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SALT OF ACID, SALT OF MY LIFE











WHEN YOUR FATHER HAD BEAT YOU WHEN YOU WERE SEVEN YEARS OLD LIKE HE DID ME, YOU WOULD SEE THAT...

SHUT UP, I WANT TO HEAR THIS!

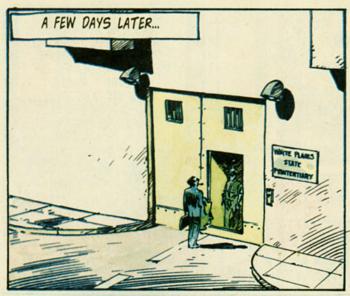


...THAT'S RIGHT FRED. I INVITE ALL MURDERERS TO EXPLAIN THEIR CASES TO ME...AND PERHAPS THROUGH ALL OF THIS.WE CAN CRAWL A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THE DARK LABYRINTHS OF THEIR TWISTED MINDS...



...AND FOR THIS THEY
MUST WRITE TO POST
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NY WITH A...

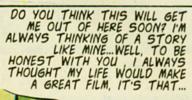














...IT'S A GREAT IDEA... I'M SURE IT
WILL WORK OUT. WE HAVE VERY
LITTLE TIME, SOMEONE'S PROBABLY
ALREADY STARTED A TV MOVIE.
I'VE DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENTS
OF INVESTIGATIONS OF SOME
VERY IMPORTANT LABORATORIES...



...I HAD BEEN AT RENOWNED INSTITUTIONS, WON A FEW PRIZES, PUBLISHED PAPERS IN IMPORTANT JOURNALS, AND ALL THAT...I HAD RISEN VERY QUICKLY, MADE A FORTUNE MOREOVER, I ENJOYED A...



...MUILTIMILLION DOLLAR GOVERNMENT GRANT. AND ALL THAT THANKS TO A GREAT DISCOVERY. A REVOLUTIONARY METHOD FOR TRANSPLANTING TISSUES FROM ONE SPECIES TO ANOTHER...





...UNTIL THAT MOMENT,I
WAS THE ONLY ONE
WHO HAD SUCCEEDED IN
DOING TRANSPLANTS
BETWEEN RODENTS OF
DIFFERENT RACES
WITHOUT THE SKIN
INTERVENING AND
BECOMING GANGRENOUS
WITHIN A FEW HOURS...



EACH DAY, I STAINED THE INTERVENED ZONES WITH A MEAT-COLORED FELT TIP PEN...



...PATTERSON BECAME CRAZY AND, IN SPITE OF MY ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE HIM, I COULDN'T STOP HIM FROM DENOUNCING ME BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY...



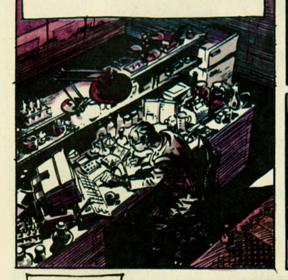
...THEREFORE, I BELIEVED THAT ALL HAD BEEN LOST. BUT WHAT HAPPENED! HOW SURPRISED I WAS AT THE REACTION OF THE PRESIDENT! NO ONE WOULD LEARN ABOUT IT IF I FULFILLED A "SPECIAL" SERVICE FOR THEM...



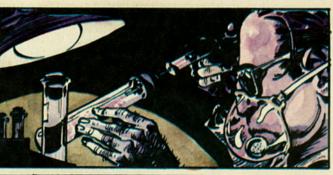
...I HAD TO CREATE A TRANSPARENT GAS, ODORLESS AND LETHAL. VERY DIFFICULT TO DETECT IN FORENSIC ANALYSIS. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO SPREAD TERROR AMONG THE CONSUMERS OF A WELL-KNOWN RIVAL BRAND OF CHOCOLATE CANDY...



...BY POISONING SOME CANS. WEEKS PASSED WHILE I TRIED TO COMBINE DIFFERENT ALLOYS WITH PURE HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN.



BUT
THE SMELL
WAS TOO
PENETRATING
OR THE
COMPOUNDS
VAPORIZED
VERY QUICKLY
WITH HEAT...



...SO I ENDED
UP DECIDING
ON A
DERIVATIVE
OF CYANIDE,
A RADICAL
COMPOUND
OF
NITROGEN
AND OXYGEN.

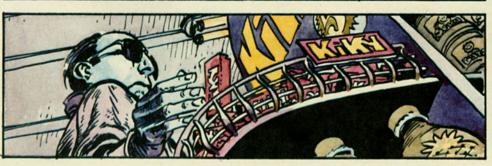


_FINALLY WHAT
REMAINED TO BE
DONE WAS TO
SELECT TEN POINTS
IN DIFFERENT AREAS
OF THE CITY.



...AT THE BEGINNING THE RESULTS WERE EXCELLENT (YOU WILL PROBABLY REMEMBER THE FIRST FEW DEATHS)...





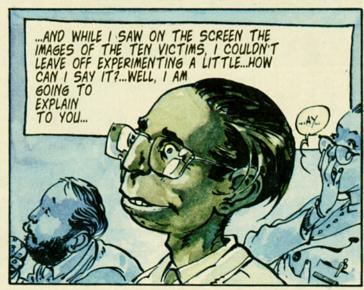


...WHICH RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION ON THE TV NEWS AND IN THE NEWSPAPERS. I COULD SEE WITH SURPRISE THAT WHAT I BELIEVED WOULD BE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM, THE CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE, SCARCELY MANAGED TO WORRY ME...







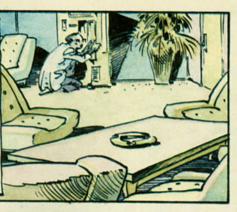








...I WAS TERRIFIED. I
COULDN'T ALLOW
MYSELF TO BE
TURNED IN BY THE
ONLY TWO
WITNESSES
POSSIBLE AND I
ARRANGED A MEETING
WITH THEM IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM...





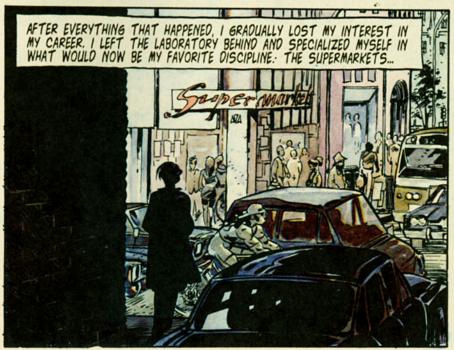
...I DIDN'T HAVE TO INVITE THEM TO HAVE SOME. THEY THEMSELVES OFFERED ME THE FIRST GLASS (THEY HAD MANNERS)...













...THIS AFFIRMED THAT I COULDN'T STRUGGLE AGAINST IT. AN UNRESTRAINABLE FORCE DREW ME TO EXPERIMENT CONSTANTLY WITH NEW METHODS OF CONCEALING LETHAL ACIDIC SALTS...

A GERA







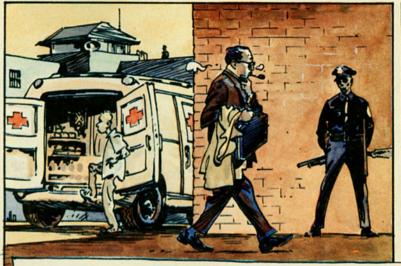


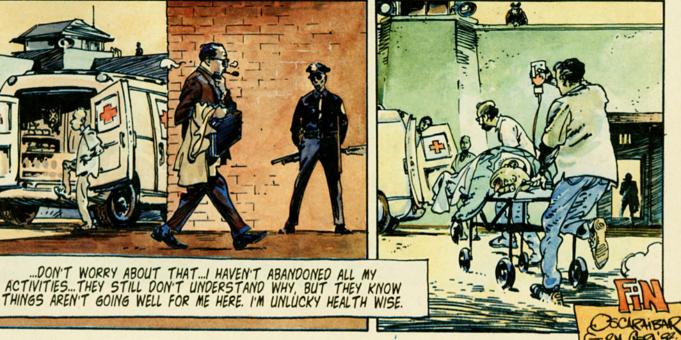
... WELL, UNTIL I BEGAN TO BE LESS CAREFUL IN MY TACTICS AND REPEATED THE SITUATIONS...THEY CAUGHT ME RED-HANDED, WITH ONE OF MY CREATIONS IN THE BAG...I HAD ALREADY USED THE PRODUCT BEFORE, SO THAT IT WAS EASY TO LINK TO ME AND THEY KNEW I WAS THE PERPETRATOR.



GOOD-BYE ARNOLD...BUT...YOU ARE NOT AFRAID TO LET THE OTHER MURDERS BE KNOWN WHEN I REPORT THIS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR COWORKERS?

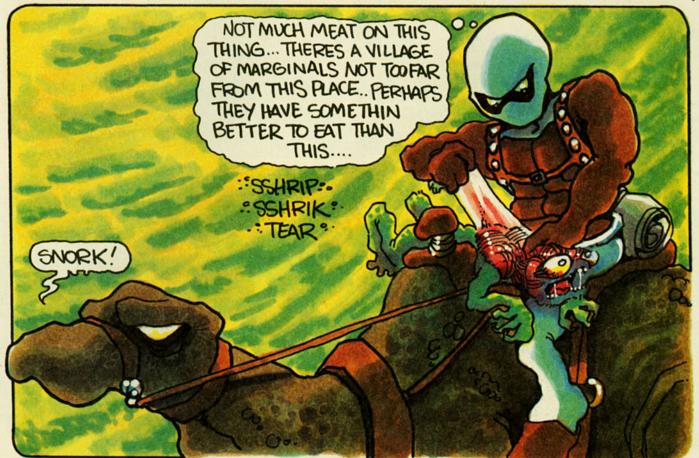


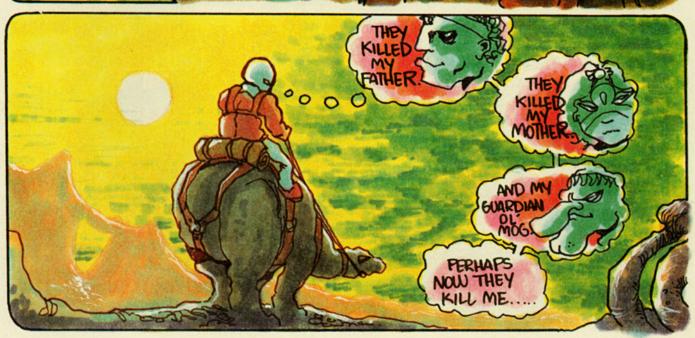






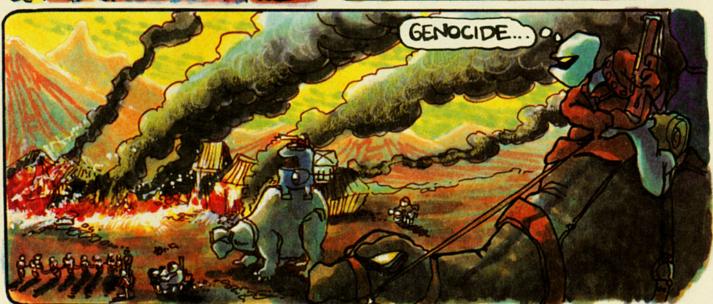
LARRY TODD ILLUSTRATED BY MARK BODE BASED ON CHARACTERS VAUGHN BODE





















































































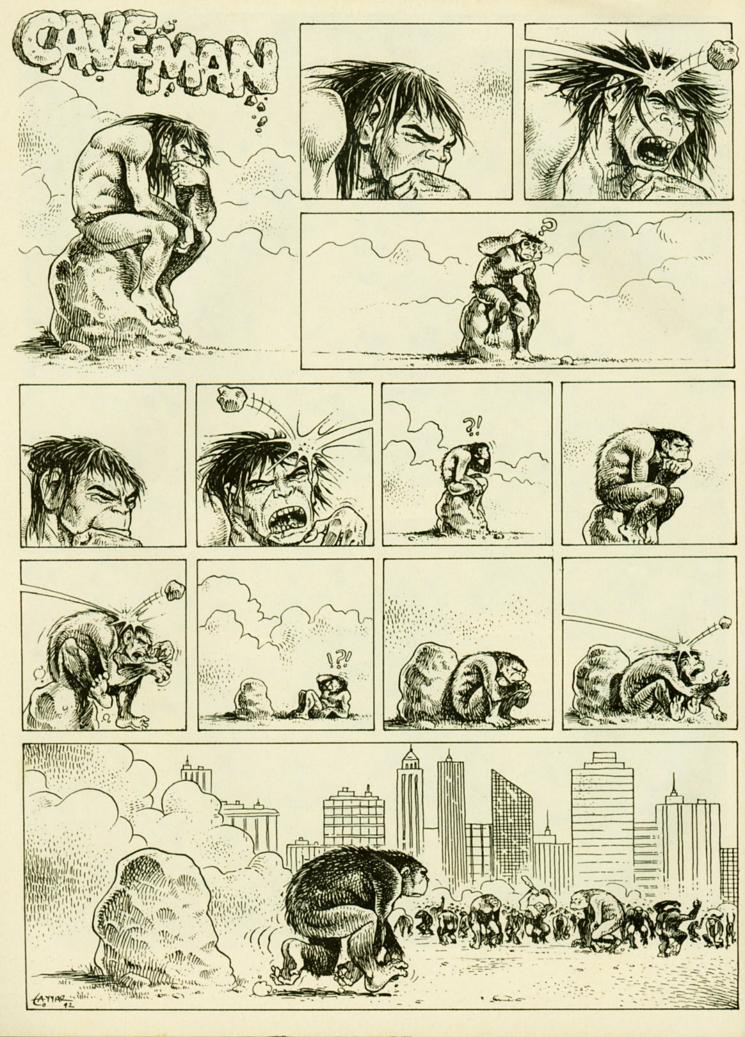


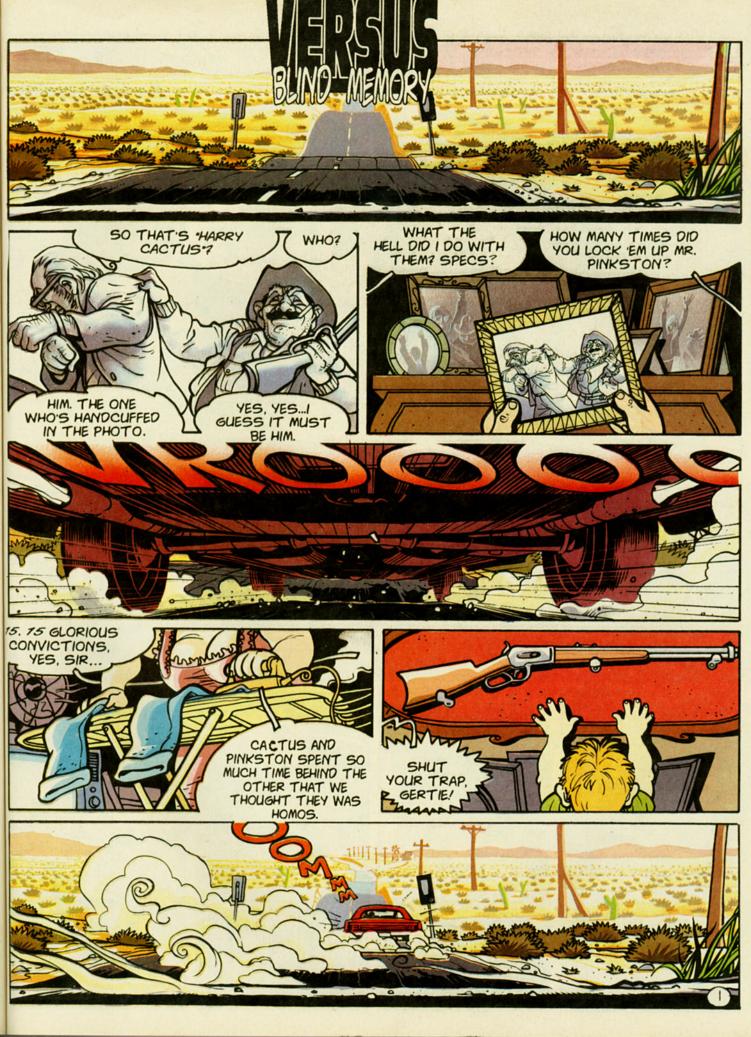




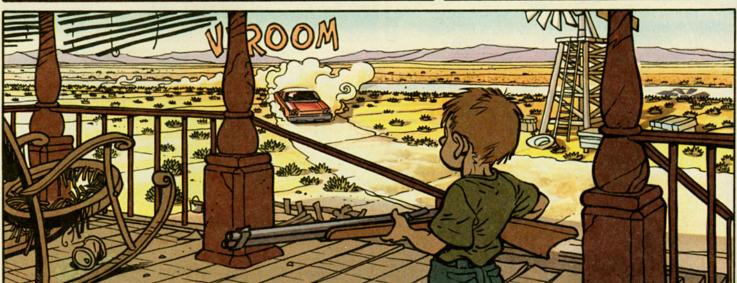




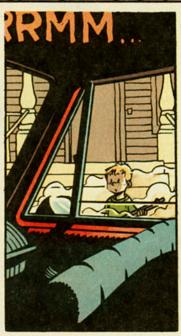














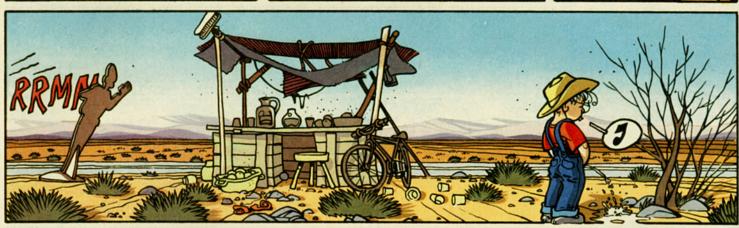






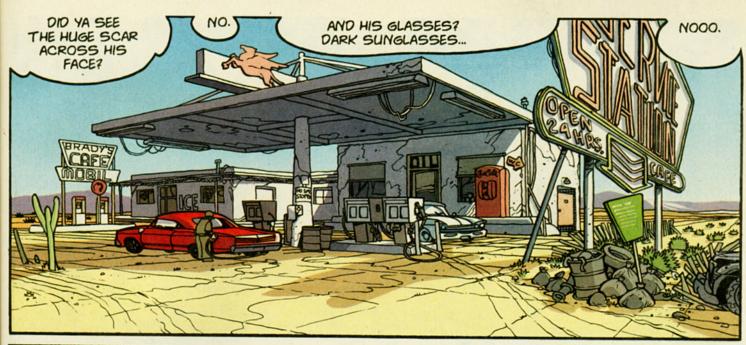














LISTEN, BOY, I KNOW THAT RAT WELL, AND IF I SAY THAT WERE HIM, THEN IT WAS HIM. THIS RIGHT HERE IS HIS PONTIAC.



























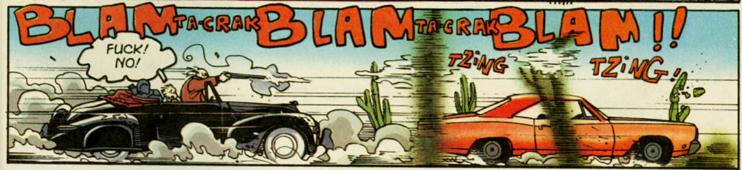


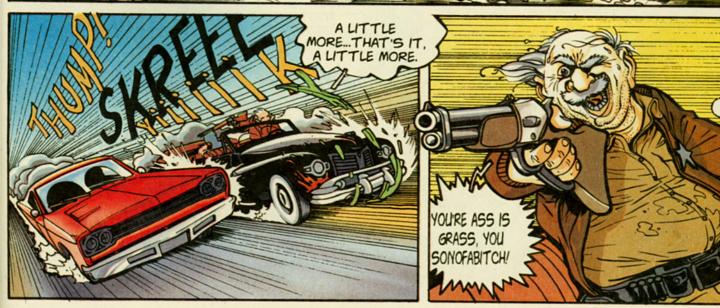


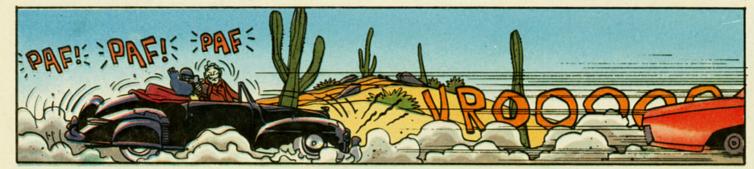




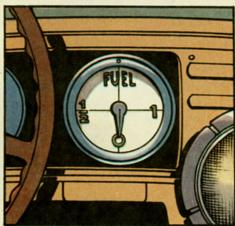




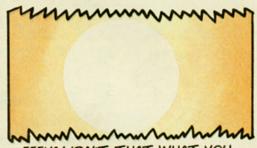








...IS A MESSAGE FOR LUCY THURSTON ...GIRL, I'D GIVE EVERYTHING FOR YOU!



EEEYA! ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT? THIS IS THE TUNNEL OF LOVE FROM BILL LOVELY! YOUR RADIO STATION!









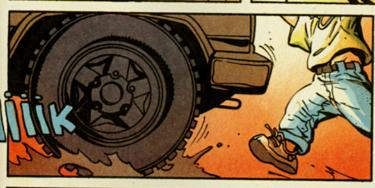


LISTEN UP, LOVERS. BILLY LOVELY SUGGEST YOU ALL GO TO THE BACKWOODS DRIVE-IN!



...THE IDEAL PLACE TO RAISE
THE...THERMOMETER. HA HA! SEE THE
BUGS BUNNY SPECIAL, STARTING
AT 10. IT'S REALLY WORTH MISSING
THE SHOW! HA HA HA!













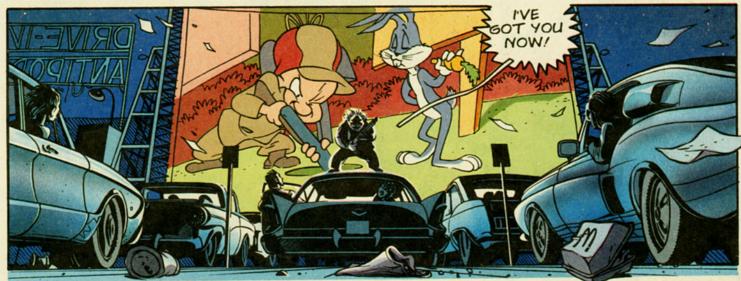








YOU NEVER MISS YOUR BUGS BUNNY! RIGHT POND SCUM?





































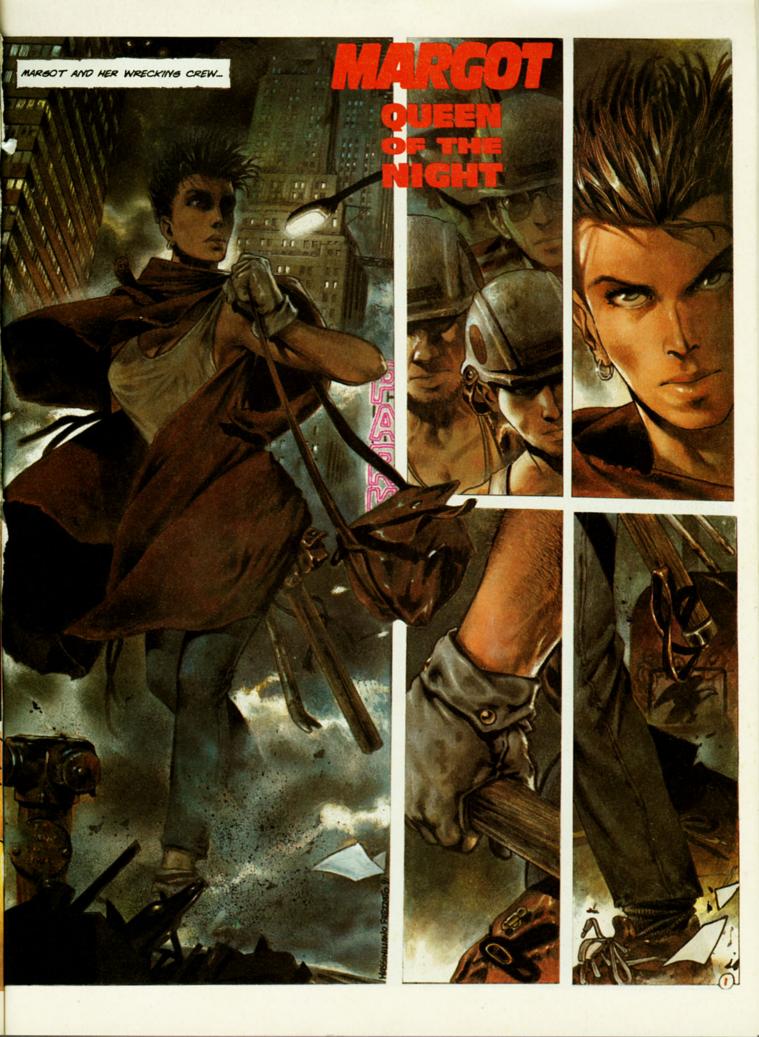








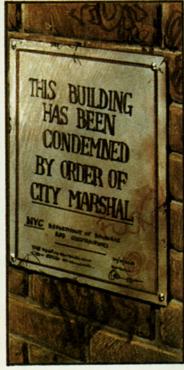




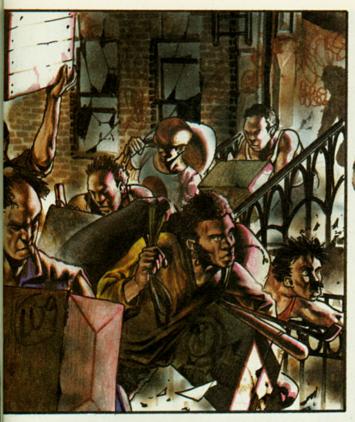




















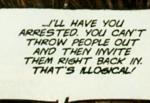












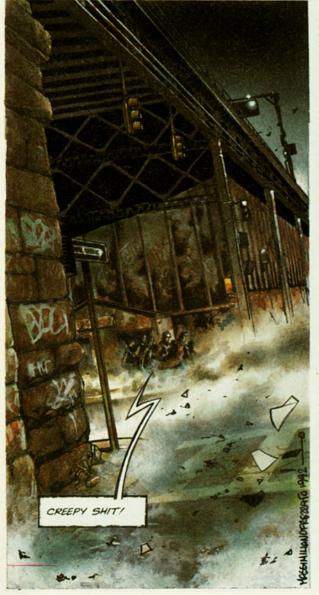




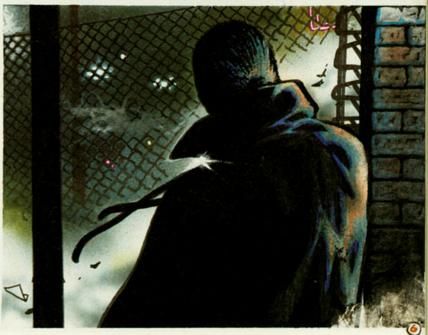






























































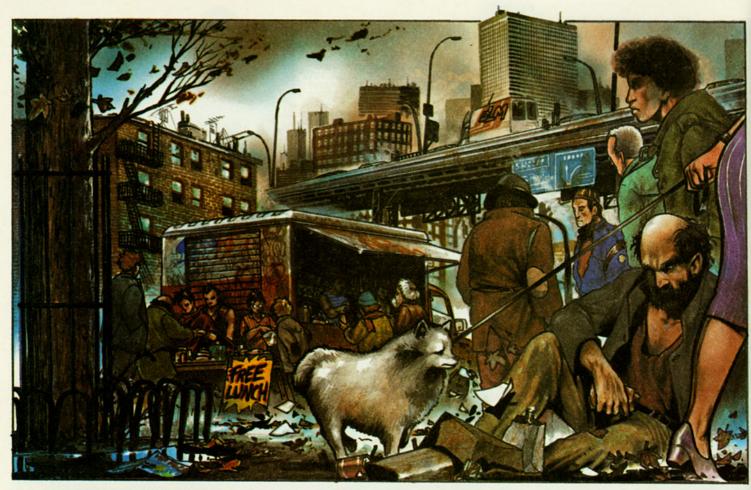


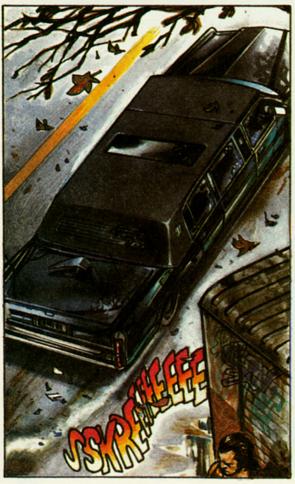








































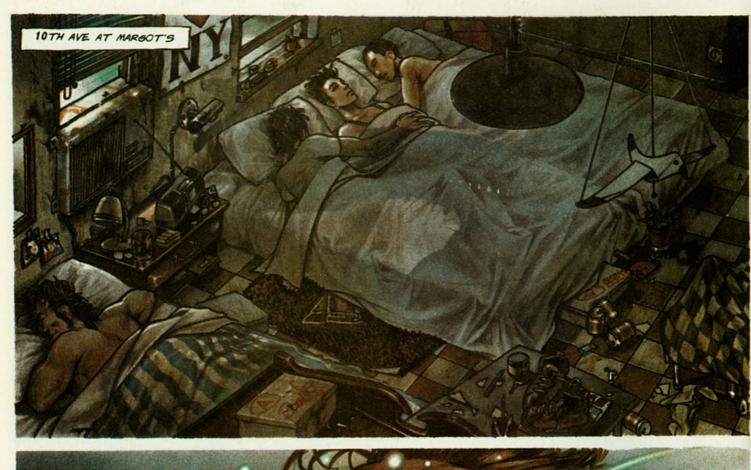












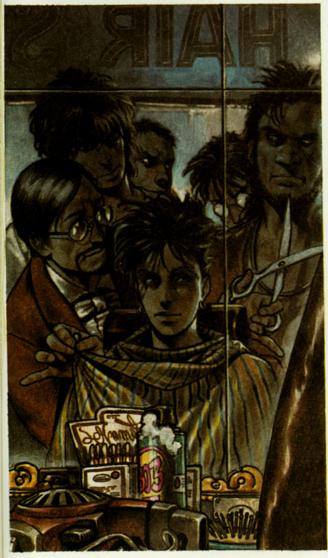




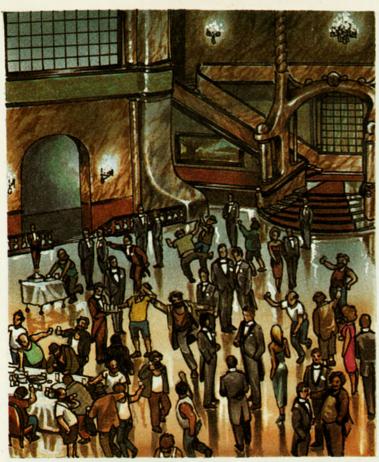


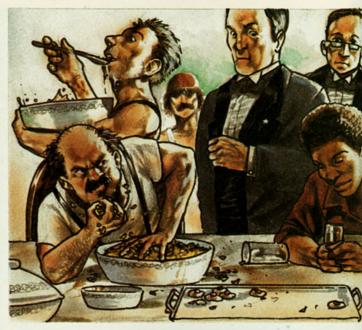






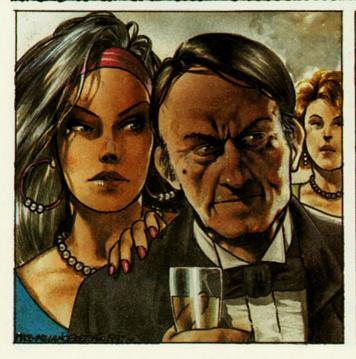


















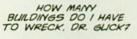








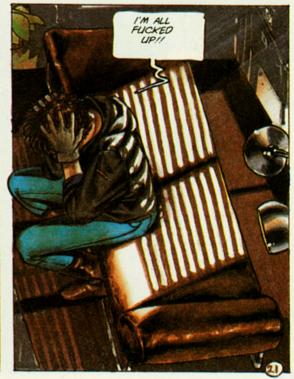


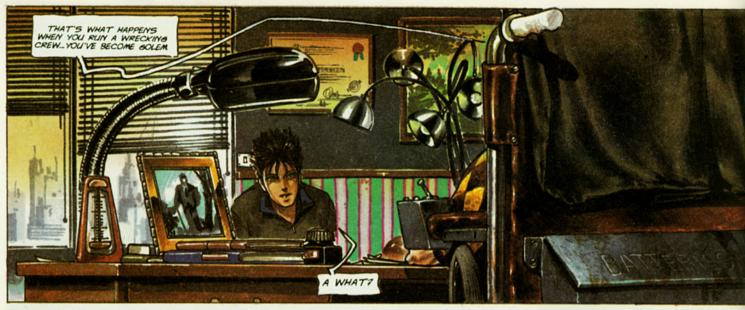


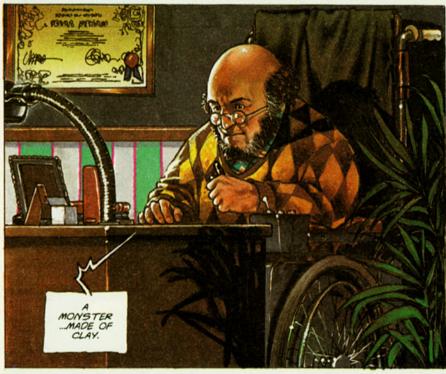


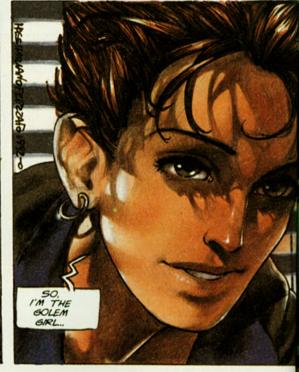














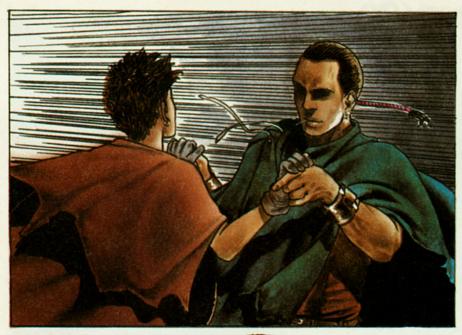






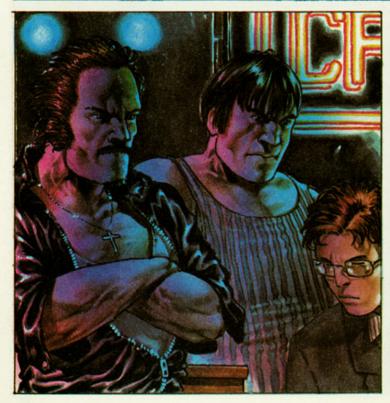








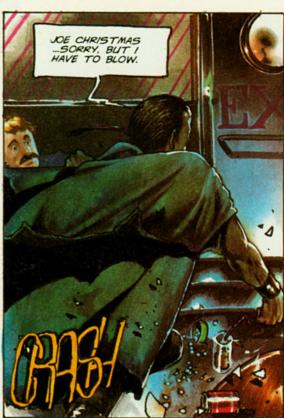




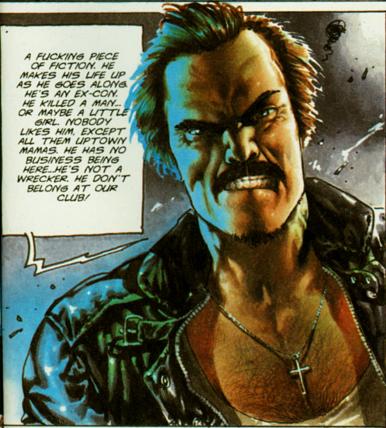


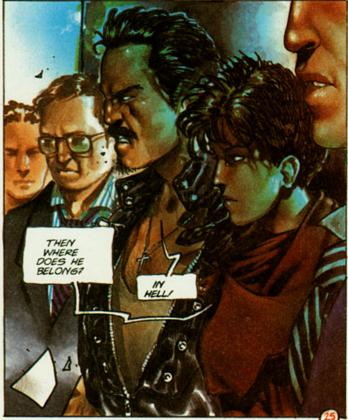




























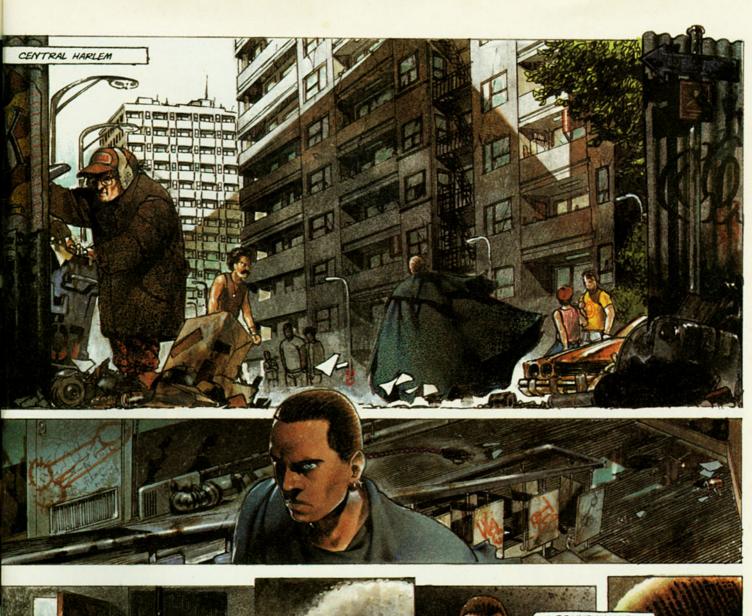








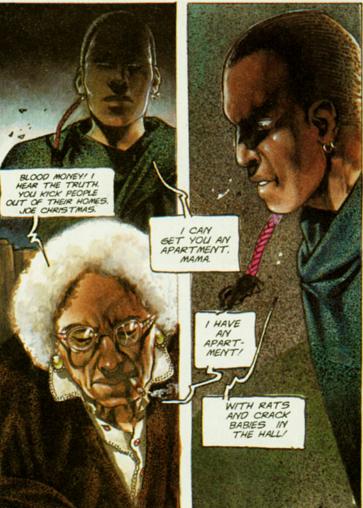








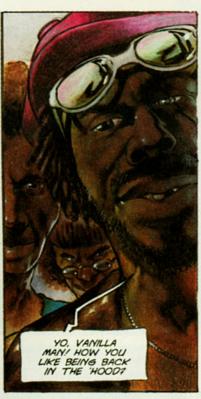






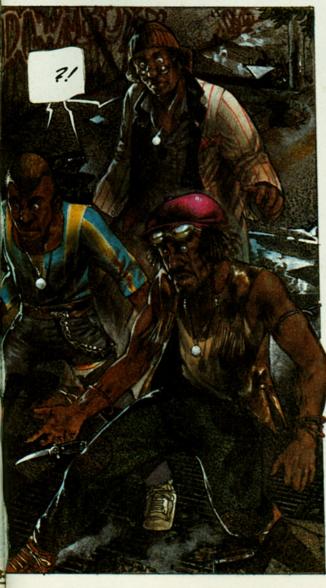






















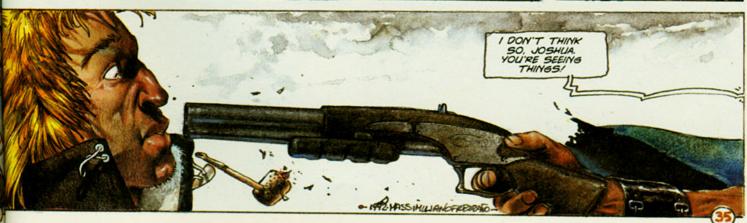


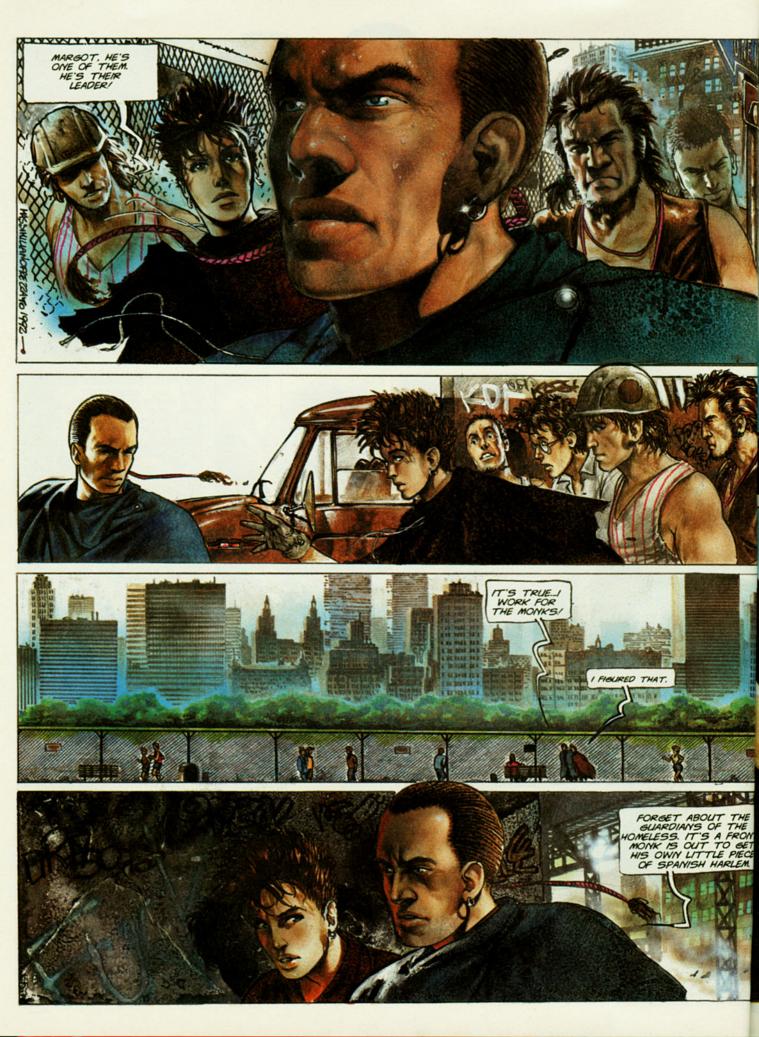




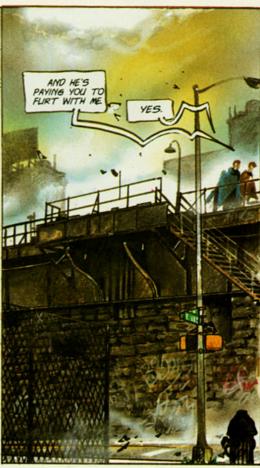




























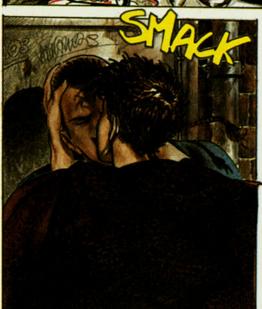




















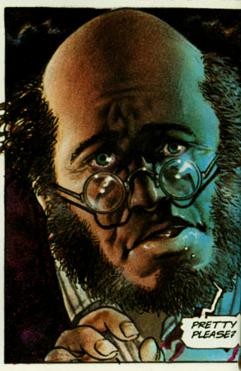


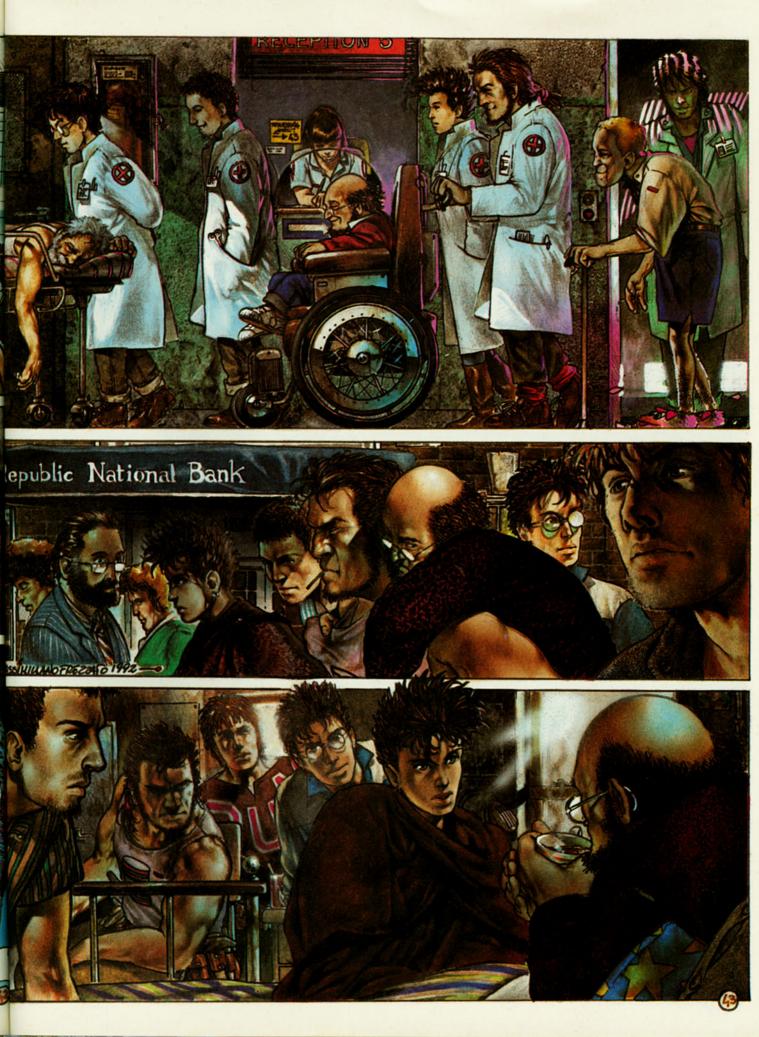


















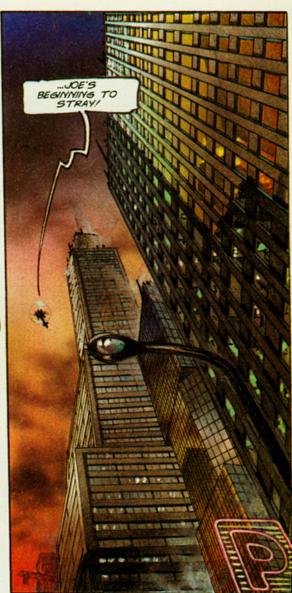










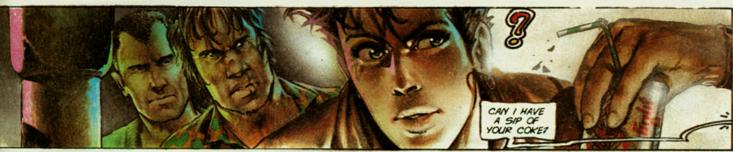


































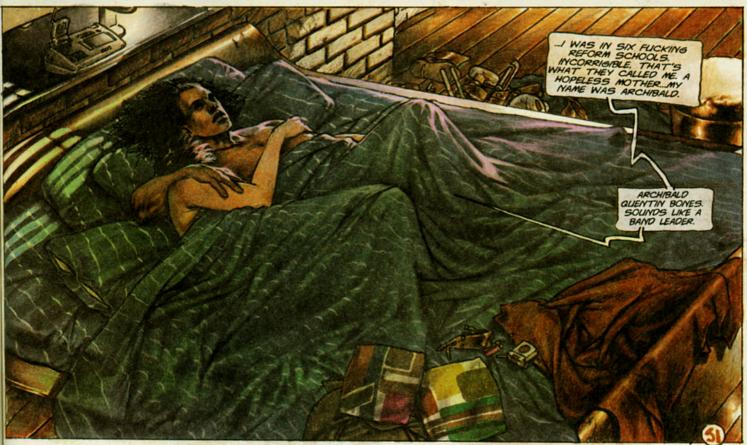


















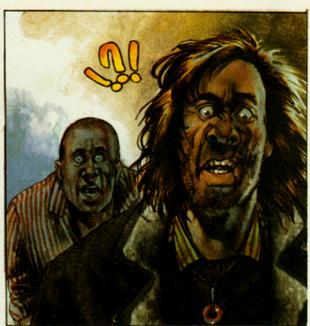
















































































H E WAS SURE HE COULD FIND EVIDENCE OF ISOLATED EVOLUTION, NOT JUST BLIND CRAYFISH AND CARP, BUT A LARGE UNDISCOVERED SPECIES, IT WOULD HAVE MADE HIS CAREER.





