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obviously never
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CRAZY IN LOVE

In your "Dating Tips for the Mentally Unstable" in MAD #451, I noticed that in each scenario, the unstable person was male! If you don't think there are mentally unstable females, I can tell you about some of the women I've dated (including my ex-wife) that will convince you otherwise!

Bill Kohl, Omaha, NE

Old King Kohl — Tough break on the dating scene! We really feel for you. But here's a sure-fire way to tell whether a girl is crazy: if you ask her out and she says yes, then she's obviously Nutters O'Butters! Good luck and we'll see ya on match.com! —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

As a reader of MAD for over nine years, I have read countless *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* letters where contestants send in their slop of egotistical blabber and request things that would force God himself to cringe and turn a hateful eye. Not once did I ever feel obligated to ask anything for myself. In fact, I felt ashamed for even pondering the notion of wanting something from the already giving and nurturing MAD writers. Even though I have been satisfied and filled with laughter for nearly a decade, I dare do the dirty deed. Will the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* grant me my dumb wish?

JAILHOUSE SCHLOCK

Right now I'm in a juvenile corrections facility. I read your magazines all the time. My mom brings one every month. I was wondering who makes up all the jokes and funny stories?

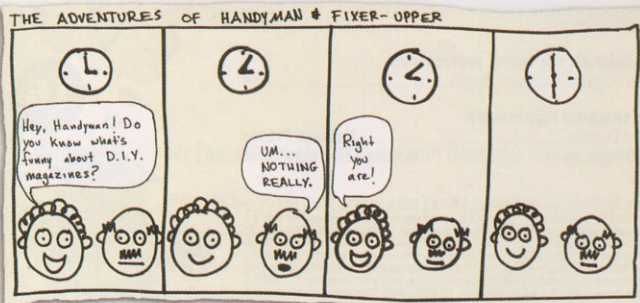
Phillip Gomes, Cranston, RI

Dr. Phil — Funny you should ask that, considering where you're writing from! Most of our writers and artists were actually recruited right from the penal system! We first discovered John Caldwell through the extensive tattoo work he had done on Art Director Sam Viviano when they were cell mates at Rikers Island. And Desmond Devlin was hired (after a daring escape) because of the hundreds of hilarious death threats he wrote to Editor John Ficarra. We're a little concerned though. Al Jaffee's been missing deadlines because of his upcoming arson trial. Do you have any ideas for a Fold-In? —Ed.

I am starting a local DIYzine in Houston with some fellow writers and we need some help! It is near completion with news, satires, editorials and music reviews. Now all we need is a comic strip. I would greatly appreciate a short original comic strip from any writer or maybe even a unique piece of artistic humor from your janitor!

Ryan Brodie, Houston, TX

Rye bread — As you know, the goal of the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* is to grant the dumb wishes of our fans. So we are happy to report that we are making your dumb wish come true. We are honored that you asked us to contribute to your DIY magazine. Below is a little strip we like to call "The Adventures of Handyman and Fixer-upper." We hope it brings a little class to your 'zine! —Ed.



Please note, however, that we retain all publishing rights and this strip can only appear in the pages of MAD. Enjoy and thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*!

CRAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

I've been reading your magazine since I was a kid. I just wanted to let you know that I think it's really funny. Not a very original compliment, I know. But seriously, sometimes when I'm having a really crappy day, MAD makes me laugh. You rock!

Russ Peplinski, Ontario, Canada

P.S. Could you please let me know how William M. Gaines died?

Rusty — Let us take a moment to describe our day today. It was magical! We flew a kite in the park, played with some Welsh Corgi puppies at the pet store, got soft-serve chocolate ice cream (in a waffle cone!) then came to the office to answer some reader mail. And that's when the day took a turn for the worse. You wanna talk about crappy days, Rusty? A crappy day is when you're having a really great day and then some "fan" reminds you that your dear friend is dead. Thanks for your letter and we hope you're having a great day! —Ed.

The Big Easel

Whoever said two heads are better than one never saw this disturbing and terrifying MAD-themed snowman sent in by Michael Wimsatt of Floyds Knobs, IN. All we can say is thank God spring is coming!



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BIG BERNIE

You may recall back in issue #451 the sad, sad tale of Bernie Amero of Gloucester, MA, whose local store (spookily named The Willow Rest) stopped carrying MAD. After bugging them to start again, he gave up and just got a subscription...at which point the store came in to his pitiful begging and decided to start carrying MAD again. Now this poor schmuck is stuck with two issues a month and he's looking to dump one of them. So, we asked readers to tell us why they deserve this questionable prize. The responses poured in and we proudly give you their pathetic pleas! Oh, and by the way Bernie, we hope you will write and tell us your verdict!

I deserve the subscription because I actually cry during Halo videogames. I was in tears when Cortana was left behind...and when Halo was destroyed the first time. So, I need that subscription because you guys are the only things that make me laugh after the death of the prophets! Ohhhh — it's so sad.

Alex Landreville, Edina, MN

I really need Bernie "Mr. Moneybags" Amero's extra MAD for my sanity. I work for the Federal Government. We have a fellow worker who would buy magazines and bring them in for everybody to read. Except myself because I am a purist and only read MAD. The other skinflints in my shop are so tight they would even remind him when magazines hit the stores so he would not forget to buy them. The guy has moved on to another shop. If I had an extra MAD, I could bring it to work and possibly alleviate the mind-destroying, relentless whining I must listen to about there being nothing new to read!

Stephen Spangler, Macy, IN

I want Bernie's extra copy. I've read MAD for years and I even had the board game. We used to play it for hours and when we eventually lost pieces we replaced them with other things. We had a car from the "Life" game, a "Monopoly" piece and a chess piece. But I digress! I deserve it for being a loyal MAD-man!

Mike Nix, Clear Spring, MD

Some time ago I received an offer from MAD for a free year's subscription for myself, so I could send another MAD subscription to a friend. Now that friend has questioned my sanity and recommended me for an intervention. However, my idea would be for Bernie to continue purchasing MAD from The Willow Rest as that is very good for small business and get a change of address for the subscription (i.e. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, DC)

Prudence Meyers, Ft. Myers, FL

I believe I deserve his extra copy and this is why: I am a Pastor (a low-paying, high-stress job) a female Pastor (more stress), a female Pastor in a small town (our town library can't afford any magazine subscriptions, much less one to MAD) and a female Pastor in a small town in Iowa (enough said)! Please consider me for this offer of "cheap humor."

Leila Blackburn, Griswold, IA

Send your extra copy to me. I ran out of toilet paper and I've been sitting here for the past three days!

Dan Cardillo, Riverside, CT

PUTTING SHAME IN YOUR GAMES

MAD reader/Games magazine fan (and shut-in) David Hegner of Newton, NJ, brought to our attention that a puzzle in the April, 2005 issue featured a MAD-related entry. For your pleasure and our bragging rights, we happily reprint (without permission), the puzzle and the clue. By the way, Dave, if you subscribed to MAD, Games AND Guns & Ammo, you'd pretty much have the trifecta that makes up most serial killers' reading lists! —Ed.

Double Cross

By Michael Ashley

Answer the clues on the crossword puzzle, and letter per dash. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the corresponding numbered squares in the puzzle grid to reveal a sentence reading from left to right. Black squares denote words. When you're done, read down the list of answers, then initial letters will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

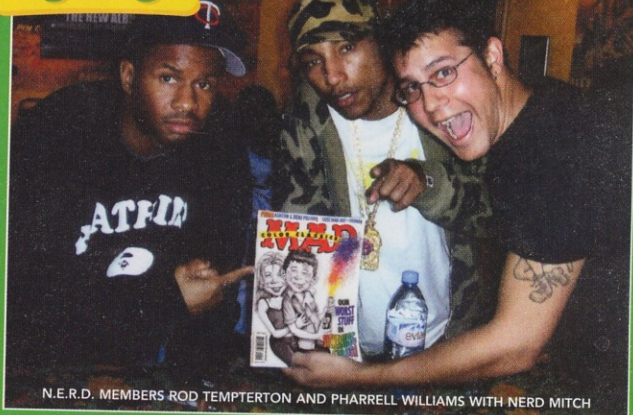


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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



N.E.R.D. MEMBERS ROD TEMPERTON AND PHARRELL WILLIAMS WITH NERD MITCH

This is a picture of Pharrell Williams and Rod Tempterton from N.E.R.D. They stopped in our MexCal bar out here in Denver for a quick visit. Pharrell was more interested in the magazine than the food. The guy wouldn't give it back! In short, I am now unemployed! This poor college kid took one for the team and deserves a three-year subscription!

Mitch Williams, Denver, CO

Mitchapalooza — Getting fired was well worth it! C'mon, what would you rather have — a steady source of income or a three-year subscription to MAD? Besides, you've captured a rare sighting on film! More elusive than Bigfoot and more obscure than the Loch Ness Monster — an actual photograph of Pharrell with his shirt on! —Ed.





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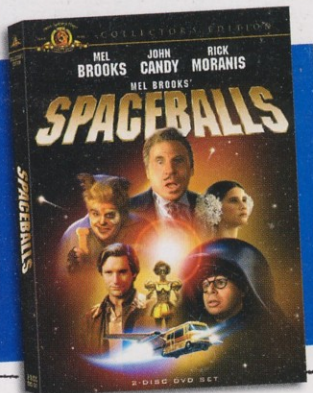


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READER ALERT

It's the MAD editors that have to suffer as they sift through countless moronic letters every month. Yet, somehow, it is the reader that is rewarded! This month, every person who had their letter printed will receive a free copy of the *Spaceballs: Collector's Edition* DVD courtesy of MGM! Look for other exciting giveaways in issues ahead. By the way, for all you losers who didn't get your letters published, the *Spaceballs* DVD will be in stores May 3, 2005!



GAMER ALERT

In honor of the release of the new *Spy Vs. Spy* videogame, we are offering EXCLUSIVE cheat codes in this and future issues of MAD! Fa!

Type in SPYFLIX to unlock all movies!
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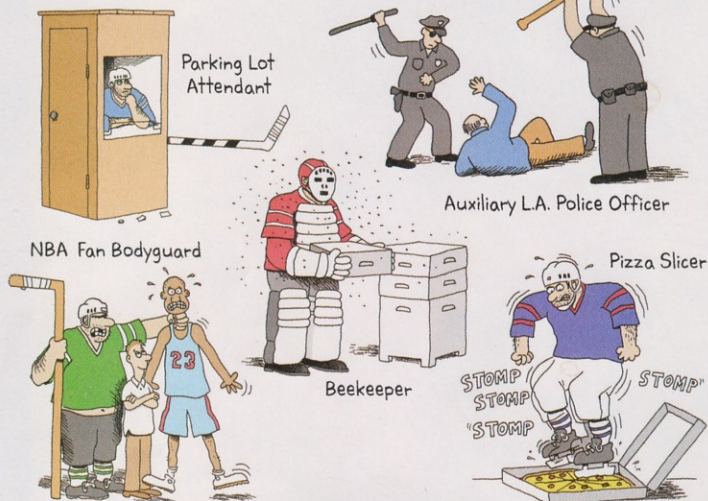
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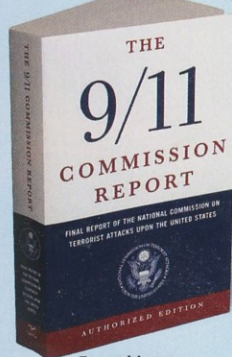
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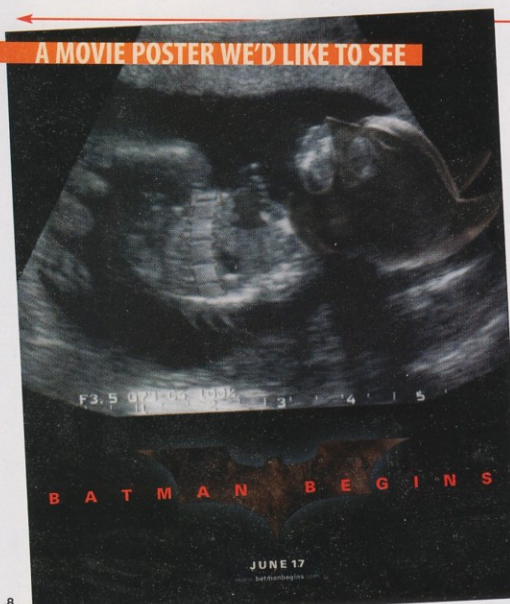


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THIS MONTH:



Everything —
 all of the intelligence — was there.
 Except, of course, the intelligence to use it.

A MOVIE POSTER WE'D LIKE TO SEE



THE FAST 5 THE APPRENTICE: THE MARTHA STEWART EDITION

WHAT'S SHE GOING TO SAY INSTEAD OF "YOU'RE FIRED"?



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Star Wars: Episode III – REVENGE OF THE SITH Opening Crawl: The Annotated Edition

Good God, y'all! What is it good for? Absolutely profit!

Hmm... "Dooku for Cocoa Puffs." How did George's licensing vipers miss making a deal on that product tie-in?

How fiendish? Check out this name!

What, was "Hitler von Killington" too subtle? How about "Sergeant Satanstein"?

Probably comprised of droid reservists who had no idea what they were getting into when they signed up.

War! The Republic is crumbling under attacks by the ruthless Sith Lord, Count Dooku. There are heroes on both sides. Evil is everywhere.

Just like this whole tired franchise.

Call us crazy, but how the hell can those who work for a "ruthless Sith Lord" be called "heroes"?

Ugh, this is starting to read like Bush's State of the Union Address. What next, will they try to link Vader to 9/11?

His plans to kidnap Letterman's son were foiled.

In a stunning move, the fiendish droid leader, General Grievous, has swept into the Republic capital and kidnapped Chancellor Palpatine, leader of the Galactic Senate.

As the Separatist Droid Army attempts to flee the besieged capital with their valuable hostage, two Jedi Knights lead a desperate mission to rescue the captive Chancellor...

Spoiler alert: it's not Yaddle and Kit Fisto!

If it's such a "desperate" mission, why'd they only send two Jedi, one of whom is a nazi job with an insatiable thirst for slaughtering Sand People?

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY



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This month: BEN AFFLECK

OUR TEAM OF CRACK ODDSMAKERS GIVES YOU THE LATEST VEGAS LINE ON HOW ONE OF TODAY'S BIGGEST STARS WILL MEET HIS DEMISE!

CAUSE OF DEATH

ODDS

Whacked by Theatre Owners' Association, to prevent even the possibility of another <i>Gigli</i>	2:1
Terminal embarrassment after getting bumped out of a Celebrity Poker Tournament by one of the Olsen Twins	5:1
Shot by current girlfriend Jennifer Garner — BEFORE he has the chance to publicly dump HER	8:1
Stroke from aggravation of every 3rd jerk he meets making jokes about his name and the AFLAC duck	12:1
Joint suicide pact with Matt Damon after realizing the only way they'd ever be mentioned at the Academy Awards again was by appearing in the "In Memoriam" segment	15:1



THE PUZZLE NOOK

Which of the 7 choices best completes this phrase?

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1. FAMILIARI__
2. PUBER__
3. ANYONE OVER THIR__
4. THE REPUBLICAN PAR__
5. HOMELAND SECURI__
6. RANDY JOHNSON'S PERSONALI__
7. JURY DU__



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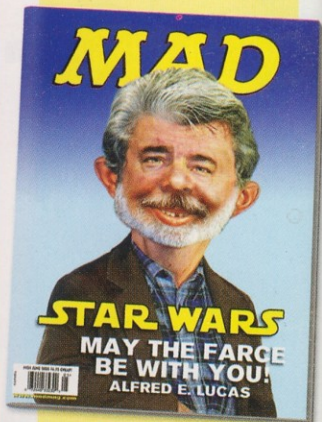


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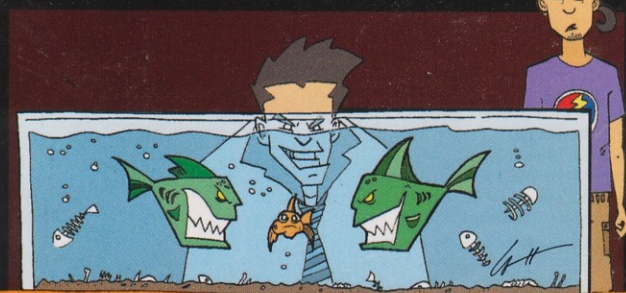


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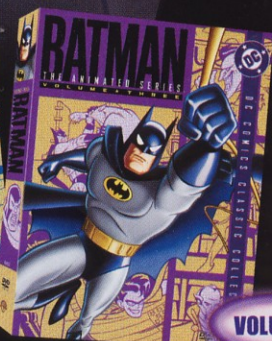
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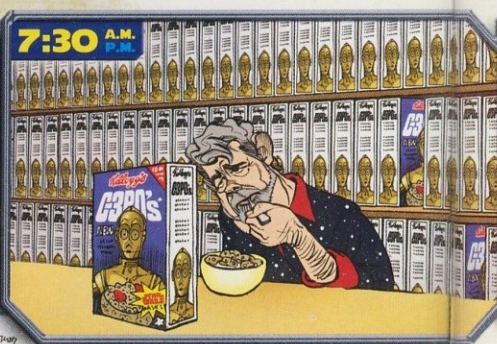
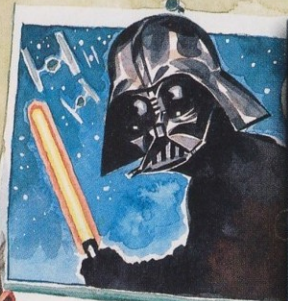
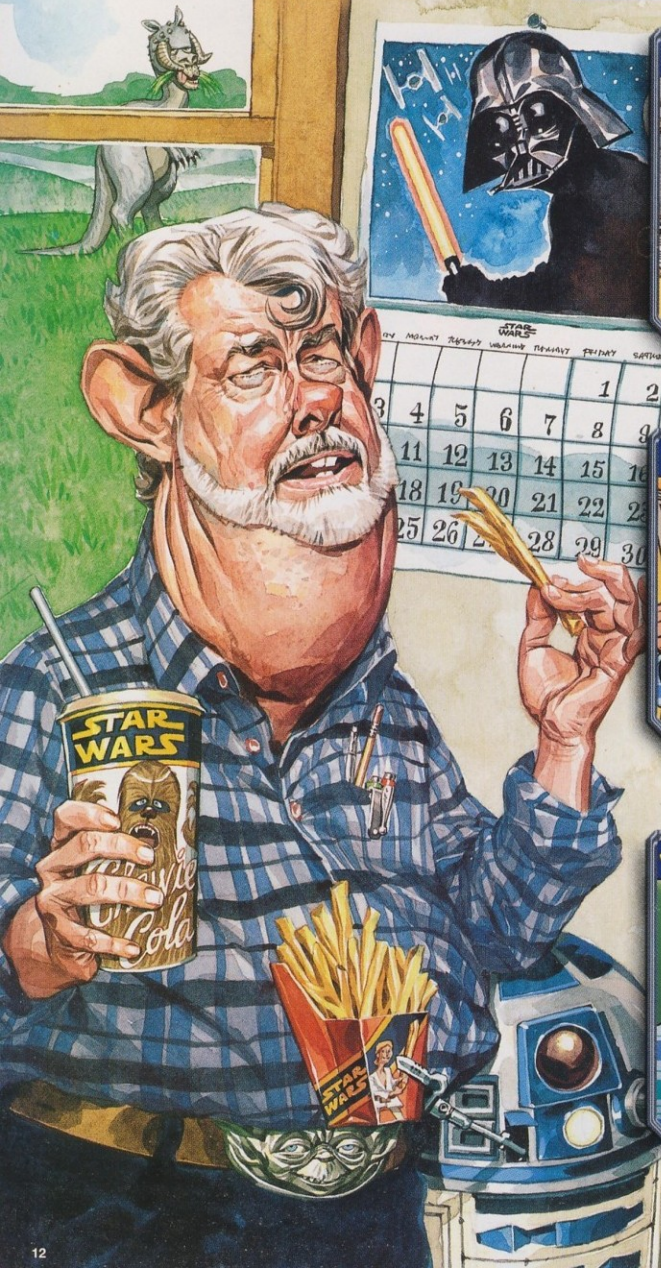
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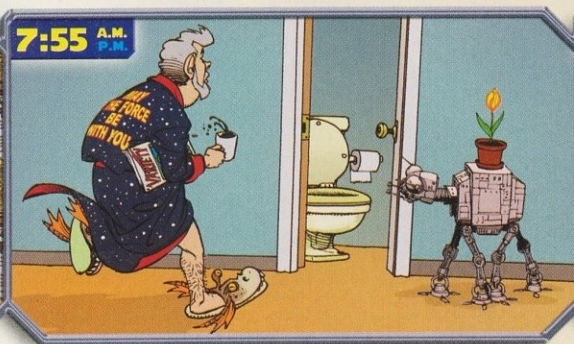
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Don't let the 15-year gap between movies fool you — George Lucas is a busy, busy man! Why, between making one of the most beloved movie series of all time, ruining that series, AND trying to save that series, he's got quite a full plate! Just take a look at...

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF GEORGE LUCAS



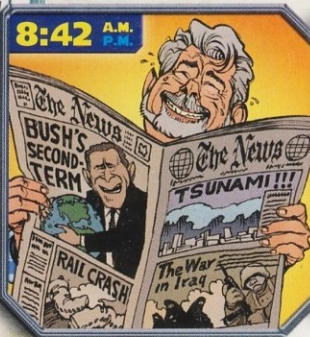
Start the day with a nice big bowl of slightly stale C-3PO's from 1984!



Get things moving with a nice hot cup of coffee and then head off to the bathroom to drop some rebels into the ol' sarlacc pit.



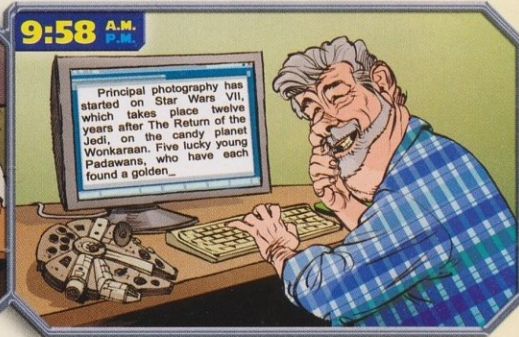
What to wear, what to wear?



See what Ziggy's up to today.



Put idle Industrial Light & Magic crew to work replacing that burned-out bulb on the patio.



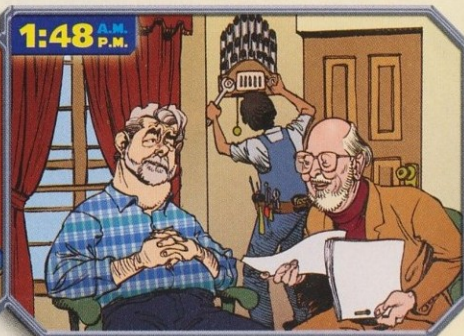
Start random, completely untrue *Star Wars* rumors on the internet, under a phony screen name, just for the hell of it.



Call digital imaging crew and order new footage added to cantina scene so it's now absolutely, positively clear that Greedo shot first.



Lunch at the Bearded Directors Club.

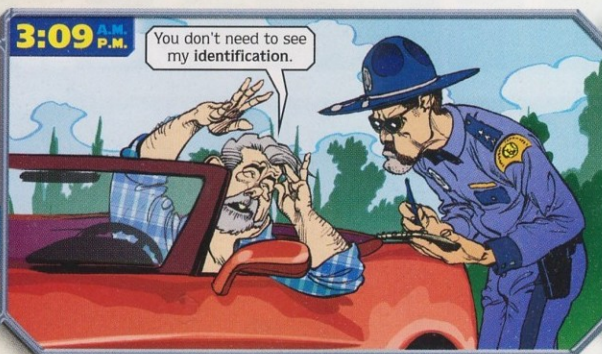


Meet with John Williams to discuss composing score for the ranch's new doorbell.

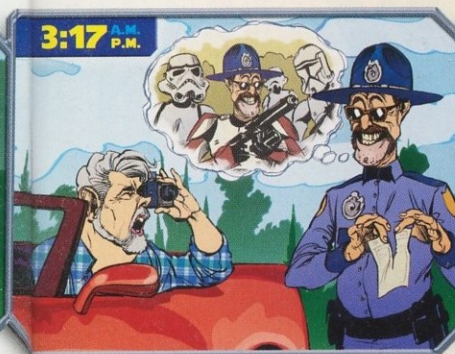
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF GEORGE LUCAS



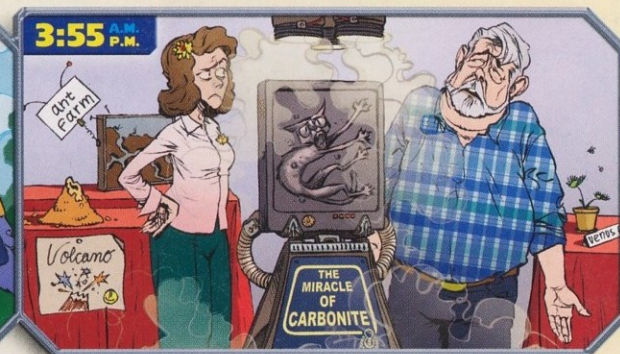
Cancel the additional footage.
Let Han shoot first, who cares?



Do more harm than good while unsuccessfully trying to get out of a speeding ticket by using an old Jedi mind trick.



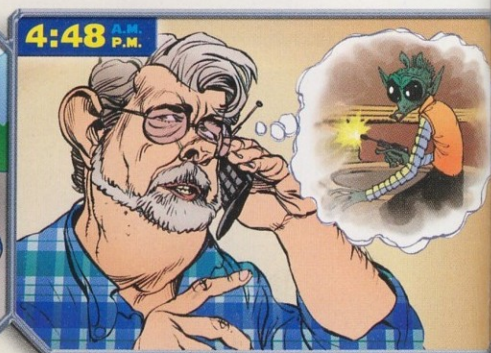
Smooth things over with cop by promising to digitally insert his face in a crowd scene in DVD release of *Revenge of the Sith*.



Meet with son's teacher to discuss the allegation that he may have had some outside help with his science project.



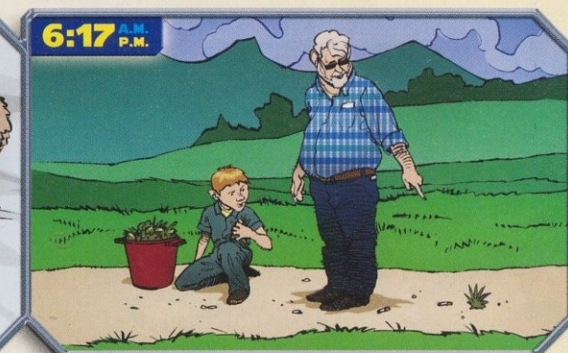
Feign amusement when car salesman makes lame joke that car "made the Kessel run in less than 12 parsecs."



On second thought, decide to put that shot of Greedo shooting first back in.



While napping, make another \$180,000 in toy sales around the world.



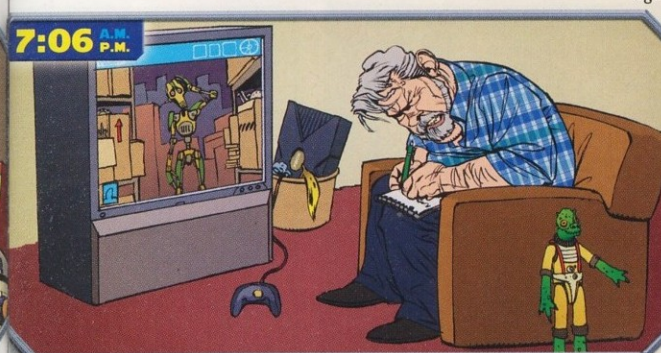
Meet with kid who played Anakin in the first prequel; give him a summer job pulling weeds and picking up cigarette butts around Skywalker Ranch.



After mulling it over some more, ask digital imaging crew to try it with Greedo and Han shooting each other at the same time.



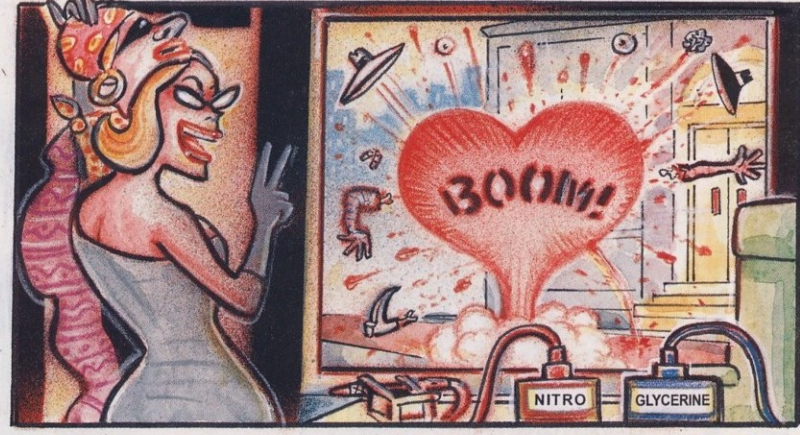
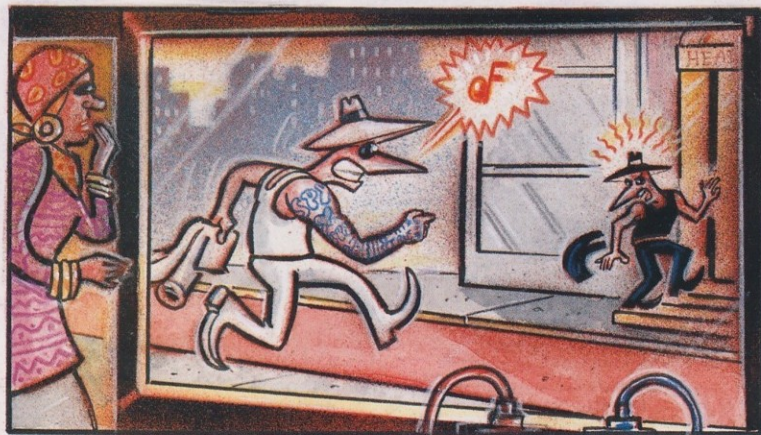
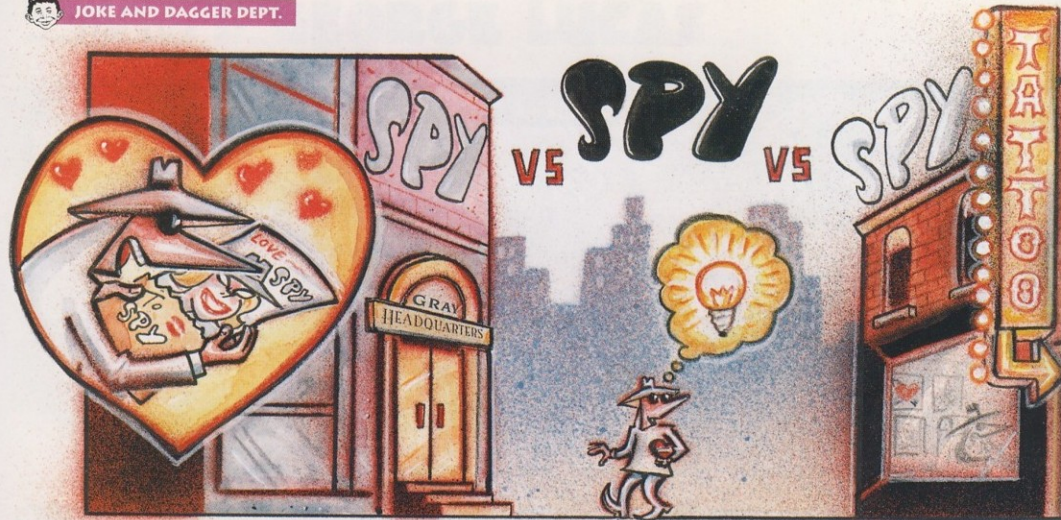
Approve a few new *Star Wars* licensees and products.



Play *KOTOR II* and spend four hours stuck in the Droid Warehouse on Nar Shadda trying to find the damn rotation code to open the door. Make a note to call that frickin' head programmer at LucasArts and find out how to advance, then fire him.



Issue final decision on Han and Greedo scene: Bro-Hug.



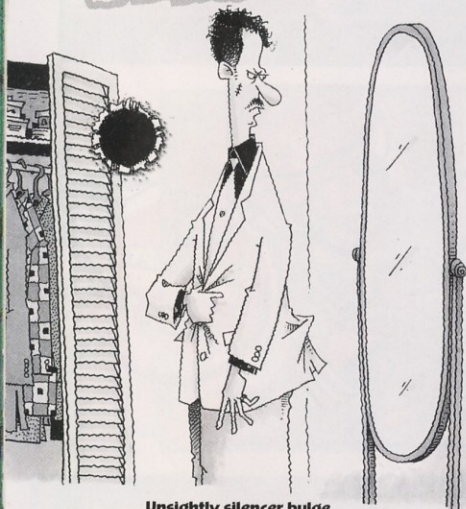


Any career path you choose has its little troublesome quirks. It might be the copier that's always down just when you need it. Or maybe it's that party of five that always heads for a dirty table when you tell them to sit anywhere they like. And then there's the matter of a closet full of blood-splattered Armani suits. If that's a common gripe of yours, then the chances are you'll really relate to...

JOHN CALDWELL'S

PET PEEVES OF MAFIA HITMEN

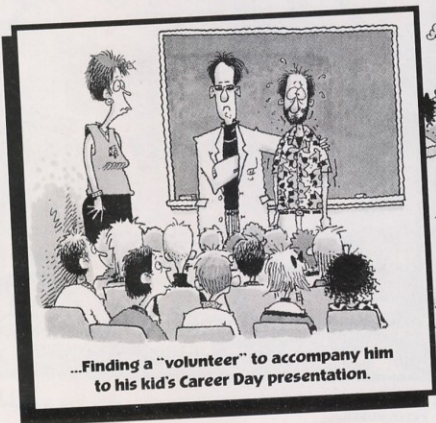
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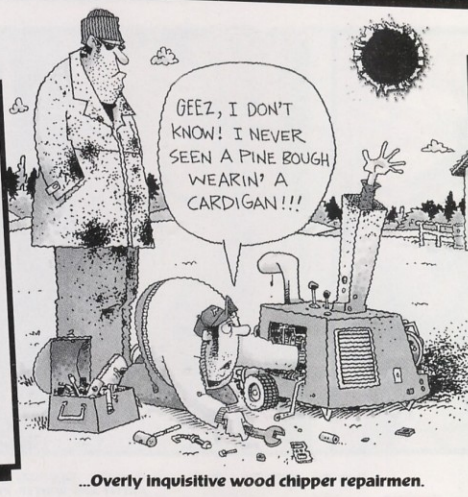
...Unslightly silencer bulge.



...Dorks he "takes for a ride" who just never shut up with the, "Are we there yet?!!" crapola.

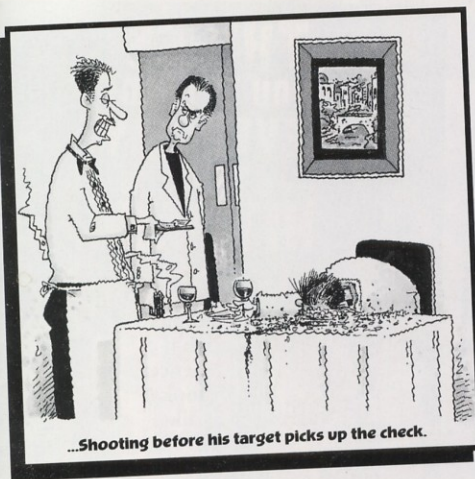


...Finding a "volunteer" to accompany him to his kid's Career Day presentation.



GEEZ, I DON'T KNOW! I NEVER SEEN A PINE ROUGH WEARIN' A CARDIGAN!!!

...Overly inquisitive wood chipper repairmen.



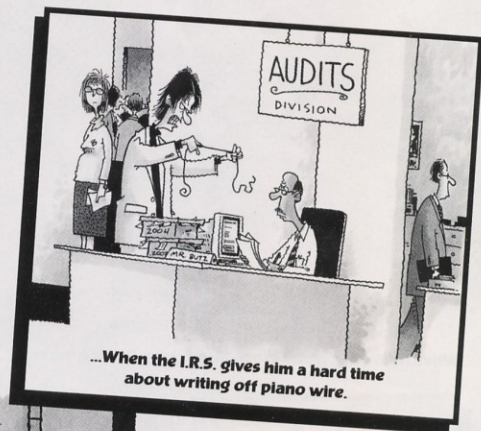
...Shooting before his target picks up the check.



...Guys who slip the tongue when he gives 'em the kiss of death.



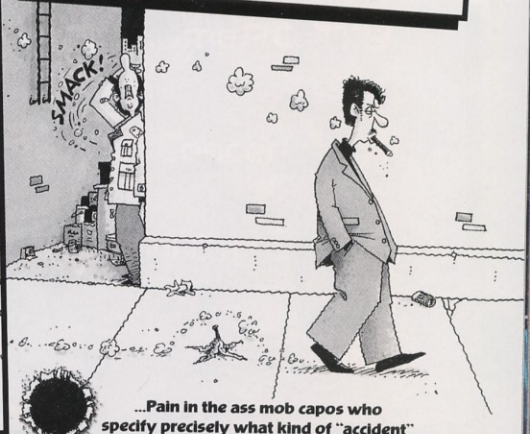
...The fact that F.B.I. surveillance cameras add ten pounds.



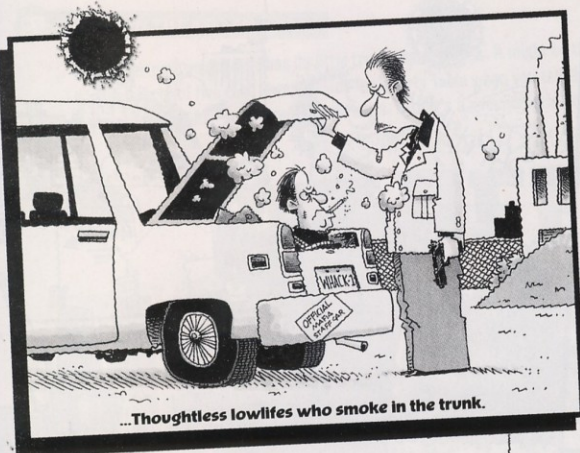
...When the I.R.S. gives him a hard time about writing off piano wire.



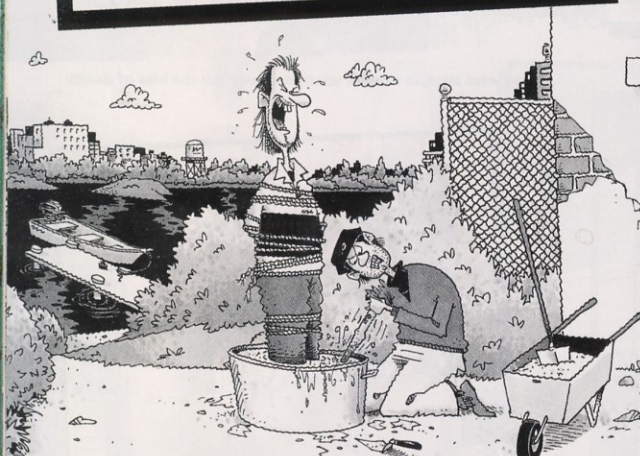
...Wicked long lines at the car compactor.



...Pain in the ass mob capos who specify precisely what kind of "accident" they want him to make it look like.



...Thoughtless lowlifes who smoke in the trunk.



...When he inadvertently drops his car keys in the concrete.



...Frickin' downs.

THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER SAY TO A HITMAN...

So
that's
what a
silencer
looks
like.
How's it
work?

The
roads look
icy. If I were
you, I'd put
something
heavy in the
trunk.

I'm
supposed
to meet
somebody at
the Brooklyn
Bridge. Do you
think you
could drop
me off?

They put a man on the
moon - you'd think they
could design a wire you could
wear that doesn't chafe!

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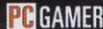
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The following article takes place between page 22 and page 23:

MAD'S PESKY QUESTIONS FOR THE CAST OF

24

When you watch 24 without the commercials, it's a lot shorter — so for DVD collections, did you ever think of changing the show's title to 18?

If viewers were confused by former President Palmer doing commercials for insurance during the beginning of the season, won't their heads explode at the end of the season when he's on the show and doing commercials?

Since FOX had Kiefer Sutherland do a public service announcement clearing up the misconception between radical Muslim fundamentalists hellbent on terrorism and the average Americanized individual of Islamic heritage, if he battles Neo-Nazis next season, will Kiefer be forced to do another PSA reminding us that Neo-Nazis are people too?

How many scenes have you had to re-fake because they were ruined by the real-life anti-terror technical consultant on the set loudly guffawing over your ridiculous plot twists?

Is there a single viewer in all of God's green earth who doesn't realize by now that "sending back-up" is a code phrase for "Jack's going to do it by himself, because help will never get there in time?"



How is it that at the first writer's meeting of the new season somebody in charge doesn't hand out a memo stating "OK, even though we got away with it three times already, no more moles; no more endangering someone Jack loves; and no more disagreements where Jack is right and the bureaucratic bosses are made to look like boneheads"?

What's the name of the Teamster whose sole job on the show is to operate the machine that keeps Kiefer Sutherland's face from ever smiling?

Is the guy who came up with the annoying digital "beep...BEEP...beep...BEEP" noise on 24 the same brain-dead schmuck who created the equally annoying *Law & Order* "Dun-Duhn" scene transition sound?

When you do those "Previously on 24" recaps, doesn't that eat into the hour we're about to see, taking up valuable time Jack could be using to save the country, or are you, like, bending the space-time continuum or something?

At some point after the first eight hours, wouldn't one of the challenges the head of CTU has to face be whopping, budget-busting overtime expenses?

Three seasons, three evil, foxy African-American women...does this mean next season Jack Bauer tangles with Omarosa?

Tony Almeida committed treason to save his wife's life and she still left him when he got out of prison; in the divorce settlement, who got the dog?

In order to heighten the level of realism, shouldn't President Keeler have been depicted reading a picture book to school kids for 7 minutes after receiving word of a terrorist attack on America?

What FOX executive nimrod let the producers replace Elisha Cuthbert — #63 on *FHM*'s Hot 100 list! — with a fat, sweaty lisping guy?

Since CTU tech geeks repeatedly prove that they can do anything with a computer, how about they find that Nigerian prince who keeps e-mailing us with his tale of woe and digitally transferring his millions of dollars into a Swiss bank account for Jack and the rest of the crew?

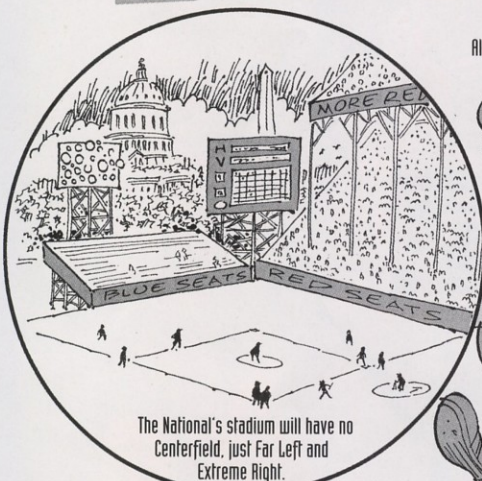
Was William Devane's portrayal of a strong, decent and responsible Secretary of Defense intentionally designed to make us aware of our current one's shortcomings or was that just a pleasant by-product?

Everyone's up for 24 hours straight — why doesn't anyone ever yawn?



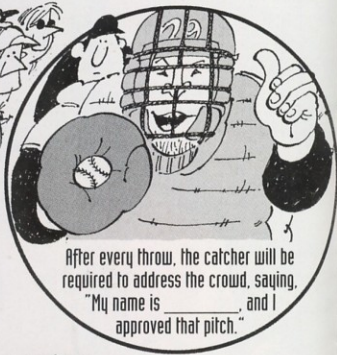
First, a word of consolation to all of the Montreal Expos fans reading this. Sorry, pal! And now, a message for the Washington D.C. baseball fan base that's so indifferent to the sport that they've already driven two franchises out of town. Great news! Baseball is a "three strikes" kind of game! The Montreal Expos are now the "Washington Nationals." But Washington has changed a lot since the city last had baseball, and we're betting that some of these changes will be reflected in its new team. Here's what to expect...

ONCE BASEBALL COMES TO WASHINGTON



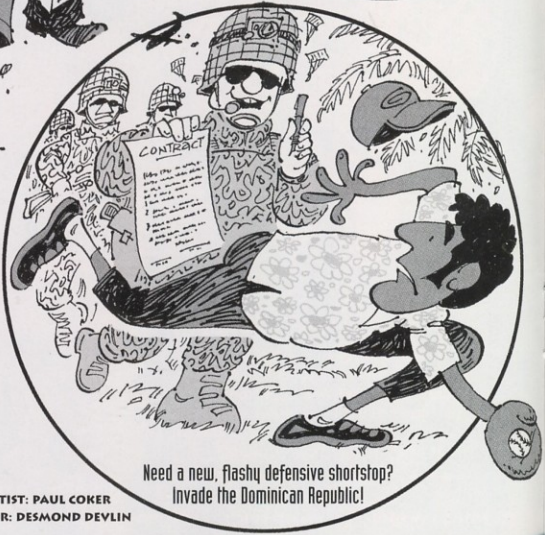
The National's stadium will have no Centerfield, just Far Left and Extreme Right.

All ballpark food concessions will be awarded to Halliburton on a no-bid basis.



After every throw, the catcher will be required to address the crowd, saying, "My name is _____ and I approved that pitch."

The manager will be too terrified to send up a pinch-hitter, for fear of being labeled a "flip-flop" by the opposing team.



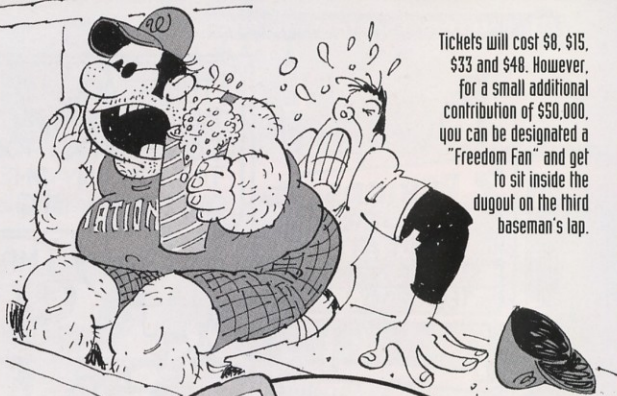
Need a new, flashy defensive shortstop? Invade the Dominican Republic!

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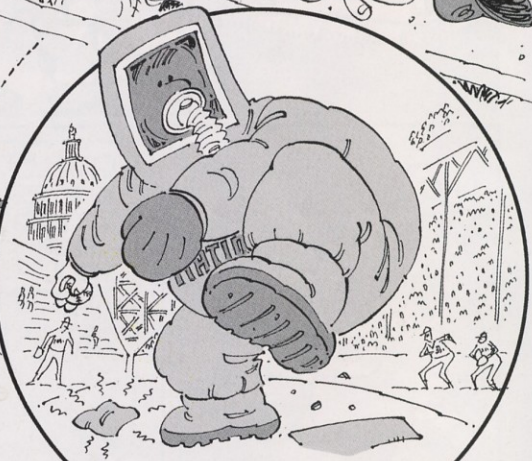


The Democratic Party will face serious competition as the city's most "lovable losers."

The entire Washington team will win an unprecedented nine Gold Gloves, simply by refusing to admit they ever made an error.



Tickets will cost \$8, \$15, \$33 and \$48. However, for a small additional contribution of \$50,000, you can be designated a "Freedom Fan" and get to sit inside the dugout on the third baseman's lap.

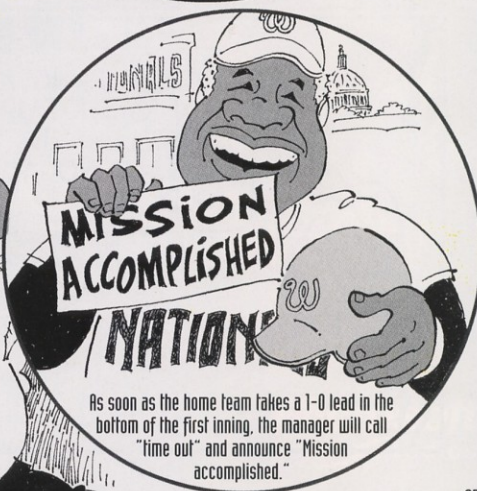
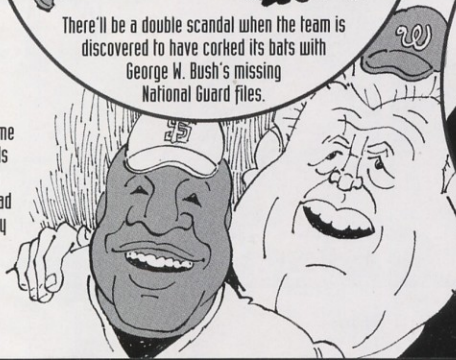


There's a better than even chance that the rosin bag on the pitcher's mound is now chock full of Anthrax.

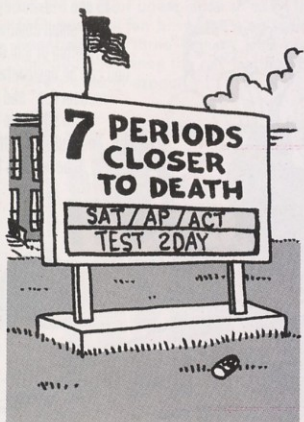


There'll be a double scandal when the team is discovered to have corked its bats with George W. Bush's missing National Guard files.

When the Giants come to town, Barry Bonds will try to make his steroid-swollen head look more normal by having his photo taken with Ted Kennedy whenever possible.



As soon as the home team takes a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, the manager will call "time out" and announce "Mission accomplished."



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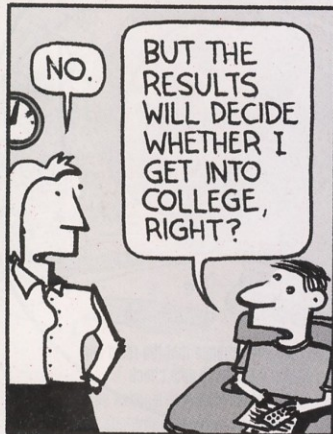
MRS. FOX?

IS THE TEST TIMED BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO WORK FAST ARE SMARTER?

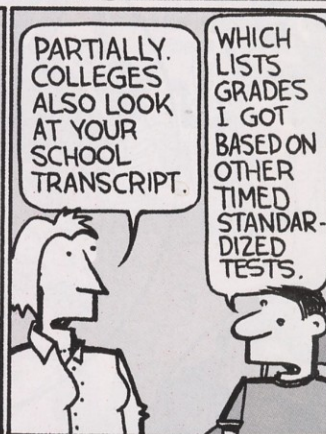


NO.

BUT THE RESULTS WILL DECIDE WHETHER I GET INTO COLLEGE, RIGHT?



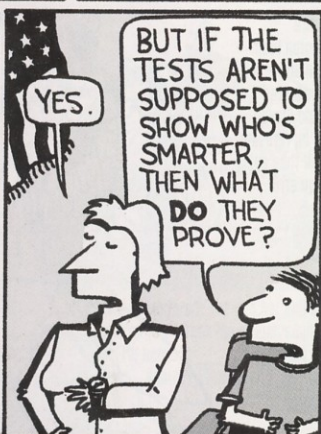
PARTIALLY. COLLEGES ALSO LOOK AT YOUR SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.



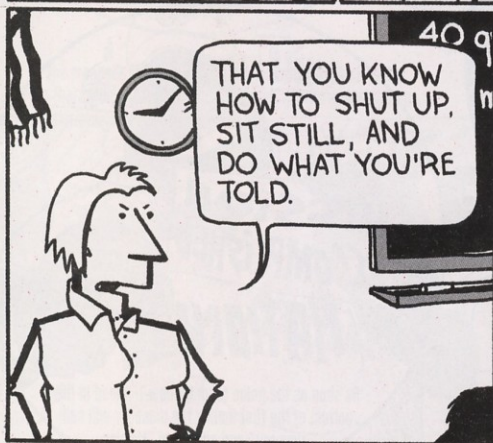
WHICH LISTS GRADES I GOT BASED ON OTHER TIMED STANDARDIZED TESTS.

YES.

BUT IF THE TESTS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO SHOW WHO'S SMARTER, THEN WHAT DO THEY PROVE?

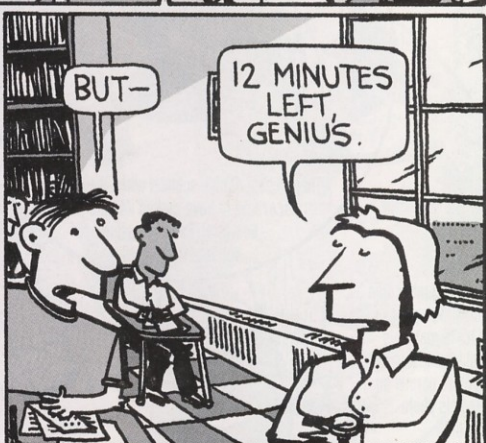


THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO SHUT UP, SIT STILL, AND DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD.



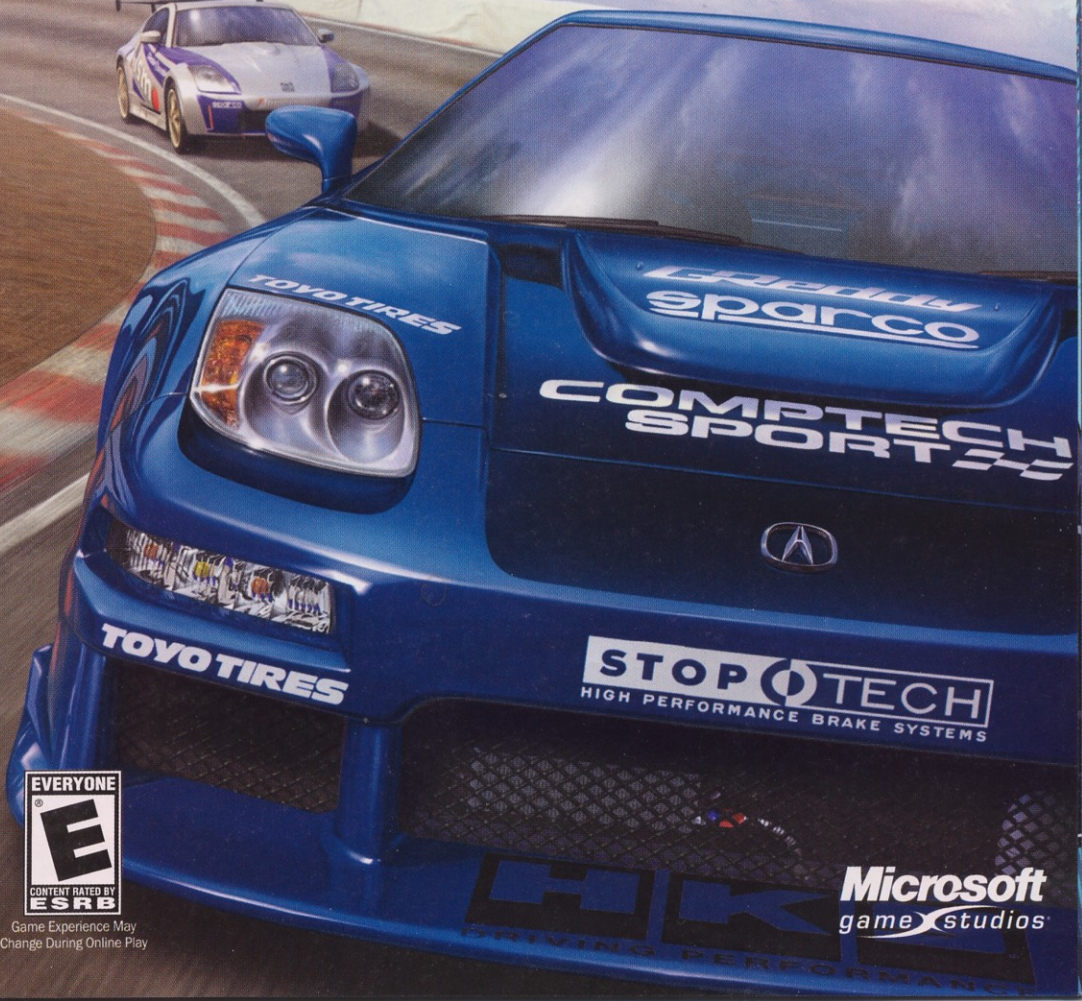
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12 MINUTES LEFT, GENIUS.

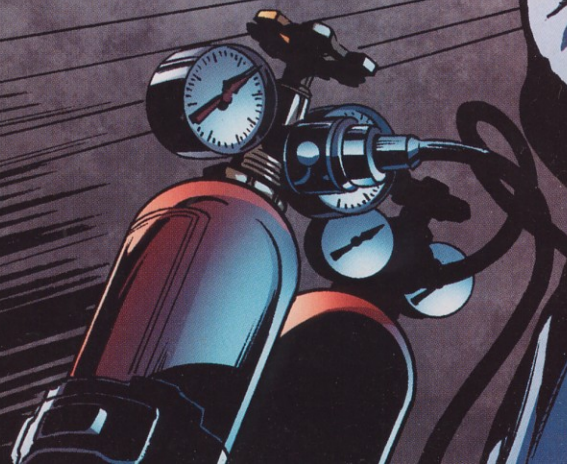


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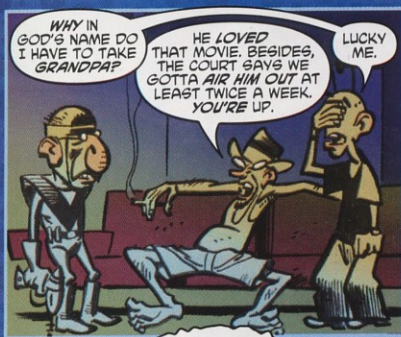
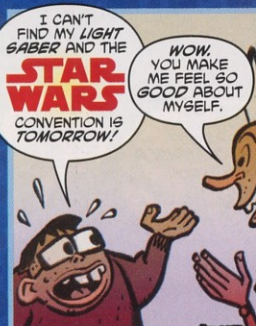
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MAY THE OLD FARTS BE WITH YOU

BEAM THIS UP, SCOTTY

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DUDE, THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH ON SPOCK, NO?

GET OUT OF MY BOOTH, RIGHT NOW!

ALL RIGHT, RELAX, DON'T USE UP YOUR INHALER.

CAPT. JERK

LIVE SHORT AND DIE

THIS IS REALLY AWESOME

I'VE NEVER FELT SO... SO... BETTER THAN EVERYONE.

YEAH. WHENEVER I NEED A KICK, I HANG OUT WITH PEOPLE OLDER THAN ME.

WHERE DO YOU FIND PEOPLE OLDER THAN YOU?

THE BONEYARD. WHERE ELSE? CHEERS ME RIGHT UP.

SCREECH!!!

GIVE ME YOUR BELT!

I'VE RUN INTO YOUR TYPES BEFORE. I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, I'M A HEART-BREAKER.

THAT'S AN ORIGINAL BUCK ROGERS UTILITY BELT. IT'S PRICELESS.

THAT'S RIGHT, SONNY. SLEEP HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON. WHERE IS OLD BUCK?

BUCK ROGERS? WH... HE'S... WH... HE'S... BUT THE BELT...

HE'S COMPLETELY DELUSIONAL. DON'T SWEAT IT.

BELIEVE ME, IT AIN'T WORTH SEEING HIS PANTS FALLING DOWN.

I CAN'T SEE. WHAT'S GOING ON?

IS IT A HANGING?

IS IT LANDO? IS IT?!

NO. IT'S SOME LADY.

THAT'S NOT JUST SOME LADY! THAT'S A TONNIKA TWIN! FROM EPISODE IV: A NEW HOPE!

EASY. EVERYONE SHE TRIED TO CON VIN SOLO.

WELL, SHE'S CHARMING THE PANTS OFFA ME.

WOW. BUCK ROGERS. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WORKED THE CONVENTIONS.

UH... YES, BUCK ROGERS. AND YOU ARE?

I AM ONE OF THE TONNIKA SISTERS - THE TWIN THEVES ALL SPACE SCOUNDRELS ARE UNABLE TO RESIST.

I CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY.

YOU KNOW, BUCK, I HAVE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE MY PHOTO SESSION STARTS.

PERFECT. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT MY UTILITY BELT BEHIND THAT CORNDOS STAND OVER THERE.

GREETING'S FELLOW FORCE FANS, WOOKIEE-OPIHLES, DEATH STARLETS, AND VETERANS FOR VADER!

KEEP IT COMING, DUDE. THIS IS PRICELESS.

I'M CAMPAIGNING FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRODUCTION OF EPISODES 7-9. FEATURING THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF MARK HAMILL TO THE SILVER SCREEN! YOU, SIR, WILL YOU HELP US?

TRUTHFULLY, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT.

IT'S THAT KIND OF INACTION THAT WILL GET US HOWARD THE DUCK 2.

THAT'S OKAY. THANKS ANYWAY.

SO, YOU WILL DO NOTHING TO SAVE THE SEQUELS? YOU ARE NOT A FAN AT ALL, ARE YOU?!

KILL! KILL! KILL!

NERF HERDER!

OH MY GOD! IT'S LUKE SKYWALKER!

LET HIM GO!

HELLO? JEDI KNIGHTS AREN'T NAMED "MARK."

OKAY THEN, LOOK, I JUST CAME DOWN TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS.

SHALL WE FORCE-CHOKE THE NERF HERDER, MR. SKYWALKER?

AGAIN, IT'S MARK. AND NO, LET THE KID GO. I THINK THIS GROUP HAS SEEN ENOUGH PAIN IN THEIR LIVES.

THANKS, MARK HAMILL.

NO PROBLEM, AND THANKS FOR USING MY REAL NAME. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I DON'T THINK GEORGE WILL BE MAKING THOSE MOVIES ANY TIME SOON. I HAVE SOME \$20 AUTOGRAPHS TO SELL.



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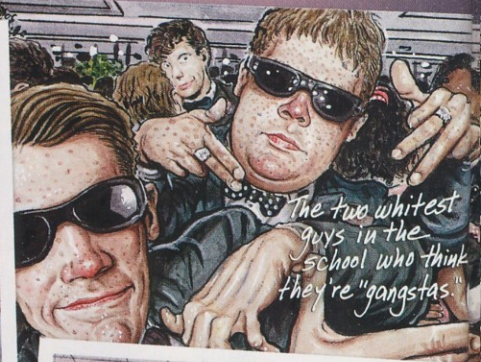
Next to sap-gathering time, high school proms are probably the second most-photographed event in a person's life. Memorable photos, touching photos, funny photos, photos that elicit a deep emotional response from the viewer...but enough about sap-gathering time! Not every picture taken at a prom is a "keeper," though. Some wind up in the trash — and since that's where we usually look to find article ideas, take a moment to enjoy a few...

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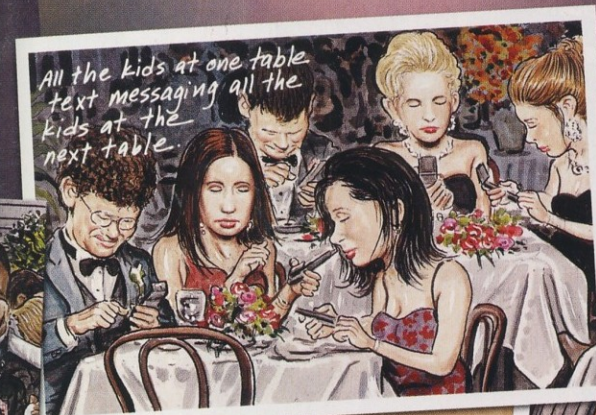
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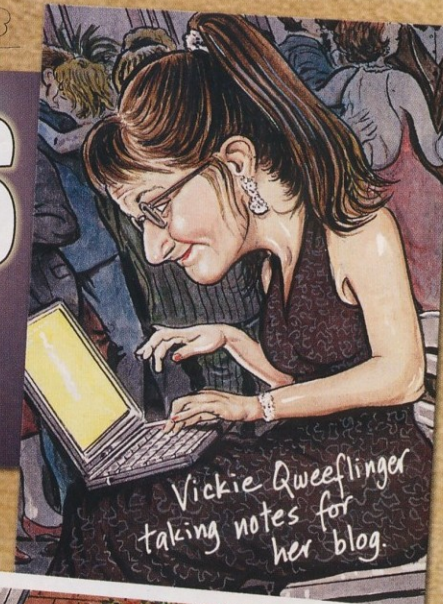
A tablecloth stuck to a bellybutton ring.



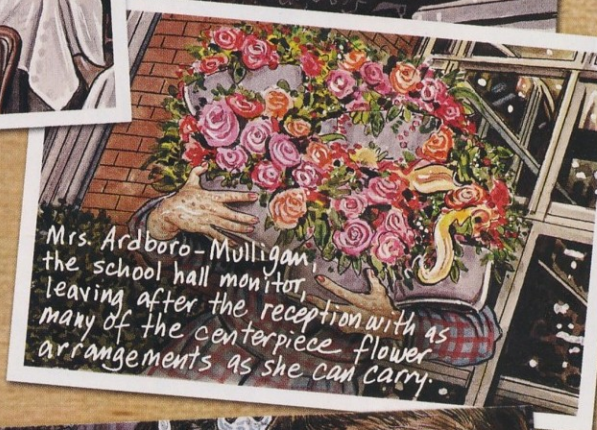
The two whitest guys in the school who think they're "gangstas."



All the kids at one table text messaging all the kids at the next table.



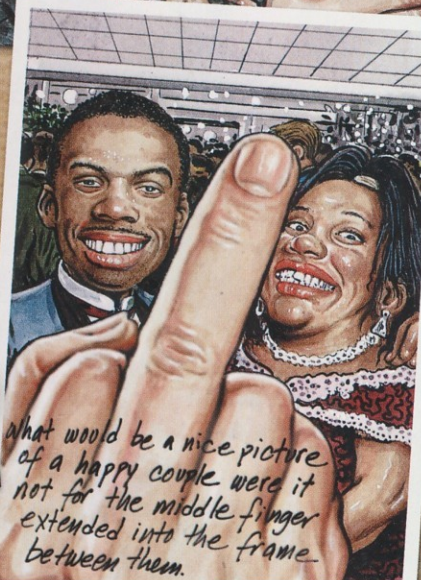
Vickie Qweeflinger taking notes for her blog.



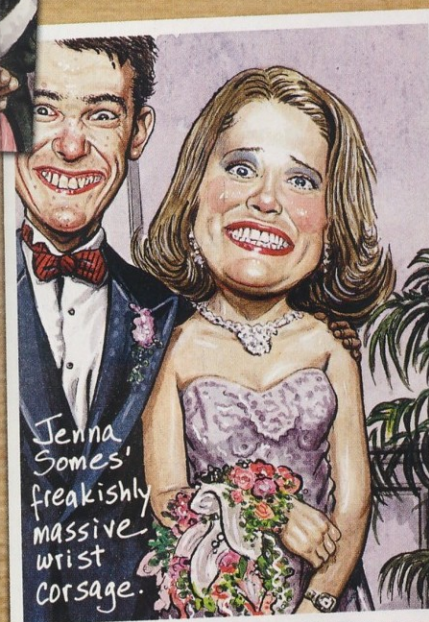
Mrs. Ardboro-Mulligan, the school hall monitor, leaving after the reception with as many of the centerpiece flower arrangements as she can carry.



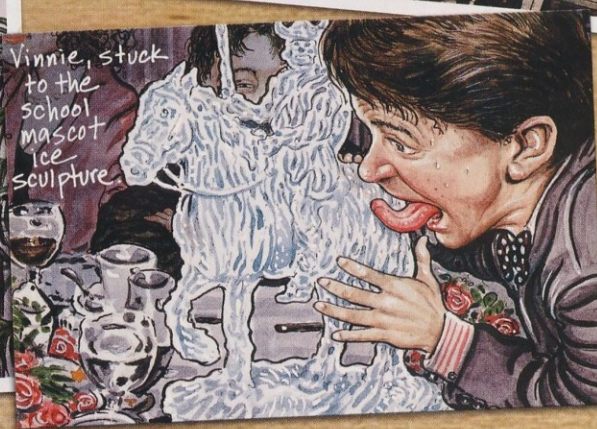
The bus that the school provided to keep students from driving and the three people who used it.



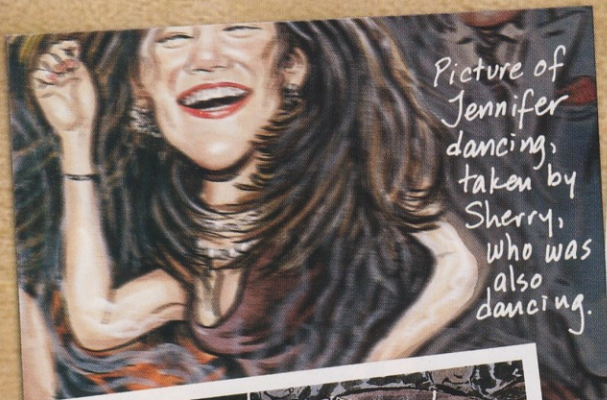
What would be a nice picture of a happy couple were it not for the middle finger extended into the frame between them.



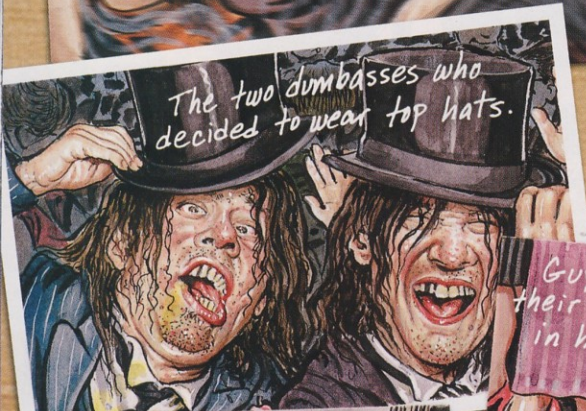
Jenna Somes' freakishly massive wrist corsage.



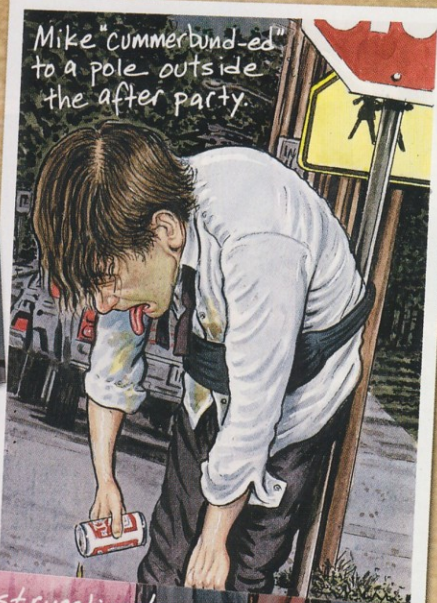
Vinnie, stuck to the school mascot ice sculpture.



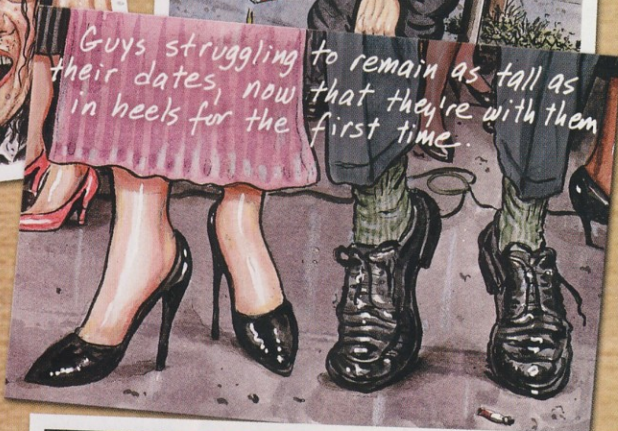
Picture of Jennifer dancing, taken by Sherry, who was also dancing.



The two dumbasses who decided to wear top hats.



Mike "cummerbund-ed" to a pole outside the after party.



Guys struggling to remain as tall as their dates, now that they're with them in heels for the first time.



Lisa discovering she didn't give her spray-on tan enough time to dry before putting on her white gown.



Amy getting out of the back of the limo with the driver.

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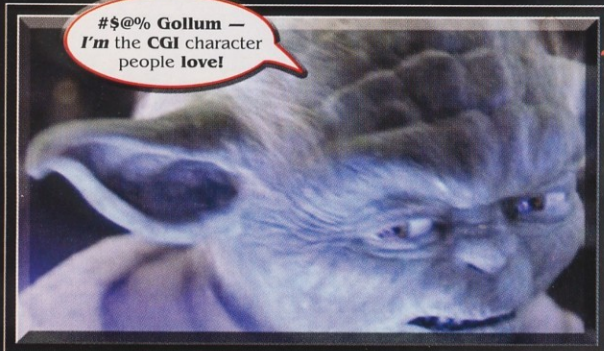
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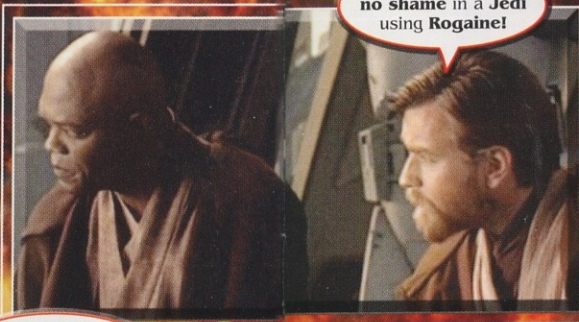
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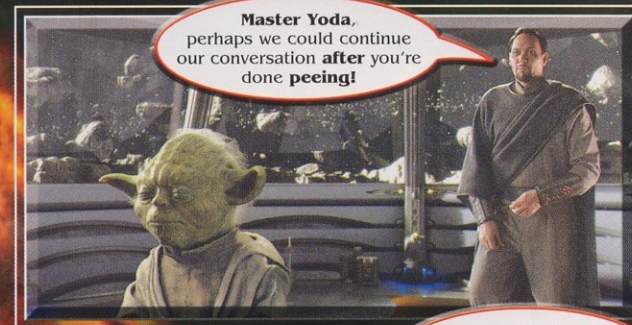
Would
you look at the
Jawas on
her!



Crap! I knew
I should've taken
my Hot Pocket out of the
toaster oven before we
started fighting!



There is
no shame in a Jedi
using Rogaine!



Master Yoda,
perhaps we could continue
our conversation **after** you're
done peeing!



Never fall asleep on a
chenille bedspread right after
a Botox injection!



Oh, damn!
The seven o'clock
showing of **Robots** is
sold out!



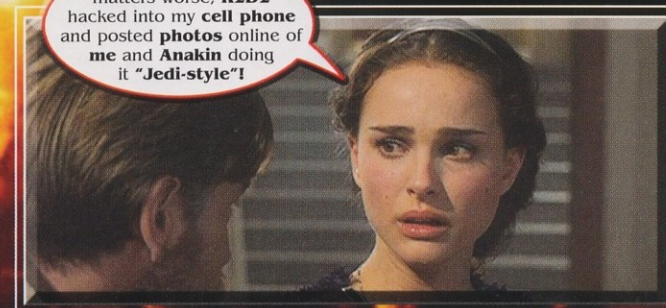
I told you if we
didn't get in the air by **four**
o'clock we'd hit terrible
rush hour traffic!



You're goin'
to **Hollywood**, dawg!
You could be the
next Alderaan
Idol!



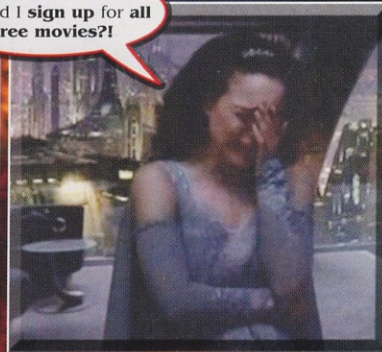
Okay,
something's
definitely wrong
with my iPod!



And to make
matters worse, **R2D2**
hacked into my cell phone
and posted photos online of
me and Anakin doing
it "Jedi-style"!

See what happens when you don't wear the retainer?!

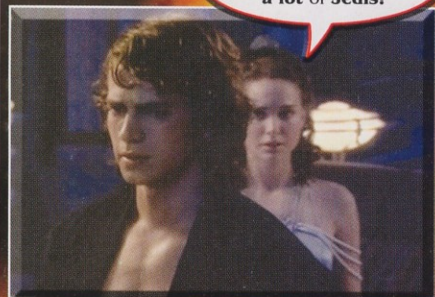
Three movies!
Why did I sign up for all three movies?!



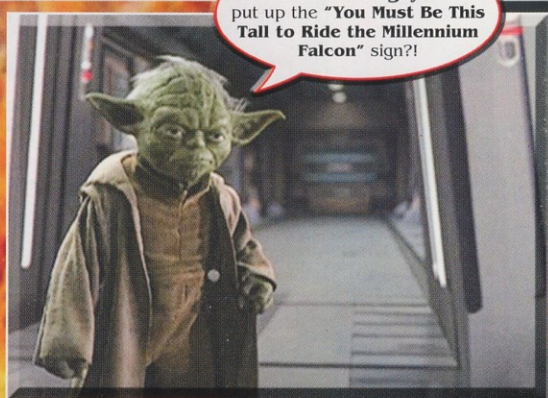
Dealt it, whoever smelt it!



Don't worry about it — it happens to a lot of Jedi!



All right, who's the wise guy who put up the "You Must Be This Tall to Ride the Millennium Falcon" sign?!



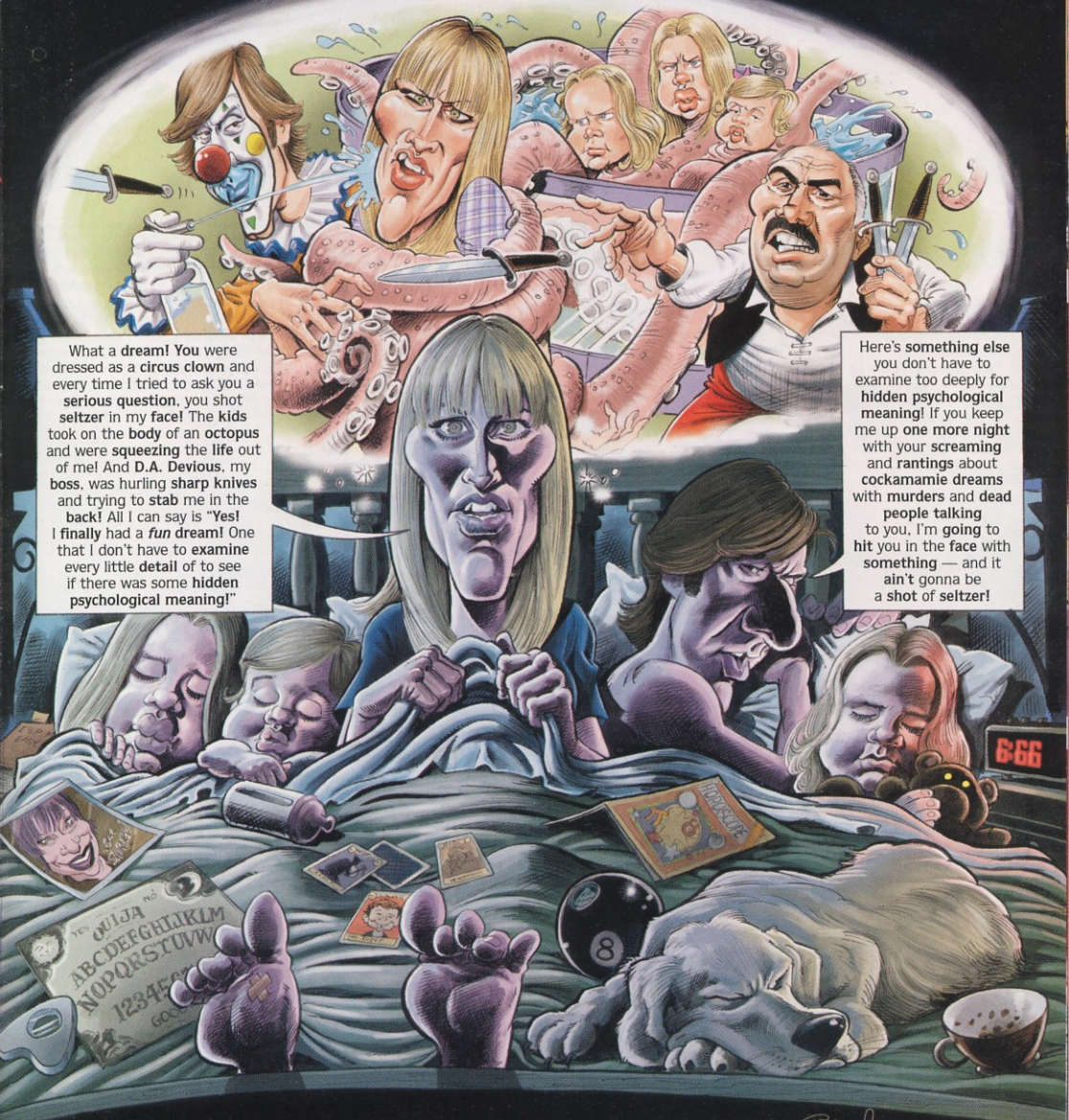


What if *you* could see into the future? What if *you* had the same gift of clairvoyance that's been bestowed on the housewife, and even her children, in a new NBC series? You would be lucky indeed, because then you would know instinctively *not to watch*, because it's pure...

T E D I U M

What a dream! You were dressed as a circus clown and every time I tried to ask you a serious question, you shot seltzer in my face! The kids took on the body of an octopus and were squeezing the life out of me! And D.A. Devious, my boss, was hurling sharp knives and trying to stab me in the back! All I can say is "Yes! I finally had a *fun* dream! One that I don't have to examine every little detail of to see if there was some hidden psychological meaning!"

Here's something else you don't have to examine too deeply for hidden psychological meaning! If you keep me up one more night with your screaming and rantings about cockamamie dreams with murders and dead people talking to you, I'm going to hit you in the face with something — and it ain't gonna be a shot of seltzer!



Honey, time to get ready for school!

I'm not going! I mean, what's the use? I got an "F" in three subjects!

That's ridiculous! How could you get an "F" in three subjects if today's the first day of school?

Because I'm your daughter, and I share your "gift." I can see ahead to the end of the semester! Oh, wait a minute! I see a tragic car pool accident involving the three teachers who were going to fail me! Okay, I will go to school! Suddenly, things are looking up!

You have that strange look in your eye! What are you seeing?

I'm seeing an old man putting his arms around a young girl half his age! She doesn't like it, but she's afraid to say anything!

And what do you think that means?

It means that old geezer across the street should get some shades! I can see right into his apartment!



I'm off to work! It's going to be another long, difficult day! I've been working on a killer mathematical problem for six months now!

Six months? I knew the answer the day you started!

You knew the answer? Why didn't you tell me six months ago?

What? So the project would be over? Suppose they fired you? Then you'd be home all day! I need my space! Like right now I have to go back to bed and start my work day! If I don't have a grisly nightmare by noon, my D.A. boss is going to chew me out again for goofing off on the job!



What a drag! From now on I have to make sure none of my victims are gym rats! This guy's muscles are so hard it's taking all the fun out of chopping him up! And my last victim! She was so fat I had to chop through ten layers of blubber before I could even get an arm to come off! So depressing! I know I should be doing something else with my life, but unfortunately this is what I'm best at!



I figured I'd take you to a nice restaurant to help get your mind off your terrible dream you had today!

Yeah, this was a perfect choice! A restaurant with a knife-wielding chef!

Don't think about the knives! Think about the food!

You're right! I'll only think about pleasant things! Do you know how many people die each year from eating contaminated raw fish?

Look! That chef! He looks exactly like the murderer in my dream!

See! He just cut that lady's head off!

He cut that lady's head off because you startled him! I only thank God we're not at a circumcision!





The food's pretty good! But there's something about the place that spooks me! It might have something to do with the rash of body parts that are showing up there!

What's the name of the restaurant?

I don't even know that! My husband took me there as a surprise! It's on the corner of Oak and Crabtree! But I have a gut feeling there's some sort of hidden secret there!

I know that place! It's called The Hidden Secret Restaurant!

I've got to go back there for another look! Because everywhere I turn I see subtle signs that remind me of the chef's face!

I can't get that chef out of my mind! I went back there today! I ordered food to go so I could get a good look at him again!

Still think he's the one in your dream?

I think so! If only I had some small sign that I'm heading in the right direction!

Mommy, dinner was delicious! Are there any more toes?

I ate them all, but there are plenty of fingers left!

I can't believe I let you talk me into poking around this restaurant's basement because you had a dream!

Er, looking for a 1955 Romane Conti! It's a classic!

What are you two doing down here?

There's no wine here — we don't have a liquor license!

Did I say wine? I meant a 1955 Coca Cola! Great year for Coke! Rich, fizzy, before it went Classic!

I got a wild hunch you're down here to spy on me!

I had a vision of your dead father and he told me...

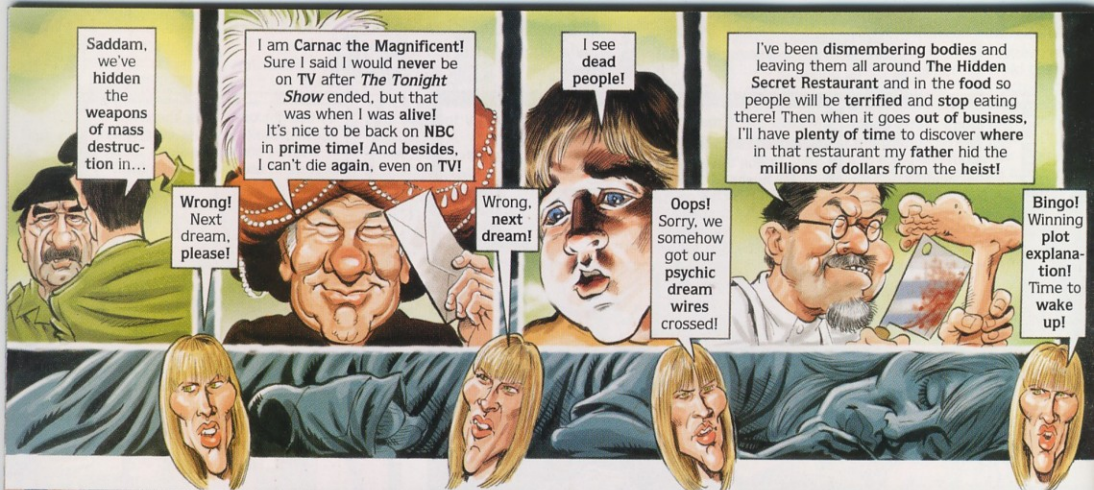
...about the millions of dollars that were never recovered from the heist he pulled 35 years ago and hid in this cellar?

Well...no...he didn't say anything about a heist and millions of dollars! But the hell with my vision, let's go with that!

I'm going to get a search warrant and come back here and dig up the place!

I'll go home to bed and try to have a dream that might help us!

OK, but set an alarm clock! Every time you oversleep, it costs my office a fortune in overtime pay for you!



Saddam, we've hidden the weapons of mass destruction in...

I am Carnac the Magnificent! Sure I said I would never be on TV after *The Tonight Show* ended, but that was when I was alive! It's nice to be back on NBC in prime time! And besides, I can't die again, even on TV!

I see dead people!

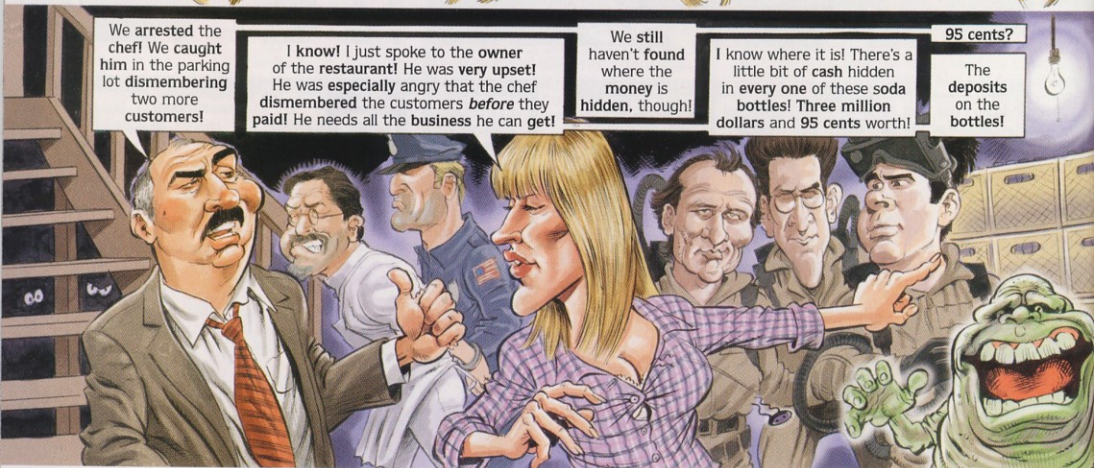
I've been dismembering bodies and leaving them all around The Hidden Secret Restaurant and in the food so people will be terrified and stop eating there! Then when it goes out of business, I'll have plenty of time to discover where in that restaurant my father hid the millions of dollars from the heist!

Wrong! Next dream, please!

Wrong, next dream!

Oops! Sorry, we somehow got our psychic dream wires crossed!

Bingo! Winning plot explanation! Time to wake up!



We arrested the chef! We caught him in the parking lot dismembering two more customers!

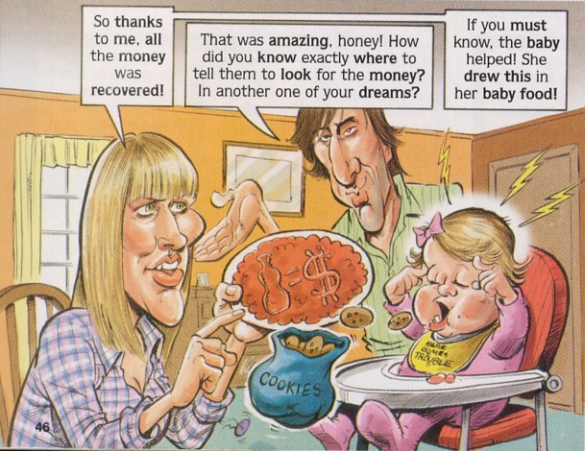
I know! I just spoke to the owner of the restaurant! He was very upset! He was especially angry that the chef dismembered the customers *before* they paid! He needs all the business he can get!

We still haven't found where the money is hidden, though!

I know where it is! There's a little bit of cash hidden in every one of these soda bottles! Three million dollars and 95 cents worth!

95 cents?

The deposits on the bottles!



So thanks to me, all the money was recovered!

That was amazing, honey! How did you know exactly where to tell them to look for the money? In another one of your dreams?

If you must know, the baby helped! She drew this in her baby food!



The baby! OK, that's it! First you're having conversations with the dead, then our two daughters start having weird visions, then your brother and now our baby! Who's next, the dog? I can't take this anymore! I'm leaving you!

Leaving me? Wow, I didn't see *that* coming!

I did!

[And that's not saying much!]



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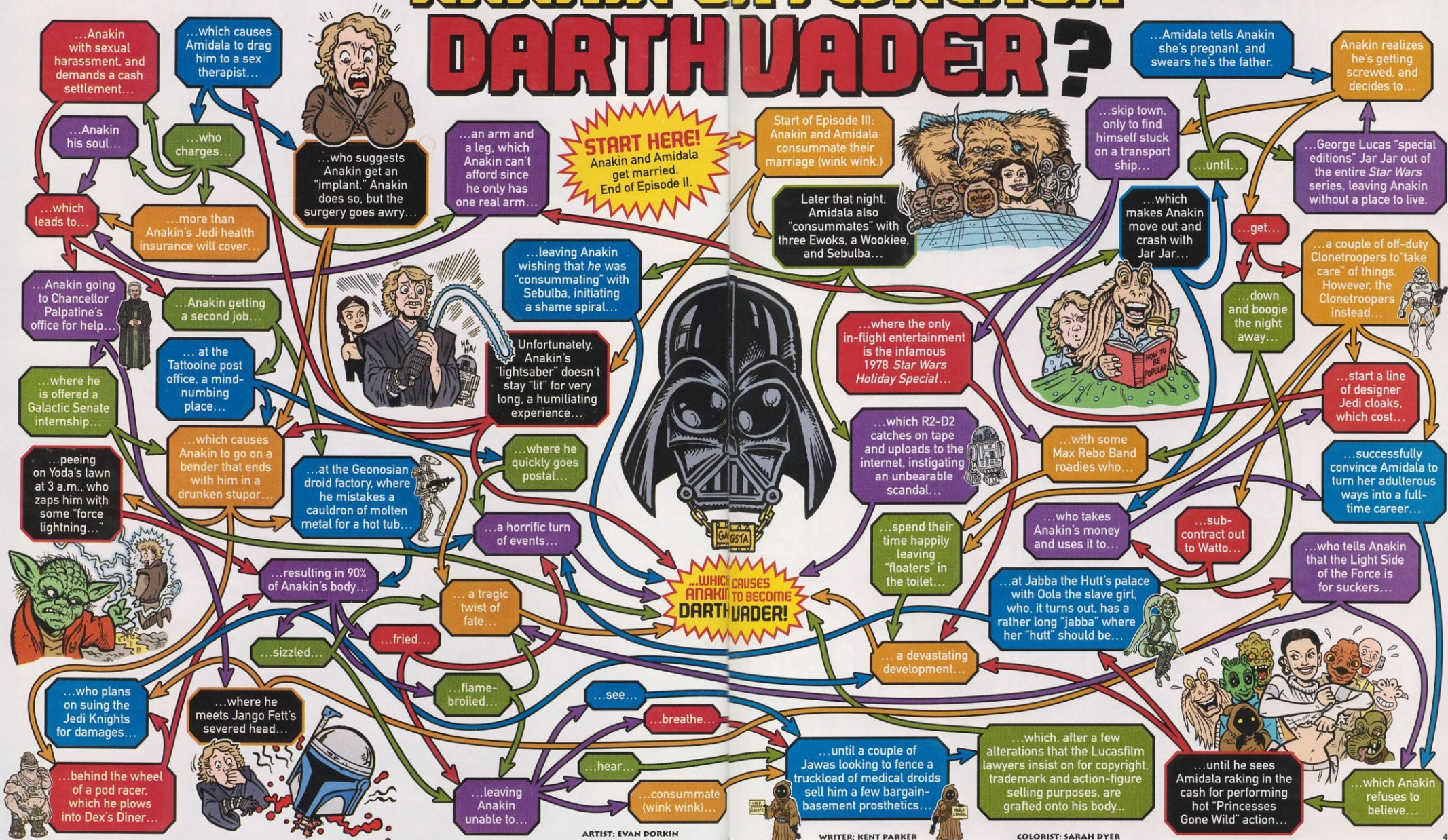
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That bumbling Godfrey says "Log On Now!"



This May, *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*, will at last reveal how Anakin Skywalker became Darth Vader. We at MAD couldn't wait, so we bought bootleg screenplay drafts from a cash-strapped, former Lucasfilm employee we met online who goes by the enigmatic screen name "billydeewilliams." He promised that this wasn't a hoax, and to prove it, he threw in a free case of Colt 45. That was proof enough for us! So, here, dear readers, is a flow chart summarizing all the plot points George Lucas considered as he decided...

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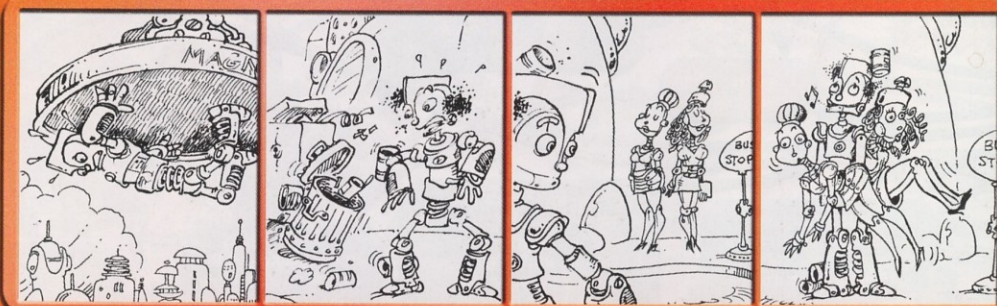
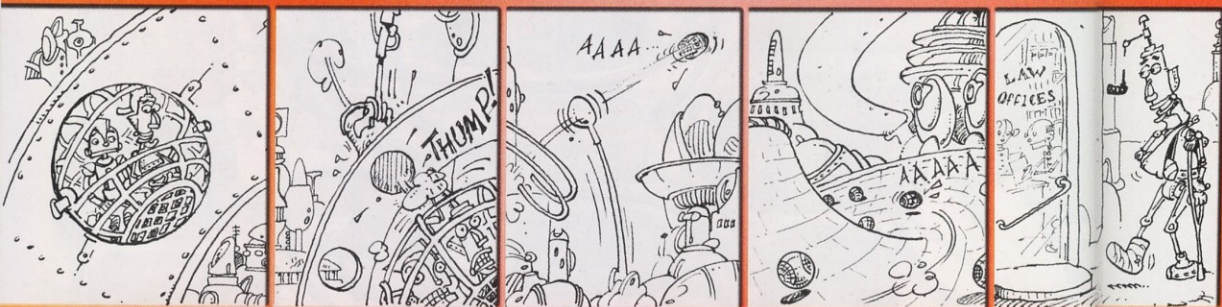
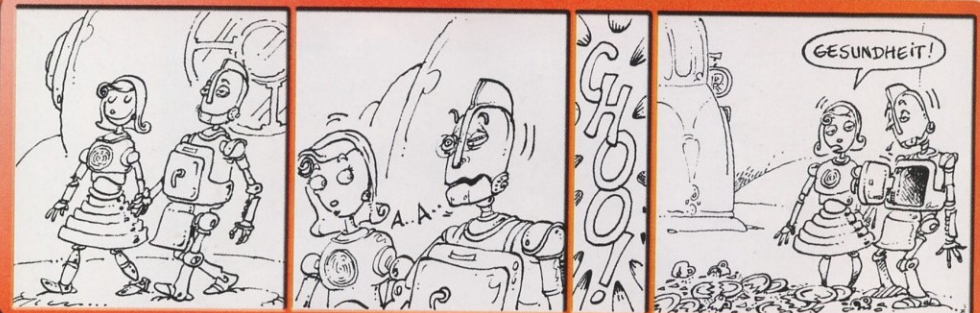
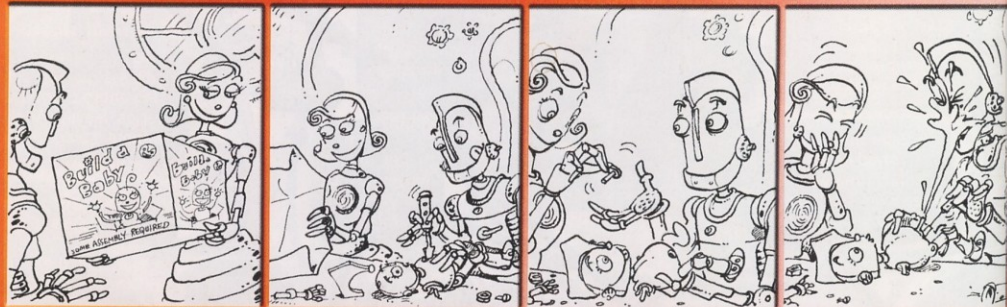


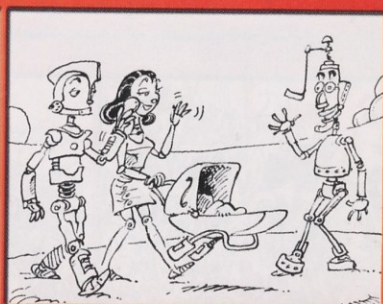
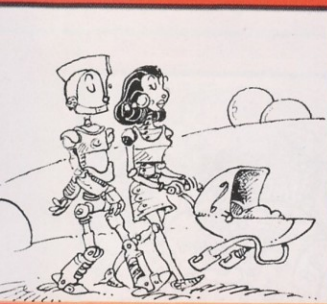
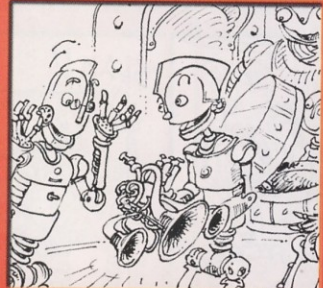
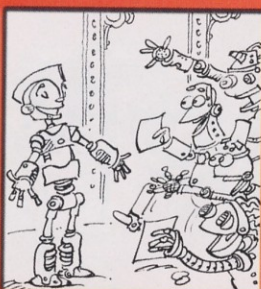
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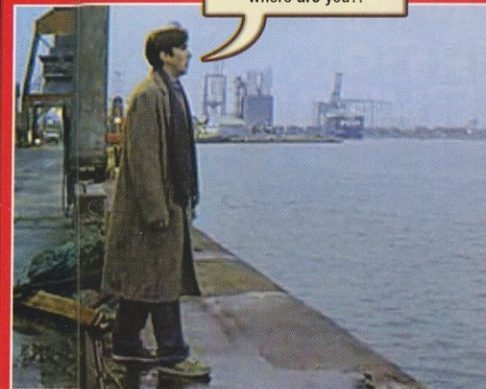
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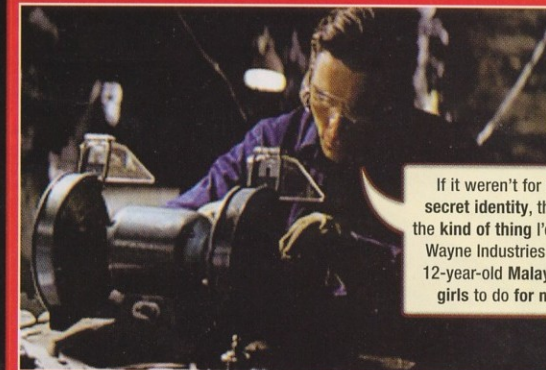
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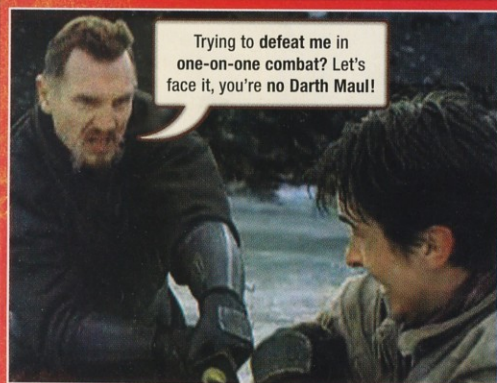
For the last time, I don't care *how* sexy that scene in *Spider-Man* was — I'm NOT kissing you!



I need help — Aquaman, where are you?!



If it weren't for my secret identity, this is the kind of thing I'd have Wayne Industries hire 12-year-old Malaysian girls to do for me!



Trying to defeat me in one-on-one combat? Let's face it, you're no Darth Maul!

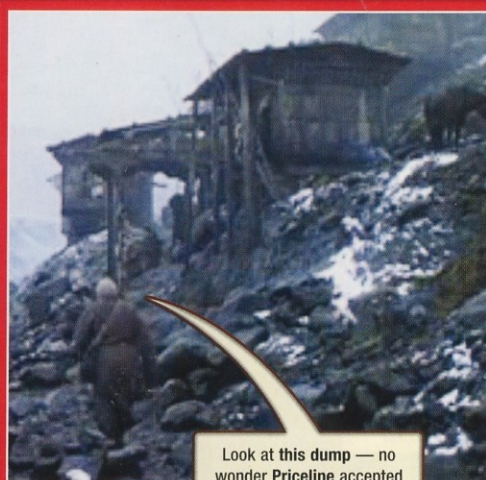


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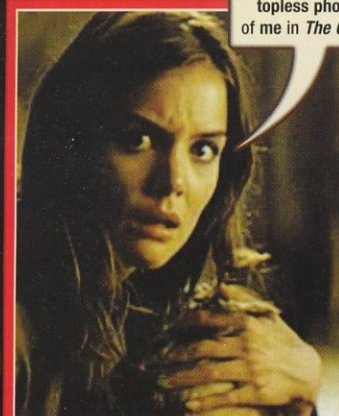
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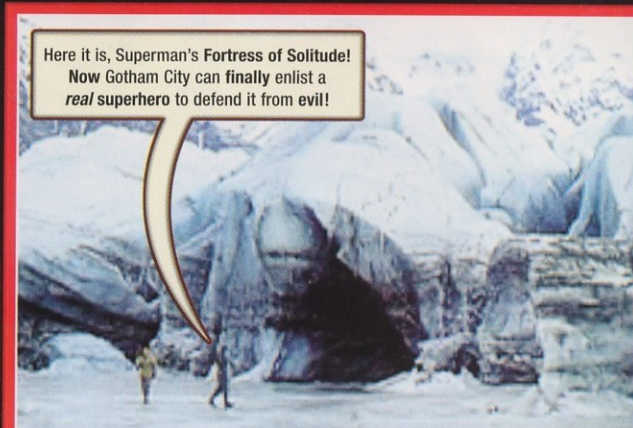
It's great in snow, but there's zero trunk space!



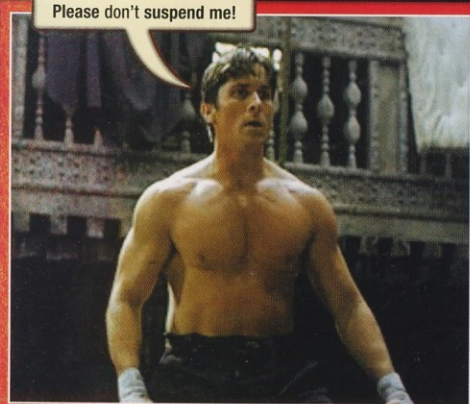
Look at this dump — no wonder Priceline accepted my bid of only \$20 a night!



So this is how you spend your time in the Batcave — downloading topless photos of me in *The Gift*?!



Here it is, Superman's Fortress of Solitude! Now Gotham City can finally enlist a *real* superhero to defend it from evil!



Lieutenant Gordon, I swear to you — my trainer told me it was just flaxseed oil! Please don't suspend me!

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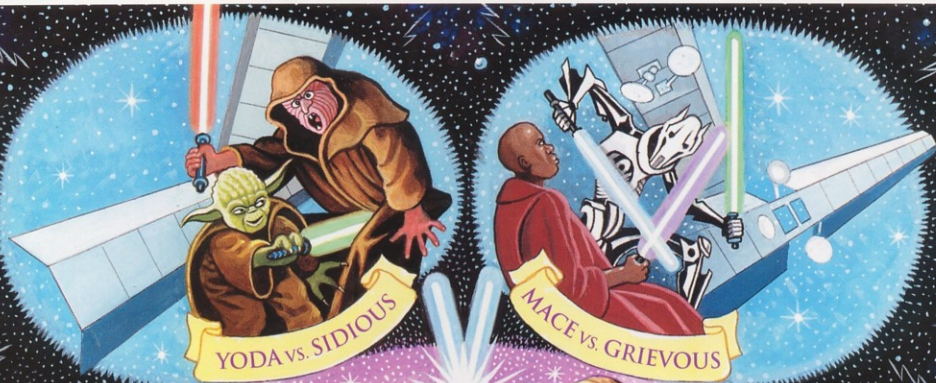
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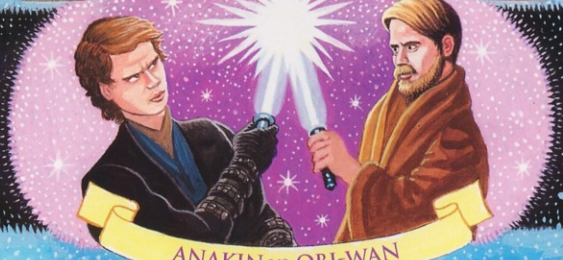


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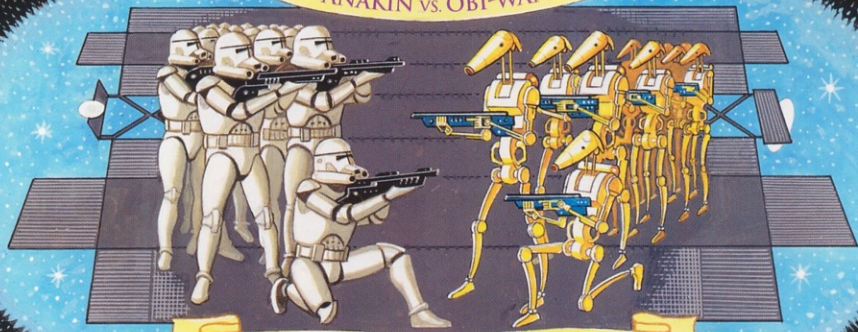


YODA vs. SIDIOUS

MACE vs. GRIEVOUS



ANAKIN vs. OBI-WAN



THE REPUBLIC vs. THE SEPARATISTS

THE ONE WE MEAN ISN'T ON TELEVISION AND IT'S NOT BETWEEN XBOX OR PLAYSTATION 2. THIS IS NOT AN EXAM AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GUESS. BUT IF YOU, SIR OR MADAM, HAVE THE ANSWER, YOU'RE A GENIUS SAVANT. IT'S USELESS ASKING PEOPLE OF LESS INTELLIGENCE. BY DOING THAT WE WOULD ONLY INVITE RADICALLY CRAZY, WILD GUESSES. STUPID ONES, TOO

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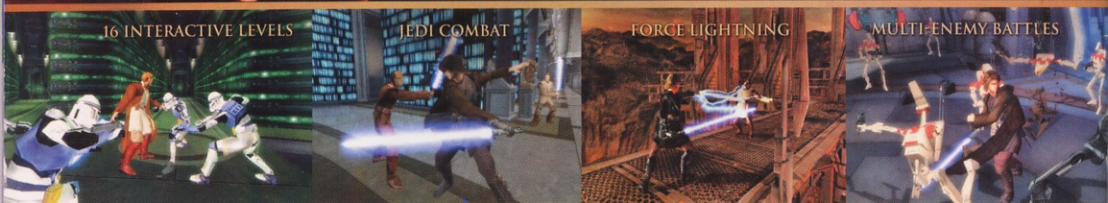
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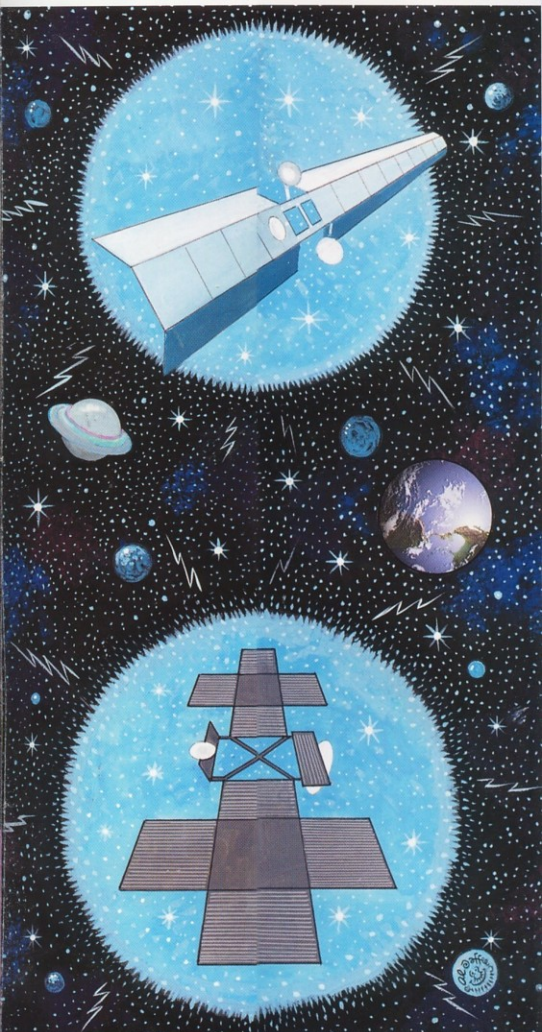
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