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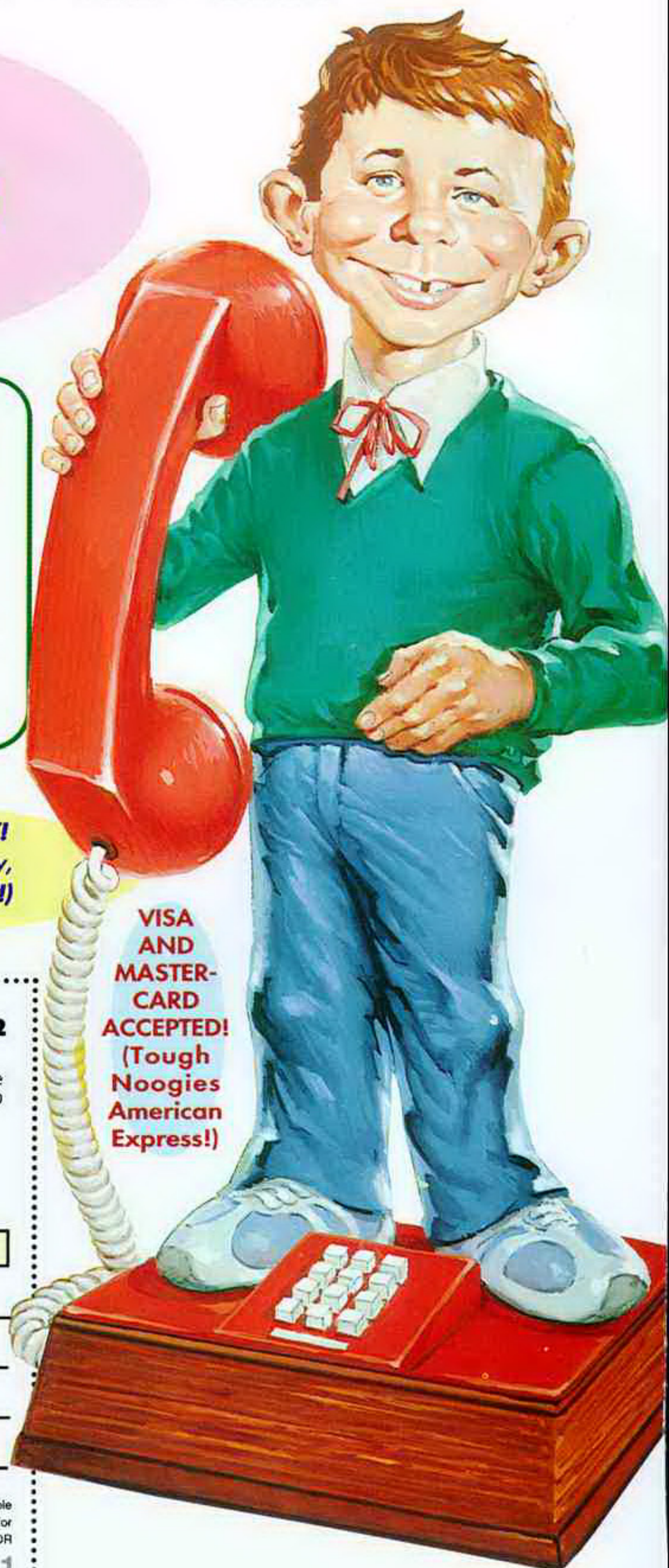
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LETTERS AND TOMATOES WITH SPECIAL SAUCE DEPT.

Welcome, my wily well-wishers, to the latest installment of Elron's postal parade. For all you impatient imbeciles out there, I'll cut right to the chase. Looks like all the Buffalonians are befuddled by the barrage of abuse I bombarded them with on the last letters page, so I promise I'll go easy on them this time. Let's start with this erroneous epistle from the Empire State . . .



My Led Zep photo, phony? Lindy, my dear, you better come down from your STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN because you're so DAZED AND CONFUSED that we seem to be having a COMMUNICATIONS BREAKDOWN! I can't say that I have a WHOLE LOTTA LOVE for a FOOL IN THE RAIN like you! Now go put on a KASHMIR sweater and run OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY where you can read MOBY DICK in peace and quiet. THANK YOU...Well, it seems that Buffalo, New York isn't the only place where the B.S. roams! Ponder this pernicious parcel from Buffalo Grove, a poorly-populated part of the Prairie State...

To: Elron

I just purchased my first MAD in 25 years for my son who's in camp (far, far, away!) and what do I see, but yet another SLAM against Buffalo.

Also, your picture with Led Zeppelin in Super Special #99 is sooo fake. None of us back then would be seen with a guy who had an earring!!



Lindy
Buffalo, NY

You Buffalo Grovian bonehead! What kind of twisted tactics do they teach you in your pathetic town? Ask for freebies and then demand that I be given a pink slip! Nice try, Buffalo Grove Boy, but I ain't bitin'! I didn't think it was possible, but Buffalo Grovians actually make Buffalonians look bright! Now this next bonny beauty from the Hoosier State really knows how to pose a quirky query...

Dear MAD,

Can I please have the last 10 or 15 issues for free please.
And please fire Elron or else!

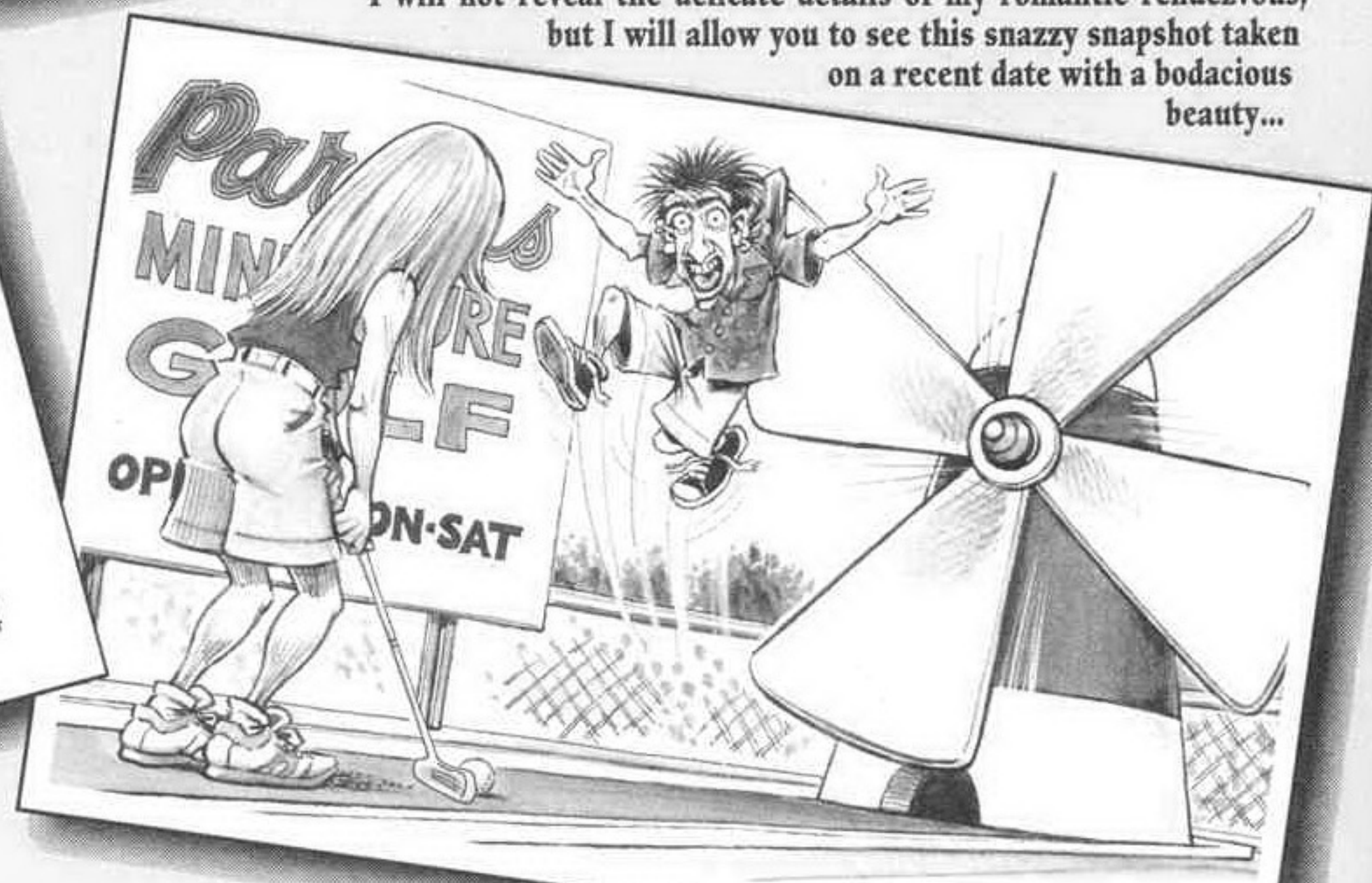
Matt Hart
Buffalo Grove, IL

I will not reveal the delicate details of my romantic rendezvous, but I will allow you to see this snazzy snapshot taken on a recent date with a bodacious beauty...

Dear Elron,

I'm dying to know what you'd consider a fun night with a girl.
No censoring please!

Stephanie Gould
Jasper, IN



Well, Buffalo Grove may just get a reprieve. An even larger lot of loathsome losers has materialized in Maryland's most mangy metropolis. It seems a banal band of Baltimore blowhards found some meaning in their meaningless lives in the Spy Cards from Collector's Series #8. Read on...

Dear Elron,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for publishing the **MAD Super Special** Late Spring 1994 issue.

A Spy vs. Spy Combat Card Game twenty player league will soon be formed. Ten players in each division. The top two players from each division qualify for the playoffs and of course there will be the championship finals.

We would like your best wishes for a successful first season and of course many more.

Jay Hamer
Baltimore, MD

I bet you would like my best wishes. Well, in the immortal words of my Uncle Slokum, "You could wish someone all the luck in the whole dang world, but it just won't do them no good if they already gots the head lice." Anyway, our next letter comes to us from a cozy corner of Colorado...

Dear Elron—

In Super Special #99 I noticed how many bad remarks you made about Ollie North. Funny, my family is the same way!

Danielle North
Englewood, CO

So, Ms. North, are you saying you may be related to folly Ollie? I suppose you'd like me to make bad remarks about your family too! Well, I won't give you the satisfaction! I'd much rather make fun of your miserable excuse for a town! Englewood stinks! There's no more pitiful place to live . . . except for maybe that bleak Baltimore . . . or that bufoonic Buffalo Grove . . . or the Buffalowest of them all! And now let's leave this crappy country of sorry cities. Our last letter is from a candid Canadian correspondent who craves craniums...

DEAR ELRON,

THE "OVERCOMING BALDNESS" GARBAGE IN YOUR **MOVIE CLASSICS** SUPER SPECIAL WAS A PILE OF CRAP.

ANYWAY, I HAVE ANOTHER DARE FOR YOU. GET A CAT SCAN AND SHOW US THE ACTUAL SIZE OF YOUR BRAIN!

TOM DOHERTY
HALFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

No dare to Elron goes undone! I hired my neighborhood neurologist to hook me up to his handy brain machine. The results are to the right as you can plainly see...



My doctor's decided I have a serious syndrome, but unfortunately, it is utterly unidentifiable! If you have a decent diagnosis for my daunting disease, dash off a letter to...

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medical FAX to:
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Pleasant dreams!
Ah-ha-ha-ha-ha!

We've had it! We're fed up! We're STEAMED at the way Hollywood keeps ripping off comic strips! Batman, Superman, Dick Tracy, Popeye and plenty of others have been turned into stinky movies by

producers who can't think up original ideas of their own. MAD thinks turnabout is fair play! It's about time the comic strip business did some ripping off of their own! Yeah!! Just imagine...

IF Famous Movies WERE MADE INTO COMIC STRIPS

ARTIST AND WRITER: RUSS COOPER

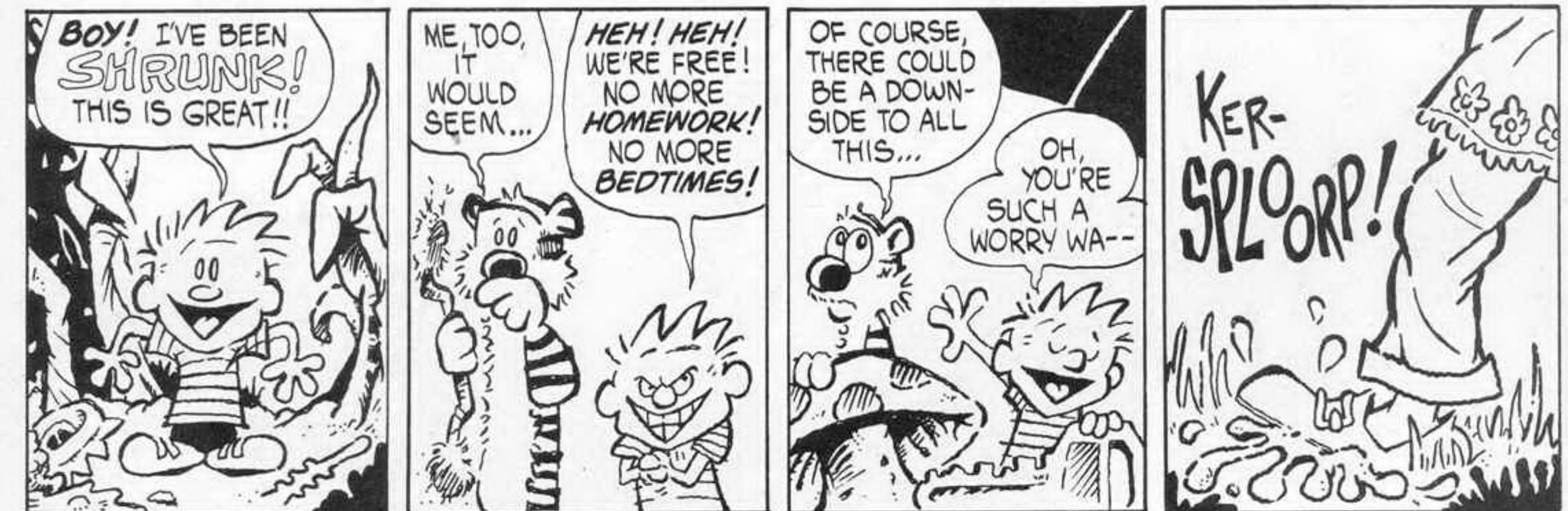
THE GODFATHER By Charles Schulz



PSYCHO By Cathy Guisewite



HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS By Bill Watterson



LEAN ON ME By Garry Trudeau



CRIES AND WHISPERS By Jim Davis



TAXI DRIVER By Bil Keane



"Hey Daddy, are you gonna eat that piece of pie, huh, Daddy? Daddy? ... Daddy?"

GODZILLA By Jim Unger



GREAT BALLS OF FIRE By Dean Young & Stan Drake



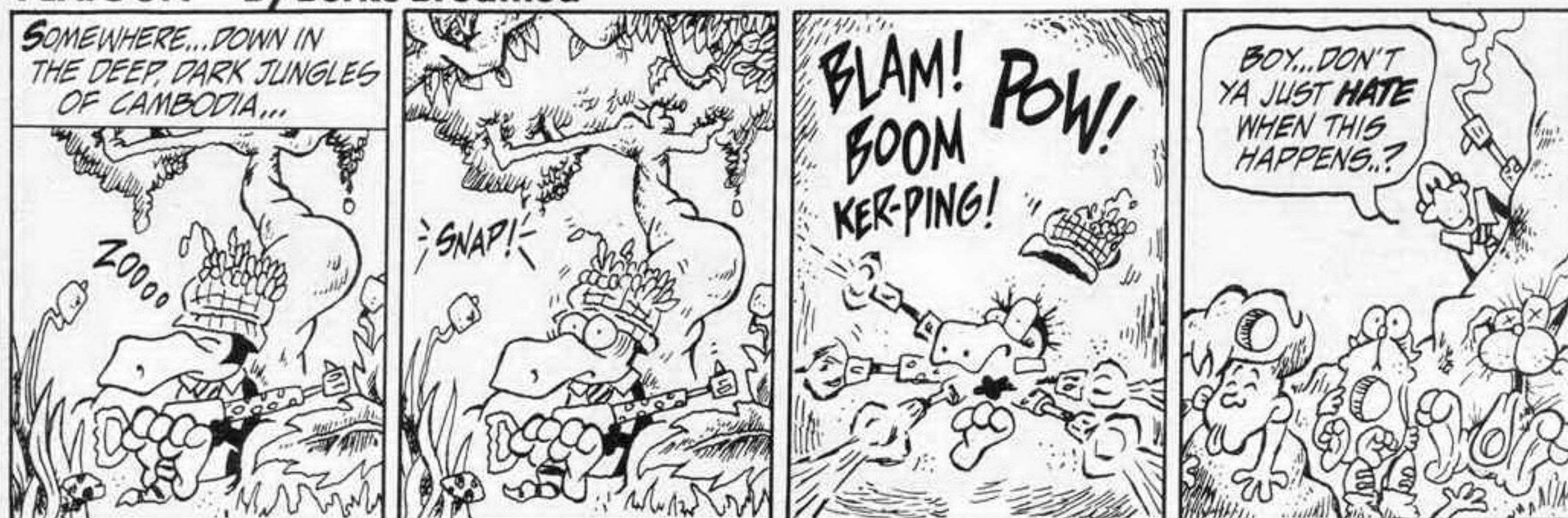
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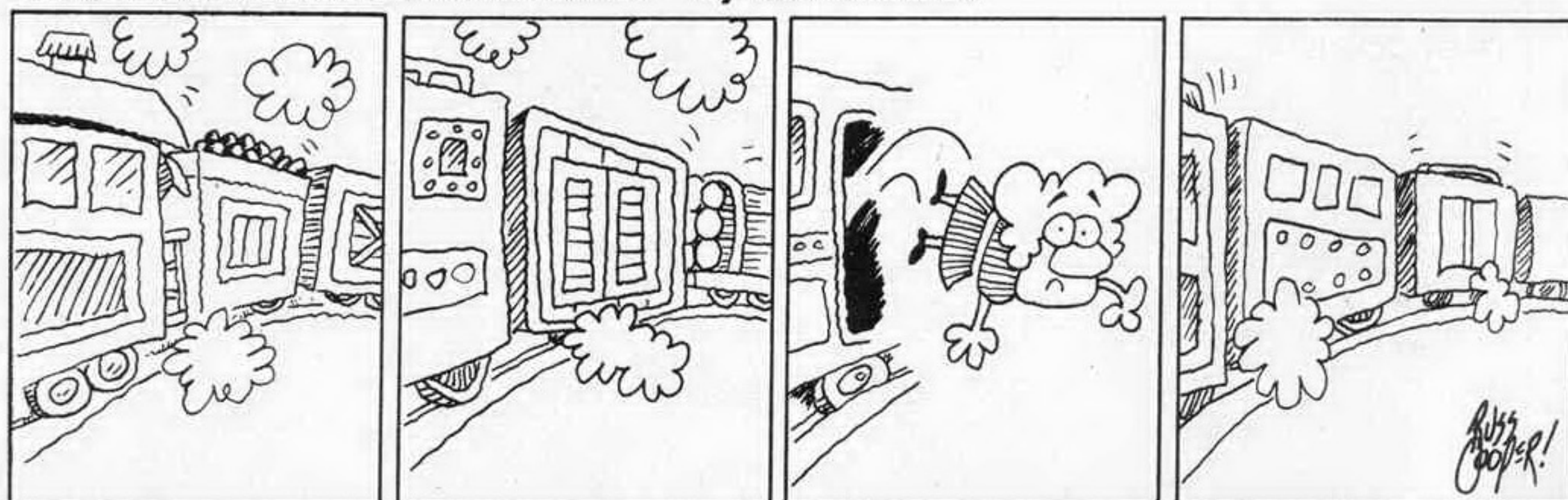
A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET By Johnny Hart



PLATOON By Berke Breathed



THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN By Mell Lazarus



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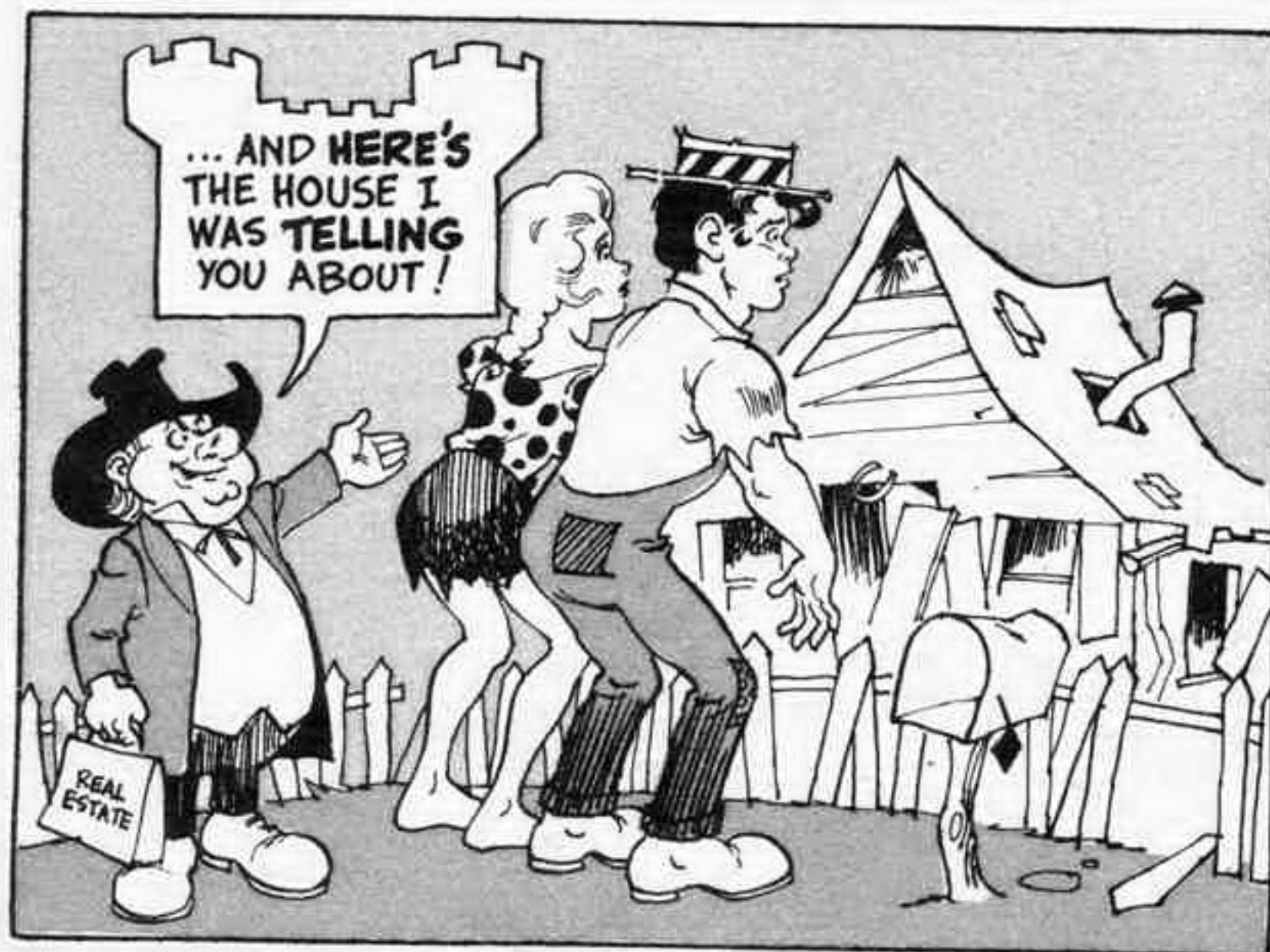
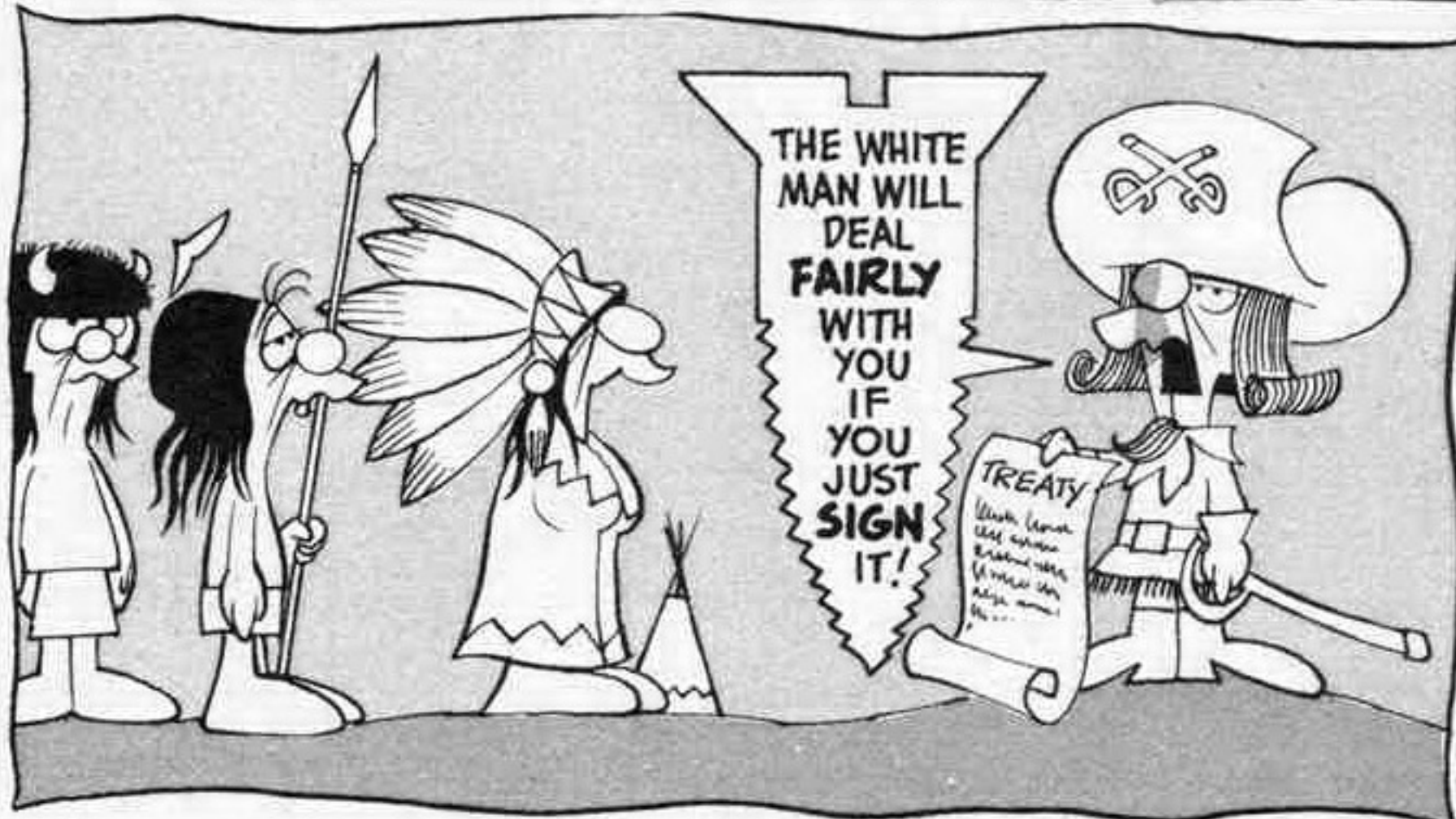
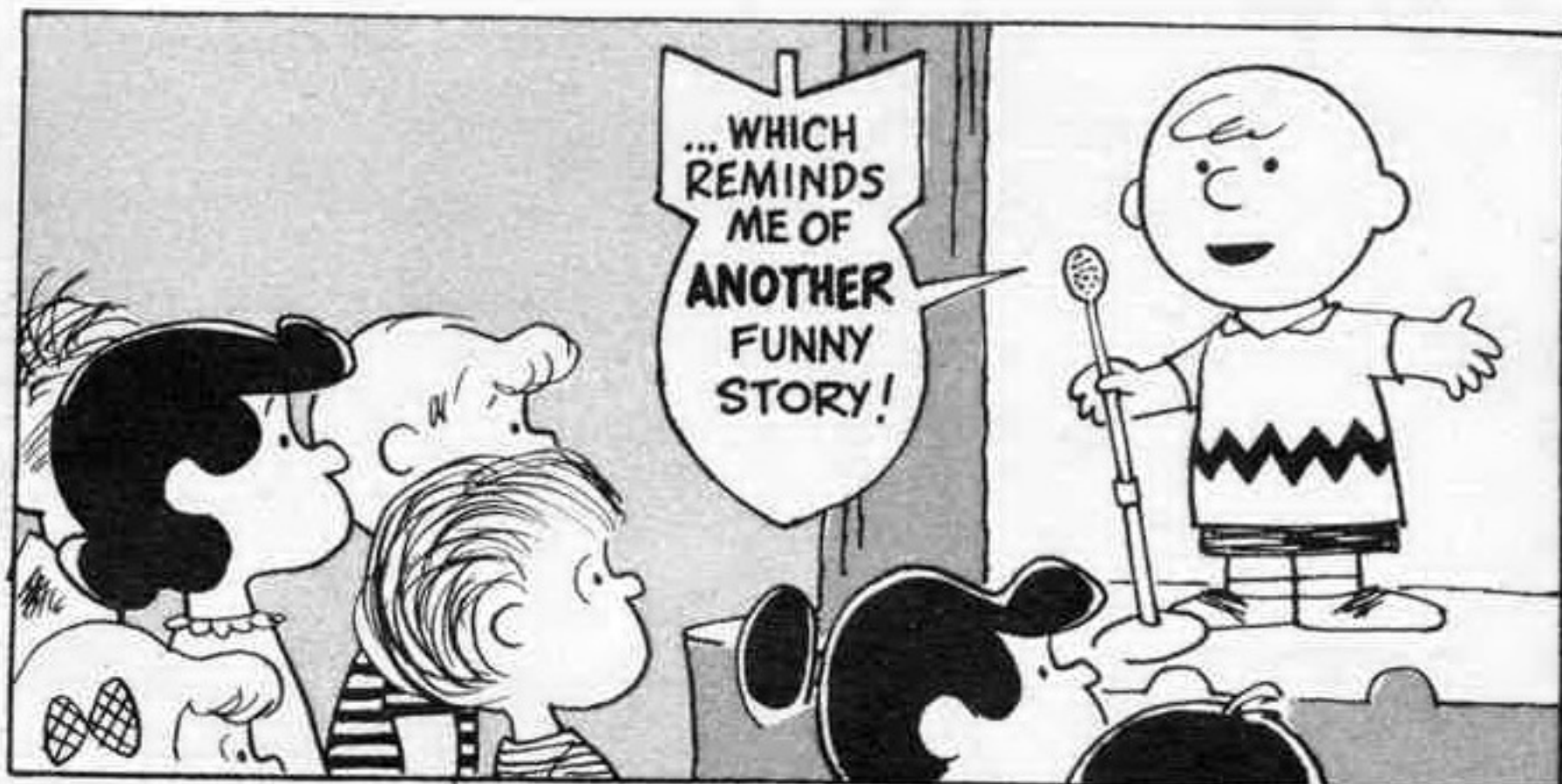
Today, everything is psychologically oriented. Books, movies, plays . . . all probe their characters' innermost thoughts and emotions. Which may be one reason why Syndicated Comic Strips are slowly fading from the American scene. It may be that they lack this psychological depth. So why not add a new Freudian dimension to Comic Strips by using

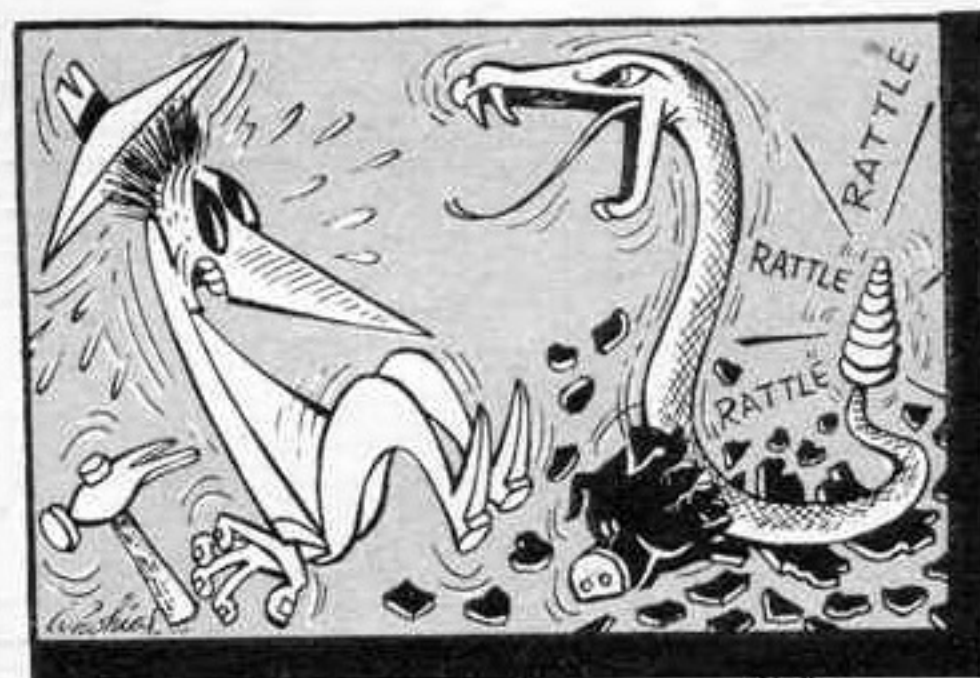
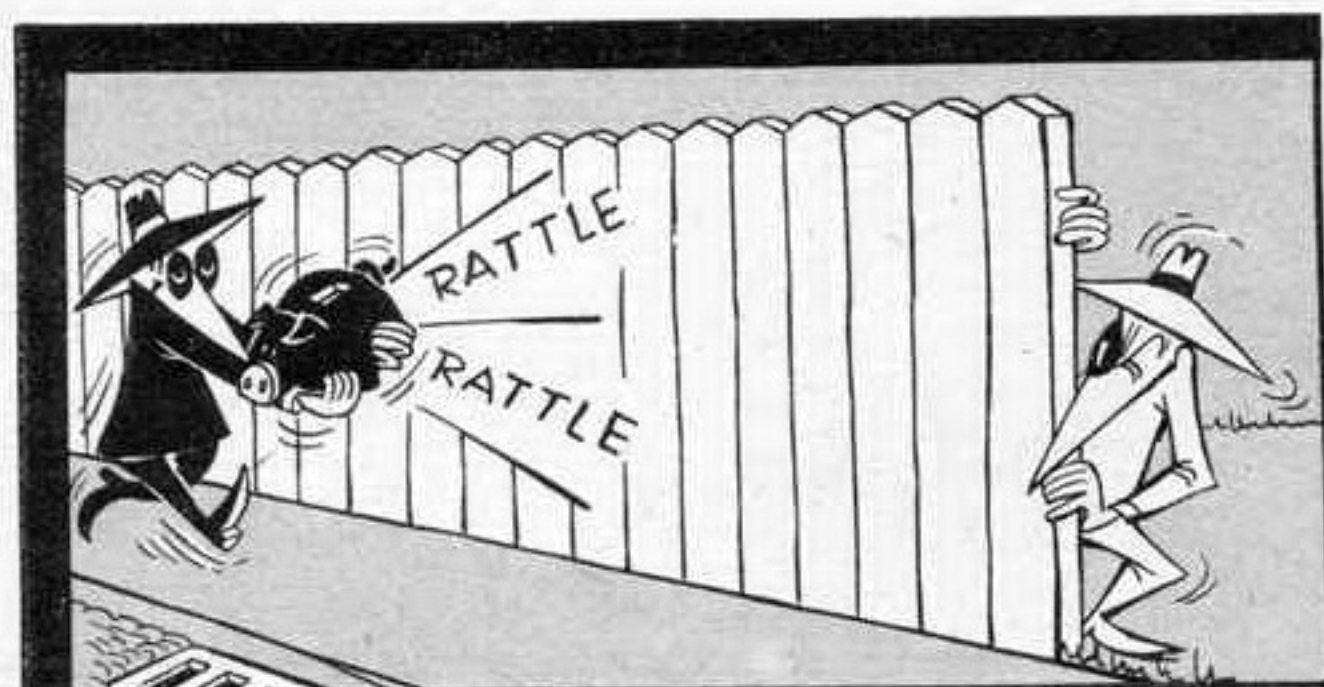
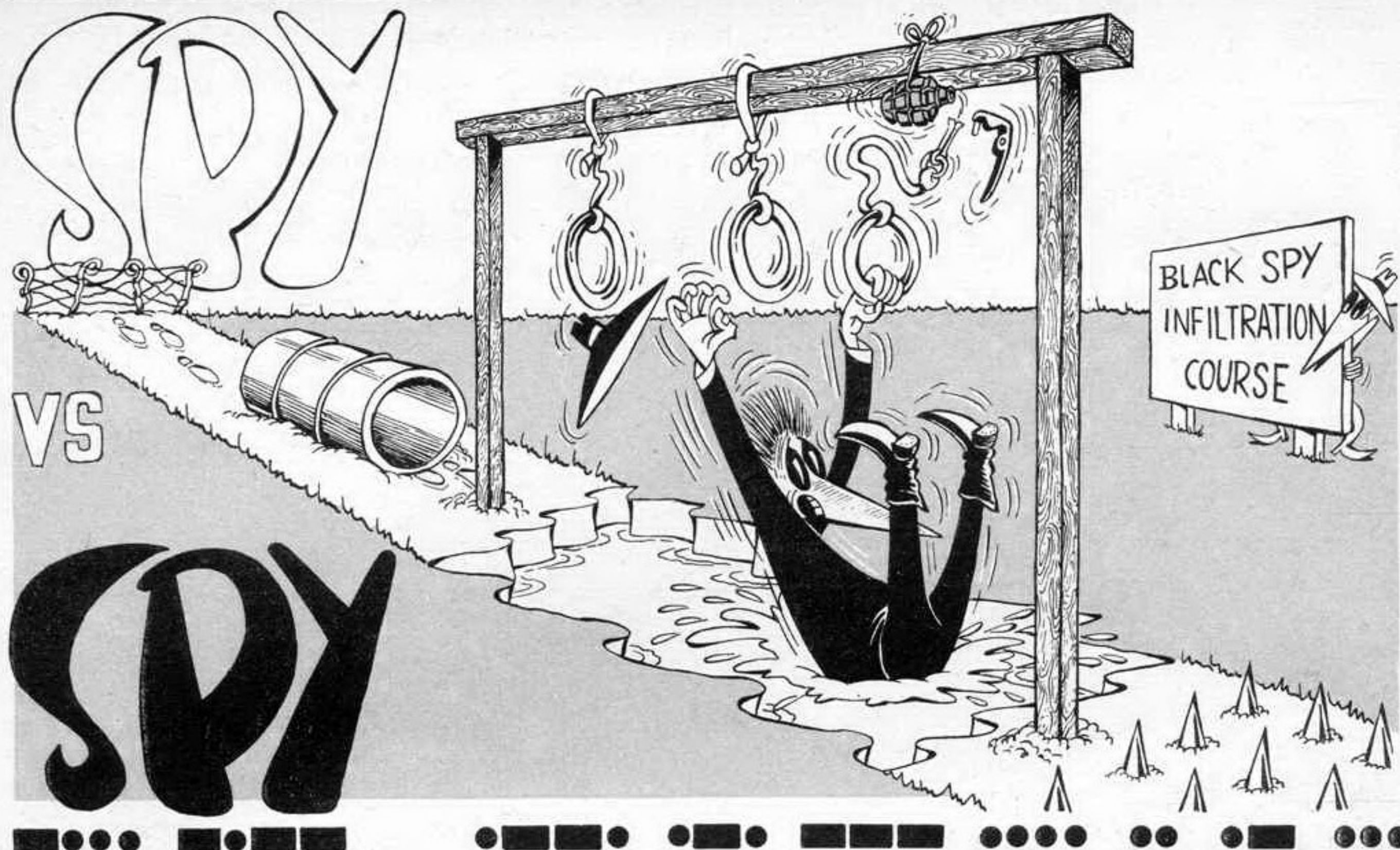
TELL-TALE COMIC STRIP BALLOONS

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: DON EDWING

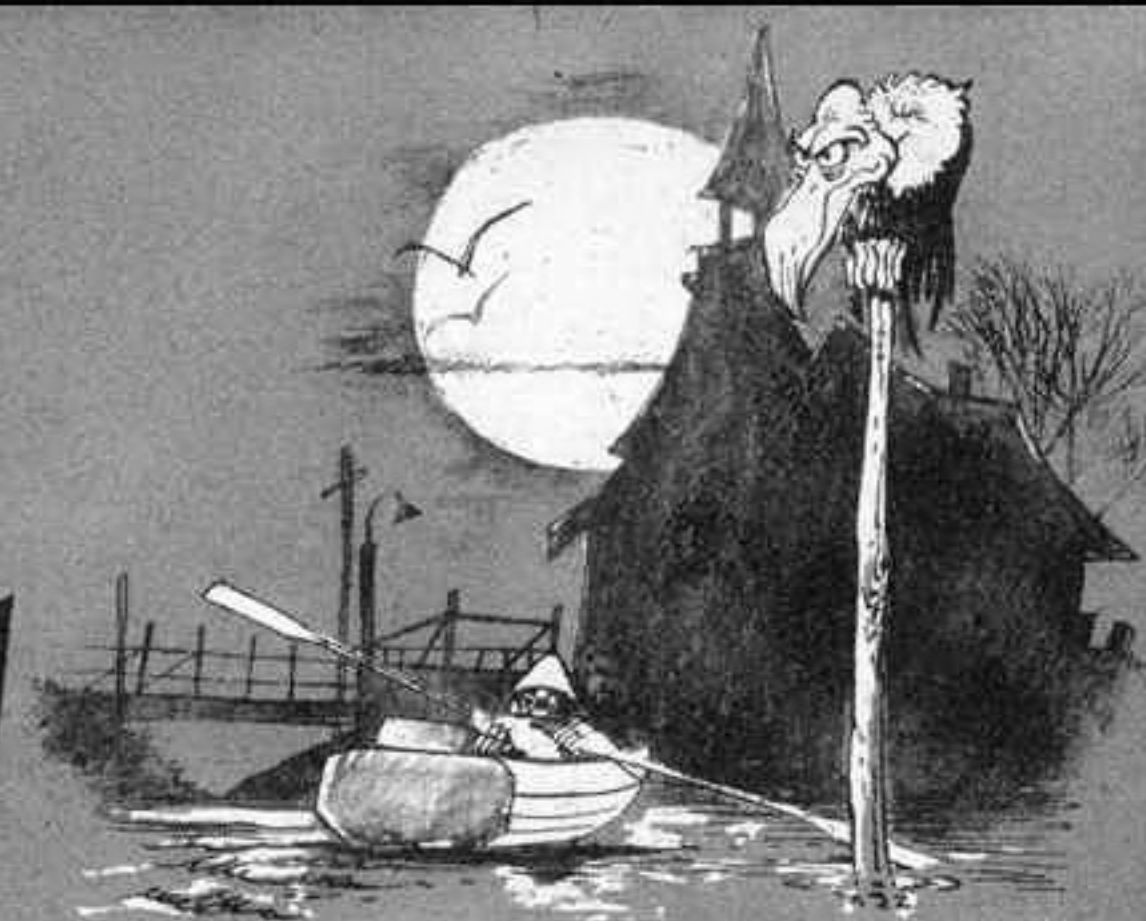






How about dis?! Dey went an' made a pitchur about me wid real people! Dat means I'm gonna be even more famous den I wuz before! Yez can loin all about me! An' maybe I'll even loin a ting or two! Like f'rinstance, why I talks like such a moron! An' why MAD calls dere voision of dis picture:

FLOPEYE



Isn't it wonderful how Shelly Duvall looks just like Olives Oil in this movie...!?

What's so wonderful?!? She looks like her in REAL LIFE, too!!

Oh, dear!

Maybe you can explain to me why they make a movie with real actors playing the parts of famous cartoon characters, and have them ACT like them, too?! Why don't they just make a full-length CARTOON movie in the first place?

Hamburgers, you know about! Show Biz, you don't!! You see, this is the year that people playing cartoon characters is "IN"!

Oh... you mean like the unreal characters in "Flash Gordon", "Superman" and "Annie"!

No, I mean the unreal characters like Chevy Chase in "Seems Like Old Times"... Richard Pryor in "Stir Crazy"... and Dolly Parton in "Nine To Five"!

Another reason to make a live movie rather than a cartoon is because of the VIOLENCE!

Right! In kids' cartoons, you have to be careful, but in kids' movies, you can be as violent and disgusting as you want! And also, in that way, you earn yourself a "PG" rating!

Yeah!! No kid would be caught dead going to a "G"-rated movie nowadays!

The Director tells me to put on these phony arms, squint one eye, jut out me jaw, talk through clenched teeth, and then—act natural!!

Mutter, mutter...

What's he saying? I can't understand his inaudible muttering!

I think he's saying a quiet "GOOD-BYE" to his comedy career!

Why does Robin Williams look so confused?

He can't tell if he's funny or not!

How come??

Because, unlike "Mork & Mindy", in a MOVIE, they don't have a LAUGH TRACK to tell him!



MORT DRUCKER

I HOPE THEY DON'T MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT US AND USE REAL LIFE ACTORS.

THAT WOULD BE HORRIBLE!

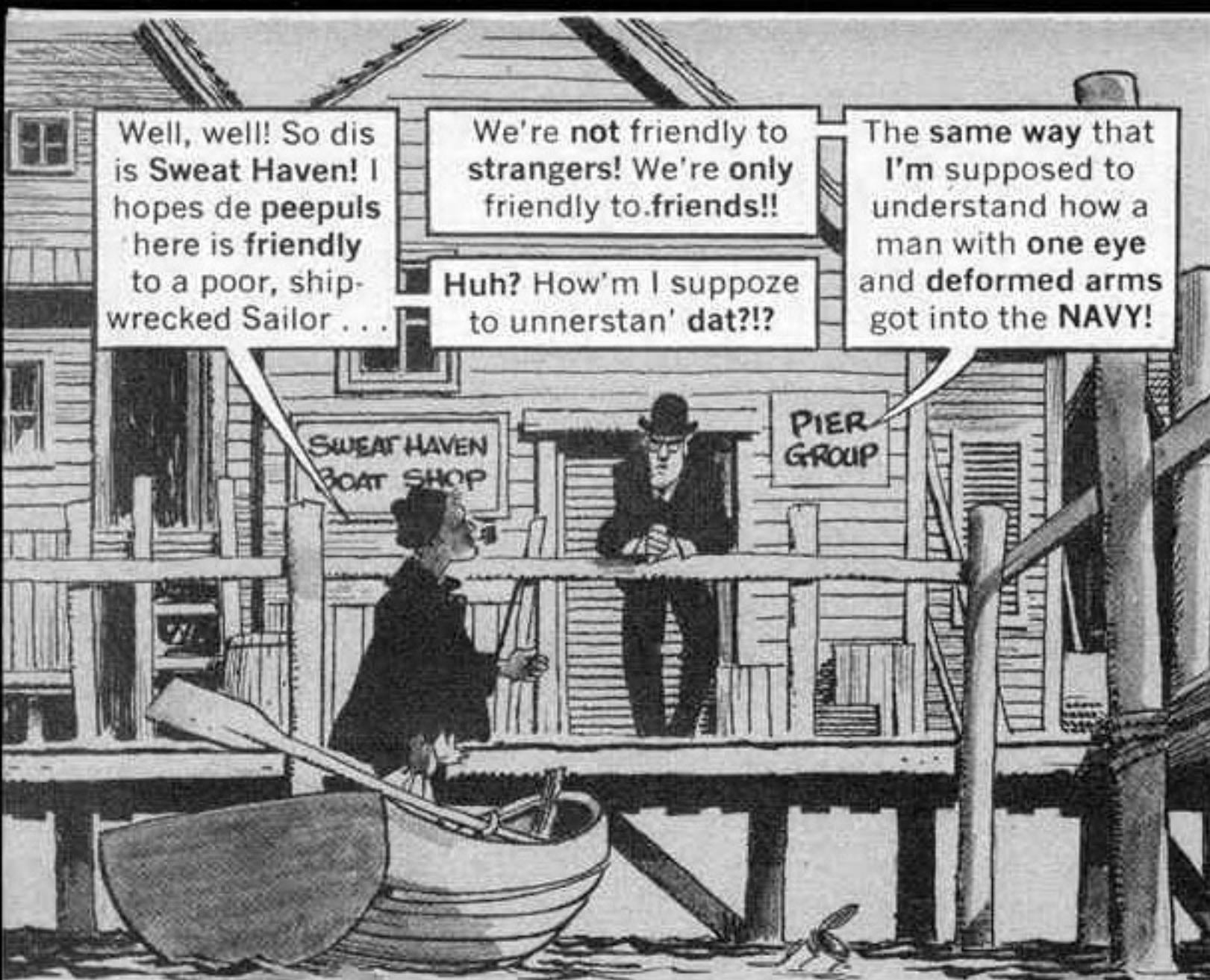
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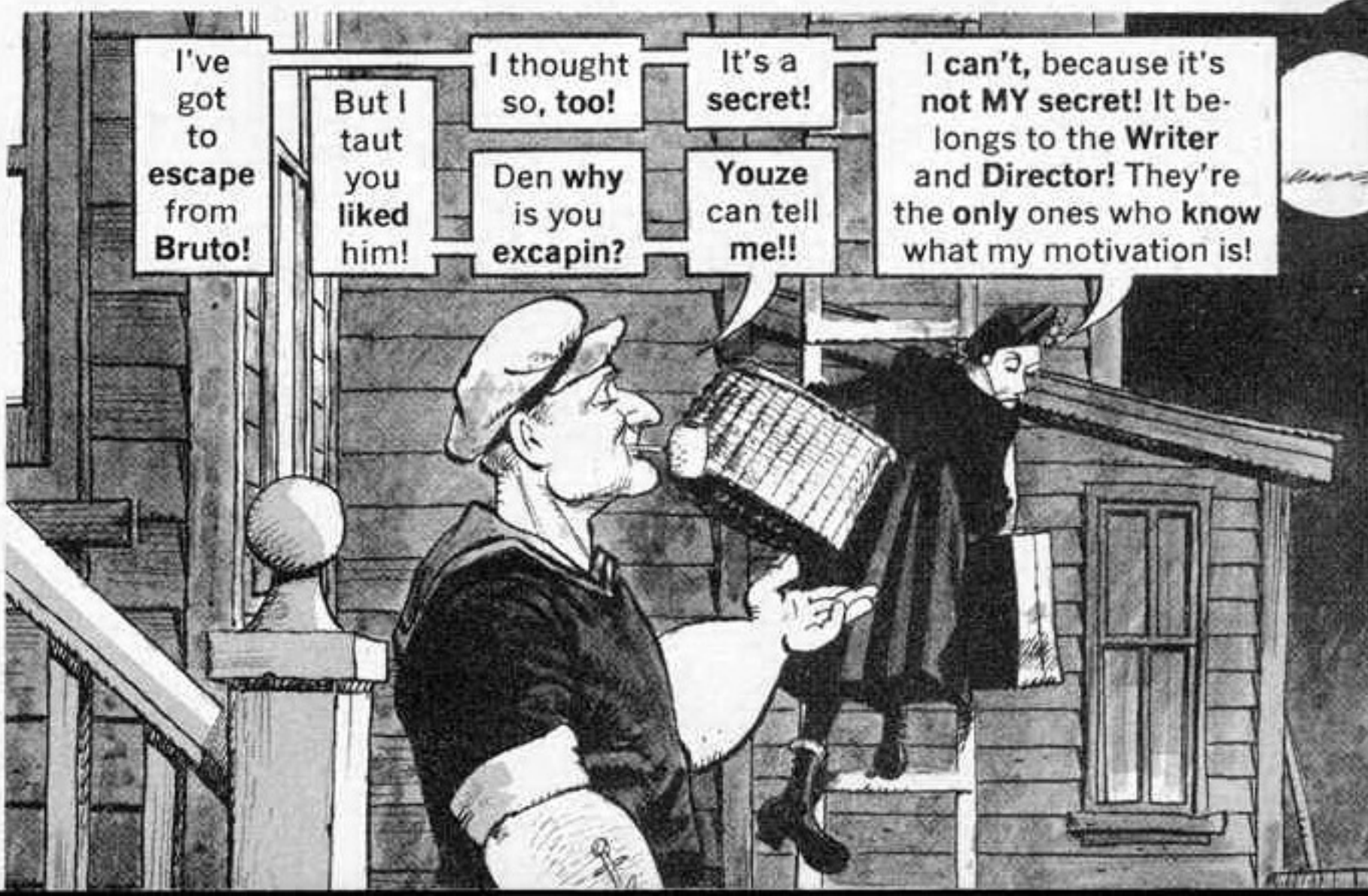
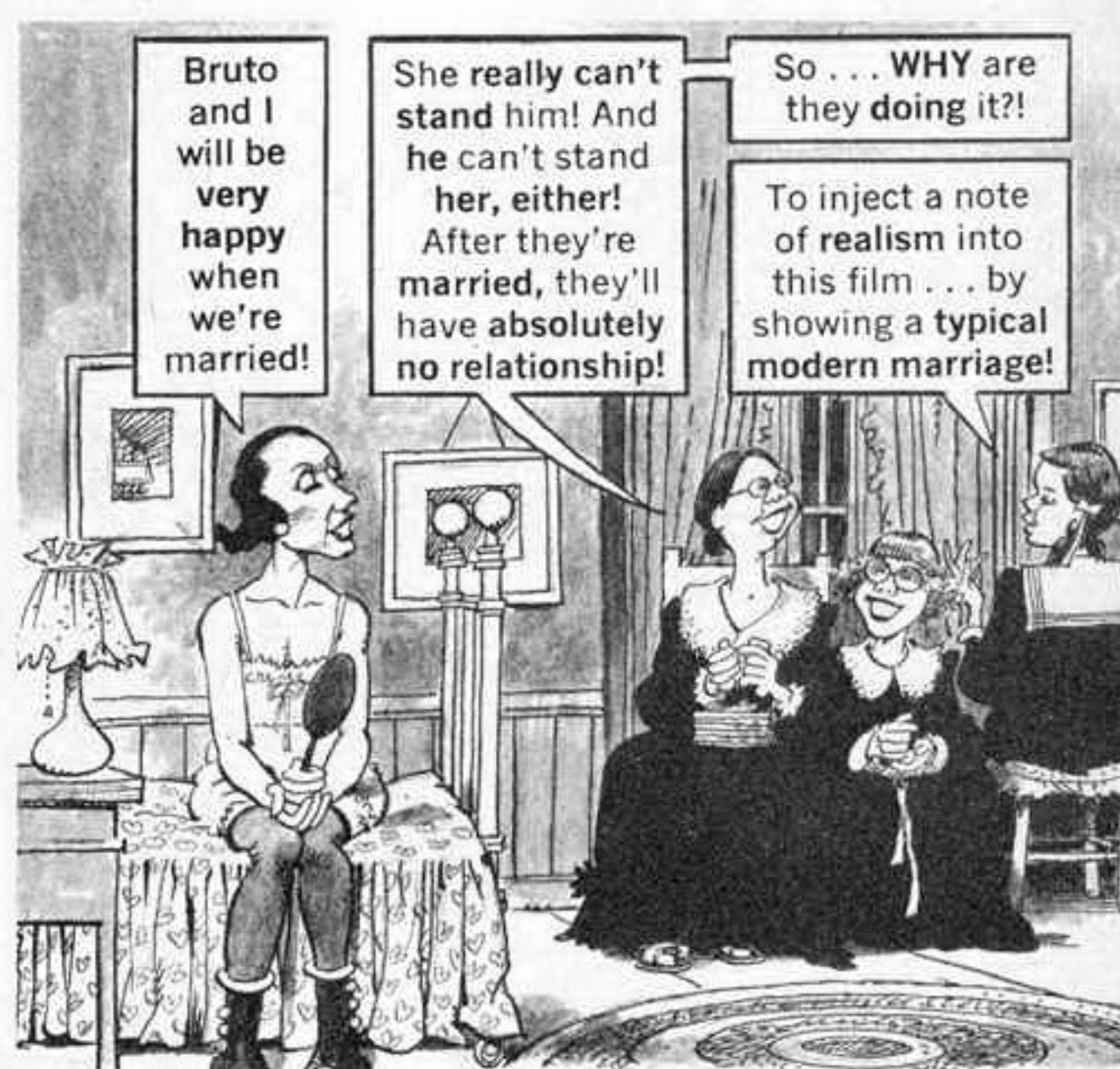
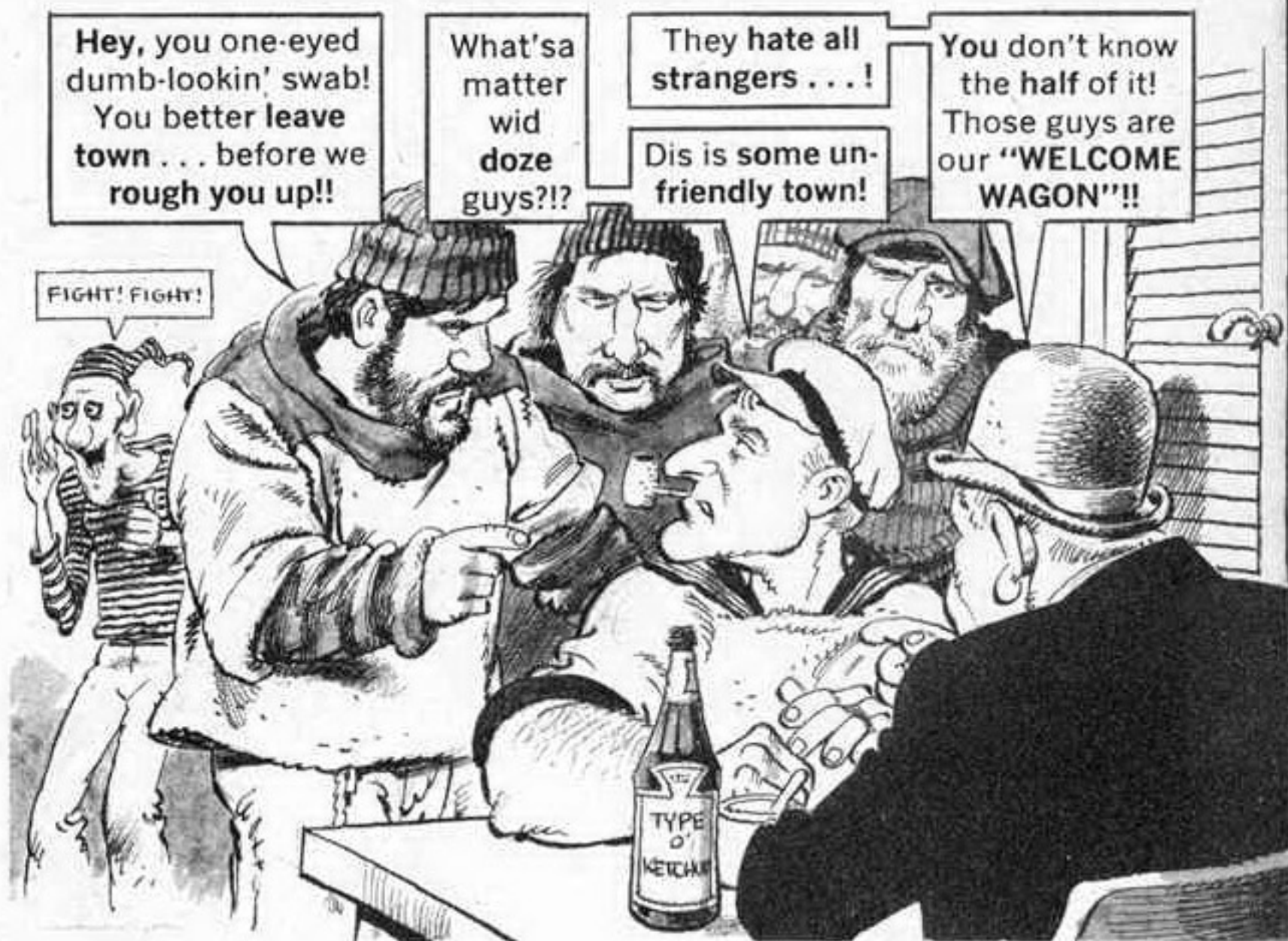


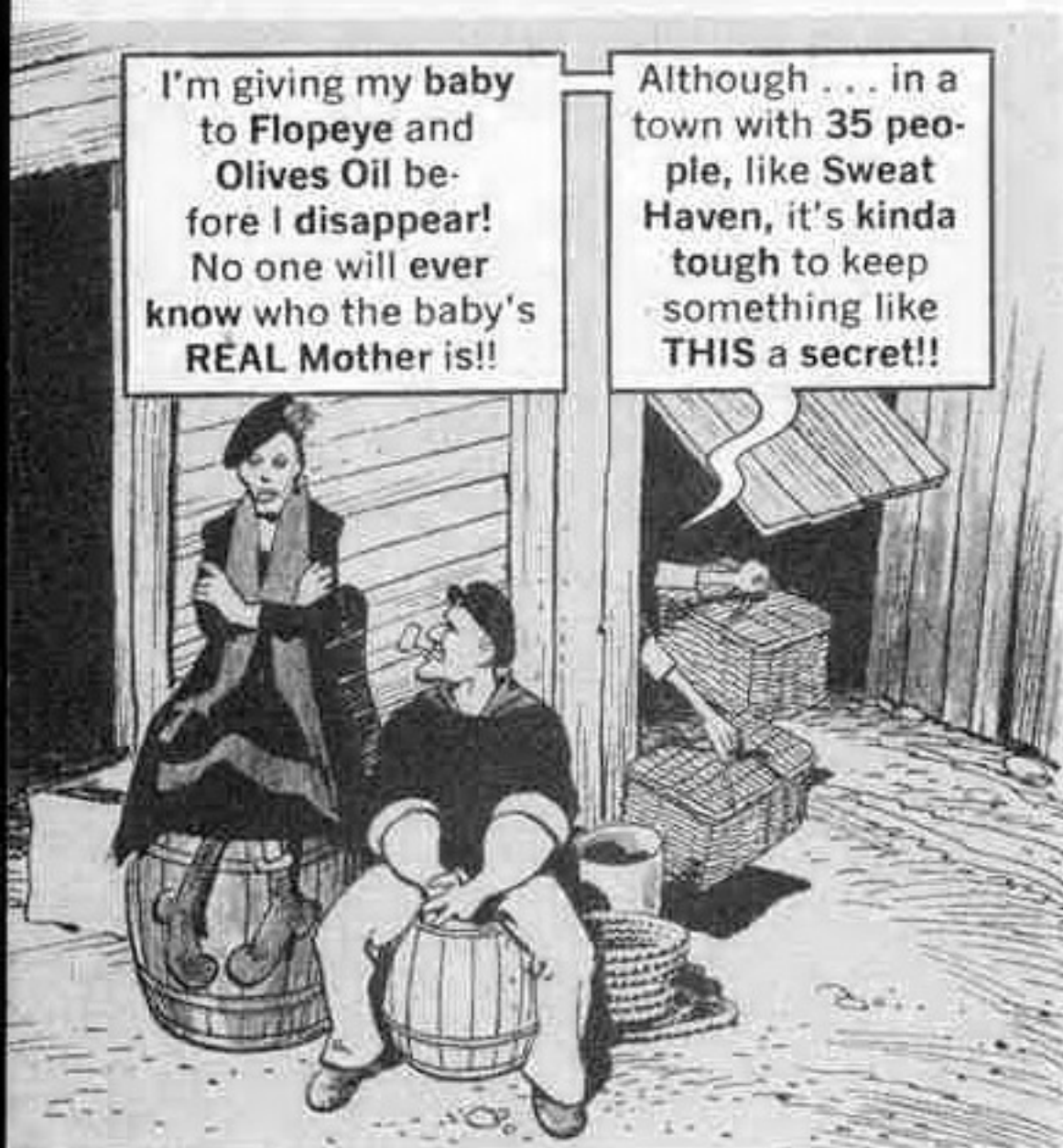
THEY'D PROBABLY GET A LOUD MOUTH FLAT CHESTED REAL ACTRESS TO PLAY ME!

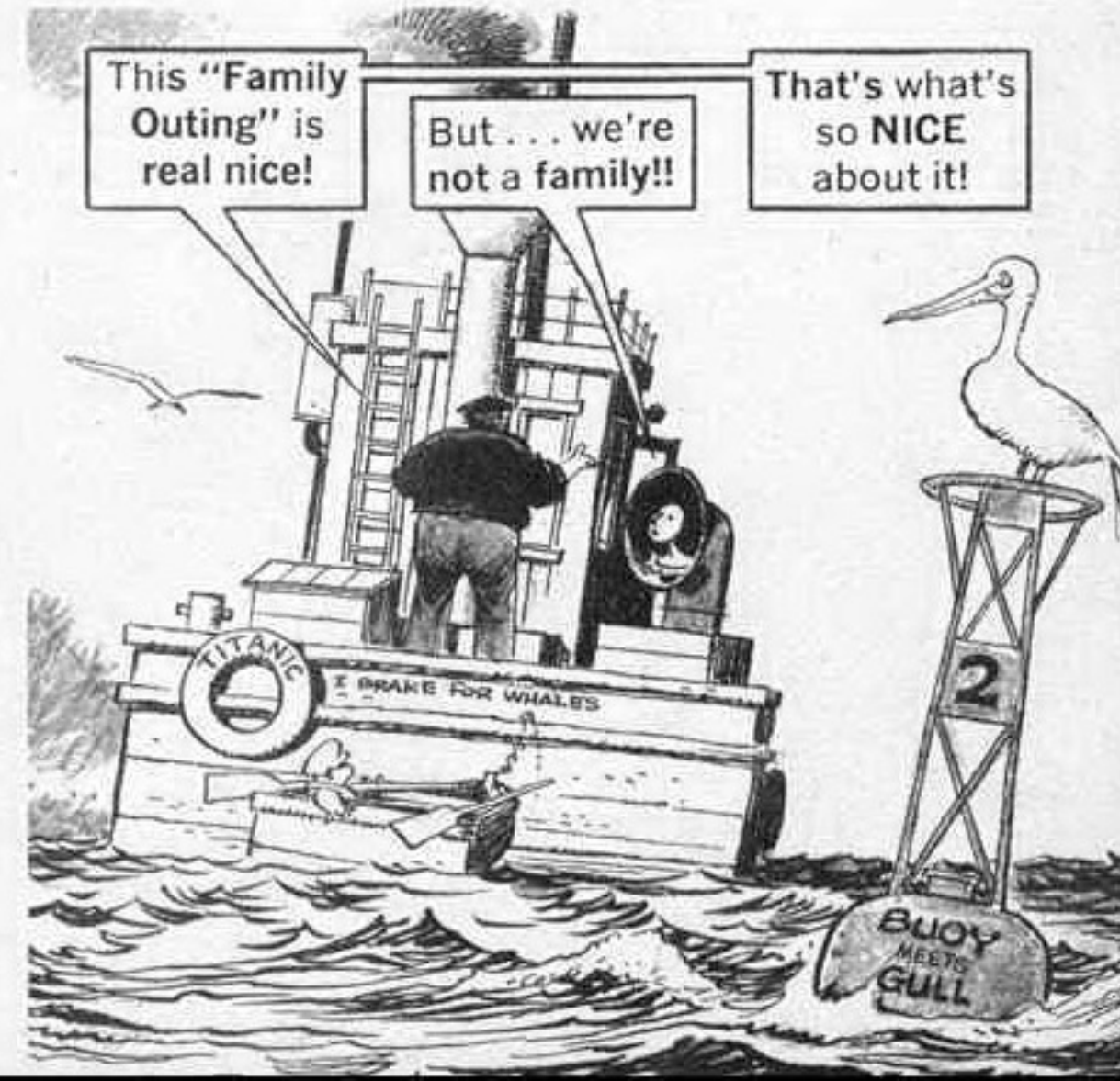
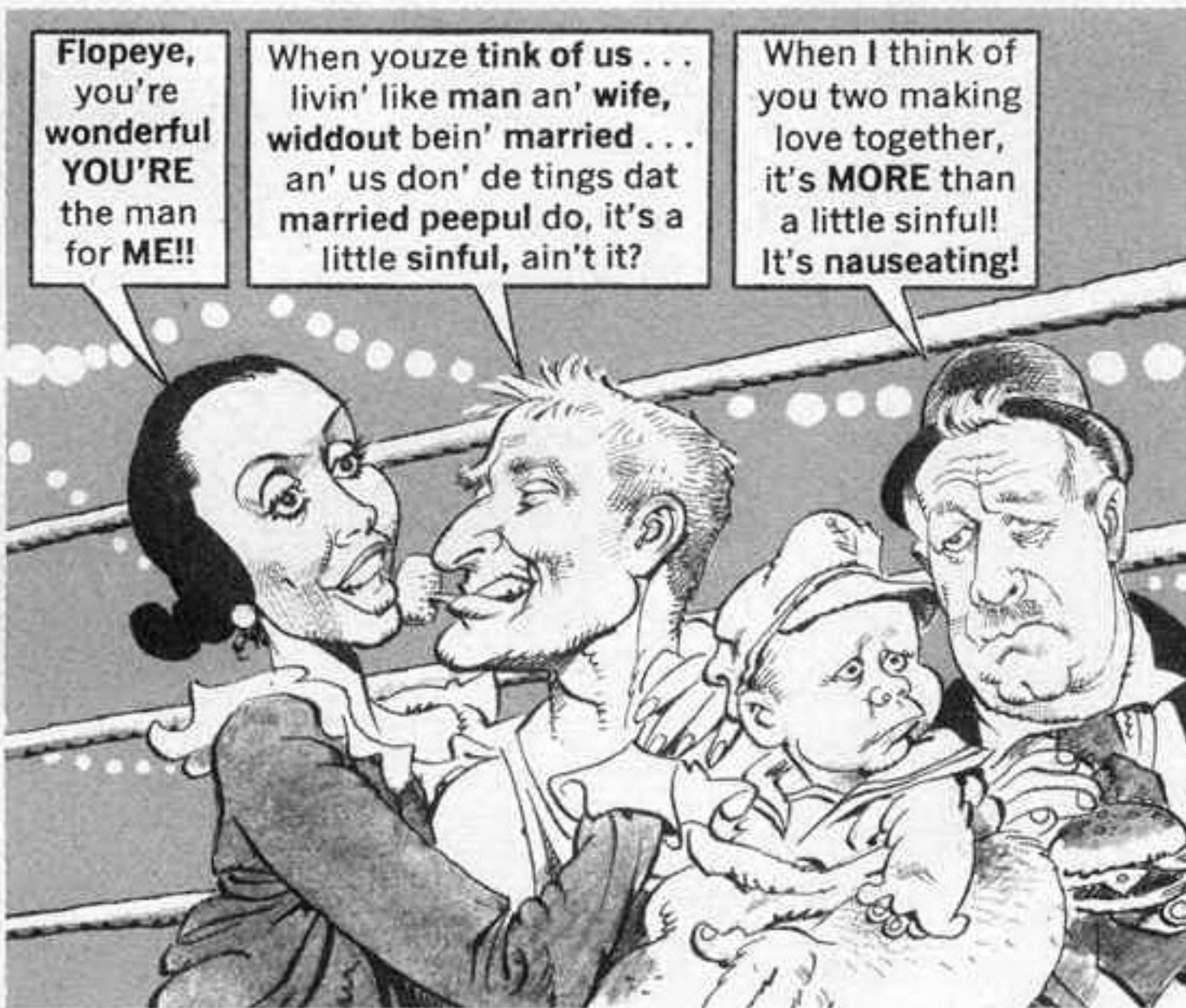
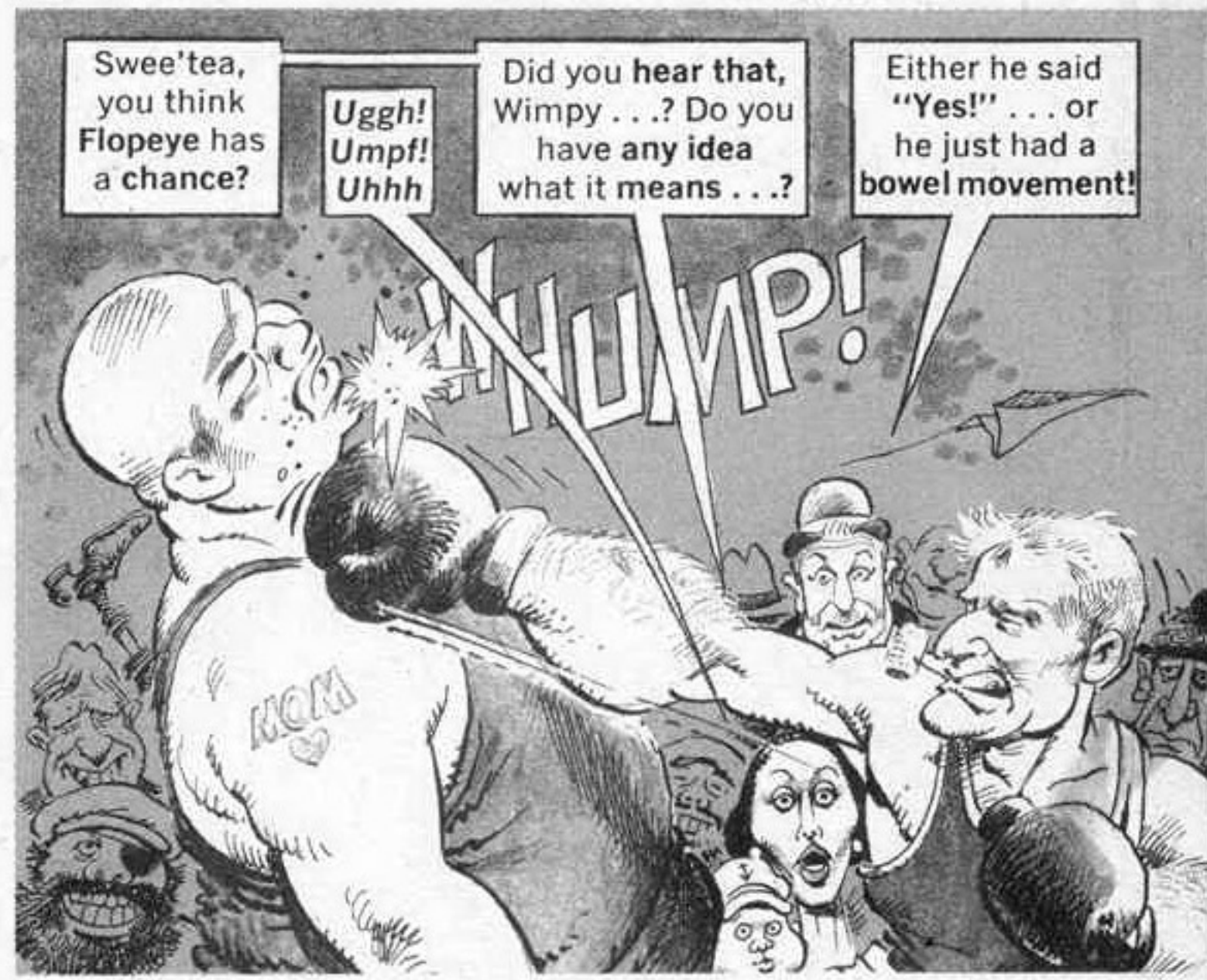
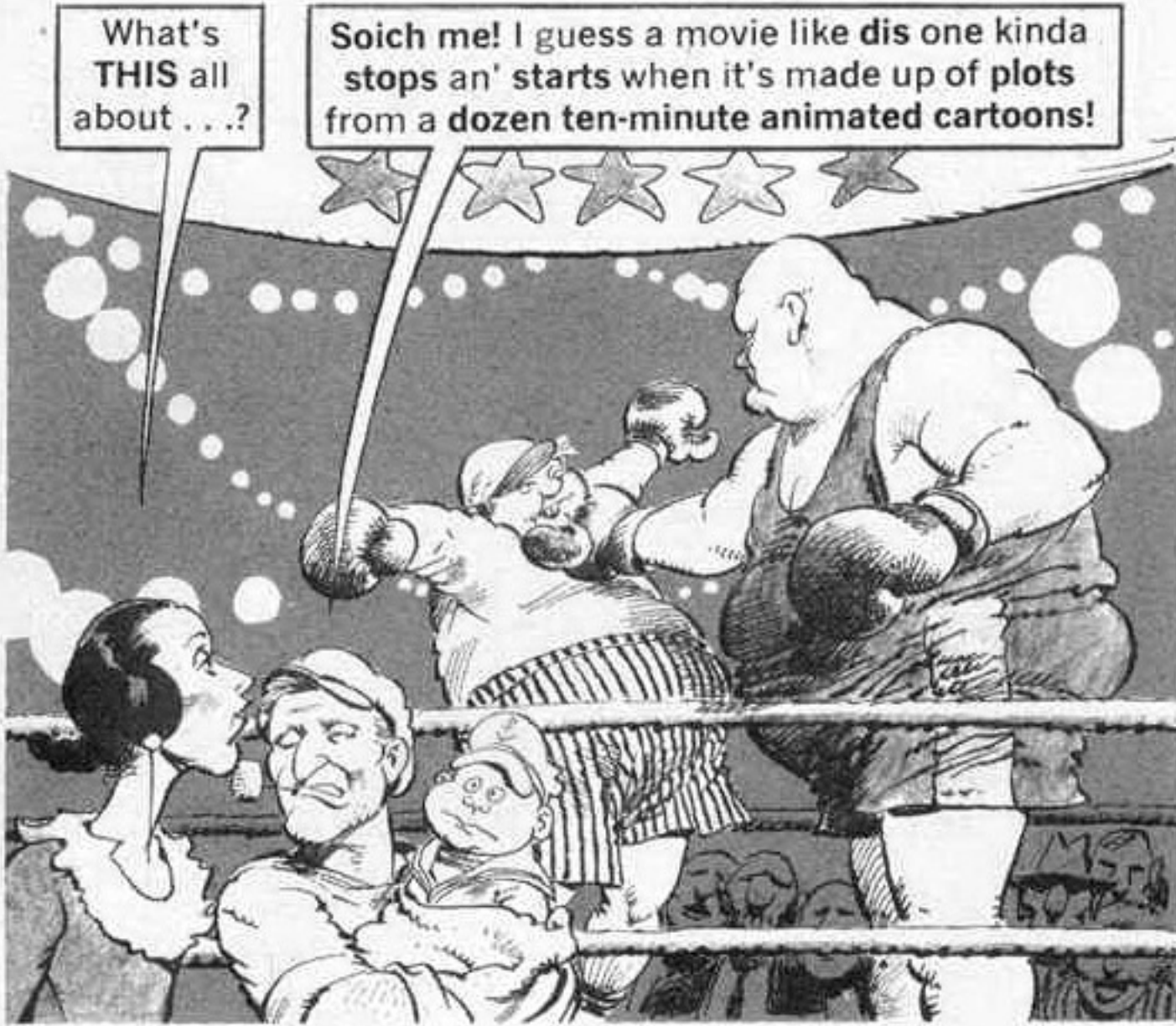


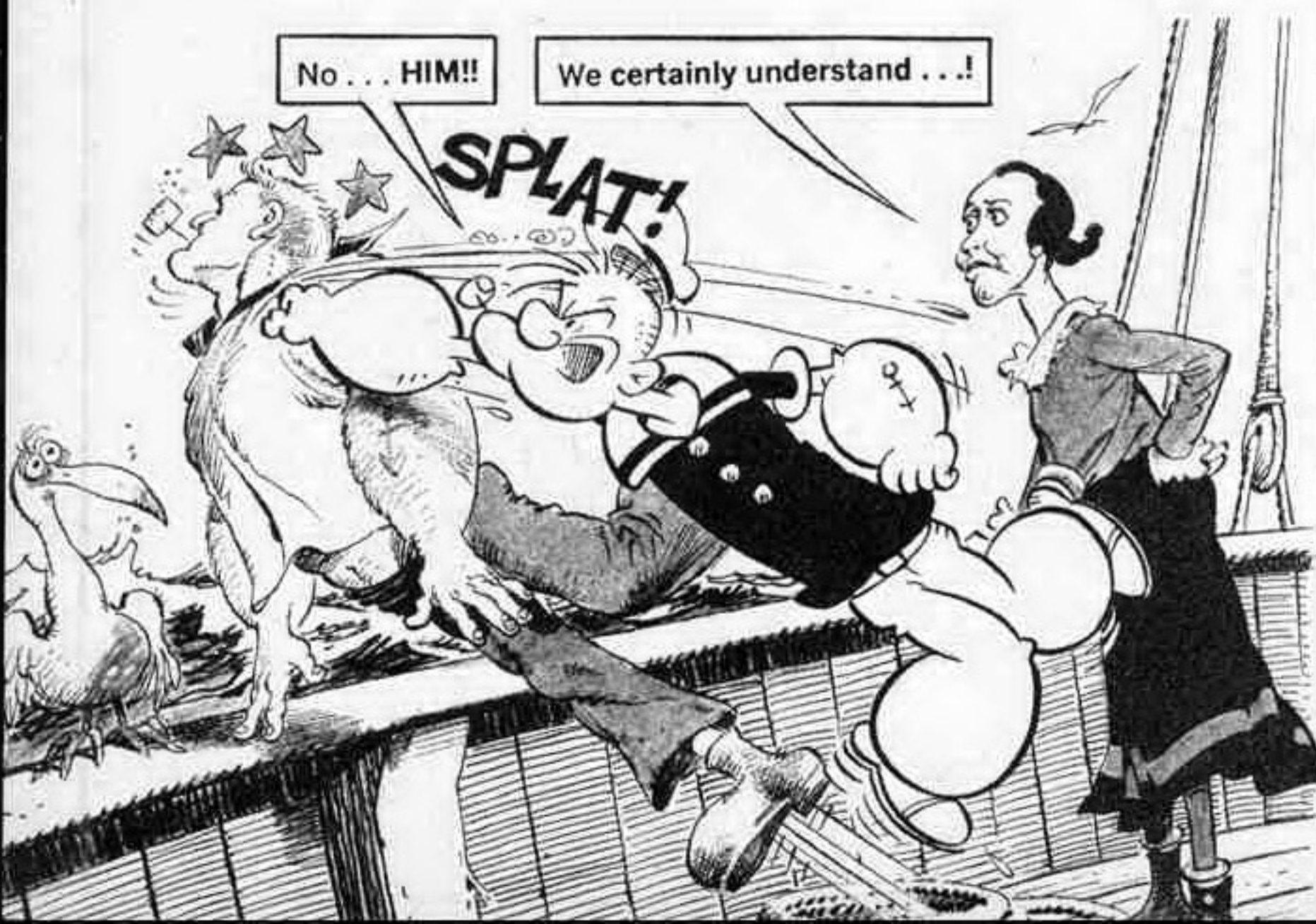
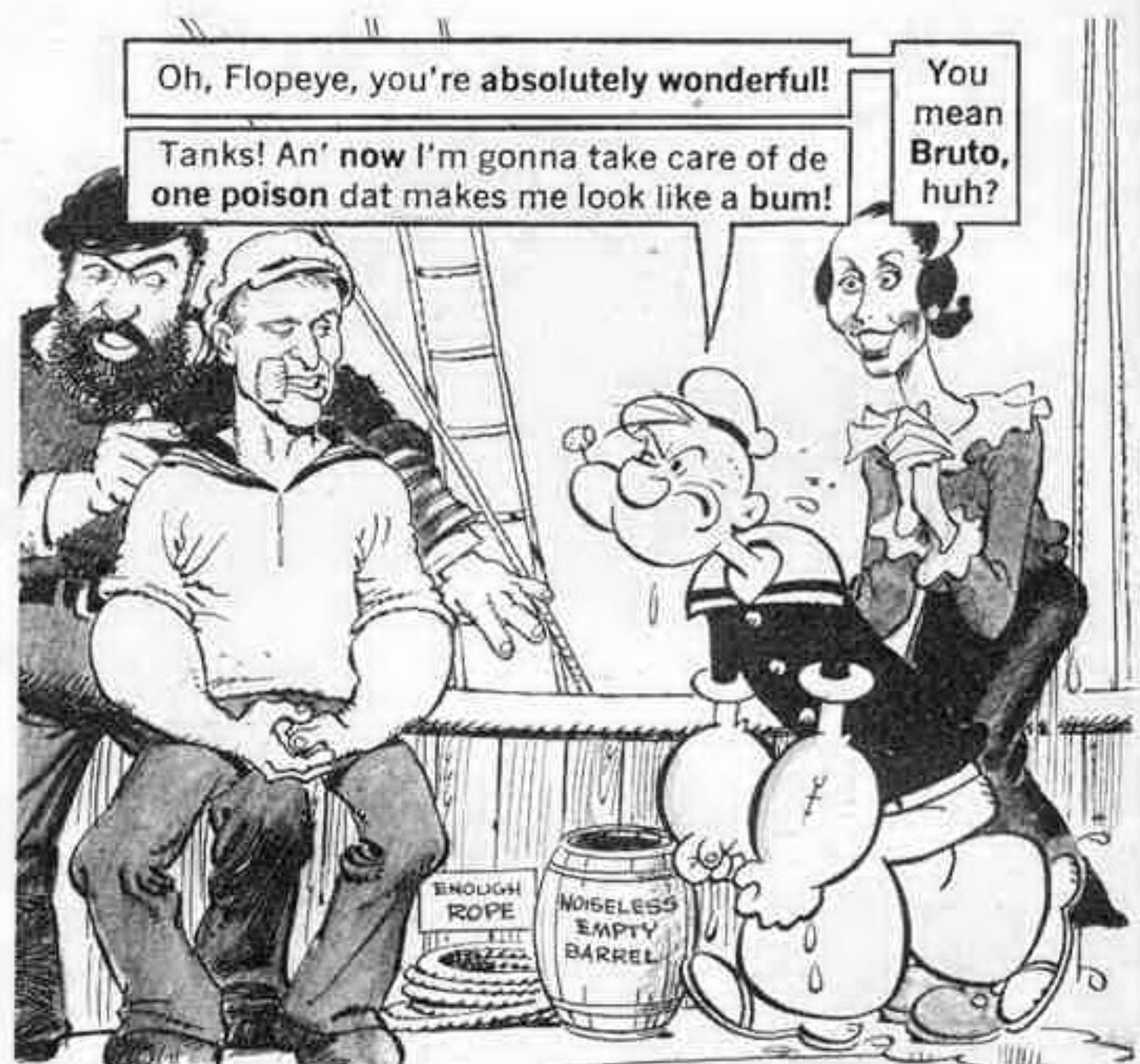
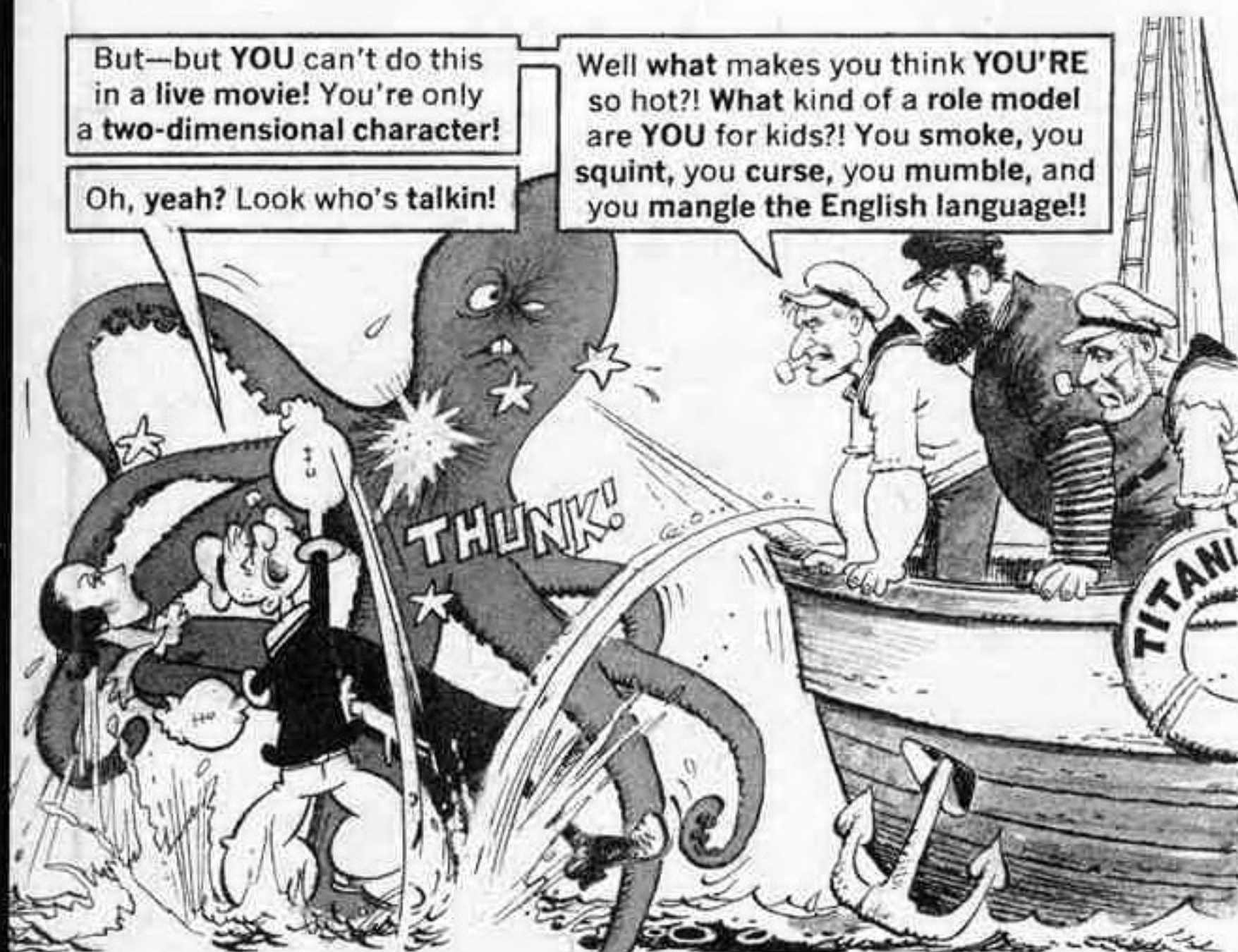
LET'S SEE, WHO COULD PLAY ME? DUSTIN HOFFMAN? ...TOO SHORT.











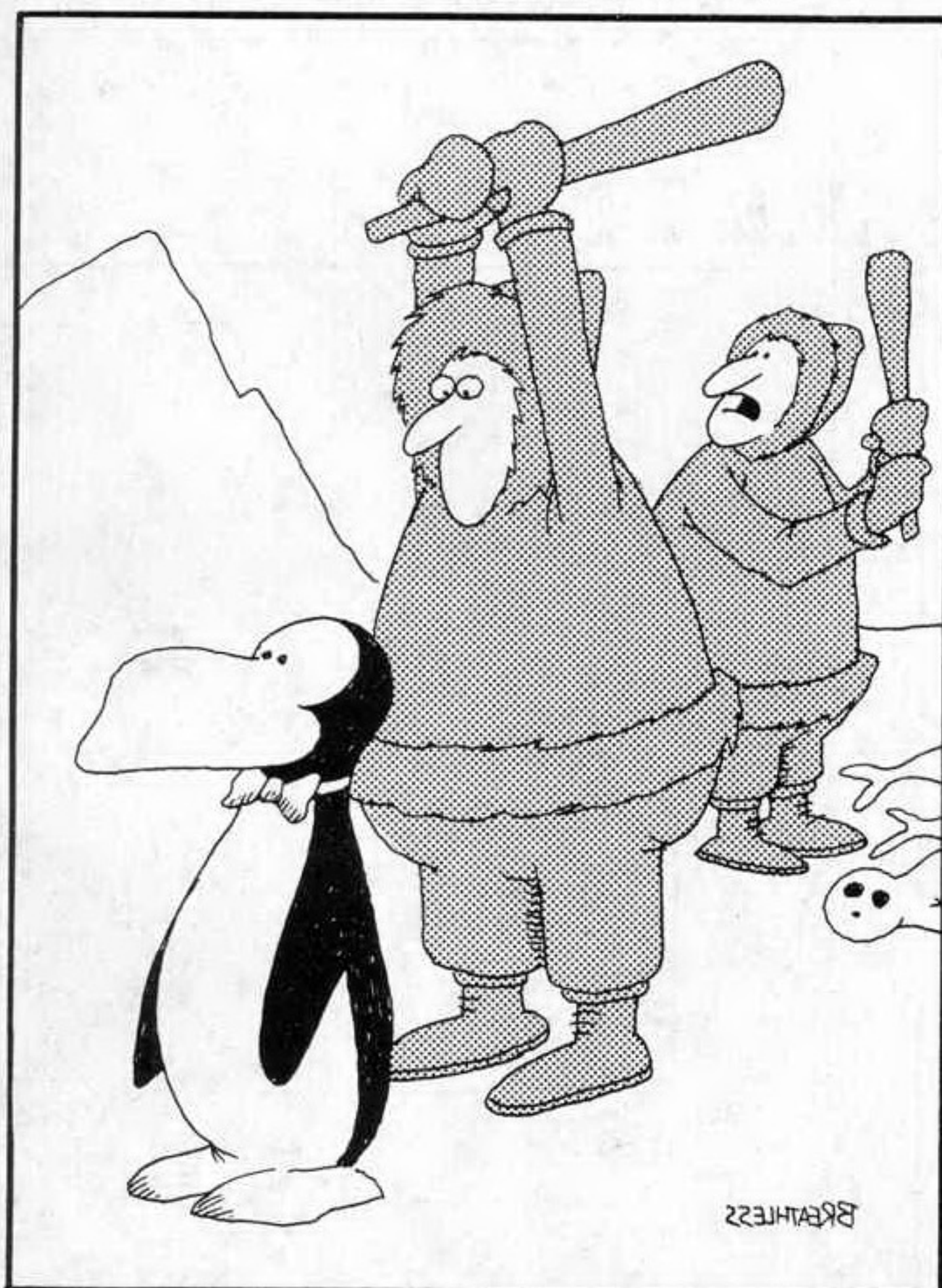
Nowadays, the hottest comic strip in the country is Gary Larson's bizarre single-panel, "The Far Side." Far Side books are at the top of the bestseller lists and gift shops are filled with Far Side cards, mugs, posters and other stuff. With a big cash bonanza like this, it won't be long before other cartoonists jump on the bandwagon and start using Larson's approach as well. Speaking of jumping on the bandwagon, here's what we think it will be like...

When Other Comic Strips Start Using The "FAR SIDE" Formula

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

THE BLOOM COUNTY SIDE



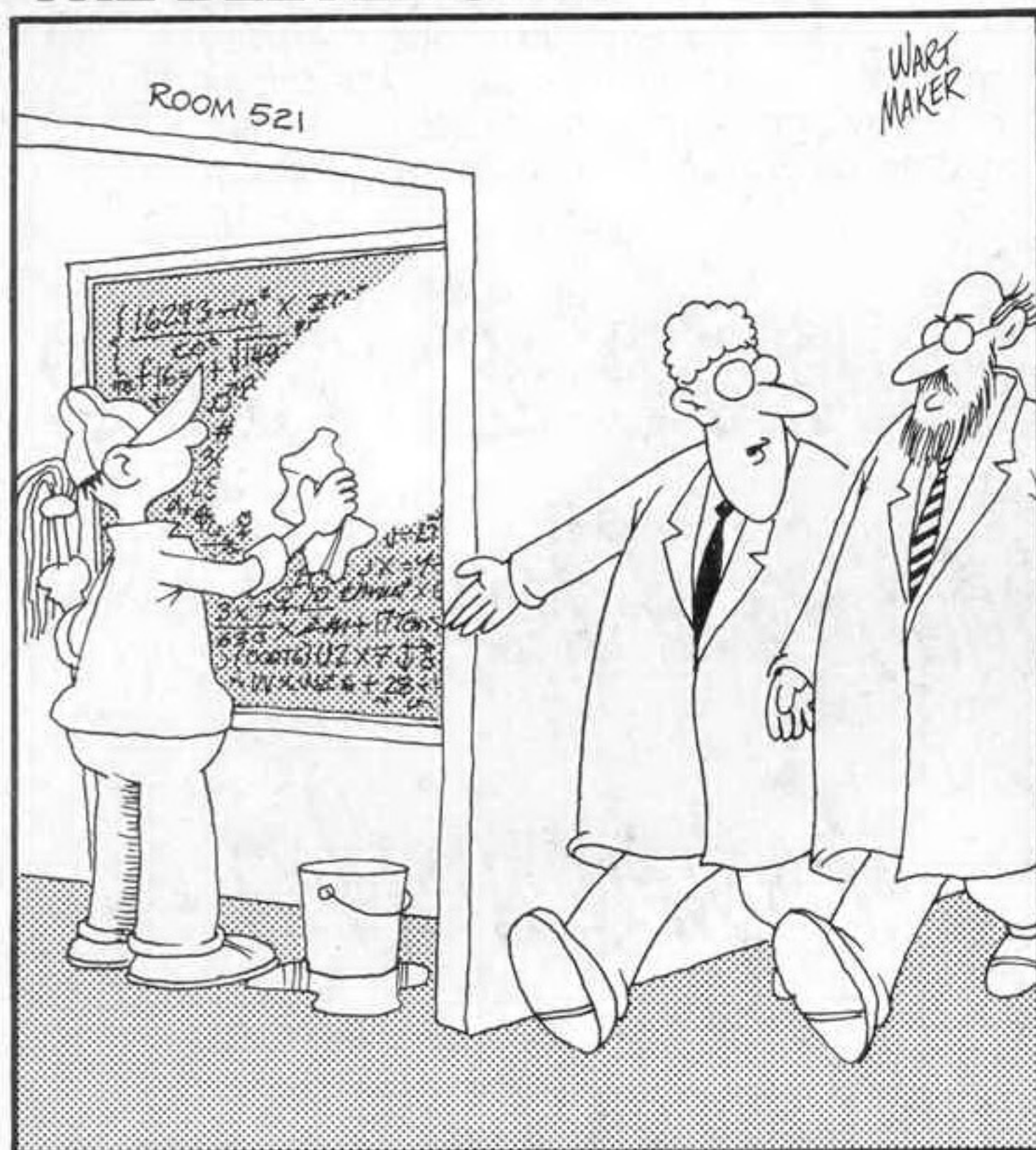
"No, Frank! The seals! Just the seals!"

THE GARFIELD SIDE



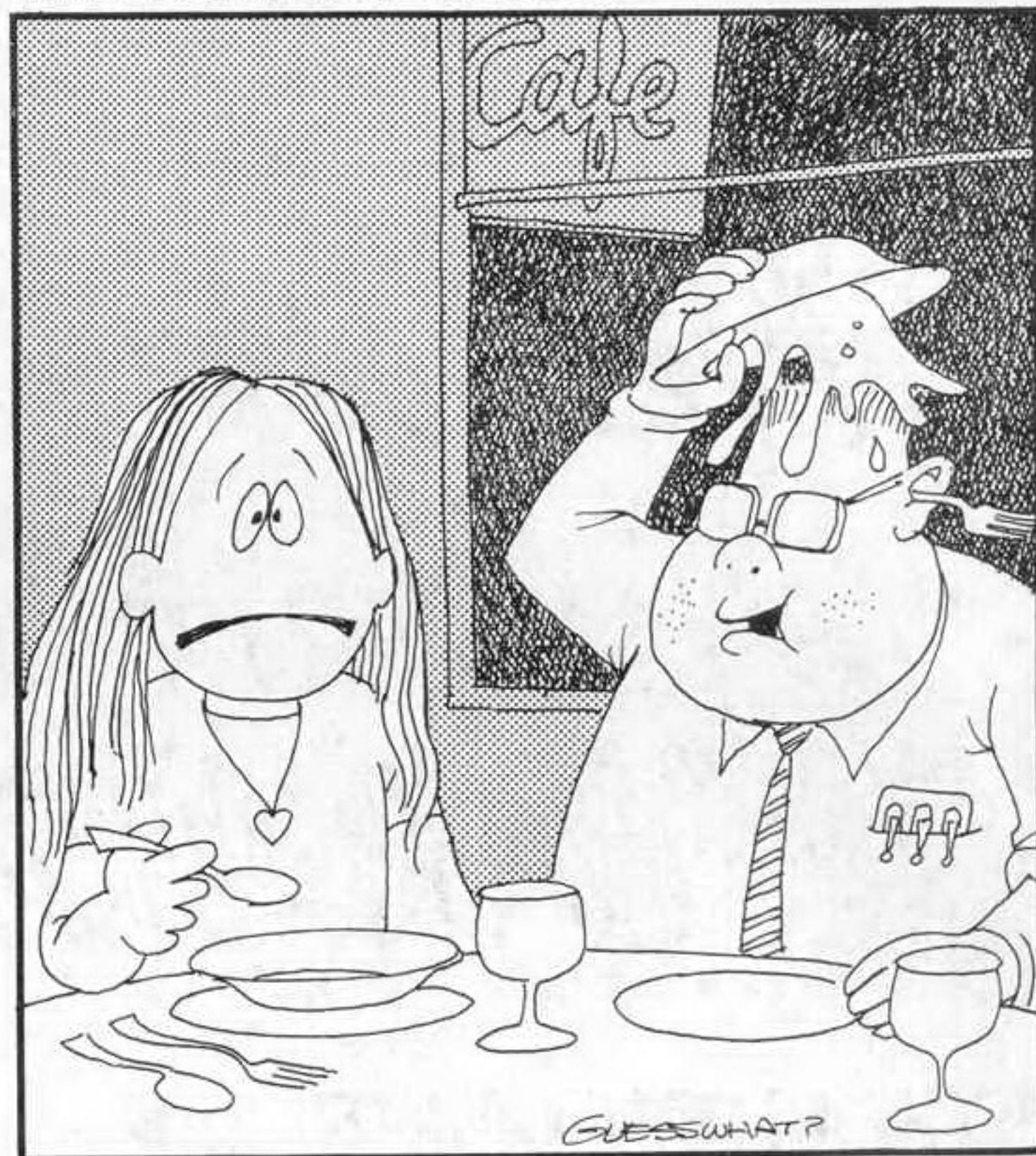
"Okay, here it comes, here it comes... Oh, what a joy! This is one Thanksgiving Day Parade that dogs will be talking about for years to come."

THE BEETLE SIDE



"Jenkins, I've done it! I've perfected a fool-proof star wars defense system! All my calculations are right in here, you must see them!"

THE CATHY SIDE



It was right after the soup and just before the main course that Cathy decided she would never, under any circumstances, ever go on another blind date again. Never.

THE SPIDERMAN SIDE



"It must have fallen down during the night and...Hey! Lookie what's underneath it!"

THE B.C. SIDE



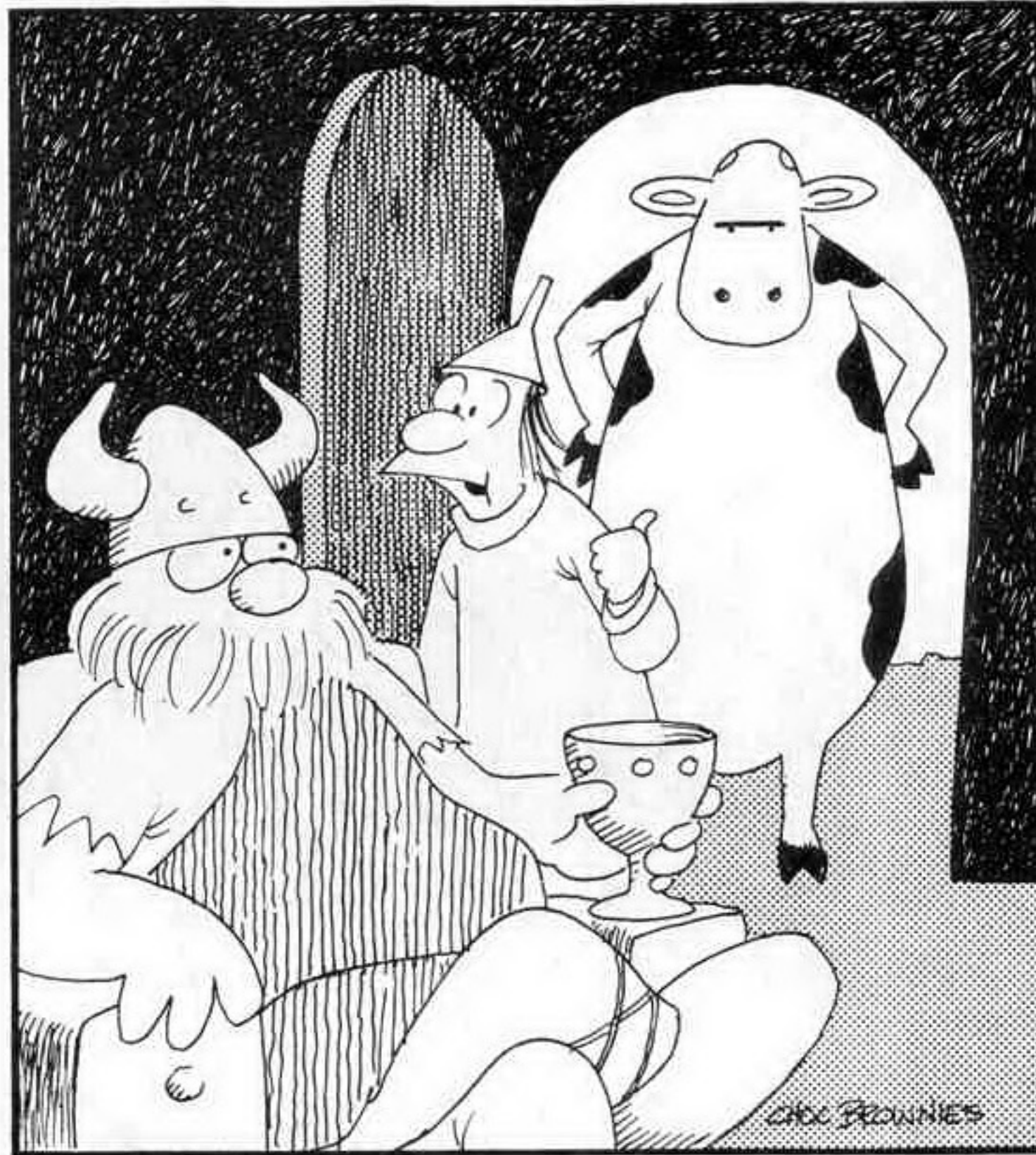
"It's agreed then: you call it in the air...winners get to lounge around in trees all day eating bananas and losers have to develop civilization and live in hot, crowded cities."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS SIDE



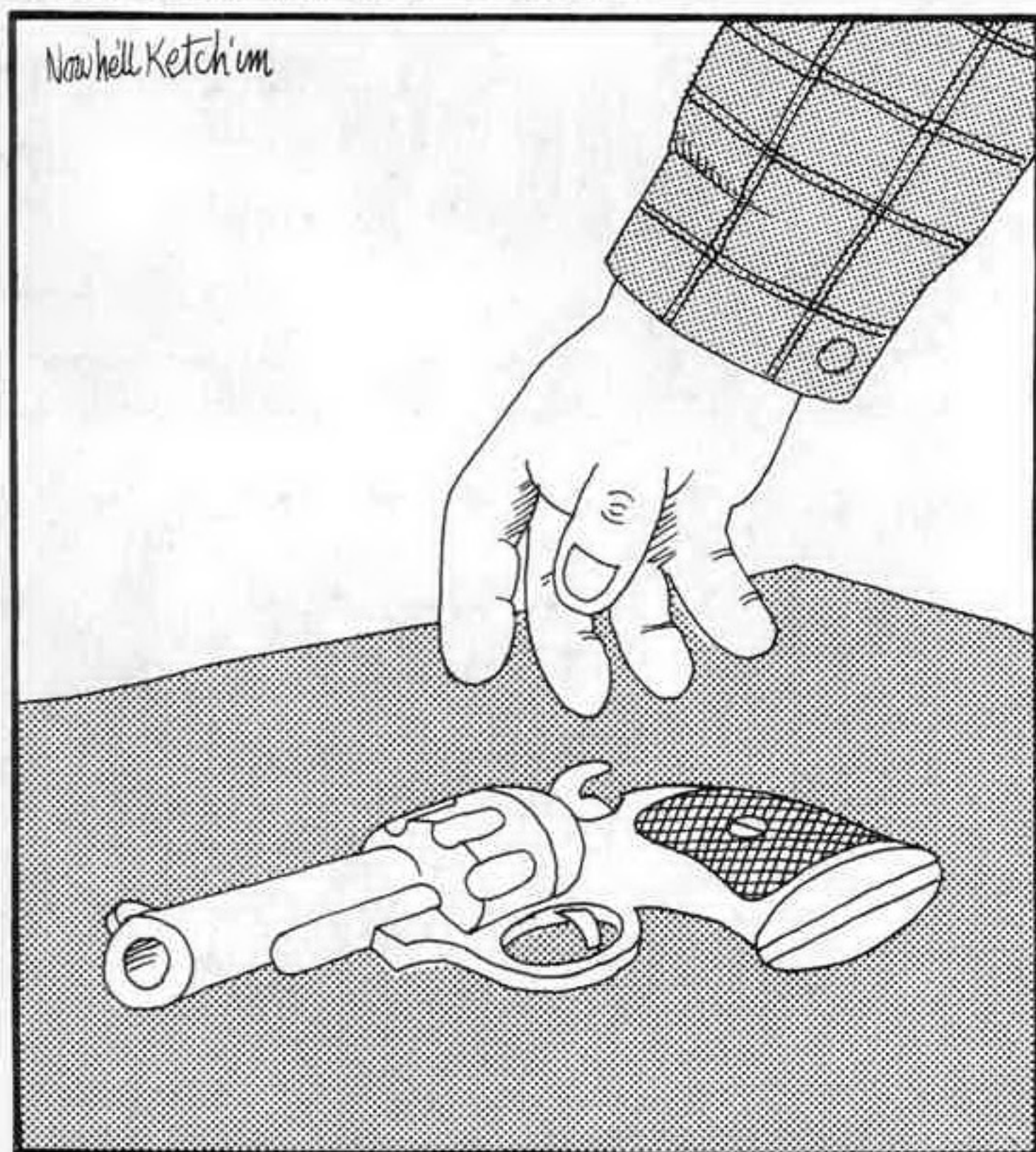
"Well, I thought this was the spot where we left daddy...I remember we buried him in the sand about an hour ago right here next to a 'No Littering' sign."

THE HAGAR SIDE



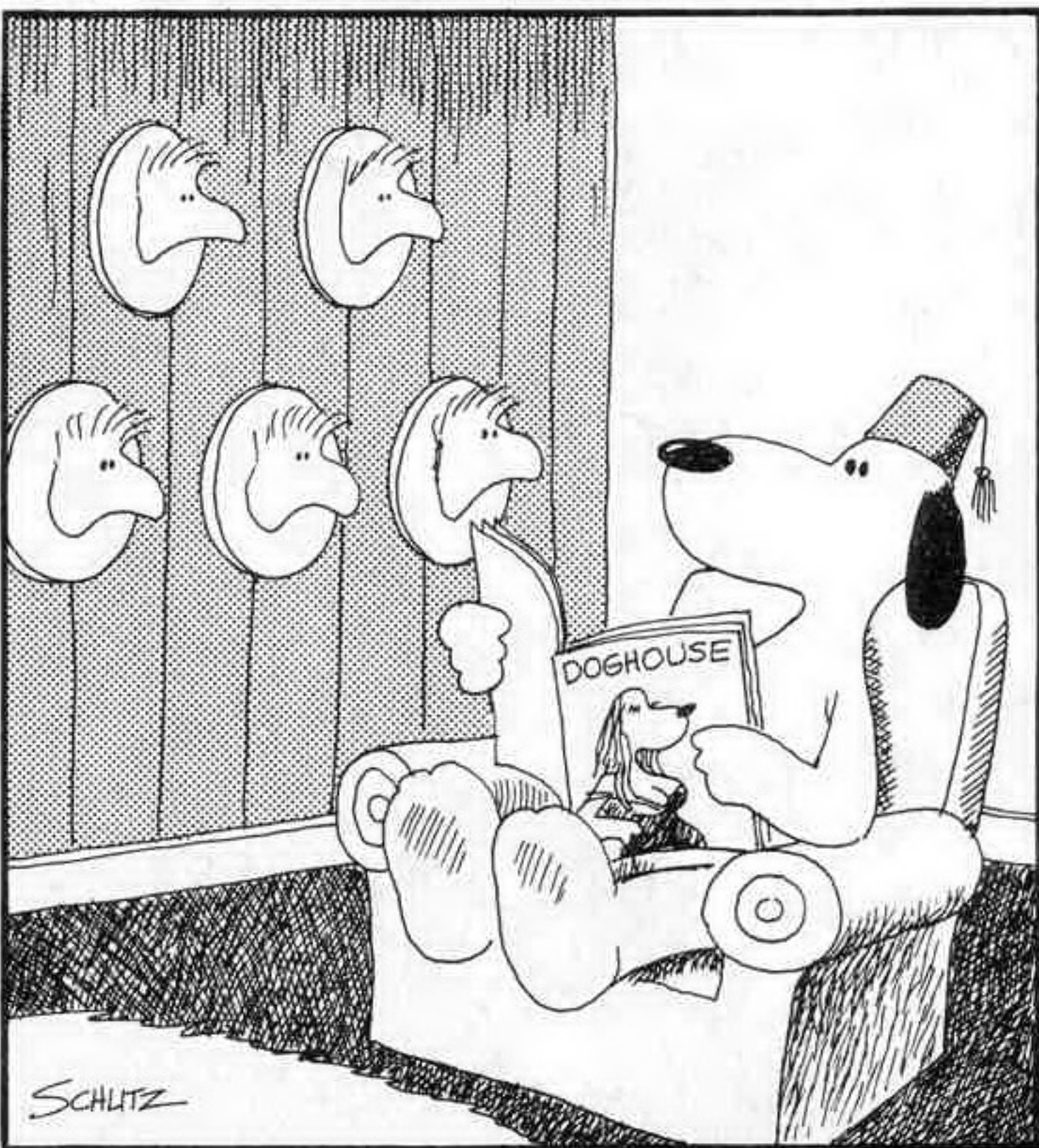
"Hagar, there's someone here who wants to speak to you about your helmet, and he doesn't look happy."

THE MENACE SIDE



Dennis was about to discover he had finally pushed Mr. Wilson's patience just a little too far.

THE PEANUTS SIDE



Inside Snoopy's den

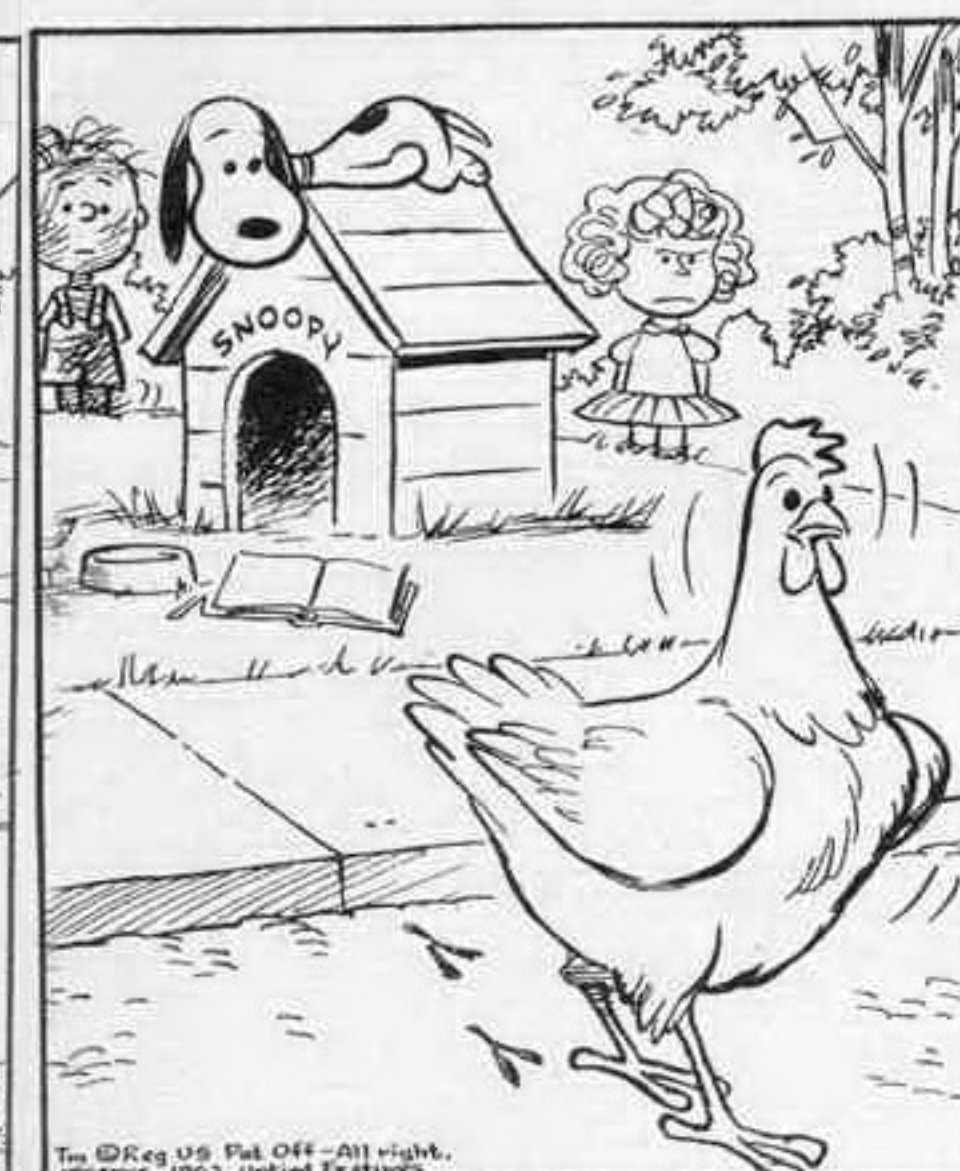
FOWL PLAY DEPT.

"Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road?" is a riddle that has been plaguing mankind for thousands of years — or however long it's been since chickens started crossing roads. Today's comic strip cartoonists, with their individual approaches, might help us find a new solution to this problem — or confuse it even more. Anyway, here is MAD's idea of what might appear in your daily papers

IF FIVE COMIC STRIP CARTOONISTS INTERPRETED THE AGE-OLD RIDDLE: "WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?"

ARTIST: WALLACE WOOD
WRITER: GARY BELKIN

PEANUTS



by Charles M. Schulz

MARK TRAIL



by Ed Dodd



by Johnny Hart



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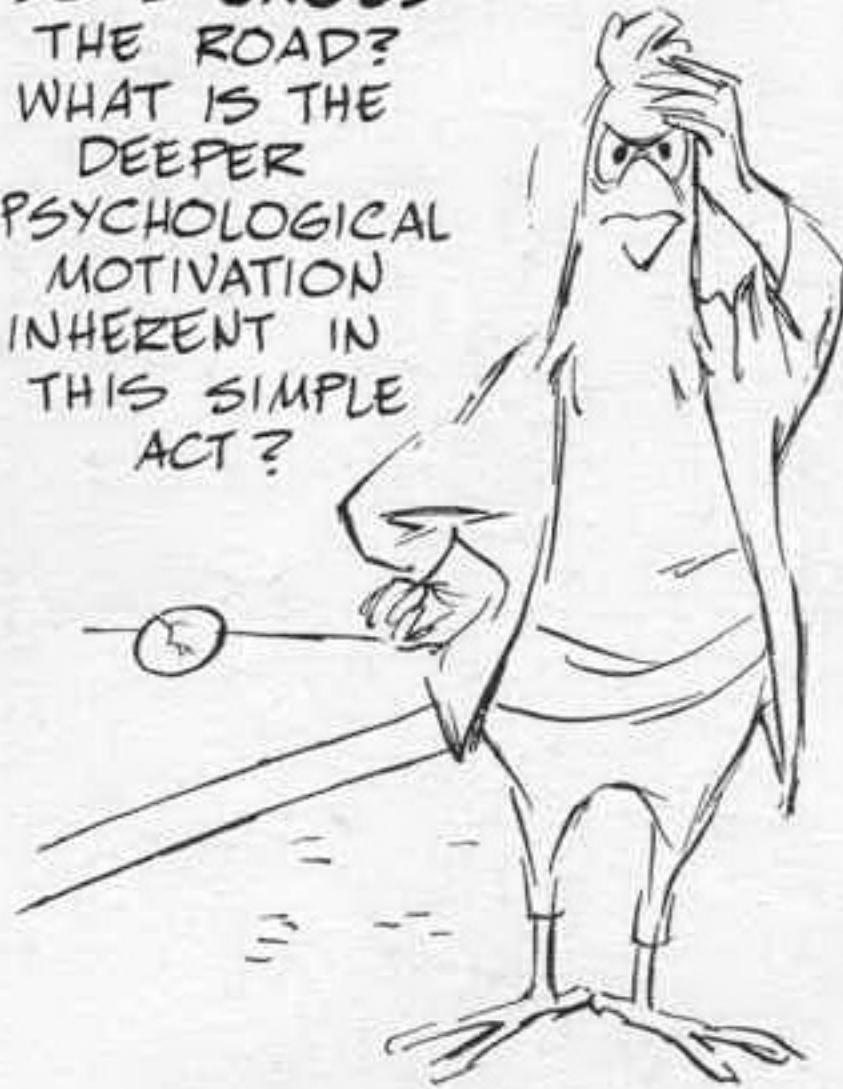
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by Jules Feiffer

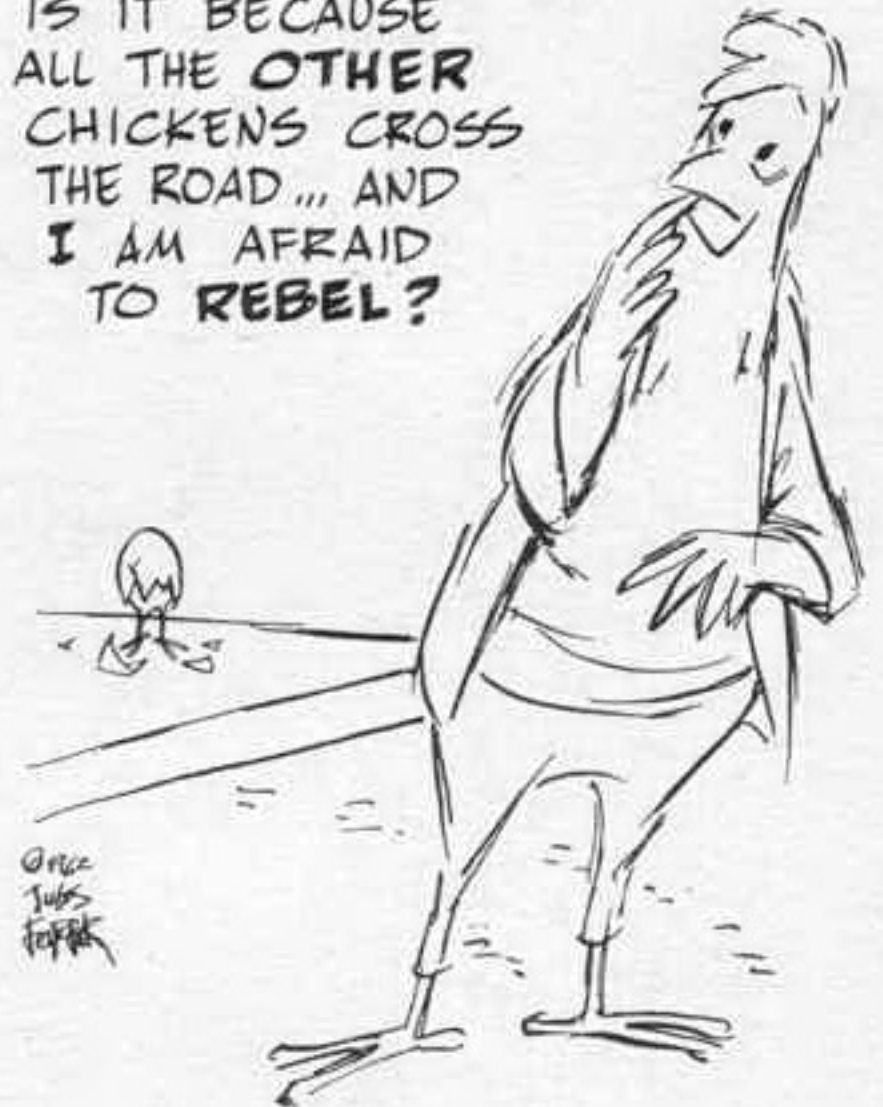
LOOK AT ME!
LOOK AT WHAT
I'M **DOING!**
I'M CROSSING
THE ROAD
AGAIN! THIS
IS THE
FOURTH TIME
THIS WEEK
THAT I'VE
CROSSED
THE ROAD!



WHY? -- I ASK
MYSELF! WHY
DO I **CROSS**
THE ROAD?
WHAT IS THE
DEEPER
PSYCHOLOGICAL
MOTIVATION
INHERENT IN
THIS SIMPLE
ACT?



IS IT BECAUSE I
AM **CONFORMING?**
IS IT BECAUSE
ALL THE **OTHER**
CHICKENS CROSS
THE ROAD... AND
I AM AFRAID
TO **REBEL?**



IS IT BECAUSE I AM
COMPULSIVELY
SEARCHING FOR
THE **FATHER**
I NEVER
KNEW... A
ROOSTER
THAT FLEW
THE COOP
BEFORE I
WAS
HATCHED?



PERHAPS SOME DAY
I WILL CROSS THE
ROAD FOR THE
LAST TIME. PERHAPS
THEN MY PROBLEMS
WILL ALL BE
SOLVED, AND I
WILL FIND **TRUE**
HAPPINESS
IN THOSE LAST
BRIEF MOMENTS
BEFORE I AM
SUMMONED
TO THAT GREAT
DEEP-FAT
FRYER IN
THE SKY!



MEANWHILE, I
WILL **KEEP ON**
CROSSING
THE ROAD...
MAINLY
BECAUSE MY
PSYCHIATRIST
LIVES ON
THE OTHER
SIDE!!



MISS PEACH

by Mel Lazarus

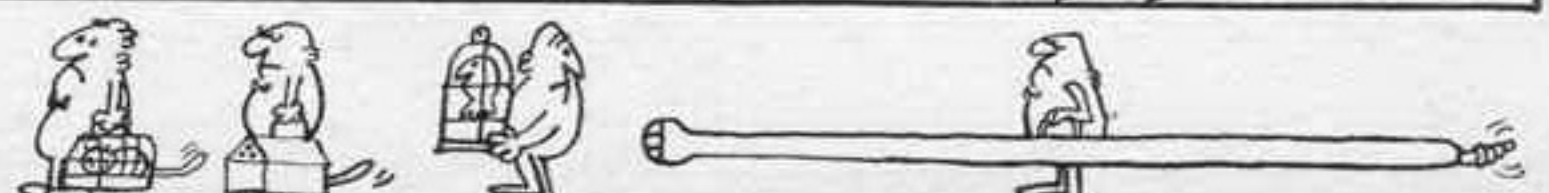
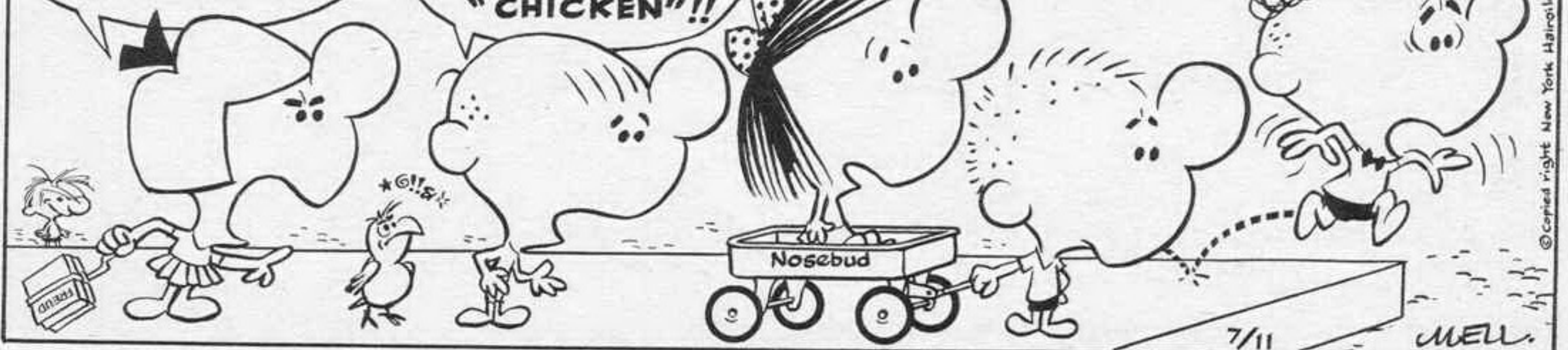
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH
ROOM ON **THIS** SIDE
OF THE STREET FOR
THE **BOTH OF US**, IRA...
SO WHEN I COUNT TO
TEN, YOU BETTER
BE **GONE!!** ONE...

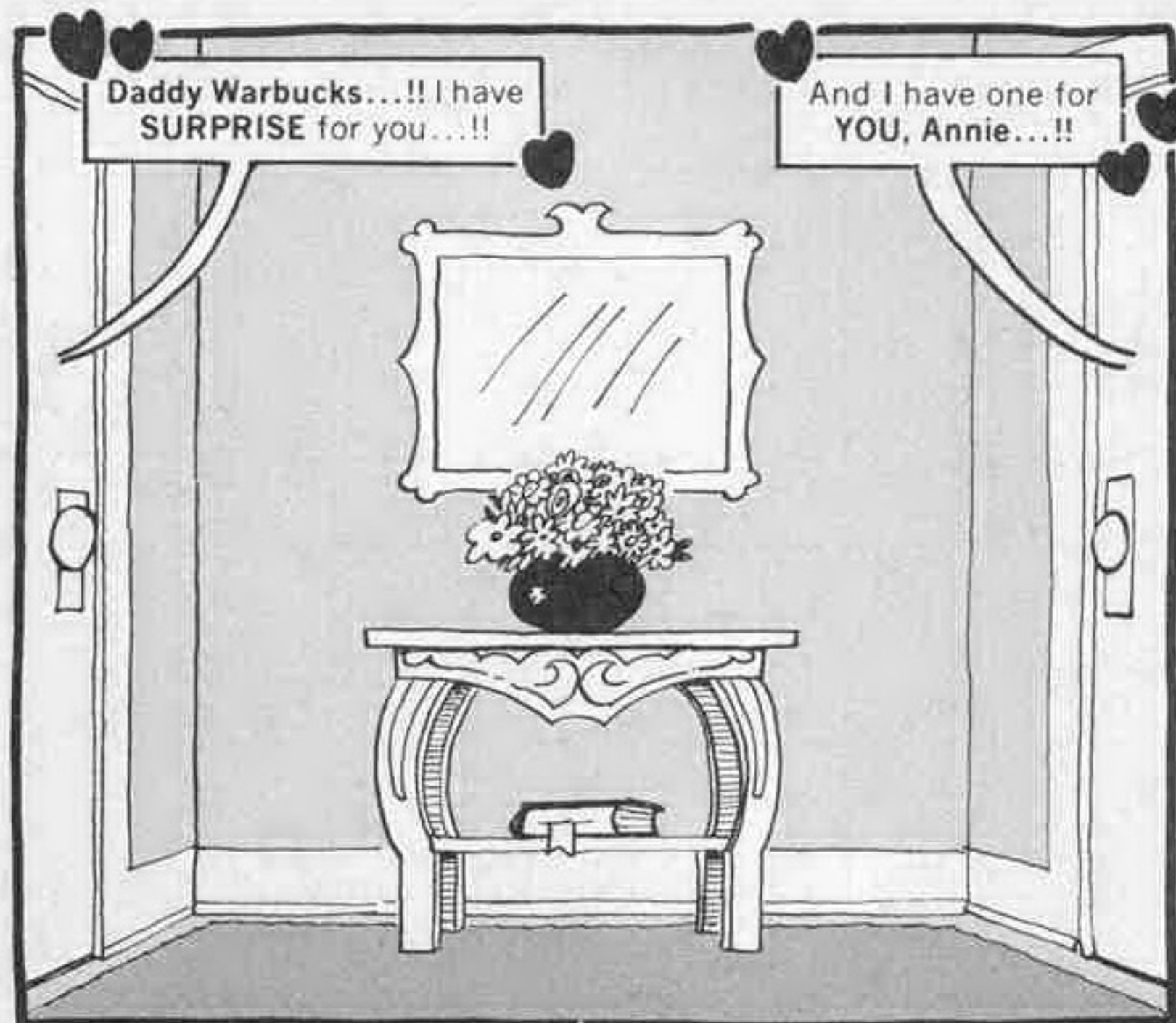
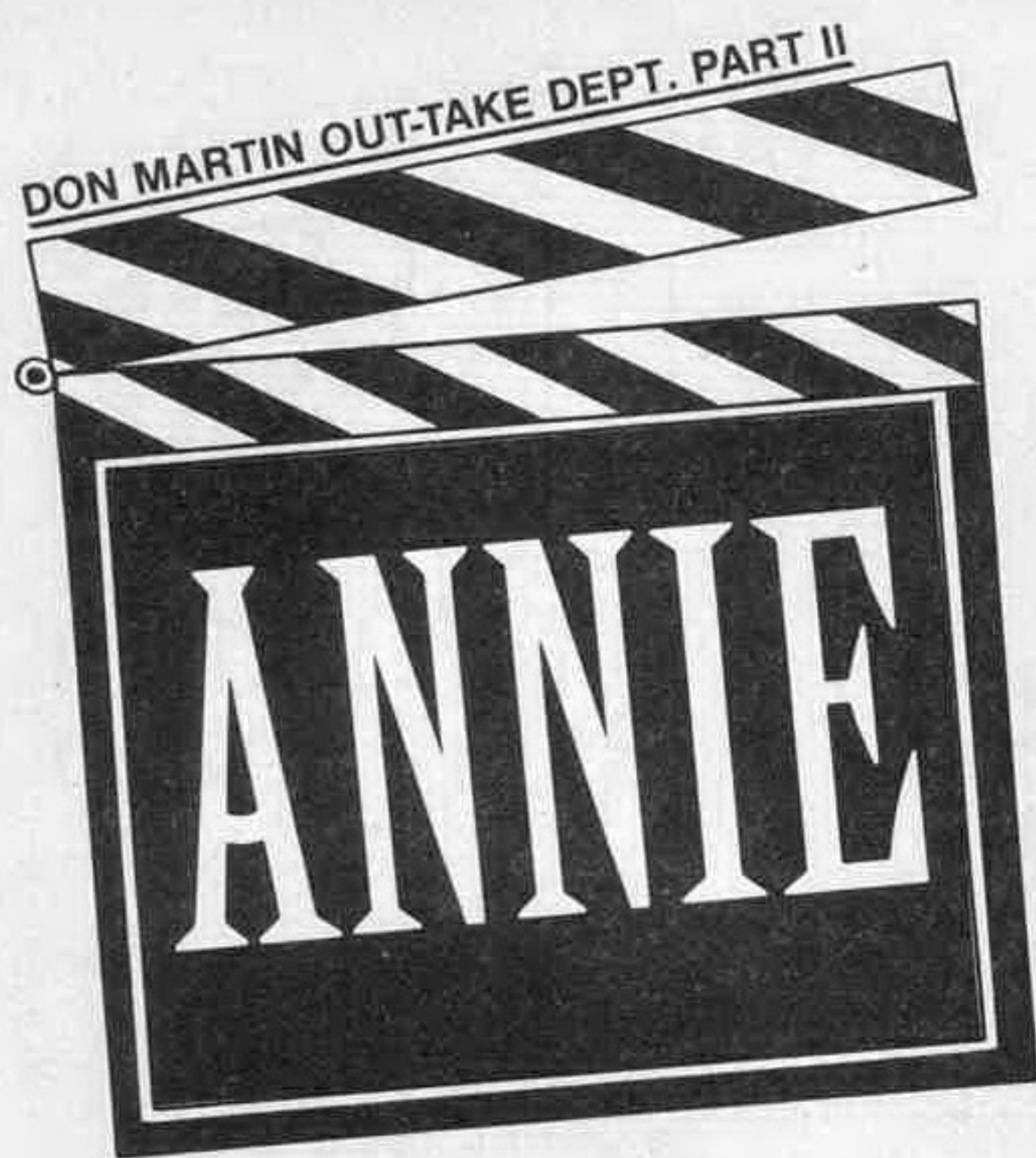
GET HOLD OF
YOURSELF, IRA!
DON'T LET MARCIA
PUSH YOU AROUND!
IF YOU DON'T **ASSERT**
YOURSELF, WE'LL ALL
THINK YOU'RE
"**CHICKEN**"!!

HE'S CROSSING
THE STREET
ANYWAY!!

IRA ... DON'T
YOU HAVE
ANYTHING
TO **SAY!?**

CLUCK..
CLUCK..
CLUCK!!





Look around in Art Galleries today, and what do you see? You see paintings of soup cans and Brillo boxes and incomprehensible blobs. Let's face it: If the great Masters of the past were alive today, they wouldn't stand a chance of success as serious painters. Their stuff just wouldn't sell in our modern Galleries. And so, they'd probably have to find work in another field of Art...like the Comic Strips, where their stuff would be appreciated. Which brings us to this article: Let's see what might happen

IF THE WORLD'S GREAT PAINTERS DREW THE COMICS

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

MEDICAL LAFFS

By Rembrandt



"On second thought, it might just be a simple headache!"

PRISSY PERCY



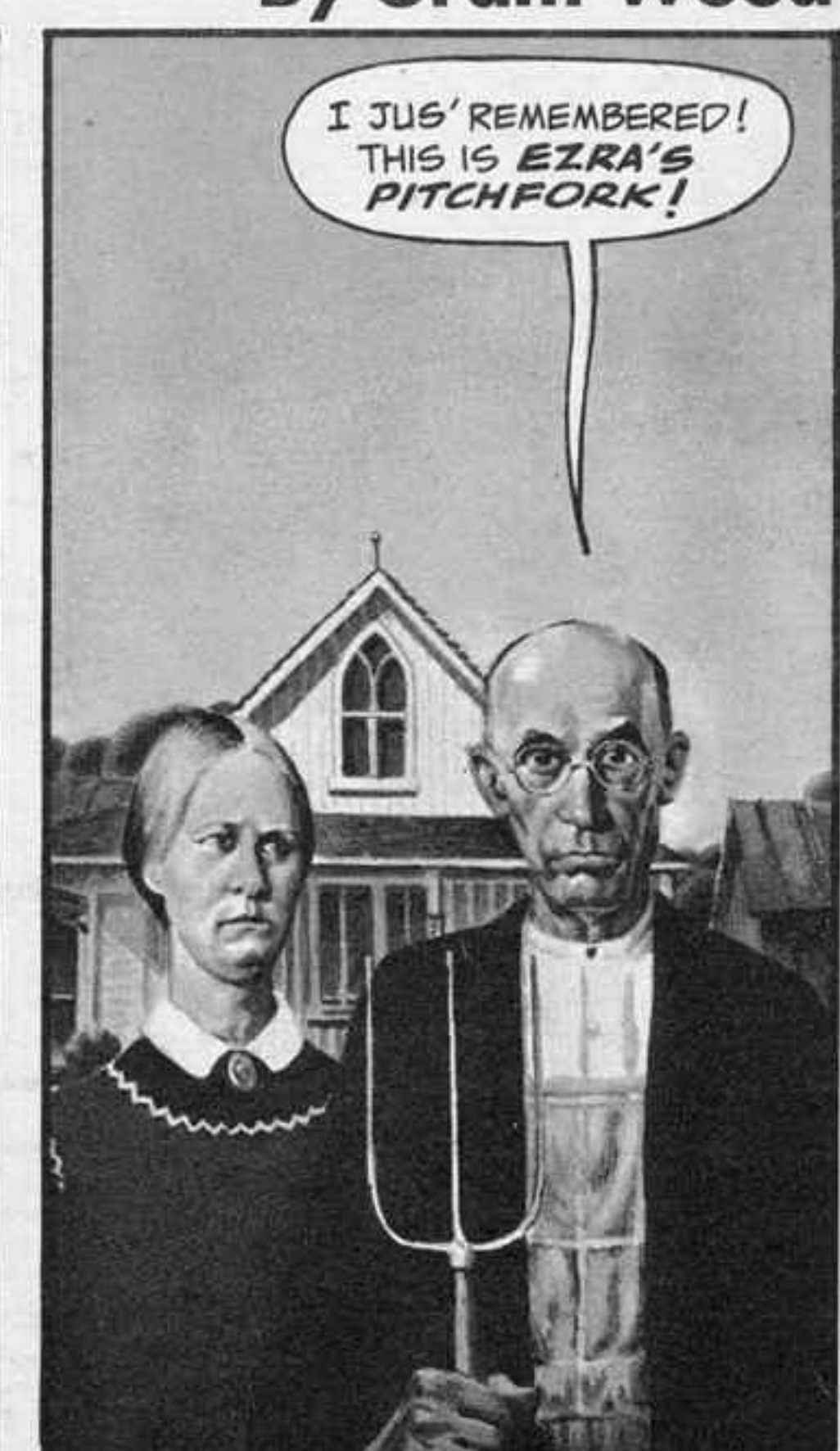
By Gainsborough



HARRIE & CARRIE



By Grant Wood



THOSE GIRLS

By Millet



COOL CATS

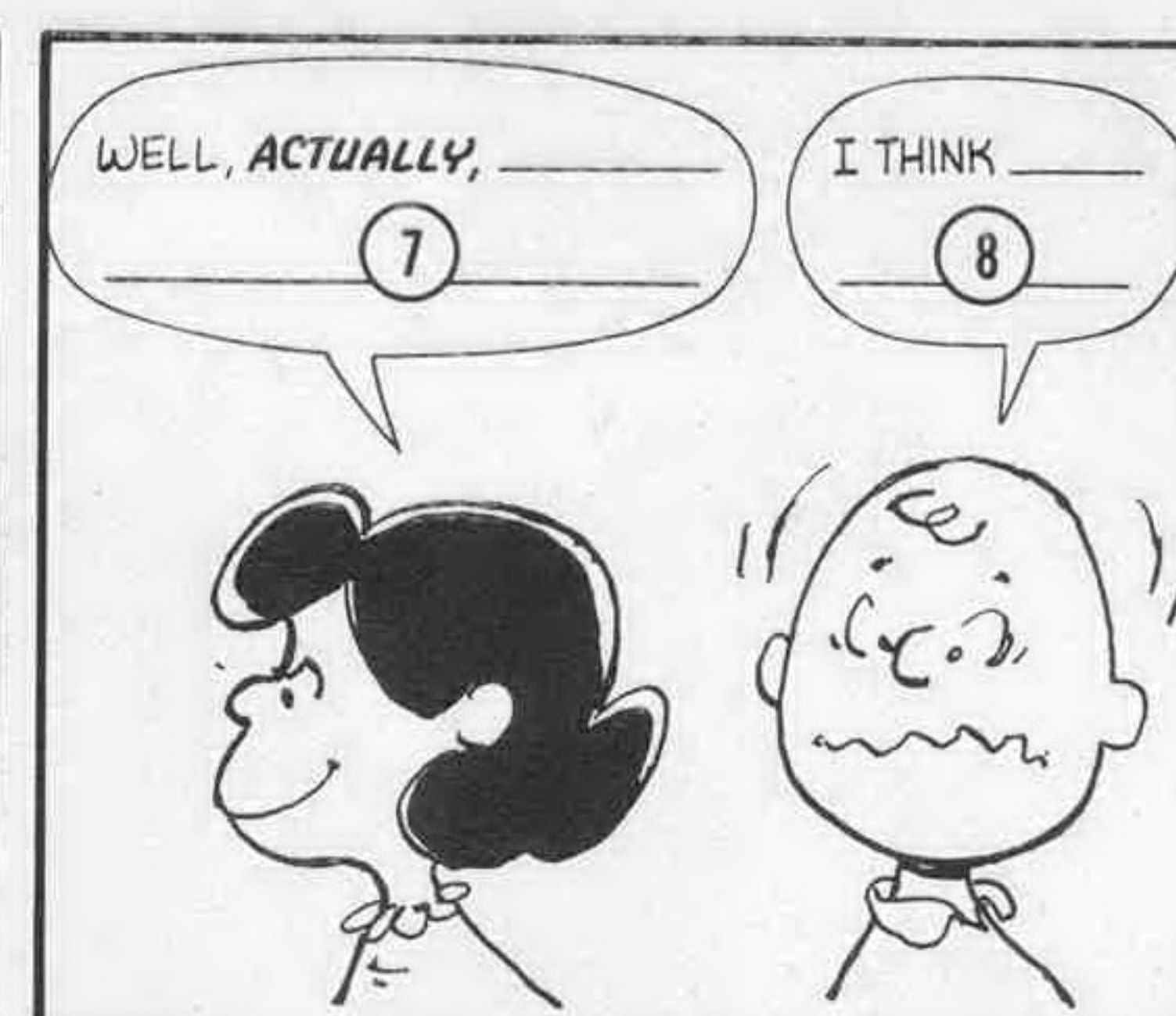
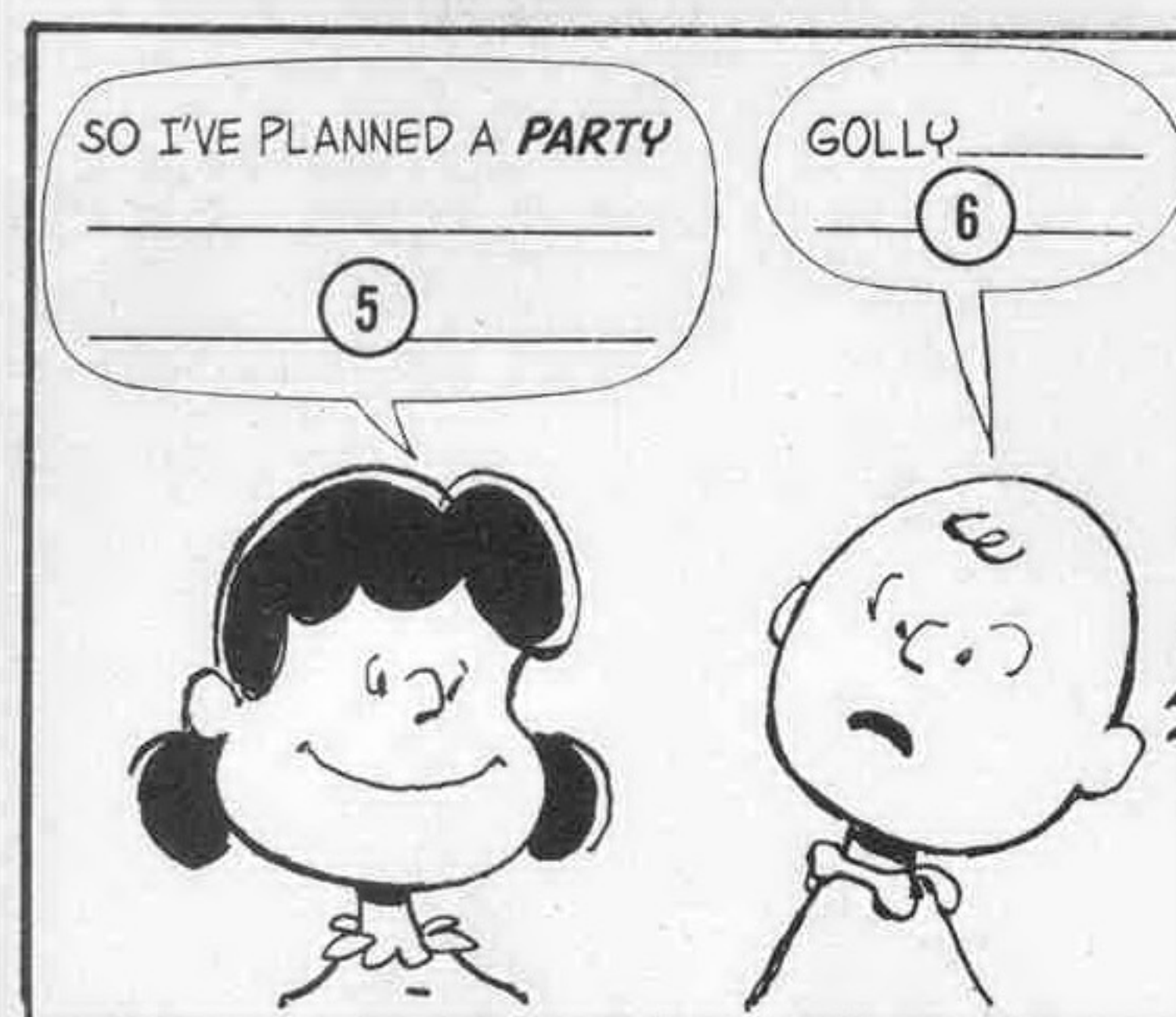
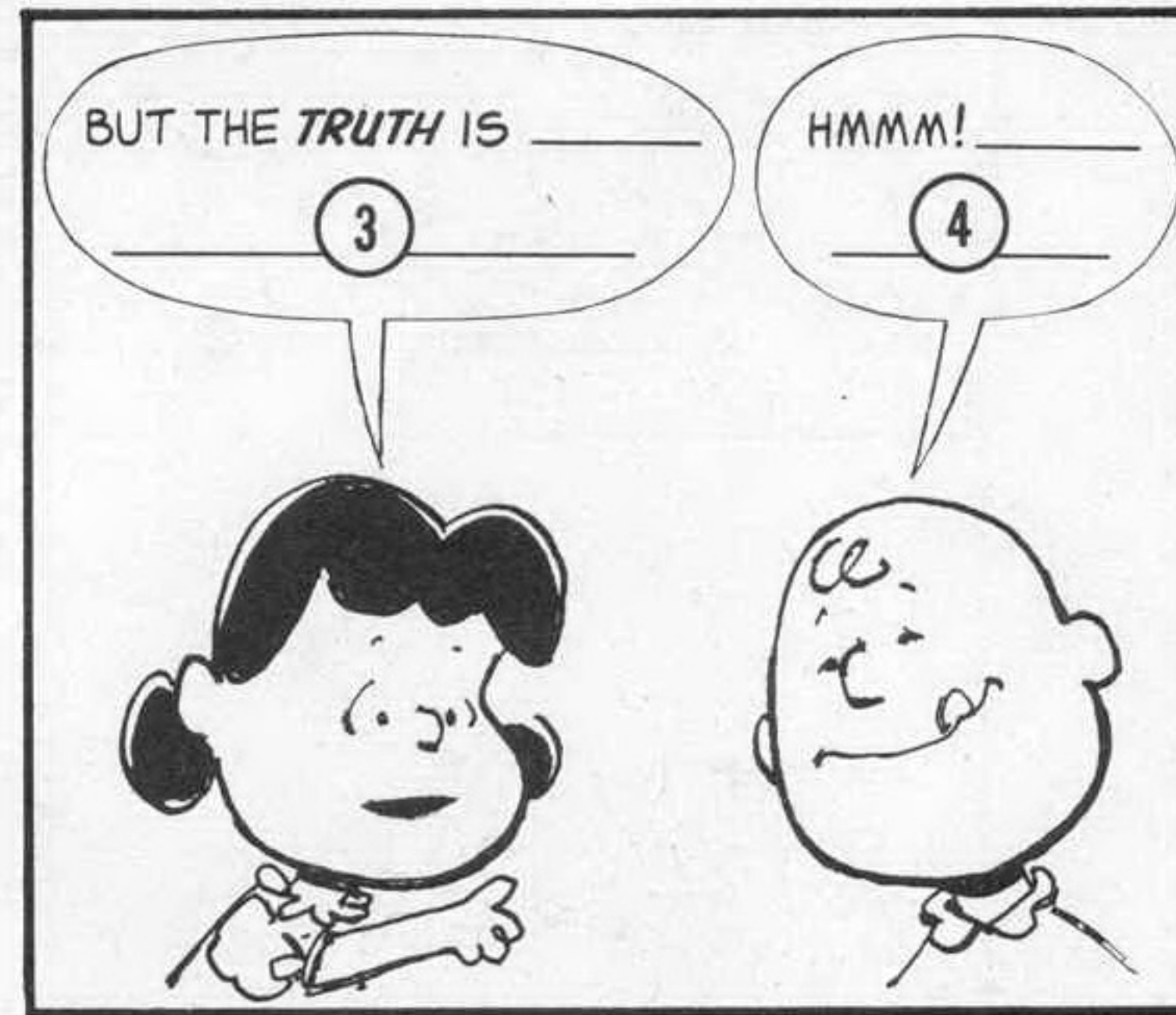
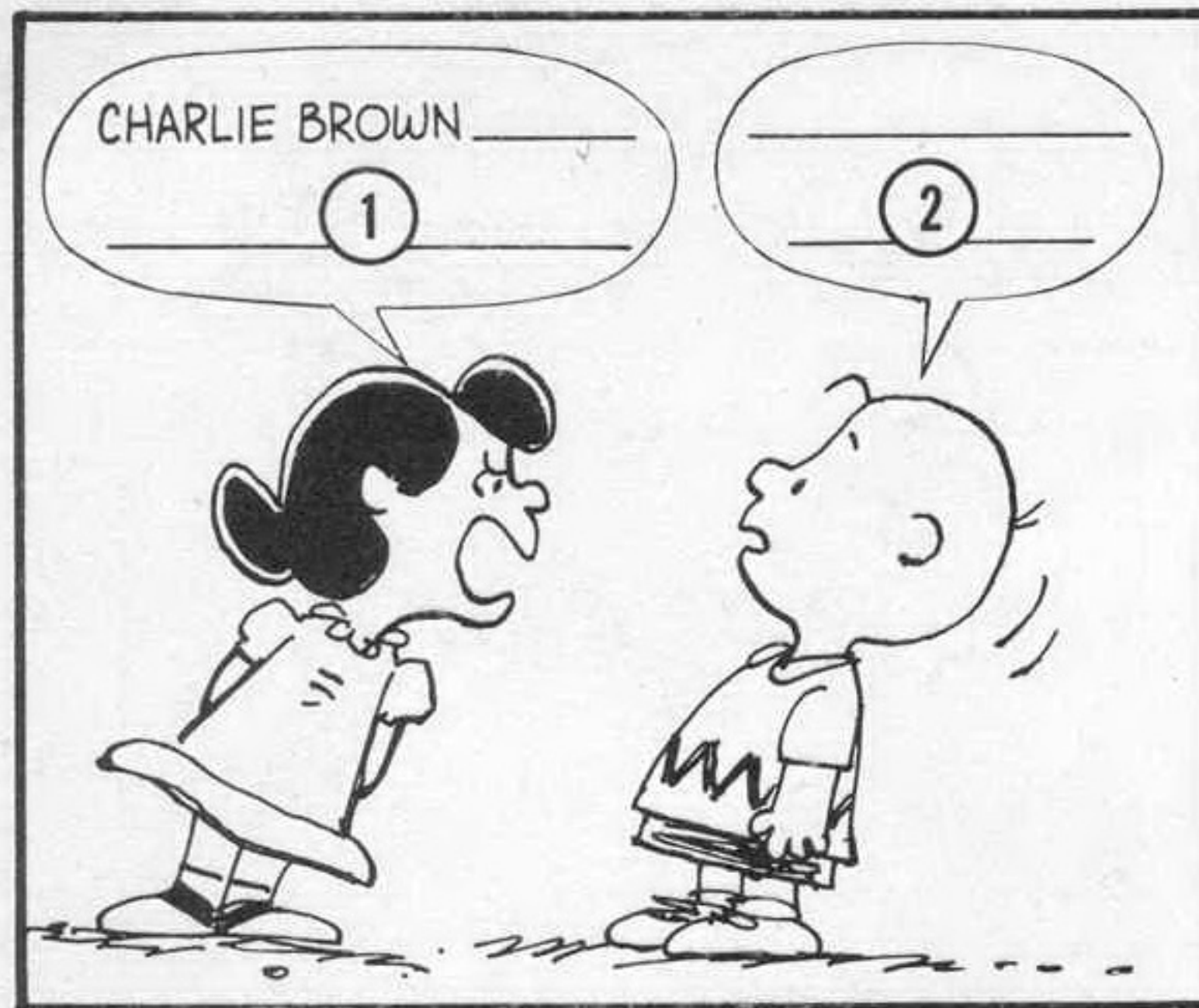
By Rousseau



TILLIE AND HER TV

By Whistler





STRIP TEASE DEPT.

In past issues, MAD has presented All-Inclusive, Do-It Yourself versions of Newspaper Stories, Songs, Comedy Routines, etc. Now, for all you "Peanuts" fans who have fun reading the strip, here is your chance to have fun writing it. (Hey, Charlie Schulz! If you want to take a vacation, feel free to take advantage of this clever article!) Simply fill in the numbered balloons from the corresponding numbered lists, and you'll be creating...

MAD'S ALL-INCLUSIVE DO-IT-YOURSELF PEANUTS COMIC STRIP

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

1
YOU'RE
A **BORN LOSER!**

YOUR **HEAD** COULD
DOUBLE AS A **SOFTBALL!**

EVERYONE
ABUSES YOU!

YOU GIVE
LIVING A BAD NAME!

YOU'VE GOT A **PIN-
CUSHION** FOR A **BRAIN!**

YOU'RE THE
JOKE OF THE **NEIGHBORHOOD!**

5
IN YOUR
HONOR!

TO PAY **TRIBUTE** TO
YOUR **LEADERSHIP!**

ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY!

SO THE **GANG** CAN
SHOW YOU HOW WE **FEEL!**

TO KICK OFF "**CELEBRATE
CHARLIE BROWN WEEK!**"

YOU'LL **REMEMBER** THE
REST OF YOUR **LIFE!**

2
TELL ME ALL
ABOUT IT!

AT **LEAST** I'M
FAMOUS FOR **SOMETHING!**

COMING FROM YOU,
THAT'S **PRAISE!**

I **LOVE IT** WHEN
YOU **SWEET-TALK!**

IT TOOK YOU **25 YEARS**
TO FIND **THAT** OUT?

DO YOU KEEP THIS
UP FOR **FOUR PANELS?**

6
A-A
PARTY FOR ME!?

YOU MEAN YOU'RE
NOT SETTING ME UP?

YOU'VE
SURE CHANGED!

IT'LL BE **GREAT**
GETTING SOME **RESPECT!**

I'LL SURE ENJOY
BEING WITH MY **FRIENDS!**

HOW CAN
I EVER **THANK** YOU?

3
NOBODY RECOGNIZES
YOUR **FINER QUALITIES!**

YOU'RE ADMIRER BY
YOUR **FRIENDS** AND **TEAMMATES!**

YOU DESERVE
MUCH BETTER TREATMENT!

WITHOUT **YOU**,
I WOULD BE **NOTHING!**

YOUR **HEART** IS
AS **BIG** AS **ALL OUTDOORS!**

YOU'RE **KIND**
AND **DECENT** AND **LOYAL!**

7
YOU'RE
NOT INVITED!

IT'S ON THE
DAY YOU'RE **OUT OF TOWN!**

THE
PARTY WAS **YESTERDAY!**

YOU'LL BE
THE **ONLY ONE THERE!**

I WAS **TESTING** TO
SEE HOW **GULLIBLE** YOU ARE!

I'M **TELLING**
EVERYONE IT'S FOR **LINUS!**

4
I MUST BE
IN THE **WRONG STRIP!**

WHY ISN'T SHE
SUCKING UP TO **SCHROEDER?**

I WISH I WERE **BRIGHT
ENOUGH** TO KNOW WHAT SHE'S **UP TO?**

NOBODY'S
EVER **THIS** NICE TO ME!

I'VE GOT A **FEELING**
THIS IS GOING TO **COST** ME!

I **THINK** I LIKED IT
BETTER WHEN SHE **DESPISED** ME!

8
I'LL
KILL MYSELF!

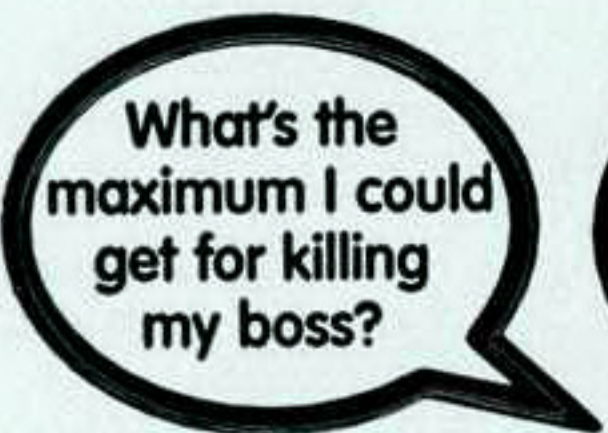
MAYBE
I SHOULD **RETIRE!**

I'LL GO HOME
AND **BEAT UP SNOOPY!**

I NEED
DEEP THERAPY!

I'LL PUT A
CONTRACT OUT ON HER!

I'LL TRY
REPLACING **ANDY CAPP!**



Life is like a box of chocolates



MOOOO!

Oh no!
I'm having
another bad
hair day!



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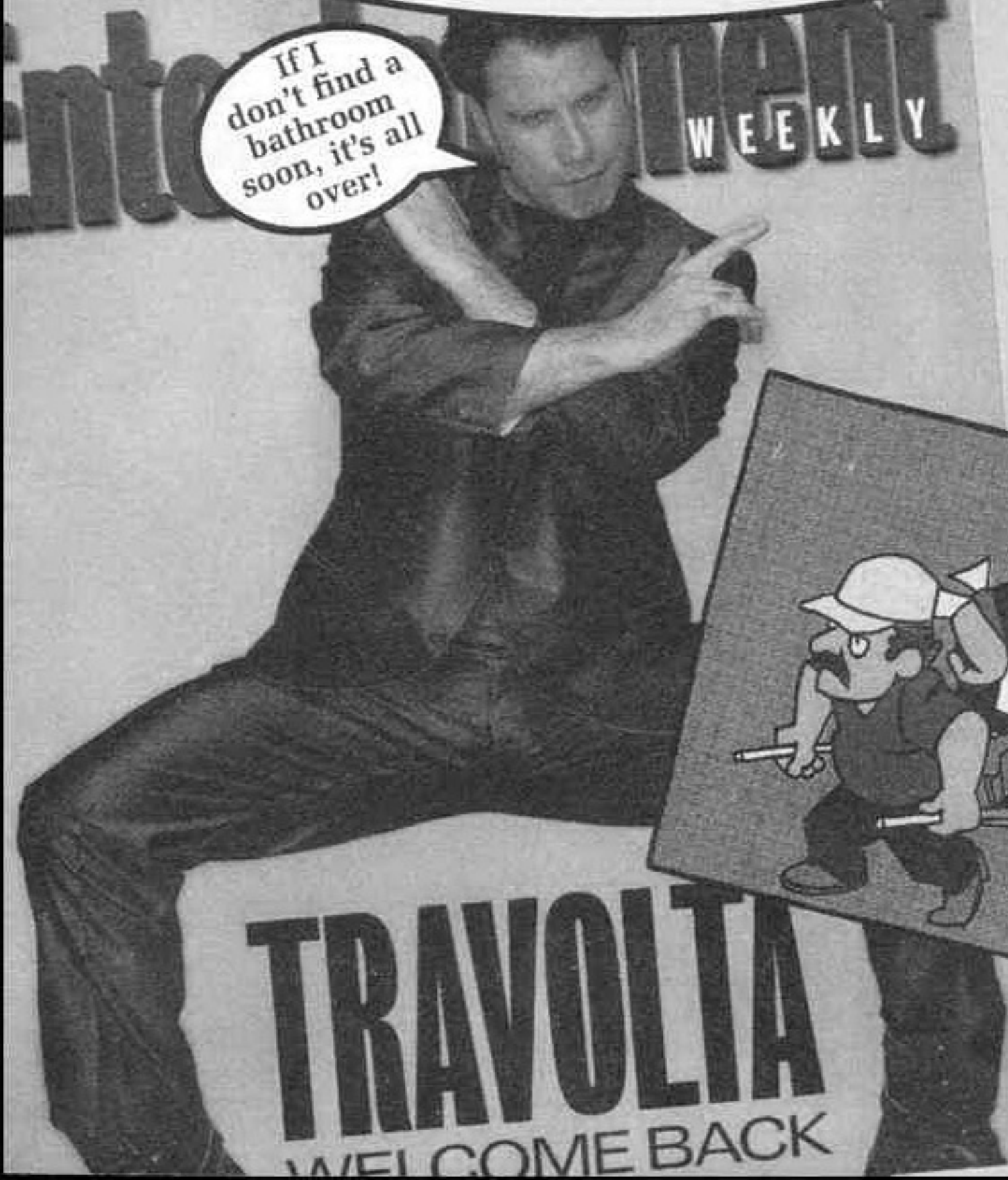
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That's an
ODD
smell!



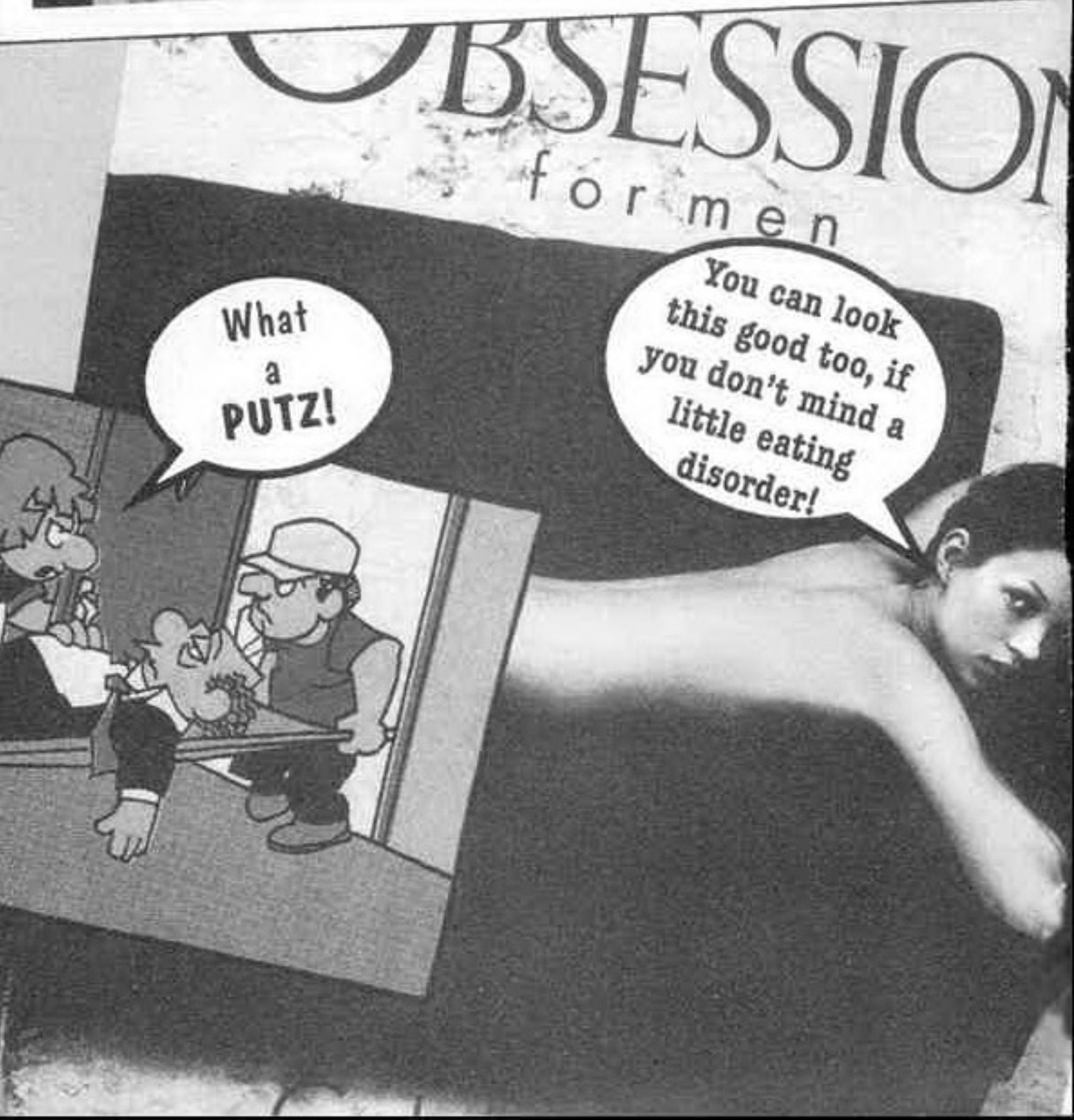
If I
don't find a
bathroom
soon, it's all
over!

Entertainment
WEEKLY



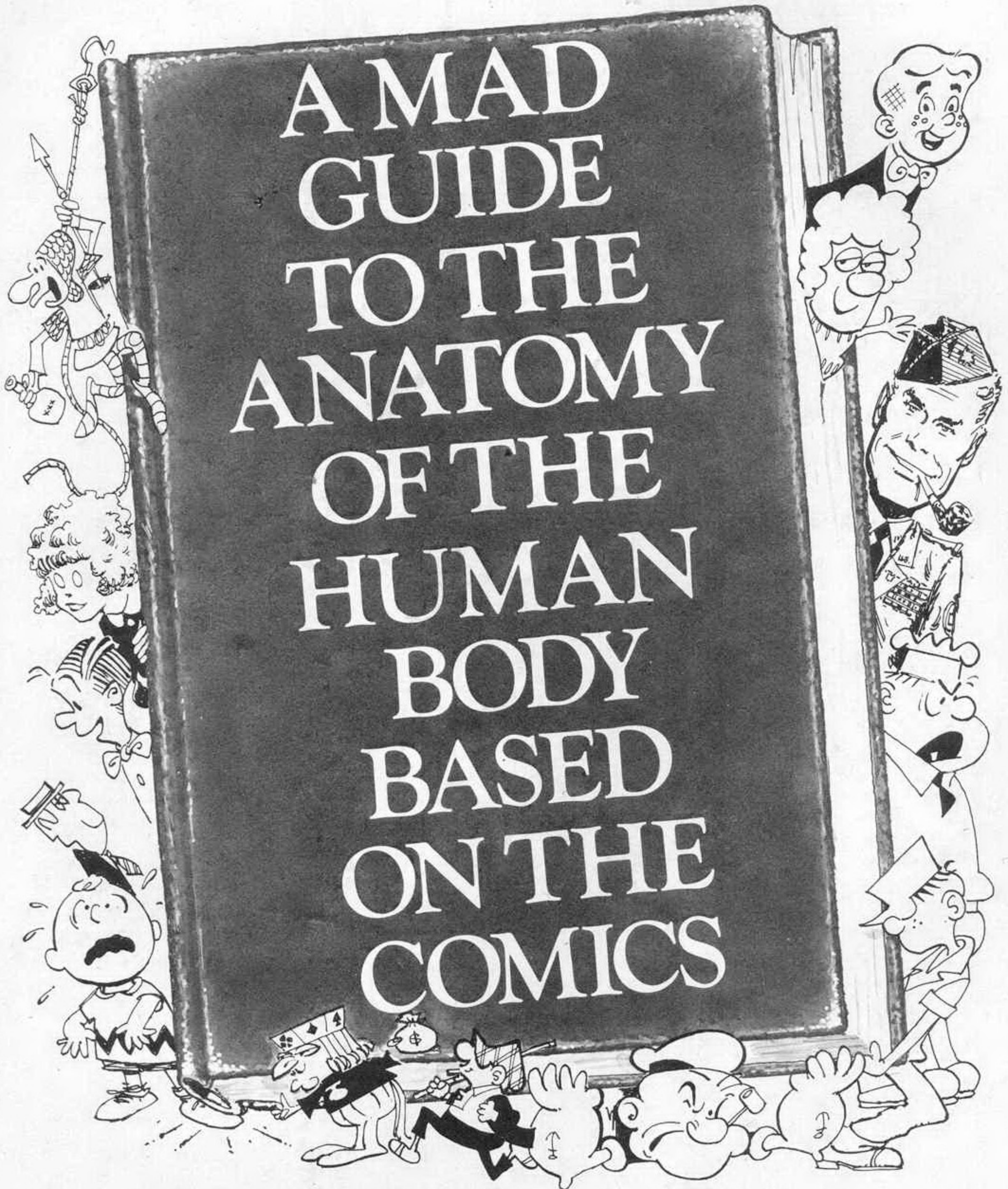
What
a
PUTZ!

You can look
this good too, if
you don't mind a
little eating
disorder!



FUNNIES' BONES DEPT.

Have you ever wondered why there are so few good Doctors around today? Well, MAD feels that it's because most Doctors don't really understand the human body and how it works. And why is this? Because like everybody else, Doctors were brought up on "The Comics" and therefore developed a distorted concept of the human body. Mainly, The Comics show us bodies that are unlike anything else around. To demonstrate the problems and confusion this has caused today's Doctors, here are some excerpts from

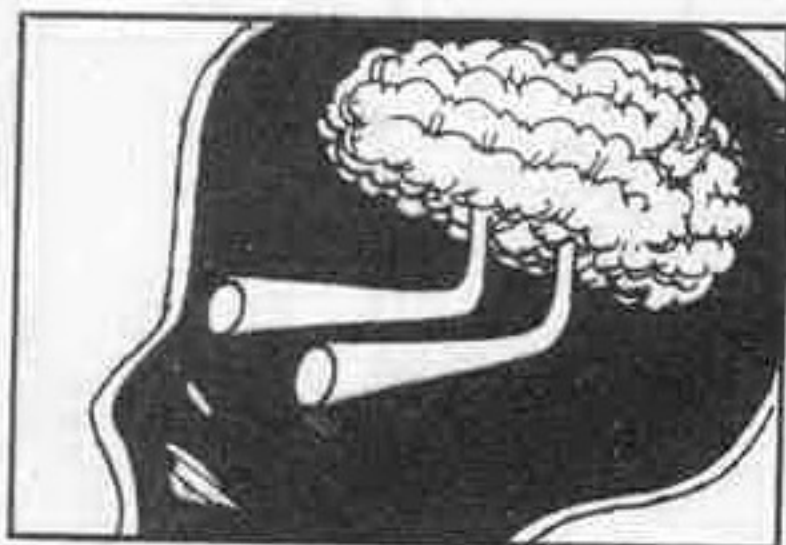


THE EYES

In many cases, a "normal" eye is not necessary for vision!



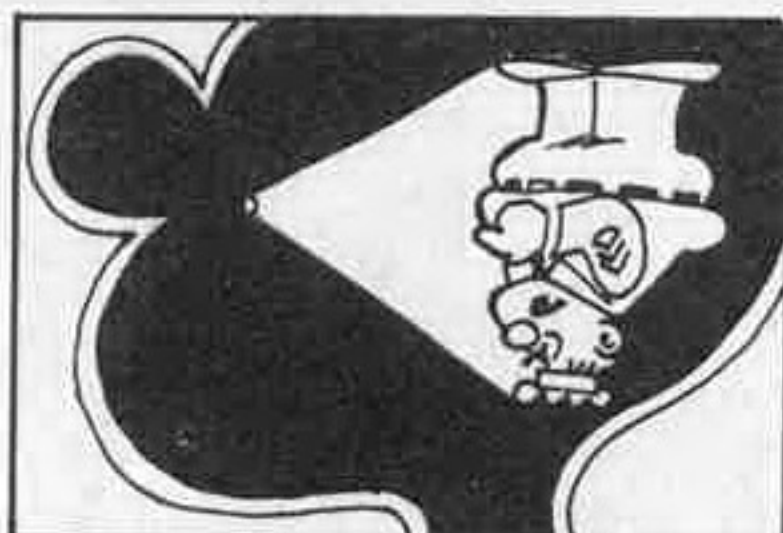
Contrary to accepted medical opinions, some humans do not need pupils in order to see. However, this rare condition (known as *annieus orphanius*) occurs only in certain types of people who also never age.



Images are sent to the brain via solid tinted tubes, like modern-day fiber optics. The result is seeing everything through rose-colored glasses.



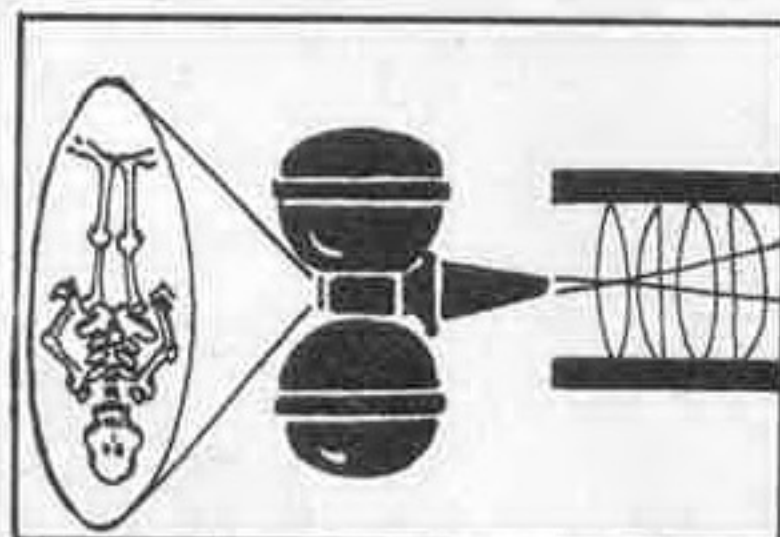
Occasionally, some humans can see without having eyes at all. This rare condition (*beetleus yardbirdis*) causes that person to appear as if he's fast asleep while he's really awake, and vice-versa.



Images are absorbed through pinholes in cheeks that resemble freckles. Vision can only be activated by loud, raucous military commands.



Some humans are able to see through solid objects and to spot things happening miles away. People with this rare condition (*kryponus x-rayus*) often wear eyeglasses, even though totally unnecessary.



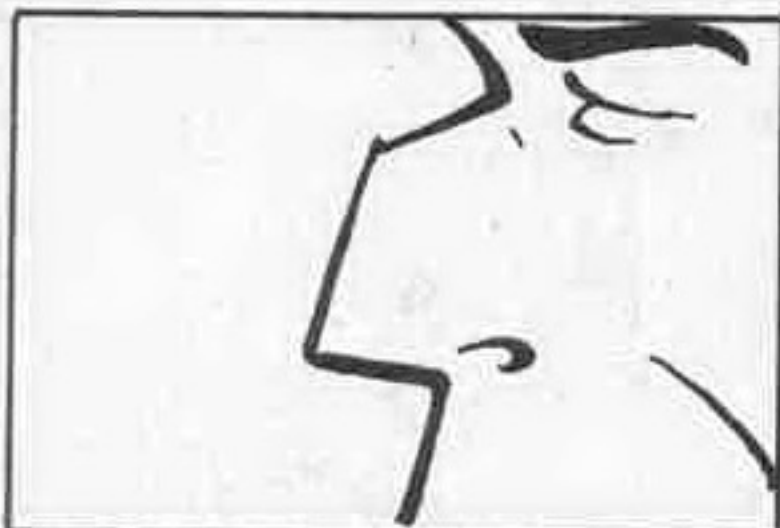
This intricate mechanism for vision is composed of a pair of telescopic lenses linked up with an alternative pair of miniature x-ray machines.

THE NOSE

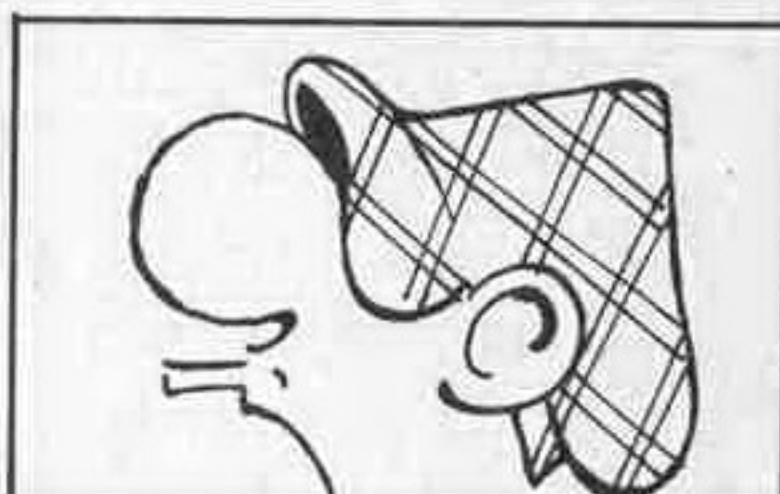
The size and shape of the nose often determine willpower and determination.



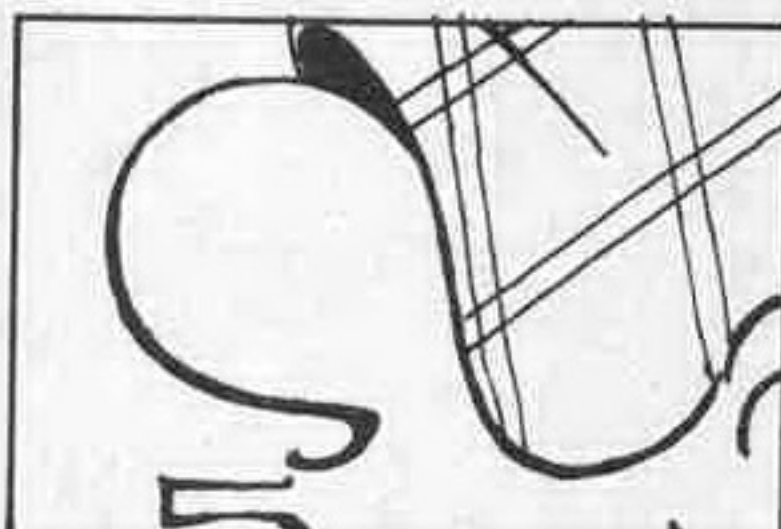
A hooked nose (*tracy bumpus*) is the sign of a person who relentlessly pursues a goal, regardless of any personal danger. Even after 50 years, he'll still stick to his job.



A keen sense of smell helps this nose sniff out dangers which may be threatening the safety of the entire body.



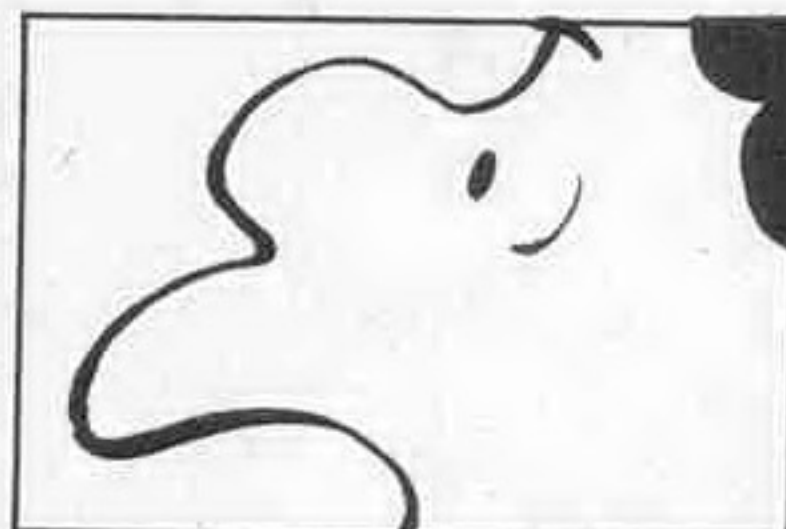
A bulblike nose (*andicappus handicappus*) indicates lack of willpower and inability to complete a given job or task. The nose, like the person, has no clear direction.



Through frequent abuse, this nose begins to turn bright red, this condition being known as *proboscis inebrius*.



A small, peanut-shaped nose (*lucyus obnoxious*) indicates a powerful determination on the part of its possessor to achieve goals regardless of any damage done to others.



At first, this nose appears subordinate to the mouth. That's because the mouth is much larger than normal.

THE HAIR

Hair growth and hair quality depend entirely on the diet.



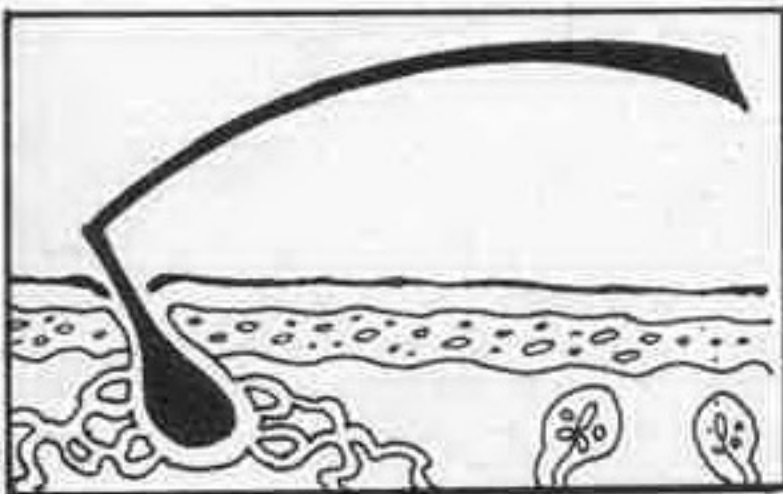
This common disorder of the scalp (*dagwoodus cowlickus*) occurs after long years of combining many varieties of foods into one sandwich.



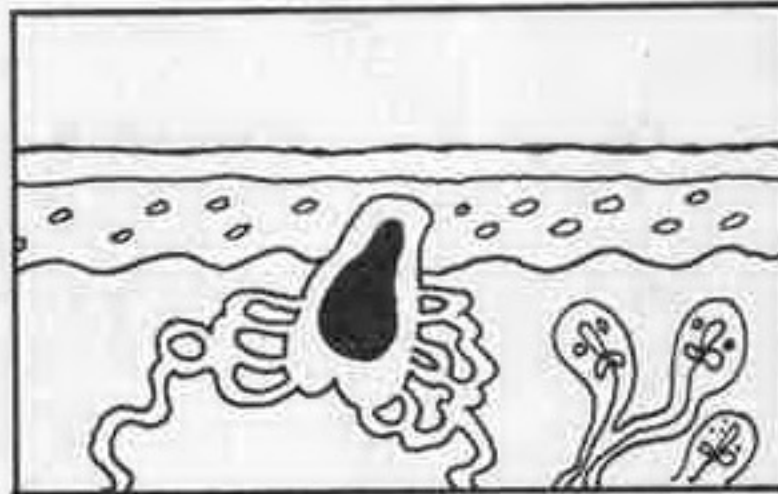
Total baldness (*warbuckus extremus*) can be traced to a diet of rich gourmet food, gooey desserts, and very expensive wines and champagne.



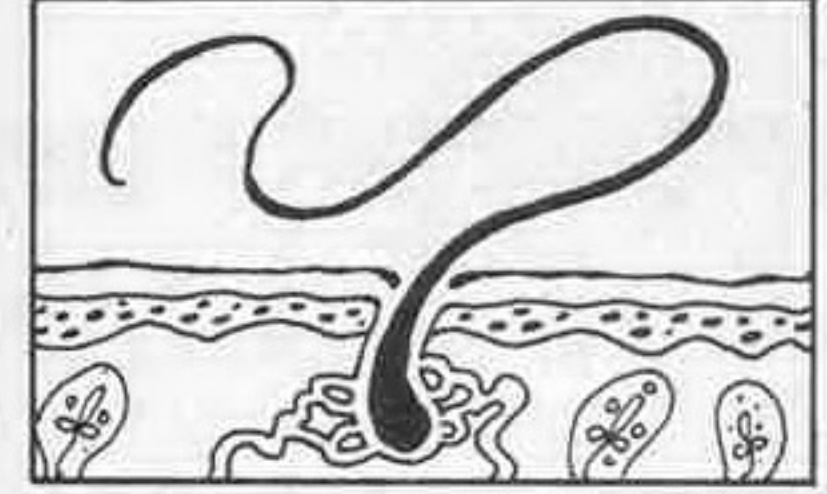
This thick, full, healthy head of hair is the result of eating hamburgers, pizza, French fries, malteds, and other types of "fast food."



Hair follicle is damaged, and hair grows abnormally.



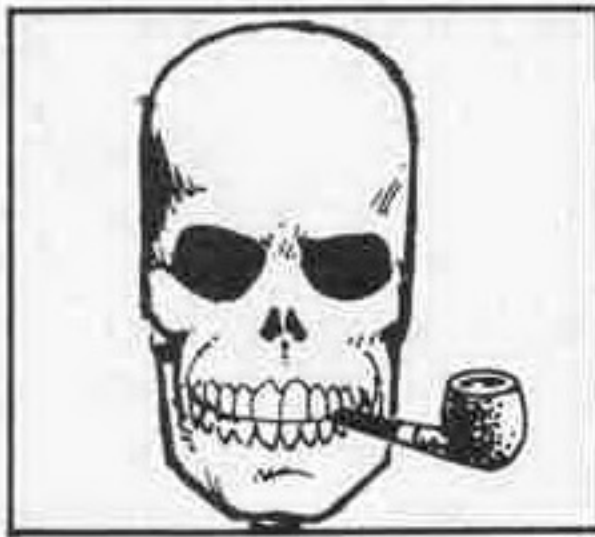
Hair follicle is dead and unable to function at all.



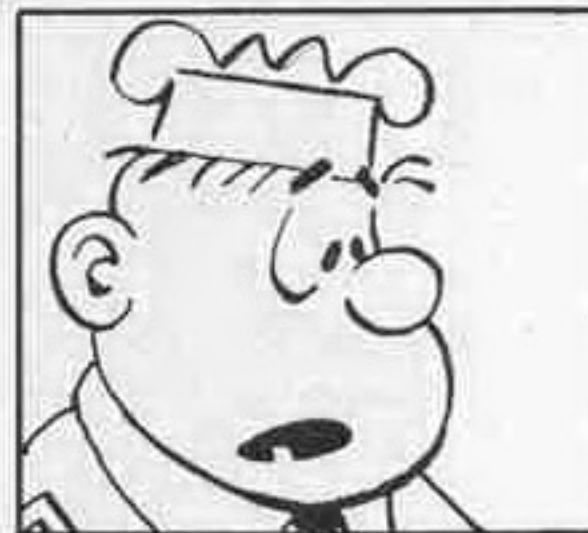
Hair follicle is healthy and hair behaves normally.

THE SKULL

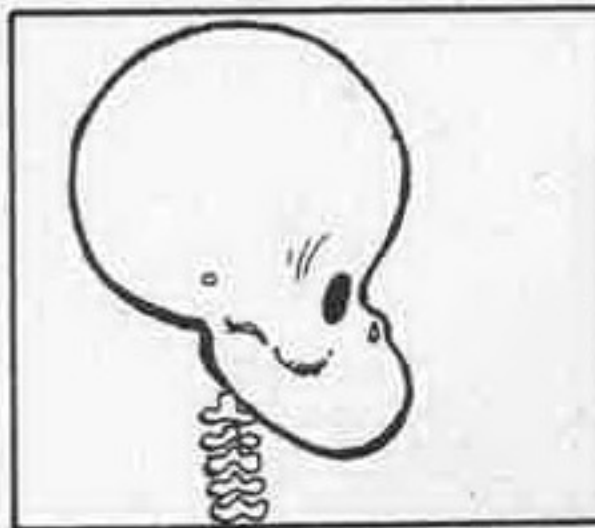
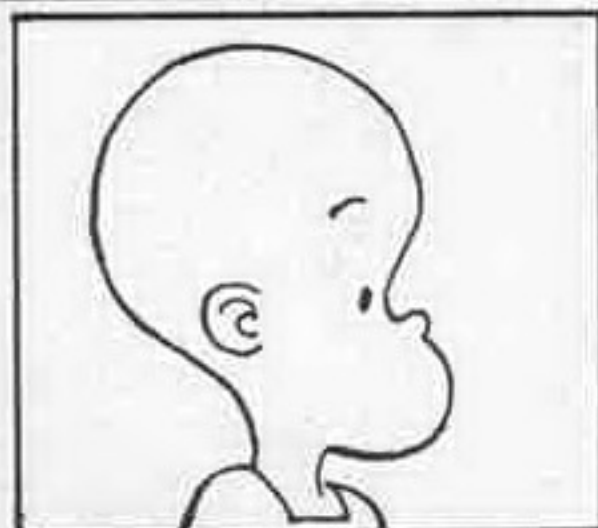
The shape of the skull determines how a person functions in everyday life.



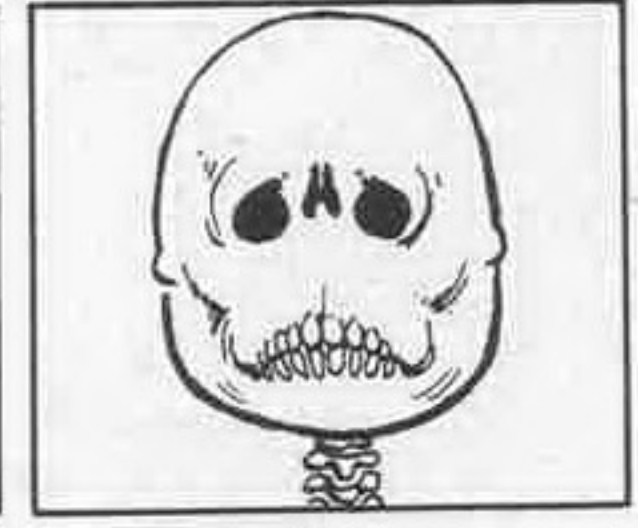
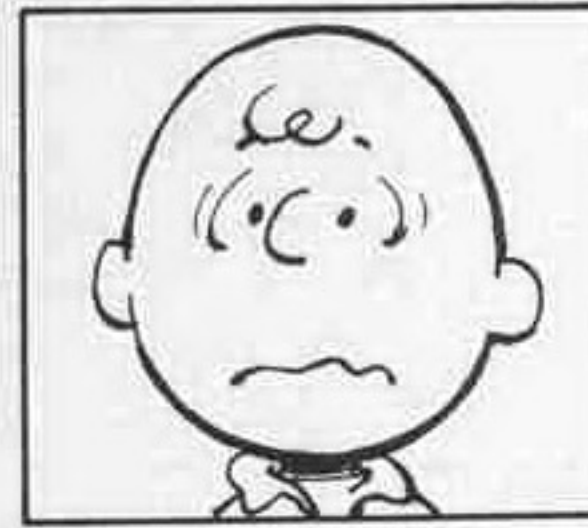
A rectangular skull is the mark of a highly-evolved and intelligent individual. Such people are born to lead. They are usually very handsome, and they always have perfect teeth.



A sloping forehead is found on an individual who has not yet completed his evolutionary cycle. Note the protruding lower tooth... a telltale indication of this sub-human type.



An elongated skull occurs when someone lacks the ability to speak. In such cases, there is also no sign of any mouth. It is not known if this type of individual takes any nourishment.



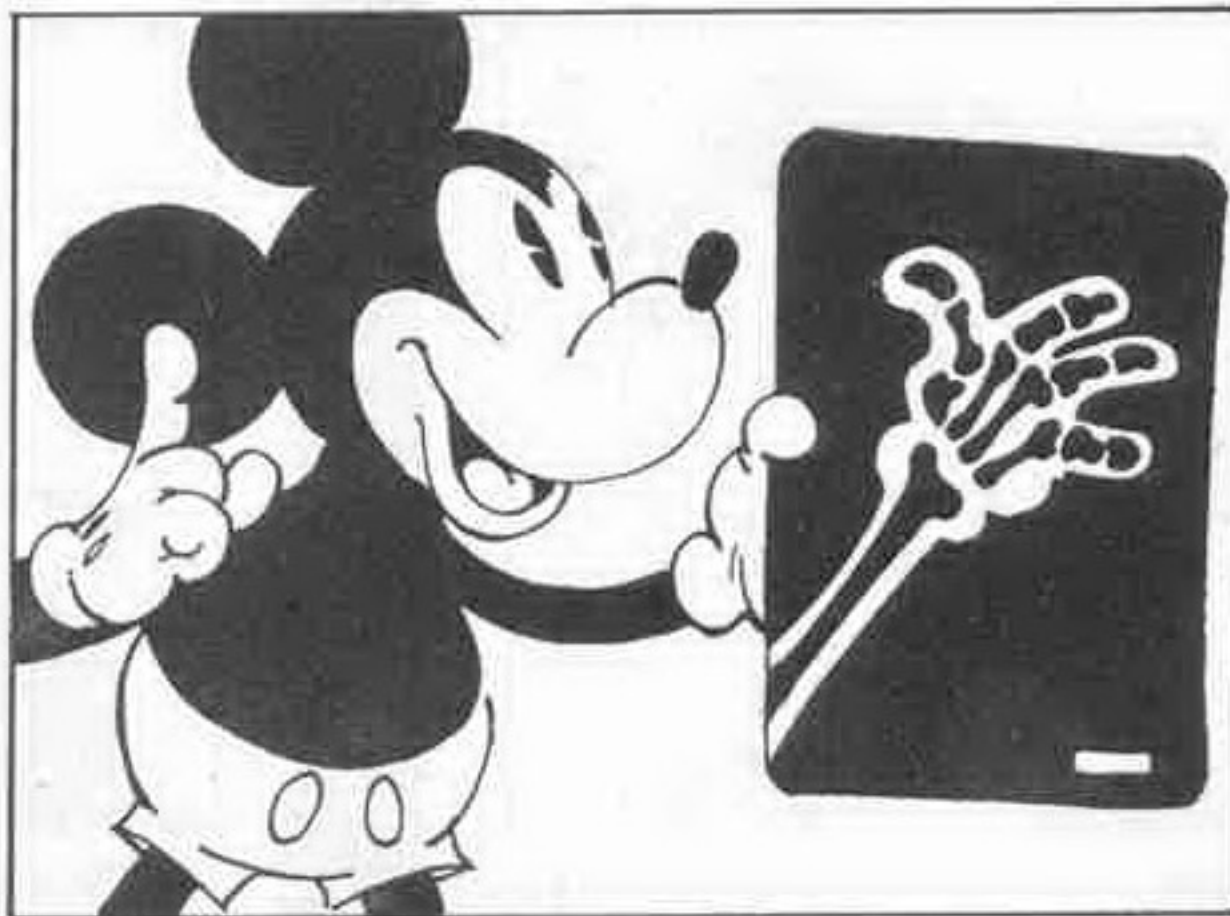
A round skull with a nose cavity between the eyes, blocking off the mouth from the brain, indicates an underachiever. Speech is not impaired, but sounds bewildered and confused.

THE ARMS

The size and shape of the arms depends on the amount of chemicals in the body.



This condition (*nautilus pugnacious*) results from an imbalance of iron in the body system, creating a swollen appearance. X-rays of arms reveal a green substance surrounding muscles. Substance has same chemical properties as a certain leafy, green, yecchy-tasting vegetable.



Some arms appear to lack muscles altogether (*disneyus rodentus*), a condition caused by a fiber deficiency in which the tissue turns to cheese. This condition usually results in the loss of one finger of each hand, but does not effect the efficiency of the rest of the hand.

THE TORSO

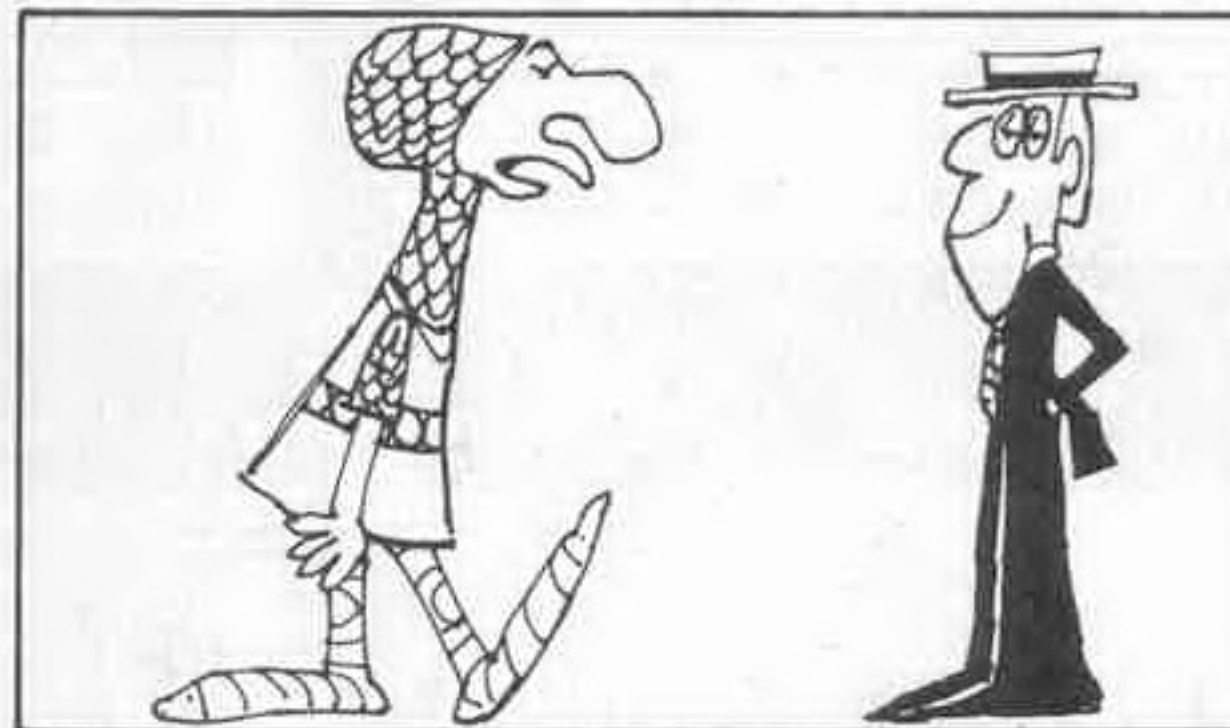
The size of a torso is a chief indicator of dominant leadership—or lack of it.



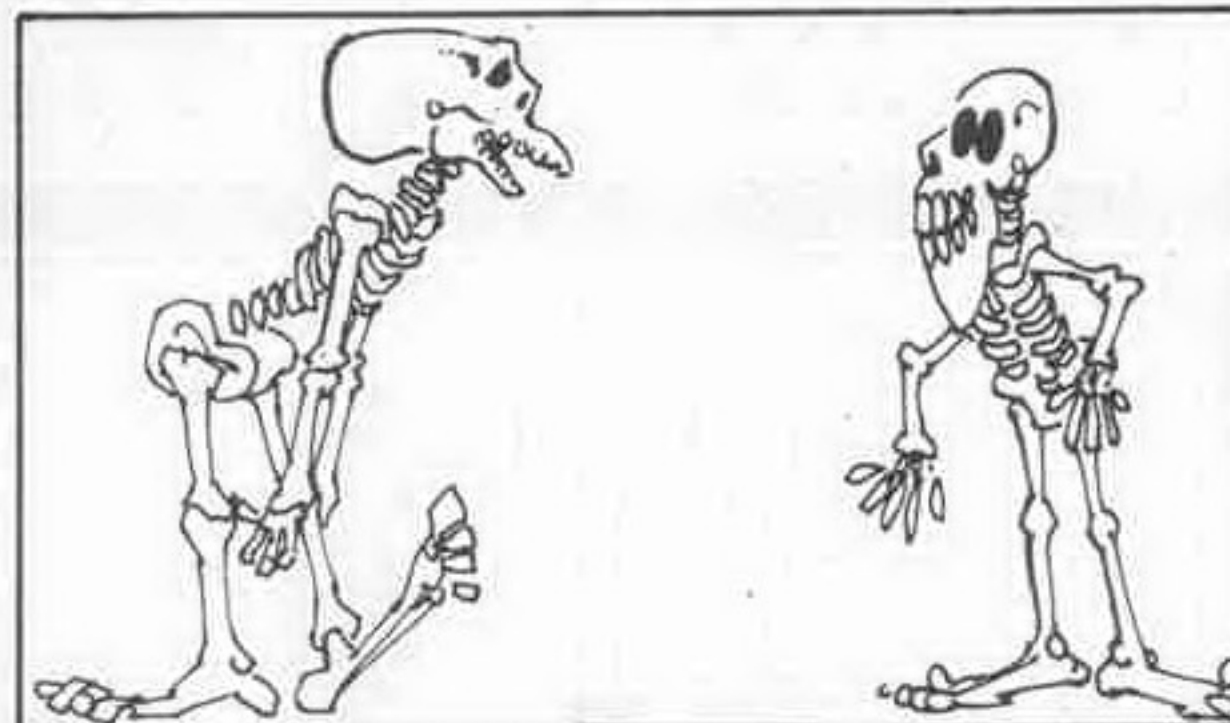
A dwarf-like, compact torso is the sign of a strong-willed, often tyrannical power figure. Such people, as in the two examples of case studies depicted here, dominate less compact people, whom they consider unfit to make any decisions at all, or to lead their own lives.



This condition (*ironhandus despoticus*) is due to the fact that the brain is close to the torso, allowing power from the brain to travel a much shorter distance, and thus remain strong.



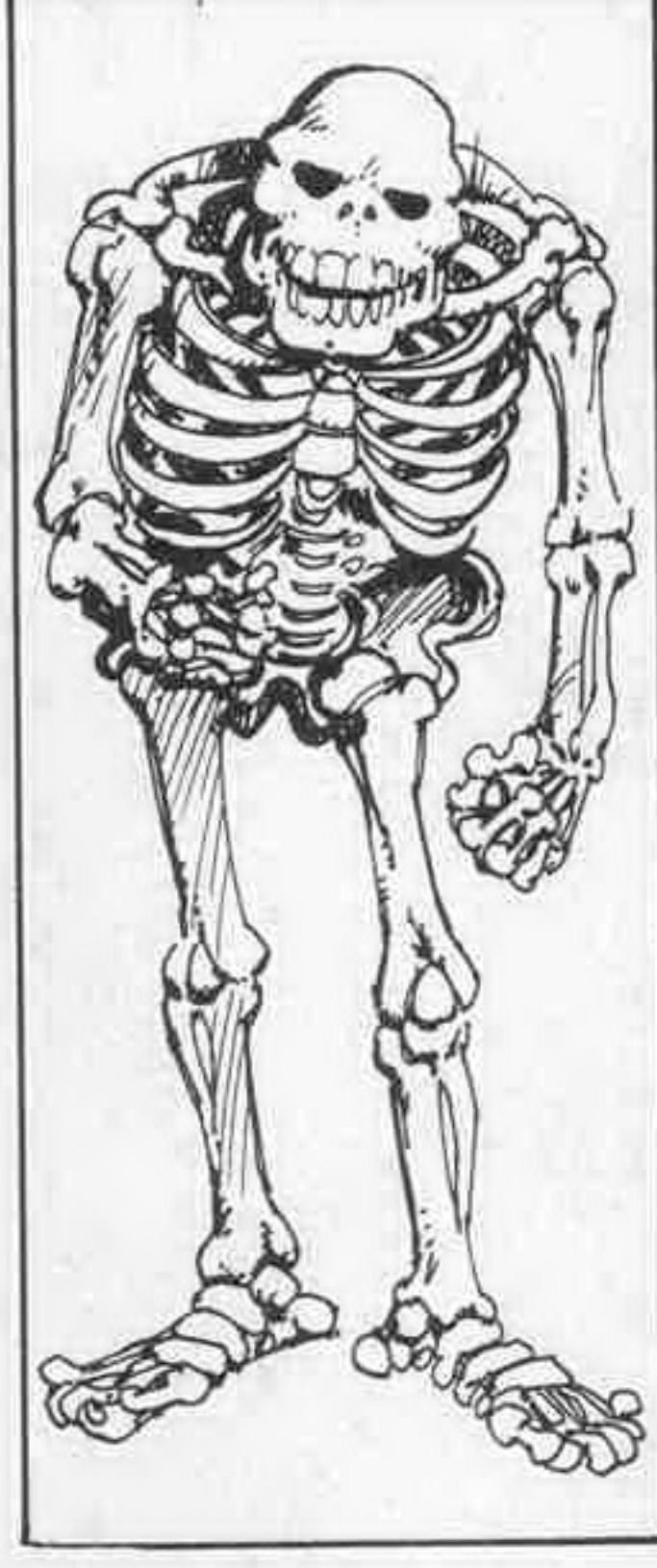
A tall, lean torso indicates a person who is obviously extremely weak and docile and who allows himself to be browbeaten and manipulated. Such people, as in the two examples of case studies depicted, fail in the exercise of power, and end up as dupes and followers.



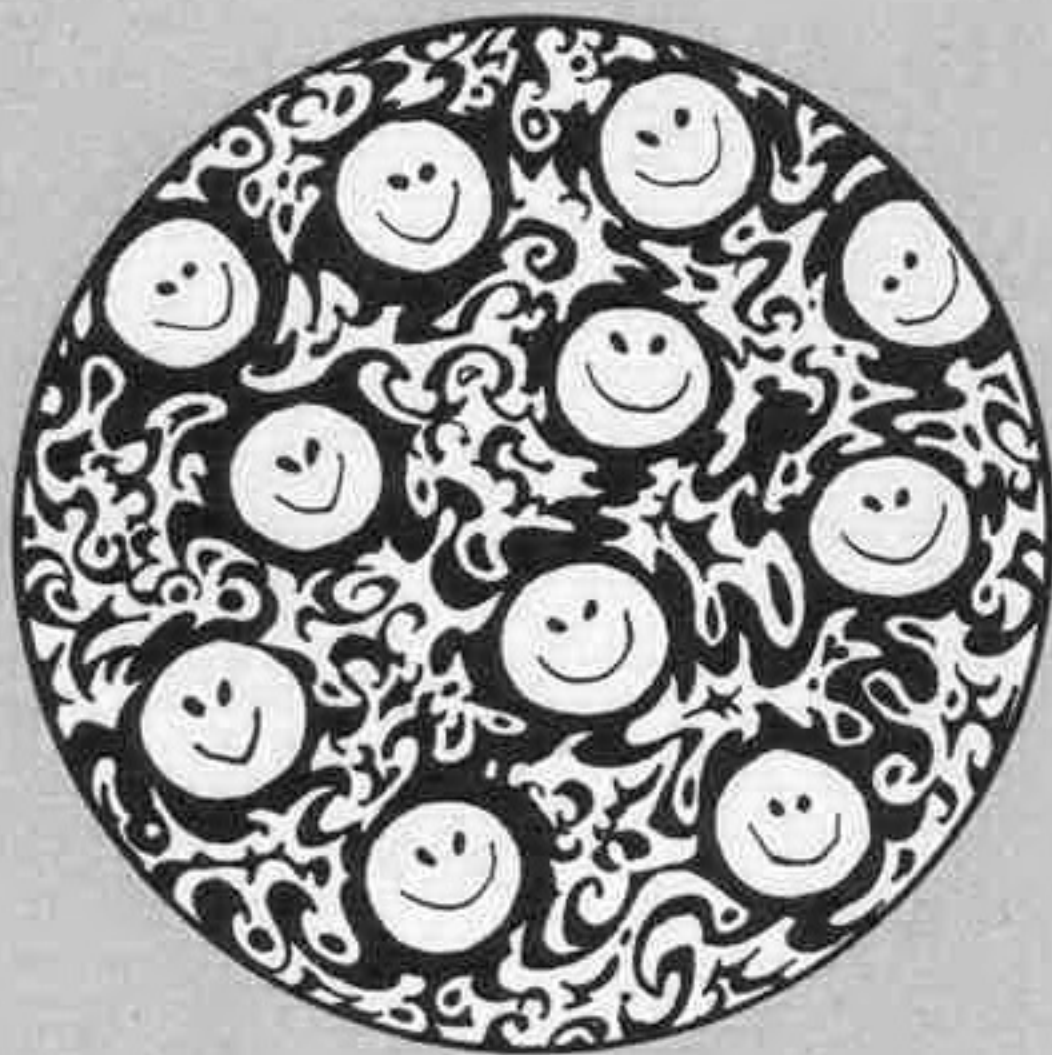
This condition (*nebbish submissivus*) is due to the fact that the brain is further away from the torso, meaning that power must travel a much greater distance, and thus weaken.

THE GLANDS

In isolated cases, there occurs a glandular condition (*bannerus hulkus*) in which intense anger and rage causes a transformation of personality, intelligence and physical structure.



The personality, which is usually boring and insipid, becomes dynamic and outgoing.
The I.Q., which is usually a near genius 162, plummets suddenly to a sub-moronic 27.
The height, usually an average 5'9", suddenly increases to an abnormal gigantic 8'6".



Before transformation, the individual's glandular cells are normal and quite well-behaved.



After transformation, the individual's glandular cells expand to twice their normal size.

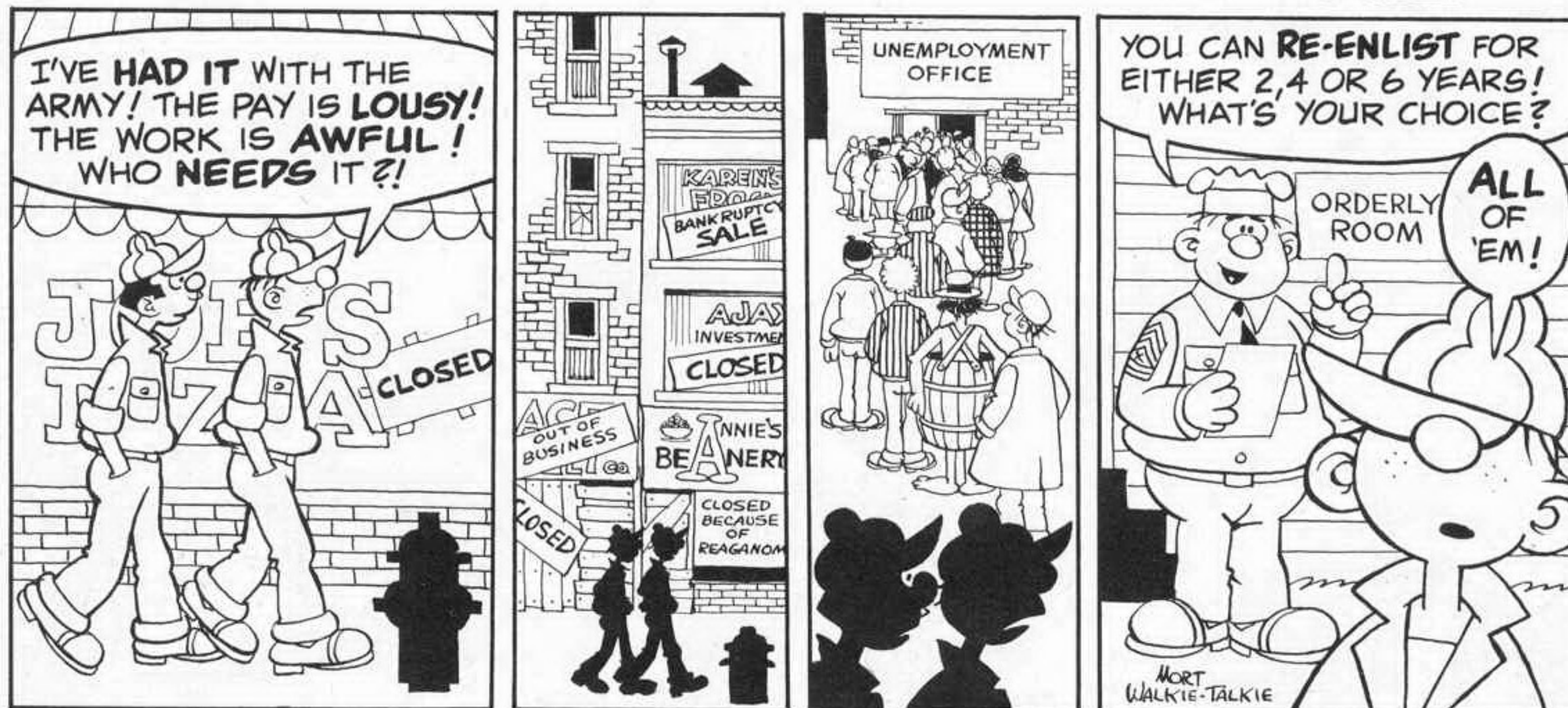
Note: This condition is similar to Batson's Disease (*shazamus marvelous*) which has been known to affect boys in their teens.

What's been happening in the comic strips these days? The same old stuff, as if you didn't know. Dagwood, Beetle Bailey and their syndicated buddies are still doing their usual things in their own private little insulated worlds. Wouldn't it be re-

freshing if, just for a change, they got in touch with some of the cold, hard facts of today's real world? It sure would! But until that miracle happens, you'll just have to make do with the following MAD examples which show you what you'd have...

IF THE REAL WORLD OF TODAY CAUGHT UP WITH THE COMICS

Beetle Bailey



Garfield



Blondie

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



Agatha Crumm



Momma



Hagar the Horrible



Andy Capp



ORPHAN RUINING DEPT.

Leapin' lizards, gang! Whatever happened to that sweet, charming Broadway musical called "Annie"? Hollywood took it and made it into a movie and changed it into...

Awful Annie

ARTIST:
ANGELO TORRES

WRITER:
LARRY SIEGEL

Oh, what will I do...?
I'm lonesome and blue!
I feel like a leper
Or a Commie!

Won't someone out there
Please answer my prayer
And send me a Daddy
or a Mommy?!

Sob... sob! I guess
I'm **never** gonna
fall asleep **again**!

Cheer up, Rivka! I
know it's tough liv-
ing in an orphanage
and trying to sleep
on a lousy **hard cot**!

Are you
kidding?
I could
sleep on
a lousy
hard ROCK
if **SHE'D**
only
SHUT UP!

For
a
little
girl,
she's
got
a
big
mouth!

Last night
she hit a
high note
and **bust-**
ed every
window
from here
to **Jersey**
City!

What tune
is Awful
Annie
singing,
anyway?
It sure
doesn't
sound
familiar!

What's the
difference?!
The only song
anyone **knows**
from this epic
is "**Tomorrow**"
... and that
doesn't come
till later!



No wonder we don't
get enough to eat
around here! They
spend all of their
money on **expensive**
background music!!

Don't you know the
Hollywood Movie
Musical Ordinance?
"Every Orphanage
must have an **off-**
stage orchestra!"

Le'me at her! I'll kill
her!! I'll **KILL** her!!

You leave Awful Annie
alone! She happens to
be a **pretty nice kid**!

Not Awful Annie!! My
AGENT!! "Audition!"
she says! "You could
do a **GREAT Awful**
Annie!" she says! So
what happens... ??

The same thing that happened
to all of us! They pick some-
one who can do a **great Shirley**
Temple... and we **losers** end up
in **bit roles**, playing **second**
fiddle to that **human siren**!

I got a **great idea**, kids! What say I hide in this **dirty laundry**, and you help me **sneak out** of here?

Okay, what's in it for us?

With me gone, you all get to split up an **extra towel** and **pillow case**!

Wow! She's not only all mouth... she's also all heart!!

Cheese it, kids! Here comes Miss **Harridan**...!!

WE LOVE YOU, MISS **HARRIDAN**!!

The name's **HARRIGAN**, you miserable twerps!! A **harridan** is a scolding, vicious old woman!!

WE STILL LOVE YOU, MISS **HARRIDAN**...!!

Oh, shut up!

Where's that brat, **Awful Annie**? I want to wring her rotten neck!!

Leapin' lizards, it sure is **great** getting out of that **rotten Orphanage** and onto this **Hollywood studio New York street**! Gee, times sure are tough during the **Great Depression of 1932**!

Surprise, kid! This is a **REAL New York street** during the **Great Recession of 1982**! The **Hollywood studio street** is **three blocks over**!

Gosh, look at all the people **begging**!

Sir, can you spare **five bucks**?

Five dollars?! That's a lot of money! You **promise** you won't do anything **STUPID** with it—like buy a **ticket** to this **dumb, ridiculously overpriced movie**!

No, I swear to God I'll spend it on **booze**!

Remember... you **promised**!

Golly! Americans not only **give generously**, they also **give wisely**!!

Look at those **mean boys**, torturing that **poor dog**! I think it's **now time** to turn on my irresistible "**Shirley Temple charm**" which won me this **role** over thousands of **other sickeningly sweet little girls**!

You meanies **leave** that dog **alone** or you'll have **ME** to **answer** to!

Hey, kid!! What are you doing with your **face**?

You mean the way my **eyes sparkle** and my **cheeks twitch** and my **lips play peekaboo** with my **teeth**? You **gotta admit** this is the **greatest display of professional "cute"** since **Jimmy Carter**!!

Ooh! I'm **dyin'**! I—I **hurt** in my **gut**!!

I'm **taking** this kid back to the **Orphanage**! But you boys ought to be **ashamed** of yourselves... letting a girl **beat you up** like that!!

She **never** laid a hand on us! Her "**cute**" bit made us **sick** to our **stomachs**!!



Oh, Awful Annie ... if **YOU** can't escape from this Orphanage, **nobody** can... sob... sob! I feel like I've been locked up here **forever!**

That's just **ridiculous**, Rivka! You've **really** only been here for a **short** time!!

Sniff... sniff! Yeah, I **guess** you're **right!!**

Who's the **NEW** girl with the **weird** hair-do?

Leapin' lizards! Maybe you **have** been here a little too long!

I'm Graze Farfel! I work for **trillionaire** Oliver Morebucks! He sent me to borrow a **cute little orphan** to hang around his **Fifth Avenue** estate! Do you have one...?

I just might! Let me look around and see!

Excuse me, ladies! Before you go on... I'm here to present a **Special Award** to the **writer** of this screenplay in the category of "**Most Chutzpah In A Story Development Scene For A High Budget Musical Film**"!



Gosh, Miss Farfel, me and my dog, Cindy, are **real happy** that you chose **ME** over all the **rest** to come home with you!

I'll be **honest** with you, kid! I liked **one other** girl back there a **lot more**—but somehow, "**Little Orphan Rivka**" just didn't have the **right ring** to it!!

Isn't this **magnificent** land?! It runs almost **three miles** in one direction and **half a mile** in the other! The **best** part of it is, it's **right on Fifth Avenue**, and it's all part of **Mr. Morebucks's estate!**

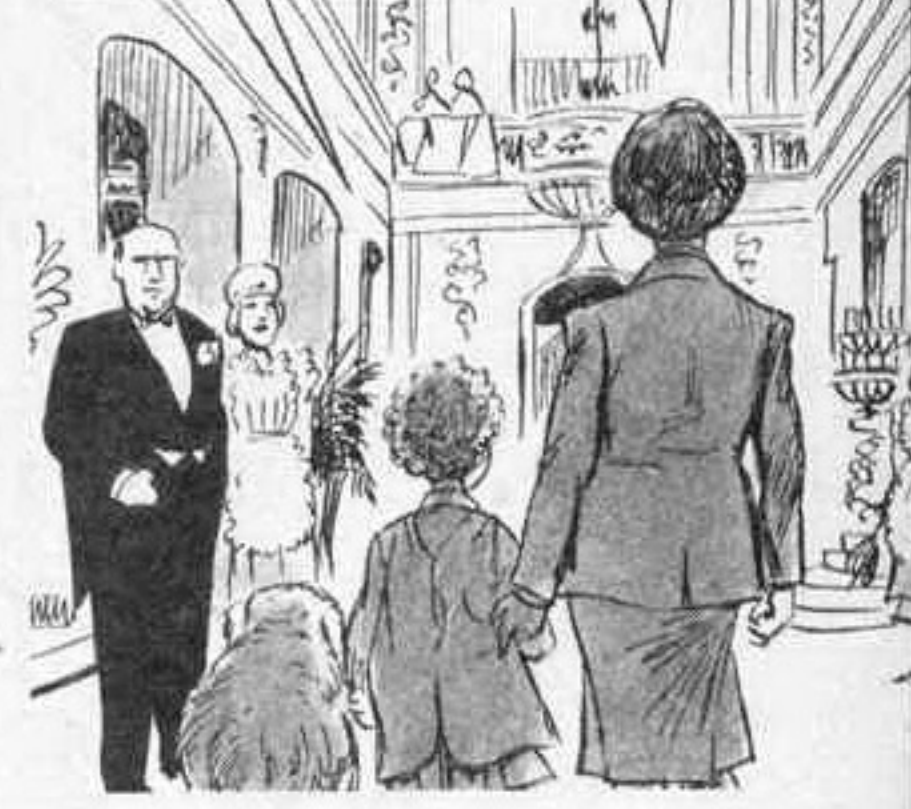
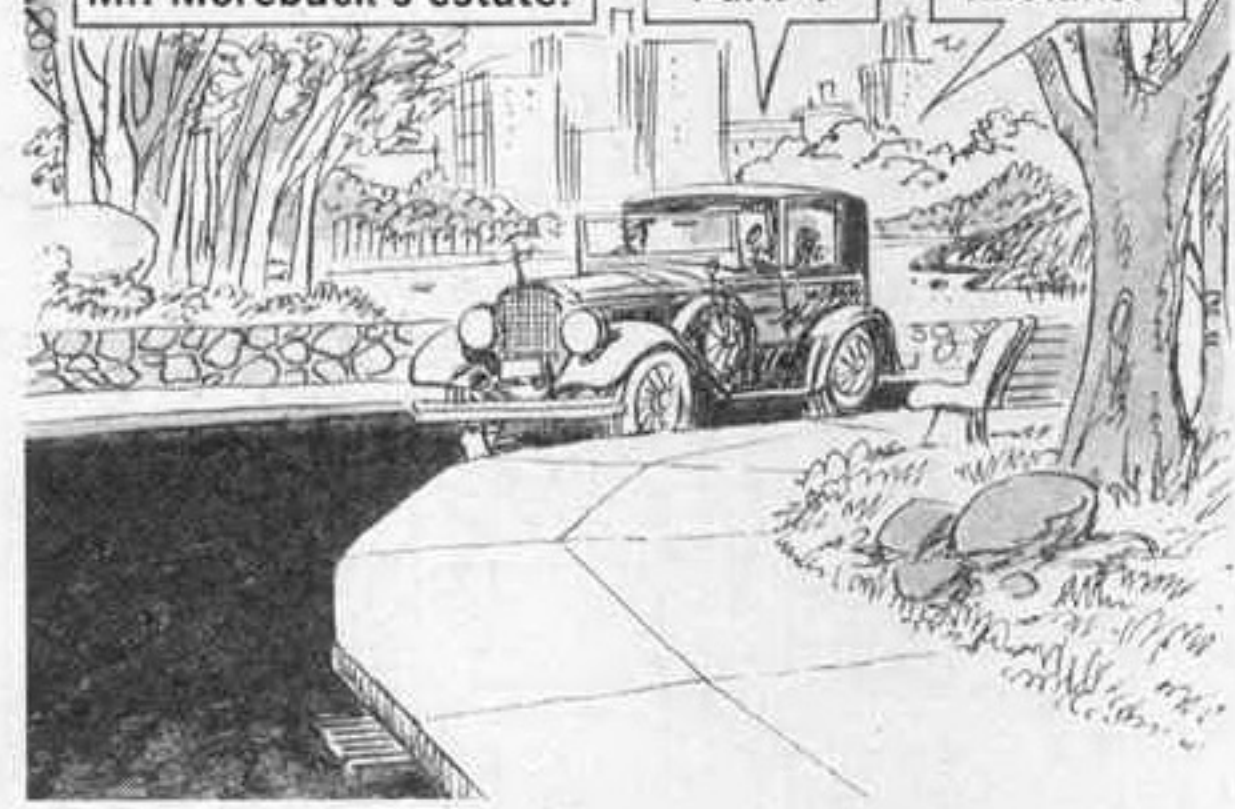
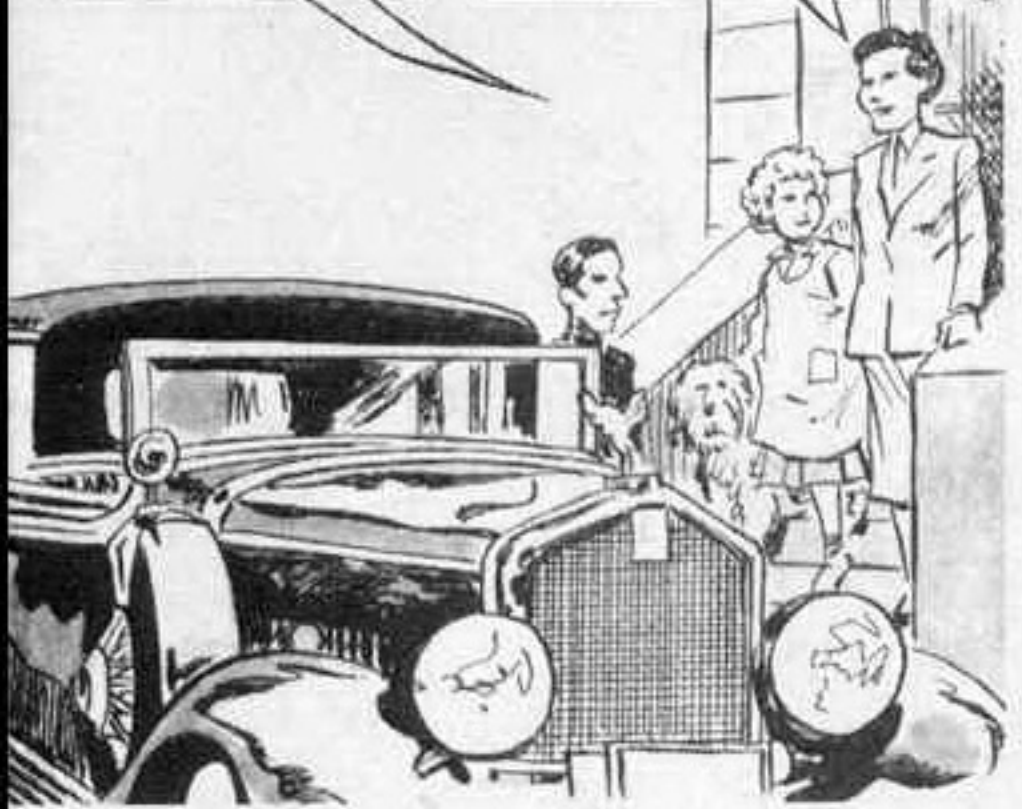
Gosh, I'm a **dummy!** All along I thought this place was called "**Central Park**"!

Don't be so **hard** on yourself, Awful Annie! Lots of people make that **very same** mistake!

Well, how do you like Mr. Morebucks's mansion?

I know! All along, **YOU** thought this was **Grand Central Station!** Actually, it was! Mr. Morebucks **BOUGHT** it and had it **MOVED** here last month!

Gosh, I feel like such a **dummy** again!



Gee, Mr. Morebucks seems **nice!** Not at all like a **big important** person!

Invest **three billion** in oil, **six billion** in **copper**, buy out **U.S. Steel**, call **Rockefeller**, then get me **China!**

Any particular **NUMBER** in China, Sir...?

I **don't** want to **CALL** China! I **WANT** China! Get it for me! It'll make a **swell** companion piece for **India** and my **Pacific Ocean!**

Leapin' lizards! I guess he **IS** a **big important** person!!

Oh, boy... what a **great** place! I'm gonna **love** everyone in it to **pieces**, and then put them all **back** together and—

That's the **orphan** I rented for you, Sir! Isn't she **absolutely** adorable?

Get **RID** of her! With all that **sweetness** under the **same** roof with me and my **diabetes**, I'd give myself **six minutes** to live!



I can't send her back to the Orphanage now! It would be cruel!

Hmmmm! Then, there's only one other thing I can think of to do with a little girl!

Mr. Morebucks, I will NOT leave her on the side of a mountain for the wolves...!!

It was good enough for my Sister, it's good enough for her!!

Okay, you've convinced us with your "hard-hearted exterior" bits! Now, it's time for your "soft-hearted interior" transition!

Oh, very well! I'll take her for a week—on trial!

Awful Annie, this is Bonejab, my bodyguard! He came here over forty years ago, and I've had him with me ever since!

Golly, Mr. Morebucks!! THAT's loyalty!!

Loyalty, hell! YOU find a way to tell a nine-foot foreign mother like him you're a bigot ... and always hated his guts!!

Sorry to disturb you, Sahib ... but there's an important call for you!

Who is it?? The President? The King of England? J. Edgar Hoover?

No, our Producer! He says even HE is bored with this dumb movie!

Can't say I blame him! What we need are stars with style and charisma—like Garbo—and Taylor!

Garbo and Taylor?? How are you going to accomplish that??

Simple! We'll all go from this movie to another movie! The Radio City Music Hall has "Camille" with Garbo and Taylor! Move out!!

Hear that, Awful Annie! It's THAT kind of thinking that made him a trillionaire!

Look!! Awful Annie's sound asleep!

Well, naturally! We just went from "Camille"... which is a GOOD movie... back to THIS boring one again! I'm having trouble staying awake myself!

Don't expect us back for dinner, Graze! We're off to Washington for a meeting with President Roosevelt!

Isn't that nice! And are you taking Awful Annie with you to meet the President for an education?

No... I'm taking her for REVENGE!! After what he's been doing to us Republicans, I've been dying to get even with him!!

So you see, Mr. President, the way I figure it in my cute way, even though it looks tough for the country right now, everything is gonna be swell soon!

Awful Annie, can you sing TOMORROW??

You bet!! Oh, the sun'll come out to—

No, no! I don't mean the SONG "Tomorrow"! I mean can you SING TOMORROW—or the day after—or the day after that! And someplace else! As long as it isn't here! Today! Okay?

TOMORROW... **TOMORROW...**



I guess she just couldn't contain herself, Franklin!

We were **THIS** close from getting away scott free... sigh! Oh, well... call the glazier, Eleanor!!

You did a **terrific** job in Washington, Awful Annie, and to show you my **gratitude**, I've decided to make you my **own** little girl, officially!

Leapin' lizards... you really want to adopt me?

You're **everything** I've always wanted in a daughter! Someone to **torture** my delinquent tenants, torment money-grubbing associates, put the screws to my debtors, and drive a **wedge** through the **Communist monolith** in Moscow! And just think! You can do all that by just being your **sweet, slobbering, goey, nauseating** self!!



I'd love to be your daughter, Mr. Morebucks! But I already **HAVE** a Mommy and Daddy! And **some day**, they're gonna find me again! And when they **DO**, we'll **RECOGNIZE** each other because they're gonna have the **other half** of this **broken** locket I always wear!

That has got to be the most **IDIOTIC** plot gimmick I've **EVER** heard!

Don't knock it! It was written by a screenwriter who won a **SPECIAL AWARD** fourteen panels back!



I see by the papers that **Oliver Morebucks** is offering **\$50,000** to the **REAL PARENTS** of Awful Annie if they'll come and claim her! And by an **odd coincidence**, I happen to have the **other half** of the locket they'll need to do it! Now, where could I find a **rotten, unscrupulous couple**—

Hey, look who just blew in! My ne'er-do-well brother, **Booster**, and his ne'er-do-well girl friend, **Dilly**! What brought you here at the **exact right** moment in my life?

That **Award-winning** screenwriter everybody's talking about!



There are so many **dishonest** people out there, claiming to be Awful Annie's parents, just to grab the reward!!

Don't knock dishonesty! **Forty** years from now, it'll be running this country!

I can't believe that! But I'll keep interviewing the phonies anyway! Bonejab, send in Mr. and Mrs. Nixon next... then Mr. and Mrs. Agnew!



... and that's our story, Mr. Morebucks! For all these years, we've been **broken-hearted... and desperate**!

Right! And since we have the other half of the locket, we'd like to now take our most precious possession home with us!



I'm not sure I trust them, Awful Annie!

What makes you say that?

Just a hunch, I guess! It all started when they took the **CHECK...** and left **YOU**!!



Whoops!! Sorry...!!

Bonejab, get out the heligyro!!
I don't like the looks of this!

God, this is awful!! Bonejab, you must
get her down from there immediately!!

Oh, Daddy!
You and Bonejab
saved my life! You
did it out
of love—
right??

Wrong! We did it out of **EMBARRASSMENT!**
A 30 million dollar extravaganza... and
the best spot they could pick for a big
chase scene is a tacky little **RAILROAD
BRIDGE?** How about the **EMPIRE STATE
BUILDING!** Or the **STATUE OF LIBERTY!**
Or I could have bought **MT. RUSHMORE**
and had it moved to New York for them!

Sorry, Sahib!
Those places
have all been
used in other
movies! There
are just no
spectacular
places left!

What happened, Daddy? How
come the climax scenes on
bridges? The production
scenes in Radio City? The
jugglers, clowns, elephants
and fireworks in this big
final number? What happened
to that sweet, charming lit-
tle Broadway musical this is
from? Where did we go wrong?

Where we always
go wrong! In our
desperation to
make a hit film,
we take a proven
hit from another
medium... and we
HOLLYWOOD-IZE
It! And it comes
out **AWFUL, ANNIE!**



*To guarantee hits
we'll borrow;
From another medium
we'll borrow...
like a play!

From best-selling books
we'll borrow;
Even a hit musical
we'll borrow...
from Broadway!

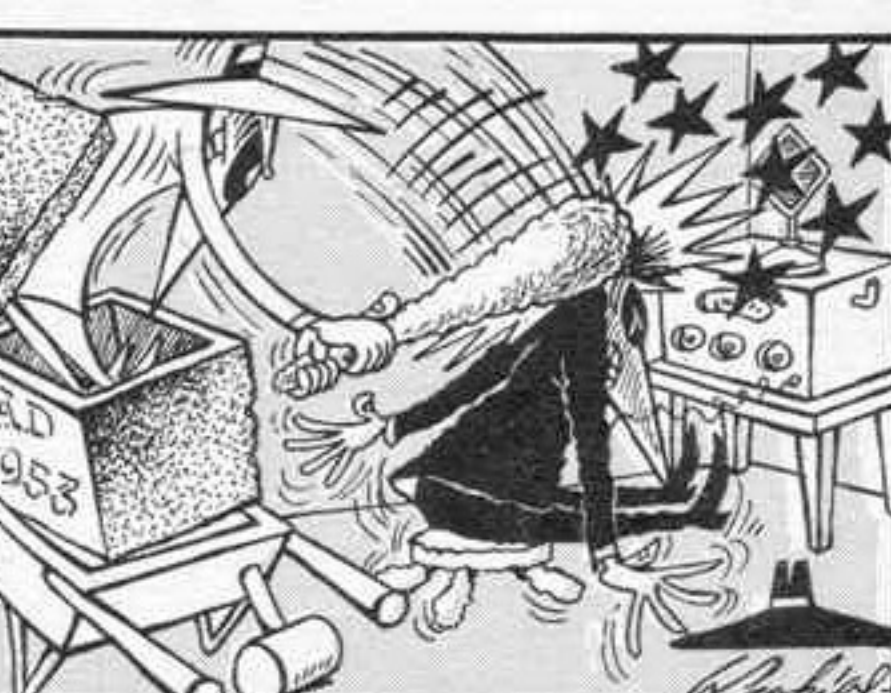
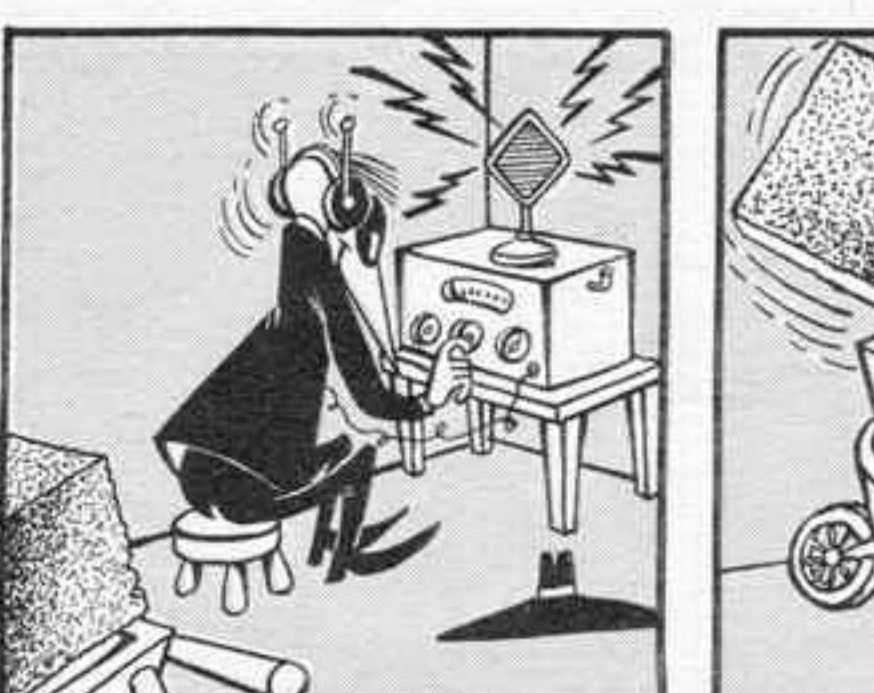
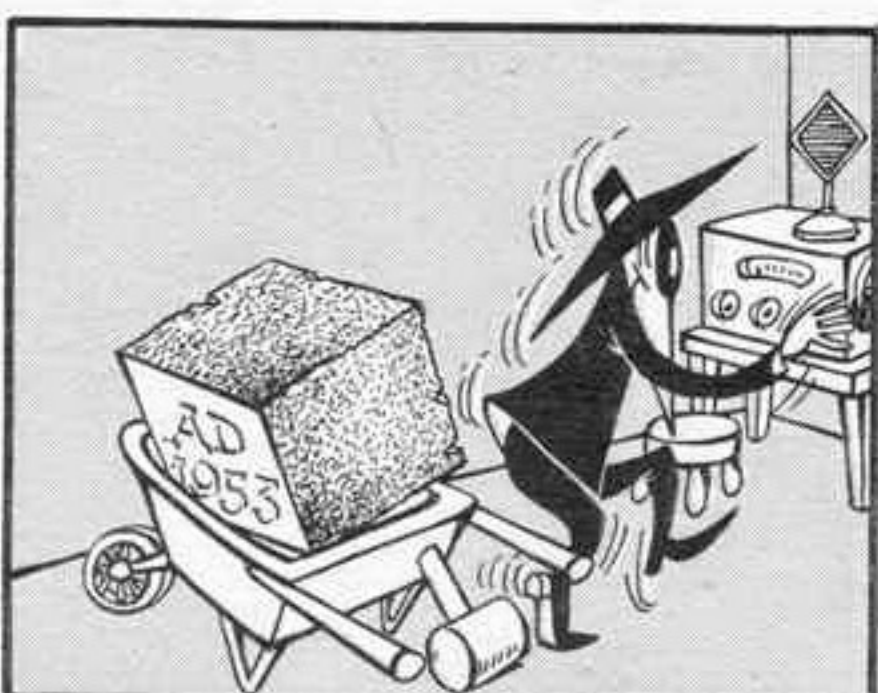
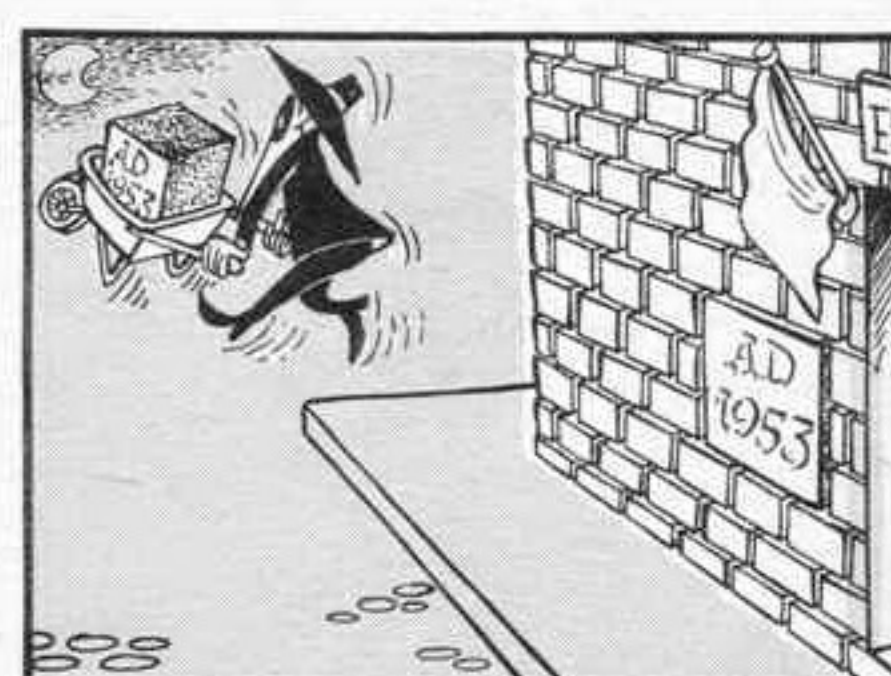
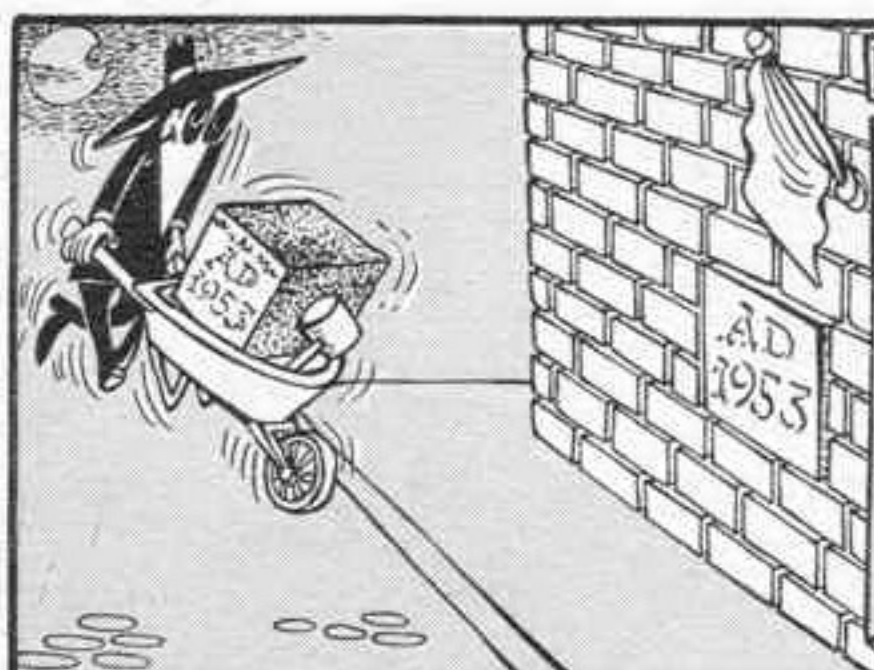
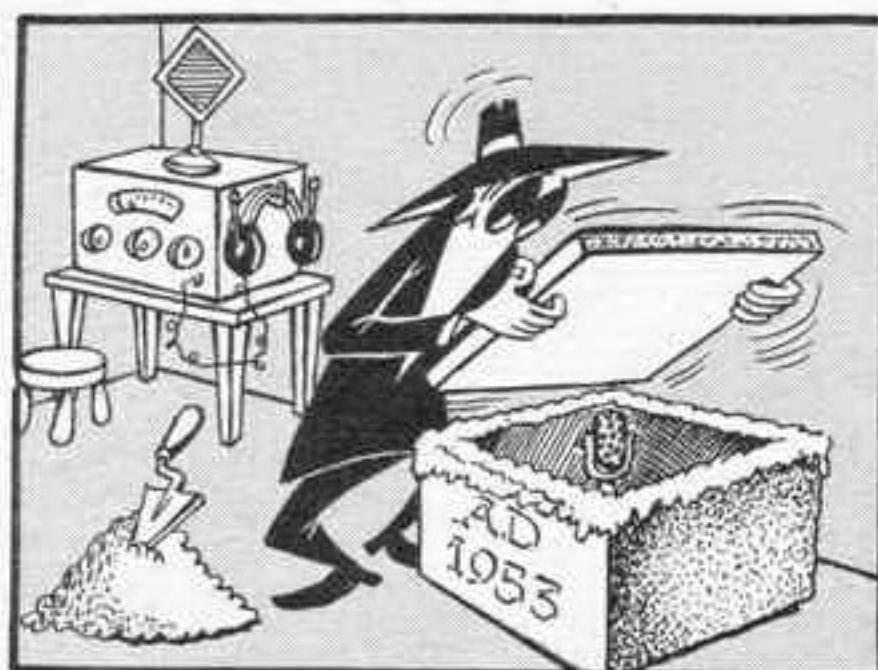
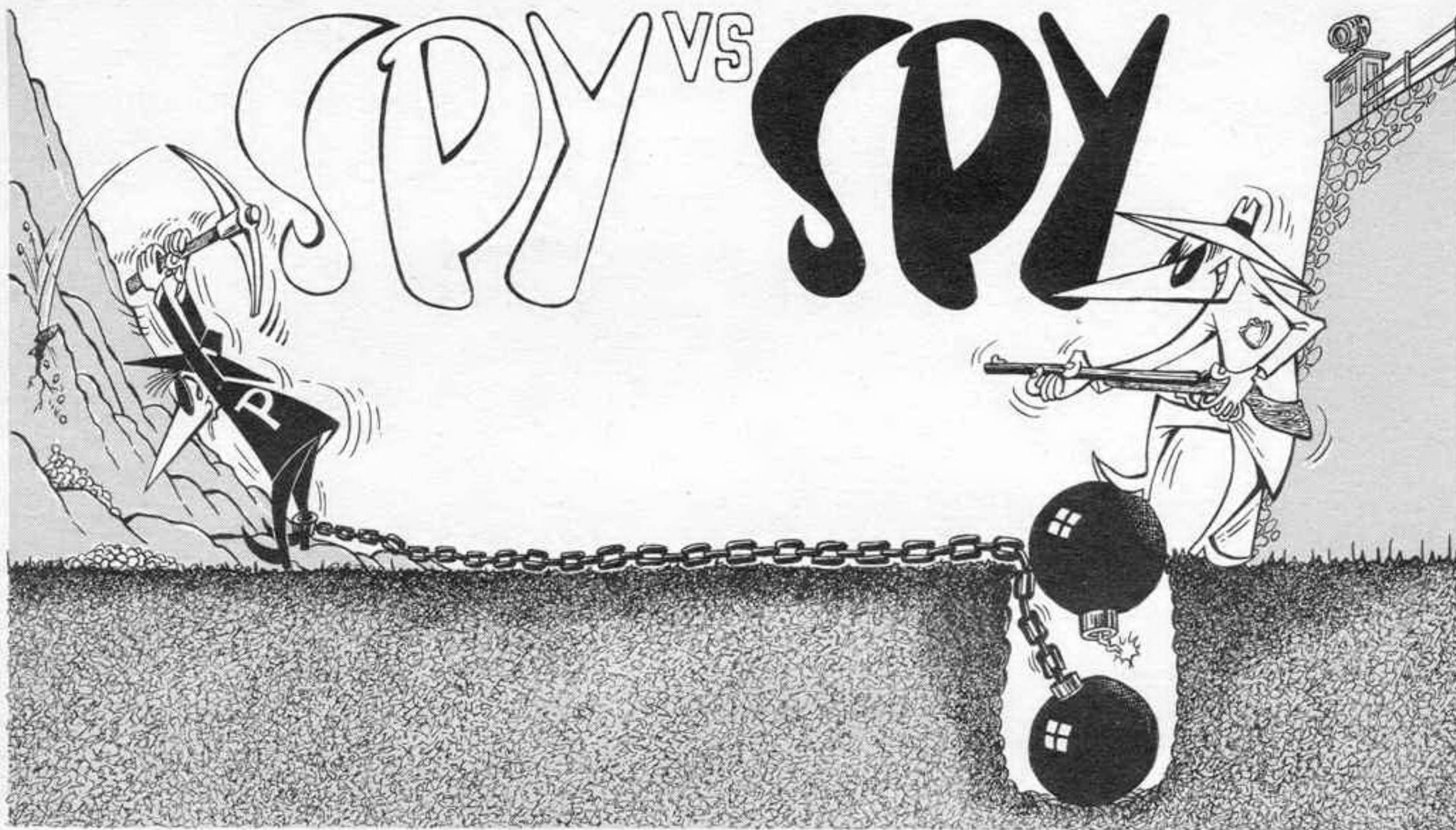
Then we'll over-produce
the juice out of it,
With a Hollywood dose
of gross display...

And what'll come out
is sorrow;
Nothing like the property
we borrow...
for big pay!

The novel
we borrow...
The comics
we borrow...
It's always a
flop ciné!!



*Sung To the Tune Of "Guess What"



STRIP TEASER DEPT.

In order to stimulate interest and insure Box Office success, Hollywood has taken to featuring "Nude Scenes" in many of its movies. In fact, some of our biggest stars have appeared in the altogether recently. Paul Newman did it in "Cool Hand Luke," Charlton Heston did it in "Planet Of The Apes," Elizabeth Taylor did it in "Reflections In A Golden Eye," Mia Farrow did it in "Rosemary's Baby" and Jane Fonda did it in practically every movie she's ever made. As with all good ideas, we feel that it won't be long before this attempt to stimulate interest by the use of "Nude Scenes" is carried over into other fields. So here's what it might be like:

IF THIS "NUDITY" TREND IN MOVIES EVER SPREADS TO THE COMICS

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

PEANUTS



ANDY CAPP



BEETLE BAILEY



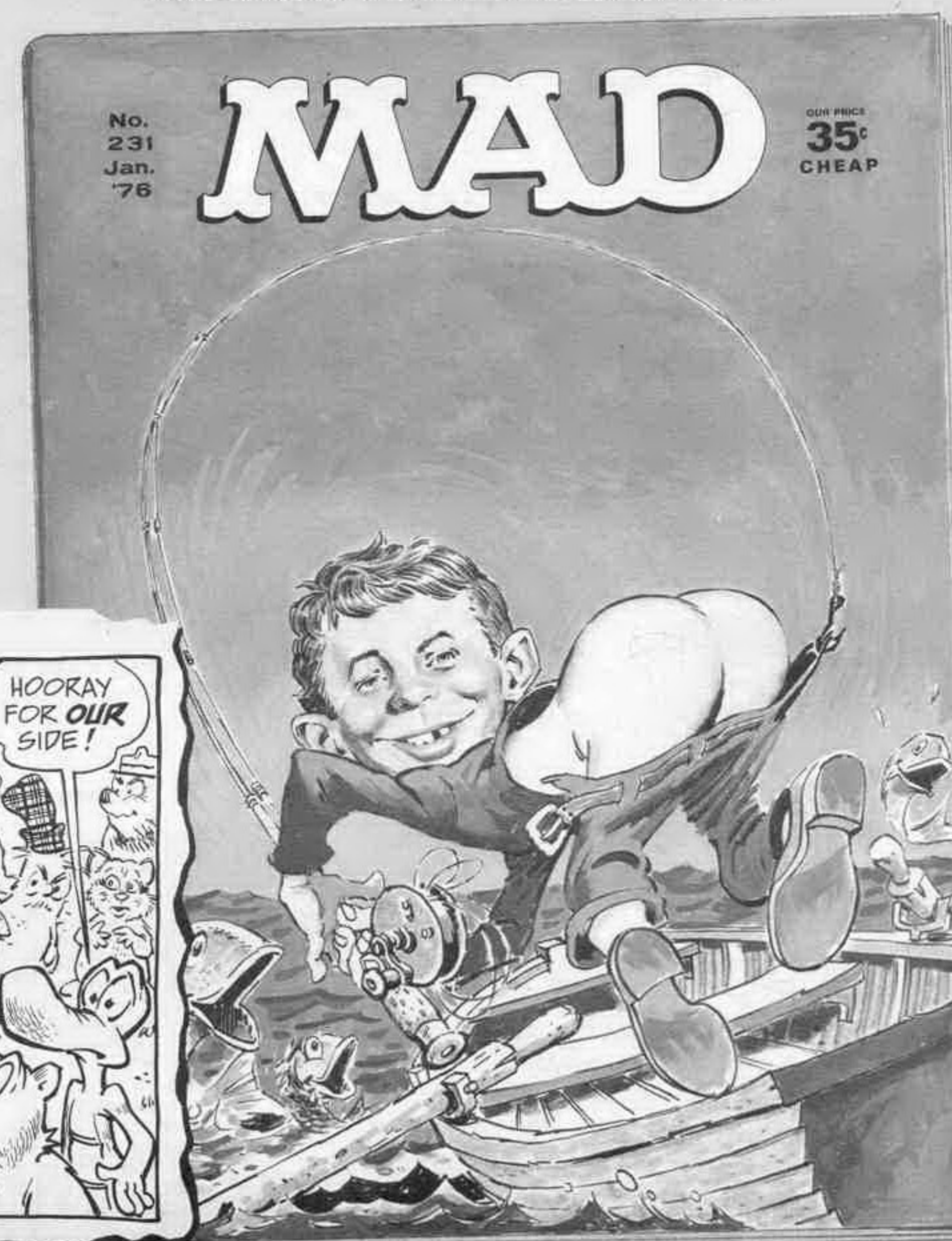
DICK TRACY



POPEYE



AND IF THIS "NUDITY TREND" CONTINUES, WHO KNOWS? YOU MAY EVEN BE SEEING THIS:



POGO



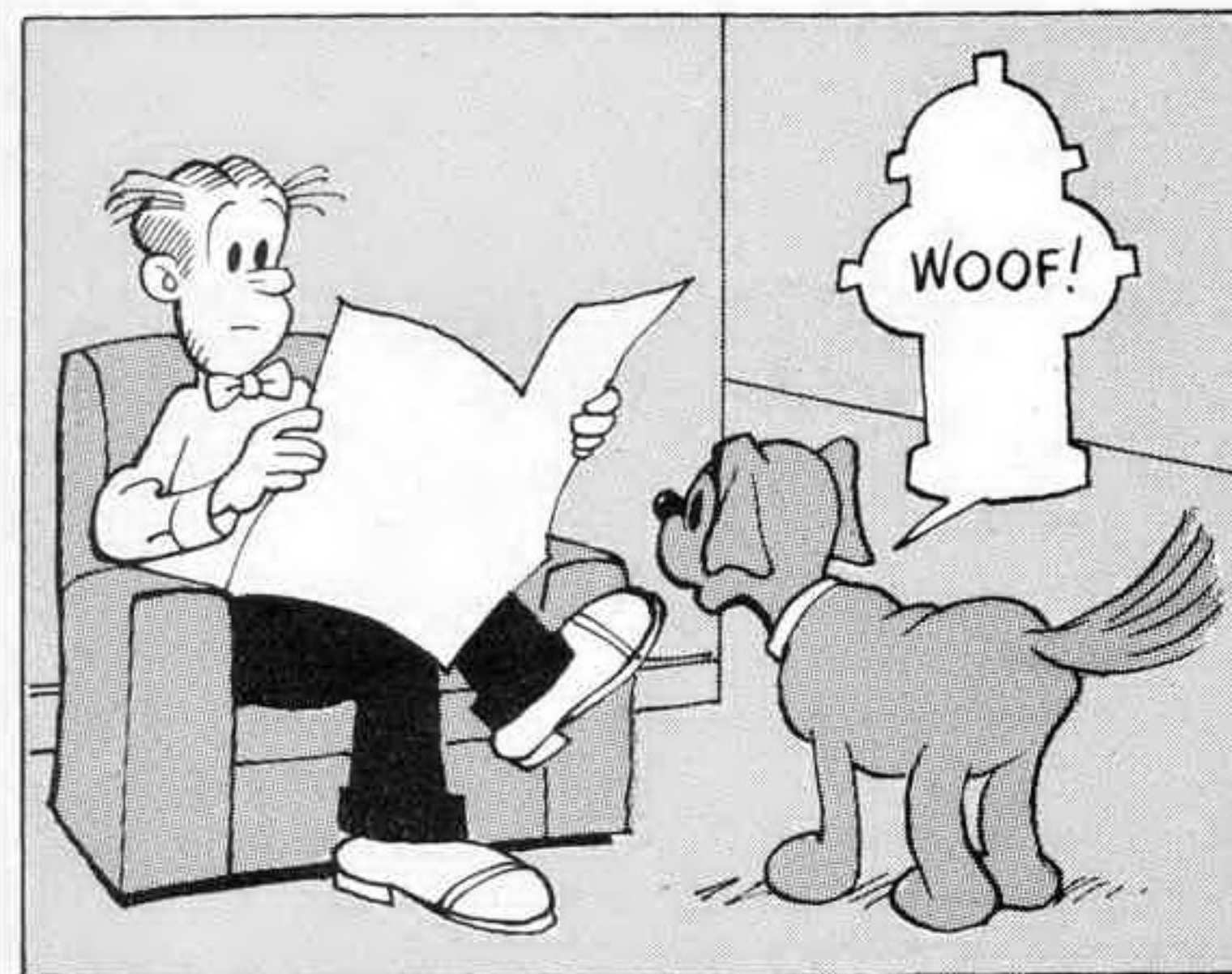
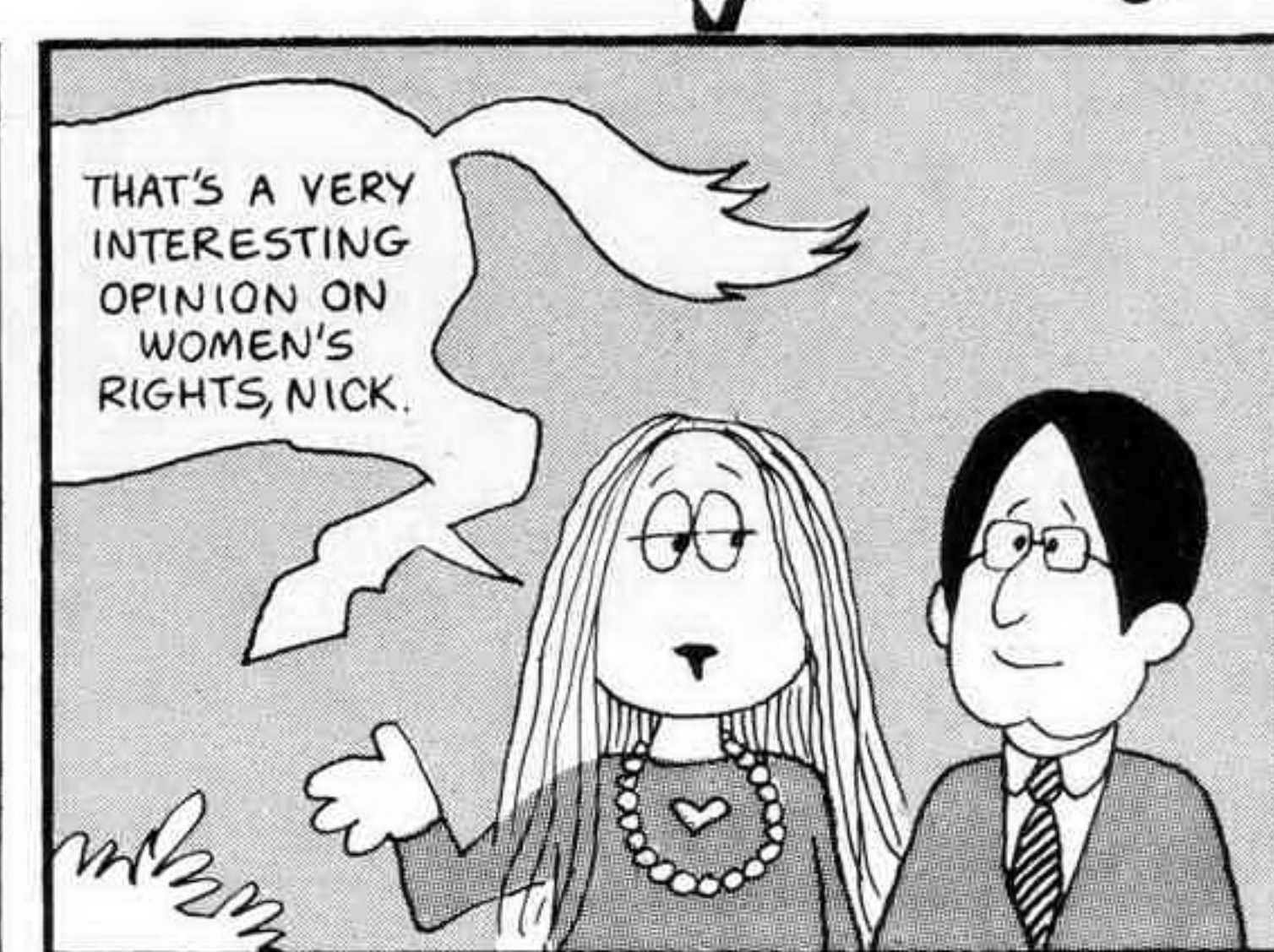
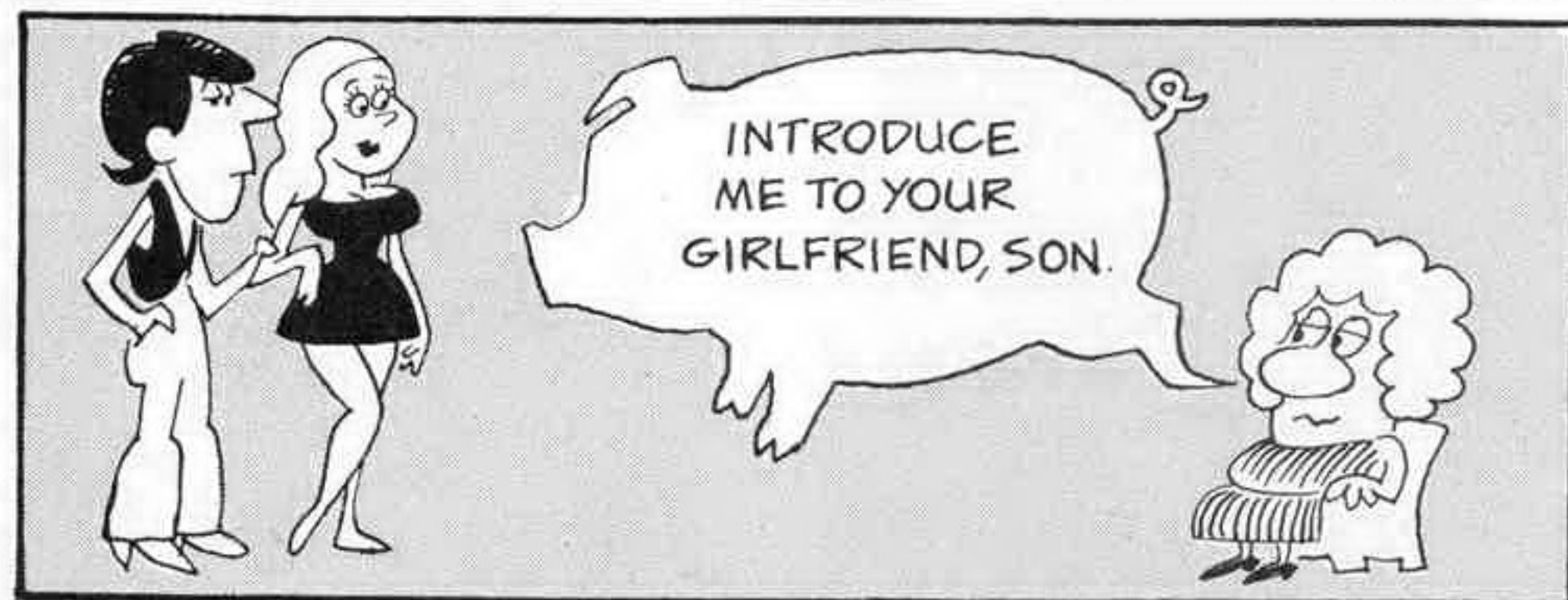
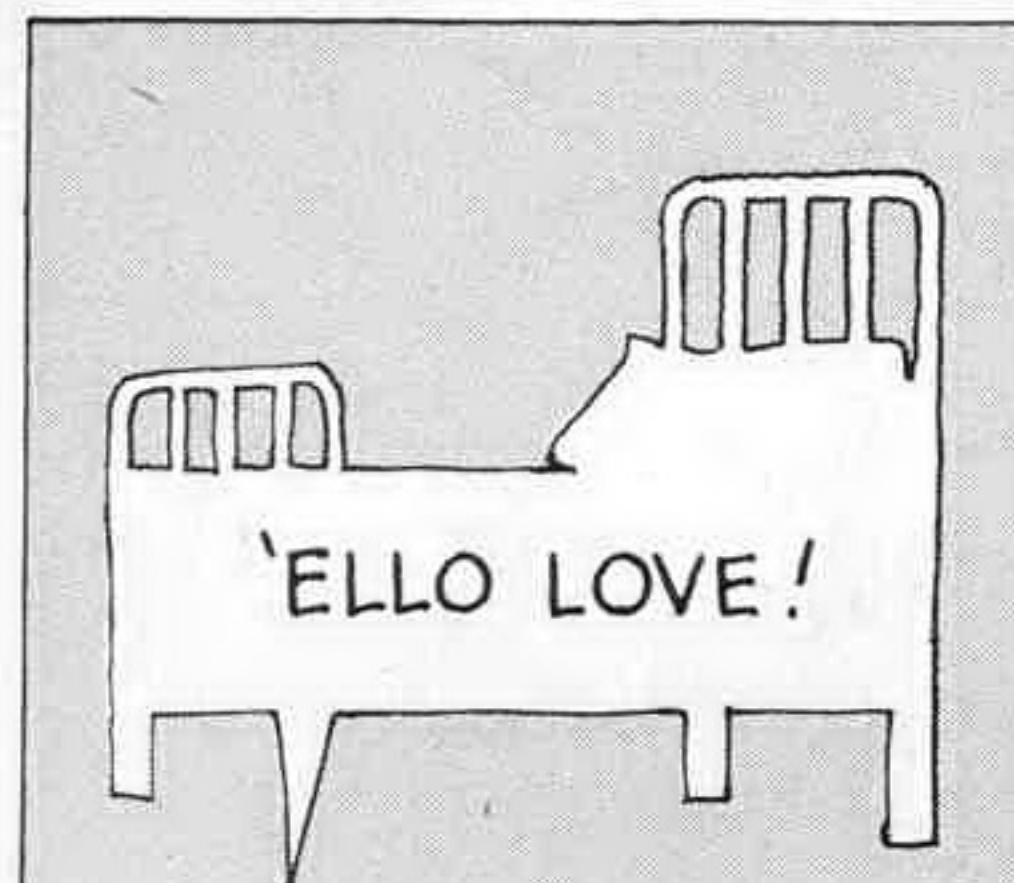
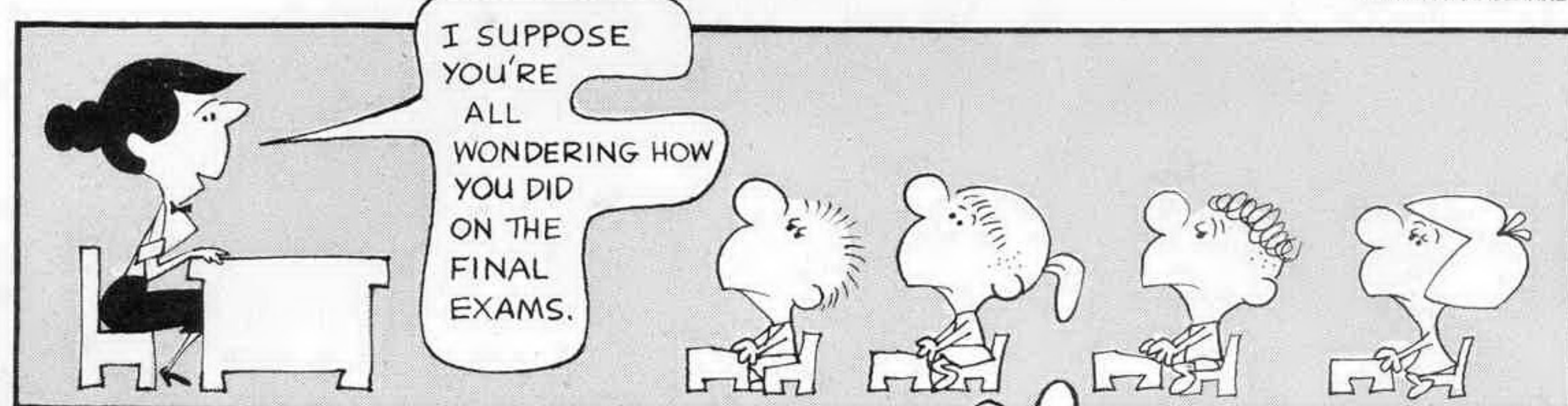
According to a recent study 76.4% of all MAD readers think 48.9% of all MAD intros are funnier than the articles they introduce. We figure this means one of two things: either 48.9% of our articles are absolute clinkers or 76.4% of our intros are masterful works of comic

genius. Whatever the case, we worked very hard at keeping this intro especially uninteresting and bland so the article which follows will seem clever and witty in comparison. But the only way you'll know whether we were successful in achieving this is by taking a look at...

TELL-TALE COMIC STRIP BALLOONS (The Sequel)

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: DUCK EDWING



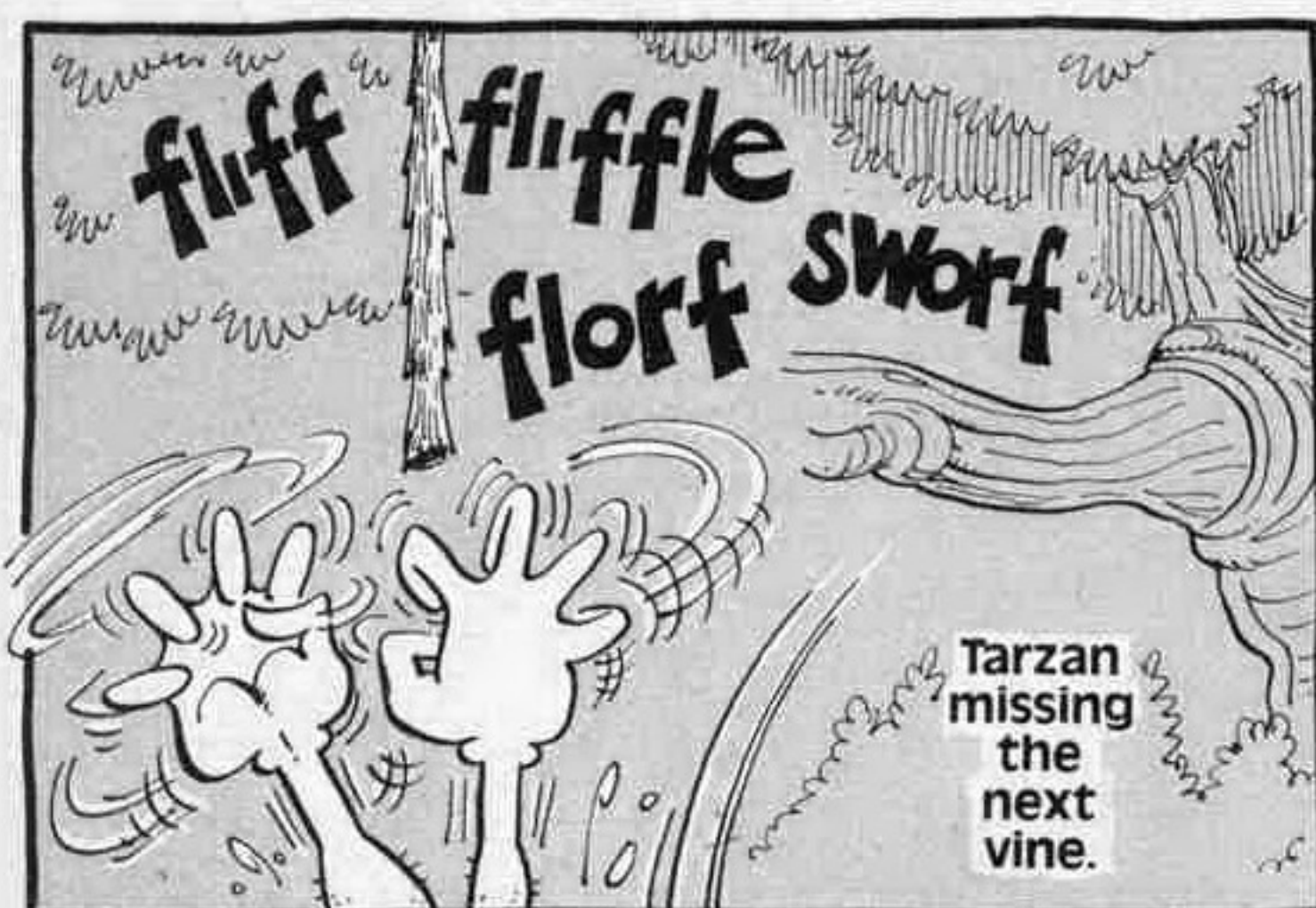
DON MARTIN'S GUIDE TO SOME VERY OBSCURE

COMICS

ARTIST: DON MARTIN

SOUND EFFECTS

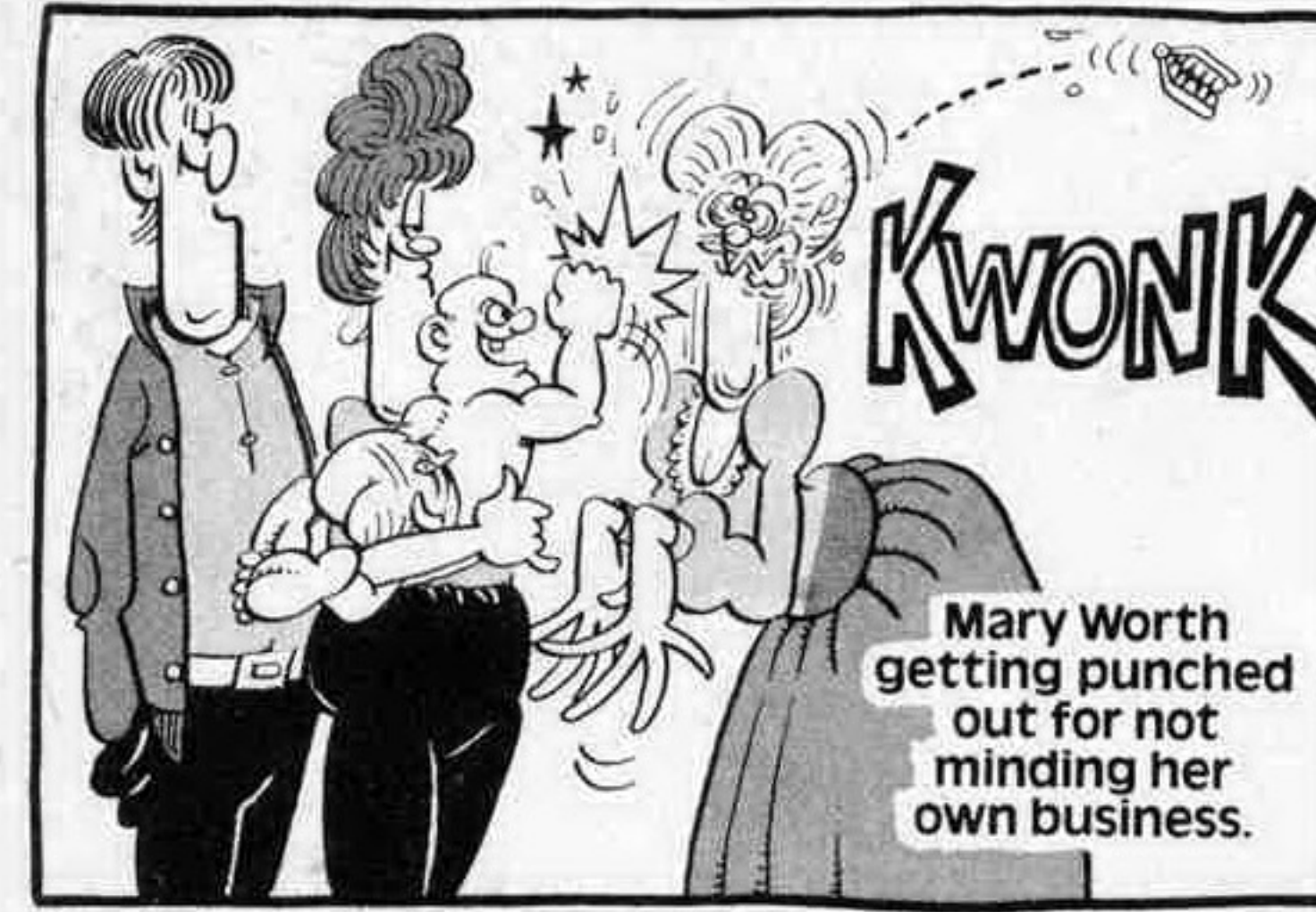
WRITER: DON EDWING



Tarzan
missing the
next vine.



Superman
trying to
catch a safe
loaded with
Kryptonite.



Mary Worth
getting punched
out for not
minding her
own business.



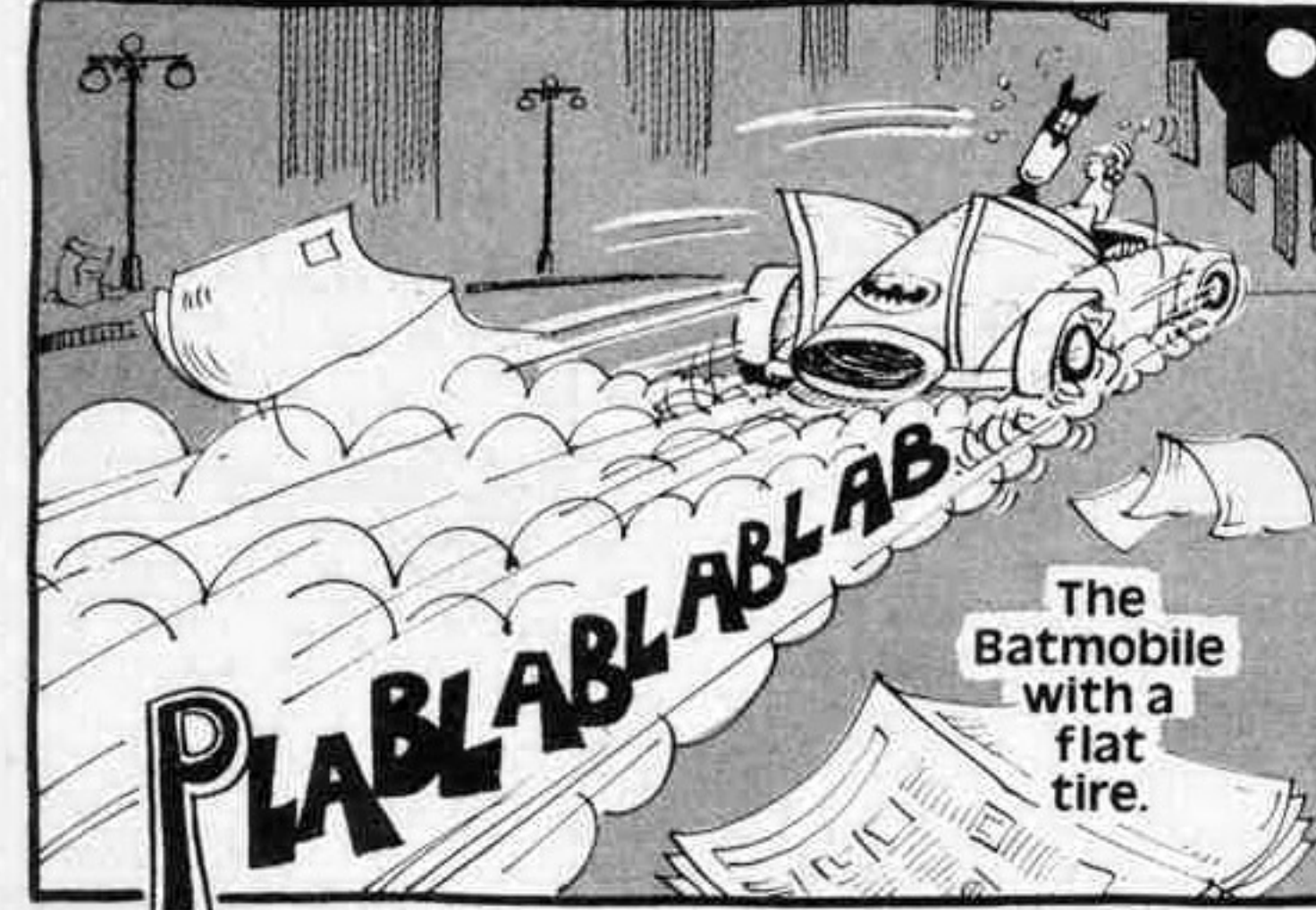
An entire
dialogue
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The Hulk.



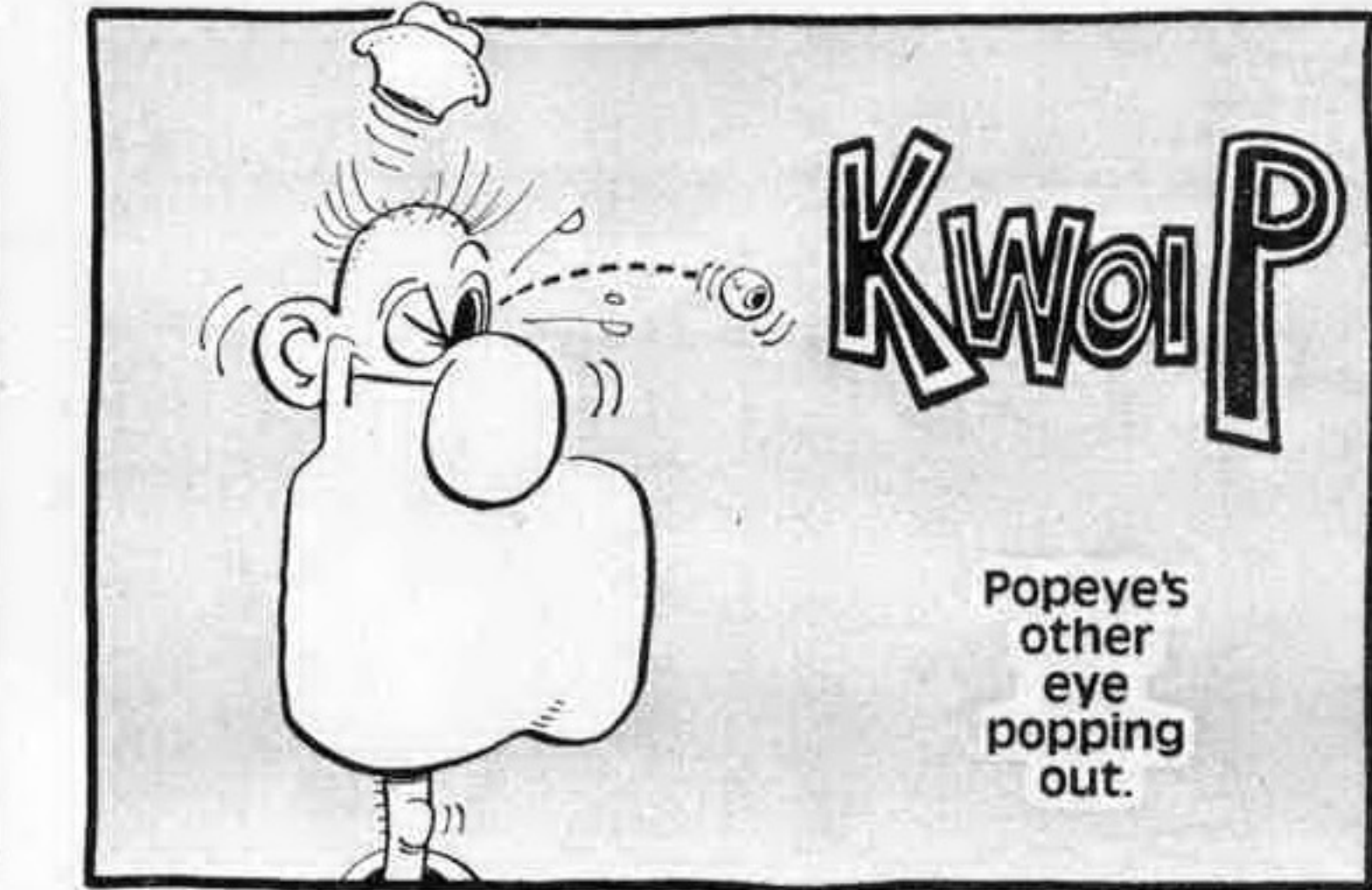
The Human
Torch
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girlfriend!



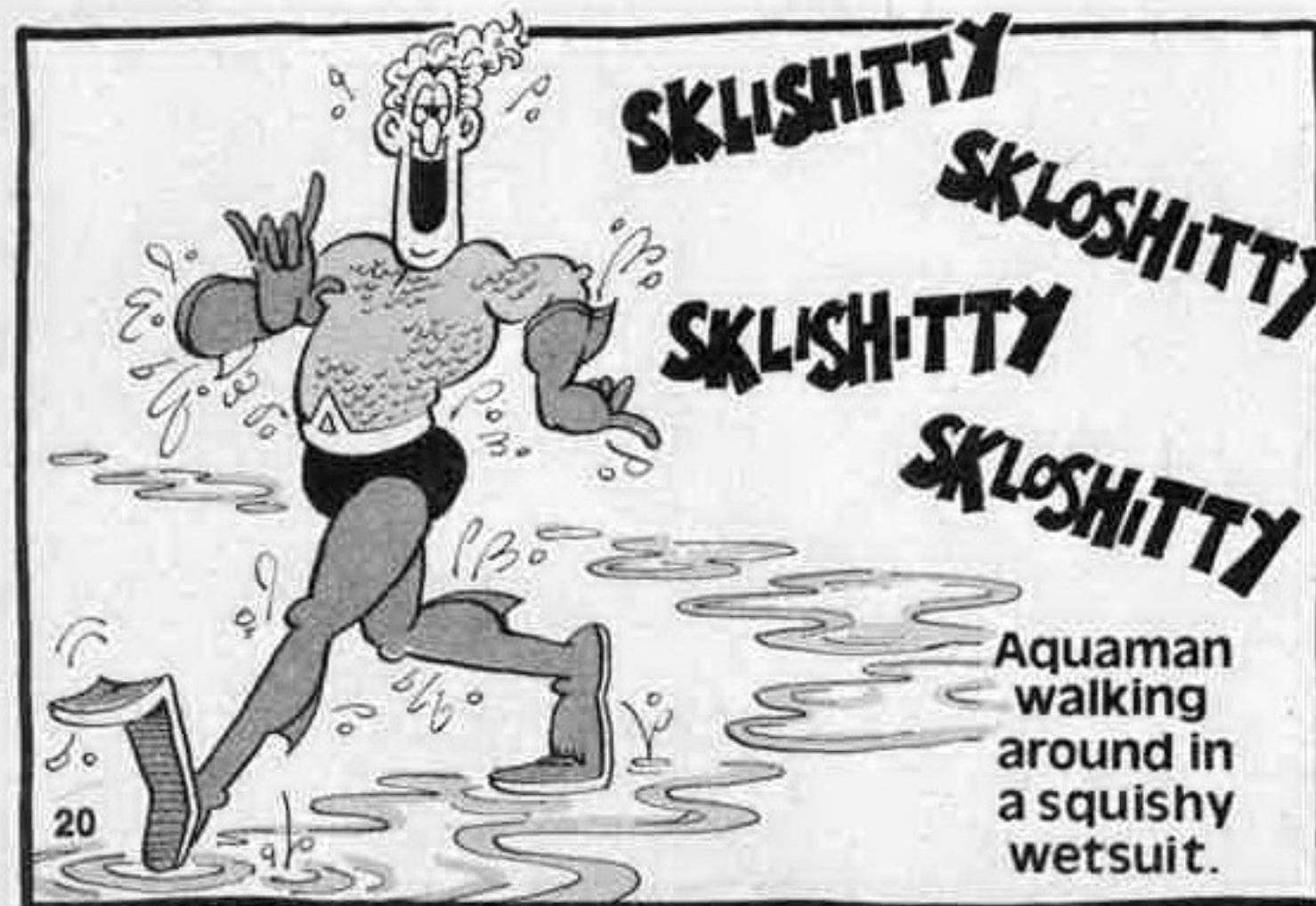
Iron Man
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inside
his iron
mask.



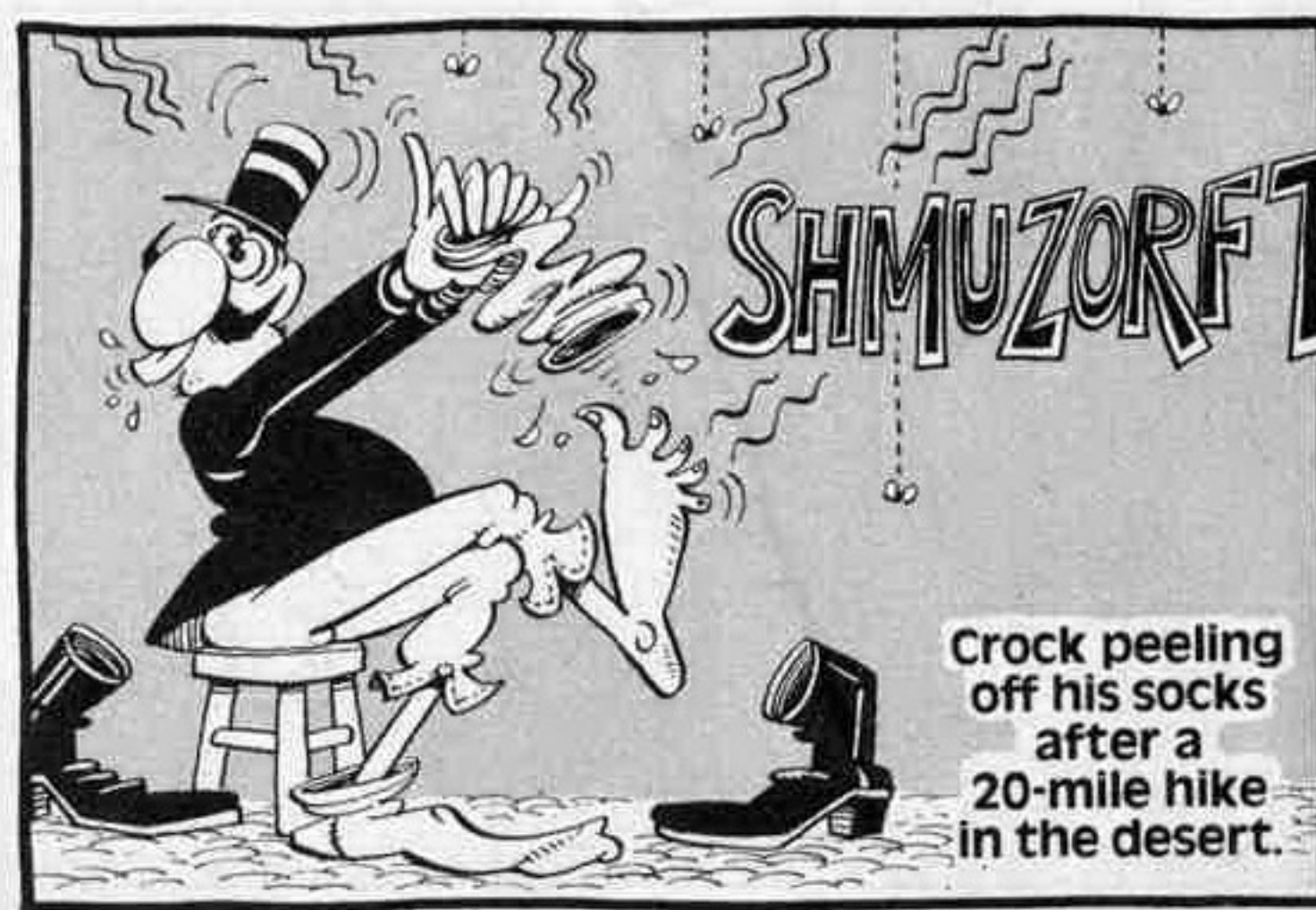
The
Batmobile
with a
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tire.



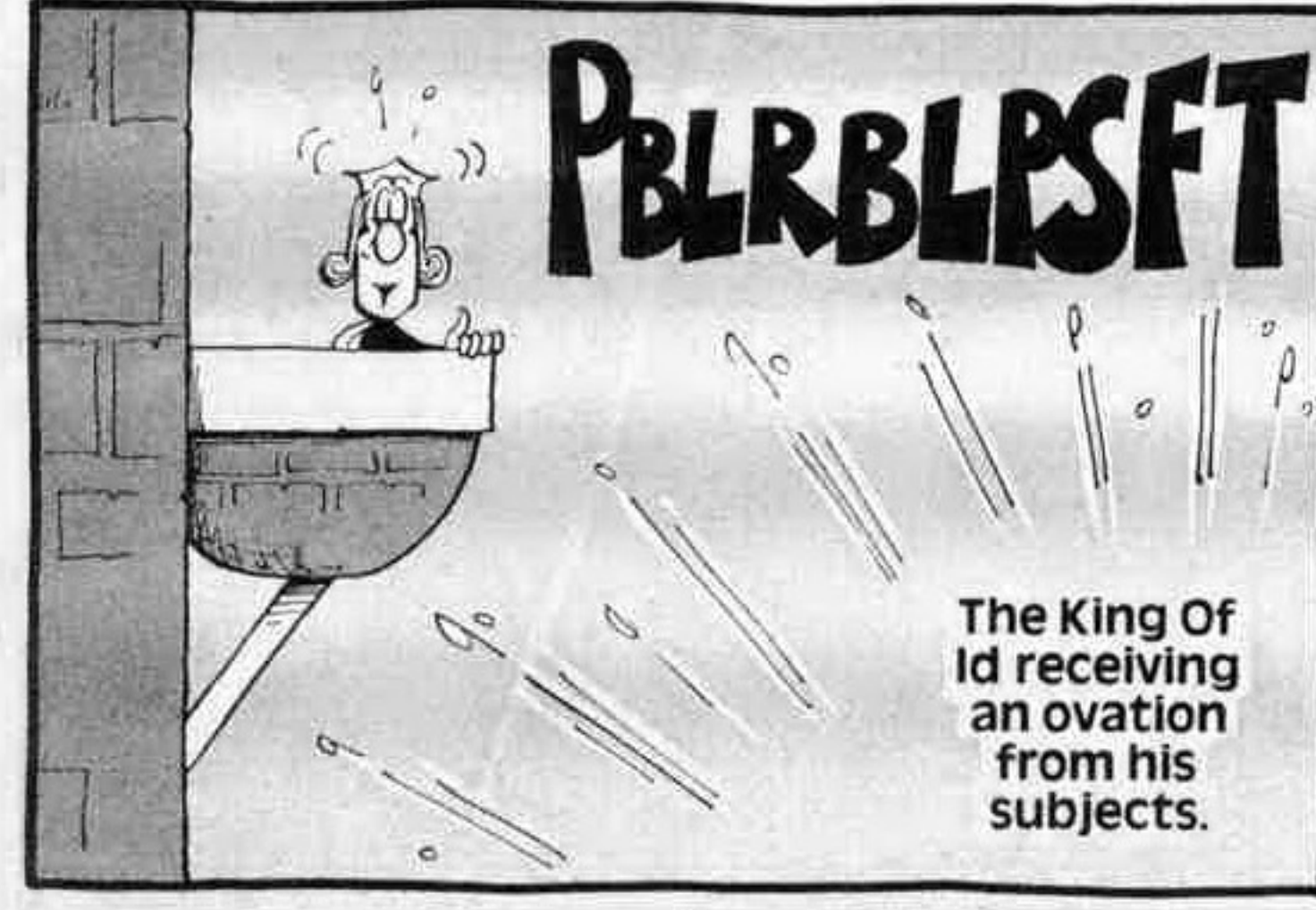
Popeye's
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eye
popping
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Aquaman
walking
around in
a squishy
wetsuit.



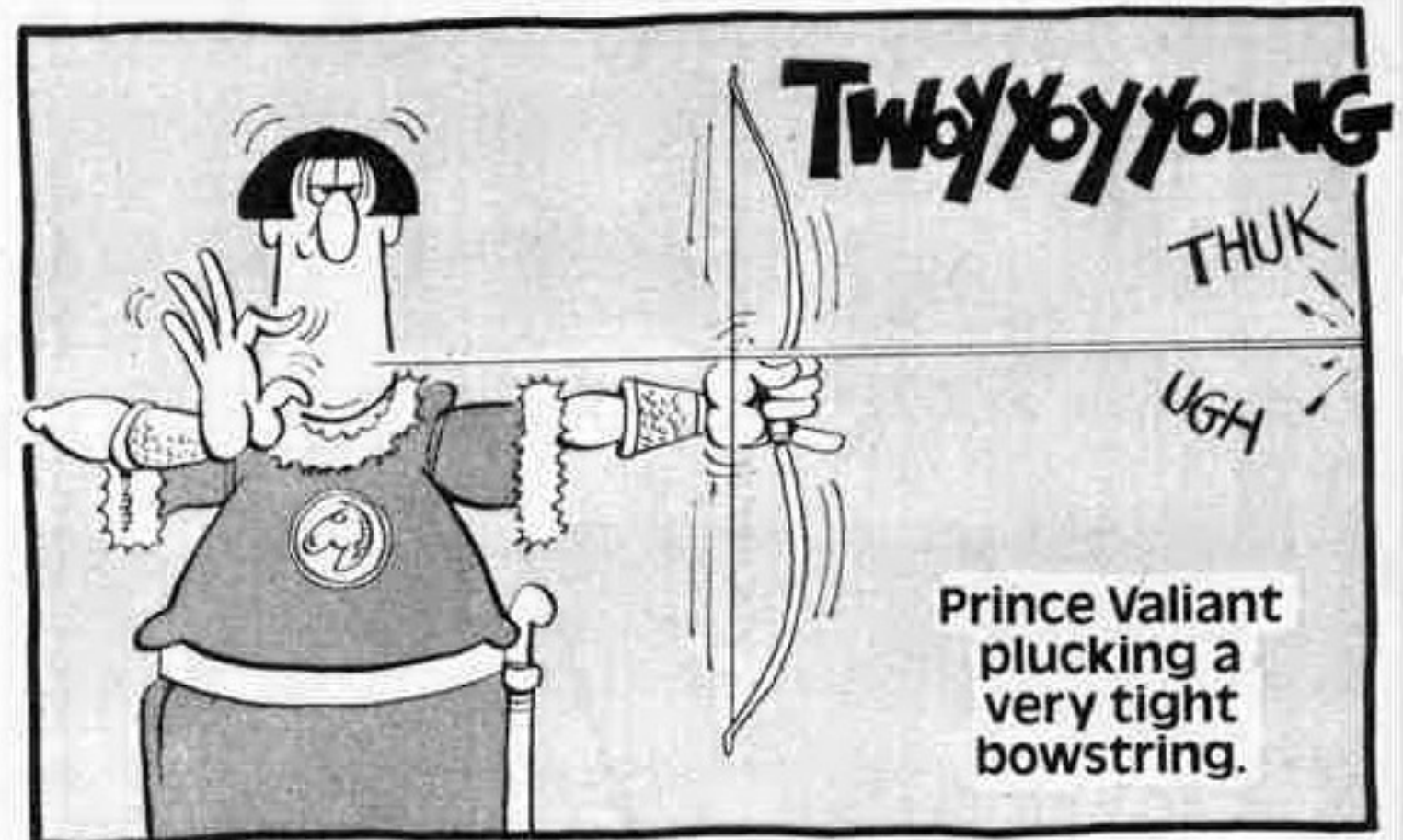
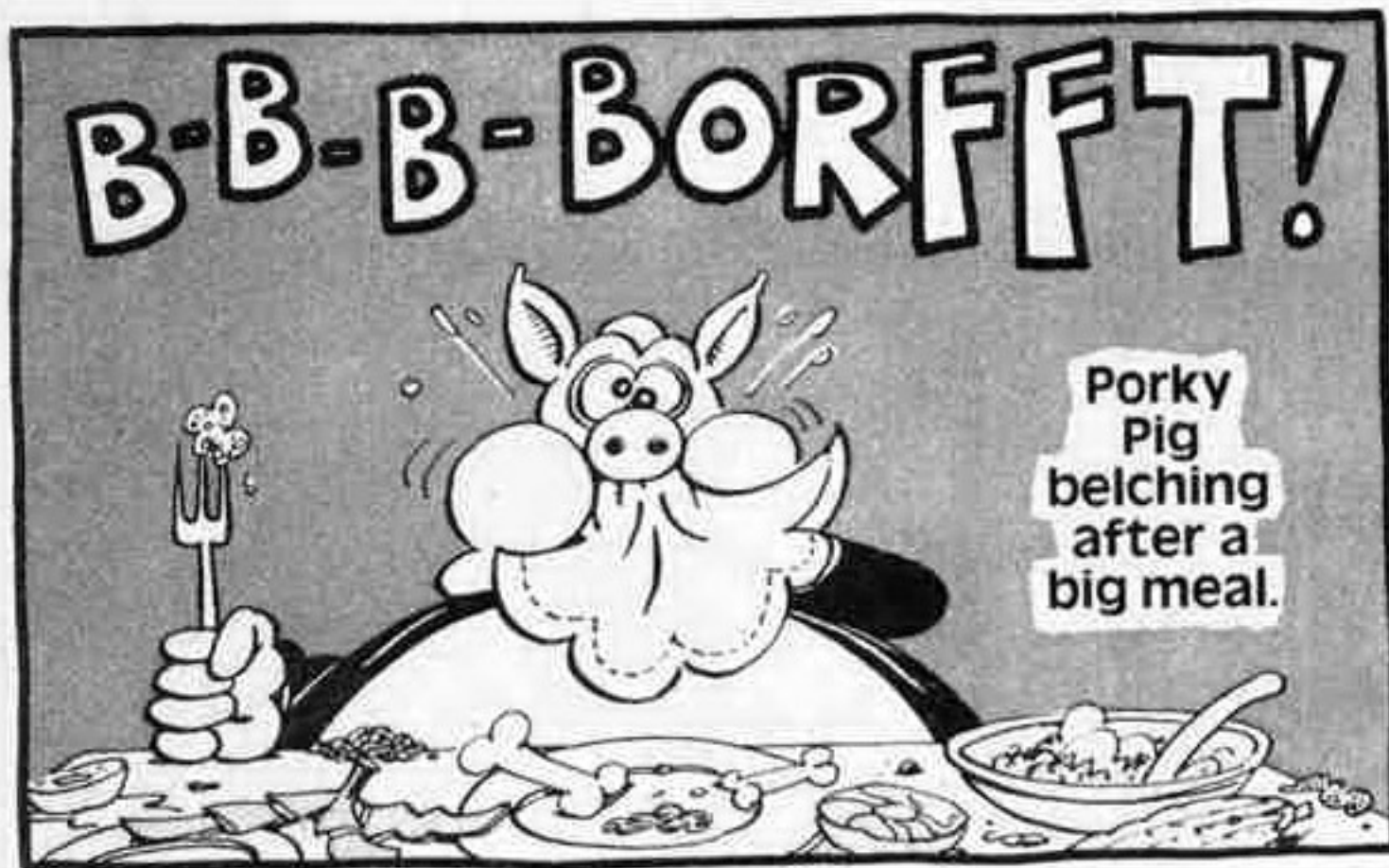
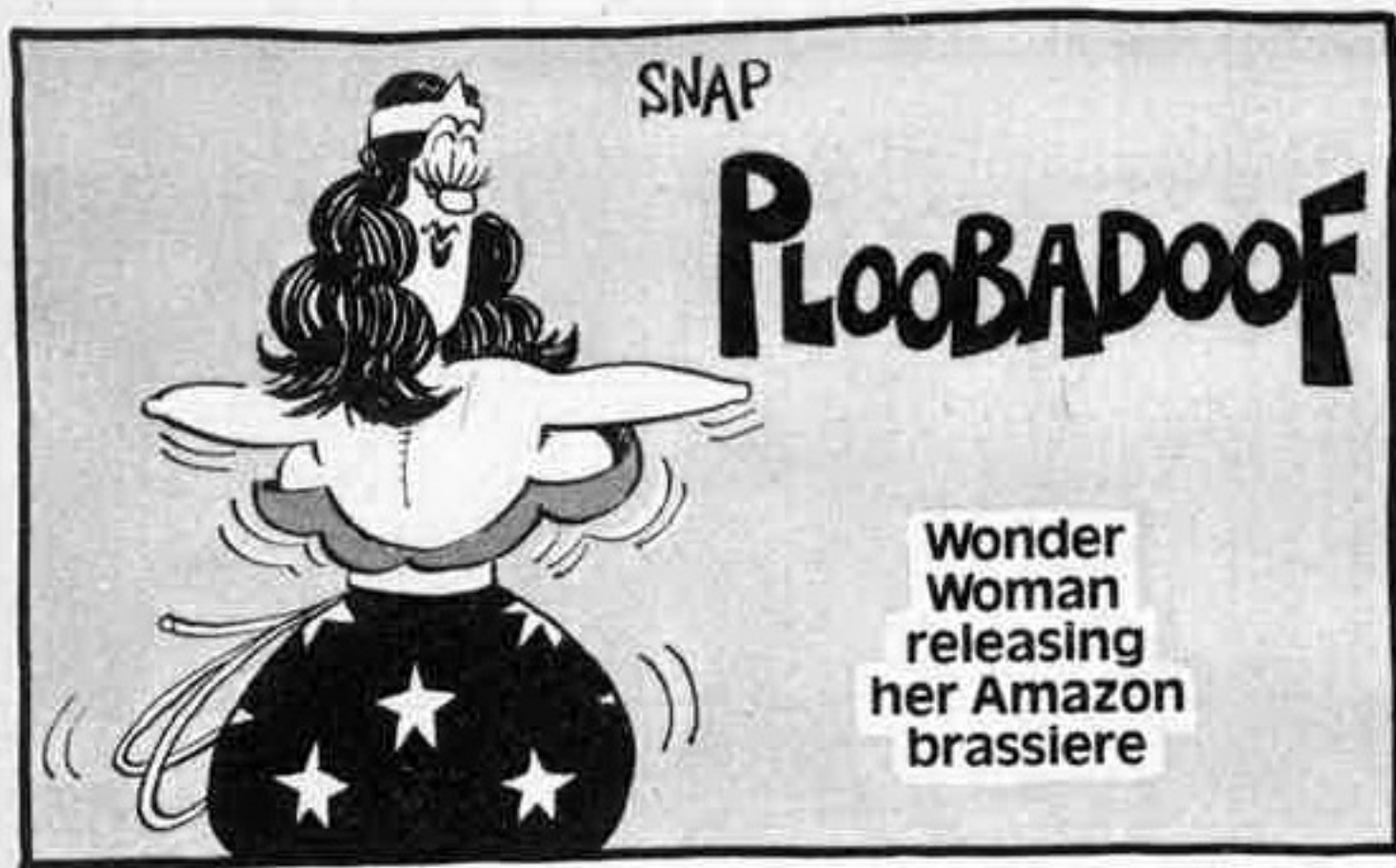
Crock peeling
off his socks
after a
20-mile hike
in the desert.

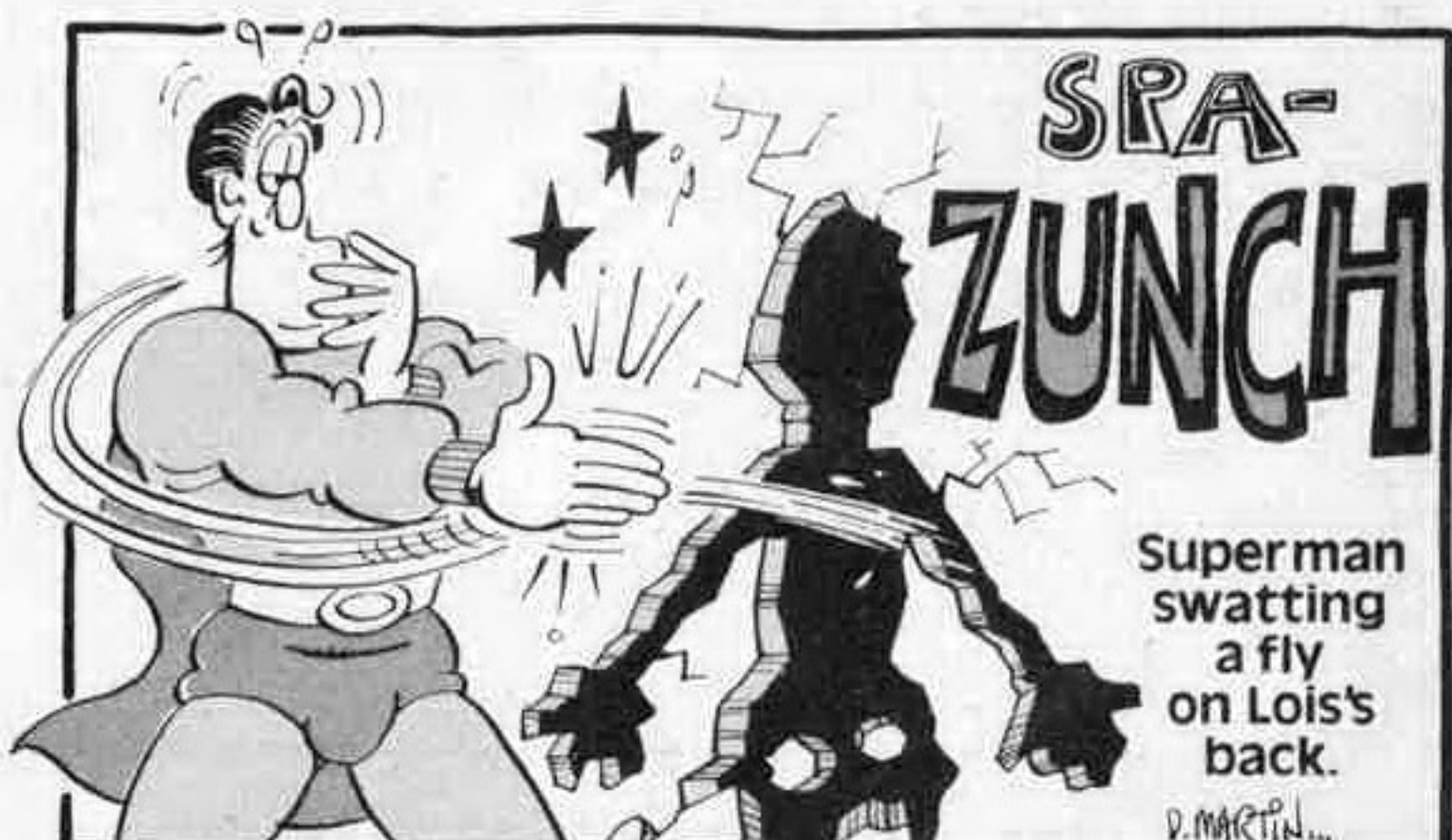
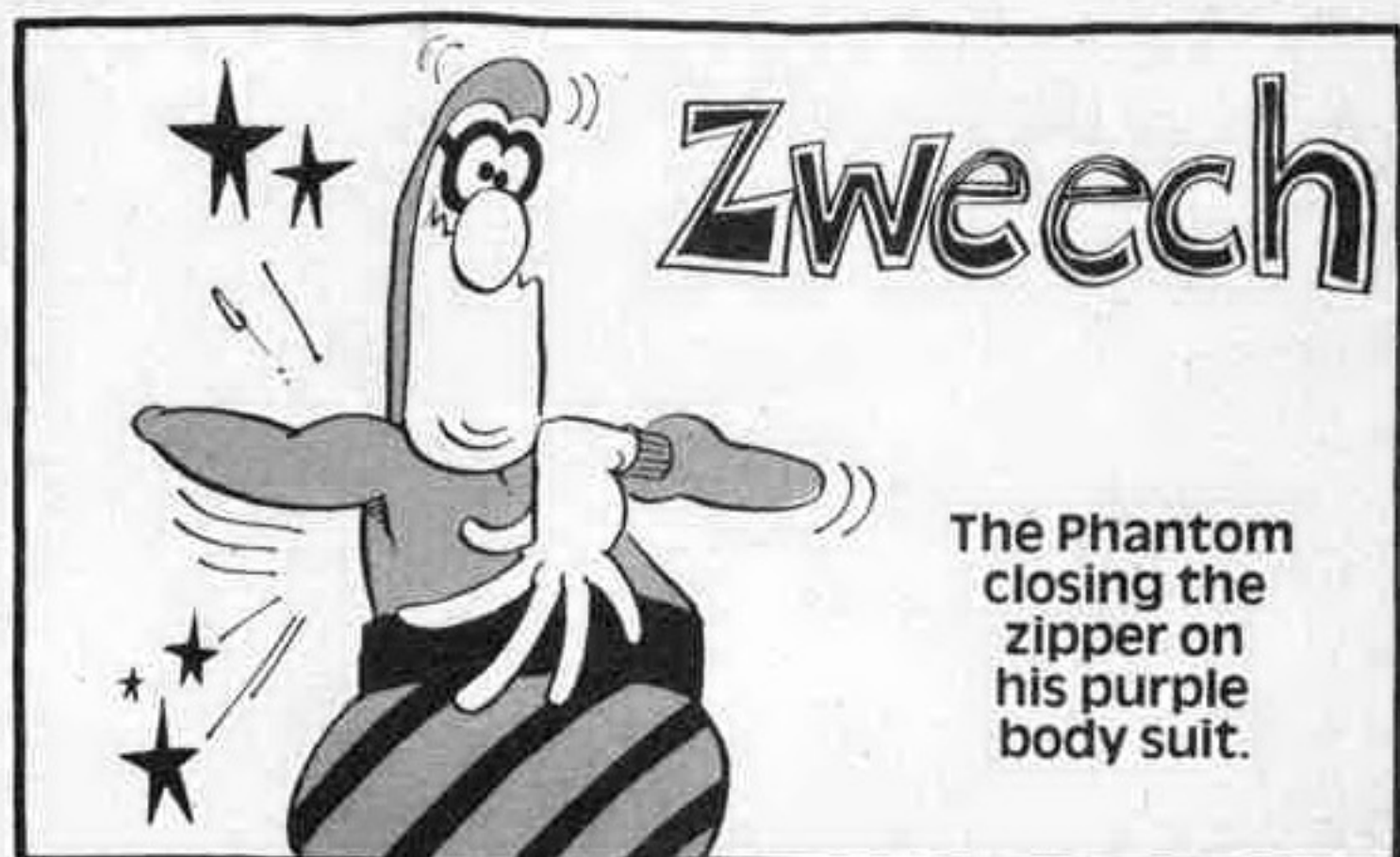
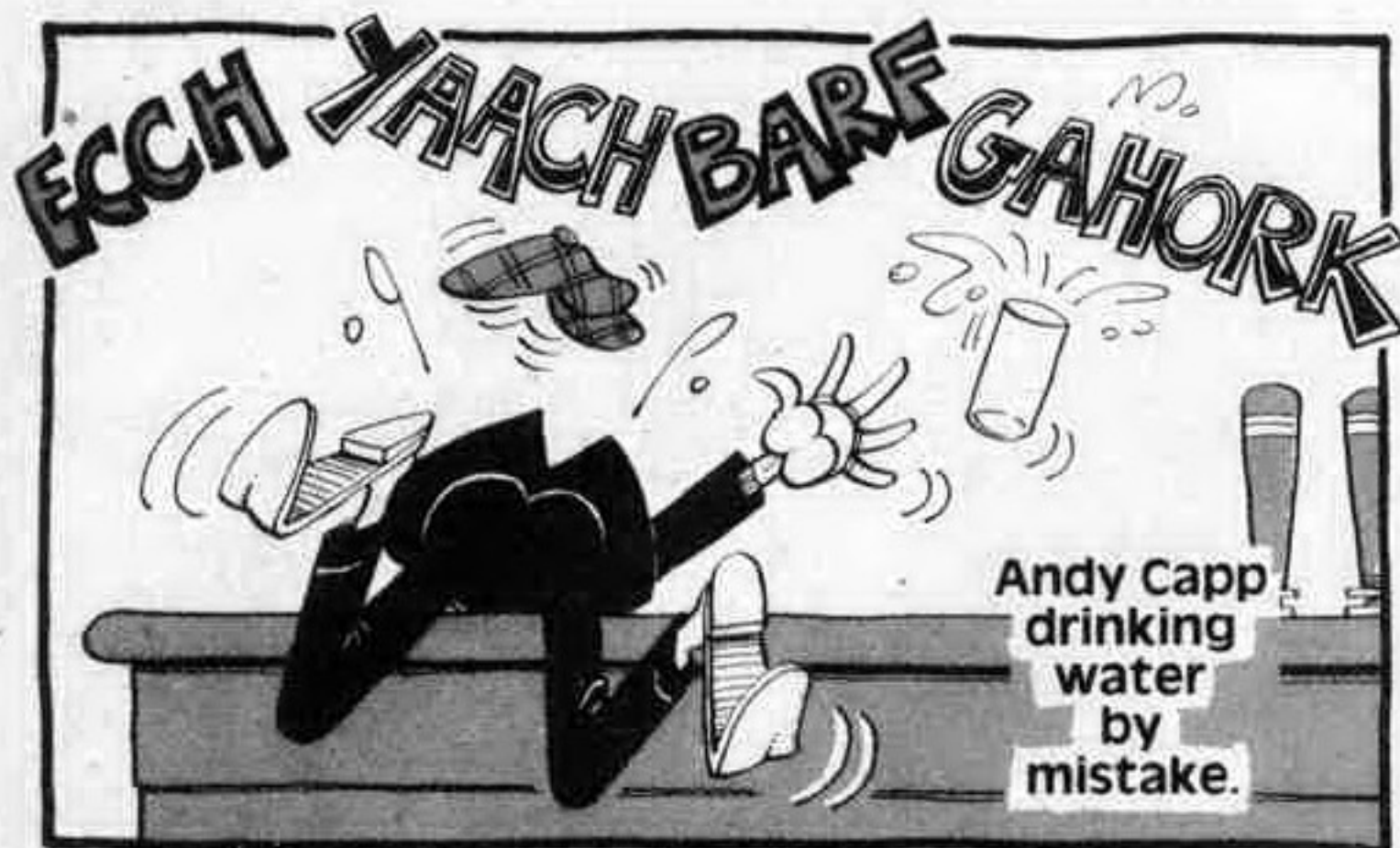
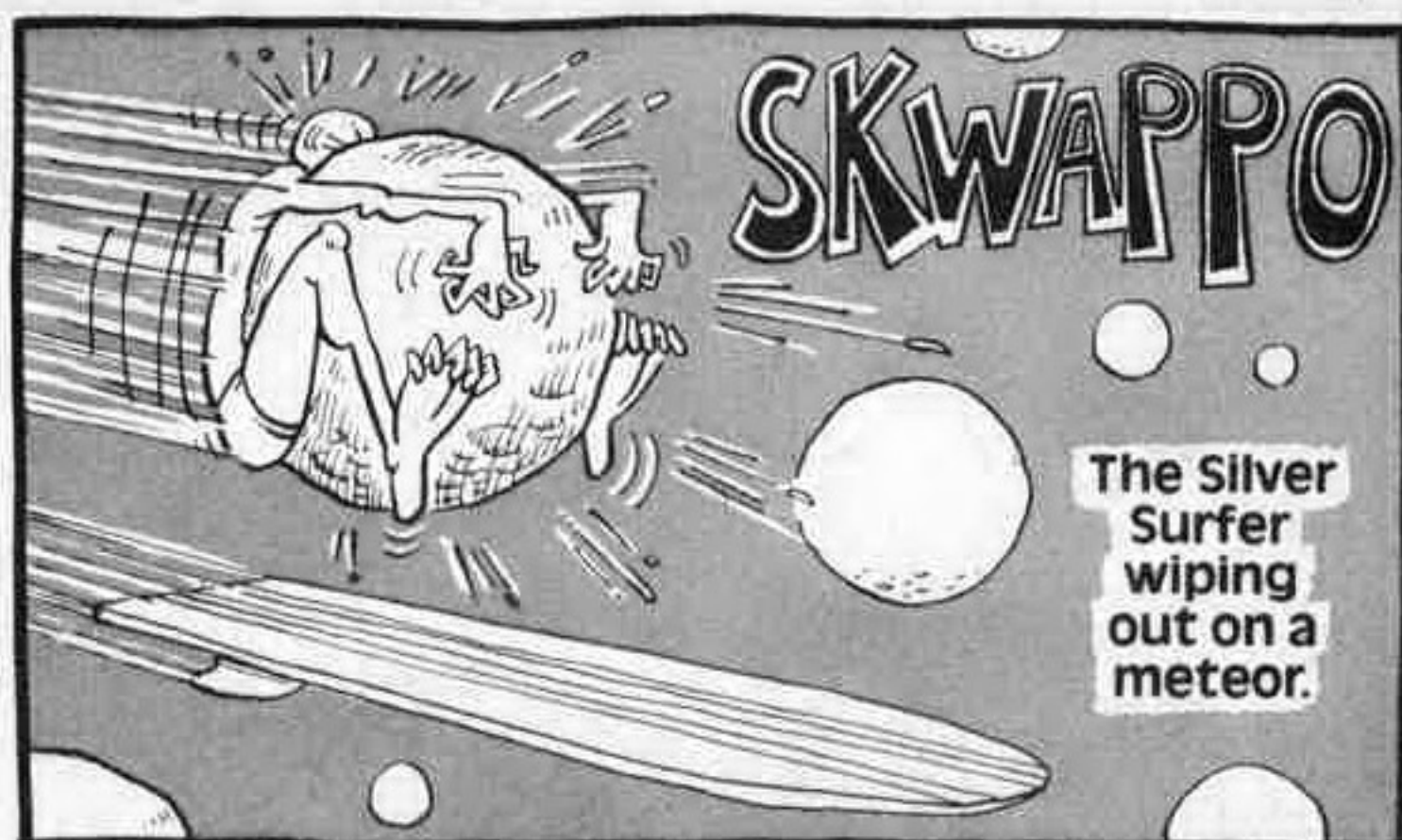


The King Of
Id receiving
an ovation
from his
subjects.



Sandy with a
cold, warning
Annie of a
rapist hiding
in the closet.





Nowadays, more people are going to Psychiatrists than ever before. And some of them are actually being helped! But there is a large group of mixed-up people who will probably never be helped by Psychoanalysis. We're talking about the

IF COMIC CHARACTERS

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

IF "DAGWOOD" WERE TO BE ANALYZED...



THIS COULD BE THE RESULTS



poor troubled neurotics who inhabit our Comic Strips. Some of those nutty characters really have big problems, and a daily session on a Psychiatrist's couch would surely do wonders for them. Or would it? Let's see what could happen—

WERE PSYCHOANALYZED

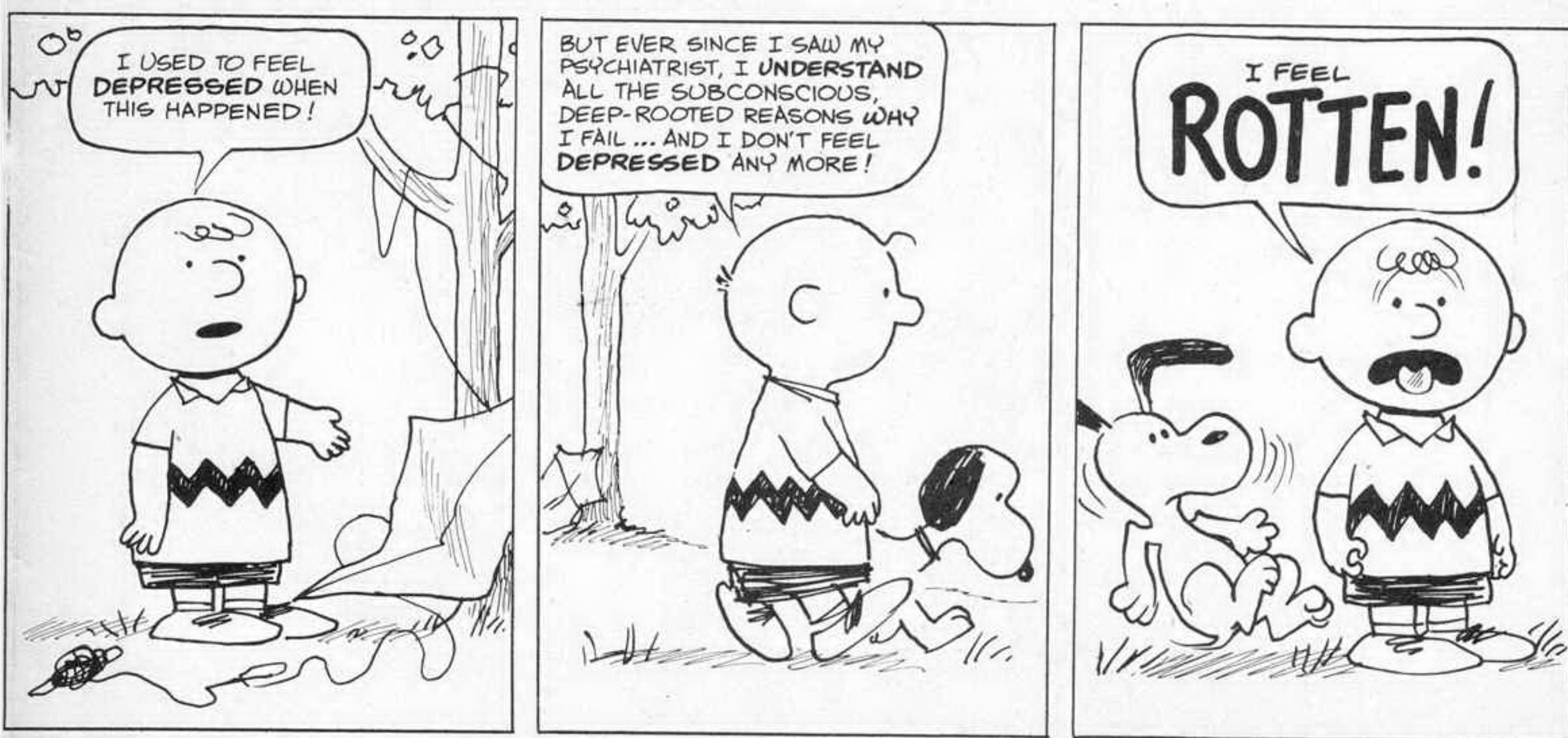
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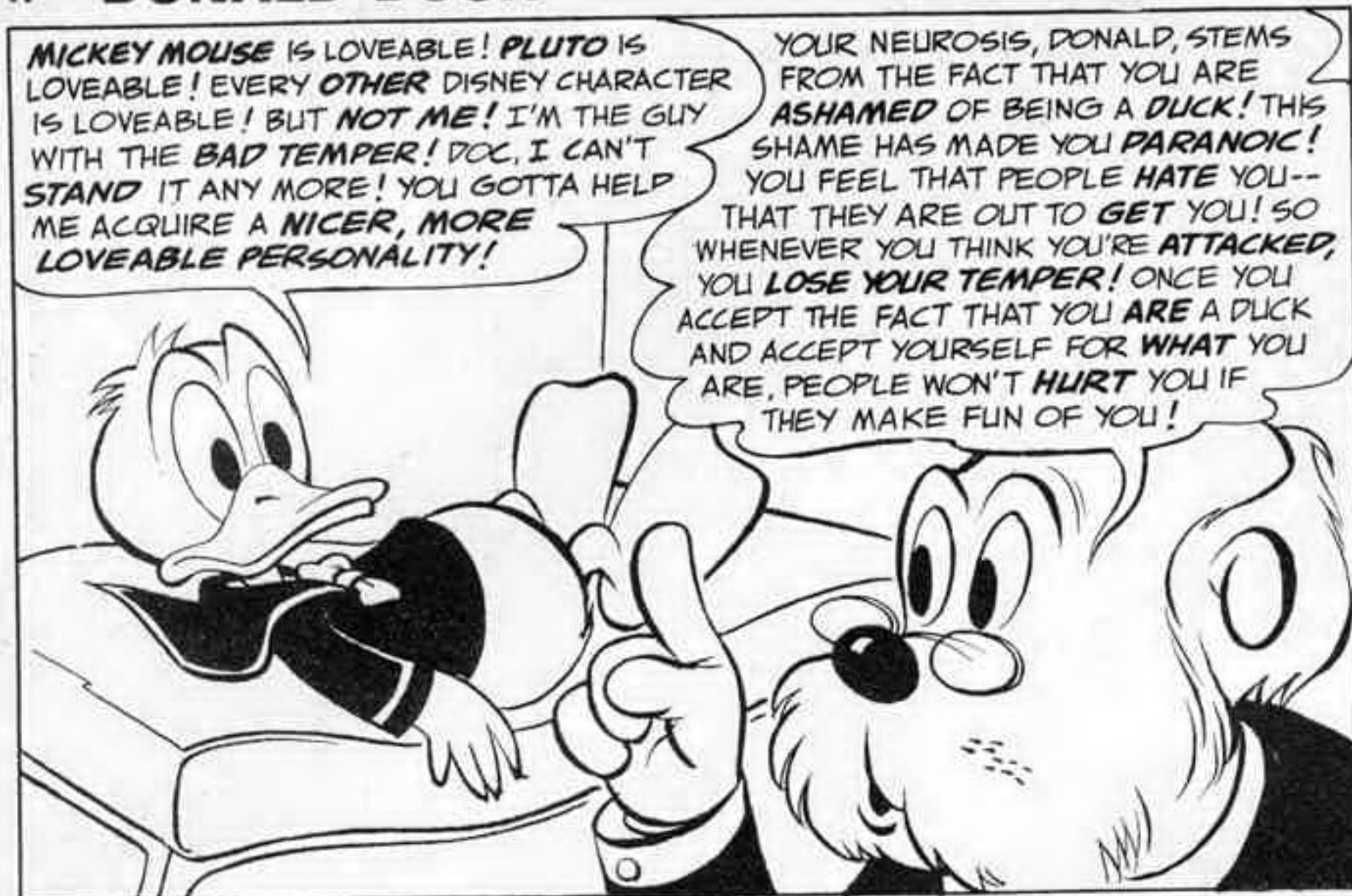
IF "CHARLIE BROWN" WERE TO BE ANALYZED...



THIS COULD BE THE RESULTS



IF "DONALD DUCK" WERE TO BE ANALYZED...



THIS COULD BE THE RESULTS



IF "BEETLE BAILEY" WERE TO BE ANALYZED...



THIS COULD BE THE RESULTS



IF "MARY WORTH" WERE TO BE ANALYZED...



THIS COULD BE THE RESULTS



BLIP-TEASE DEPT.

Ever notice how comic strip characters are just like real people, in that when they curse, it's always in the same old tiresome way...which in their case is something like this...



That's because they all use the old standard stereotype comic strip cursing symbols to blow off steam! And yet, there are thousands of other symbols (courtesy of @#\$%&! Madison Avenue) which could be used more appropriately in given situations! We'll show you what we mean—and probably inspire you to do some creative cursing of your own when you finish the article—as MAD has a few familiar faces deliver

COMIC STRIP CURSING SYMBOLS TO MATCH A GIVEN SITUATION

...as a MOVIE-GOER



...as a TV-VIEWER



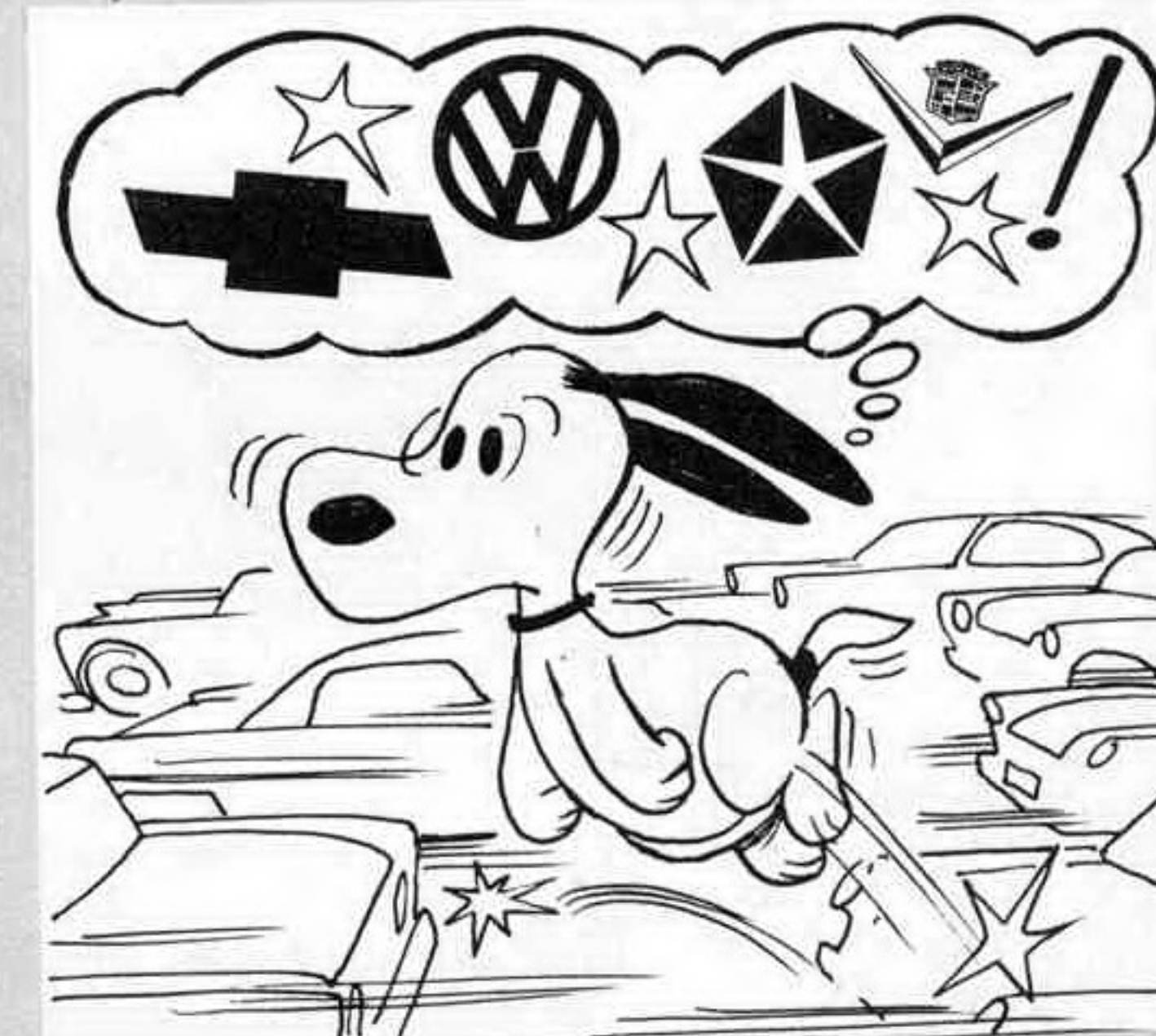
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

...as a MOTORIST



WRITER: HENRY CLARK

...as a PEDESTRIAN



...as a BILL-PAYER



...as a POLICY-HOLDER



...as a TOURIST



...as a HOSPITAL PATIENT



...as a **SPORTS WIDOW** (Winter)



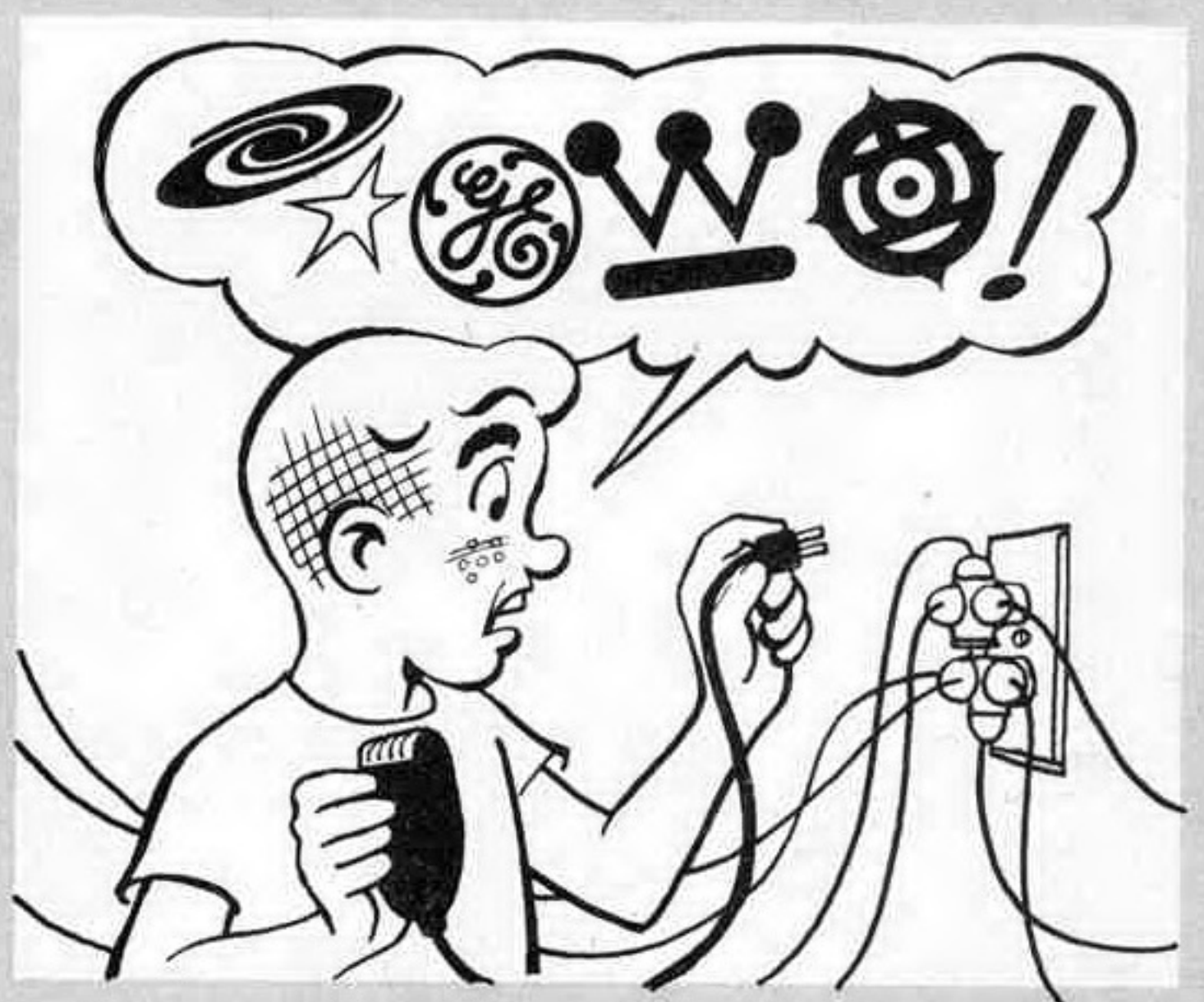
...as a **SPORTS WIDOW** (Summer)



...as a **FEMINIST**



...as an **APPLIANCE OWNER**



...as an **ENLISTED MAN**



...as a **WEIGHT-WATCHER**

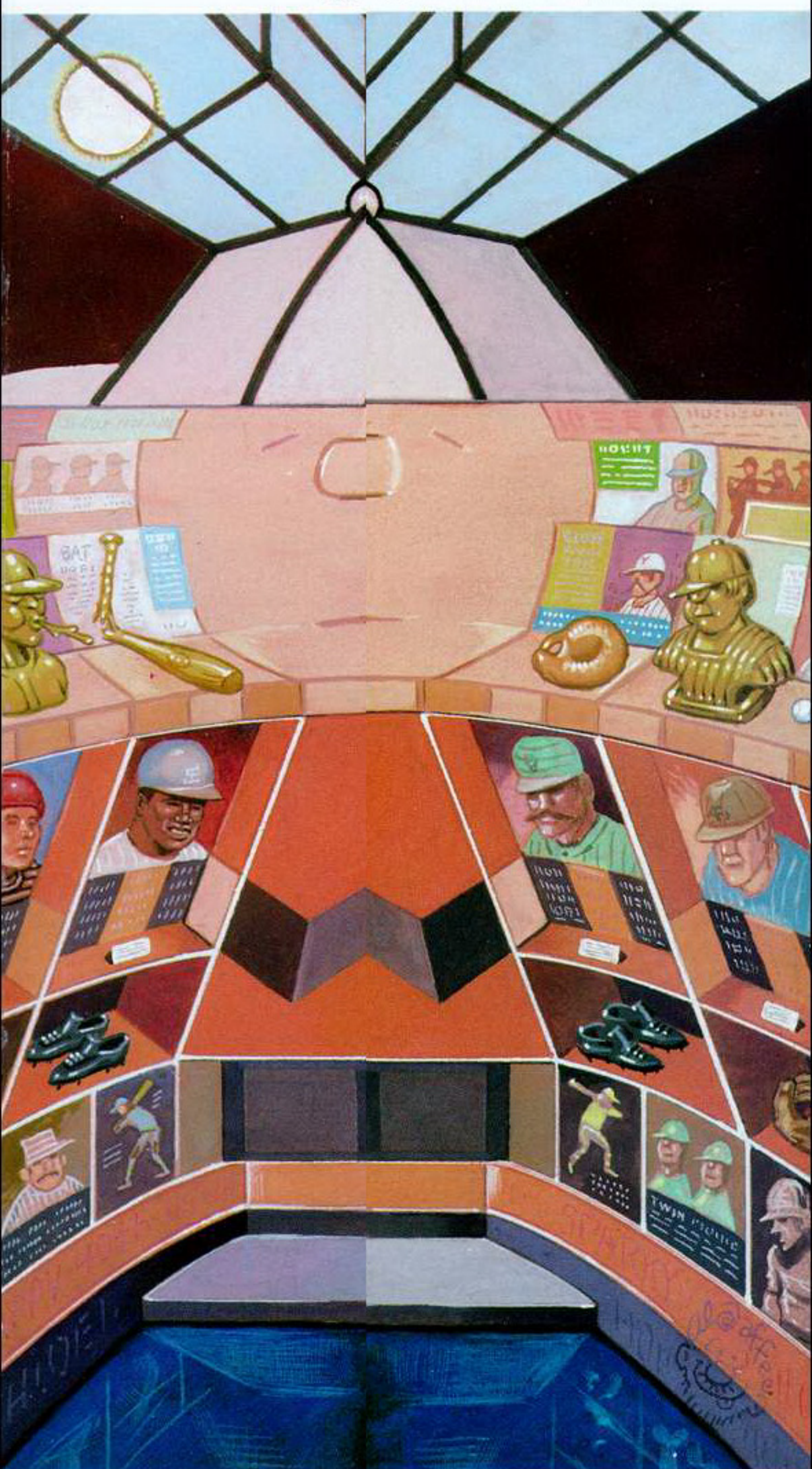


**WHAT BELOVED,
LEGENDARY
BALL PLAYER
IS A POOR BET
TO MAKE THE
HALL OF FAME?**



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CHARLIE

BROWN.

A **B**

**WHAT BELOVED,
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TO MAKE THE
HALL OF FAME?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

"Like a fading rose" is how a certain ballplayer's chance of getting into The Hall of Fame is described. "For Pete's sake, this is not fair!" is the cry heard from many fans. To find out who they're yelling about, fold page in as shown.

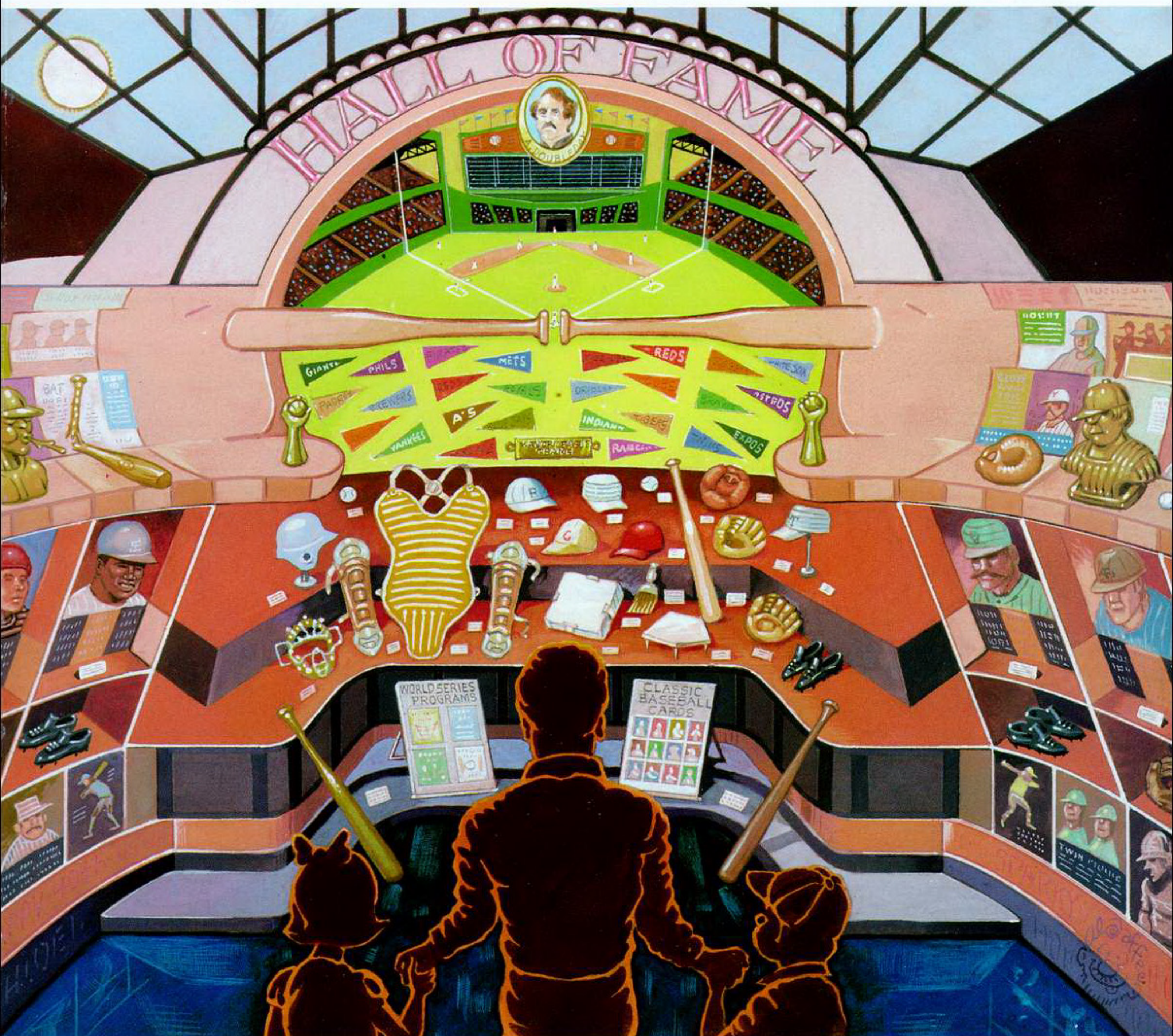


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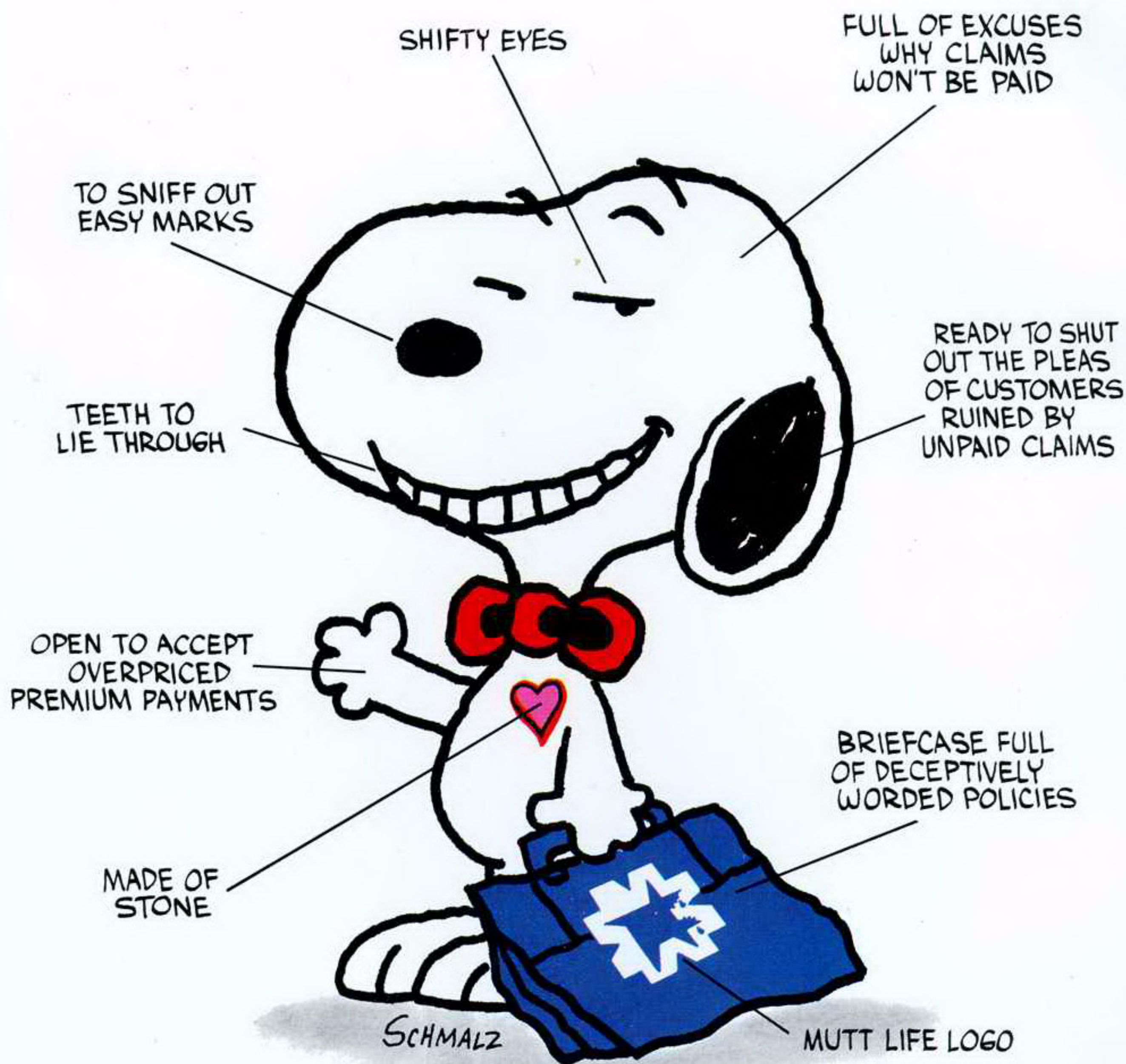


**A HALL OF FAME NOMINEE'S CHANCES
PETER OUT IF HE'S BAD. LIKE A THORN ON A ROSE
HE'S BOUND TO IRRITATE THOSE WHO JUDGE
CHARACTER ABOVE ALL ELSE. HALL OF FAMERS MUST NOT LIE
OR GAMBLE OR CHEAT. OTHERWISE THEY ARE SURE TO
BRING DISGRACE ON THEMSELVES AND LET THEIR FANS DOWN.**

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◀ B

HOW TO SPOT A MUTT LIFE REPRESENTATIVE.



GET MUTT. YOU'LL PAY.SM



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AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES