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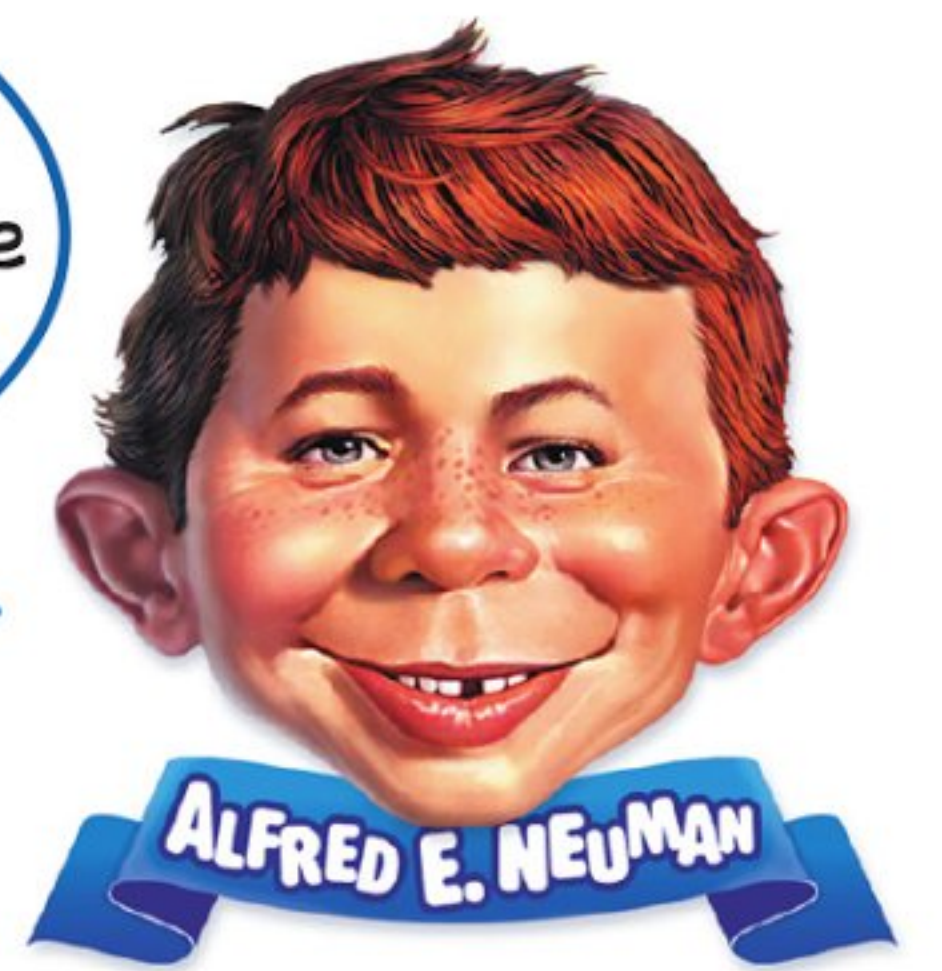
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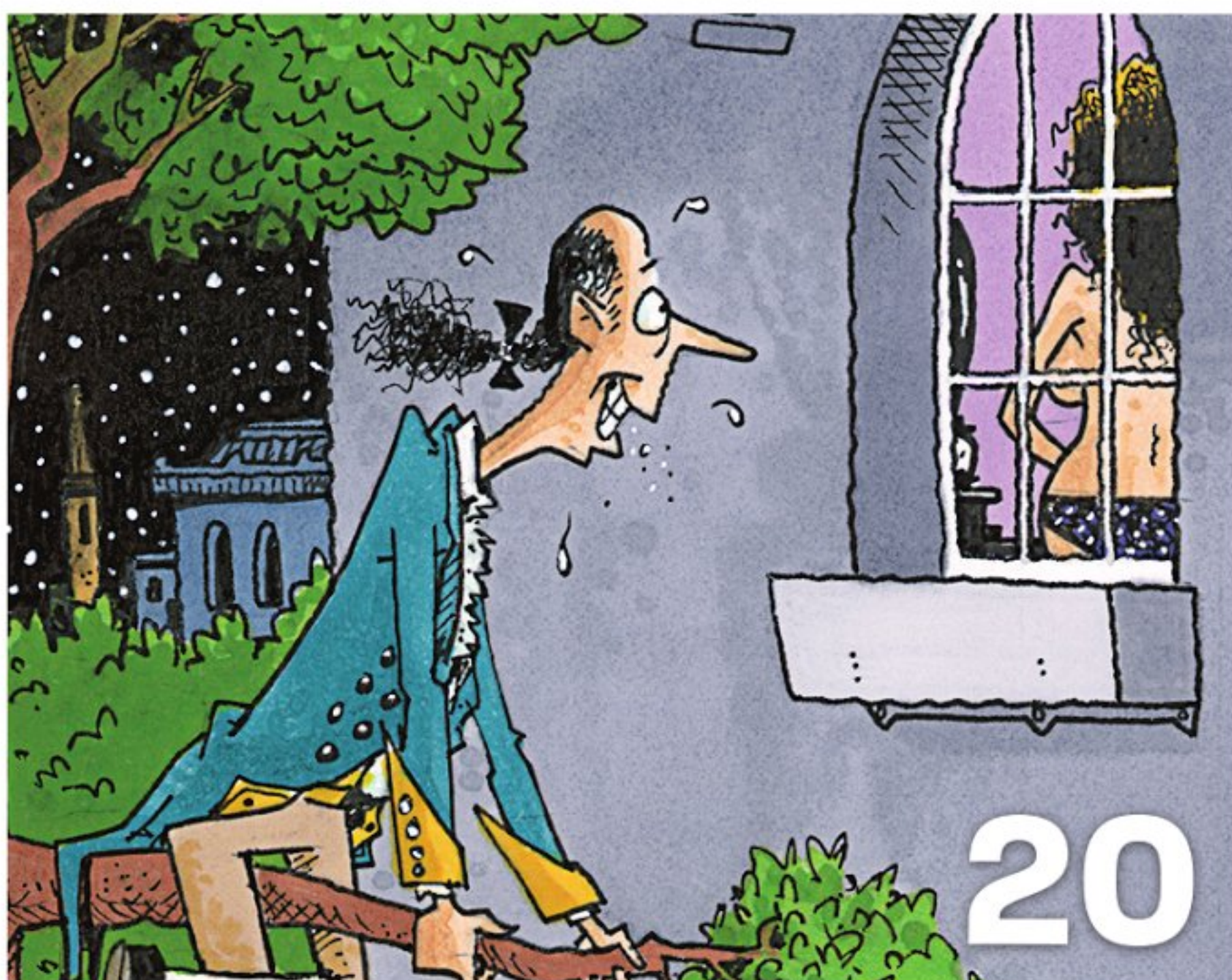
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Letters and Tomatoes

Answered by Weird Al!



HIRSUTE YOURSELF

I've been a fan of you ever since I was a young kid (I am now 26 years old). You've been an inspiration to many and a god to parody music. However, I miss your mustache. Can you bring that back in style?

Rachel "Rocky" Powell • Macomb Township, MI

My facial hair comes and goes of its own free will — I'm afraid it's completely beyond my control. Sometimes I wake up with a full beard, other times I roll out of bed clean-shaven — it's bizarre! Why, just in the time it's taken to write this response, I've grown and lost two hipster goatees! —Weird Al

CALM BEFORE THE DORM

My father-in-law, who's name is Brad Burns, says he shared a room with you in college, and that you were a cool guy. Do you remember him? Hope you can answer this! Thanks!

Raul Cantu • Fresno, CA

Brad Burns? Oh yeah — of course I remember Brad! He was the guy who was always LYING ABOUT BEING MY ROOMMATE IN COLLEGE! —Weird Al

BROOCHING THE SUBJECT

In October of 1999 you were playing a concert in Toronto on your *Running with Scissors* tour. During the day you were signing autographs at a major electronics chain. I showed up with two CD covers for you to sign, wearing an Alfred E. Neuman pin on my jacket. You commented on it, saying, "Nice pin." I asked if you wanted it, and you declined, saying that you did not want to deprive me. Cute.

Now, this summer, you are playing the Ottawa Bluesfest. I will be there, of course. But I am hoping that you will be doing an autograph signing somewhere in the city that day. I've got 13 CD covers that need signing, you know? Sure, it may be a bit excessive for an autograph session, but I will trade you my priceless Alfred E. Neuman pin for 13 autographs. If you say no, you will be depriving me!

Brian Di Cesare • Ottawa, Ontario

According to my Ottawa itinerary, I will only have time to sign two CD covers for you. So as payment, I will be expecting exactly 2/13 of your pin. Thanks in advance! —Weird Al



THERE'S NO CHARM IN ASKING

Can I also edit MAD magazine one day even if I no can read good?

Anthony E. Compton • Flint, MI

If history is any indication, MAD only has a guest editor once every 63 years — so first, let's see if you live that long! —Weird Al

MISTAKING THE FIELD

Al, why do we sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" at a baseball game when we are already out at a ball game?

Brian Sleeth • Sarasota, FL

Why do we do it? It's because America's real national pastime is IRONY. —Weird Al

THE SONG REMAINS THE SHAME

I am a huge fan of your music. Say, I'm listening to "Shake it Off" right now. How about a parody of that?

Alex Rodriguez • Fair Lawn, NJ

What, you mean I should do a parody of a huge hit song that's currently on the charts? Why, that's an *amazing idea*. I wish I had thought of that! Thank you, thank you!!! —Weird Al

READER ALERT

Is there a better way to commemorate my stint as guest editor than by plastering this issue's cover across your torso? Probably! But until we discover what it is, this will have to do! Hustle on over to weirdal.com, and visit the store to buy a shirt featuring your two favorite (non-Roker, non-Pacino) Als on it!



PROS AND CONCERTS

Will the Mandatory Fun tour be coming to Australia in 2015, and will you be playing at the Enmore Theatre in Sydney again?

Gabriel McCann • Sydney, Australia

It looks like we'll be touring there sometime around the end of the year. And as of this writing, I don't know the venues — but as soon as I do, they'll be up on weirdal.com! #shamelessplug —Weird Al

NAME OF GROANS

"Weird Al" Yankovic, since you are going to be MAD's guest editor (I guess the Kardashians were busy, huh?) I thought I'd take the opportunity to ask you a question that I've been curious about. I guess you got your middle name from some relative named Al, but how did your parents know to name you Weird? I mean, it's a pretty big coincidence that your name is Weird and you grew up, well, weird. Or was it the name that made you weird? Because names can be a big influence on a kid's personality; sometimes they try to live up to the name that's given to them. I'm just sayin'.

Michal Jacot • East Tawas, MI

Actually, my parents named me Weird *ironically*, because I was the un-weirdest baby they had ever seen. (Sort of the same reason why some fat guys are nicknamed "Tiny.") Talk about parental disappointment! —Weird Al



ANAGRAMMATICAL ERROR

I just realized that if you scramble up the letters in my name, it reads, "I love Weird Al." Is that a good thing?

Allie Veditrow • Millersville, TN

Thanks to your letter, I've spent the last three hours to discover that if you scramble up the letters in "Weird Al" Yankovic, it reads, "A civil word, Kanye!" Is THAT a good thing? —Weird Al



FRIENDSHIP OF FOOLS

I'm a huge fan and I'm going to go and see you in concert in Jackson County, Oregon for your Mandatory Fun tour. I wanted to know if you were gonna sign autographs after the show because my friend Mia has already met you twice and I'm starting to get a little jealous. Also, how long has it been since you ate a Twinkie wiener sandwich? I look forward to seeing you in a few months!

Drew Barber • Jackson County, OR

I sign autographs for fans whenever I can, but the question here is: why doesn't your good friend Mia just give you one of the autographs she's already got, if she's SUCH A GOOD FRIEND? Maybe instead of being jealous of her, you should just be weeding out the selfish, greedy people in your life! Although if you're the type who obsessively eats Twinkie wiener sandwiches, most of your friends will probably stop associating themselves with you on their own! —Weird Al

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



Ed Meisinger, Mendota Heights, MN

ADHERE'S THE THING

If you were forced to Krazy Glue one of your nostrils shut, would it be the left one or the right one? Also, how would you have reacted if your 1989 film *UHF* had swept the Oscars?

Mark Theroux • Norwalk, CT

As to your first question: come on, I'm no idiot. Left nostril, of course! And as to your second: do you mean to say that *UHF* DIDN'T sweep the 1989 Oscars? I demand a RECOUNT!!! —Weird Al

HAIR WE GO AGAIN

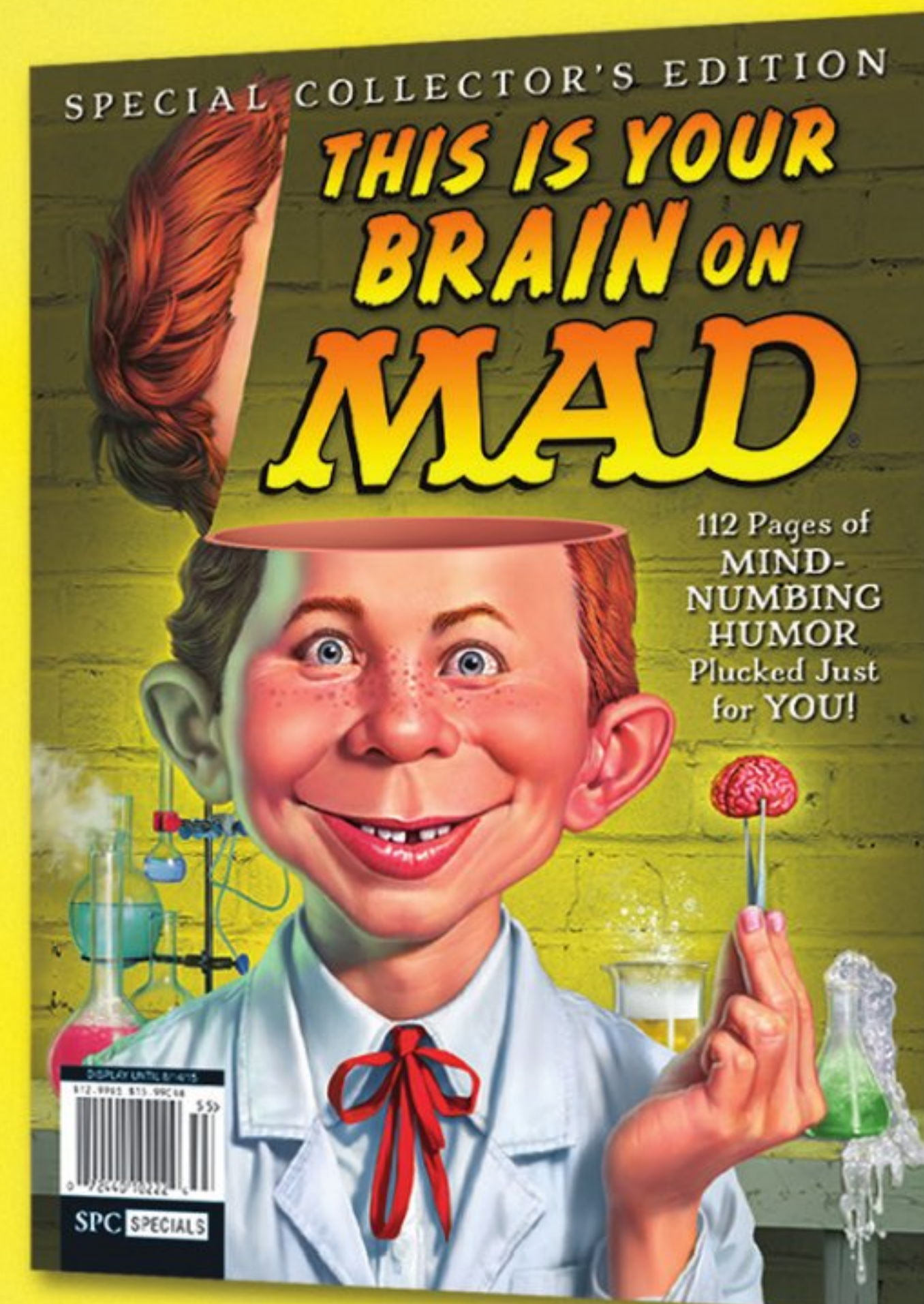
Since I know you aren't going to respond to it, I'm going to ask it anyway: why did you ditch the moustache and go with the stoner/hippie/junkie look?

Jack Vander Wees • Calgary, Alberta

I'm just trying to sucker in that ever-elusive stoner/hippie/junkie fanbase! —Weird Al

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EVERYTHING OLD IS COUP AGAIN

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Don Greenwood • Vienna, VA

When the coup comes (*shhh, it's a secret!*), don't worry — those annoying subscription cards will be a thing of the past. That's because your new issues of MAD will be downloaded automatically onto the memory chip which will have been permanently implanted in your cerebral cortex (as per

the new requirements in the small print of your subscription contract). No pesky cards whatsoever — I think you'll find it quite convenient! —Weird Al



BATHROOM WITH A VIEW

Long time fan, first time caller. When it comes to toilet paper, are you a "folder" or a "cruncher"? My friend, Max, bet me a box of José Olé Steak & Cheese Taquitos that you're a "folder." I say that you're not. Please clarify; I am hungry.

Iggy Feldman • Somers Point, NJ

The answer is "neither." Lately, I've been having my wife shoot rolls of toilet paper at my backside with a t-shirt cannon. It's a very intimate bonding experience — and it helps clear up the "folding" or "crunching" dilemma that I used to find so paralyzing! —Weird Al

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THE SOUND OF VIOLENCE

Are you the victim of the worst perm ever done by Laquisha's Salon of Darkness or do you keep losing a bet repeatedly? SCHMUCK!

Ryan McFarland • Seattle, WA

Joke's on you, Ryan — it's not a bad *perm*, it's bad NATURAL hair! And I have to ask: did you call me a schmuck, or was that the sound effect of a live octopus landing on your head while you were trying to finish your letter? If it was a live octopus — and I'm assuming that it was — please know that I'm praying for your full recovery. —Weird Al

READER ALERT

Thanks to everyone who wrote in! And the fun's not over yet! If your letter was printed in this issue, you'll be receiving a whole bunch of fantastic prizes! You'll be getting **Block City: How to Build Incredible Worlds in Minecraft**, from the good people at Abrams; a blind-boxed **TMNT vinyl figure**, from the fine folks at The Loyal Subjects; **The Art of He-Man and the Masters of the Universe**, from the upstanding citizens at Dark Horse Books; **Darth Vader and Friends** by Jeffrey Brown, from the upright individuals at Chronicle Books; and a copy of **Mandatory Fun** from...me!



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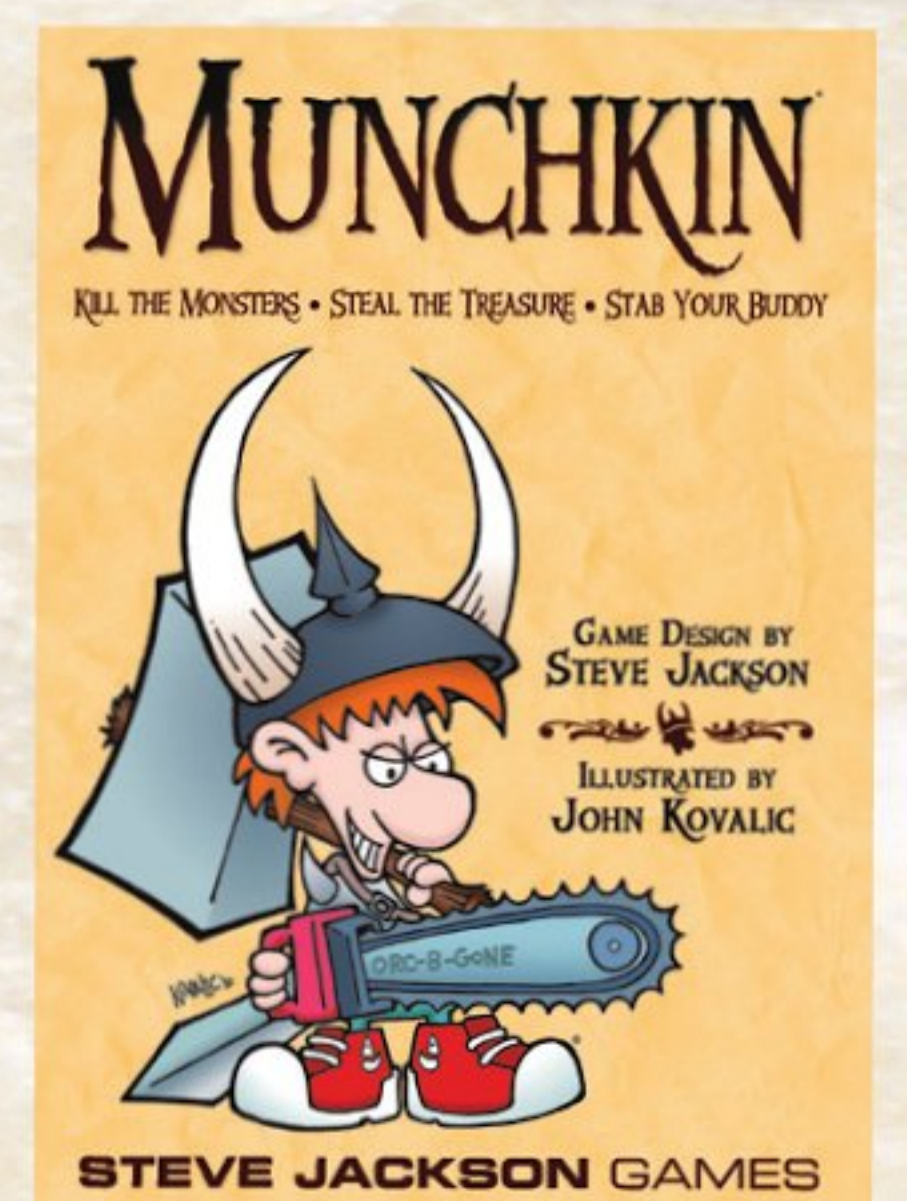
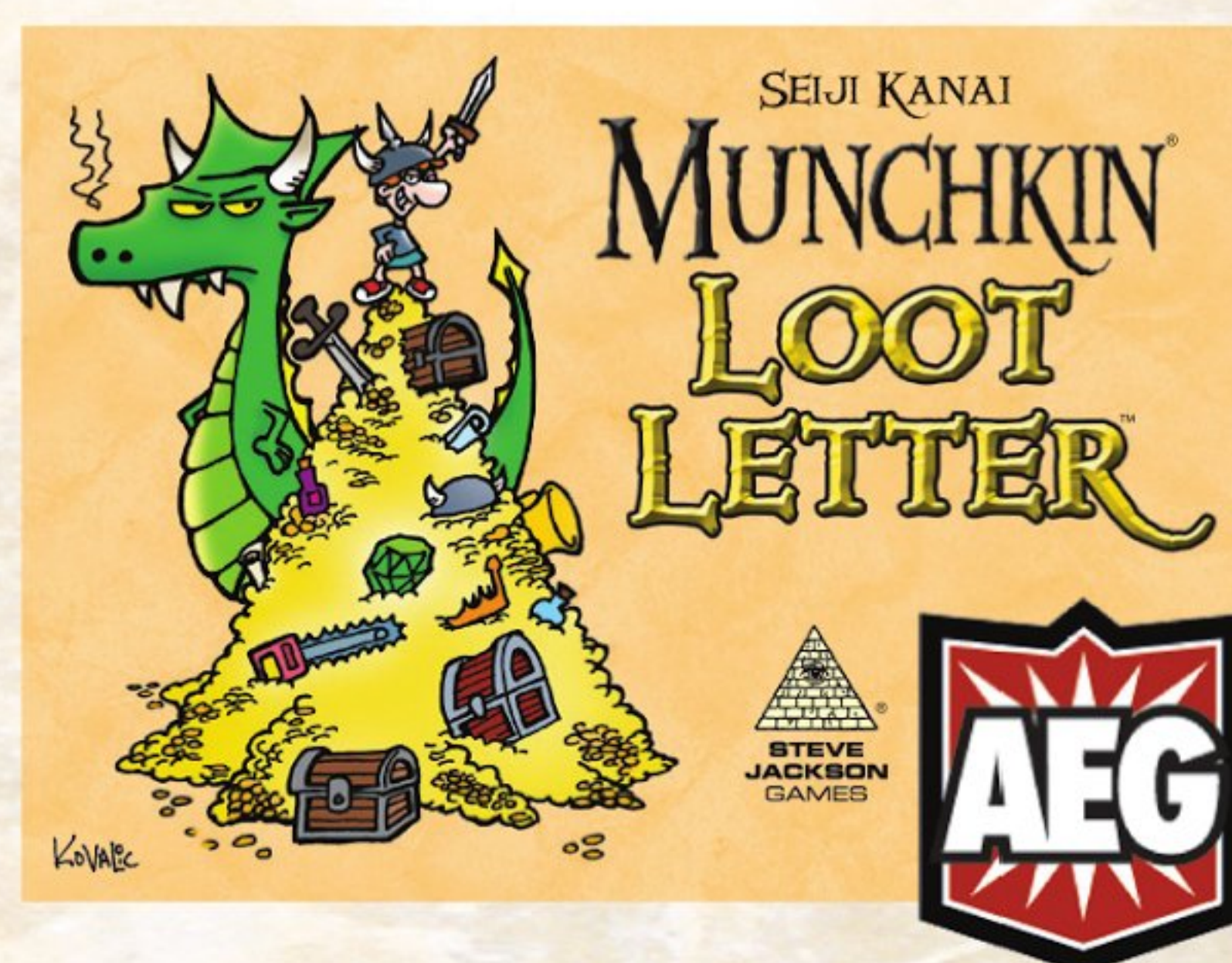
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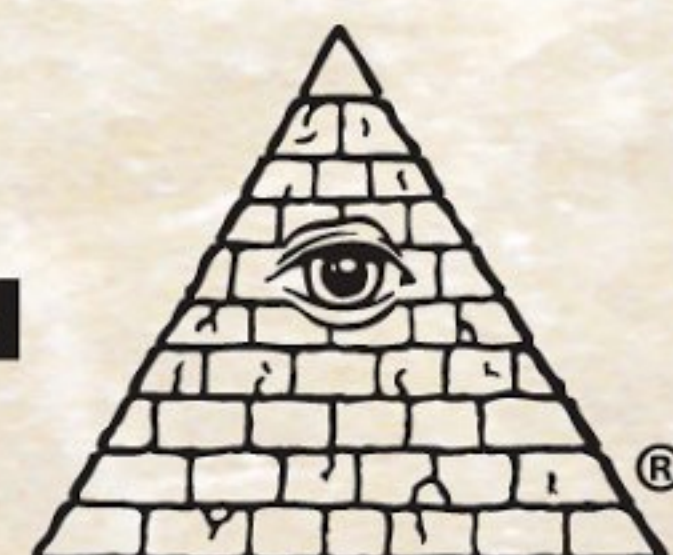


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The Fast 5

THE WORST THINGS ABOUT MARVEL MOVIES

- 1 We're supposed to believe that even though they're "Earth's Mightiest Heroes," none of the Avengers are brave enough to address Tony Stark's increasingly ridiculous goatee?
- 2 Stan Lee cameos. When a movie stars Vin Diesel as a tree and you're the stiffest thing on screen, maybe acting isn't for you.
- 3 Thanks to the movies' "shared universe," you've got to watch all of them to understand even one of them. That's like not being able to enjoy *Furious 7* until you've seen *Cars 2* and *Herbie: Fully Loaded*.
- 4 The way they've taken product placement to the next level by using entire films as ads for upcoming *Avengers* sequels.
- 5 That Scarlett Johansson can be fighting a dozen Hydra agents and still look like she's in a Cover Girl commercial is completely distracting. Easy, breezy and beautiful, yes. But distracting.

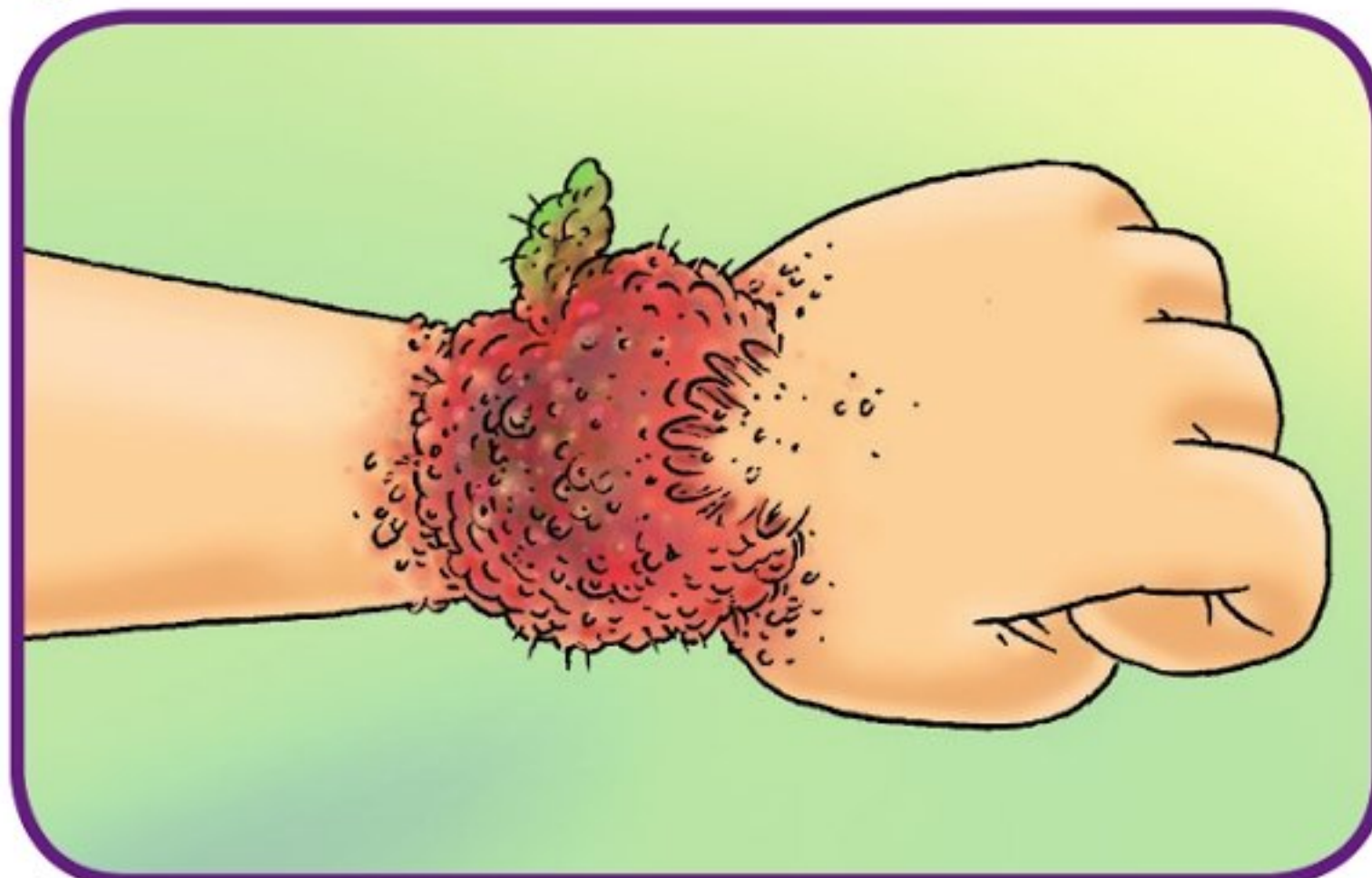
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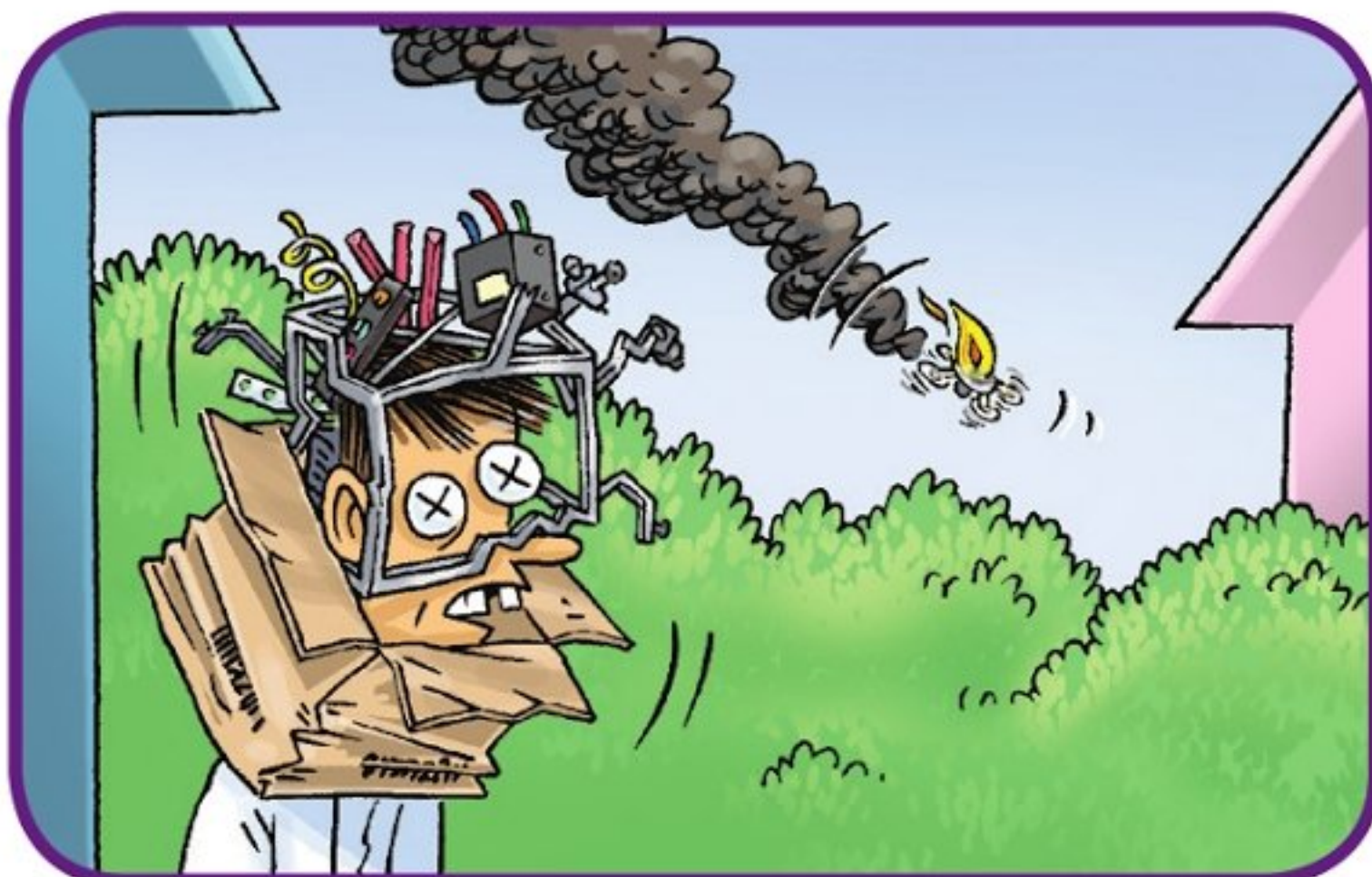
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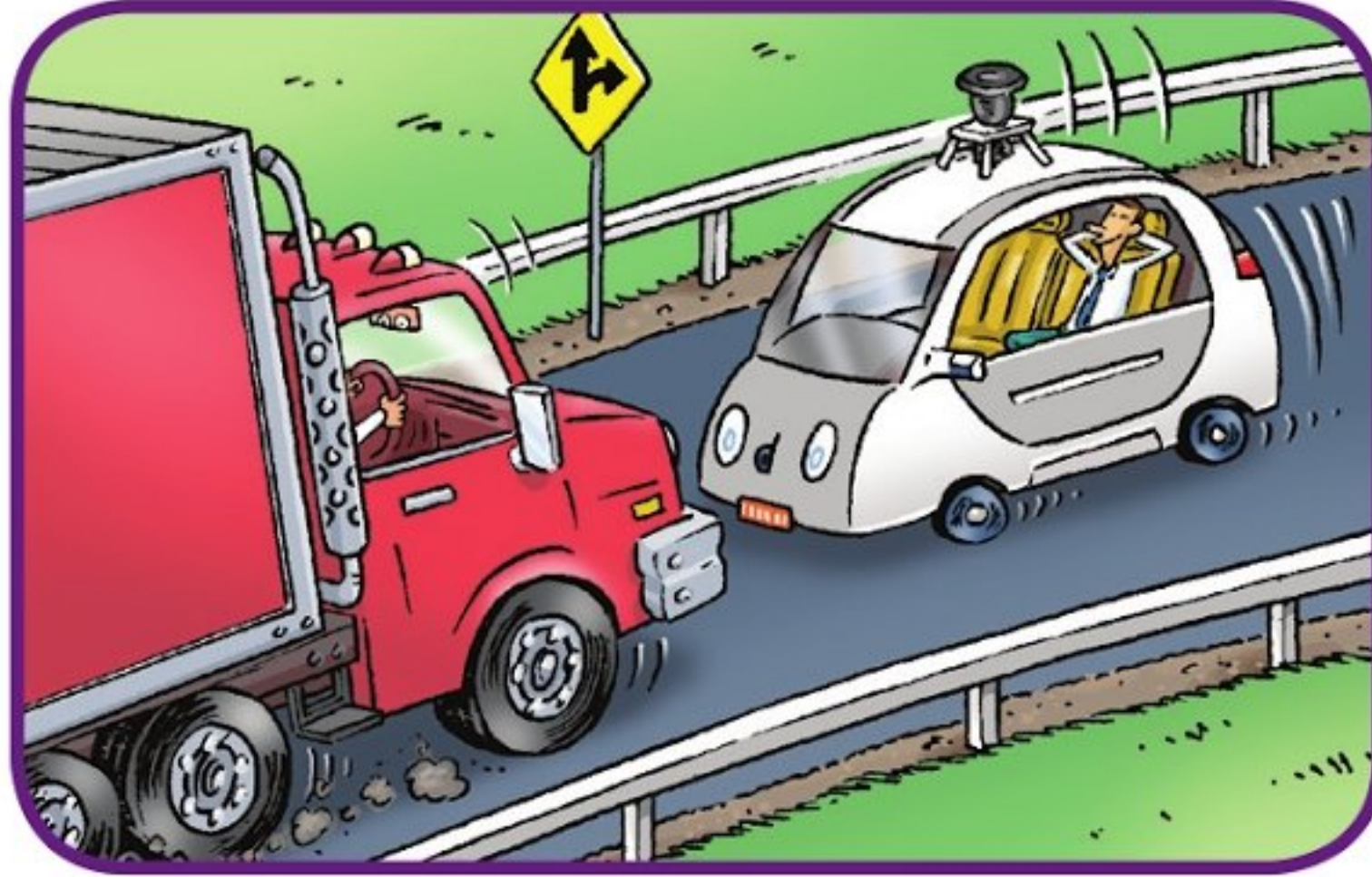
Accidentally impaled on your own Selfie Stick



Apple Watch-induced wrist cancer



Having a 3D printer dropped on your head due to a malfunctioning Amazon delivery drone



Head-on collision after Google Self-Driving Car mistakes off-ramp for on-ramp



Medical complications caused by live-tweeting surgeons



Accidentally impaled on someone else's Selfie Stick

The Godfrey Report

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Hobbit	Oompa Loompa	Munchkin
Sugar Pill	Snake Oil	Quack Nostrum
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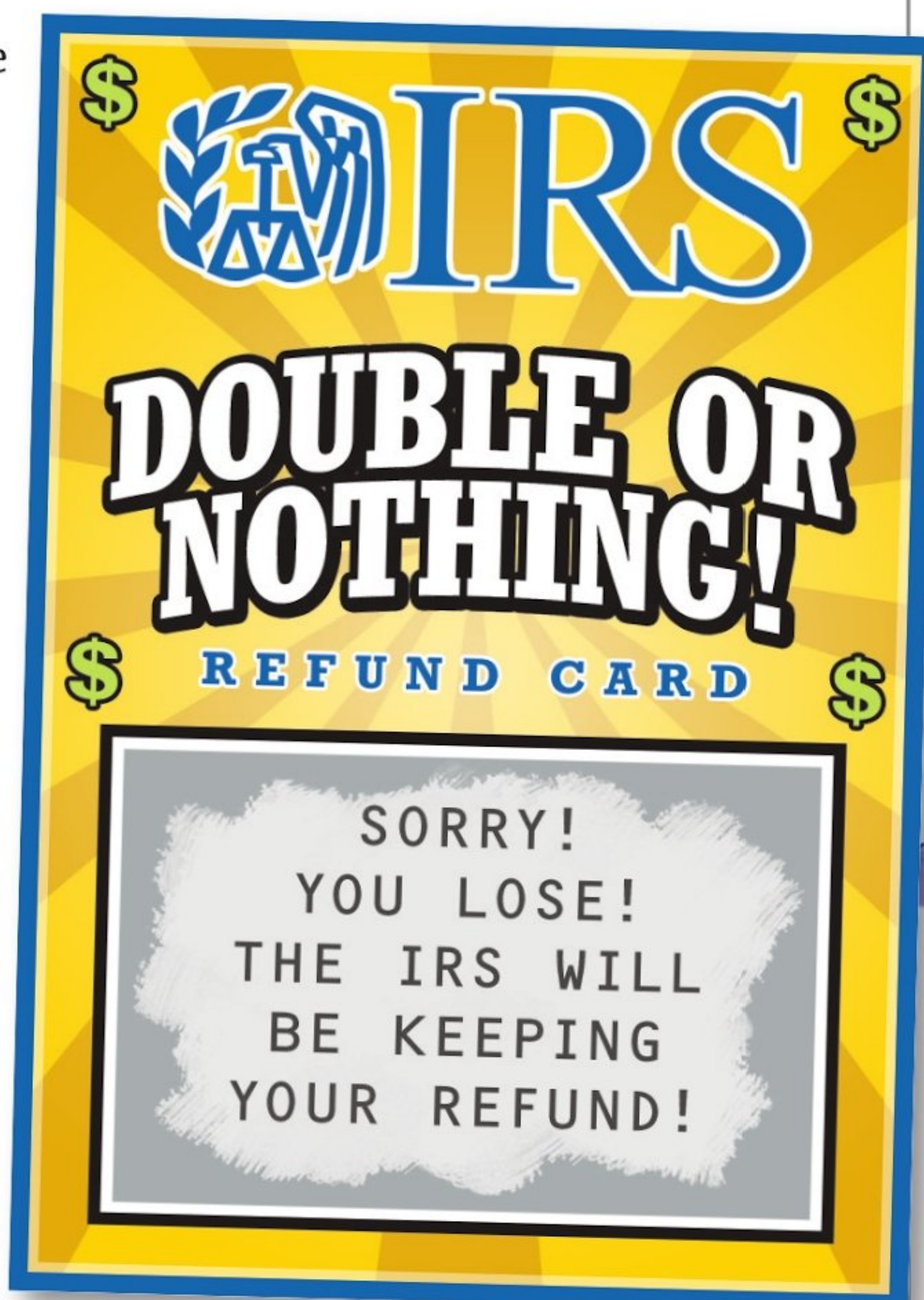
...by updating his Wikipedia page

Writer: Kenny Keil Artist: Ward Sutton

The Faster 5 THINGS THE IRS IS CONSIDERING DUE TO AGENCY BUDGET CUTS

- 1 Taxpayers who express a fondness for gambling will be offered their refund in the form of a "double or nothing" scratch-off refund card
- 2 Taxpayers due a refund will have \$100 deducted as an "Official Refund-Processing Fee"
- 3 Taking a nod from Facebook, the IRS will discontinue all customer service help lines and instead let taxpayers answer each others' questions in an online chat room
- 4 Effective immediately, returns for families of six or more will have a 20% gratuity automatically added
- 5 Like sports arenas, the IRS will sell naming rights to their forms, including the Martin Short form, Schedule CVS and the Compound W-2 forms

Writer: Dick DeBartolo



THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING THE NEW BASEBALL COMMISSIONER

Airing the pungent "old man smell" out of Bud Selig's office

In the wake of an outrageous string of trips, shoves and other violent attacks, assigning giant-headed Secret Service agents to protect the giant-headed President mascots who gallumph to the finish line at every Nationals home game



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As a cost-cutting measure, getting rid of the sixth inning

Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Kevin Pope

A Walk in the Parkhurst



"Get out! They're FAKE? They felt just like real hips!"

Writer and Artist: Teresa Burns Parkhurst



Well, I was going to write The Weird AI-ini Pages *myself* for this issue, but then I figured...why bother when I've got so many famous and talented friends I can sucker into doing this thankless job?

Patton Oswalt's Waffle House Hidden Hashbrown Menu



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DUNKED

Blended into a hash brown smoothie and served in a sausage-shaped mug

INCEPTED

Fried with cheese, then deep-fried in batter, then covered in deep-fried cheese batter and re-fried with battered cheese



ABUSED

Shoved roughly into the corner of a skillet and unevenly cooked while forced to watch expensive, purple Japanese root potatoes get lovingly sautéed in artisanal olive oil.

REDACTED

Cooked using a top-secret recipe only known to the President and the four people above the President. You are killed immediately after eating.



The Weird

Seth Green's 100% True Things Seen While Driving in Awful L.A. Traffic



A man reading a hardbound *Harry Potter* novel on his steering wheel.



A couple FaceTiming with a relative on an iPad.



A woman eating a full-size hoagie with a napkin tucked into her collar.



A woman painting her nails with a gel dryer on her dashboard. Like a salon, with supplies laid out everywhere.



A dog going nuts, attacking the car's driver all over his face and chest.



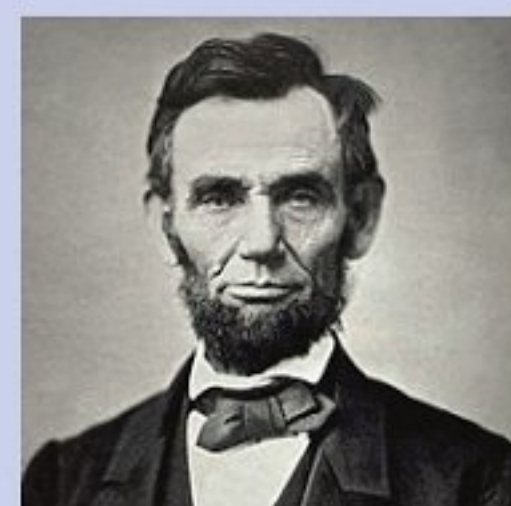
All kinds of vomiting out the window.

Artist: Bob Staake



Chris Hardwick's Social Media Through History

Abraham Lincoln on Facebook



Abraham Lincoln went from being "In a Relationship" to "Dead."

April 15, 1865 at 10:13 pm

John Wilkes Booth likes this.

Julius Caesar on Twitter



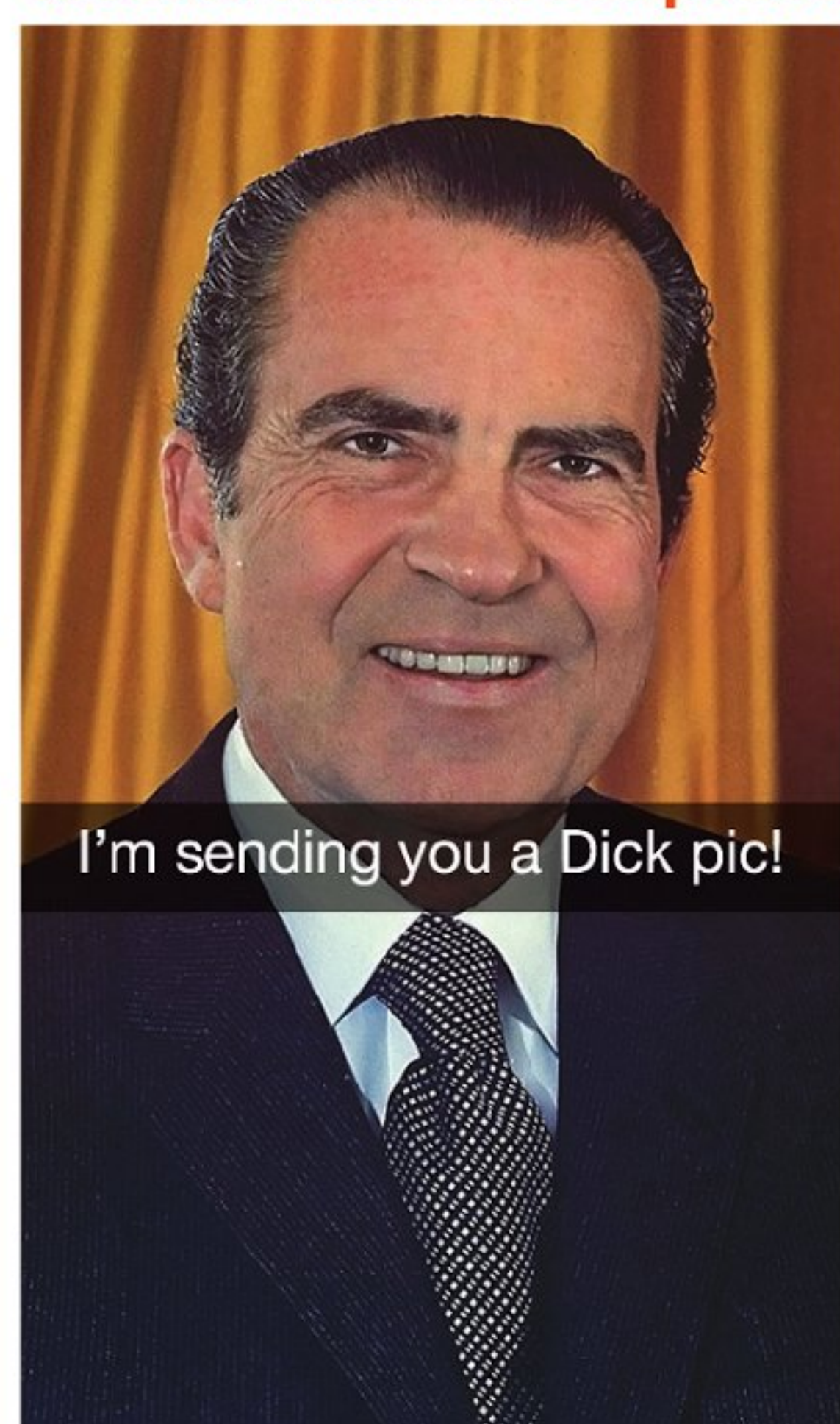
Julius Caesar
@RomelnCharge

Can't wait to see my bff @markantony today @SenateRome!! #blessed

March 15, 44 BCE

358 RETWEETS 977 FAVORITES

Richard Nixon on Snapchat



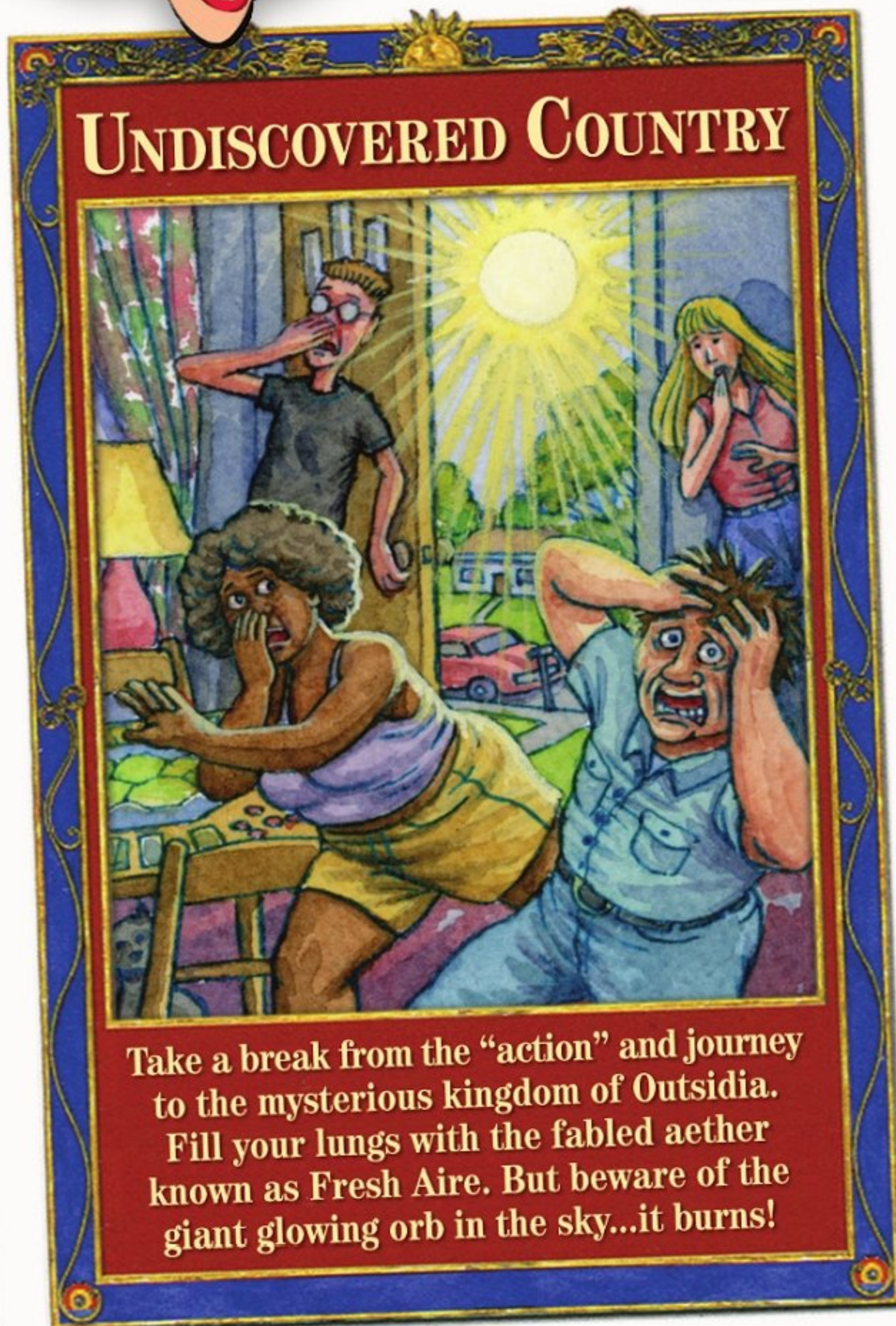
I'm sending you a Dick pic!

Al-ini Pages

Caricatures: Anton Emdin



Kristen Schaal & Rich Blomquist's Settlers of Catan MAD Expansion Cards

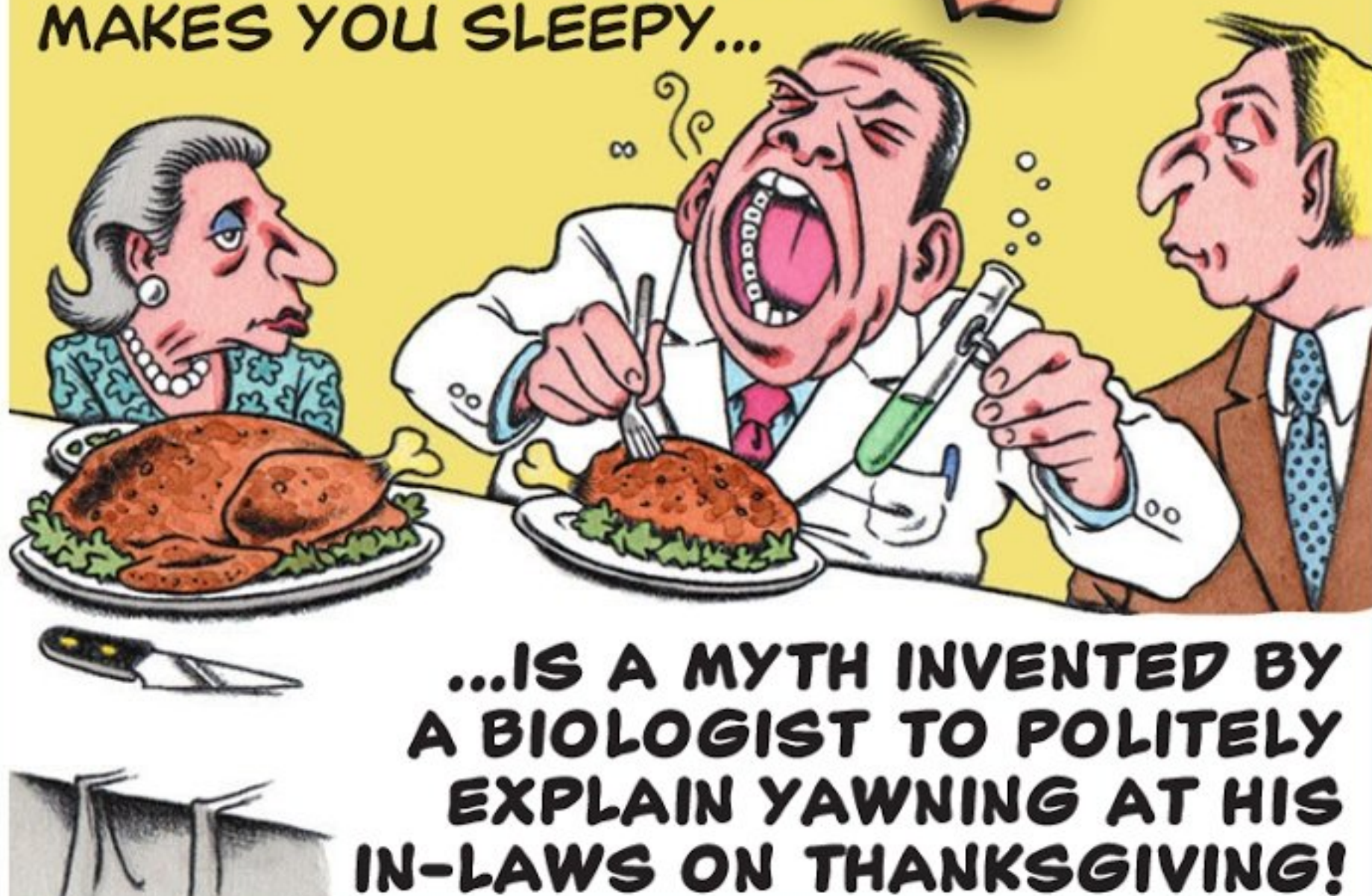


Artist: James Warhola

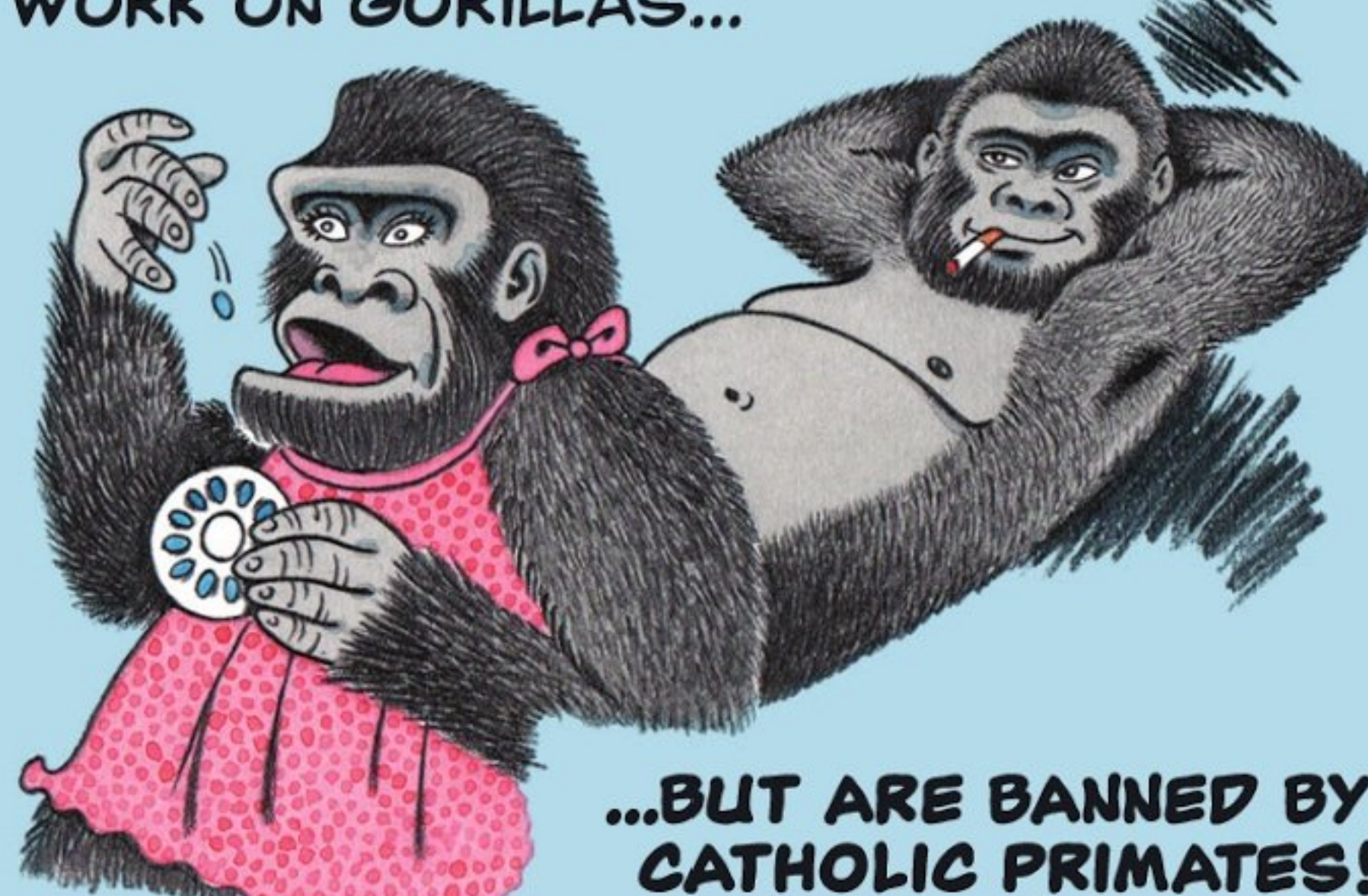


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Artist: Rick Tulka



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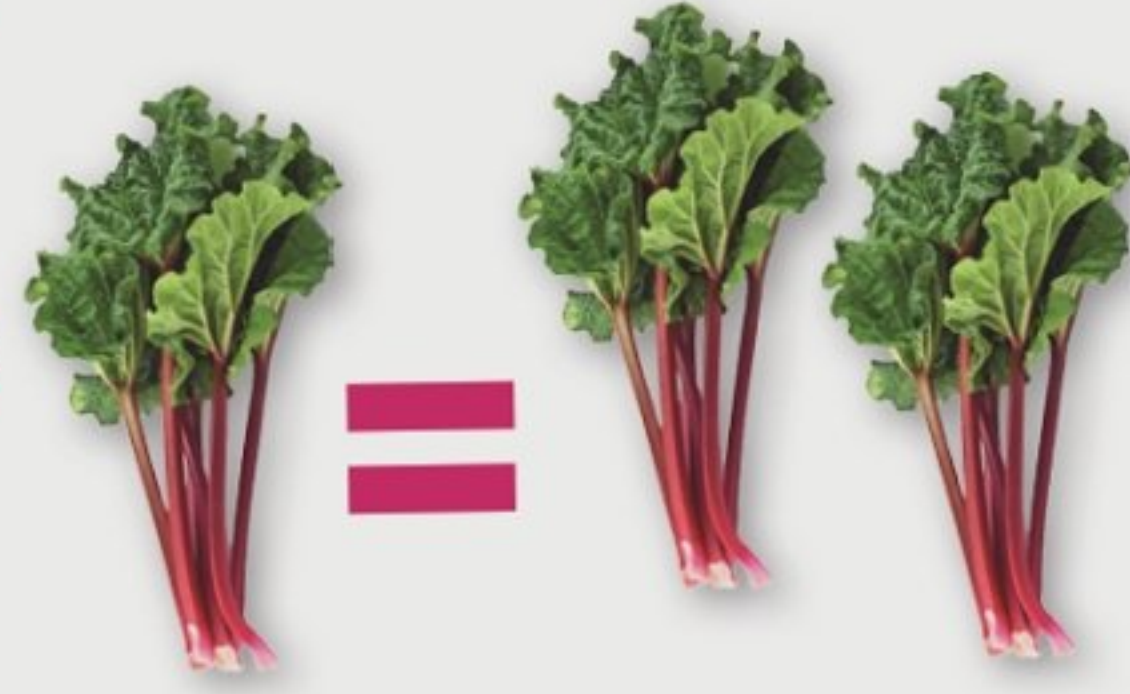
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John Hodgman's Essay About "The Dress"



What color is this dress? White and gold? Or black and blue?

You might be surprised to learn that there is no correct answer! Some people say they see certain colors, and others say they see different colors. Now mostly they are liars and sociopaths, of course. But in a few cases, scientists say that some people just see things differently — AND NOT JUST DRESSES.

There are a number of science-reasons for this. (Naturally, because scientists hate making things easy. That's how they keep their cushy labs stocked with sweet agar-agar.)

Some humans have cones in their eyes, for example (disgusting). Others have a genetic mutation so that they perceive light slightly differently (worst super power).

The point is, you might not be seeing things correctly. But luckily I am here to tell you what is literally what.

This dress is gray and green.



This men's shawl neck sweater is a sort of taupey-steel-sage with flecks of tweed-sparkle.



This is not THAT great a band.



(Everyone can see that by now, obviously, but what really worries me is that NO ONE CAN APPARENTLY SEE THE GHOST CHILD WITH A SCARY CHOP HATCHET STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO THE EDGE. I guess some people love U2 so much they can't see anything else. Do they deserve to be murdered by a vengeful ghost? I'll just leave that question open.)

And finally, this "print magazine" that you are holding is actually an owl that flew into your hands. Don't believe me? Look around. That's right. You are standing in the woods at night. You are sleepwalking again, and carrying around owl-attracting mouse-guts in your hand for some reason. What a crazy dream world you live in.

Things have gone from bad
to *verse*!

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Over the years, the one question I get asked most consistently is, "Hey, Al...why do you write so many stupid songs?" Well, consider yourselves lucky...you're only hearing the *moderately* stupid ones. 99% of my ideas are so utterly terrible, they've never seen the light of day. That is, until now! Brace yourselves as I hesitantly share these never-before-seen...

PAGES FROM WEIRD AL'S NOTEBOOK



A parody of "Dixit Dominus" ("Fix It, Dominos!") - about a pizza delivery company that always gets people's orders wrong.

Yes, this is an arguably brilliant idea, but...not sure about the source material. Might not be the best idea to do a parody of a Gregorian chant that's several hundred years old. Gotta be more topical - timing is everything! Stick a pin in it for now.

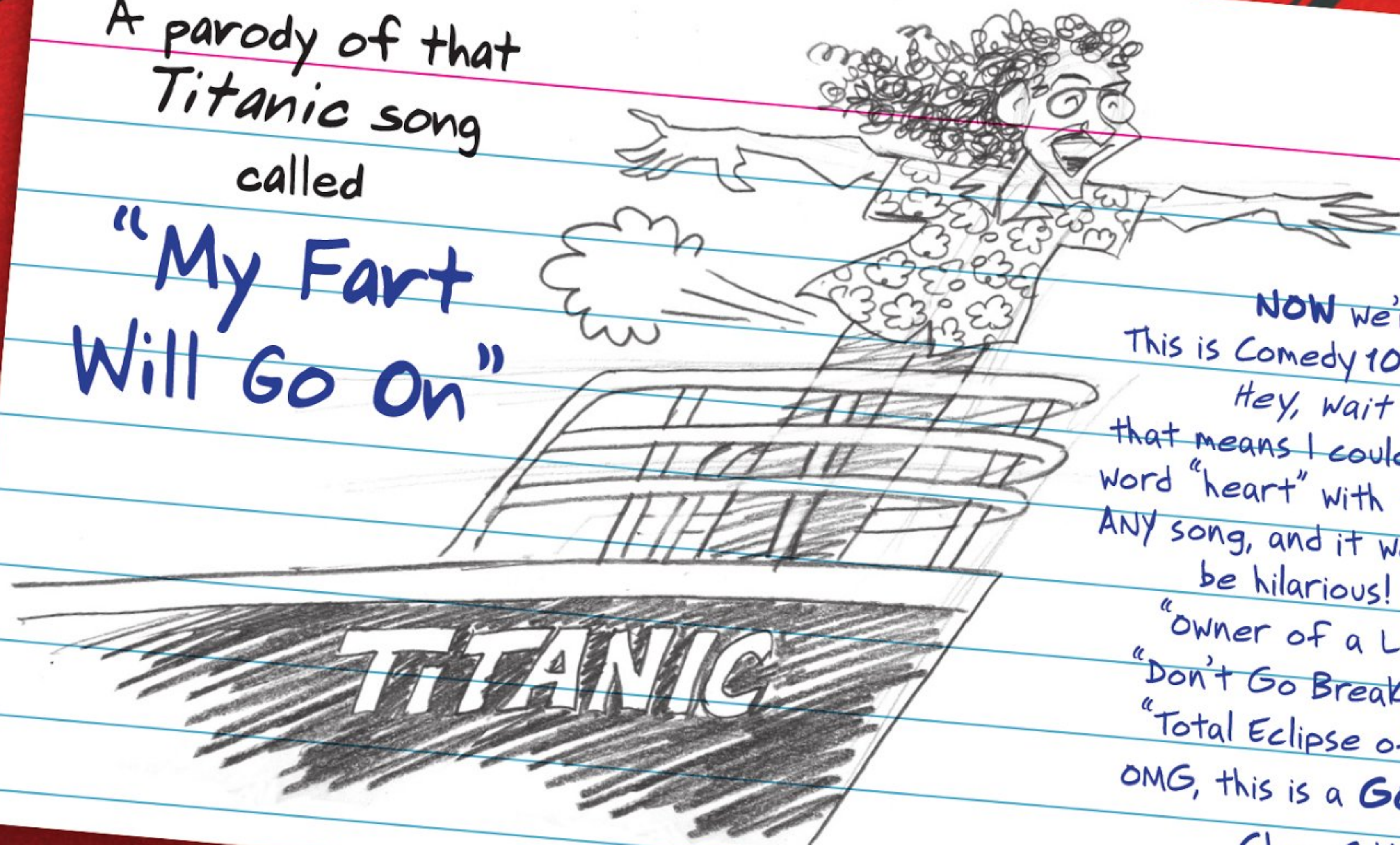
A parody of "Ice Ice Baby" called "Lice Lice Baby" - about a guy (white rapper with a weird haircut?) who's constantly getting head lice.



Perfect! Who doesn't love songs about head lice?
(NOTE: If Vanilla Ice isn't into it, maybe instead do a classic rock Alice Cooper parody - "No More Mr. Lice Guy"?)

A parody of that Titanic song called

"My Fart Will Go On"



NOW we're talking!!
This is Comedy 101: Farts = Funny.
Hey, wait a minute...
that means I could just replace the word "heart" with the word "fart" in ANY song, and it would automatically be hilarious! Let's see...
"Owner of a Lonely Fart"...
"Don't Go Breaking My Fart"...
"Total Eclipse of the Fart"...
OMG, this is a GOLDMINE!!!!
Cha-CHING!!!

Parody of "You've Got a Friend" by James Taylor called "You've Got Depends"

Obviously, a song about a guy who wears adult diapers.

Is he embarrassed? Is he proud? I dunno, could go either way.

(NOTE: See if you can get James Taylor in the video wearing an oversized adult diaper - I bet he'd do it!!)



Meatloaf Parody: "I Would Do Anything For Lunch (But I Won't Do That)"

BOOM! This is a no-brainer. Bonus points because it looks like Meatloaf WOULD do anything for lunch! Hey wait... I just realized something... I can just substitute the word "lunch" for "love" in every song ever written, and by definition it will be funny! Let's see now...

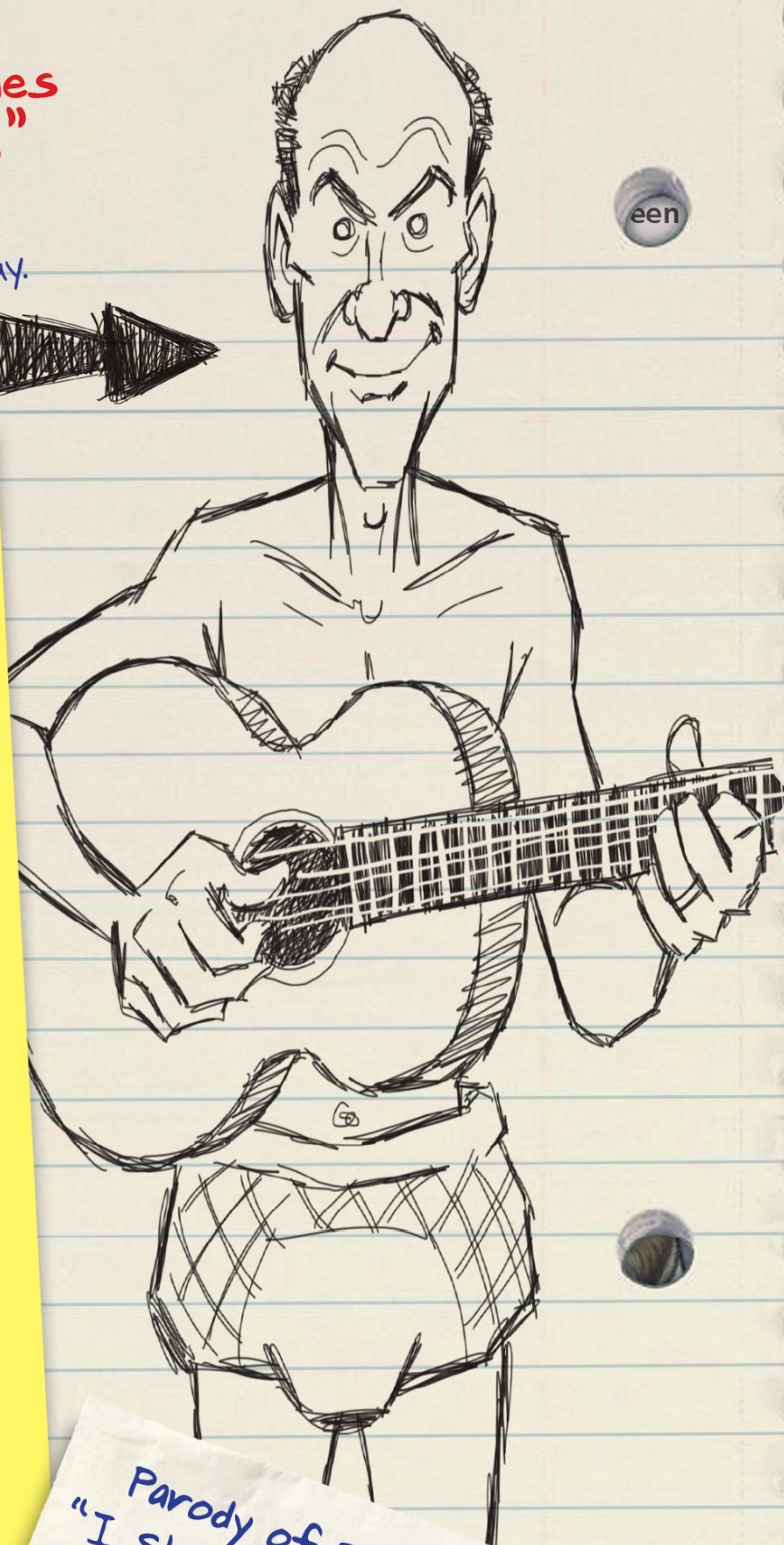
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You Can't Hurry Lunch
Lunch Will Keep Us Together
Givin' You the Best of My Lunch
Crazy Little Thing Called Lunch
I Want to Know What Lunch Is
Saving All My Lunch for You
Whole Lotta Lunch
The Greatest Lunch of All
You Give Lunch a Bad Name
What's Lunch Got to Do With It?

Oh man... I think I've just written all my hit songs for the next TEN YEARS!!!

Eagles parody:

~~"MOTEL CALIFORNIA"~~

See, it's pretty much exactly like HOTEL California, except there are fewer amenities. Like, the soap in the bathroom isn't as nice, and the TV doesn't get any pay channels. Yeaah, maybe not. Scratch that.



Parody of Bob Marley's "I Shot the Sheriff" called "I Want Sans-Serif!"

I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure nobody's ever written a traditional reggae song that goes into excruciating detail about font usage. Maybe our protagonist is a Jamaican copy editor who favors Helvetica, and anything with serifs just drives him CRAZY, mon?

Michael Jackson
Beatles

Geez, this Michael Jackson guy is HUGE,
I've got to do SOMETHING here. I don't know...

Cheat It?
Greet It?
Pleat It?

I'm sure there's some extremely obvious idea just
staring me right in the face, but...ugh, this is hard.
Oh well...think I'll go to the kitchen for a snack.

"Footloose" by Kenny Loggins



Parody would have the same title, only instead of being a song
about dancing, it would be a song about the horrible effects
of leprosy. (Funny AND educational – strongly consider!)

Parody of "When a Man Loves a Woman":

**"WHEN A MAN
LOVES A DONKEY"**



This is a song for all those pearl-clutchers who
think that legalizing gay marriage would be a
slippery slope to rampant interspecies coupling.

- Too much of a "hot button" topic?
- "Hamster" instead of "donkey"?

Parody of "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" by the Beatles

Okay, there are literally a million ways I could go
with this, but I'm thinking "Belushi Eating Fries
with Diamond." It's like, what if John Belushi had a
chance meeting with Neil Diamond in a diner some-
where, and they shared a plate of French fries??
Who knows, it COULD have happened!

Lots of comic possibilities here –
let's just go with this one (sometimes
the first ideas are the best!)



Parody of "Stay With Me" by Sam Smith

Pass. I just realized this song is ALREADY
a parody of an old Tom Petty song!

Parody of "Call Me Maybe" → "Call Me Ishmael"

Yeah, it's kinda forced, but who cares...
Kids LOVE arcane Herman Melville references!

Let's DO THIS!!



Parody of theme from "Ghostbusters" called
"TOASTCRUSTERS"!



You know those people who cut the crusts off their toast?? Man, I HATE those people!! Finally, those idiots are going to get what's COMING TO THEM!!!

Turn "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" by Paul Simon into

"50 Ways to Lose Your Liver"

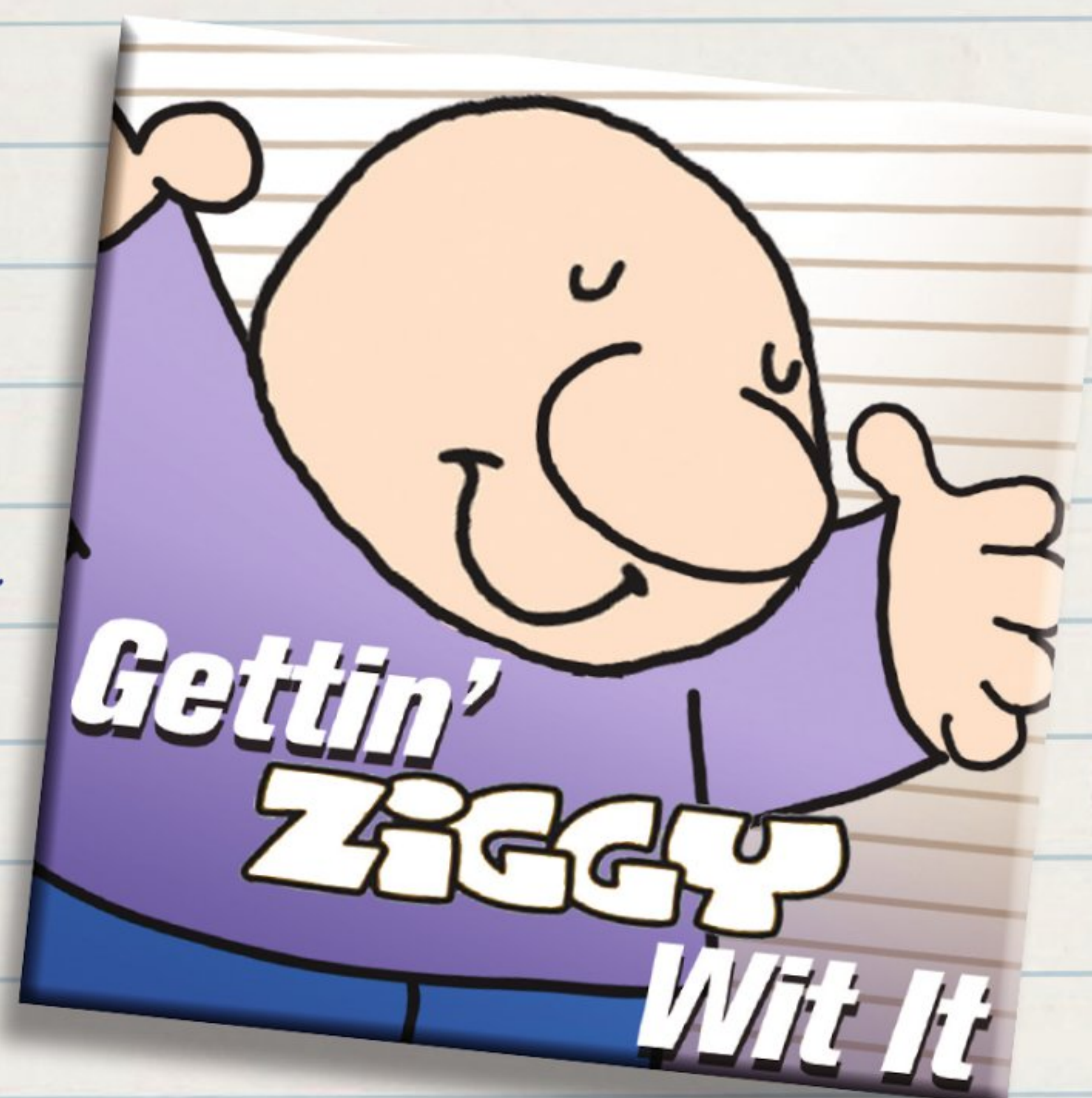
Great potential here. This could be the best Public Service Announcement of all time! I could list every single thing that causes liver damage (I'm assuming there are exactly 50 of them). Let's see...alcoholism, malnutrition, eating poisonous mushrooms... why, that's three right there! This one practically writes itself! Hmm, I wonder where I'll put my Peabody Award?

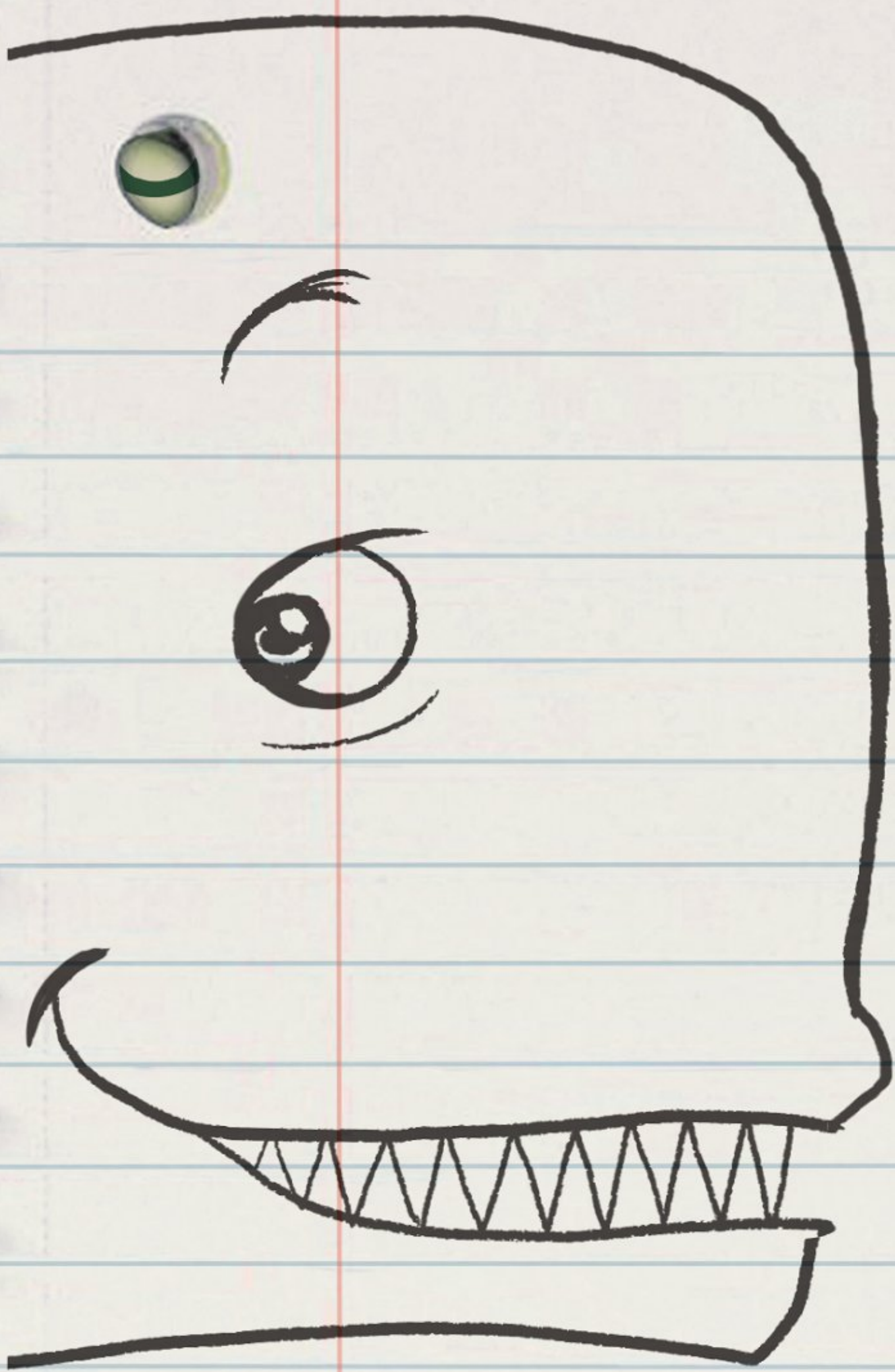
"Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" by Will Smith

I know this is low-hanging fruit, but come on, how can I resist

"Gettin' Ziggy Wit It"?

Time to pay a long-overdue tribute to that bulbous-headed icon of the funny pages!





"Moves Like Jagger"
by Maroon 5

"MOVES
LIKE
SHATNER"

Mick Jagger's got nothing on
Captain Kirk, and this song will
prove it beyond all reasonable doubt!
I can just imagine the spontaneous
nerd-gasm when THIS baby hits the web!



Beastie Boys - "(You Gotta) Fight
For Your Right to **POLKA!**"

yes!! Not only is this going to be my new mantra in life, but hopefully it'll spearhead an entire
nationwide polka movement! (REMINDER: Don't forget to have your lederhosen dry-cleaned)

Parody of "ACCIDENTAL RACIST"
by Brad Paisley & LL Cool J

This is obviously a heartfelt song about a delicate
subject matter, so I need to be very careful with this.

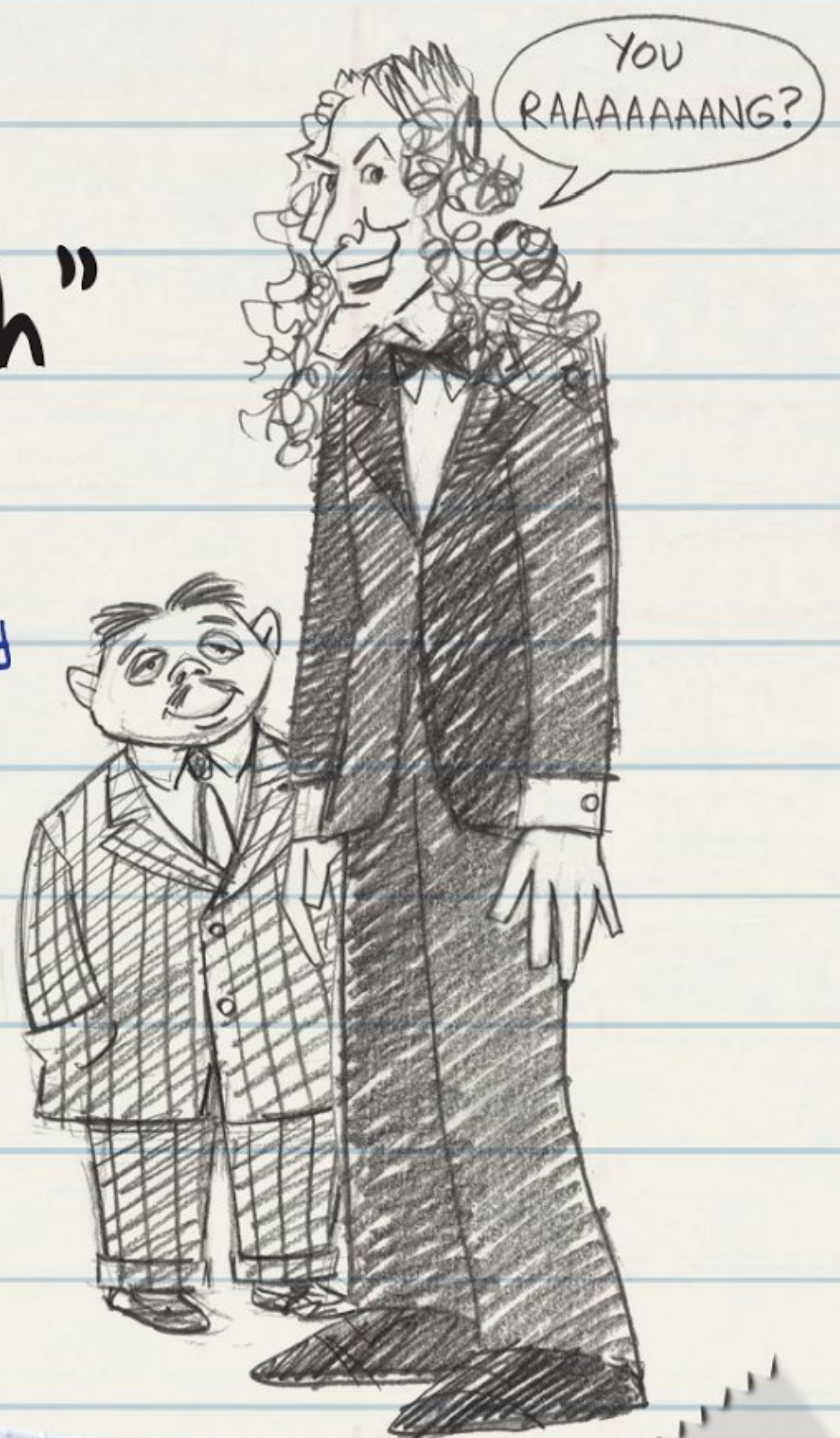
Wait, I got it... **"ACCIDENTAL NAZI"**!! Hey, maybe
I can get Mel Brooks to do the rapping part!



Parody of
"Take Me
to Church"
by Hozier

It's like Hozier wrote
this song just so I could
do my long-awaited
Addams Family homage,

**"Take Me
to Lurch!"**



Parody of "Wrecking Ball"
by Miley Cyrus

Let's me honest, NOBODY wants to see me
naked on a wrecking ball. But...naked in a
"Shopping Mall"?

Twerking between a Jamba Juice and the
Banana Republic? Somehow I think the
whole world has been waiting for THAT!





Ever since Alex Haley wrote the book *Roots*, Americans have been obsessed with their ancestors. Catering to this obsession is Ancestry.com, a website that claims to be an expert on family trees — specifically saps in family trees who will shell out money to learn about long-dead relatives. Log on! Maybe you'll learn you're related to royalty! (A long shot.) Maybe you'll learn Abraham Lincoln was your second cousin twice removed. (A remote possibility.) More than likely you'll encounter...

THINGS LEARN



That your family's distinguished contribution to the culinary arts included a gig with the Donner Party



That your great-great-great-grandfather was the original "Tom" in "Peeping Tom"



That the growth of your family tree over two centuries was primarily the result of conjugal visits

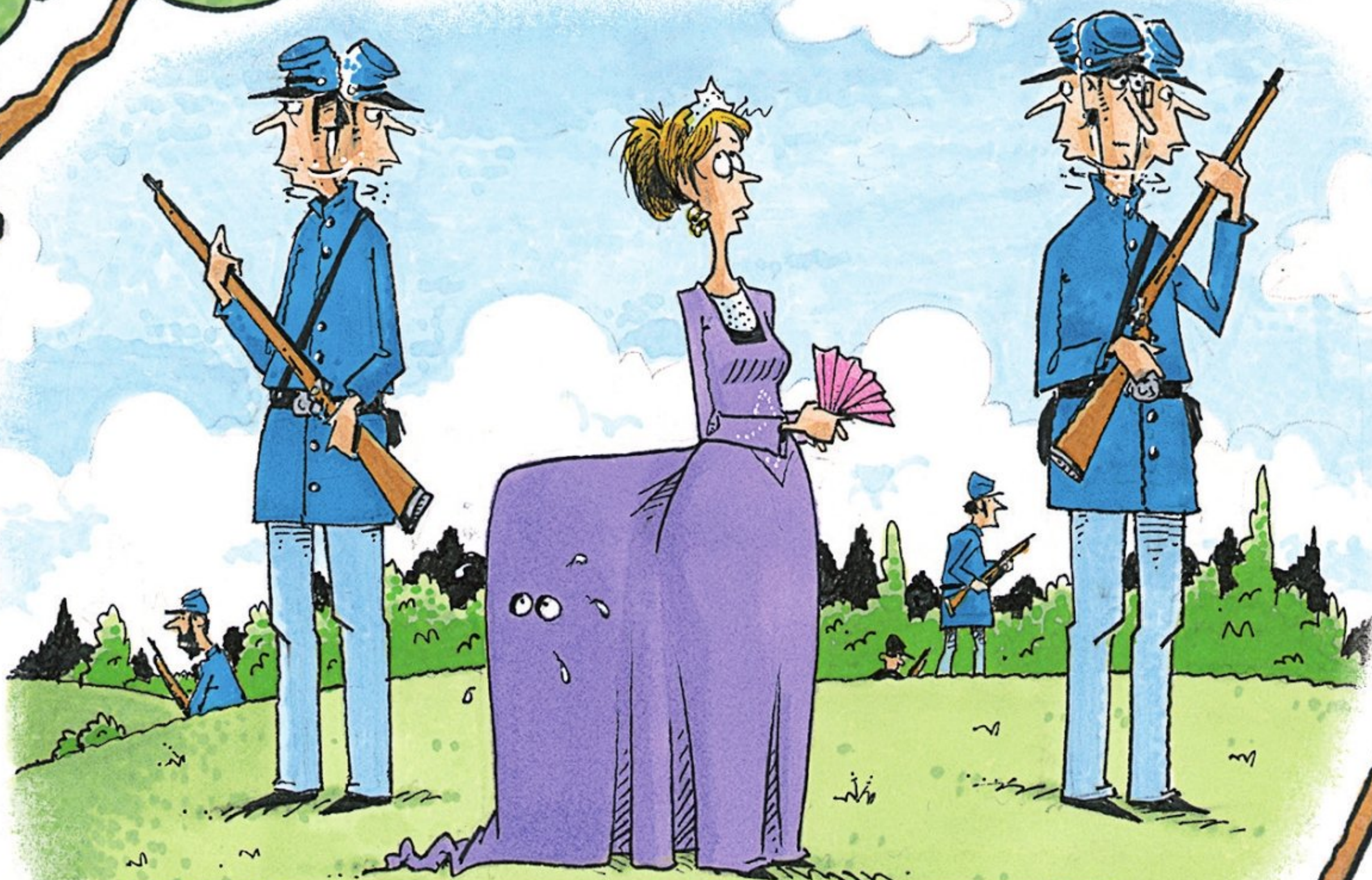


IT'S NOT YOU.
IT'S ME,
AUNT SYLVIA...

That the cougar you've been dating has her stilettos dipped in the same biological puddle as you

WRITER AND ARTIST:
JOHN CALDWELL

YOU NEVER WANT TO FROM ancestry.com



That the historically accurate position for a family member during any Civil War reenactment would be "deserter hiding in the bustle"



That your surname is what it is today only because some wise-ass customs agent at Ellis Island decided it would be fun to punk your great-grandfather



That you'll need to upgrade your membership in order to explore the "serial killers" branch of your family tree



That obesity didn't just run in your family, it headlined sideshows





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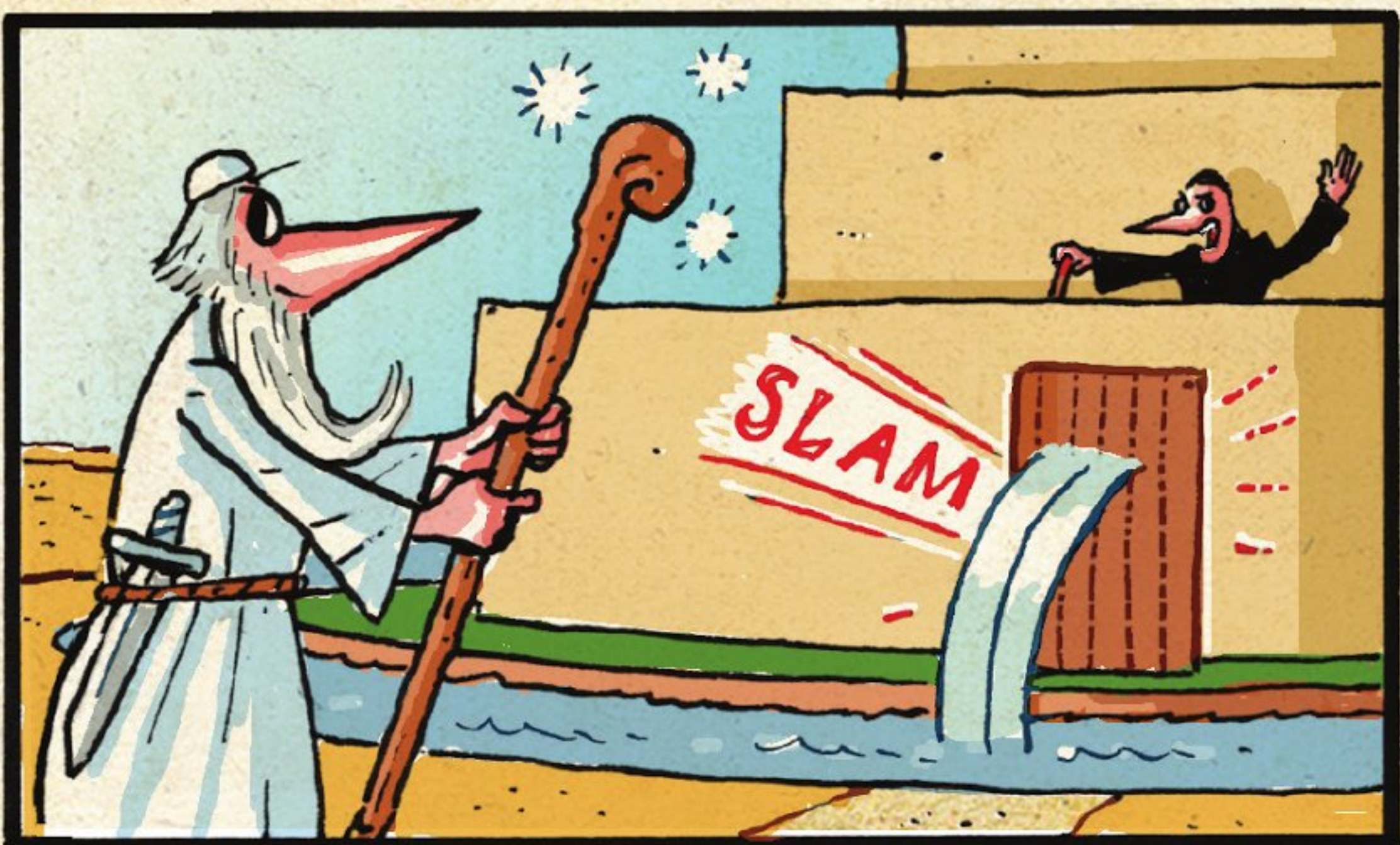
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WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER



SPY vs SPY



SNAPPY SPECIAL



I always love it when fans come up to me to say **hello** and ask a **question**. Only **problem** is, sometimes the **questions** they ask aren't the most "**logical**." Don't know what I mean? You **will** — thanks to Al Jaffee and his brand-new, exclusive...

Are you shooting a music video?



No, I'm shooting the next *Star Wars* sequel — we're taking it in a very different direction!

No, I'm about to **Skype** with my Aunt Betty — she appreciates the production value!

No, I'm shooting an instructional video called "How to talk to complete morons." Have a seat!

Are those your Grammys?



No, they're Lionel Richie's Grammys — you'd be amazed what you can get at yard sales around here!

No, they're tiny, gold-plated record players — I really *spoil* my pet hamsters!

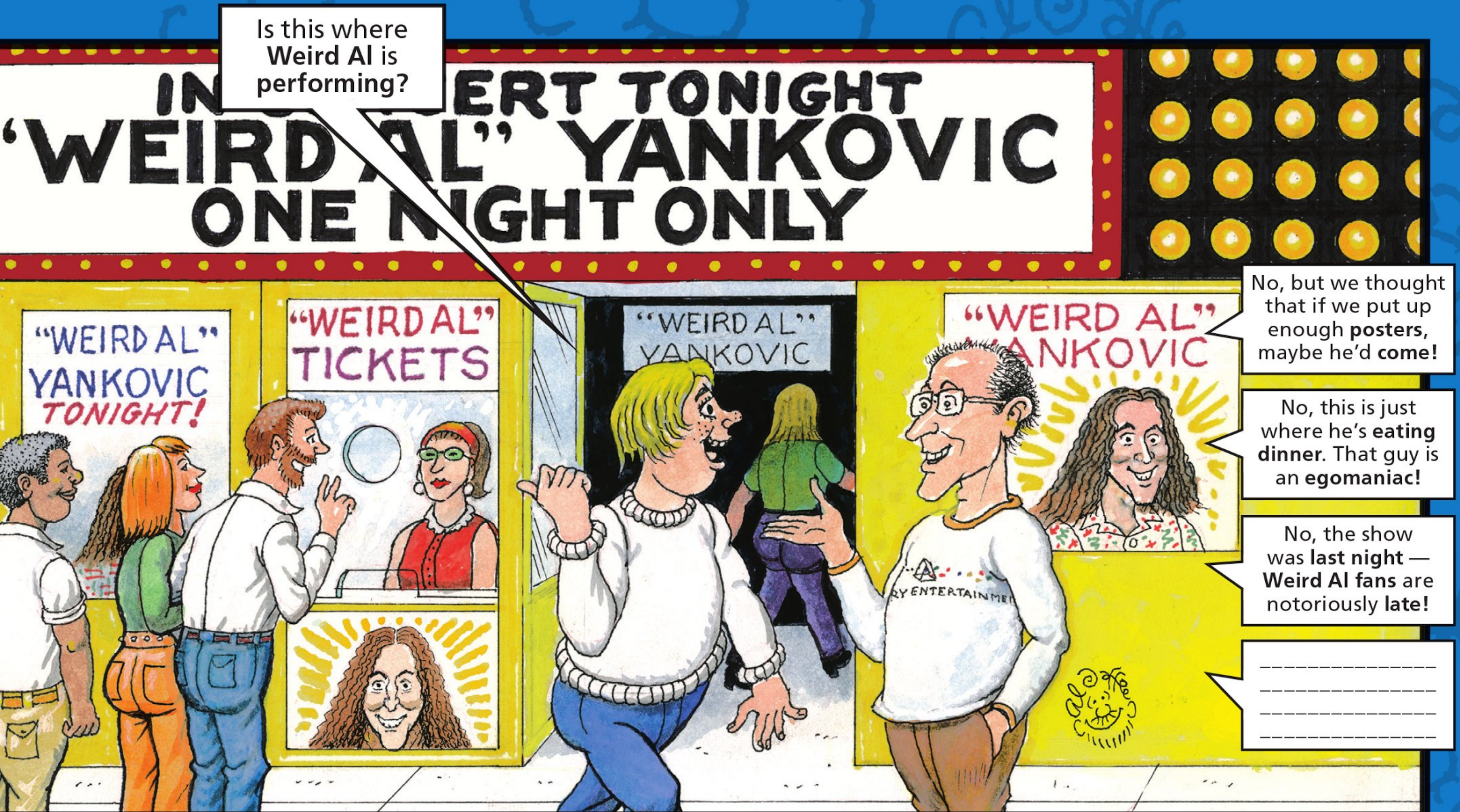
No, those are my Oscars! I was a revelation as Erin Brockovich!

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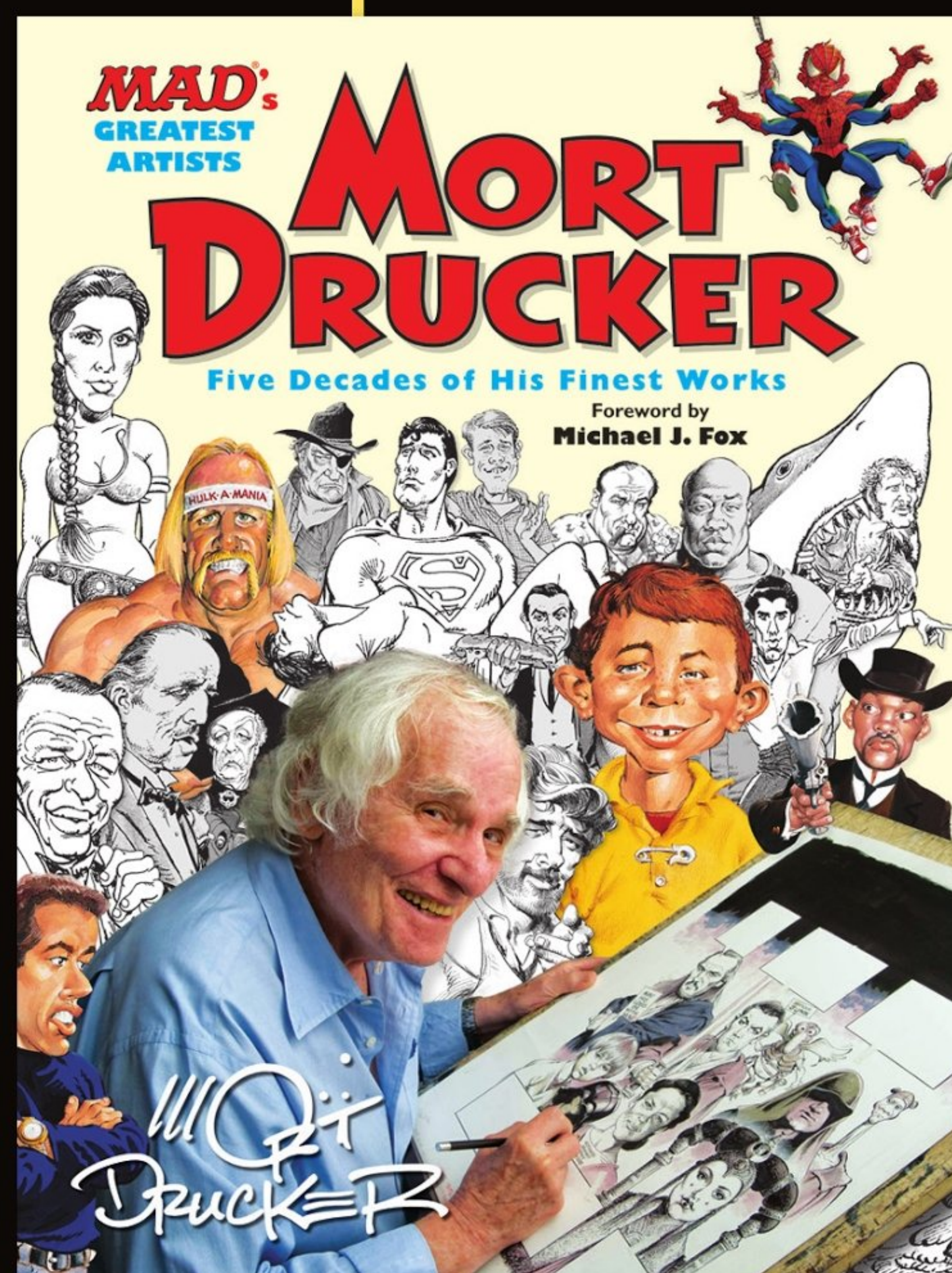
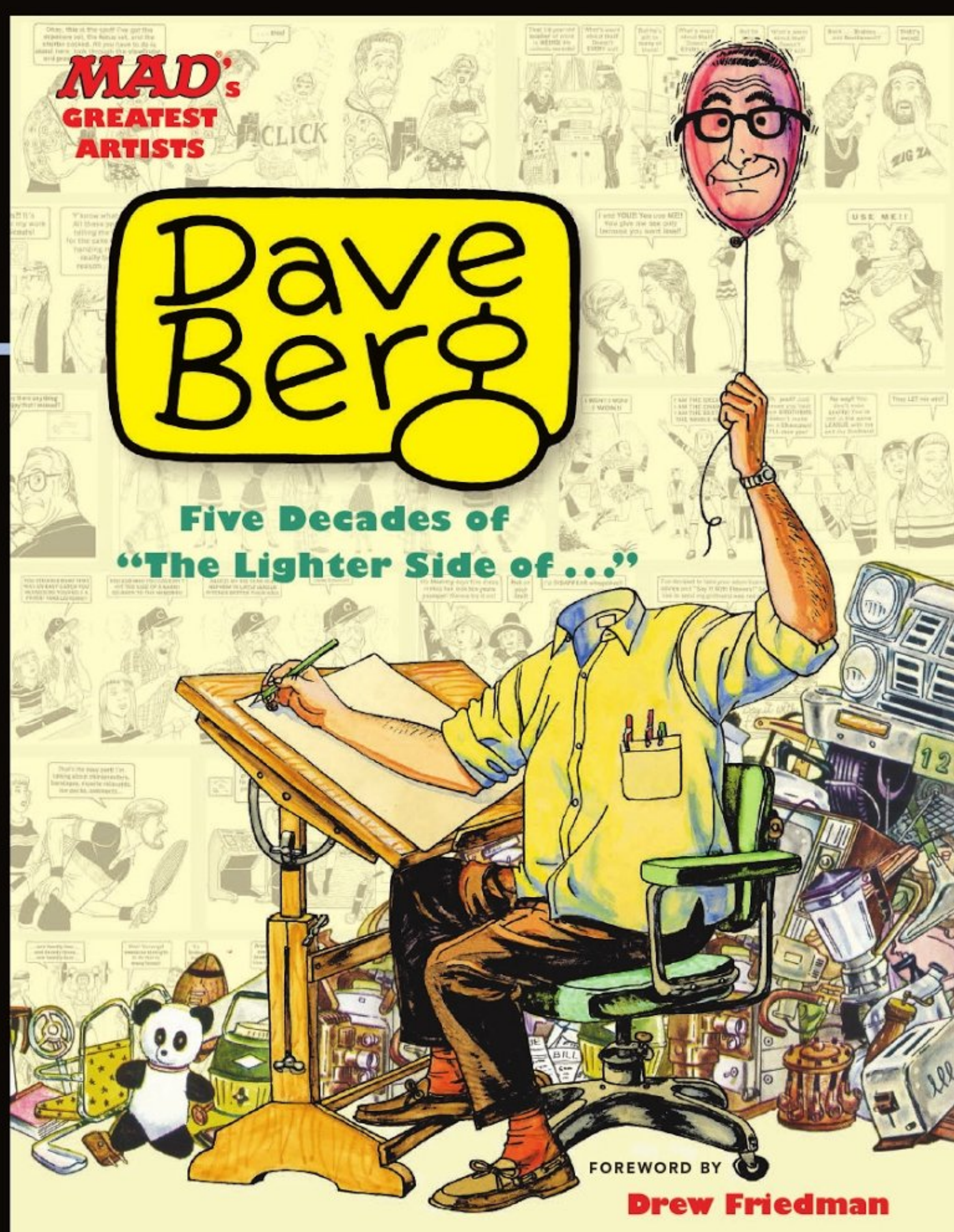
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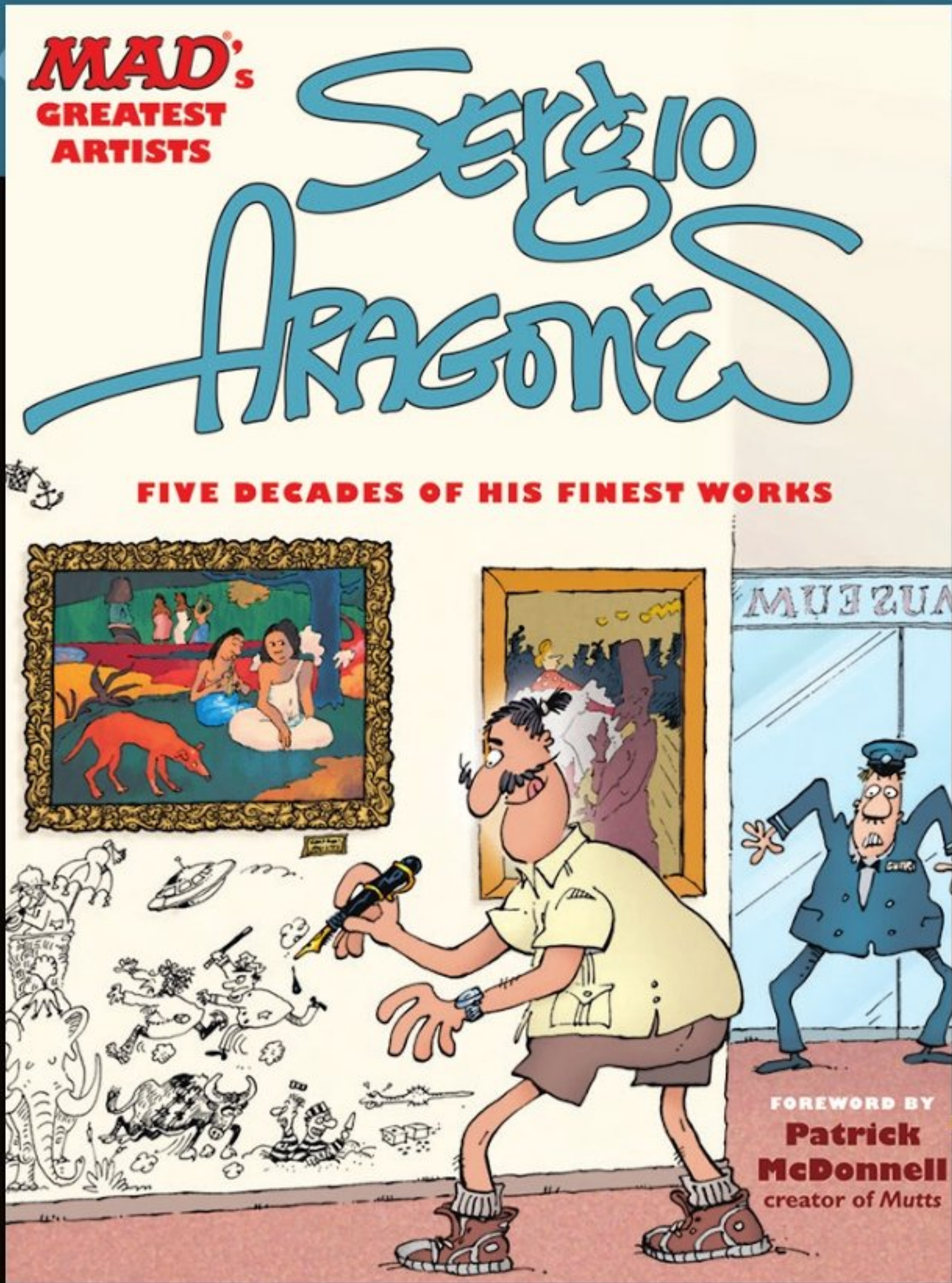
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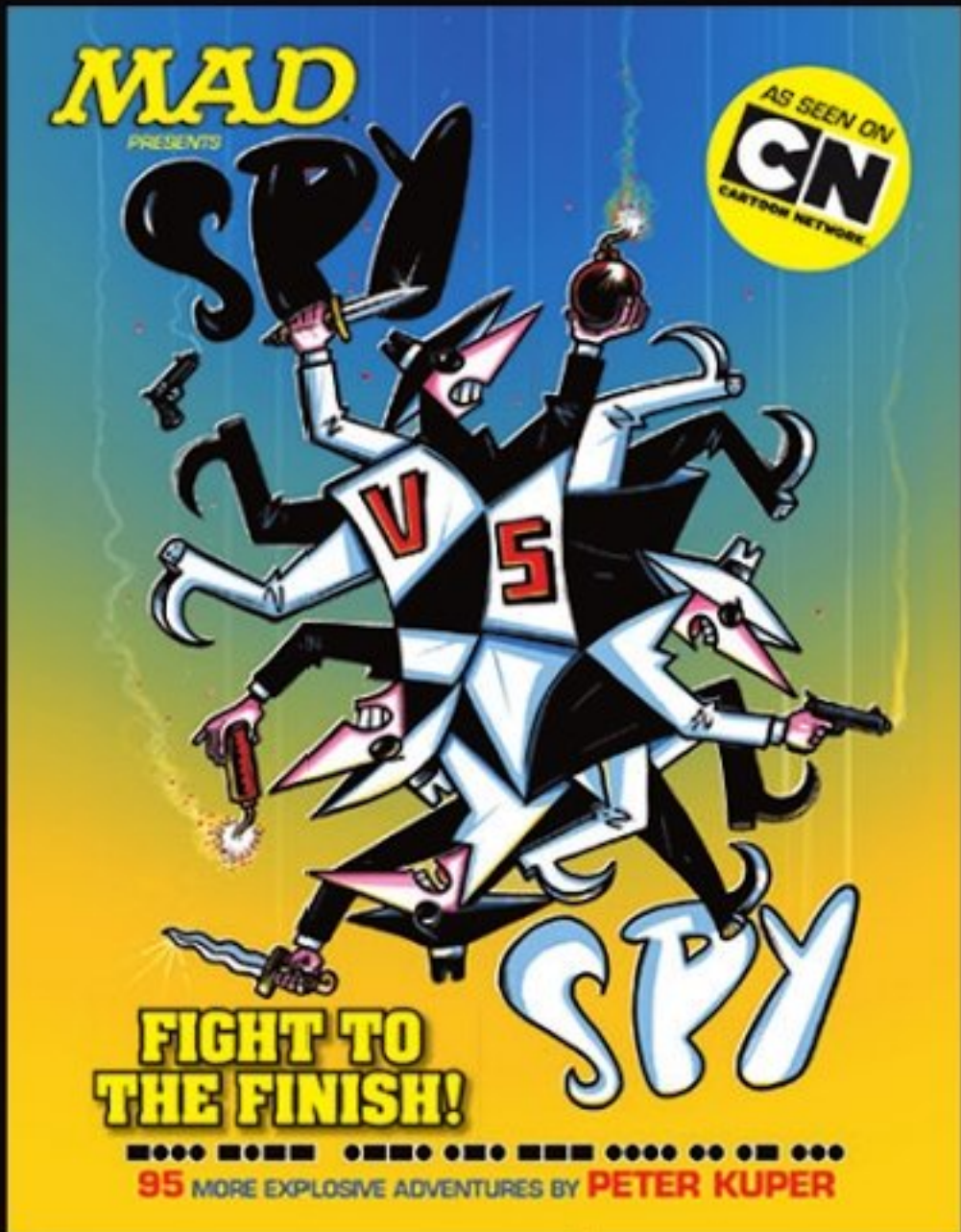


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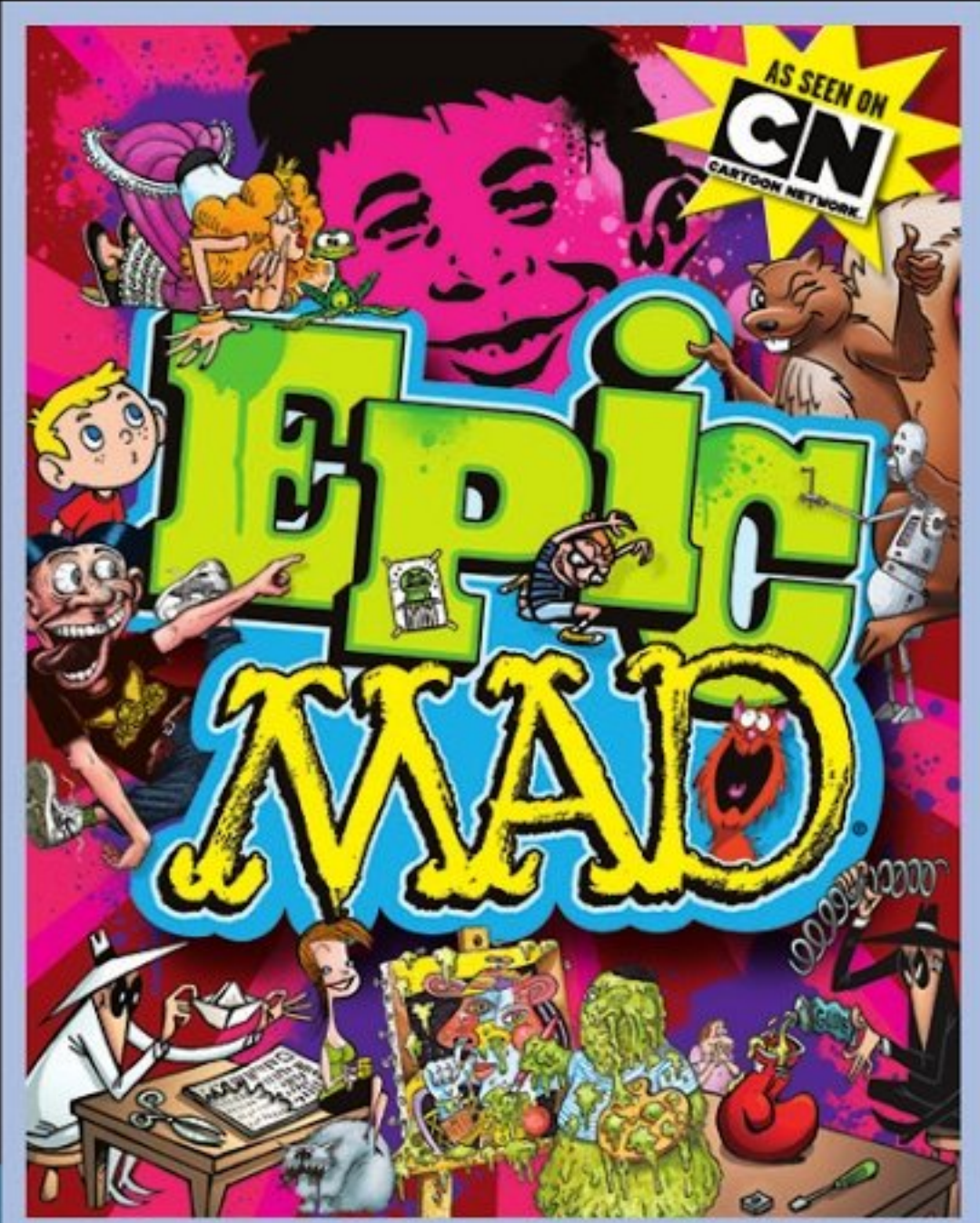
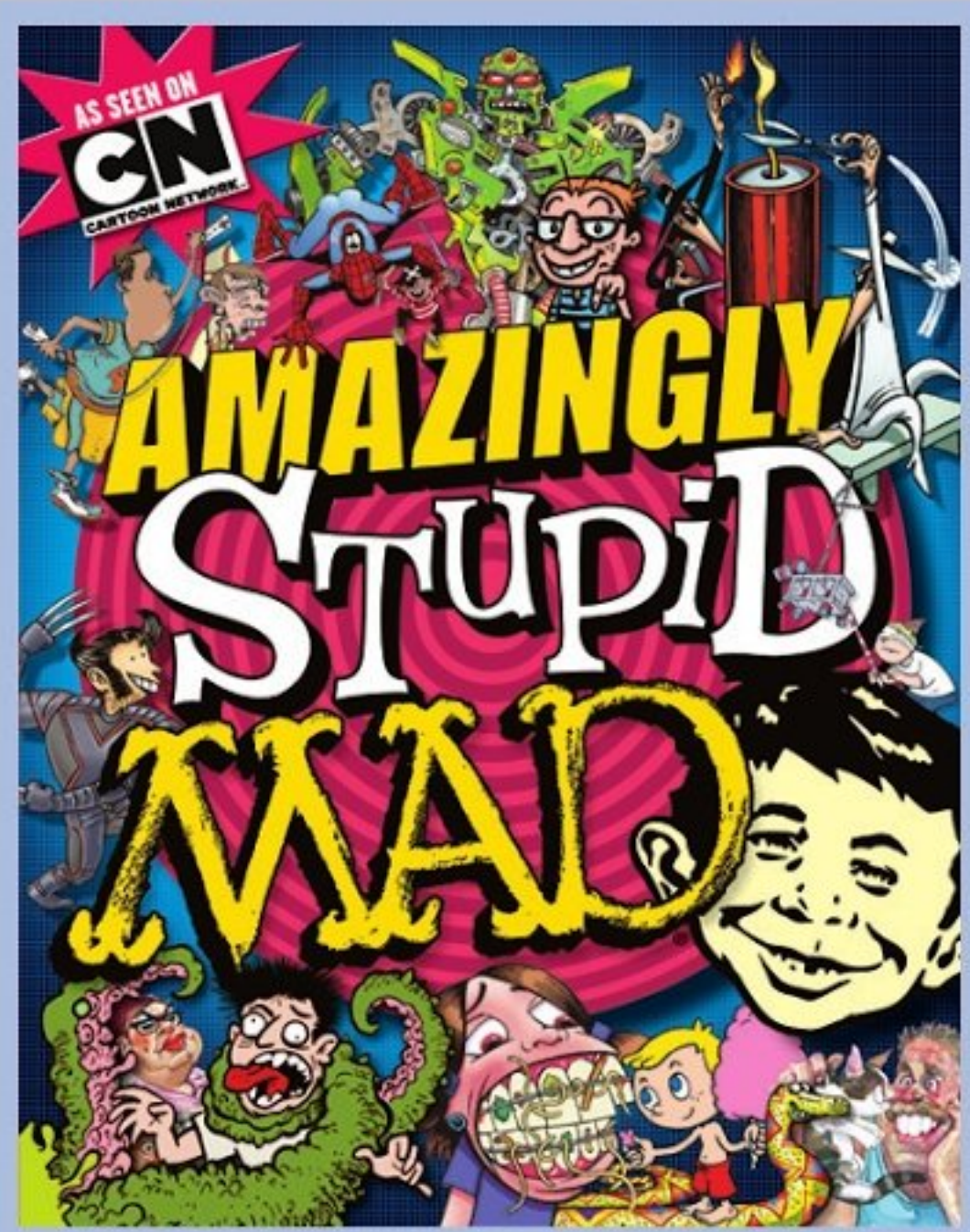
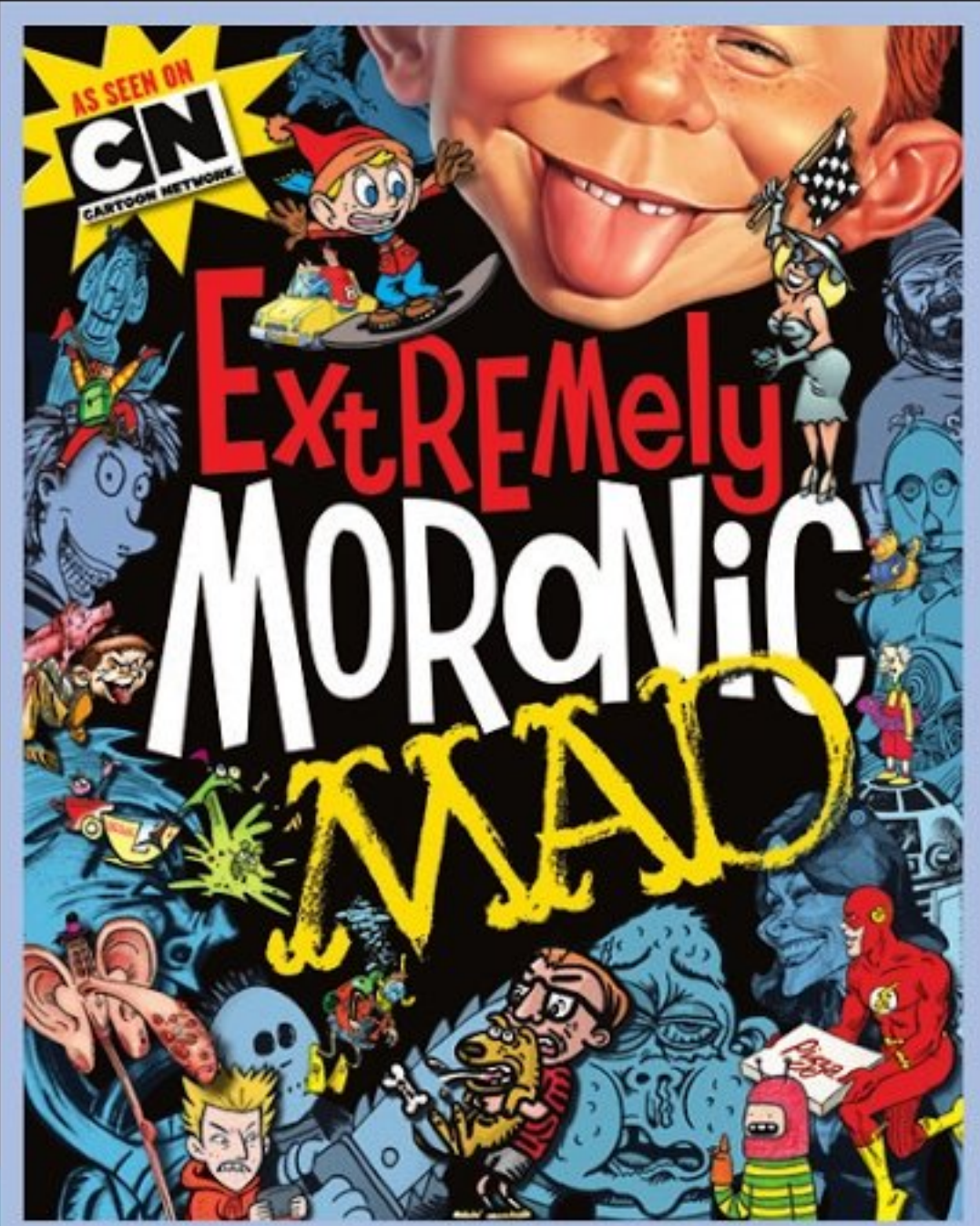
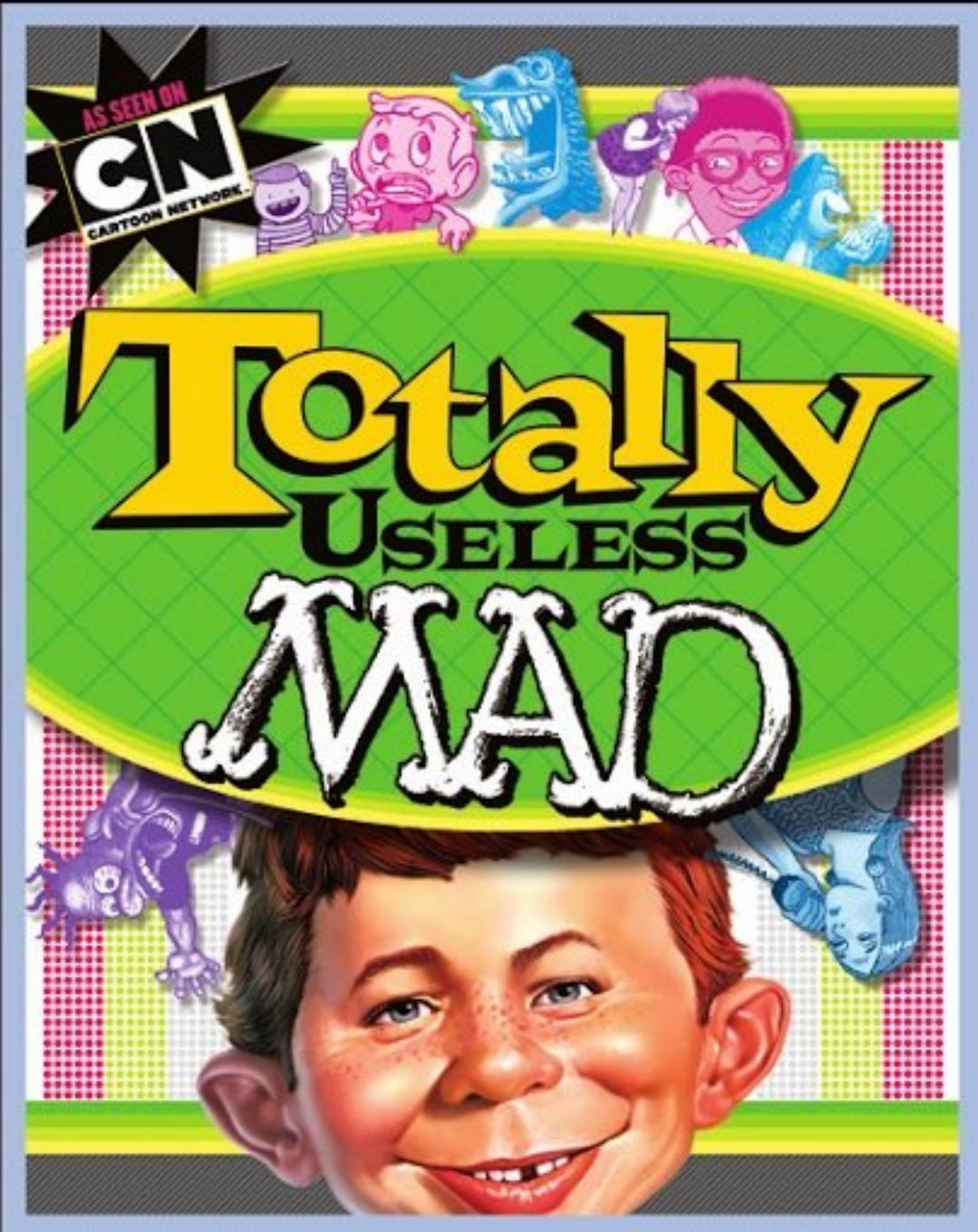
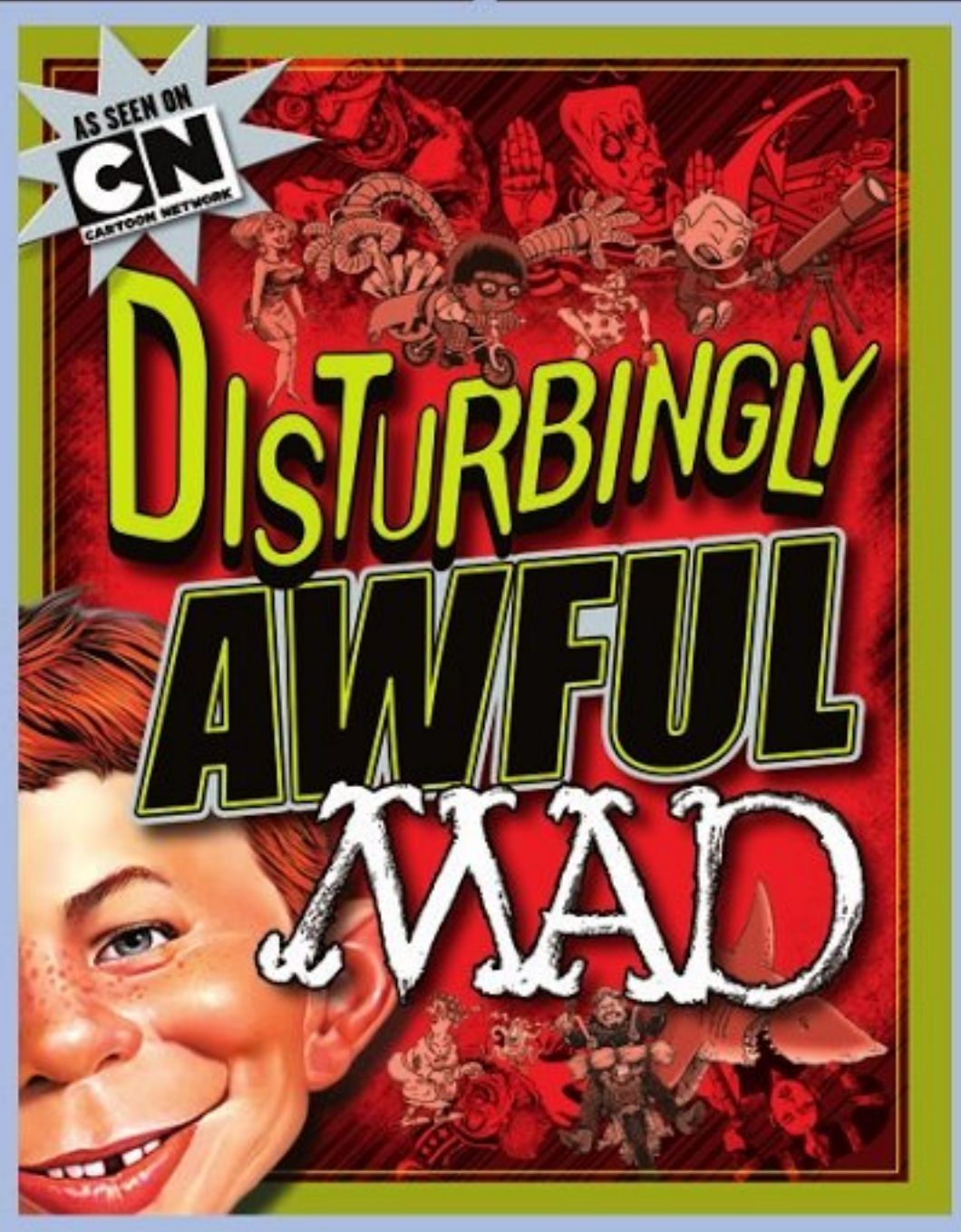
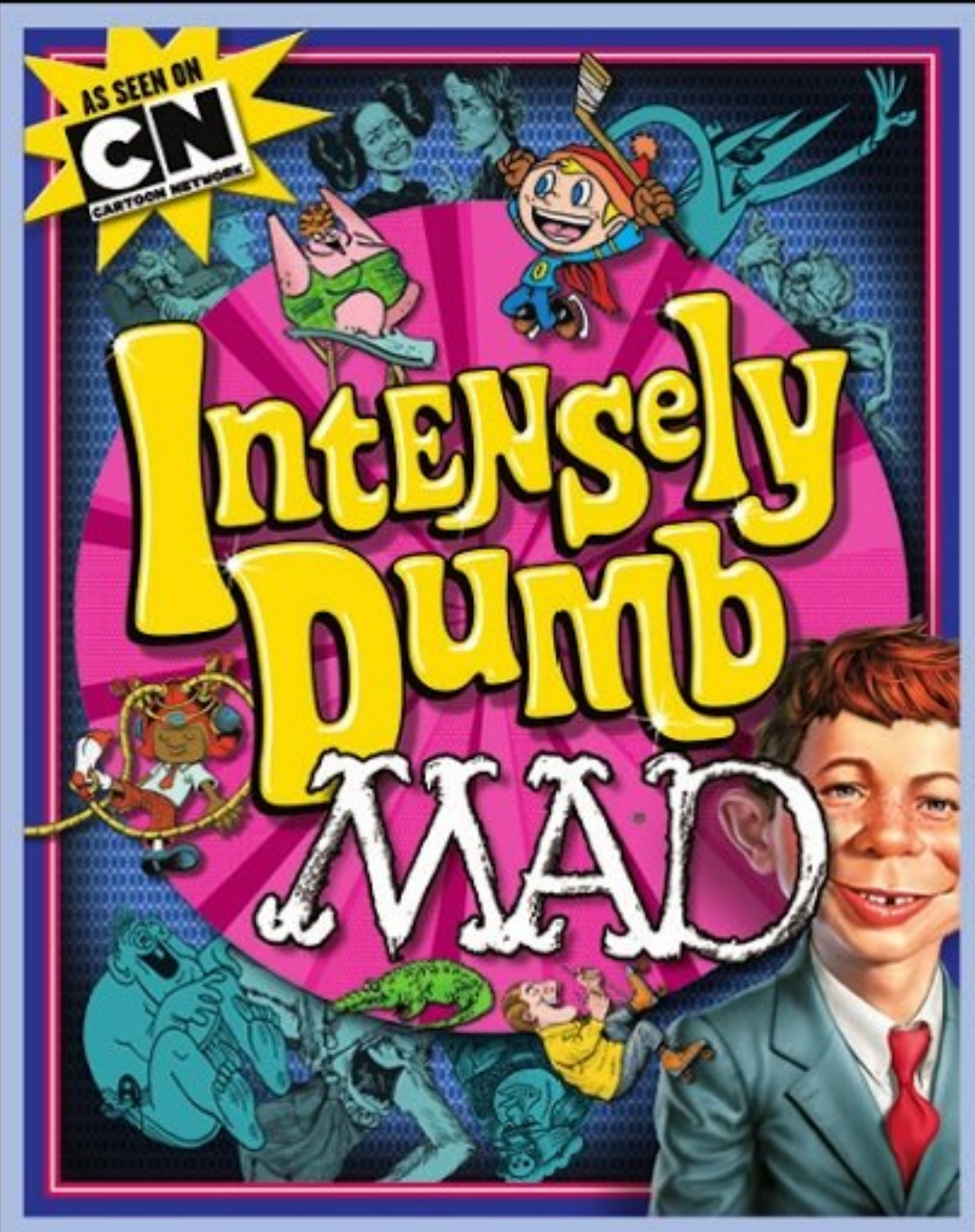
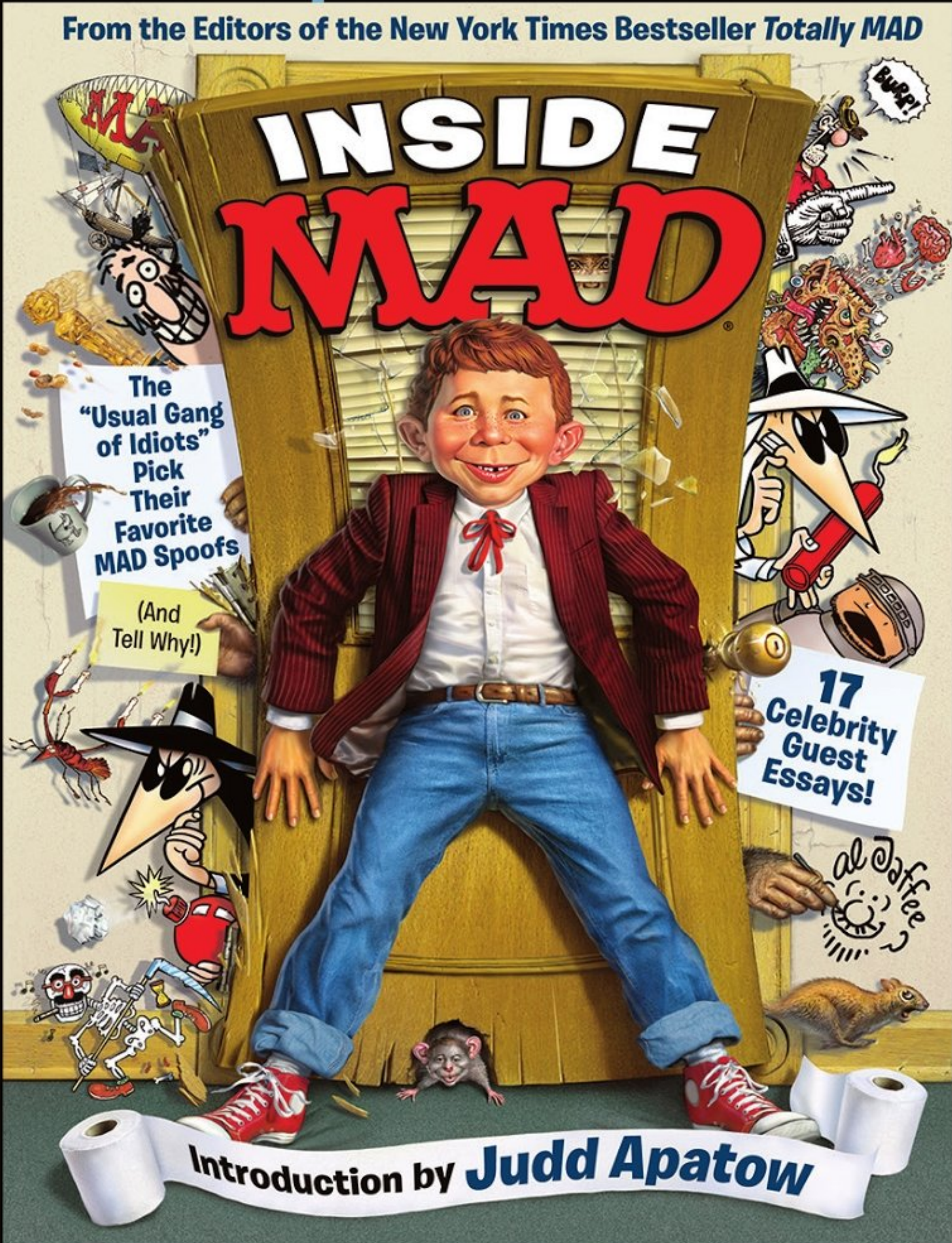


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Yes, hard as it may be to believe, there are still a few poor, unfortunate souls in this world who have never had the joy of experiencing a "Weird Al" Yankovic concert. I know, I know... *pathetic*, right? Well, since these people lead such sad, empty lives, I've taken pity on them and coerced the folks at MAD into sending one of their artists to capture all the magic. Here's...

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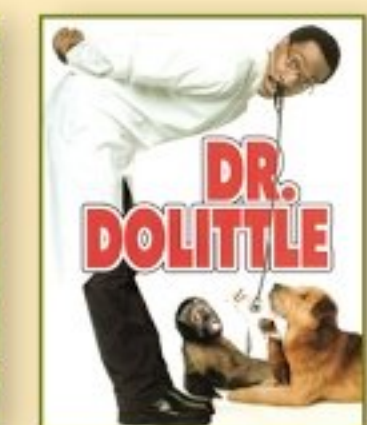
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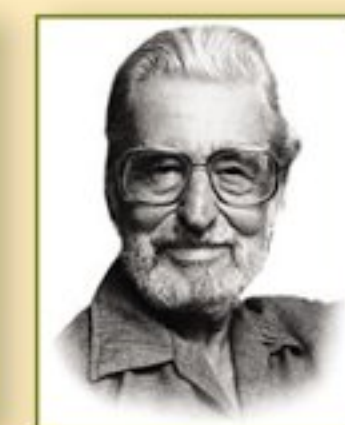
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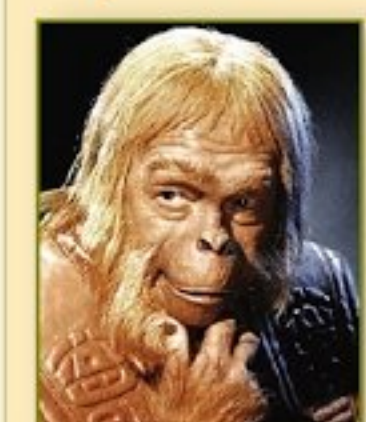
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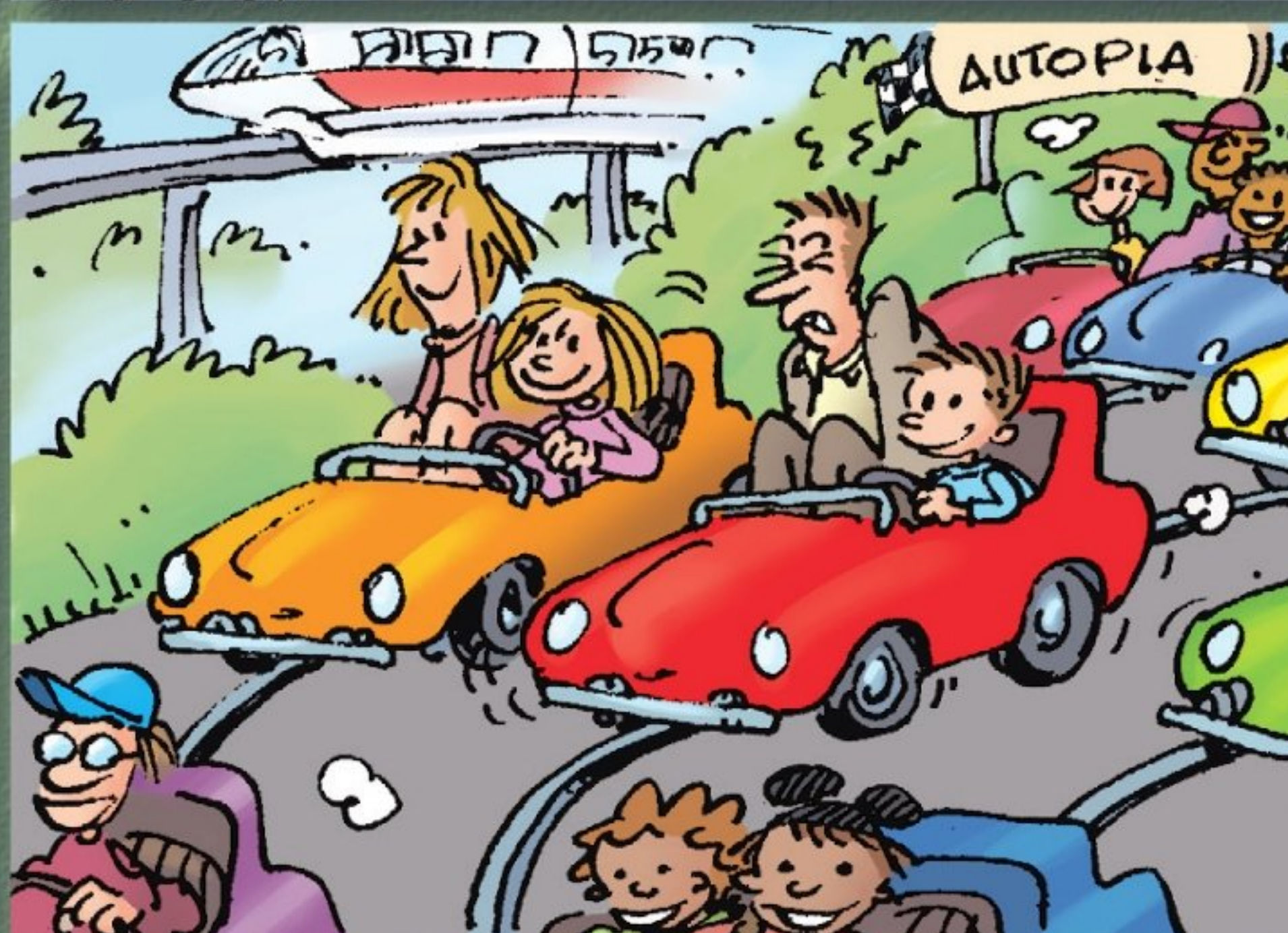
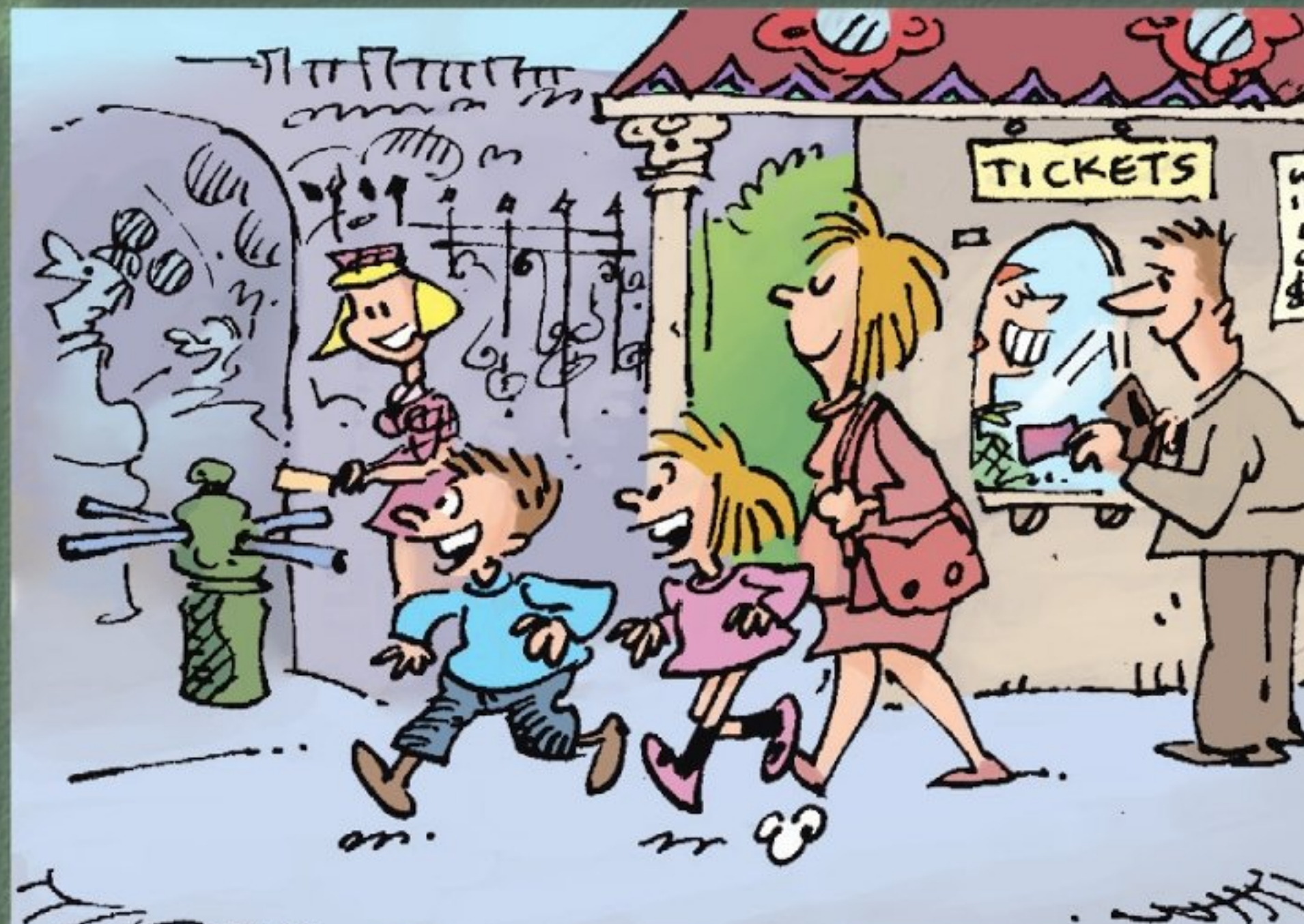
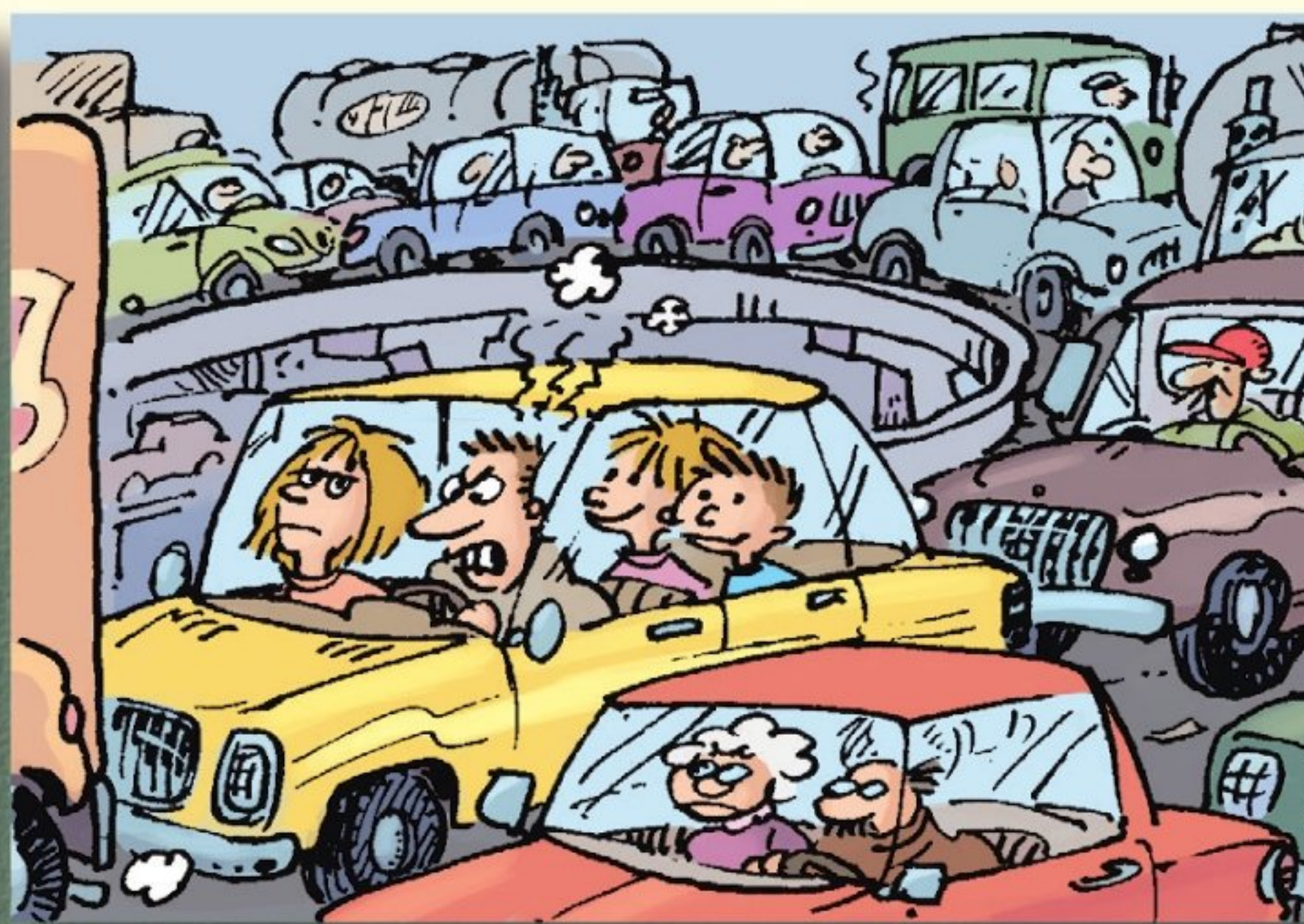
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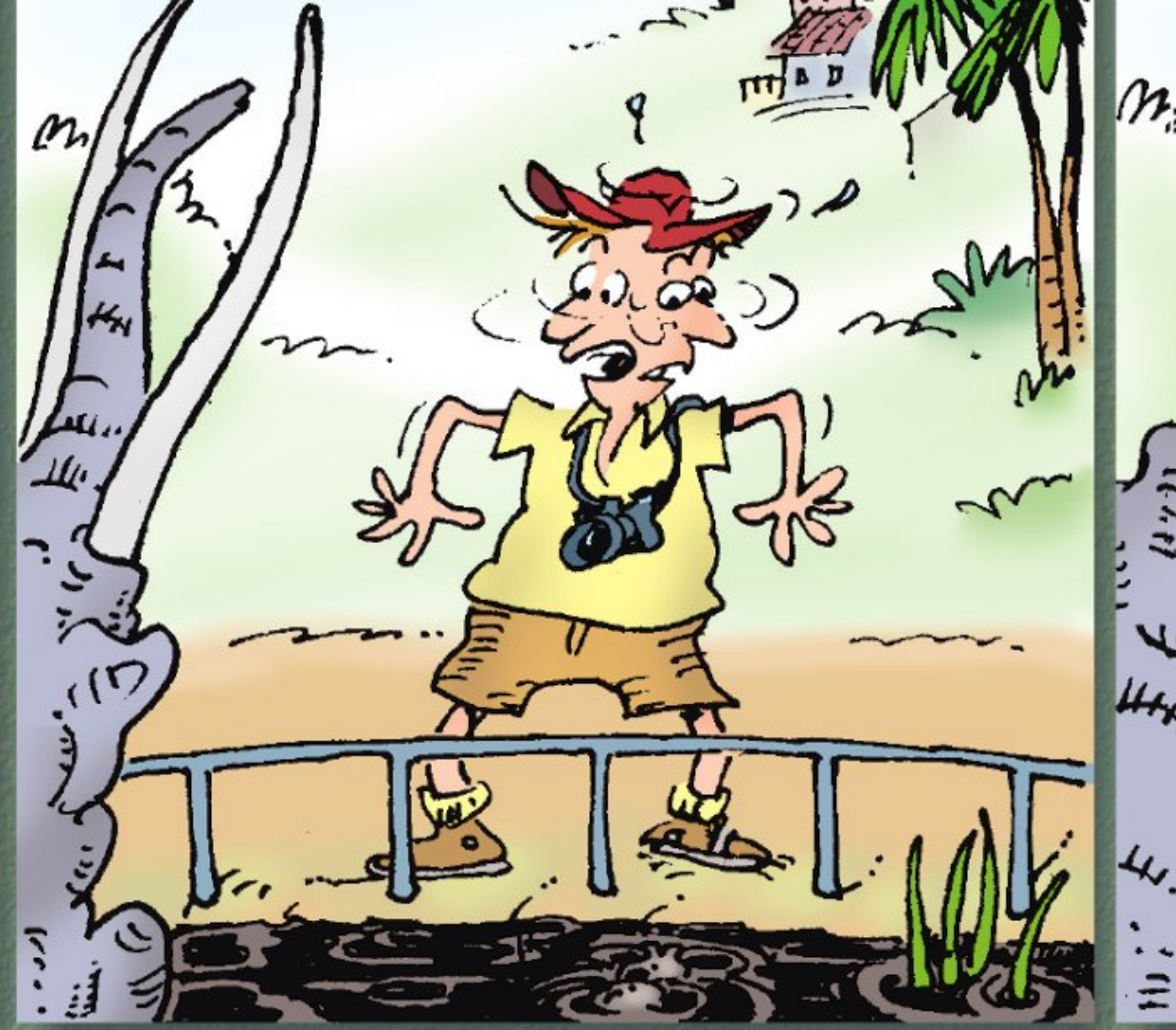
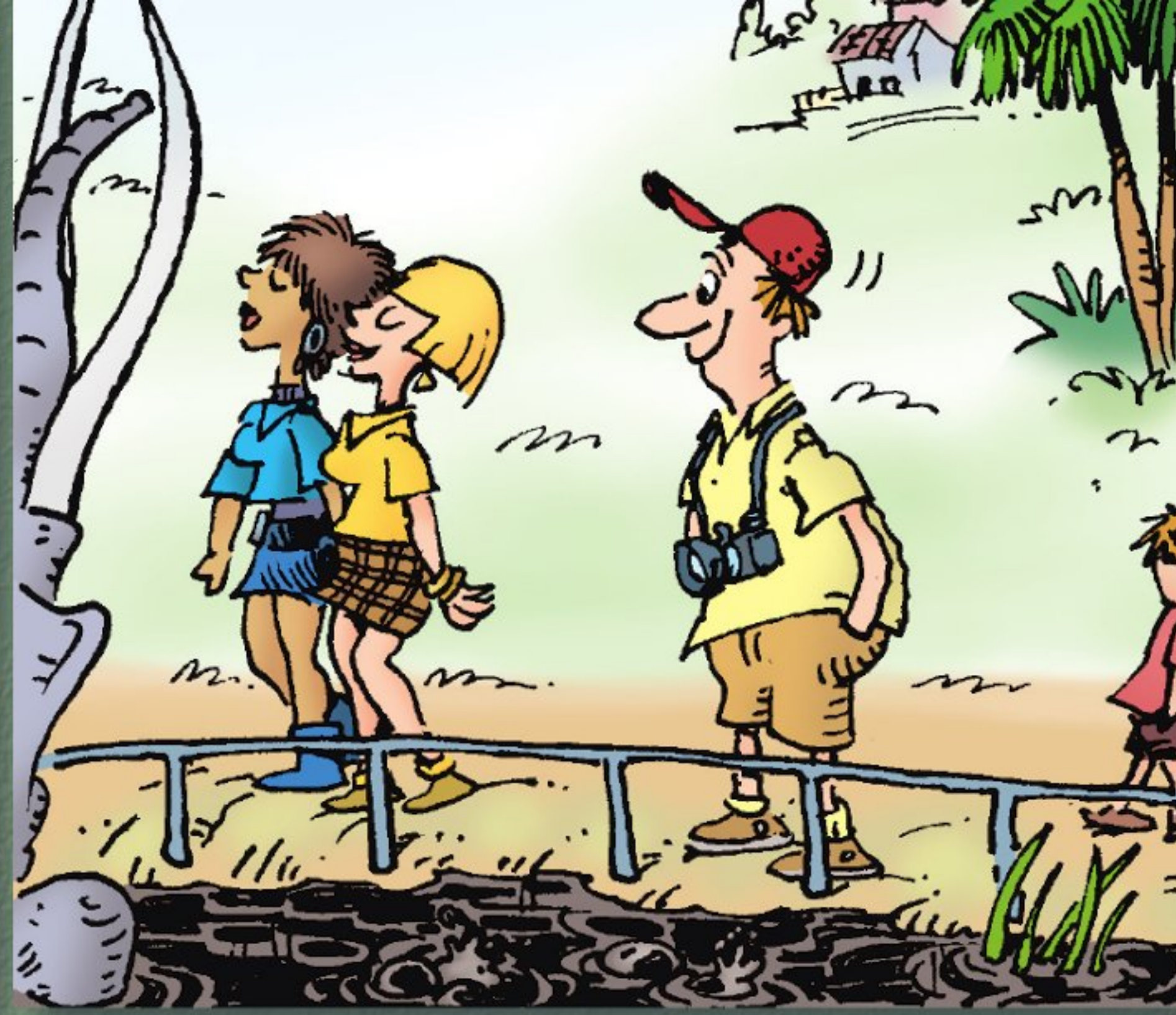
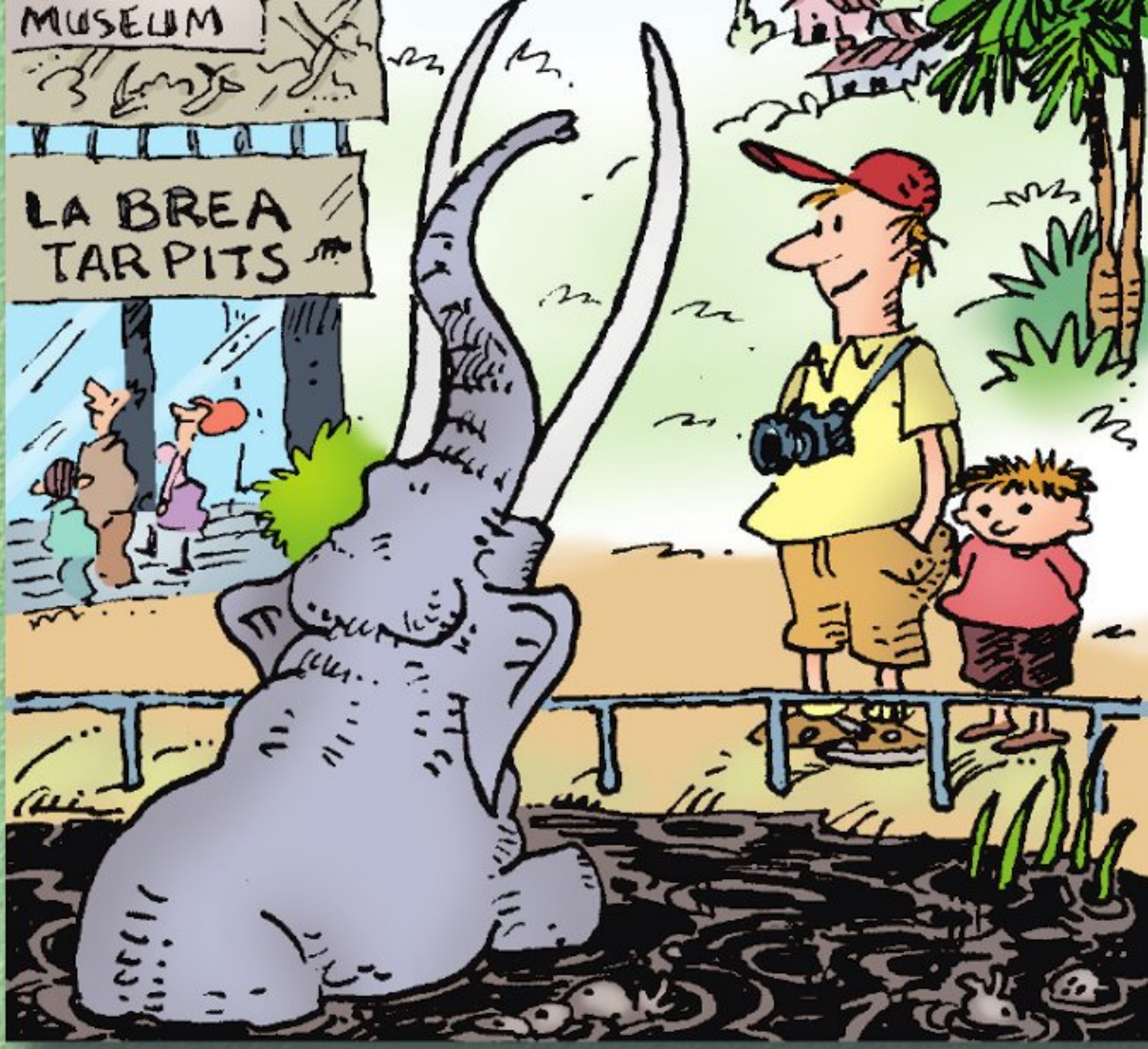
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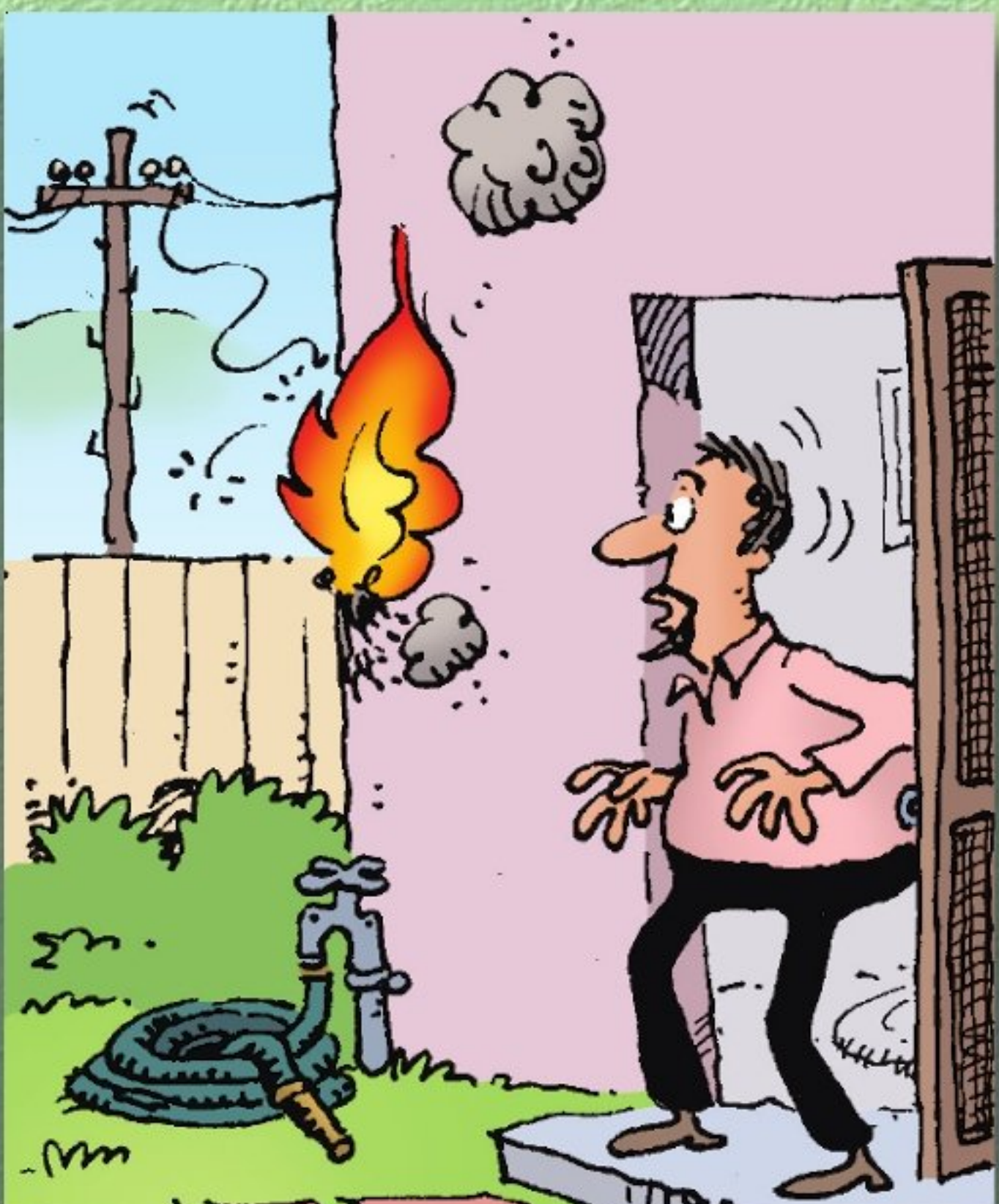
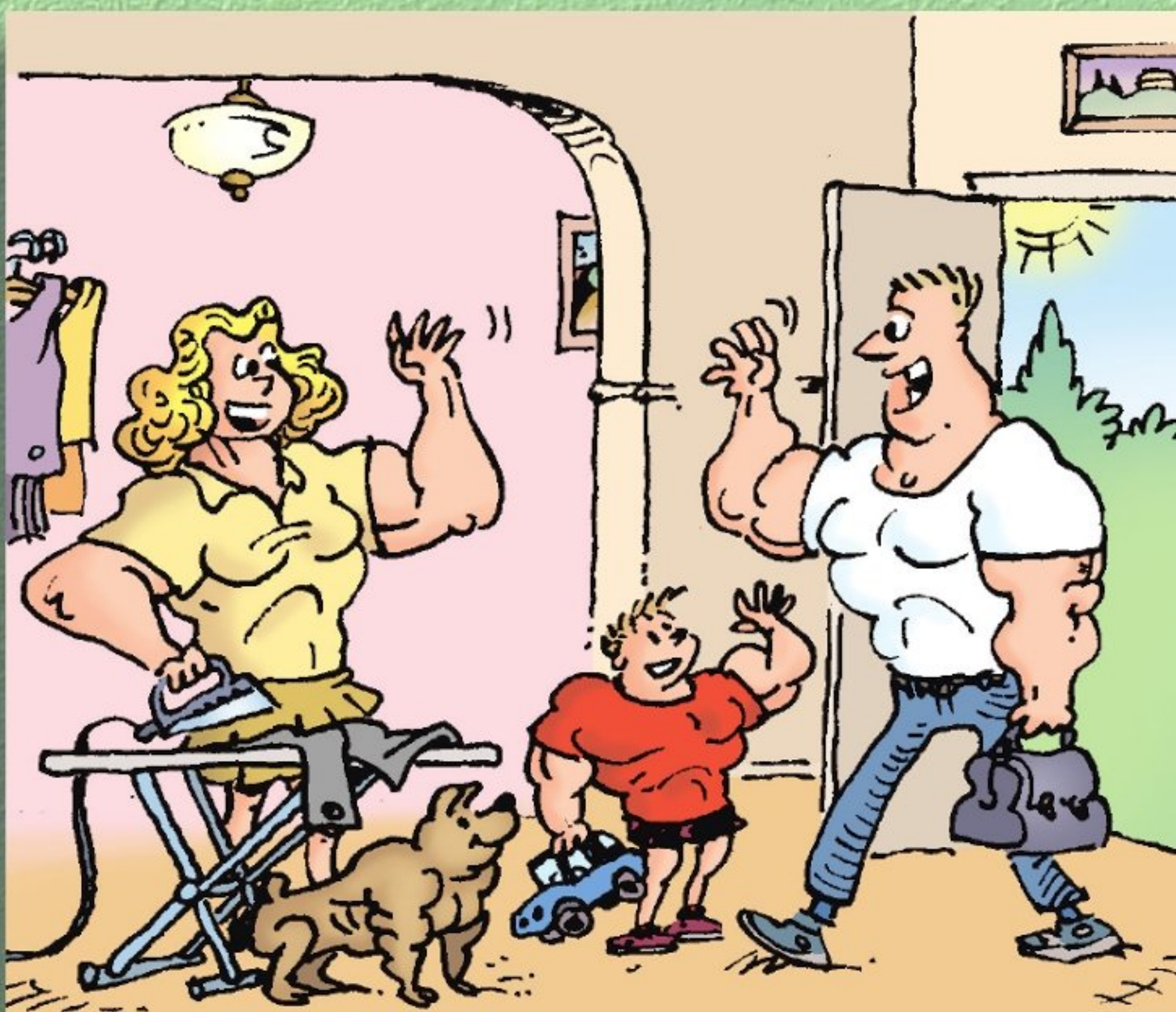
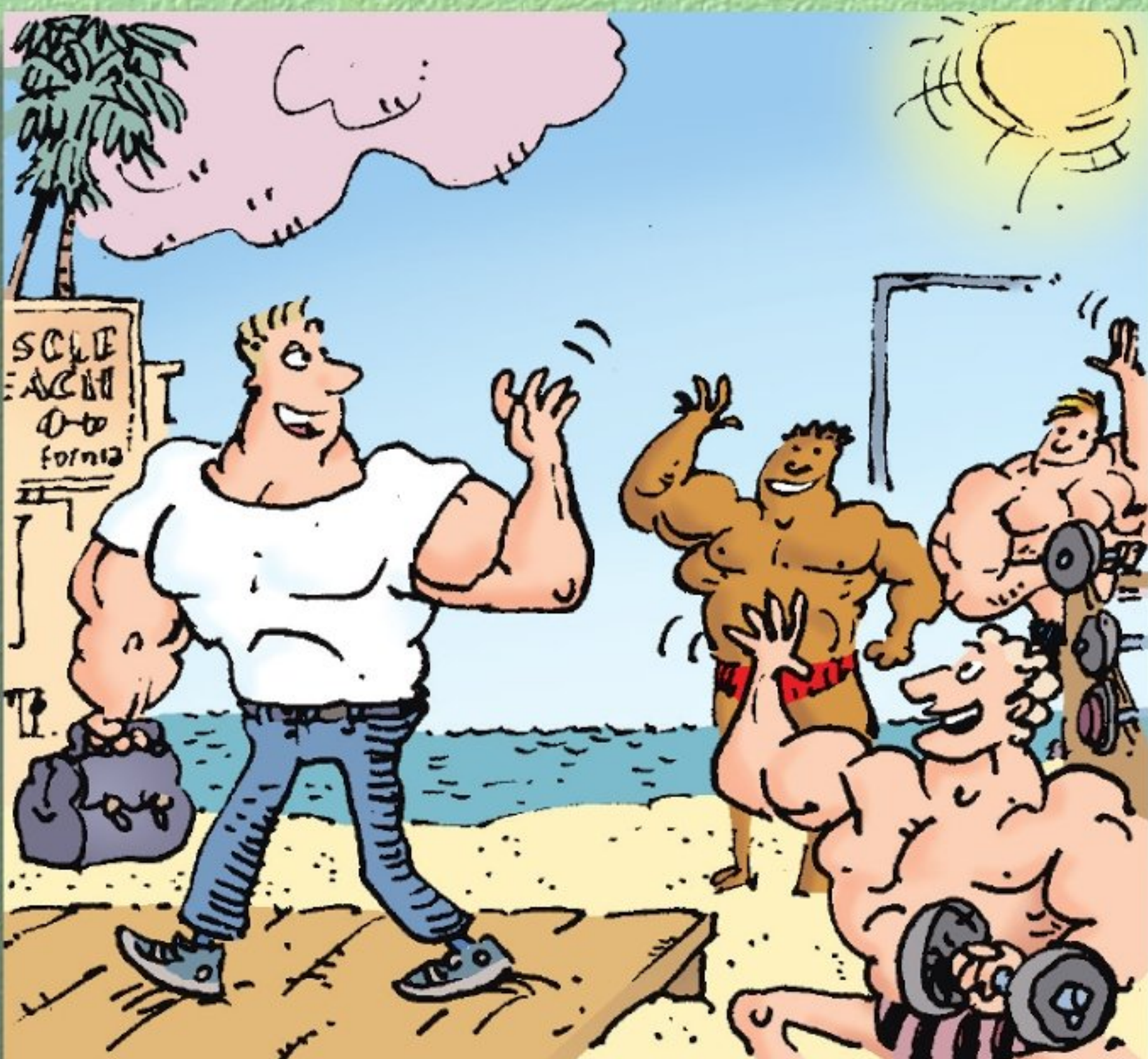
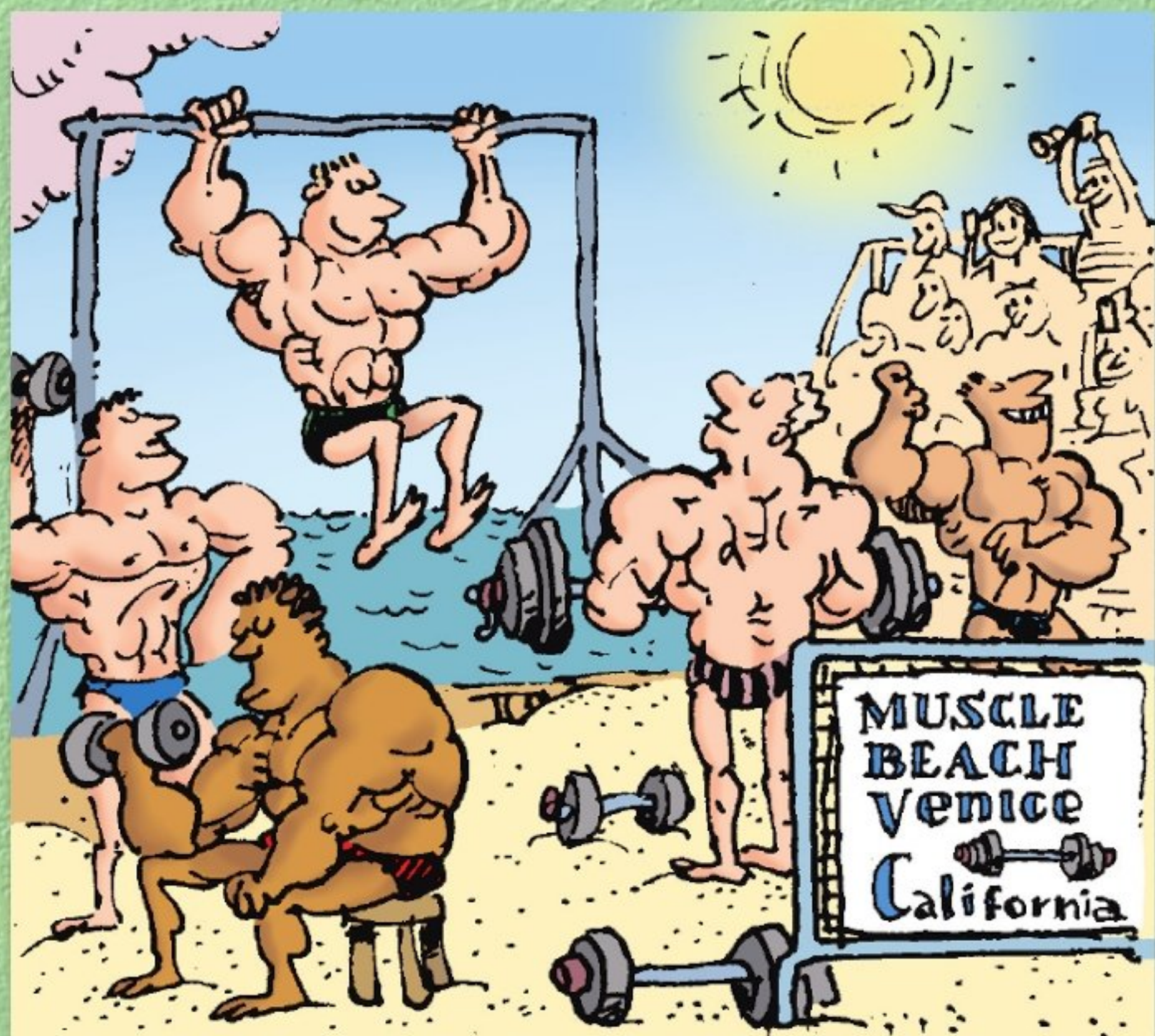




WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS COLORIST: TOM LUTH









At MAD, we fully support the teaching and practicing of safe sex. However, we ALSO fully support being jackasses whenever humanly possible. So you can see how we'd be torn when we came up with these...

THINGS TO ASK



What's your take on the "pulling out" method? My dad swears it works, but my 19 older siblings disagree.

What's the best Instagram filter for taking pictures of my junk?

If I may play devil's advocate for a moment: what if all this information ruins my chances of starring on MTV's *Teen Mom*?

Could you repeat that last part a bit slower over some soft saxophone music, please?

Okay, now I'm confused — why are we talking about Volvos again?

Do those "male enhancement" pills I found in your drawer actually work?

YOUR SEX ED TEACHER

(Just to Mess with Him)

Will I get extra credit if I get to second base this weekend?

Okay, I understood the condom demonstration except for one thing: what if I don't have a banana handy?

Are you familiar with the saying, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach"?

Is it true that you can get pregnant from staring at a picture of Channing Tatum for too long?

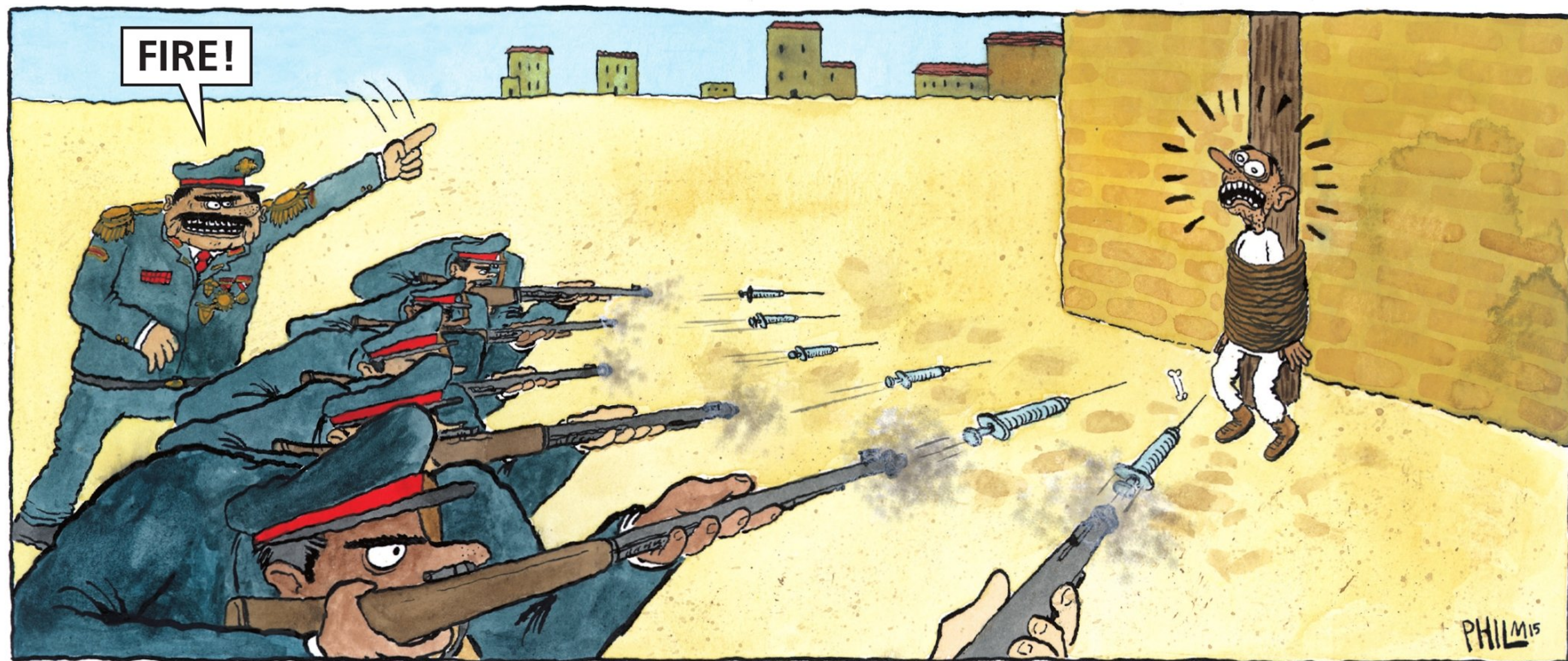
If you really want us to know about this stuff, why are the most educational websites on the topic blocked on the library computers?

Can we hurry this up? I gotta go pick up my kid at daycare.

WRITER: KENNY KEIL
ARTIST: JOSE GARIBALDI



THE CAPTIVATING TALE ^{C/O} PEDRO'S EXECUTION





It's virtually impossible for me to pick my all-time favorite MAD article — I mean, **come on**, over the years there have been *nearly a dozen* good ones! But **this piece** made a big impression on me as child, because **never before** in my life had I read a sentence as profoundly existential as: "Don't step on Mr. Vomit!" In fact, Uncle Nutzy's Clubhouse was so inspirational to me that I ~~completely plagiarized~~ **paid homage** to it in my movie *UHF*. Join us, then, as MAD shamelessly reprints for the 27th time...

THE MAD VAULT

A classic article from MAD #93 • March 1965

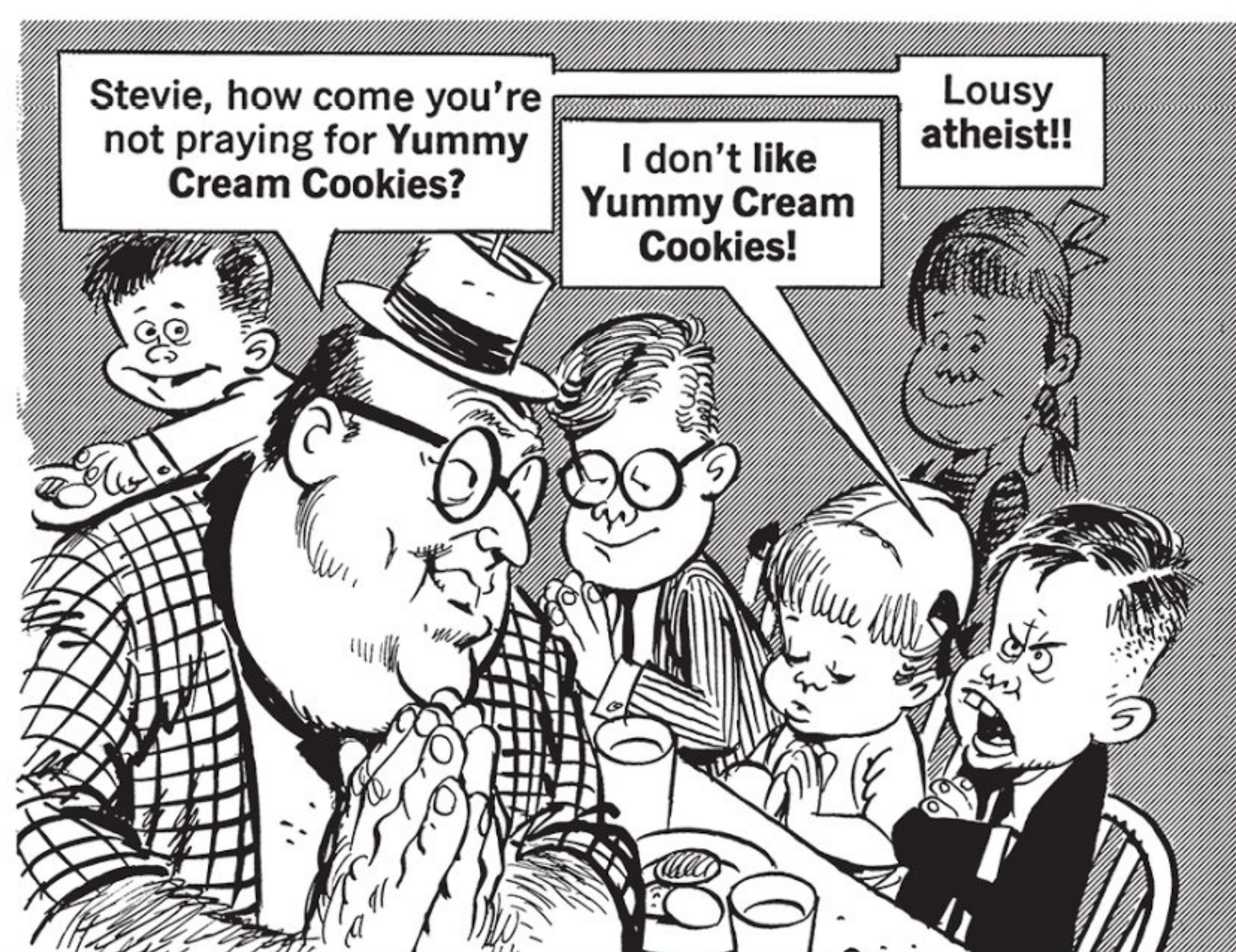
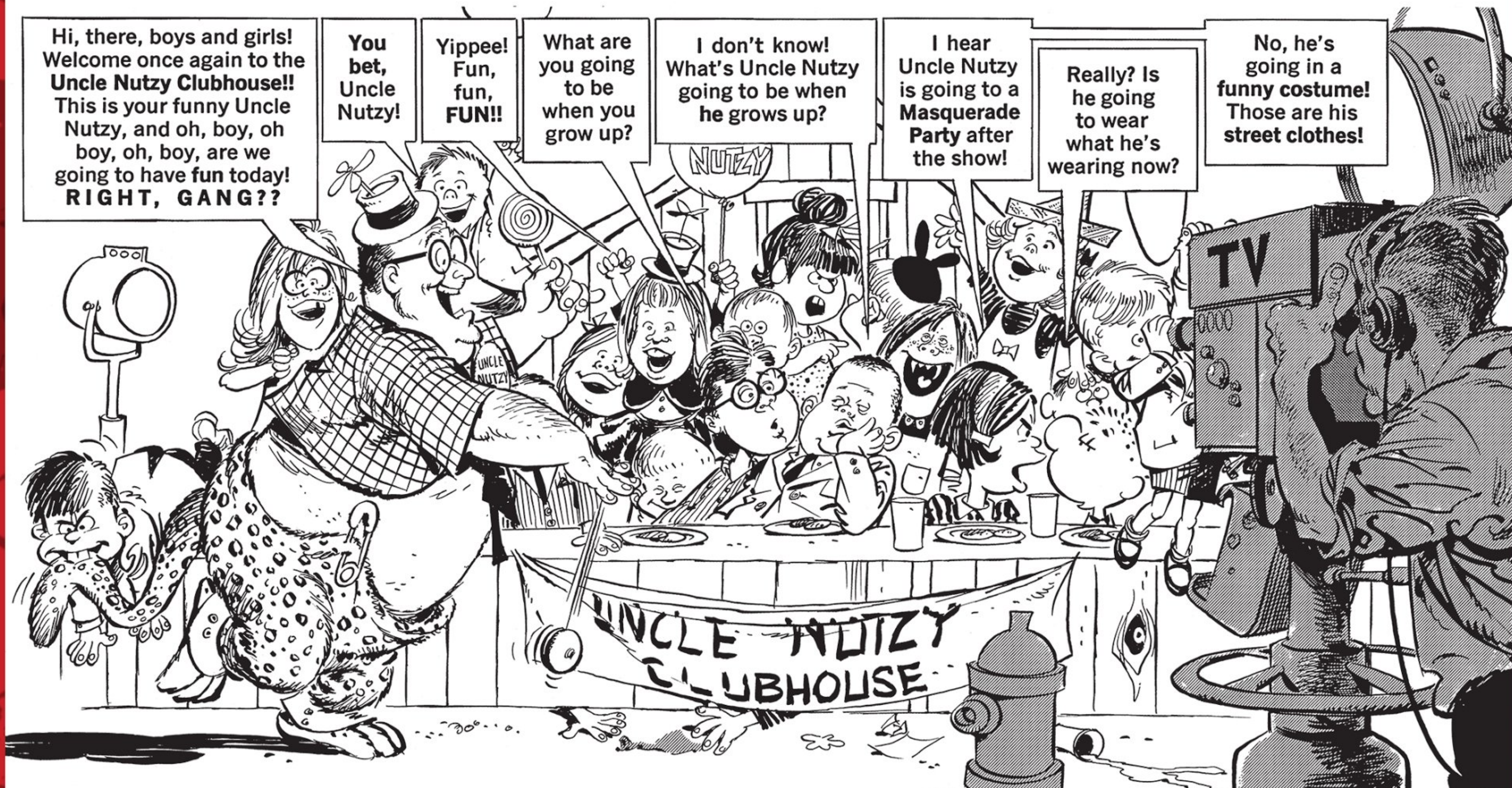
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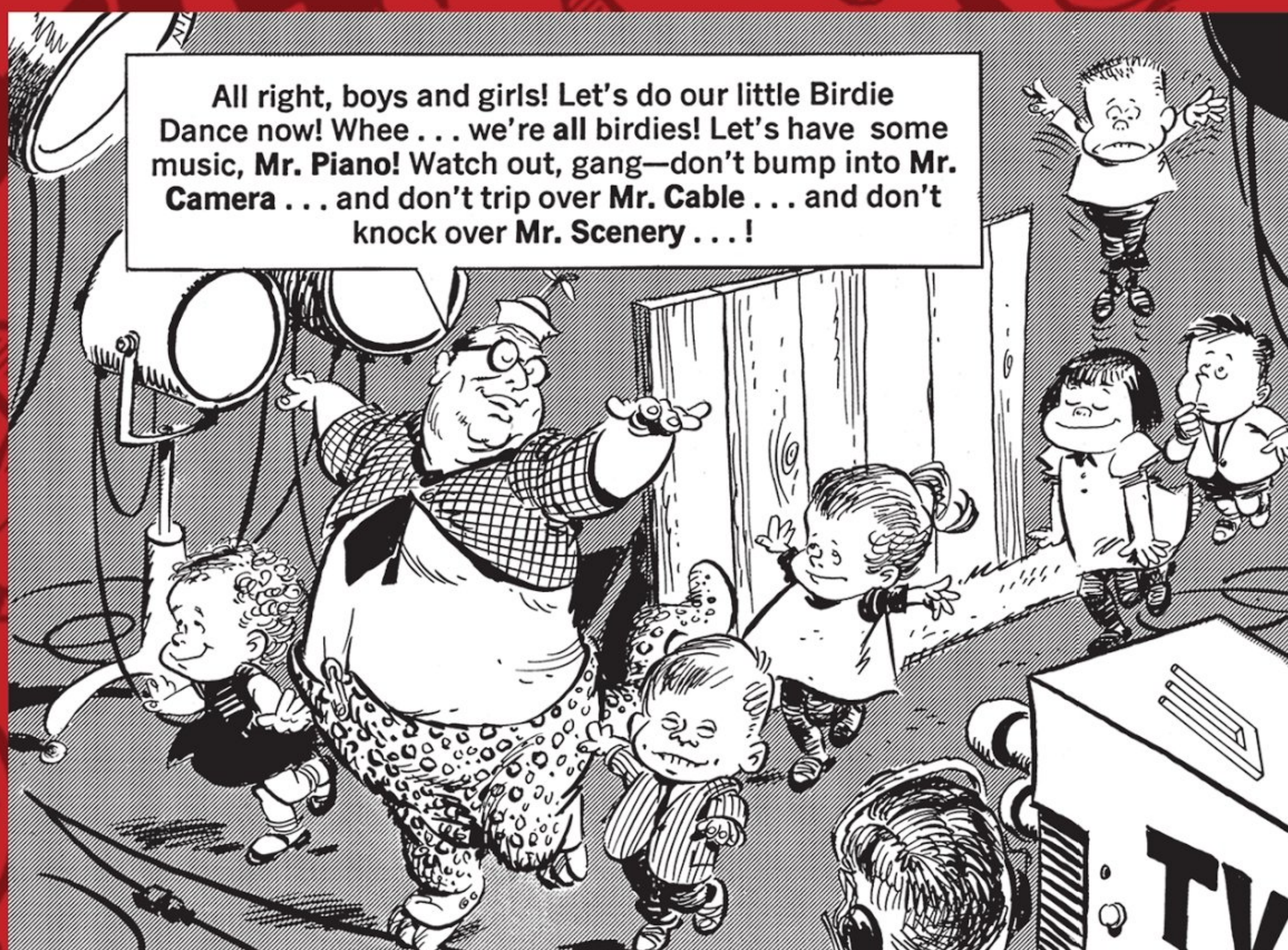
Since MAD's Official Article-Introduction Writer is ill this month, we've assigned Sidney Gwirtzman, MAD's Accountant, to serve as Guest Introduction Writer for the following article. Here is Mr. Gwirtzman's Introduction: "*The law provides a credit against tax dividends received from qualifying domestic corporations. This credit is equal to 4 percent of these dividends in excess of those which you may exclude from your income. The credit may not exceed: (a) the total income tax reduced by foreign tax credit; or (b) 4 percent of the ...*" But enough of this hilarity. Let's save the jokes for the story as

MAD LOOKS AT A TYPICAL KIDDIE TV SHOW

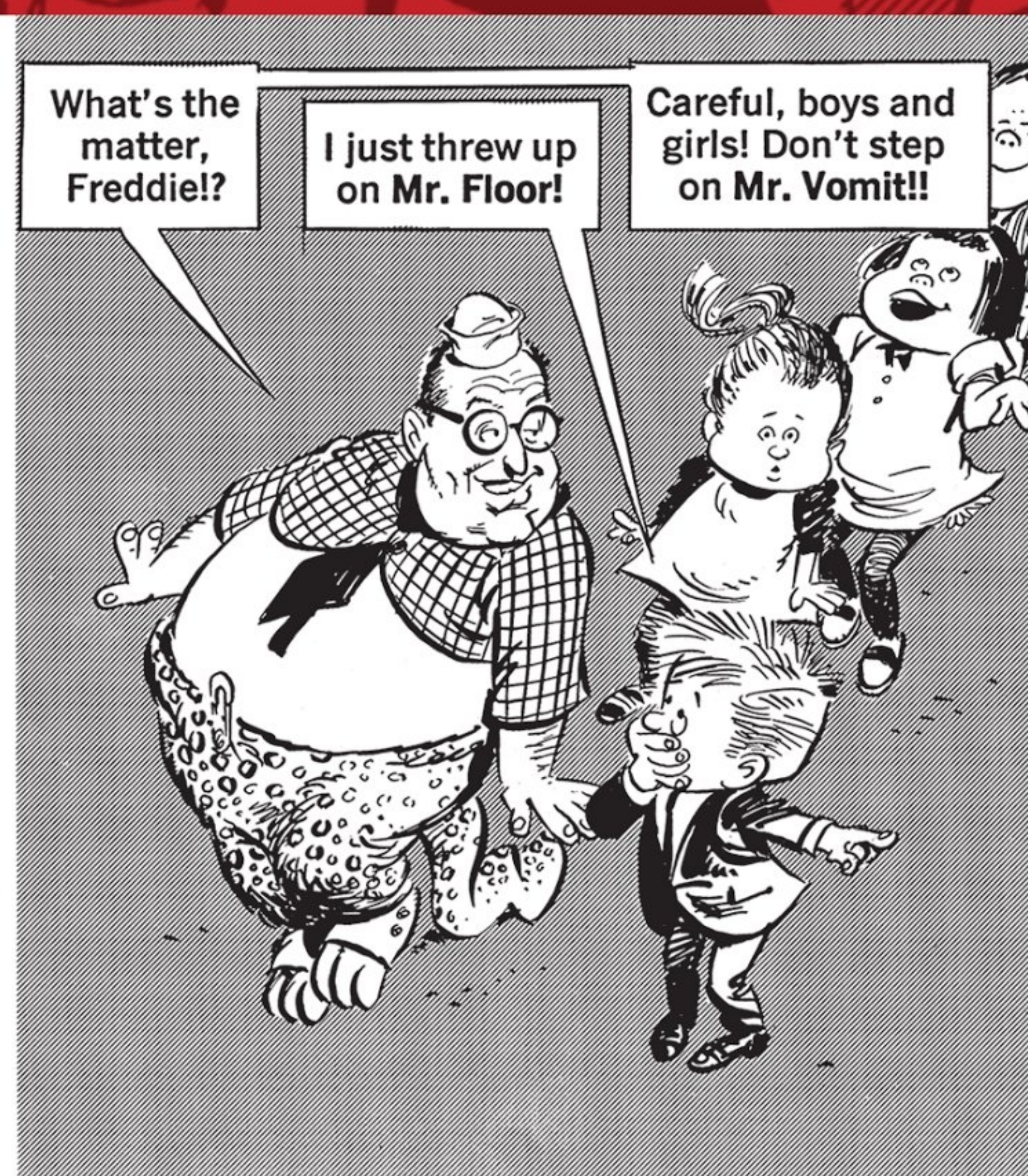
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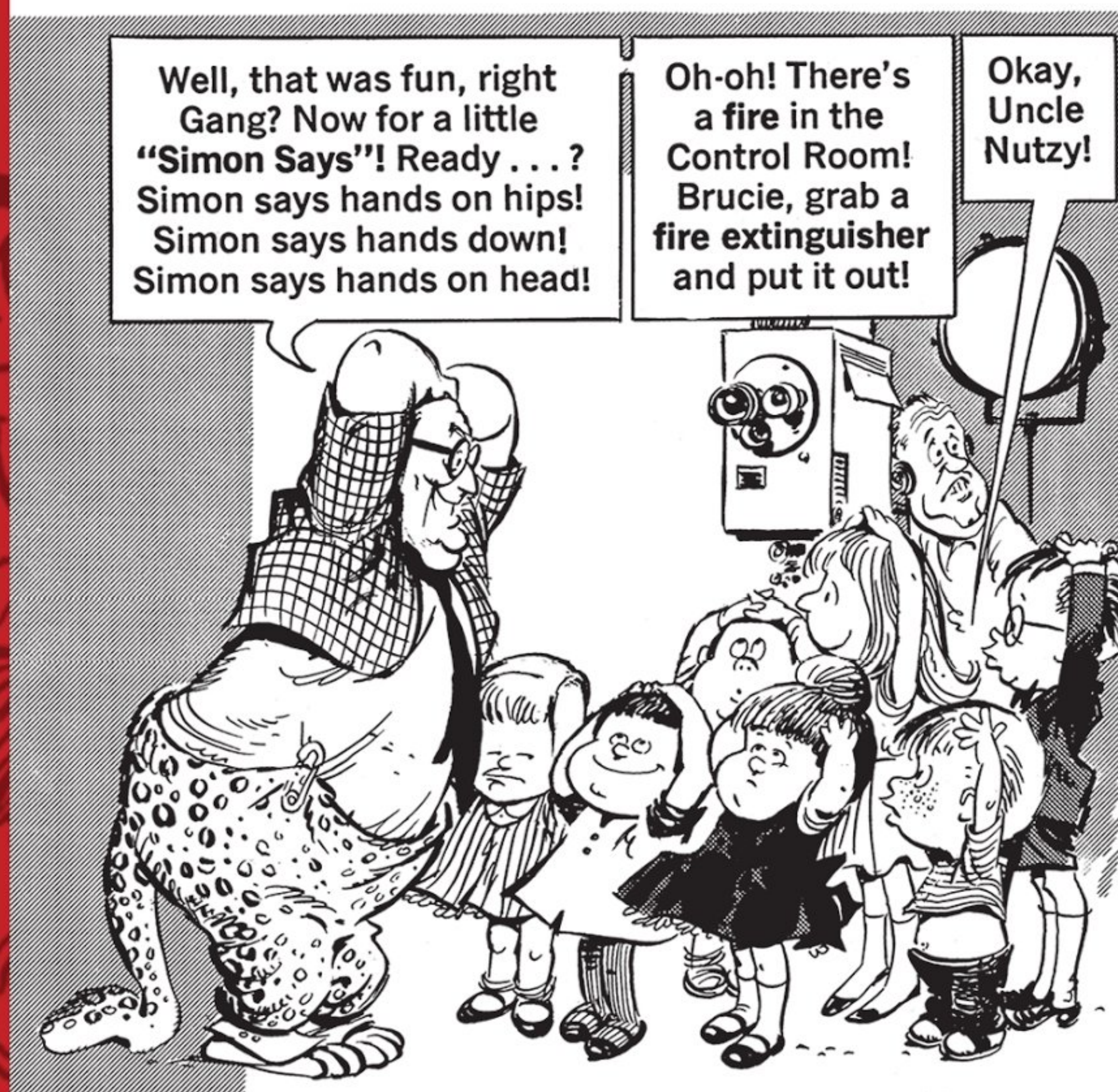
All right, boys and girls! Let's do our little Birdie Dance now! Whee . . . we're all birdies! Let's have some music, Mr. Piano! Watch out, gang—don't bump into Mr. Camera . . . and don't trip over Mr. Cable . . . and don't knock over Mr. Scenery . . . !



What's the matter, Freddie?!

I just threw up on Mr. Floor!

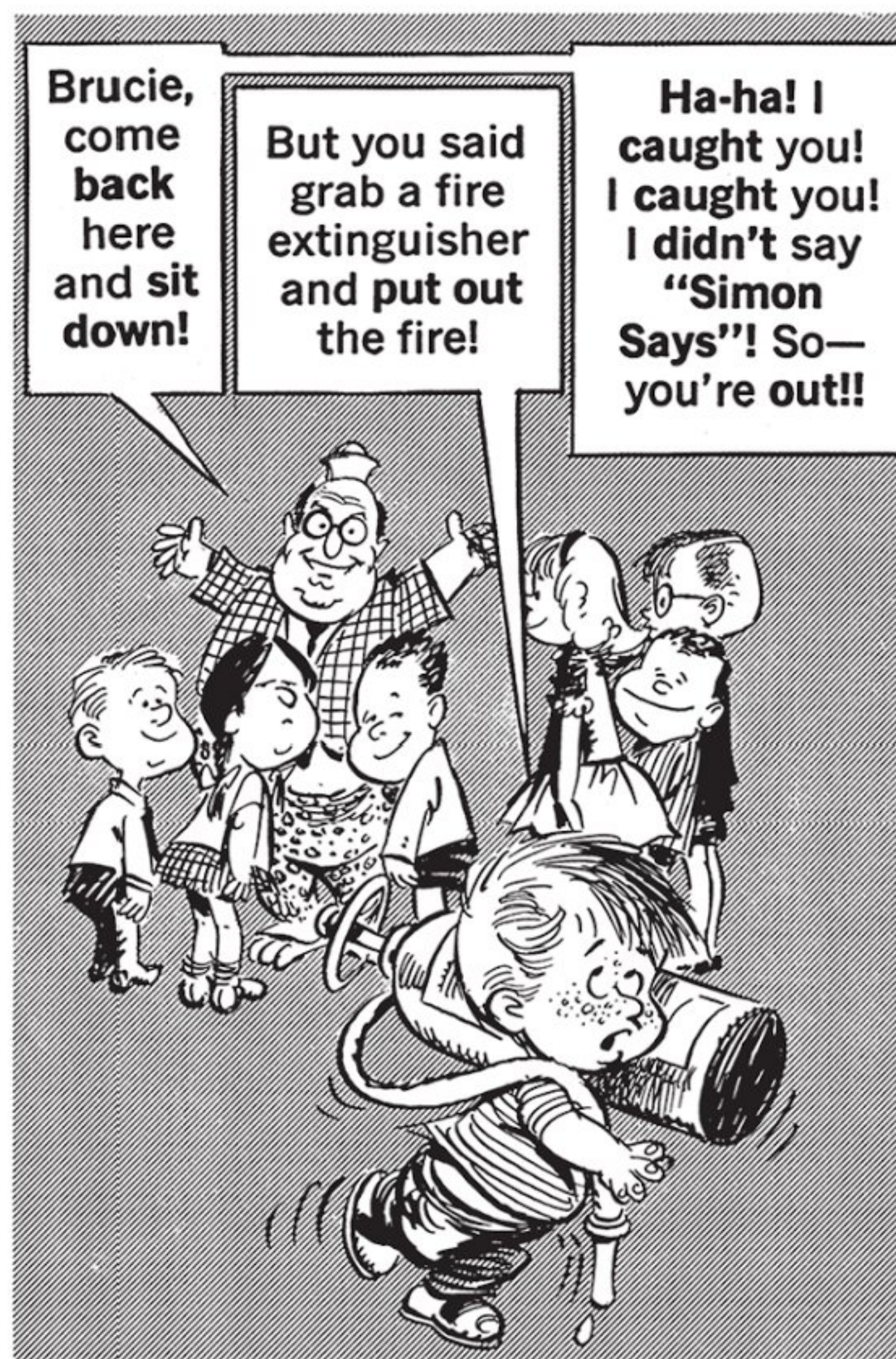
Careful, boys and girls! Don't step on Mr. Vomit!!



Well, that was fun, right Gang? Now for a little "Simon Says"! Ready . . . ? Simon says hands on hips! Simon says hands down! Simon says hands on head!

Oh-oh! There's a fire in the Control Room! Brucie, grab a fire extinguisher and put it out!

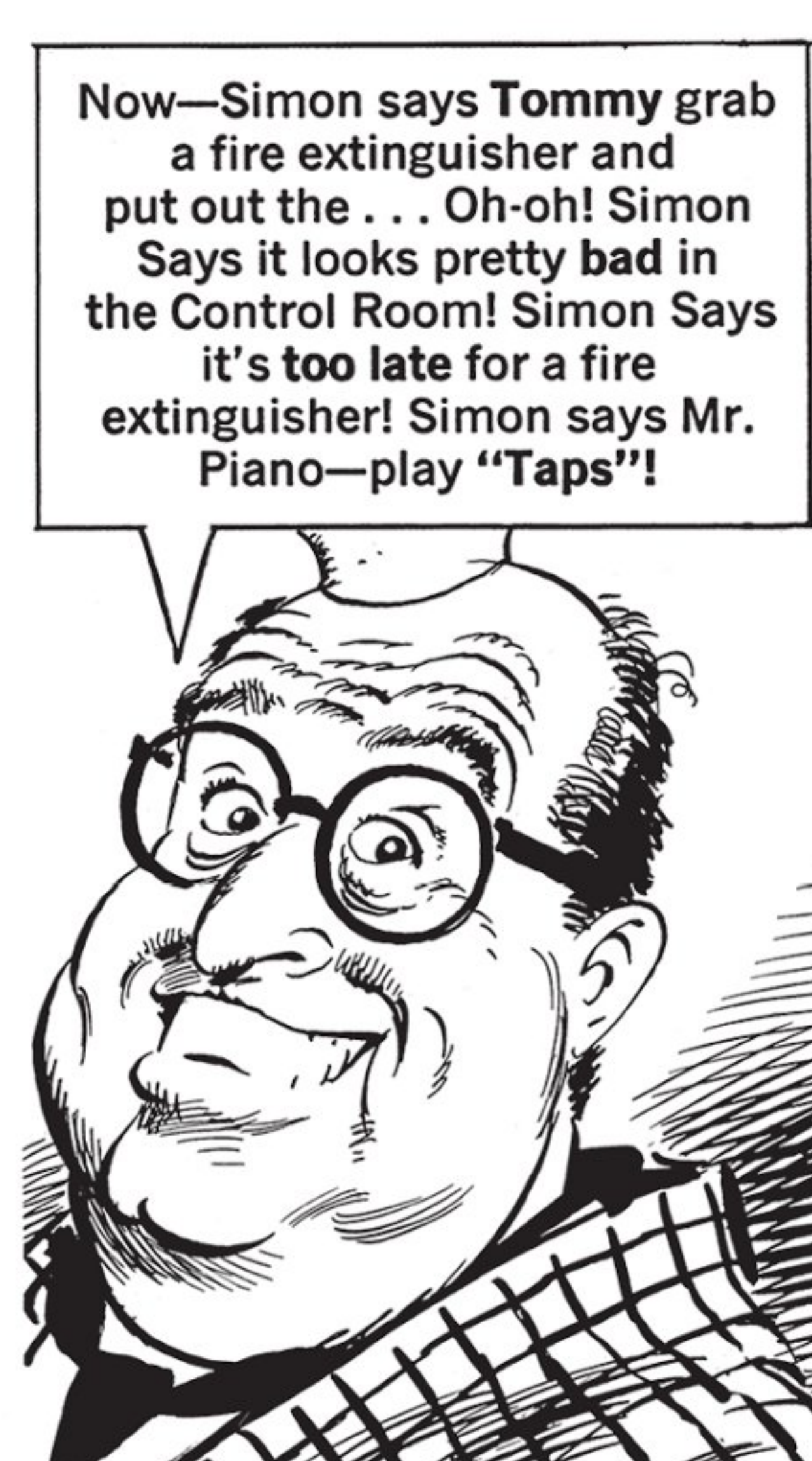
Okay, Uncle Nutzy!



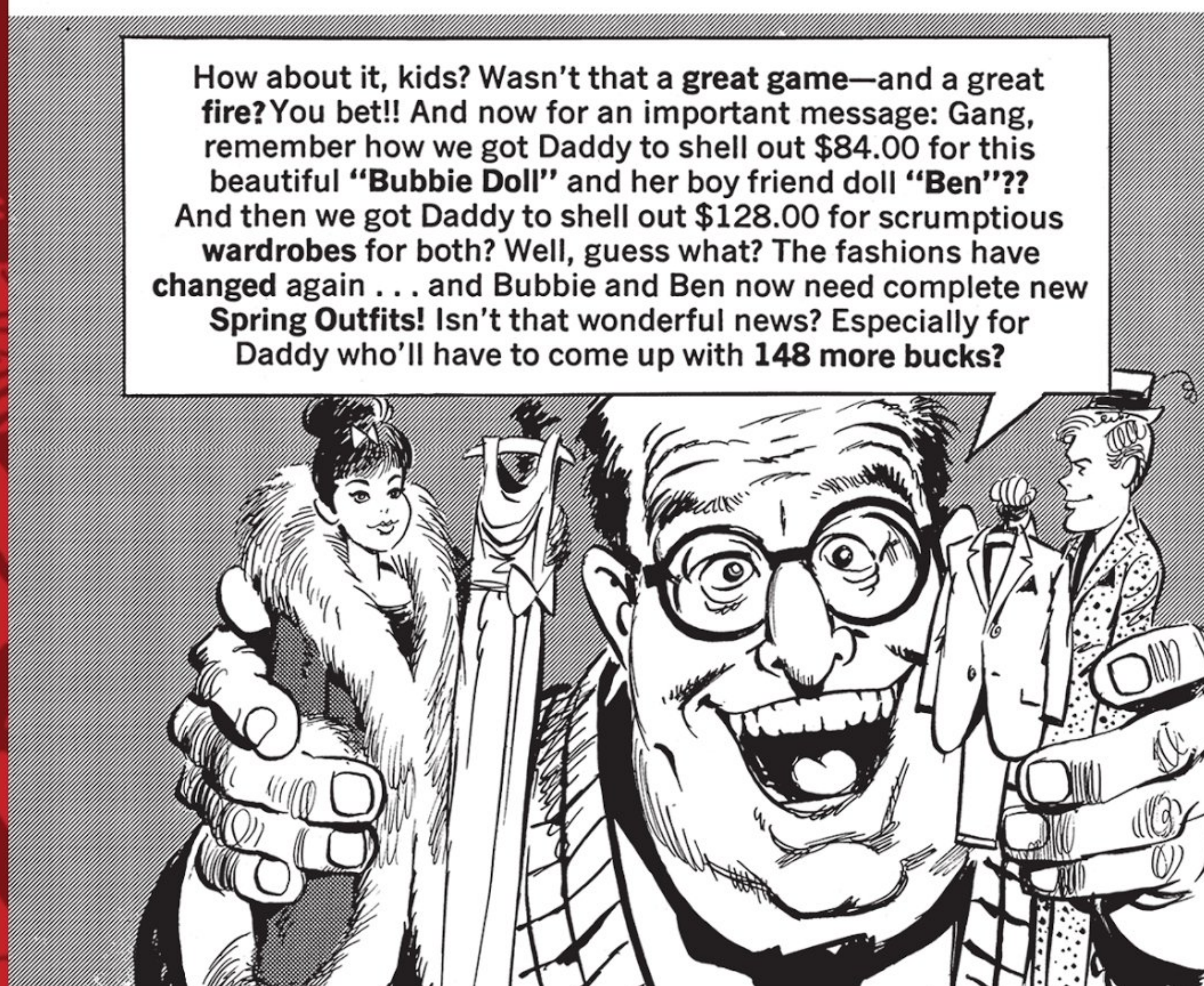
Brucie, come back here and sit down!

But you said grab a fire extinguisher and put out the fire!

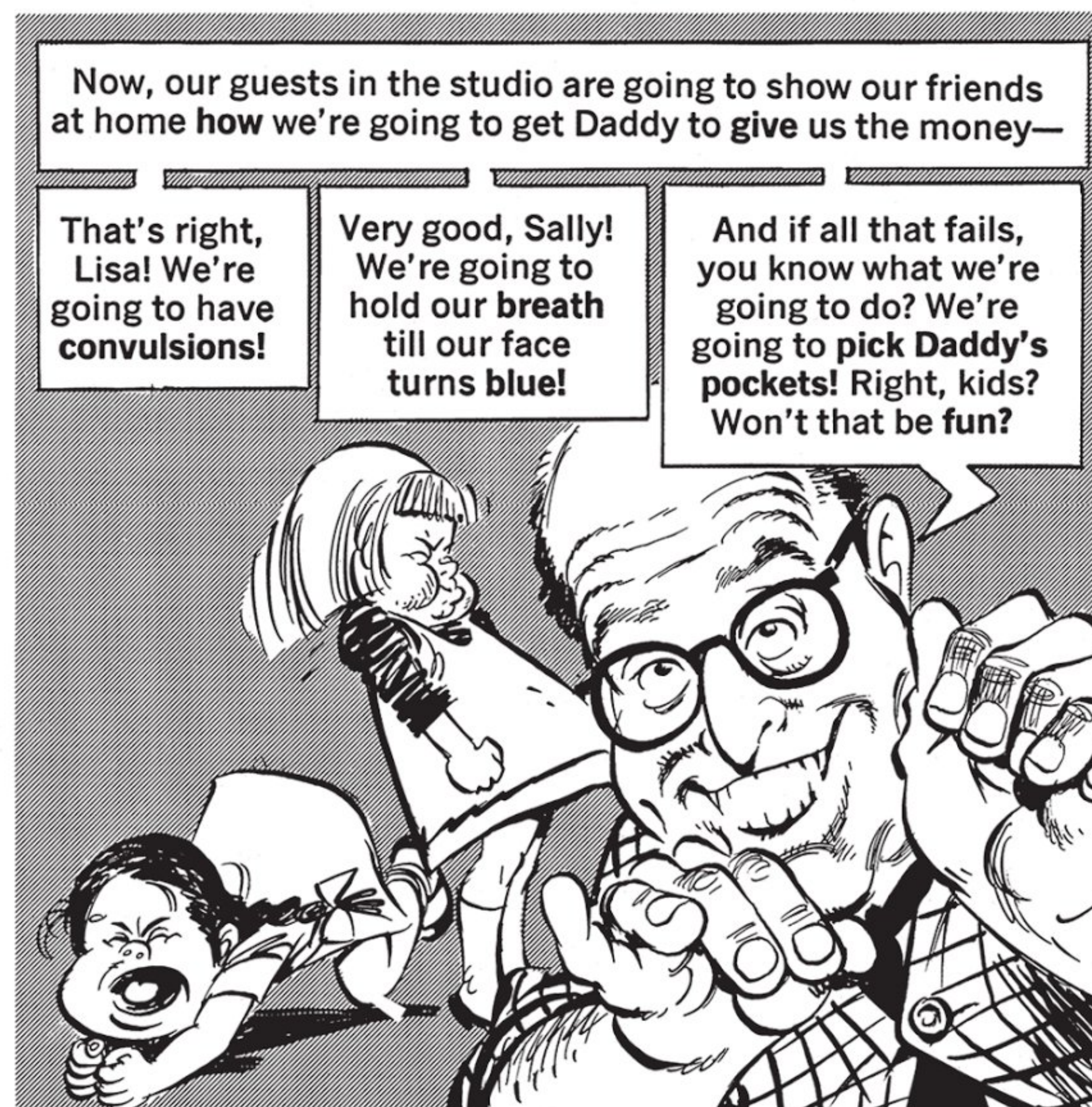
Ha-ha! I caught you! I caught you! I didn't say "Simon Says"! So—you're out!!



Now—Simon says Tommy grab a fire extinguisher and put out the . . . Oh-oh! Simon Says it looks pretty bad in the Control Room! Simon Says it's too late for a fire extinguisher! Simon says Mr. Piano—play "Taps"!



How about it, kids? Wasn't that a great game—and a great fire? You bet!! And now for an important message: Gang, remember how we got Daddy to shell out \$84.00 for this beautiful "Bubbie Doll" and her boy friend doll "Ben"? And then we got Daddy to shell out \$128.00 for scrumptious wardrobes for both? Well, guess what? The fashions have changed again . . . and Bubbie and Ben now need complete new Spring Outfits! Isn't that wonderful news? Especially for Daddy who'll have to come up with 148 more bucks?



Now, our guests in the studio are going to show our friends at home how we're going to get Daddy to give us the money—

That's right, Lisa! We're going to have convulsions!

Very good, Sally! We're going to hold our breath till our face turns blue!

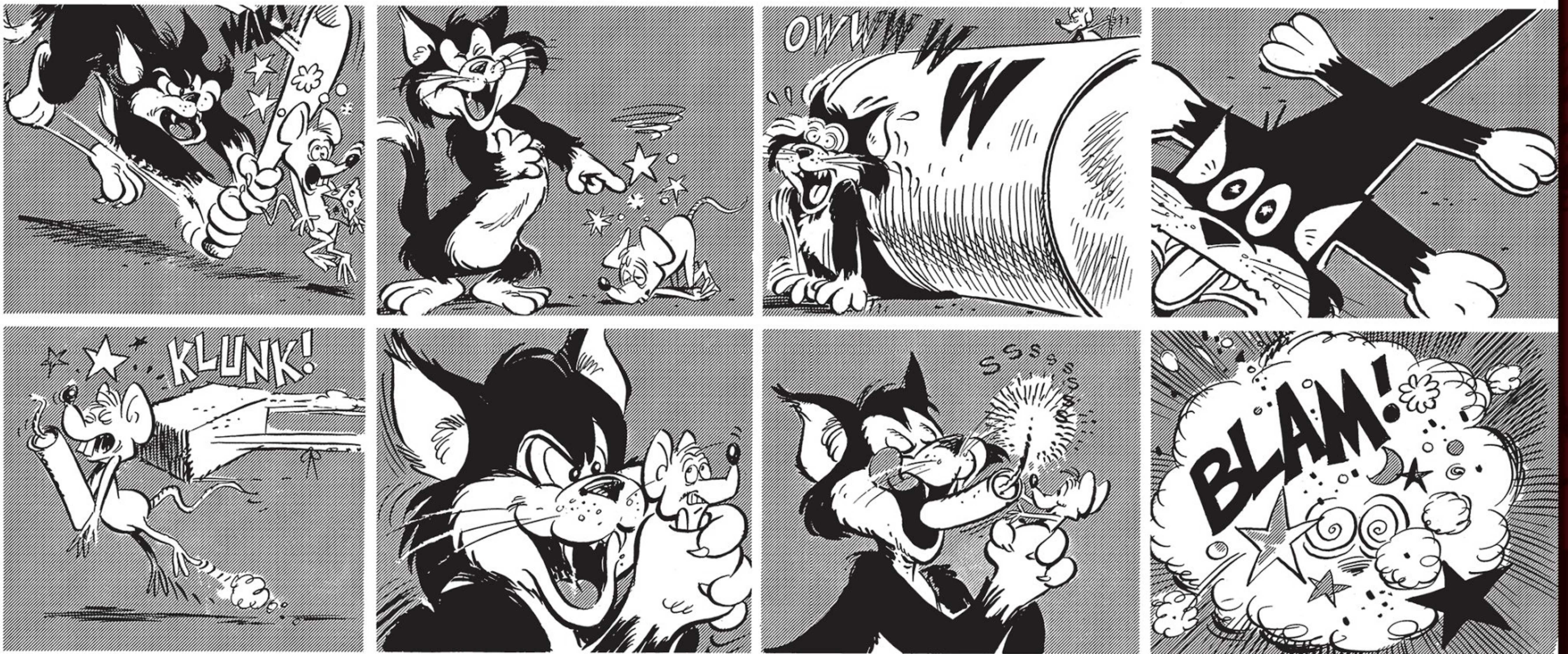
And if all that fails, you know what we're going to do? We're going to pick Daddy's pockets! Right, kids? Won't that be fun?

Oh, say, kids! There have been some complaints from various “square” parent groups about us selling you “Teen”—the little baby doll that belongs to Bubbie and her boy-friend doll, Ben. You know . . . they think it’s a rather **unhealthy arrangement!** So guess what the Bubbie Doll Company is going to do in order to make everything **wonderful and decent** again? For just \$31.00, you can get Daddy to buy you a “**Preacher Doll**” and you can stage your very own wedding for Bubbie and Ben! Better late than never, we always say! Ha-ha!

NOW ONLY \$31.00
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BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK!

And now, guess what, boys and girls? Time for a **cartoon!** I’m sure you’re going to like this one! You know how I know? Because you liked it **yesterday**, and you liked it the day before yesterday, and you liked it last week, and last month, and **212 times last year!** Okay—here we go!



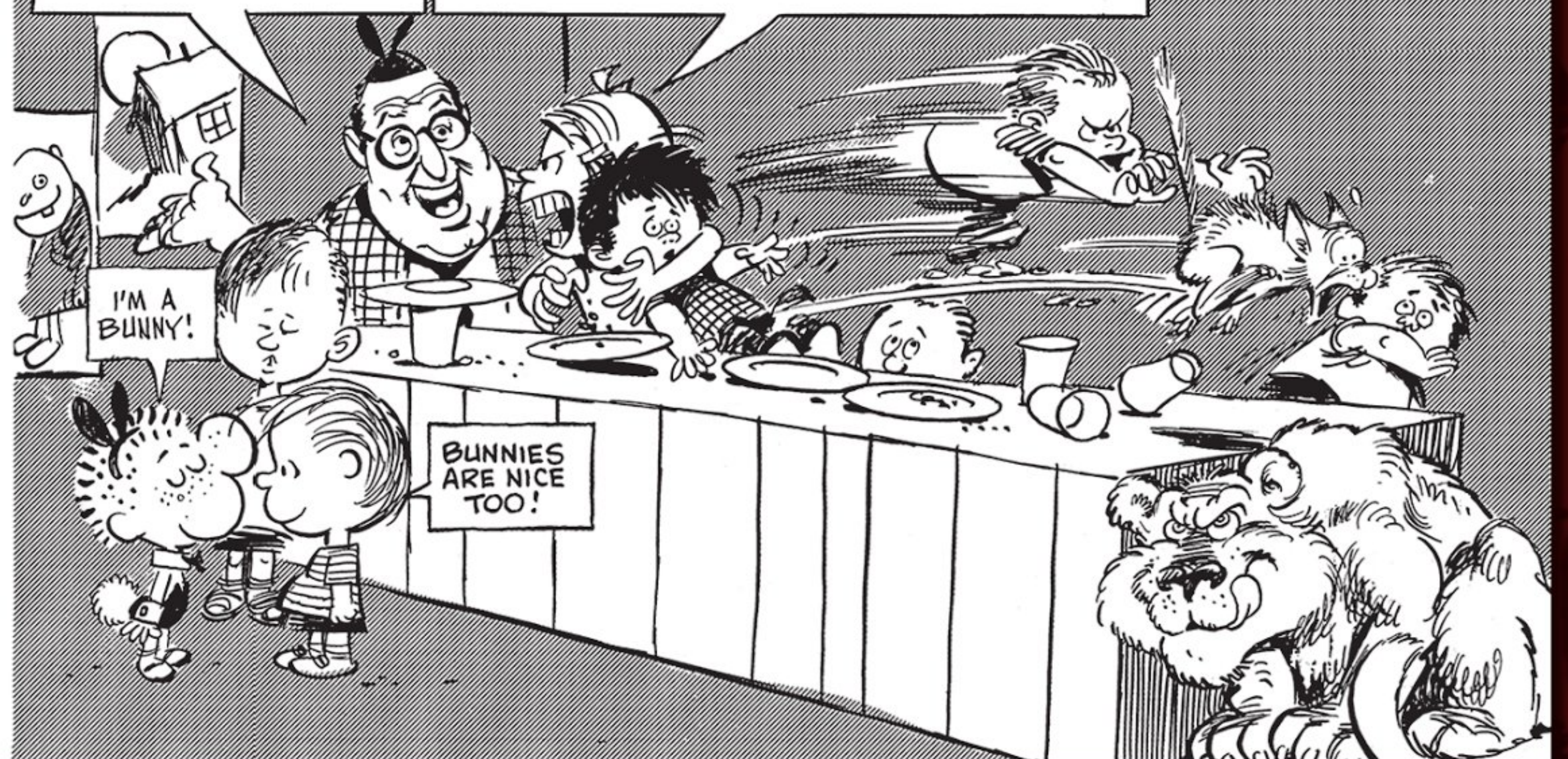
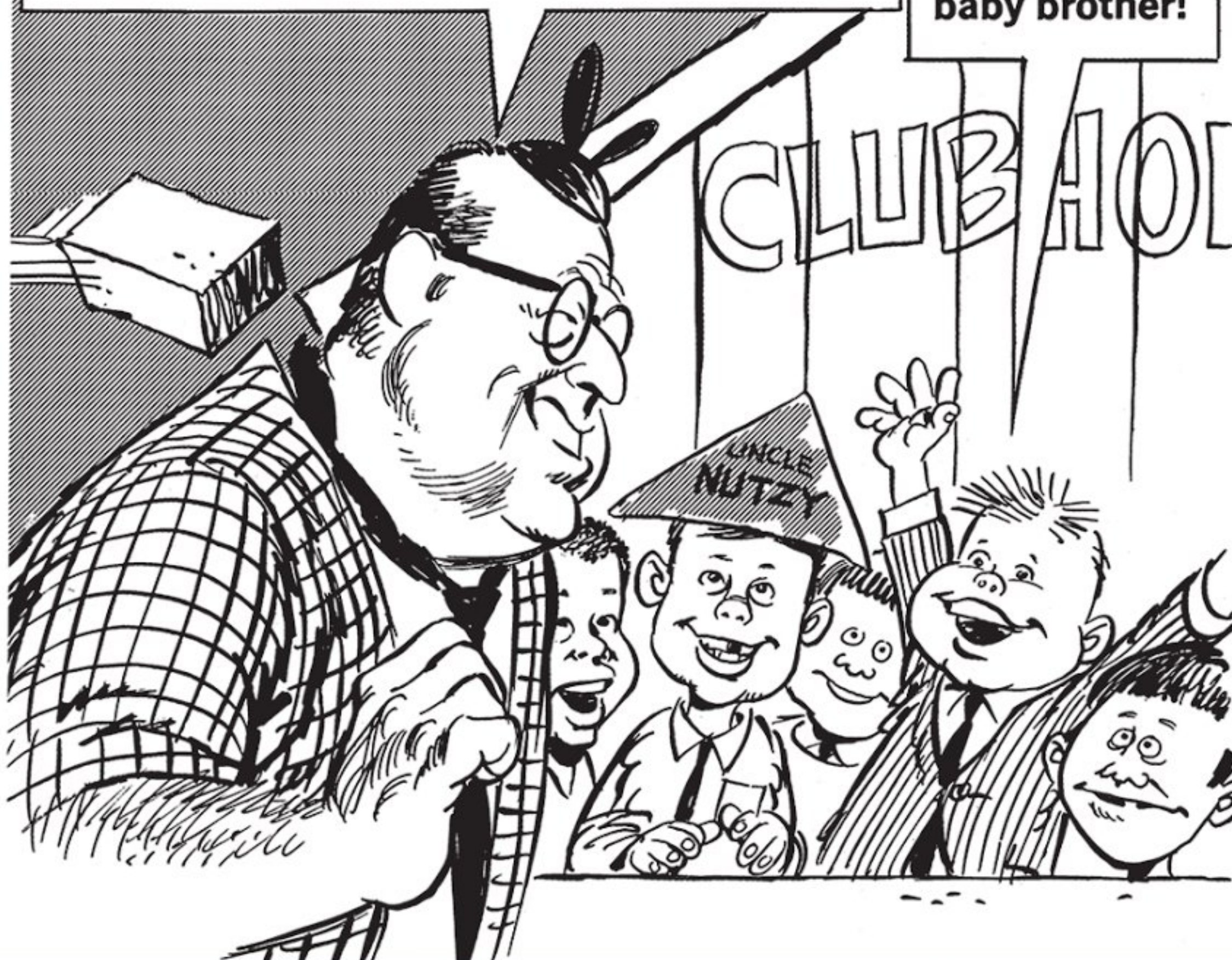
Hey, wasn’t that a great cartoon, boys and girls? It’s the newest one we’ve ever shown! It was made in 1928—but very, very late in the year! Didn’t you learn a lot about life from this adorable cartoon??

I sure did, Uncle Nutzy! I want to play just like that with my little baby brother!

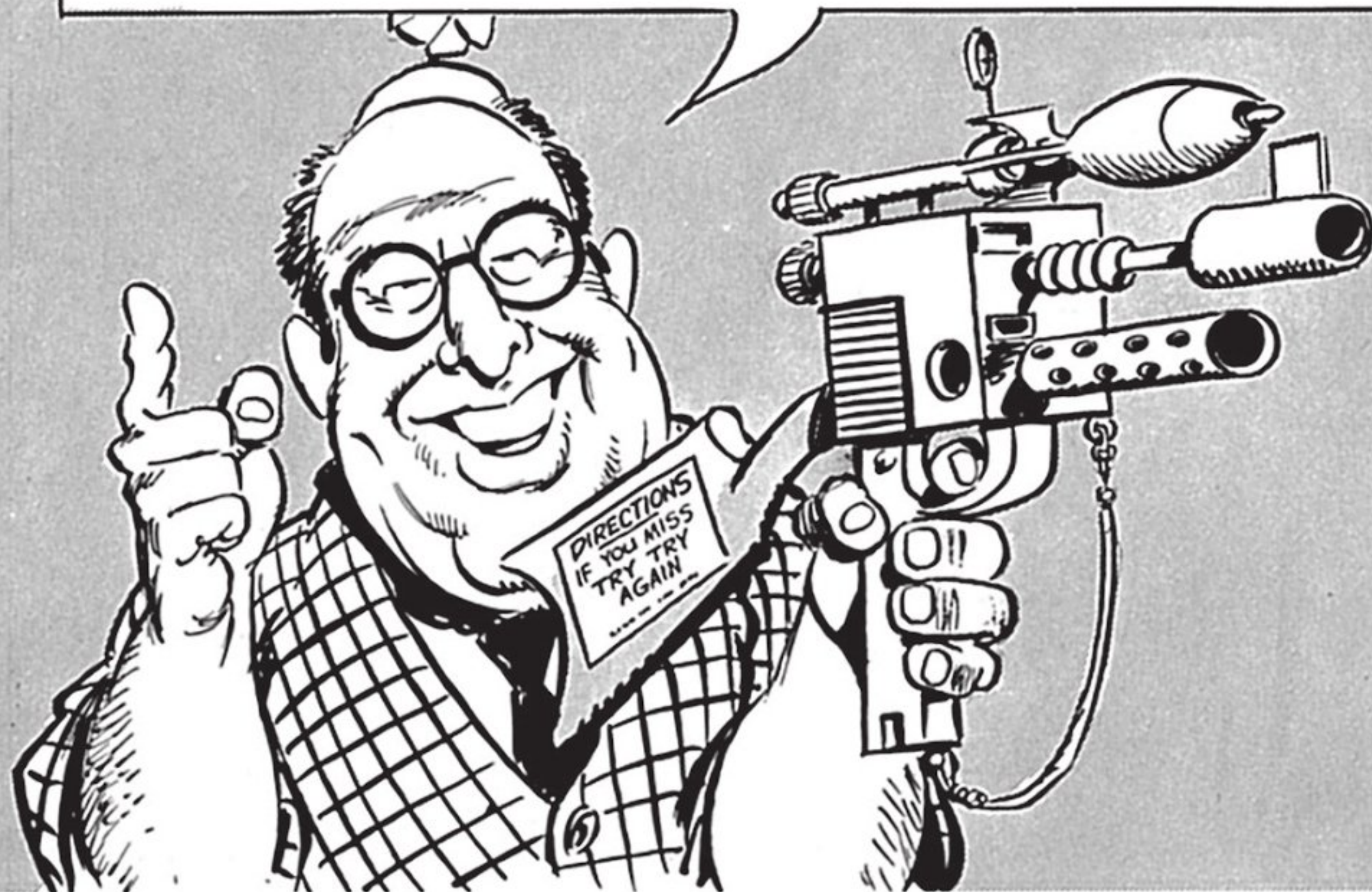
Very good, Herbie, and what else did you learn from this adorable cartoon—and from all the other adorable cartoons we show . . . Nancy?

I learned that cats are ugly and bad, and mice are **cute and good**, and mice always win in the end, and I’m going to bring lots of mice into my house, and I’m going to feed them and take them to bed with me, and I’m going to kill Mommy’s Siamese cats, and—

Wonderful, Nancy! And now, another important message from one of our sponsors . . .



IT'S HERE, Boys and girls!! The great new fun-toy you've been waiting for! "DEATH-26"!! Yes, kids, "Death-26" is 26 real fun-weapons combined into one magnificent toy! It's a combination rifle, machine gun, rocket-launcher, grenade-thrower, bazooka, mortar, H-bomb detonator, and so much more!



Can't you just picture yourself destroying the entire Russian Army with your "Death-26"?



... and laying to waste ¾ of the world ... ?



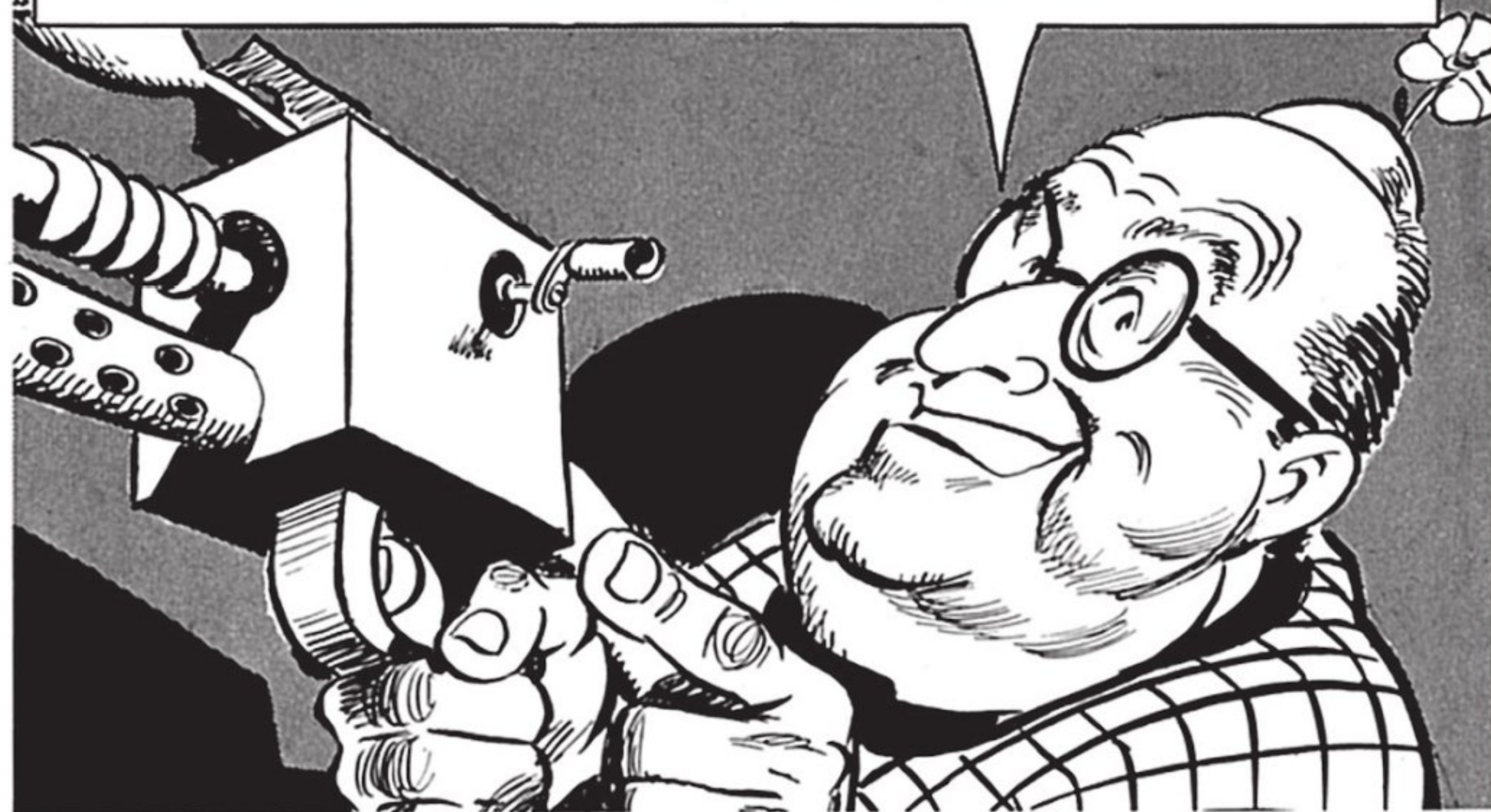
... and eliminating all the competitors of Yummy Cream Cookies ... ?



... and all the other Kiddie Show Emcees except your Uncle Nutzy? You bet you can!!



"Death-26" is a product of Educational Toys Corporation and costs just \$212.00 wherever all fine toys are sold! And, kids, remember our sensational "Free Trial Offer"! We'll send you a "Death-26" at no charge for one whole week! Think of what you can do with it: Frighten your friends, scare shell-shocked war veterans ... and even make Daddy come across with \$212.00 so you can keep your "Death-26" toy after the free trial week is over ... OR ELSE!!

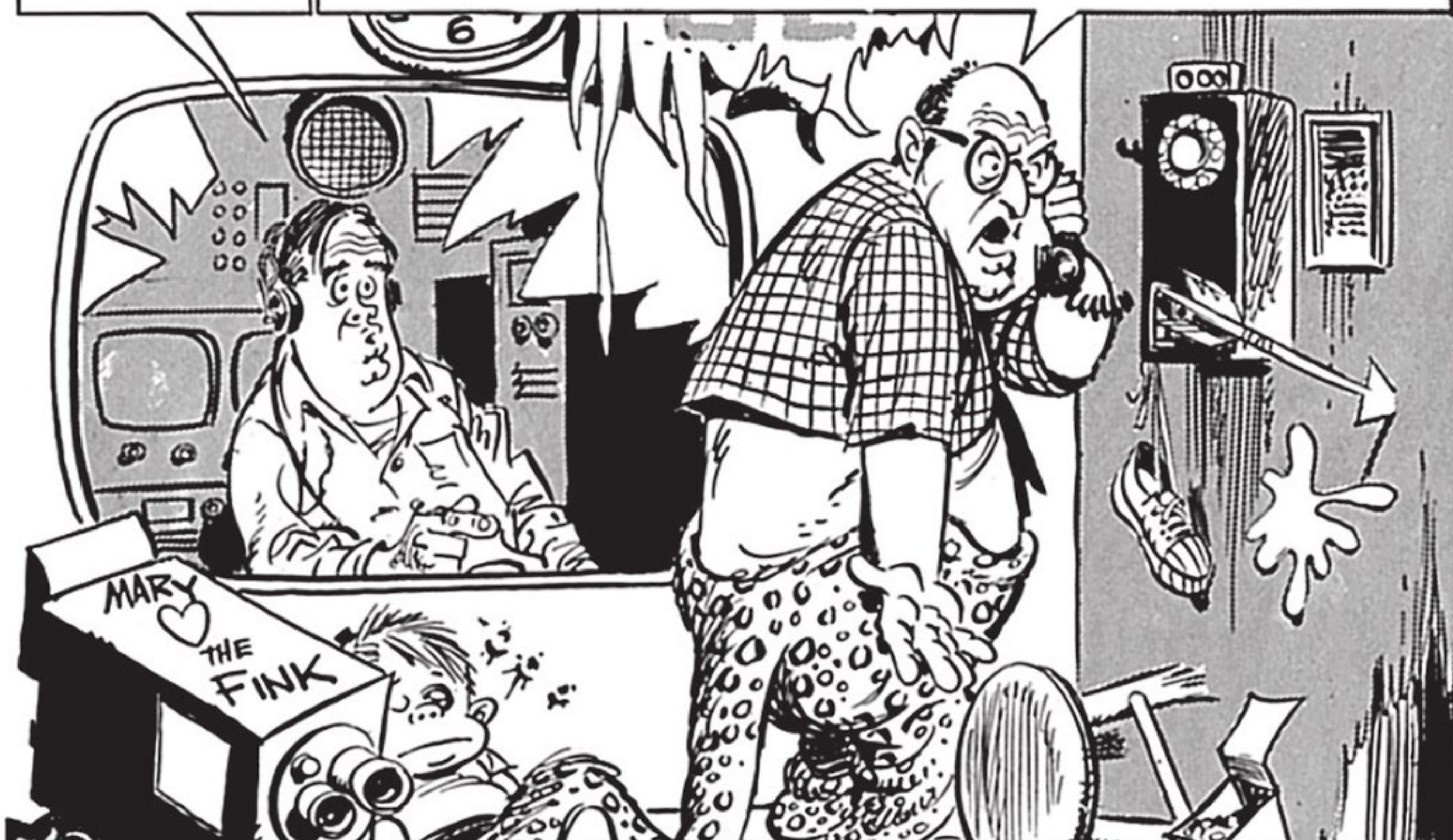


Well, that's it for today, boys and girls! Remember ... buy "Death-26" for \$212 ... and buy the whole Bubbie Doll Family for \$391 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Hat for \$18 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Suit for \$43 ... and buy the Uncle Nutzy Fun Mask for \$14 ... and make Mommy take you downtown to the Tip-Top Theater on Main Street tomorrow afternoon where Uncle Nutzy will be making a Personal Appearance at \$2.50 a head! Goodbye, out there!!



Great show, Uncle Nutzy! Er—your wife is on the phone!

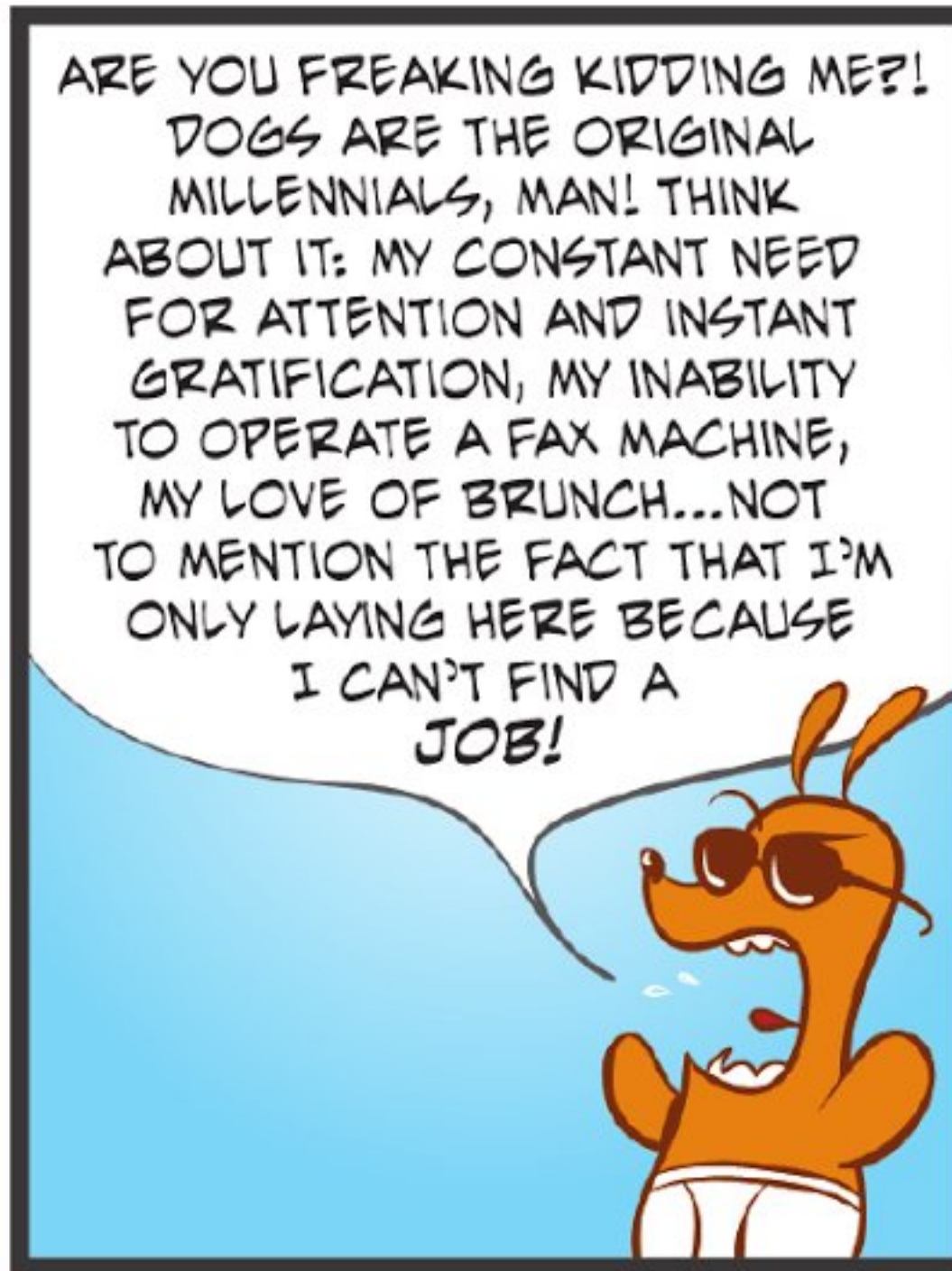
Hello, dear ... How are the kids? They what! Look, how many times have I told you not to let them watch my show! What do you want to do—ruin them? Now tomorrow at this time, have them watch "The Untouchables" instead! Yeah—that's a lot safer and healthier for them! Bye!





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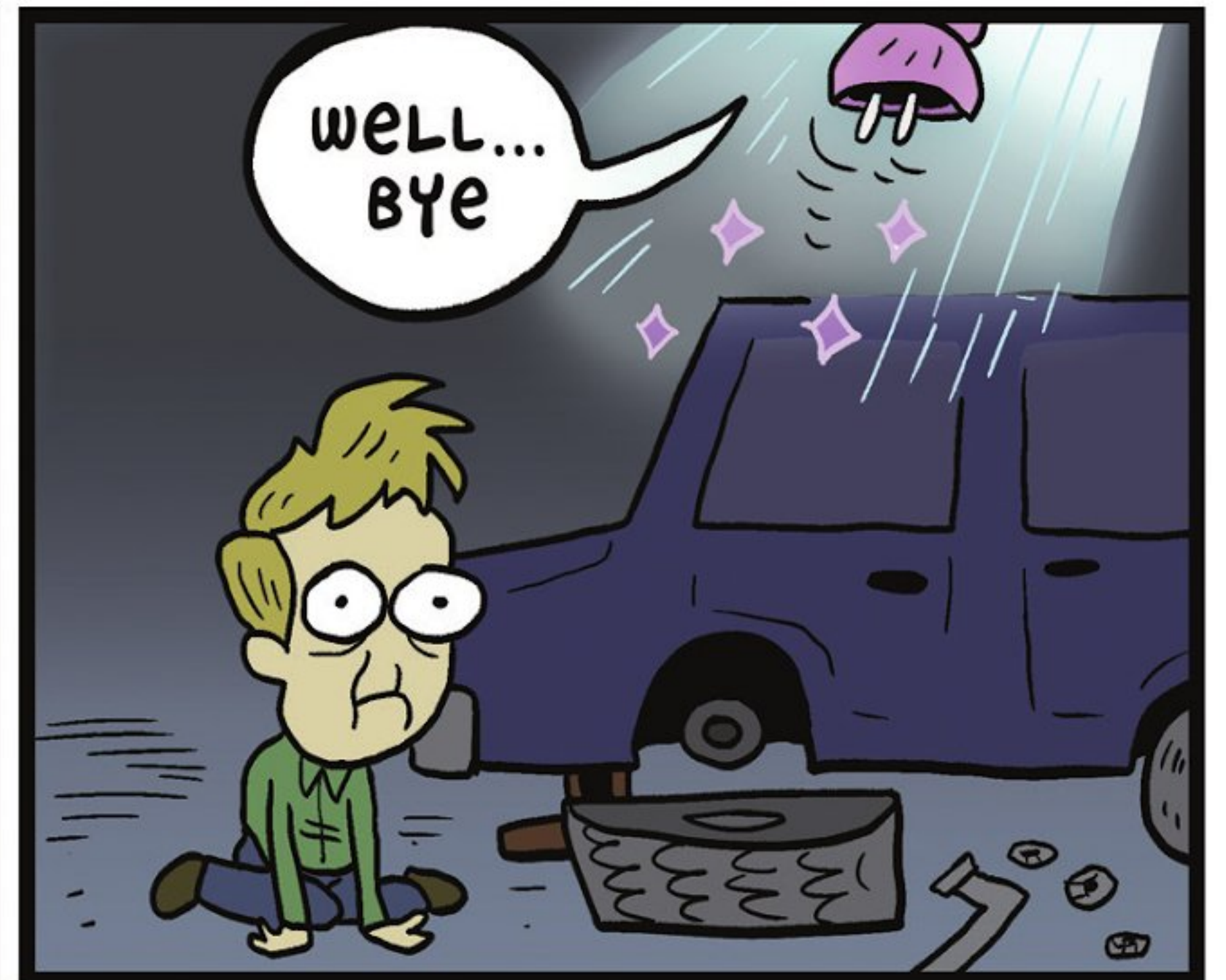
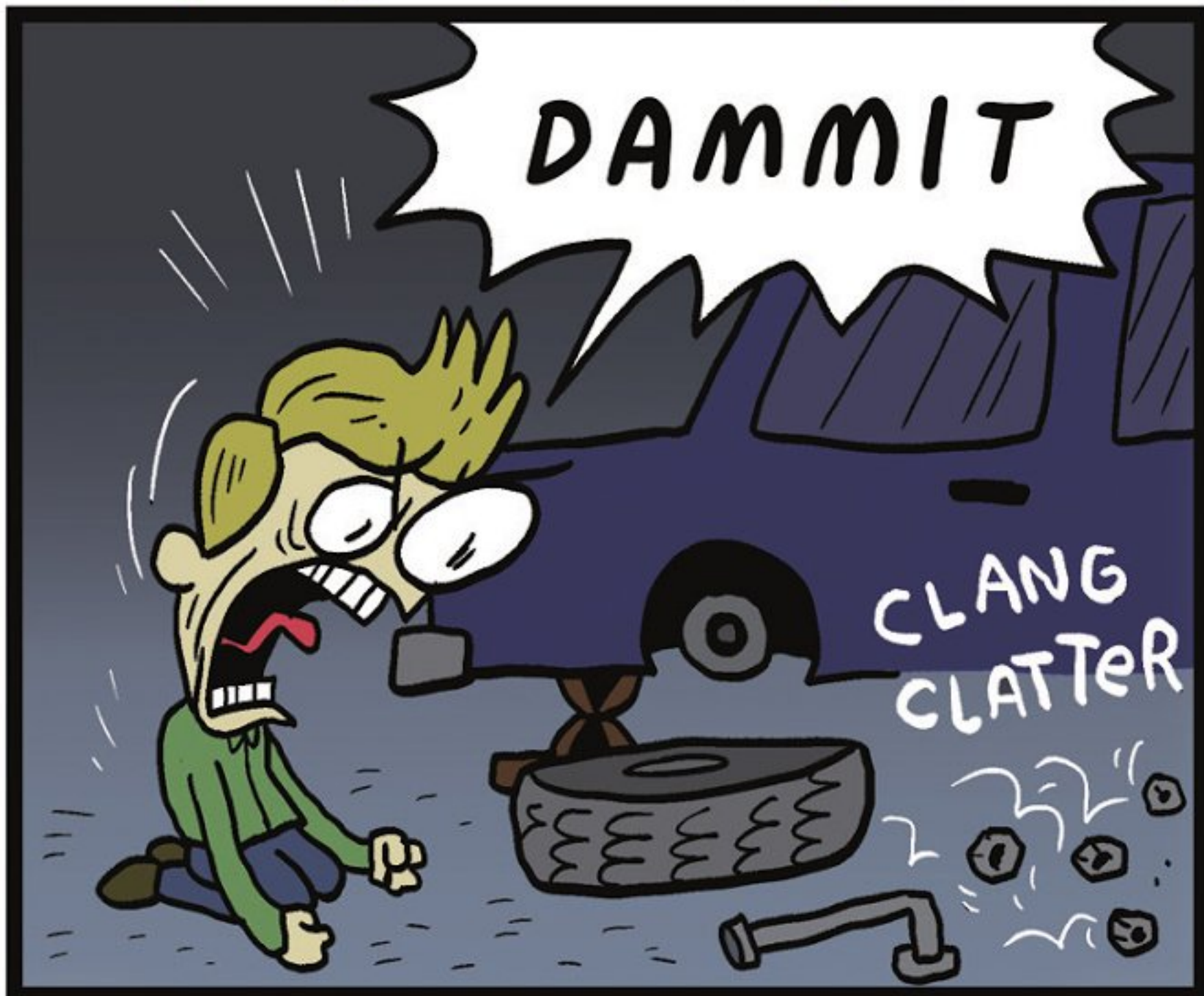
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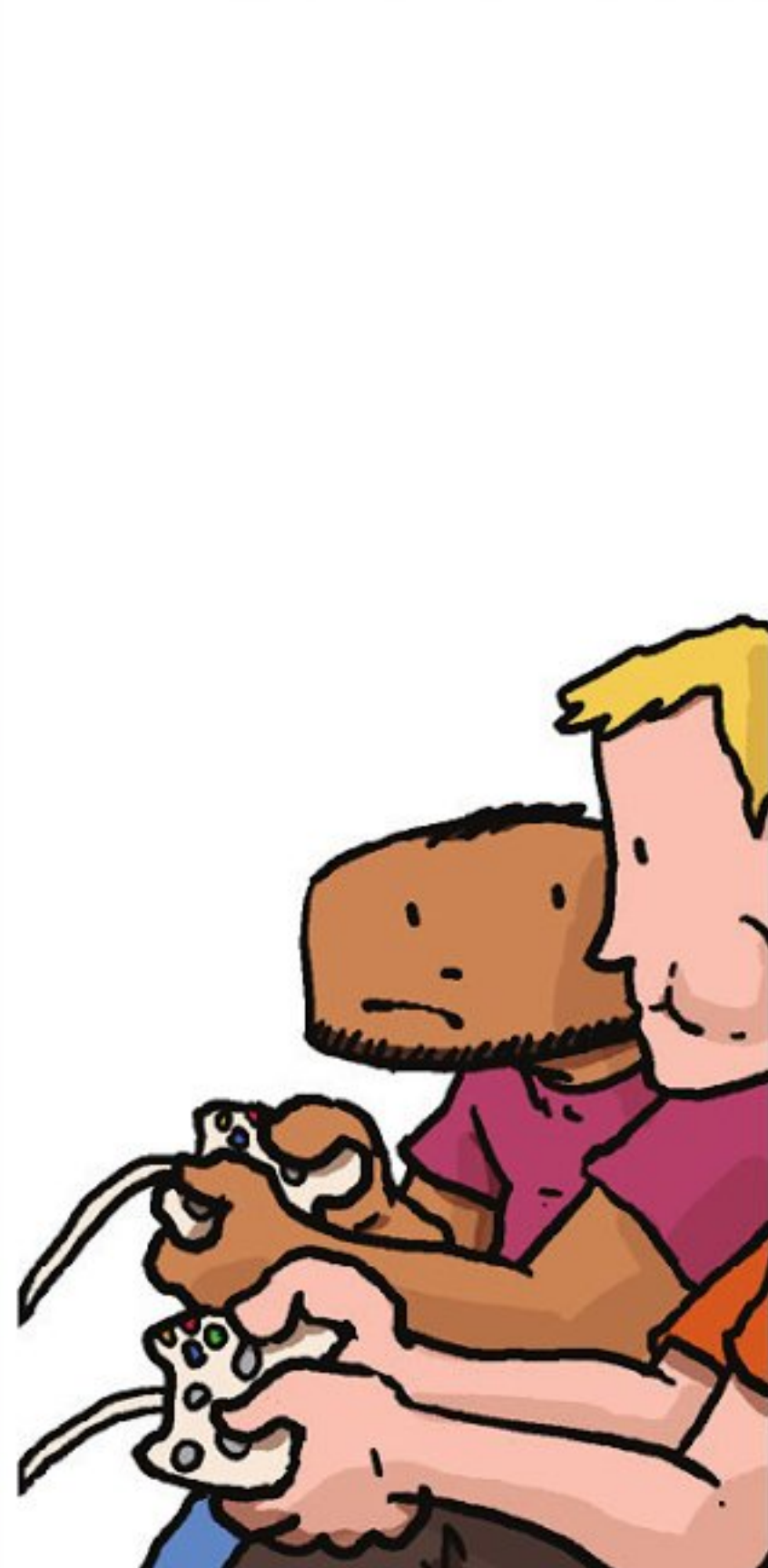
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KC GREEN

it only hurts
when i laugh



CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

WTF, JEFF? or My Roommate Might Be a Serial Killer



KIT LIVELY & SCOTT NICKEL

HOW'S MY DRIVING?

HEY DAD, WHAT WAS ALL THAT NOISE YOU AND MOM WERE MAKING LAST NIGHT?

WE WERE, UH... CALLING AN OWL THAT WAS IN THE BACKYARD.

REALLY? COOL!

LATER...

OOOHBABY... OOOHBABY...

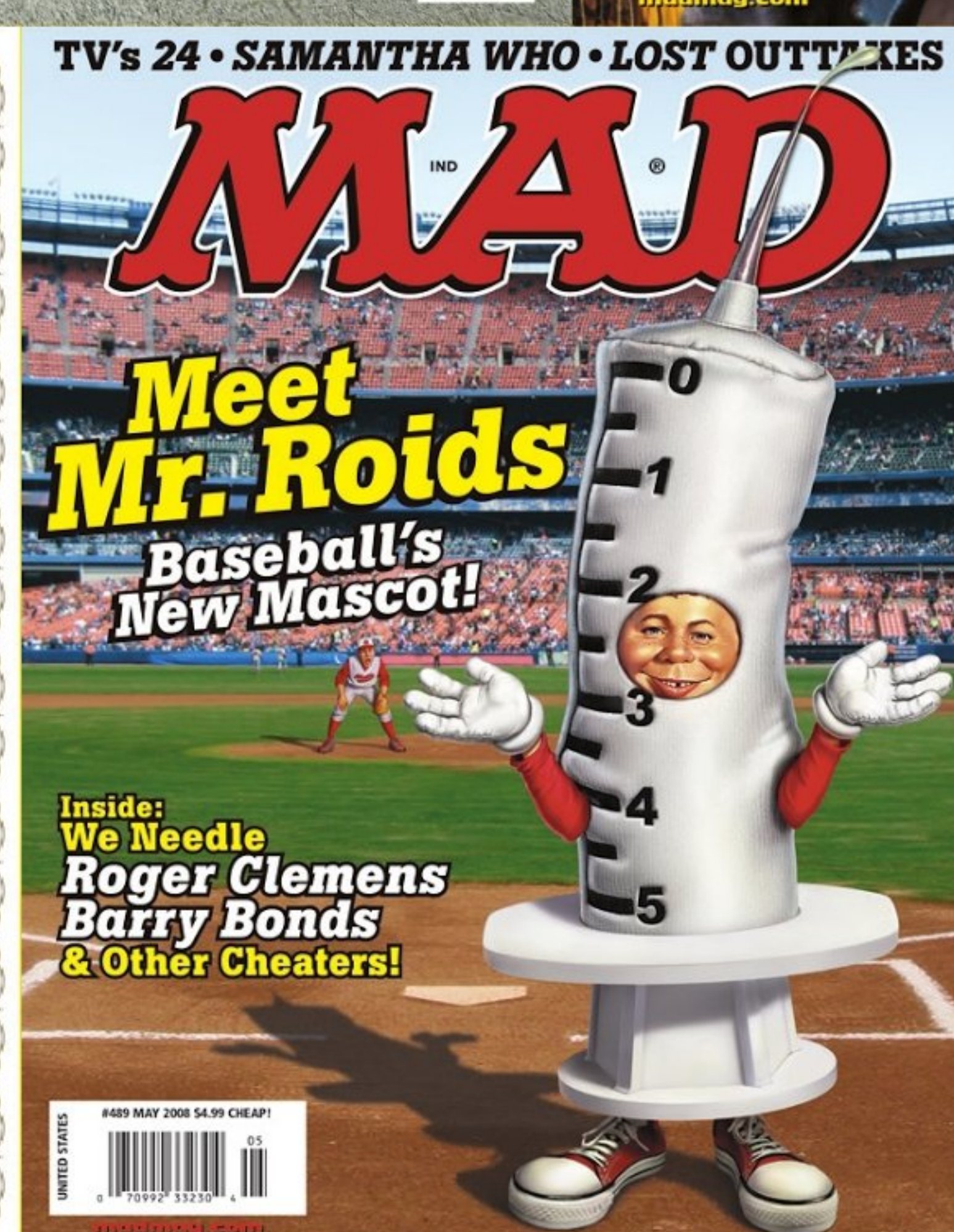
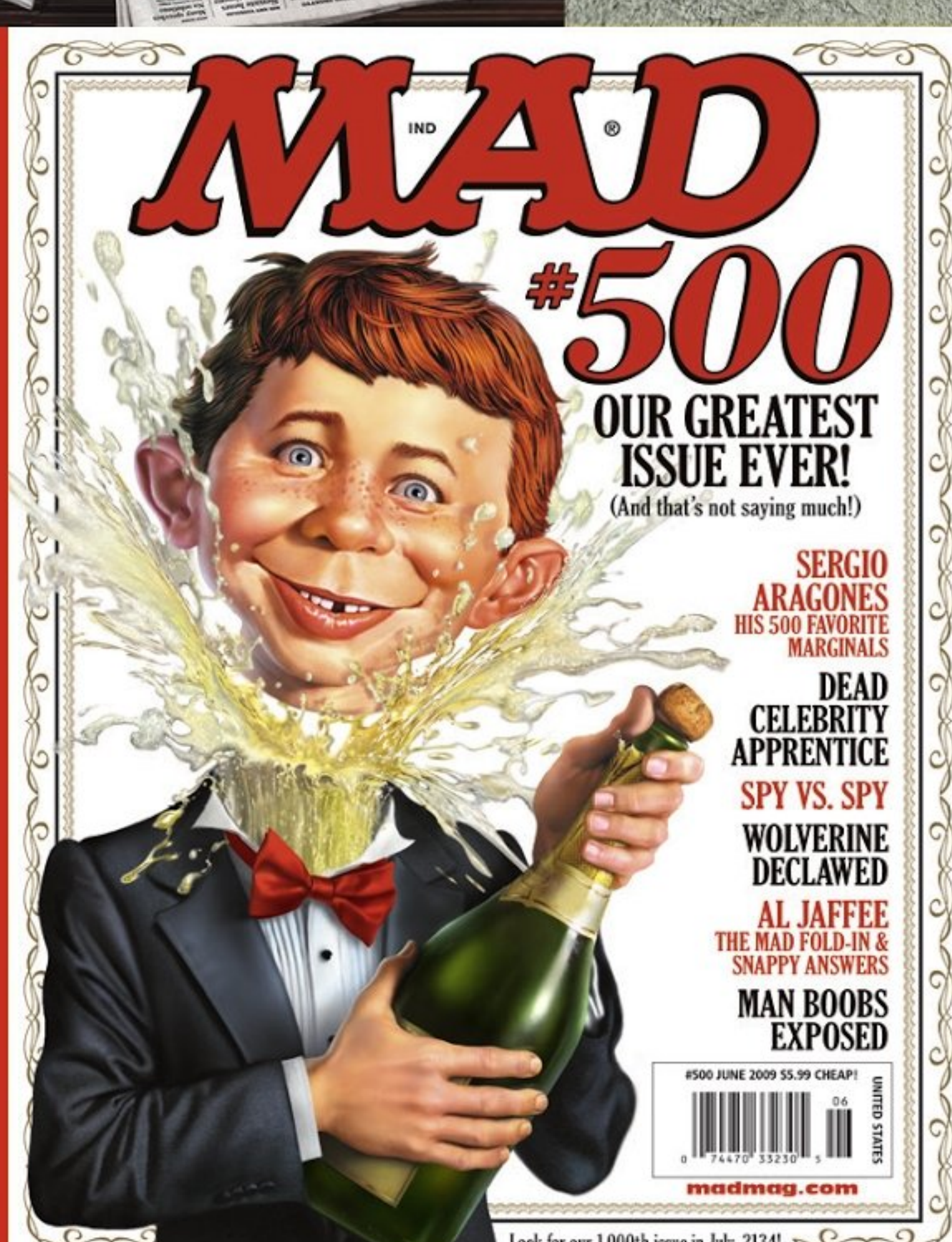
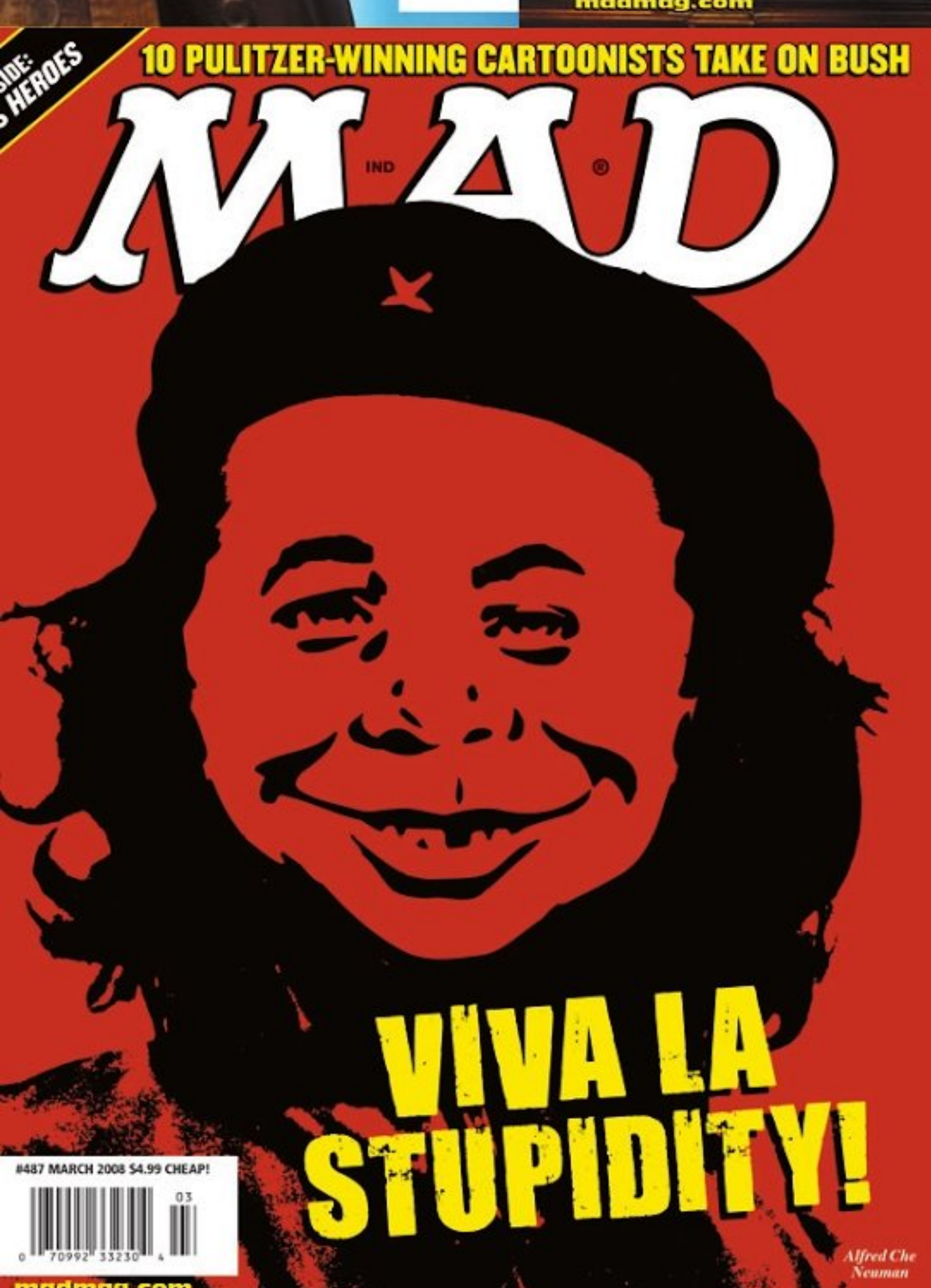
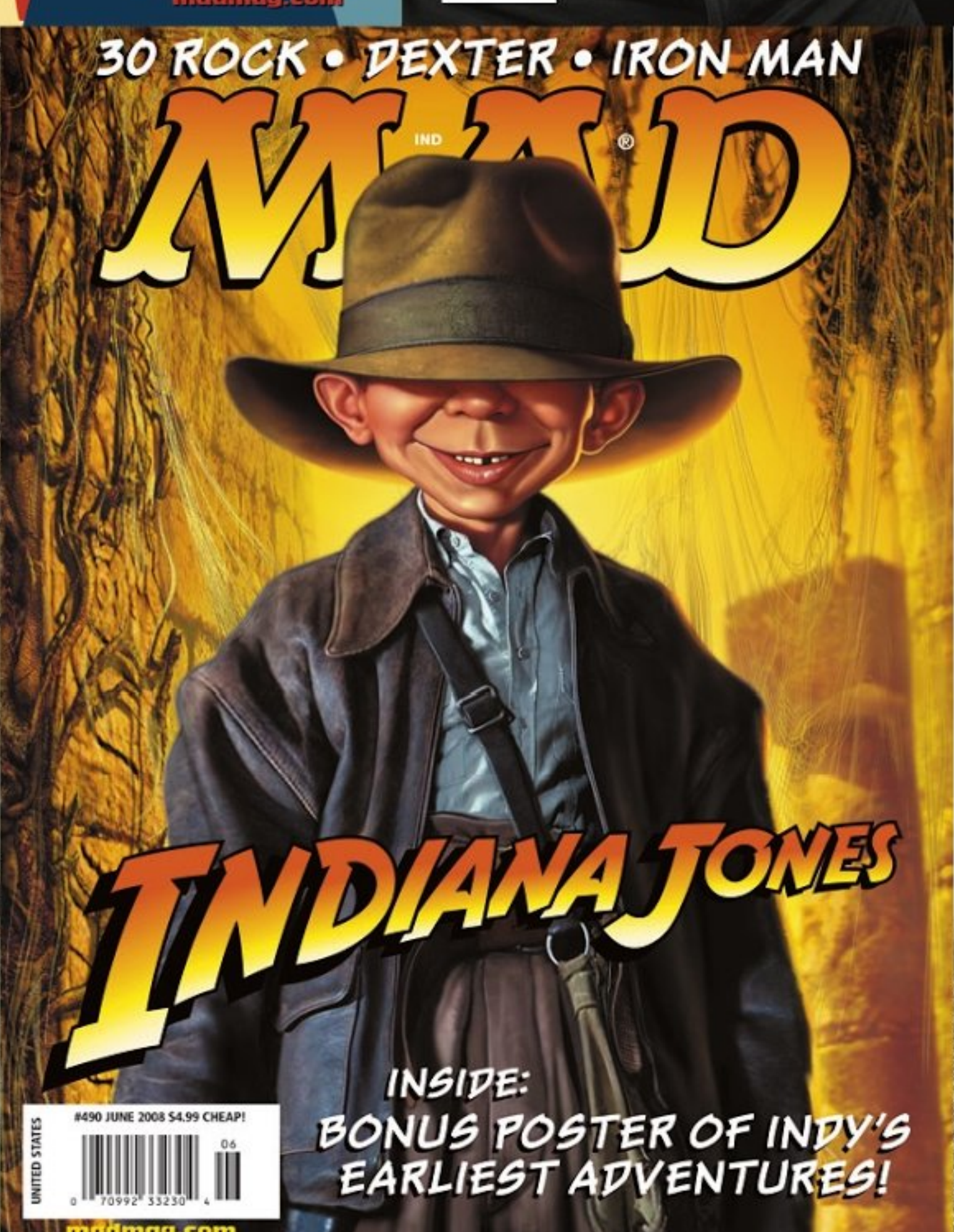
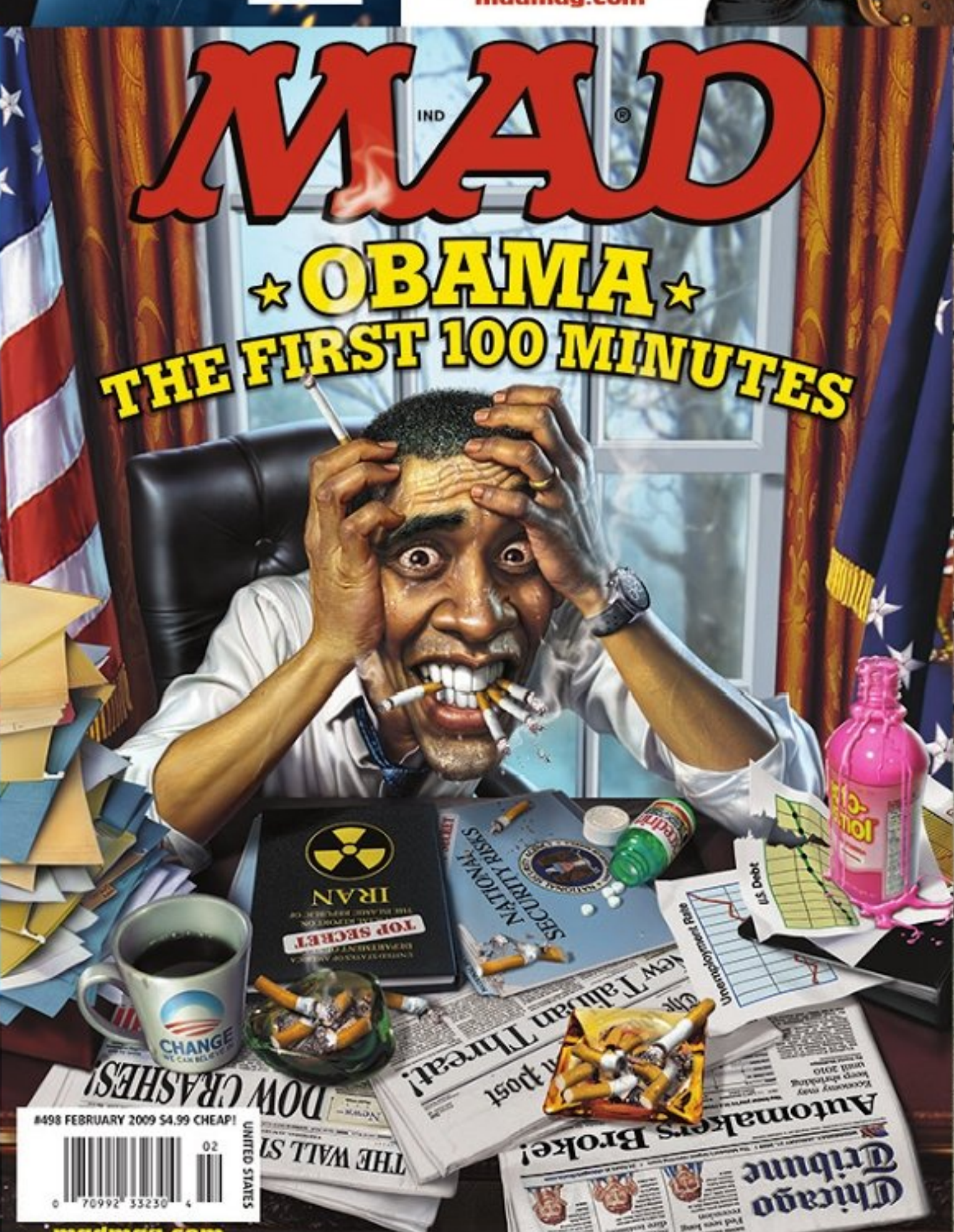
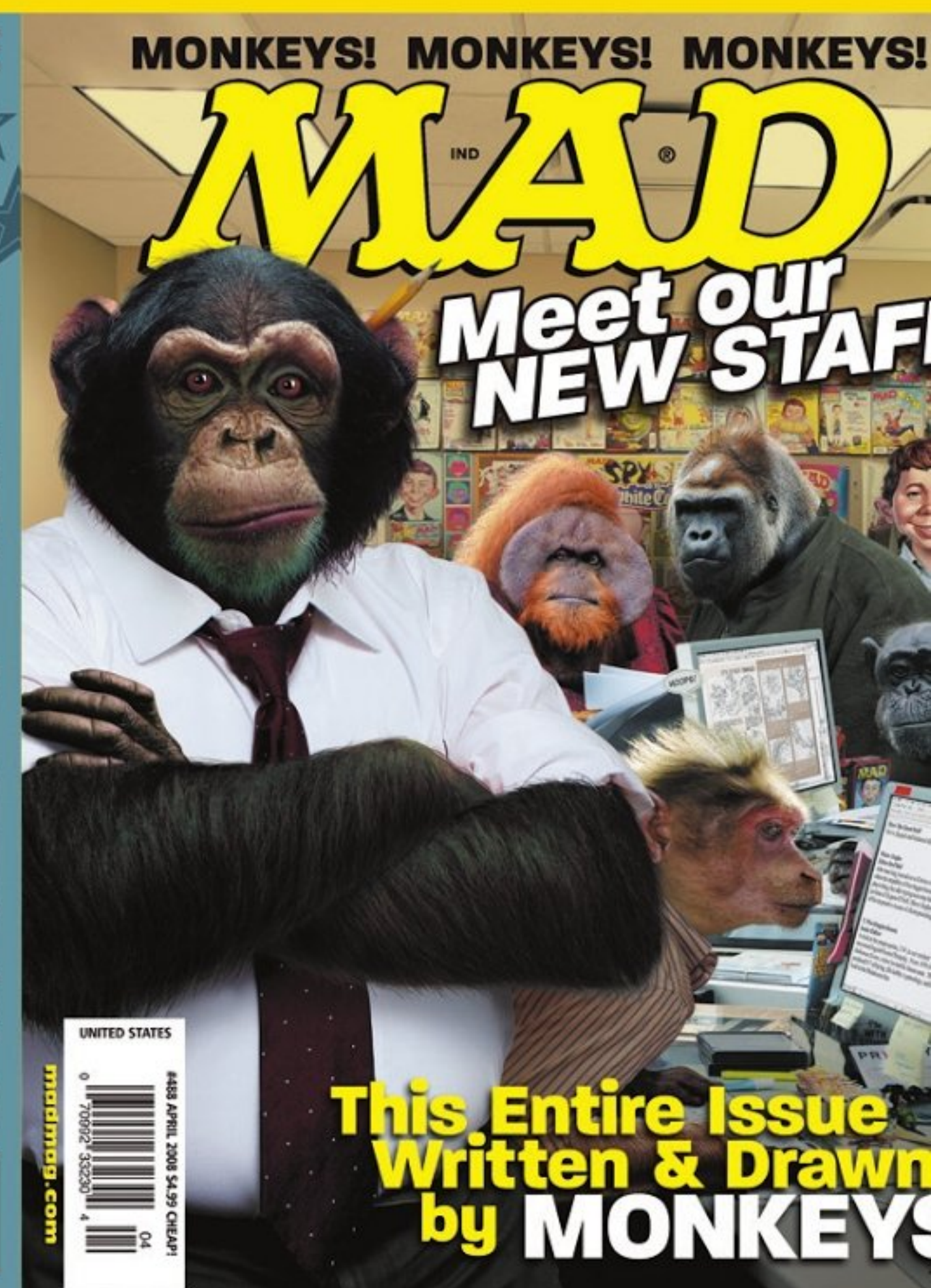
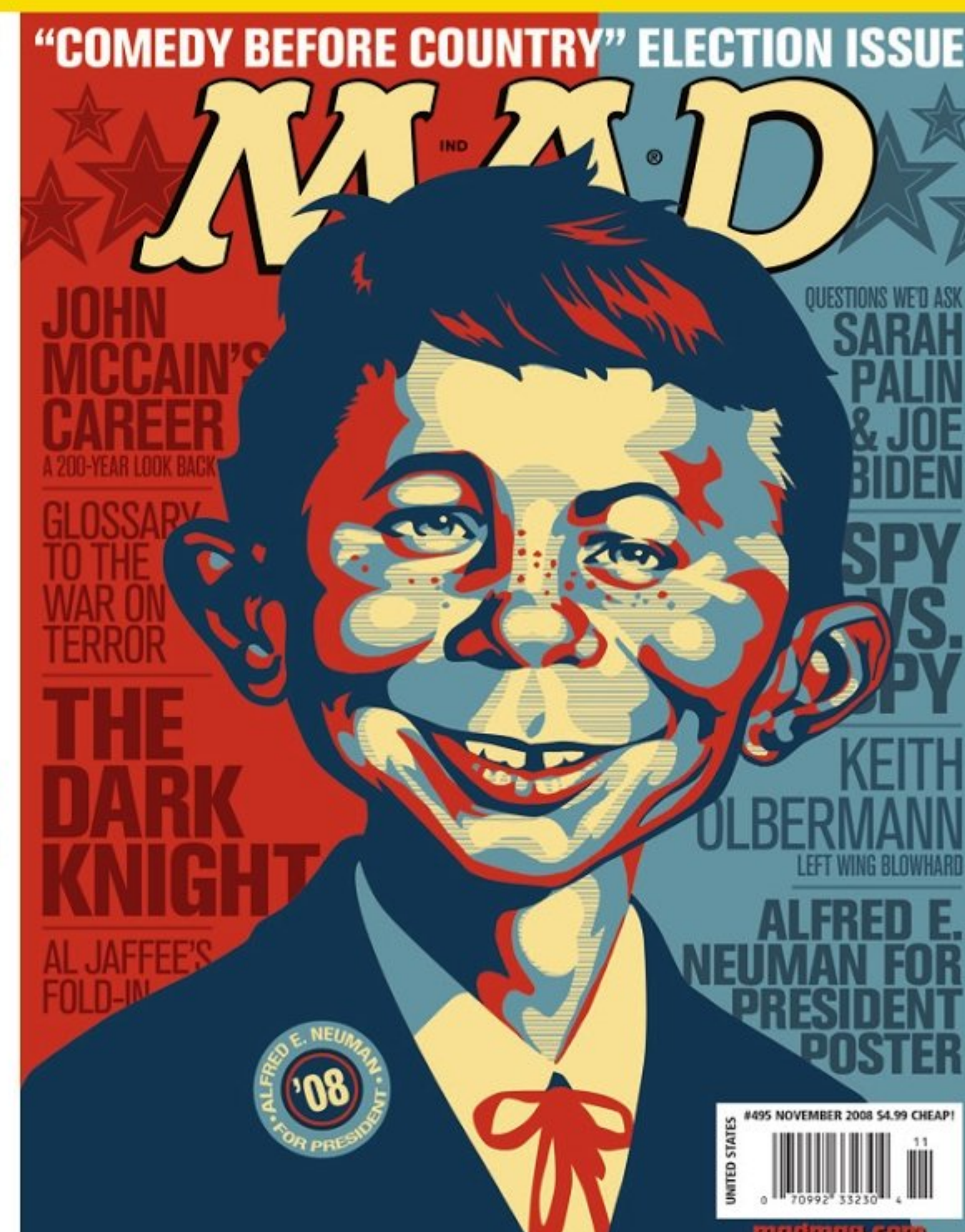
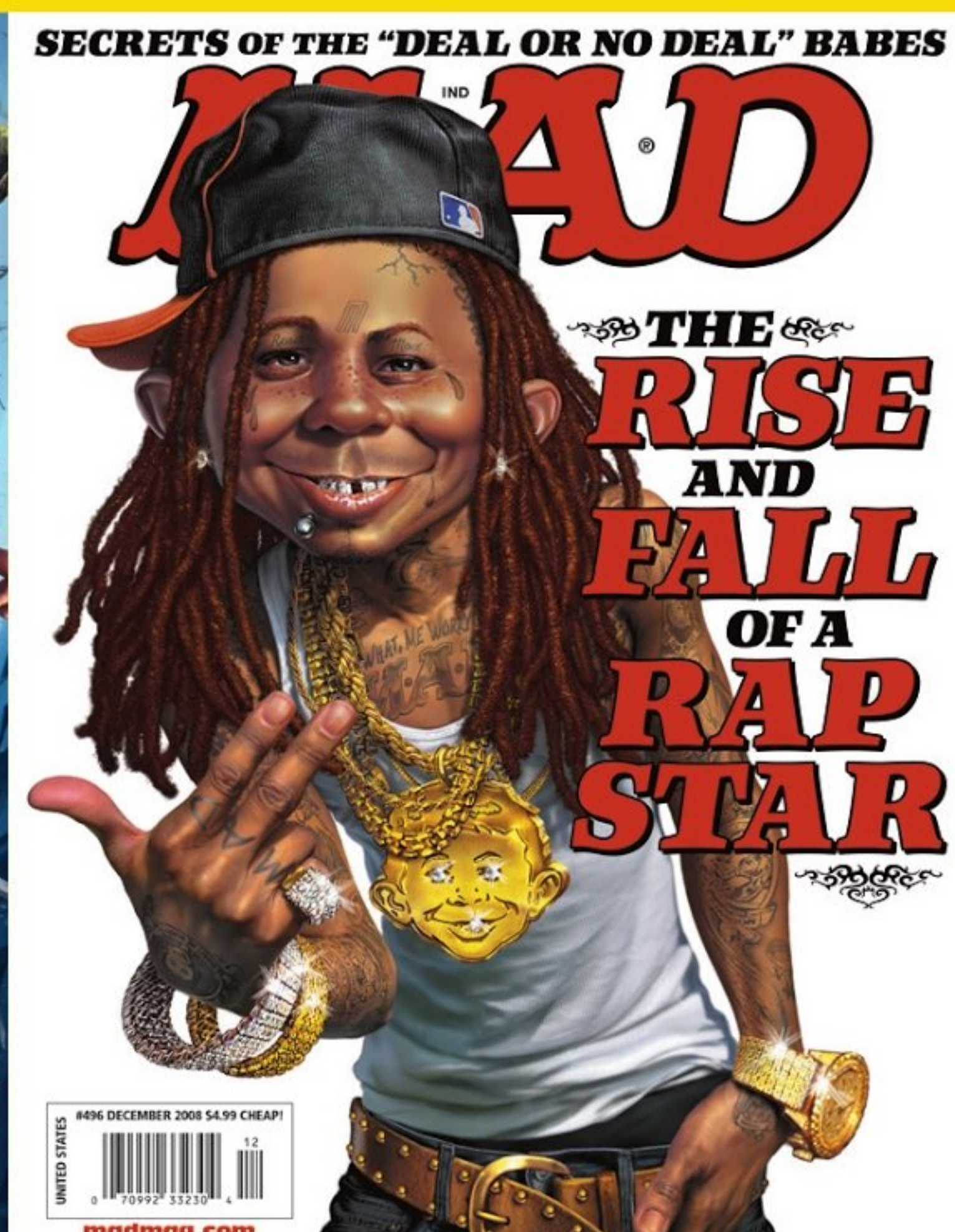
EDNA, GET AWAY FROM THE WINDOW! I TOLD YOU THAT NEIGHBOR KID WAS A WEIRDO!

NATHAN COOPER



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SOME LIKE IT SHOT DEPT.

A movie came out recently based on the autobiography of Chris Kyle, a U.S. sniper who served multiple deployments in Iraq and left the Navy holding the record for most confirmed kills. Moviegoers on the right felt it told the true story of an American hero and was an accurate portrayal of our veterans' struggles with the return to civilian life. Moviegoers on the left said it ignored the realities of the Iraq war and celebrated violence! But if there's one thing we can all agree on...it's that we **CAN'T AGREE ON ANYTHING!** We're at a point where if a liberal says $2+2=4$, a conservative will insist he's wrong! And if a conservative says the sky is blue, a liberal would argue no, it's brown. (Actually, thanks to pollution, the sky kinda IS brown, but you get the point...) So the debate is on: important movie or glossy jingoism? Don't ask us — we're too distracted by all the...

AMERICAN SNIPING

Hi! Remember me? I'm the **empty chair** Clint Eastwood brought on stage at the **2012 Republican National Convention!** I thought that night would be the start of a huge **acting career!** Turns out that any time a movie needs a **stiff, expressionless object**, they just cast **Mark Wahlberg!**

Eastwood, on the other hand, gets **role after role** — and not just in front of the camera! Clint's also made a name for himself as a **director!** Which is **amazing** — I don't know how he even **sees** through the camera lens with that **perma-squint!**

Still, if you follow the **news** (and if you're a **MAD reader** you probably **don't**), you know that **Eastwood's** latest movie has stirred up a lot of **passions** on **both sides** of the political aisle.

Given the **serious subject matter**, the guys at **MAD** weren't sure there was even a way to **spoof** this movie! After all, it's about **real people!** This isn't some crappy **Michael Bay** junk where the **sniper** is actually a **robot** trying to kill **Shia LaBeouf!** Although come to think of it... **THAT** would be **awesome!**

So they realized they needed to do something **different** and went looking for two high profile **commentators** — one **conservative** and one **liberal** — who were willing to engage in a real, constructive **dialogue** and intelligently **comment** on the film...



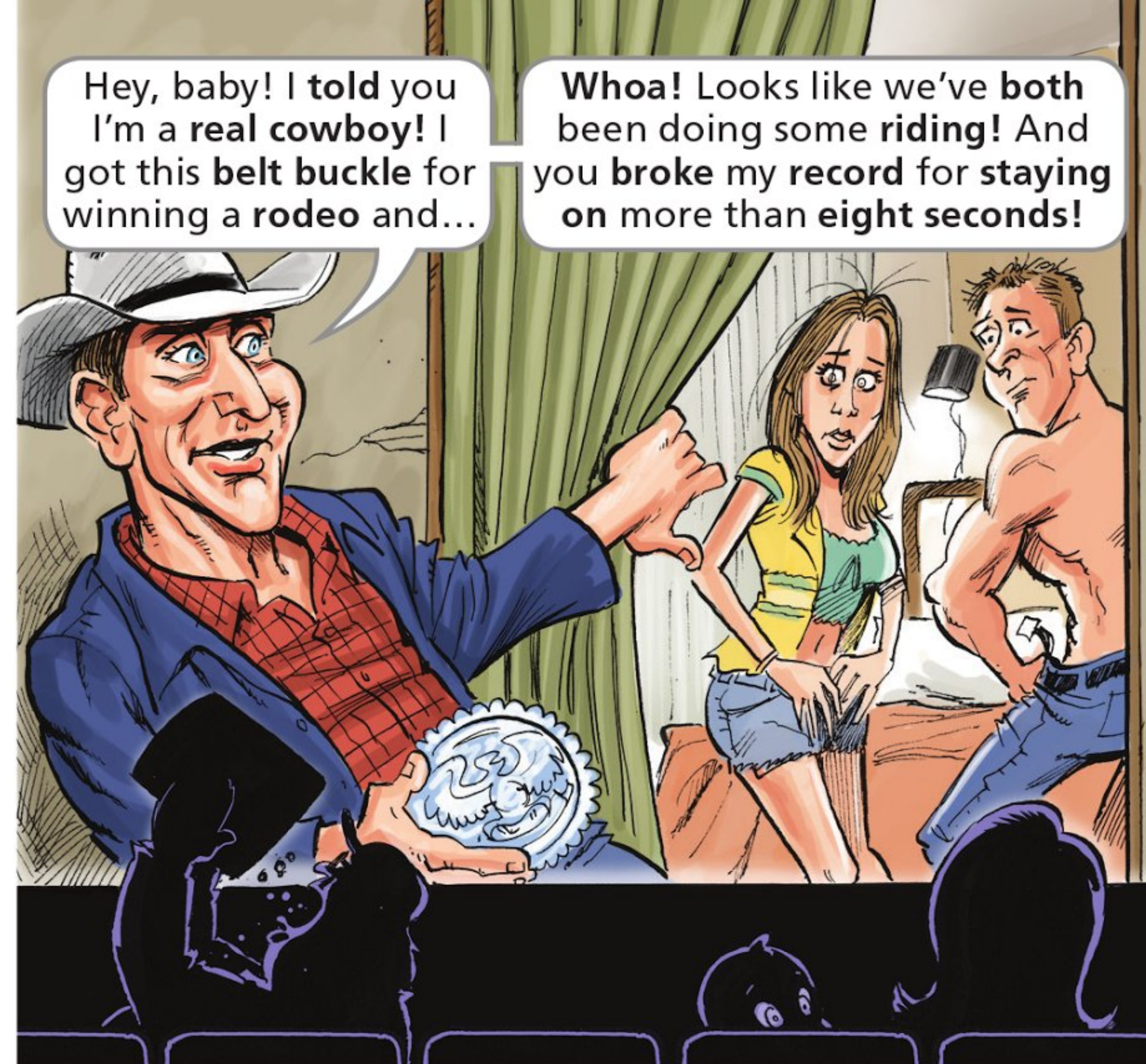
...but instead they got award-winning blowhard **Michael Moore** and former vice presidential candidate, former governor and future infomercial pitchwoman **Sarah Palin!** Still, they're hoping that in the spirit of **bipartisanship** they'll be able to **put aside** their **political biases!**

Let me begin by once again saying that when I **tweeted** that "**Snipers are cowards**" during the movie's **opening weekend**, I didn't say the **EXACT** title of the film, so **CLEARLY** I wasn't referring to it!

And if you **believe** that, you also believe that he's on an **all-salad diet!** Look, I got a lot to say, although talking about such **sensitive subject matter** is going to be **real tough** —

Mostly because **Governor Palin** has never successfully strung together **two coherent sentences** in her life!

Okay... why don't we just **roll** the film...

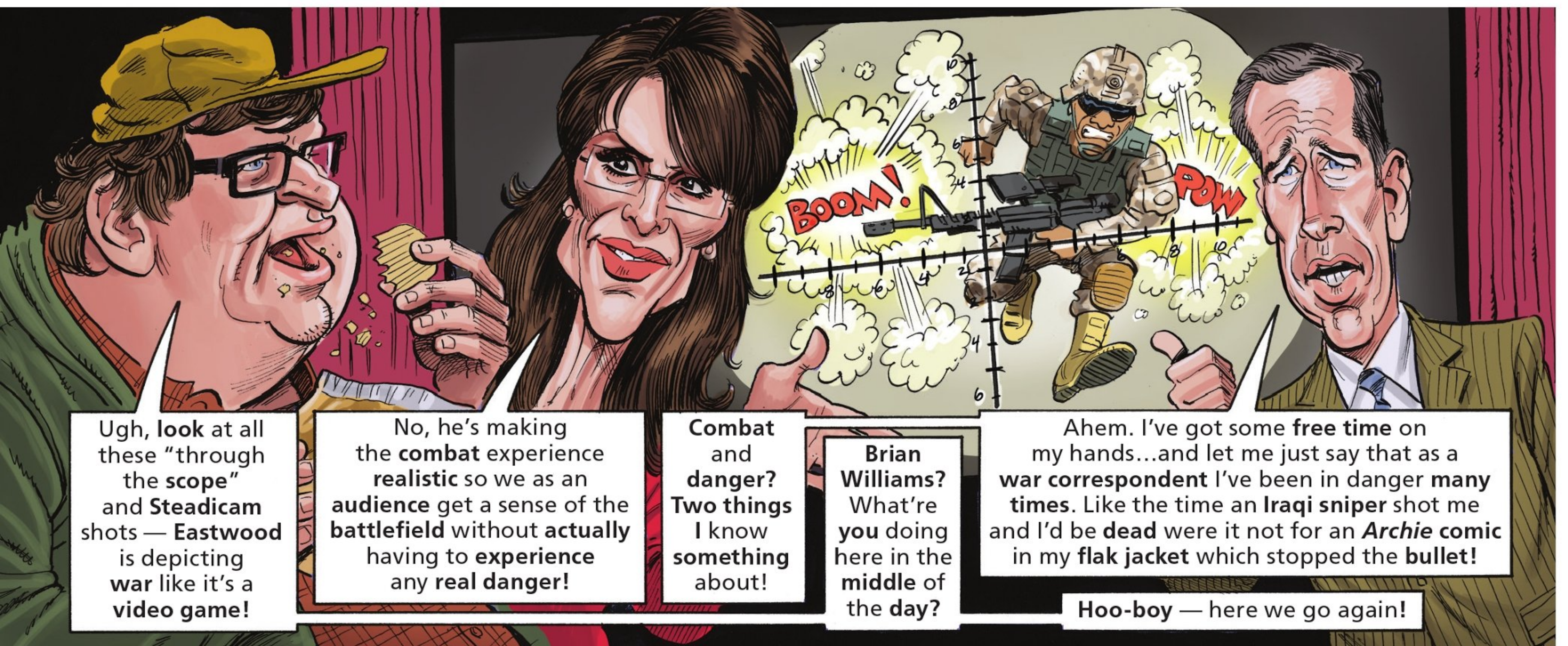




Well, even I have to give **Eastwood** credit here. This scene **brilliantly** shows how the **fog of war** forces a **soldier** to **wrestle** with a **complicated moral issue** about **potential threats** and **civilian targets**!

What complicated moral issue? It's like I said — **shoot 'em all** and let **Allah** sort 'em out!

You know, for a **second** there I almost **forgot** you're the woman who thinks **hunting moose** from a **helicopter** is "**sporting**"!



Ugh, look at all these "**through the scope**" and **Steadicam** shots — **Eastwood** is depicting war like it's a **video game**!

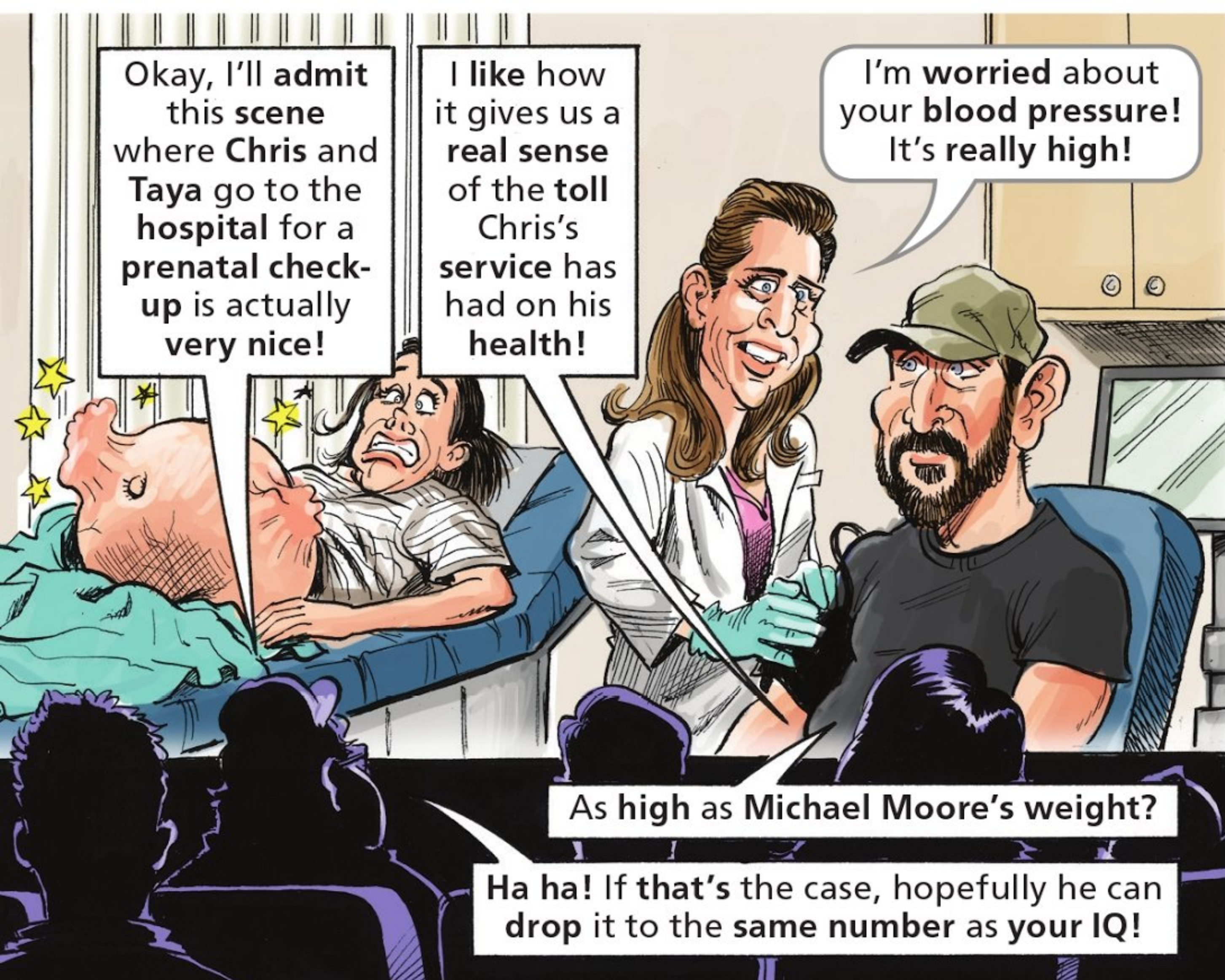
No, he's making the **combat** experience **realistic** so we as an **audience** get a sense of the **battlefield** without actually having to **experience** any **real danger**!

Combat and danger? Two things I know something about!

Brian Williams? What're you doing here in the middle of the day?

Ahem. I've got some **free time** on my hands...and let me just say that as a **war correspondent** I've been in **danger many times**. Like the time an **Iraqi sniper** shot me and I'd be **dead** were it not for an **Archie comic** in my **flak jacket** which stopped the **bullet**!

Hoo-boy — here we go again!



Okay, I'll admit this scene where **Chris and Taya** go to the **hospital** for a **prenatal check-up** is actually **very nice**!

I like how it gives us a **real sense** of the **toll** **Chris's service** has had on his **health**!

I'm worried about your **blood pressure**! It's **really high**!

As high as **Michael Moore's weight**?

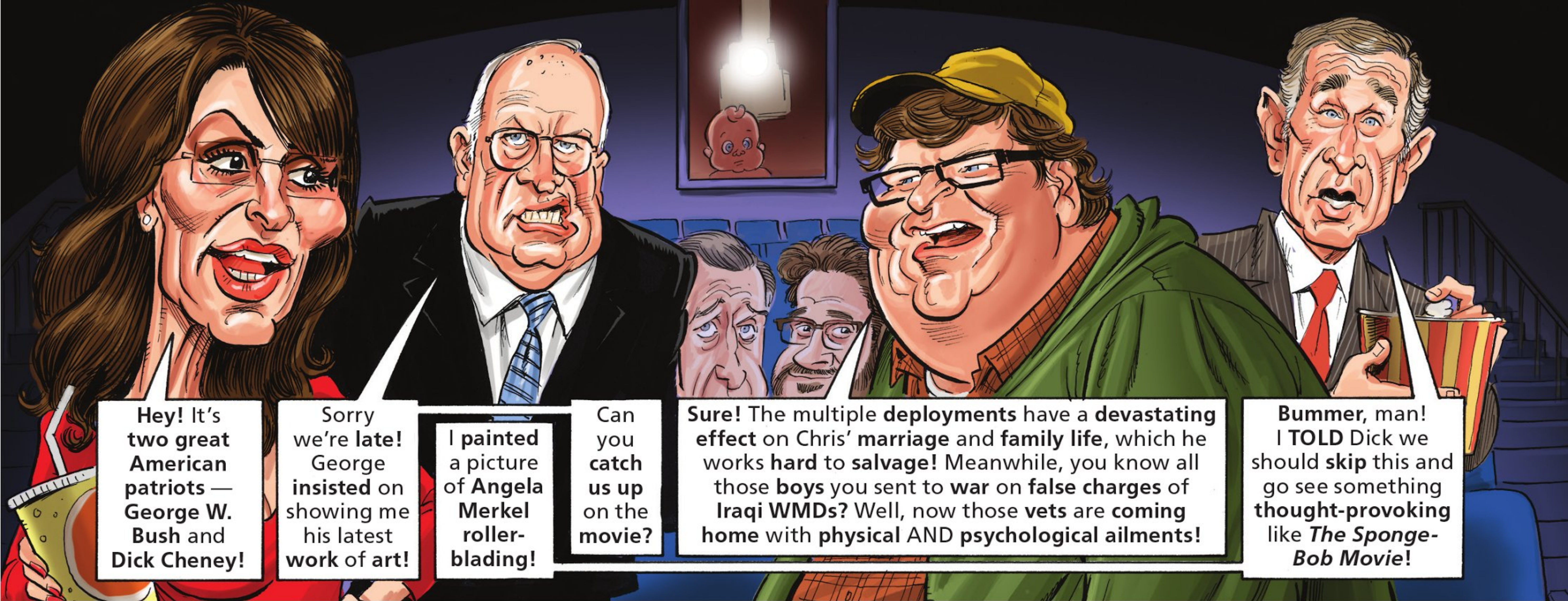
Ha ha! If that's the case, hopefully he can drop it to the same number as your **IQ**!



I need you home! I'm making my own **memories** here!

See? This is well done! But you **liberals** let your **political beliefs** distract you from the fact that this movie portrays a **war hero** as a **complicated man**!

No, what's distracting me is that **PLASTIC DOLL** he's holding! This is a **\$60 million movie**! Couldn't they've gotten a **baby** that didn't come from the **half-off shelf** at **Toys 'R' Us**?!



Hey! It's two great American patriots — George W. Bush and Dick Cheney!

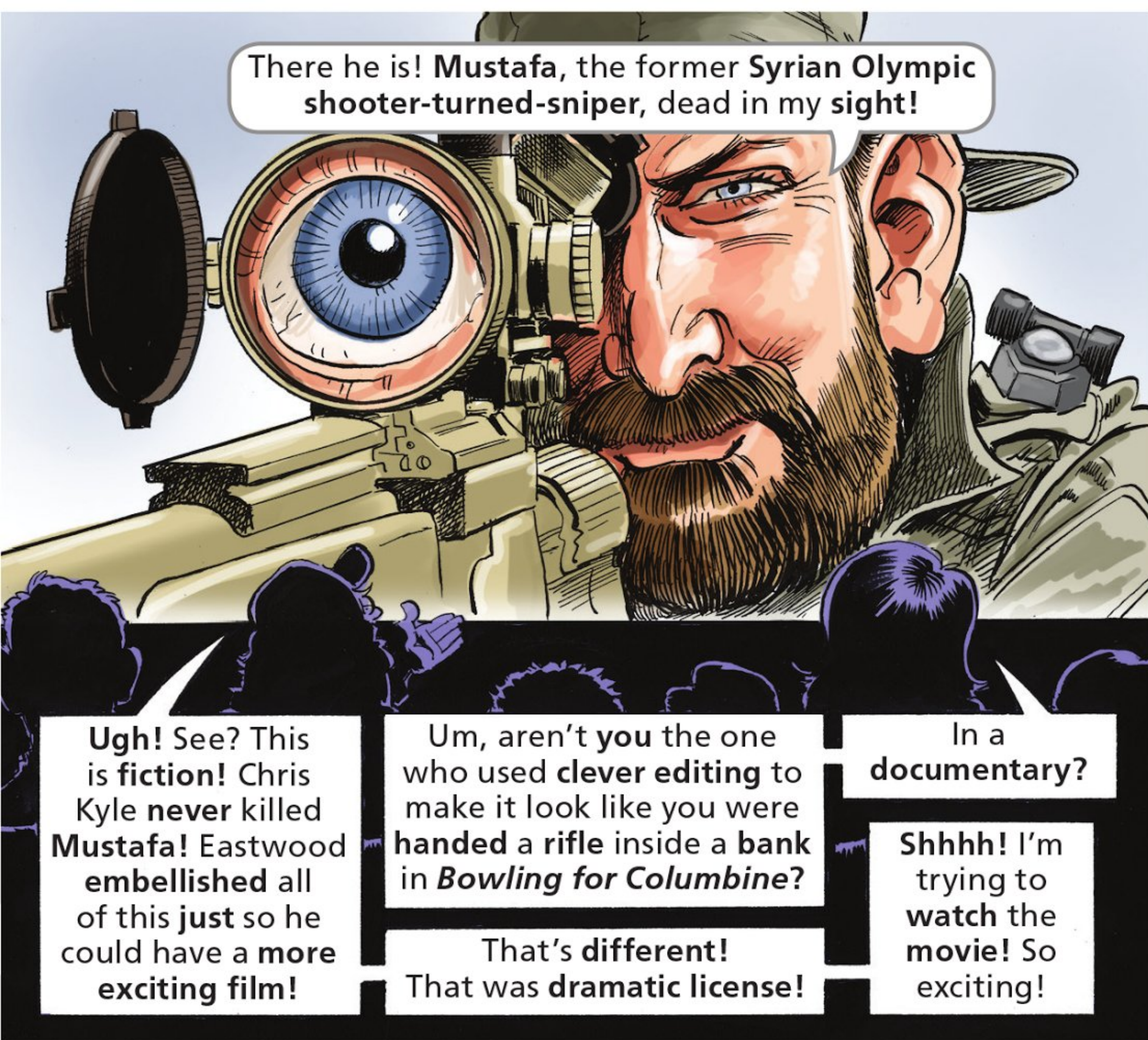
Sorry we're late! George insisted on showing me his latest work of art!

I painted a picture of Angela Merkel roller-blading!

Can you catch us up on the movie?

Sure! The multiple deployments have a devastating effect on Chris' marriage and family life, which he works hard to salvage! Meanwhile, you know all those boys you sent to war on false charges of Iraqi WMDs? Well, now those vets are coming home with physical AND psychological ailments!

Bummer, man! I TOLD Dick we should skip this and go see something thought-provoking like *The Sponge-Bob Movie*!



There he is! Mustafa, the former Syrian Olympic shooter-turned-sniper, dead in my sight!

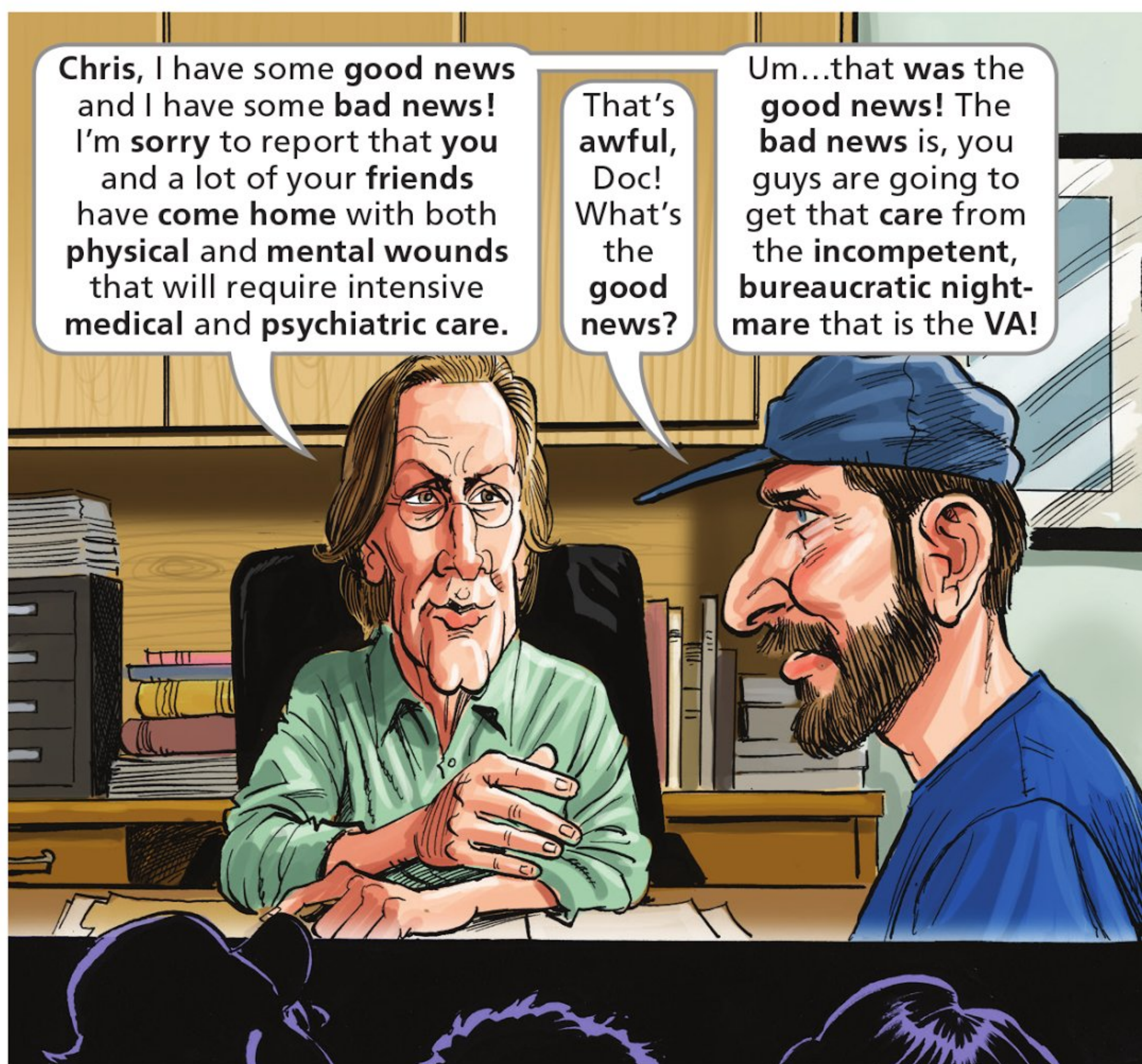
Ugh! See? This is fiction! Chris Kyle never killed Mustafa! Eastwood embellished all of this just so he could have a more exciting film!

Um, aren't you the one who used clever editing to make it look like you were handed a rifle inside a bank in *Bowling for Columbine*?

That's different! That was dramatic license!

In a documentary?

Shhhh! I'm trying to watch the movie! So exciting!



Chris, I have some good news and I have some bad news! I'm sorry to report that you and a lot of your friends have come home with both physical and mental wounds that will require intensive medical and psychiatric care.

That's awful, Doc! What's the good news?

Um...that was the good news! The bad news is, you guys are going to get that care from the incompetent, bureaucratic nightmare that is the VA!



Okay, I have to admit that was a lot more complicated and nuanced than its critics made it out to be! Kyle's story is moving and the end is just...tragic.

You know, here we are almost a decade after it began and we still aren't capable of talking about the Iraq War and its effects on America and its soldiers without everyone degrading to simplistic name-calling!

Isn't this great? Instead of fighting over their differences, these two political enemies were moved to stop their sniping, find common ground and learn to respect one another's viewpoints!

Ha! Not a chance! Unbelievable stuff like that only happens in the movies! Roll the credits!



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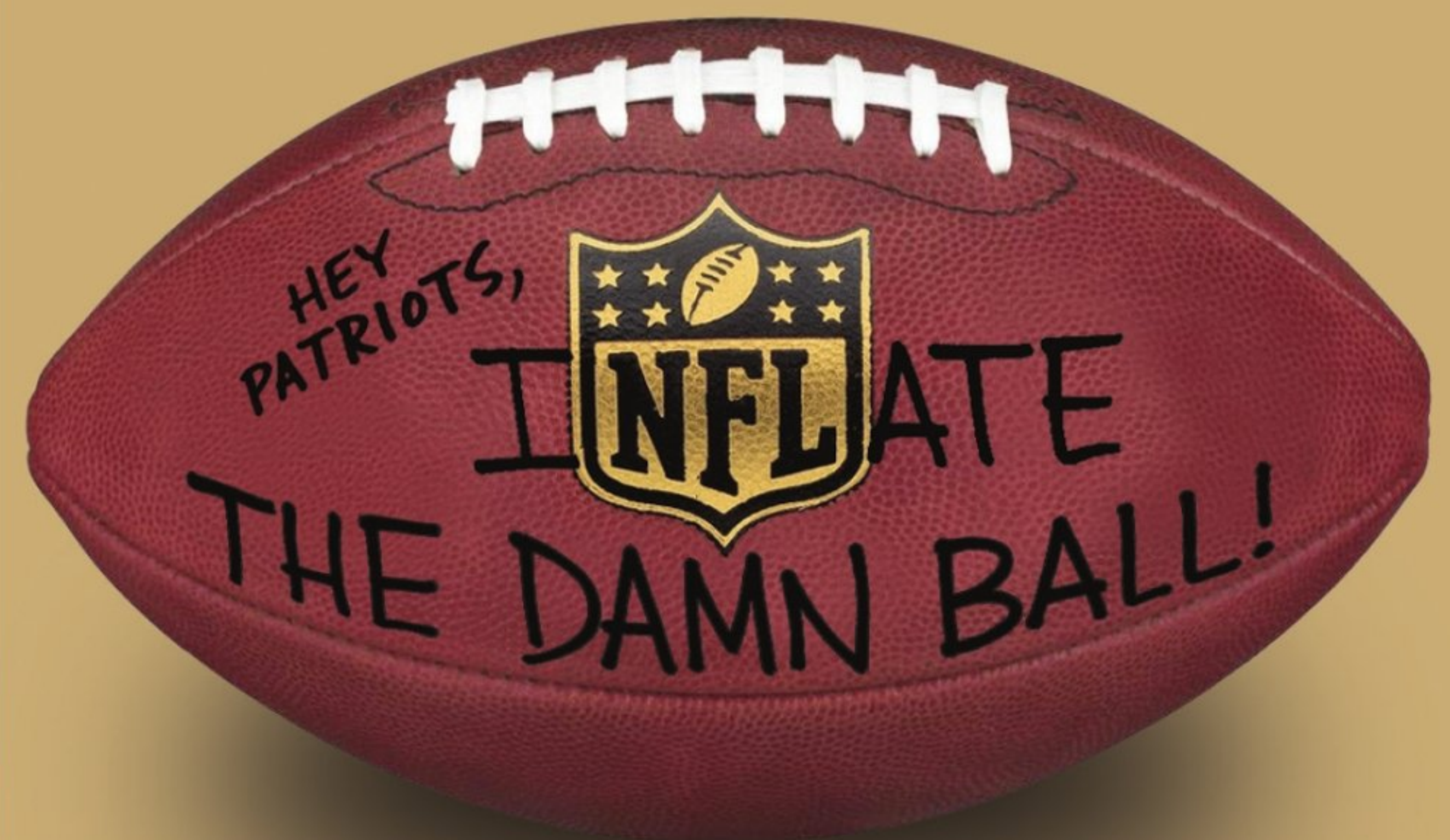
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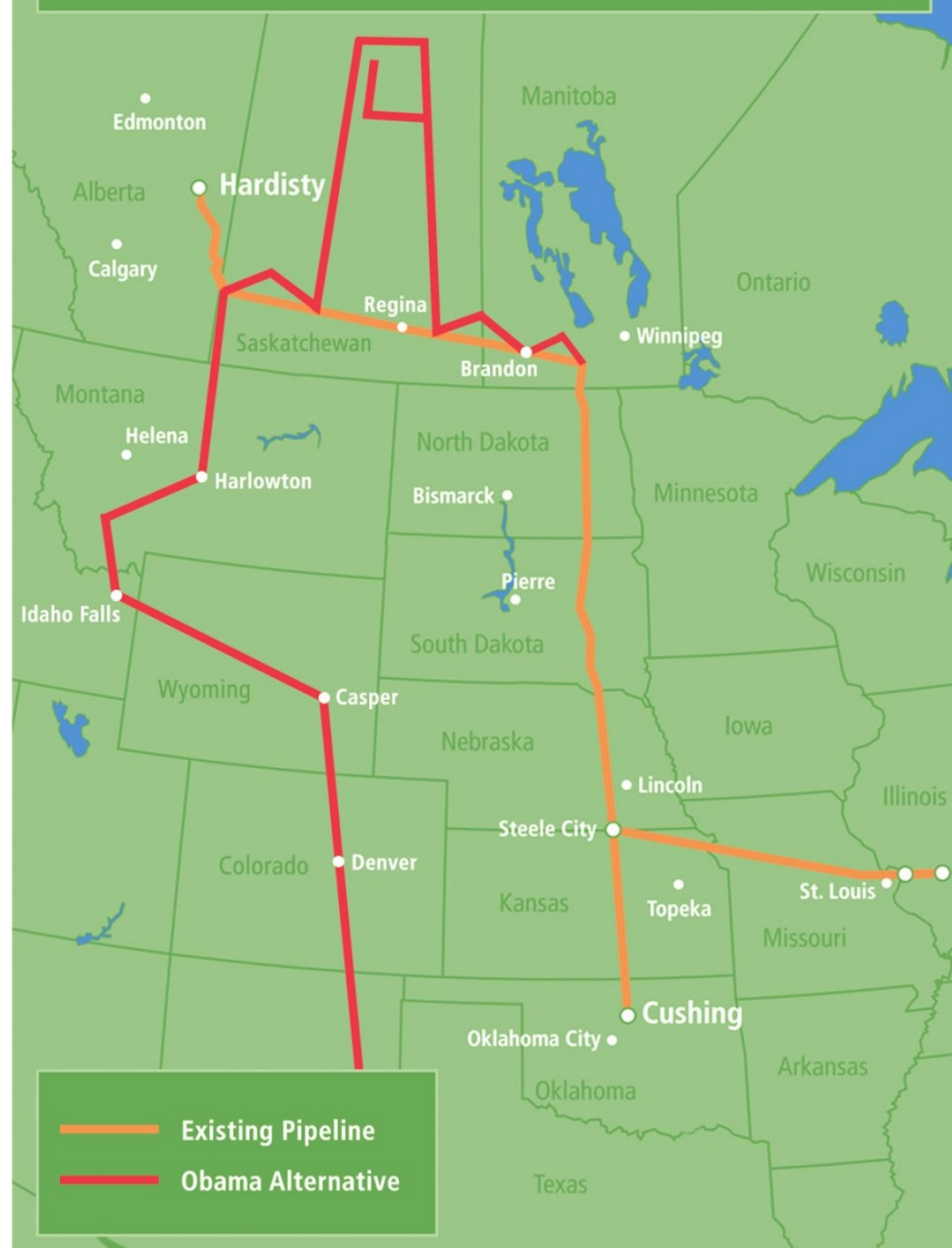
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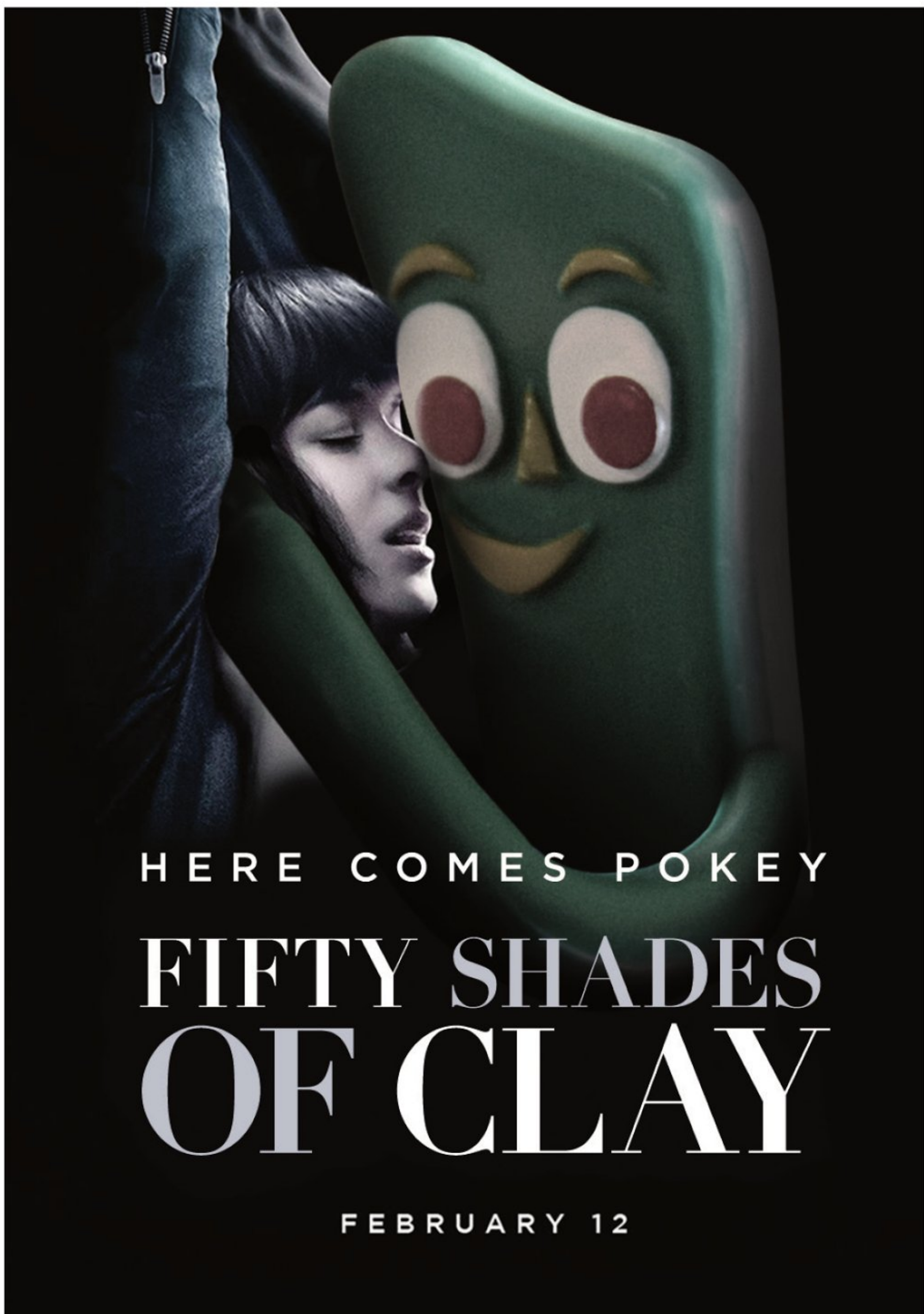
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To the Fans,

I take full responsibility for the mistakes ~~I made in not better hiding my use of PEDs~~ that led to my suspension for the 2014 season. I regret that my actions made the situation worse for me than it needed to be, though on the other hand, I was happy I didn't have to play another season next to that overrated douchebag Jeter. To Major League Baseball, which has a vendetta against me, the lousy Yankees, the pathetic Steinbrenner family, the traitorous Players Association and you, the gullible fans, I can only say, ~~because my agent tells me I have to~~, I'm sorry.

I ~~bitterly~~ accept the fact that many of you will not believe my ~~phony~~ apology or anything that I say at this point, so I might as well keep lying. I understand why and that's on me, but I'm still pissed that Big Papi gets a pass for his PED use in Boston. It was a good PR move and gracious of the Yankees to offer me the use of Yankee Stadium for this ~~fake~~ apology, but I decided that next time I am in Yankee Stadium, I should be in pinstripes doing my job, and not working the concession stand which may be all I'm in shape to do now.

~~Because of that a-hole, Bud Selig~~, I served the longest suspension in the history of the league for PED use. The ~~new idiot~~ Commissioner has foolishly said the matter is over, knowing full well the media circus hasn't even started yet. The clueless Players Association has said the same. The Yankees have said the next step is to play baseball, though I'm sure they're hoping I'll get injured so they can collect on the insurance policy and be done with me once and for all.

I'm ready to put this chapter behind me and play some ball in the minor leagues or Japan.

This game has been my single biggest passion since I was ~~cheating~~ as a teenager. When I go to Spring Training, I will do everything I can to not get caught taking PEDs yet again and to be the best player and teammate possible, earn a spot on the Yankees and help us win 70 games this year.

Sincerely,
Alex

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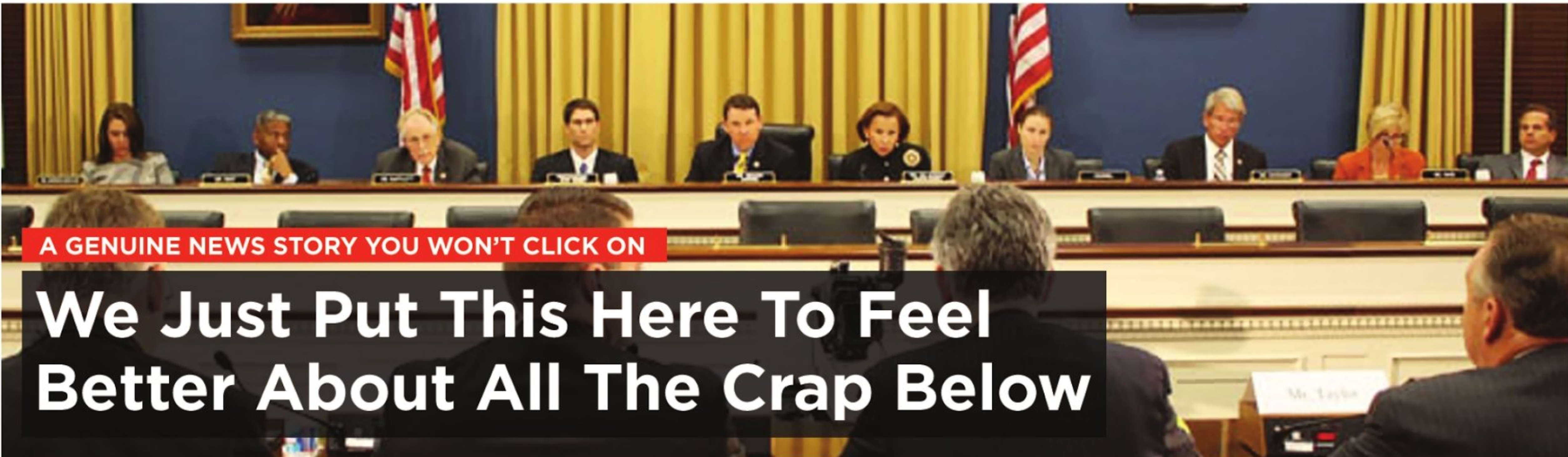
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The higher your score, the more you should consider sticking your head in the oven. Seriously. Put it on "broil."

Stan Brampley 15 minutes ago 42 responses



A Vapid Sponsored Post From A Company Desperate To Seem Cool

Check out this sponsored post that's so pointless, it makes the rest of our garbage look like the freakin' Pentagon Papers! Come on, click! These stupid posts are how this insipid house of cards makes its money! At least for now!

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This Sriracha Queso Is Delicious And Incredibly Easy To Make

But you never will. You'll email it to yourself and forget about it almost immediately, you scatterbrained simp.

Megan Spoodle 8 minutes ago 9 responses



Man Breaks Down In Tears After Voicemail Message Left By His Late Wife 14 Years Ago Is Recovered

It's so heartwarming that you'll briefly forget we're cynically turning his grief into revenue-grabbing clickbait.

Mick Frickston 23 minutes ago 12 responses

ACCURATEBUZZFEED NEWS



Here's Our 1,272nd "Friends" Listicle Of The Month

Ed Blormly 15 responses



We Put A "Trashy" Tag On This NSFW Sex Pic To Make It Seem Less Skeevy To Link To

Sharif Flanders 335 responses



We Actually Paid An Artist To Age Scooby-Doo Characters — Thanks For The \$50 Million, Venture Capitalists!

Dan Hams 25 responses

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New stupidity daily on The Idiotical at madmagazine.com!

WHAT DEMEANING,
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DEAD END?

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

When you take a new job, you always hope that it will lead to something better — that it will help you turn a page. But sometimes you just end up in a binding situation with no chance for improvement. To find out what devastating job is a fast track to professional disaster and personal disappointment, fold page in as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A

FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B

FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



GUESSING A JOB'S WORTH IS VERY HARD. WE ALL WANT
EDIFYING WORK. WE START OUT REACHING FOR DOCTOR OF
MEDICINE BUT WE GET GARBAGE COLLECTOR INSTEAD.
(THANKS TO ALL UNDERPAID FOLKS WHOSE WORK IS SO VITAL!)

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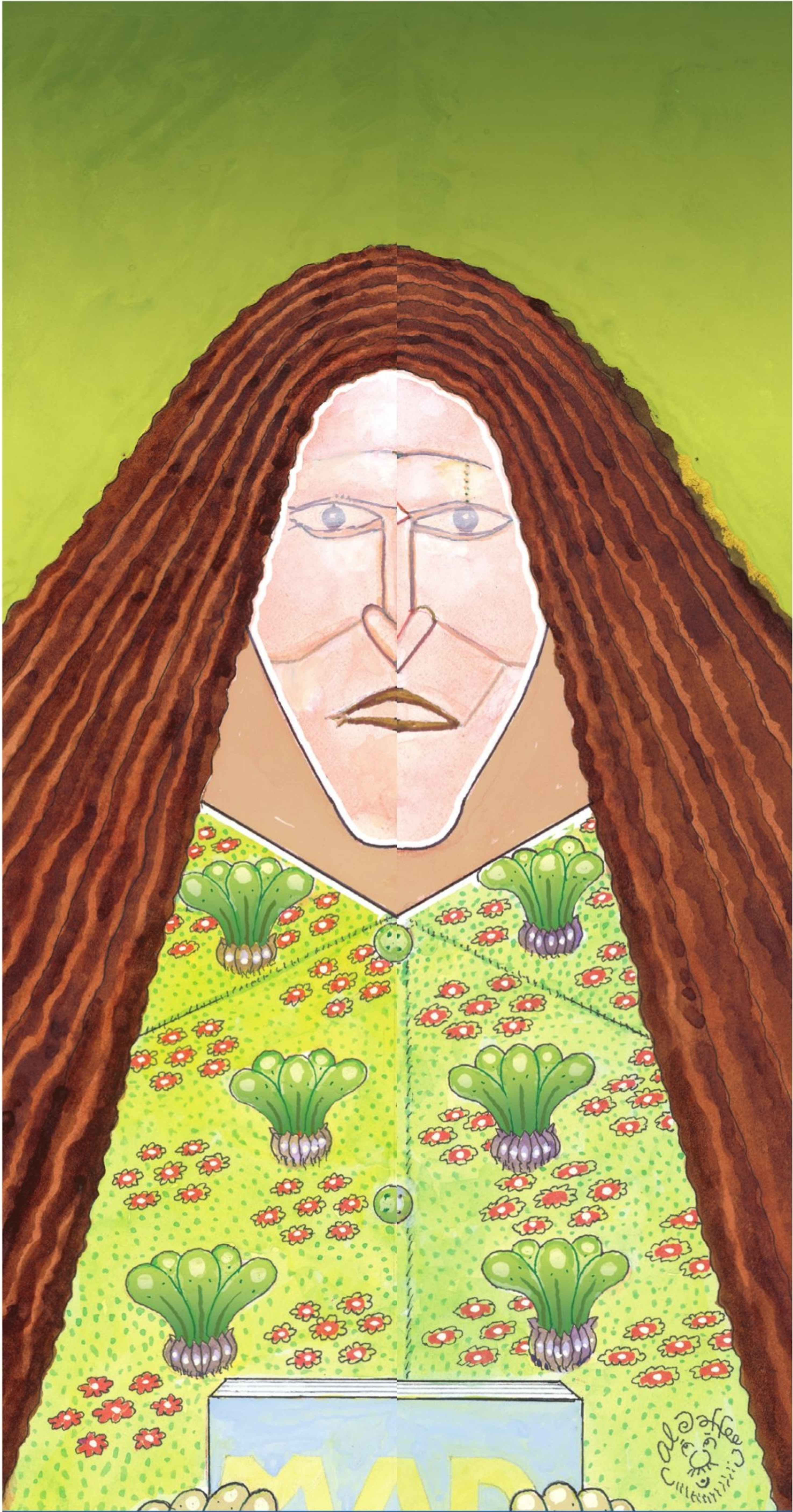
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(THANKS AL!)

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For years, environmentalists have complained about the car exhaust that fills our lungs and pollutes the skies. But now there's a new source of highway pollution that makes us wanna puke! To find out what's contaminating our major roadways, fold page in as shown.

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BONUS!
A CLASSIC
MAD
FOLD-IN



**SOMETHING REALLY AWFUL IS SPREADING
RAPIDLY ON OUR HIGHWAYS. MANY PEOPLE WANT SPECIAL
PROTECTION FROM IT. POLITICIANS TRY TO FIGURE AND RE-
FIGURE THE PROBLEM BUT THEY JUST KEEP ON STALLING**

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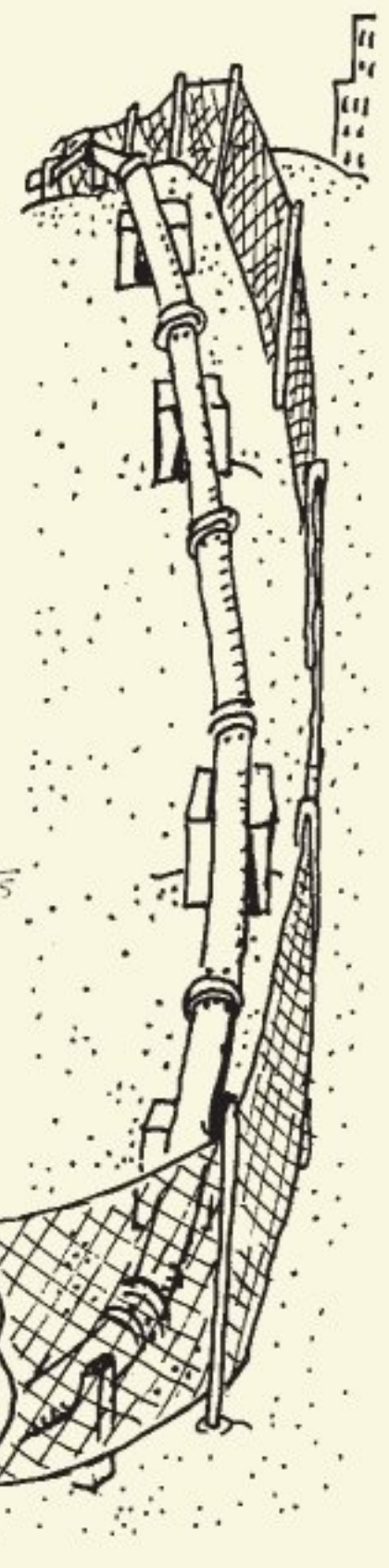
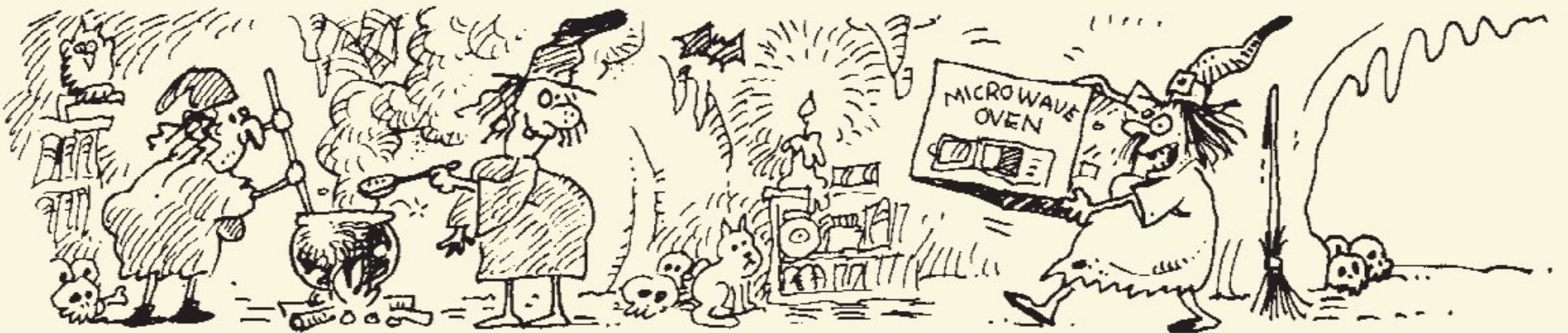
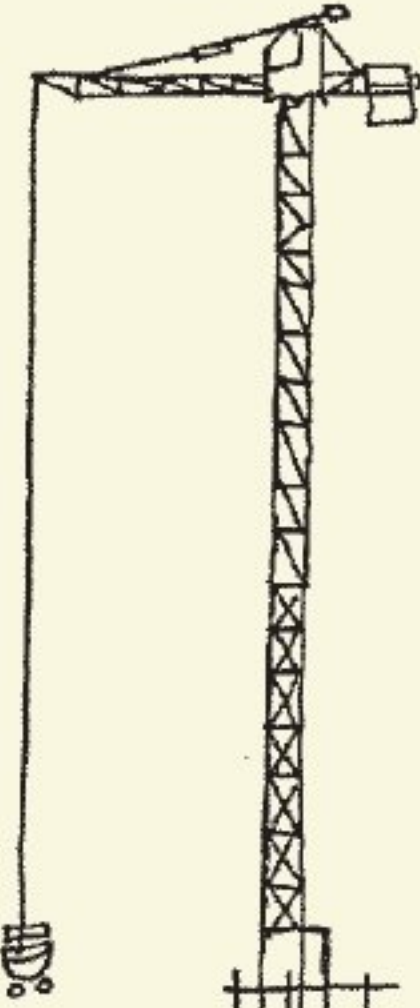
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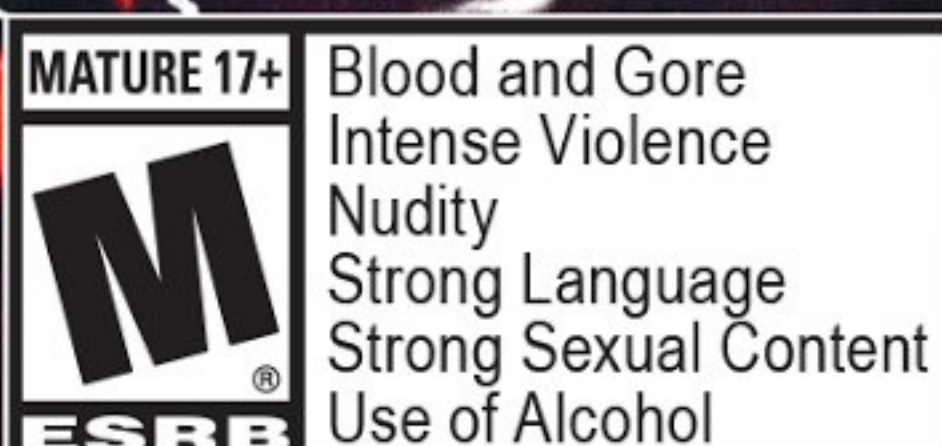
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