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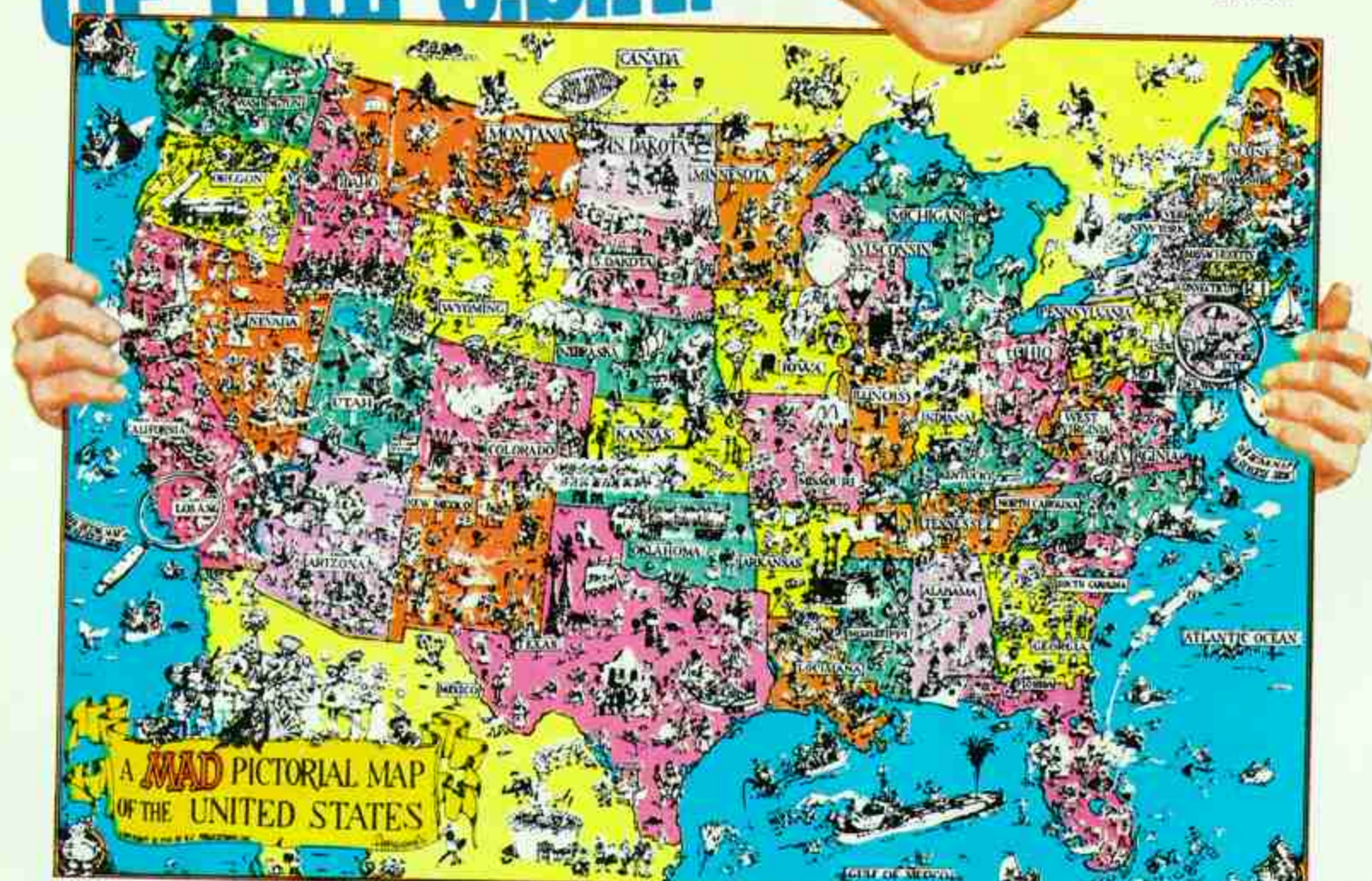
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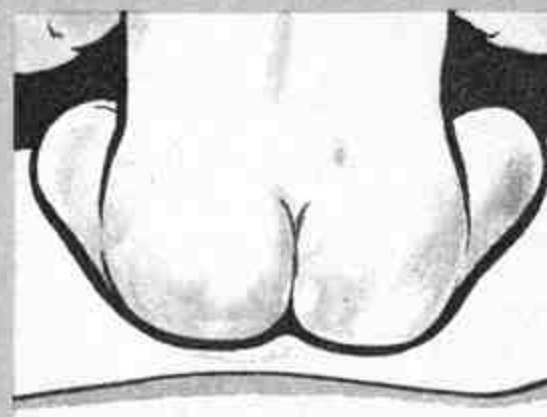
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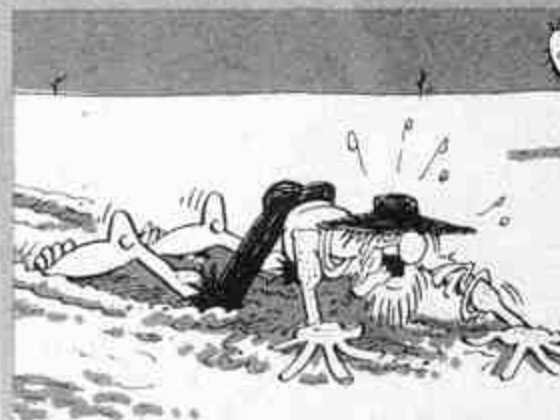
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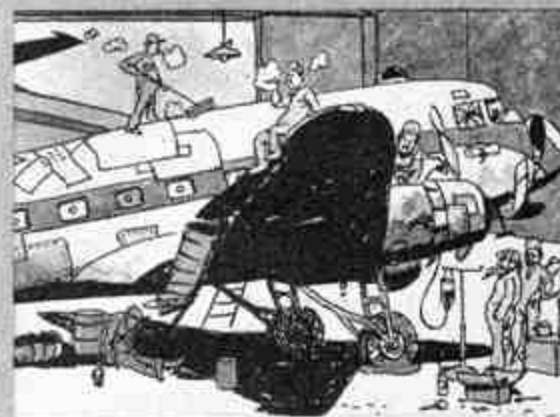
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STRIP-WRECKED DEPARTMENT

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:

FLO

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"!



MORT DRUCKER

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

THAT WOULD BE HORRIBLE!

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: STAN HART

PREVIEW



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!

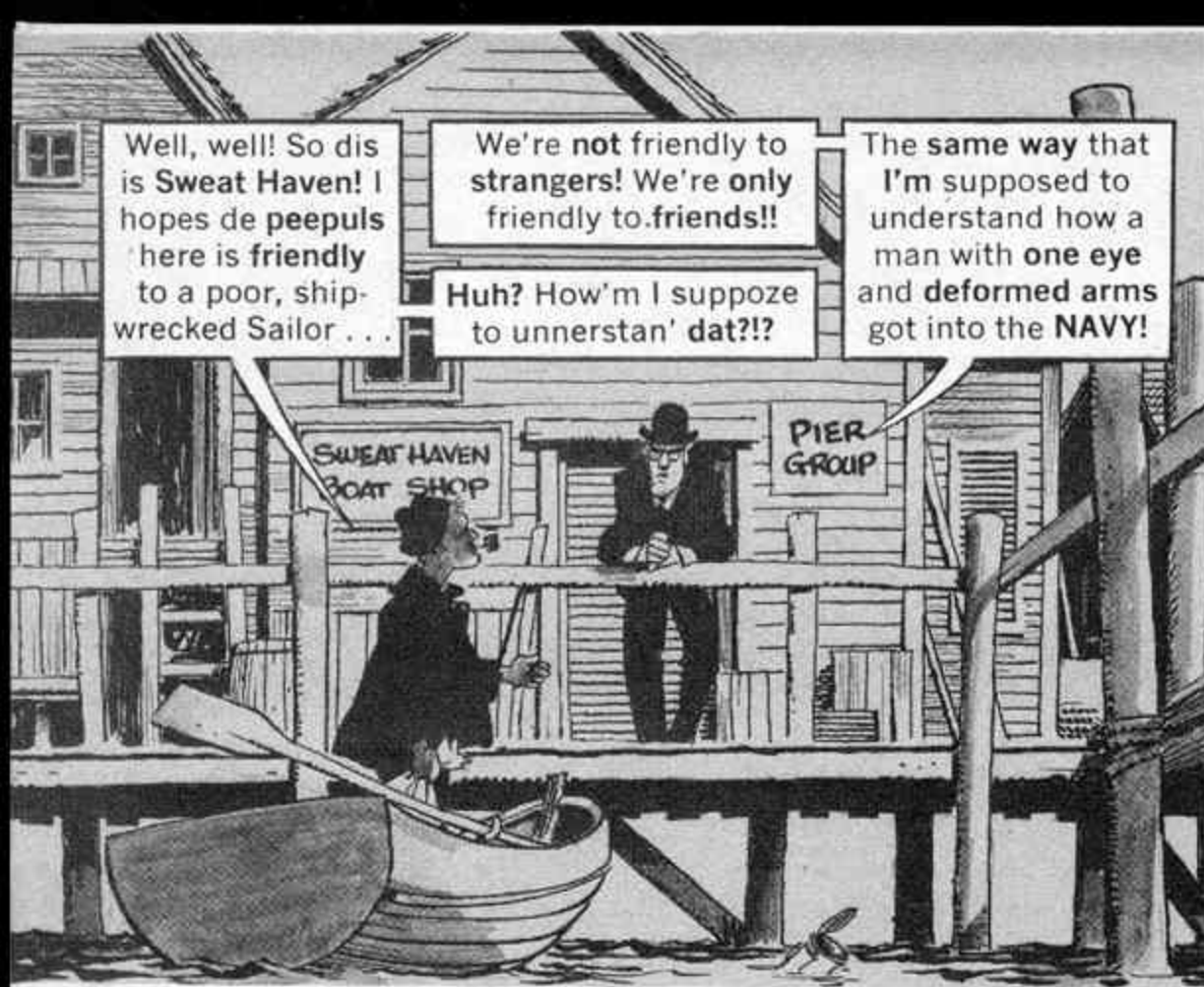
How come??

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



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.



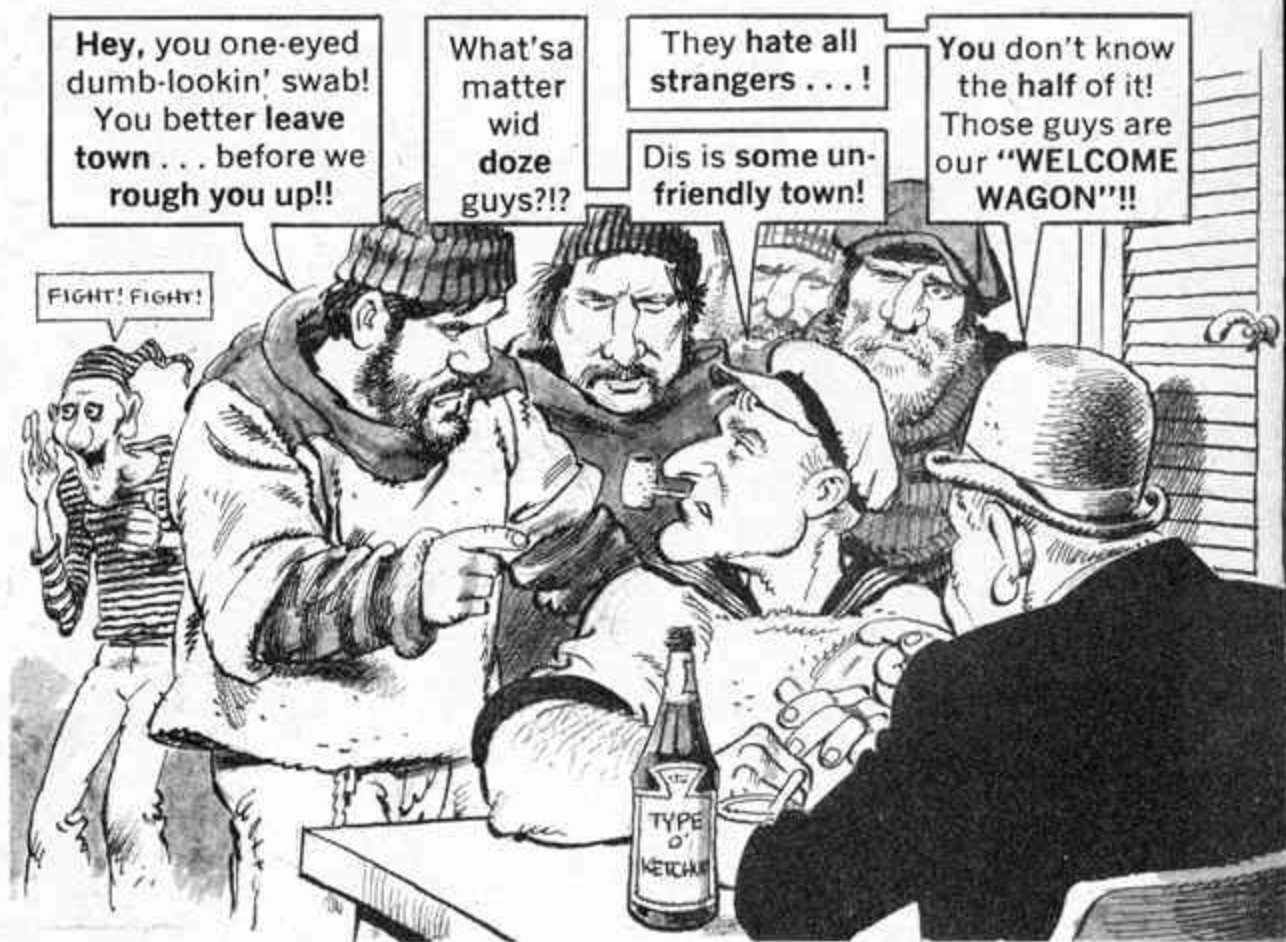


So you're looking for your long lost Father, eh?

Dat's right! Me Pappy ran off an' left me when I wuz just a mere infink!

Your Mother must have been very upset!

Not really! She ran off WID HIM!



Hey, you one-eyed dumb-lookin' swab! You better leave town . . . before we rough you up!!

What'sa matter wid doze guys?!!

They hate all strangers . . . !
Dis is some unfriendly town!

You don't know the half of it! Those guys are our "WELCOME WAGON"!!

FIGHT! FIGHT!



It amazes me how he can beat them up without any help!!

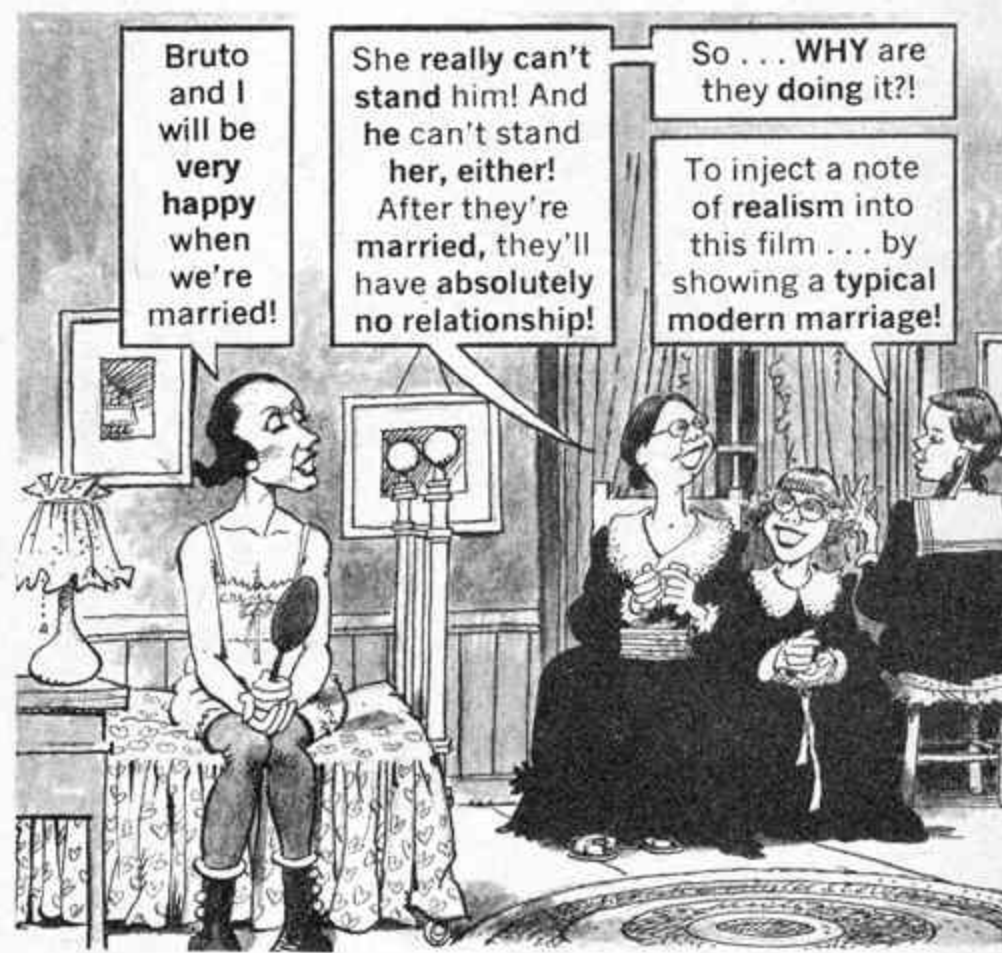
It amazes ME how he can beat up ANYBODY widout any SPINACH! I always eats spinach before I beats up anybody! Dis pitchur is sure confoozin'!

THUD!

POW!

JORDASS

COOH!



Bruto and I will be very happy when we're married!

She really can't stand him! And he can't stand her, either! After they're married, they'll have absolutely no relationship!

So . . . WHY are they doing it?!

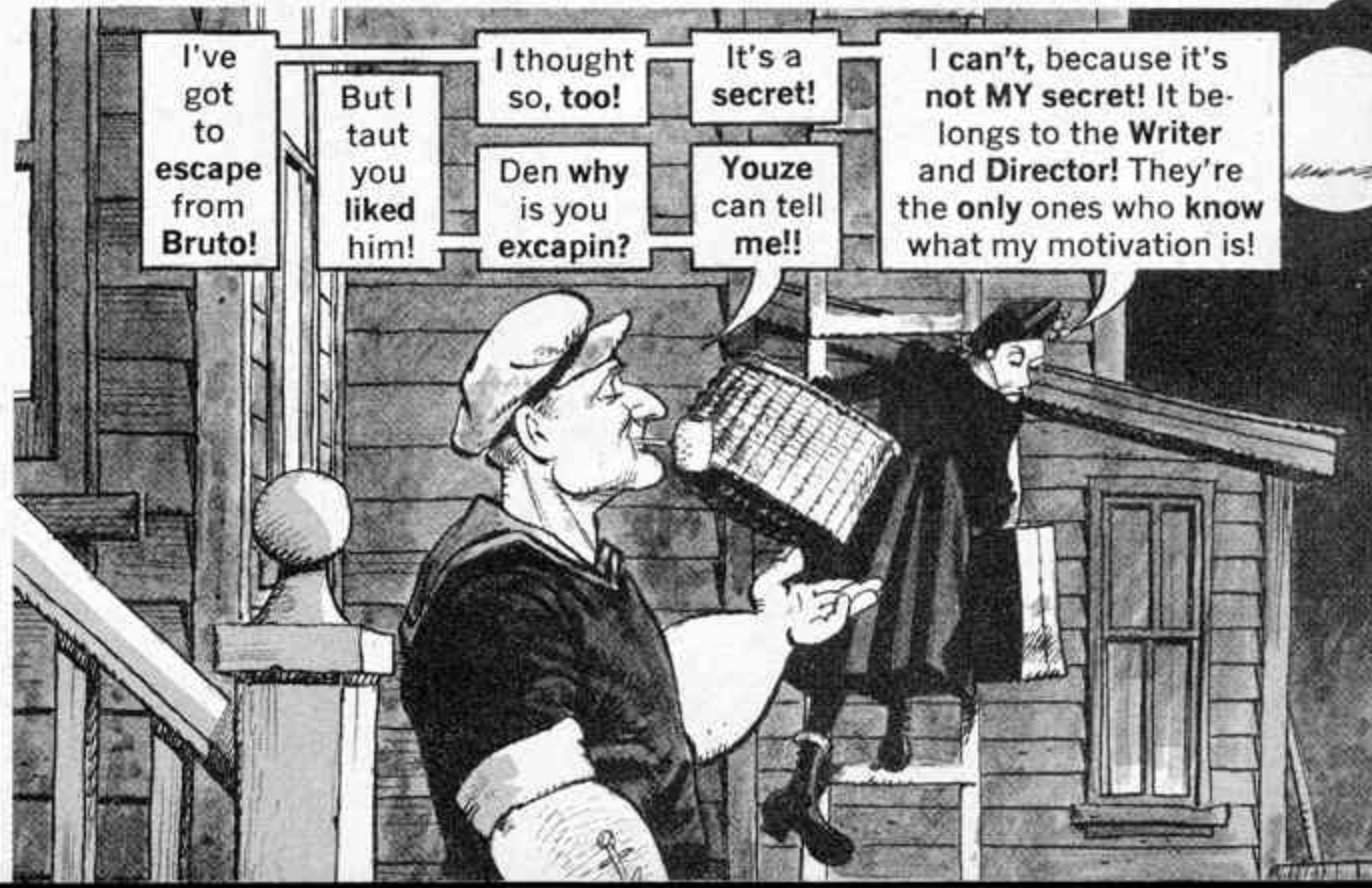
To inject a note of realism into this film . . . by showing a typical modern marriage!



Grrrrr! Arrrgh!

Do you think Bruto wants Olives Oil for her body?

No . . . in spite of it!



I've got to escape from Bruto!

But I taut you liked him!

I thought so, too! Den why is you excapin?

It's a secret! Youze can tell me!!

I can't, because it's not MY secret! It belongs to the Writer and Director! They're the only ones who know what my motivation is!



Olives, youze is different from de udder goils I know!

Really?! What am I like?

Like de udder BOYS I know!



Olives is gone... and Bruto is furious!!

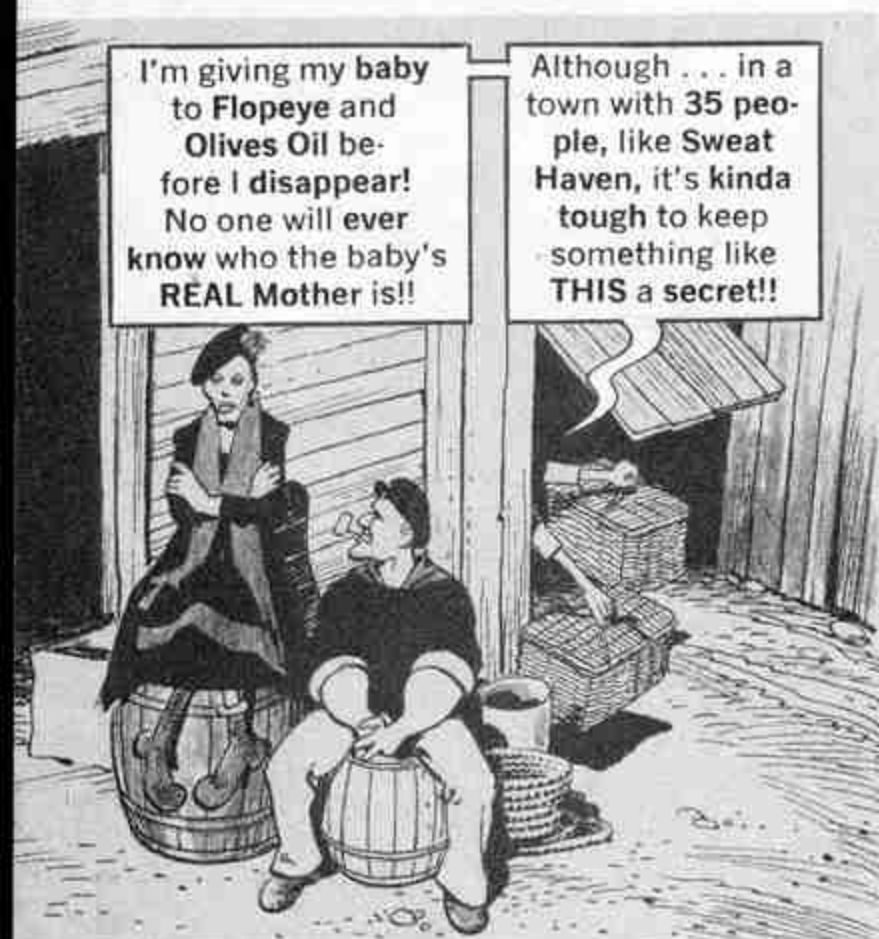
How can he smash up all the furniture like that?!!

He used to work for a Moving Company!



Take THAT, you squint-eyed runt!!

Hey, hold on a minute! How comes I kin knock out five tough guys just seven panels ago, an' now I can't even defend myself against one tub of lard like him? Dis pitchur makes less an' less sense as it goes on!



I'm giving my baby to Flopeye and Olives Oil before I disappear! No one will ever know who the baby's REAL Mother is!!

Although... in a town with 35 people, like Sweat Haven, it's kinda tough to keep something like THIS a secret!!



Hey! Look at dis baby poison!

Should we keep him, Flopeye?

Sure ting! He's a lucky kid! He'll have me for a Fadder! I'll always protext him!

And I'll be his Mother so he's twice as lucky!

Hmmm! I'm not so sure about dat!! What do you mean?!!

He might be in trouble if he needs to be breast fed!



Since you cannot pay your incredibly high taxes, you must lose your home!!

Why are they DOING this?

To inject another note of REALISM into this movie!!

I THINK I'LL ASK HIM!

BROOKE SHIELDS WOULD BE O.K.... IF SHE WEARS A DRESS.

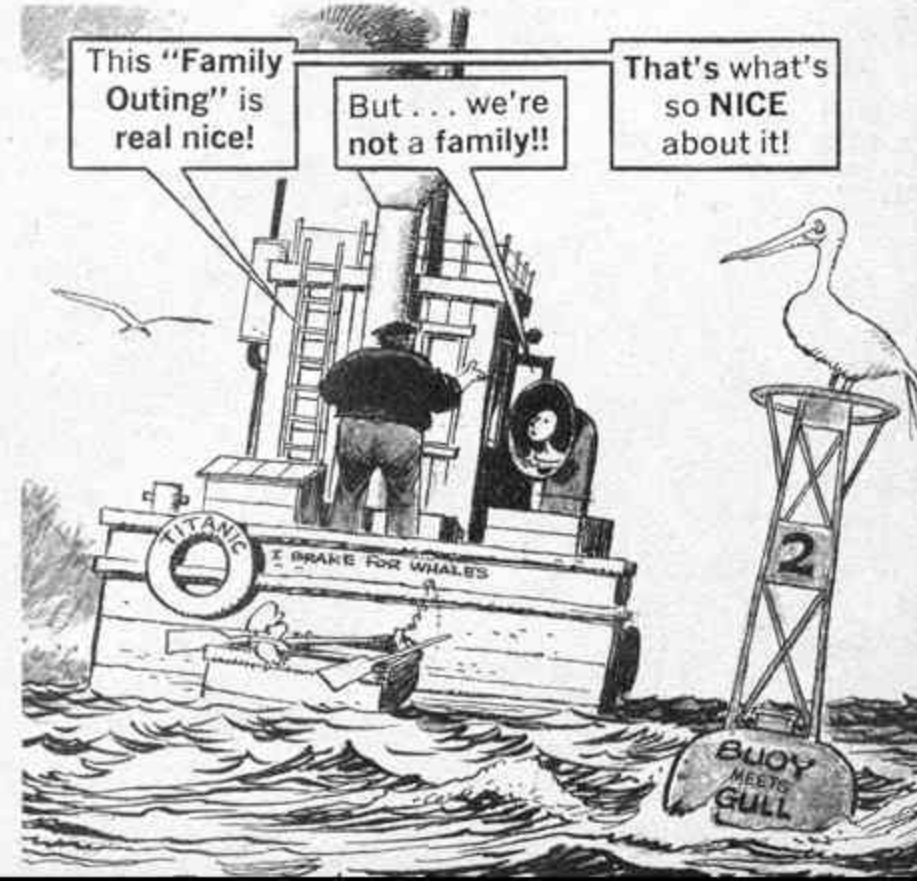
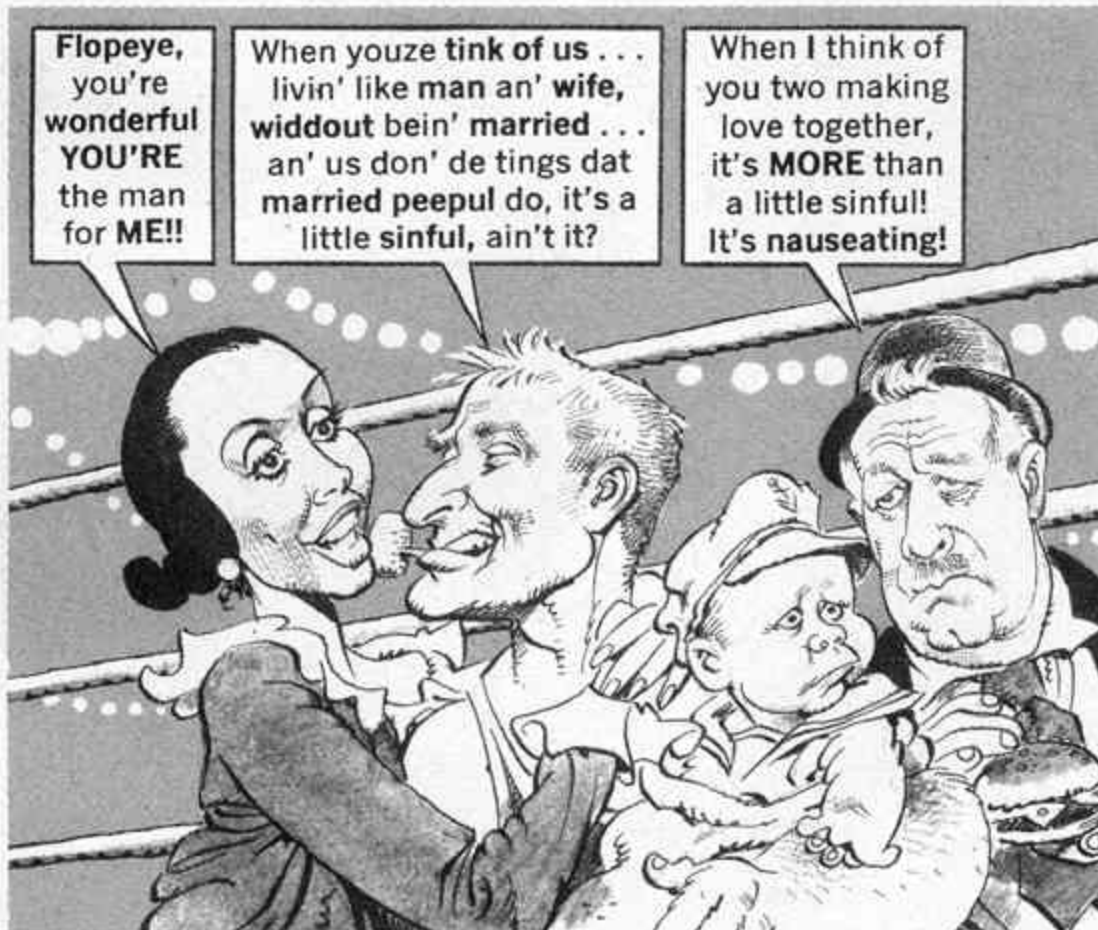
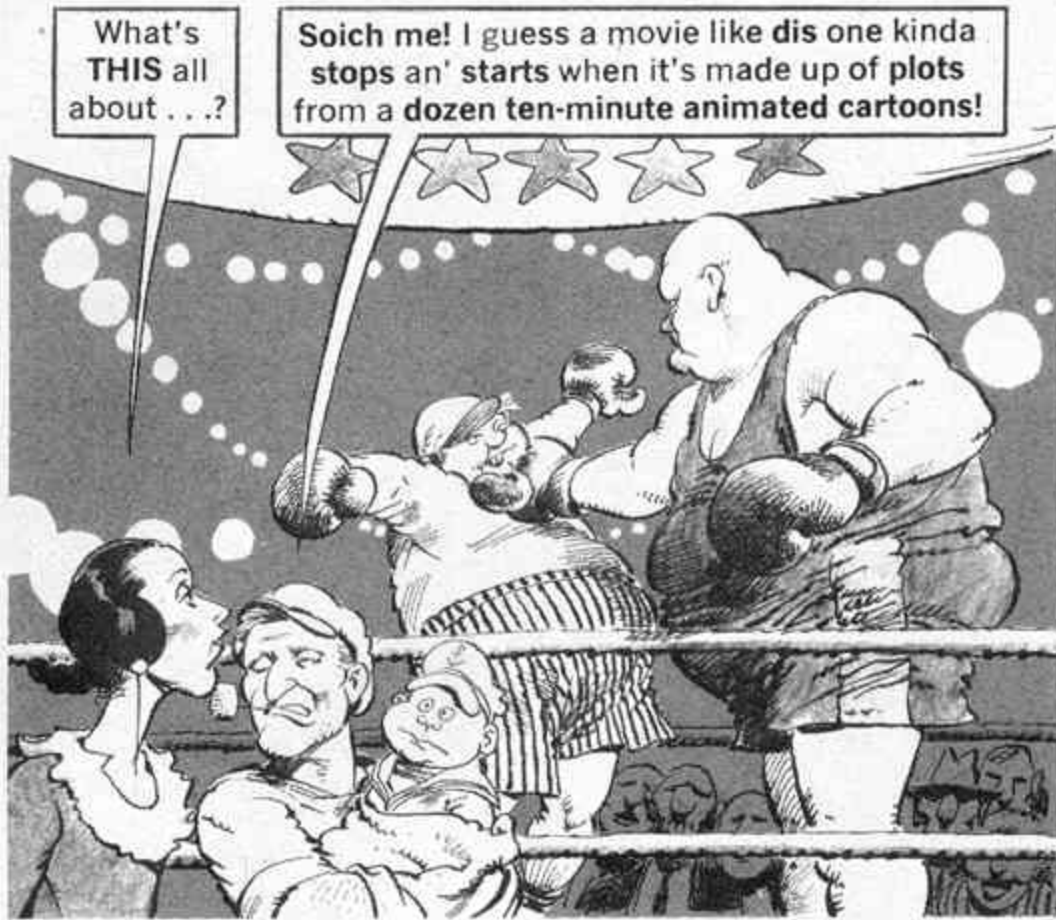


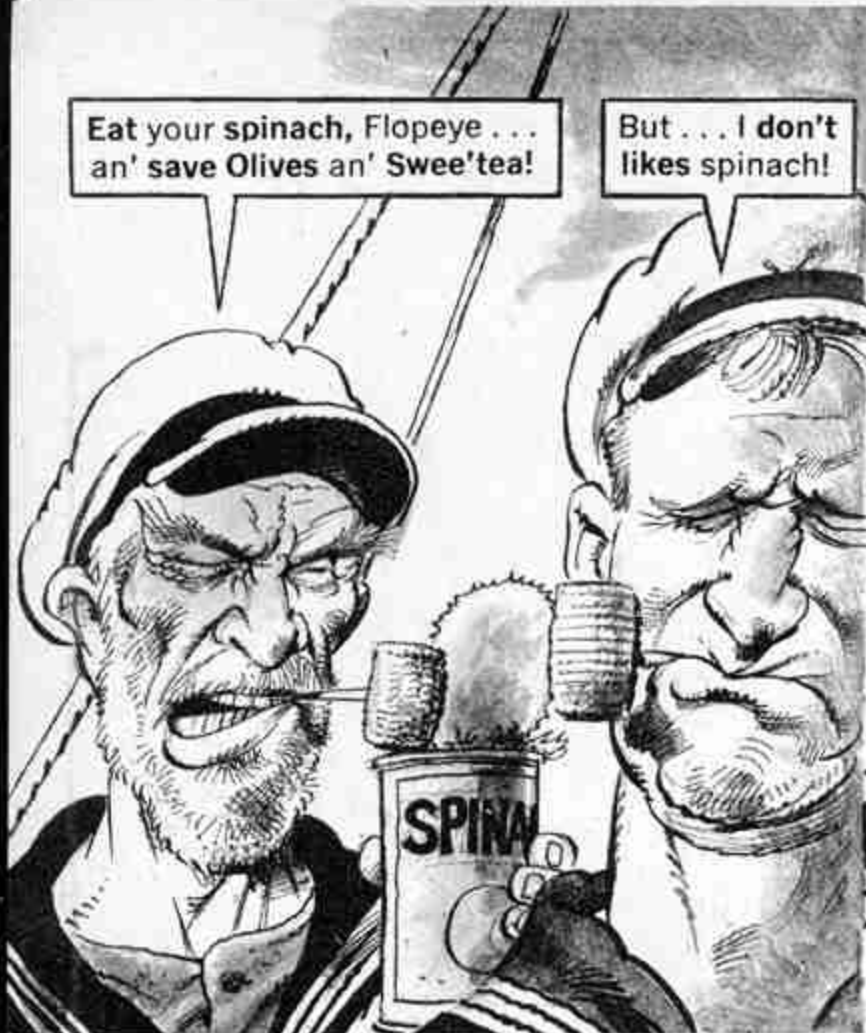
I hates t' make a pest of me-self, but does anyone out dere know what business Olives' Fadder, Mr. Oil, is in...?

Or for dat matter, what ANYONE in Sweet Haven does for a livin...?

Just taut I'd axe!

I'D CONSIDER LASSIE.



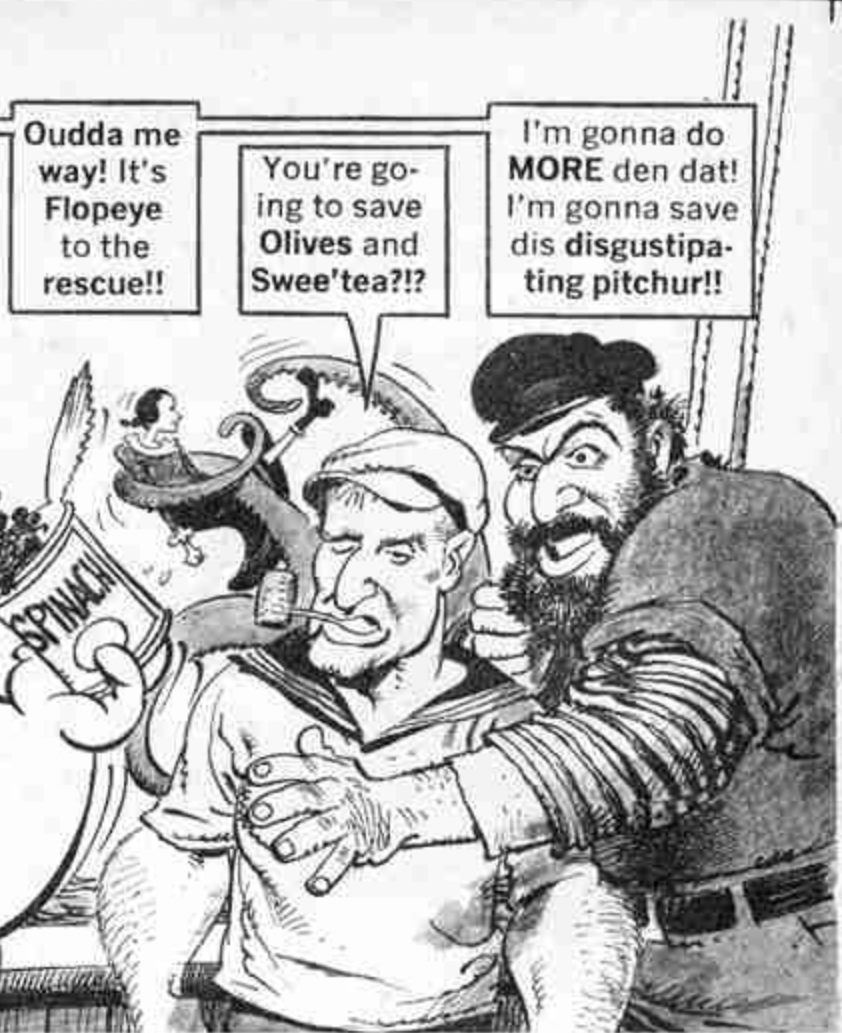


Eat your spinach, Flopeye . . . an' save Olives an' Swee'tea!

But . . . I don't likes spinach!



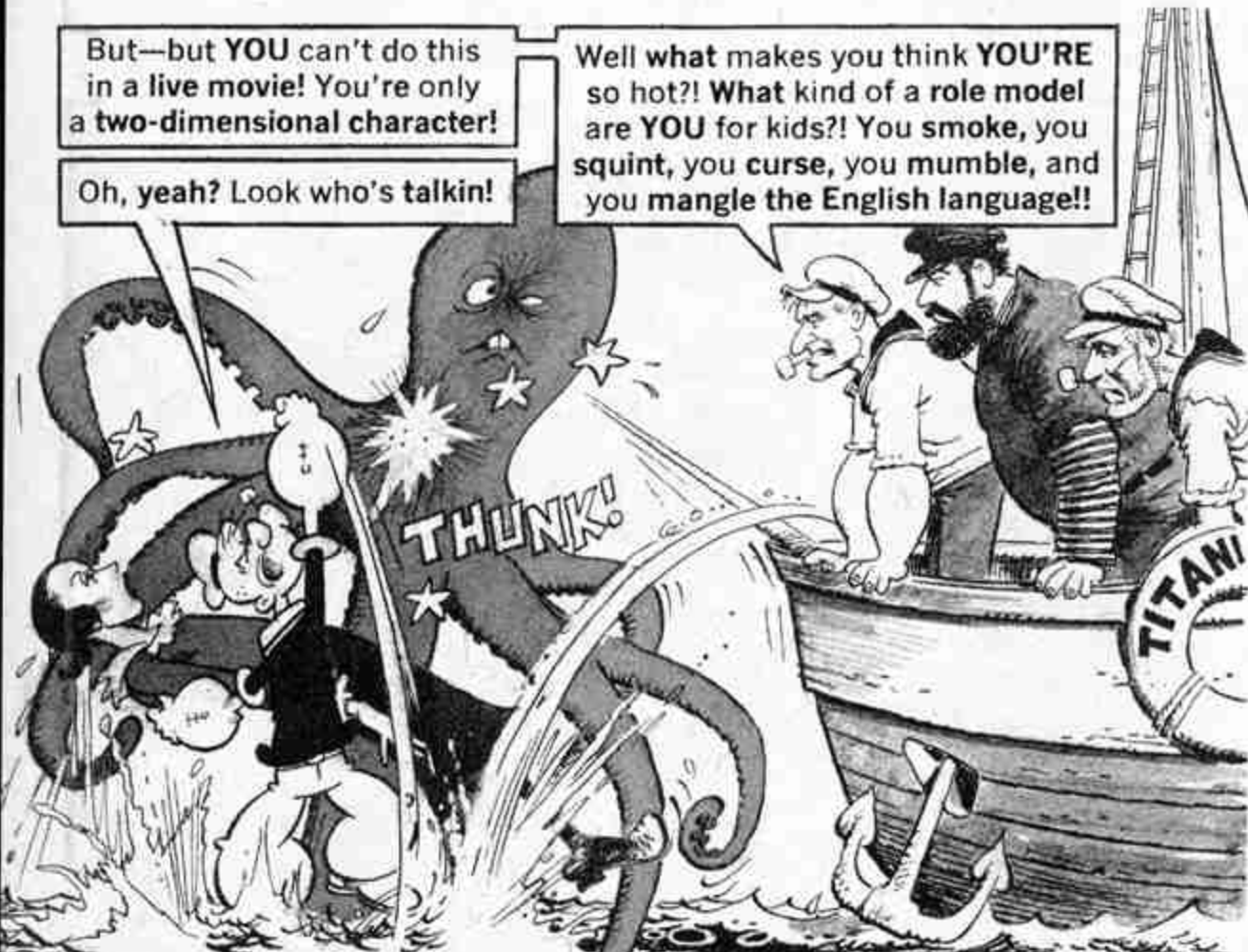
What de hell is dis?! Since when don't I likes spinach!? Everyone in de woild knows Flopeye loves spinach! Everyone except the goofs who made this pitchur . . .!



Oudda me way! It's Flopeye to the rescue!!

You're going to save Olives and Swee'tea!?!?

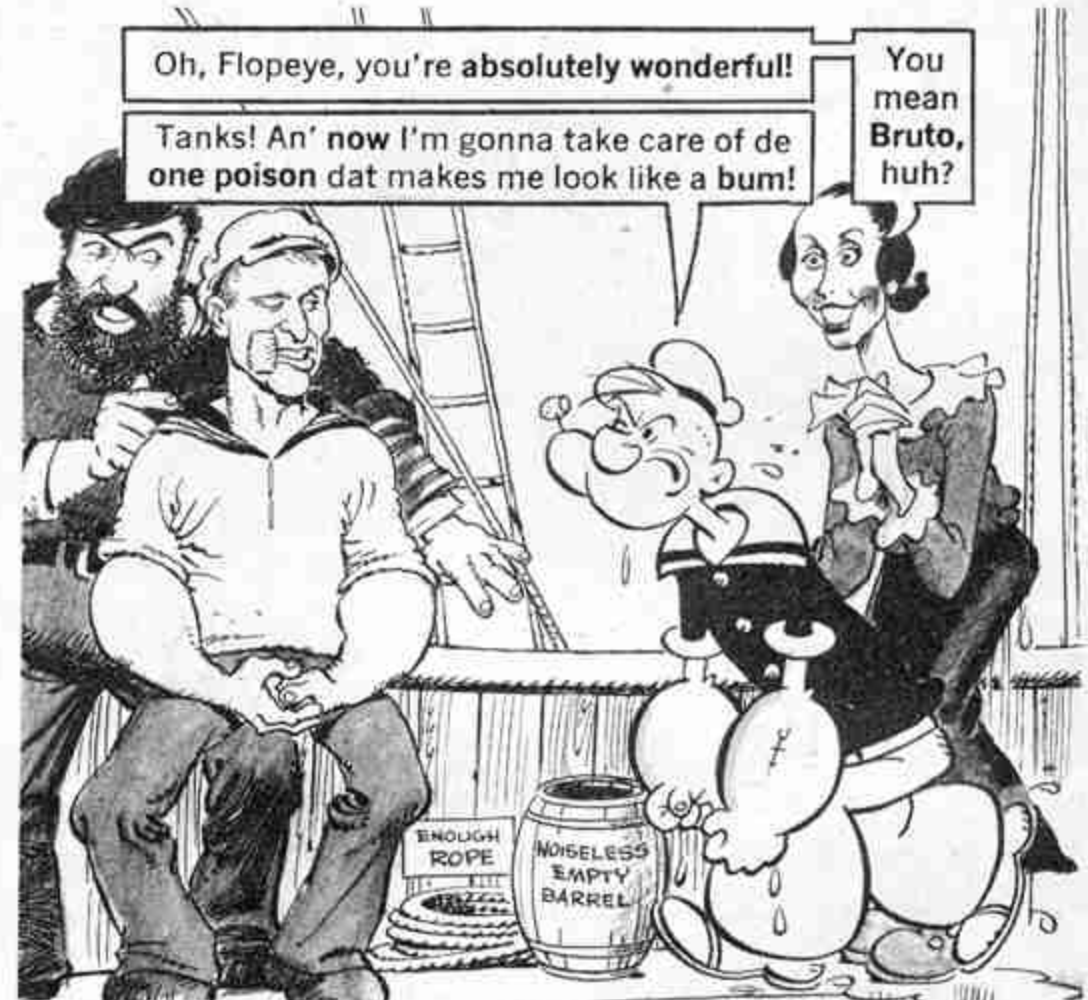
I'm gonna do MORE den dat! I'm gonna save dis disgustipating pitchur!!



But—but **YOU** can't do this in a live movie! You're only a **two-dimensional** character!

Oh, yeah? Look who's talkin'!

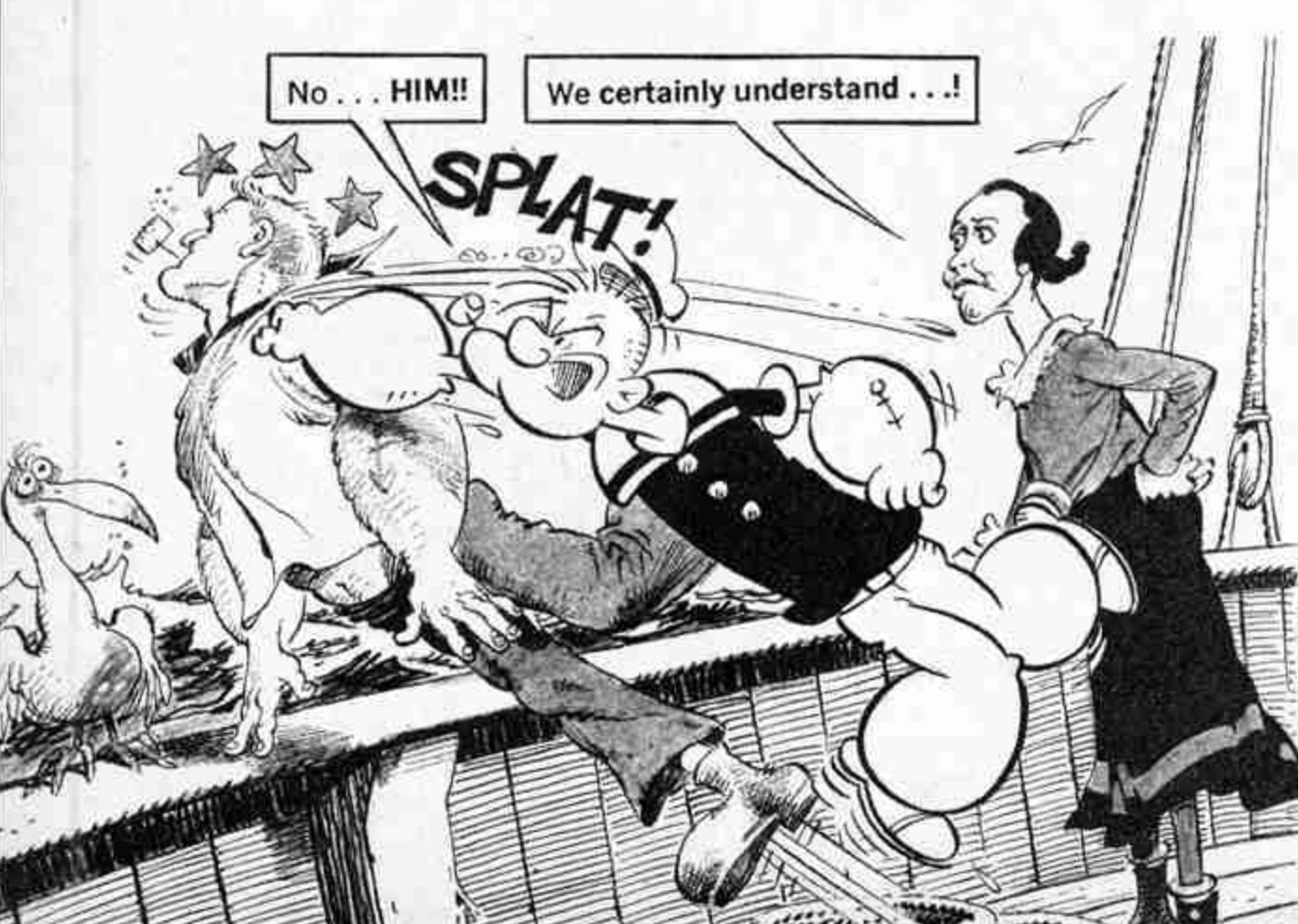
Well what makes you think **YOU'RE** so hot?! What kind of a role model are **YOU** for kids?! You smoke, you squint, you curse, you mumble, and you mangle the English language!!



Oh, Flopeye, you're absolutely wonderful!

Tanks! An' now I'm gonna take care of de one poison dat makes me look like a bum!

You mean Bruto, huh?



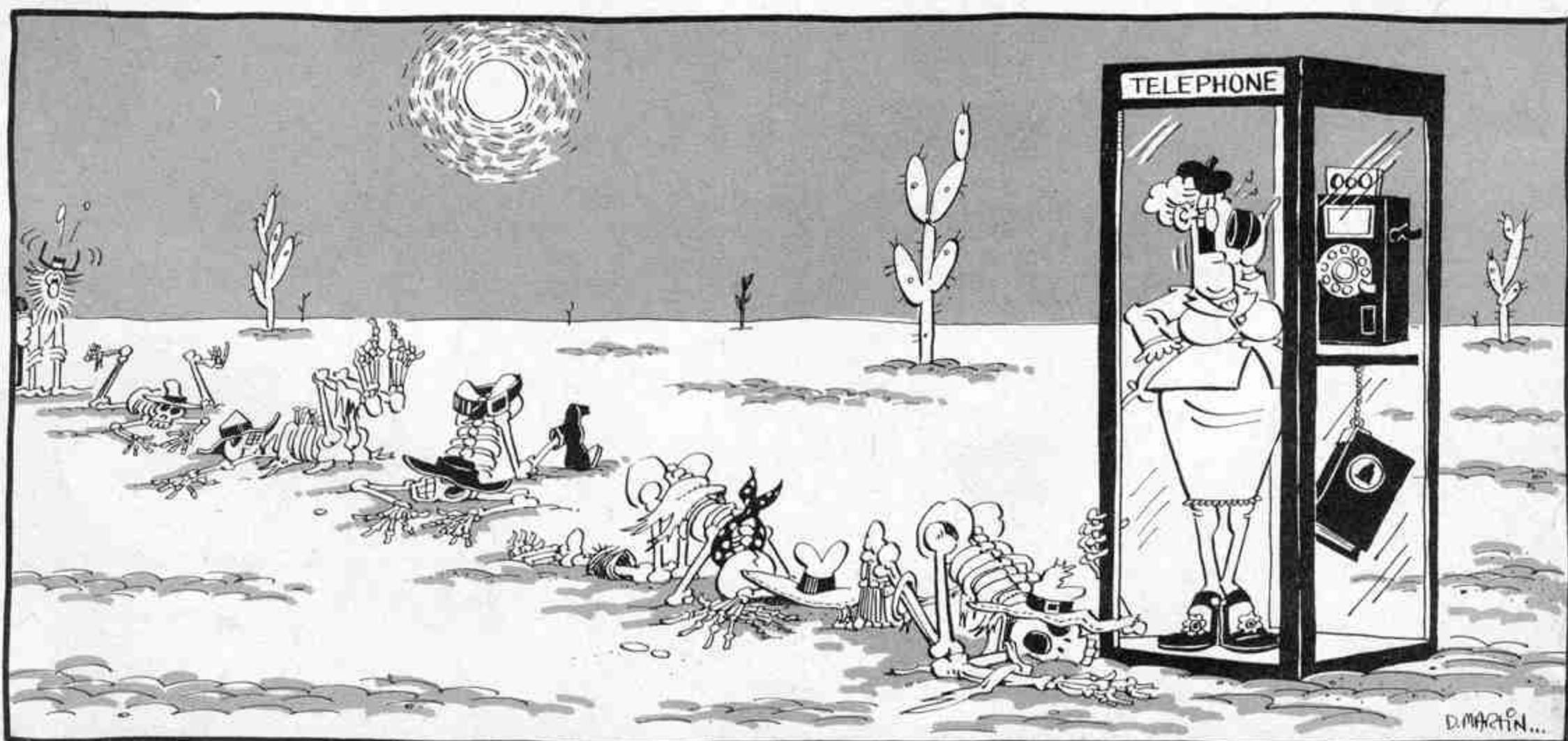
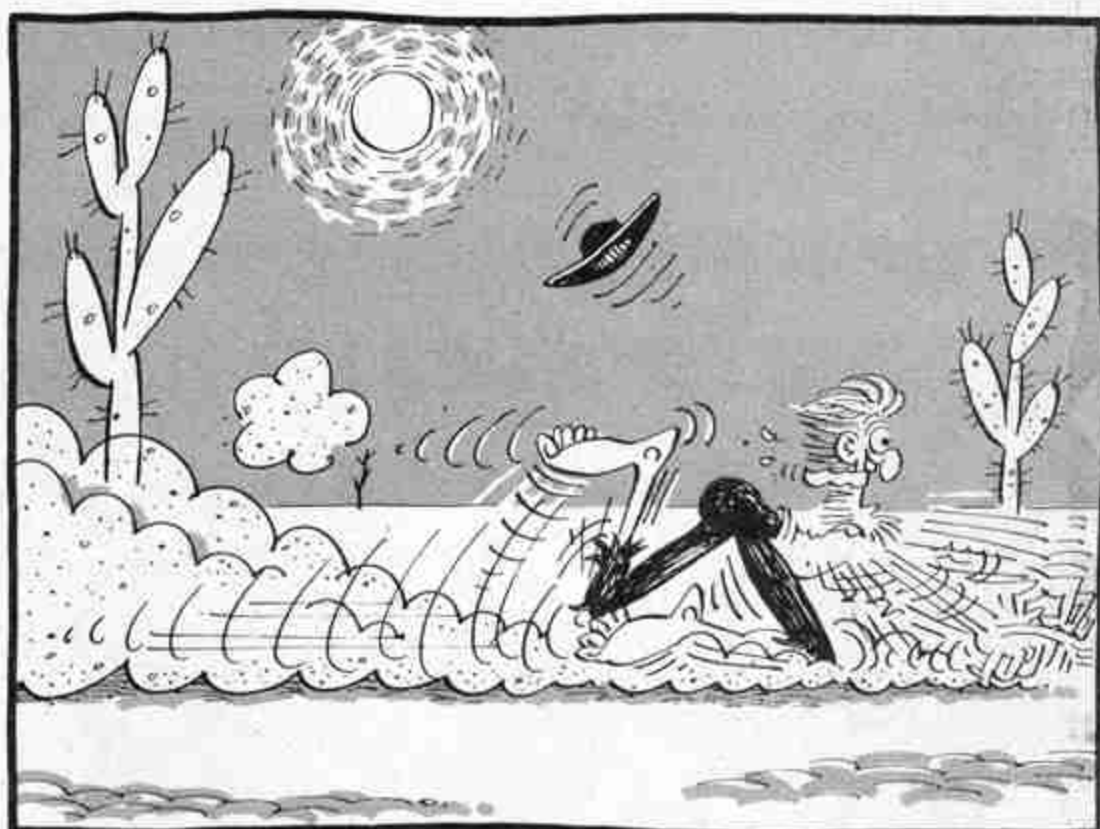
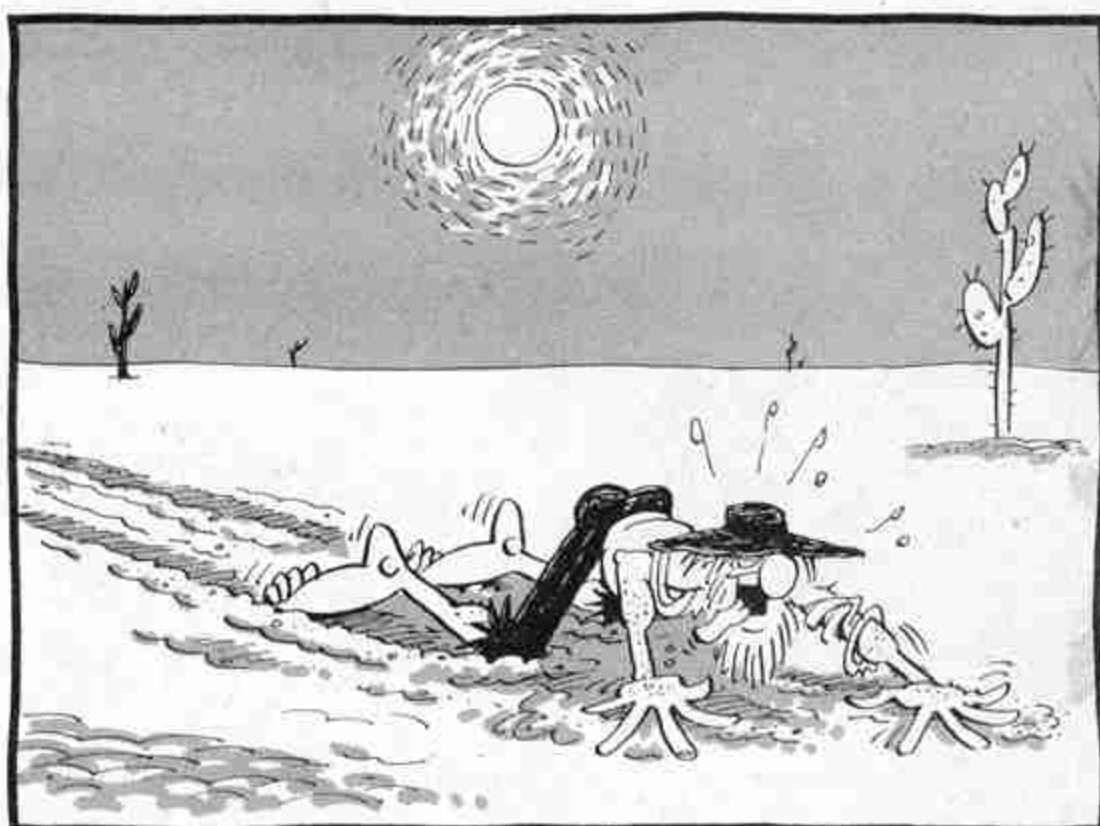
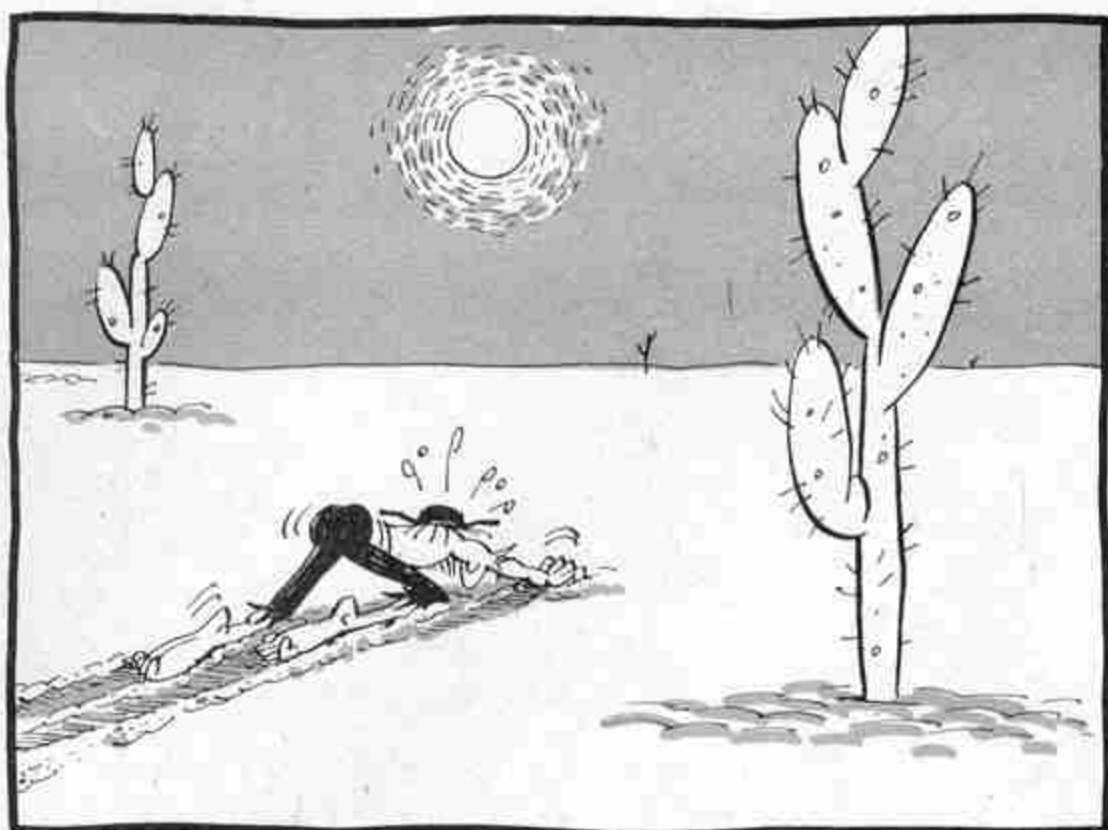
No . . . HIM!!

We certainly understand . . .!



An' to all me fans . . . if I gots any **LEFT** after dis pitchur . . . I apologizes profoosely! I means, I **YAM** what I **YAM** . . . but **DAT** guy wuzn't even **CLOSE**!!

ONE BLAZING HOT DAY ON THE DESERT.



INSIDE POOP DEPT.
**A MAD LOOK
AT SOME...**

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

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WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



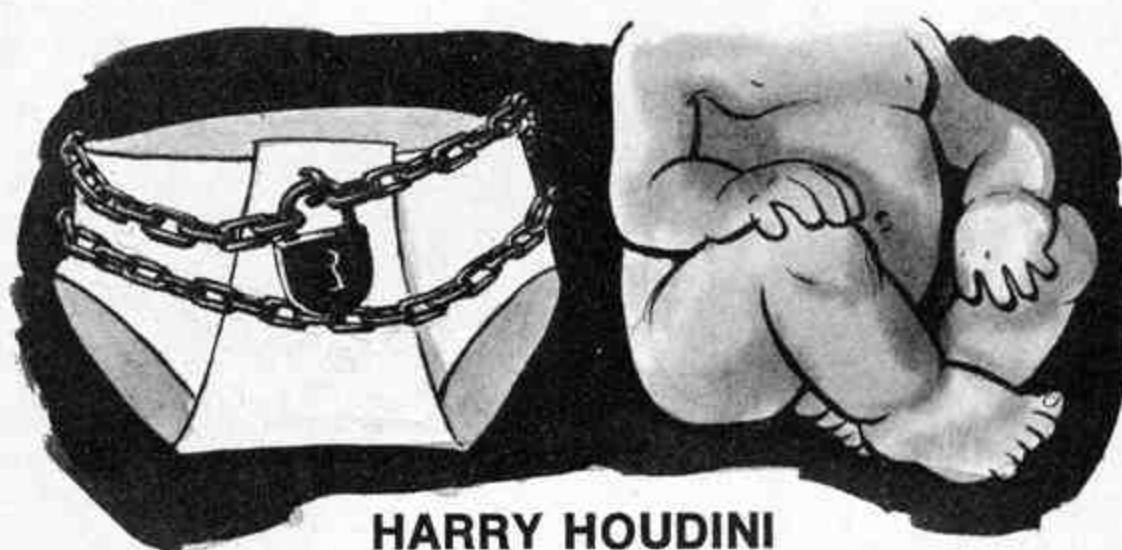
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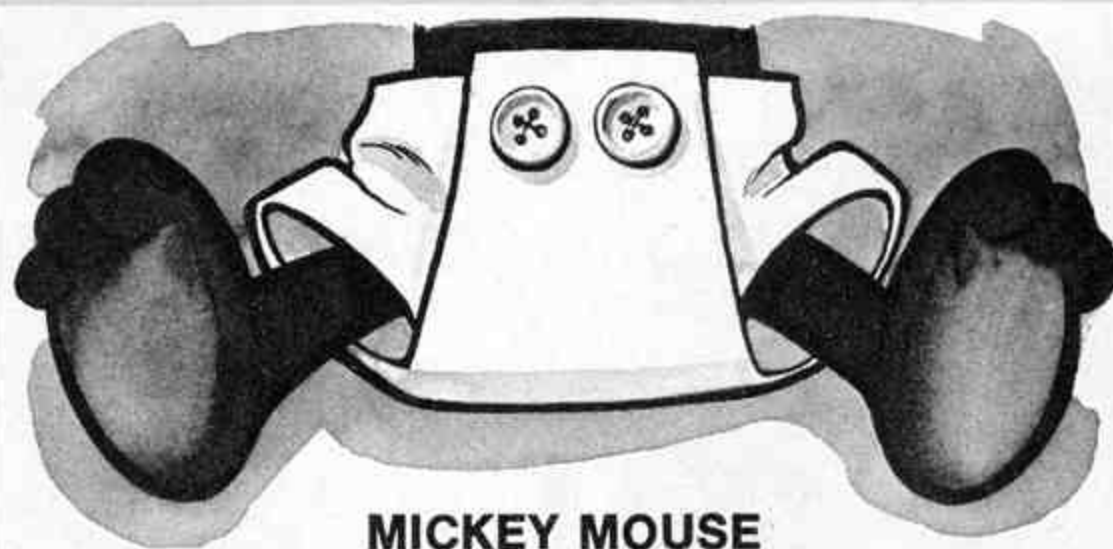
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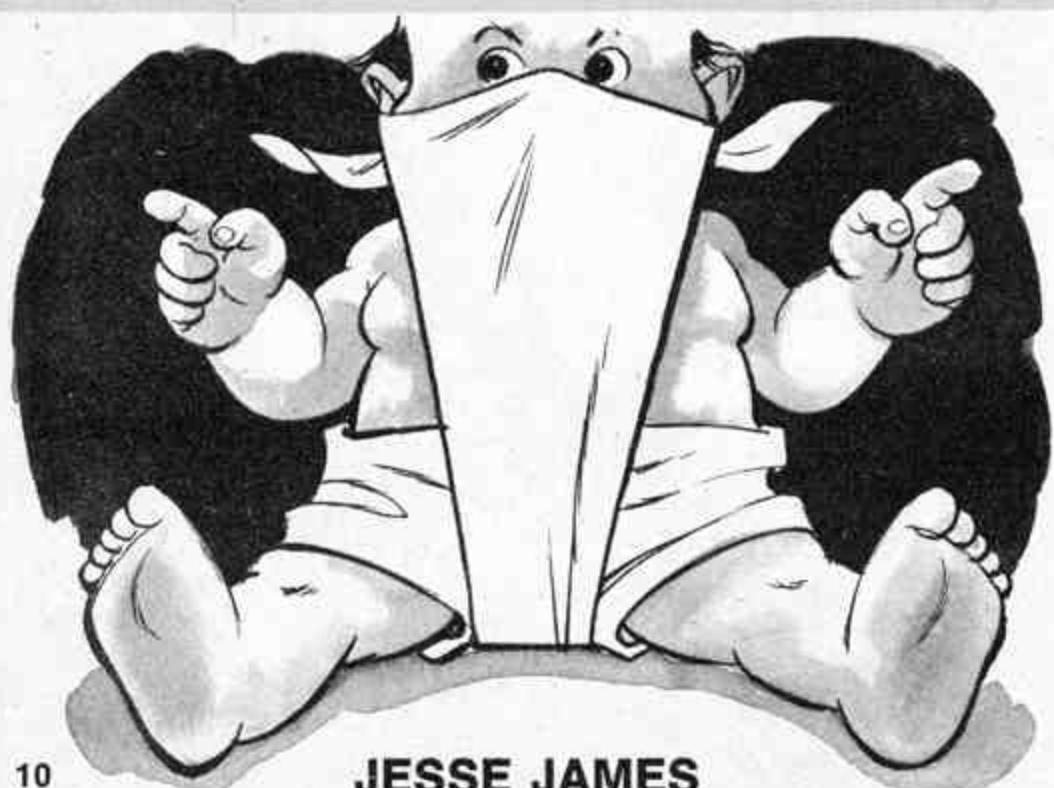
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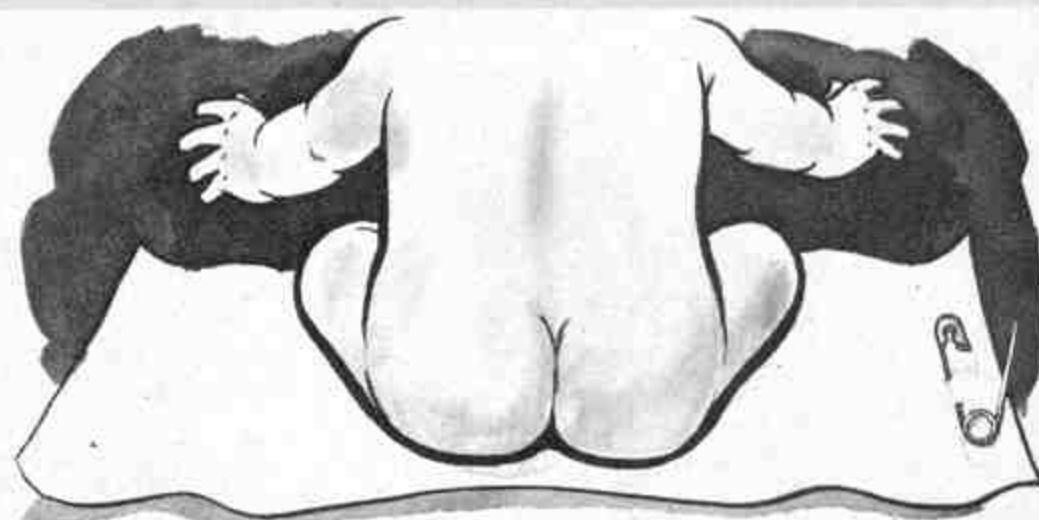
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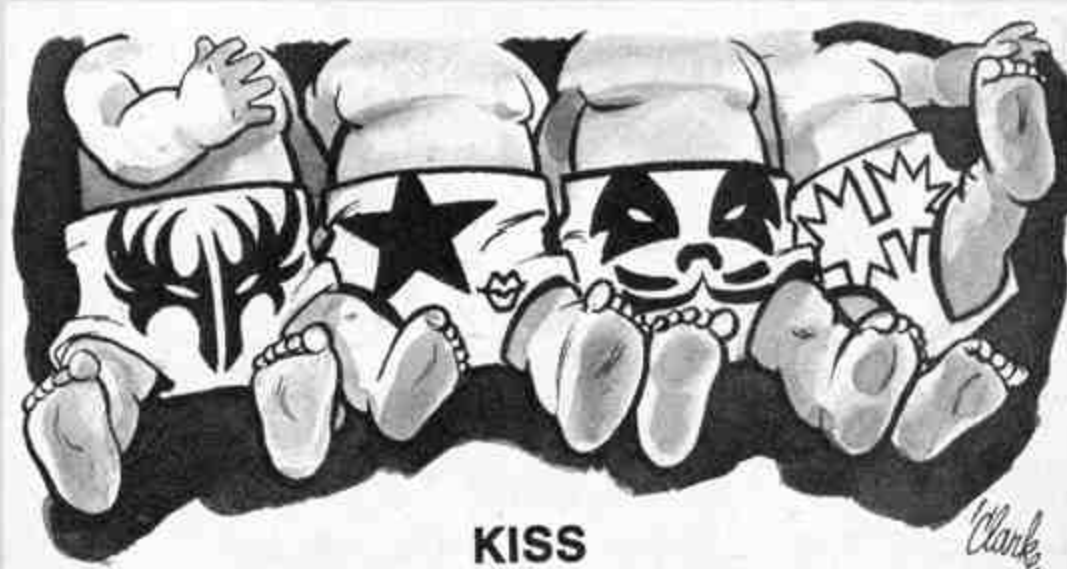
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IF THEY CAN PUT A MAN ON THE

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS



... invent a parking meter that can make change of a dollar bill!?



... market a roll of Scotch tape that's easy to start every time!?



... devise a "child proof" medicine bottle that isn't also adult-proof!?



... design a raffle ticket that has enough space for you to write your name, address and telephone number!?



... invent a "Smoke Detector" that knows the difference between a real fire and a hamburger that's cooking!?



... make a better-grade golf shirt that doesn't have a tacky little animal insignia over the pocket!?



12 ... make a "permanent press" garment that doesn't need touching up with a cool iron!?



... develop an effective way to keep fast-food French fries hot!?



... knit a better-looking toupee for Howard Cosell!?

MOON, THEN WHY CAN'T THEY...

WRITER: JOHN FICARRA



... make a toaster that actually toasts the way the dial is set!?



... invent an electric can opener whose blade is easy to keep clean!?



... manufacture ice cube trays that allow for easy removal of the cubes!?



... manufacture a ballpoint pen that doesn't leave a little blob of ink on the page whenever you start to write!?



... construct a picture frame that doesn't slide crooked every time someone walks by it!?



... develop a clear plastic wrap that doesn't bunch up and cling together the second you pull it off the roll!?



... print a newspaper that doesn't make your hands black as you read!?



... judge ahead of time that a motion picture or a Broadway play is a bomb!?



... manufacture a helicopter that can actually reach Iran!?



... manufacture a box of cookies that can be opened at either end!?



... list the correct "Tonight Show" guests in the paper's TV listings!?



... construct a check and window envelope that line up correctly!?

IF THEY CAN PUT A MAN ON THE



... make a tiny screw for eyeglasses that doesn't come loose regularly!?



... invent a popcorn machine that pops all of the kernels!?

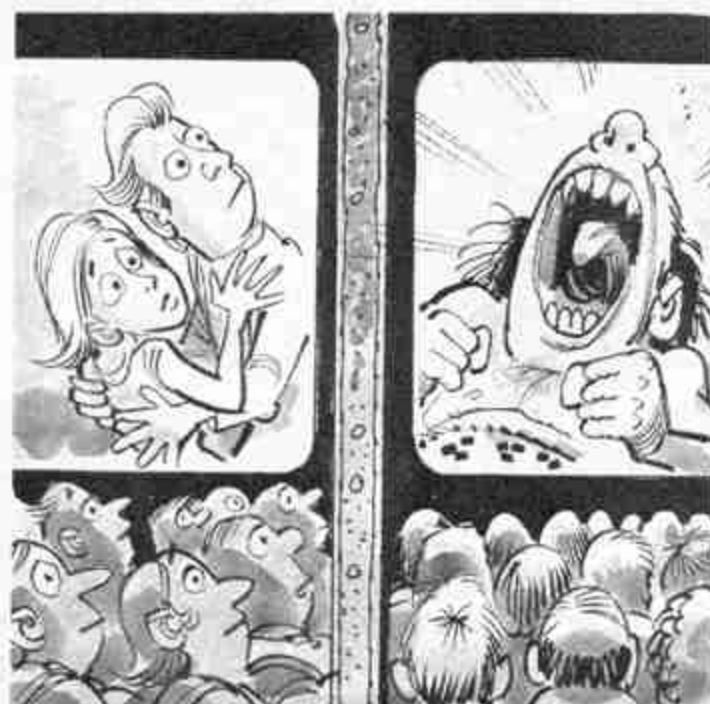


... design a shirt collar that doesn't keep popping out of a man's suit jacket!?

MOON, THEN WHY CAN'T THEY...



... train parking attendants to drive at a normal speed!?



... construct a really sound-proof wall between twin movie theaters!?



... develop a spray deodorant whose fumes don't choke you to death every morning!?

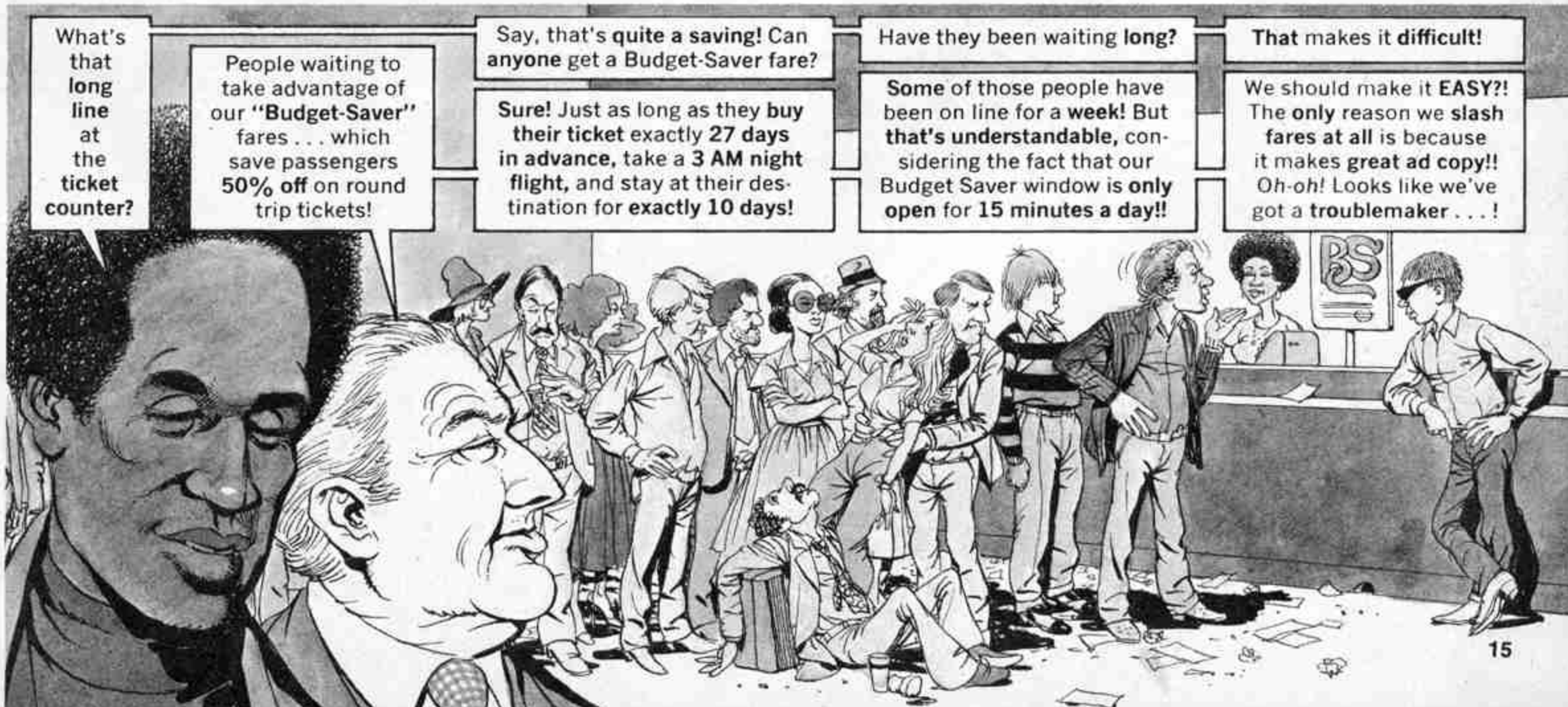
Hi! I'm **O.G. Simpleton**, and I used to run through defensive lines! Then, I ran through airports! And now, I'm running through four pages of **MAD Magazine**, as we bring you an exclusive interview with **Mr. Quincy Widebody** of **American Trans-World United Delta Continental National Airlines**... who was recently named...

MAD'S AIRLINE PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR



ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



I'm booking my flight 27 days in advance! I'm staying in L.A. exactly 10 days! And yet you're turning me down? Why...? WHY?!

I'm sorry, Mr. Wiltfang! Our Budget-Savers do not cover people whose last names begin with "W"

But I've recently **CHANGED** my name —**LEGALLY**—from Jasper Wiltfang to Jasper SMITH!!
... or whose **FIRST** names end with "R"!



Why is that boarding passenger so angry?

The Security Detector is beeping, which means there's something metallic on him!

What if he's carrying keys?

He must remove them!

What about his wrist-watch and neck chain?

He must remove them as well!

And what about the fillings in his teeth?

Now you can see why he's so **ANGRY**!



That woman coming through the Arrivals Gate is in a wheelchair! Is she a handicapped person?

She wasn't when she boarded! Like I said, you probably never sat squeezed for five hours in **COACH** before!!

And that man is being taken off the plane in handcuffs! Is he a terrorist?!!

Worse! He's a **COACH** passenger who tried to talk to a friend riding in **FIRST CLASS**!



Excuse me! How do I get to Boarding Gate 7?

Take the escalator up, then proceed down the corridor to the East Wing! You'll see Gate 7 clearly marked! Have a nice day, and may the Good Lord grant you happiness and make all your wildest dreams come true!



You were extremely helpful and very courteous to her! How come?

She's paying **FULL FARE**... which means maximum profits! Of course, the minute she's boarded and locked in the plane, we can dispense with all the phony politeness!

Who are all those people lined up at the Passenger Service Counter?

They're arriving passengers who've landed here at JFK and discovered to their horror that their luggage has been sent on to Oslo! But don't you worry! It's our job to reunite passengers with their lost luggage!

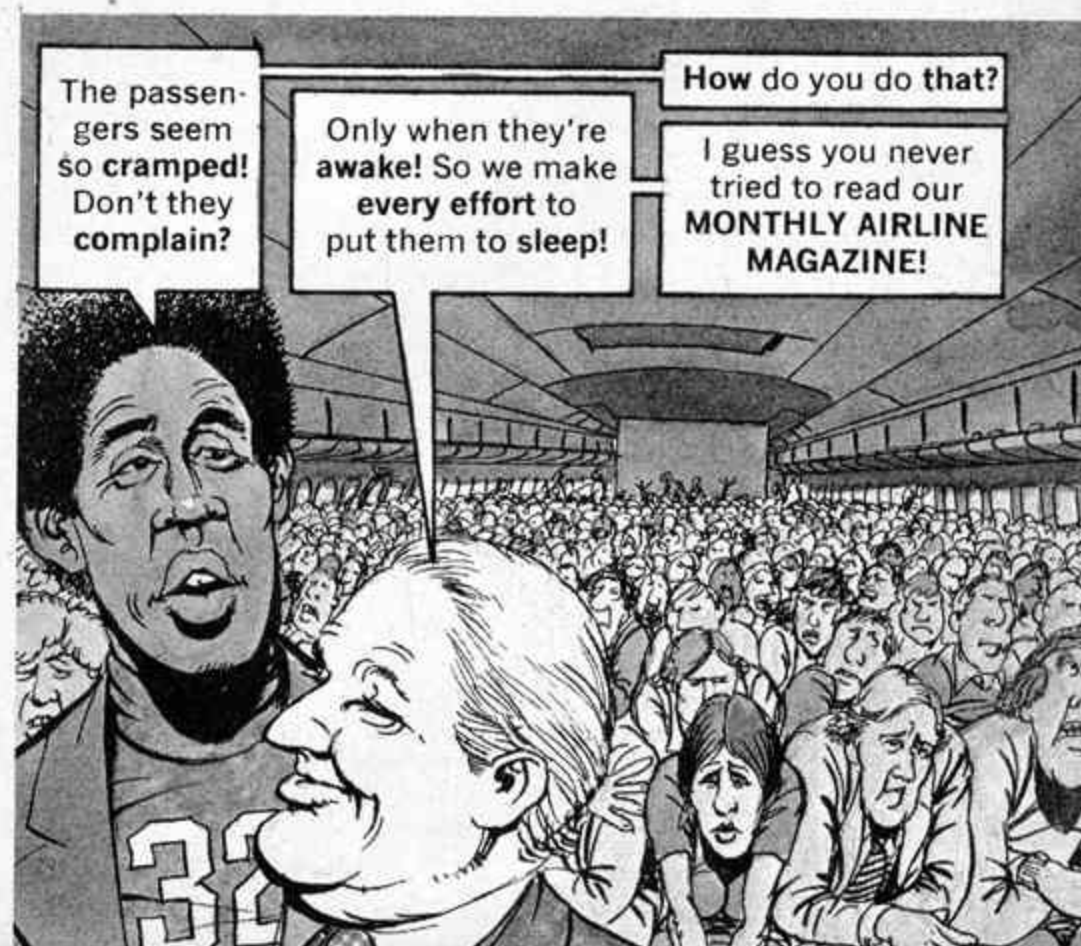
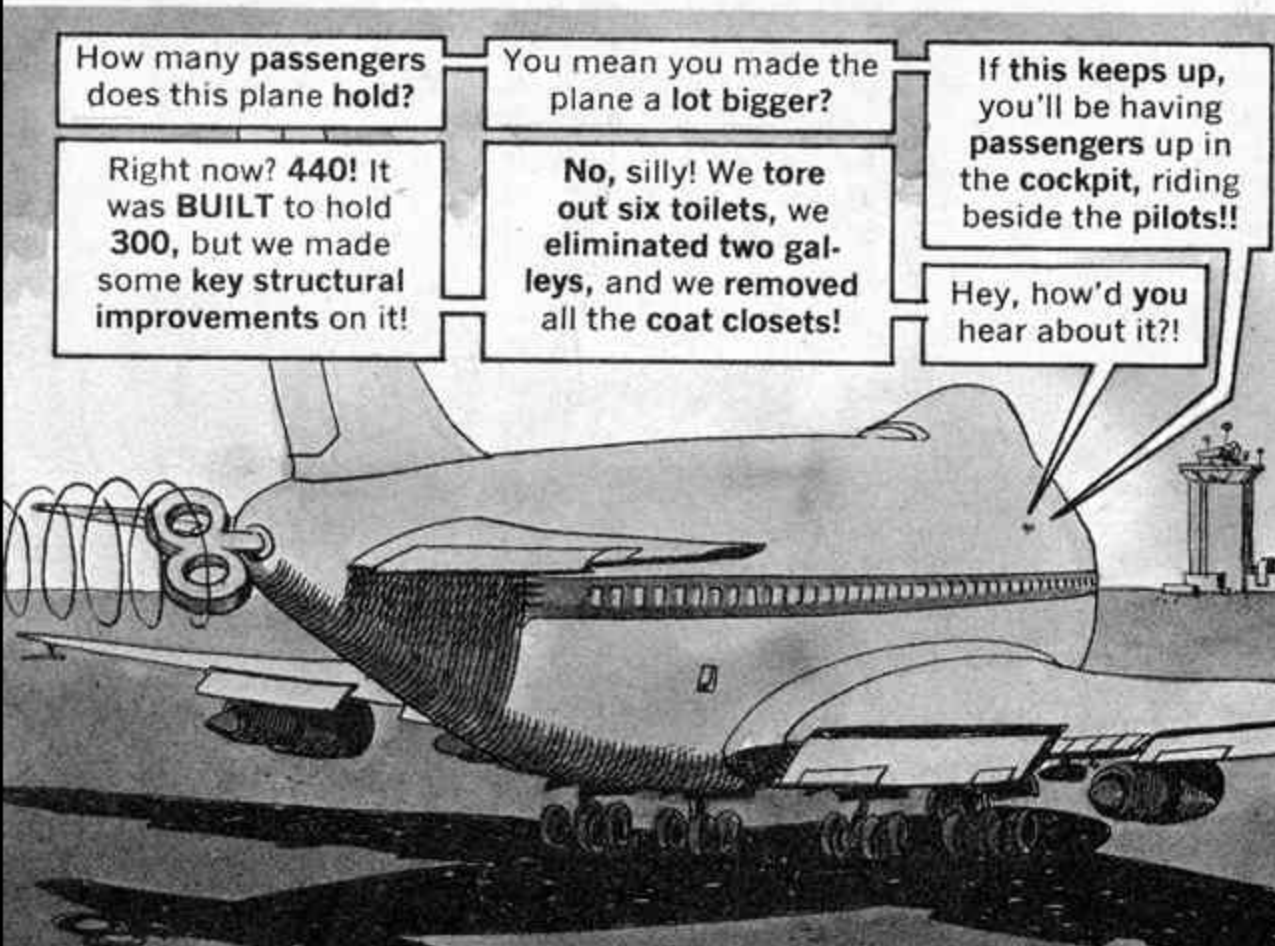
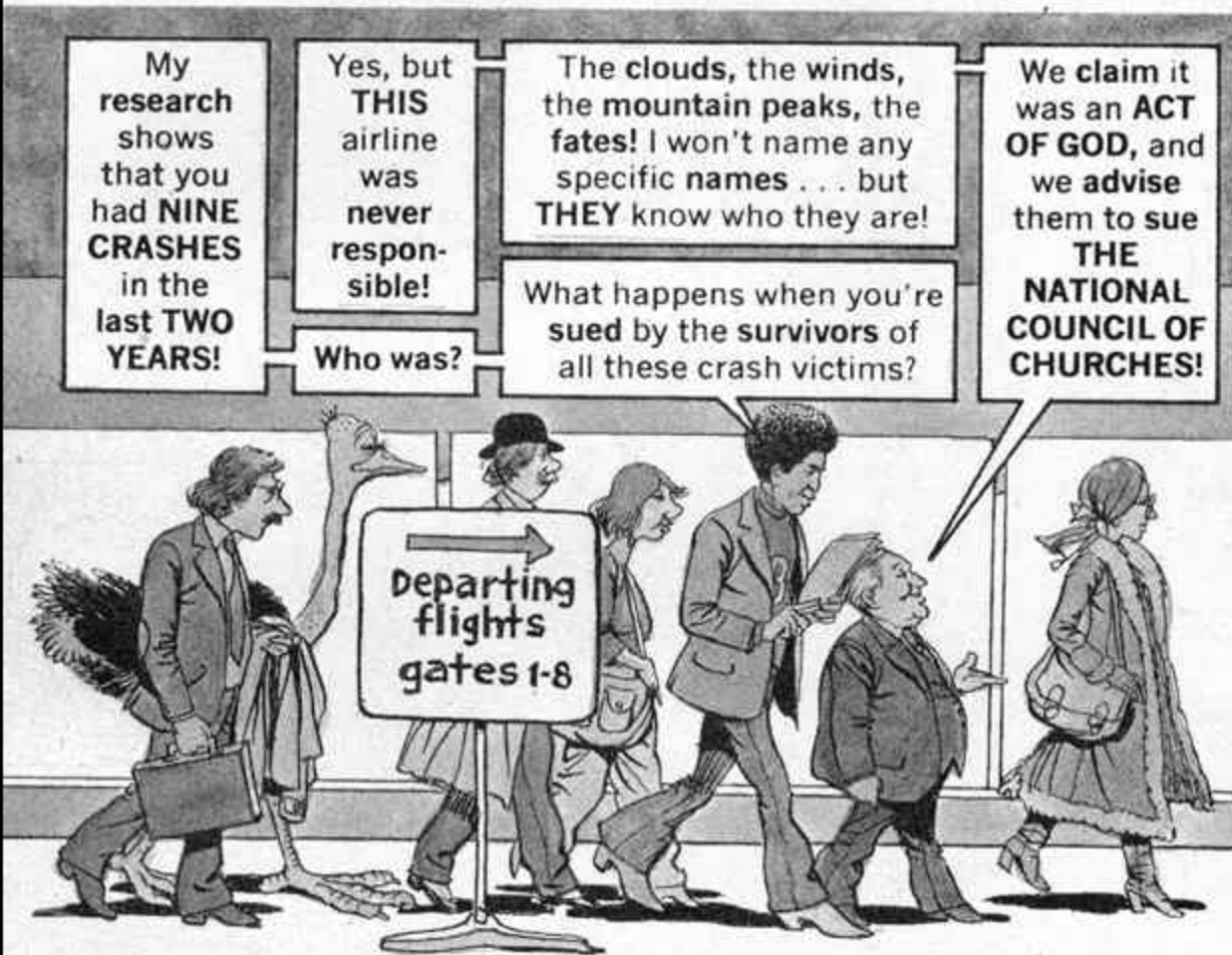
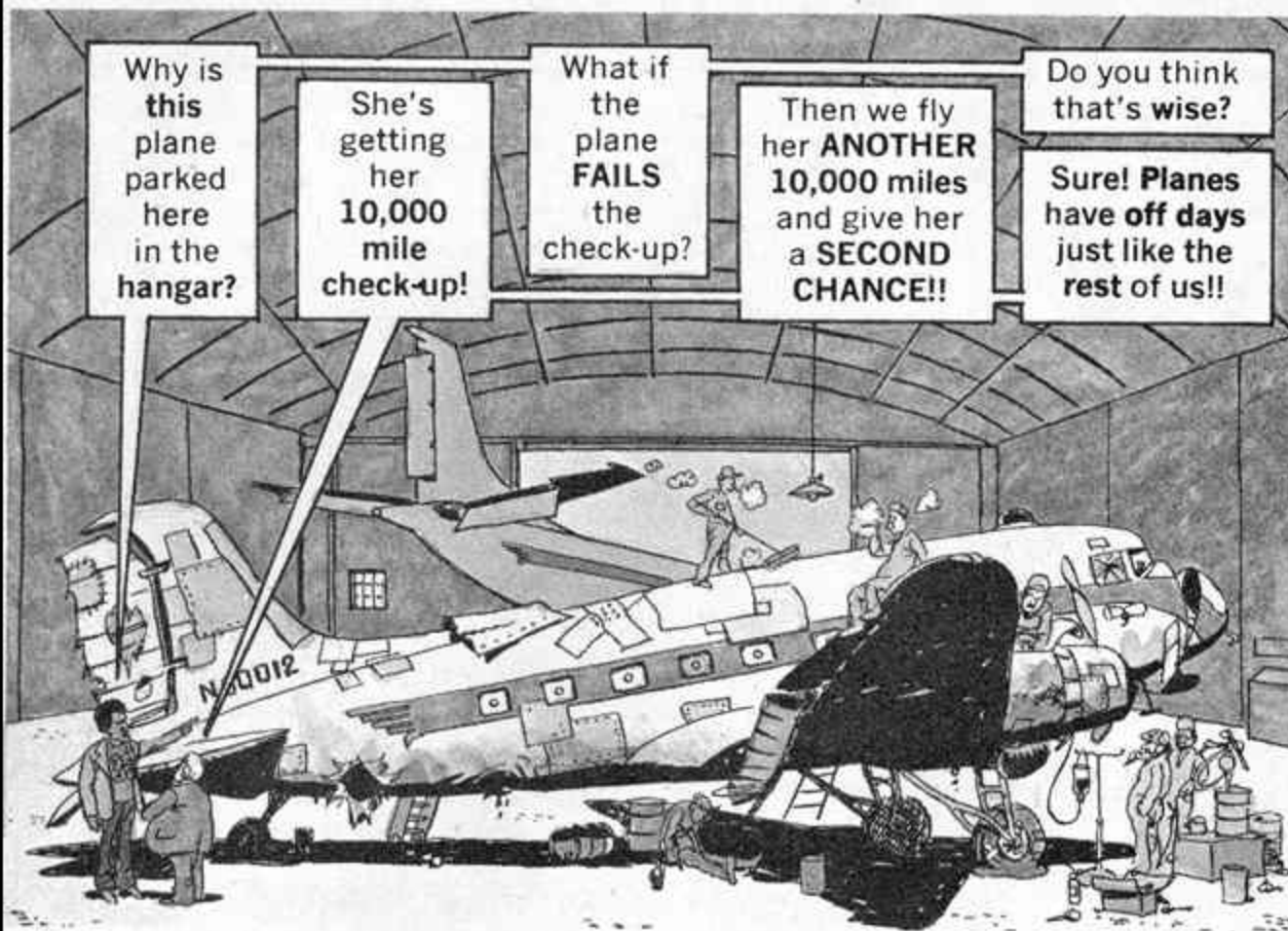
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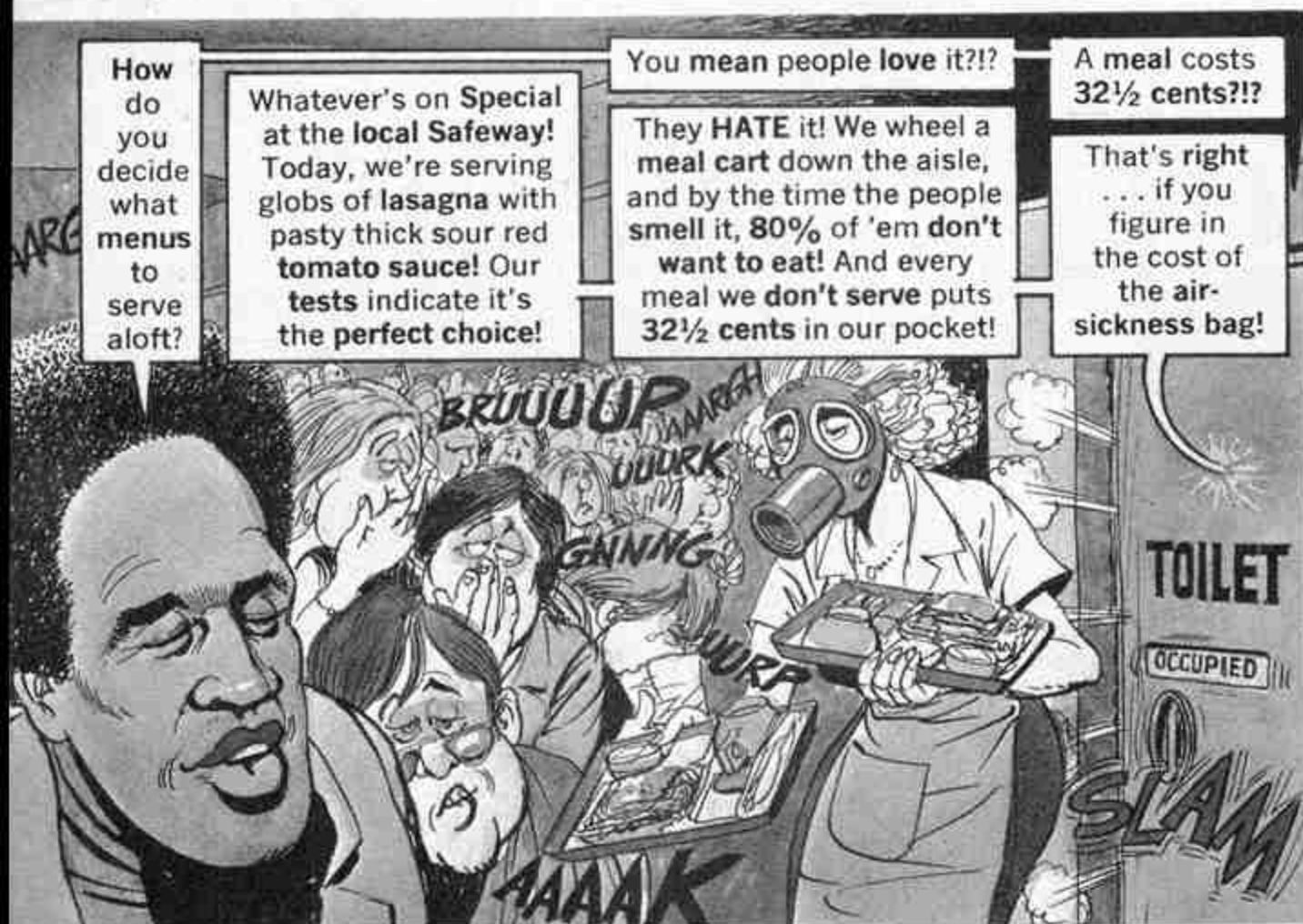
Well, a passenger has two choices! He can wait here for 72 hours... until his luggage meets him! Or, he can fly to Oslo... and be reunited with his luggage in only a few hours!

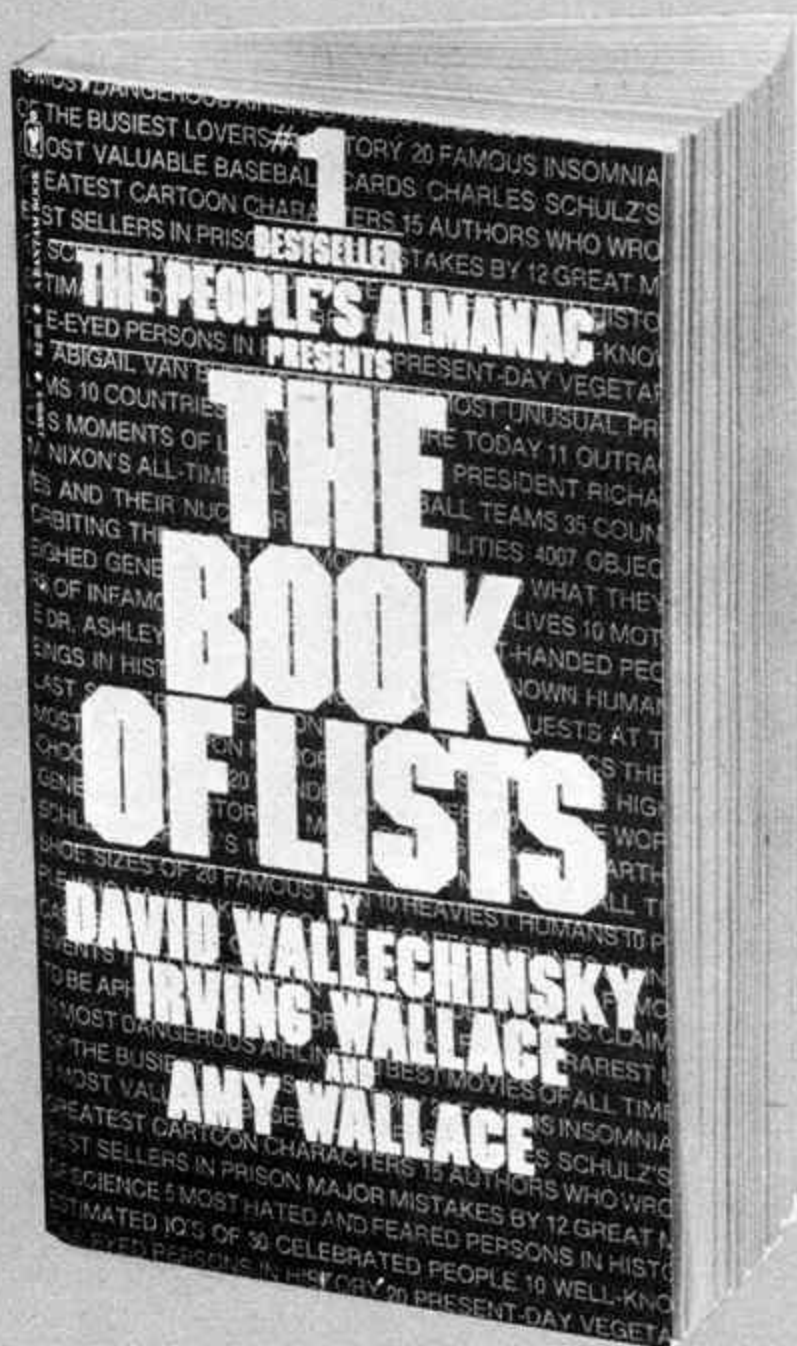
Doesn't that require buying another ticket?

You're starting to get the picture!

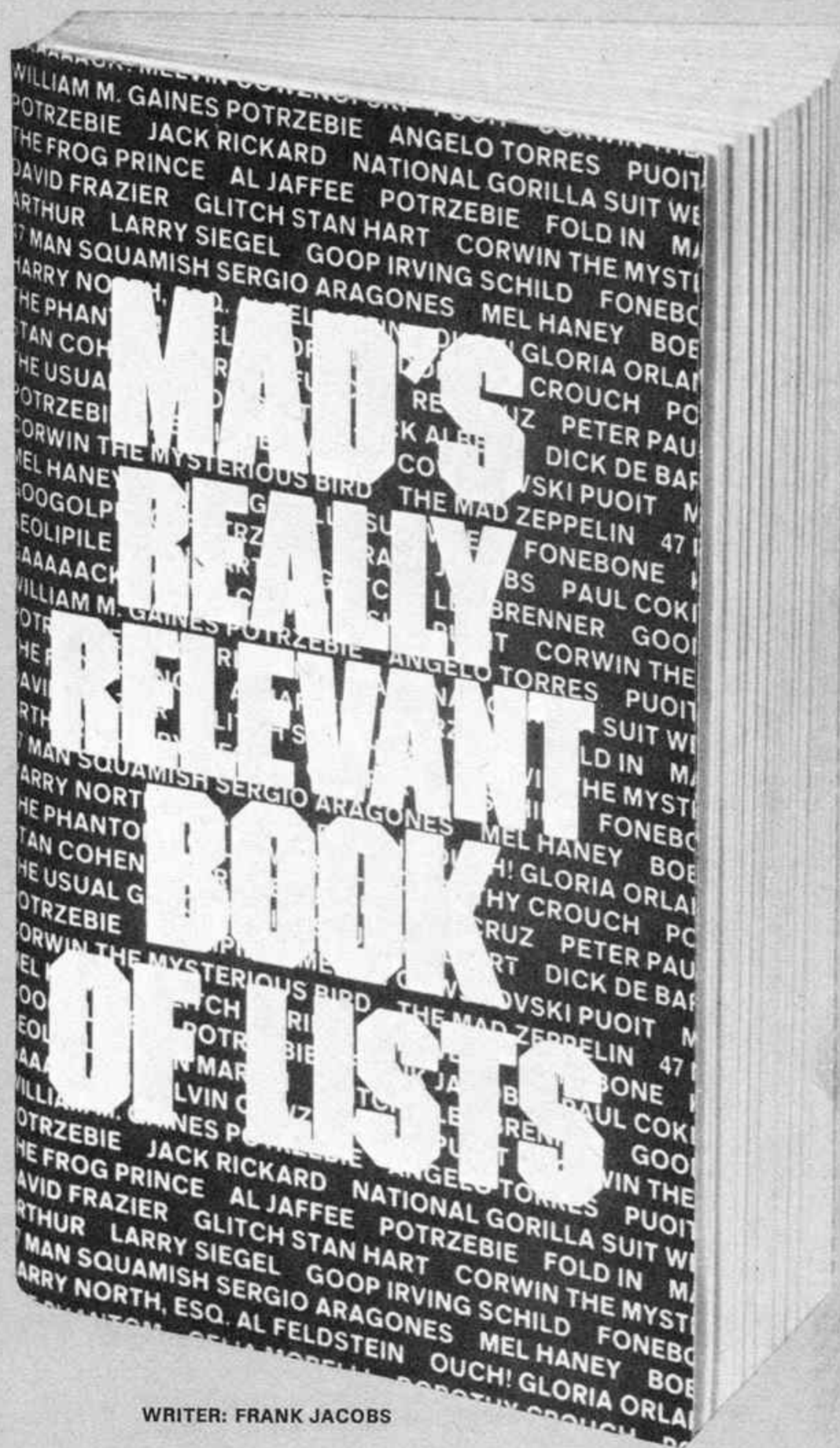








One of the most popular books in recent years is "The Book Of Lists." It's loaded with lists, such as "11 Prominent Coffee Drinkers," "10 Famous Snorers," "17 Animals With Pouches" and "The 12 Heaviest Humans." The only problem is: the book doesn't have much to do with everyday living! So MAD has done its usual thing, and now presents—



WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

THE 8 EXPRESSIONS CAUSING THE GREATEST FEAR

1. "It's spreading."
2. "The I.R.S. is calling."
3. "Hold it right there, muthuh."
4. "I am trying to stop!"
5. "We're not alone."
6. "You're being traded to Cleveland."
7. "I can't kill it."
8. "There's no cause for alarm."



THE 8 MOST EFFECTIVE MEDICAL COP-OUTS

1. "It's going around."
2. "It's all in your mind."
3. "It's probably inherited."
4. "It's too early to tell."
5. "It's too late to do anything."
6. "We'll run some tests."
7. "We'll run more tests."
8. "The tests are inconclusive."



9 VERY UNSUCCESSFUL PICK-UP LINES

1. "Would you like to see my boa constrictor?"
2. "Is that a false nose?"
3. "You look just like a hooker I knew in Fresno."
4. "I'm drunk."
5. "Hi, my friends call me Creepy."
6. "Would you like to come to a party in my toolshed?"
7. "I just threw up."
8. "You're ugly but you intrigue me."
9. "I had to find out what kind of woman would go out dressed like that."



6 COMMENTS TO AVOID MAKING WITH A WOMEN'S LIBBER

1. "What's happening, baby?"
2. "Whaddya expect from a woman driver?"
3. "You're an elegant broad."
4. "She does it as well as a guy."
5. "What do you think of girl jocks?"
6. "So long, kid."



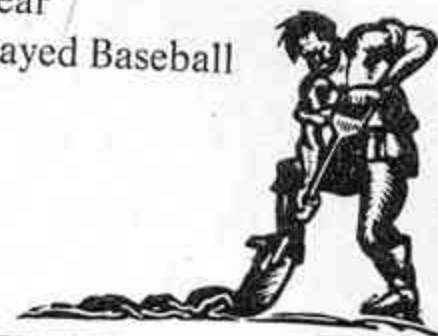
6 SUREFIRE LINES TO GET HIM TO BREAK OFF THE RELATIONSHIP

1. "I do karate chops in my sleep."
2. "I'm into not bathing."
3. "I collect dead spiders and keep them in jars in my closet."
4. "I start out the day with raw onions."
5. "I'm pregnant and I don't know who the father is."
6. "My Uncle Vito and his capo want to talk to you."



9 LEAST INSPIRED MAD PREMISES

1. The Lighter Side of Terrorism
2. Terminal Diseases to Match Your Career
3. You Know You Should Change Your Sex When . . .
4. Hysterical Logarithms
5. Don Martin Looks At Tulsa
6. If Famous Celebrities Were Into Strip-Mining
7. The Degenerate's Mother Goose
8. Mad's Busboy of the Year
9. If Albanian Women Played Baseball



8 MEMORABLE MODERN DISASTERS

1. The Susan B. Anthony dollar
2. Billy Carter
3. "Star Trek—the Motion Picture"
4. The San Diego Padres
5. Ilie Nastase
6. "The Gong Show"
7. The U.S. Postal Service
8. "Super Train"



9 PIECES OF FLATTERY WE COULD DO WITHOUT

1. "You're a helluva good loser."
2. "You're really terrific to put up with my playing around."
3. "You're lucky—most men would have fractured both arms."
4. "You're brave—most men would have passed out from the pain."
5. "You take insults beautifully."
6. "You may not be good-looking, but you're sweet."
7. "You've been ealm and cool all through this earthquake."
8. "You've taken your bankruptcy like a man."
9. "You never flinched when they mugged us."



7 POLITE COMMENTS YOU CAN MAKE TO A BORE WHICH SOUND LIKE YOU'RE LISTENING WHEN YOU'RE REALLY NOT

1. "Is that so?"
2. "Go on."
3. "Interesting."
4. "I didn't know that."
5. "Mmmm."
6. "Mmmm?"
7. "Mmmm!"



8 NAMES NOT TO NAME YOUR BABY BOY

1. Attila
2. Rasputin
3. Darth
4. Rover
5. Richard Milhous
6. Ayatollah
7. Satan
8. Betty Sue



THE 7 LEAST BELIEVABLE COMMENTS

1. "Your check is in the mail."
2. "This won't hurt."
3. "I don't do this with every guy."
4. "He won't bite."
5. "I've got the perfect girl for you."
6. "No jury would ever convict you."
7. "Give us a call the next time you're in town."



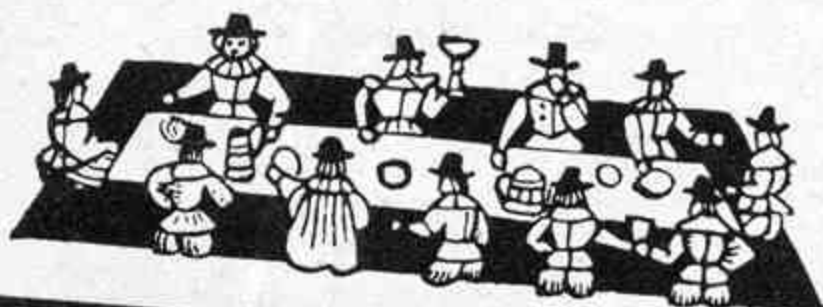
THE 8 LEAST COMFORTING PIECES OF GOOD NEWS

1. "Be glad it's only your transmission."
2. "We only have to pull the front ones."
3. "We know who fire-bombed your house."
4. "At least they didn't steal the silver."
5. "With good behavior, you'll be out in 10 years."
6. "He's alive—what's left of him."
7. "The blotches will disappear in time."
8. "Don't kill him—just work him over."



8 TOPICS TO STEER CLEAR OF AT A FORMAL DINNER

1. Descriptions of bread-mold.
2. Coping with the runs in Mexico.
3. Slaughter methods at the Chicago Stockyards.
4. Trunk murderers.
5. Raw sewage.
6. Leprosy.
7. Torture techniques in Turkish prisons.
8. Jungle rot.



7 UNSOLVED MYSTERIES OF MODERN MAN

1. Why is the shirt you want to buy available in every size but yours?
2. Why does your air-conditioner conk out during the worst heat-wave of the year?
3. Why does that celebrated "cold pill" bring relief to everyone but you?
4. Why does your plane leave from the most distant gate in the terminal?
5. No matter how many peanuts there are in a bowl, why do you eat all of them?
6. In a bar, why does the most obnoxious drunk strike up a conversation with you?
7. Why isn't this article listed in "The 9 Least Inspired Mad Premises?"

PEST-ASIDE DEPT.

A few years ago, a new group of social activists appeared on the national scene ... the militant anti-smokers. Through their efforts, smoking is now restricted in many public buildings, restaurants, businesses, elevators and most forms of

PUBLICALLY PROHIBIT

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD



Giving away the end of a movie to a person or persons who have not seen the film was federally outlawed in 1982 after Franz Grubernik, of Anaheim, California, caused a riot in the lobby of the Primo Theater in Los Angeles by revealing the shocking conclusion to Brian De Palma's latest suspense thriller, "Pressed To Kill," to 350 people at the premier, including Mr. De Palma.



The AMA had little criticism for this piece of government legislation concerning the Medical Profession. After being victimized for years by persons attempting to chisel free diagnoses from them at parties, tennis courts, etc., the Medical Community welcomed this statute to the books. Now, people soliciting gratis medical opinions are liable to a mandatory examination by a Proctologist with cold hands.



Until enactment of this 1982 law, guests who arrived early for dinner parties were merely considered inconvenient. However, it was quickly passed after the French Ambassador, his watch still set on Paris time, arrived six hours early for a party at the Spanish Embassy, stumbling upon the wife of the British Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador and the entire Italian Embassy staff engaged in activities outlawed by the Geneva Convention.



Federal Law HR-79-144, enacted in 1983, prohibits the showing of grandchildren's photos to strangers in public buildings or on common carriers without the express written consent of the strangers. The penalties provide for fines up to \$300 for each offense, and/or the forced viewing of home movies of the arresting officer's own family on vacation.

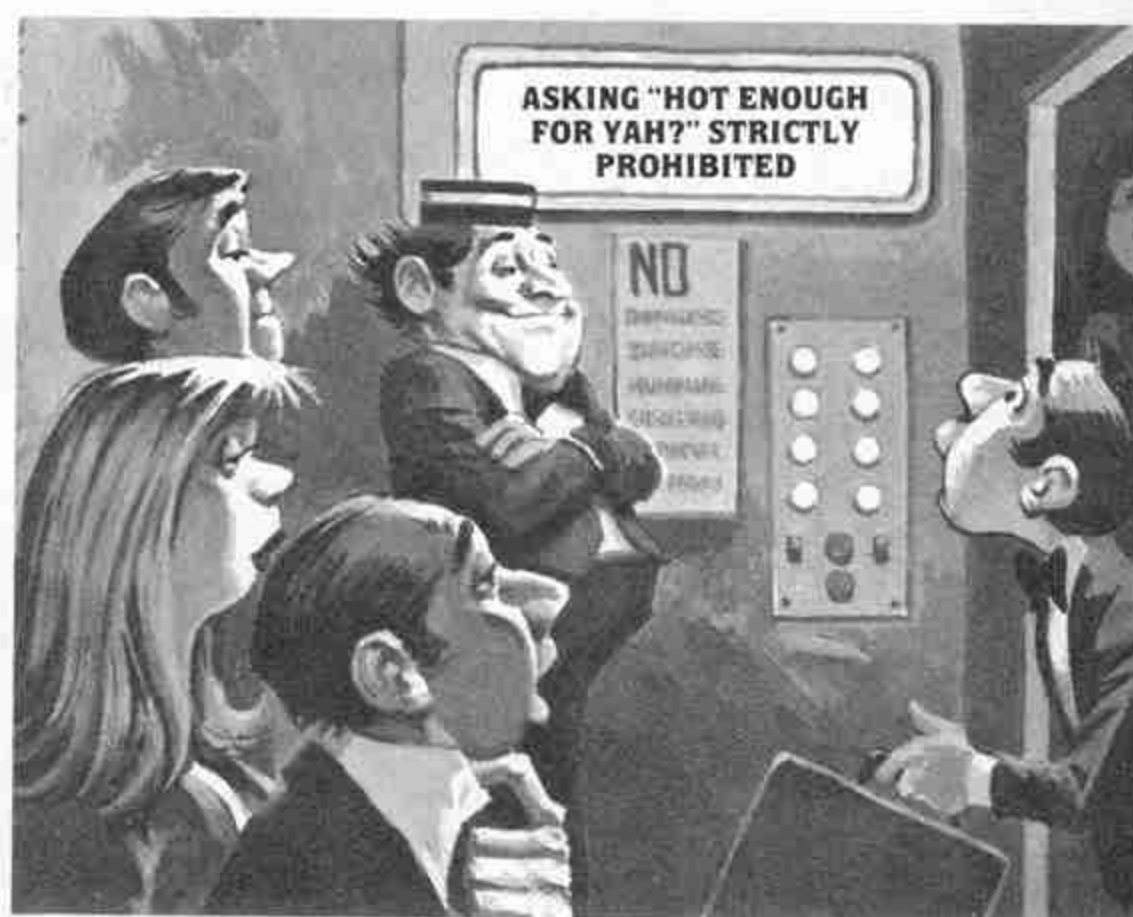
transportation. But now that we have restrictions established for smoking, will we be able to ignore the other bad habits that we drive each other crazy with? MAD predicts that we'll someday wind up with laws and regulations like these

ED BAD HABITS OF THE FUTURE

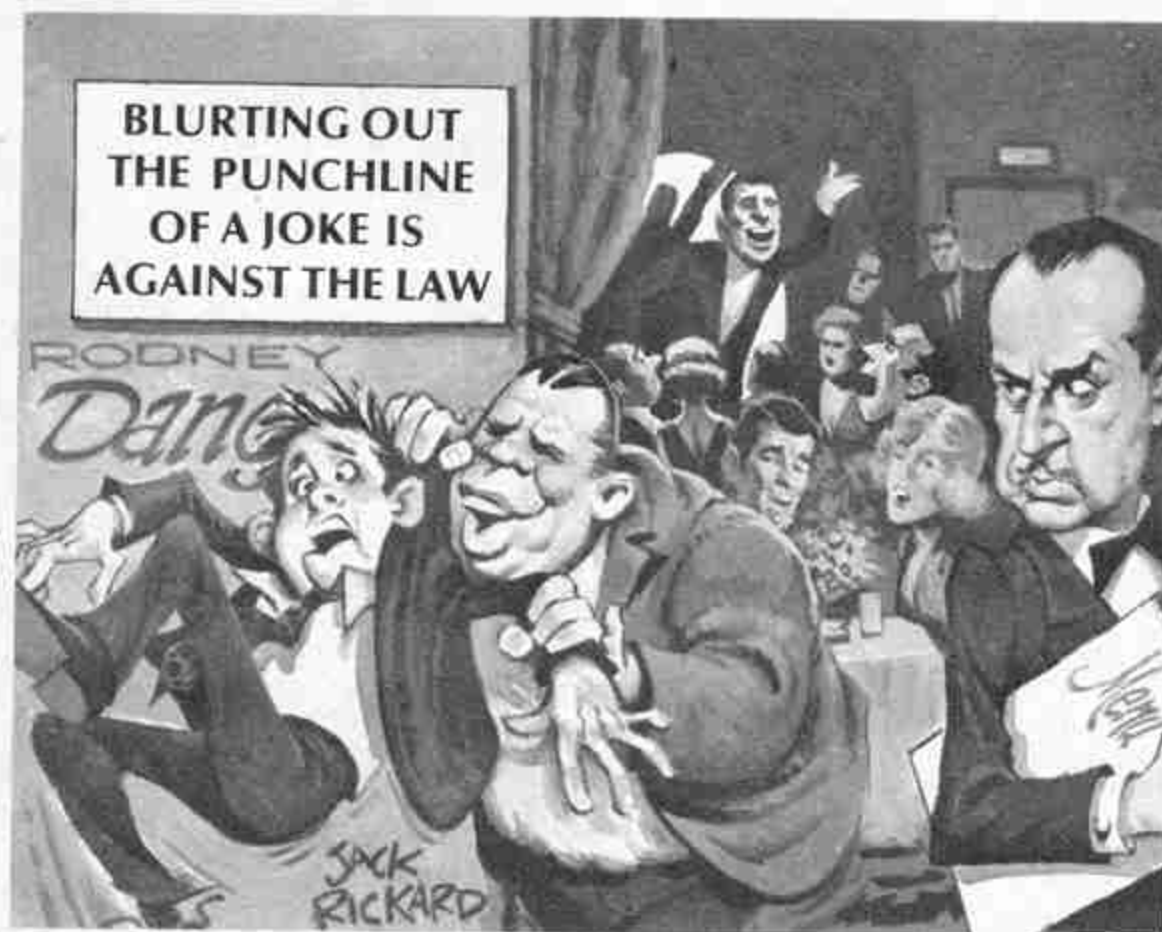
WRITER: DENNIS SNEE



First enacted in New York on a trial basis, this popular law thwarted rubbernecks and cheapskates alike in their quest for a free peek at the news. Reading over other people's shoulders is virtually non-existent today, largely due to the harsh penalties imposed by this law. Offenders can be sentenced to as many as thirty days of reading a train schedule through a fat person's legs if convicted.



After a rash of suicide attempts by elevator operators driven to near-insanity by being asked repeatedly if it was hot enough for them, Congress passed this law in 1984. In addition, the law prohibits asking tall people "How's the weather up there?", etc. Only a last minute lobbying effort by The Optimists of America prevented "Have a nice day!" from being included in the long list.



Would-be comics have criticised this 1983 "Punchline Law" since its adoption, but it has discouraged those social bores from killing other people's jokes. The law also makes eviction of drunks and hecklers easier. And violators are now dealt with severely. Sentences range from forced labor in a Gag-Novelty Shop, to mandatory attendance at a Henny Youngman nightclub appearance.



Loss of private phone service and a stiff fine can result if anyone reaches a wrong number and hangs up without (1) expressing regrets for the inconvenience and (2) identifying himself. This 1982 statute also provides additional heavy penalties for wrong numbers made after midnight, or any time when causing persons to wake up, or interrupt a shower or bath or any other activity of a priority nature.

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LETTERS DEPT.



"DULLUS"

I would like to congratulate Mort Drucker and Lou Silverstone for their satire of "Dallas." The satire was better than the show!

Jonathan Morga
Penfield, NY

That doesn't say much for the satire! —Ed.

After a satire like "Dullus," the big question around the country will be "Who shot L.S.?"

Billy Charnock
Charleston, WV

Did you ever notice that the Ewings always breakfast outside, next to the horsefields? And did you also ever notice that they never seem to be bothered by the stench associated with a horsefield? Do you know why? It's because the Ewings bought *the wind*, so they can make it blow whatever way they want!

Kathy Lozenski
Ontario, Canada

I have just one question for your artist Sam Viviano: Who is the six-fingered man you have portrayed on the cover shooting J.R. Ewing? Maybe Freddie Silverman?

William J. Keogh
Norwalk, CT

No, it couldn't be Silverman. With his luck, if "Dallas" was on NBC, whoever shot J.R. would have missed! —Ed.

"UNSUNG CROSSINGS"

Dennis Snee's "Unsung Crossings" was great! But he forgot one: "Tourist Returns From Hawaii Without 'Here Today, Gone To Maui' T-Shirt"!

Robert Orr
Solvang, CA

ALFRED LOOK-ALIKE?

In the April 18 issue of "TV Guide," an article reported that ABC News and Sports President Boone Arledge used to make jokes about how "Nightline" anchorman Ted Koppel looks like Alfred E. Neuman. I wondered why I never saw Alfred and Ted together!

Bruce Liber
Egbertsville, NY

We asked Ted Koppel about looking like Alfred. Here's what he had to say . . . —Ed.

I wouldn't make too much of the resemblance. Old Alfred E. has survived innumerable assaults on his character, but suggesting that he looks like a journalist (and a television journalist to boot) may be more than even that durable dummy can survive. Personally, I think he looks more like Prince Charles!

Ted Koppel
ABC News
Washington, D.C.

"UNDRESSED TO KILL"—US!!!



Tony Perkins in "Undressed To Kill"



Tony Perkins Ready To Kill!

Get the point!

Anthony Perkins
Los Angeles, CA

JUMPING OFF THE BANDSTAND

On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia than in MAD Magazine!

Dick Clark
Los Angeles, CA



Dick Clark Takes A Break While Taping "American Bandstand" To Check Out MAD

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Above: Cathy Gaines and Steve Mifsud. A Marriage That Was "Made in Heaven" (But Assembled in Philadelphia...)

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 How can you possibly believe... a magazine that calls 90¢ "cheap"?
 David Kushner
 Tampa, FL

How can you possibly believe George Hart and Paul Coker's "How Can You Possibly Believe..." article when it was published in MAD Magazine?
 Scott Alexander Kennedy
 Cos Cob, CT

Good point! But then again how can we believe your letter when it, too, is in MAD! —Ed.

"EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE"
 I saw the movie "Ordinary People" and found it extraordinarily boring. Then I read your "Extraordinary People" satire, and y'know what? I found your satire about the same calibre as the movie, only less funny.

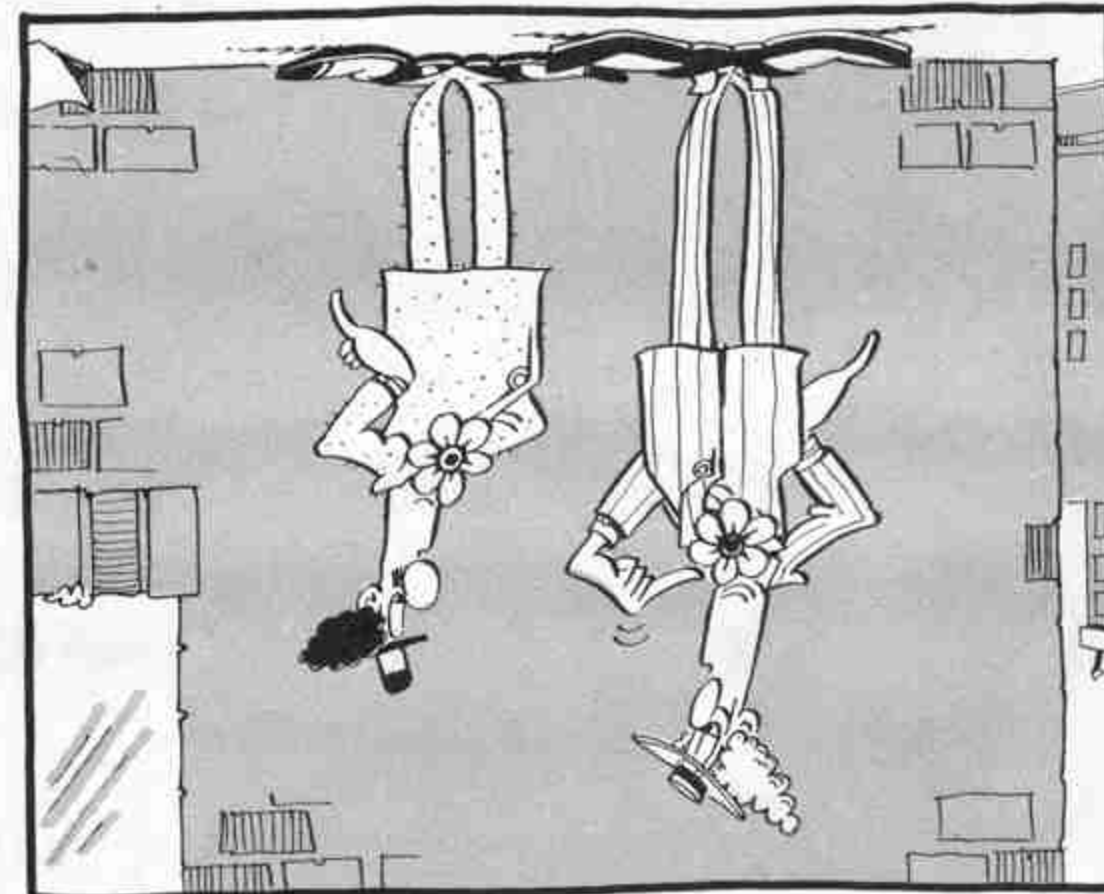
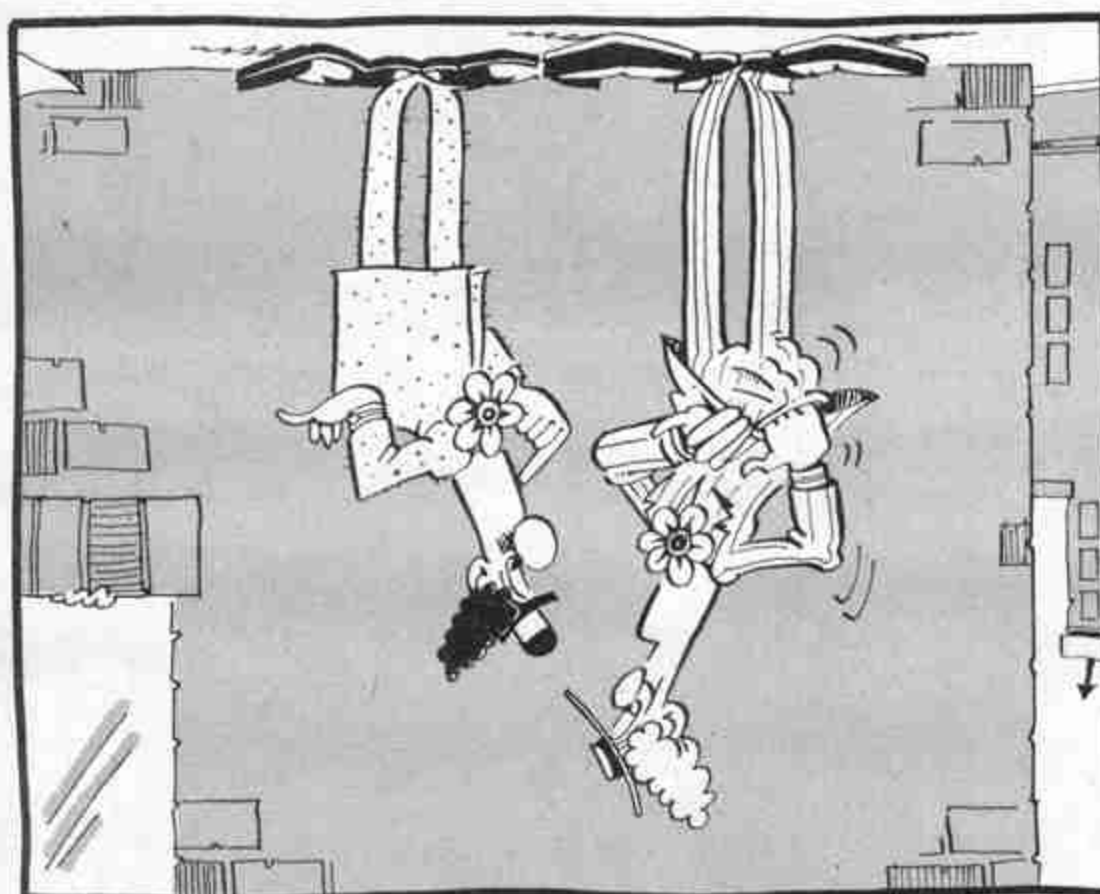
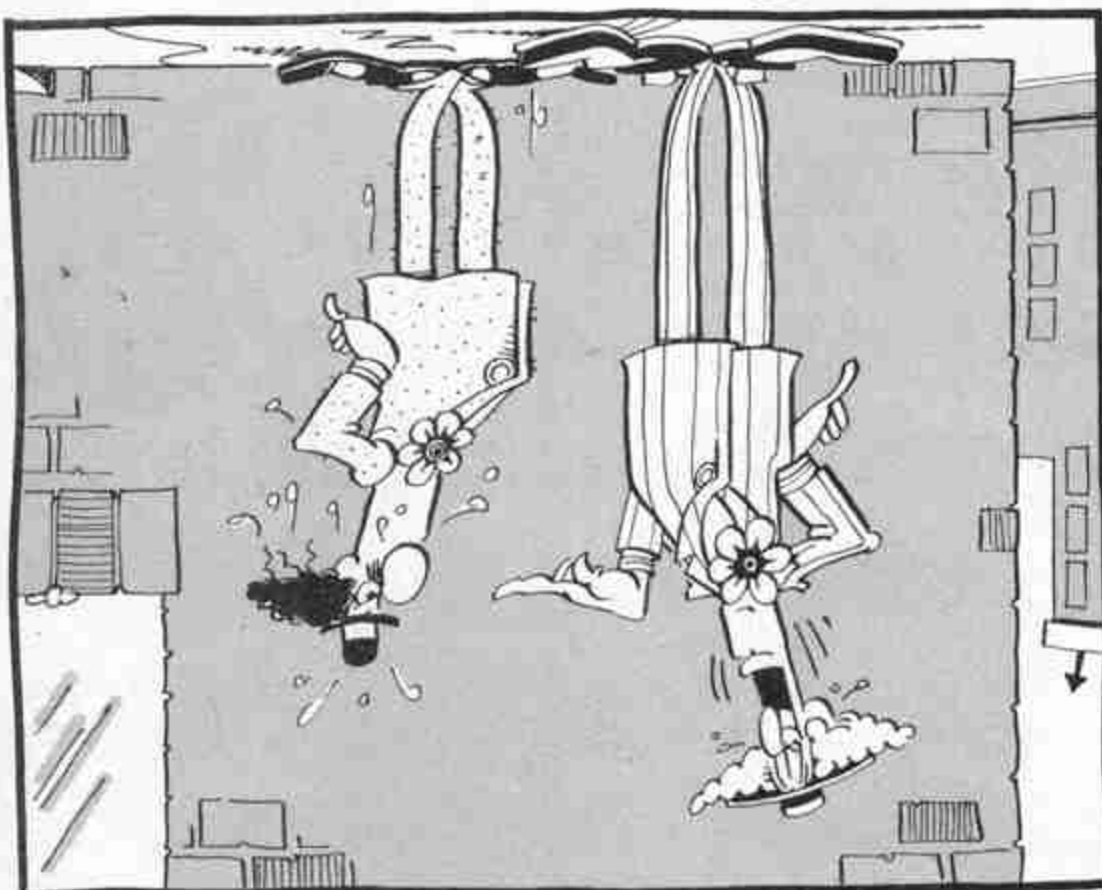
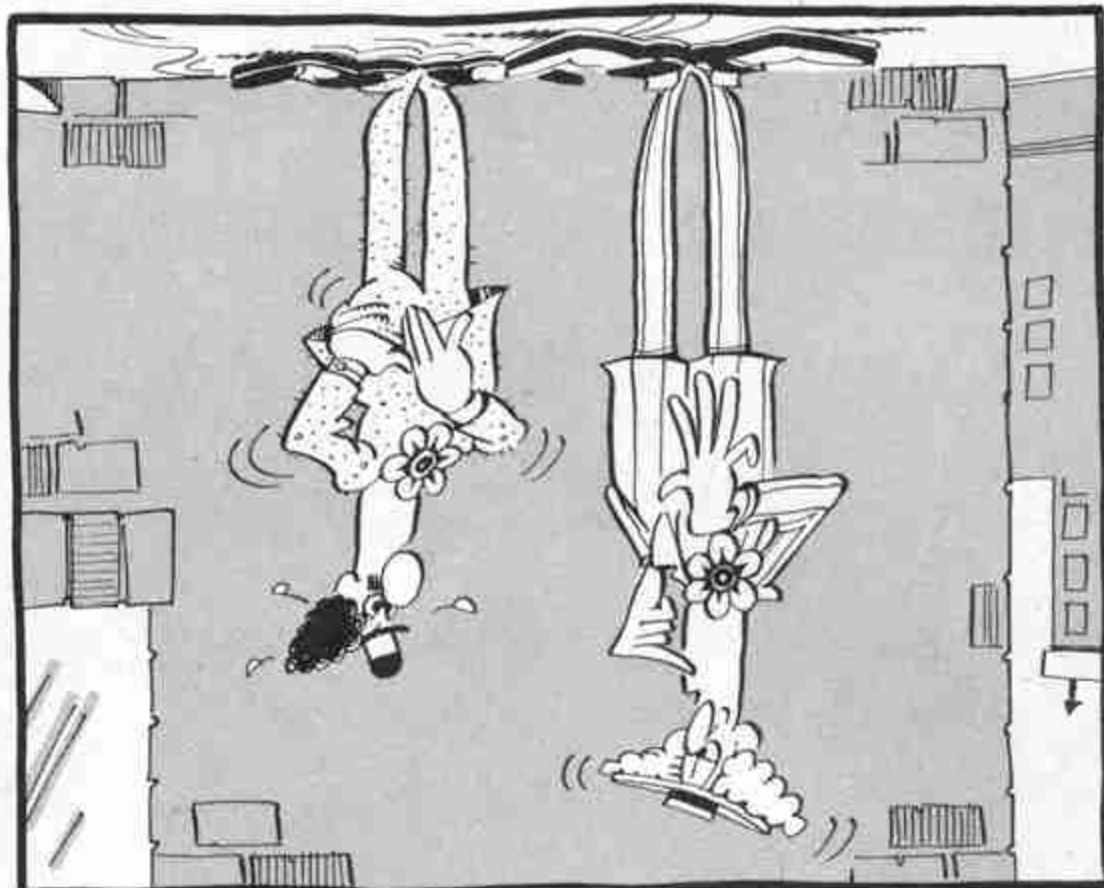
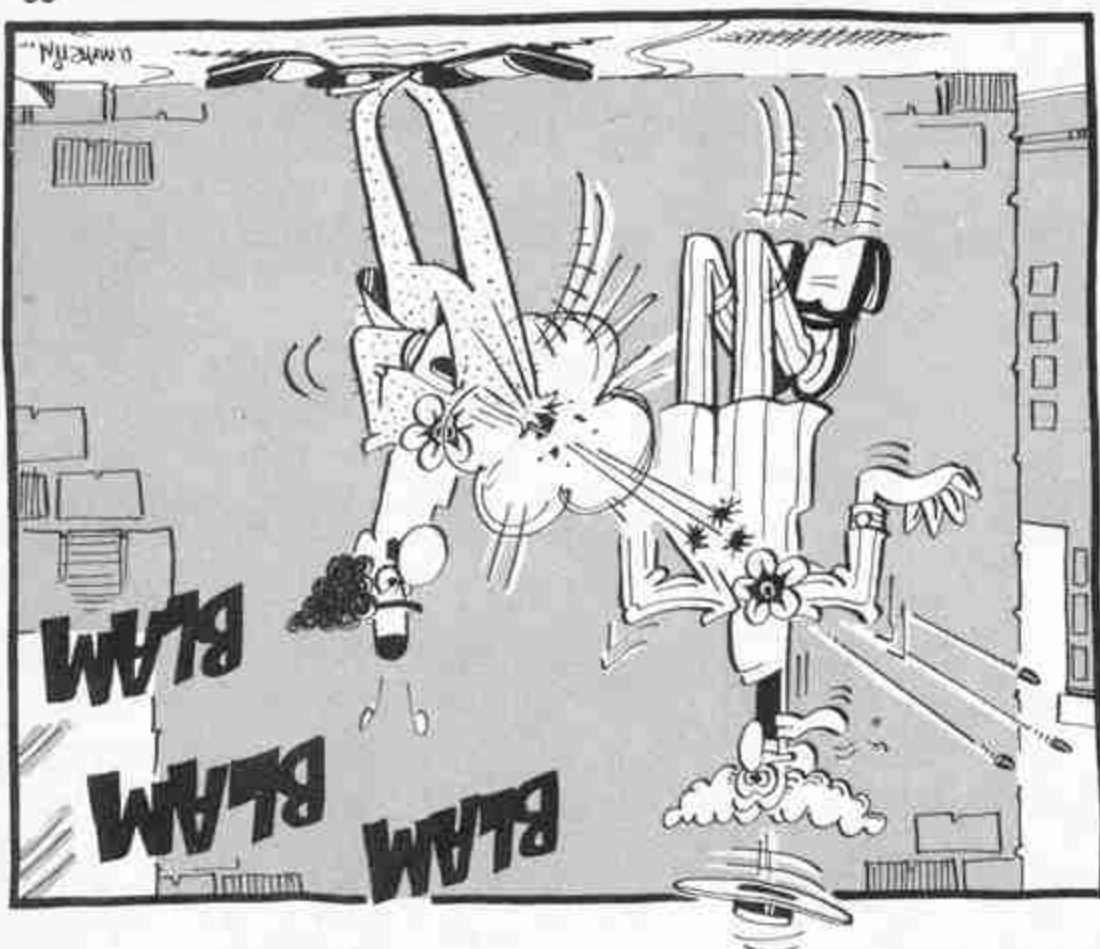
Gary D. Teubert
 Milton, WI

Your version of "Ordinary People" had me laughing so hard that my parents took me to see a psychiatrist!
 Patrick Domitiz
 Norcross, GA

PURE NEPOTISM
 Back in 1958, in issue #43, my mother asked you to print my baby picture and you did. Now, here it is 23 years later, and I'm asking you to print my wedding picture. I hate to say it, but... having my MAD has been just about the only real advantage to being the daughter of the publisher!

Cathy Gaines Mifsud
 Philadelphia, PA

There are even less advantages to working for him!—Ed.



ONE BLAZING HOT DAY ON MAIN STREET

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

HUMPTY DUMPTY

as told by a
LAWYER



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall;
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
"The bricks of the wall," said his lawyer,
"were loose;"
"We've got a good case, so we'll sue
Mother Goose!"
Humpty's lawyer got a big trial;
Humpty's lawyer won it with style,
Took Mother Goose for a million, did he,
Of which he got half, which is not a bad fee!

TWEEDLE-DUM AND TWEEDLE-DEE

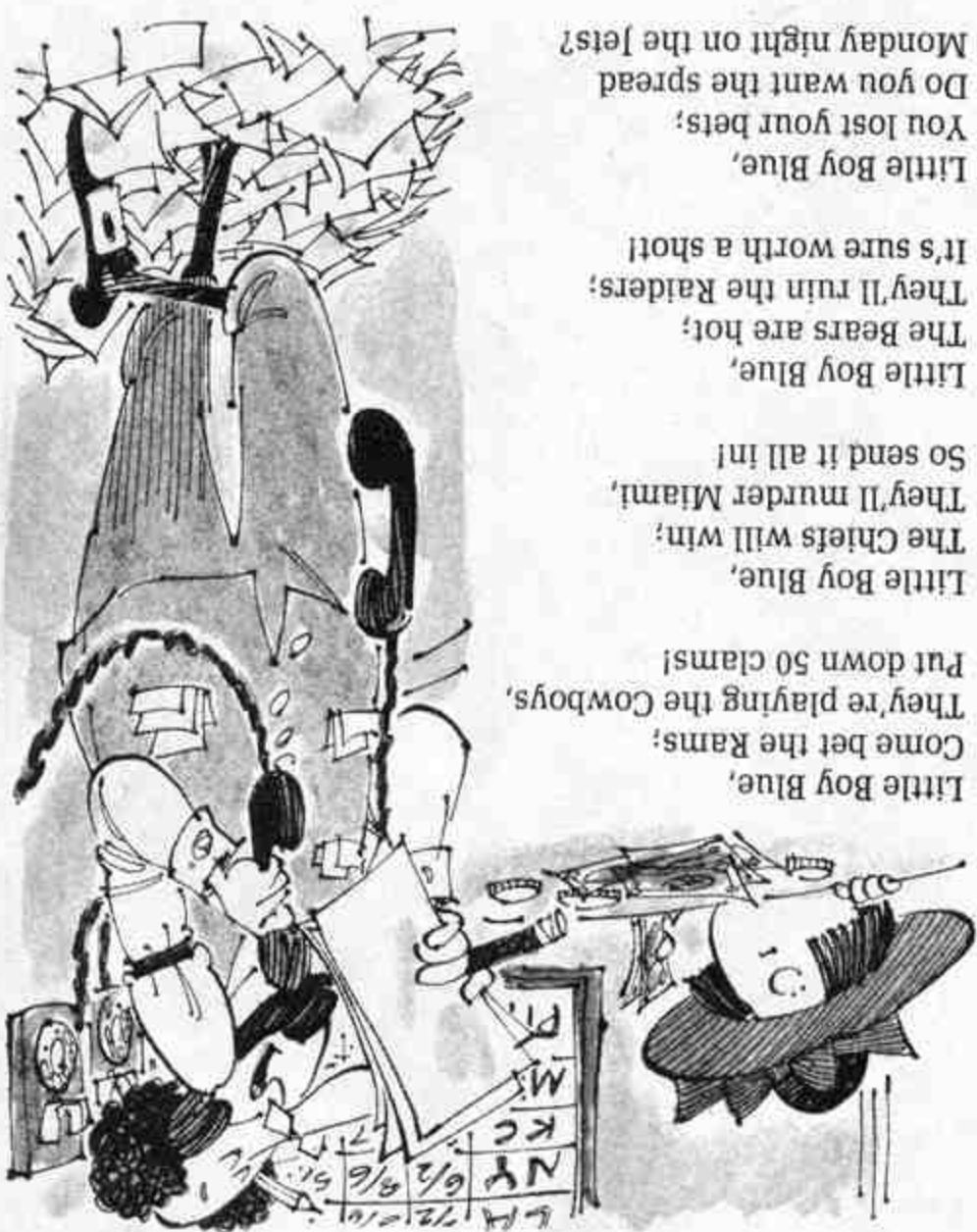
as told by a
FASHION DESIGNER



Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee
Created women's clothes;
And every fashion they designed
The women always chose.
They introduced a seaweed belt,
A skirt of styrofoam;
They fashioned fancy dresses made
Of hamster fur and chrome.
They came out with a burlap blouse,
A yak coat long and shaggy,
A pair of slacks made out of straw,
A gown shaped like a Baggie.
"It's plain to see," said Tweedle-Dum,
"We've got the magic touch!"
"It's also clear," said Tweedle-Dee,
"We don't like women much!"

LITTLE BOY BLUE

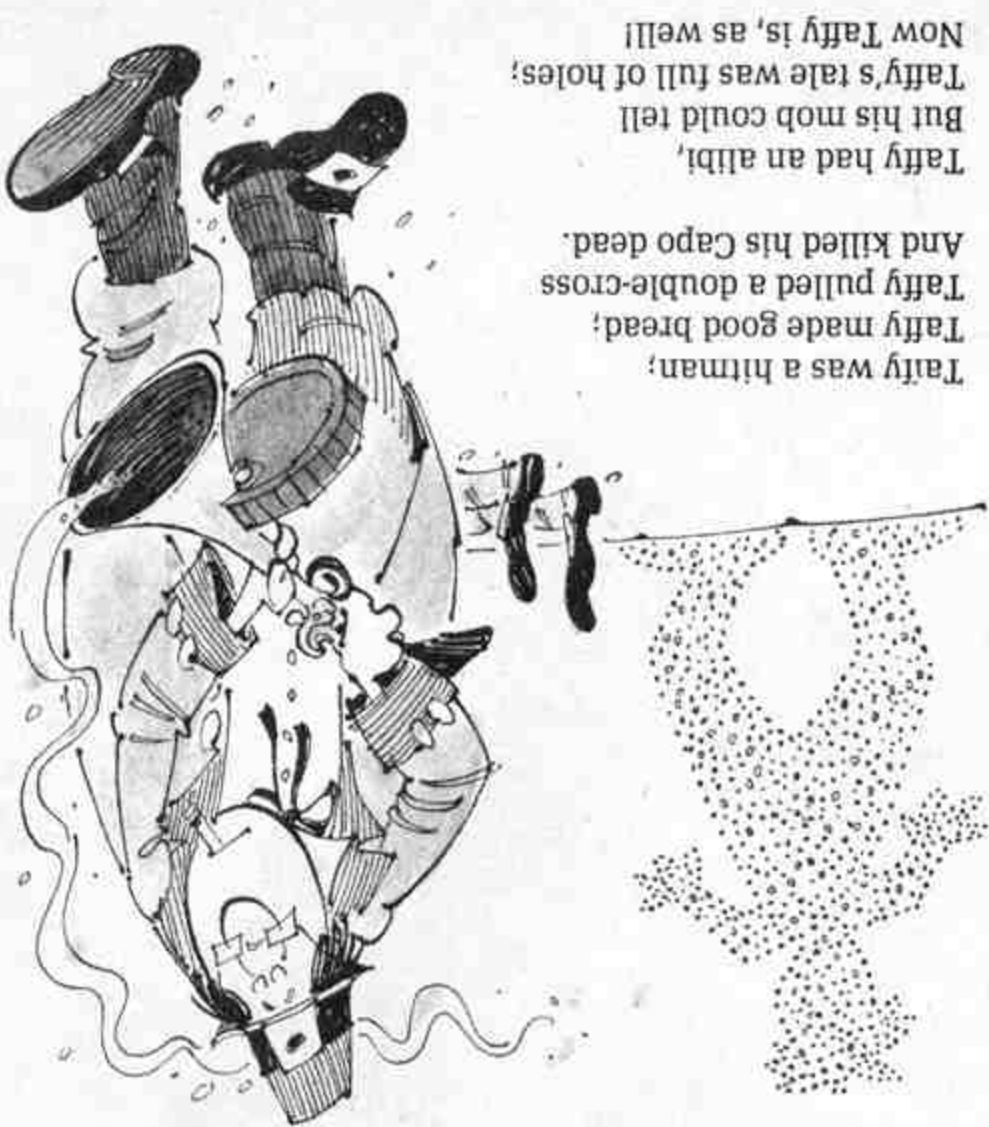
as told by a
BOOKIE



Little Boy Blue,
Come bet the Rams;
They're playing the Cowboys,
Put down 50 clams!
Little Boy Blue,
The Chiefs will win;
They'll murder Miami,
So send it all in!
Little Boy Blue,
The Bears are hot;
They'll ruin the Raiders;
It's sure worth a shot!
You lost your bets;
Do you want the spread
Monday night on the Jets?

TAFFY WAS A HITMAN

as told by a
MAFIA DON



Taffy was a hitman;
Taffy made good bread;
Taffy pulled a double-cross
And killed his Capo dead.
Taffy had an alibi,
But his mob could tell
Taffy's tale was full of holes;
Now Taffy is, as well!

supplied with verses dealing with their particular jobs and professions? Then they could inspire their kids with



ENTER DOOSE

LITTLE MISS MUFFET
as told by a
GOSSIP COLUMNIST



Little Miss Muffet
Is sharing her tuffet
With Bo-Beep and Solomon Grundy;
They say Georgie Porgie
Was seen at an orgy
With Old Mother Hubbard last Sunday.
Seems Little Boy Blue
Gets it on in the shoe
'Cause he's heard the Old Woman is kinky;
And as for Jack Sprat,
Well, his wife left him flat
And is living with Wee Willie Winkie.

AS I WAS GOING TO ST. IVES
as told by a
DOCTOR



As I was going to St. Ives
I met a man who had the hives,
A woman with a fractured hip,
A dozen children with the gripe,
Two cyclists in a head-on crash,
A tourist with a dreadful rash,
Six barefoot girls with broken toes,
A shepherd with a twisted nose;
How many people did I tell to call my nurse
for an appointment during office hours after
I returned from playing golf at St. Ives?

TOM, TOM, THE PIPER'S SON
as told by a
PSYCHIATRIST



Tom, Tom, the piper's son,
Stole a pig and away he run;
His parents sent him here to me
To get intensive ther-a-py.
Tom, Tom, it's very clear,
Shows great progress in just a year;
I'm pleased to say that now he feels
Much more at peace each time he steals!

Parents love reading "Mother Goose" to their kids. The problem is that those old Nursery Rhymes don't prepare

youngsters for their future careers. Wouldn't it be a great idea if career-oriented mothers and fathers were

MAD'S CAREER-ORIENTED MOTHER GOOSE

ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR. WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

MARY HAD AN LTD

as told by an
AUTO MECHANIC



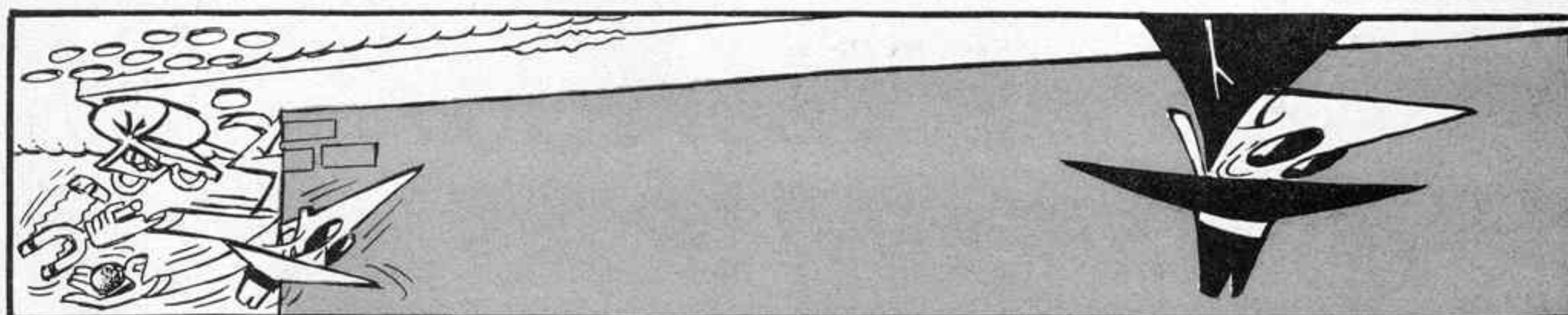
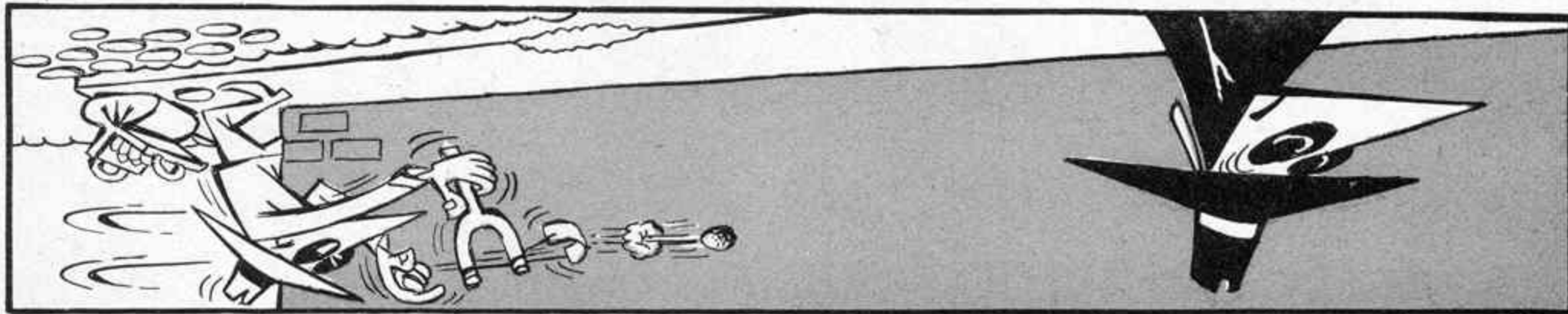
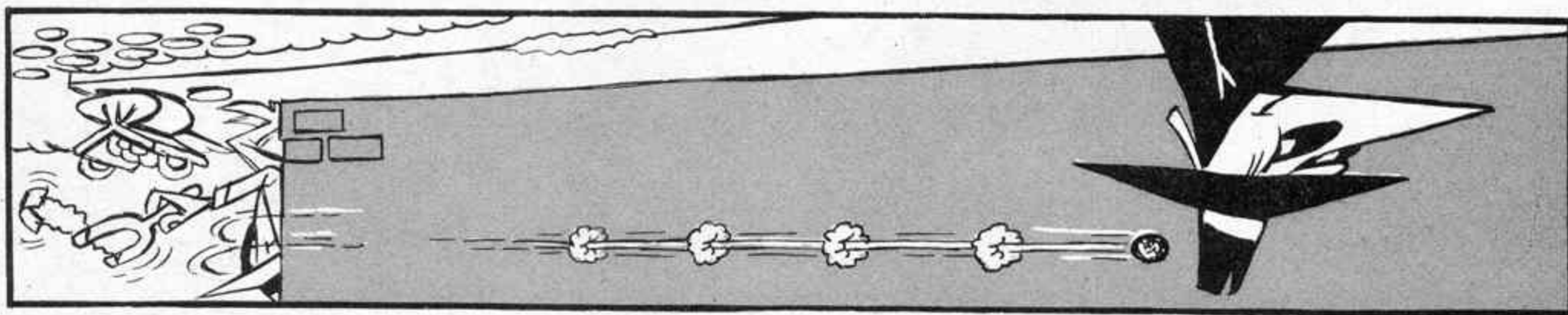
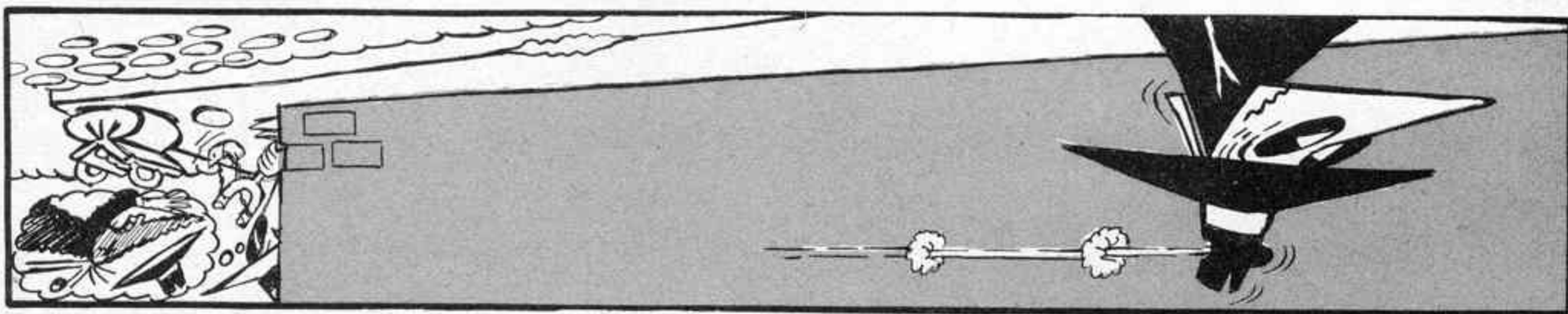
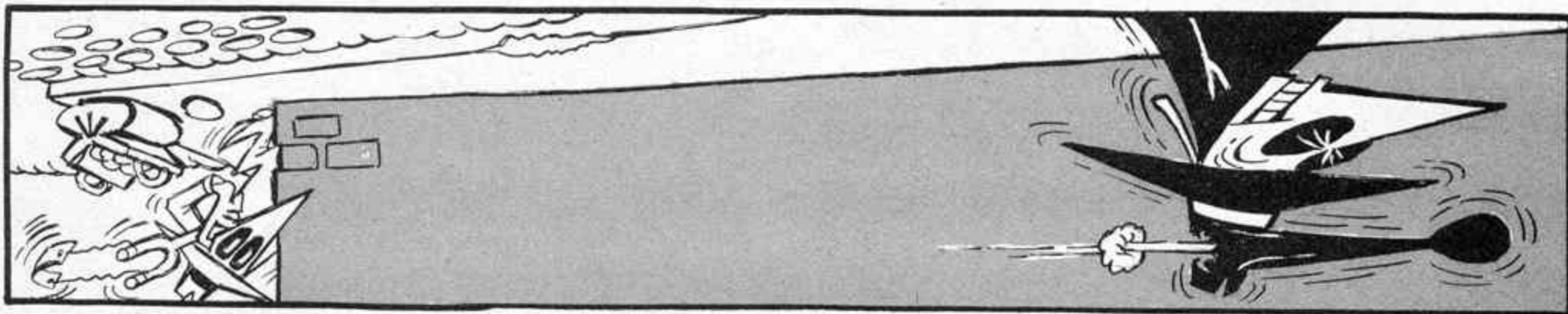
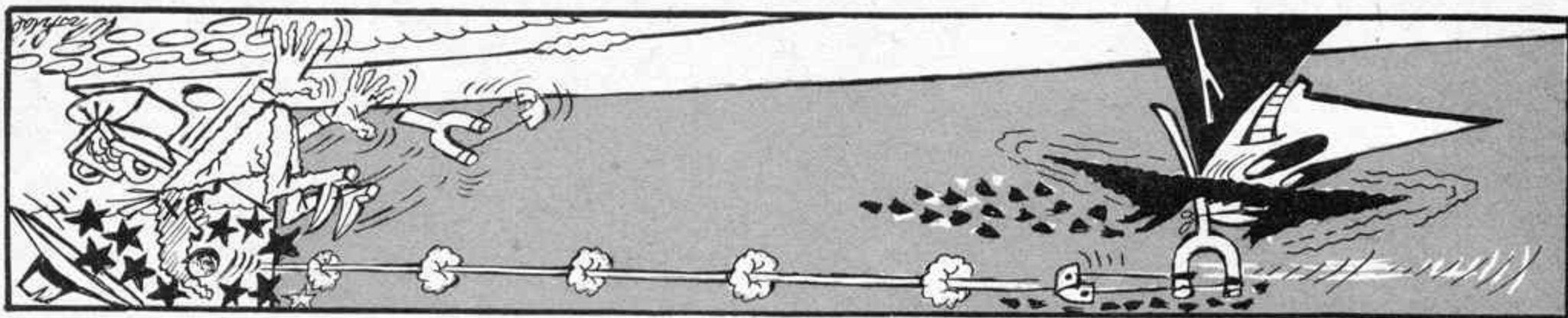
Mary had an LTD,
She drove it for a week;
And ev'rywhere that Mary went
She heard an awful squeak.
She drove it to a shop run by
A fine mechanic, who
Declared that he would find the squeak
Before the week was through.
The squeak is gone and Mary's broke;
Nine hundred was the ticket.
He'd put a new transmission in—
And taken out the cricket!

JACK AND JILL

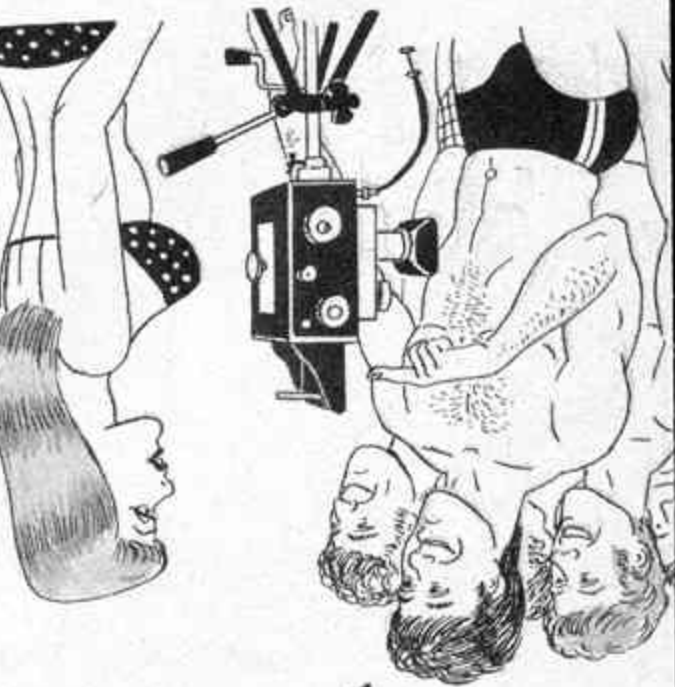
as told by an
ECONOMIST



Jack and Jill
Climb down their hill
With water for the nation;
Already, twice,
They've raised their price
To keep up with inflation.
Jack and Jill
More buckets fill;
They work until they totter;
But though they're beat,
They can't compete
With cheap, imported water!



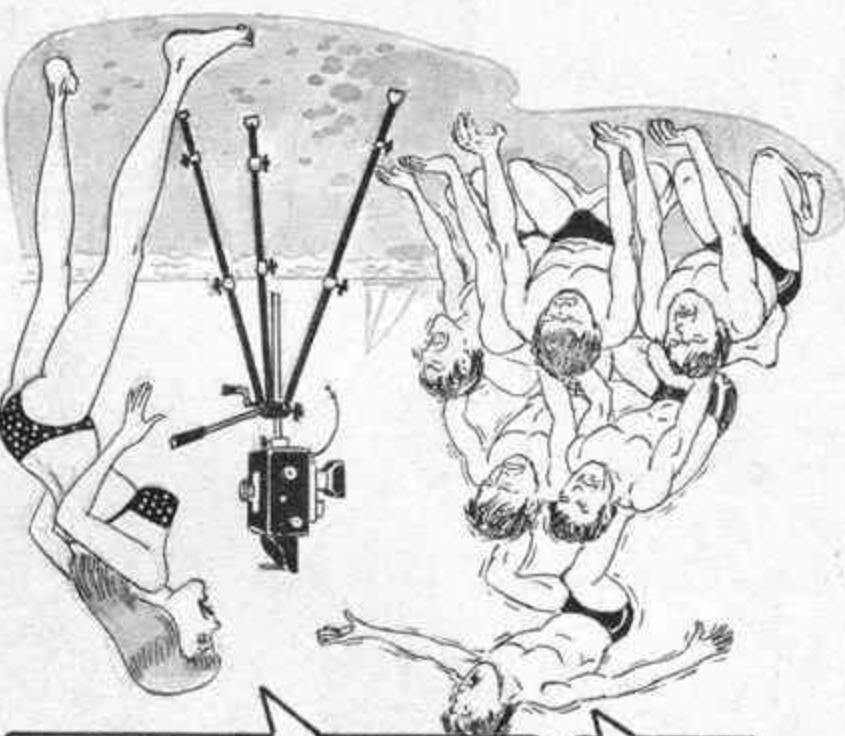
THE BEACH



We're going to make our famous Incredible Human Pyramid! When we do, you take a picture of it!



Ready...?!! ALLEY OOP...!!



Okay!!
Hurry up to come down here and show me how to WORK this darn thing!!
I CAN'T! Somebody's gonna have to come down here and show me how to WORK this darn thing!!

THE TELEPHONE



Hello, Helen? I can hardly hear you! It's a terrible connection! Anyway, listen! I finally got my telephone installed, and now I can tell you all of the juicy gossip I've been saving!



Dorothy and Brad are splitsville! He was playing around! Shirley is seeing a man old enough to be her father! Not only that, he's married! Ann moved in with some guy who's a real nerd! Beverly is pregnant! She says she's married, but I don't believe her!



Jane is hooked on Valium, and she's spaced out most of the time! I've been seeing this dreamboat of a guy! His name is Mike! He's got everything but a job! And... Helen, are you GETTING all this??



I don't know how she can, Lady! This phone isn't CONNECTED yet!!

ACCIDENTS



OH, MY GOD!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU??



I had a SKATEBOARD accident!

SKATEBOARD!! How many times have I told you to wear a helmet?!



Hundreds of times!

So why didn't you put it on??



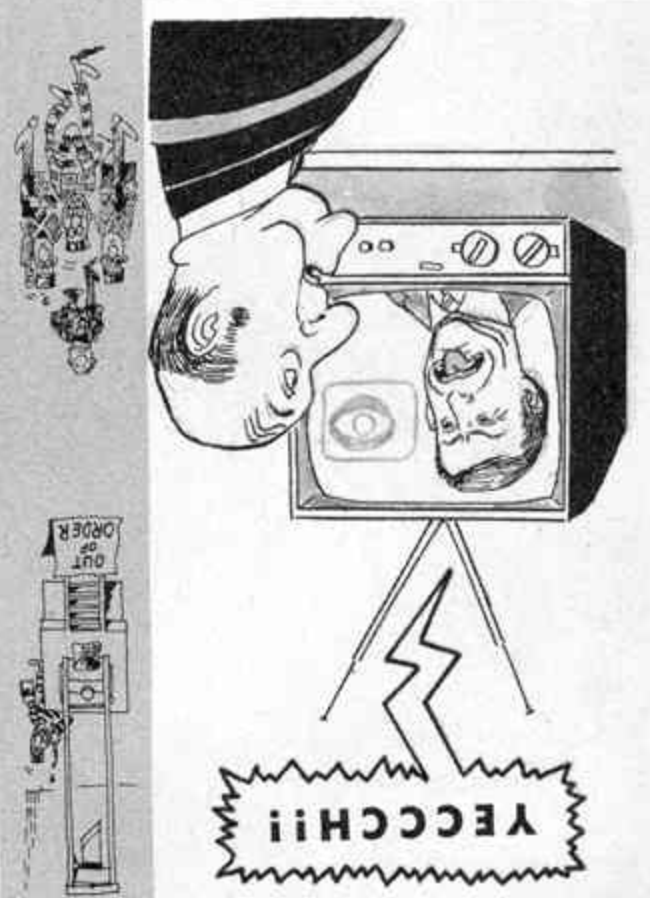
I was reaching up in my closet to GET it, when the skateboard FELL on me!!

THIS MARGINAL CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

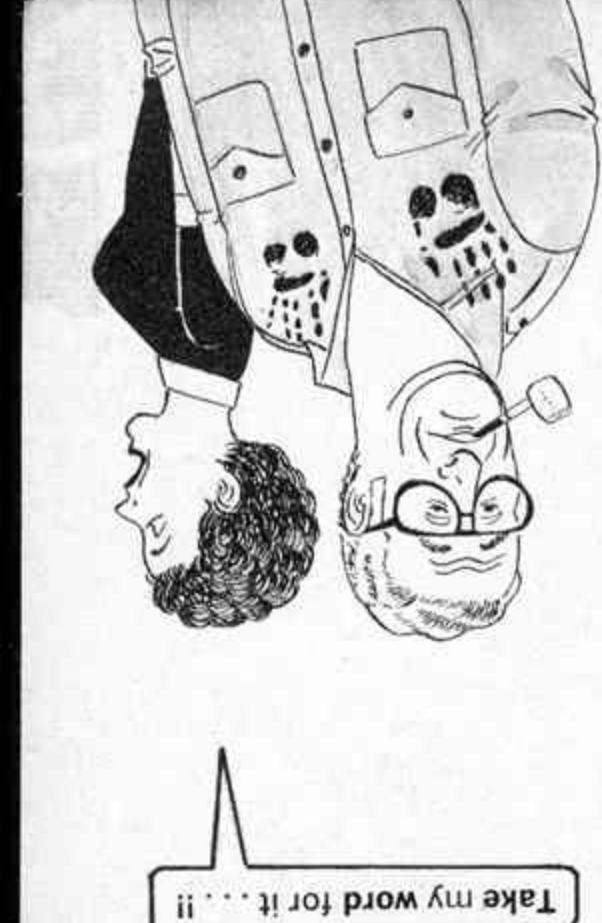
CRIME



OBSESSIONS



BOATING



TELEVISION



You've got to fix our TV set! Tomorrow is the big game, and my husband is an avid sports fan! He'll be watching it for hours!



I think it's okay now, Lady! I just want to test it under normal viewing conditions!



THE CAR



Uh... do I get any points for my rear bumper, Officer? THAT should be working perfectly!

One headlight is out, your muffler is broken, and your directional signals aren't working...!



FOOD



You may not believe this, but he's only in the second grade, yet he reads like a college professor! Go ahead, Bernard! Read something for Grandma...!



"The cereal contains the following ingredients: Absorbic acid, thiamin, niacinamide, mononitrate, hydrochloride, phosphorus and artificial flavoring"!

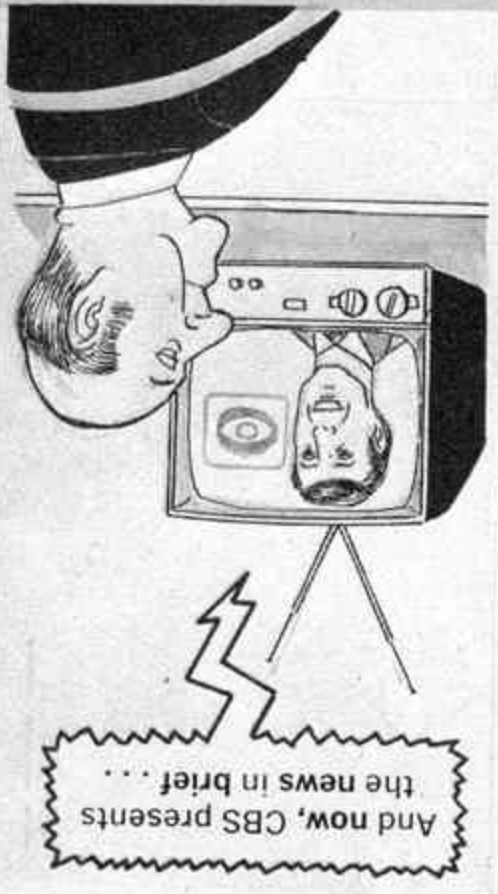


Okay, Bernard... that's enough reading! Now EAT!



Not after what I just read!!

TV NEWS



And now, CBS presents the news in brief...

Did you go to the store and pick up the snapshots like I asked you? You probably didn't! You never listen to me! You never remember anything! Oh, you DID get them! Well, thank God for miracles! Let me see them!

This shot is terrible! And this one is awful! And this one stinks! And this one is rotten! And this one is horrible! And this one is catastrophic! In fact, this is the worst batch of pictures I have ever seen in my life!

You can't do anything right! You can't drive a car well! You can't change a washer in a faucet properly! You can't sing on key! And as a photographer, you're the WORST!!

Every picture you took of me has my MOUTH OPEN!!

R SIDE OF.. PUNISHMENT

Hey, Mikey! C'mon out an' play!!

I can't! I'm grounded for a week!!

For a week?! WHY? What did you do?

Nuthin'! Absolutely nuthin'! That's what bugs me! Can you imagine bein' punished for not doin' anythin'? Parents can be so cruel and sadistic sometimes!

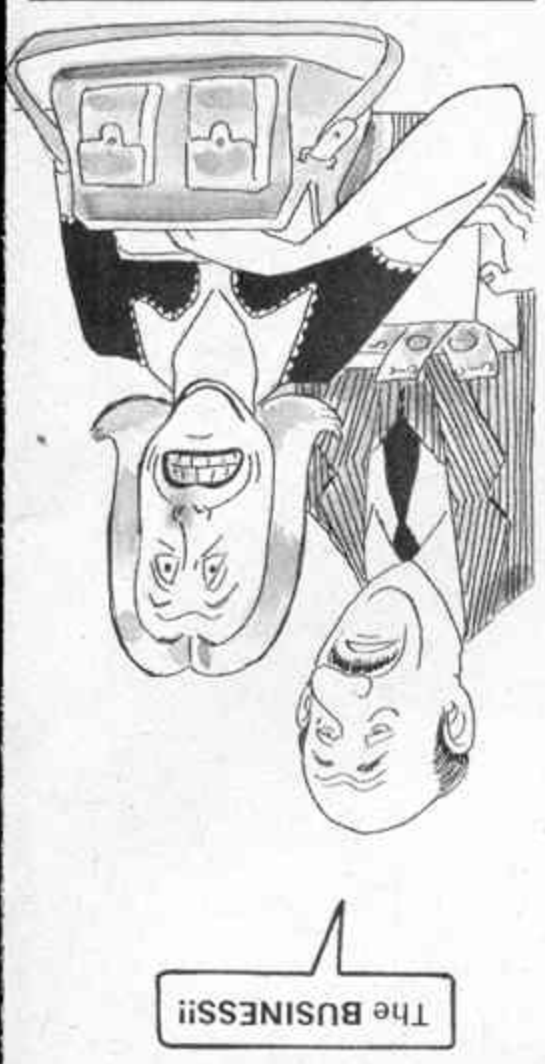
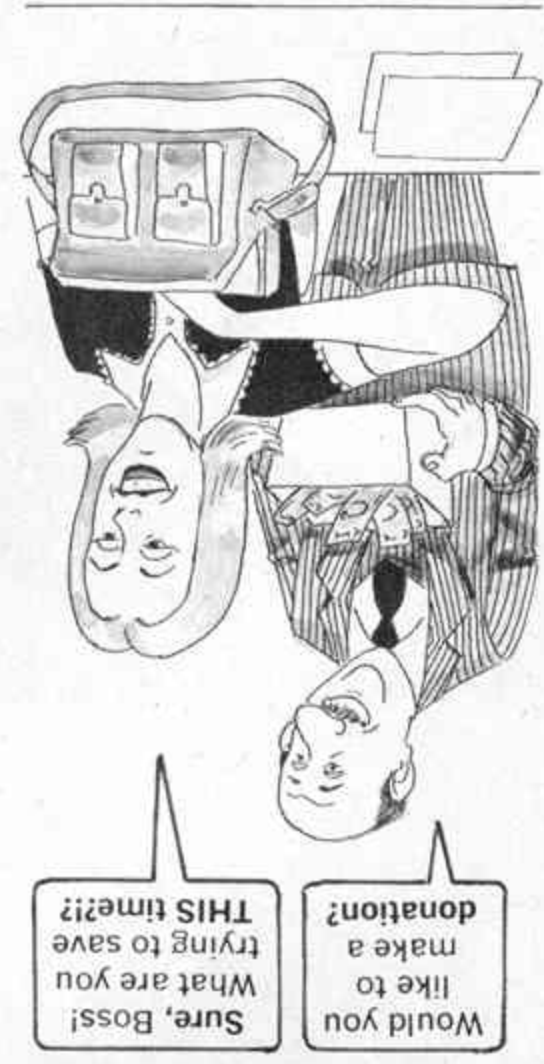
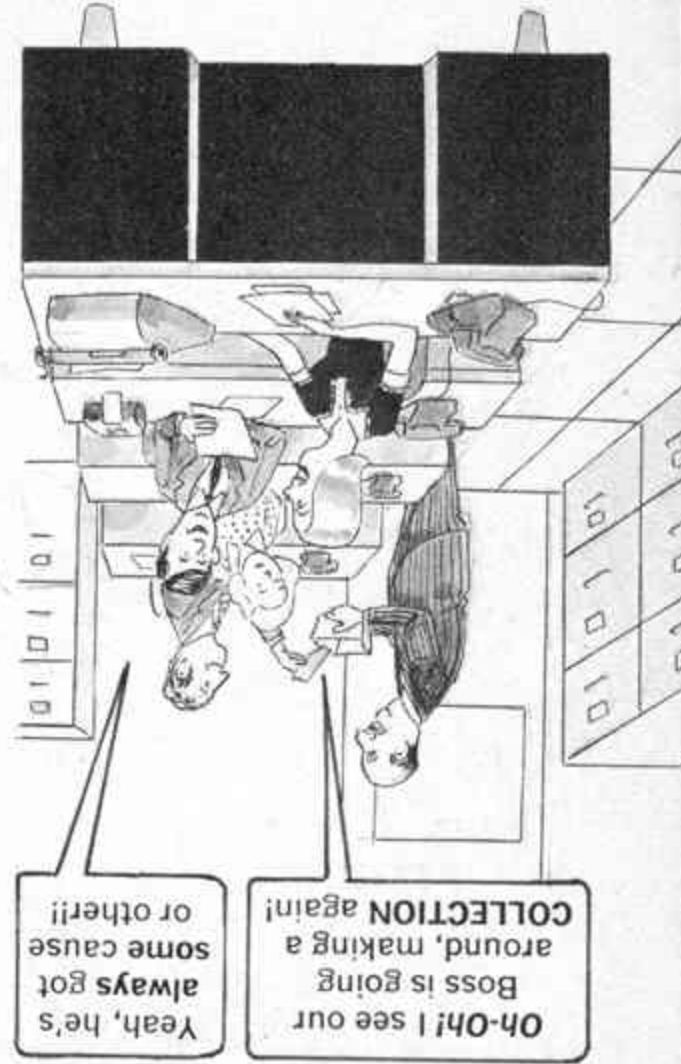
What didn't you do?

I can UNDERSTAND bein' punished for doin' something! I DIDN'T DO!!

FAIR to be grounded for thin' BAD! But it's UN-fair!

My homework!

ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG



COLLECTIONS

THE LIGHT

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.



DINING OUT



ARE...SOCIAL CRITIC

WRITER: HENRY CLARK

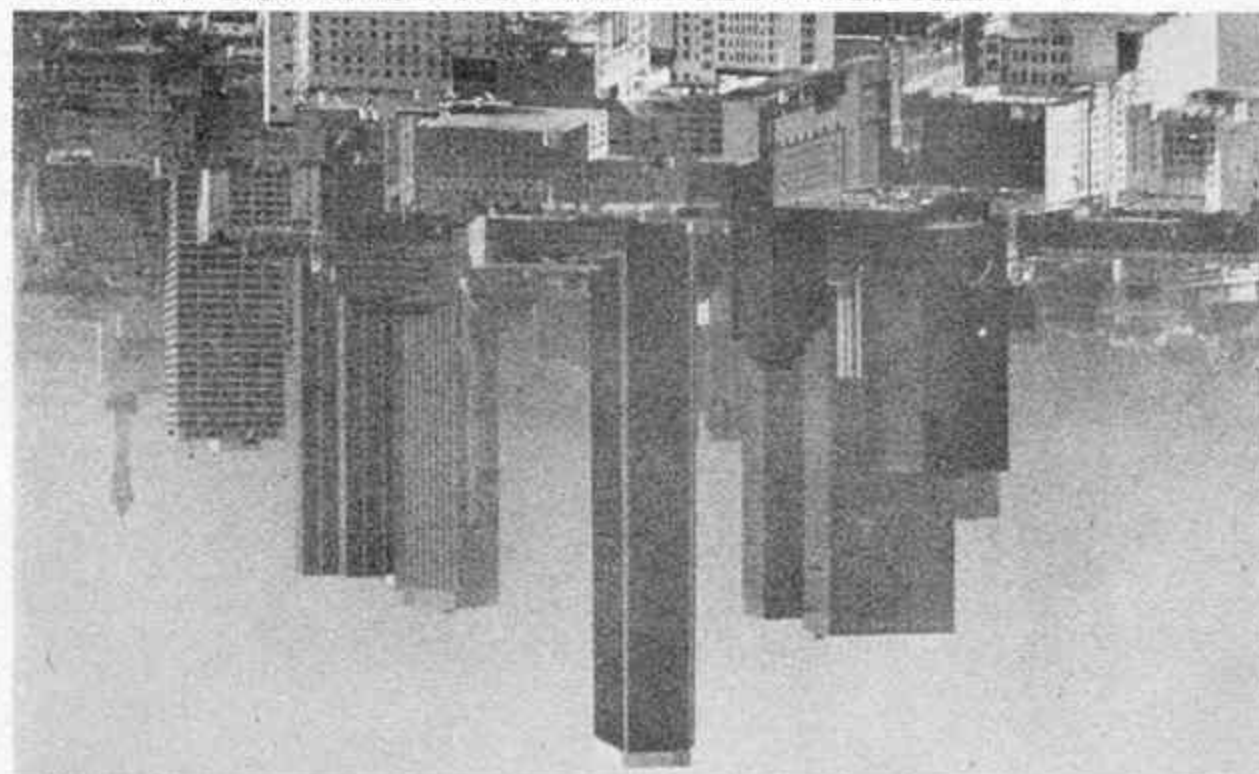
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"...SO WILD IN THEIR ATTIRE, THAT LOOK NOT LIKE THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH..."
Macbeth
Act I Scene 3



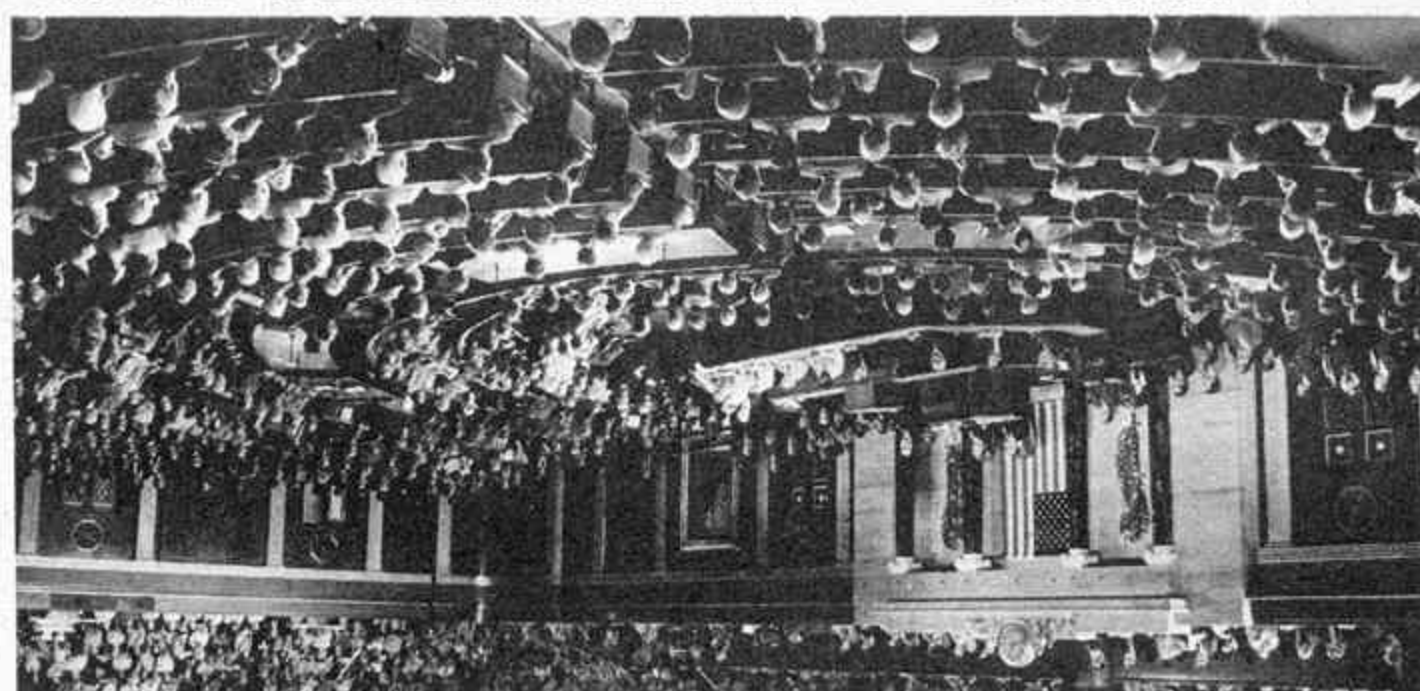
"...YOU STONES, YOU WORSE THAN SENSELESS THINGS!"
Julius Caesar
Act I Scene 1



"...DEVOURING PESTILENCE HANGS IN OUR AIR..."
Richard III
Act I Scene 3



"...HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO JET..."
Titus Andronicus
Act II Scene 1



"...FELLOWS OF INFINITE TONGUE..."
Henry V
Act V Scene 2
"...THEY SLACK THEIR DUTIES, AND POUR OUR TREASURES INTO FOREIGN LAPS..."
Othello
Act IV Scene 3



"...THIS THOU SEEST IS BUT A CLOUD..."
King John
Act V Scene 7

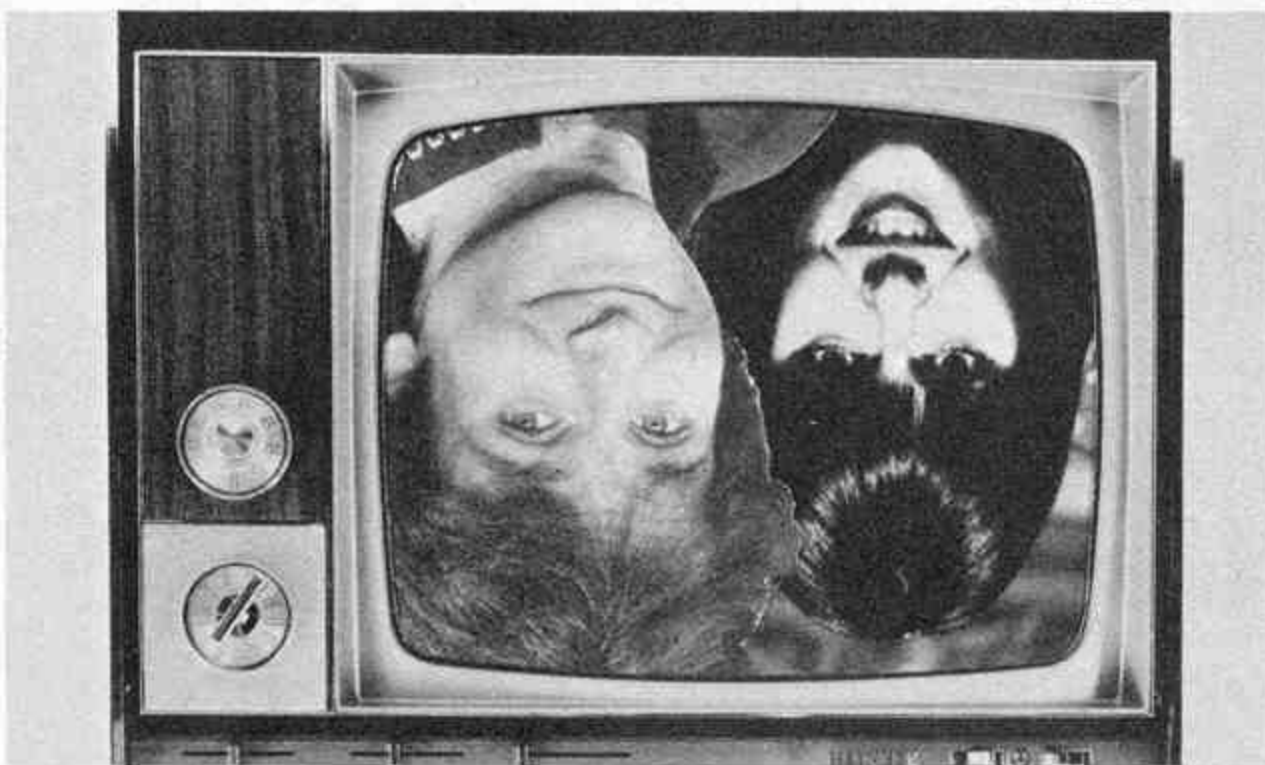


WILLIAM SHAKESPE



"I AM NOTHING, IF NOT CRITICAL."

Othello
Act II Scene 1



"...NOTHING BUT INEXPLICABLE DUMB-SHOWS AND NOISE..."

Hamlet
Act III Scene 2



"ALWAYS A VILLAIN'S OFFICE OR A FOOL'S."

Timon of Athens
Act IV Scene 3



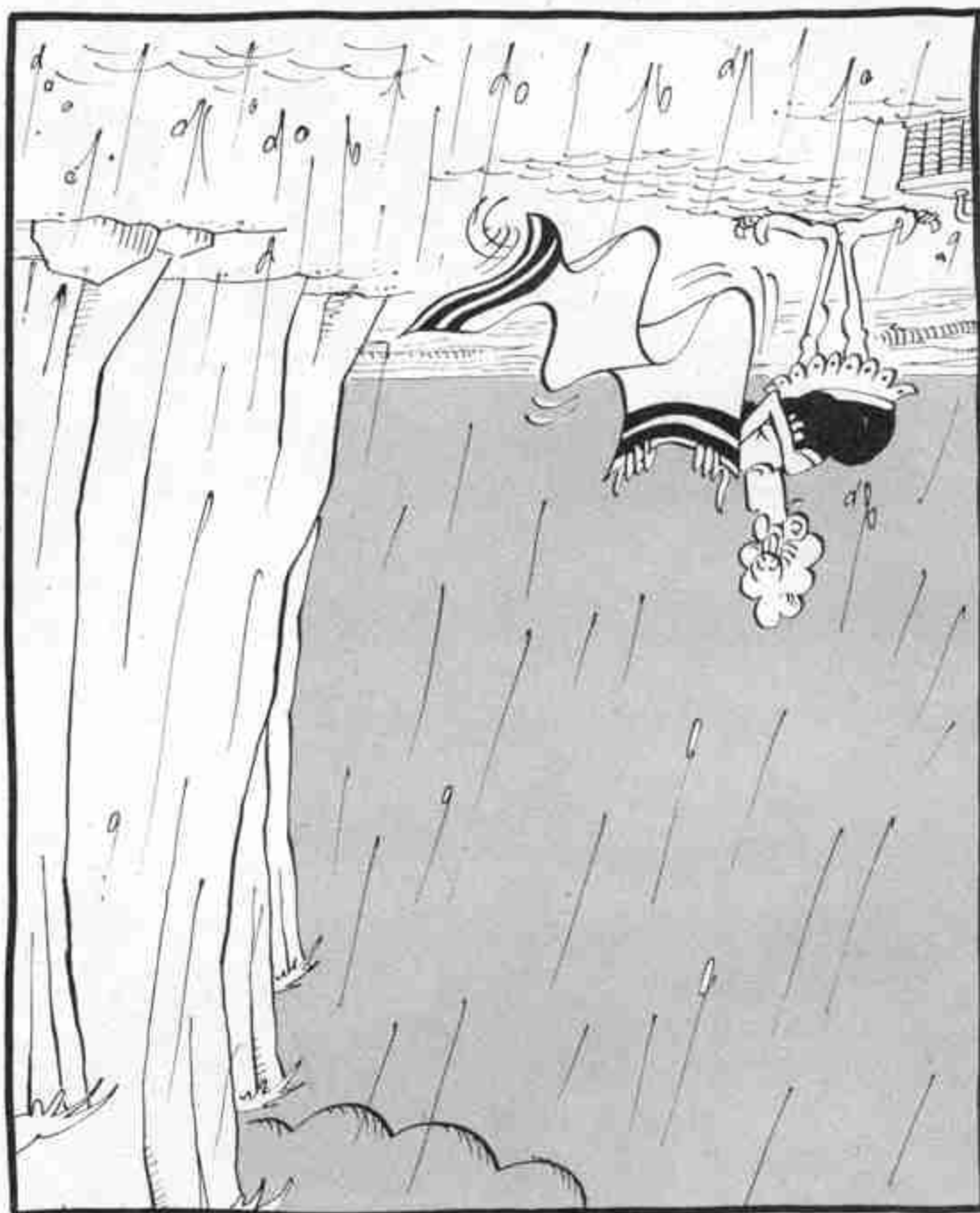
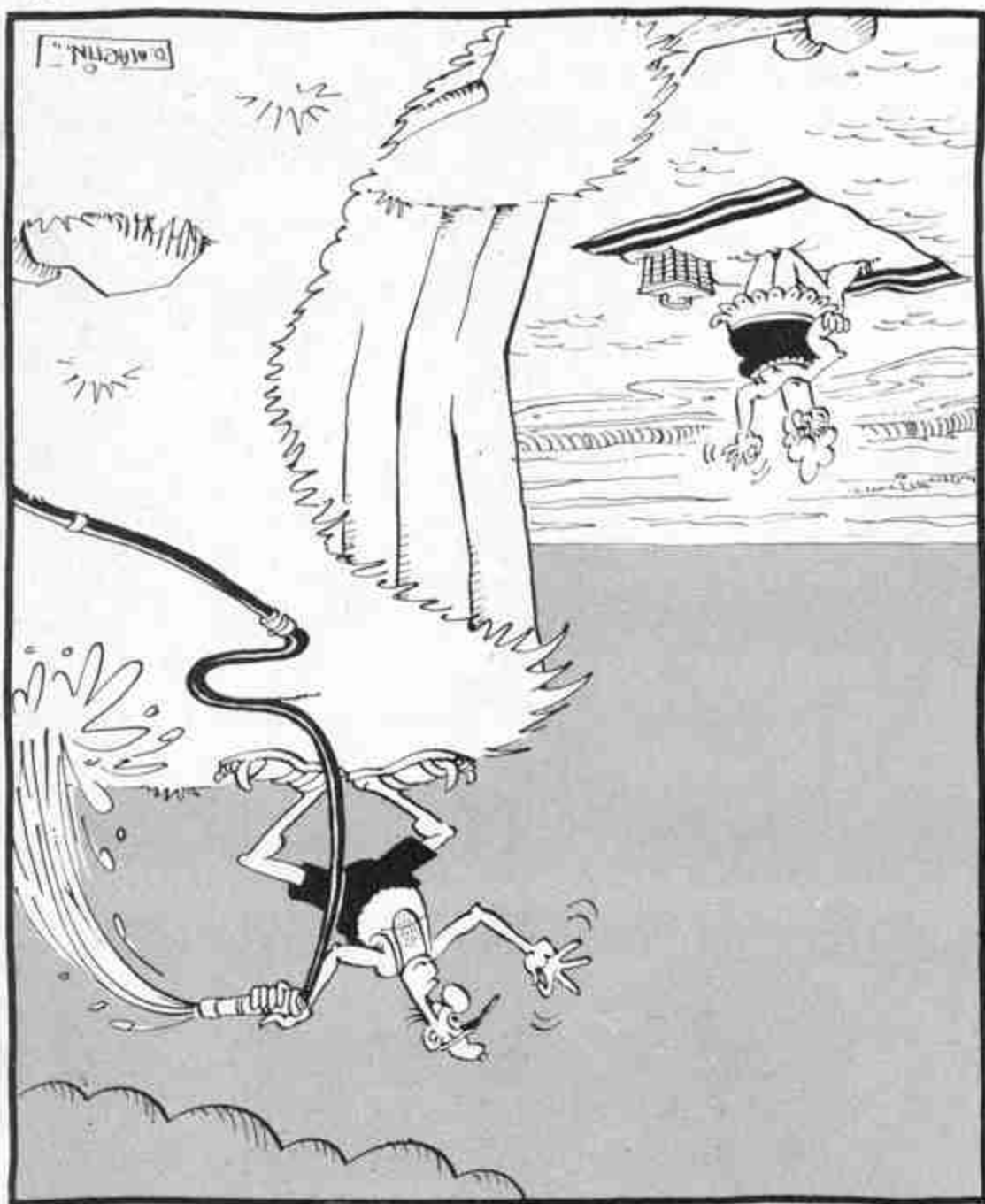
"I HEAR A TONGUE, SHRILLER
THAN ALL MUSIC..."

Julius Caesar
Act I Scene 2



"THAT IS THE WAY TO LAY THE CITY FLAT: TO BRING THE ROOF TO
ITS FOUNDATION, AND BURY ALL... IN HEAPS AND PILES OF RUIN."

Coriolanus
Act III Scene 1



ONE BLAZING HOT DAY ON THE BEACH

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART I

The Government says smoking is dangerous to our health, and is doing everything to get people to stop smoking.



Smoking increases your chances of cancer, heart attacks, high blood pressure and emphysema! Heed the warning that you see on all cigarette packages! This has been a Public Service Announcement by the Surgeon General's office!!



I've gotten hundreds of letters from my constituents that senior citizens are constantly being beaten and robbed of their Social Security checks! After all, this is an election year!!

A Congressman receives complaints from the people in his district, so he takes the problem before a "Committee."



Guilty!! Off with his head!
Next case!
Guilty!! Off with his ...

Foreign students, who aren't allowed to protest in their own country unless they want to risk being eliminated ...



We have to show those Russians that they cannot push us around! We must build the newest, most advanced and expensive missile system in the world! The only way we'll have peace is to show we're stronger than the Russians!

Conservative, anti-Communist politicians are determined to have bigger, better and more nuclear weapons than the Russians, no matter how much such a program would cost.

But this same Government is subsidizing tobacco farmers with our tax money to keep them growing the filthy stuff.



As long as I'm in office, I'll do everything in my power to see that your tobacco subsidies are increased! Smoking is an old American tradition!

Congress's solution to the problem? Not to do anything, but to appropriate a pile of money to study the problem.



Pardon me, sir! I'm from the "Congressional Committee to Study Abuses of Senior Citizens"! On the average, how many times a month are you beaten and robbed ... ?

... come to the U.S.A. and hold demonstrations to their hearts content ... mostly against America, while they're attending U.S. universities paid for by U.S. taxpayers, and being protected by American police paid for by ditto.



Keep in line, kids!
Move those hecklers away!

Of course we should sell the Russians wheat! Why should our farmers lose money? And it's not fair to ask our industries to sacrifice profits by not selling its products to the Russians! "Free Enterprise" is The American Way!!



These same politicians are in favor of selling wheat to the Russians (to feed their army), highly-sophisticated computers (to help them devise a defense against our new missiles), and almost anything else they'll want to buy.

MADNESS

WRITE: LOU SILVERSTONE



A Congressman who is caught taking a bribe or an illegal pay-off is punished by being censured by his colleagues.



A high school jock signs a letter of intent to attend a college, and there's no way he can change his mind.



The medical profession fought long and hard against the passage of any form of Medicaid or Medicare Programs.



A student who is caught cheating or peeking at a class-mates paper during an exam is thrown out of his school.



But a college coach who has signed a legal, long-term contract switches schools when he gets a better offer.



Medicaid finally passed, and the doctors who'd tried to prevent it are now the ones reaping the most benefits.

REAL LIFE

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

An inefficient automobile company loses a ton of money, and the U.S. Government comes galloping to the rescue.



A city tottering on the brink of bankruptcy builds an expensive stadium, and leases it to a team at a loss.



When someone is the victim of a crime, the newspapers publish every intimate detail about his (or her) life.



But some poor schlub needs a loan to stay in business, and the U.S. Government and the banks lend him zilch.



And this same city has to cancel practically all of its High School sports programs because it's short of funds.



But the creep who is tracked down and arrested ... who committed the crime, has his privacy protected by law.





That the less you can act, the more you should shout! And that the worse a movie is, the better the special effects have to be!!

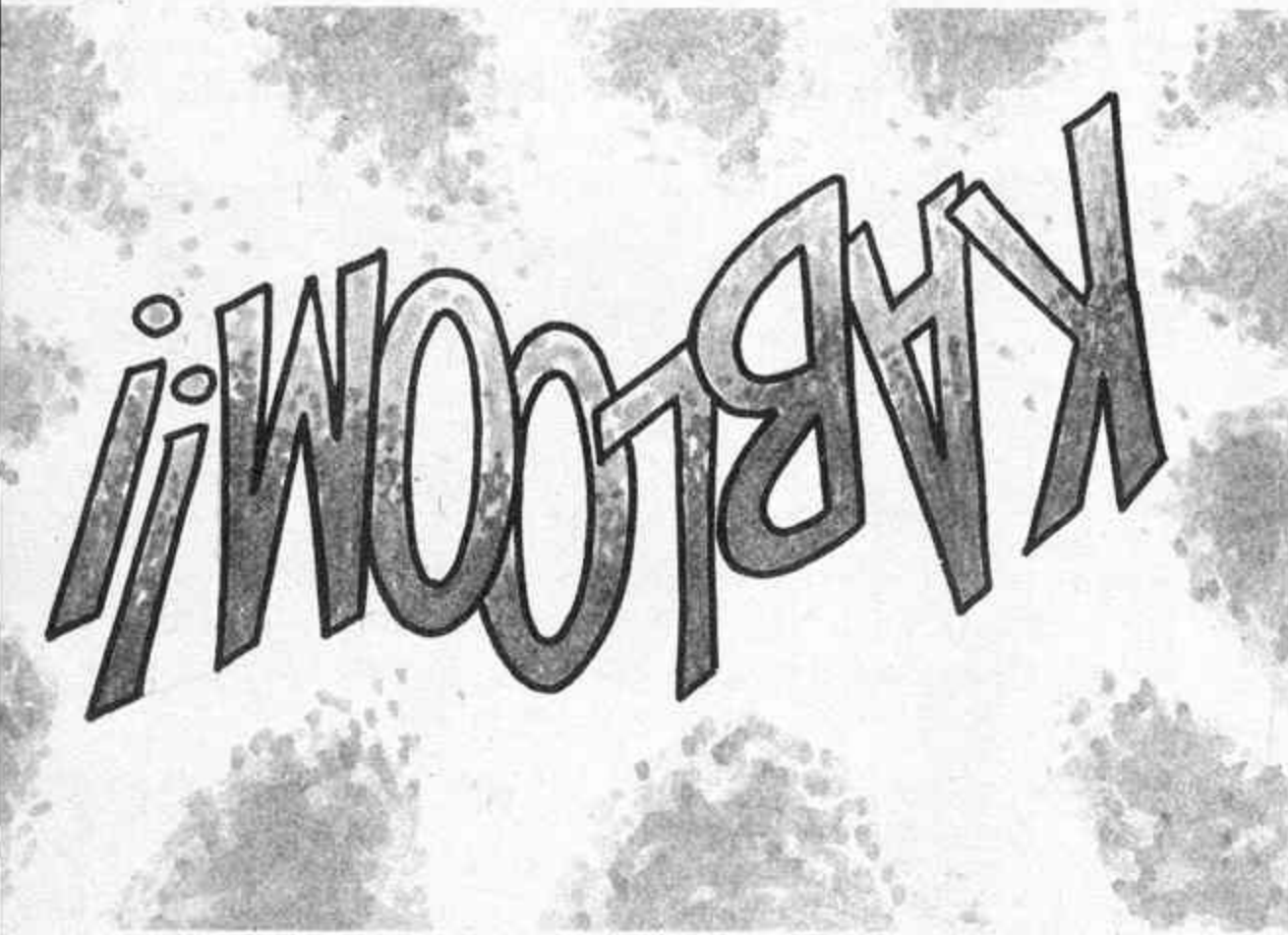
Okay! But, what have we actually learned from all this...?

Yeah! That WAS a big explosion wasn't it?

We have just witnessed an inexplicable physical phenomenon!



Oh-oh! My goof!! The tank is 110 volts, and I accidentally plugged it into a 220 volt line!



This has got to be your final experiment!

Oh? How come?

The tank has to go in for it's 30 million mile check-up! You've put an awful lot of astral travel on it!



My God! How do you feel?

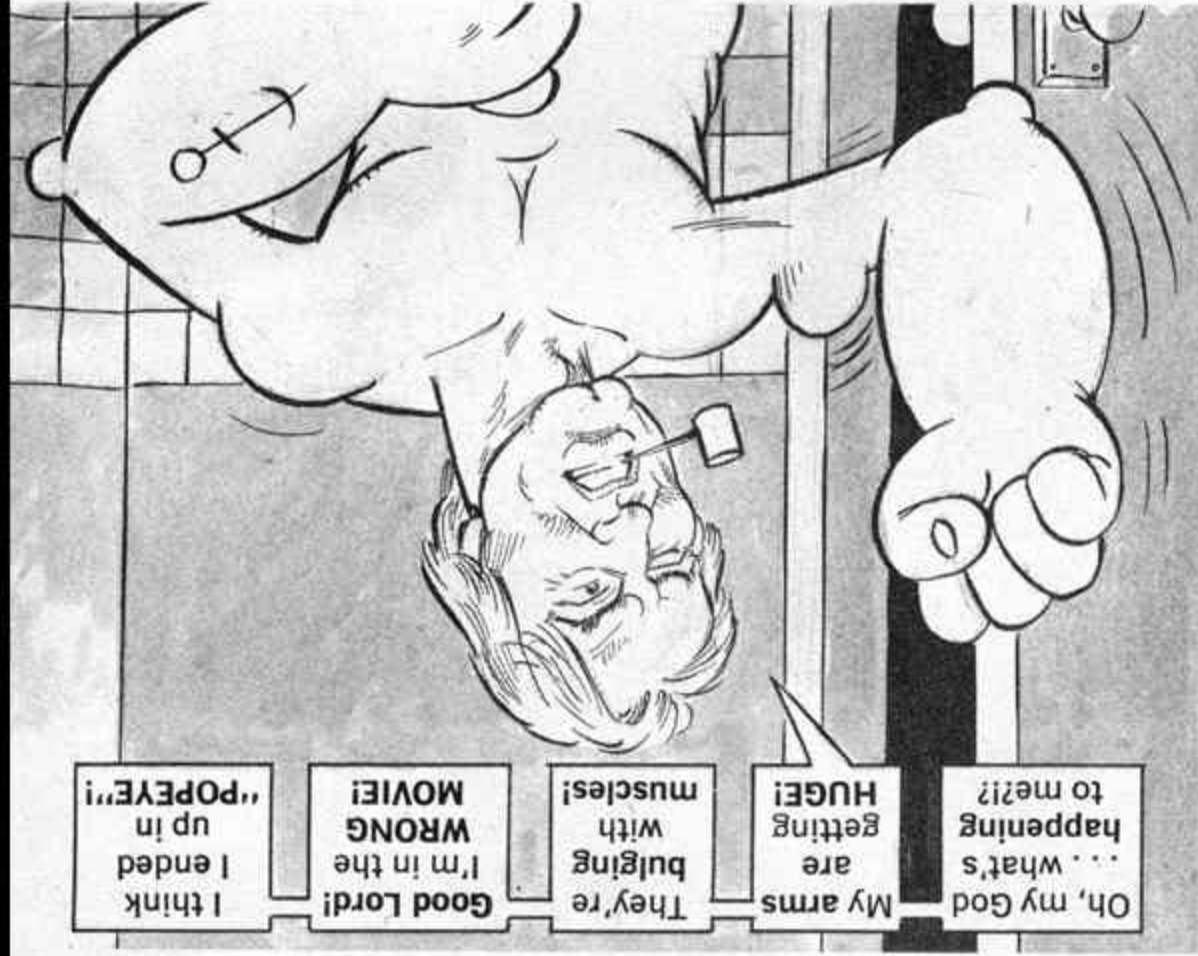
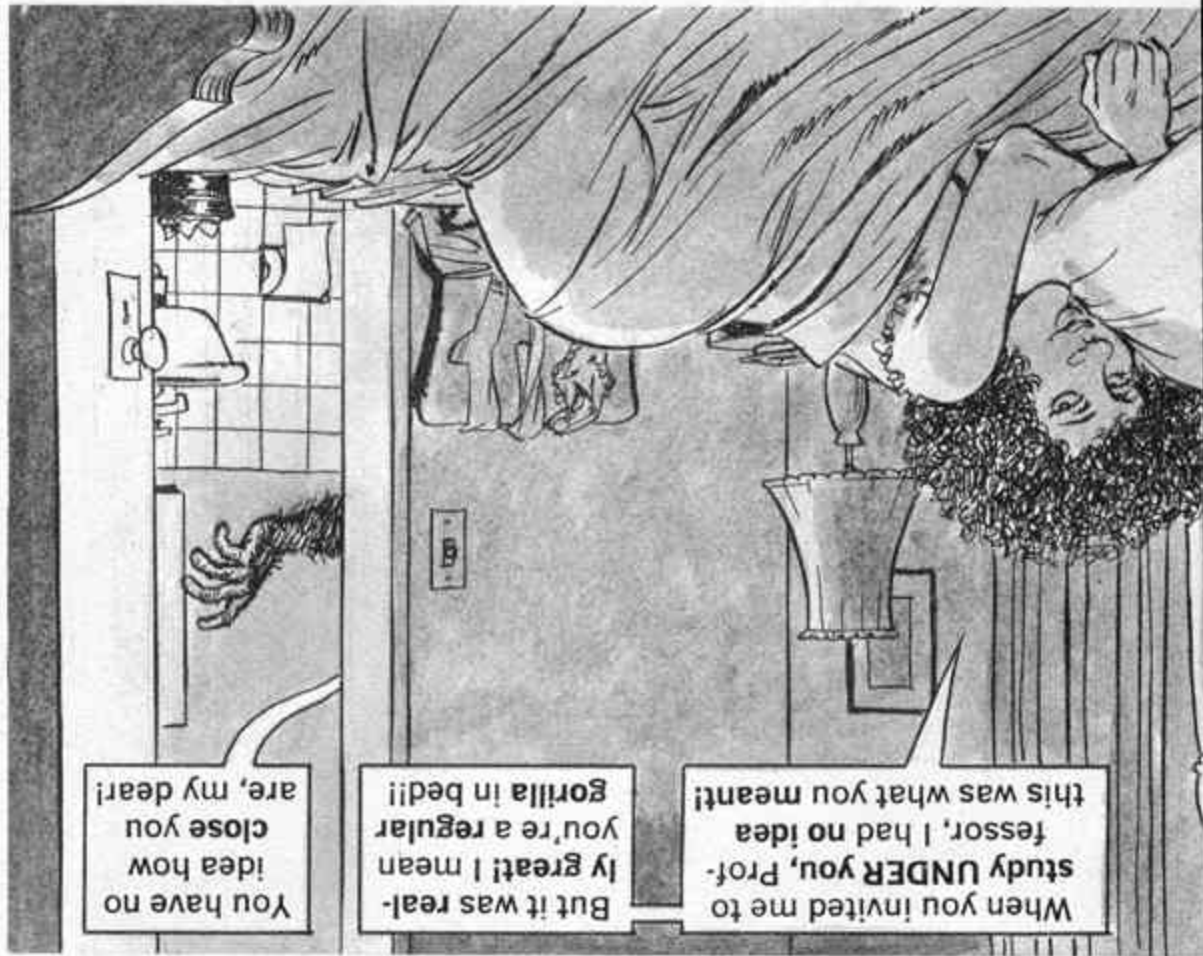
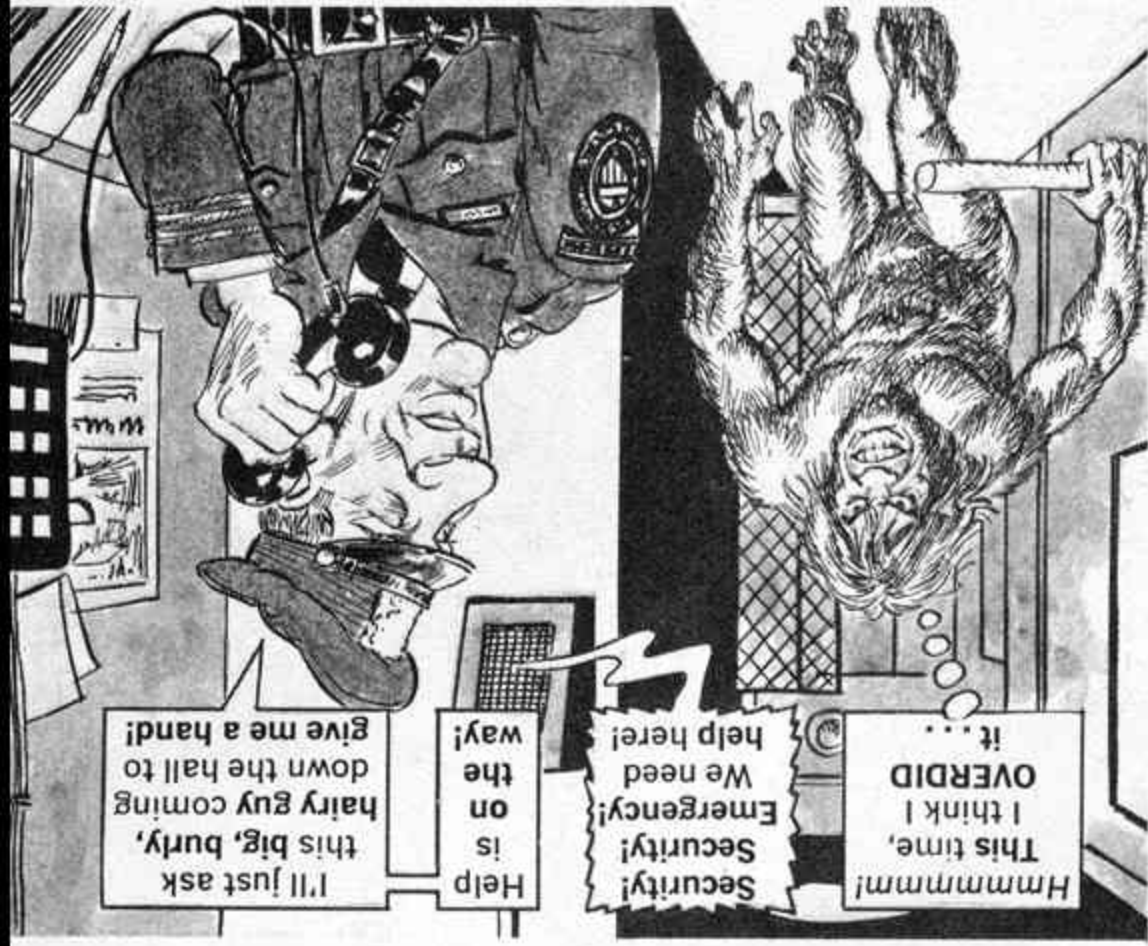
Oh, not B-A-A-A-A-A-ADI!

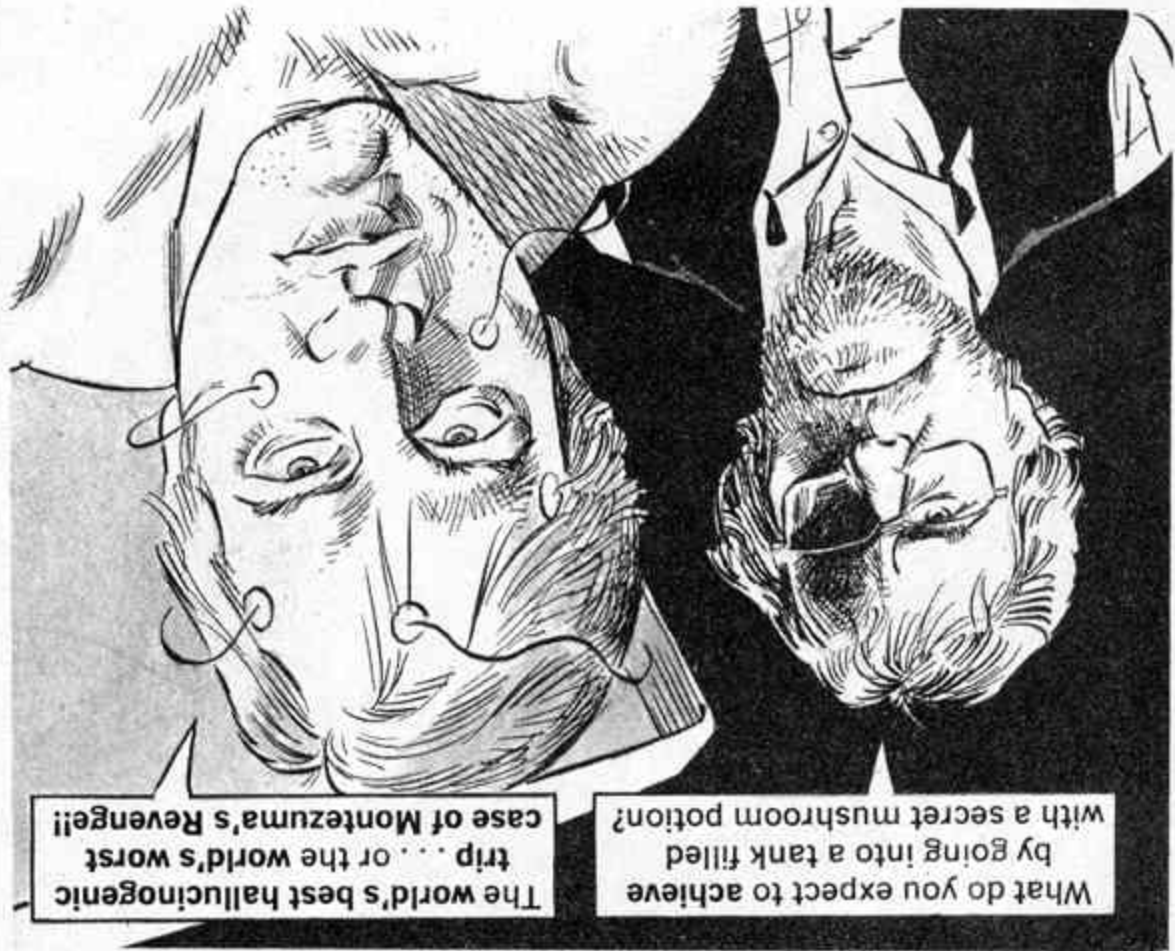
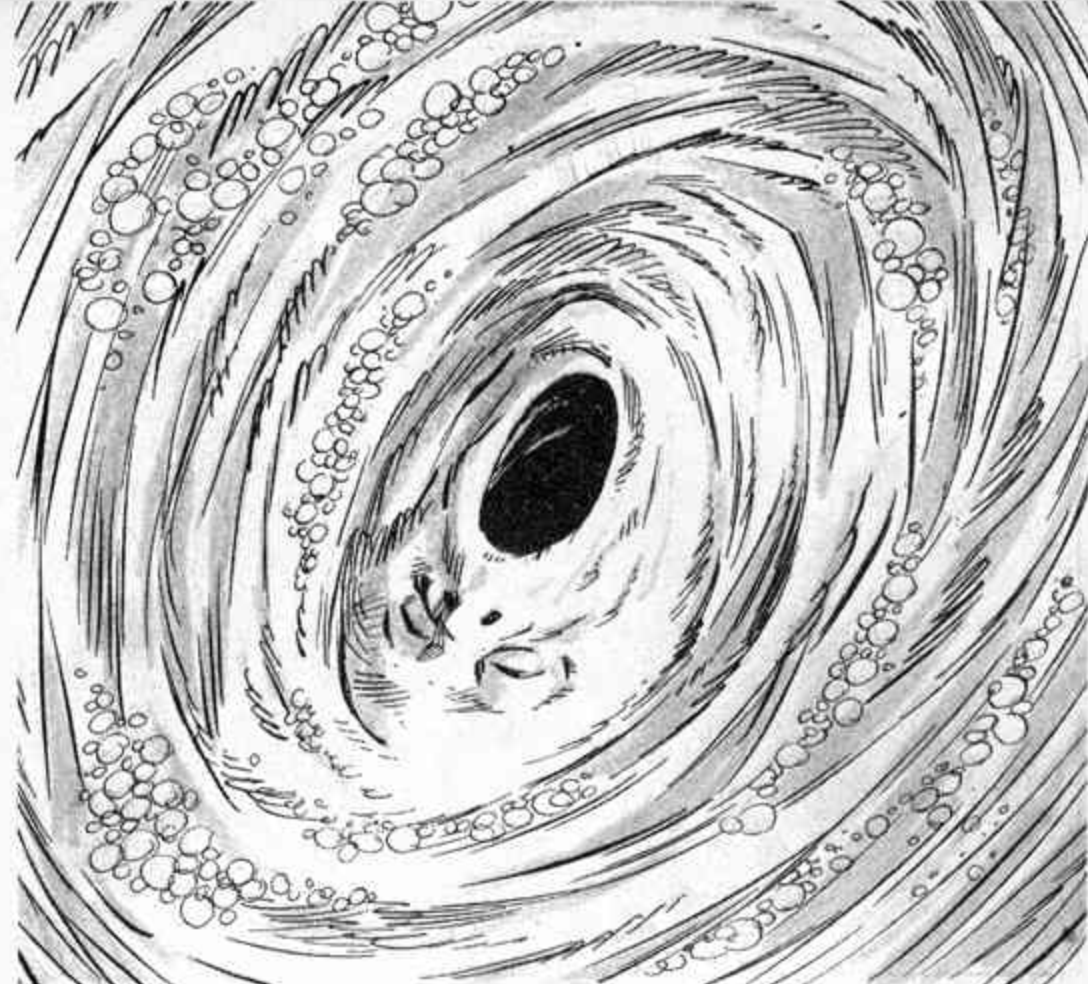
Enema, my last experiment was the most incredible, yet I entered into a primate consciousness state! I went to a zoo and I drank the blood and ate the flesh of a sheep!



Listen, fella... I know the price of meat is really high, but you can't come in here and eat it for free!







What do you expect to achieve by going into a tank filled with a secret mushroom potion?

The world's best hallucinogenic trip... or the world's worst case of Montezuma's Revenge!!



You're nuts to fool with this mushroom potion! God knows that harm it will do to your body!!

It won't do ANY harm! That Ancient Indian Chief suffered no harmful effects from it!!

ANCIENT Indian Chief...? That Chief is 27 years old!



What an incredible trip! First, I found myself spinning 'round and 'round, with foaming clouds everywhere! Then... suddenly, I was bathed in fresh, clean water! There are no words to describe what happened to me!!

There are LOTS of words to describe what happened to you! Soak! Agitate! Rinse! Spin! You didn't climb into the isolation tank! You climbed into the WASHING MACHINE!!



Well, I refuse to take part in any more of these wild experiments! They violate one of the basic principles of Medicine!!

You mean that there are no strict control conditions??

No... I mean there's no money in it!!



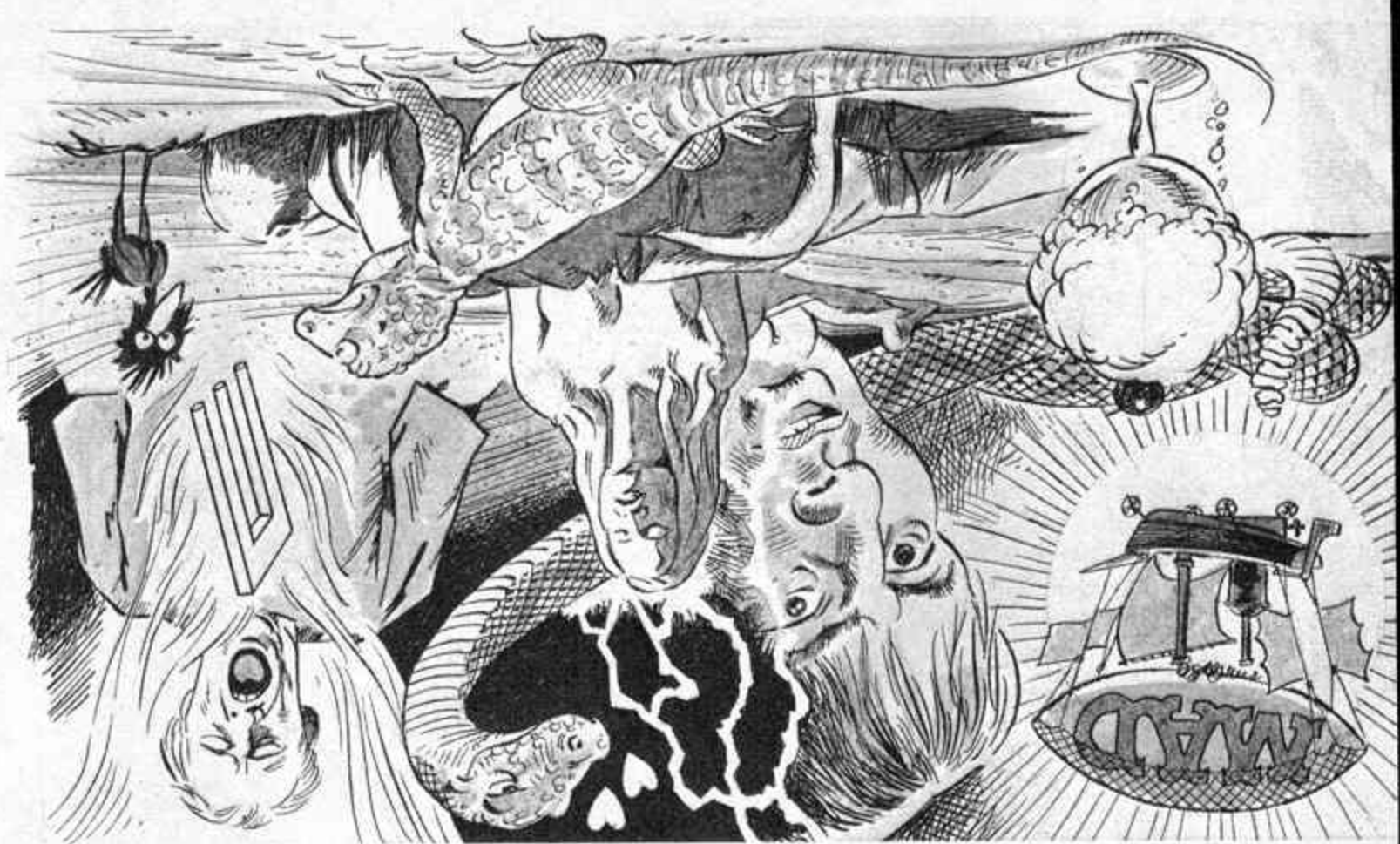
Hey! What are you using for LIQUID in the tank for this experiment??

I filled it with the secret mushroom potion!

What are THOSE things, floating on the top??

CROUTONS! That way, I won't have to come out for dinner!





What... what happened??

No... I mean, did I do anything REALLY strange?

After you took the secret live lizard... and then made love to a snake!



The Chief says you may take part in the secret Mushroom Soup ceremony! It's \$5.00 for a cup... \$8.00 for a bowl!



My God! He's cutting my hand and letting it bleed into the soup! I've heard of The Man Hand-lers, but this is ridiculous!!

These are primitive people! They don't have Ketchup! They have to season the soup with whatever is around!!



What'll happen to me after I drink this stuff?

First, you'll see a spot! The spot will turn into a white line! The white line will lead you down a road to the limits of your imagination!

Then, a Toll Collector will ask you for another \$8.00 for the return trip!!

Drink, Gringo! You'll love it! Drink up! L'Chaim!



Oddie... all that sensory deprivation... all those hallucinogenic drugs... doesn't it frighten you?

Well, I think that we should get married!!

Now THAT frightens me!



Enema, I'm off to Mexico to an isolated Indian village, to take part in an ancient ceremony known as "La Soupa De Mushroom's"!

Oddie, why must you put every known substance into your body?

Because I want to go beyond mind, beyond body, beyond self!

You're part-way there! You're already beyond help, beyond reason and beyond BELIEF!

ASSAULTED STATE

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO



Artwerp told me to draw you out... that you were quite shy!

Well, for openers, I think a subject who is influenced by pharmacological agents or any other forms of altered consciousness or suprapersonal experiences has deformities of cognition!

Artwerp forgot to mention you're also BORING!!

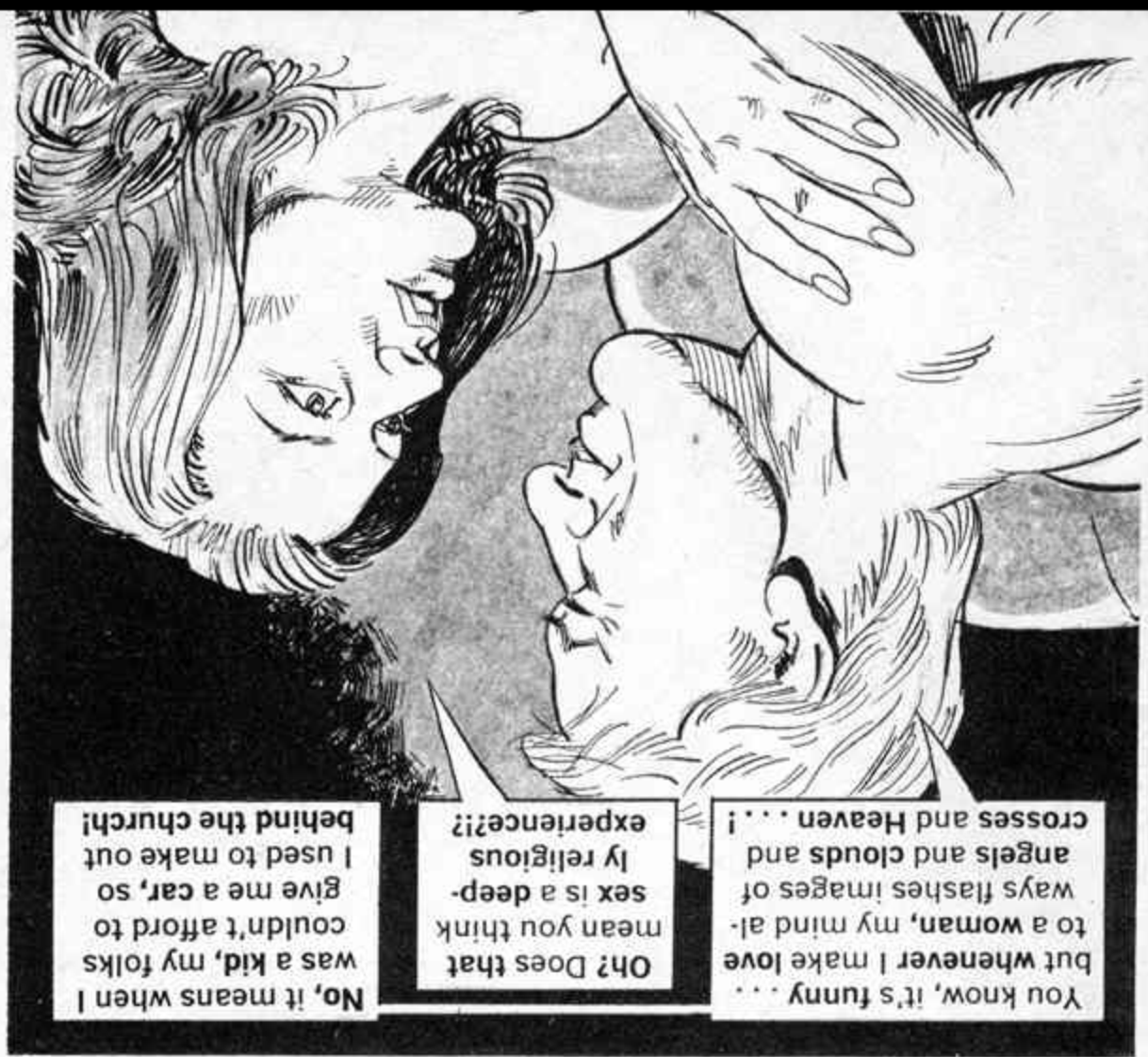


Rumor has it you're doing some rather dangerous experiments in that old basement lab!

Well... I AM exploring areas that have never been studied in a scientific way before!!

Must you always fool around with the unknown??

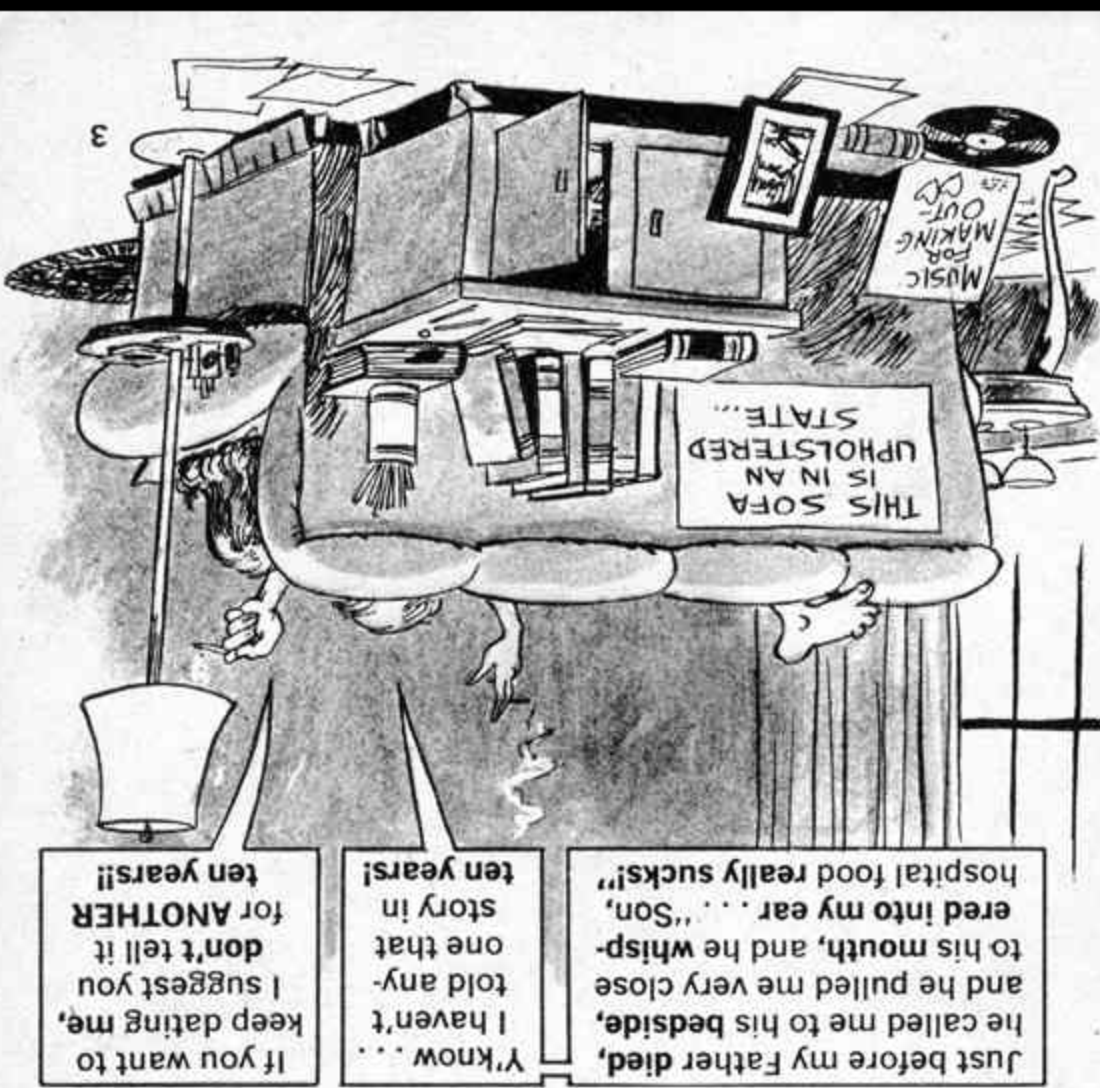
Absolutely! And since I don't know YOU, let's go to my place and fool around!



You know, it's funny... but whenever I make love to a woman, my mind always flashes images of angels and clouds and crosses and Heaven...!

Oh? Does that mean you think sex is a deeply religious experience??

No, it means when I was a kid, my folks couldn't afford to give me a car, so I used to make out behind the church!



Just before my Father died, he called me to his bedside, and he pulled me very close to his mouth, and he whispered into my ear... "Son, hospital food really sucks!"

Y'know... I haven't told any-one that story in ten years!

If you want to keep dating me, I suggest you don't tell it for ANOTHER ten years!!

Every once in a while, a motion picture comes along that exhilarates the senses, expands the imagination, and explores the unknown. Unfortunately, this is not one of those movies! The only new technique this movie employs is to have the actors all speak their lines at the same time. MAD applauds said new technique in this movie. The stars don't have to know their lines well, and the audience hears all that boring dialogue in 1/3 the normal time. And when all that pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo and all those drug trips are thrown at you, the film leaves you in an



Artwerp! Come and get me out! This isolation tank, and all the drugs I've taken, have given me unbelievable hallucinations! I saw wild, swirling colors and prehistoric symbols, and it was as if I was traveling centuries into the past! Art! You hear me? ART...? DO YOU HEAR ME? Huh? What? I'm sorry, Oddie! I fell asleep! This junk food I eat, with all its chemicals, gives me nightmares! I dream- ed I saw wild, swirling colors and prehistoric symbols, and it was as if I was traveling centuries into the past!

How long have I been in here? Five hours? Wow! All that death and blood and killing and destruction I saw! It only seemed like an HOUR!

Time FLIES when you're having fun! Five hours? Wow! All that death and blood and killing and destruction I saw! It only seemed like an HOUR!

We're delving in- to strange, new areas, Art! Out- side of the work of Curl & Elder, who ELSE has ever done this kind of thing?

Laurel & Hardy, Martin & Lewis, and Rowan & Martin, to name a few!



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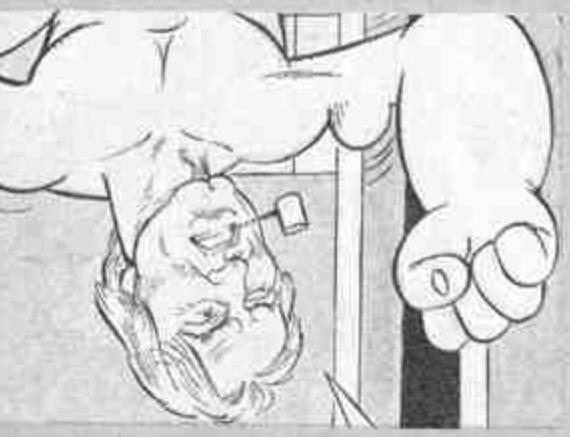
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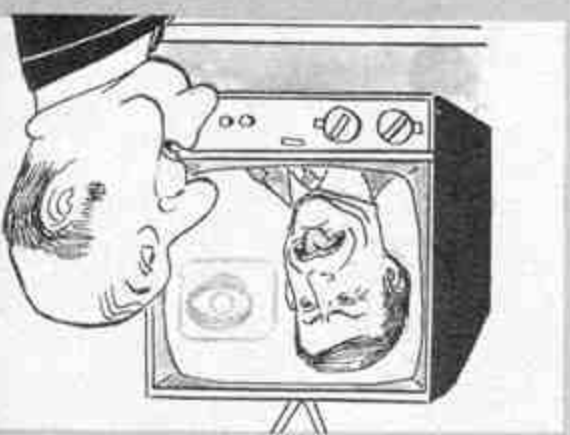
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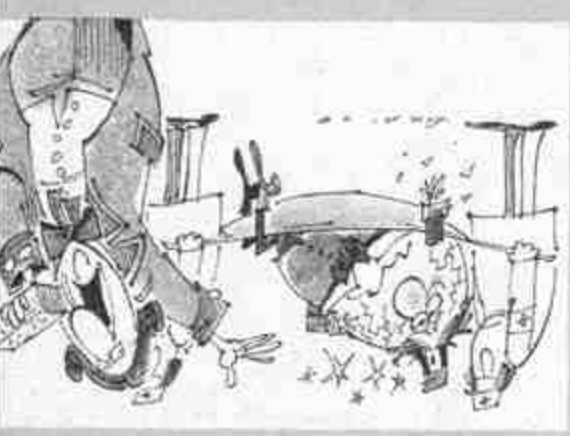
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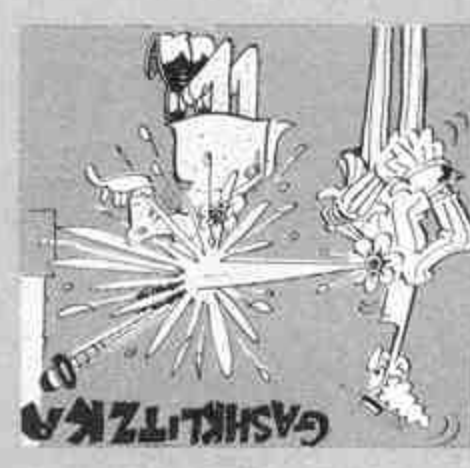
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ARTIST & WRITER:
AL JAFFEE

THOUSANDS OF NEW IDEAS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED TO MAKE
POSSIBLE THIS CREATURE'S SURVIVAL, BUT ALL SENTIMENTAL
SERMONS ARE WORTHLESS WHEN IT REFUSES TO FOLLOW ADVICE



A

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

B

FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"

**WHAT ANCIENT
SLOW-MOVING
CREATURE IS
THREATENED
WITH
EXTINCTION?**

Evolution has taught us that "speed" is one of the elements necessary for the survival of the fittest. Slow-moving creatures have difficulty surviving in a fast-moving world. To find out what the next sad victim of progress could be, fold in page as shown.

MAD FOLD-IN
HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!



...AND YOU'LL FLIP OVER "POPEYE"!



WAM!

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