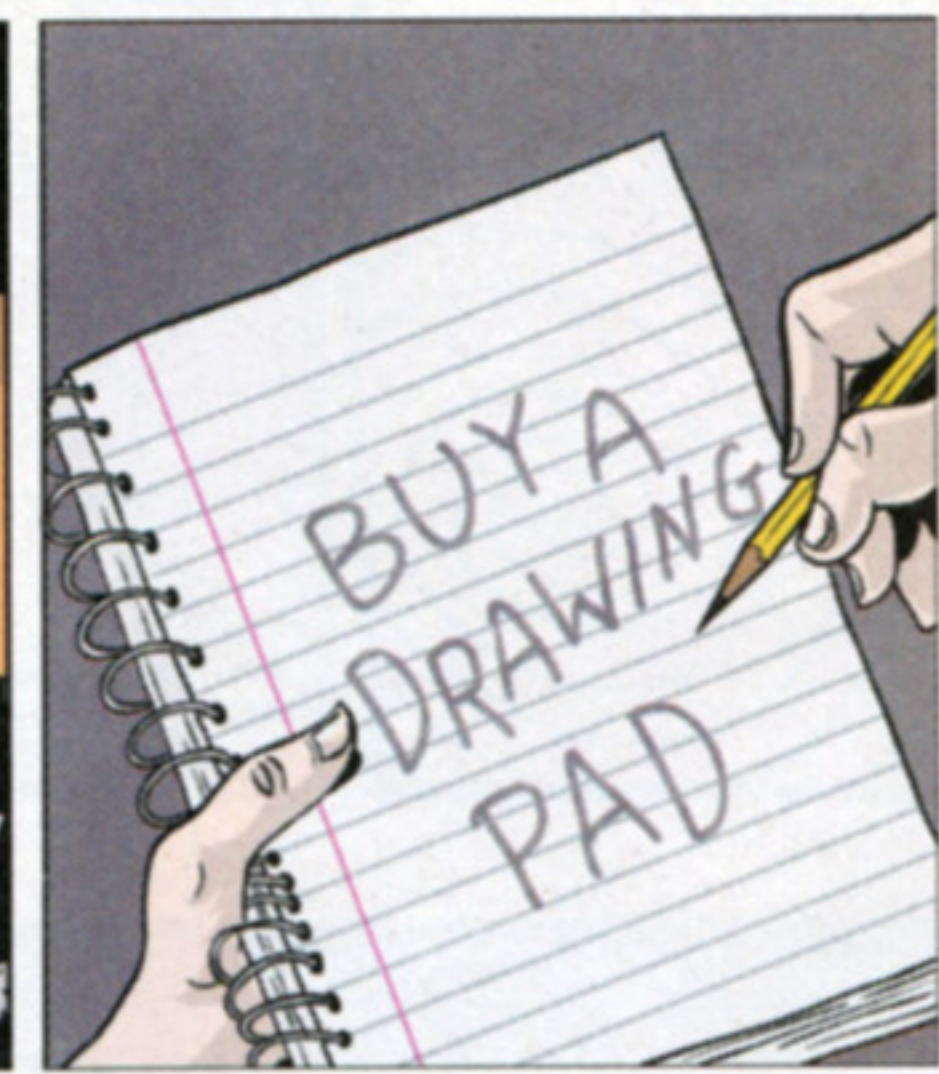
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390 DAYS OF SEPARATION



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COOMBS & COOMBS



JASON COATES





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THE BP OIL SPILL STUPID PETROL TRICKS

Through a combination of incompetence, unethical business practices, greed and willful neglect, British Petroleum caused the largest "accidental" oil spill of all time. Their rig explosion killed 11 workers, and caused widespread, long-lasting damage to the Gulf Coast and its wildlife. As oil-soaked pelicans perished and the local economy tanked, BP CEO, Tony "I want my life back" Hayward rose to the challenge by reading well-scripted apologies from his European yacht. In the end, the only animals that escaped the catastrophe unharmed were the corporate weasels of BP.



Starring
TONY HAYWARD as BP's Chief Executive Officer
Plus
A CAST OF THOUSANDS (of Dead Fish and Birds)

Filmed on Location at
DEEPWATER HORIZON DRILLING PLATFORM
(Until It Sank in a Ball of Oily Flames)

RIP

IN MEMORY OF THE 11 WORKERS
WHO DIED BECAUSE OF CORPORATE
INCOMPETENCE AND GREED

WRITER:
ANTHONY BARBIERI
ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS

2

THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY GOT MILQUETOAST?

Barack Obama is starting to have the whiff of a one-term President about him. The cool, erudite Democrat spent the first two years of his Presidency allowing Nancy Pelosi and other lefties to set a budget-busting agenda while simultaneously allowing Rush Limbaugh and other right-wingers to define him as a socialist extremist. Ultimately, Obama got pushed around more than a broom after an elephant parade. If only he stood up to someone...anyone...and fought for issues he believes in. But maybe that's asking too much of any American politician these days. Obama's got intelligence and logic. What he needs to get is a backbone.

DIARY of a Wimpy Prez

GITMO GUTLESSNESS



DIARY of a Wimpy Prez

THE HEALTHCARE CAVE-IN



DIARY of a Wimpy Prez

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL, DON'T ACT



DIARY of a Wimpy Prez

OF MOSQUE AND MEN



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MEL GIBSON'S RANTS THE PASSION OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

Year after year, Mel Gibson has shown himself to be a dependable, reliable go-to guy...to anyone who's compiling a list of the year's biggest idiots! DWI? Mel's done it! Anti-Semitism? Mel's your mensch! Sexism? Check! So what puts the Mel-man on our radar THIS year? How about flagrant profanity, threats, racial slurs, more profanity, and an overall, flat-out "a-holesomeness" aimed at his girlfriend and baby-mama, Oksana Grigorieva. His recorded phone messages make us yearn for the more measured and sensitive rants of Alec Baldwin! Mel may have just been cut from a cameo role in *The Hangover II*, but we're sure he'll find an appropriate part somewhere soon.

I need a *woman* — not a
f#@%ing little girl with a
f#@%ing dysfunctional c*^t!

What are you
talking about,
you f#@%ing
ignorant bitch?

HOW DARE YOU
ACT LIKE A BITCH
WHEN I'VE BEEN SO
F#@%ING NICE?

IF YOU GET
RAPED BY A PACK
OF N!@@&#S IT'LL
BE YOUR FAULT,
ALL RIGHT?

I HOPE
YOU F#@%ING
DON'T SLEEP.
I HOPE YOU
F#@%ING
WASTE!

DESPICABLE MEL



From the Star of the Now Ironically-Titled Movies
What Women Want, *Lethal Weapon*, and *The Year of Living Dangerously*...

ANOTHER RECALL THE INCREDIBLE INEDIBLE EGG

This year, salmonella-contaminated eggs sent over 2,400 victims scrambling to the toilet with severe abdominal cramps and diarrhea. (And you thought eggs smelled bad going *in*!) The outbreak was eventually traced to the Wright County Egg Plant in Iowa, where chickens in overcrowded pens were surrounded by leaking manure, rats, rodents and insects. Over 380 million eggs were recalled, leaving the public shell-shocked and the industry with egg on their face. Omelet? No thanks. We think we'll skip breakfast today.



A message from America's Egg Farmers

You've probably heard about the recent egg recall. You may have heard about it while you were throwing up in the sink or toilet bowl from eating one of our salmonella-infected eggs.

There's no need to panic. Not every egg is tainted. Only eggs that are oval in shape and either white or brown are involved in this disease recall. Chocolate Easter Eggs are not part of this recall.

You can be assured that the infected eggs have already been removed from store shelves. (And you have our word that we won't put those particular eggs back on sale until this whole salmonella thing dies down — even if it takes months!)

It's important to remember that the number of eggs affected makes up less than 1% of all the eggs that were ever produced in the entire world since time began, so it's a small number indeed. And virtually all experts agree that even these numbers could be off by 40 to 5000%. Or more.

Is it safe to eat eggs? Yes. Just make sure you thoroughly cook them. Though to be extra safe, thoroughly cook them, throw them out and eat cereal.

As to reports in *The New York Times* that a surprise inspection by FDA officials found chickens living under despicable conditions, nothing could be further from the truth. Our chicken coops are cleaned of all feces, insects, rodents and maggots on an annual basis! In addition, within 24 hours of the FDA'S surprise visit, strict new rules were put into place! Our egg farmers voted unanimously that FDA officials would no longer be allowed on their farms to make surprise inspections!

We're frequently asked what happens when we discover a million or so chickens that are sick and diseased. It has been rumored we slaughter them and then sell the chicken parts to high-end food retailers. This is completely inaccurate and incorrect. We slaughter them and sell them to low-end food retailers like Wal-Mart! And they turn them into cold cuts so they look nothing like diseased chickens!

Summing up: Eggs are safe, but to be really safe, separate eggs from other foods in your grocery cart, grocery bags and in your refrigerator to prevent cross-contamination. The safest scenario is for any eggs you buy to have their own shopping cart, their own shopping bag and their own refrigerator!

If for some strange reason you do get sick from eating one of our bacteria-laden products and happen to throw up, it's best to take note what caused you to be sick. Your doctor will want to know which came up first — the chicken salad or the egg salad?

Lastly, if you are feeling ill, **do not** take Tylenol! And if you have to drive to the doctor's office, **do not** drive in a Toyota. There are other recalled products out there that can kill you a lot faster than some salmonella-infected eggs!

eggsafety.ugh

50th Anniversary **2011 CALENDAR**

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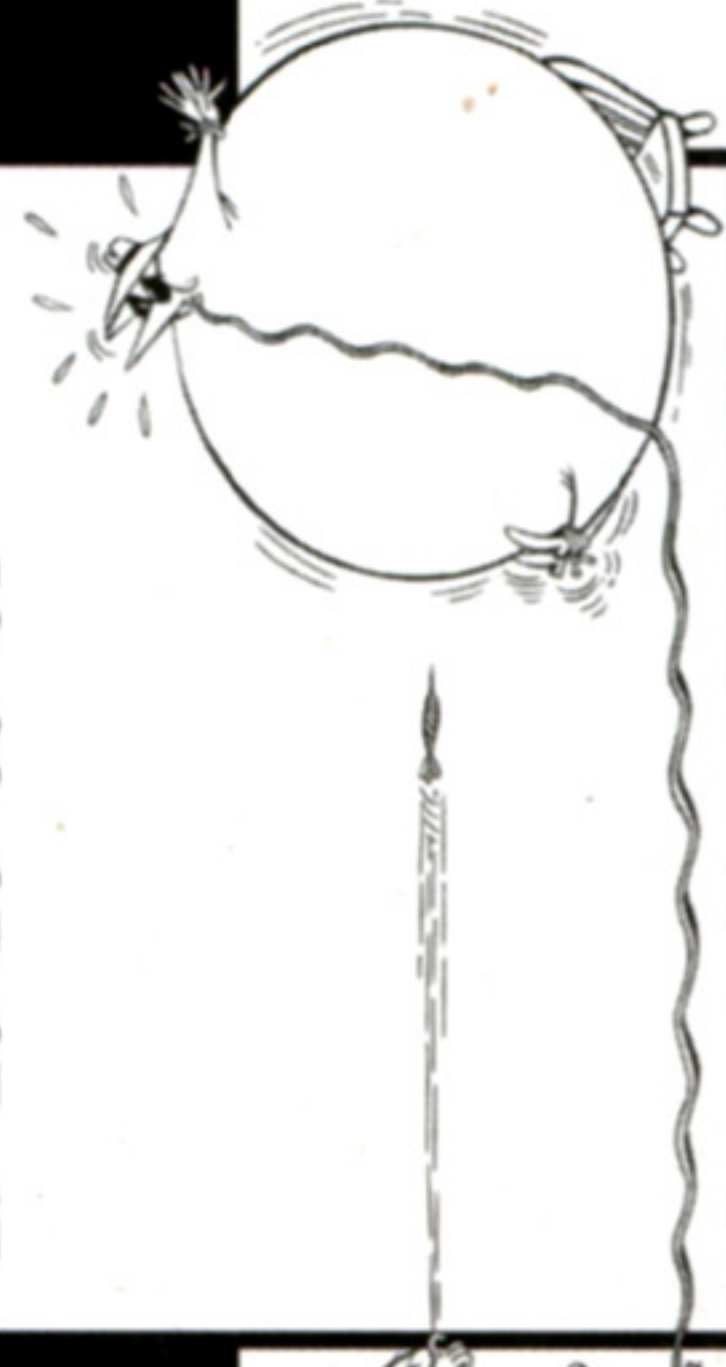
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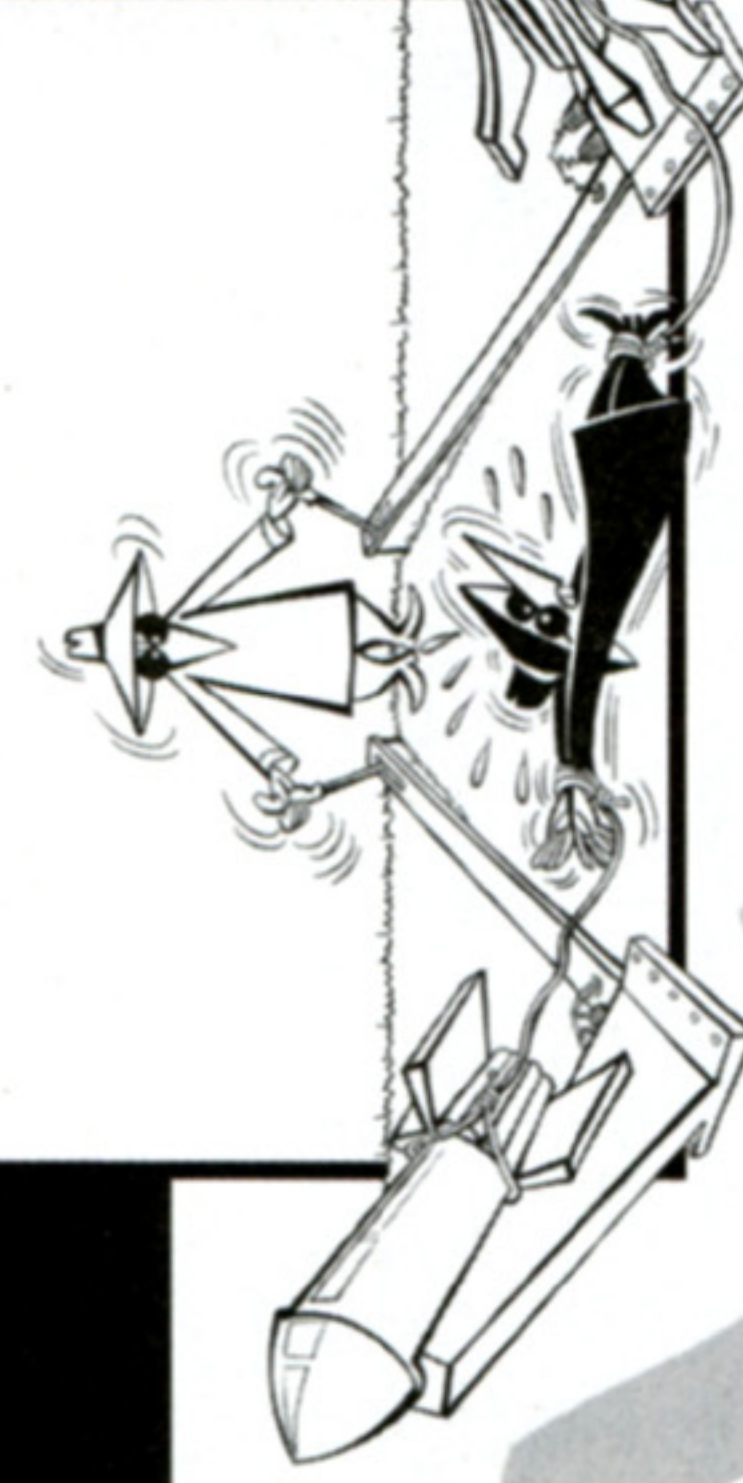
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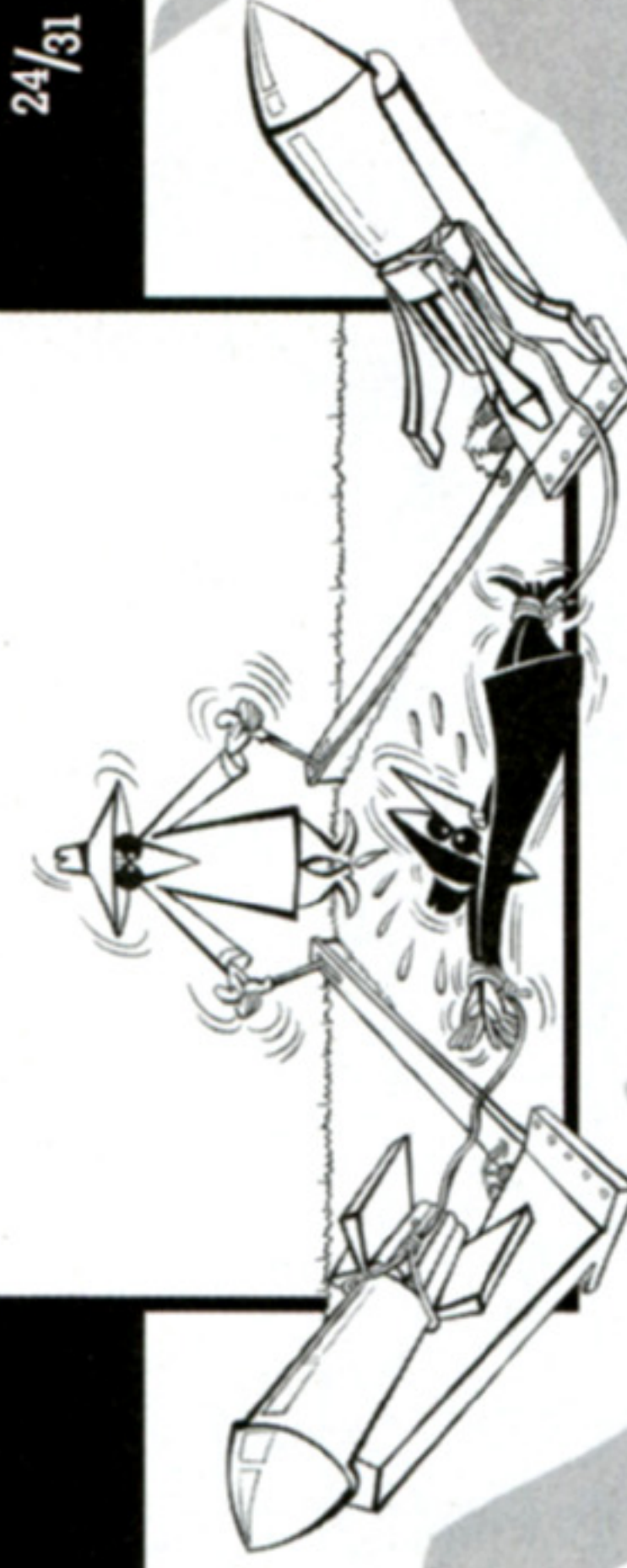
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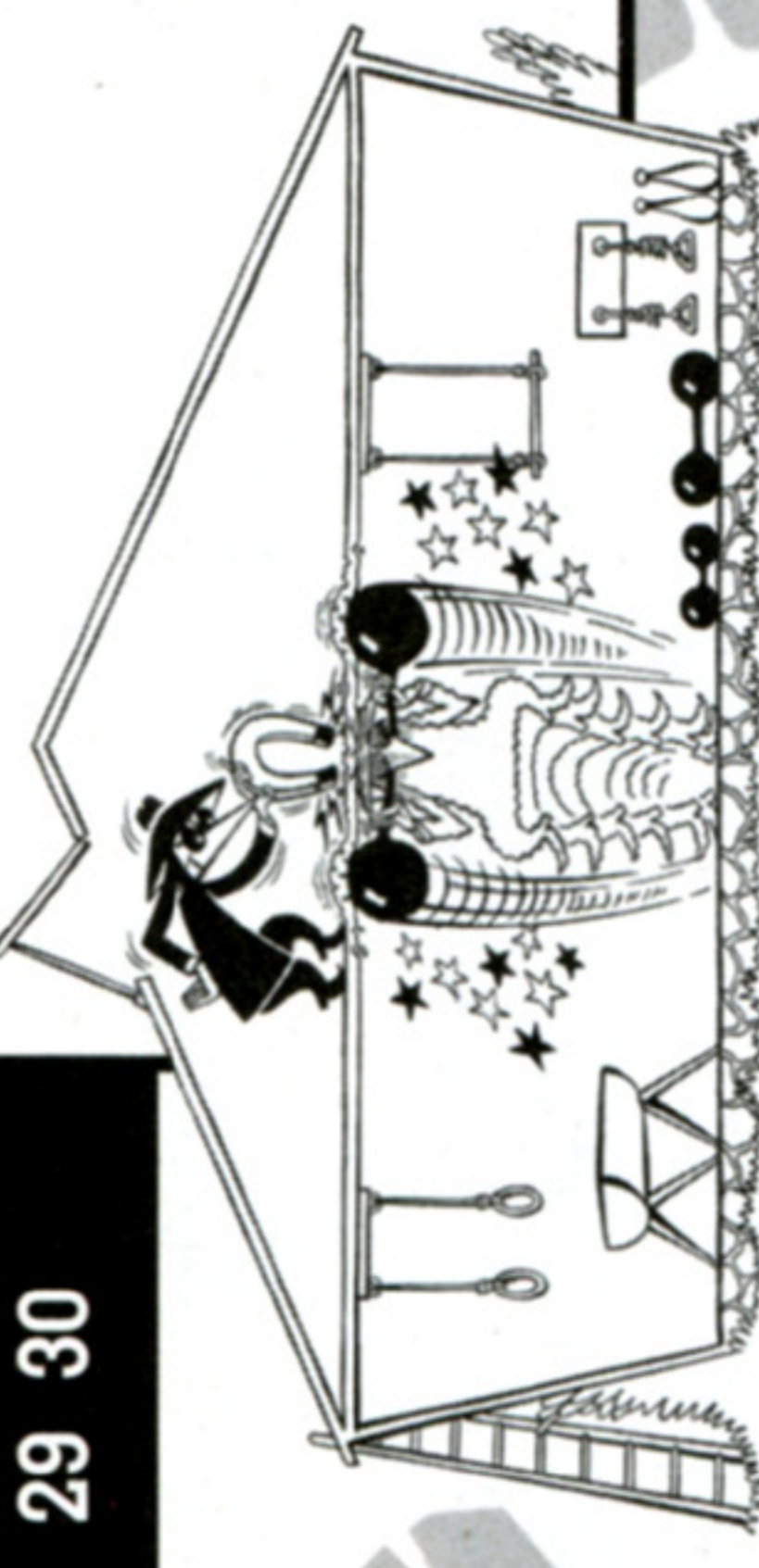
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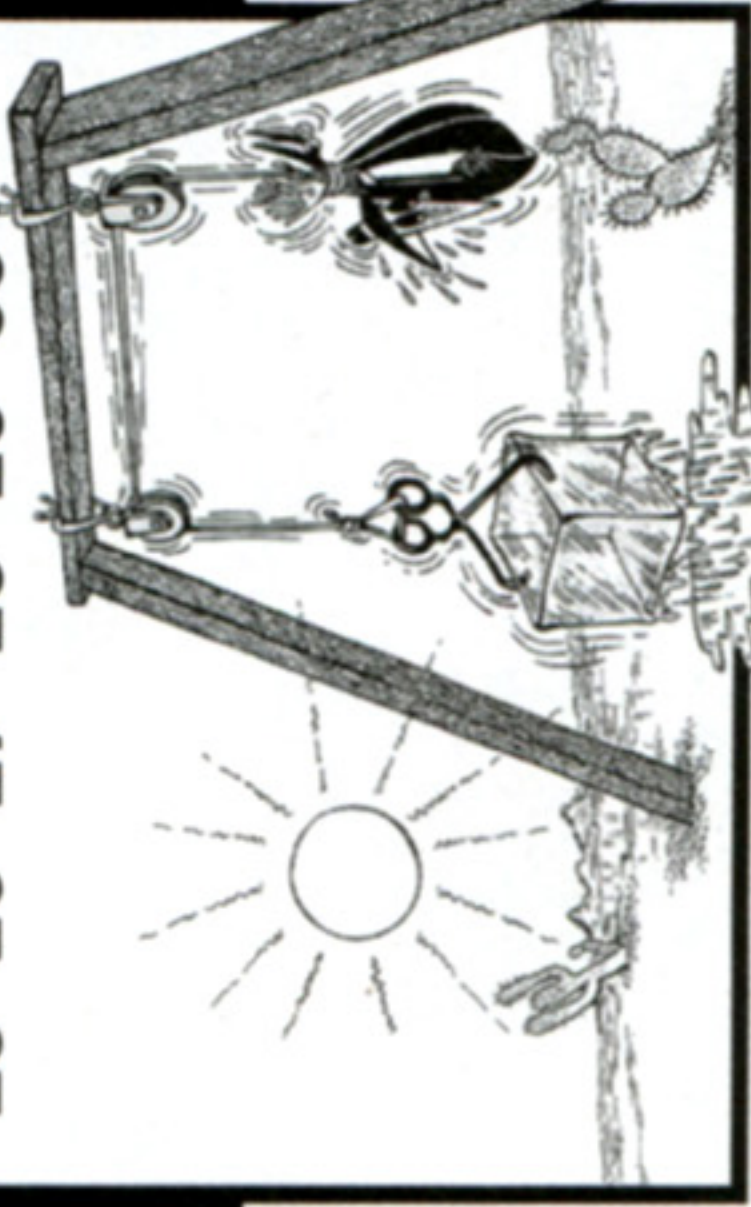
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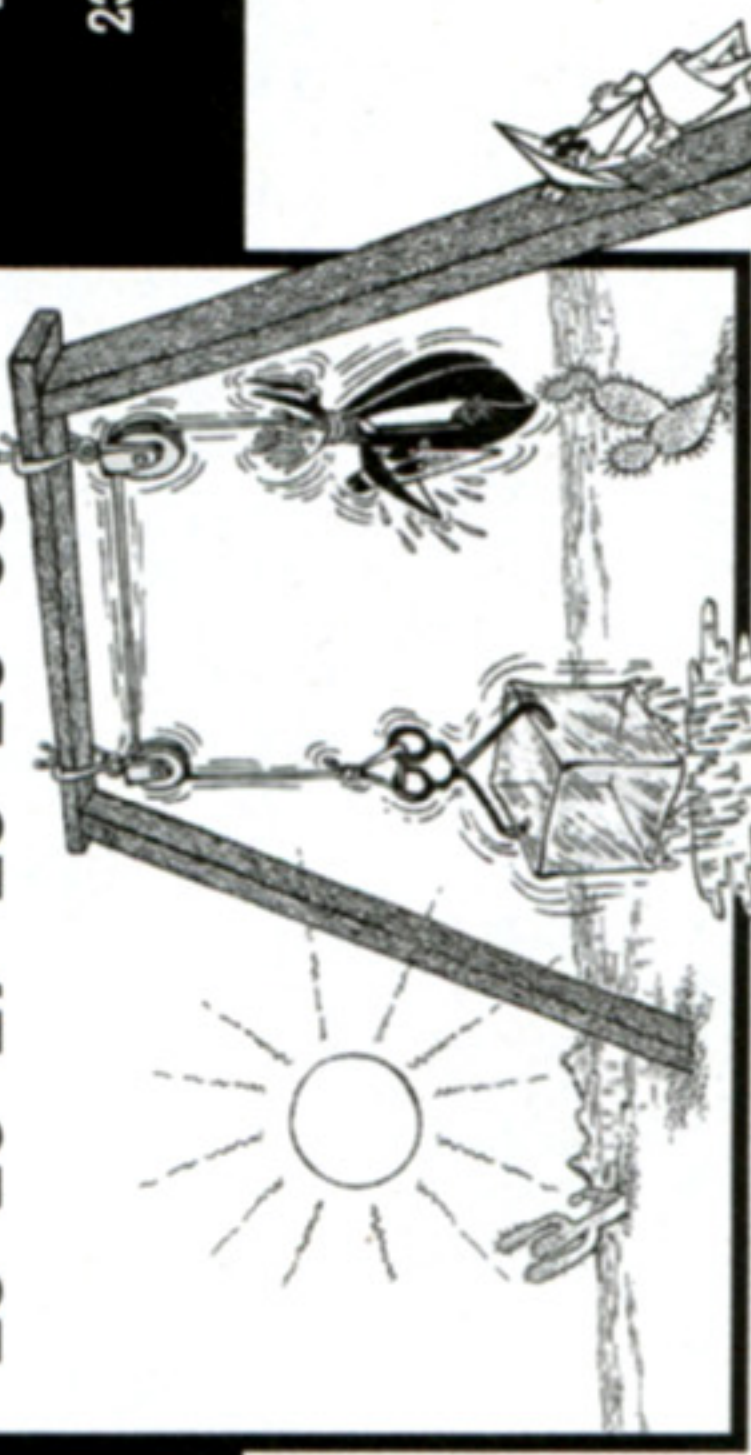
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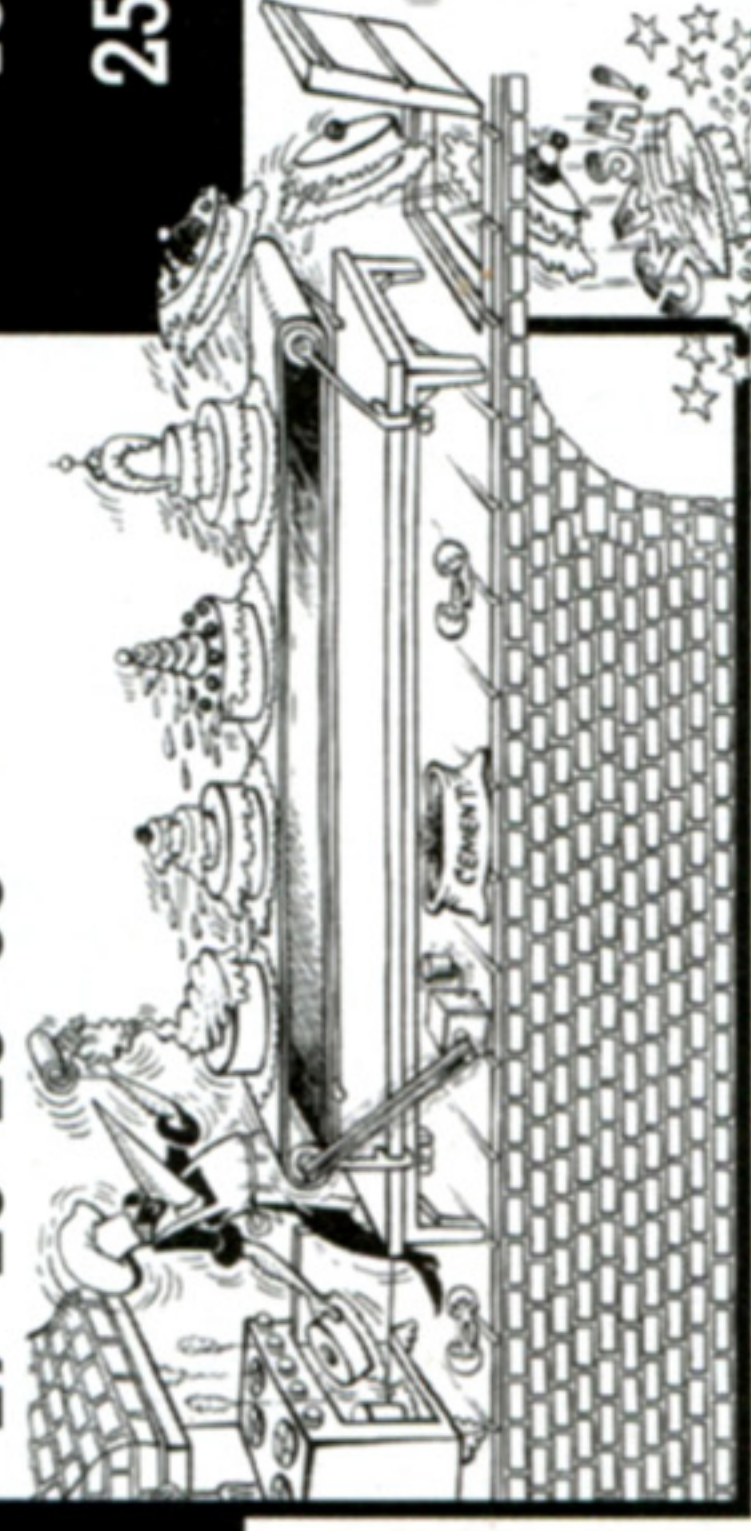
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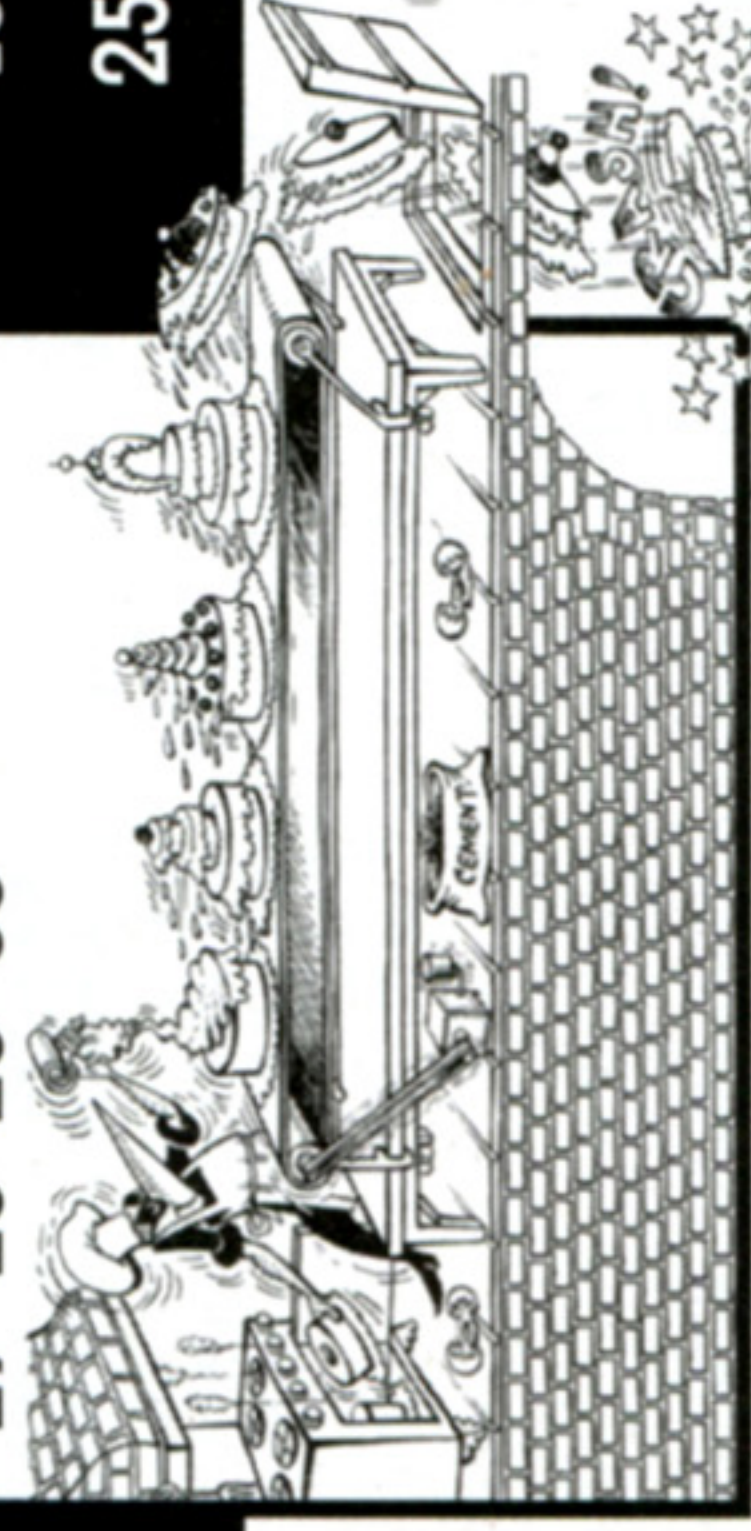
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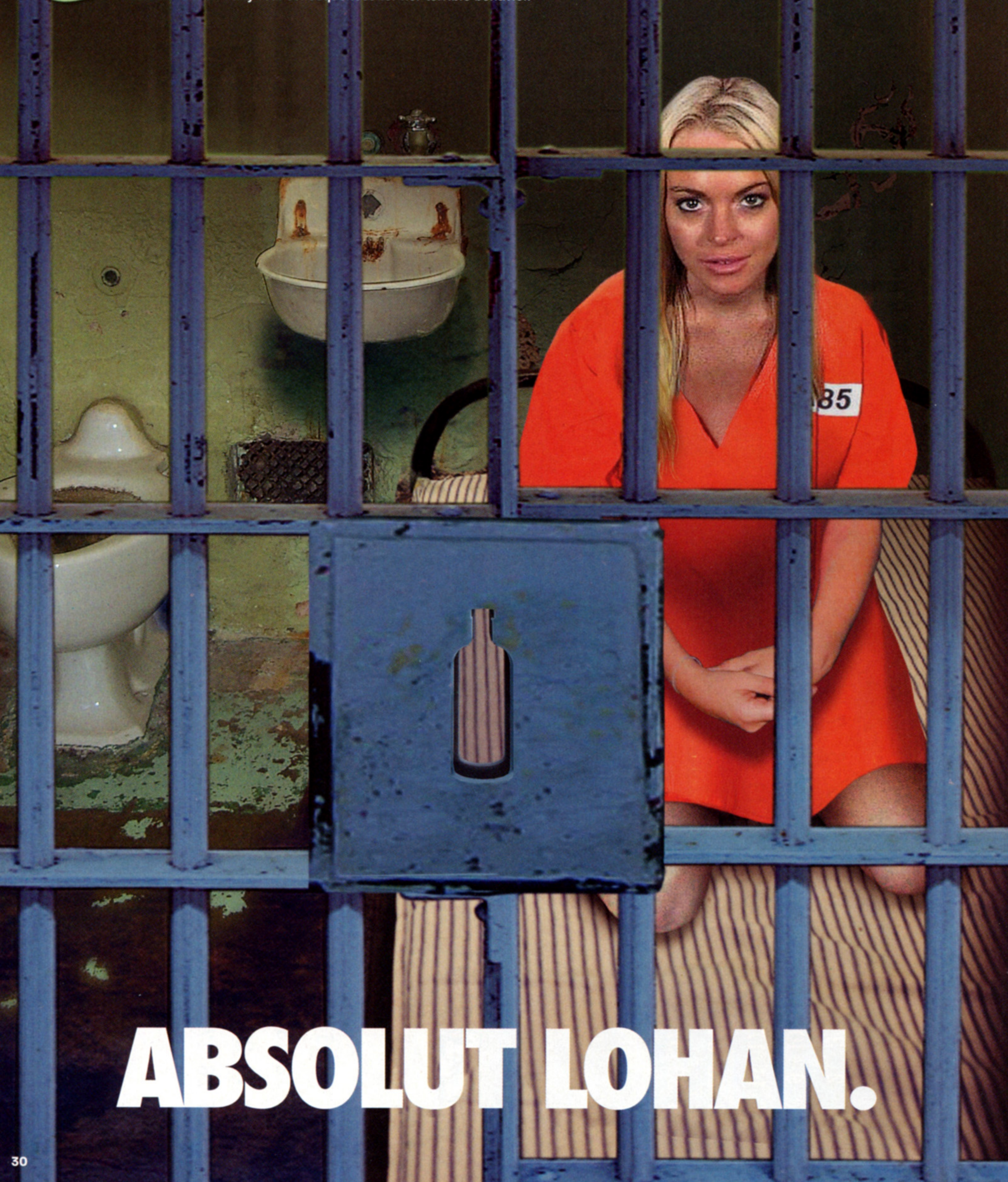

 = Another bomb issue of **MAD** on sale today!

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LINDSAY LOHAN, JAILBIRD THE PAROLE OF A LIFETIME

After years of crazy diva behavior that was killing both her liver AND her career, it seemed like Lindsay Lohan was either going to end up dead or in jail. The suspense was killing us – but this year, prison won! La Lohan found out the hard way that when you're already on probation for assorted craziness, you can't blow off court dates like they're *Ugly Betty* rehearsals. In the end, she was sentenced to 90 days in jail...but was released after serving only 14. It sounds like a slap on the wrist, but at least Lindsay learned a valuable lesson: that there aren't any real consequences for her terrible behavior.



ABSOLUT LOHAN.

TIGER PLAYS AROUND BABES 'N' THE WOODS

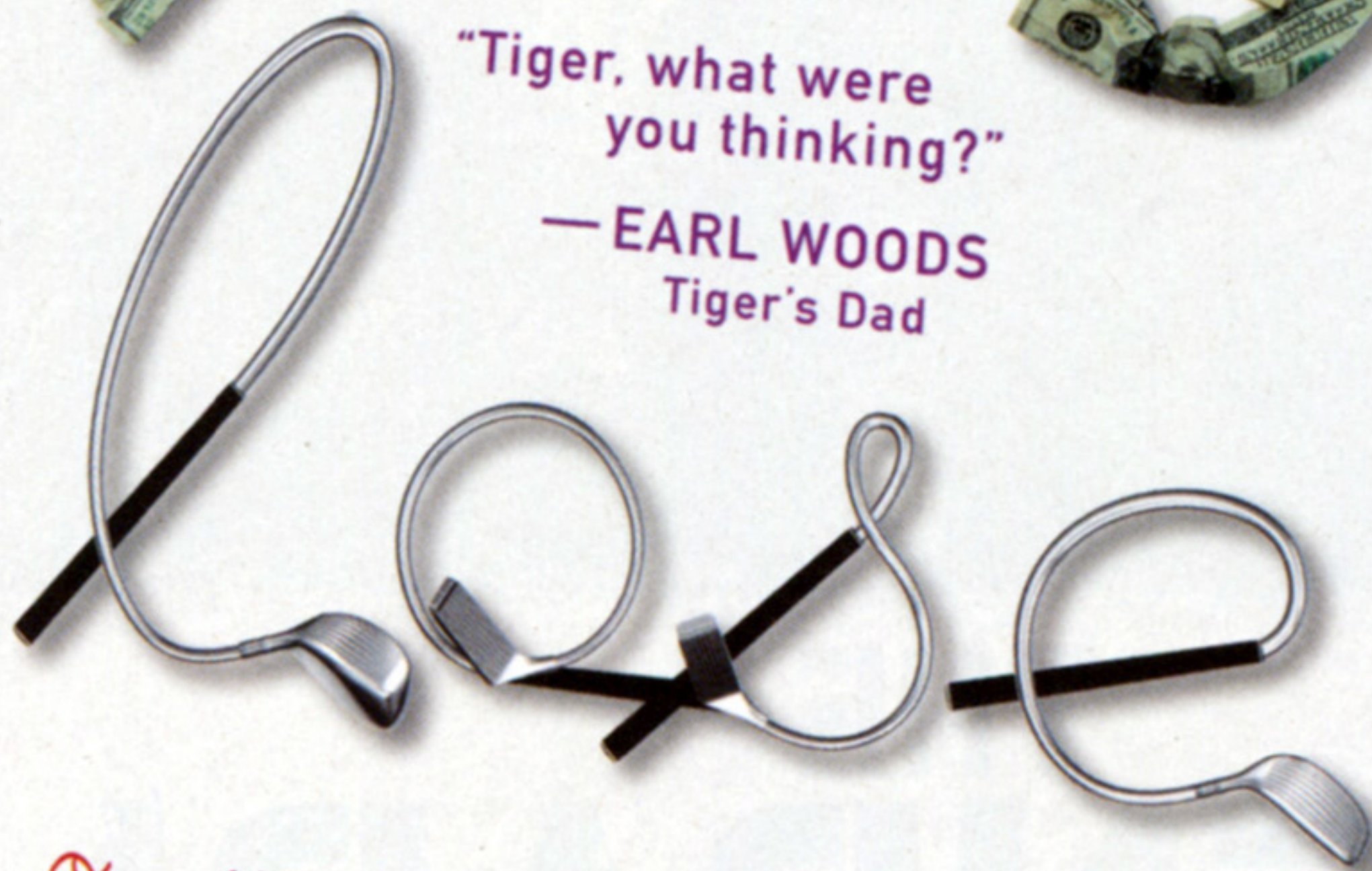
In real life, there's no such thing as a Mulligan — which is too bad for Tiger Woods, because after the year he's had, he could really use a "do-over." In 2010, the tabloids were saturated with tales of trysts with strippers and bar sluts, a bitter and ugly divorce, and million-dollar endorsements that completely crumbled. Then things got bad. Rehab for sex addiction, an awkward Nike commercial featuring the voice of his dead father and a total disintegration of his golf game. Tiger's so screwed up that even if he did get a Mulligan, he'd probably just end up using it to bang those strippers and sluts all over again.

AMERICA'S #1 ADULTERER TIGER WOODS



"Tiger, what were
you thinking?"

—EARL WOODS
Tiger's Dad



One Man's Search for Skanks
From Augusta to Pebble Beach and Beyond

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THE FIRING OF SHIRLEY SHERROD RUSH TO MISJUDGMENT

After the right-wing smear merchant Andrew Breitbart posted a video of U.S. Department of Agriculture employee Shirley Sherrod making vile racial remarks, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack fired her immediately. Then Ben Jealous of the NAACP angrily denounced Sherrod. Only one problem: Sherrod's comments had been edited to express the exact opposite point of her inspiring message. If either Vilsack or Jealous had done their homework, instead of fretting over whether Fox News was going to air the video and embarrass the White House, they would have easily found out the truth. It's true that they both had Sherrod's back. Unfortunately, it was so they'd know where to stick the knife.

SHERROD BREITBART VILSACK
JEALOUS HANNITY O'REILLY OBAMA



THE EXPENDABLE

RACE BAITING PRODUCTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SHODDY JOURNALISM AND A PANICKY ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS THE EXPENDABLE
 BASED ON QUOTES TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT EDITED BY AN UNKNOWN RIGHT-WINGER WITH OVER-BLOWN RUSH-TO-JUDGMENT
 REPORTING BY THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK "THROWN UNDER THE BUS" BY THE NAACP

IN THEATRES JULY 19, RETRACTED JULY 20

R "RESIGNED"
UNDER
DURESS

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE
 ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

LEBRON JAMES IT'S NOT THE HEAT, IT'S THE LACK OF HUMILITY

When it comes to arrogant, egotistical, overrated athletes, LeBron James is in a class all by himself. In seven NBA seasons, "King" James has won diddley-squat, while at the same point in their careers Jordan, Bird and Magic had won six titles between them and would go on to win six more. LeBron committed a flagrant foul by announcing that he was fleeing Cleveland on a pathetic TV show hosted by professional sycophant Jim Gray, who asked him such hard-nosed questions as, "What have you thought of this process?" Here's what we would have asked him: "Hey LeBron, why are you such a douchebag?"

The one-hour ESPN show that seemed longer than the entire NBA season!
LeBRON JAMES
in

The #@% CLEVELAND SHOW

Makes a
GREAT
April Fool's gift!

Especially for Cleveland
Cavaliers fans, who won't
have anything to
watch in April.

Listen to host Jim Gray ask his *third* question:
"What have you thought about this process?"

Listen to Jim Gray ask his *fourth* question:
"Have you enjoyed this recruiting process?"

Listen to Jim Gray ask his *fifth* question:
"What did you expect from this process?"

(Hey, YOU try padding a 5-second revelation to fill 60 minutes.)

DVD EXTRAS INCLUDE:

Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert
punching a LeBron James poster

Photoshop LeBron into the
rejected uniform jerseys of the
Bulls, the Knicks, the Clippers,
and for some reason, the Wiggles

Collectible kneepads, just like
the ones worn by the ESPN
programming executives
who greenlit the special

THE JERSEY SHORE CAST THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY SIMPLETONS

Just when you thought the New Jersey Nets were the biggest bunch of losers to come out of the Garden State, MTV debuted *Jersey Shore*! Even more amazing, it became the network's top-rated show! People are obsessed with the inarticulate, emotionally-stunted, orange-skinned, black-out drunks and their... "unique" looks. And viewers couldn't get enough of Snooki's poof, The Situation's abs, J-Woww's boobs, Pauly D's hair and Angelina's...uh, actually, no one gave a crap about Angelina. Still, if we're going to dissect the lives of these idiots, we might as well dissect the idiots themselves! Usually, this is only done when the people are dead - but in this case, "brain dead" is close enough.

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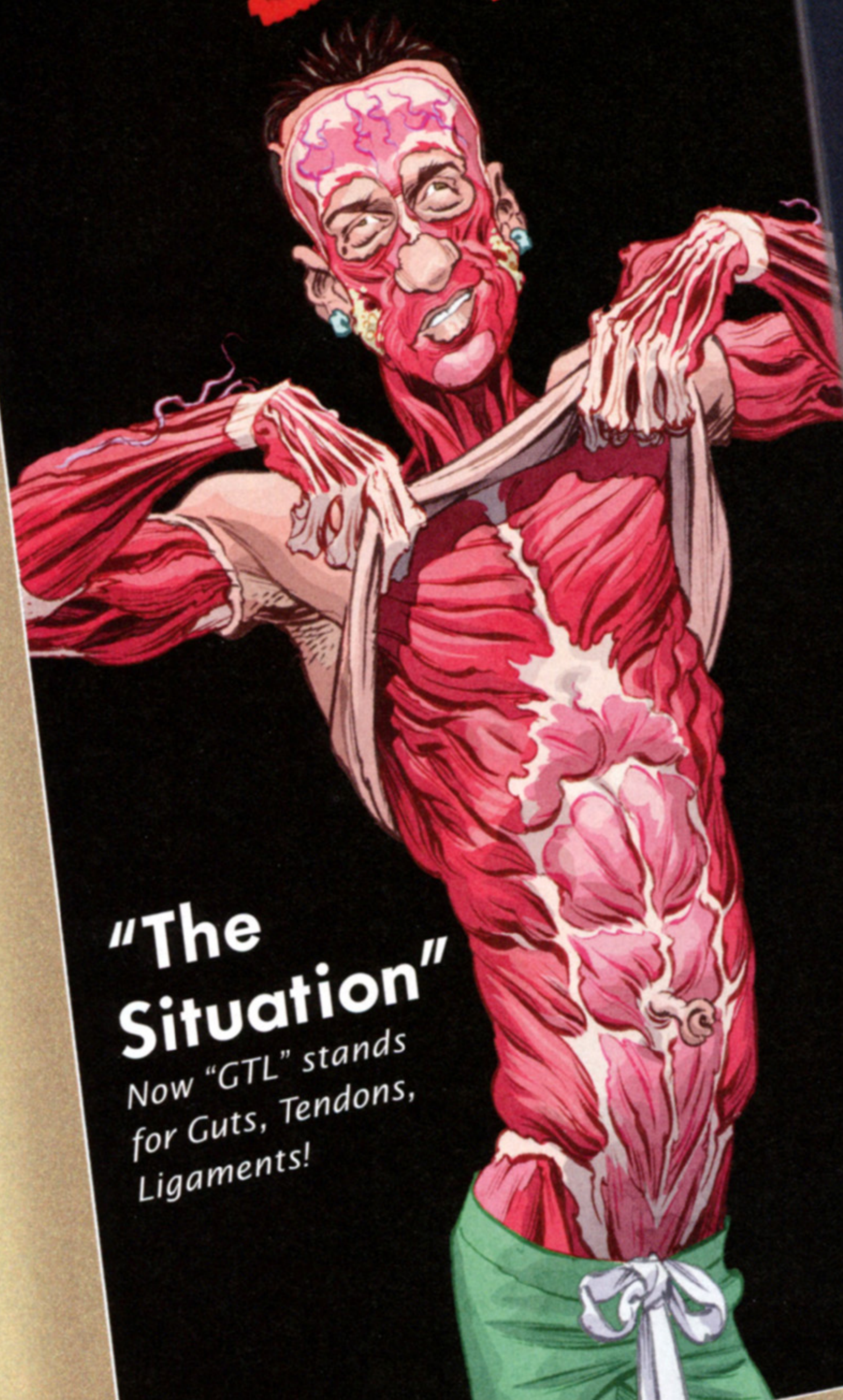
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JERSEY SHORE

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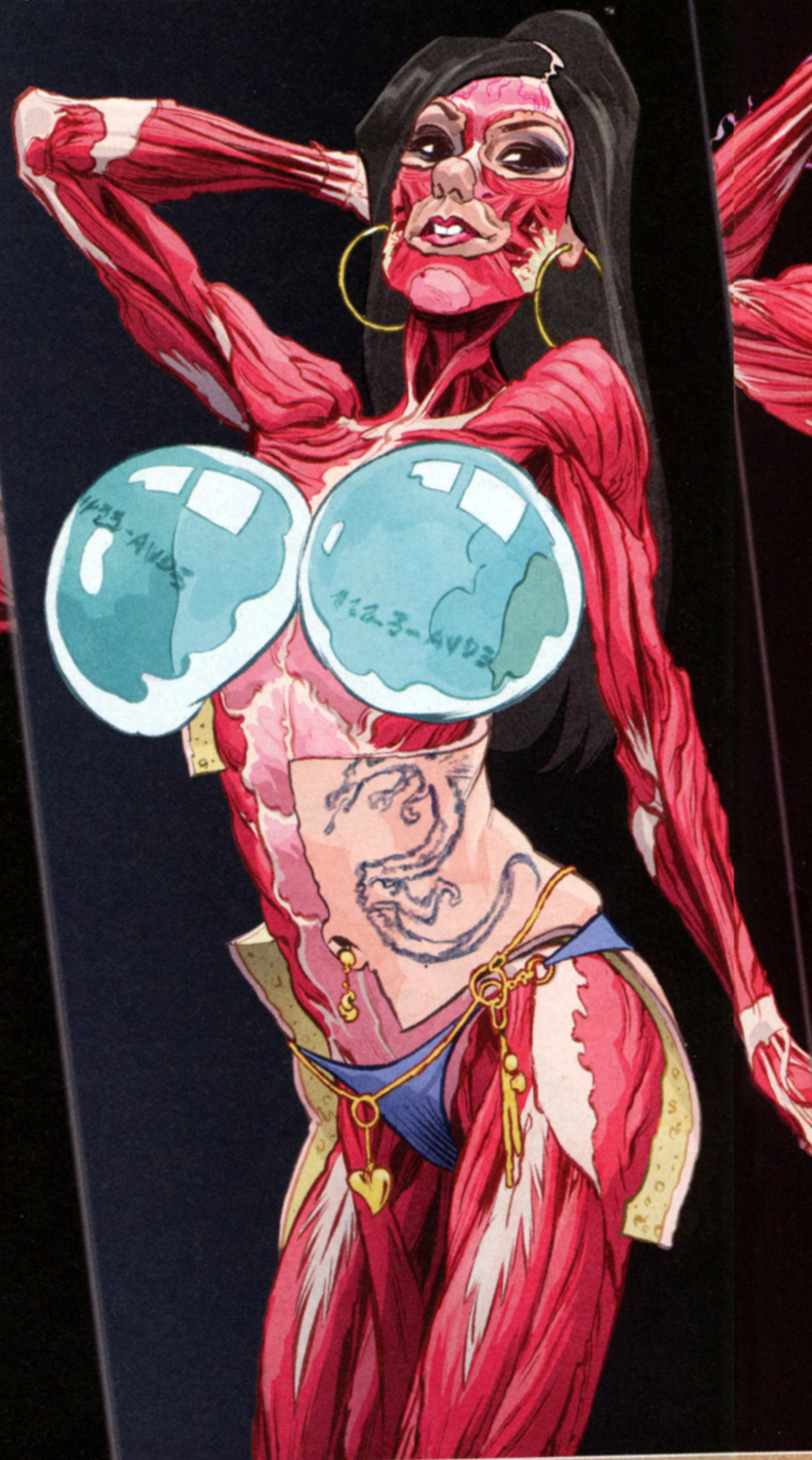
"The Situation"

Now "GTL" stands for Guts, Tendons, Ligaments!



"J-Woww"

Enjoy a rare chance to examine the human body's natural — and unnatural — wonders!



"Pauly D"

Did you know that the human heart pumps more than 100,000 times every day? And every night, a guido pumps his fist twice that much!



"Snooki"

You'll see all the muscles, veins, bones and fat deposits... but no brains!



ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

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LENO STEALS BACK *THE TONIGHT SHOW* THE LATE SHAFT

Who could have imagined that among the displaced unemployed this year would be none other than Conan O'Brien? But when Conan took over *The Tonight Show* and promptly lost half of Jay Leno's viewers, the smell of blood was in the water. Leno, who had just finished dragging NBC to the bottom with his new 10 p.m. show, realized that agreeing to give up *The Tonight Show* might not have been his wisest move. With the bonehead execs at NBC clearly thinking "We're gonna need a bigger star," Jay circled his prey and it was only a matter of days before Conan was dead in the water, and Jay was back as king of the late night predators. In the end, the whole thing was pretty fishy.

Just when you thought it was safe to say you were the host of The Tonight Show...

JAW

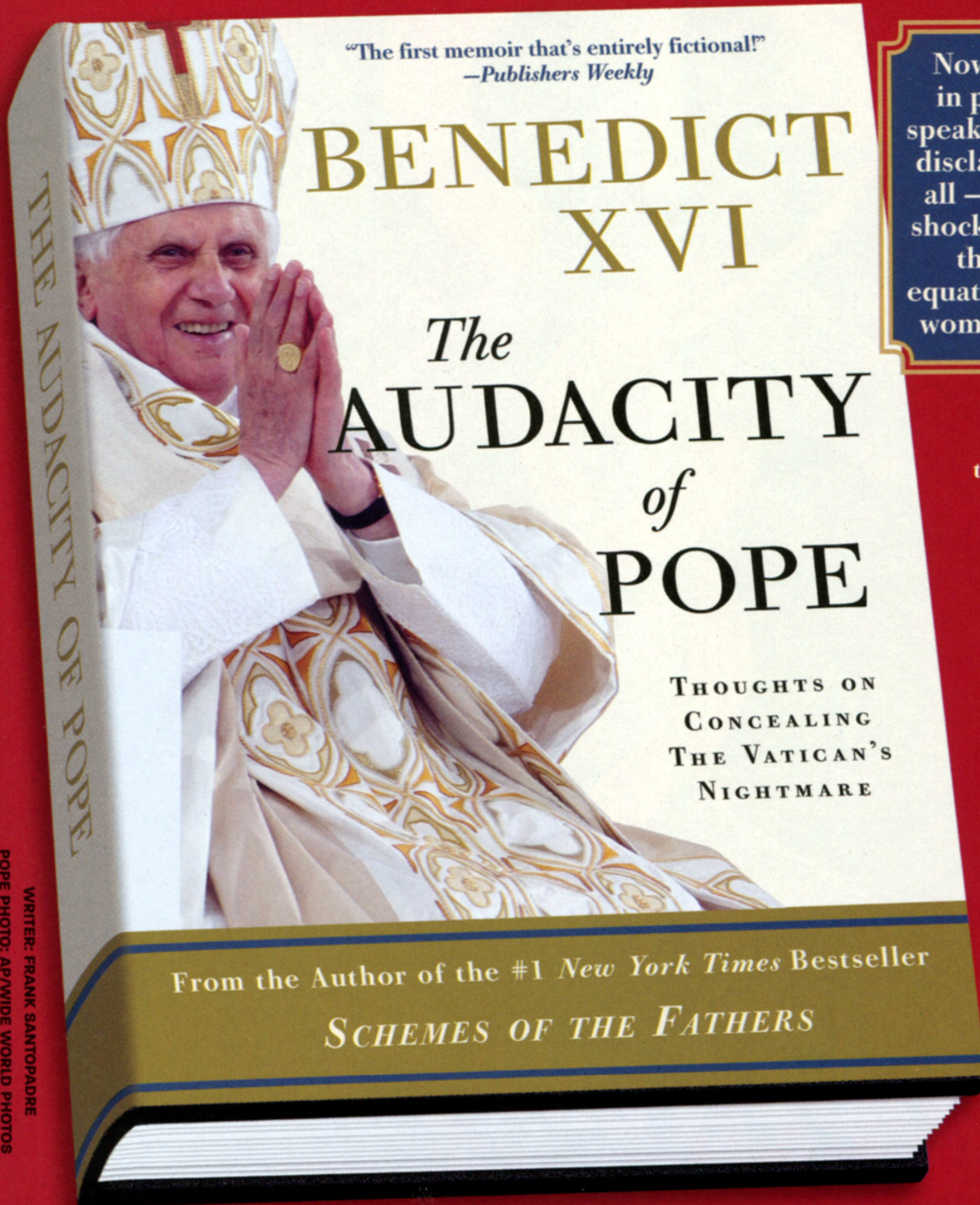


11 POPE BENEDICT XVI FATHER KNOWS MOLEST

In the movie *Godfather III*, Michael Corleone laments, "Every time I think I'm out, they pull me back in!" Pope Benedict XVI must know *exactly* how he feels! His Holiness was just starting to think that the Vatican sex abuse scandal was finally behind him when brand-new allegations and documents surfaced! To make matters worse, they suggested that HE was actively involved in the church's cover-up! (True, he was only Cardinal Ratzinger back then, but why quibble?) The Vatican jumped into action and did the right thing, condemning the sexual abuse of young men by priests...then jumped into action and did the *wrong* thing by saying that the priests' abhorrent behavior was on par with the ordination of female priests. So much for being infallible.

Q: What did Pope Benedict XVI — then a cardinal and Vatican official — know about the Catholic sex abuse scandal?

A: *What sex abuse scandal?*



Now, for the first time in print, His Holiness speaks out — discrediting, disclaiming and denying all — in a memoir more shocking and outrageous than his statement equating the ordination of women with pedophilia!

"The final word on these baseless charges. Now we can return to the serious holy duty of boycotting Hollywood movies."

—League of Catholics
President
Bob Donohue

"Would have been better with pictures!"

—Former Rep.
Mark Foley

"Glad I was never an Altar Boy!"

—Justin Bieber

Available as an Audio Book read by *To Catch A Predator's* Chris Hansen

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JET BLUE FLIGHT ATTENDANT FLIPS OUT CHUTE HAPPENS

With long security lines, tarmac delays and checked luggage fees, flying is enough of a pain in the ass these days without having to worry about petulant, rampaging flight attendants throwing melodramatic hissy fits. Now boarding Jet Blue Flight Attendant, Steven Slater! After cursing out a passenger on the P.A. for breaking minor safety rules, Steve showed his displeasure by breaking *major* safety rules — specifically, by grabbing two beers, deploying the emergency slide and making his getaway like some kind of deranged Batman villain. Too bad he didn't decide to do it at 40,000 feet.

“To the passenger who just called me a motherfer: F*** YOU! I’ve had it!”***



ARTIST: JAMES WARHOLA

STEVEN SLATER
SNAPPED ON A PLANE

August 9, 2010**G** GUESS YOU'RE NOT COMING
IN TOMORROW, YOU
F***ING DRAMA QUEEN!

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LADY GAGA DRESSES IN MEAT FLANKS FOR THE MAMMARIES

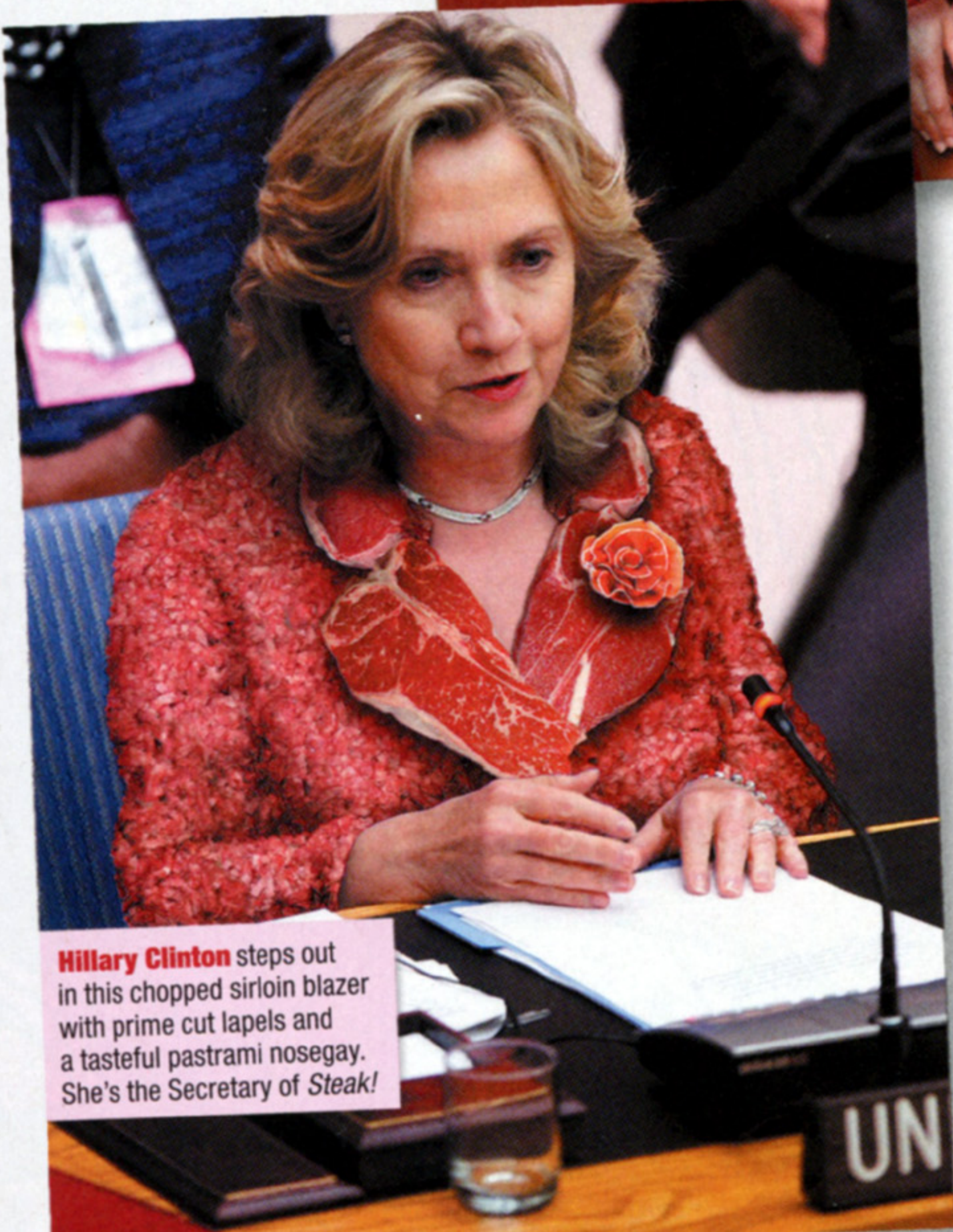
The problem with being a "shock" performer is that you always have to keep ramping up your outrageousness or you'll quickly be dismissed as this year's Marilyn Manson. (Remember him?) Which is probably why Lady Gaga felt compelled to wear an outfit made entirely of raw meat at this year's VMAs. Cheap flank steak cooking up for hours under the hot TV lights...Eew! It's enough to make us want to go vegetarian. But what do we know? Chances are some fans will go gaga over Gaga's coldcut couture — and it might even inspire an entire new fashion craze. Goodbye Oscar de la Renta, hello Oscar Mayer!



Jennifer Aniston debuts "The Claws-iere!" — a bra made of giant chicken drumsticks complete with talons. Accessorized with a stylish pork sausage choker, a mortadella mini skirt and Slim-Jim bangle bracelets. Sultry Poultry!



Hugh Jackman turns the ladies' heads with this completely boneless head cheese and kielbasa kilt held up with a Hot! Hot! Hot! capicola belt! Surf 'n Turf indeed!



Hillary Clinton steps out in this chopped sirloin blazer with prime cut lapels and a tasteful pastrami nosegay. She's the Secretary of Steak!



Her Royal Highness in an outfit that would make any Beefeater salute! A top roast top hat with a London broil shawl atop a coat of intricately woven bacon with alternating pepperoni and salami snaps. God savor the Queen!

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER
PHOTOS: AP / WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

14 GLENN BECK'S UNITY RALLY THE STINKIN' MEMORIAL

Glenn Beck's daily misreadings of history and science is must-see TV for those not wanting to be confused by facts. So we shouldn't have been surprised that after ranting that the Islamic Cultural Center near Ground Zero is an affront to the victims of 9/11, he would decide to hold a rally at the Lincoln Memorial on the same date and on the same spot where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his transformative "I Have A Dream" speech. (Now we're talking about an affront!) Beck's stated goal was to "take back the civil rights movement" for its truly maligned victims: whites like him! We don't wish bad things on people, but if Beck is so enamored with Lincoln, maybe he could go to Ford's Theater — just to see a play, you know?

I am happy to join with you today in what will be proclaimed by Fox News as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

A few years ago, this great American got a talk show. This momentous decree came as a great beacon of hope to millions of white people who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice, in the form of having others disagree with them.

But years later, the Conservative white man is still not free. His life is sadly crippled by the monopoly of the left wing media. The Conservative Caucasian is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land — even though he still runs practically every high-ranking institution.

I want to live in a nation where Americans can protest government intrusion in everyday life, while at the same time collecting social security and using Medicare — yet never once be called hypocrites.

I say to you today, my fans, even though we face difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in my version of the American dream.

I have a dream that a white television entertainer is the most natural choice to be the keeper of Dr. King's flame — more so than the first African-American President of the United States.

I have a dream that protest groups put together by multi-millionaires, for the benefit of huge insurance companies, will somehow be seen as "grassroots."

I have a dream today that angry people can gather at town halls and scream their opponents down, all the while complaining that their voices are never heard.

I have a dream that little black boys and girls and little white boys and girls can come together in harmony, and will swallow whatever jingoistic line I screech without question, because they look upon me as "America's History Teacher" — even though most times I'm completely rewriting actual history. I have a dream!

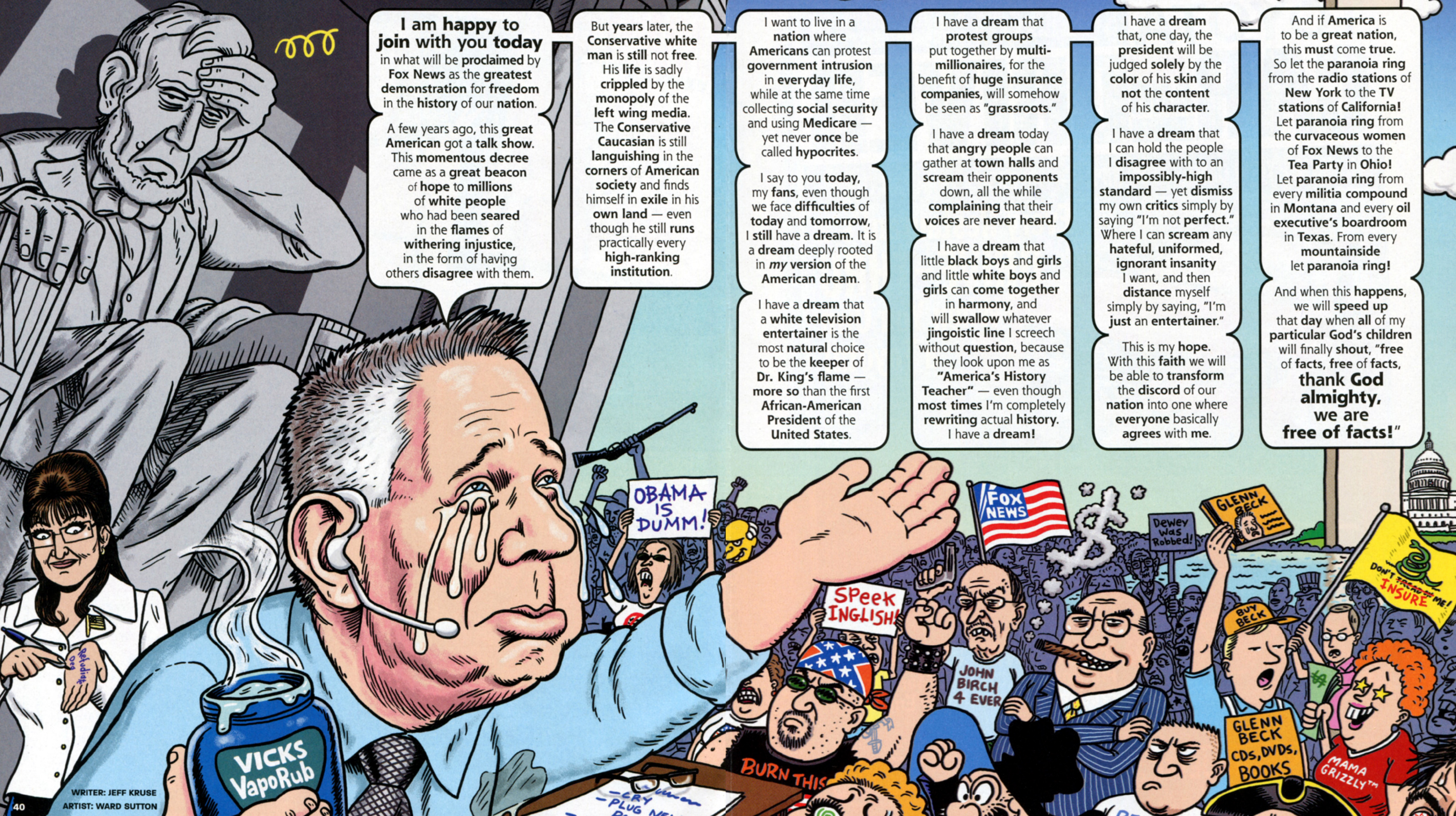
I have a dream that, one day, the president will be judged solely by the color of his skin and not the content of his character.

I have a dream that I can hold the people I disagree with to an impossibly-high standard — yet dismiss my own critics simply by saying "I'm not perfect." Where I can scream any hateful, uniformed, ignorant insanity I want, and then distance myself simply by saying, "I'm just an entertainer."

This is my hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the discord of our nation into one where everyone basically agrees with me.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let the paranoia ring from the radio stations of New York to the TV stations of California! Let paranoia ring from the curvaceous women of Fox News to the Tea Party in Ohio! Let paranoia ring from every militia compound in Montana and every oil executive's boardroom in Texas. From every mountainside let paranoia ring!

And when this happens, we will speed up that day when all of my particular God's children will finally shout, "free of facts, free of facts, thank God almighty, we are free of facts!"



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THE UNSTOPPABLE TOYOTA CARS & DEFECT

Life can go pretty fast. Especially if you're behind the wheel of a Toyota. This year, many drivers learned that when you buy a Camry, brakes are a "luxury option." Toyota eventually recalled nine million of their cars, but not before 37 people had died. Worst of all, no one's sure what the actual problem was — whether it was faulty floor mats, an engine software problem, a pedal malfunction or demonic transmission possession. The one thing we ARE sure of — when it came to addressing this disaster, Toyota dragged their feet — and when it came to stopping their cars, many drivers had to do the same.

TOYOTA SPARKS FLY! WE RATE THE GUARDRAILS OF THE NORTHEAST CAR AND DRIVER

FILLING UP YOUR CAMRY AT 80 MPH — IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

Every Restaurant's a
DRIVE-THRU
When You Own
a Toyota!



« **WEEKEND GETAWAY**
Plowing into the Flea Markets &
Produce Stands of New England

Find a GPS That Can Talk Fast Enough to Keep Up with Your Careening Prius

CAR WASH ETIQUETTE How Much Should You Tip After Your
Corolla Mows Down The Towel Boy?



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THE IPHONE 4 A ROTTEN APPLE

The iPhone 4 promised to change the way you use your cell phone. And it did...you could no longer make phone calls! The iPhone 4's external antenna looked great, but it provided terrible reception! (What'd you expect from a lousy \$400 phone?) Apple's response was to step up...and deny there was any problem. Steve Jobs' holier-than-thou attitude didn't help when he explained that all users had to do was gingerly hold the phone with two fingers like it was a dainty porcelain tea cup! The iPhone 4 still doesn't use Verizon to carry its signal, but these days it sure does use their slogan – "Can you hear me *NOW?*"

THE ANTENNA COMMANDMENTS of the iPhone 4

I Thou shalt forsake all other worldly possessions in order to afford the iPhone 4.

II Thou shalt not take the name of Steve Jobs in vain when thine iPhone 4 drops five calls in a single hour.

III Thou shalt hold the iPhone 4 above all others – just not around the edges.

IV Remember the Sabbath Day, and to keep it open so thou can spend eight hours at the Genius Bar trying to get thine iPhone to work.

V Thou shalt honor the geek at the Genius Bar when commanded to use duct tape to improve reception.

VI Thou shalt spend another \$30 for a quick-fix "case" to improve thine iPhone's reception.

VII Thou shalt heap praise upon Apple when they cave and give everyone the \$30 quick-fix case for free.

VIII Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Verizon reception.

IX Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's Droid.

X Thou shalt not kill thyself when a superior, less expensive iPhone is released in a few months.

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THE PHILANDERING JESSE JAMES WHEN YOU TRYST UPON A STAR

On his show, *Monster Garage*, Jesse James would take an ordinary vehicle and transform it into something moronic and grotesque. So it's only natural that he'd do the same thing with his marriage. This time, though, instead of ruining a PT Cruiser by adding a wood chipper, he destroyed his personal life by throwing in a tattooed mistress. And if that wasn't enough of the crap-touch, Jesse upped the ante with some pictures of him dressed in a Nazi cap, heiling Hitler. Hey Jesse, while your hand's up there, why don't you go ahead and wave good bye to your career as well.

UNWANTED



JESSE JAMES

AKA THE
FORMER MR.
SANDRA BULLOCK



AKA THAT
DUMBASS FROM
MONSTER GARAGE



AKA "CAPTAIN
FRISKY VON
RACISTHOFFEN"

WHEREAS...the aforementioned DIRTBAG, acting together with SKANKY opportunist MICHELLE "BOMBSHELL" McGEE, did MURDER in COLD BLOOD, a once-faithful marriage to America's sweetheart SANDRA BULLOCK. And WHEREAS... he publicly humiliated her RIGHT after she won the BEST ACTRESS OSCAR and everything. And WHEREAS...he then blamed his INFIDELITY on abuse he MAY or MAY NOT have suffered as a CHILD. And WHEREAS...if you're going to CHEAT on an ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS, for GOD'S SAKE, MAN, you can probably do BETTER than some freaky GOLD-DIGGING TRAMP who looks like a syphilitic TATTOOED LADY from a RUNDOWN 1930s circus SIDESHOW!

EXTREMELY
DESPERATE MAN!
LAST SEEN PEDDLING
HIS BELONGINGS ON
EBAY FOR CASH!



MAY BE DISGUISED
AS NAZI OFFICER
APPROACH WITH
EXTREME DISGUST



NOT WANTED BY
EX-WIVES, TELEVISION
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WOMAN WITH AN OUNCE
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STILL AT LARGE
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WHAT MUSICAL
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18 HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION MAD FOLD-IN

The music industry is very fickle. One minute, you're being listened to by millions, the next minute, no one wants to hear from you ever again. It happens all the time, but complaining would just be a waste of breath. To find out what musical act really blew it this year, fold page in as shown.



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THE VULGAR SOUND IS THE DREAD OF MUSICALLY SENSITIVE PEOPLE. AUDIENCE MEMBERS ARE VULNERABLE TO EARACHES AND WIND UP IN A DAZE—LATELY EVEN FAINTING — IT'S THAT SERIOUS. THIS, AND THE FOUL NOISES ANGRY MOBS MAKE IS A SURE SIGN FOR SHOWDOWN CITY. THAT IS MUSIC TODAY. WE ALL CAN HEAR GOOD MUSIC IF WE SHOW HOW MUCH WE CARE

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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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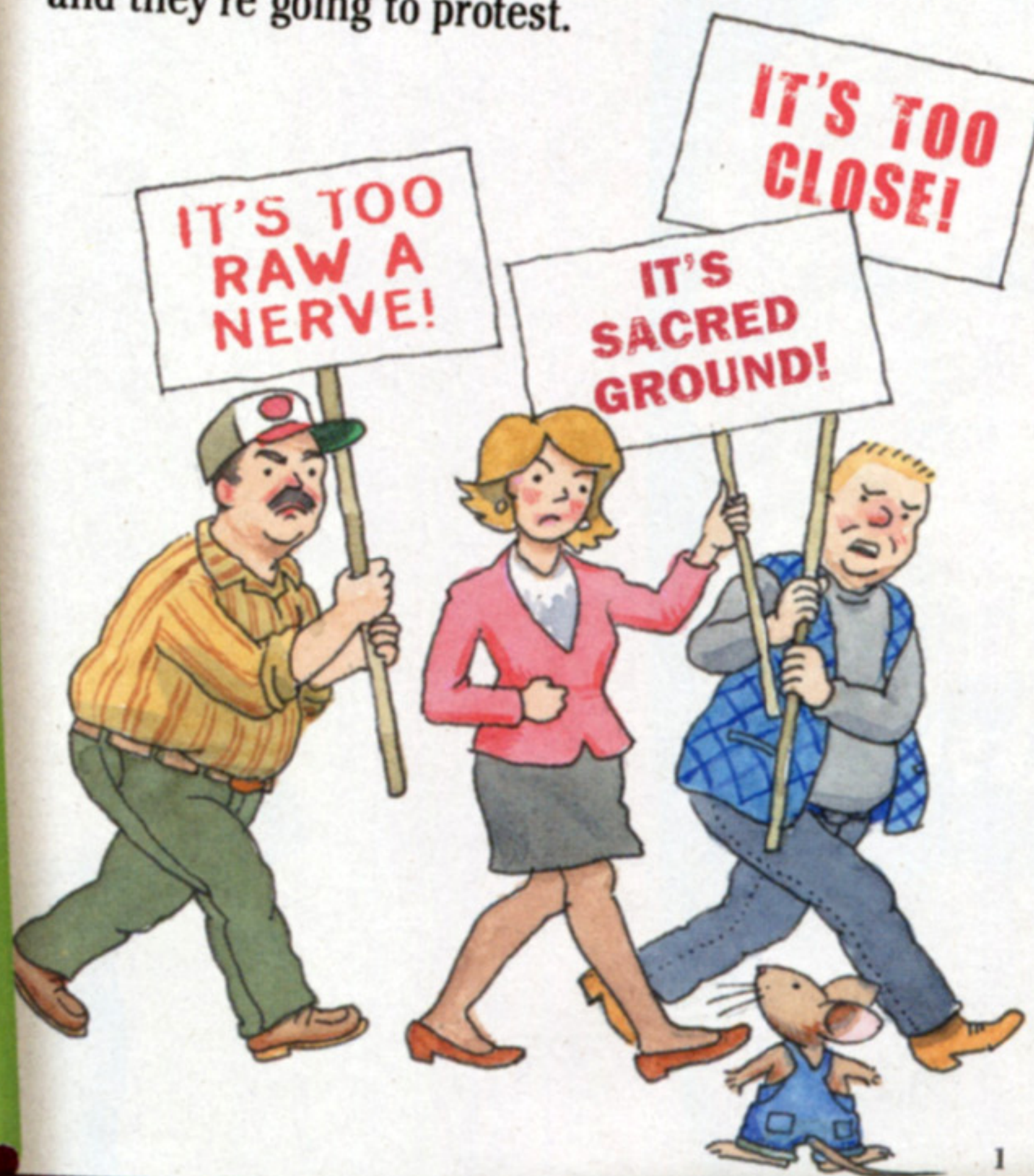
THE MOSQUE AT GROUND ZERO THE WORLD TIRADE CENTER

The only downside to the First Amendment's Freedom of Speech is that every a-hole in the country has the right to mouth off, regardless of how stupid and ill-informed they are. Hence, the cacophony surrounding the proposal to build an Islamic Cultural Center two blocks away from Ground Zero. It seemed that every crackpot, yahoo, religious zealot, bigot, extremist and pandering politician in America crawled out from under the 9/11 debris to scream something hurtful, inflammatory and flat-out wrong about the proposed building. Whatever they end up constructing on the site, we just hope it's soundproof enough to drown out all the childish bickering.

IF YOU BUILD A MOSQUE AT GROUND ZERO



If you build a mosque at Ground Zero, people are going to say "You can't build a mosque at Ground Zero!" and they're going to protest.



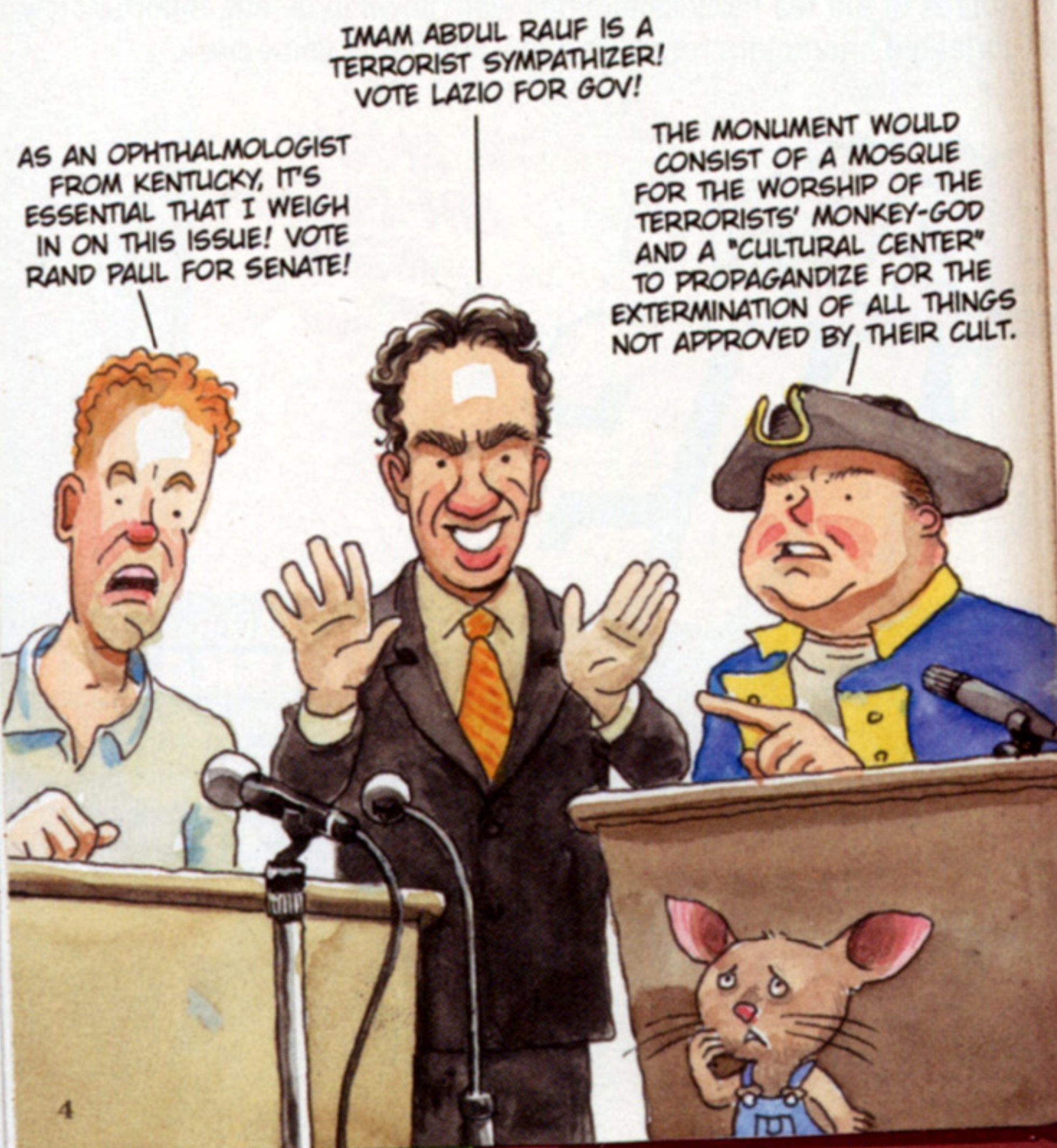
And then people who support the mosque are going to protest as well.



And if people keep protesting, the pundits and talking heads are going to show up and start making less-valid points.



And once politicians see how much attention the issue is getting, they're going to start exploiting it.



And soon, people are just going to be protesting the comments and actions of other protestors who are protesting *their* comments and actions.



And with the rhetoric getting hotter, it will become clear that these people need a place to sit down and talk out their differences.

Some place where they can learn about each other and bridge the gap between Muslim and non-Muslim communities.



Maybe a community center — with a performing arts space and a fitness center, and a theater...



...and a basketball court, and a childcare center, and a culinary school, and a pool...



...and a bookstore, and a food court, and an art studio, and a September 11th memorial, and a mosque...



And someone will say...

YOU CAN'T BUILD A MOSQUE AT GROUND ZERO!



And you know what happens next...

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THE TEA PARTY CANDIDATES CRAZY LIKE FOX

This year, a seemingly mild-mannered group of people combined a lack of knowledge of the Founding Fathers, an indifference towards the less-fortunate and an unstoppable resolve to protect the wealthiest from paying their fair share of taxes to create the Tea Party! Their candidates felt they had all the answers — so much so that they avoided questions from the press like Kryptonite. They knew what was best for America — and if you disagreed, well, then you must be BAD for America! Their one weakness turned out to be at the ballot box — two-thirds of the Tea Party candidates went down in defeat. Unfortunately, if there's one thing we know about comics, it's that defeated characters rarely go away and never come back.

WASHINGTON
DC

SARAH PALIN is **STARPOWER**

Unelectable, un-endorsable, yet unbowed, the spiritual leader of the Tea Titans draws big crowds — and even bigger checks for speaking fees!

CHRISTINE O'DONNELL is **STARK RAVEN**

Part sorceress, part evolution skeptic — all lunatic! She's earth's most powerful superhero (just check her résumé!)

CARL PALADINO is **CYBERBORG**

Bombarding cyberspace with a fusillade of offensive emails, this calculating, cold-hearted man-machine crushes all who dare to get in his way!

RAND PAUL is **ROBBIN'**

Short-statured ophthalmologist by day, confused Libertarian by night. He's fightin' mad and dedicated to robbin' minorities of their hard-fought civil rights!

SHARRON ANGLE is **KID SLASH**

Slashing food stamps, farm welfare and other "entitlement" government programs at the speed of light!

**SPECIAL
HOT-BUTTON
ISSUE!**

JOE MILLER is **ALASKA-LAD**

Mighty global warming denier from the 49th state! Watch him tear the Constitution to shreds with his bare hands!



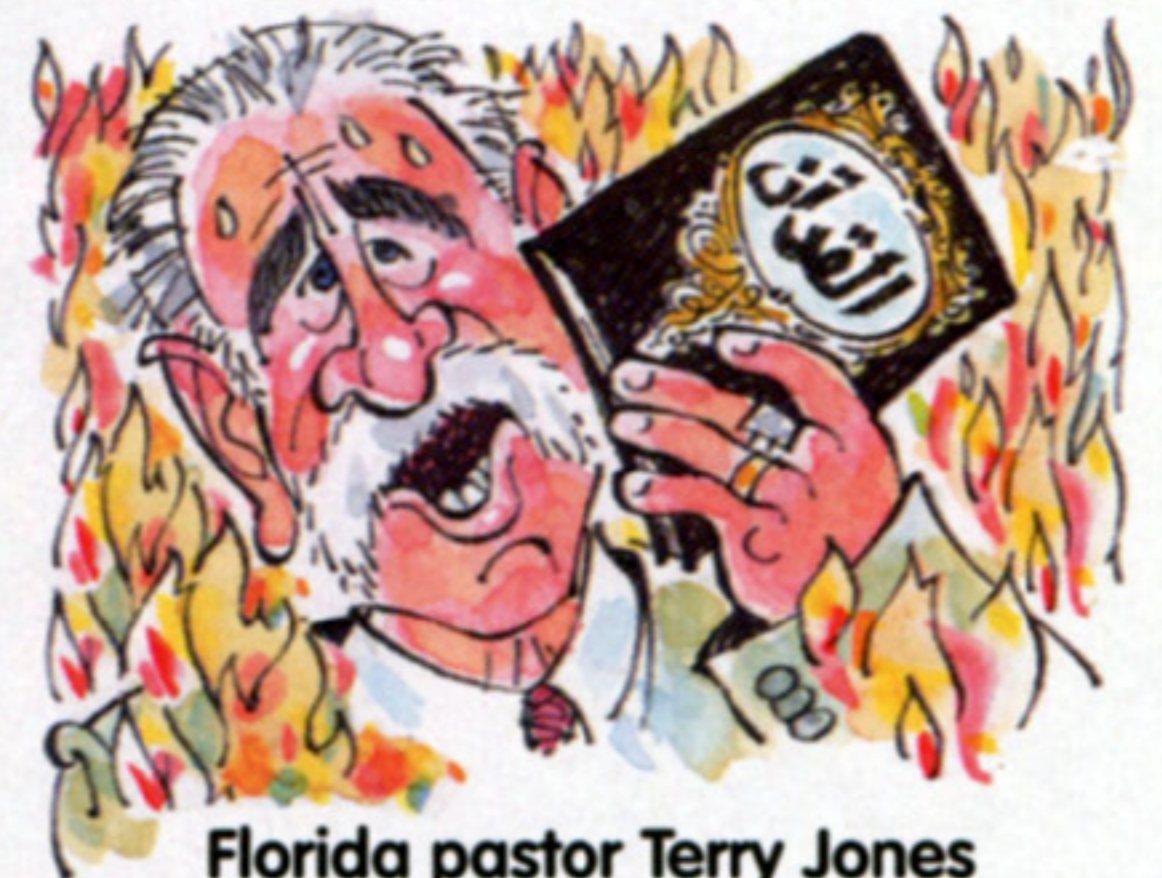
THE MAD 20 "ADDENDUMB"



George W. Bush says Kanye West's racism accusation was lowest point of his presidency
Once again, "The Decider" gets it wrong.



Egomaniacal juice-head Roger Clemens lies his way to a perjury charge
Just because he was a pitcher in the majors doesn't mean he won't end up a catcher behind bars.



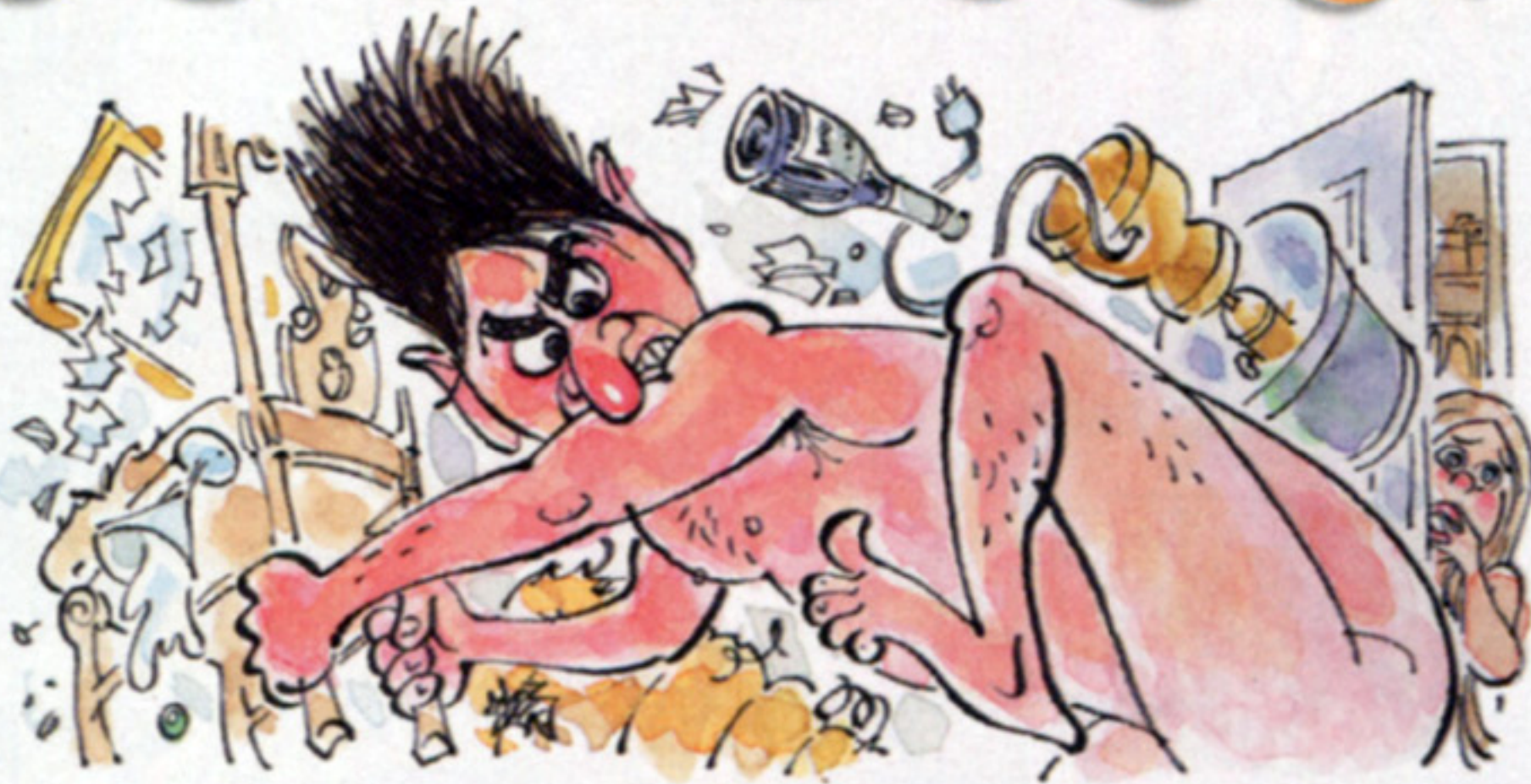
Florida pastor Terry Jones threatens to burn Korans on 9-11
While we're glad he didn't go through with it, we do think it's a good idea that he gets used to being surrounded by flames.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig refuses to reverse blown call on perfect game
Another strike on Bud. And still no balls.

Westboro Baptist Church members continue to spew anti-gay hate speech at military funerals
No one will be spewing hate speech at a Westboro protester's funeral — they'll be too busy dancing on their graves.

Congressman Eric Massa tickles and gropes male staff members
We wonder if Massa and former Senator Larry Craig ever "caucused" together — if you know what we mean...

Dr. Laura repeatedly drops the N-word to a woman calling her radio show to discuss racial insensitivity
Why can't people of all races come together (and agree that Dr. Laura is a complete idiot?)



A drunken, coked-up Charlie Sheen trashes his hotel room while his frightened porn star "date" hides naked in the closet
In a situation like this, what kind of a tip do you think Sheen leaves for the maid?



Moronic Philly fan tased on field by moronic security guard
If you have a taser at a Phillies game, how do you *not* send 5,000 volts the Philly Phanatic's way?

Disgraced New York Governor Eliot Spitzer gets a TV show on CNN
A sleazy ex-politician who didn't end up on Fox News? Go figure!

Republican National Committee takes party donors to a lesbian bondage club
Apparently RNC Chairman Michael Steele was ok with this because the lesbians were spanking each other, not trying to get married.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' wife asks Anita Hill to say she's sorry
"Say, who put this pubic hair on my apology note?"

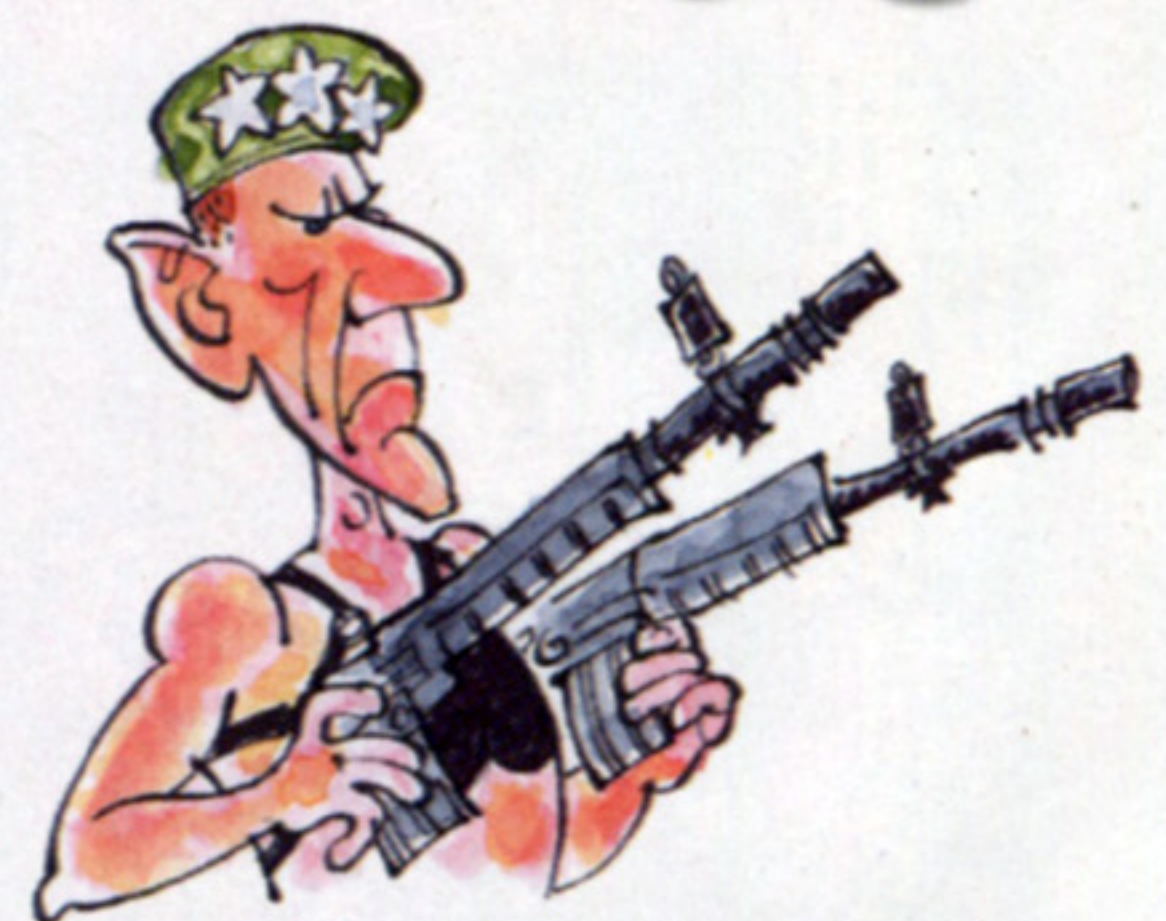
Joy Behar and Whoopi Goldberg walk out on Bill O'Reilly on *The View*
We don't care what O'Reilly said, the end justifies the means.



Brett Favre texts photos of his privates to a female reporter
We want to know just one thing — where in the world did Favre buy that little foam cheese head?



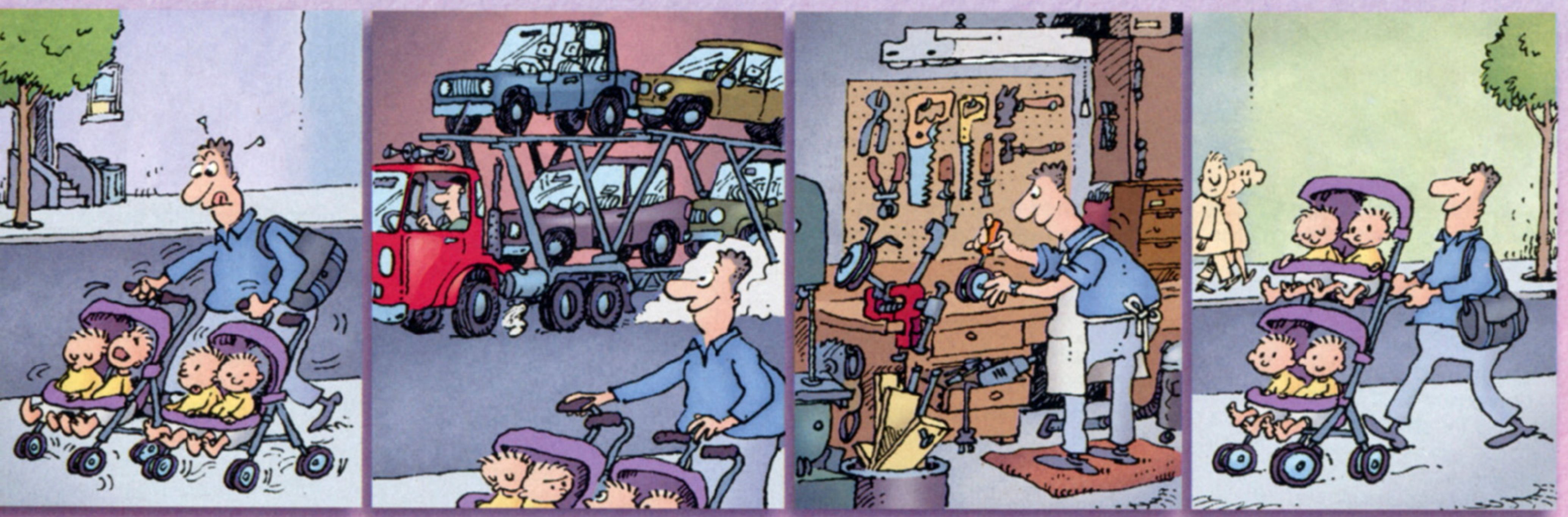
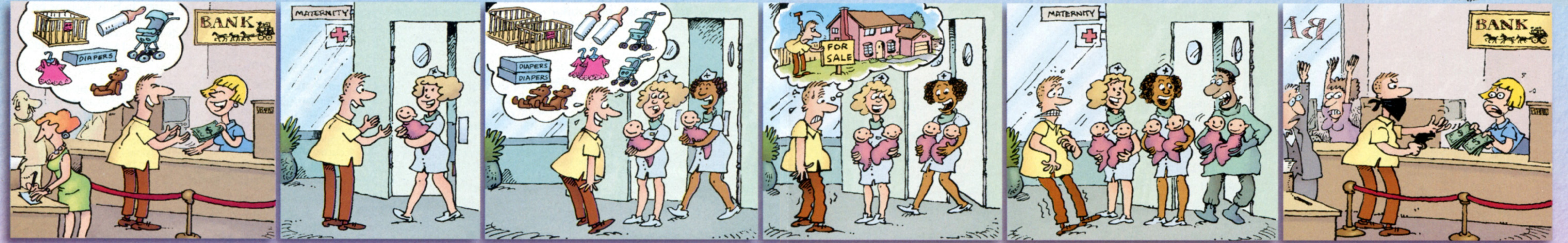
Katy Perry flaunts her boobs on Sesame Street
The episode was apparently brought to you by the letters "T" and "A."



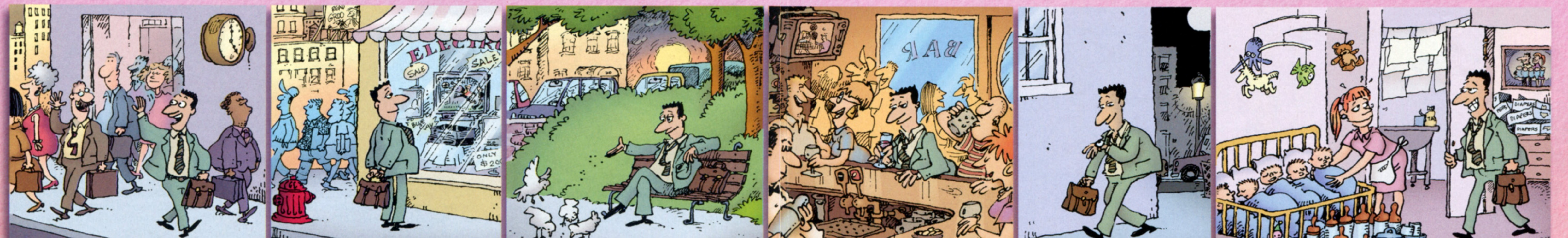
General McChrystal bad mouths superiors in *Rolling Stone* interview
Good to know at least he had a *personal* exit strategy out of Afghanistan.

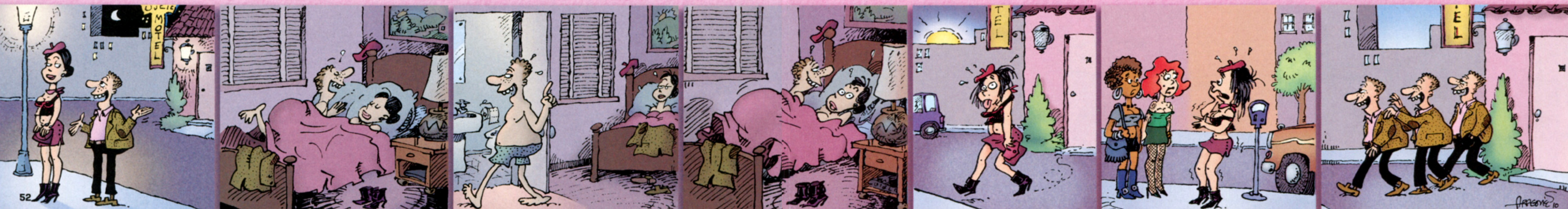
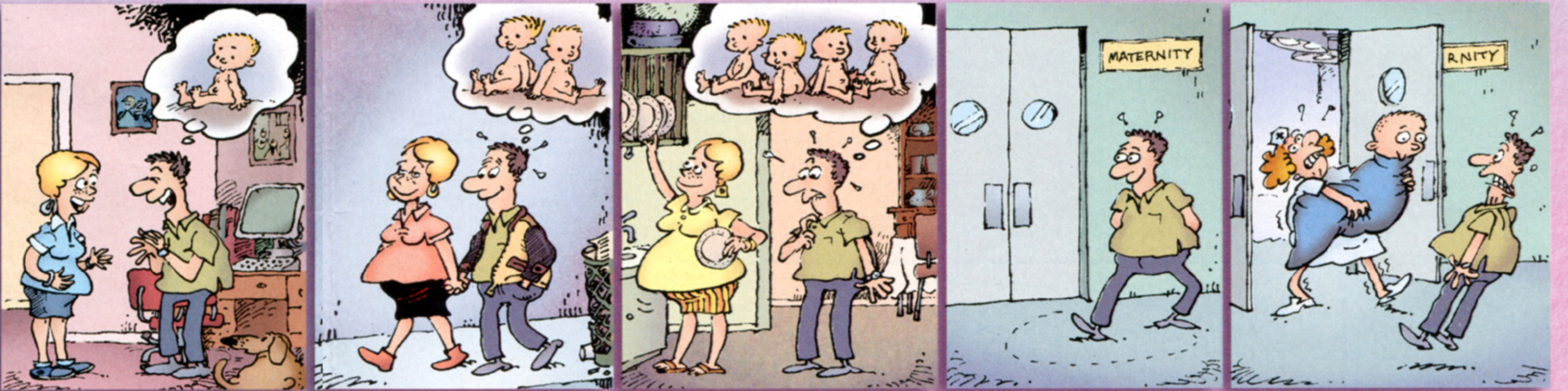
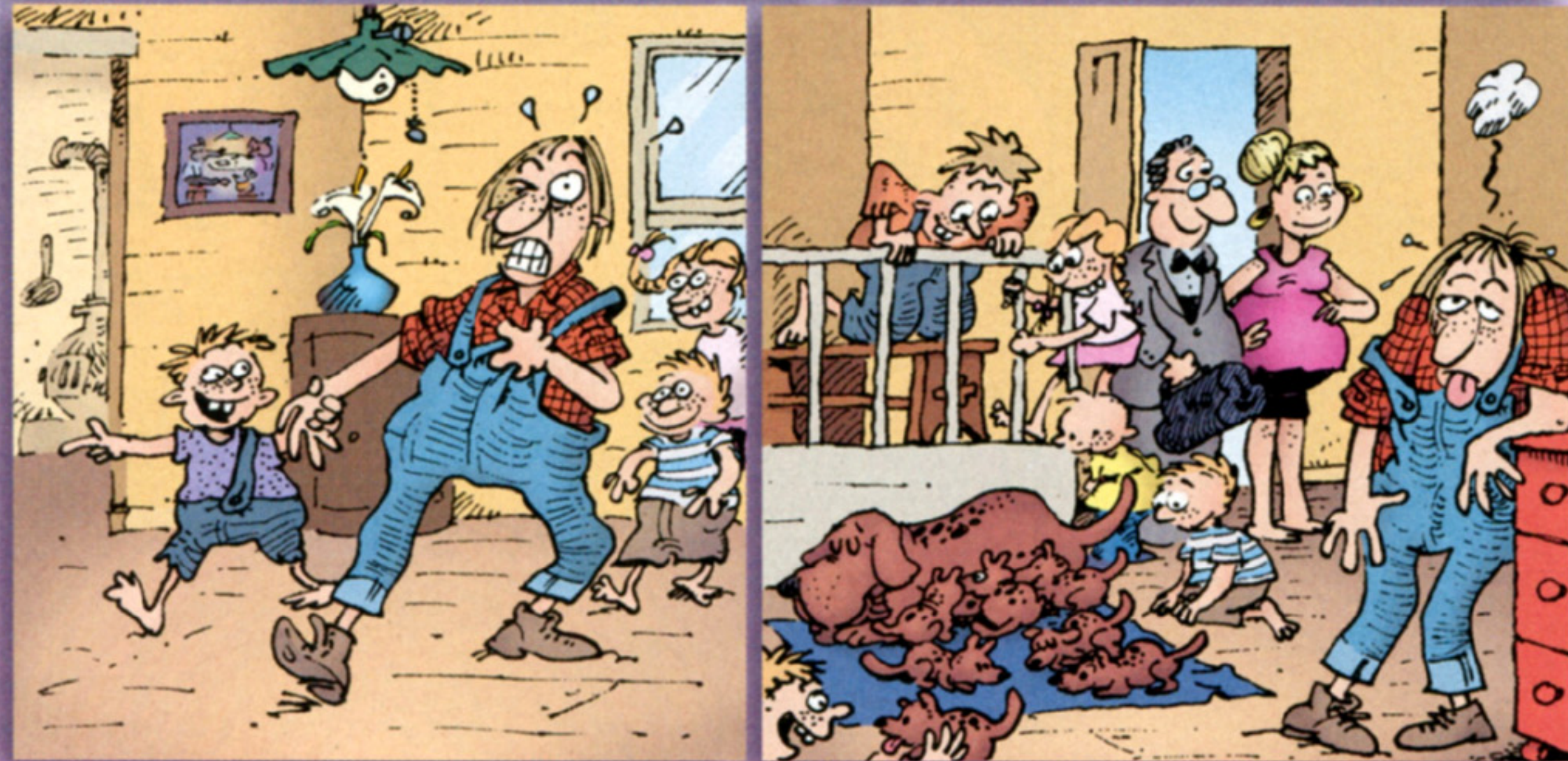
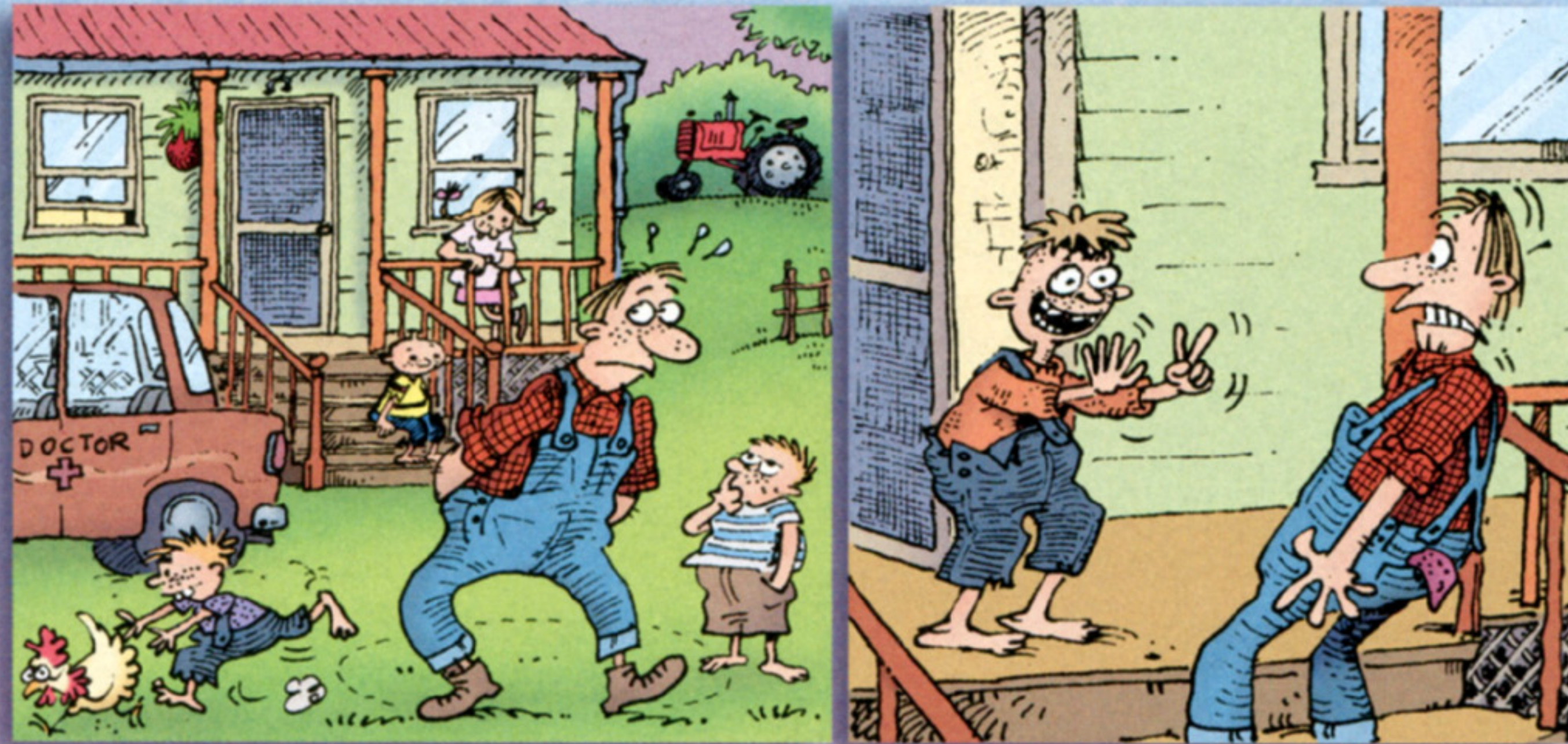
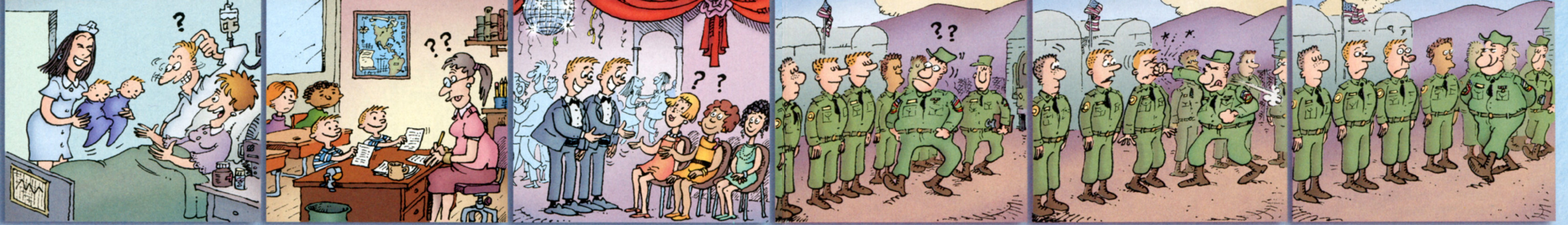
ARTIST: PAUL COKER

A MAD LOOK AT TWINS, TRIPLETS & BEYOND



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS
COLORIST: TOM LUTH





THE UPSIDES TO A NATIONWIDE BEDBUG INFESTATION

Face it, these are desperate times. There's just nothing good to be said about crushing economic hardships, unending terror threats or that new animated MAD show on Cartoon Network. But don't despair. Because there is one burgeoning calamity growing by leaps and box springs that just ain't as bad as it appears. In fact, it has its good points. And we're sure you'll be nodding your red welt-covered head in agreement, once you've read...



Owning a relatively clean mattress will have the powerful allure once reserved for those who possess expensive cars and penthouse apartments.

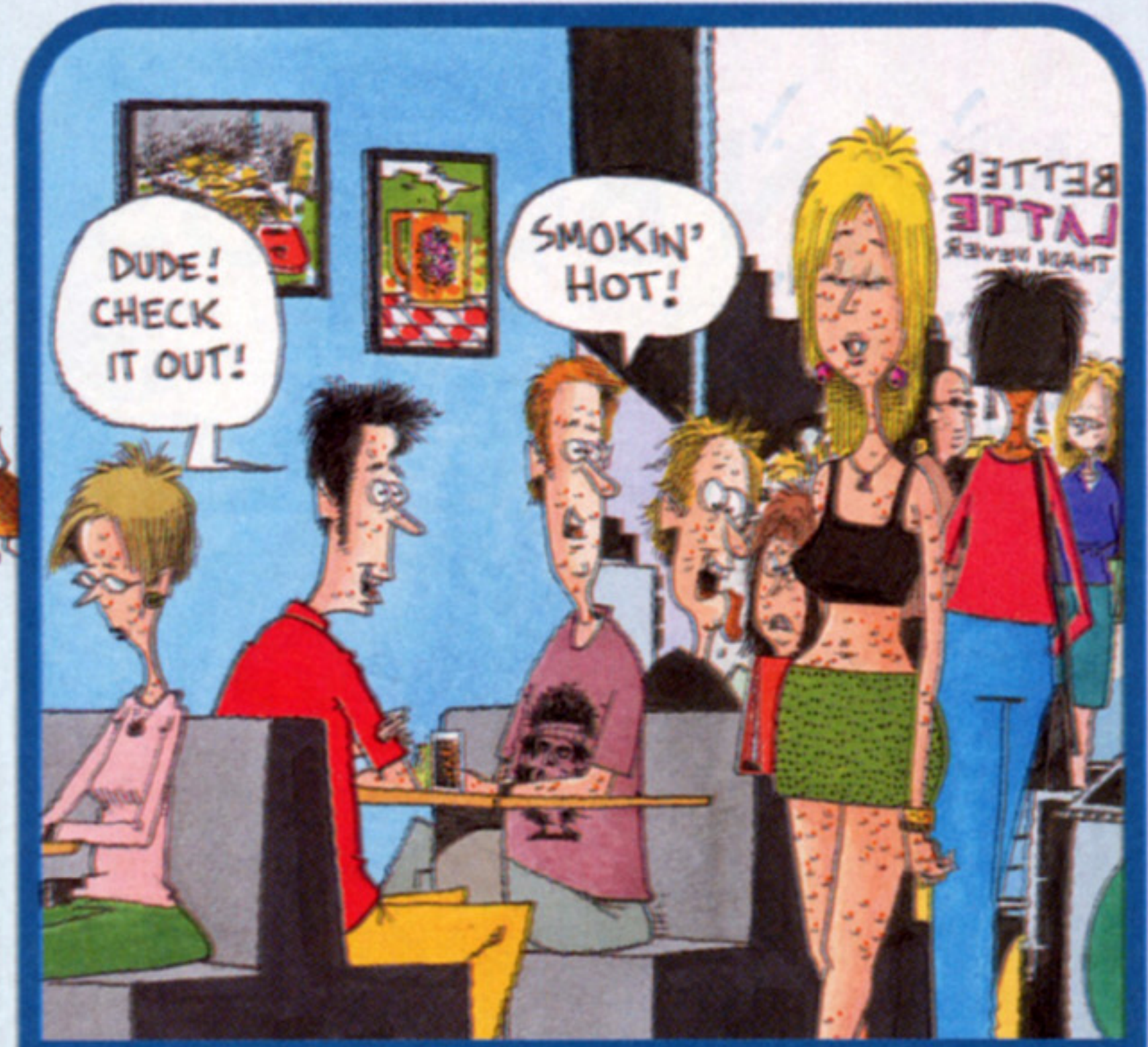


In the looks department, bedbugs have it all over ticks.

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL



It takes a little bit of the sting (and a lot of the itch) out of a foreclosure.



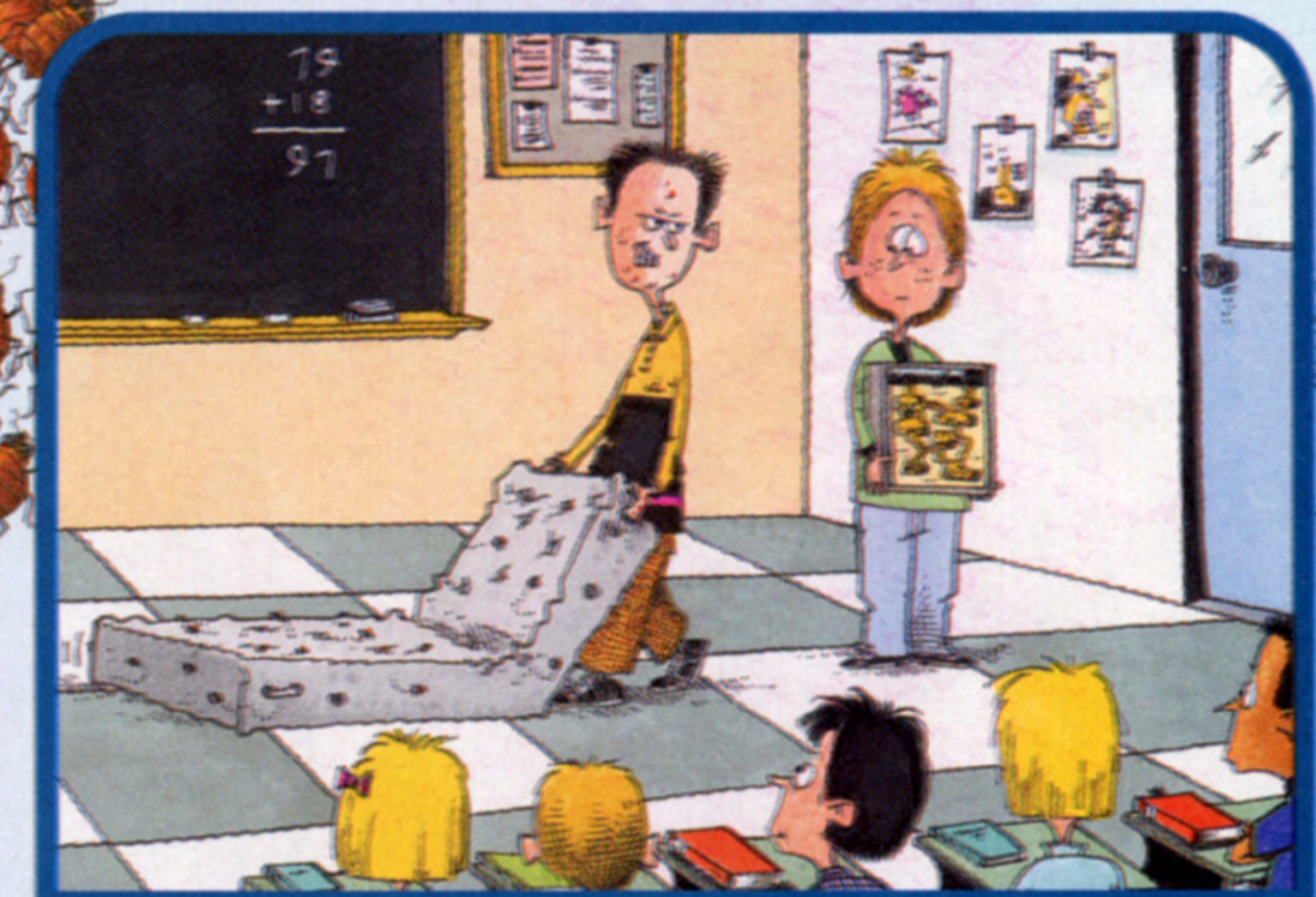
Chronic acne breakouts will go virtually unnoticed.



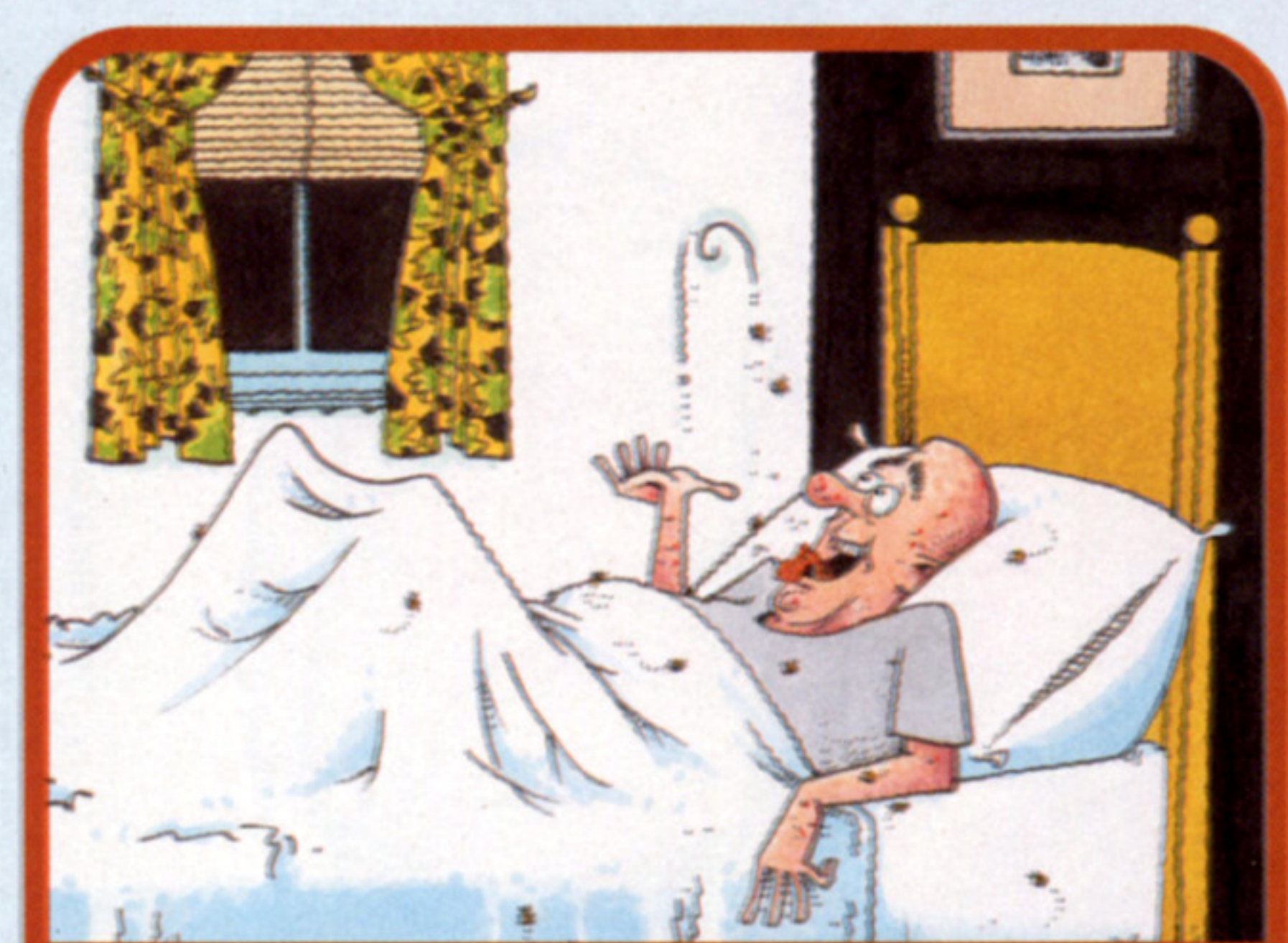
At long last, truly low maintenance pets.



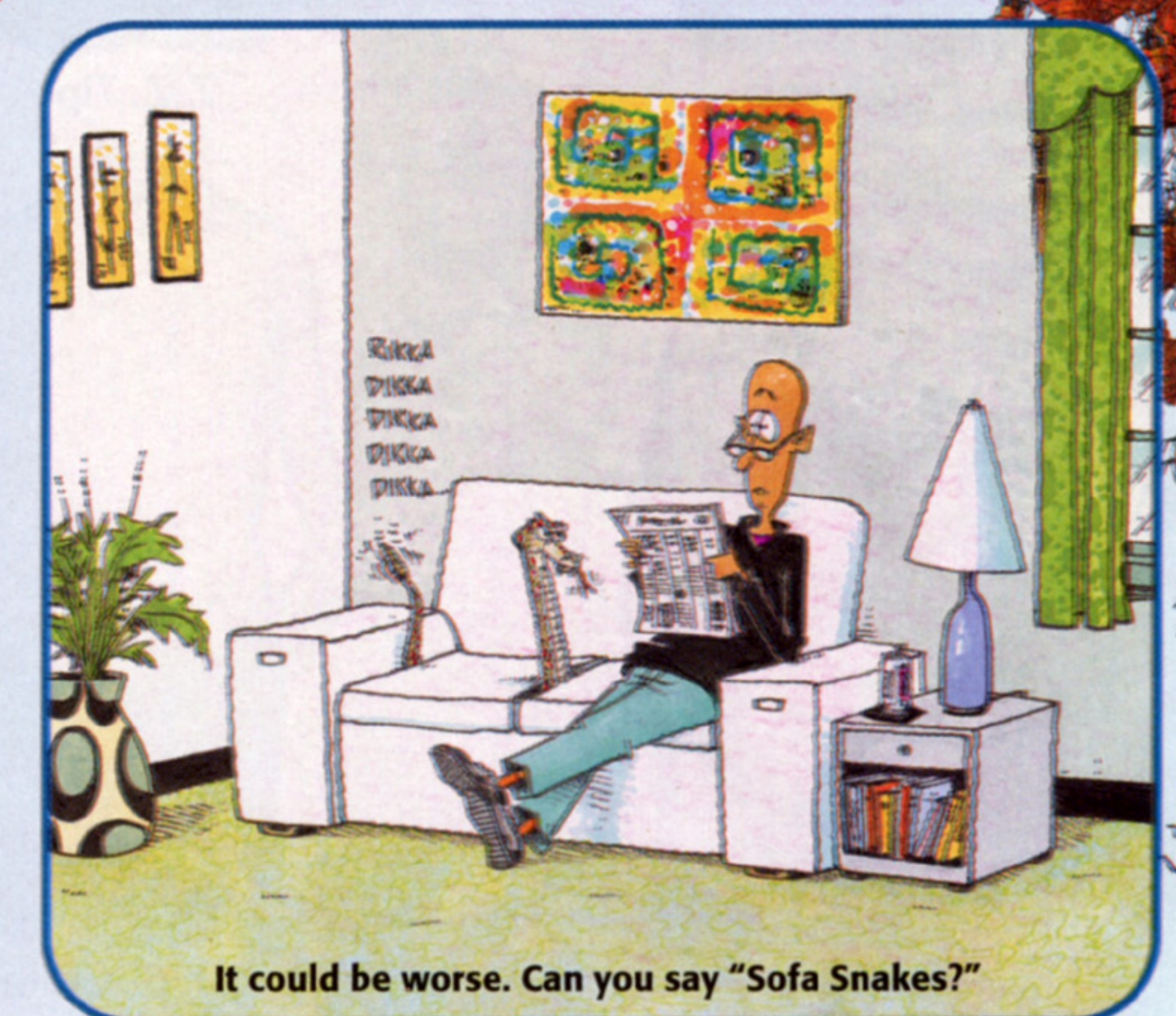
Oyster beds, already ravaged in the Gulf Coast, will be unaffected.



Although a tad bulky, your mattress blows away any lame ant farm at Show & Tell.



They're a late night snack you don't have to raid the refrigerator for. (Okay, this is pretty much only an upside for that freakazoid on Bizarre Foods, Andrew Zimmern.)

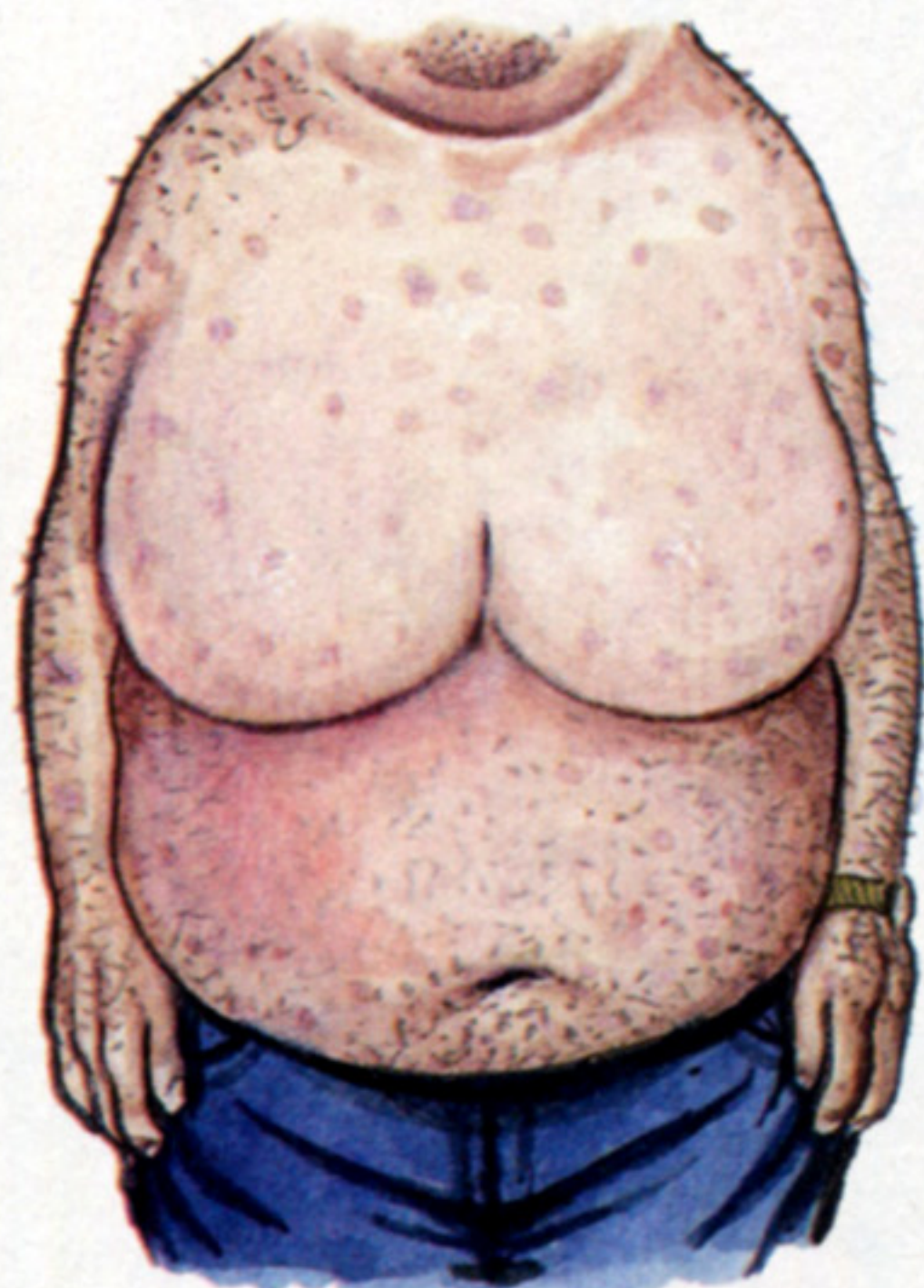


It could be worse. Can you say "Sofa Snakes?"



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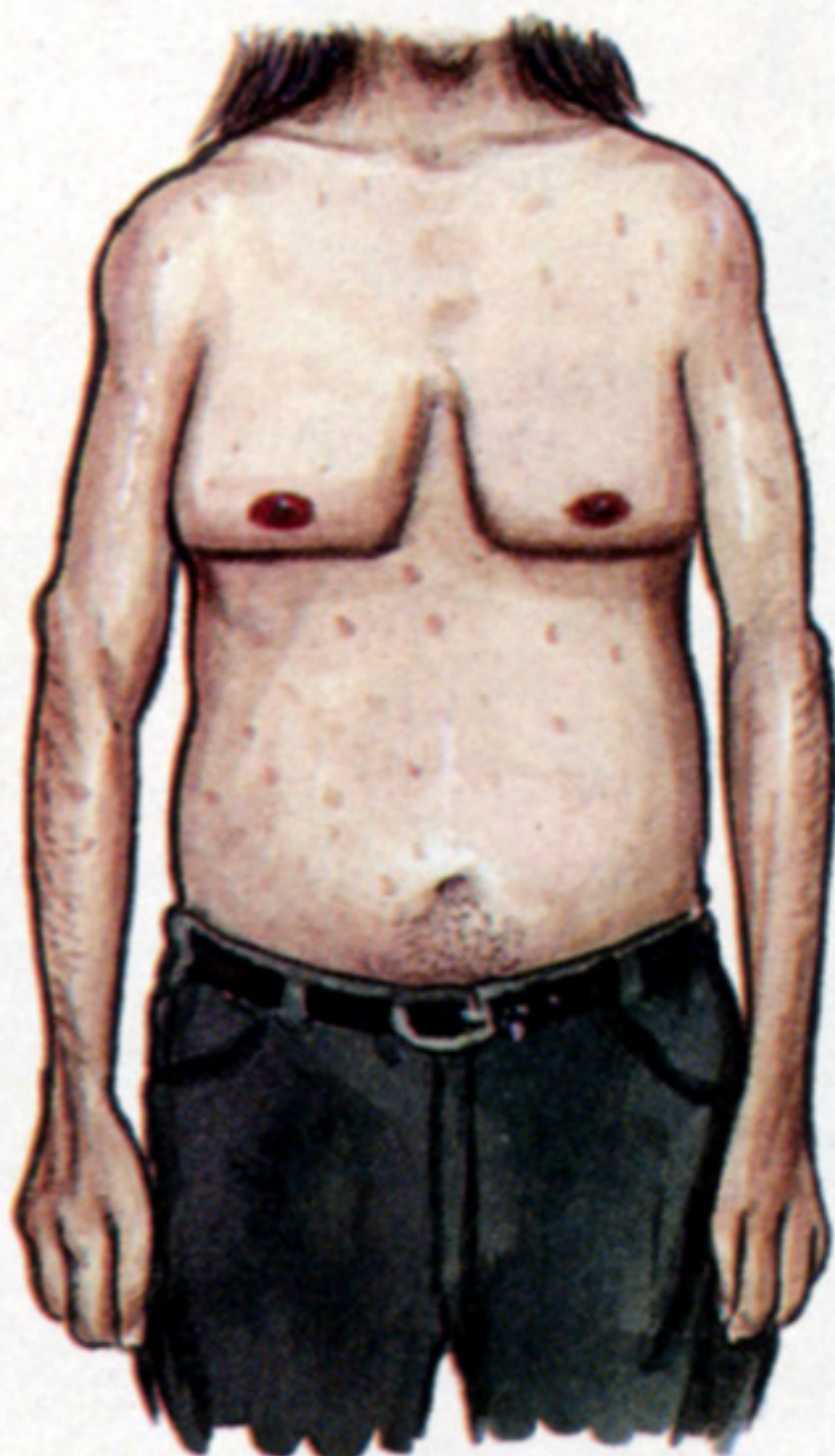
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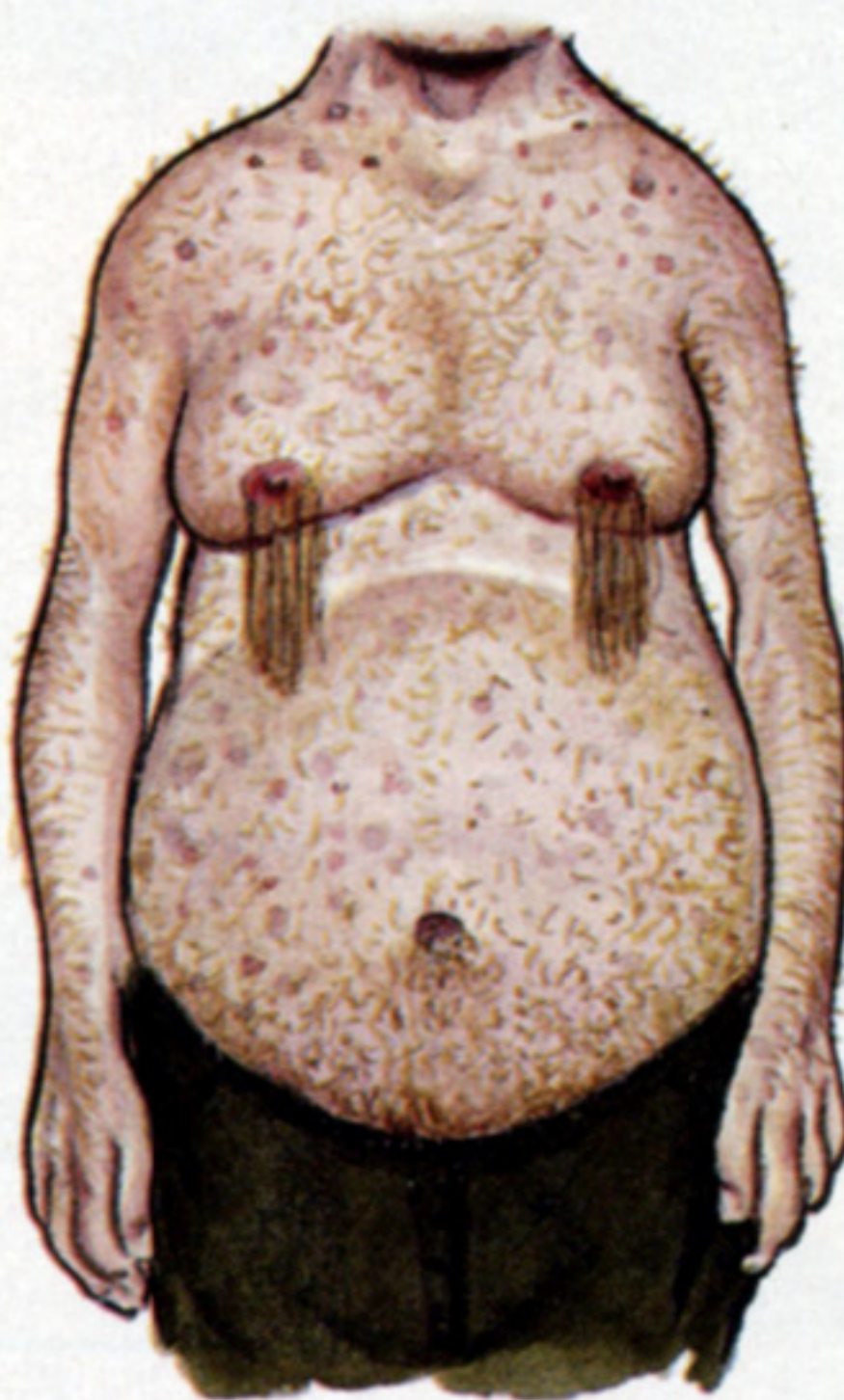
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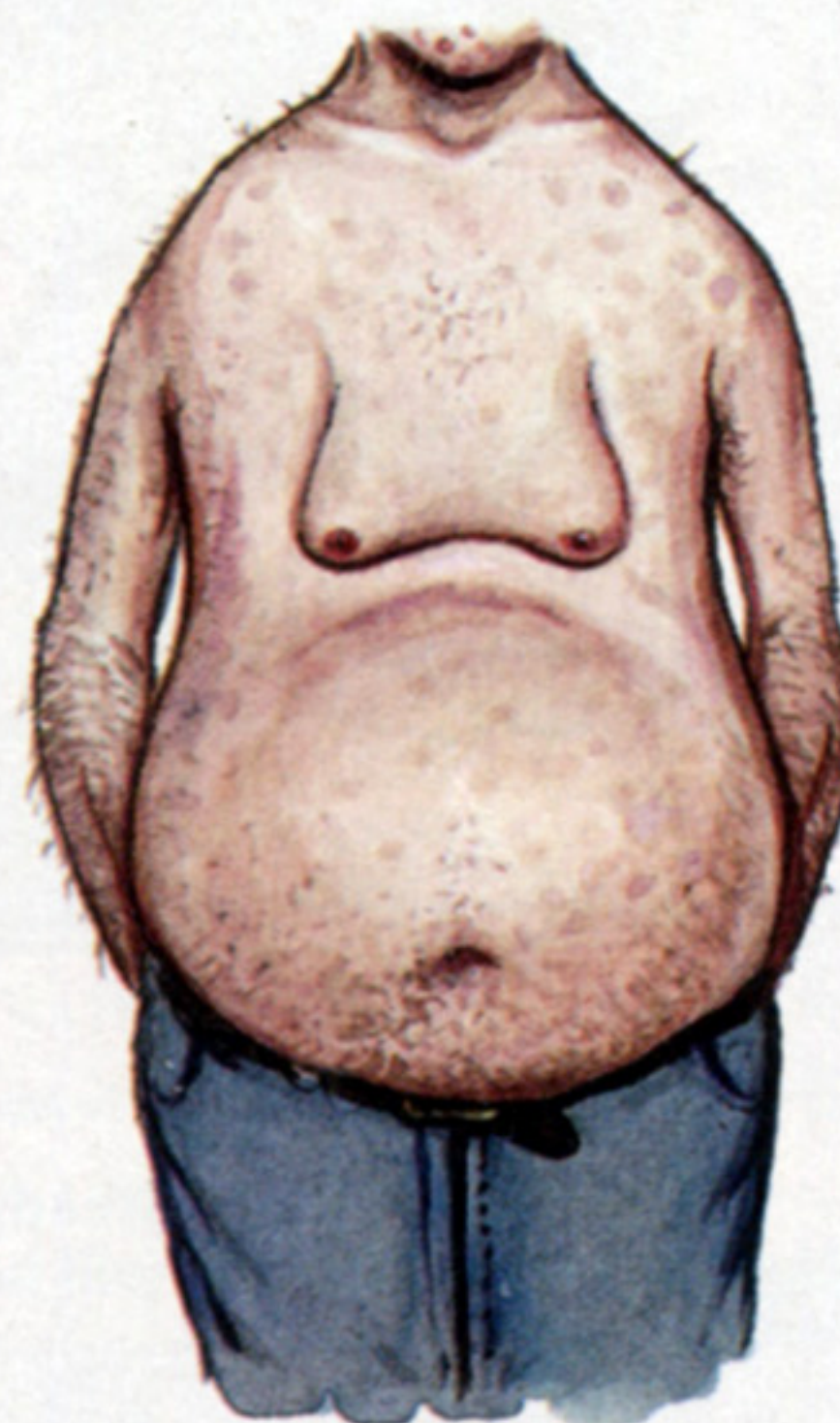
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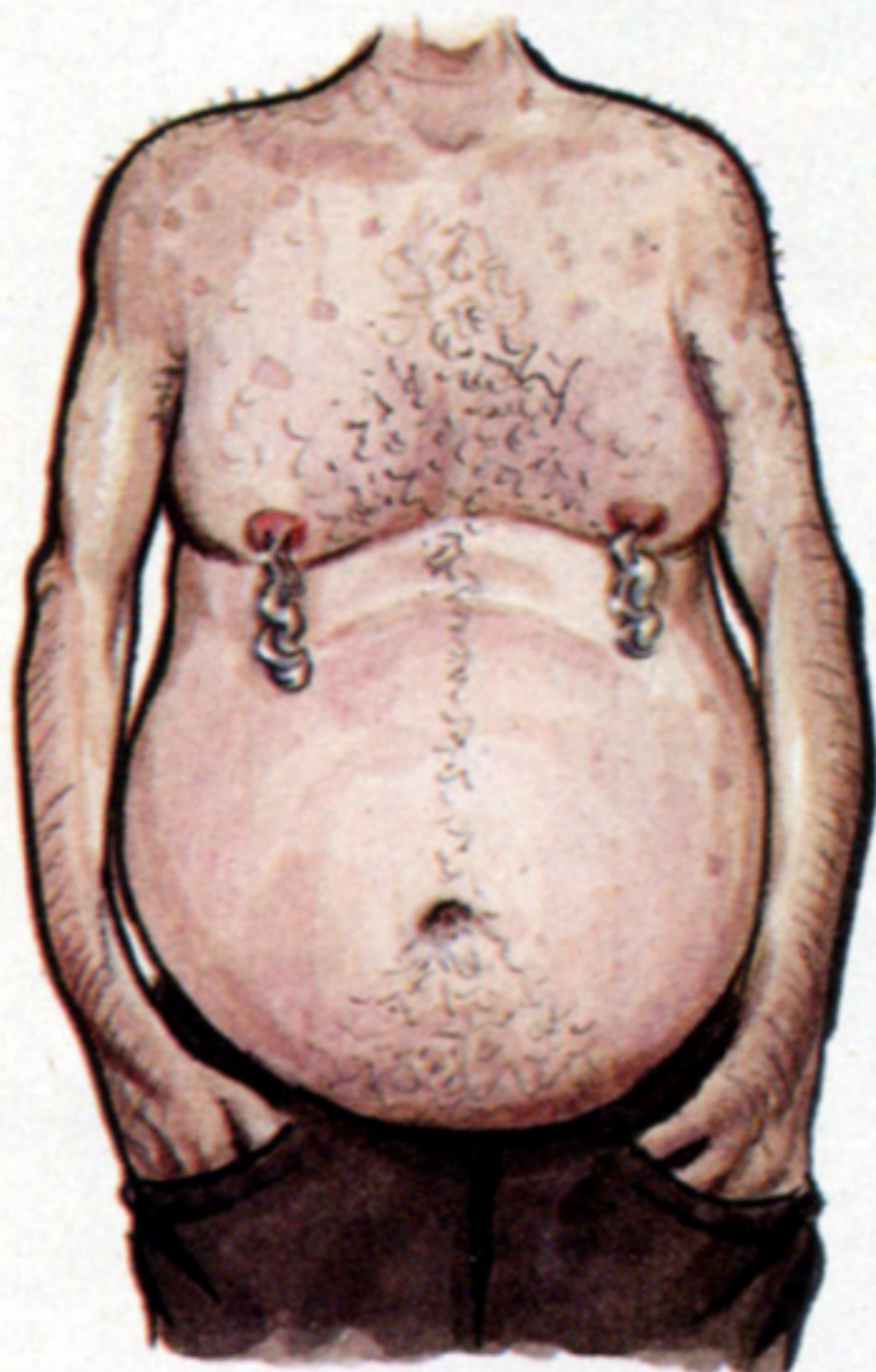
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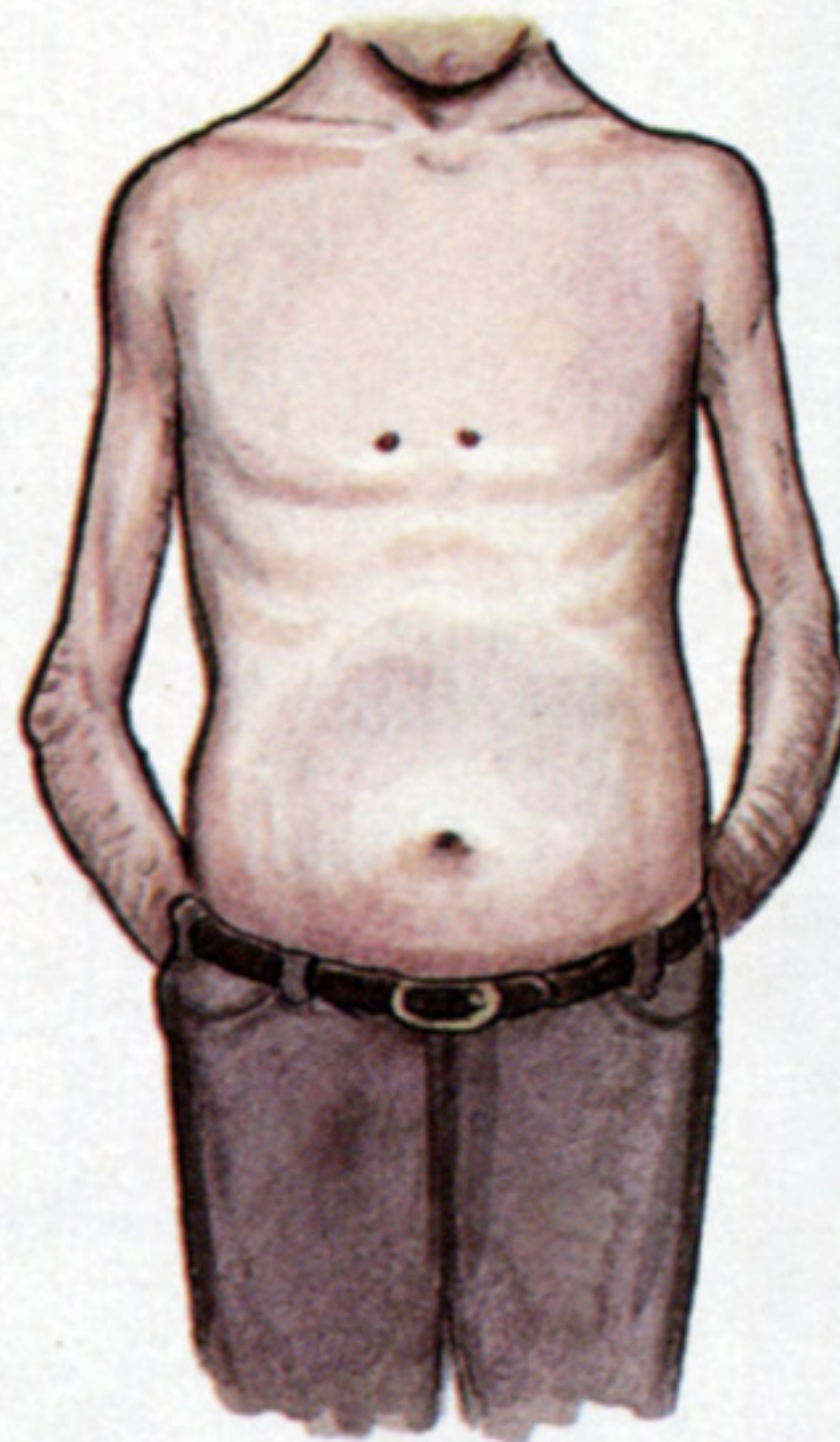
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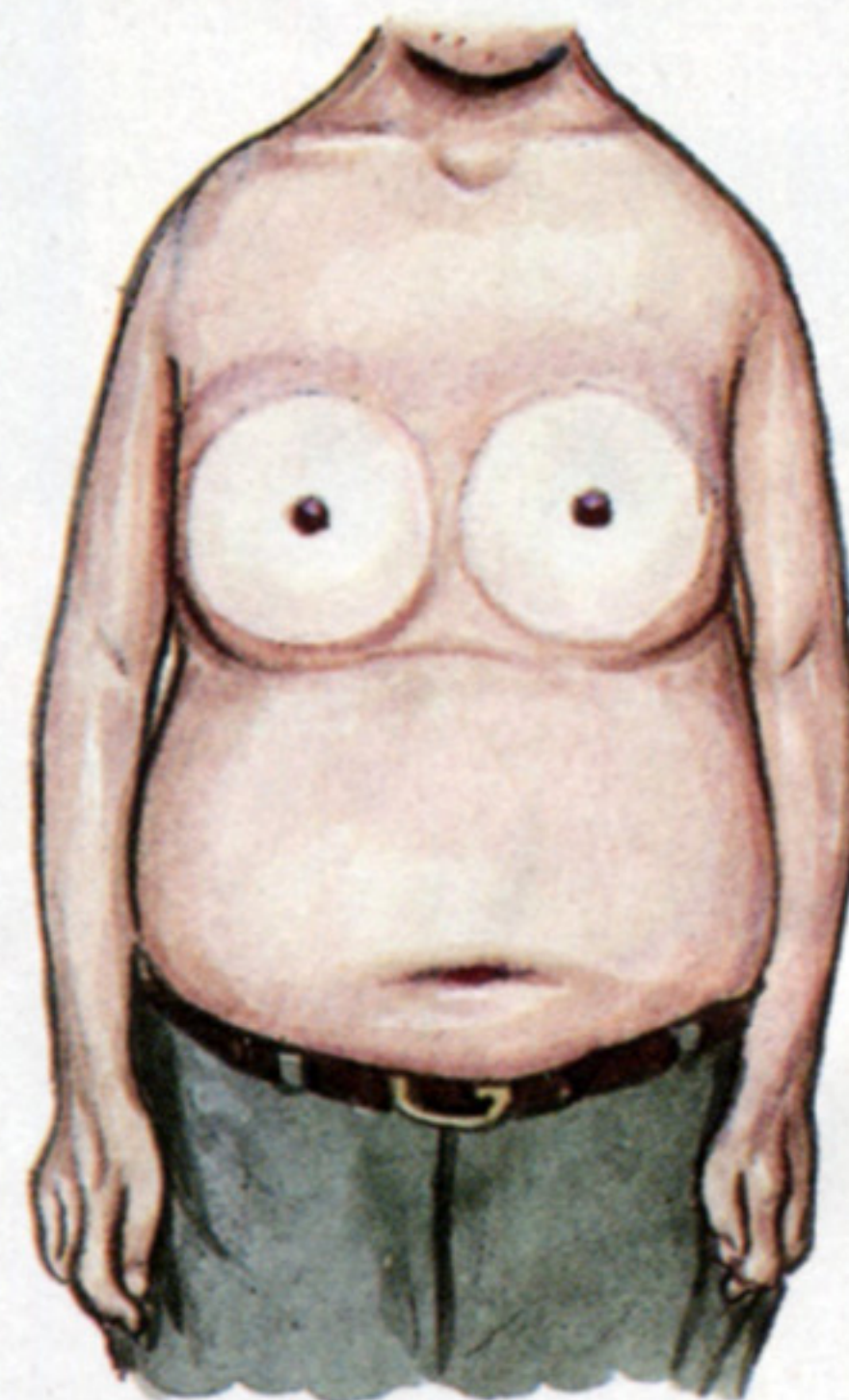
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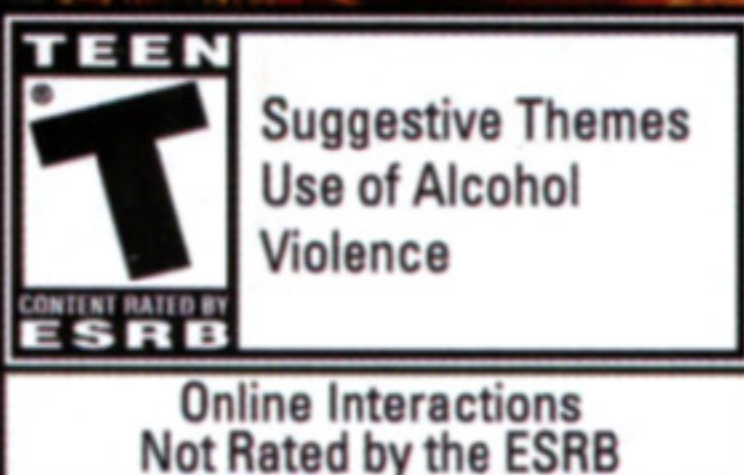
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