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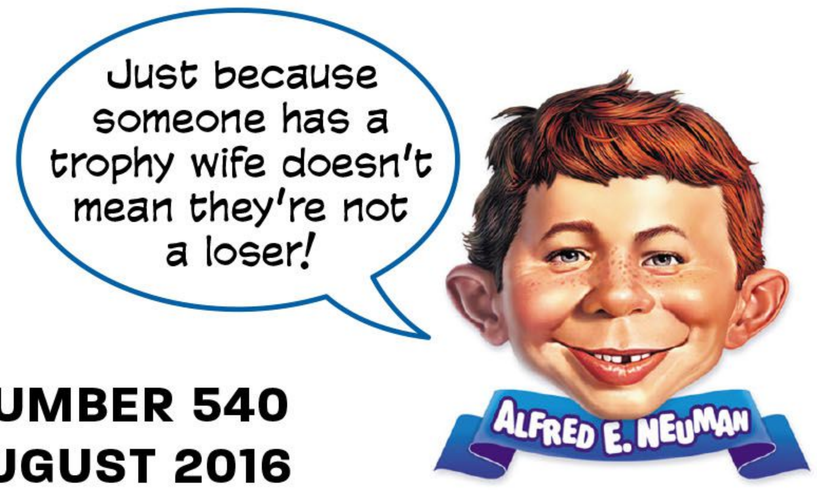

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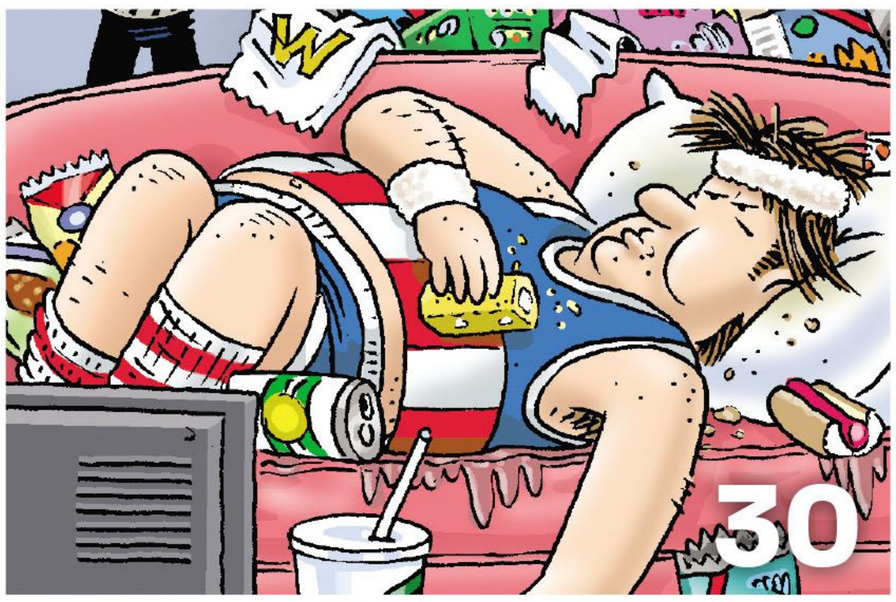

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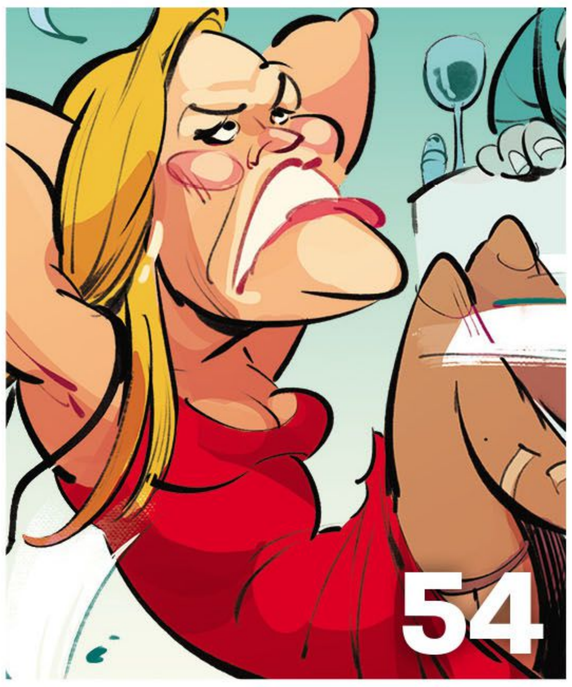

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Letters and Tomatoes

STATE OF CONFUSION

I love your magazine. I only have one issue with it. Shocking, right? My issue is that in the Letters and Tomatoes section you don't have many letters from Michigan. I only wish to see more. Now that I think about it, I have lots more issues but I only have so much paper, so... just fix that issue and we'll call it even.

Chase Simonds • Paw Paw, MI

Simple Simonds — We have to admit that we were relieved to see your letter. For years — decades, even — we've harbored an anti-Michigan bias that was becoming unhealthy, even for us. But when we read your harsh reprimand, we had no other choice but to look in the mirror (a terrifying proposition to begin with), search within ourselves and print your damning missive. To you and your fellow Wolverine Staters, consider this a first step in the righting of our wrongs. (But a word to all of you filthy Minnesotans out there: our prohibition still stands!) —Ed.

ALFRED LOOKALIKE

Cory Danger of Laguna Niguel, CA sent in this picture of his son, Elliott — a lad who could only be described as "more than a little Alfred-esque." As with all featured doppelgangers, we offer our deepest thanks for sharing, and even deeper apologies for their lots in life.

YOUR WOE OF SHOWS

I am 12 years old and I have been reading MAD since I was seven. Recently, I was home sick from school with a stomach virus and had to watch an old show with my mom called *Everybody Loves Raymond*. It was boring until a funny part came on where Raymond's brother's brother-in-law gets really mad when he finds his parents throwing away all the "trash" they find in his bedroom. All the trash was old MAD magazines! Your magazines are now on old TV reruns!

Laila Wilson • Minerva, OH

Wil-son of a Gun —Even though you dismiss *Everybody Loves Raymond* as "boring" and "old" — assessments we pretty much agree with — the show does carry a timeless message. Is it that despite petty bickering, family should always come first? Or that sibling rivalry must be balanced with love? Of course not! It's that MAD is useless garbage that should be disposed of as quickly as possible! Thanks for the letter — now put this piece of junk where it belongs! —Ed.

SCHLOCK SUSPENSTORIES

My dad, Bentley Little, has been a dedicated fan since the 1960s and he gave me a subscription for my birthday several years ago. My dad's a horror writer, and since there is nothing more terrifying than MAD, I have convinced him to mention your sad excuse for a magazine in one of his books in my shameless attempt to get free junk. Here's a copy of the page from *The Consultant* that mentions Alfred E. Neuman:

> *It was a man with the face of Alfred E. Neuman.*
>
> *Craig experienced a tingle of fear. He had never liked the Mad magazine mascot. He knew the figure was supposed to be comical, but there was something about that perpetually grinning gap-toothed mouth that had always creeped him out and set him on edge.*
>
> *It was impossible to tell who was behind the mask.*

Emerson Little • Fullerton, CA

Eminemerson — We're not surprised that Craig "experienced a tingle of fear" when he saw Alfred's face; we get a similar feeling every time we see him. Although in our case, it's just the vague dread that comes with finishing up each issue of MAD. But would you like to know something TRULY terrifying? Alfred E. Neuman is a trademarked character and your father is in clear violation of copyright law. We hope that Mr. Hotshot-Horror-Writer is ready to "experience a tingle of bankruptcy"! —Ed.

HIRE LEARNING

I am a recent college graduate and in the process of finding a job. Now, this is not just any job, but a high school math teaching position. I am asking if you could be a reference for me. If anyone calls about me, here are my top three qualities:

1) Loyalty: I have been a MAD subscriber for the last three years.
2) Always on time: I have paid for your magazine before my subscription ends.
3) Patience: I have read every single page of your "wonderful" magazine for the last three years.

Thank you for your time and please put a good word in for me!

Anthony Paldino • Bristolville, Ohio

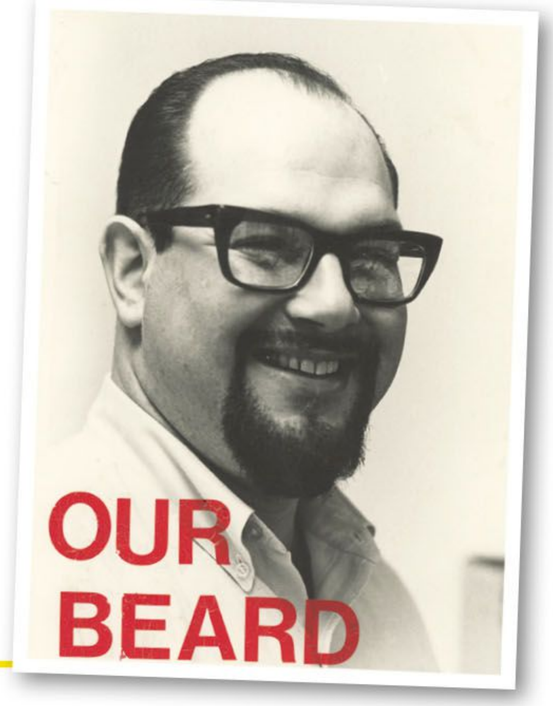
Paldinosaur — You've put us in a very awkward situation. If we're contacted by a potential employer (and that's a big "if," given how completely unhire-able you seem), we're duty-bound to tell the truth. And, in light of the information you've provided, we have a very different assessment of your qualifications. Here are your most obvious faults.

1) Doesn't learn from mistakes — has been a MAD subscriber for the last THREE YEARS!!!
2) Can't wait to waste money — pays for his magazine before his subscription ends!!!
3) Unapologetic masochist — has read EVERY SINGLE PAGE of our magazine for the last THREE YEARS!!!

Don't feel too bad — just remember the old saying, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach. And those who can't teach, read MAD!" —Ed.

REMEMBERING LENNY BRENNER, 1932-2016

The MAD family experienced a loss on April 9 when longtime MAD staff member Lenny "The Beard" Brenner passed away. He joined MAD's art department in 1958 and retired as art director in 1995. During those years there wasn't an issue of MAD that Lenny wasn't involved in — from designing pages, to laying out type, to wrapping the artwork to send to the printer. Most readers will recognize Lenny from his "modeling" in the magazine. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Lenny's children, grandchildren and family. Please check out our special tribute to Lenny in this issue's "MAD Vault" on page 43.



LETTER RIP!

I've been reading your magazine for almost 3 years now and I was wondering how do you choose whose letters to print? Do you pick them out of a hat? Do you read them all? Do you shred them all, then whoever on the staff can put them back together first gets to choose which ones to put in the issue? Either way, I enjoy reading your magazine.

Thomas Alemu • Fullerton, CA

Remember the Alemu — Pick them out of a hat? Who wears a hat these days? Baseball players? Hipster douche-bombs? People with money to put aside for a "hat budget"?!? No, it's far simpler than that. We typically just pick the dumbest letters we can find — the dumber the better! We get some real dopey ones, so you can bet that if we're printing it, it really represents the lowest depths of human stupidity! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

MAD BLURBS

John Favreau is a successful director, and his most recent movie, *The Jungle Book*, was a huge hit. So it makes *zero* sense when he says MAD was in *any* way an influence...

I wanted to pack the movie like a MAD Magazine. I would study MAD Magazine from cover to cover; the margins were full of detail. I wanted to have something going on in every corner of the frame, there are treats everywhere.

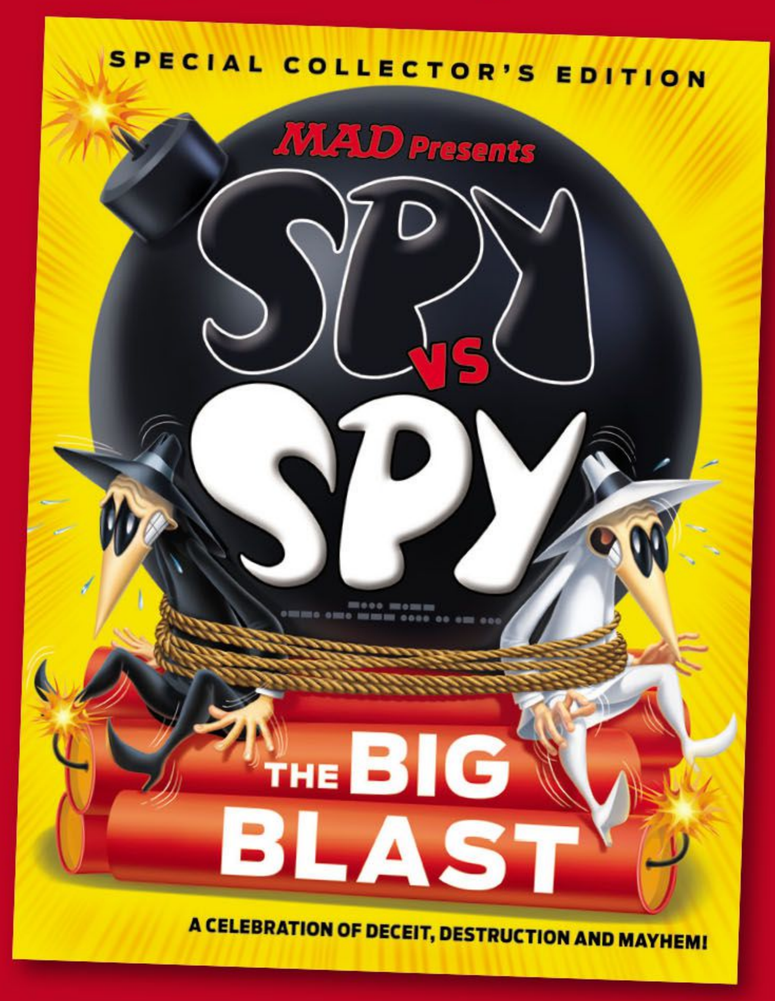
INTO THIN ERR

I have enclosed a picture of me at Everest Base camp holding a copy of MAD. While trekking to Everest Base Camp, I noticed something very odd. The higher the altitude, the funnier the magazine became! By the time I got to base camp, I was laughing hysterically and thought MAD was the best magazine ever! I excitedly called my wife on a satellite phone and told her to renew my subscription immediately. Alas, when I returned to sea level, I discovered that MAD was no longer funny. I finally realized that the lack of oxygen to my brain at the high altitude was the reason I thought MAD was funny. Since I don't live in the mountains, can I cancel my subscription and get a refund?

Bill Sullivan • Williamsville, NY

Sulli-Van Wilder — Ah, Everest! Not many people know this, but about 60% of our subscriptions are the result of someone not getting enough oxygen to the brain — so we're quite familiar with "The Everest Effect"! That ol' pile of rocks has been VERY good to us over the years! We wish we could give you a refund, but given the rambling, childlike tone of your letter, your brain is clearly still working in very diminished capacity (even for a MAD reader). That cancellation would never hold up in court. Maybe you can get a Sherpa to help explain the jokes to you! Feel better and enjoy your sub! —Ed.

ON SALE JULY 8TH!



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NETFLIX AND SHRILL

I was disappointed you went with the name "Rank Underhand" for your *House of Cards* spoof instead of the obviously more funny "Dank Underwear." Please try harder in the future.

Ryan Magnon • Redondo Beach, CA

P.S. I know that issue came out over four months ago, but my subscription lapsed and now I'm forced to actually read your magazine instead of just look at the pictures.

Filet Magnon — There are certain things that keep us up at night (for example, we live on a busy trucking route, beneath a bowling alley). But we can't sit around all day playing "Coulda Shoulda Woulda" (a Parker Bros. game from the early 80s that, sadly, has long been out of print). Where were we? Oh, right — regrets. We regret reading your letter — the time we wasted is gone and lost forever. But that's life for you — sometimes it's the mistakes that teach us the most. —Ed.

P.S. We just realized that instead of "Filet Magnon" we should have gone with the obviously more funny "Magnon, P.I." Damnit! This just isn't our year…

CORRECTIONS

We make mistakes. A lot of them. We're not happy about them, and we're not happy to be writing about them (because, let's face it, we'll probably make *more* mistakes trying to correct the original mistakes). But correct them we must. Which is why we have to report that MAD #539 accidentally included an installment of "The Darker Side of...The Lighter Side of" that had previously appeared in MAD #527. Additionally, for "A MAD Look at Man Caves," Tom Luth should have been credited as the colorist. We also mistakenly reported that John Caldwell passed away on February 26, when in fact it was February 21. We apologize for the errors.

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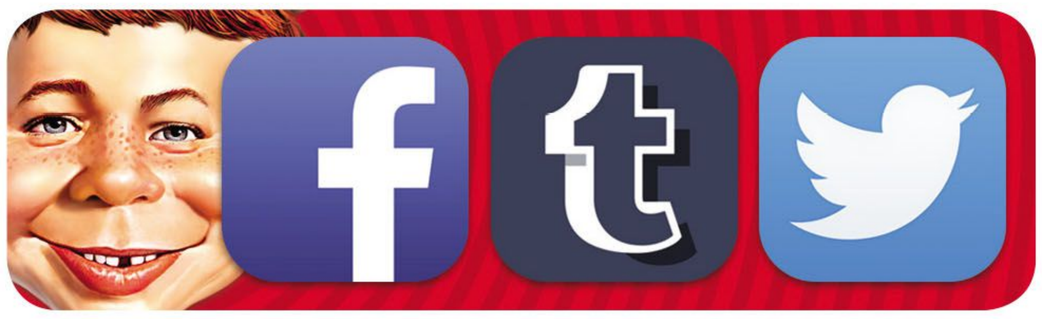
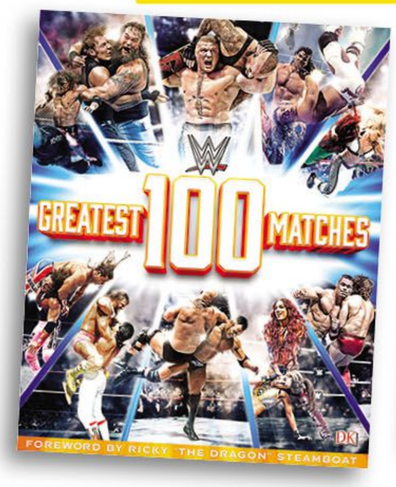
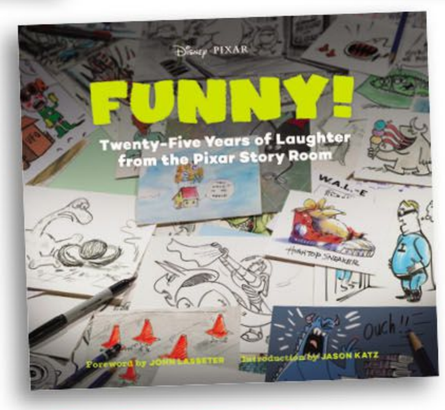
Looking for a way to waste time AND open yourself up to public ridicule? You're in luck! You can do both simply by liking us on Facebook and following us on Tumblr and Twitter! It's a perfect plan! (Except for the ridicule — but that's your problem, not ours!)







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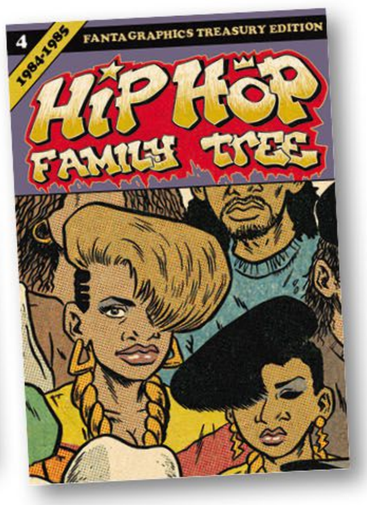
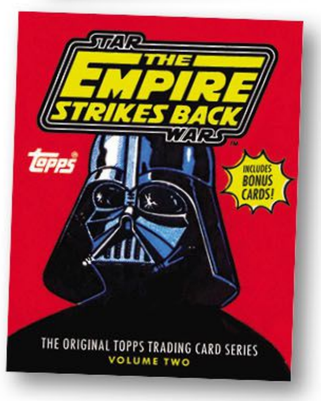
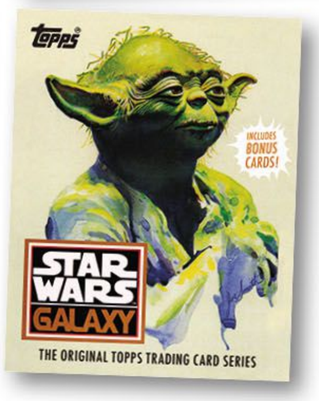
If you had your letter printed in this issue, hoooooo boy are you ever one lucky possum! You'll be getting ***WWE: 100 Greatest Matches***, courtesy of our pals at DK; ***Paper Sumo*** AND ***Funny!: Twenty-Five Years of Laughter from the Pixar Story Room*** from our buds at Chronicle Books; ***Hip Hop Family Tree, Book 4***, from our chums at Fantagraphics; ***Star Wars Galaxy: The Original Topps Trading Card Series*** AND ***Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back: The Original Topps Trading Card Series***, courtesy of our amigos at Abrams ComicArts and Lucasfilm; and a DVD of ***Monty Python Live (Mostly): One Down, Five to Go*** from our homies at Eagle Rock Entertainment! What are you waiting for? Write us a letter and get the goods!







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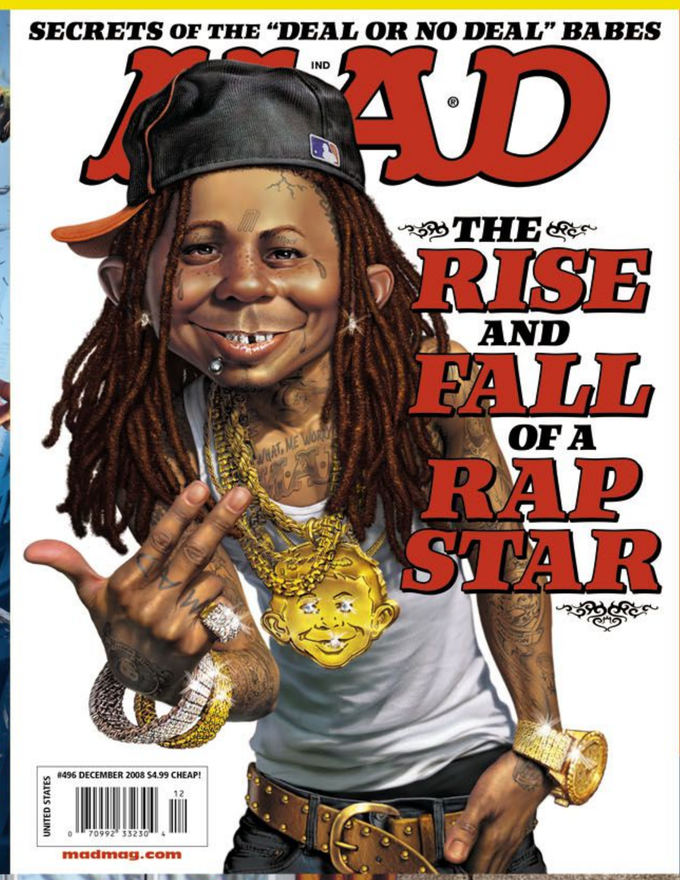

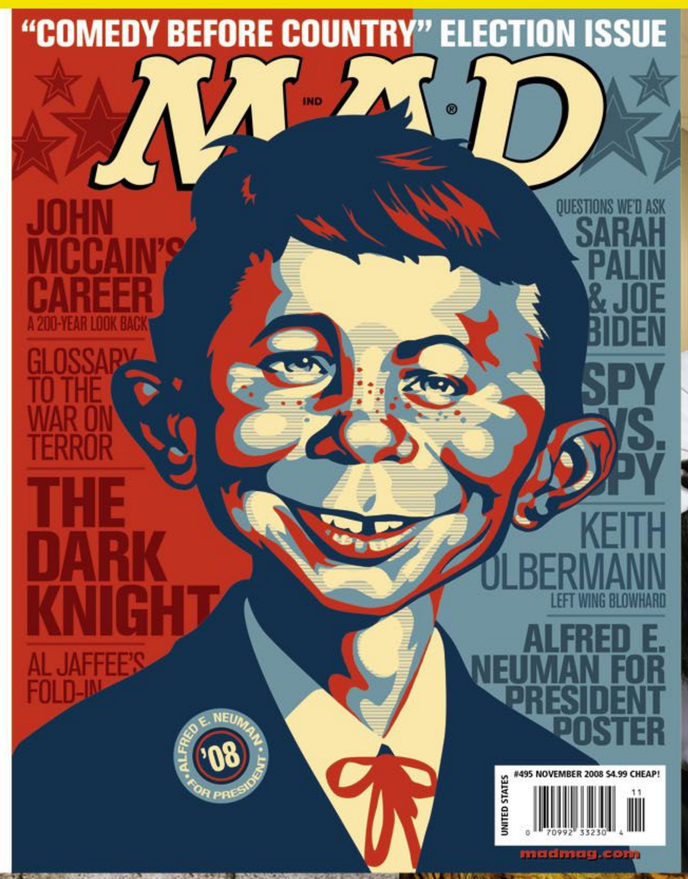

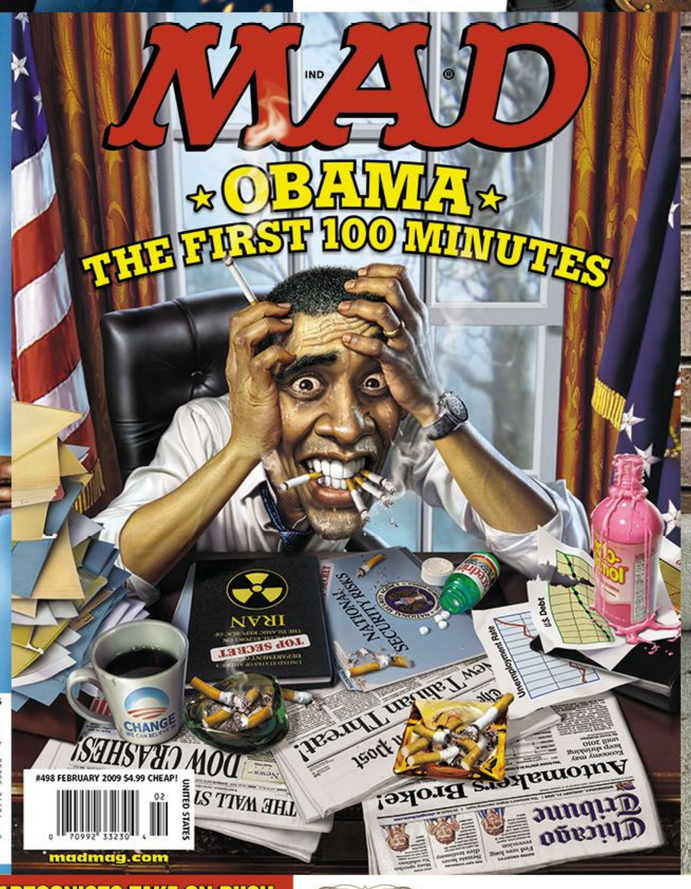

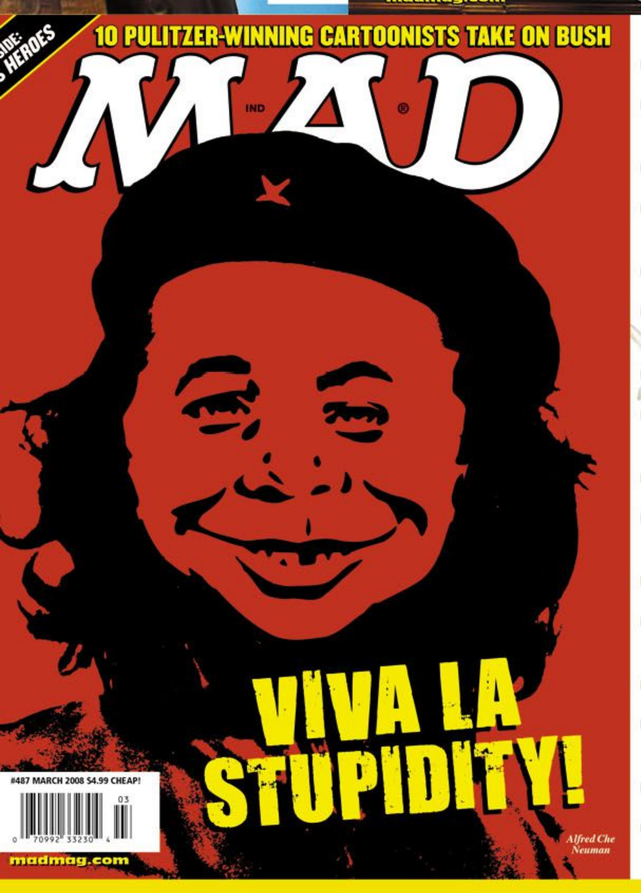

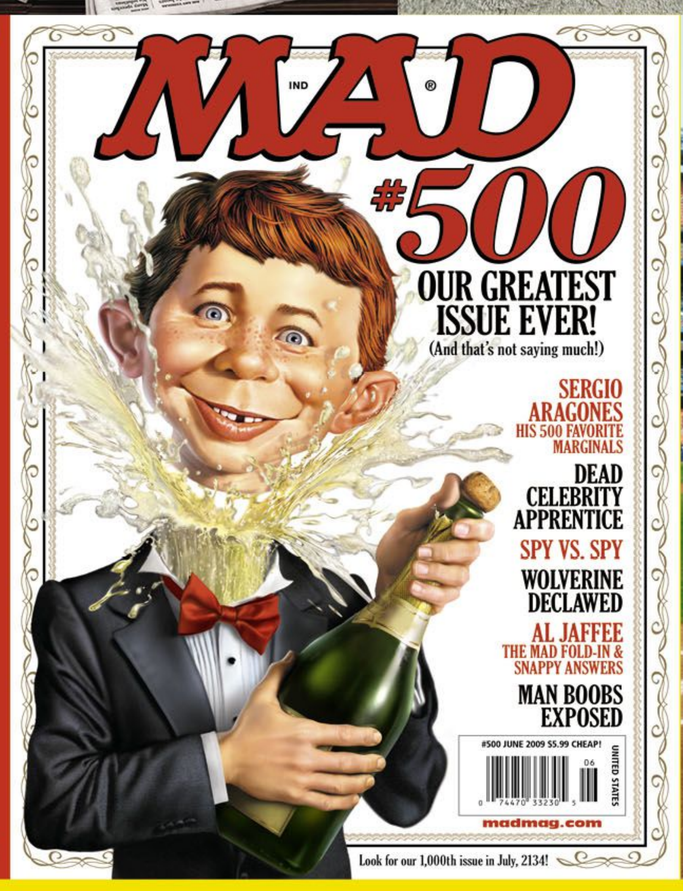

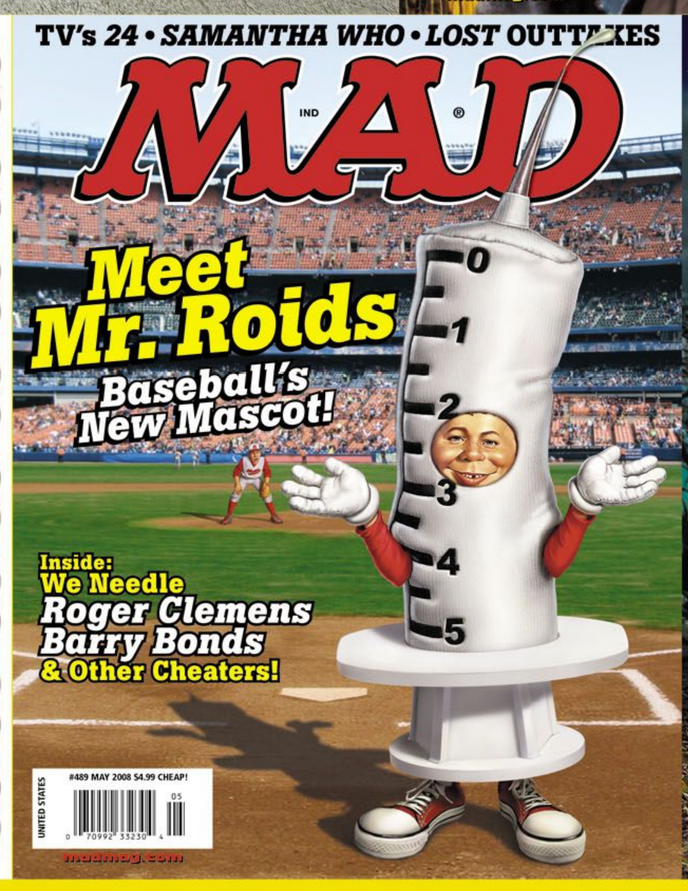

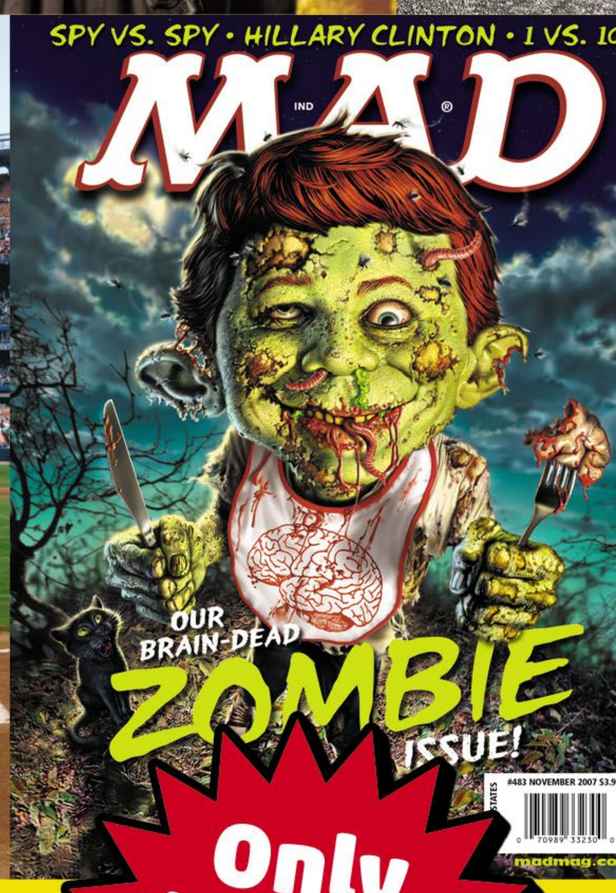

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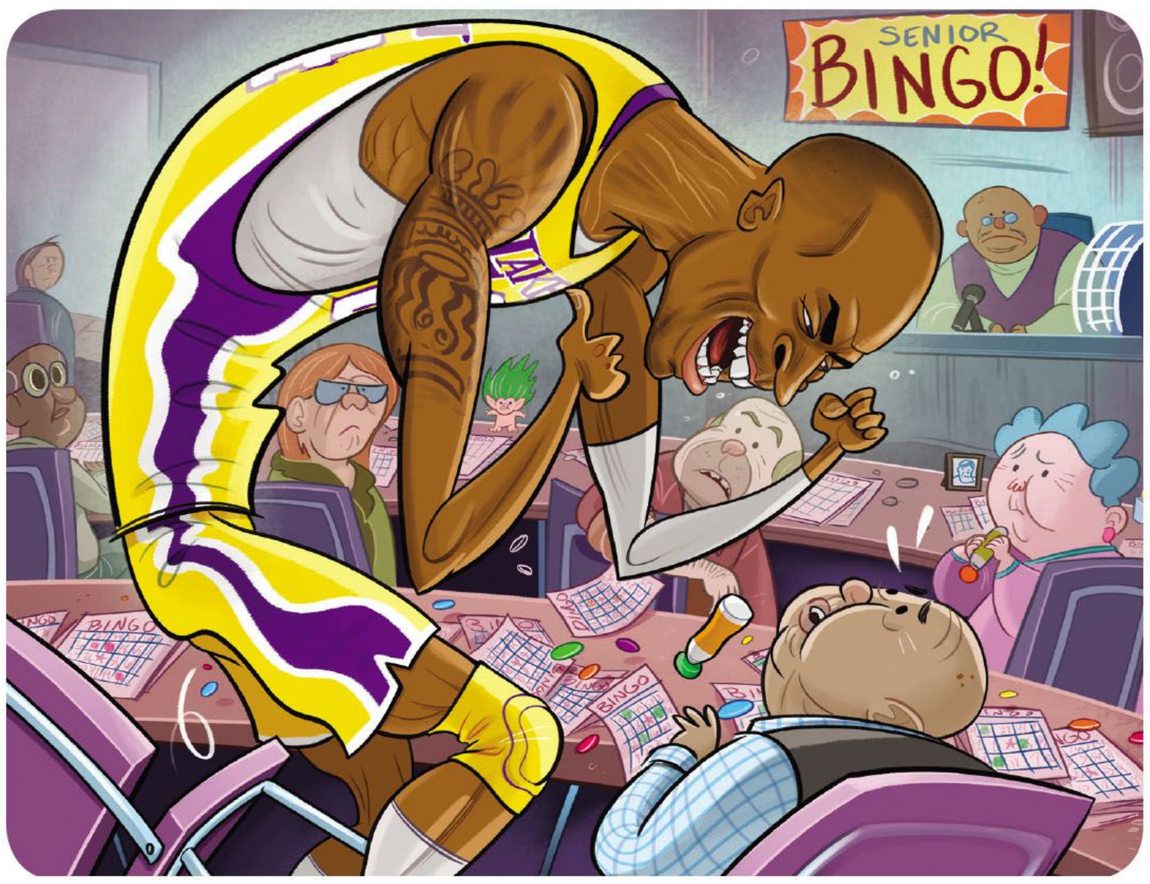
HOW KOBE BRYANT IS SPENDING HIS RETIREMENT

1. Reviewing video of himself watching last night's game, carefully assessing how effectively he sat there eating nachos
2. Setting up a youth basketball camp for precocious young athletes...and then just freaking *crushing* them mercilessly in a game of "HORSE"
3. Calling up sports radio shows and using various fake accents to discuss the greatness of Kobe Bryant
4. Dinner with the family: scored 81 pieces of meatloaf, but needs to work on passing the potatoes
5. Heading down to the retirement community center to show those losers who the "Black Mamba" of bingo is



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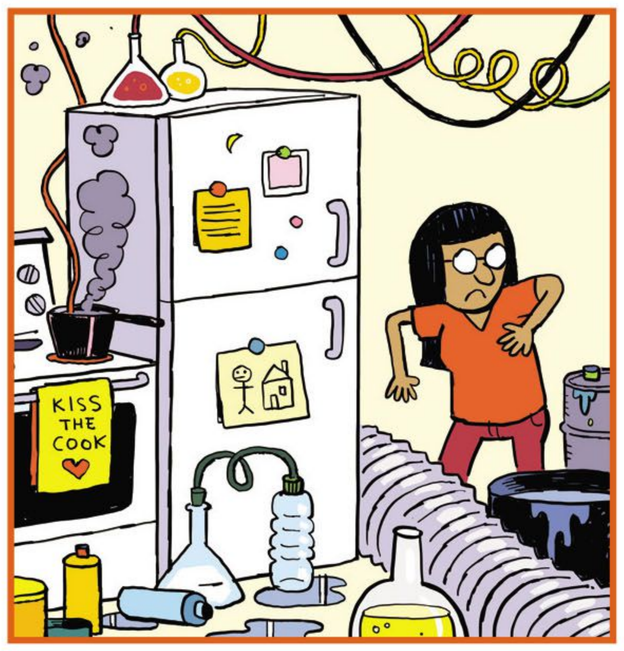
Signs That You've Chosen the Wrong Airbnb



It's difficult to get to the refrigerator because of the meth lab in the kitchen.

Once inside, you recognize the house from an episode of *Hoarders*.

The owner is what is politely termed a "cat lover."

Not only is the bed not made, it's occupied by the homeowner.

Writer: Mike Morse Artist: John Martz

WHEN CITY RECYCLING TRASH BINS GO TOO FAR

Writer: Dick DeBartolo

pages

Gimme a Flake

"That was when I sat on your shoulders and made you make terrible life decisions."

Writer and Artist: Emily Flake

The Startling Similarities and Differences Between BEYONCE'S *LEMONADE* VIDEO AND THE *GAME OF THRONES* SEASON 6 PREMIERE

Artist: Jonathan Edwards

	LEMONADE	*GOT*
• Featured bursts of pointless, unprovoked violence	✓	✓
• Was sixty minutes of tight, coherent storytelling	○	○
• Jay Z loved it	○	✓
• George R.R. Martin couldn't make heads or tails of the damn thing	✓	✓
• Had people scrambling to join Tidal	○	○
• Breasts were prominently displayed	✓	✓
• Offered a silly, cartoon vision of revenge	✓	✓

Star Wars Planet or Prescription Antidepressant?

1) Serzone
2) Devaron
3) Effexor
4) Felucia
5) Paroxetine
6) Dathomir
7) Celexa
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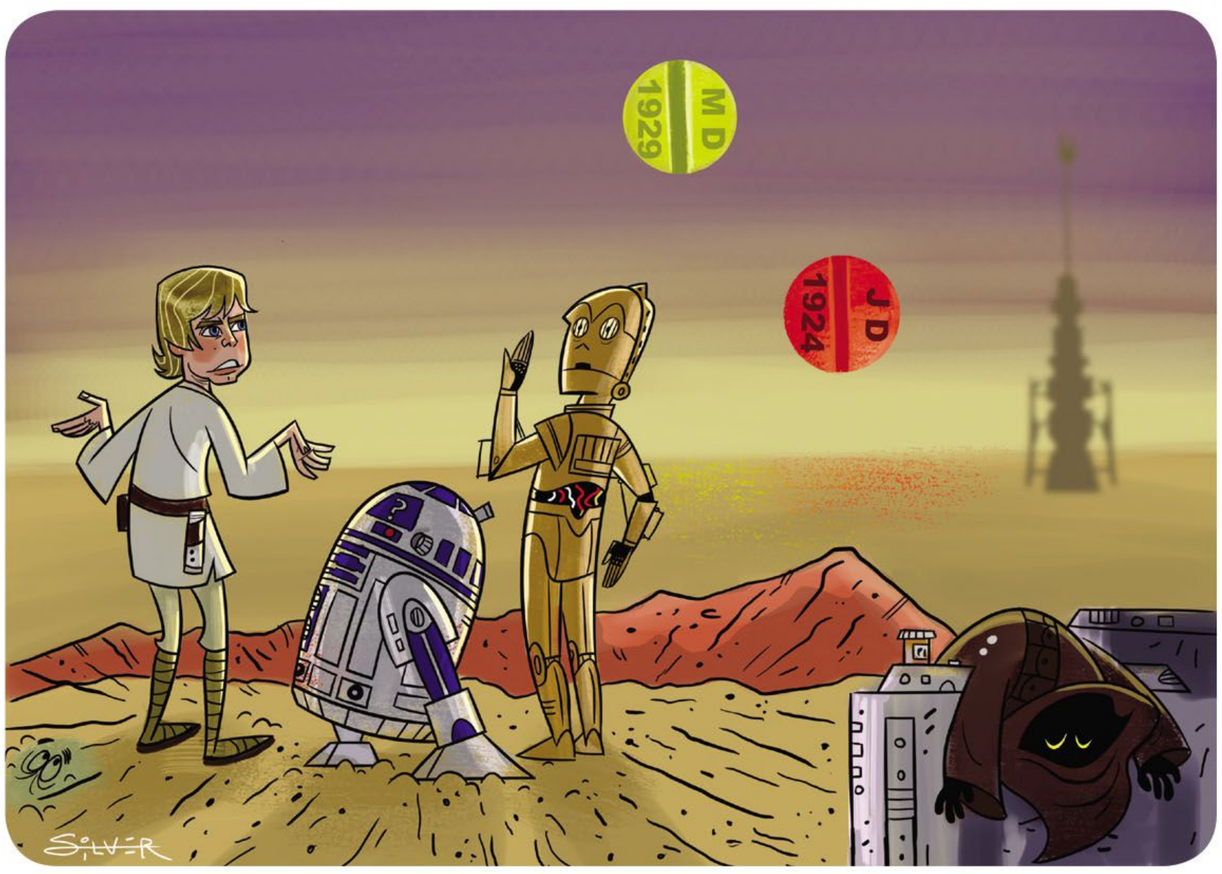
9) Fluoxetine
10) Concord Dawn



ANSWERS: Odd- numbered are antidepressants, even-numbered are planets

Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Stephen Silver

Dos Equis *presents* Fascinating Facts *about*

The *most* Interesting Communist *in the* World

Never let a 60-year embargo get in the way of obtaining a quality tracksuit.

Has outlasted nine U.S. Presidents (and is hoping for 10 once Hillary is elected and then impeached).

Has slipped in and out of America dozens of times posing as a member of Miami Sound Machine.

"I don't always smoke cigars, but when I do, I put them out in the eyes of political dissidents."

"STAY RUTHLESS, *my comrades.*"

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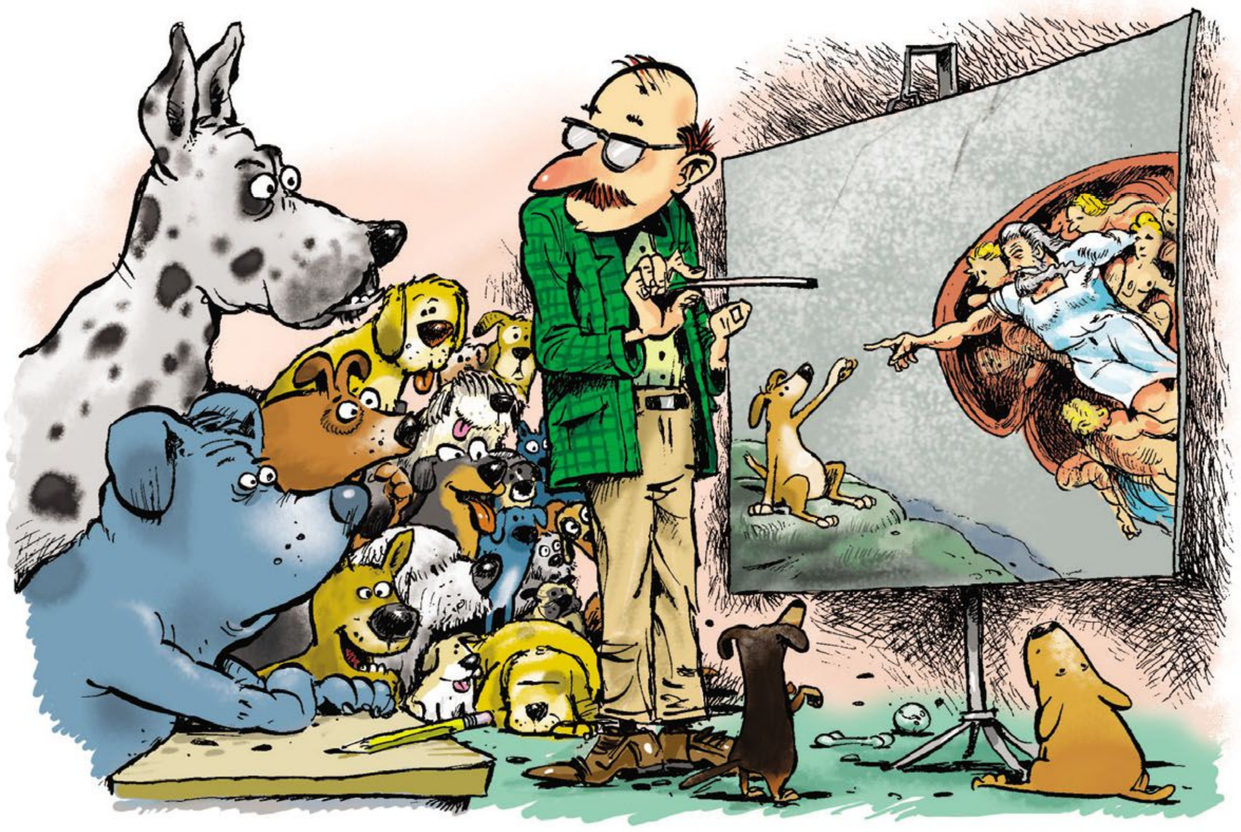
The Fast Five

THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT SUPREME COURT NOMINEE MERRICK GARLAND

1. Got his legal start writing for *Night Court* back in the eighties.
2. Has recused himself from the ongoing Drake vs. Meek Mill debate.
3. Often uses a human embryo in a jar as a gavel, worrying both sides of the abortion issue.
4. Has won praise from both Republicans and Democrats — which makes him highly suspicious in the eyes of both Republicans and Democrats.
5. Issued a highly controversial ruling that Intelligent Design may be taught in obedience schools, reasoning that, "Hey, they're just dogs."



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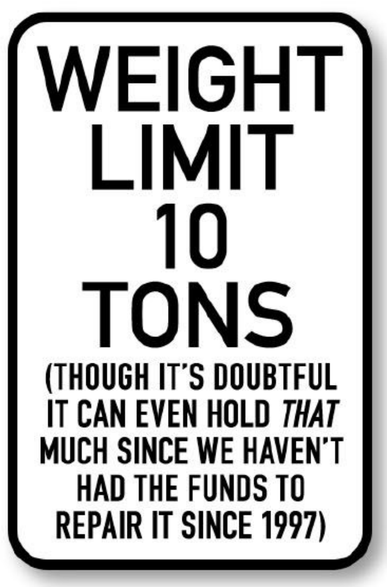
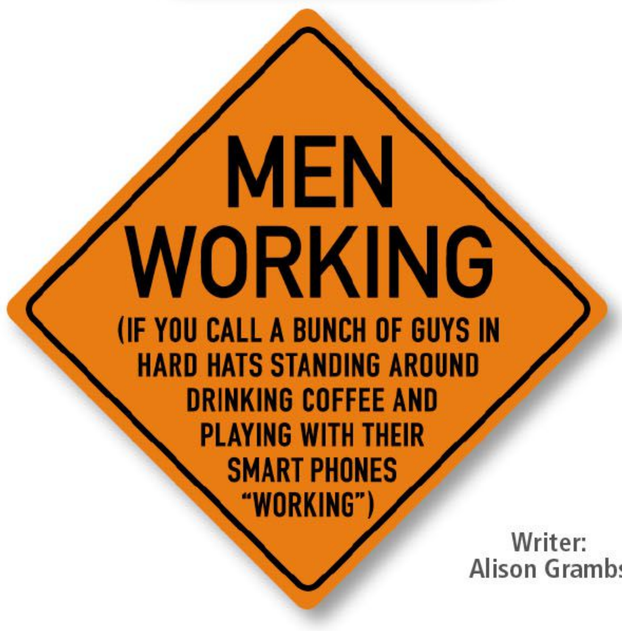
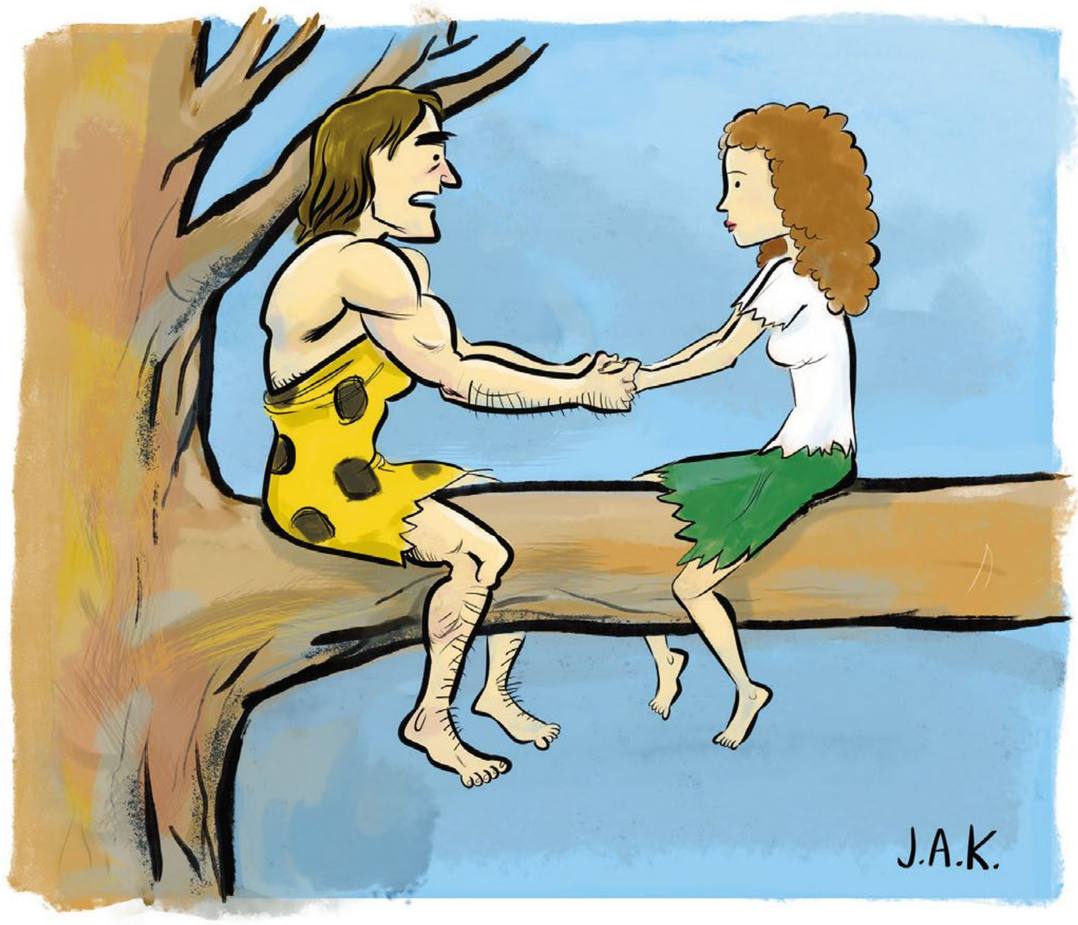
Unabridged Signs That Tell It Like It Is





Writer: Alison Grambs

Smells Like Katzenstein Spirit



"It not you, Jane. It me, Tarzan."

Writer and Artist: Jason Adam Katzenstein

HOW JUSTIN BIEBER CELEBRATED HIS 22ND BIRTHDAY

Renting out the VIP room at Chuck E. Cheese

Unwrapping presents given to him by his squad of sycophants and hangers-on

Getting a new tattoo that shows his growing maturity: a cartoon penguin smoking a joint on a hoverboard

Treating himself to a no-holds-barred shopping spree at Build-a-Bear

Trying not to think about how depressing it is that he peaked five birthdays ago

Dropping thousands on a lavish party that he'll regret when he files for bankruptcy in 2023

Artist: Sarah Chalek

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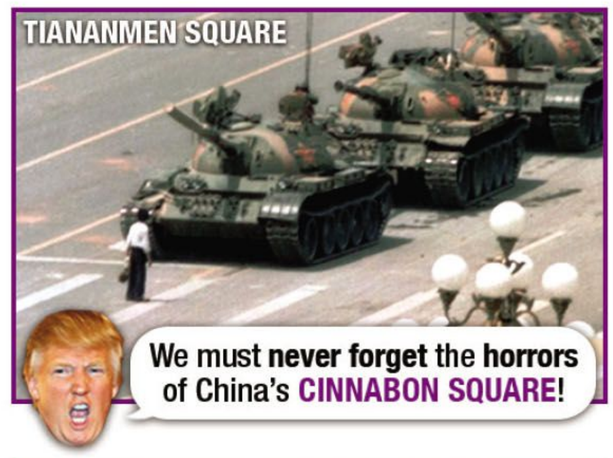
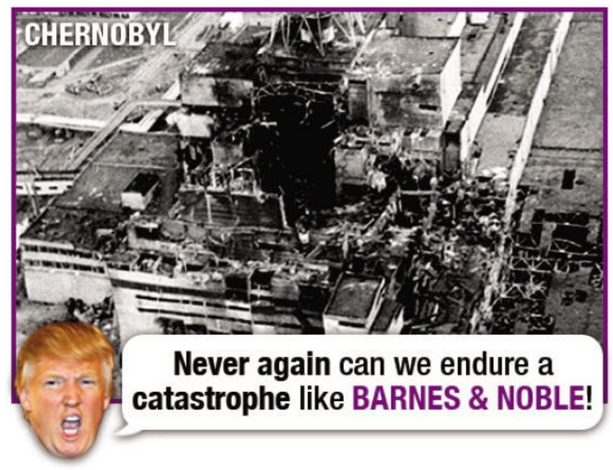
TRUMP RECALLS OTHER TRAGEDIES

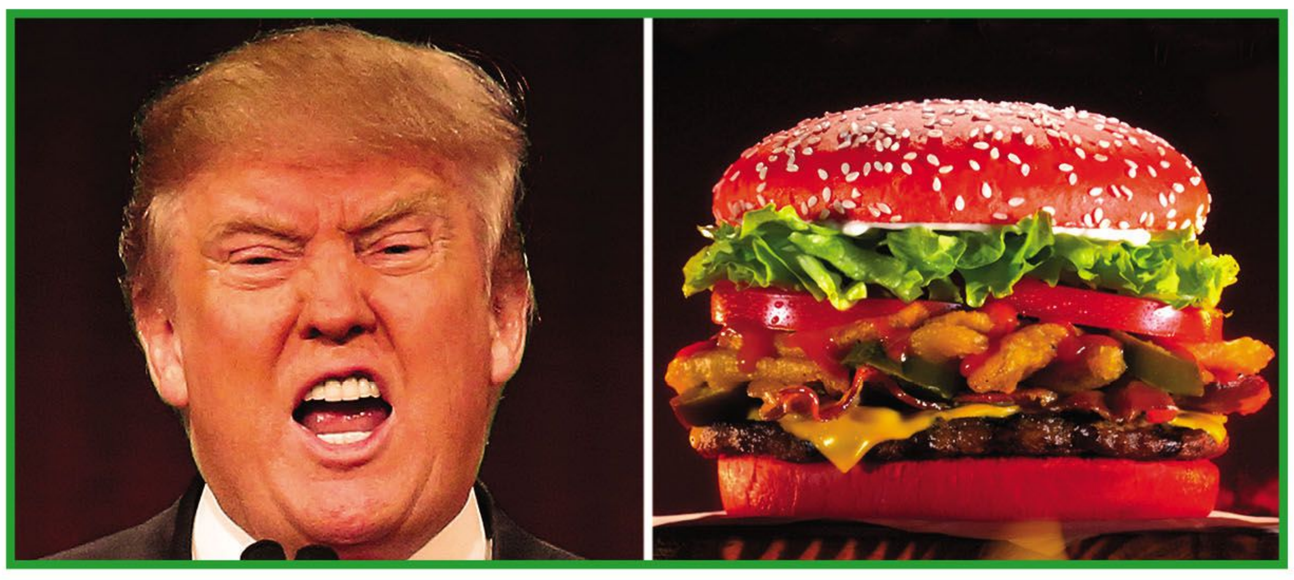
(Besides "7/11")





The Startling Similarities and Differences Between

DONALD TRUMP AND BURGER KING'S "ANGRIEST WHOPPER"



	TRUMP	WHOPPER
• Has a disturbing, unnatural orangey-magenta hue	✓	✓
• Appeals to people's basest appetites	✓	✓
• Is full of second-rate bull	✓	✓
• Has been at the dinner table of a lower-middle-class family		✓
• Might seem interesting at first, but you wouldn't want a steady diet of it for four years	✓	✓
• Can make America great again		
• Is the perfect, depressing embodiment of America in 2016	✓	✓

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TRIM 'N' FRAME YOUR OWN TRUMP UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA!

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BE IT KNOWN UPON THIS DAY THAT BY VIRTUE OF HAVING COMPLETELY MAXED OUT THEIR CREDIT CARDS IN ORDER TO PAY FOR A SHADY, UNINFORMATIVE AND DUBIOUS COURSE OF STUDY, AND WITH ALL THE HONORS AND PRIVILEGES PERTAINING THERETO (SO FAR, NONE),

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IS HEREBY AWARDED THE FABULOUS, FLASHY, ELITE AND EXCLUSIVE TRUMP DEGREE OF

B.S. — Been Suckered

THE ABOVE MENTIONED IS NOW FULLY QUALIFIED AT IDENTIFYING SLEAZY SCAMS PERPETRATED BY LOW-LIFE, POMPOUS HUCKSTERS MASQUERADING AS SKILLED BUSINESSMEN, HAVING JUST BEEN THE VICTIM OF ONE

Donald Trump

Undisputed Master of B.S.
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BATTYMAN v DUMB AND

HEE HO! I'M THE *RIDDLER*, *BATTYMAN'S* ALL-TIME GREATEST *ENEMY!* PLEASE DON'T *FACT-CHECK* THAT!

AND I'M *STUPORMAN'S* PESKY MAGICAL IMP NEMESIS, *MR. MXYZPTLK!* I'M FROM THE *FIFTH DIMENSION*, WHICH IS *FOUR* DIMENSIONS *MORE* THAN ANY OF THIS MOVIE'S *CHARACTERS* HAVE!

Grrr! Huff! I'm the **oldest, grouchiest** version of **Bruce Whine** you've ever seen. Usually I'm **Battyman**, but you can call me **Grumpy Bat!** It's nice being worth **$20 billion**, but I **used** to be worth **$22 billion**. It cost me **$2 billion** to develop this **Kevlar chin stubble!**

I run a **company** all day and hunt **criminals** all night. That's because I **hate** to **sleep**. I keep having **three** terrifying **nightmares**: my **parents' violent murder**, my mother's **bleeding tomb**, and scenes from the movie ***Gigli*!**

It's not **easy** being **Batty-man's butler**. Did you ever try to dust a **stalactite?** While Master Bruce **broods**, I'm in the **background**, isolated. When he **flies** his **plane**, I'm all alone inside a **video screen**. When he **fights**, I'm just a **faceless voice** on his headset. **Damn!** I'm **SO close** to **not** being in this **bloody movie at all!**

Some call me **Diana**. Some call me **Blunder Woman**. Some call me an all-too-brief **glimpse** of a much more **promising** movie! I come from the rarely-seen land of **women**, the **Lifetime Channel!** My **motives** are **mysterious**, to the point of being **underwritten**. All **you** need to know is that I **kick ass!** See? I have this **Amazonian metal headpiece**, and **Amazonian wrist shackles**, and an unbreakable **Amazonian lasso**...and for when things get **too kinky**, an **Amazonian safe word!**

NEED: EGGS, MILK, KRAPTONITE

ASPIRIN

This **s#%t** is bananas, **B-A-N-A-N-A-S!** 'Cause I AIN'T no **hollaback girrrrl!** I shall call him **Squishy** and he shall be **mine** and he shall be my **Squishy**. Shake **handy-hands** with **mega migga moi, Lax Truther!** I'm the only **scientific genius** who sounds like **Kanye West's Twitter feed** if he had a **catastrophic stroke**. I hates **Battyman!** I **triple** hatey-hates **Stuporman!** I also hate my **father**, I hate the **Senator** and I **really** must hate **Heath Ledger's Joker**, to be doing such a **god-awful impression** of him!

I never thought they'd bring **Battyman** and **Stuporman** together!

That was the **easy** part! I can't believe they dragged two entire **cities** together! For **75 years** in the **comic books**, **Gothic City** and **Necropolis** were **hundreds** of **miles** apart. Suddenly in **this movie**, they're **next-door neighbors!** It's like when **iPhone** switched from **Google Maps** to **Apple Maps!**

MIXXY AND *I* ARE YOUR *VILLAINOUS CO-HOSTS* FOR THE *BLOCKBUSTER MEGA-MOVIE* THAT *SUPERHERO FANS* HAVE SPENT *THREE YEARS* WAITING FOR — AND WILL SPEND MUCH *LONGER* TRYING TO *FORGET!*

THIS MOVIE HAS *POLARIZED* CRITICAL *OPINION!* BUT WHETHER YOU *HATE* IT, OR WHETHER YOU *CAN'T STAND IT*, YOU'RE SURE TO BE *DEAFENED* BY IT! IT'S A *TURD!* IT'S SO *LAME!* IT'S...

STUPORMAN JOYLESS

My **amazing powers** come from **exposure** to Earth's **Sun**. Which makes you **wonder** why I spend all my time in a **gloomy city** where the **Sun** never **comes out!** No wonder I'm **super-depressed!** Ever since the events in ***Man of Steel***, nobody **likes** me anymore. All of the **criticism** is so **unfair!** The way I see it, I've **saved 328,417 lives**, while I'm only directly responsible for the **deaths** of **328,412**. Which means I'm **plus-5!**

Maybe a **pep talk** from your **dead old dad** will cheer you up! **Remember**, son, trying to do **good** will always **fail**. That's what my **ghost** will tell you, in your **mopey mind**, during your **imaginary sulk hike** up a **frozen dream mountain**. A dull, meandering story about the time I was a **fake hero** who accidentally **drowned** my neighbor's **horses** while eating a **cake**. Seriously, **that's** in this movie, **exactly**. **MAD** couldn't think of anything **half** as **inane** as my **actual story!**

Make way for **Lois Lame**, crusading reporter for the ***Daily Pomegranate*!** I wrote a **front-page story** about a woman who was nearly **murdered** by **terrorists**, and another **front-page scoop** about a woman who fell off a **skyscraper** and **lived**, and a **third exclusive** about a woman who was saved from **drowning** in a **battle zone!** And **all three** of those women are **ME!** I always say, if you can't **find** the **news**, **BE** the **news!** Chew on **that**, **Woodward** and **Bernstein!**

Look at the **incredible parade** of **Oscar-nominated talent** they hired to try and **class up** this shlock! **Amy Adams! Holly Hunter! Laurence Fishburne! Jeremy Irons! Jesse Eisenberg! Ben Affleck! Diane Lane!** FIFTEEN **Oscar nominations** between them! And what people **don't realize** is that underneath all this junky **CGI**, *I'm* actually **Meryl Streep!**

It's the **director, Zack Snyder!** Even **off** the job, he's always **directing!** Look at him using his **cell phone** to take a **video** of his **baby daughter!**

Stop smiling! More anguish!

Boy oh boy! I can't **wait** until **Battyman** and **Stuporman fight!**

Nevertheless, you'll **have** to do **just that!** The **big fight** doesn't happen for another **two hours!** Suddenly, the **second season** of HBO's ***True Detective*** seems like it was **worth the wait!**

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

Oh, **come ON!** Not **again!** This is like the **78th time** we've been **shot!** That's it, **Martha**, no more **going out** to the **movies!** From now on, we **Netflix and chill!**

Grruhhh! I had the same old **nightmare** again!

That explains why your **sheets** are always covered with **guano!**

BLAM

Those two **freaks** have **wrecked** or **collapsed** nearly every **skyscraper** in **downtown Necropolis!** Except, ironically, the **Jenga Building!**

Evacuate! You need to get **out** of that **building NOW!**

If you could see our **pants**, you'd know that we all **evacuated ten minutes** ago! But **somebody** has to **stay here**. Who'll protect the **office suppliiiiiiiies?**

FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE "*WHEN* WILL IT BE *OKAY* TO TAKE *9/11 IMAGERY* AND TURN IT INTO *POPCORN MOVIE ACTION?*" *POOL*, WHOEVER HAD "*14 YEARS*" WINS THE *POT!*

Ever since **hundreds** of **thousands** were crushed to **death** in the **battle** of **Necropolis**, I have sworn to **preserve** all **human life**. That's why I'm ramming this **African terrorist** spine-first through the **softest stone wall** in the **compound!**

WE'VE NEVER SEEN *ANY-THING* LIKE *THIS* BEFORE!

I *KNOW!* FOR THE *FIRST TIME EVER*, SOMEONE FROM AMERICA *CARES* ABOUT A *TRAGEDY* IN *AFRICA!*

Inka dinka doo! **Greetings**, Senaturtles! Yes, it's **true**, I'm the **narratively credible CEO** of the world's largest **industrial company! Ptwang!!!** My sweet **LaxCorp** has **global holdings** in **oil**, **utilities**, **robotics**, **bioengineering**, **erotic origami**, **armadillo racing** and **loose meats!**

I share your **concern** about **Stuporman** unilaterally **killing** whoever he **chooses**, while being **answerable** to **no one**. T hat's what **drones** are for! Some call him a **hero**, but what's so amazing about an **indestructible man** from **space?** I'm a **Democratic Senator** from **Kentucky!** Which of us is the **rarer creature?**

Stuporman, it's **your fault** that I **lost** my **legs!**

Sir, I'm over **here**.

Whoops, **my mistake!** This **inert statue** has so much more **energy** and **personality** than **you** do!

UP, UP AND UP YOURS

THAT *STATUE* IS A MOVING *TRIBUTE* TO THE *MAN* WHO SINGLEHANDEDLY *SAVED* THIS *CITY*. IT'S BUILT OUT OF THE *SMASHED BUILDINGS* AND *HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS* FROM THE DAY HE *SAVED* THIS CITY!

Clark Kan't! You're writing tomorrow's **front page** story, **"STUPORMAN'S BRUTAL MURDER SPREE"!**

But he **saved** Lois.

Okay, so I'll **tweak** the **headline** to **"THANK YOU, STUPORMAN! OUR HERO DOES IT AGAIN!"**

Stuporman wouldn't have **HAD** to **save** me, if **I** wasn't **there** in the **first place.**

Tear up the front page! **New** headline! **"IDIOT EDITOR SENDS GAL REPORTER INTO TERROR DEATH TRAP!"**

Bazinga! I'm so **glad** you **all** could **come** to my **fancy shmancy party!** And by **"you all,"** I mean only **you three!** Everyone else in this room is as **disposable** as a **pet hamster** and as **anonymous** as a **seat-filler** at the **Academy Awards!** That's the **first** and **last** time this **film** will ever be **mentioned** in connection with the **Oscars!** Now watch me **nae nae!** Now watch me **whip!**

You want a **quote** for your **paper?** I am **not Battyman**. We are **not** at a **party** right now. I am **not** speaking **words**.

I **sense** that he's **lying**. But as an **American reporter**, I'm **forced** to **copy** down his **quote**, **print** it without **comment** and call it a **day!**

Heh heh! My **Bat-plan** worked to **perfection!** Infiltrate **Lax's party**, tiptoe **fifty feet away** to his secret **data bank**, which for obvious reasons is **unsecured** and located next to the **kitchen**. Attach a **flash drive**, without knowing **anything** about the **amount** of **data!** Wait a few minutes, scarf down a few **balsamic shrimp crostini clusters**, tiptoe back **down** and... what the **WHAT?** Hey, **mysterious woman** slinking away! Did you happen to see anybody fooling with my **info-sucky box?**

I need to **retrieve** the **data** more than **Bruce Whine** does. So I devised an **even better** plan. Wait around for somebody to **hack** the **system**, and then **snatch** their **device!** LaxCorp's files contain a **hundred-year-old photo** of me, which I've got to **acquire** for no special reason. Because if there's **one thing** we know about **digitization**, it's that if you can locate an **incriminating photo**, **no one else** will **ever** have a **copy** of it again!

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MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER MOVIE...

Hey, this is **MY** unintelligible precog **nightmare!** How'd **YOU** get into it, **random obscure figure?**

Cryptic remark! Garbled audio! Vague instructions!

WHAT A *TREAT!* THIS IS THE *ONE TIME* IN THE *MOVIE* THAT *BATTYMAN* IS AS PAINFULLY *BAFFLED* AS THE *AUDIENCE!*

My **hallucinatory desert dreams** are **right! Stuporman** is a **menace!** That's why I've GOT to **intercept** these **trucks** and get that **Kraptonite**. I need it to **protect** the **people!** As long as **Stuporman** is alive, no one is **safe** on these **streets!**

BAM!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
SCHOOL XING
FWOOOOSH!
POW!
POW! POW!

This **committee** is in **session**. Somehow we've given ourselves **jurisdiction** on what a **non-U.S. citizen** probably **didn't do** in **Africa!**

I, **Stuporman**, do **solemnly swear**. Then again, I do **EVERYTHING solemnly** in this dreary movie! My **#1 superpower** is **grimacing!**

EFSSSSSSSSSS

THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS

IN THIS SCENE, HIS ***SUPER-EARS*** CAN'T HEAR A ***BOMB*** THAT'S ***15 FEET AWAY*** FROM HIM. BUT ***LATER*** IN THIS ***MOVIE***, HE'S GOING TO BE ***THOUSANDS*** OF ***MILES*** AWAY AND HEAR ***LOIS LAME*** FALLING THROUGH THE ***AIR!***

What a **tragedy!** There were **eight U.S. Senators** at that **hearing!**

Yeah, it's a **tragedy** that the **other 92 Senators** were **someplace else!**

KA-BLAM!

Yeepy yelberton! My plan is working **plan-tastically!** The **public** blames **Stuporman** for the **explosion**, while **forgetting** all about the famous creepy **billionaire** who was the **only person** seen **exiting** the building **two minutes** before the **blast!** And that's **me!** Hi, **me!**

Oooh-wah, I spy with my little **eye** one little **wrinkle**. In **retrospect**, after seeing **Battyman** use a high-speed **armored tank** to try to steal my unique **Kraptonite meteor**, perhaps I **shouldn't** have put it inside a **breakable glass display case**. Incomprehensibly-costly **lesson** learned! In conclusion, Magilla, Magilla, **sarsaparilla!**

GUESS WHO?

Too late I learned this "**S**" on my chest stands for **self-doubt!** If only my **feelings** were **invulnerable**. And so I must trudge to a **frozen mountain** that may or may not be a **dream**, to see a **vision** that may or may not be my **father**, who may or may not be **dead** and hear his **advice** that may or may not make any **sense**. Only **then** will I achieve **clarity!**

AS ***HALF-ASSED*** AS THEY ARE, THE SCENES ABOUT ***BATTYMAN V STUPORMAN'S*** RIDICULOUS ***PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES*** REMIND ME IN A WAY OF ***SOPHOCLES'*** ANCIENT GREEK PLAY ***OEDIPUS REX***. MOSTLY BECAUSE I ***ALSO*** FEEL THE URGE TO ***BLIND MYSELF!***

I hate that **space alien** and everything that he stands for, so I'll use his **alien technology** to create an even **MORE destructive alien!**

Greetings, scraggly, coked-up **ginger**. What can I **create** for you?

How about a **plunger?** Krapton's **scientists** mastered **interstellar technology**, but their **plumbing sucks!**

An **excellent** idea to **train** to fight **Stuporman**, sir. Because an extra **10%** of **human strength** will **definitely** help **beat** a guy who can **fly** to **Saturn** and burn his **initials** into it with **heat vision**.

SADLY, A *GRUNTING OLD MAN* IN A *CAVE* BEATING A *TIRE* WITH A *HAMMER* IS THE MOST *UPLIFTING MOMENT* OF THIS STORY!

Ai-Yaaaaaiiiiiiiii-mmmpppphhh!

CROOX

AND BECAUSE *NINE SUBPLOTS* WEREN'T *ENOUGH*, MA KAN'T GETS *KIDNAPPED!* FOR THIS SCENE TO *WORK*, WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT *STUPORMAN'S MOM* WORKS ALL DAY, *ALONE*, KEEPING UP A *FARM*, AND THEN SHE ALSO HAS A *NIGHT JOB* AT A *DINER*.

WHICH MAKES *CLARK KAN'T* THE *WORST SON* IN *AMERICA!* CAN'T THE *LAZY JERK* JUST *SQUEEZE* SOME *COAL* INTO *DIAMONDS* FOR HIS *POOR MOTHER?*

Ai-Yaaaaaiiiiiiiii-yaaaaaiiiiiiiii!

BUT *HOW* DID *STUPORMAN* HAPPEN TO SENSE *LOIS* HAD BEEN *SHOVED* OFF THE *ROOF?* WASN'T HE *FAR AWAY* ON *GHOST DAD MOUNTAIN* IN *SASKATCHEWAN* OR SOMEPLACE? WHY DIDN'T *TRUTHER* PUT A CHUNK OF *KRAPTONITE* INTO HER *POCKET* BEFORE *PUSHING* HER? WHY WON'T *LOIS LAME* CALL THE *POLICE* AND TELL THEM THAT *LAX TRUTHER* THREW HER OFF HIS *BUILDING?* AND IF *TRUTHER* KNOWS STUPORMAN'S *IDENTITY* TO *KIDNAP* HIS *MOTHER*, WHY IS *LOIS LAME* NEEDED AS *BAIT* FOR THE *BAIT?* *WHY* DOES THIS SCENE *EXIST?*

THAT'S *NOTHING!* WAIT *20 MINUTES*, UNTIL *STUPORMAN* SOMEHOW NOTICES *LOIS LAME'S* FAINT *TAPPING*, WHEN SHE'S *UNDERWATER* AND COVERED BY A *CONCRETE SLAB*, WHILE HE'S GETTING *PUNCHED* IN THE *HEAD* BY A *5,000-POUND MONSTER!*

To save yo' **mama**, you must **defeat Battyman**. It's the **ultimate rivalry!** Bigger than **Coke** vs. **Pepsi! Dog** vs. **hydrant! Smurfs** vs. **Gargamel! Humidifiers** vs. **dehumidifiers! Smooth** vs. **chunky!**

Allow me to **explain** my **plan**. But unlike a **James Bond** villain's plan, **mine** makes absolutely **no sense!** I hired **African terrorists**, then waited for **Lois Lame** to feel like **interviewing** them, then **killed** them with experimental **prototype bullets** that work exactly like **regular** bullets! I knew the **government** would blame **you**, because **everybody** knows that Stuporman **shoots** people. Plus, **nothing** upsets the American public **more** than when **terrorists** get killed!

I had to cut a **deal** with the **Senator** to allow my **Kraptonite** into the **country**, because even though I was plotting multiple **mass murders**, I wouldn't want to get in any **trouble** with **Customs**. Meanwhile, I gave **Bruce Whine's** former **employee** a **bomb wheelchair**, to **blow up** the **Senate hearing** that nobody was **sure** whether you were going to **attend**. The jar of **pee** speaks for itself. **Any questions?**

Yes! If **you** and **Battyman** both wanted to **kill** me, why did you have to **trick** him into **fighting** me? Why didn't you just **team up?**

?

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER MOVIE...

AT LAST! AFTER THE LONG, DULL BUILDUP, WE'RE FINALLY ABOUT TO SEE WHAT WE WERE PROMISED! THE MAIN EVENT, BATTYMAN v STUPORMAN! BUT FIRST, THRILL TO BLUNDER WOMAN CHECKING HER EMAIL!

They think I was trying to **retrieve** my incriminating **World War One photograph**. But the photo I was REALLY **worried about** was the one of me having **sex** with **Babe Ruth** in a **Model T!**

But wait, what's **this?** Video of **unknown superheroes?** I guess I'd better **click** on them. And I'm talking every...**last**...**one**. Nothing **sells** next year's big-screen **blockbuster** like grainy **security footage** from an **ATM vestibule!**

I have vowed **revenge** against you for **wrecking** this **city**. So let's have a **big destructive fight**, also in this **city!**

Aw, **crud!** I've totally **forgotten** that I have **heat vision!**

Aw, **rats!** If only I'd used my **super-speed** to move **out** of the **way** when I saw him throwing a **Kraptonite grenade!** Or even **normal human speed!**

Aw, **shoot!** Why didn't I just **fly** in at **10,000 miles per hour** and **super-kick** his **Batballs** into **orbit?** Half a second, **fight over!**

Et tu, **Batty?** Save... **Martha...**

What did you **say? WHAT** did you **say?** If only I had **known** that **both** of our **mothers** were named "**Martha,**" why, we **never** would have had to **fight** at **all!**

THEY DID IT! THE SINGLE STUPIDEST ENDING TO A FIGHT IN MOVIE HISTORY. AND LEST WE FORGET, BOTH OF THEIR LAST NAMES ARE "-MAN"!

Clang, clang, clang went the **trolley!** The **blue space meatball** yet **lives**. Ohhh, **Dumbsday, Dumbsday, Dumbsday**, I made you out of **clay!** He's half **Kraptonian**, half **me**, and all **green screen!** But I call him a **labradoodle** anyway!

That's **illogical**. If you felt **I** was **too powerful** to be **trusted,** why would you create a **mindless beast** of **equal** or **greater Kraptonian power** who definitely **can't** be **controlled? Especially** when you thought I might be **dead** anyway?

LOOK AT STUPORMAN, TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS LOGICAL TRAIN WRECK AFTER TWO HOURS! RIDDLE ME THIS! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS SCREENPLAY AND KEITH RICHARDS' TEETH? KEITH RICHARDS' TEETH HAVE FEWER HOLES!

I'm going to **throw** something **heavy** at him, and then **punch** him. And if that **complex strategy** doesn't work, I'll try **punching** him and THEN **throwing** something at him!

And **I'll** be **hiding** behind these **brick walls,** pretending to have **any role** in **stopping** this **lumpy blob!**

And I'M going to **prove** that it is in fact possible to **smile** in this otherwise **ceaselessly depressing movie!** That's **another reason** I retrieved that **old photo**. A **worldwide war** and the **Spanish flu epidemic** remind me of **happier days!**

President Cipher, what is your **decision?**

We've been closely **monitoring** the situation for the last **four seconds**, and have **no idea** what's happening. I am sworn to **protect** the citizens from **harm**, so let's shoot a **nuclear bomb** at the two of them directly over **millions** of **people!** I bet the **survivors** will be **glowing** with **gratitude!**

At least that **nuclear bomb** fixed my **facial scar**, as nuclear bombs **tend** to do. And now, despite the **agonizing pain** from this **Kraptonite**, I must **sacrifice** my **life** to resolve my **inner torment** about the **intrinsic value** of **heroism**.

Why don't you just hand the **spear** to **me?** That **green stuff** doesn't affect me at all! And in case you haven't **noticed**, I'm the **only one** here who's actually been inflicting **damage** to the **Mucinex Man!** ***Blunder Woman*** — in **theaters** next **June!**

The **worst part** about **dying** is that **now** I'll apparently have to spend all my **time** with **Kevin Costner**.

Well, **maybe** you wouldn't have **had** to **die**, if you'd **THROWN** your **Kraptonite spear**. You know, it's **only** how a spear **works!**

THIS ***OBVIOUSLY BOGUS DEATH SCENE*** IS WHAT PASSES FOR ***EMOTION*** IN THIS STORY. BUT IT WAS ***SADDER*** WHEN ***ANTONY*** THE ***FLYING ANT*** DIED IN ***ANT MAN!***

I'm so **heart-broken**. I'm going to **deeply miss** that **total stranger** who I spent **years** plotting to **murder**.

The **entire world** shares your **random** and **arbitrary change of heart**, after seeing the **violent death** of a man that **tens** of **millions** had come to **fear** and **despise**. Which means there's still **hope** for **Bill Cosby!**

WELP, THERE YOU HAVE IT. ***STUPORMAN*** IS ***DEAD***. IT'S ***TRUE*** THAT THROUGHOUT COMIC BOOK HISTORY ***9,254 SUPERHEROES*** HAVE BEEN "***KILLED***," AND ALL ***9,254*** OF THEM WERE BROUGHT ***BACK*** TO ***LIFE***. BUT ***9,255*** IN A ***ROW?*** THAT WOULD BE ***PUSHING IT!***

Now that **Lax Truther** is in **jail**, that created a **job opening** for the **next** free-associating **billionaire a-hole** who slaps his **name** on **everything**, and hates **undocumented aliens!**

I don't like **heroes** who **die**. Believe me, if any **caped loser** is going to leap **tall buildings** in a single **bound**, that **building** is going to say "**TRUMP**" on it! And **Stan Lee** is going to **pay** for it!

Let's **hope** our **planet** blows up next. And **soon**, **before** the **election!**

HEY, DON'T ASK ***ME*** FOR ***HELP***. I'M THE ***MASTER*** OF ***RIDDLES*** AND ***WORD-PLAY***, BUT I NEVER EVEN ***UNDERSTOOD*** WHAT THE HELL THE TITLE ***DAWN OF JUSTICE*** WAS SUPPOSED TO ***MEAN!***

IT'S TIME FOR ***ME*** TO SAY THE ***BACKWARDS LANGUAGE*** THAT WILL GET ME ***OUT*** OF HERE: ***!SKCUS EIVOM SIHT***

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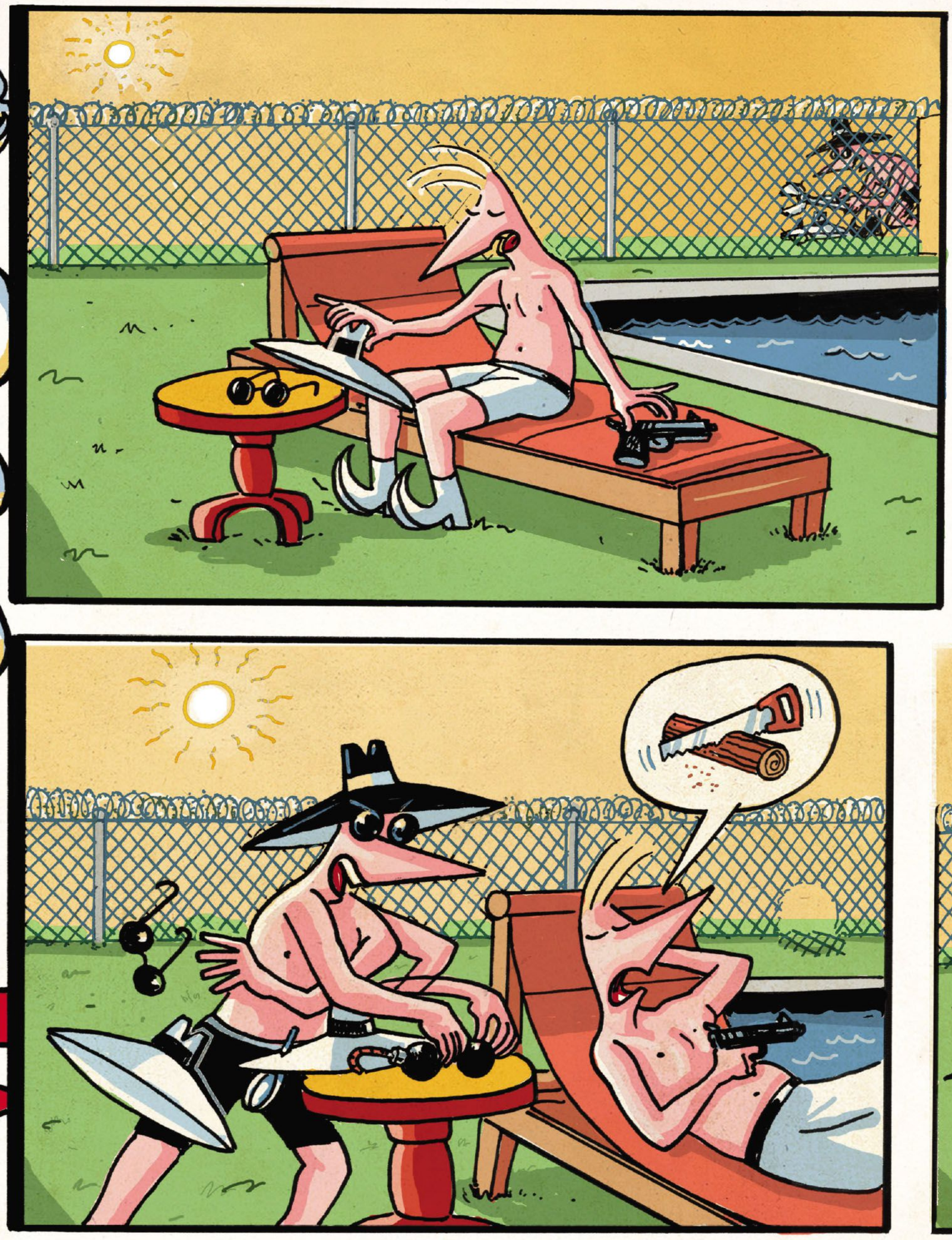

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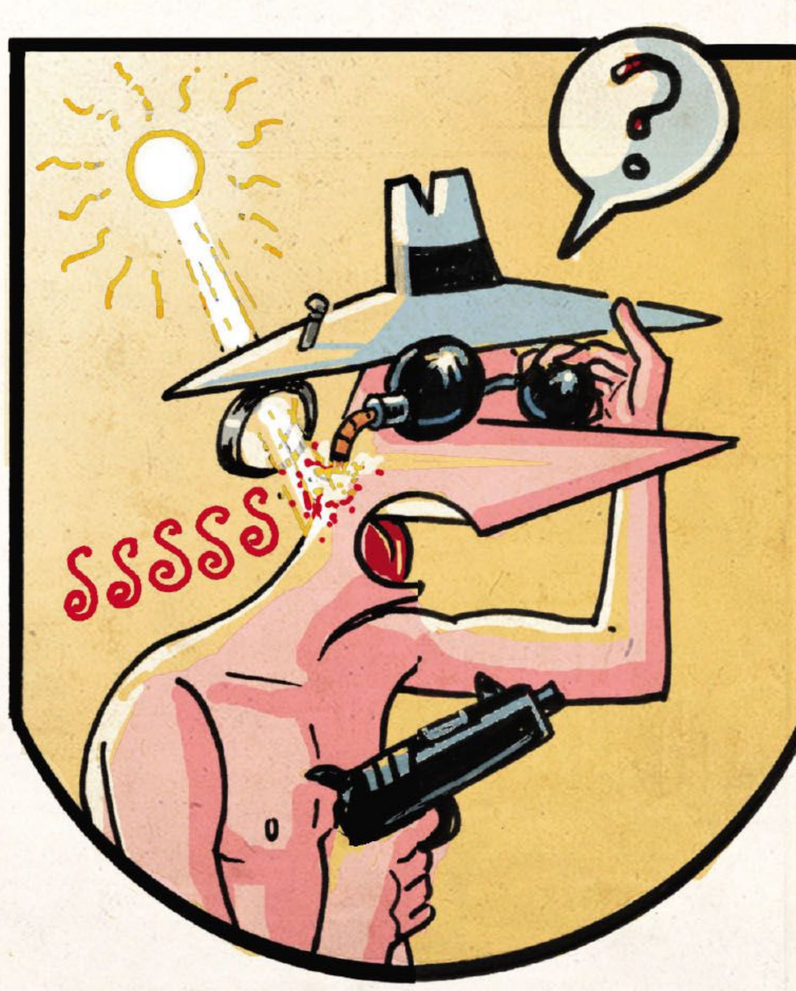
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SPY vs SPY

WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

KUPER

And lo, it came to pass that the carrot-hued man with hair of finely woven grain did say, "Nothing beats the Bible, not even *The Art of the Deal*." And there was much rejoicing, and even more chortling. And the man spoke again, and he did say, "What's my favorite book?

Donald vs. The

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

— Luke 12:15

It's hard for me to turn down money, because that's what I've done in my whole life. I grab and grab and grab. You know I get greedy. I want money, money.

— Donald 2/23/2016

When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.

— Luke 14:13

I don't like losers.

— Donald 7/18/2015

When a sentence is not executed at once against a crime, the human heart is encouraged to do evil.

— Ecclesiastes 8:11

I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, okay? It's, like, incredible.

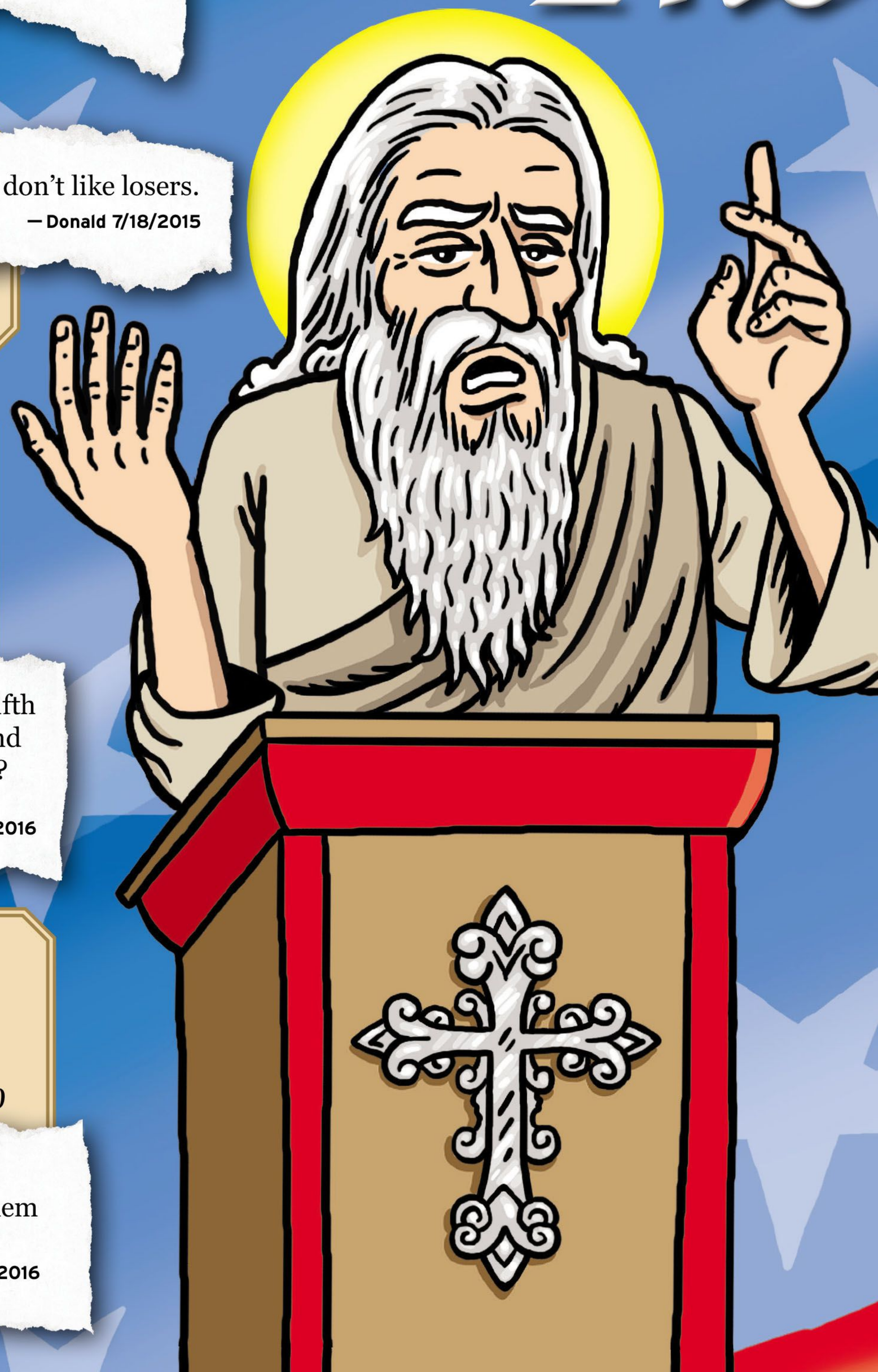
— Donald 1/23/2016

And if any man will sue thee, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

— Matthew 5:40

Throw them out. Throw them out into the cold. Don't give them their coat. No coats!

— Donald 1/7/2016



WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: WARD SUTTON

The Bible!...We take the Bible all the way!" And there was great tumult, and the cable news did rend asunder. And the man spoke unto the masses for a third time, proclaiming, "The Bible means a lot to me, but I don't want to get into specifics." But we do!

Trump Bible

Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter...They are close relatives, and this would be a wicked act.

— *Leviticus 18:16-17*

She does have a very nice figure. I've said if Ivanka weren't my daughter, perhaps I'd be dating her.

— **Donald 3/6/2006**

I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

— *Matthew 5:39*

When someone crosses you, my advice is "Get Even!" That is not typical advice, but it is real life advice. If you do not get even, you are just a schmuck!... I love getting even.

— **Donald 11/1/1987**

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

— *Proverbs 18:15*

We won with poorly educated. I love the poorly educated.

— **Donald 2/23/2016**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

— *Proverbs 28:13*

I don't think I've made mistakes. Every time somebody said I made a mistake, they do the polls and my numbers go up, so I guess I haven't made any mistakes.

— **Donald 8/15/2015**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

— *Exodus 20:16*

An extremely credible source has called my office and told me that Barack Obama's birth certificate is a fraud.

— Donald 8/6/2012

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

— *Matthew 5:5*

Show me someone without an ego, and I'll show you a loser. Having a healthy ego, or high opinion of yourself, is a real positive in life!

— Donald 7/19/2012

Do not associate with a simple babbler.

— *Proverbs 20:19*

[Lincoln] was a man who was of great intelligence, which most presidents would be. But he was a man of great intelligence, but he was also a man who did something that was a very vital thing to do at that time. Ten years before or 20 years before, what he was doing would never have even been thought possible. So he did something that was a very important thing to do, and especially at that time.

— Donald 3/31/2016

Do not say, "I will repay evil." Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.

— *Proverbs 20:22*

If you see somebody getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the crap out of them, would you? Seriously. I will pay for the legal fees, I promise.

— Donald 2/1/2016

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

— *James 3:13*

Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest—and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault.

— Donald 5/8/2013

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PLANET TAD!!!!!

»NAME: TAD »AGE: 14 »WEIGHT (IN TADS): 1

JULY 2, 2016

My baby brother Kevin is two and a half months old now. He seems fine. Everyone says things like,"Oh, he's so sweet!" But it's not like he really has much of a personality — what he mostly does is sleep and scream. The best way I can describe it is, it's sort of like having an angry potato in the house that poops.

JULY 4, 2016

Today's Independence Day, and there were fireworks in our neighborhood. I don't get why Katy Perry thinks it's praise to say, "Baby you're a firework", because as best I can tell, that means that you're noisy, smelly, terrifying to dogs and can blow someone's hand off.

JULY 7, 2016

Hoo boy. This morning, our doorbell rang. Which was weird, because we weren't expecting anyone. And it was my Grandma Judy.

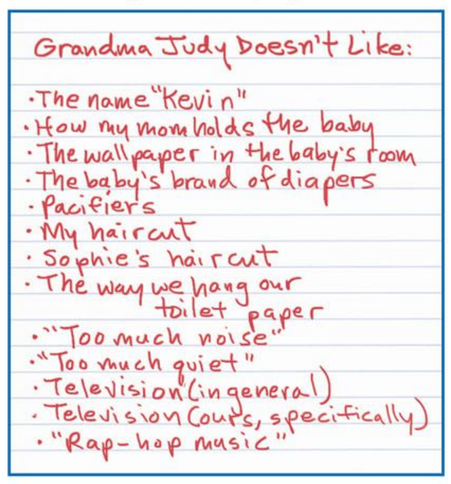
This is not good news. My Grandma Judy is my dad's mom. She's kind of bossy and a know-it-all, and I know she annoys my mom, because whenever her name comes up, my mom clenches her fists without even realizing it.

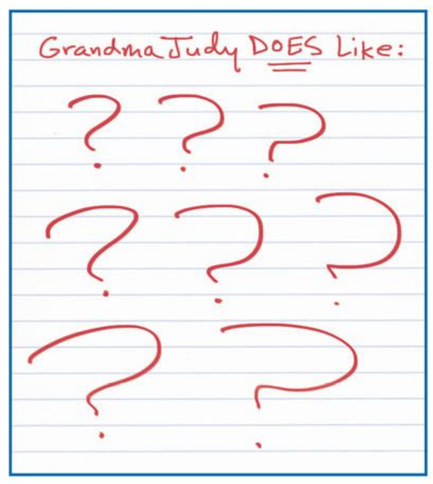
Anyway, Grandma Judy said, "I've come to help with the baby!" And my mom said, "Why didn't you call ahead?" And my Grandma Judy said, "Oh, I just knew you'd be too busy to pick up. I'm sure you're in way over your head here. By the way, your bangs look terrible — you really need to get them trimmed."

And then my mom grabbed her coffee cup so hard it broke.

JULY 8, 2016

Well, my Grandma Judy has only been here a day, and she's already given us her opinion on everything my mom is doing wrong with the baby. I've started keeping a list of things Grandma Judy has said that she either likes, or doesn't like:





JULY 9, 2016

Today, my mom made pasta salad for lunch. But Grandma Judy said, "I hate pasta salad. It's like eating salty, oily worms." And my little sister Sophie said, "It's true! I don't want to eat pasta salad, either!" And Grandma Judy told my mom, "Don't worry — I'll just make us a sandwich. Just show me where the bread is." And so my mom found it for her. Then, when my mom sat down, Grandma Judy said, "One more thing: where's your cutting board?" And so my mom got up and showed her. And then she said, "Where's the cheese?" And then my mom just sighed, got up and made a sandwich for her.

When she sat down, Grandma Judy looked at my mom and said, "Look at those bags under your eyes! The baby is really making you tired!" And my mom said, "Uh-huh." And Grandma Judy said, "You're lucky it's not twins! Can you imagine taking care of two babies at once?" And my mom muttered, "Oh, I'm getting a sense of what that would be like."

JULY 10, 2016

Do the kids at Hogwarts take any normal subjects, like math? I feel like I never see that mentioned in the books. As best I can tell, you can graduate from Hogwarts knowing how to kill someone with two words, but not, like, how to figure out the tip on a check in a restaurant. (Although, I guess if you can kill someone with two words, no one will ever complain.)

JULY 11, 2016

I got in trouble with my parents today. My little sister Sophie saw an ad for "The BFG" and asked what it stood for, and I took a guess, based on the term "B.F.D." (It turns out, the "F" is for "Friendly".)

JULY 11, 2016

Today, my mom was burping Kevin when Grandma Judy grabbed him out of her arms and said, "You're doing it wrong! Let me show you!" And that's when Kevin puked all over Grandma Judy's face. I don't think I've ever seen my mom laugh louder or harder. Hours later, at dinner, she was still cracking up.

JULY 12, 2016

Oh, man. My mom just called Sophie and me into the baby's room, and asked us why all of Kevin's clothes were on the floor. Then my Grandma Judy poked her head in and said, "Oh! I did that. They were folded wrong, so I took them all out. I folded one right, to show you how to do it — see?" And she pointed to a folded onesie in the closet. Then she said, "Honestly, I don't know how you've managed so far without me!" And my mom said, "This is my third child."

But by then, Grandma Judy had moved on to pulling stuff out of the linen closet and re-folding the towels.

JULY 13, 2016

So, today my dad came to me and my sister Sophie and said, "It's your mom's birthday tomorrow. Did you guys get her anything?" And Sophie said, "I got her a card two weeks ago!" And I said, "It's her birthday?" And my dad said, "OK — I need you two to do something special for me, all right?"

JULY 14, 2016

Grandma Judy was in an awful mood tonight. At dinner, she told my mom all about the terrible day she'd had: "First, Tad told me he'd forgotten to get you a birthday present, and so we had to drive to the florist to get you some flowers — and he kept insisting that none of them had your favorites, so we had to go to five different ones! Then Sophie asked me to show her how to French braid her hair, and I swear, it's not that difficult, but she kept doing it wrong and making me show her again from the beginning. And then Tad wanted me to show him how to fold laundry, and Sophie needed help organizing her bookshelves — I swear, I feel like I haven't seen you or the baby all day!" And my mom looked at Sophie and me. And we looked at her. And we whispered, "Happy birthday!" And my mom hugged us both super-hard.

LATEST TWEETS

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 2m
Is there a more upsetting name for a store than The Body Shop?

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 7m
I learned that dogs' noseprints are unique, like fingerprints. Good news, I guess, if I ever need to defend a dog falsely accused of murder.

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 29m
Pizza Hut is named for the least appetizing possible place in which to make or eat a pizza.

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 1h
Does anyone know who Taye Diggs is or why he's following me on Twitter?

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 1h
A good way to walk a mile in someone else's shoes is to go to a bowling alley at least once a week.

PLANET TAD @PlanetTad 2h
How did "windbreaker" come to mean a jacket, and not "a really polite term for someone who farts a lot?"

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Captain America

Captain Underpants

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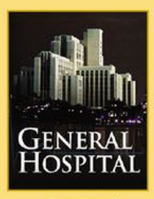

General Hospital

General Tso's Chicken

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Tad visited:

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- Flowers Flowers Flowers
- The Enchanted Florist
- Petal Pushers
- Bloomtown
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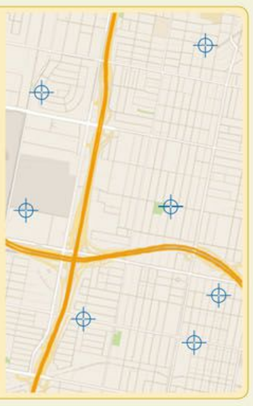

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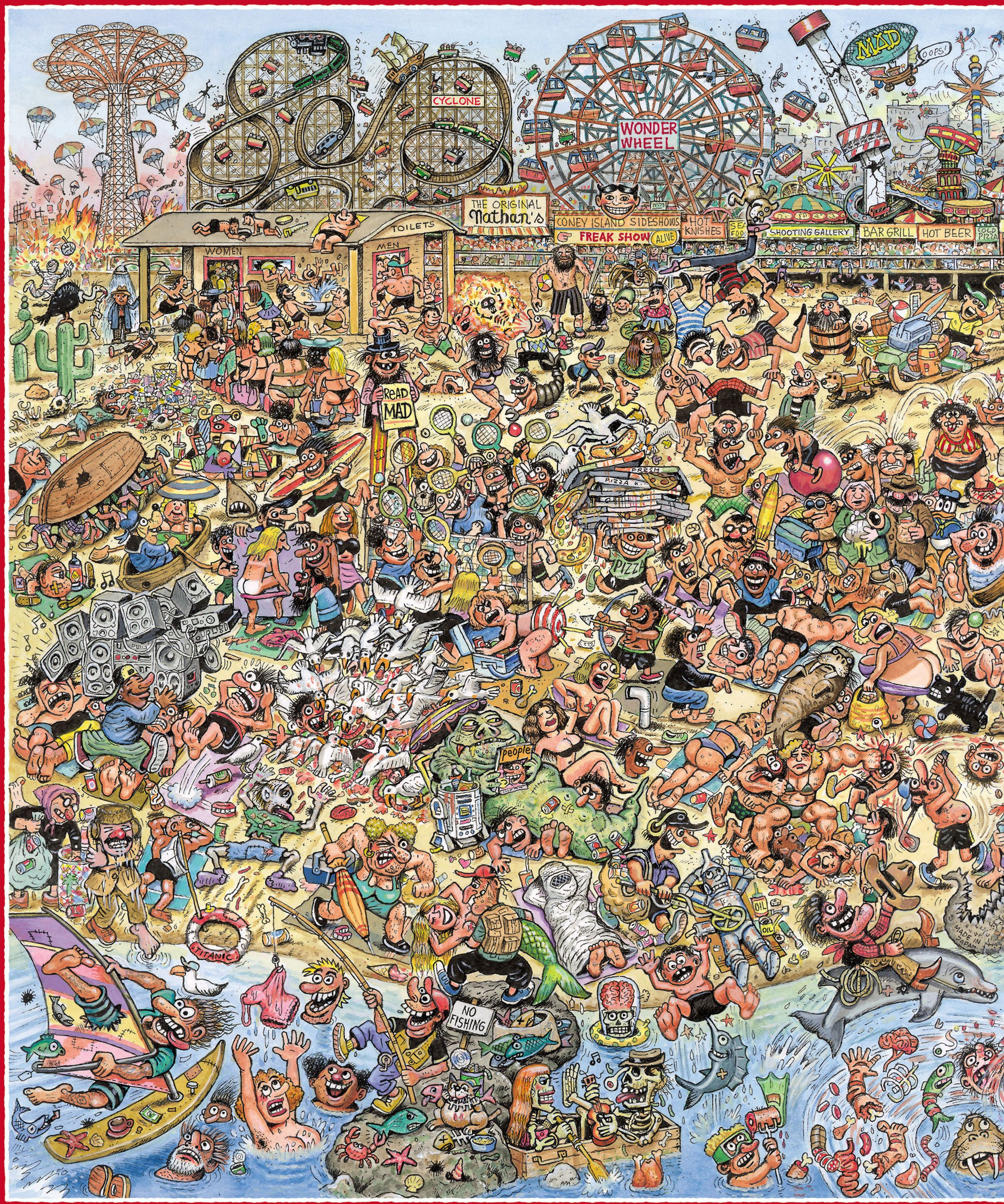


VISITS CONEY ISLAND

To generate even more interest in the Olympics, organizers have considered adding modern sports to the games. We think this is a great idea—especially if they choose these...

New Olympic Events That AMERICANS Are Sure to Win

WRITER: MIKE MORSE
ARTIST: JOHN KERSCHBAUM

THE 10,000 METER DRIVE-AND-TEXT

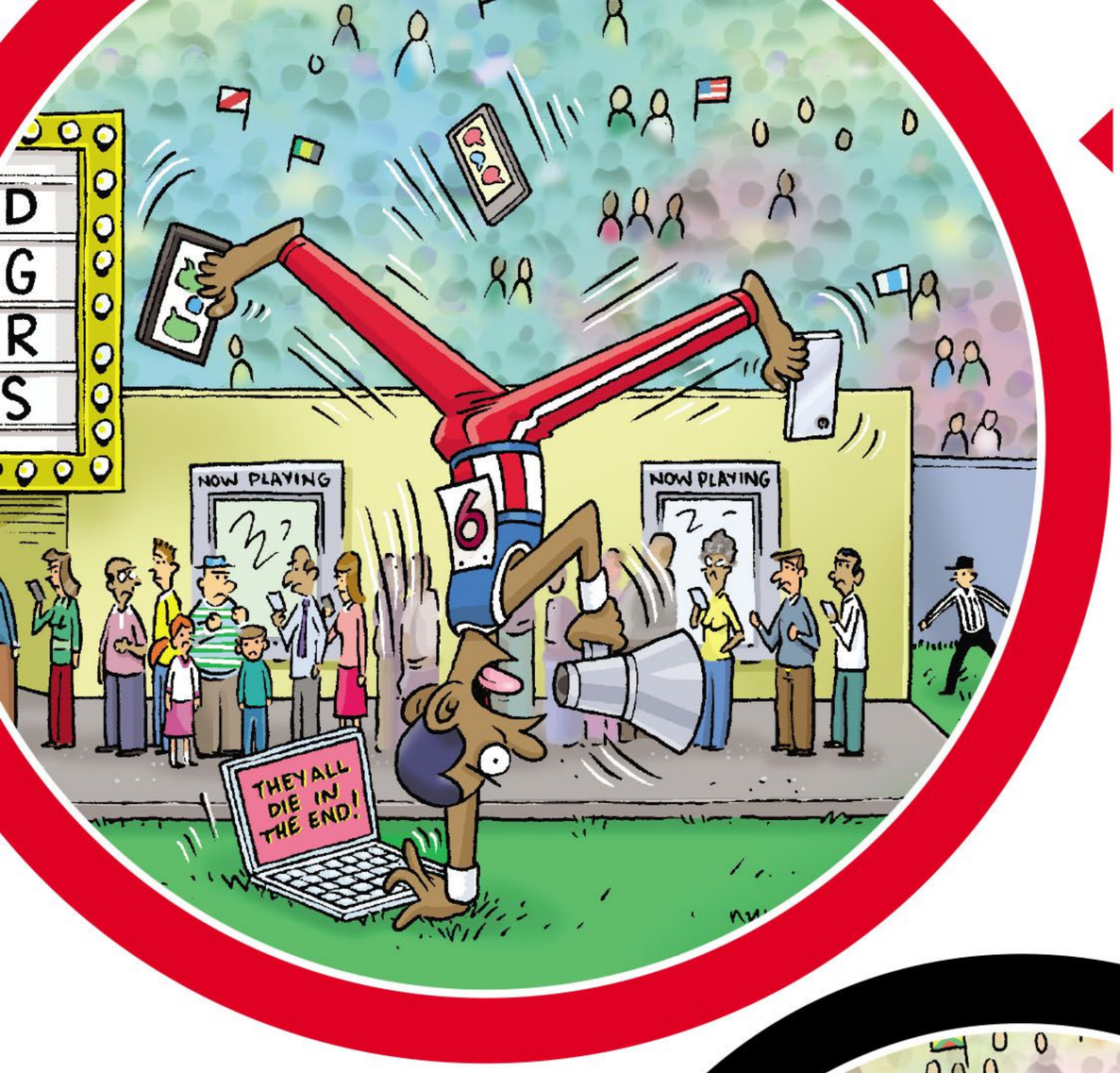
Competitors must complete an obstacle course while carrying on a long-winded text conversation with a friend who has just broken up with her boyfriend. Scores are based on spelling, punctuation and how many things they hit while searching for just the right emoji.

SYNCHRONIZED SELFIES

Commitment to duck face, control of the selfie stick and avoiding photobombs are all requirements for taking home a medal in this event. Each selfie must contain a team of three athletes: the phone owner, her best friend and the girl the best friend brought who for some reason thinks she has to be in the photo even though she's, like, totally not part of the group.

CRAFT BEER TASTE-TEST TIME TRIALS

Pretentious craft beer drinkers from around the world vie for the title of World's Biggest Beer Snob. Contestants must be able to make condescending remarks about a brew's "hoppiness" and use words like "complicated" and "risqué" without getting punched in the face. Olympic officials have warned that any athlete who tests positive for Coors Light will be disqualified.



FREESTYLE SPOILER-ALERTING

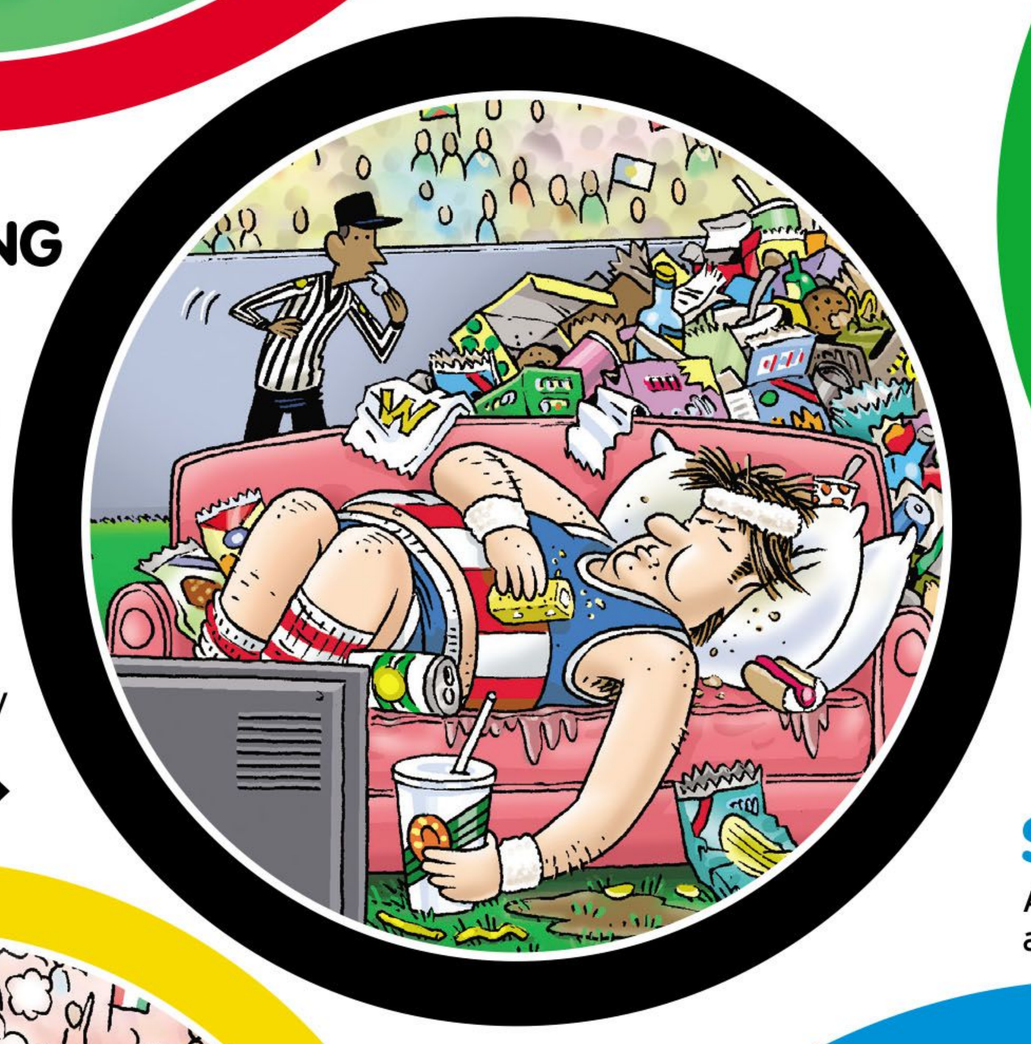
Each athlete has 30 minutes to reveal a movie's surprise plot twist and ruin the film for as many people as possible. Coordination and dexterity are put to the test as the contestants simultaneously tweet, phone, blog and shout out the movie's ending to passersby. The gold medal will go to whichever competitor is beaten most savagely by enraged film lovers.

BARISTATHON

Coffee servers from around the world display their skills in a variety of events, including "Most Imaginatively Misspelled Name on Coffee Cup," "Avoiding Eye Contact With the Customer," "Worst Drink Order Mix-up" and "Refusing to Pick up the Pace Even Though There's a Line Out the Damn Door."

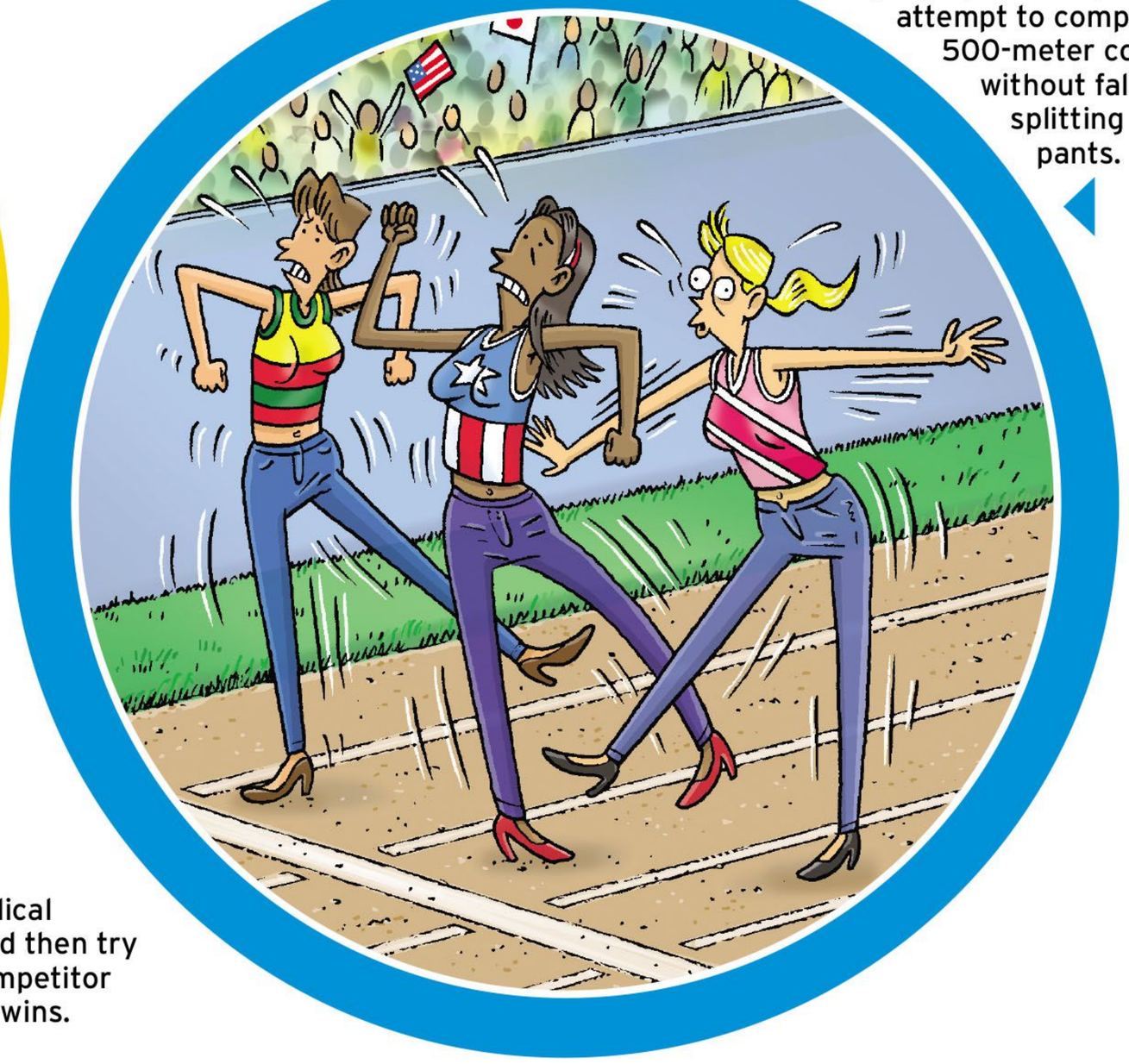
MARATHON TV BINGE-WATCHING

A true marathon for the modern era, competitors lay on couches and binge-watch their favorite shows until they fall asleep (or, if they're watching C-SPAN, pass out from boredom). Points are taken off their final score for using the bathroom, eating something remotely healthy, fast-forwarding or engaging in any type of personal hygiene.



SKINNY JEANS 500 METER RUN

At the starting gun, athletes wriggle into their tightest and most fashionable jeans. Once the jeans are ruled sufficiently zipped by a panel of judges, the competitors attempt to complete the 500-meter course without falling or splitting their pants.



EXTREMELY HIGH JUMP

After having been provided with prescriptions for medical marijuana, athletes smoke a crazy amount of weed and then try to jump without falling down and giggling. The last competitor to remember where they are and what they are doing wins.

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN ARTISTS: RICK GEARY AND JUSTIN PETERSON

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR

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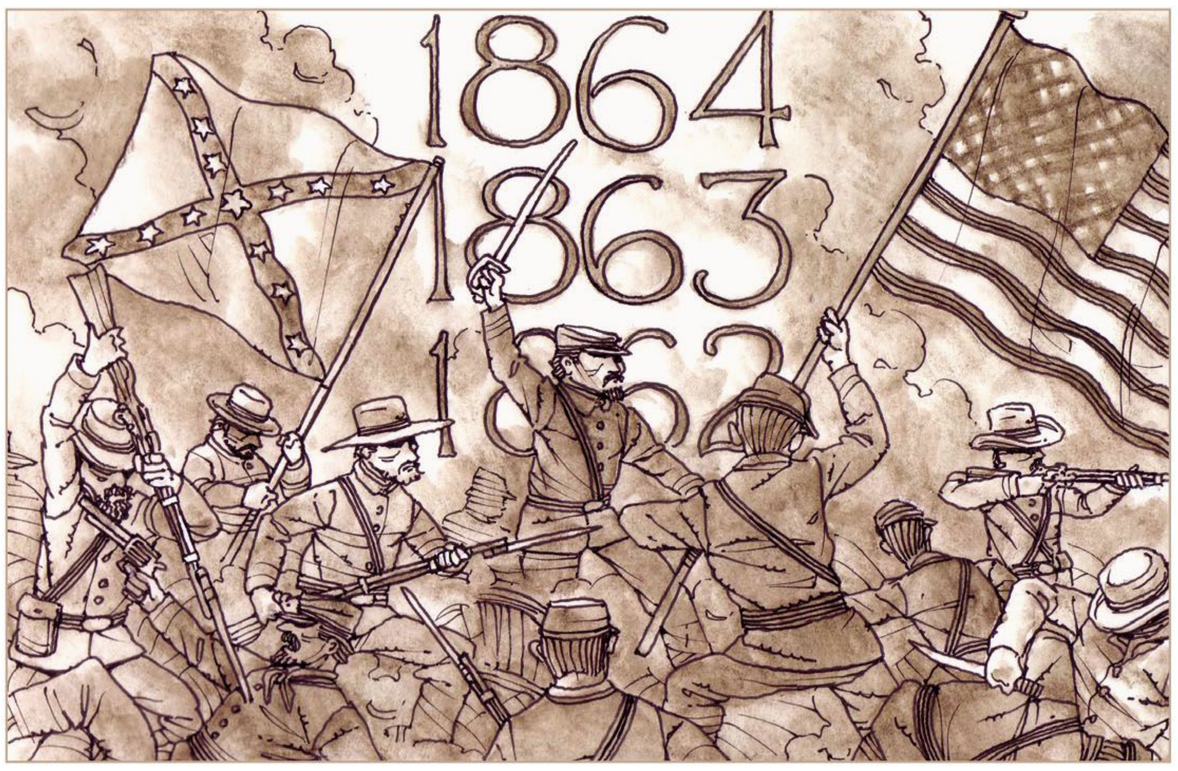
CAPTAIN AMERICA CIVIL WAR

The latest Captain America movie is subtitled "Civil War" because it pits good guy against good guy. (Which, so far as we know, has never been done in a comic-book movie!) This is a bold choice for Marvel, given America's own Civil War. But while the title might seem like an easy marketing ploy to drum up attention, there are plenty of similarities between the two conflicts — so many that we had to compile them here, with...

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...



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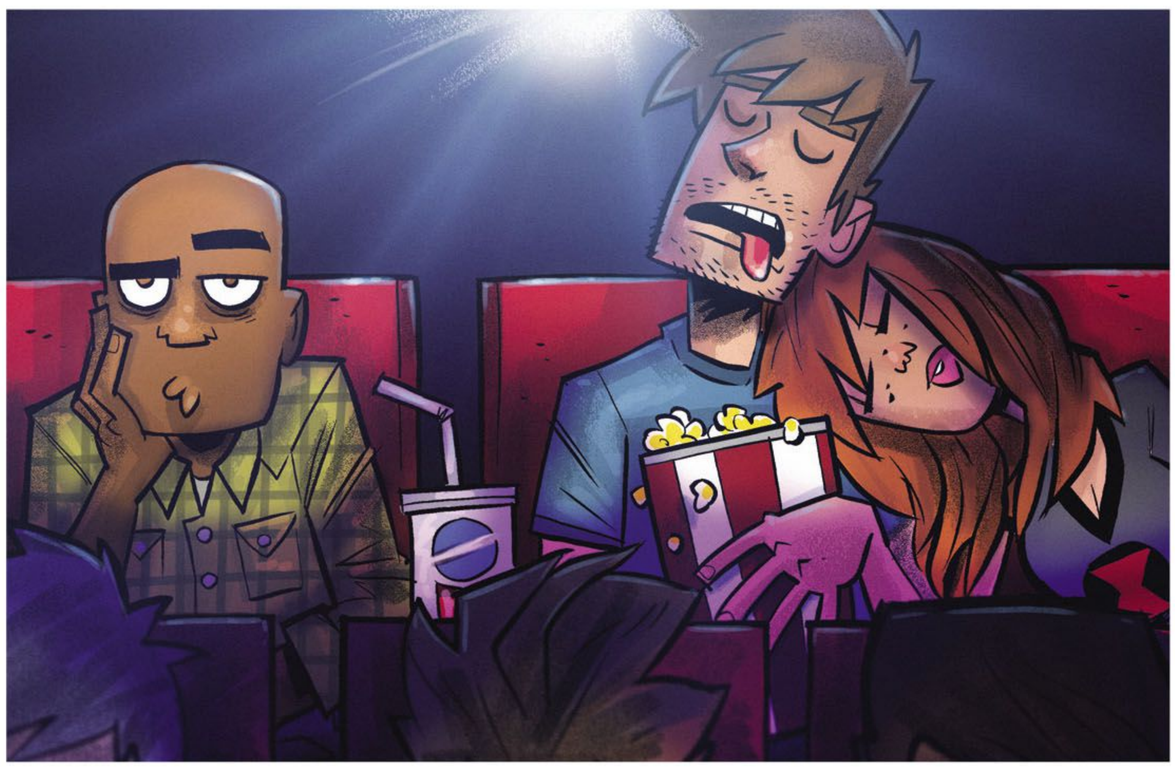

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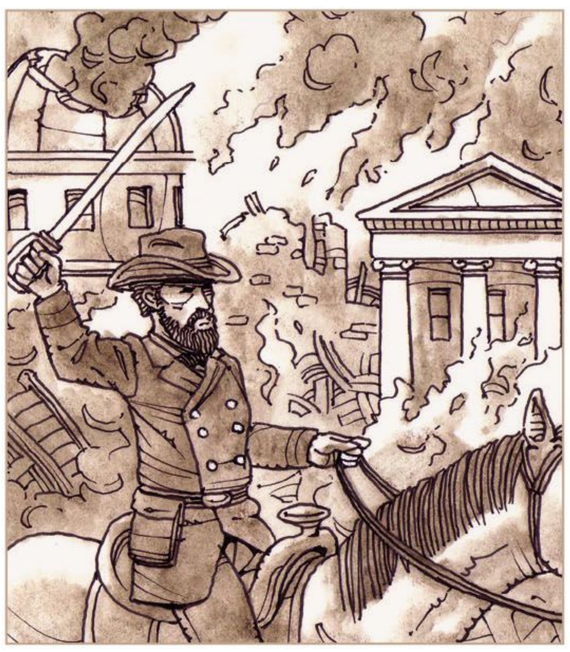


... proved that "war is hell" as General Sherman marched through the South.

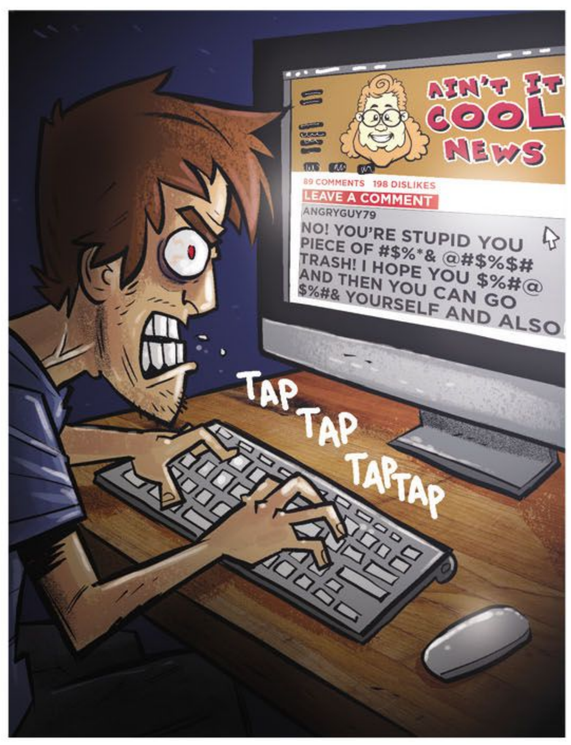
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...

... proved that moviegoing is hell as the actors chewed through the scenery.

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...

... pitted brother against brother on the battlefield.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...



... pitted nerd against nerd on the Internet.

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...

...gave us the Gettysburg Address, which was written on the back of an envelope.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...

...gave us a nonsensical plot that was written on the back of a cocktail napkin.

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...

...was responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...

...was responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans' brain cells.

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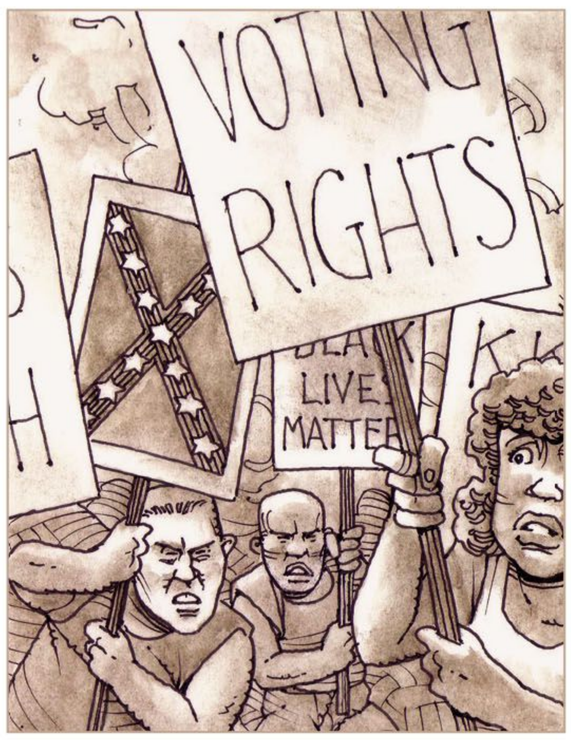
AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...

...inspired the phrase, "The South shall rise again!"

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...

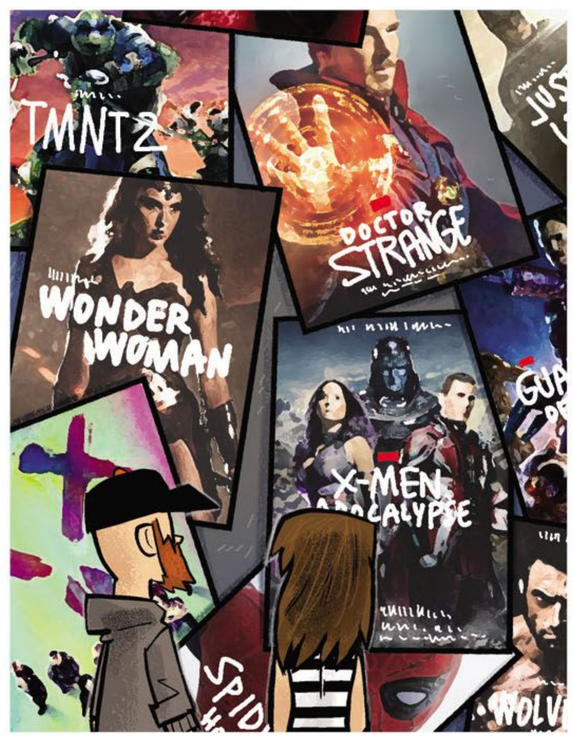
... inspired the phrase, "Jesus, that was only part ONE?"

AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR...



... is still a divisive issue, 150 years later.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR...



... was forgotten in a month.

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I'LL SEE YOU IN HELMET DEPT.

No one ever gives enough credit to Stormtroopers! Sure, Darth Vader, the Emperor and Kylo Ren are all cool, but they'd be nothing without the support of their faithful troops! It's an important job — but not everyone is up to the task! So, before you assist the dark side, you'd better do a little light reading!

THE OFFICIAL STORMTROOPER RECRUITMENT PAMPHLET

JOIN THE FIRST ORDER!

SEE THE GALAXY! **SERVE YOUR MASTER!** **ENJOY AMAZING BENEFITS!**

WRITER: DAVID RICHARDS ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

THE FIRST ORDER: OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS ACTION!

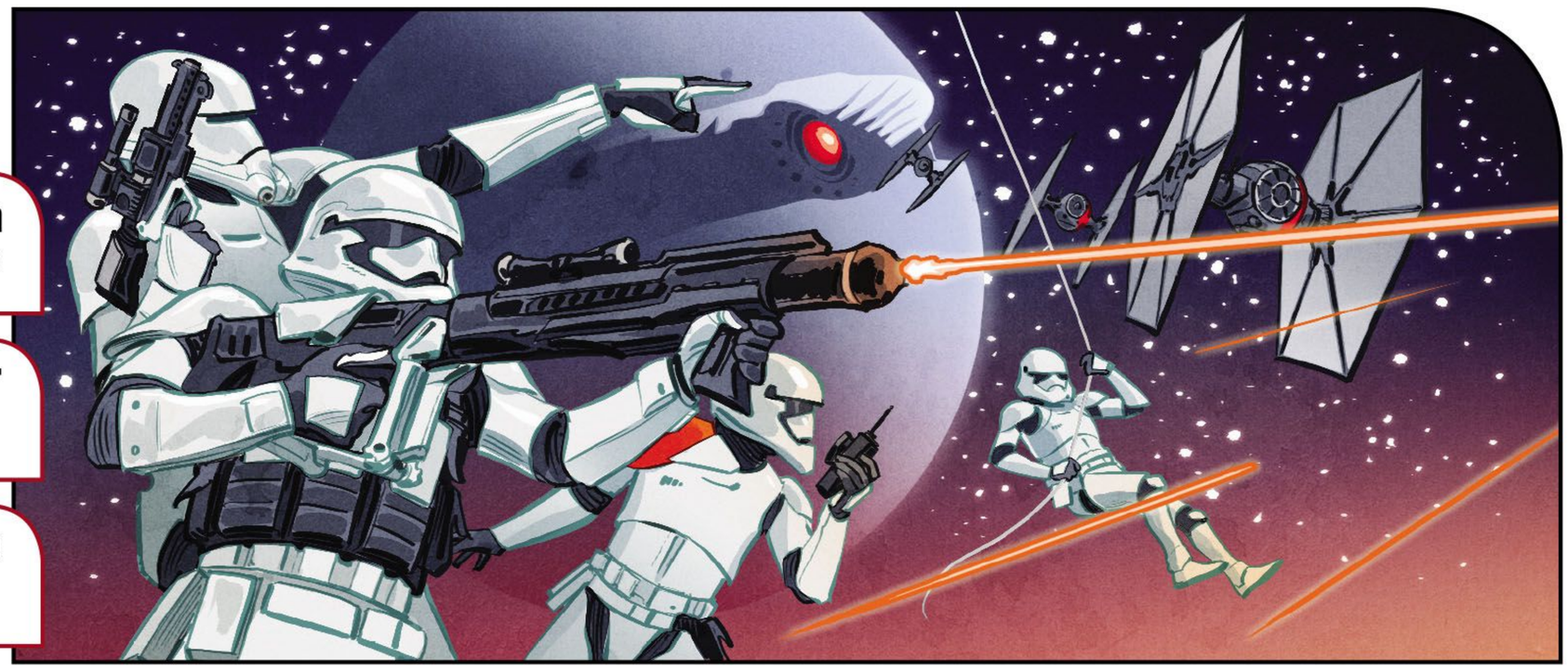
ADVENTURE. EXCITEMENT. A JEDI CRAVES NOT THESE THINGS...BUT YOU DO!

Do you have what it takes...

...to be part of a growing team?

...to bring order to the galaxy?

...to wear white plastic armor?



Then you're ready to be a Stormtrooper!

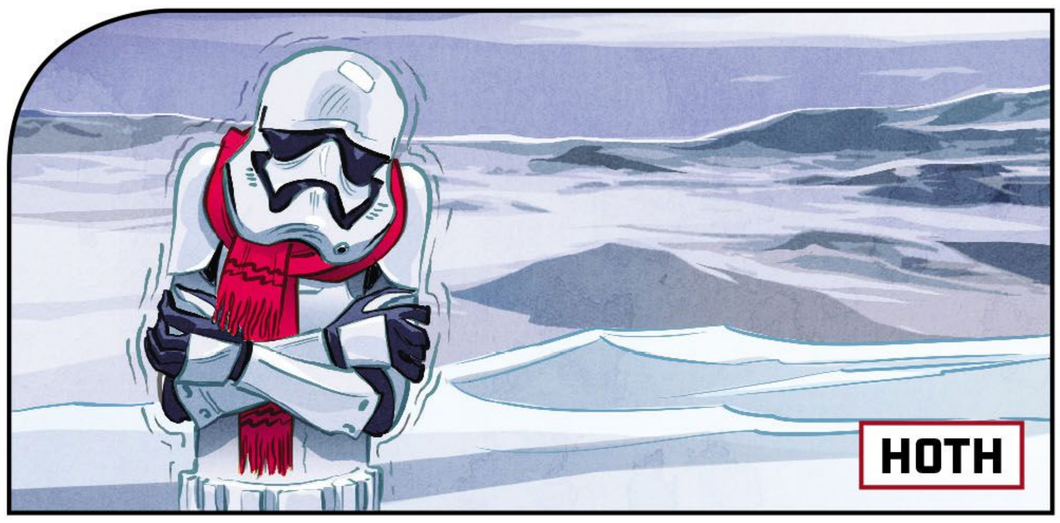
Since its earliest days during the Clone Wars as an ambitious little startup known as the Galactic Empire, our organization has been a leading provider of fascism and fascist services throughout the galaxy. Under the direction of our founder and CEO, Emperor Palpatine, we relied on the Three T's — Terror, Tyranny and Totalitarianism — to keep local star systems in line! Well, the times have changed and we have new people in charge, but we still have the same old need for thousands of troops to serve as cannon fodder.

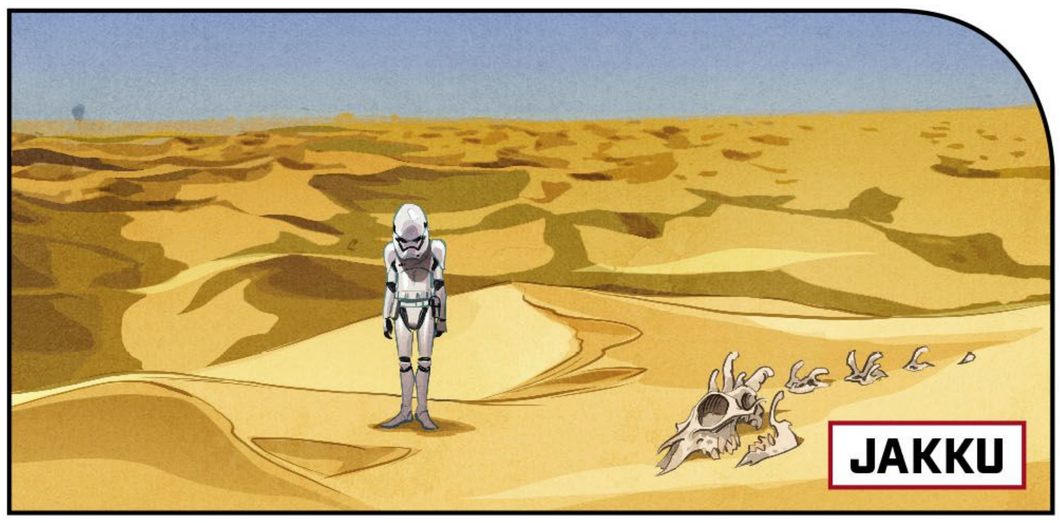
BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE! WE NEED YOUR HELP! YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE!

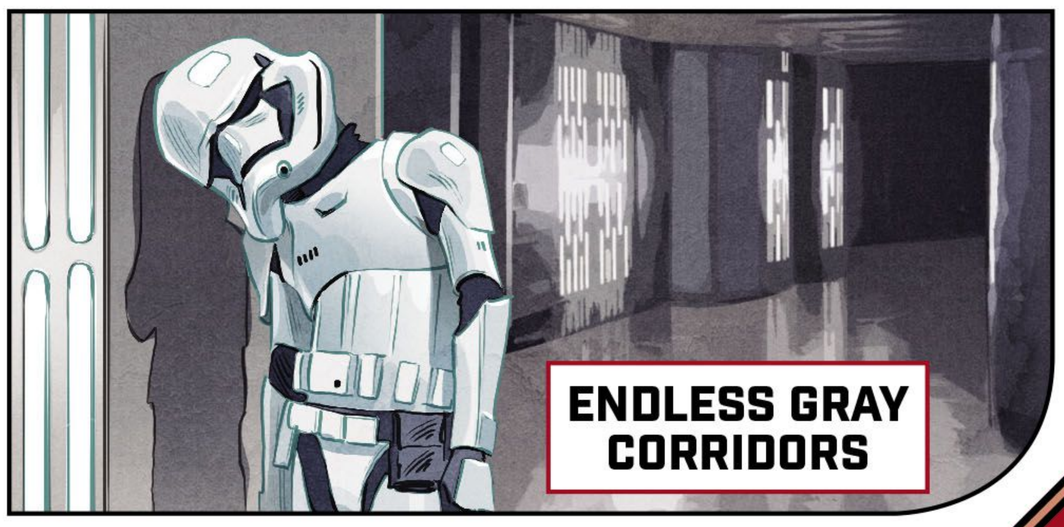
Whether you're blasting Resistance scum, enslaving planets or just generally enforcing the will of a galactic despot, joining the First Order means providing high-quality intimidation and fearsome oppression throughout the star system!

TRAVEL THE UNIVERSE!

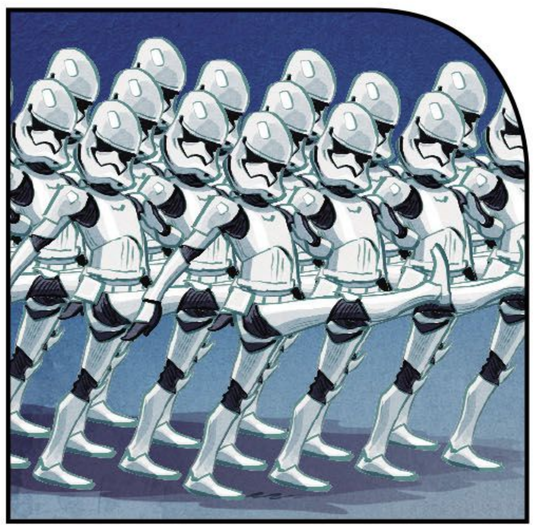
Our Stormtroopers aren't just mere foot soldiers in an ongoing galactic battle. You're our Fear Ambassadors™ who spread our message around the universe. Enlist today and you'll visit exotic locations including:



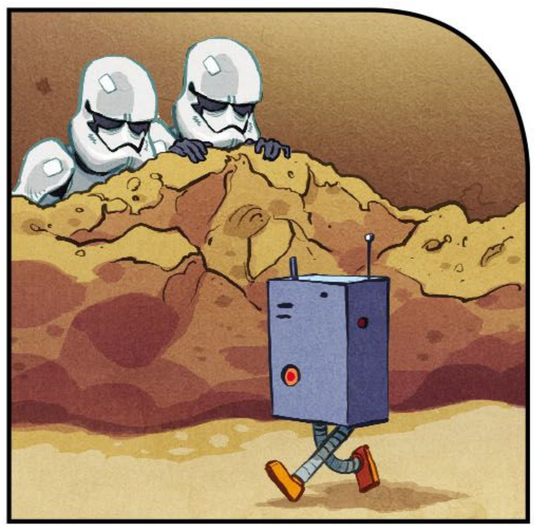




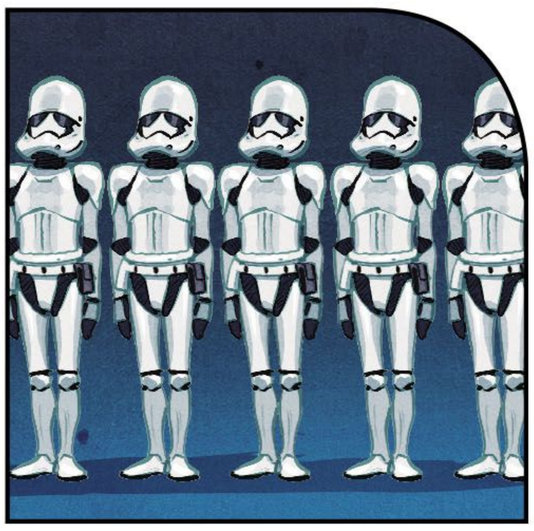
LEARN VALUABLE NEW SKILLS!



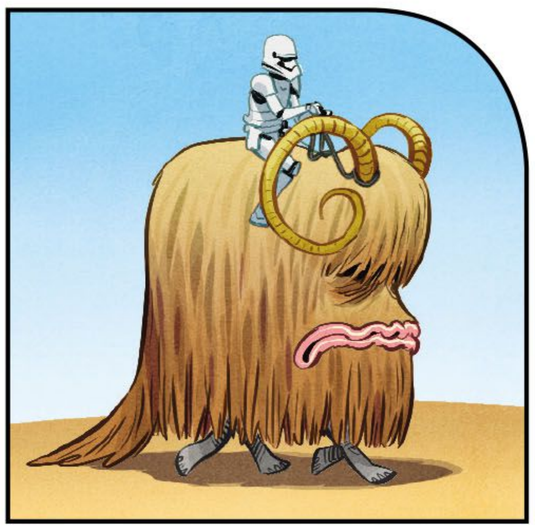
Marching in formation!



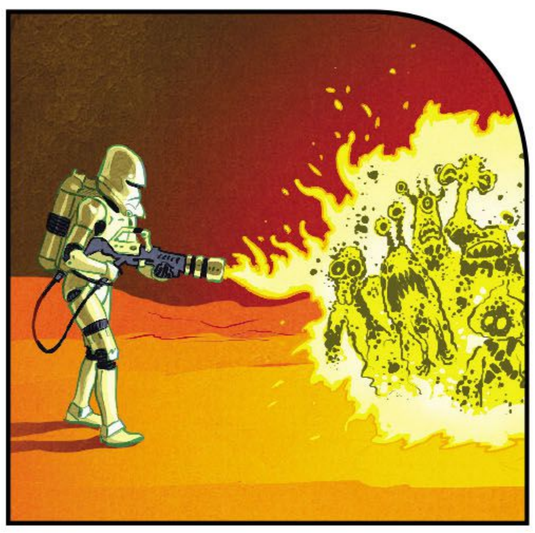
Searching for droids!



Standing in rows!

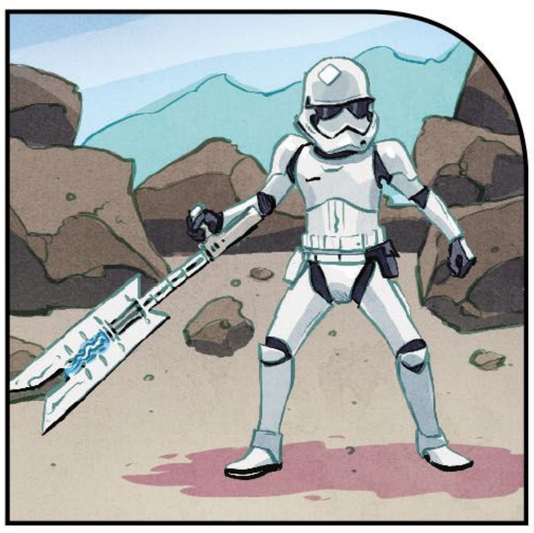


Bantha-riding!



Population control!

Ewok avoidance!



Using one of those spinny laser-baton thingies!

Identifying your dead friend — even when you're all dressed exactly alike!

[NOTE: You will NOT learn how to un-dock a TIE Fighter]

HEALTH BENEFITS

As employees of the First Order, you're entitled to top-of-the-line healthcare! Covered injuries include – but are not limited to – the following:

- Dismembered by light saber
- Repeatedly shot in chest by blaster
- Maimed in crossfire
- Appendage forcibly removed by angry Wookiee
- Crushed by crude-but-effective Ewok trap
- Smooshed beneath leg-tangled AT-AT
- Kylo Ren tantrum collateral damage
- Embedded shrapnel from exploded Deathstar
- Force-choked by intergalactic despot
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

NEW UNIFORMS!

It's not just all-white anymore! As part of our "Second Order: Fun!" initiative, we are proud to introduce all-new uniforms for special occasions:

Casual Friday

Holiday Party

Summer Hours

St. Patrick's Day

And don't forget to sign up for the company softball team!

FIRST ORDER FAQS

Q: I thought you guys went out of business years ago.
A: Like Obi-Wan Kenobi, some rumors never die. Yes, the Empire suffered minor setbacks after the illegal destruction of two Death Stars (we are still seeking remedy in the civil court case Empire v. Rebel Alliance). But after this admittedly rocky period that saw the tragic murder of the Emperor and an unfortunate shift towards democracy and freedom, we have re-organized as a leaner, smaller organization under our new CEO, Kylo Ren.

Q: I've heard it's difficult to work for the First Order. Like, if you mess up even once, you get Force choked by Darth Vader.
A: While we've had morale issues in the past, Human Resources has worked diligently to resolve this issue. Also, Lord Vader is dead.

Q: Are you building a new Death Star?
A: We cannot comment on future building plans at this time. All options remain open. However, please search for "Death Star 2.0" on Kickstarter for further information.

Q: What about the armor? Does it actually stop blaster fire?
A: Thanks to a new design, our armor is 3% more effective than before – offering nearly 15% protection against blaster fire!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Via Holo-Net: **www.FirstOrderRecruitmentStormtrooperApplication.com**
Or fill out this form:

NAME_____

SPECIES_____

HOME PLANET_____

EDUCATION:

☐ Padawan ☐ Moisture Vaporator School ☐ University ☐ Jedi Academy

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Take this simple quiz to see if you're ready to be a First Order Trooper!

I **would / would not** *(circle one)* bail out the first time I have to murder innocent civilians.

I **would / would not** *(circle one)* assist Resistance pilots in escaping.

I **would / would not** *(circle one)* be interested in helping the heir to the Jedi awaken her sensitivity to the Force.

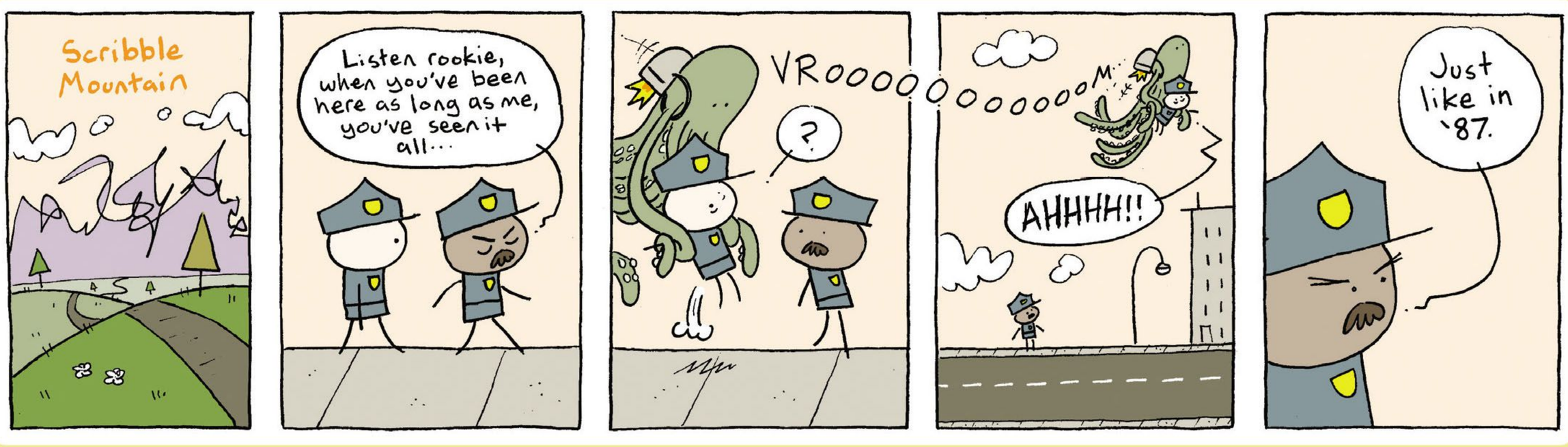
I would like to learn more about *(check all that apply)*:

☐ Enslaving Wookiees ☐ Blasting Jawas ☐ Guarding Shield Generators
☐ Searching for Droids ☐ Torture ☐ Web Design

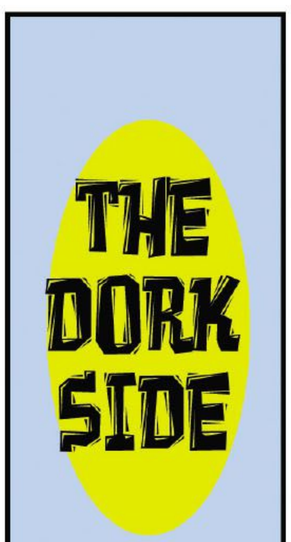
PLEASE TRANSMIT TO:
First Order Human Resources
Attn: Barbara Fett, Manager, Human Resources Dept.
Suite 1138
Coruscant, Galactic Core

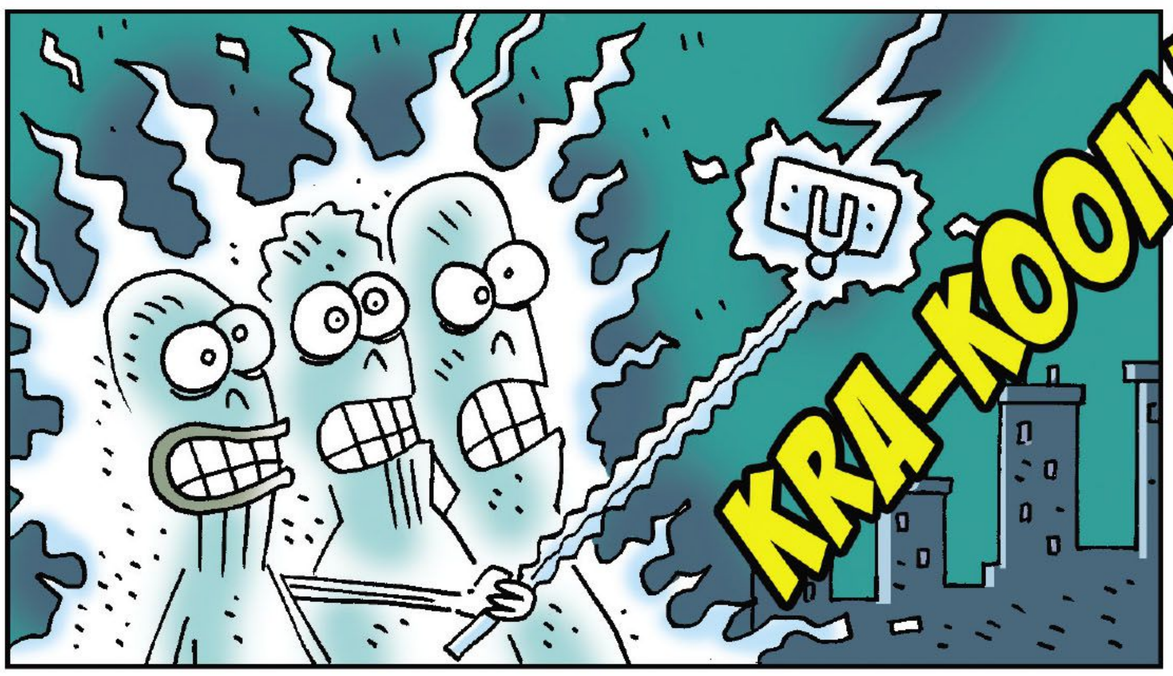
OUR WORKPLACE COMMITMENTS: The Empire is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, planetary origin or species. (We do, however, enslave and destroy planets based on those very things.) Clones are welcome.

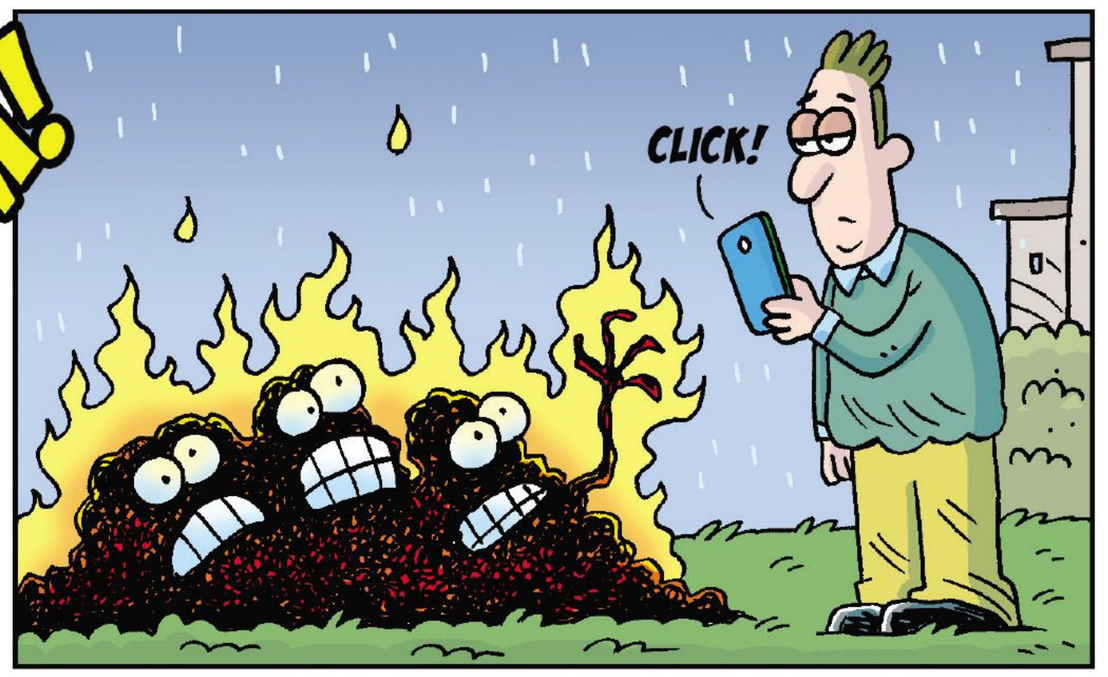
THE STRIP CLUB



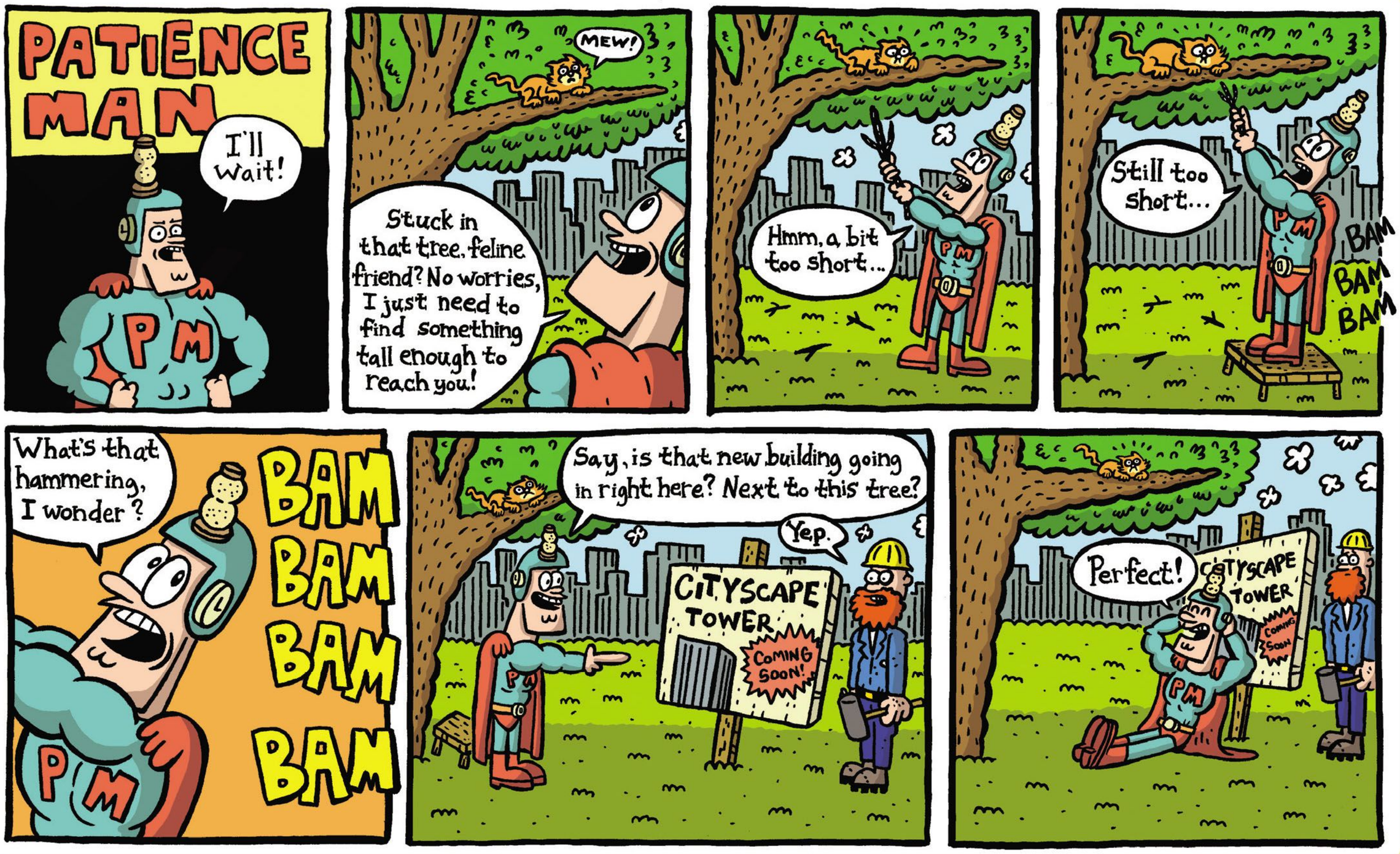
JOHN MCNAMEE



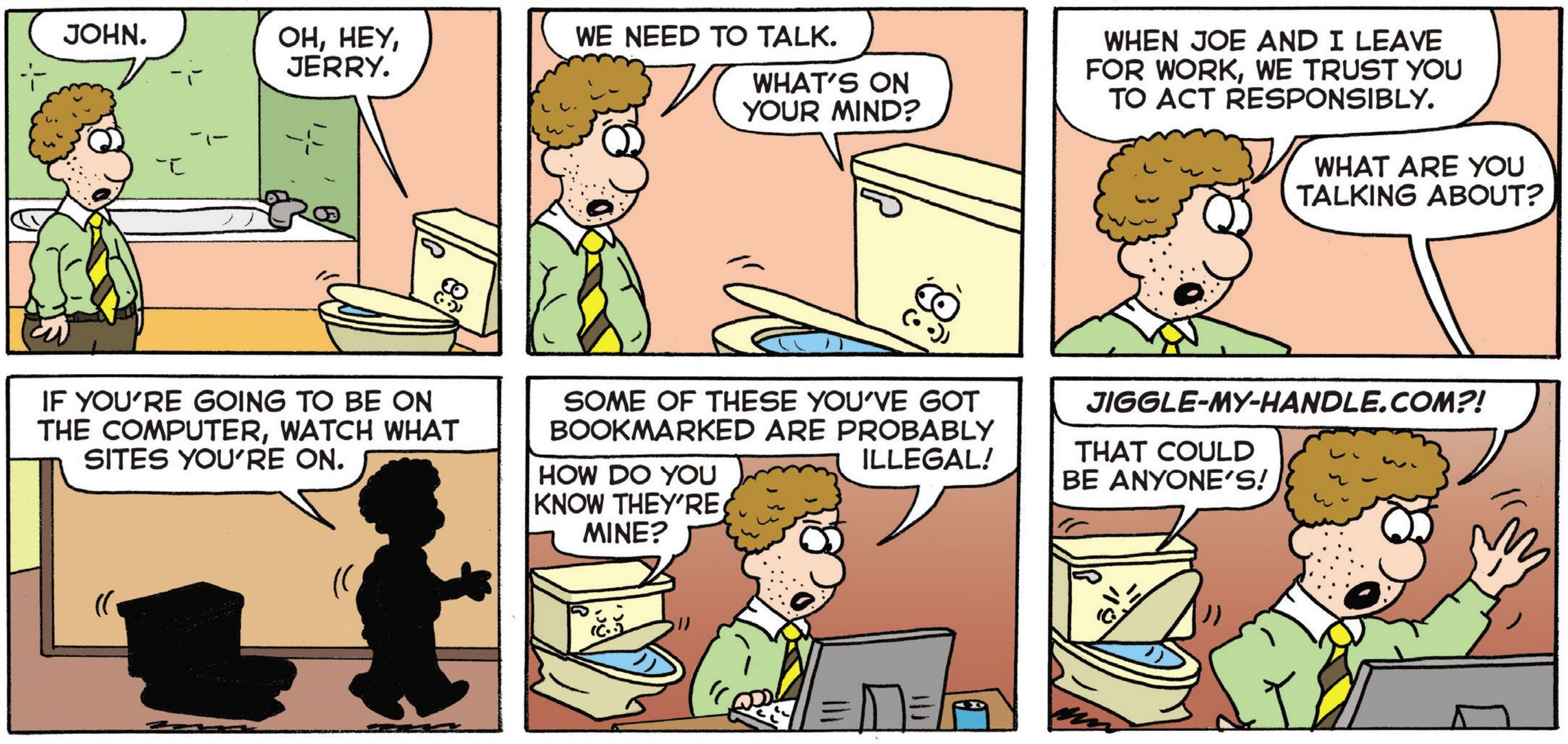




KIT LIVELY AND SCOTT NICKEL



THE ROOMMATES: JOHN, JOE AND JERRY



ALMOST PERFECT UNIVERSE

BY DAKOTA McFADZEAN

NOW REMEMBER, THIS IS A PEACEFUL MISSION, GOT IT?

IF WE ENCOUNTER ANY INTELLIGENT LIFEFORMS, WE MUST TAKE THE UTMOST CARE TO BE DIPLOM--

greetings, fellow spacefarers!

GUUHH

DAKOTA MCFADZEAN

It Only Hurts When I Laugh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I GOT YOU SOMETHING.

REALLY? WHAT?

YOU KNOW HOW YOU'RE ANGRY AT YOUR BOSS ALL THE TIME?

UGH. YES! BUT DO YOU ***HAVE*** TO BRING THAT UP ***TODAY?*** TODAY'S SUPPOSED TO BE A HAPPY DAY.

IT IS. BUT YOU KNOW HOW YOU WANTED TO FEED YOUR BOSS TO A RABID GIANT SQUID?

UM, YEAH.

TA-DAAA!!!

WHAT?! ***MY GOD!*** WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

I KNOW, ***I KNOW.*** I TEND TO GO OVER-BOARD WITH THE GIFTS.

I CAN'T ACTUALLY PUSH HIM INTO A TANK WITH A RABID SQUID IN IT. THAT'S AWFUL!

NOT SO AWFUL. IT'D BE OVER REALLY QUICK.

BUT I WAS SIMPLY UPSET! BLOWING OFF STEAM! I DON'T ***ACTUALLY*** WANT TO DO THIS!

REALLY? I TOOK YOU AS SOMEONE WHO'S GOOD ON THEIR WORD.

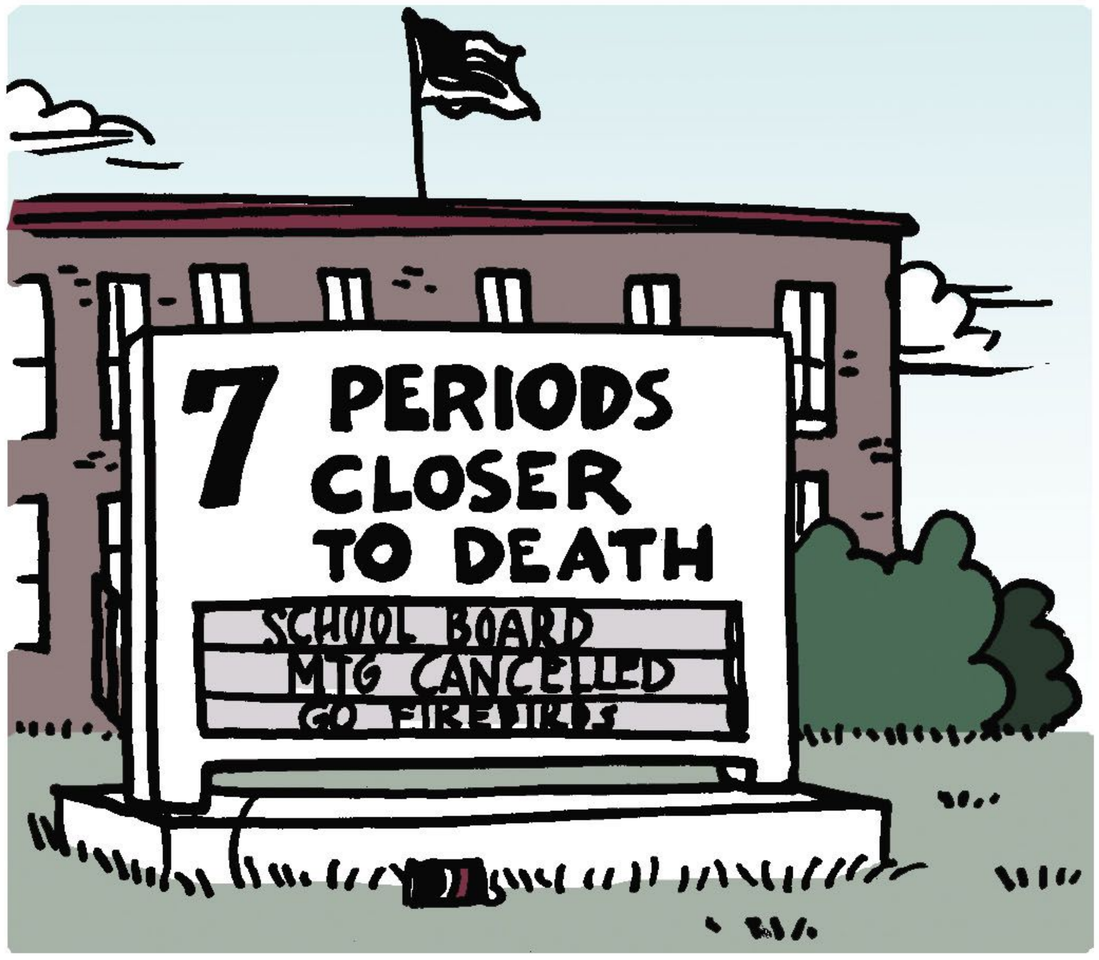
I ***AM*** GOOD ON MY W-

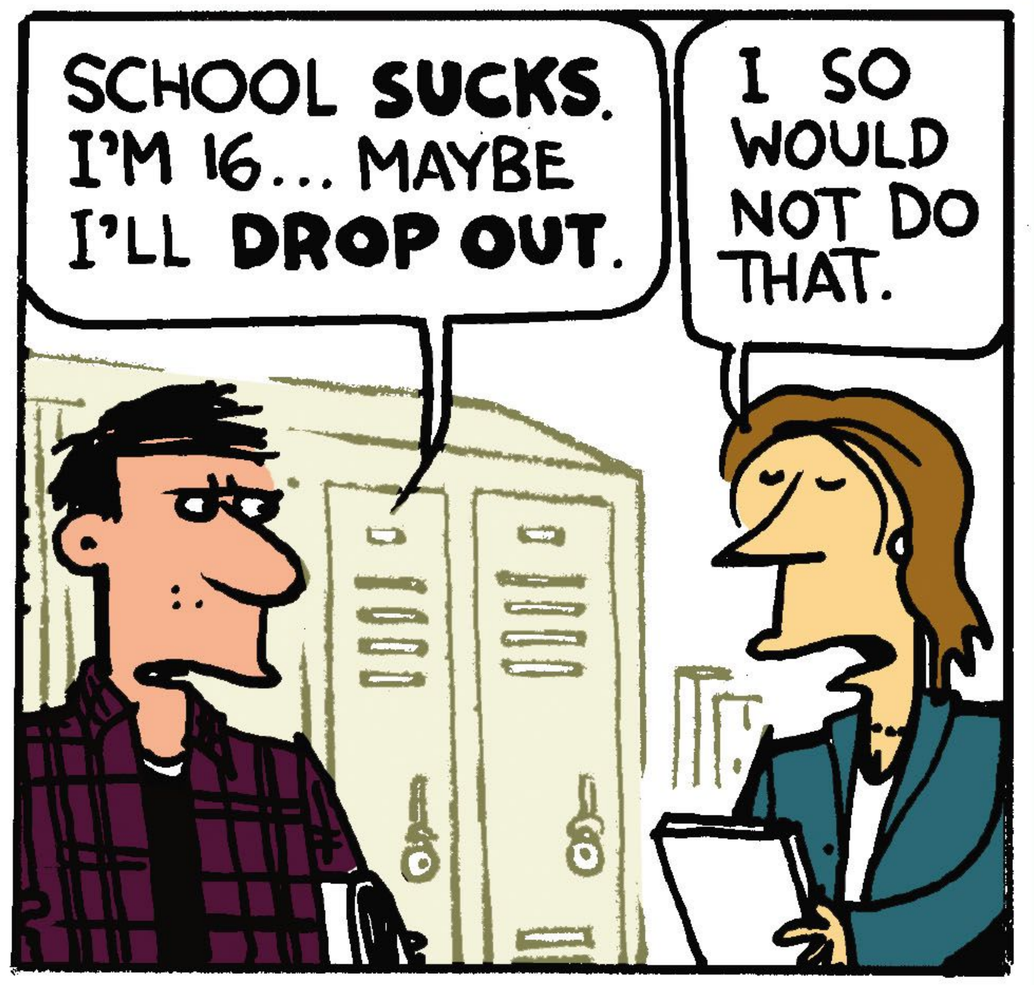
OH UH... HRM.

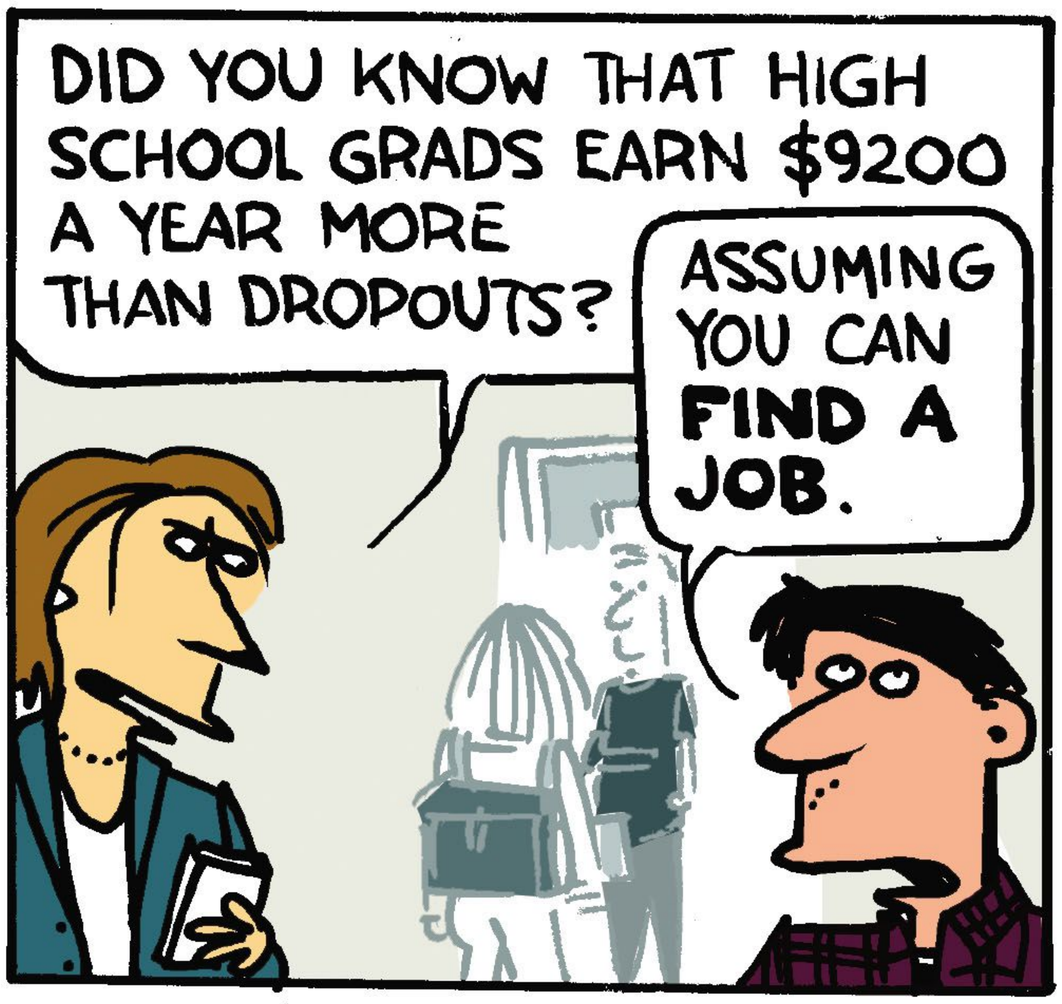
YOU KNOW, ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, THE WORK-PLACE IS GOING TO BE A LOT MORE PLEASANT.

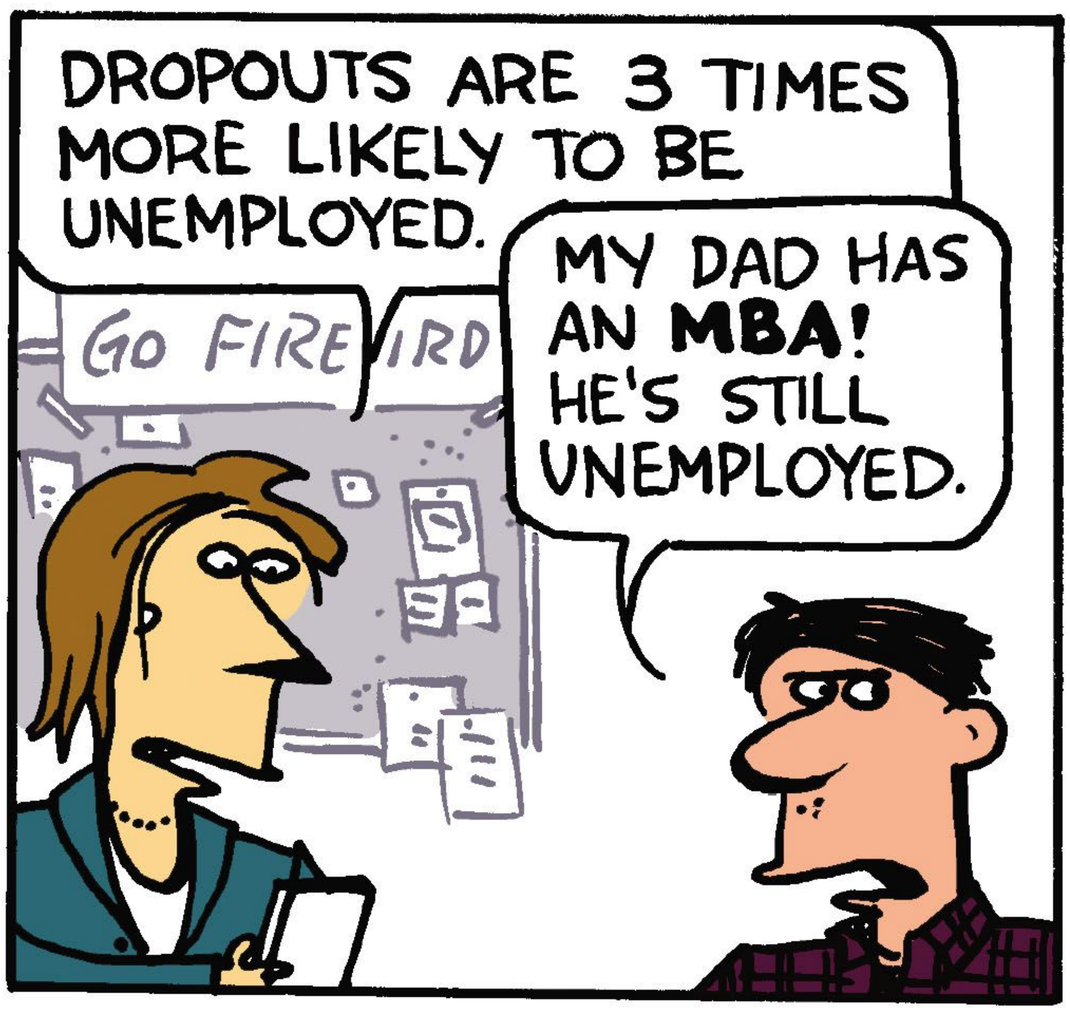
SEE? IT HAPPENED ANYWAYS, AND YOU MISSED OUT ON ALL THE FUN OF PARTICIPATING.

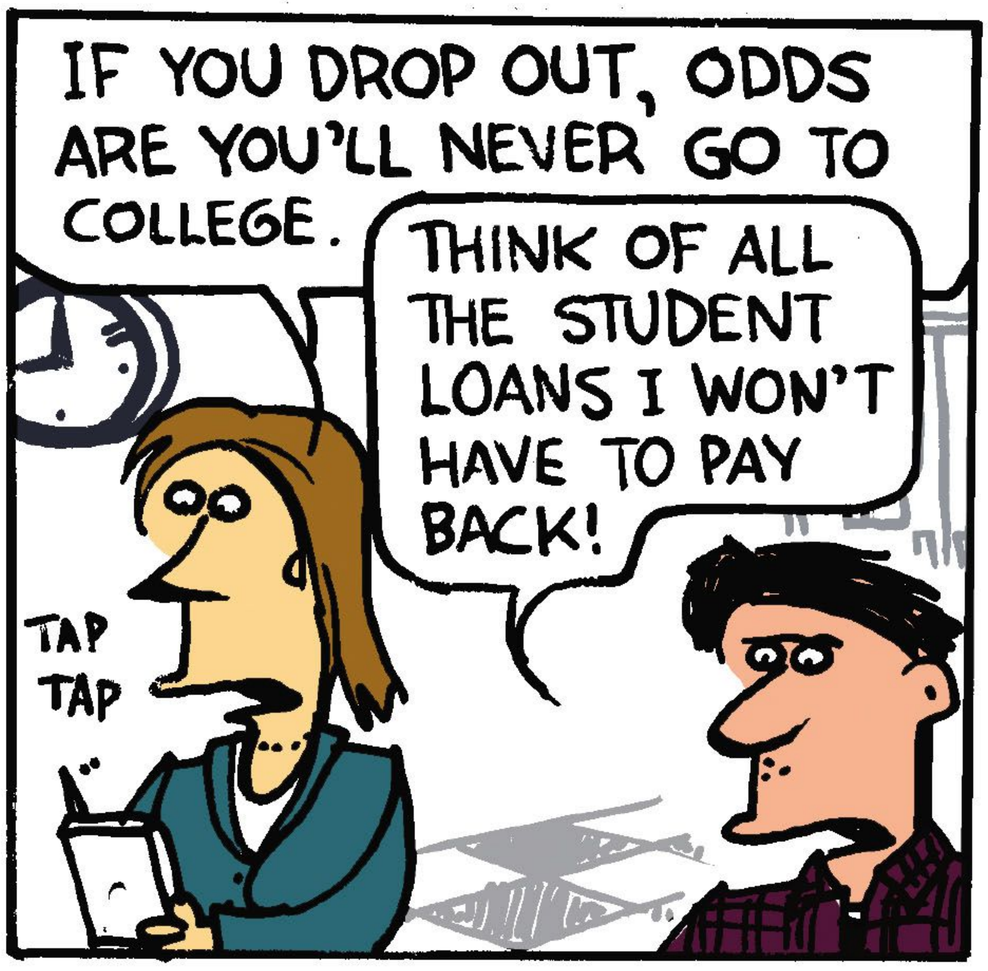
CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

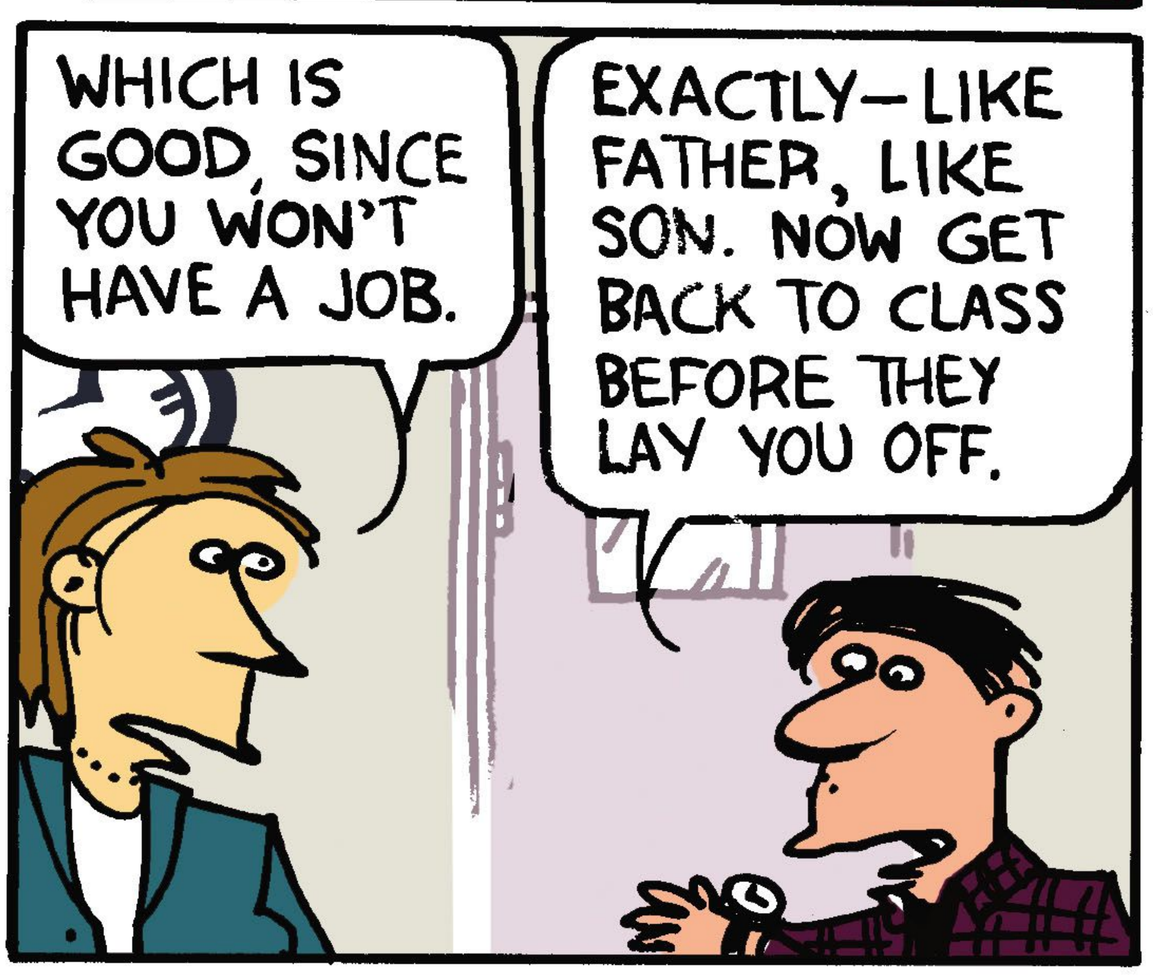

7 PERIODS CLOSER TO DEATH
SCHOOL BOARD MTG CANCELLED GO FIREBIRDS


SCHOOL SUCKS. I'M 16... MAYBE I'LL DROP OUT.
I SO WOULD NOT DO THAT.


DID YOU KNOW THAT HIGH SCHOOL GRADS EARN $9200 A YEAR MORE THAN DROPOUTS?
ASSUMING YOU CAN FIND A JOB.


DROPOUTS ARE 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE UNEMPLOYED.
GO FIREBIRD
MY DAD HAS AN MBA! HE'S STILL UNEMPLOYED.


IF YOU DROP OUT, ODDS ARE YOU'LL NEVER GO TO COLLEGE.
THINK OF ALL THE STUDENT LOANS I WON'T HAVE TO PAY BACK!
TAP TAP


WHICH IS GOOD, SINCE YOU WON'T HAVE A JOB.
EXACTLY—LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. NOW GET BACK TO CLASS BEFORE THEY LAY YOU OFF.

TED RALL

THE MAD VAULT

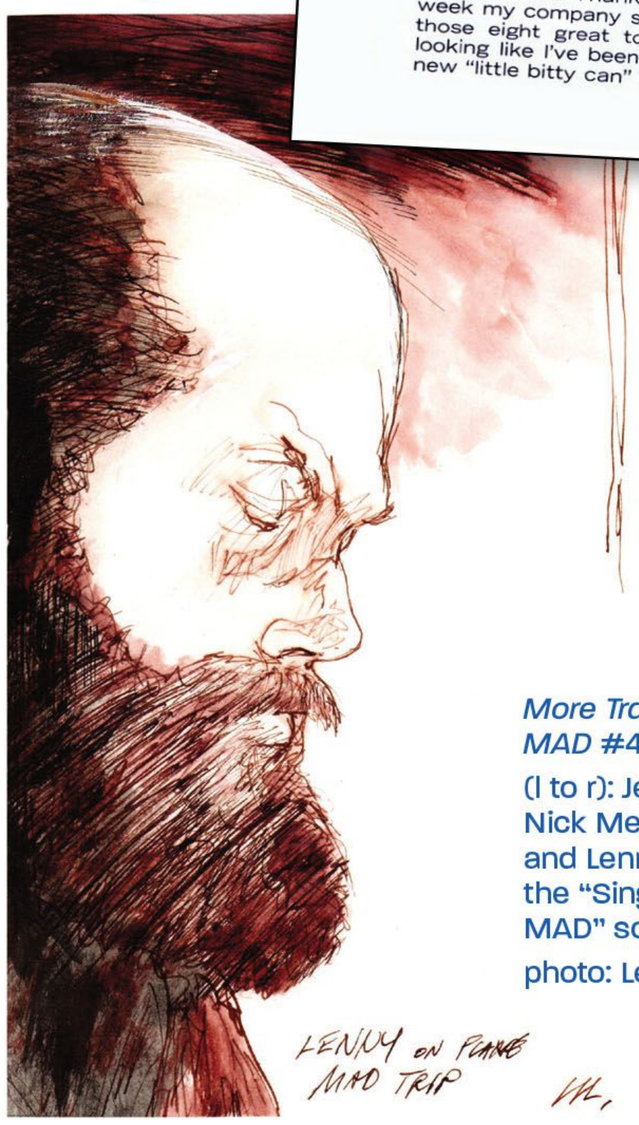
SALUTING LENNY BRENNER
(1932-2016)

MAD's Lenny Brenner passed away April 9th, 2016. Beginning in 1958 and spanning six decades, he served as MAD's production chief and later art director. But mainly, he was a free model for MAD's artists and photographers to use, and use, and use! Here are some of Lenny's most memorable appearances in and out of MAD's pages.

Lenny's nickname was "The Beard"

Various places around the article: rubber stamps made by Sergio Aragonés for Lenny

Sketch by Nick Meglin during a MAD trip



I'm the guy who puts eight great tomatoes in that little bitty can!!

All day long – squashing, squooshing, slamming, splattering . . . Yeccch, what a mess! Thank goodness it's my last week at this gooky job! Next week my company starts using a new-type can, and I'll be able to stuff those eight great tomatoes in that little bitty can without ending up looking like I've been attacked with a meat cleaver. Mainly because our new "little bitty can" expands into a "biggy wi[illegible]can" like an accordion.

MAD #84
January 1964
photo: Lester Krauss

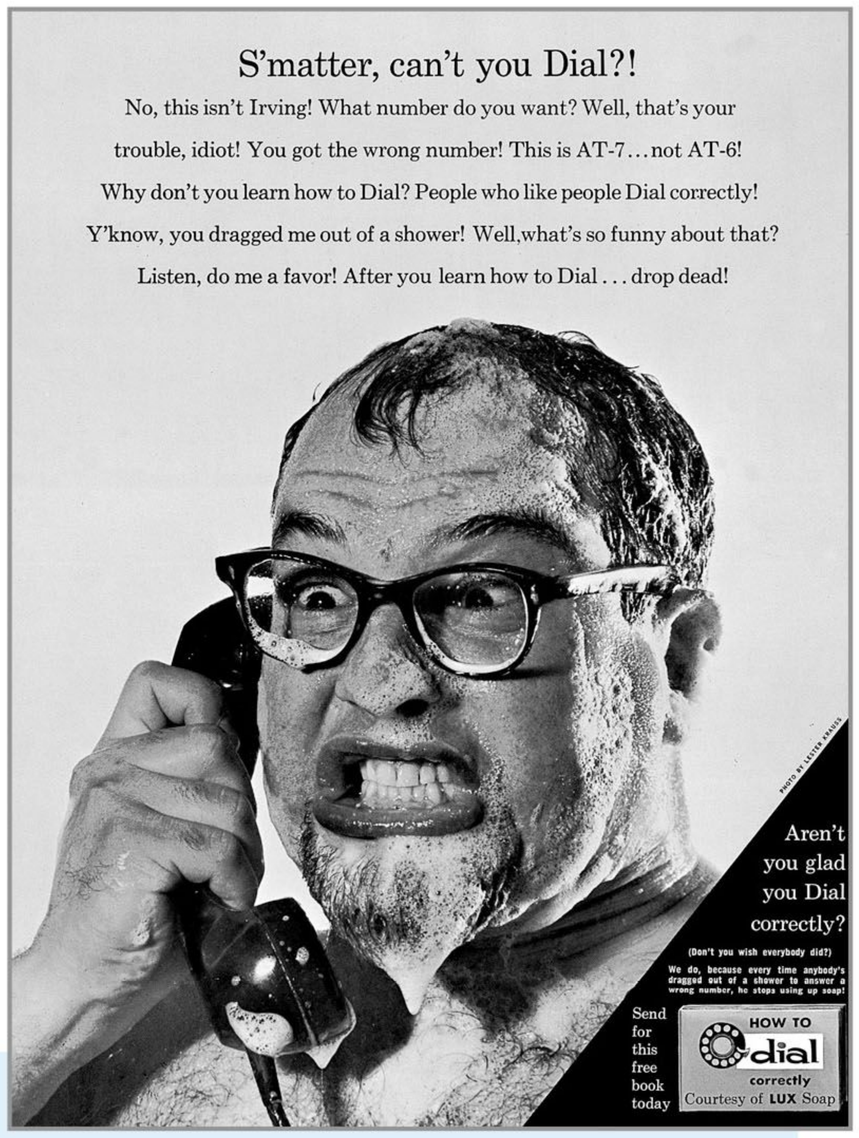
Drawing by Paul Peter Porges of William M. Gaines, Nick Meglin and Lenny on a MAD trip to Tahiti

More Trash from MAD #4, 1961
(l to r): Jerry DeFuccio, Nick Meglin, Al Feldstein and Lenny introducing the "Sing Along with MAD" songbook insert
photo: Lester Krauss

YOU'LL "FIGHT 'EM OFF" IN YOUR
MAD T-SHIRT

Lenny models the MAD T-shirt
MAD #49, September 1959

MAD #59, December 1960
photo: Lester Krauss

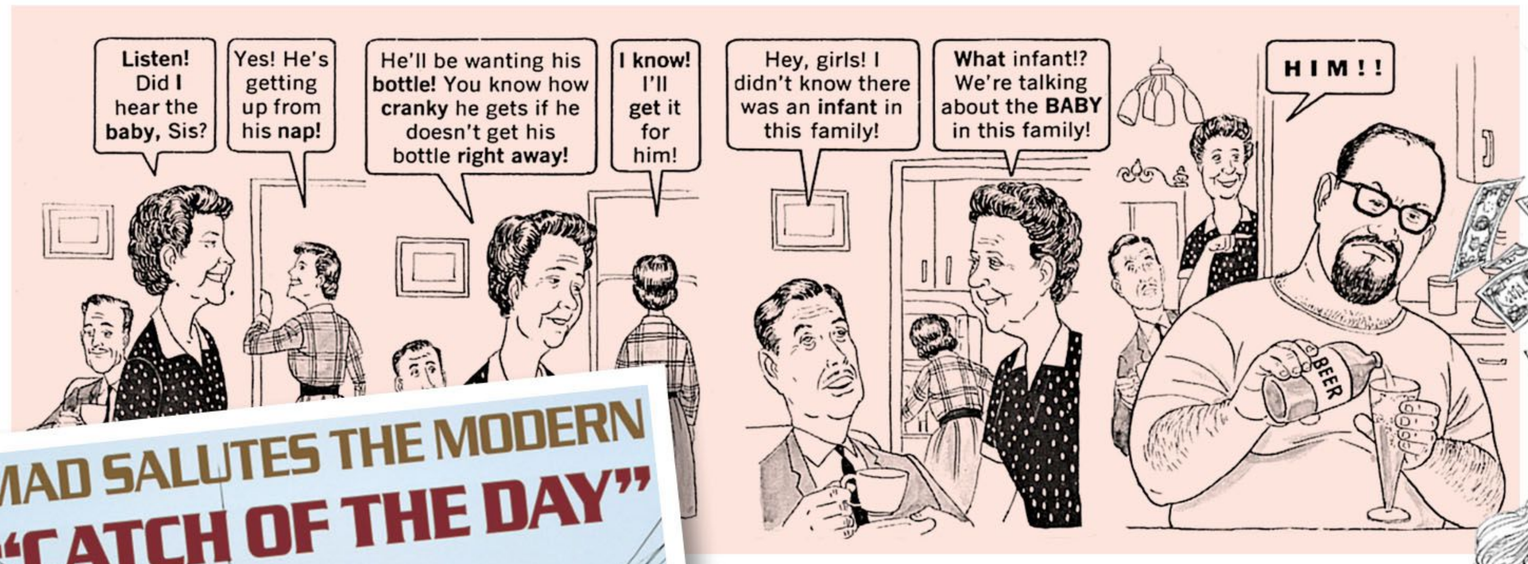


"The Lighter Side of Sex"
MAD #136, July 1970
artist: Dave Berg

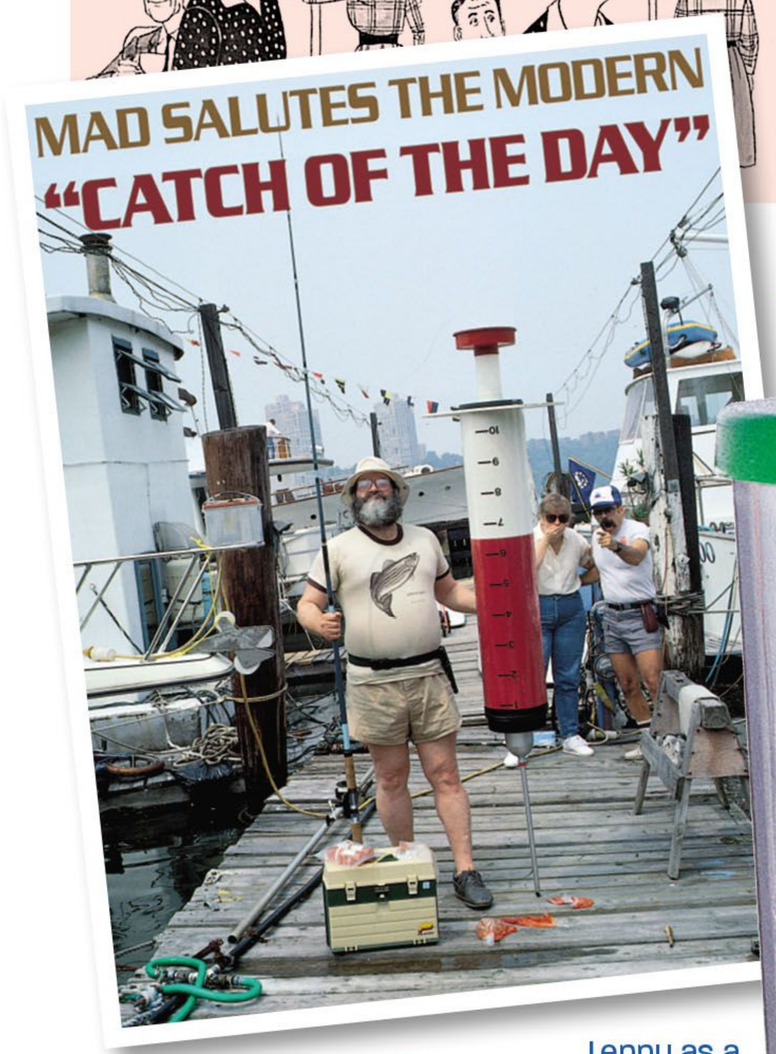
MAD #349, September 1996
artist: Angelo Torres

MAD #96, July 1965
photo: Irving Schild

MAD #212, January 1980
artist: Jack Davis



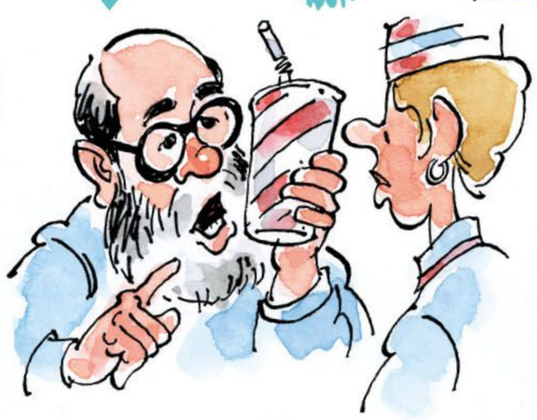
MAD #283, December 1988
photo: Maple Communications



"The Lighter Side of Relatives"
MAD #111, June 1967
artist: Dave Berg

Lenny as a Munchkin
MAD #385, September 1999
photo: Irving Schild

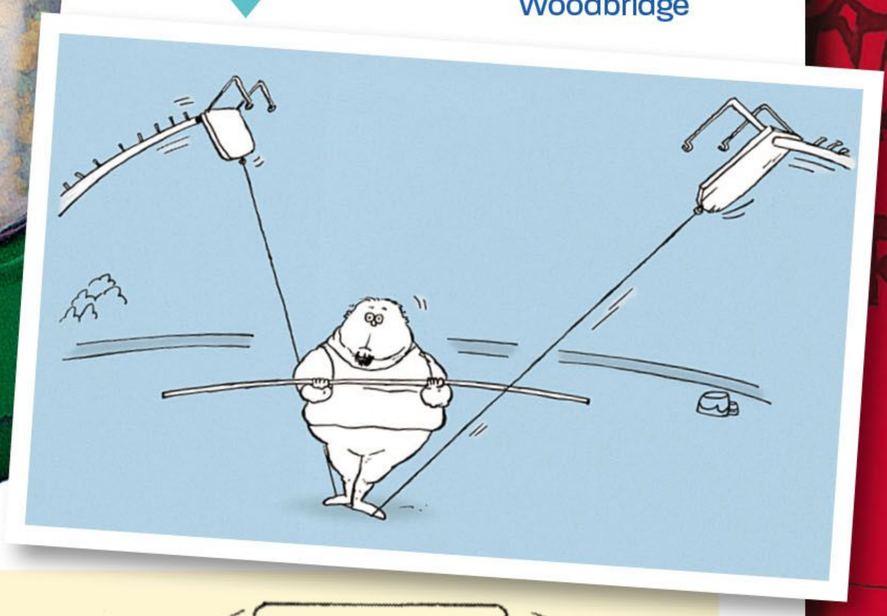
MAD #535, October 2015
artist: Paul Coker



MAD Super Special #95, September 1994
artist: Dave Berg

MAD #87, June 1964
artist: Sergio Aragonés

MAD #272, July 1987
artist: George Woodbridge



CRINGE BENEFITS DEPT.

They say that money can't buy happiness — but they also say that Disneyland is the happiest place on earth! So what does it mean when it costs over a grand to access that aforementioned happiness for one calendar year?! It means you're a putz who's overpaying for the chance to hug a failed actor in a lice-infested Goofy costume! But maybe we're just bitter. (Our parents never loved us enough to take us to Disneyland…or even the Disney Store.) But instead of dwelling on the negatives, let's dry our tears and examine some of the…

PERKS OF THE NEW $1,049 DISNEYLAND ANNUAL PASS

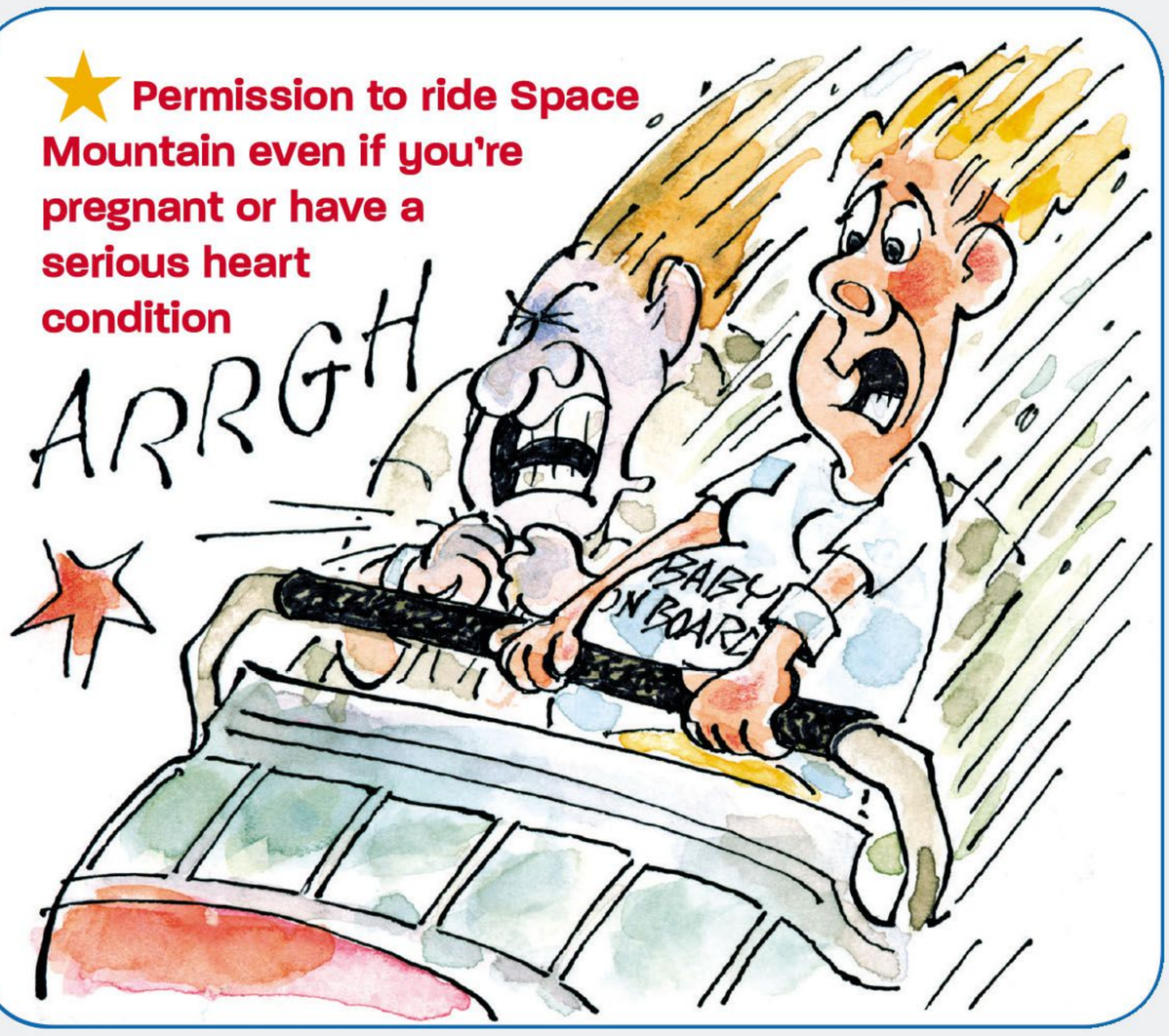
WRITER: KENNY KEIL ARTIST: PAUL COKER

★ Free FastPass bracelet, which allows you to skip to the front of the line, plus discounted FastPassPlus bracelet, which allows you to kick the people in line while you're skipping ahead of them

★ An eight-hour shift dressed in a character costume of your choosing

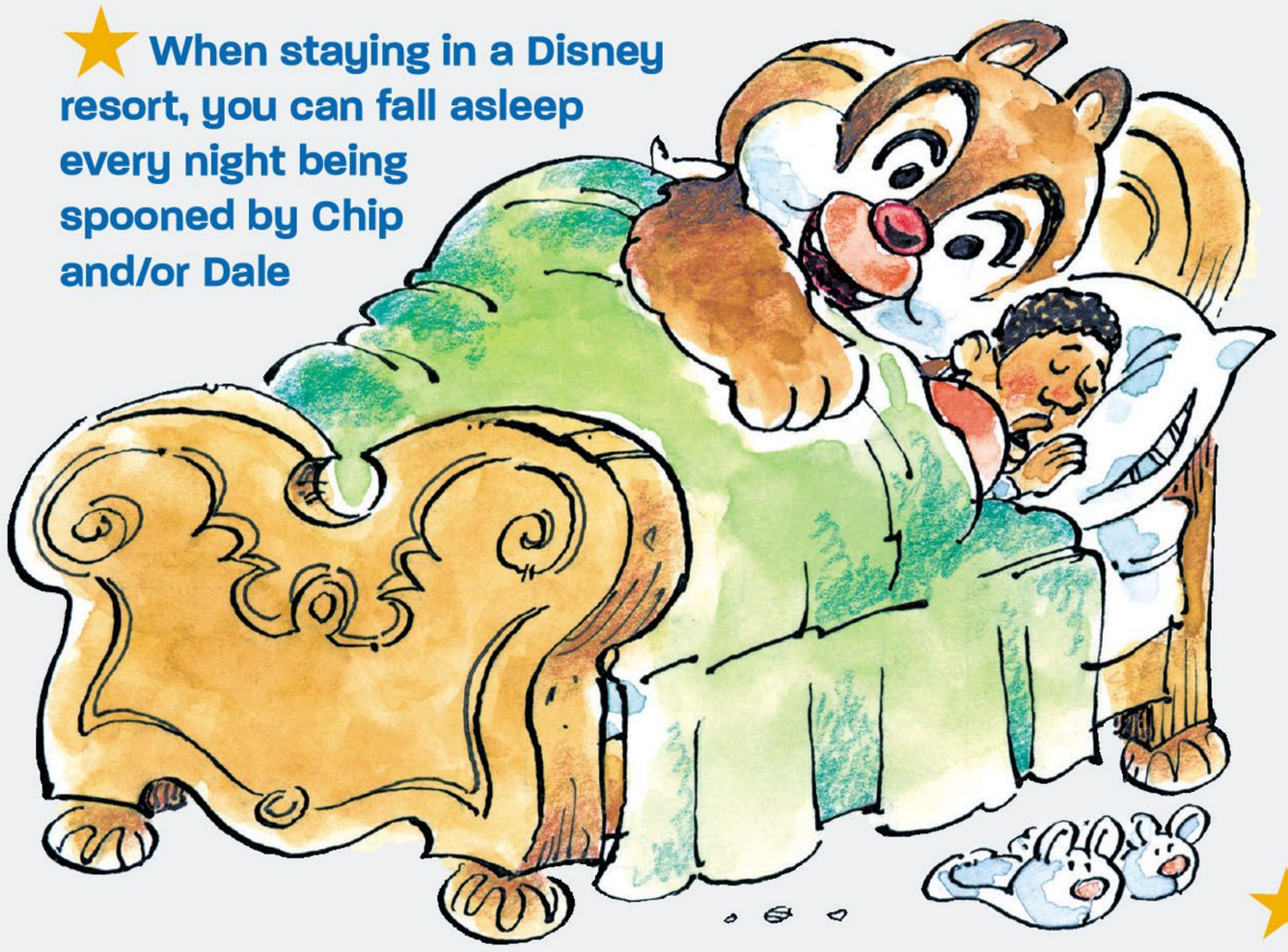
★ 15 minutes alone with the Hall of Presidents, no questions asked

★ Permission to ride Space Mountain even if you're pregnant or have a serious heart condition

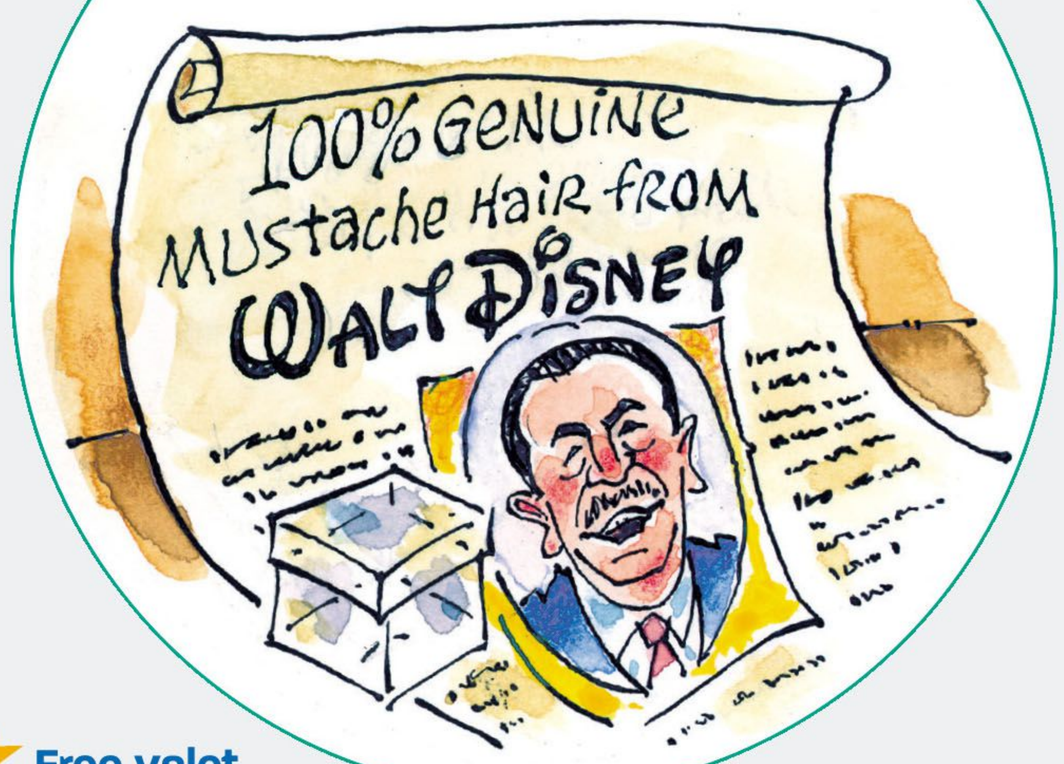


★ Unlimited free refills at The Country Bear Jamboree Moonshine Still

★ When staying in a Disney resort, you can fall asleep every night being spooned by Chip and/or Dale



★ An actual hair from Walt Disney's mustache with a certificate of authenticity

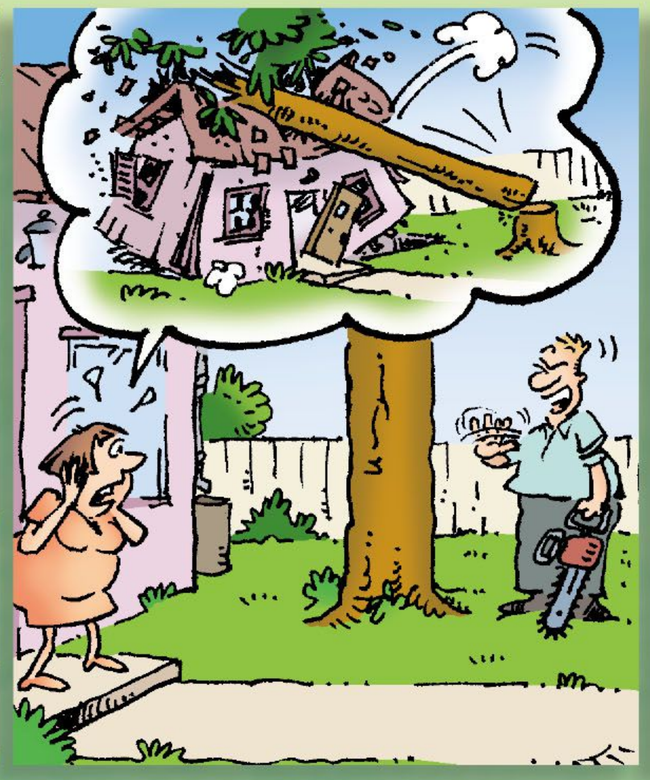


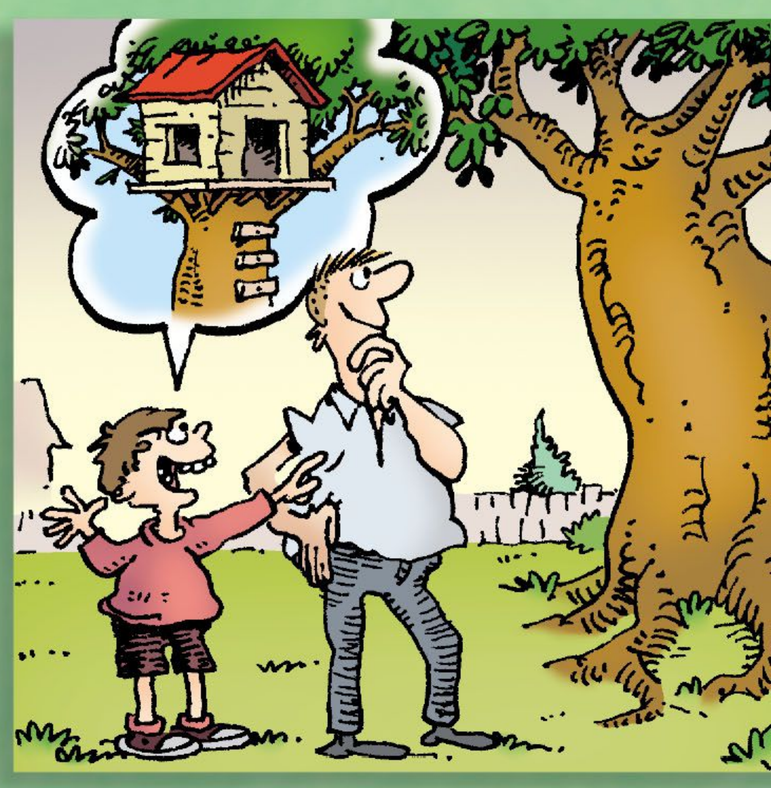
★ Free valet parking by former Disney star Lindsay Lohan

★ Exclusive backlot tour where you get to lay off a member of the animation studio

SERGIO ARAGONÉS PRESENTS

A MAD LOOK





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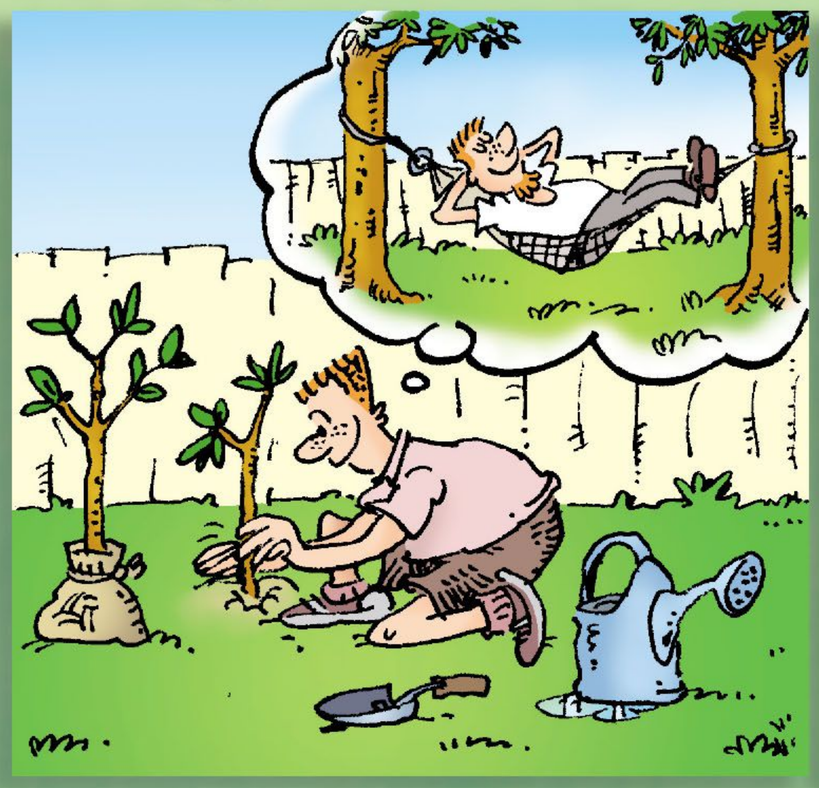

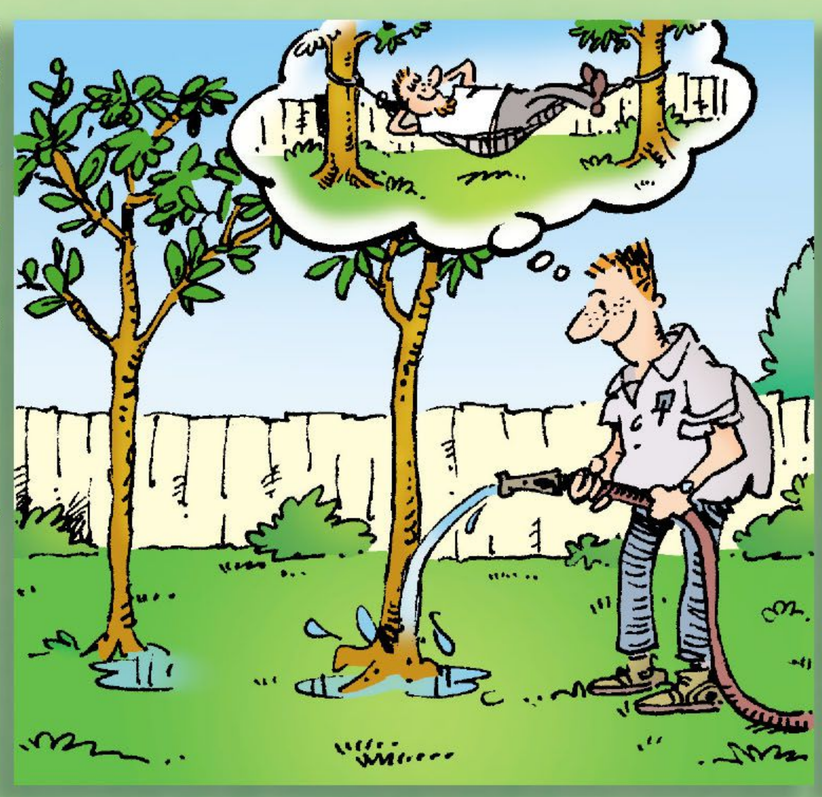

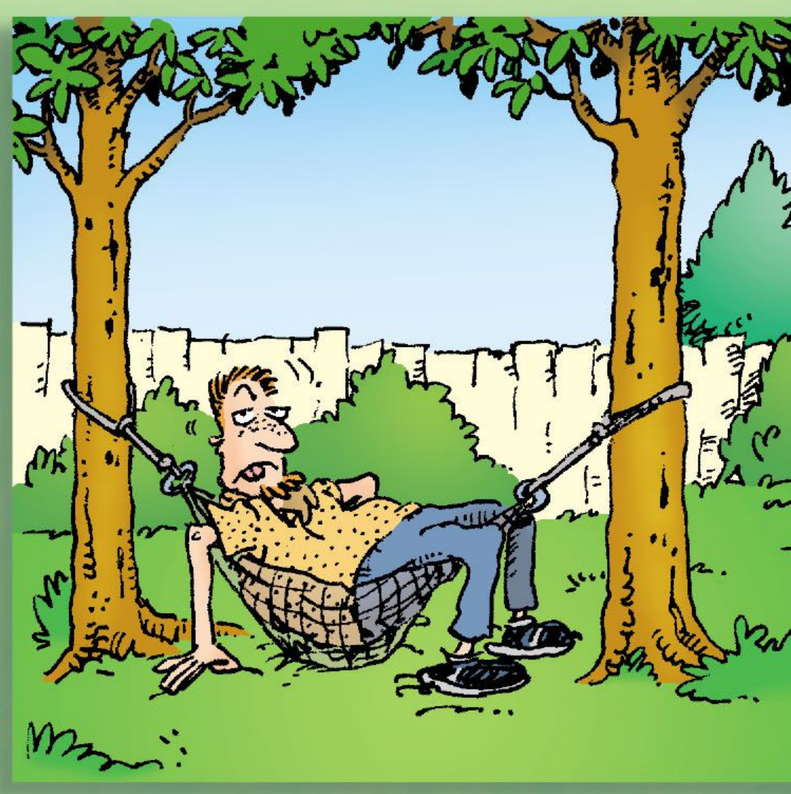

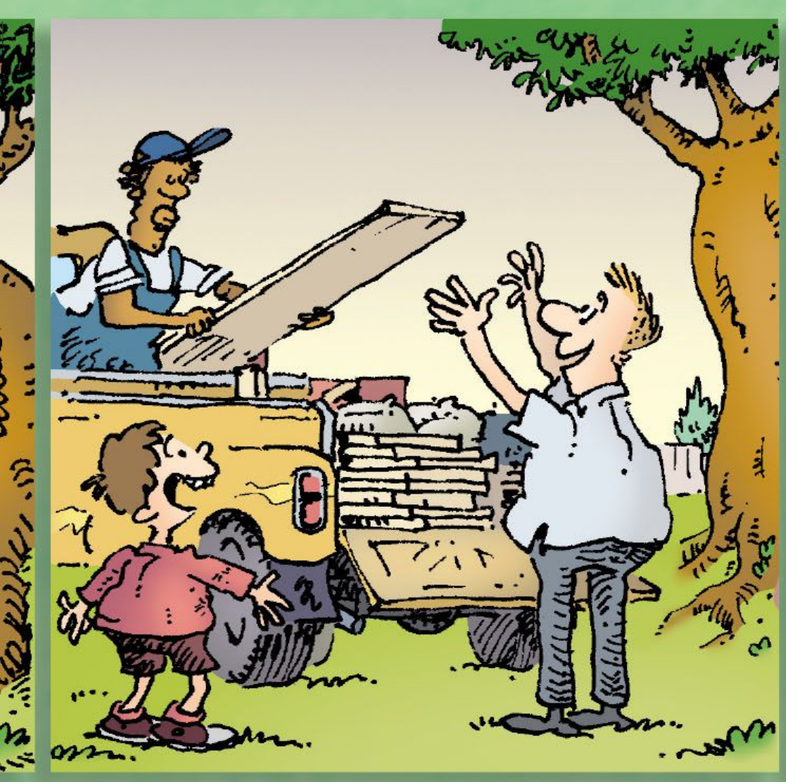

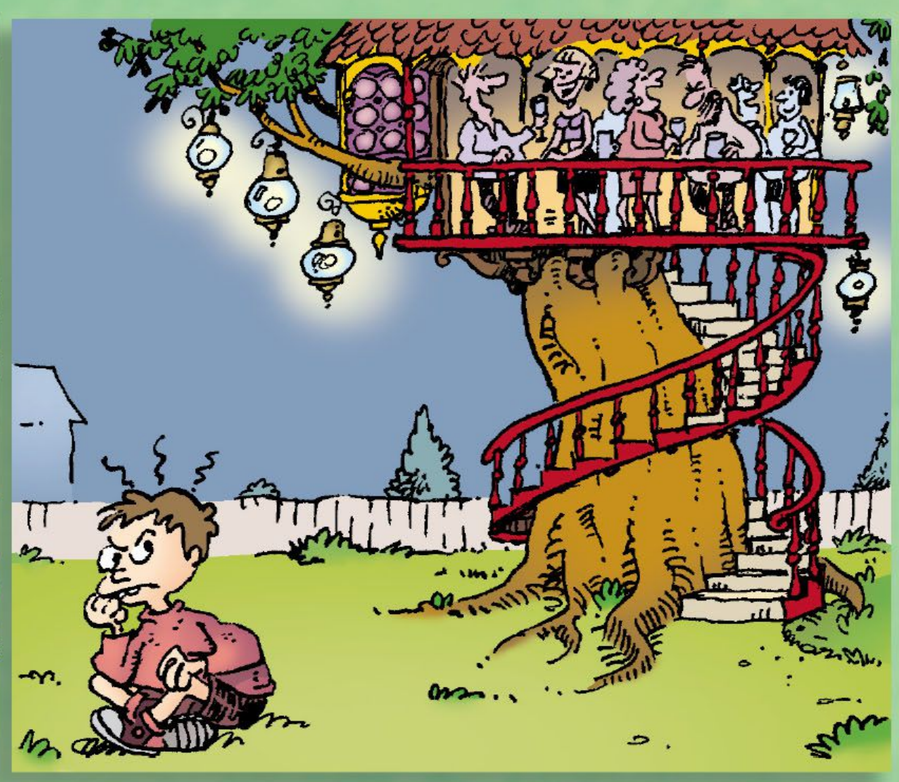

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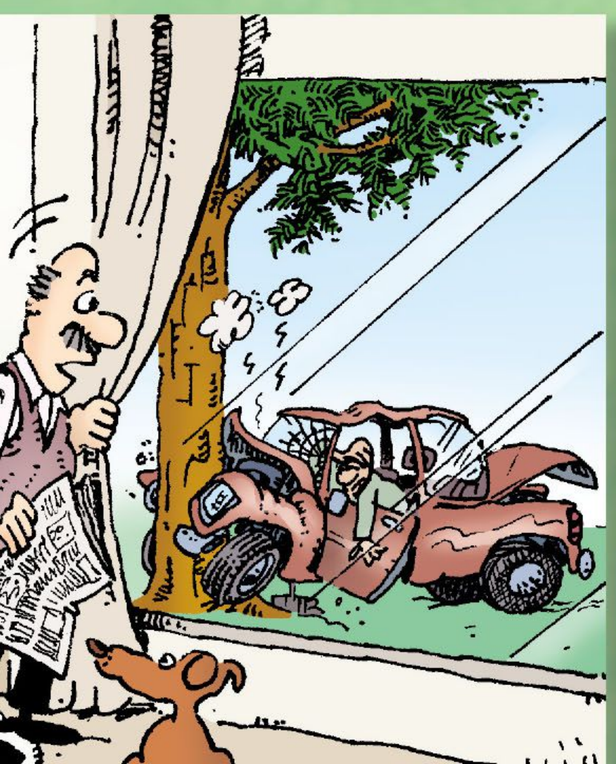

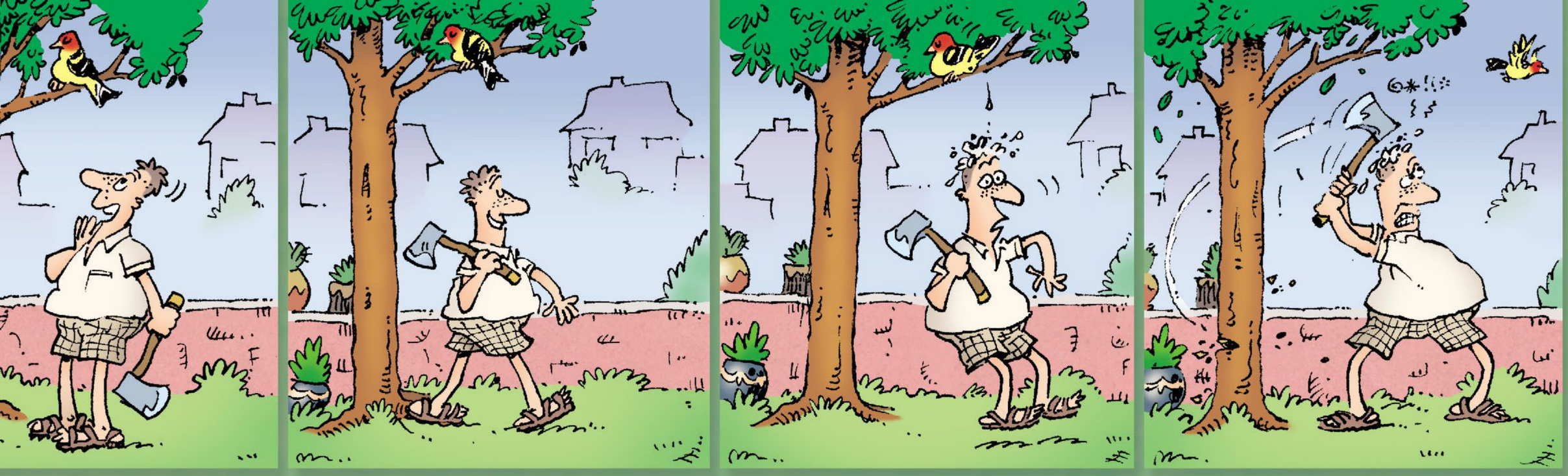

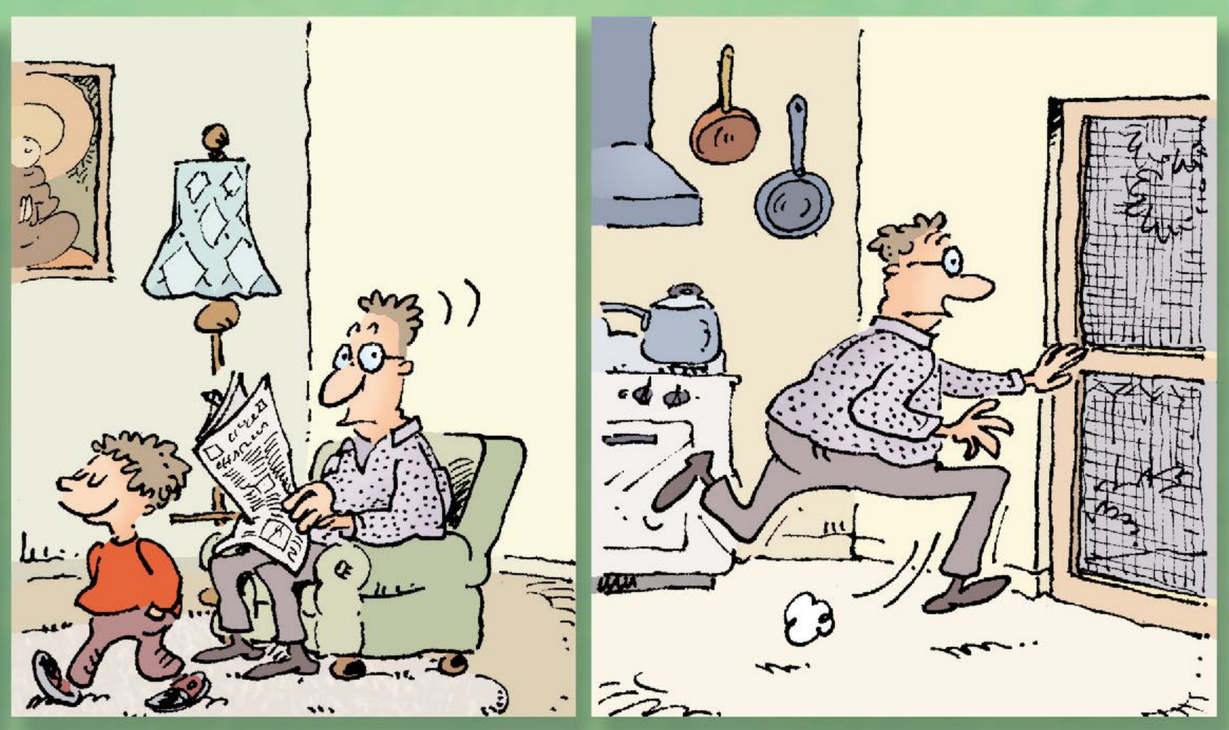

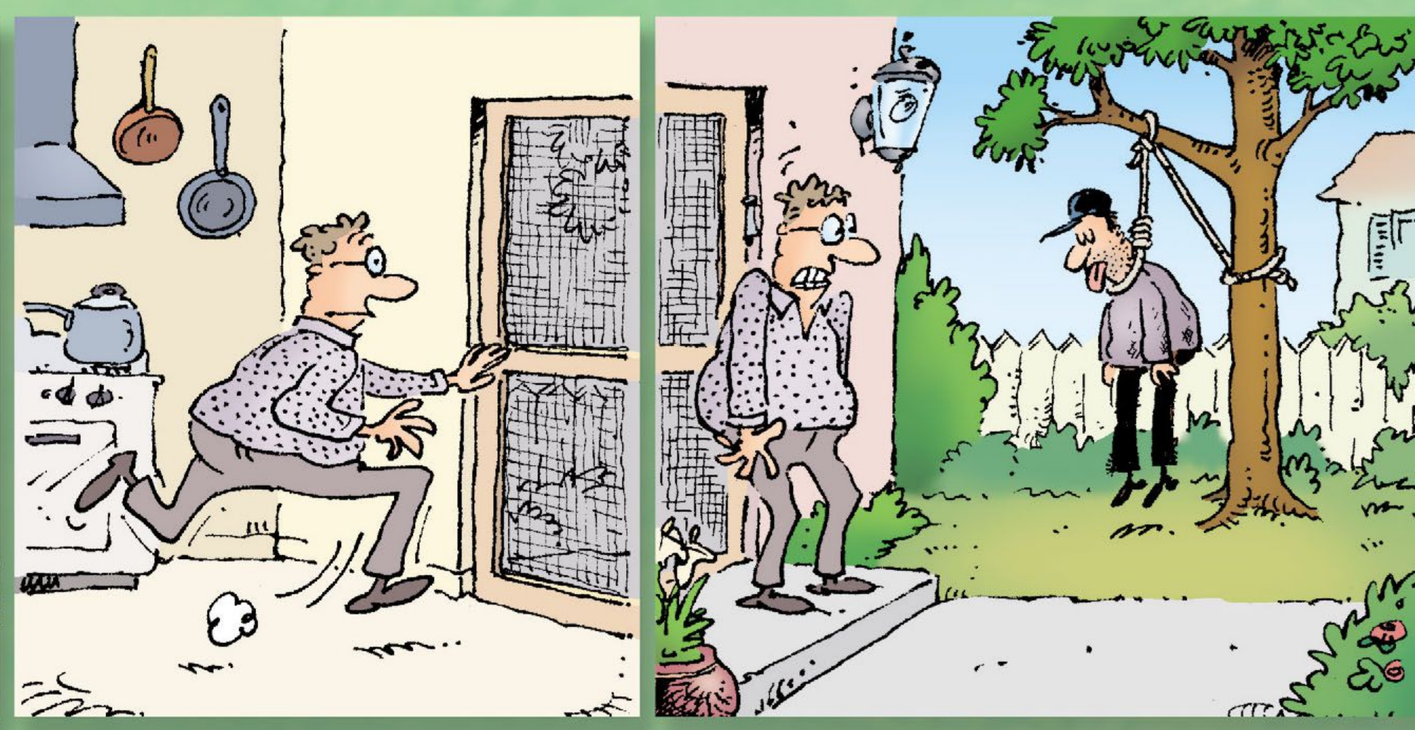

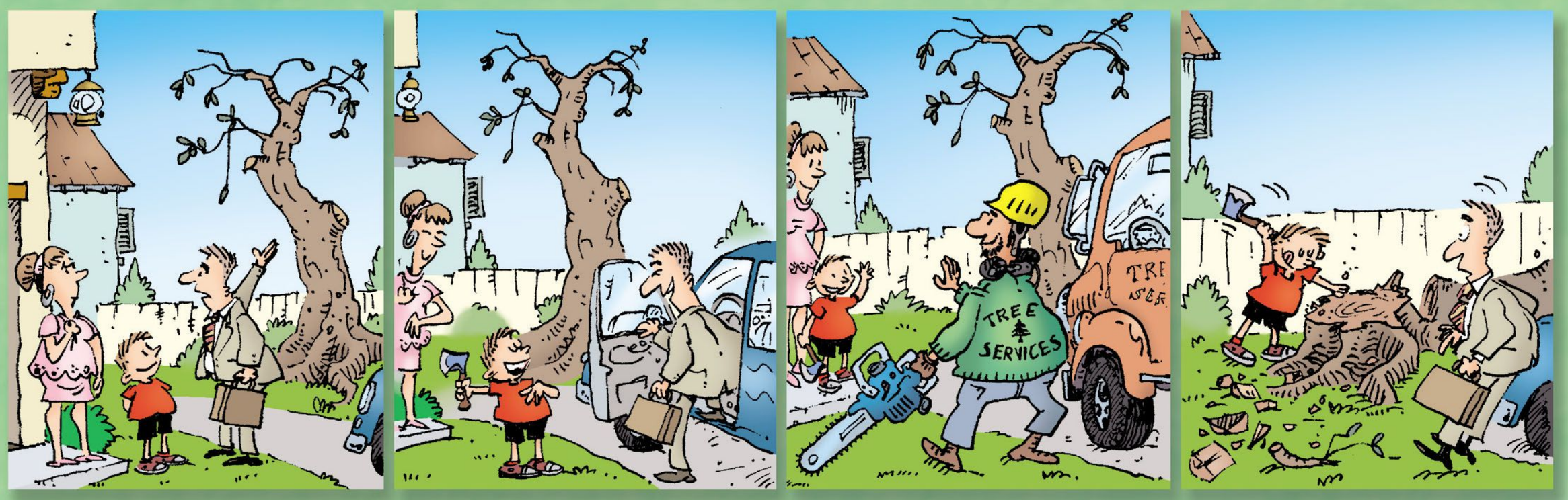

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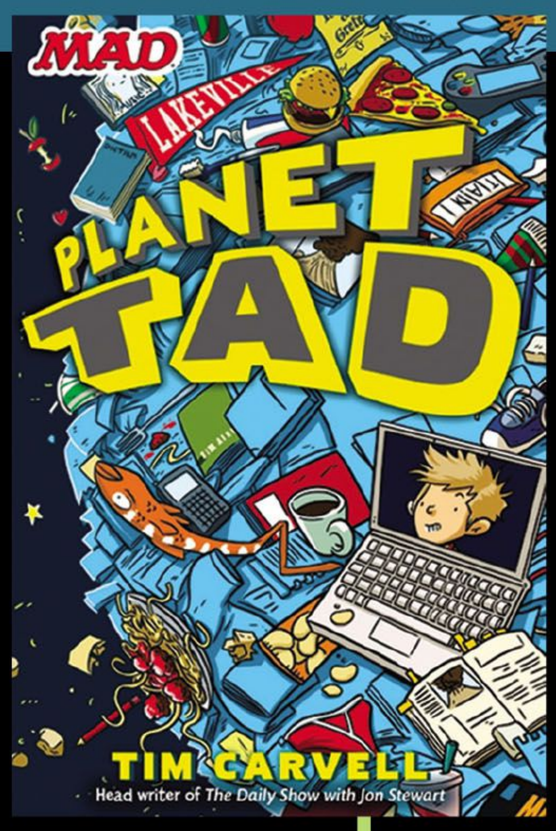

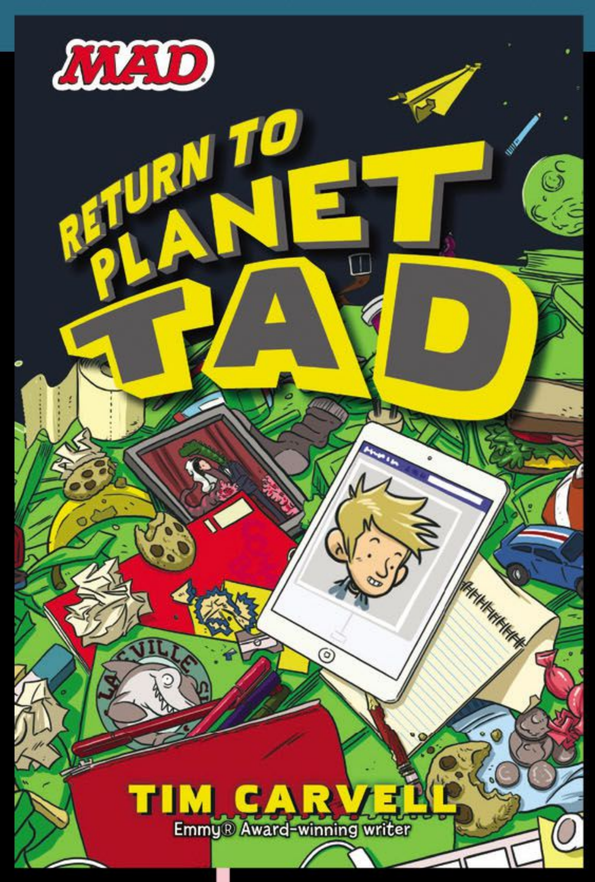

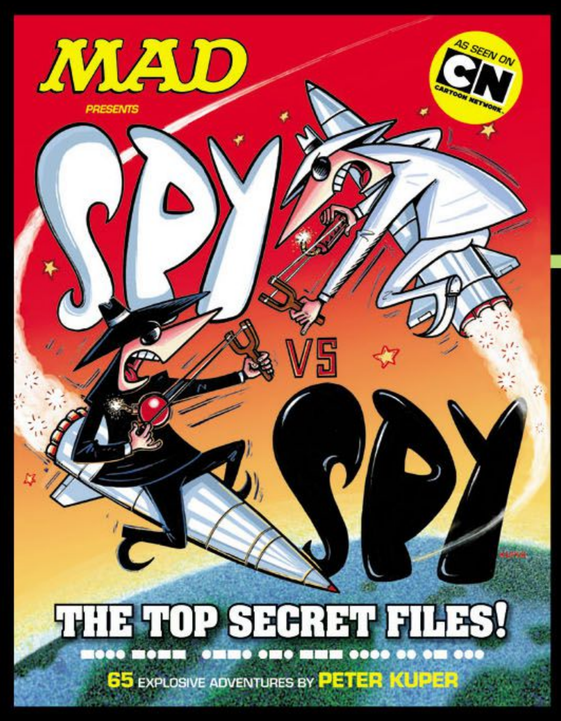

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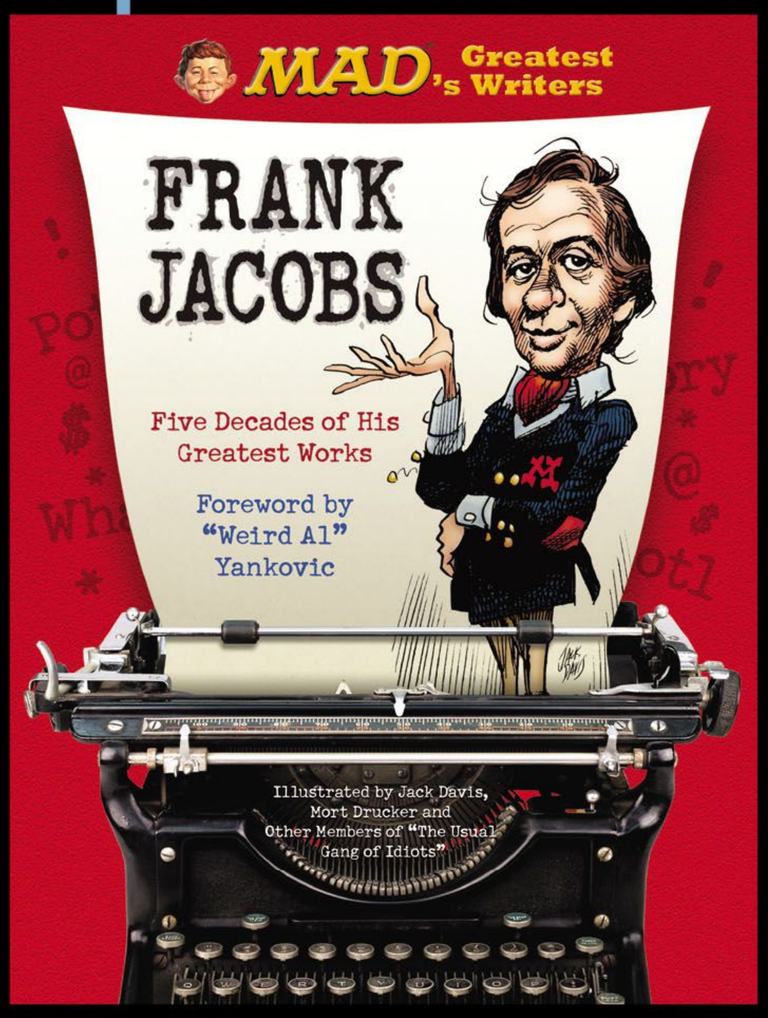

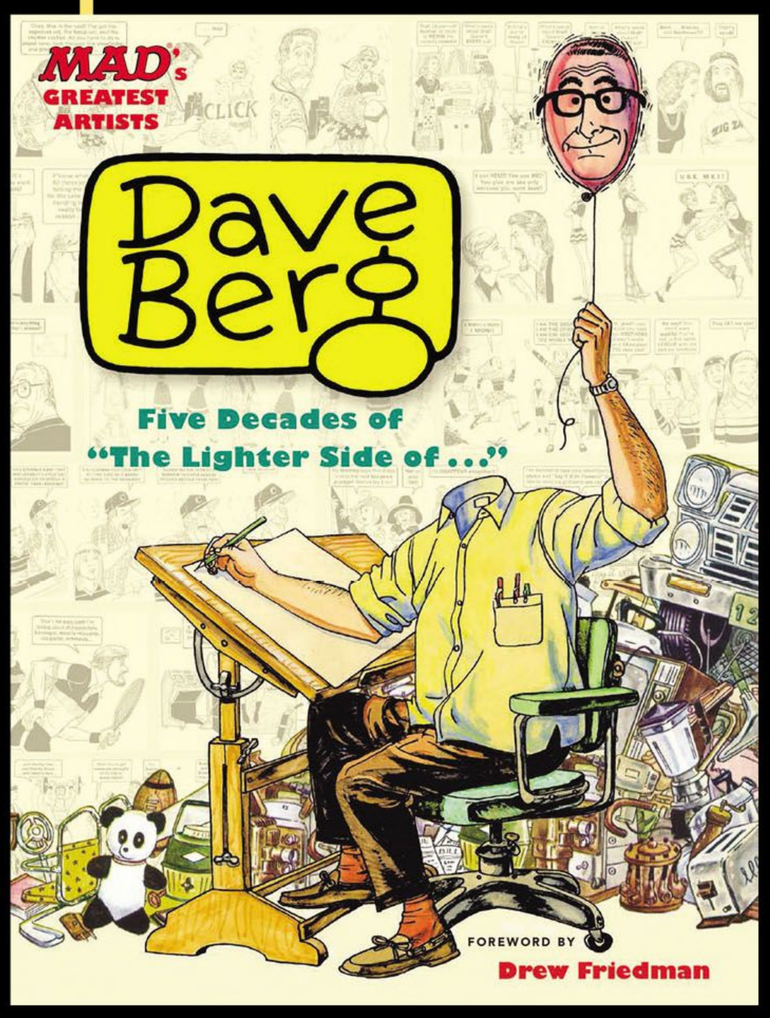

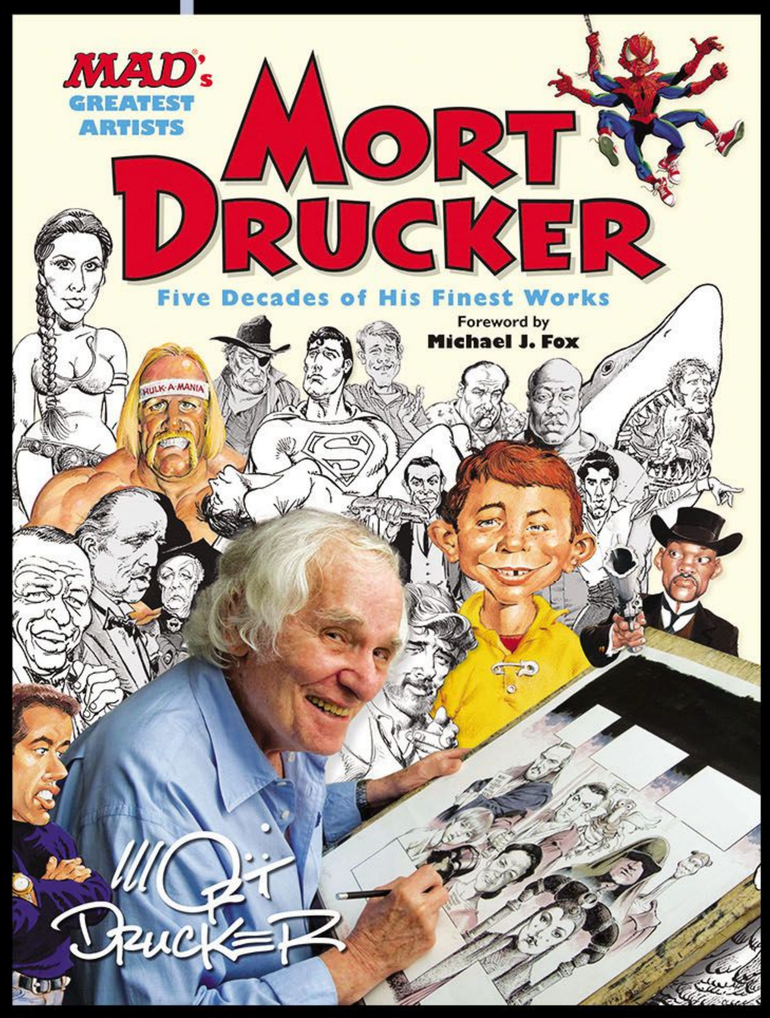

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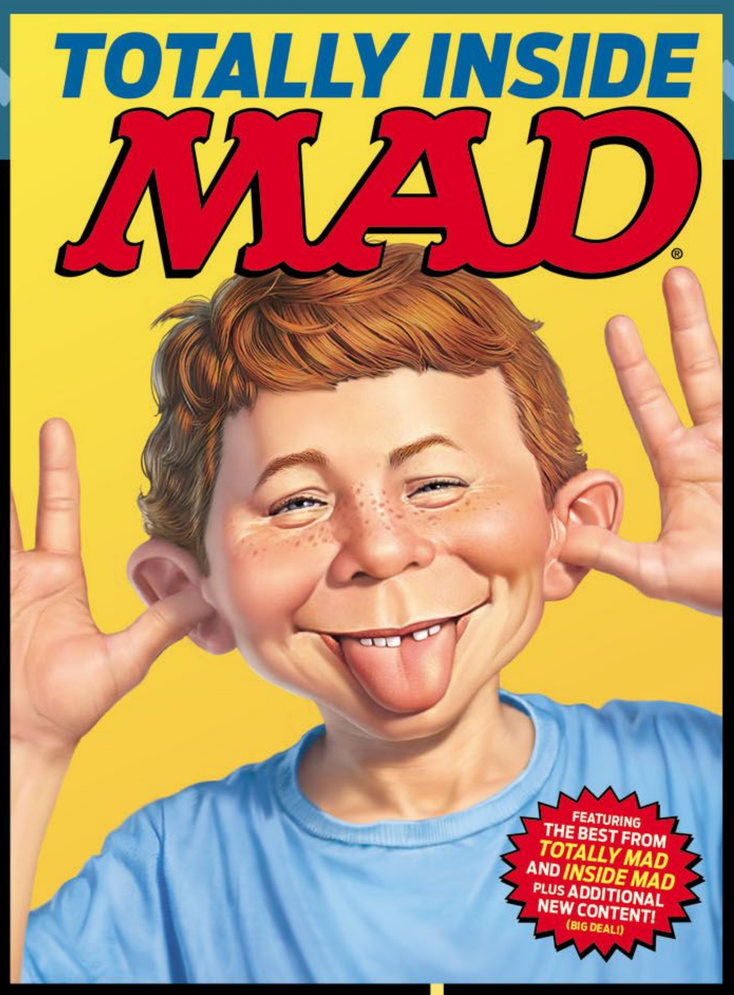

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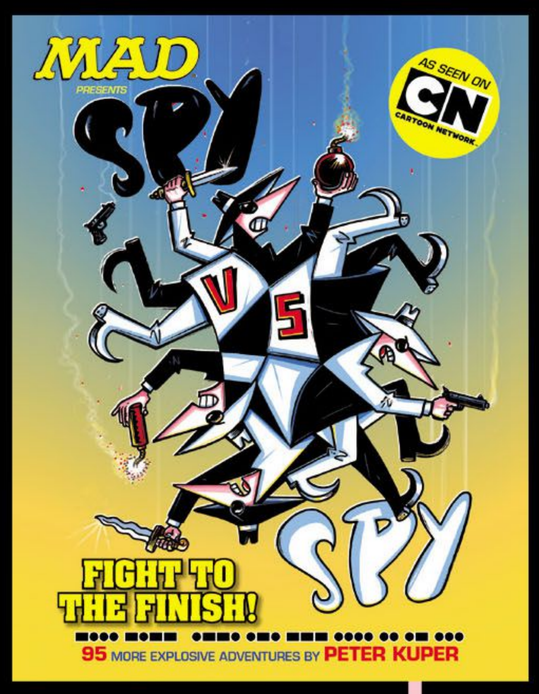

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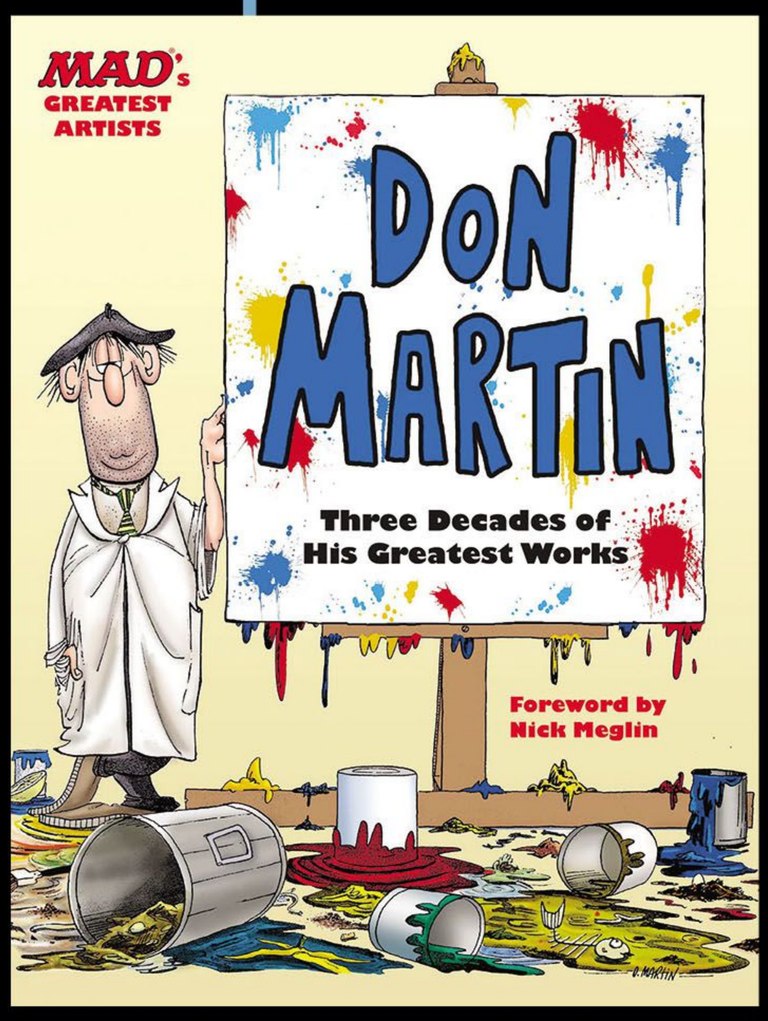

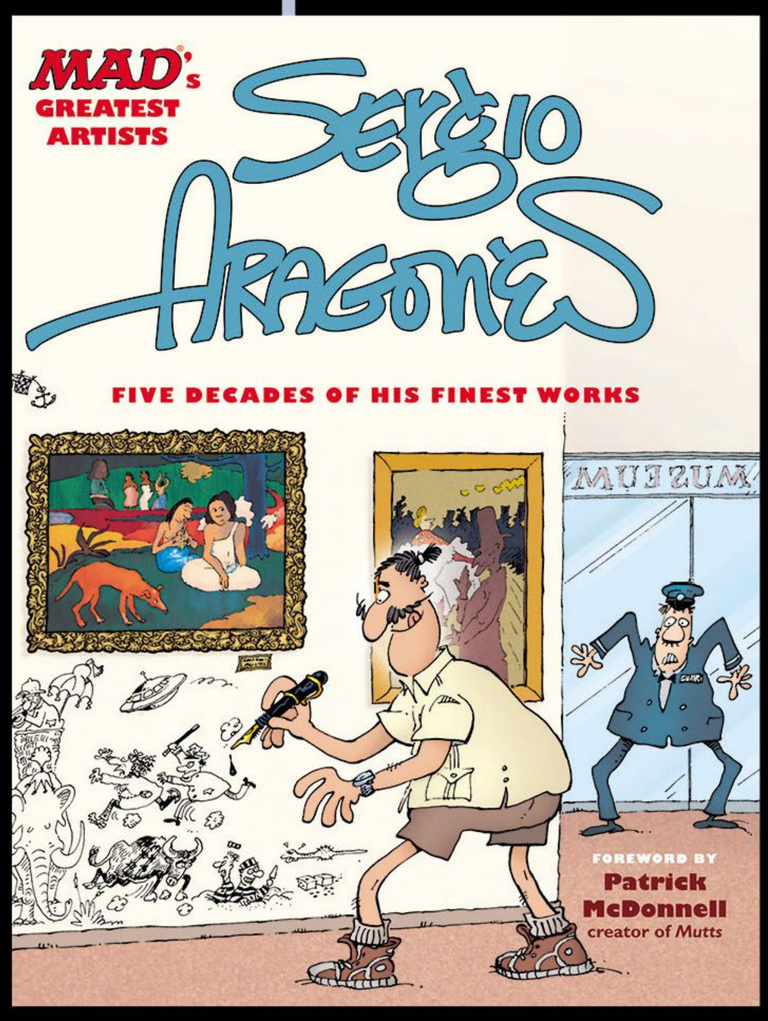

OF BOOKSTORES WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD — DUH!

UFC MATCH.COM DEPT.

Everyone knows that Ronda Rousey is super-tough! Strong, gritty and determined, Rousey is one of the greatest MMA fighters in the world. That's certainly impressive, but it can be intimidating for any fella hoping to date her. Knowing that the woman you're having dinner with can rotate the tires on your car with her bare hands would rattle even the most macho of men. So, in the interest of her love life, MAD humbly offers these...

DATING TIPS FOR

Leave plenty of time in your schedule to prepare for your date. Putting on makeup, picking out the right outfit, icing down swollen knuckles and stitching up scalp lacerations takes up more time than you might think.

Remember, men's egos are fragile. So are the bones in their fingers.

No matter how much lean protein you need for training, if your date is paying for dinner, do not order more than three whole chickens.

There are bound to be moments of awkward silence during a first date. Resist the urge to use this time to squeeze in a few hundred sit-ups.

While at the movies, do your best NOT to react instinctively when he tries to put his arm around your shoulders.

Hugging is romantic, but not when you refuse to let go until he taps out.

Use perfume behind each ear to cover up your usual scent of Gatorade, Creatine and Icy Hot.

RONDA ROUSEY

WRITER: MIKE MORSE

ARTIST: ANTON EMDIN

When staying in to watch old movies on the couch with your guy, choose a film that will get you in a romantic mood, like *Rocky IV* or *Raging Bull*.

Describing your last opponent's post-fight injuries is not appropriate dinner conversation.

If approached by a mugger, it is polite to give your date first dibs on thwarting him before crushing the would-be assailant with a roundhouse kick to the skull.

This Week's HOW-TO CLINICS at THE HOME DEPOT®

Saturday – 9 am
Convincing Your Wife to Let You Install Hardwood Laminate Yourself

Saturday – 10 am
How to Find a Stud in 12 Nail Holes or Less

Saturday – 11 am
Mastering the Self-Checkout When Purchasing Loose Screws

Saturday – noon
Kids Hurtshop: Installing a Paperclip Into an Electrical Outlet

Saturday – 1 pm
Attract Mosquitoes to Your Backyard With a Reflecting Pool

Saturday – 2 pm
Striking a Deal With a Professional Contractor to Fix Your Attempt at Hardwood Laminate Installation

Saturday – 3 pm
Save Those Eggshells! 90 Backbreaking Days to Your New Compost Pile

Sunday – 9 am
No More Clogs: Installing a Garbage Disposal in Your Low-Flow Toilet

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Pet Corner: Create A Cozy Dog Bed Out of Leftover Fiberglass Insulation

Sunday – 11 am
How to Remove an Unproductive Compost Pile and Reseed the Lawn It Destroyed

Sunday – noon
Build a Decorative Retaining Wall With Vintage, 17th Century Gravestones From Poorly Protected Cemeteries

Sunday – 1 pm
Getting the Neighbor Kid's Damn Frisbee Off the Roof

Sunday – 2 pm
How Much? Paying the Building Inspector to Sign Off On That Shoddy Deck You Banged Together

Kids Hurtshop

FREE

A great place to dump your kids while you waste time shopping for power tools that will sit unused in your basement until you sell your house!

LEARN JUST ENOUGH TO BE A DANGER TO YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY!

WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO

A MAD PARODY POSTER

DRAWN OUT DRAMAS

by Sergio Aragonés

WARNING:
DO NOT READ THIS!
MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PAGE.

WHAT PERVASIVE PROBLEM IS CAUSING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR HEADS EXAMINED?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

There's a disturbing new medical trend — people who were once the picture of health are suddenly in dire need of professional help. It's hard to keep track of all the players in this unfolding drama, because the victims all seem to be in league together. To find out if this is an epidemic, or if the problems are all in their heads, fold page in as shown.

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FORMERLY NORMAL PEOPLE ARE TODAY DEVOTING TIME TO MENTAL ISSUES BECAUSE OF BEHAVIOR THAT'S ABNORMAL. THERAPISTS ALL CONCUR THAT CURING THEM WILL TAKE MANY SESSIONS

A WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE B

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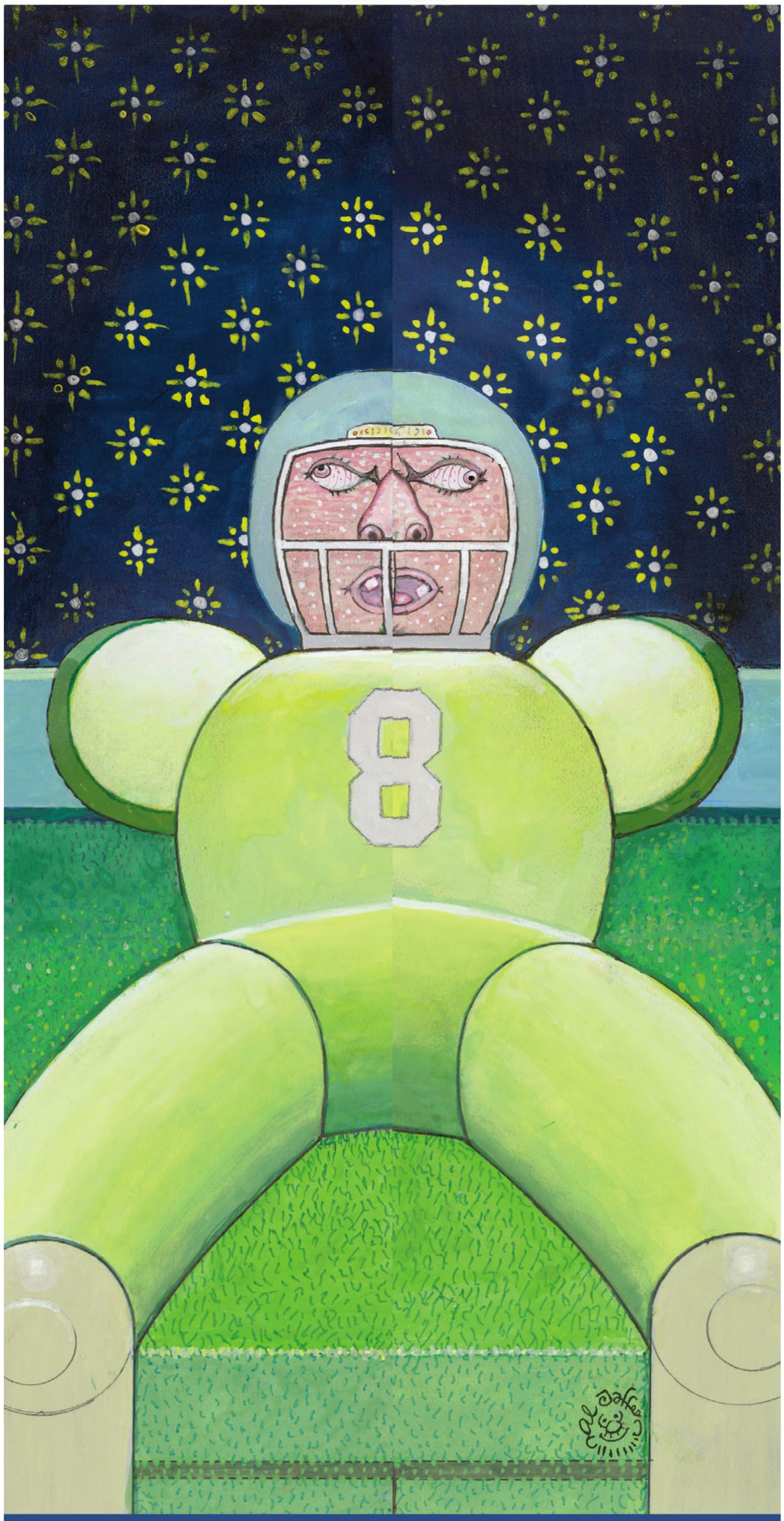

FOOT-

BALL CONCUSSIONS

A B

WHAT IS A RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE TRIP TODAY THAT MOST OF US WOULD RATHER AVOID?

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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Almost all Travel Ads today seem to feature "Bargain Trips". However, there is still one trip that remains as costly as ever. To find out what that trip is, fold in page as shown.

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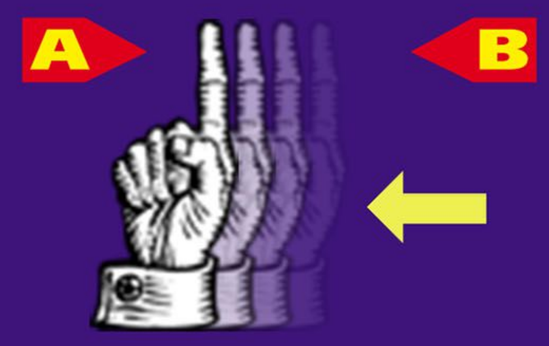

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ARTIST & WRITER:
AL JAFFEE

THOUGH BARGAIN TOURS ARE POPULAR, ONE EXPENSIVE LUXURY TRIP IS STILL BEING TAKEN. EVEN THE LEAST OPULENT OF THESE HAS TO COST YOU A SMALL FORTUNE!

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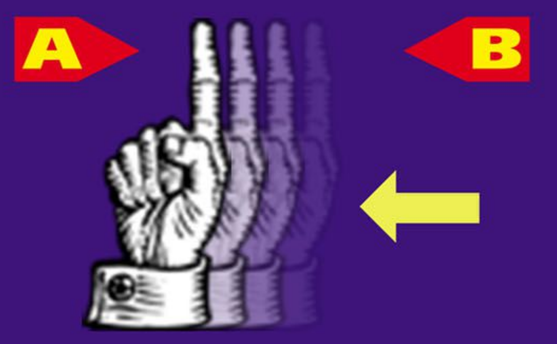

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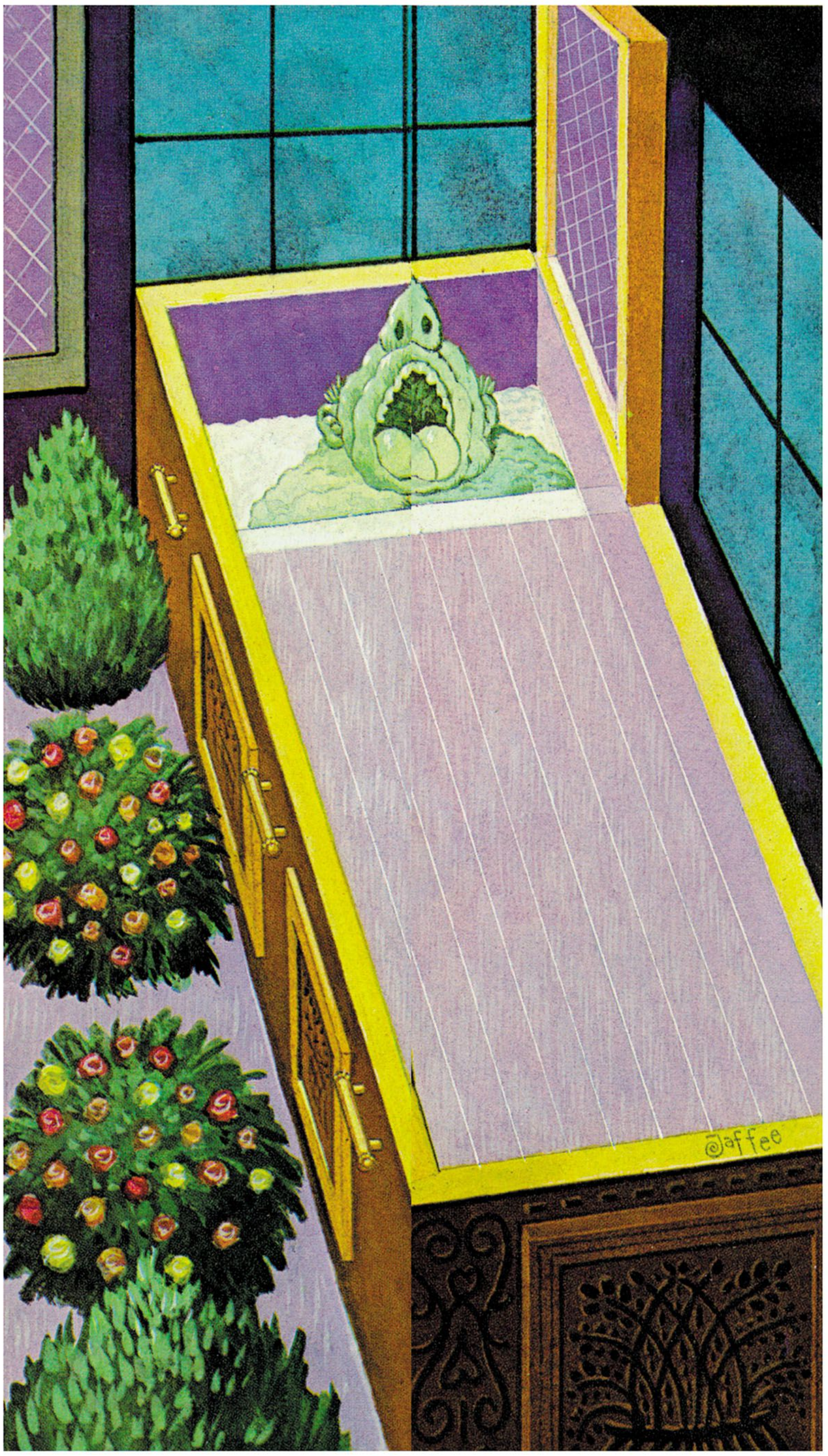

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THE LAST ONE!

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DIGITAL EX

**Everyone's been wetting their diapers o
ruins a beloved franchise — but the joke'
nearly two decades ago! We're re-presenti
everyone just how ahead of its time M**

From MAD #29

XCLUSIVE!

complaining how the new *Ghostbusters*
's on those whiners! We already did that
ing our spoof of *Ghostbusters II*, to remind
MAD is when it comes to being terrible!

THE SECOND SLIME AROUND DEPT.

What's the hot-action, feel-good hit of the summer that people are flocking to see? *Batman*, of course! Which is why MAD now proudly presents its satire of...

GROSS

Why are **Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd** and **Harold Ramis** playing the **same roles** they played in almost the **same movie** more than **five years ago?**

Look at the **awful films** they were in when they tried something **different:** Ramis in ***Baby Boom***; Murray in ***The Razor's Edge*** and ***Scrooged***; Aykroyd in ***Spies Like Us, The Great Outdoors, The Couch Trip*** and ***My Stepmother is an Alien***—all **bombs!!**

I guess the **Sly Stallone** philosophy **really applies:** "If at first you **do** succeed, do it **over** and **over** and **over again!**"

PINPOINT

OUCH!

ZAP!

At the end of ***Ghostbusters I***, we were **big heroes!** Now we're **bums! What happened?**

Two things: First, the **marshmallow man** you **exploded** resulted in **lawsuits** because it gave **half** the **people** in New York **diabetes!** Second, it's **another** Sly Stallone philosophy: "To **guarantee** that the audience will like the stars of a movie, keep **returning** them to the **underdog roles!**"

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I'M RAPPAPORT

CRY BABY ON BOARD

Why is the **baby** so **disturbed?**

How secure would **you** feel if your mother once turned into a **monster-killing dog?!!**

BUSTERS II

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: STAN HART

What made you choose this **dangerous line** of **work?**

I'm **fascinated** by **terrifying occurances** that people can neither **understand** nor **explain!**

Yeah, like **what?**

Like **Dan Quayle being Vice President!**

PEANUTS

Everyone thought you and Peter would live **happily ever after!**

I **left** him and his **Grossbusters** to stay with a group with a **lot more class**—some **Gorillas** in the **Mist** of **Africa!** That's where my **baby** was **born!**

And **who** is the baby's **father?**

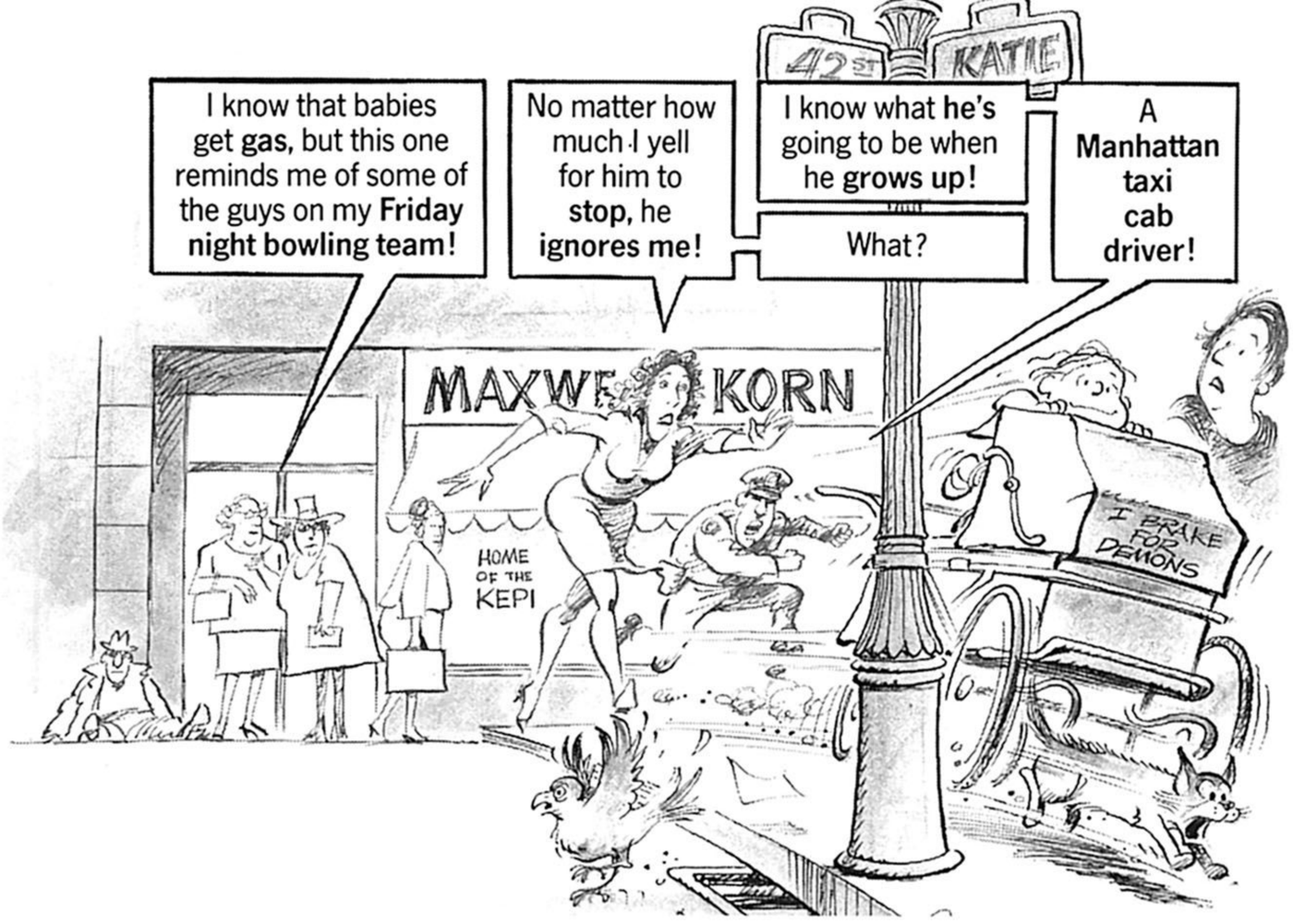
It's **hard** to **tell.** There was an **awful lot** of **mist!**

EXORCIST CORP.

As **clergymen**, we're **against** people believing in **fantastic nonsense** like **supernatural phenomena.**

Yeah. You want people to believe in **everyday** stuff like **Noah** and the **Ark**, **Jonah** and the **Whale**, and **talking serpents** with **apples!**

MORT DRUCKER


I know that babies get **gas**, but this one reminds me of some of the guys on my **Friday night bowling team!**
No matter how much I yell for him to **stop**, he **ignores me!**
I know what **he's** going to be when he **grows up!**
What?
A **Manhattan taxi cab driver!**
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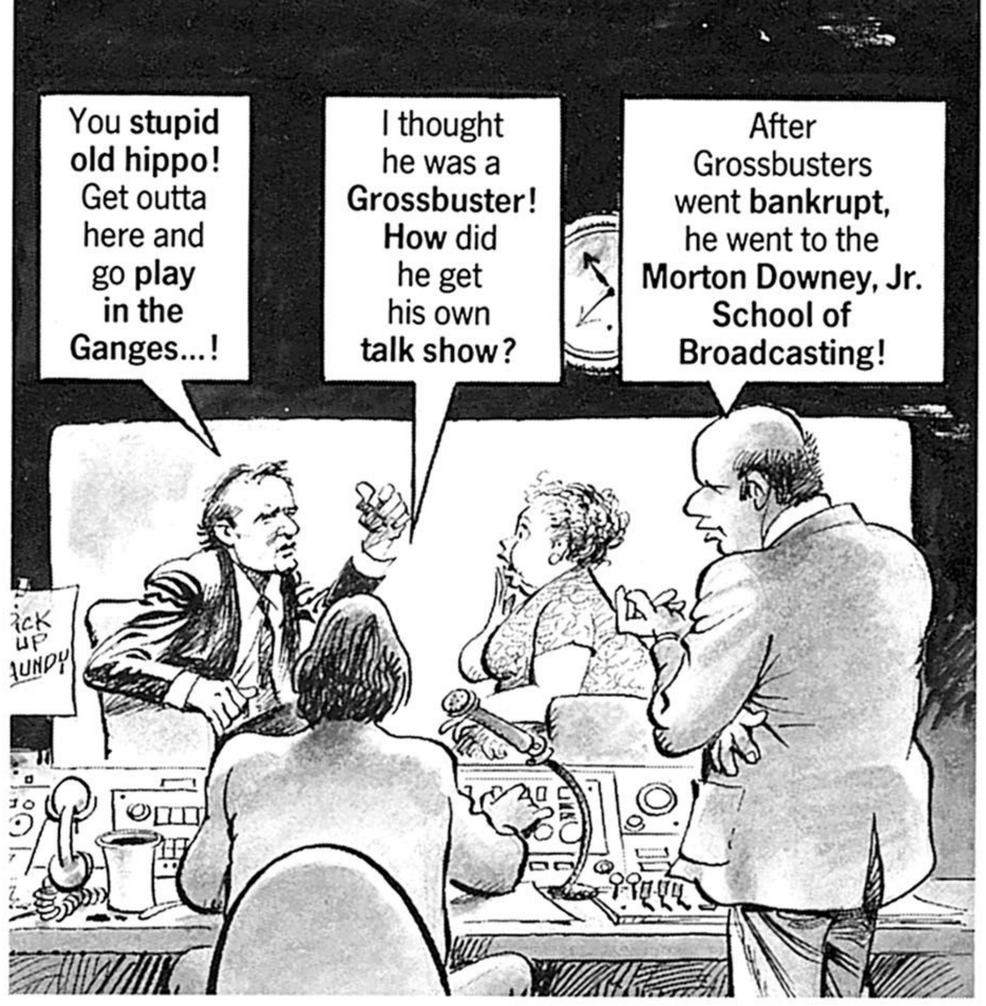
You **stupid old hippo!** Get outta here and go **play in the Ganges...!**
I thought he was a **Grossbuster! How** did he get his own **talk show?**
After Grossbusters went **bankrupt,** he went to the **Morton Downey, Jr. School of Broadcasting!**

Hey, **Mr. Mayor, I** can **help you!**
Get lost! The Mayor doesn't want to be **seen** with a **Grossbuster!**
I **can't** let people think that I run the city by consulting some **occult weirdo!**
Why not? That's the way **Ronnie and Nancy Reagan** ran the **country** for **eight years!**
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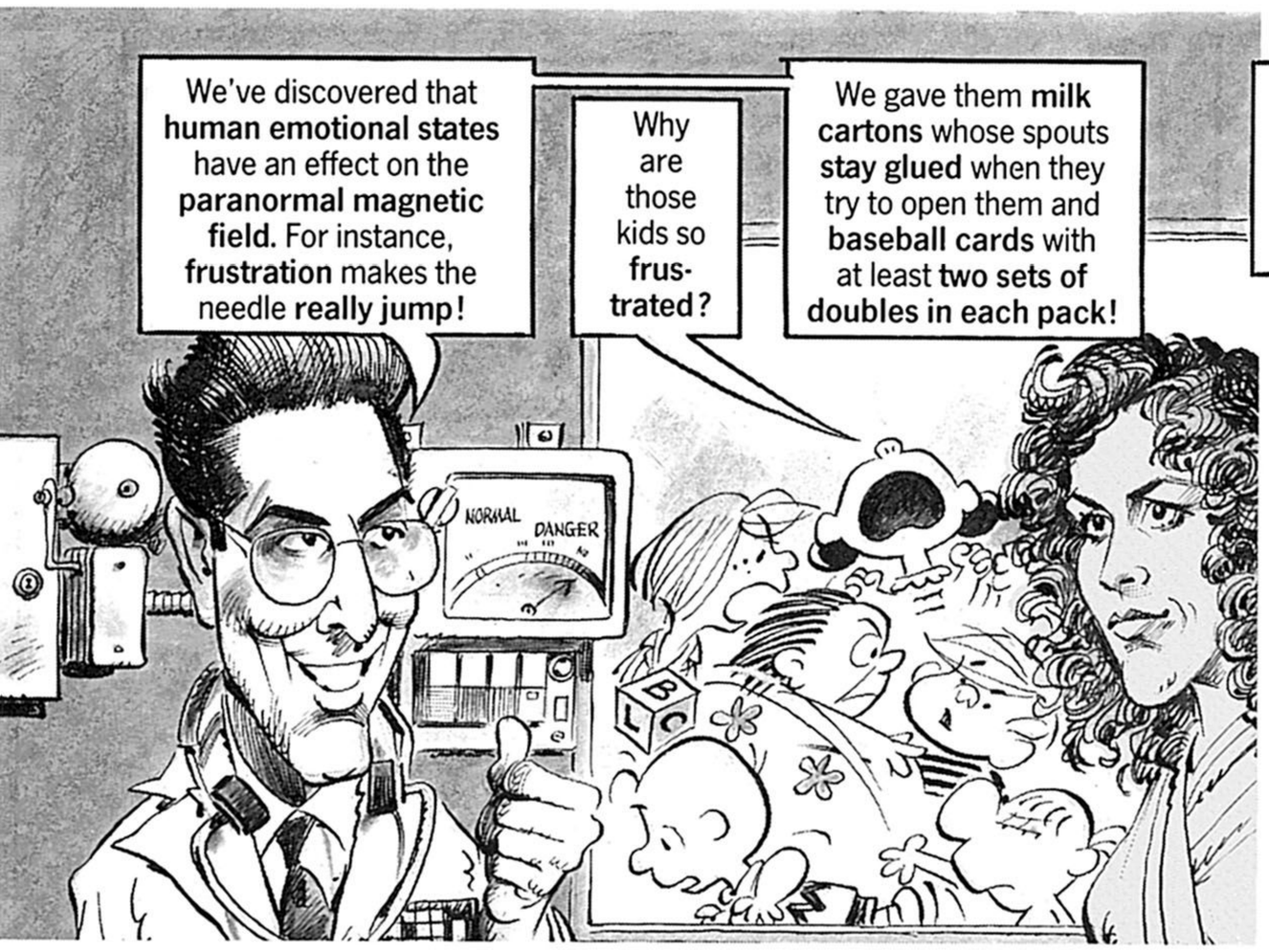
KOCH A FALLING STAR!

You're **new** at cleaning paintings, aren't you?
What makes you say **that?**
Only a **rookie** would **sand-blast** the *Mona* **Lisa!**


We've discovered that **human emotional states** have an effect on the **paranormal magnetic field.** For instance, **frustration** makes the needle **really jump!**
Why are those kids so **frus-trated?**
We gave them **milk cartons** whose spouts **stay glued** when they try to open them and **baseball cards** with at least **two sets of doubles in each pack!**
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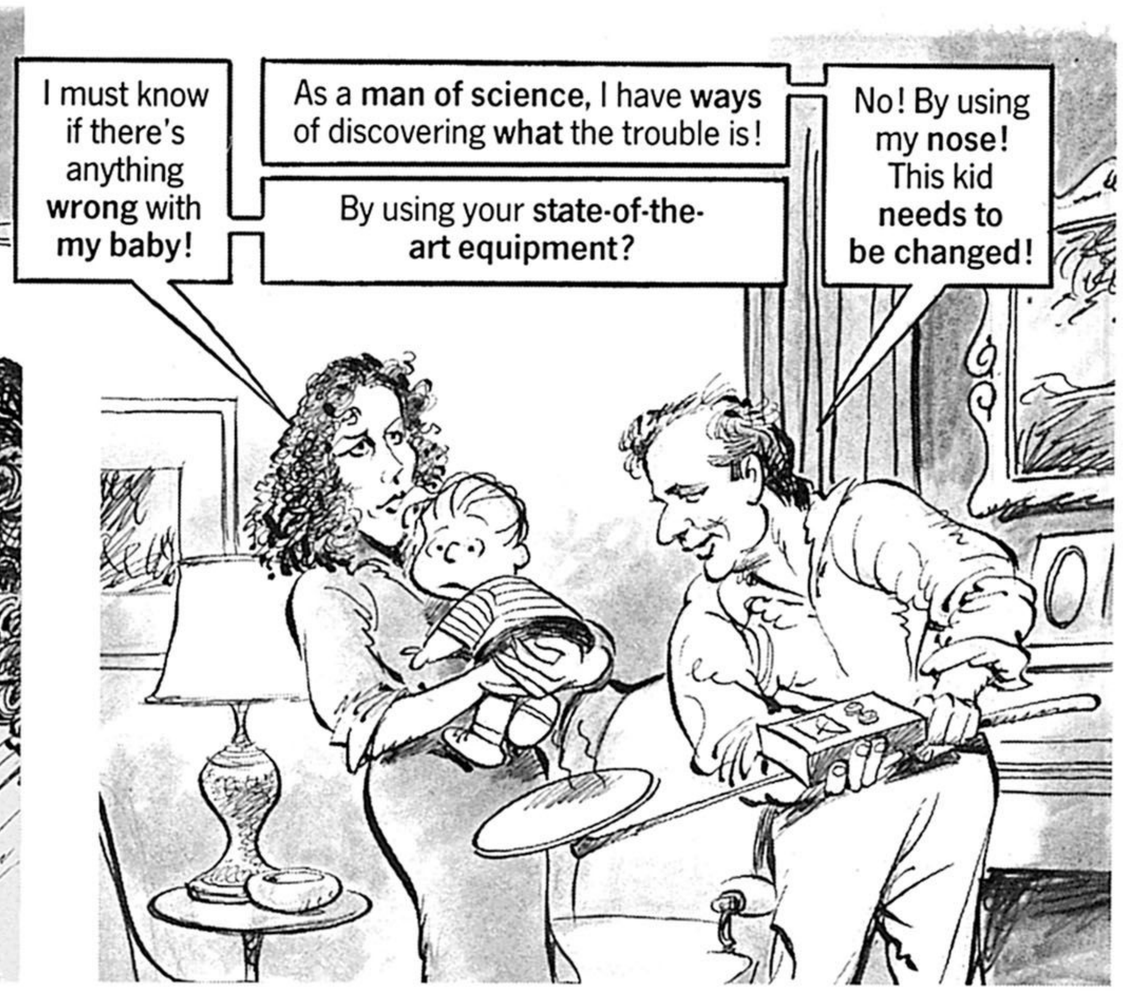
I must know if there's anything **wrong** with **my baby!**
As a **man of science,** I have **ways** of discovering **what** the trouble is!
By using your **state-of-the-art equipment?**
No! By using my **nose!** This kid **needs to be changed!**

I am the **embodiment** of **evil** and I plan to **conquer the world** and **bend it to my will!**

My God!!! Is that **really** you?

Who else? Bring me a **child,** so that I might **live forever!**

Why don't you **find** a **woman** and have **your own child?**

I'd like to, but at **my age,** well...**some things** are even **beyond the powers of the supernatural!**

What are you guys doing?

Word was that cars were **moving smoothly** on this street, so the New York City **Traffic Dept.** sent us over here **to do something about it!**

BEEP!

HONK! HONK!

MENACE AT WORK

I've **found something!**

What **is it?**

The New York City drinking water supply!

H_2 Oh, Oh!

Hey, I need **protection** during this **blackout!** In the last five minutes, I've had my **car stolen** and been **mugged three times!**

That's not **so strange** in **New York.**

It is for **me! I'm a cop!**

No kidding! Did they take your **gun,** too?

Yes, they did!

Oh, really! Then **stick 'em up!**

GOODNESS!

OH, MY...

They're charging **us** with **causing the blackout!** Think you can **get us off?**

I'm not too sure. The **last** client I defended was being **sued** for returning a **Nintendo game** to **Sears** that he really bought at **K Mart!** It was a **landmark case!**

And **why** was **that?**

It was the **first time** the defendant in a **civil case** was given the **death penalty!**

SLIME

Oh, no! **Not "Godfather III"! Somebody** do **something!**

Okay **feet,** do your **duty!**

Why did you say **that?**

Because **that's** how we get our **electrical power**—by **scraping our feet on carpets!**

We've got to **guide** the **ghosts** into **my traps!**

Hey, we could make a **fortune** selling these things to **corporations** to give as **presents** to their **retiring employees!**

But the **contents** of the trap are **deadly!**

Yeah! When the **retiree** gets home and opens it—**ZAP!** The ghost **eats him!** Think of all the **pension money** they'll **save!**

Wow, what a **surprise!** How did you **find out** where **I lived?**

You're listed in the **phone book** under **"Land Fills and Garbage Dumps"!** I'm worried! My baby's **bathtub** just tried to **eat him!**

I'll have the **Grossbusters** check out your place. Meanwhile, you can **stay here tonight!**

Think it's **safe?**

Sure, that's the **only kind** of **sex I practice!**

I think I'm in **trouble!**

Thank you for **baby-sitting!**

Yeah, but no **making love** on **my couch!**

We **don't** do **that.** We're **just** good **friends!**

So, who do you **usually make love** to, **your enemies?**

Bring me the **baby** so my **evilness** can **invade** his **body** and I will be **reborn!**

He's got to be **stopped!** The world must be **spared** another age/youth **transplantation movie** like *Eighteen Again, Vice Versa* and *Like Father Like Son*!

We can **save** the city from the **evil** force that has chosen **New York** for **destruction!**

Why has this **evil force** picked **New York?**

Because it **feeds** on what this city has in such **abundance—anger, hostility, mistrust** and **good delicatessens!**

I can't **waste time** with you. I've got to get back to my **pals** before any more of them get **indicted** for **defrauding** the city! Meanwhile, you need a **rest**—in a **Club Med Psychiatric Ward!**

I want you to **tell me** about your **child—hood!**

Ha! He says he can **cure** people by letting them **talk endlessly, year** after **year!** And he thinks that **we're nuts?!**

Give us your **baby** and he will become the **ruler** of the **world!** Wouldn't you **like that?**

No, it's **hard enough** for a **parent** to get a kid to **clean up** his **room!** How am I to get him to **clean up** the entire **world?**

Among the **many strange phenomena** that are **plaguing** our city, perhaps **none** is more **amazing** than the sudden, **unexplained appearance** of the **S.S. Titanic!** That ship **sank** in **1912!!** There is, however, some **bad news**...

...**Carnival Cruise Line** has already rented it and booked **Kathie Lee Gifford** for their **stupid commercials!**

If my friends could see me now...

If we **coat** the **Statue** with **psycho-magnetic slime,** and people react **positively,** the resulting **benign force** will counteract the **evil force** that is **gripping** the **city!**

Yeah, and what if that plan **doesn't** work?

Then we ship in a **boxcar** full of **fruit,** **dump** it here, and we got ourselves a **Jello mold** that will last for **years!**

Look! New Yorkers are **cheering** the **Statue!**

This is turning out to be a **real fantasy.**

Because in **real** life, the **Statue** of **Liberty** would **never** be in **Times Square?**

No, because in **real** life, if the Statue **were** in Times Square, the average New Yorker would **ignore it!**

Salman Rushdie says **"Hi!"**

Darling, you not only **saved** my **baby,** you also saved **New York City!**

I couldn't help **that!** But we **still** have **one problem** to **solve!**

What problem is **that?**

What are we going to **do** with the **world's biggest homeless bag lady?**

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

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THE END.

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