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## “A Brief History of Crime”

“There are some things that are so serious you can only joke about them.”

Neils Bohr

“Occasionally the essence of human behavior is tellingly suggested by even the most monstrous of caricatures.”

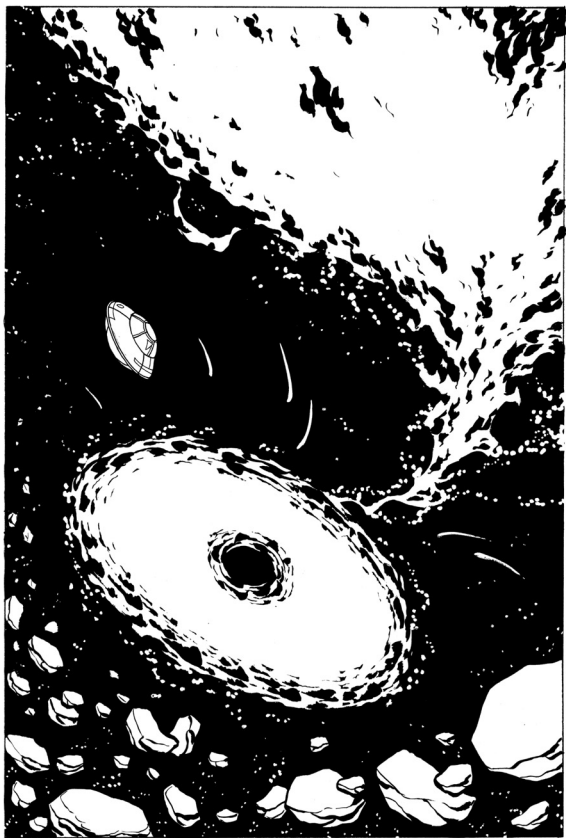
Neal Wood, *Tyranny in America*

“Just as a fire is covered by smoke and a mirror is obscured by dust... knowledge is hidden by selfish desire –the inveterate enemy of the wise.”

*Bhagavad Gita*, Book Three, 38-39. Translated by Eknath Easwaran

“It’s a madhouse! A madhouse!”

Taylor, *The Planet of the Apes*



**INTRANSIGENT WOMAN!**

CYGNUS X-1, IN  
THE CONSTELLATION  
OF THE SWAN...  
6,500 LIGHT-YEARS  
FROM EARTH!





DID YOU  
SERIOUSLY  
THINK I'D LET  
YOU ESCAPE AFTER  
WHAT YOU'VE  
DONE?

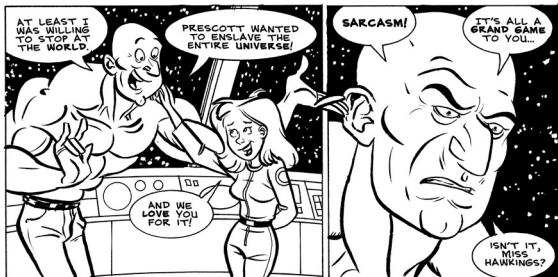
OKAY,  
WALTER...  
CALM DOWN.

I KNOW I  
RENEGED ON OUR  
DEAL TO GIVE YOU  
THE O-RING AND  
YOU'RE PISSED.

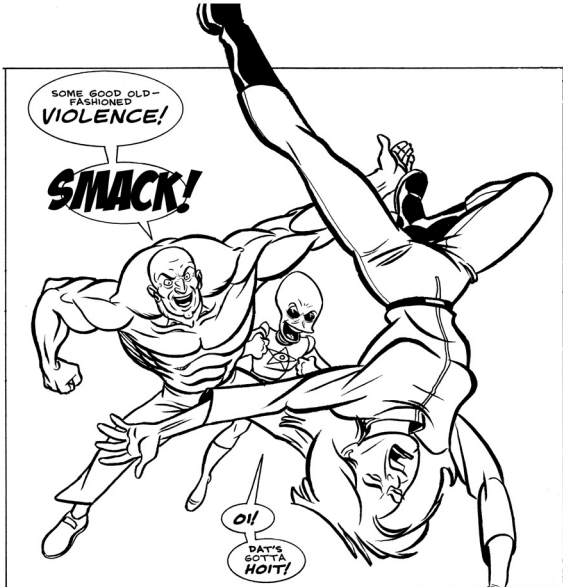
I CAN DIG  
THAT... LIKE  
TOTALLY.

BUT... THEN  
AGAIN... YOU DID  
CONVENIENTLY OMIT  
THE FACT THAT YOU  
WERE PLANNING ON  
USING THE O-RING TO  
CONQUER THE  
WORLD!

DETAILS!  
DETAILS!







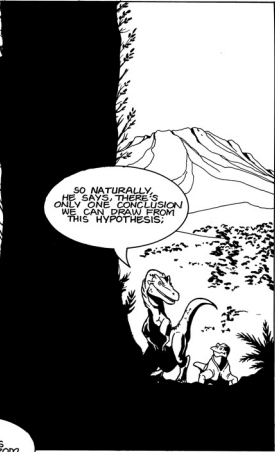






GONDWANA.

TWO HUNDRED AND  
FORTY-EIGHT  
MILLION  
YEARS AGO.



SO NATURALLY  
HE SAYS, THERE'S  
ONLY ONE CONCLUSION  
WE CAN DRAW FROM  
THIS HYPOTHESIS.

THAT  
DINOSAURS  
EVOLVED FROM  
FISH!



HAHAHA!  
YOU'RE KIDDING  
ME, RIGHT?

WELL, IT ONLY PROVES  
WHAT I'VE SAID ALL  
ALONG.

HAVING THE BRAIN  
THE SIZE OF A  
WALNUT  
IS NO GUARANTEE  
OF GENIUS!

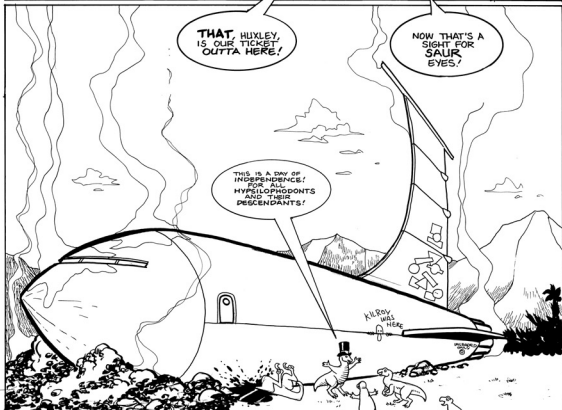


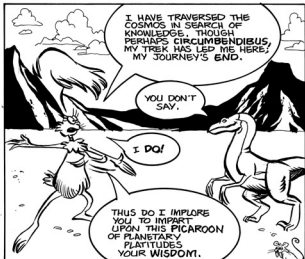








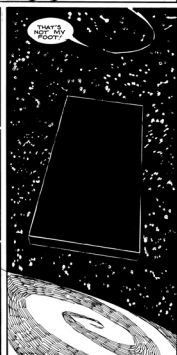


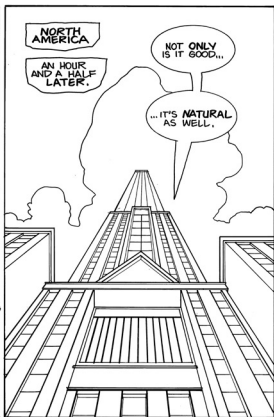
















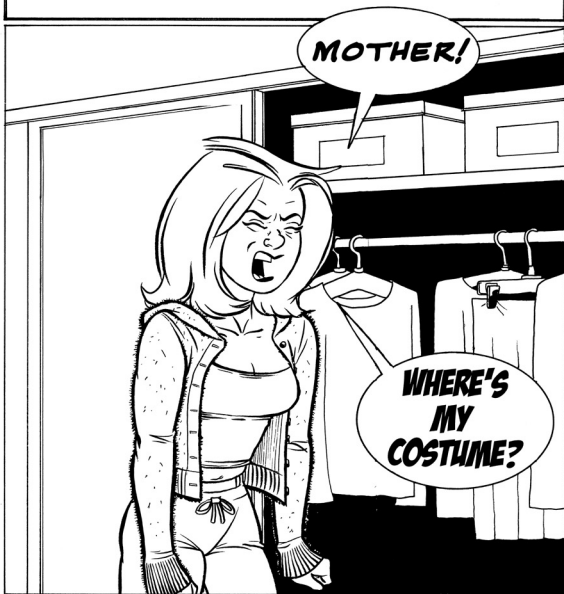




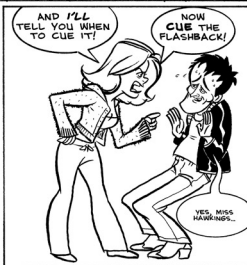
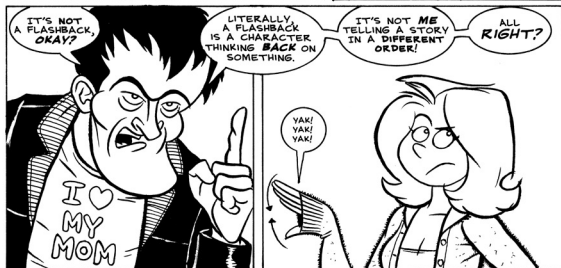
Ragmop  
*presents*

ALICE  
HAWKINGS  
IN

BRIEF  
HISTORY  
**of CRIME**



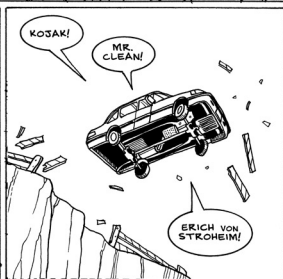




# Baberaham Lincoln

THERE! SEE THAT? IT'S A CHAPTER HEADING. IT'S NOT A FUCKING FLASHBACK!

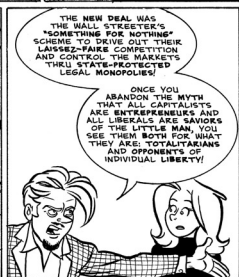


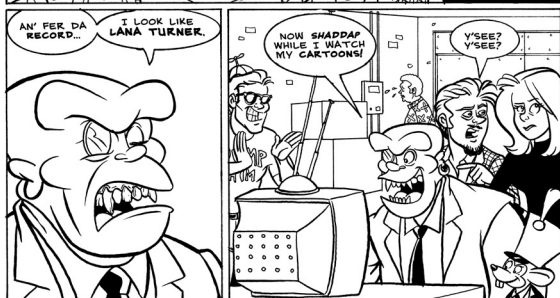






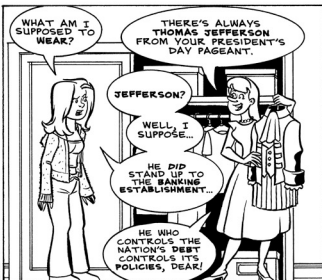
























Bye-ee!



BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

WHATTA  
REVOLVIN'  
DEVELOPMENT!

TZING!

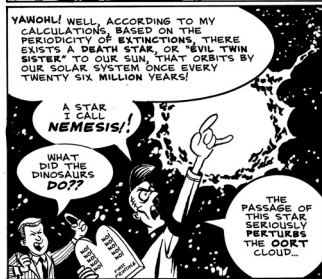
TZING!

TZING!

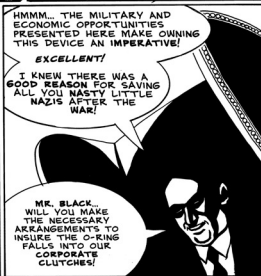
I GOTTA  
TALK T'MY  
AGENT!

TZING!











GET READY FOR THE **SHOCK** OF YOUR LIFE!

*She's a Dish!  
She's a Doll!  
She's a  
Delinquent!*

ONE OF THE  
**DEADLIEST**  
CREATURES OF  
MISOGYNIST FOLKLORE,  
**ALICE HAWKINGS**  
PERSISTS IN HER HARE-  
BRAINED SCHEME OF  
ACHIEVING FEMALE  
SOVEREIGNTY IN A WORLD  
WHERE THE SUBORDINATION  
OF WOMEN WAS ORDAINED BY  
**DIVINE COMMANDMENT!**  
DISOBEDIENT IMPENITENT,  
THIS IS ONE ANGEL  
WITH A VERY  
TARNISHED  
HALO  
INDEED!

**BORN TO BE BAD!**

**THRILL  
KITTEN!**

THE BAD GIRL  
IS THE HEROINE  
OF OUR TIMES!

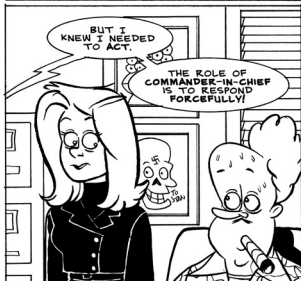
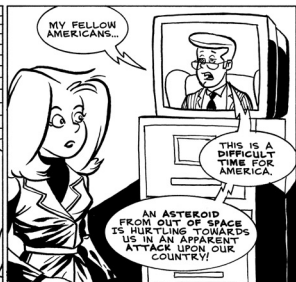
TRANSGRESSION  
IS A STAPLE OF  
ENTERTAIN-  
MENT!

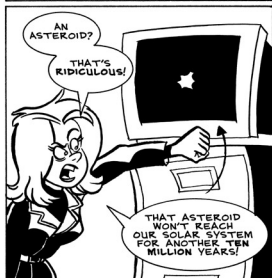
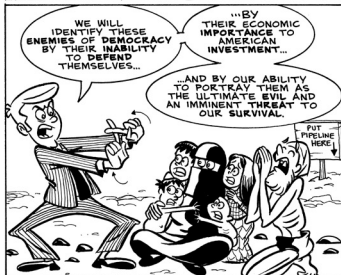
I'M AN IMPUDENT  
LITTLE MINX  
HELL-BENT ON  
USURPING DADDY'S  
THRONE.

SOMEONE  
HAS TO  
PUNISH  
ME!

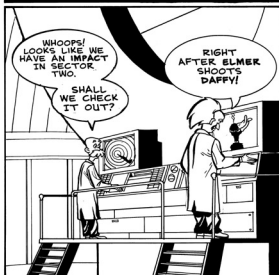




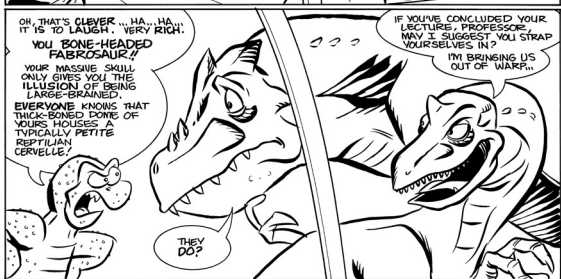
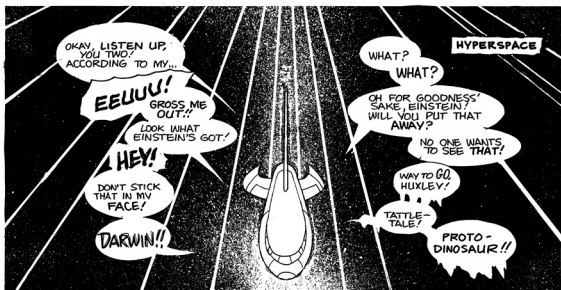


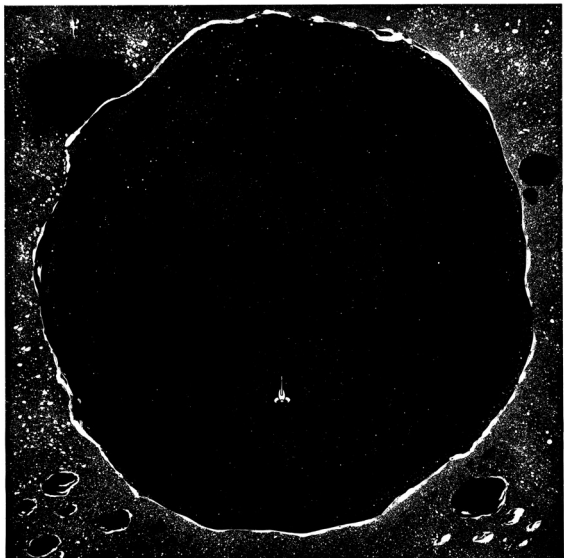










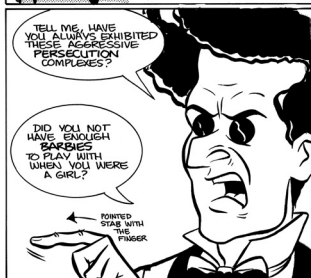












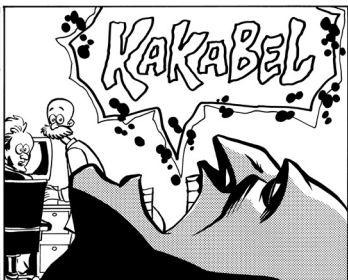


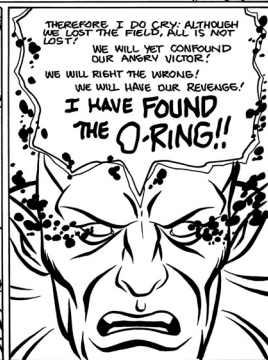
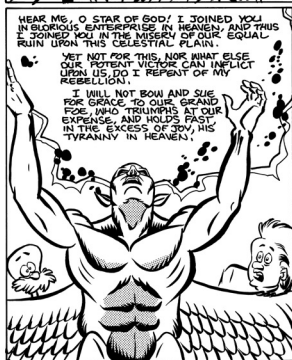




STOP RATTLING MY BOTTLES, MAN! I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN. THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT SPELLINGS TO CROSS-REFERENCE, SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE I FIND THE RIGHT NAME!











# A PSYCHOTIC BONUS PIN-UP

MEDICAL MESSIAH  
OR  
CLINICALLY INSANE?

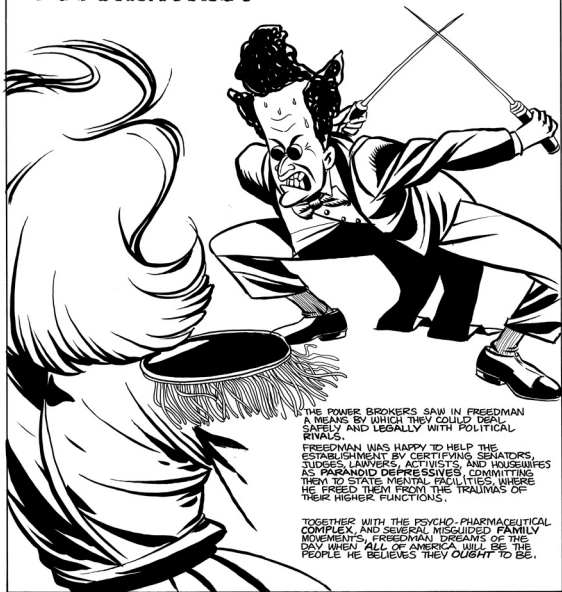
YOU  
DECIDE!

## TOXIC PSYCHIATRIST

FOLLOWING A BOUT OF DEEP  
RESPONDENCY, LIFTON FREEDMAN  
BOUNCED BACK WITH A MIRACLE  
CURE FOR DEPRESSION: LOBOTOMY!

USING HIS TECHNIQUE OF  
CHOICE, AN ICE PICK INSERTED  
THROUGH THE EYE SOCKET  
FREEDMAN MUTILATED THOUSANDS  
OF PATIENTS AS HE SAUNTED  
MERRILY FROM HOSPITAL TO HOSPITAL.

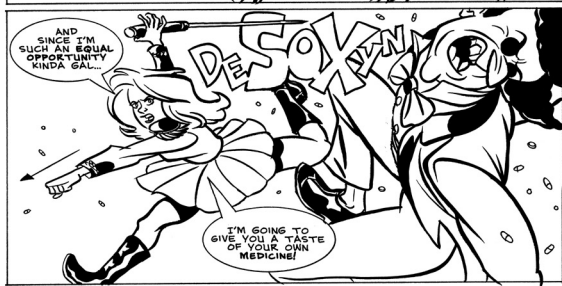
FREEDMAN'S EFFORTS  
WERE NOT OVERLOOKED BY HIS  
COLLEAGUES. THEY HONORED HIM  
WITH AWARDS IN NEUROLOGY AND  
PSYCHIATRY. THEY DUBBED HIM  
"THE GOOD DOCTOR."



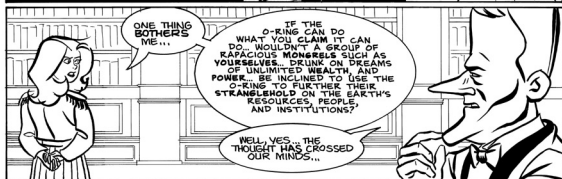
THE POWER BROKERS SAW IN FREEDMAN  
A MEANS BY WHICH THEY COULD DEAL  
SAFELY AND LEGALLY WITH POLITICAL  
RIVALS.

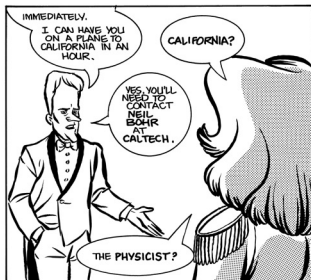
FREEDMAN WAS HAPPY TO HELP THE  
ESTABLISHMENT BY CERTIFYING SENATORS,  
JUDGES, LAWYERS, ACTIVISTS, AND HOUSEWIVES  
AS PARANOID DEPRESSIVES, COMMITTING  
THEM TO STATE MENTAL FACILITIES, WHERE  
HE FREED THEM FROM THE TRAUMAS OF  
THEIR HIGHER FUNCTIONS.

TOGETHER WITH THE PSYCHO-PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPLEX, AND SEVERAL MISGUIDED FAMILY  
MOVEMENTS, FREEDMAN DREAMS OF THE  
DAY WHEN "ALL OF AMERICA WILL BE THE  
PEOPLE HE BELIEVES THEY OUGHT TO BE."











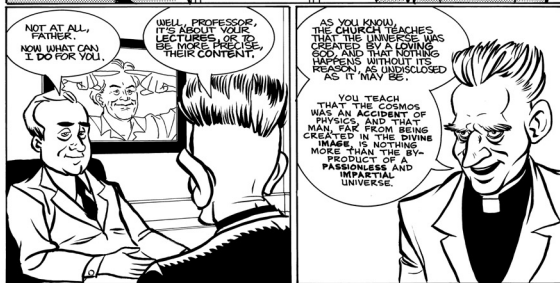


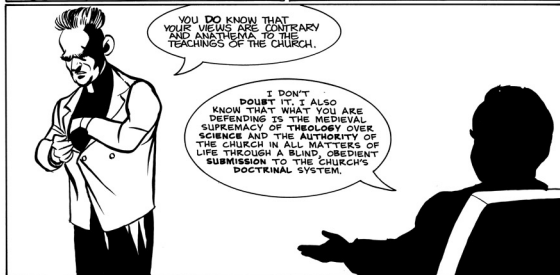
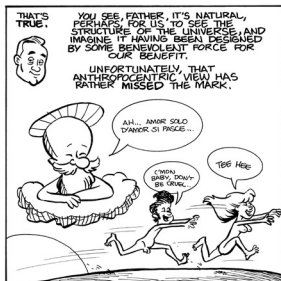


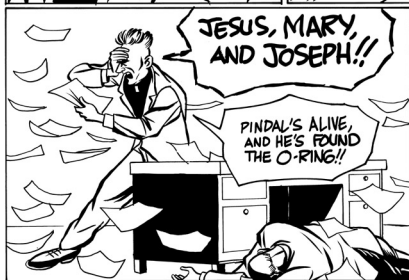
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NO PHOTO  
AVAILABLE!!\*

\* Surely you're joking, Mr. Feynman!  
IT'S TRUE! I was unable to locate a single  
picture of Caltech in the Toronto Library system.  
So send me your snaps, and maybe I'll fill in  
this panel in later reprint editions. If not,  
I may be forced to reset this scene in Tannu Tuva!









MEANWHILE, IN STately  
VATICAN MANOR, HOME  
OF MILLIONAIRE POPE  
JOHN PAUL GEORGE AND RINGO II...



GOLLY GEE, PAPA, HOW  
COULD JESUS CHRIST BE GOD  
IN THE SAME SENSE AS  
GOD THE FATHER?

MY, BUT OUR  
YOUNG MASTER CASTRATO  
LOVES TO FLIRT WITH  
EXCOMMUNICATION.

TRUE,  
SISTER  
HARRIST.

IF JESUS CALLED  
GOD, "FATHER," DOESN'T  
THAT PRESUPPOSE THE  
CREATURE COMMONALITY  
OF CHRIST?



AND IF GOD CREATED  
JESUS AS AN INSTRUMENT  
OF CREATION, WOULDN'T  
THEREFORE, CHRIST BE  
DIVINE BY RIGHTOUSNESS,  
AND NOT BY NATURE?

PERHAPS, MY  
YOUNG WARD,

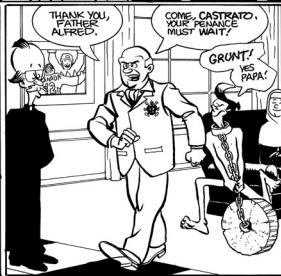
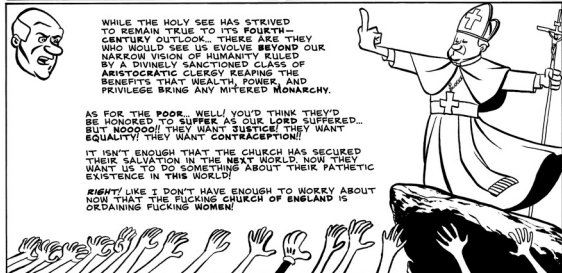
BUT YOU'RE  
FORGETTING  
A LITTLE  
THING CALLED  
"HOMOOSIOS."

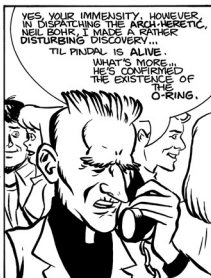
HOLY HERESY, PAPA!!

OF COURSE!

IT WAS AT THE  
COUNCIL OF NICAEEA  
IN 325 THAT  
ATHANASIOS  
DEFINED THE  
CATHOLIC DOCTRINE  
OF THE COETERNITY  
AND COEQUALITY  
OF BOTH THE  
FATHER AND THE  
SON.

ALTHOUGH  
THAT SEEMS RATHER  
ARBITRARY AND  
SELF-SERVING.







WHAT'S YOUR  
NAME  
DOLL FACE,

PLEASE, CALL  
ME ALICE,

I'M HERE ON A RESEARCH  
GRANT, STUDYING "WAVICLES"  
AND VIRTUAL PARTICLES, SO OF  
COURSE I WANTED TO TALK  
TO DR. BOHR ABOUT HIS  
WORK WITH TIL PINDAL  
ON THE O-RING,

COOL. I'M JUST  
HERE T'GET  
LAID.

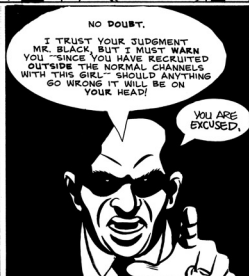
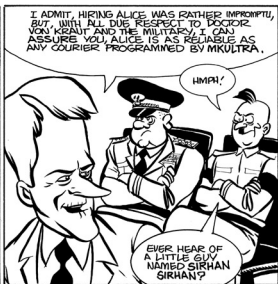
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## A Redoubtable RAGMOP Pin-Up!

# THE MAN IN THE CHAIR

WELCOME TO THE BRAVE NEW WORLD ORDER!

FREEMASONS, ILLUMINATI, THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION, SKULL AND BONES, BILDERBERGERS, ROCKEFELLERS, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, DISNEY ENTERTAINMENT GROUP.

**YOU'VE HEARD OF THEM ALL!**

## BUT WHO REALLY RUNS AMERICA?

MEET UNCLE WALT... THE SECRET  
PERSON BEHIND EVERYTHING!

HIS **GRAND STRATEGY** FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM INCLUDES THE UNILATERAL USE OF MILITARY POWER TO CONTROL THE WORLD'S OIL SUPPLY, THE MILITARIZATION OF SPACE, THE REMOVAL OF ALL MULTILATERAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE EXERCISE OF SUCH POWER TO WAGE PREVENTATIVE WAR, CURTAIL CIVIL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, SILENCE DISSENT, AND ENSLAVE THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD THROUGH FEAR, UNEMPLOYMENT, DEBT, AND TERRORISM.

GORDO?

I WANT YOU TO  
PUT A TAIL ON  
MR. BLACK.

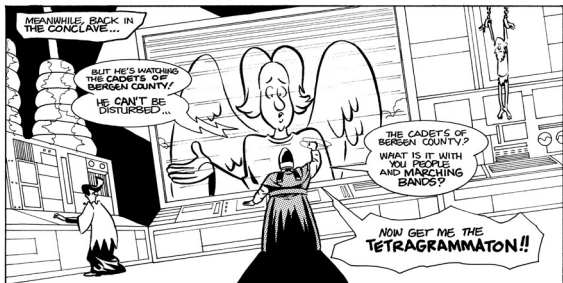
AND GIVE ME  
EVERYTHING  
YOU'VE GOT ON  
ALICE  
HAWKINGS.

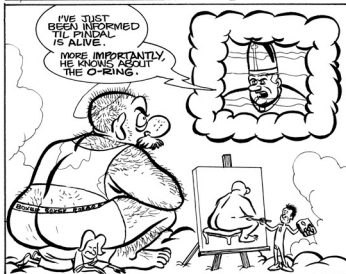
OH, YES...  
AND THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
WATER DISH  
IS EMPTY.

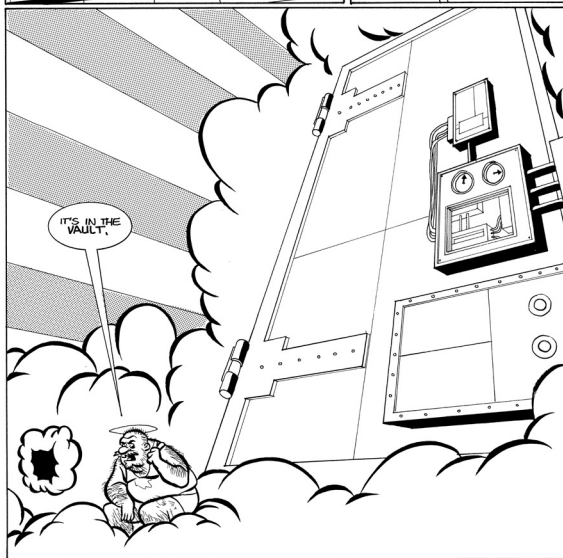
HE'S  
SLOBBERING  
OVER  
EVERYTHING!

WELL...  
HE SURE  
PICKED A  
NICE DAY  
FOR IT!

## BOOTS

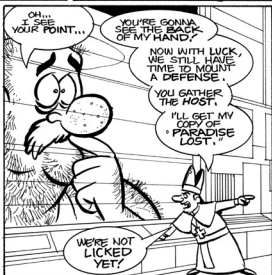
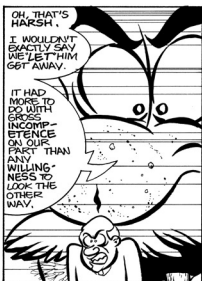


















# YAAH!!

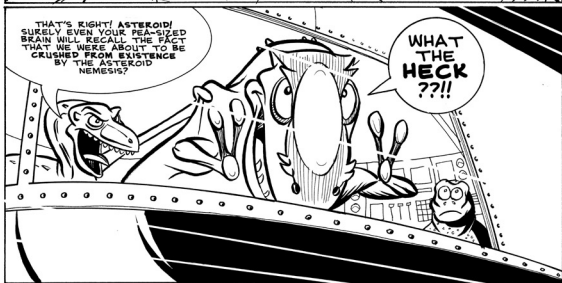
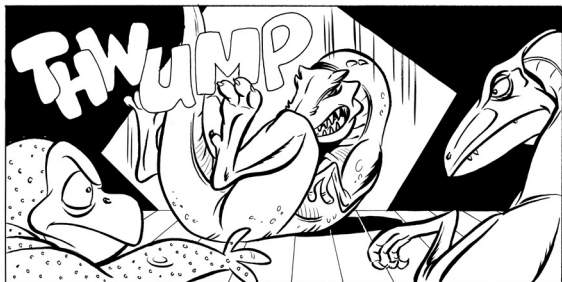


## YAAAAHHHHH!!!!



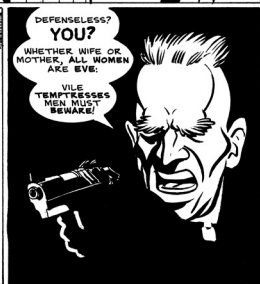
EINSTEIN, REALLY!  
THIS IS HARDLY THE  
TIME OR PLACE FOR  
YOUR SHENANIGANS.

HEY! WATCH  
THE TAIL!  
WATCH  
THE TAIL!!



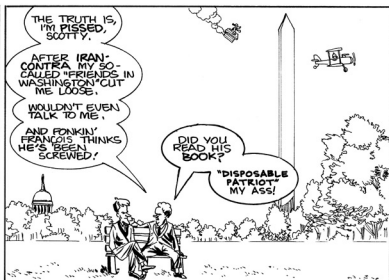
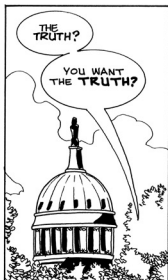


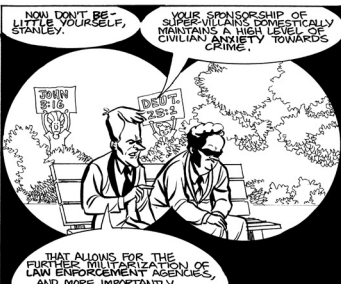


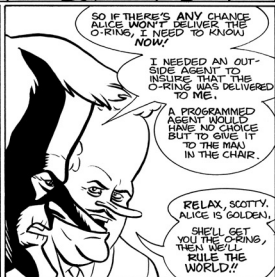










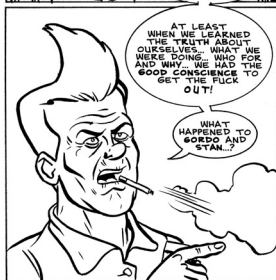














# A RHADAMANTHINE **RAGMOP** PIN\*UP

## disposable **PATRIOT**

For nearly forty years, François was one of America's greatest patriots. Along with Dot, Stan, and Gordo, he was a cornerstone of the C.I.A.'s Cold War super-team, ~~THE COVERT QUARTET~~. Together they fought a never-ending battle for Truth, Justice, and the American Way.

They began in 1961 by helping to facilitate the assassination of Patrice Lumumba in the Belgian Congo (a country the U.S. considered to be "... a communist takeover with disastrous consequences for the interests of the Free World"). They followed that up with the assassination of General Abdul Karim Kassen --who urged the formation of an international Arab organization to counter Western oil monopolies (what was to become OPEC)-- in Iraq two years later; a *putsch* that involved a young Iraqi up-and-comer by the name of Saddam Hussein.

Having practiced on Foreign leaders, the Covert Quartet returned home to assassinate Robert Kennedy before jetting south to Chile to take care of Salvador Allende. The "irresponsible and dangerous" Labour Government of Australia's Edward Whitlam was next to feel the destabilizing effect of the Quartet's insidious influence when they brought him to ruin in 1975.

A long stint in Afghanistan followed as François lent aid and expertise to the Afghan *Mujahadin* and helped manage the multibillion dollars worth of liquid money provided by the drug trade to fight the Soviet's Evil Empire. When non-Afghan Arabs joined the conflict, François was more than happy to plug them into the system. Their leader and financial backer was a young Saudi named Osama bin Laden.

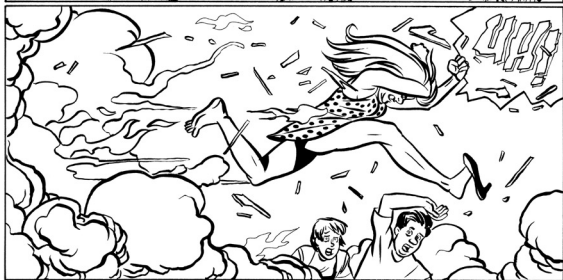
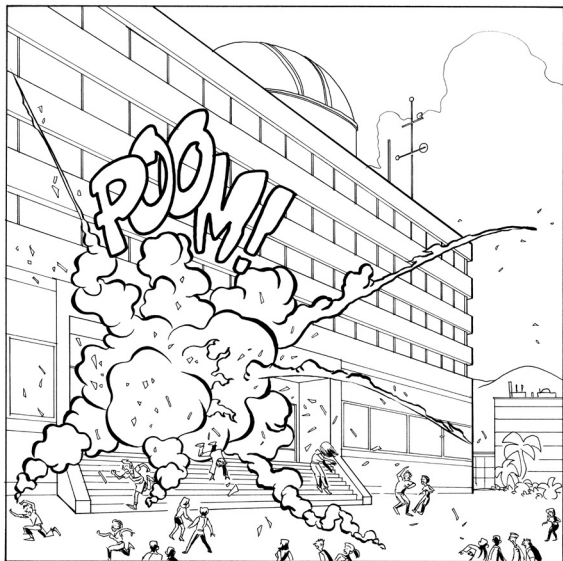
When the Berlin Wall crumbled and the Soviet Empire collapsed, François joined his fellow Americans in rejoicing and looked forward to the long-awaited Peace Dividend that the end of the Cold War would bring. When President Bush announced that there would be no Peace Dividend, he was baffled. When President Bush said that the world was more dangerous than ever, François knew he'd been had.

Suddenly, allies had become demons as François' employers went on a desperate search for enemies. Manuel Noriega, Saddam Hussein, Osama Bin Laden, and the Mujahadin/Taliban were no longer assets but dictators, mass murderers, and terrorists.

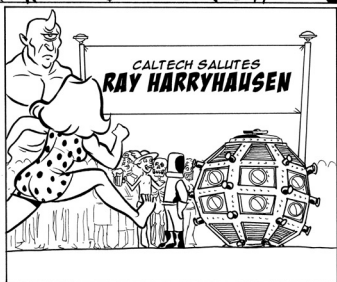
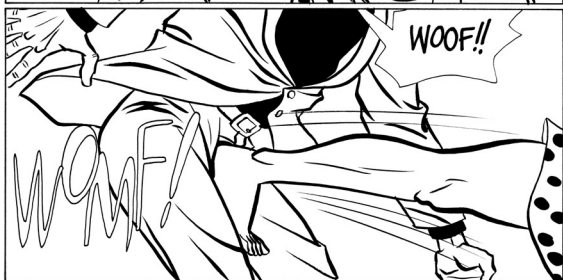
Smelling a rat, François expressed his concerns to his superiors, who cut him loose in a shocking act of betrayal. Realizing that everything he'd ever worked for was a lie, François turned whistle-blower and hit the lecture circuit, while his former employers targeted him for liquidation and assassinated his character through a well-orchestrated smear campaign in the media.

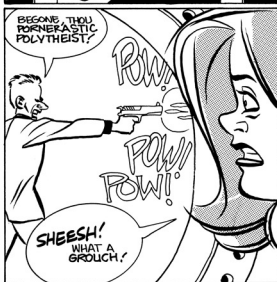
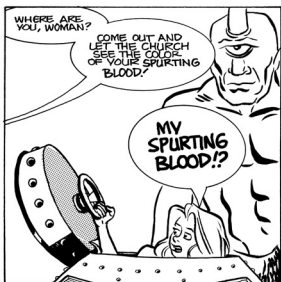
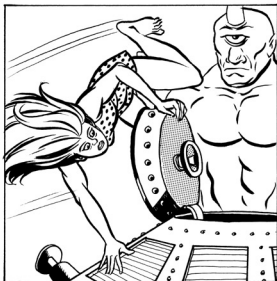
Branded a traitor and ex-patriot, François may very well represent one of America's last remaining hopes to save the American Republic from the clutches of the American Empire!





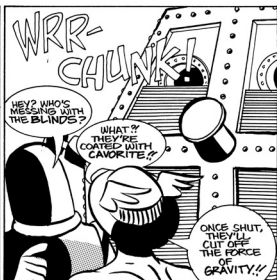


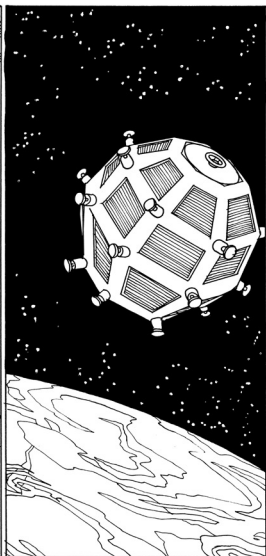
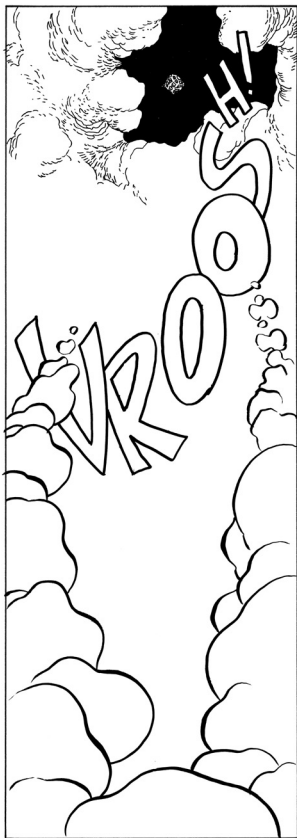




\*KORDAX: DIONYSIAN PHALLIC DANCE











# A Portentous Ragmop Pin-Up!

## the TETRAGRAMMATON

Loutish, sexist, over-sensitive... **GOD!** The Tetragrammaton is the Ken Shabby of deities and father of the largest dysfunctional family in Creation!

He's so painfully insecure He's forbidden the faithful to paint His portrait or speak His name!

Subject to childish tantrums and fits of wrath, He cast Lucifer --the most beautiful Angel in Heaven-- out of Paradise all because some Third Century Christian misread Isaiah 14:12 --equating 'Day Star' with Lucifer -- thus mistaking Lucifer for Satan.

This, subsequently, led to an entire body of Earthly literature portraying Lucifer and Satan as one and the same being!

From the Church Fathers to Milton-- from Dutch Shakespeare to Neil Gaiman-- The error was transmitted through the popular mindset of Western Culture.

By this time the whole affair had gotten well out of hand. The Tetragrammaton felt the situation too embarrassing to correct and therefore decided it would be easier for all involved to just match reality with the established mythology... and gave Lucifer the boot.

When Kakabel and the other fair-minded angels protested, they were branded as 'Rebels' and likewise expelled from Heaven whilst the Tetragrammaton retired to sulk.

Thus were Earthly sentiments regarding Good and Evil preserved and the War with Heaven Begun.





BUT THE DAY OF  
VENGEANCE  
IS AT HAND!

WE HAVE  
DISCOVERED  
THE SOURCE  
OF THE  
TETRAGRAMMATON'S  
POWER.

THE O-RING!

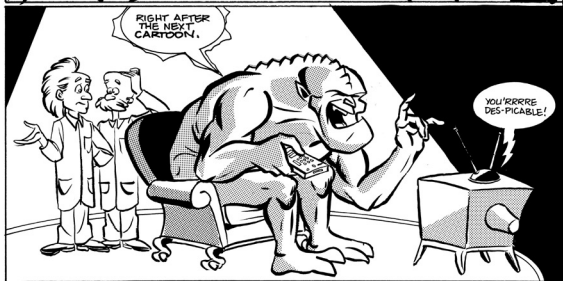


IT WAS THE O-RING THAT CAUSED THE GREAT  
FLOOD, OBLITERATED SODOM, TURNED LOT'S  
WIFE TO SALT, SENT THE TEN PLAGUES UPON  
EGYPT, AND PARTED THE RED SEA.

KNOWING THAT PHYSICS HAD ALWAYS HAD THE  
UPPER HAND, THE TETRAGRAMMATON STOLE THE  
O-RING, THUS HOOD-WINKING THE FAITHFUL INTO  
THINKING THAT HE REALLY WAS IN CONTROL  
OF CREATION!

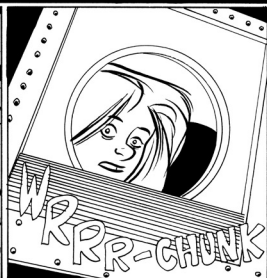
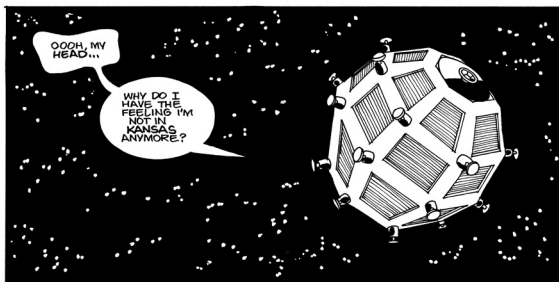
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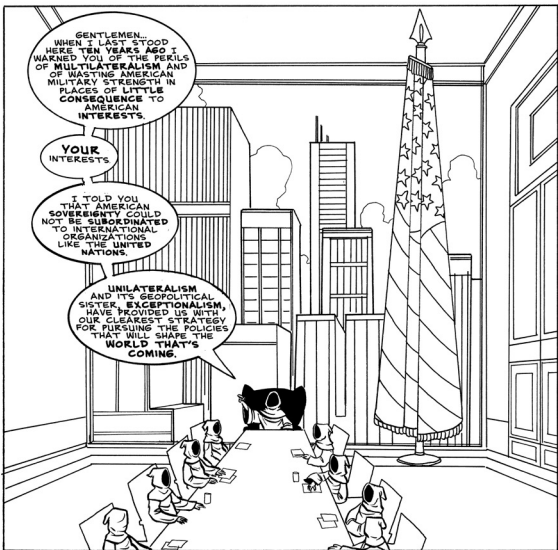
WE WILL STORM HEAVEN,  
SEIZE THE O-RING,  
AND EXPOSE THE  
TETRAGRAMMATON FOR  
THE GLORIFIED TELEVISION  
EVANGELIST THAT HE IS!!



RIGHT AFTER  
THE NEXT  
CARTOON.

YOU'RRRRE  
DES-PICABLE!







# A REVELATORY RAGMOP PIN-UP!

## PEAK OIL!

THE AGE OF THE THREE THOUSAND MILE SALAD IS OVER!

DICK CHENEY KNOWS IT... DO YOU?  
PEAK OIL IS HERE!

GLOBAL DEMAND FOR OIL IS GROWING FASTER THAN NEW SUPPLIES ARE BEING FOUND. THE WORLD IS NOW PRODUCING THE MOST OIL IT WILL EVER PRODUCE. AFTER THAT, PRODUCTION WILL HAVE NO OTHER DIRECTION TO GO... BUT DOWN!

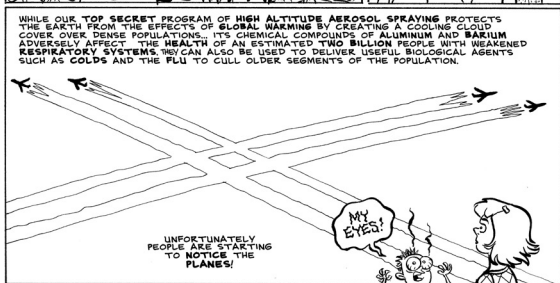
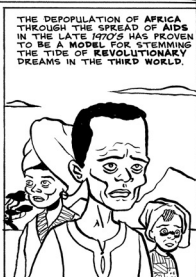
THE WORLD IS CURRENTLY USING BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX BARRELS OF OIL FOR EVERY NEW BARREL IT FINDS... AND WITH THE ECONOMIES OF BOTH INDIA AND CHINA POISED TO REAP THE FALSE PROMISES OF THE CAPITALIST LIFESTYLE... THOSE ENERGY RESOURCES ARE ABOUT TO BE TAXED TO THE LIMIT.

WITH ONLY ONE TRILLION BARRELS OF ACCESSIBLE OIL REMAINING ON THE PLANET WE SHOULD RUN OUT OF CONVENTIONAL OIL IN LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. NATURALLY, AS THE SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETED THE COST OF OIL WILL SKY-ROCKET. SO WILL THE COST OF OIL PRODUCTION. AND WHEN IT TAKES MORE ENERGY TO PUMP A BARREL OF OIL THAN IS OBTAINED BY BURNING IT THROUGH CONSUMPTION --MEANING, YOUR GAS TANK, HOME, OR OFFICE-- WELL... THAT'S IT...

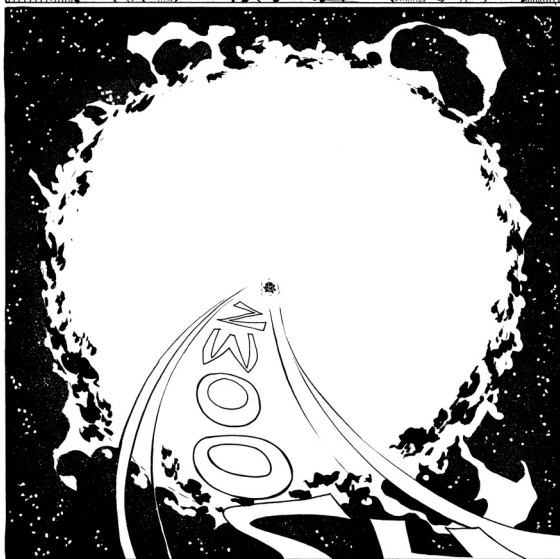
THE ECONOMY CANNOT GROW WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRICITY CANNOT GROW WITHOUT HYDROCARBON ENERGY. WHEN THE ENERGY STOPS, SO DOES THE GROWTH. AND WHEN THE GROWTH STOPS, SO DOES THE ECONOMY. --SEVEN TRILLION DOLLARS LOST ON THE STOCK MARKET --TWO MILLION JOBS LOST IN THE US --FEDERAL AND STATE BUDGET SURPLUSES... GONE! --THE MIDDLE-SUBURBAN CLASS... GONE! PETROLEUM MAN --EXTINCT!

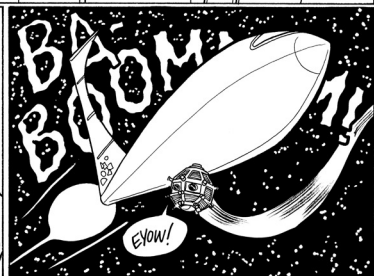
WHAT WILL BE LEFT IN ITS PLACE? THOMAS JEFFERSON BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE, WHEN ARMED WITH THE FACTS, WILL COME TO THE RIGHT CONCLUSION. WELL, THESE ARE THE FACTS, PEOPLE. START DRAWING YOUR CONCLUSIONS.

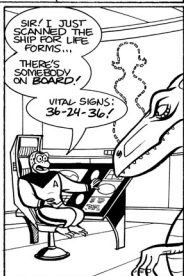
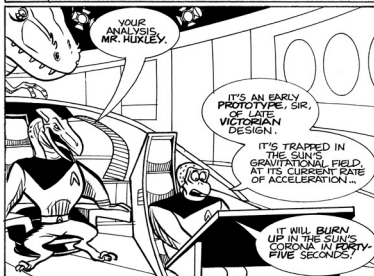
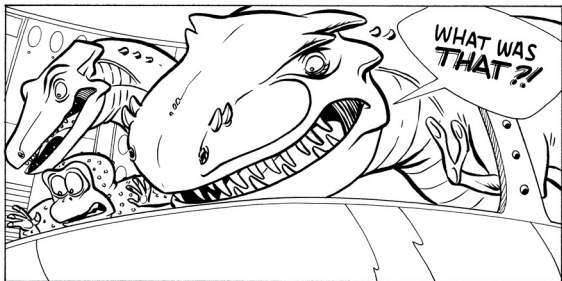














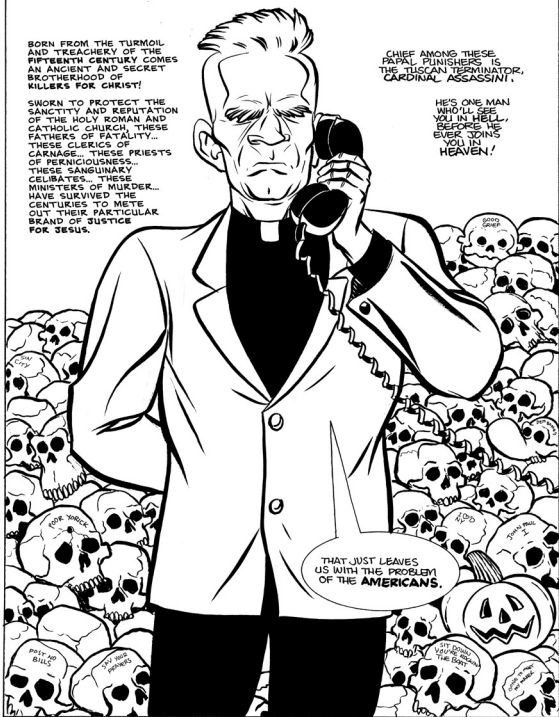




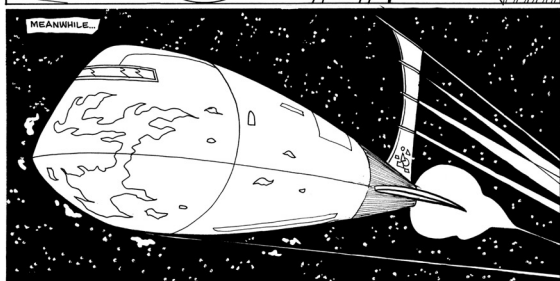
# cardinal Assassini

HE'S ONE MAN  
WHO'LL SEE  
YOU IN HELL,  
BEFORE HE  
EVER JOINS  
YOU IN  
HEAVEN!

THAT JUST LEAVES  
US WITH THE PROBLEM  
OF THE **AMERICANS**.









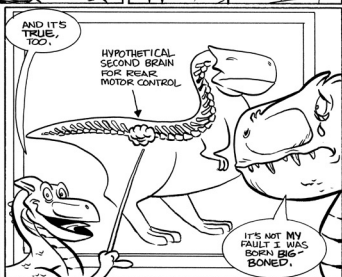


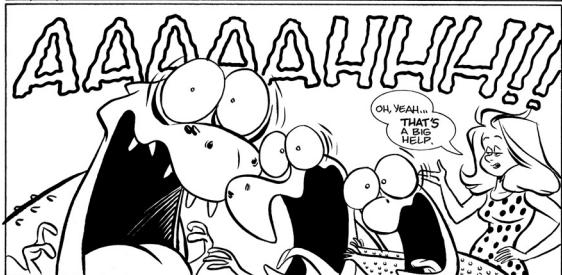












RICH STADIUM, BUFFALO, NEW YORK  
THE DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.

...AND IN  
FIRST PLACE  
WITH A SCORE OF  
98.3...

THE  
Cavaliers!





ADMIT IT, LUCIFER...  
THE CAVALIERS  
KICKED ASS!

THEY TOTALLY  
CAPTURED THE  
SPIRIT AND  
ENERGY OF  
HOLST'S "THE  
PLANETS".  
...THE RED SNARE  
DRUMS OF MARS;  
THE CONTINUING  
MARCHING IN  
CONCENTRIC  
CIRCLES  
MIMICKING THE  
HEAVENLY  
ORBITS...

IT WAS A WONDERFULLY  
INTEGRATED AND DETAILED  
PROGRAM DESERVING OF  
RECOGNITION.



YES, MOLOCH...  
BUT IT'S STILL  
HOLST!

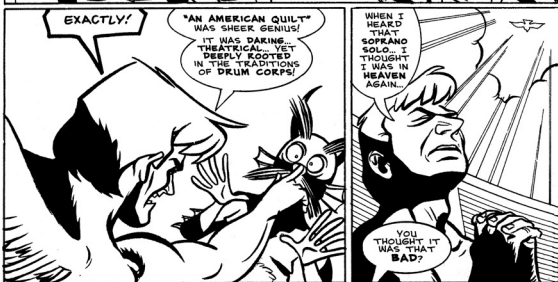
IT'S SUCH AN  
OBVIOUS, SAFE CHOICE.  
IT'S GOT "FEEL GOOD"  
WRITTEN ALL OVER  
IT WITH ITS BIG  
BRASSY FINALE!

WHERE'S  
THE  
RISK?

WHERE'S  
THE  
INNOVATION?

WHERE'S  
THE  
GENITALS?

NOT  
LIKE YOUR  
BELOVED  
CADETS OF  
BERGEN  
COUNTY, I  
SUPPOSE?



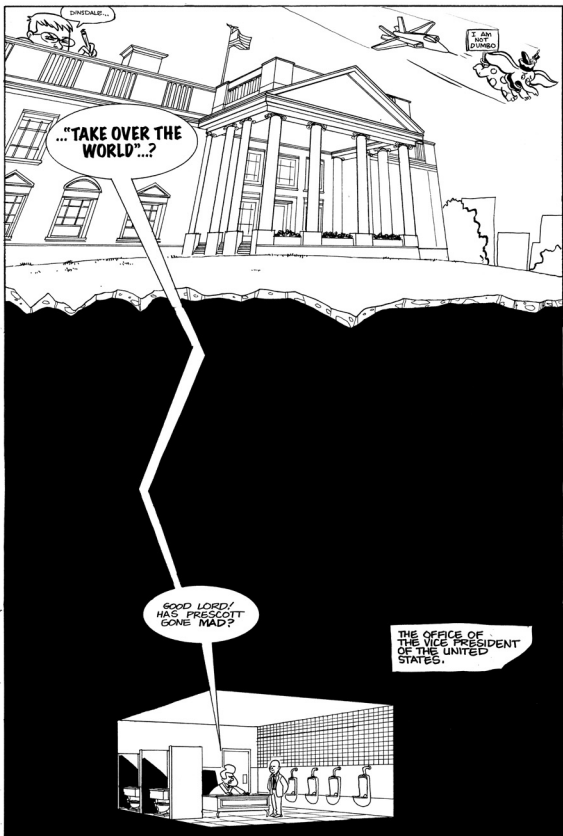
EXACTLY!

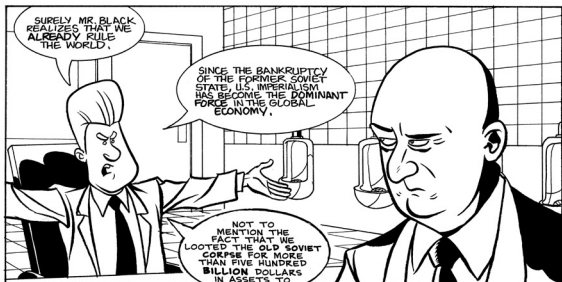
"AN AMERICAN QUILT"  
WAS SHEER GENIUS!  
IT WAS DARING...  
THEATRICAL... YET  
DEEPLY ROOTED  
IN THE TRADITIONS  
OF DRUM CORPS!

WHEN I  
HEARD  
THAT  
SOPRANO  
SOLO... I  
THOUGHT  
I WAS IN  
HEAVEN  
AGAIN...

YOU  
THOUGHT IT  
WAS THAT  
BAD?









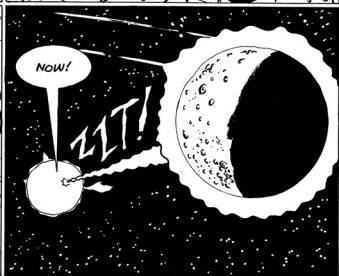


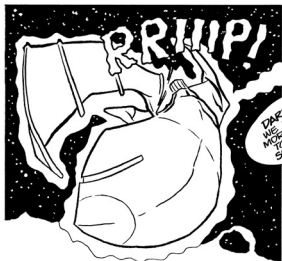


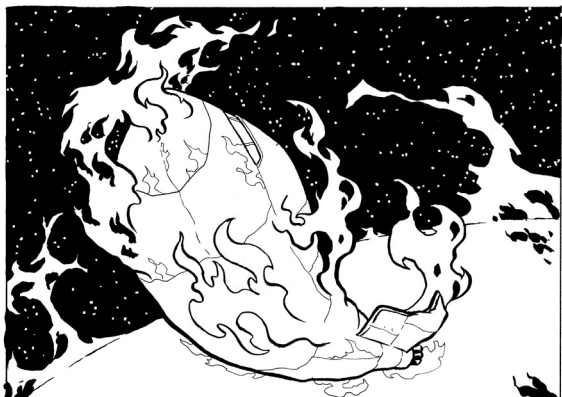
# Jane! HOW DO YOU STOP THIS Crazy Thing?







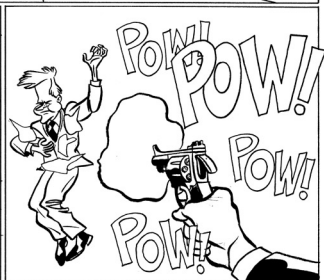
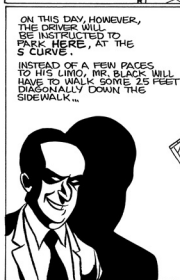
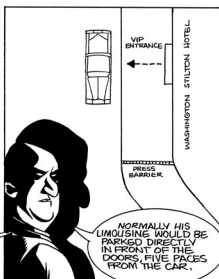




WE'RE ALL  
GOING TO DIE!



Y'KNOW...  
THAT'S NOT  
YOUR CUE TO  
GROPE ME...!



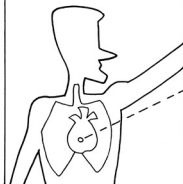
BECAUSE THE ASSASSIN WILL BE SITUATED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE PRESS BARRIER, THE ENTIRE CHARADE WILL BE PLAYED OUT AMIDST FLASHING LIGHTBULBS AND ROLLING TAPE, LEAVING NO DOUBT IN THE MEDIA'S MIND AS TO WHO THE CULPRIT IN THE SHOOTING IS.



DISTRACTED BY THE SHOOTING ON THE STREET, NO ONE WILL NOTICE THE PRESENCE OF THE 'A'-ASSASSIN ON A BALCONY SEVERAL FLOORS ABOVE THE RETAINING WALL.



TO ENSURE THE MISSION'S SUCCESS, HE WILL SHOOT MR. BLACK THROUGH THE HEART WITH A FLECHETTE, A DIME-SIZED PROJECTILE, VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE, EVEN BY X-RAY, ONCE IN THE BODY.



AS FAR AS THE MEDIA WILL BE CONCERNED, IT WILL APPEAR AS IF MR. BLACK WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A SINGLE GUNMAN.

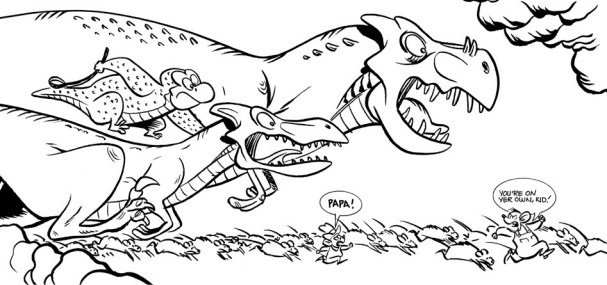
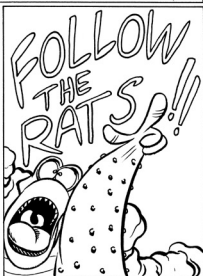
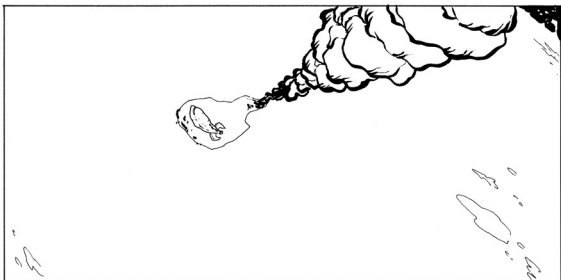
WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE KENNEDY.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

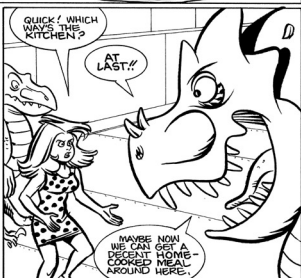
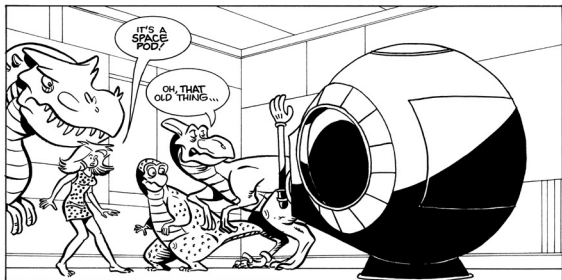


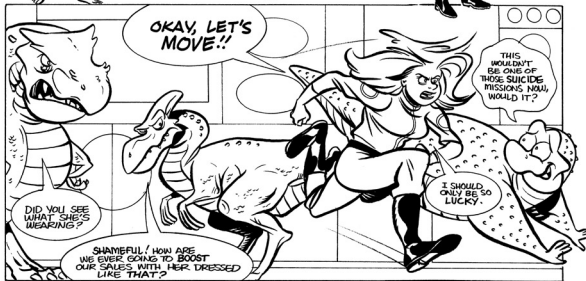


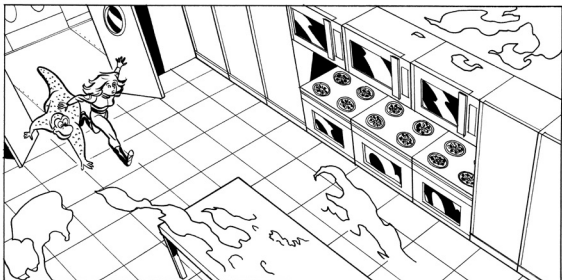




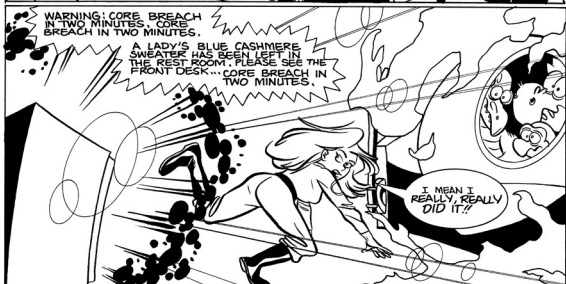
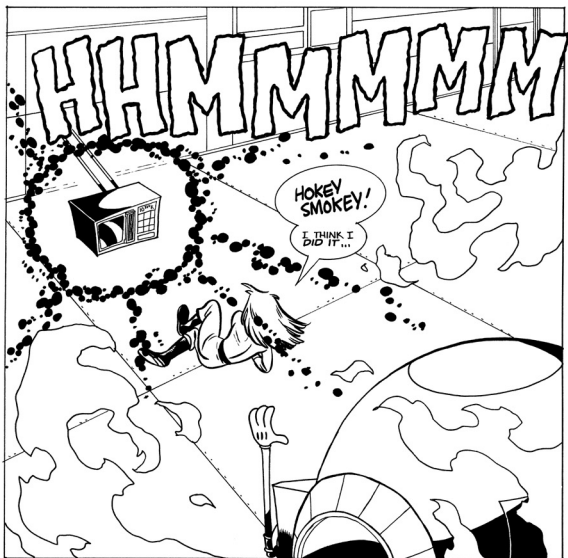




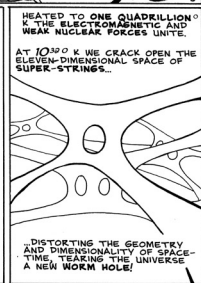
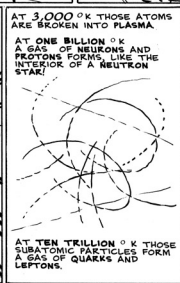
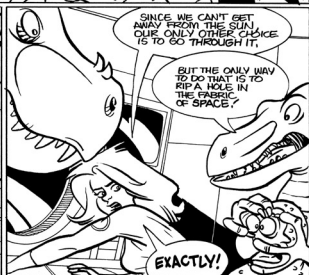




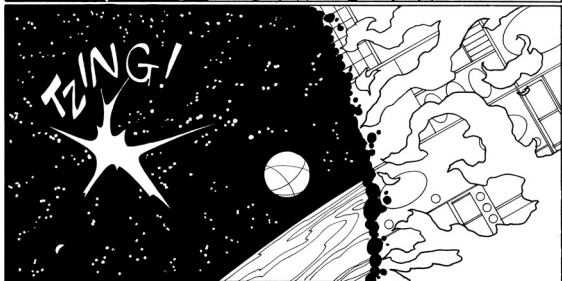
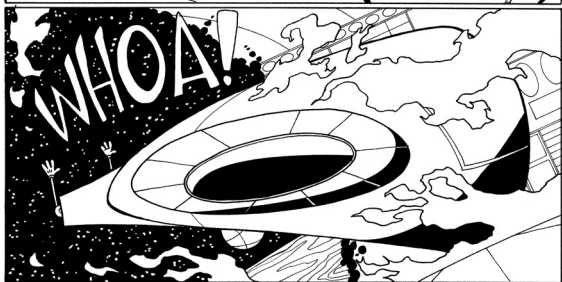


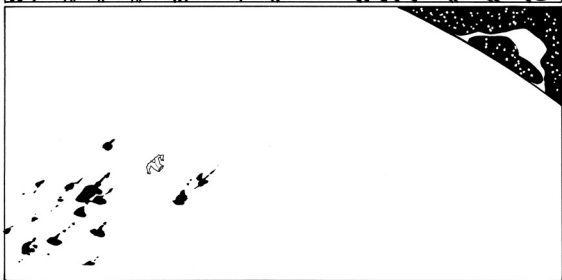
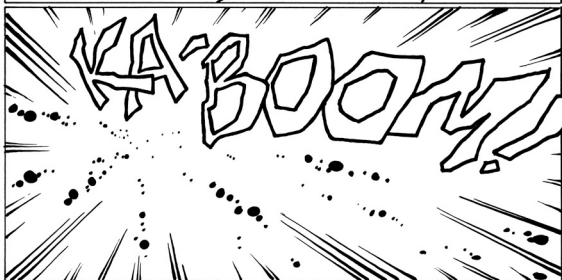












NELLIS AIRFORCE BASE  
GUNNERY TEST RANGE,  
GROOM MOUNTAINS, NEVADA.



**ABOVE  
TOP-SECRET!**

## *A Ramfeezed* **RAGMOP** Pin-Up!

ON A HOT, STORMY EVENING IN JULY OF 1947, SOMETHING  
CAME STREAKING OUT OF THE SKY OVER CORONA, NEW MEXICO.  
IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, ARMY AIR FORCE OFFICER

THE RESULT OF THIS CO-OPERATION WAS AN EXCHANGE

SECRET AGREEMENT

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THE ANSWERS TO THESE AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS  
MAY LIE WITH THE MYSTERIOUS BEING KNOWN ONLY AS...

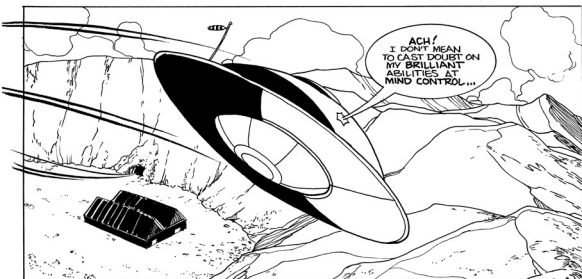
MR. **GREY**

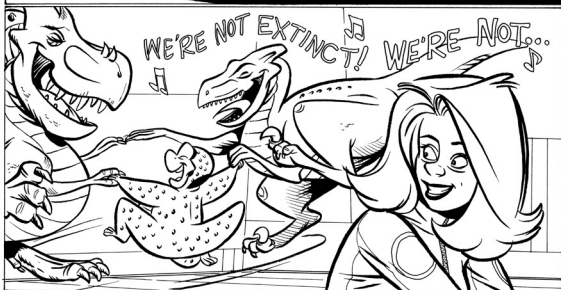
AH, DR. VON KRAUT.

ARE YOU  
READY FOR  
OUR LITTLE  
JAUNT TO  
[REDACTED]

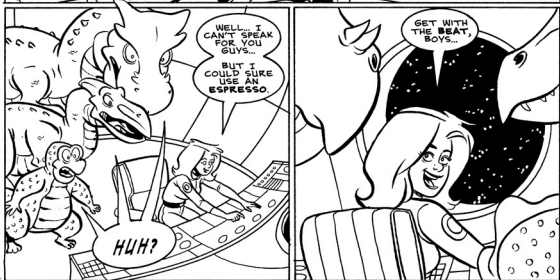
JAWOHL!  
HERR WALTER  
WISHES THE  
BRINKLEY BOY  
REACTIVATED  
CHOP-CHOP.

WELL, THEN...  
LET'S NOT  
KEEP HIM  
WAITING.









THERE ARE FIVE  
FORCES THAT GOVERN  
ALL MATTER ...

GRAVITY,  
ELECTROMAGNETISM,  
THE STRONG, AND  
WEAK NUCLEAR  
FORCES ...

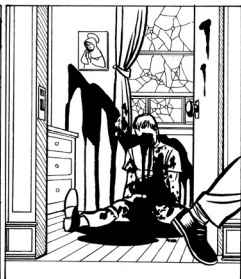
AND A GOOD  
CUP OF COFFEE,

SLACKER  
ASTEROID









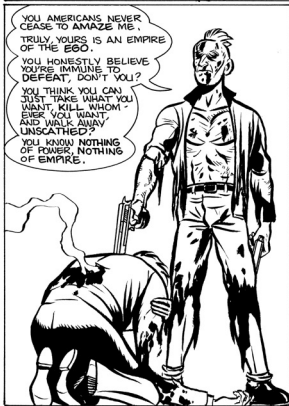














THE SLACKER  
ASTEROID...

**LISTEN TO the  
ROCKET BIRD...!  
(That KOOK!)**

**LISTEN TO the  
NUTTY-NUTTY  
BIRD...!**

Snap!

Snap!

**The Rocket  
Bird belts out  
a Real Gone  
SOOOONG!!**

ARE YOU  
SURE THIS PLACE  
IS SUITABLE FOR  
A GIRL LIKE YOU?

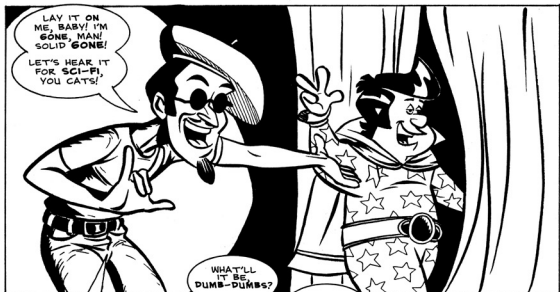
OH, PUT SOME  
AIR IN THAT FLAT  
TIRE, DADDY-O.  
AN ATTITUDE LIKE  
THAT IS A ONE-  
WAY TICKET TO  
SQUARESVILLE.

COOL IT  
AND HAVE SOME  
FUN FOR A PANEL  
OR TWO. THIS WHOLE  
O-RING TRIP'S BEEN  
BUMMIN' ME OUT.  
THIS NEW SCENE'S  
A BUZZ. ENJOY IT!

NO  
MINORS  
ALLOWED

SNAP  
SNAP

OH, YEAH!  
THAT SWINGIN'  
CAT SENDS  
ME OVER  
AND OUT!



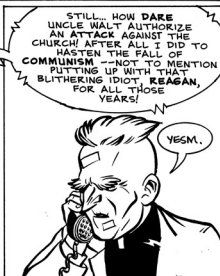


Rap! Howl! And Roar! ...It's Another  
**Razzmatazz RAGMOP PIN-UP!**  
**Til Pindal**

BONGO PLAYER-- BEAT POET-- JUGGLER-- SAFE-CRACKER-- THEORETICAL PHYSICIST AND NO ORDINARY GENIUS-- TIL PINDAL IS THE EXASPERATING, BUT LOVABLE, FRANKSTER OF HUMAN EVOLUTION KNOWN AS **HOMO LUDENS**-- THE MAN WHO PLAYS!

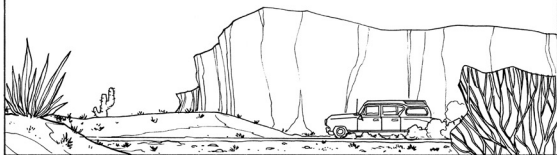
THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY SCIENTIST OF OUR TIME, HIS DAZZLING INTELLECT AND IRREVERENT, SELF-EFFACING HONESTY BOTTLED WITHIN AN INFECTIOUS ENTHUSIASM FOR LIFE HAS ENDEARED HIM TO MANY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.







NEW MEXICO, 1955



JUICE! JUICE!  
ORANGE JUICE!



I GOTTA-  
GOTTA HAVE  
MY ORANGE  
JUICE!

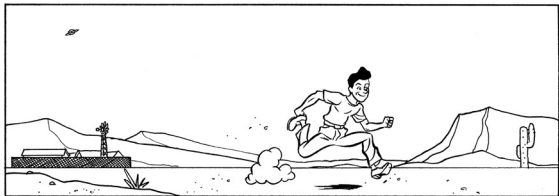


GOOD MORNING,  
DR. PINDAL.

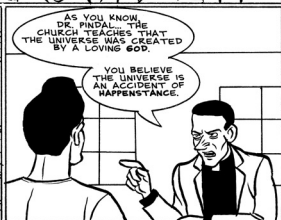
GOOD  
MORNING,  
CHANCEY.

ANOTHER  
BEAUTIFUL  
DAY.





















I'VE DONE IT!  
THE POWER I'VE  
ALWAYS CRAVED  
IS MINE!

**ALL  
MINE!!**



THE PAPAL  
THRONE!  
I WAS BORN  
TO POSSESS IT!

I'LL NEVER  
RELINQUISH IT!

**NEVER!  
NEVER!  
NEVER!**



I MUST ENSURE  
THAT PAPA NEVER  
RETURNS TO ROME!  
TOWARDS THIS END,  
I'LL NEED HELP.

I NOW HAVE  
THE POWER TO  
FREE HIS TWO MOST  
FEARSOME ENEMIES,  
THEY SHALL  
DEFEAT PAPA  
FOR ME!



FIRST: HANS  
KAHUNA!

BY THE POWER PAPA  
SO FOOLISHLY GAVE ME,  
I FREE HIM FROM THE  
FIERY RING OF SILENCE  
SO HE MAY  
TEACH A  
PROGRESSIVE  
THEOLOGY OF  
DEMOCRATIC  
REFORM!



NEXT: I BREAK THE SPELL  
WHICH HAS KEPT PENNY  
STRONG AND HER KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE TRUE HISTORY OF  
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH- THEIR  
AUTHORITY, MINISTRY AND  
THEOLOGY- BURIED WITHIN THE  
EARTH ALL THESE CENTURIES!



GO, MY  
CHILDREN,  
**GO!**

WITH A STRONG  
DE-CENTRALIZED,  
INCLUSIVE, AND  
DEMOCRATIC CHURCH,  
I WILL  
**RULE  
FOR-  
EVER!**

OR UNTIL  
I'M VOTED  
OUT OF  
OFFICE.







WASHINGTON, DC

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

HO-O-KAY, O-KAY--HERE'S  
A GOOD ONE--HAHA--  
READY?

"EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT  
TO A STANDARD OF LIVING  
ADEQUATE FOR THE HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING OF HIMSELF  
AND HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING  
FOOD, HOUSING, MEDICAL  
CARE, AND SOCIAL SERVICES,  
IN THE EVENT OF UNEMPLOY-  
MENT, SICKNESS OR  
DISABILITY..."

WHAT? WHAT?  
GORDO IS DEAD?  
JUST A MINUTE, I  
CAN'T HEAR WHAT  
YOU'RE SAYING.

HAHAHA!

STOP IT!  
YOU'RE  
KILLING  
ME!

WAIT! WAIT!  
HERE'S ONE FOR YOU:  
"ANY PROPAGANDA FOR  
WAR SHALL BE PROHIB-  
ITED BY LAW!" HA  
HAHAHAH!

BWAHA!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TWO GOING  
ON ABOUT?

A-HA!  
A-HO!

I WHA-HA-HA, I WAS  
JUST READING THE INTER-  
NATIONAL BILL OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

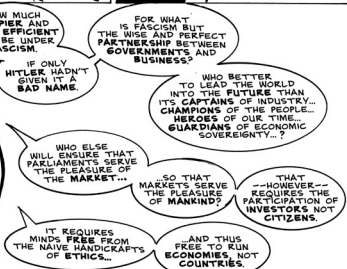
IT'S  
PRICELESS!

PR-TOOT!

HEE  
HEE!

EXCUSE  
ME!

THIS IS A  
JOKE...RIGHT? IT'S  
GOTTA BE. LISTEN: "NO  
ONE SHALL BE SUBJECT  
TO ARBITRARY ARREST,  
DETENTION, OR  
EXILE"...?!"



THAT WE HAVE TO  
CARRY ON THE PRETENCE THAT  
WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY... BETTER  
KNOWN AS AN OUTWORN SYSTEM OF  
GOVERNMENT UNEQUAL TO THE  
CHALLENGES OF THE TWENTY-  
FIRST CENTURY.



YES, BUT HOW ELSE  
CAN CAPITAL SEEK TO  
EXPLOIT LABOR WITHOUT  
MAKING A FEW CONCESSIONS?  
ONCE THE INVISIBLE  
HAND OF ADAM SMITH BE-  
CAME VISIBLE, CHANGE  
WAS INEVITABLE.

INCLUDING THE  
CONVERGENCE OF  
POLITICS AND  
ECONOMICS,  
LEADING TO THE  
PRESENT PRACTICE  
OF USING TAX DOLLARS  
TO BAIL OUT PRIVATE  
INVESTMENT...

LIKE WHEN  
THE U.S. BAILED  
OUT MEXICO.

IT'S A  
GOOD  
THING.



THE RISE OF  
POPULAR SOCIALISM,  
IN THE 1850'S, AND THE  
SCARE OF EARLIER REVO-  
LUTIONS, WORLD WIDE, IN  
1848, MADE IT NECESSARY  
TO CONCEDE SOME DEMO-  
CRATIC RIGHTS TO A MASS  
ELECTORATE...

IF ONLY, AS  
BISMARCK SAID,  
TO STOP THEM  
FROM TURNING  
LEFT.

PROPHETIC  
WORDS GIVEN THE  
EVENTS OF 1917.



BESIDES,  
SO LONG AS  
WE REMAIN THE  
RULING CLASS  
WITHIN THE PRE-  
SENCE OF UNI-  
VERSAL SUFF-  
RAGE, WHAT'S  
THE HARM?



HMM... THIS  
PANEL WOULDN'T BE  
HERE JUST TO DIS-  
TRACT THE READER  
FROM THE DRY-  
NESS OF THE  
DIALOGUE...

...WOULD  
IT?



THE HARM IS THAT  
WHILE DEMOCRACY  
WAS MADE THE MASSES  
COMPLIANT TO OUR  
WILL, IT HAS PUT US ON  
GUARD AGAINST THEIRS.

WE CAN  
SLOW  
DEMOCRACY,  
BUT WE  
CAN'T  
STOP IT.

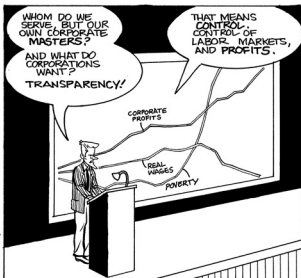
WHILE WE CONTROL  
ELECTIONS, THE  
GOVERNMENT RE-  
MAINS OPEN TO  
POPULAR INFLUENCE!  
AND WE ALL KNOW THE  
INTERESTS OF THE RICH  
AND THE INTERESTS  
OF THE POOR  
ARE HARDLY  
THE SAME.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO  
SIMPLY CAJOLE THE PEOPLE  
WITH DEMOCRACY ANY  
MORE.

ONE OF THESE DAYS  
THE PEOPLE ARE  
GOING TO START  
DEMANDING THE  
RIGHTS WE'VE FOOL-  
ISHLY GUARANTEED  
THEM.  
THEN WHERE  
WILL WE BE?

IN  
JAIL?







SO, JUST WHO ARE THESE PAIS OF YOURS AND CAN WE HONESTLY AFFORD TO INTRODUCE TWO MORE CHARACTERS TO AN ALREADY OVER-TAXED STORY LINE?

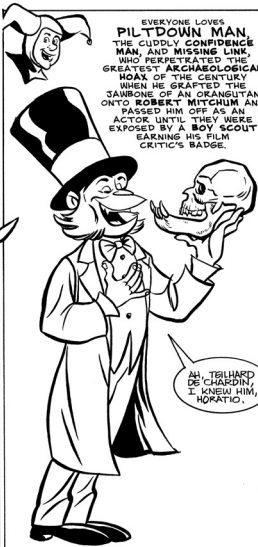
CONSIDERING THEY'RE BOTH ON THE COVER, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. BESIDES, I'M SURE THEY'LL QUICKLY BECOME FAN FAVES!



AS FEATURED BOTH ON "AMERICA'S MOST WANTED", AND "LADIES' HOME JOURNAL", **JAMES RACCAAN** IS A THIEF TO BE RECKONED WITH. HIS ABILITY TO BREACH ANY SECURITY SYSTEM IS ONLY MATCHED BY HIS SKILL AT MAKING ONE OF THE FINEST RISOTTOS IN THE UNIVERSE.



EVERYONE LOVES **PILTDOWN MAN**, THE CUDDLY CONFIDENCE MAN, AND MISSING LINK, WHO PERPETRATED THE GREATEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL HOAX OF THE CENTURY WHEN HE GRAFTED THE JAWBONE OF AN ORANGUTAN ONTO **ROBERT MITCHUM** AND PASSED HIM OFF AS AN ACTOR UNTIL THEY WERE EXPOSED BY A BOY SCOUT EARNING HIS FILM CRITIC'S BADGE.



TOGETHER, THEY MAKE THE MOST GLAMOROUS PAIR OF CON ARTISTS THE COSMOS HAS SEEN SINCE NEWMAN AND REDFORD.

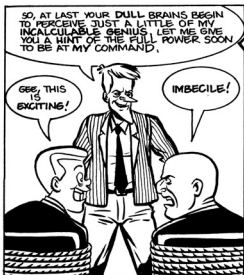
CAN WE TRUST THEM?

HEY! THESE ARE TWO OF THE MOST HONEST, TRUST-WORTHY CRIMINALS YOU'LL EVER WANT TO MEET!

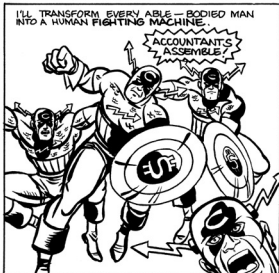








WITH THE O-RING IN MY POSSESSION, I SHALL HAVE BUT TO WISH, AND I'LL BECOME SUPREME MONARCH OF ALL THE EARTH. I'LL BE ABLE TO SEND IRRESISTIBLE THOUGHT COMMANDS TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE, COMMANDS THAT MUST BE OBEYED!





# A roinous *Ragmop* Pin-up!

## JFK, MLK, RFK, RIP! The "A"-Assassin!

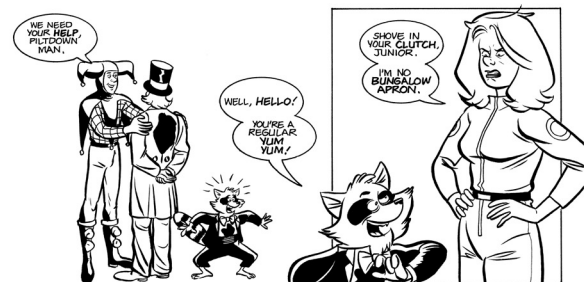
What do *Dallas, Memphis, Los Angeles, and Washington* all have in common? Why *Stan DeMann*, of course! Whenever the *deep politics* of our modern age have required the services of a world-class *sharpshooter*, Stan has always been their man. Whether taking aim in the wide-open spaces of the *grassy knoll*, or within the tight confines of a *hotel pantry*, Stan never fails to hit his target, while others have played the patsy. *Oswald, Ray, Sirhan, and Hinckley* have all taken credit for DeMann's marksmanship over the years. And while the bullets of each of these lone nuts have been accounted for by one conspiracy theorist or another, DeMann's bullets have proved most elusive, disappearing as if by *magic*! Hey... That's why the fella is a *tramp*.









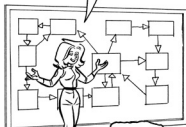


MOMENTS  
LATER

SO, IN OTHER WORDS,  
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER  
BUSH WENT TO PARIS, OR REAGAN  
APPROVED THE DEAL.

WHAT MATTERS IS  
THE BUSH-REAGAN CAM-  
PAIGN MOUNTED A PRO-  
FESSIONALLY ORGANIZED  
INTELLIGENCE OPERATION  
TO SUBVERT THE 1980  
ELECTIONS AND THE  
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

NO, WAIT...  
THAT'S  
OCTOBER  
SURPRISE.



CALL THE  
POLICE

W

WANI WANI!

MOMENTS  
LATER

...AND THAT'S  
WHY WE HAVE  
TO GET THE  
O-RING.

HUZZAH!  
COUNT ME  
IN, SWEET-  
HEART!

YOU'RE ONE ROUGH,  
IMPETUOUS BEE,  
HONEY, I'M IN WITH  
ALL TEN.

SHE SPEAKS  
SOFTLY,  
BUT CARRIES  
A BIG  
SHITK!

THAT JUST  
LEAVES US WITH  
THE PROBLEM OF  
GETTING INTO  
HEAVEN WITHOUT  
HAVING TO DIE.

YOU LEAVE THAT  
TO ME, DADDY-O,  
I'VE GOT JUST  
THE THING!

GOOD.

I'VE SOME  
FRIENDS TO  
COLLECT BACK  
IN THE BAR.


I'LL MEET YOU  
ON THE FLIGHT DECK  
IN TEN MINUTES.

*High on a Throne of Royal State, which far  
Outshone the wealth of Ormus and of Ind...*

*Or where the gorgeous East with the richest hand  
Show'rs on her Kings Barbaric Pearl and Gold...*

*Satan exalted sat, by merit rais'd  
To that bad eminence;*

*...and from despair  
Thus high uplifted beyond hope...*



*...aspires  
beyond thus high, insatiate to pursue  
Vain War with Heav'n...*

3C724+22, A QUASAR  
ELEVEN BILLION LIGHT-  
YEARS FROM EARTH.

*...and by success untaught  
His proud imaginations thus displayed.*

POWERS AND  
DOMINIONS!

DEITIES OF  
HEAV'N...

...FOR SINCE  
NO DEEP WITHIN  
HER GULF CAN HOLD  
IMMORTAL VIGOR,  
THOUGH OPPRESSED AND  
FALL'N, I GIVE  
NOT HEAV'N  
FOR LOST!

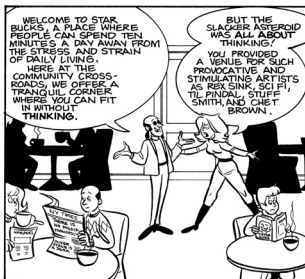


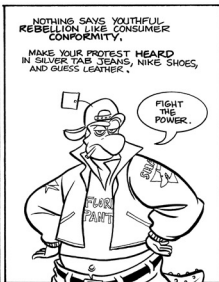














JOHN BRINKLEY! THIS IS  
YOUR **LEADER** SPEAKING!

MASTER!  
YOU'VE RETURNED!  
JUST AS YOU  
SAID YOU  
WOULD.



THE DAY OF  
YOUR  
ASCENSION  
HAS COME!



YOU MEAN...  
YOU'VE COME TO  
TAKE ME  
WITH YOU?

AFTER  
ALL THESE  
YEARS  
?

YES! YOU WILL  
COME WITH US  
TO  
Washington!



Your  
Destiny  
Awaits

TAKE MY  
HAND!



## A refrangible *Ragmop* Pin-up!

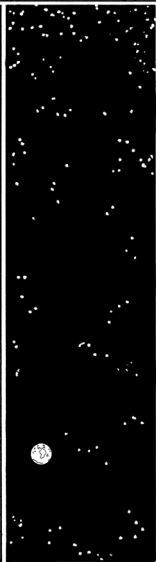
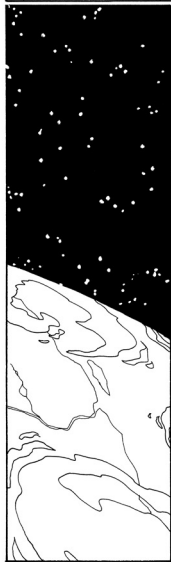
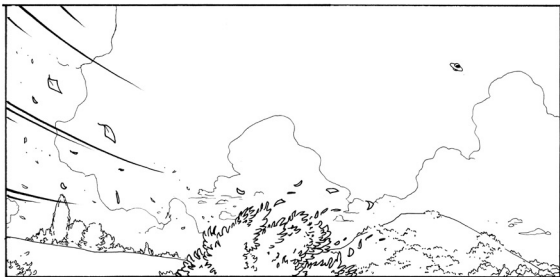
### They saved Hitler's *brain!*

well, not *literally*, of course, I mean they saved the brains *behind* Hitler

## WERNHER VON KRAUT

In the closing days of the **Second World War**, many of the top Nazis realized the gig was up and started secret negotiations with future CIA boss, **Allen Dulles**, about their role in a possible future war with the **USSR**. It was a natural partnership since Americans like Henry Ford, the Rockefellers, and J.P. Morgan (through their various companies and financial institutions, Chase Manhattan, Ford, General Motors, General Electric, DuPont, and Standard Oil), built the Nazi war machine and maintained it both before and *during* the war. As a Wall Street **lawyer**, Allen Dulles represented Standard Oil, so it was apropos he also represent the transfer of his German clientele to the United States. Before you could say Nikky Khrushchev, Nazis were running America through the space program, the CIA, Foreign Policy, and Bio-psychiatry. Chief among them was **WERNHER VON KRAUT**, architect of MK-Ultra, an ambitious program of mind control experiments carried out on unwitting American citizens, as well as the development of Manchurian Candidates --programmed assassins like Sirhan Sirhan, Mark Chapman, John Hinckley, Jr, and the deadliest of them all, the **Brinkley-boy!** And they say the Nazis *lost* the war. **Hah!**

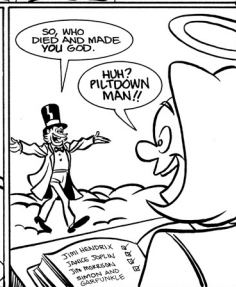
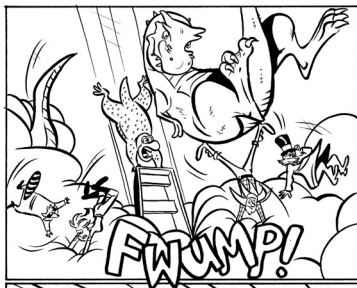


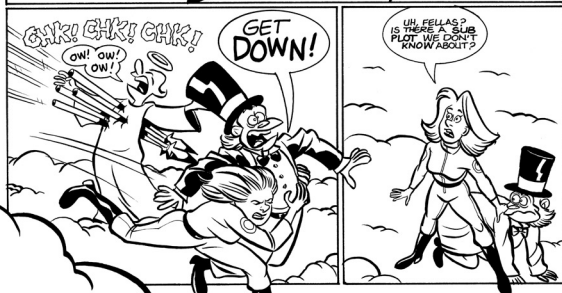








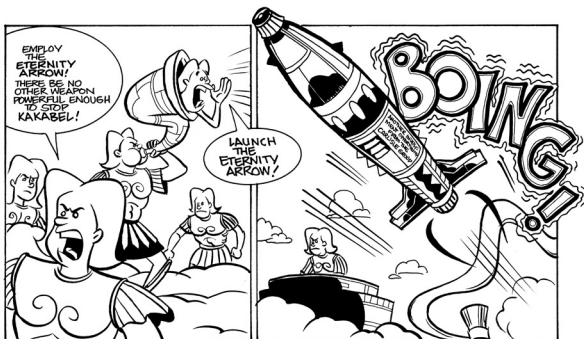


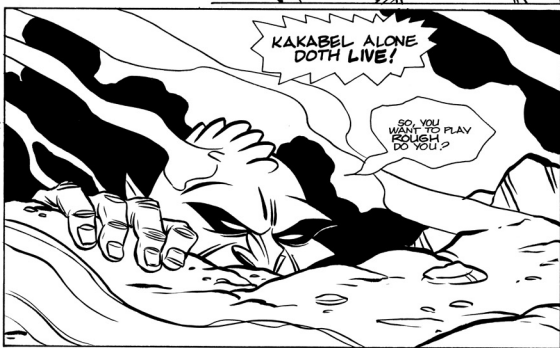






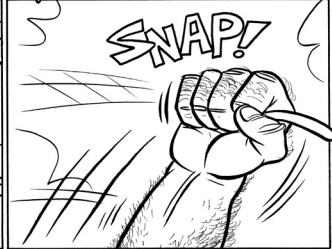
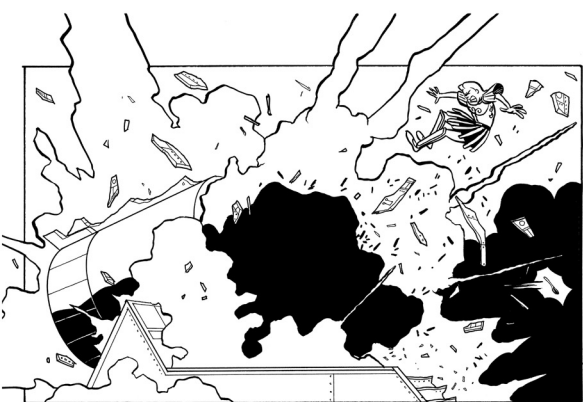




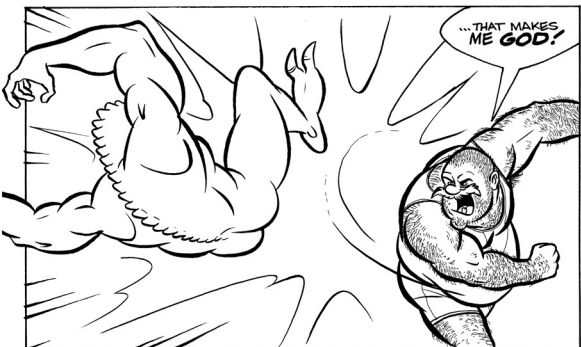




















WELL, FRIENDS,  
I CAN DEAL WITH  
YOUR TROUBLE  
WITH A WAVE OF  
MY HAND...

THIS VERY  
HAND.



CAN ANYTHING  
PERSUADE YOU TO PUT  
AWAY YOUR DIFFERENCES AND  
REUNITE, BROTHER WITH BROTHER,  
IN ETERNAL PEACE AND HARMONY,  
LIKE THE MOMENT THE DRUM CORPS  
TAKES THE FIELD AND THE AIR  
IS FILLED WITH THE STRAINS  
OF HOLST, BIZET, GERSH-  
WIN, AND RAVEL?



FRIENDS, I ASK YOU, IS THERE  
A BLESSED SACRAMENT THAT CAN  
NOURISH YOUR SOUL, REKINDLE YOUR  
SPIRIT, AND FILL YOU WITH SOMETHING  
AKIN TO THE EXCITEMENT YOU FELT  
AT THE VERY FIRST DRUM CORPS  
CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN THE  
PHANTOM REGIMENT, THE CADETS  
OF BERGEN COUNTY, THE  
CAVALIERS, AND YES, EVEN THE  
HATED BLUE DEVILS  
**ALL CAME TO TOWN  
ON THE VERY  
SAME DAY!!**

Seventy-six chumps fell for the big cha-rade  
They took to the bait like fish --hook, line, an' sinker  
I'm the sul-tan of sham, the saint of all flim-flam  
Bugs thought of me when he said "Ain't I a stinker?"

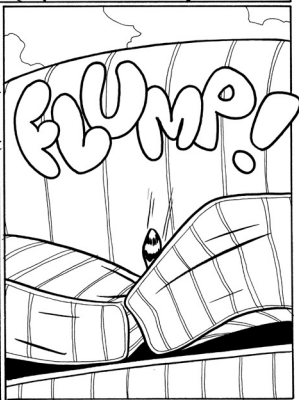
My sleight-of-hand is said to be dee-vine  
My inspiration comes from swindling folks  
Your mind will boggle, watching me horn-swoggle  
Miraculous, is each and every hoax

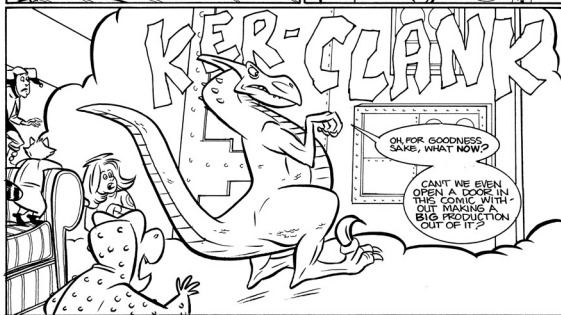
I can bilk, and rope, and clip, and gyp, deceptively  
Thimble-rig; bucket-shop; gill, net, squid, and plug.  
I can string along, hoodwink, or snow,  
Bamboozle, hose your average Joe  
Hustle, fuck, or screw most any mug!

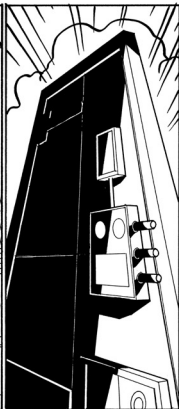
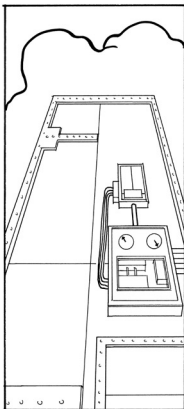












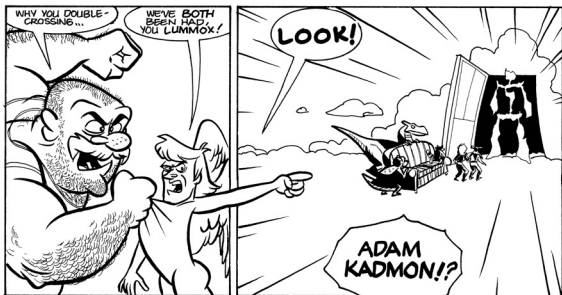


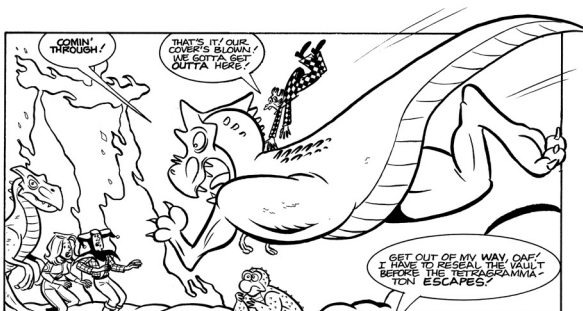
GREETINGS,  
BELOVED.

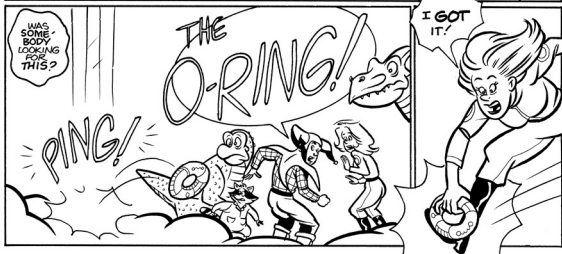
I HAVE  
ANTICIPATED  
OUR MEETING  
FOR FIVE THOUSAND  
YEARS.

I GUESS  
IT PAYS  
TO PLAN  
AHEAD.













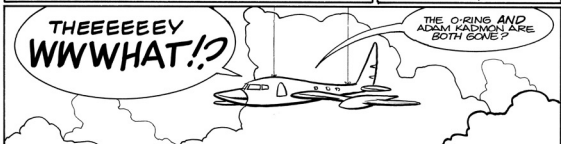


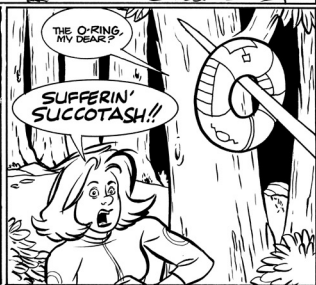
I WILL NOT BE  
CHEATED OF MY  
REVENGE.

IF THAT WOMAN  
THINKS SHE CAN ABSCOND  
WITH THE O-RING AND LEAVE  
ME IN THE LURCH, SHE'S  
GOT ANOTHER THING  
COMING.

NAMELY  
**ME!!**









WELL, WELL,  
WELL?

ROOM FOR ONE  
MORE, MISS  
HAWKINGS.

ROOM FOR  
ONE MORE!

HOW CONVENIENT OF  
YOU TO DELIVER THE  
O-RING TO MY DOORSTEP,  
MISS HAWKINGS.

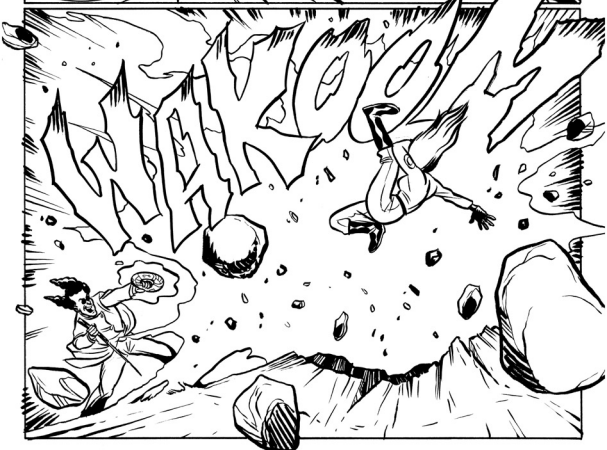
I PROMISED MR. BLACK  
THAT I WOULDN'T  
LOBOTOMIZE YOU UNTIL  
AFTER YOU'D BROUGHT  
US THE O-RING.

NOW THAT I HAVE IT  
I'M FREE TO CURE YOU  
OF THE CHEMICAL  
ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR  
BRAIN THAT ACCOUNT FOR  
YOUR DEVIANT WILLFUL,  
AND DOWNRIGHT  
DISOBEDIENT  
BEHAVIOR!



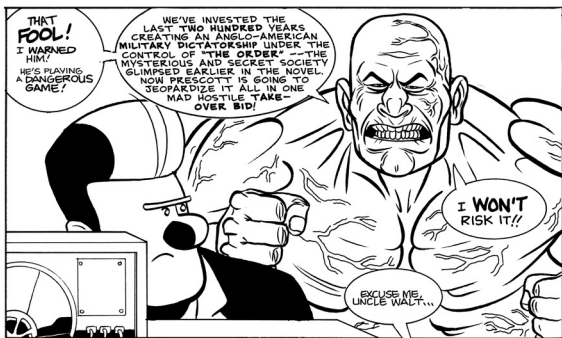








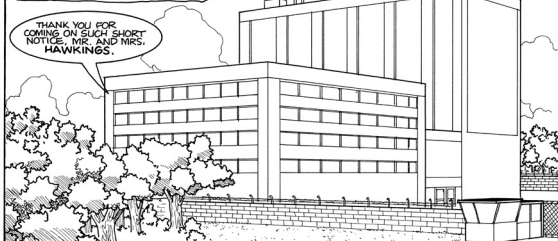






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THANK YOU FOR  
COMING ON SUCH SHORT  
NOTICE, MR. AND MRS.  
HAWKINGS.



NOT AT ALL,  
DR. FREEDMAN.  
DORIS AND I ARE  
VERY CONCERNED  
ABOUT ALICE.

YES, DOCTOR  
WE ONLY WANT  
WHAT'S BEST  
FOR ALICE.

OF COURSE.

PLEASE EXCUSE  
THE MESS. I'VE JUST  
RECEIVED MY MONTHLY  
FUNDING FROM THE  
PHARMACEUTICAL  
INDUSTRY.



I KNOW A CERTAIN NEW  
EXPERIMENTAL ANTIDEPRESSANT  
WHO'S GOING TO GET A GLOWING  
TEST REPORT FROM  
ME.??

YES I  
DO!

YES I  
DO.!!



OF COURSE  
YOU REALIZE YOUR  
DAUGHTER IS ONE  
OF THE MOST EX-  
TREMELY CASES  
I'VE EVER SEEN.

I HAVEN'T  
MET ANYONE IN  
SUCH DESPERATE  
NEED OF HELP  
SINCE MARTHA  
MITCHELL.

SHE'S ALWAYS  
BEEN A BAD GIRL,  
DOCTOR. PROUD,  
SELF-ASSURED,  
INTELLIGENT,  
INDEPENDENT.

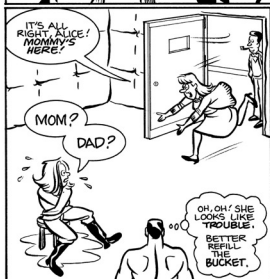




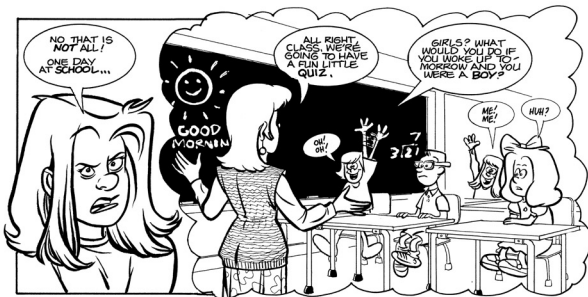












ASIDE FROM THE INITIAL SHOCK OF THAT DAY, I MANAGED TO SURVIVE GRADE SCHOOL WITH MY CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM PRETTY MUCH INTACT.

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN THE WORST OF IT, BUT BEING A WOMAN, WHAT DID I KNOW?

I GREW UP TALL AND ATHLETIC, BIG BONED, AND STRONG. I WAS PROUD OF MY FIGURE AND ALWAYS WATCHED MY POSTURE. I SOON LEARNED THAT GOOD POSTURE, LIKE A GOOD EDUCATION, WAS ONLY RESERVED FOR BOYS.

GOOD GIRLS DIDN'T WALK THE WAY I DID. THEY SLUMPED BEHIND THEIR BINDERS, HELD TIGHTLY ACROSS THEIR CHESTS, A GOOD GIRL RESTED HER WEIGHT ON HER PELVIS, RUINING HER FIGURE, AND GIVING HER A HUMP LIKE QUASIMODO.

I KNEW THE OTHER GIRLS WERE WHISPERING BEHIND MY BACK, BUT I JUST FIGURED THEY THOUGHT I WAS CONCEITED OR SOMETHING. IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER THAT I REALIZED THERE WAS ONLY ONE WORD FOR A GIRL LIKE ME.

SLUT!



IF MY CARRIAGE DIDN'T RUIN MY REPUTATION, MY LOVE LIFE DID. WHILE MOST GIRLS KNEW MORE ABOUT AFRICA THAN THEY DID ABOUT THEIR OWN BODIES, I WAS OFF EXPLORING WHOLE NEW WORLDS OF FEELINGS AND SENSATIONS. I WAS LEARNING ALL ABOUT MY BODY... AND THEIRS!



OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT.

THIS IS AN ORIGIN STORY NOT MARGARET SANGER'S "WHAT EVERY GIRL SHOULD KNOW!"

JUST STICK TO THE COSMIC RAYS AND RADIO-ACTIVE SPIDERS LIKE A GOOD GIRL GOT IT??



OUR DAUGHTER'S A WHORE BAH-HOO-HA!

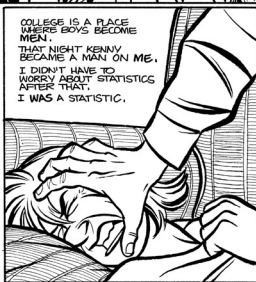
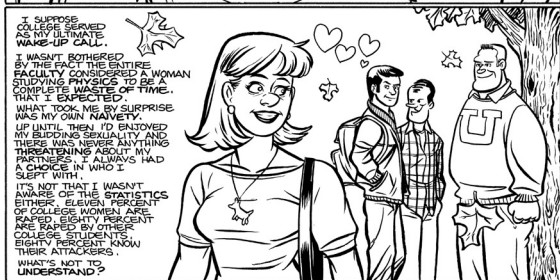
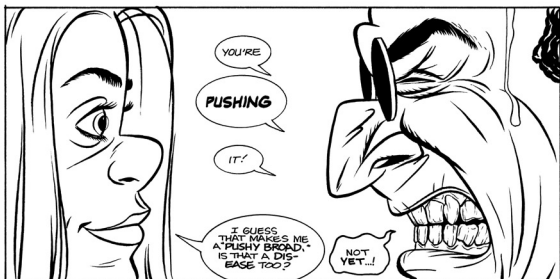
DON'T CRY. WE STILL HAVE OUR OTHER DAUGHTER.

I'M SORRY, WAS I FLEXING MY FEMININITY AGAIN? I FORGOT THAT TALKING ABOUT FEMALE SEXUALITY OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF "LEAVE IT TO BEAVER" OR "HUSTLER MAGAZINE" SUBJECT YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO DISCUSS YET.

BUT HEY... DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL HEAR NO MORE TALK ABOUT VAGINAS, OR LABIAS (MAJORA OR MINORA) FROM ME!



AND I DEFINITE WON'T MENTION THE FACT THAT THE CLITORIS IS THE ONLY HUMAN ORGAN WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS PLEASURE!





DO I REALLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?



OH, AND I SUPPOSE YOU'D HAVE THIS COURT BELIEVE THAT YOU, MISS HAWKINGS, A PROMISCUOUS YOUNG WOMAN, WHO HAS WILLINGLY HAD SEX ON NUMEROUS OTHER OCCASIONS, WASN'T WILLING TO HAVE SEX THIS TIME?

HEY! I THOUGHT THIS KIND OF EVIDENCE WASN'T ADMISSIBLE IN COURT?



QUITE RIGHT, MS. HAWKINGS.

ALSO INADMISSIBLE ARE MR. SMITH'S SEVEN-TEEN PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS FOR RAPE.

JUST TO MAKE IT FAIR.

Yuk Yuk Yuk!



YOUR HONOR... THE PLAINTIFF WAS OBVIOUSLY DRUNK ON THE NIGHT IN QUESTION, AND CLEARLY GOT WHAT SHE DESERVED.



YOUR HONOR... MY CLIENT WAS OBVIOUSLY DRUNK ON THE NIGHT IN QUESTION, AND WAS CLEARLY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED.



WELL, SURE I'D FORCE A WOMAN TO HAVE SEX WITH ME, BUT I'D NEVER RAPE HER.

BESIDES, IT WAS OUR FIFTH DATE.

I'D LIKE TO SEE SUPERMAN WAIT THAT LONG.



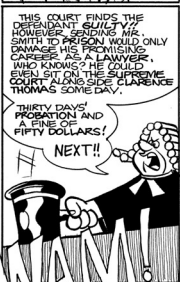
\*DATE RAPE\* IS ANY SEX A WOMAN LATER REGRETS. THIS VEHEMENT POLICY SENDS A MESSAGE THAT THERE'S SOMETHING INTRINSICALLY EVIL ABOUT MALE SEXUALITY. IT TELLS MEN TO KEEP IT IN THEIR PANTS. THAT A LOOK, A GESTURE, OR ANY REMNANT OF THAT SEXUALITY IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

IF NOT CRIMINAL. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

EXPERT WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE



YOUR HONOR! WHAT SHOCKS ME WHAT SHOCKS THE NATION, IS THAT MR. SMITH WAS PROSECUTED AT ALL!



THIS COURT FINDS THE DEFENDANT GUILTY!! HOWEVER, SENDING MR. SMITH TO PRISON WOULD ONLY DAMAGE HIS PROMISING CAREER AS A LAWYER, WHO KNOWS? HE COULD EVEN SIT ON THE SUPREME COURT ALONGSIDE CLARENCE THOMAS SOME DAY.

THIRTY DAYS' PROBATION AND A FINE OF FIFTY DOLLARS!

NEXT!!



AFTER THIRTY DAYS KENNY WAS FREE, HIS CRIMINAL RECORD EXPIRED. HE DIDN'T MISS A DAY OF CLASS. A YEAR LATER I WAS WORKING AS A HOUSE KEEPER AT A POSH HOTEL.



THEN, ONE DAY...

HUH? THAT MUST BE THE FUHRER, AMERICA'S MOST RADICAL FEMINIST.

GAINS? WHAT GAINS? EVERYTHING WE'VE FOUGHT FOR IS UNDER ATTACK!

SOCIAL SERVICES, WELFARE, DAY CARE, HEALTH CARE HAVE ALL BEEN CUT!



EXCUSE ME, MAY I CLEAN THE ROOM?

JUST THE OTHER DAY THE PRESIDENT TOLD ME TO "COOL DOWN, LITTLE GIRL!"

THEN, IN A MOMENT OF SUPREME DESTINY, SHE TURNED TO ME AND SAID...

YOU! YOU'RE A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

AN ABLE YOUNG WOMAN DOES SHE HAVE EQUALITY? NOT WHEN THE ONLY JOB SHE CAN GET IS JUST AN EXTENSION OF HER ROLE AS A HOUSE WIFE!

WAIT! YOUR EYES, THE WAY YOU LOOK AT ME WITH INSIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE, YOU TOO HARBOR A DEEP RAGE! YOU TOO HAVE EXPERIENCED INTELLIGENCE AS A SEXUALIZED MARK OF GUILT AND YOUR PURSUIT OF AN EDUCATION AS SEXUALIZED DELINQUENCY!



WHAT AN INSPIRATION THIS GIVES ME! I WILL COMPLETE YOUR LIBERATION! I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A WOMAN BEYOND THE DREAMS OF BENNINGTON AND VASSAR! INTELLIGENT! SELF-SUFFICIENT! UNAFRAID! YOU WILL BE A SYMBOL TO THE MALE RULING CLASS NOT OF WHAT WOMEN CAN BE, OR WILL BE...



"BUT OF WHO WE ALREADY ARE!"

AFTER A FEW DAYS OF TRAINING, THE FUHRER RETURNED TO SEE HOW I WAS PROGRESSING.

WHAT? A CASHMERE TWIN SET? FRESH-BAKED MUFFINS?



I ASKED FOR ANDREA DINORKIN AND YOU GIVE ME DONNA REED!

COULDN'T WE SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE AND MAKE ME LISA SIMPSON?

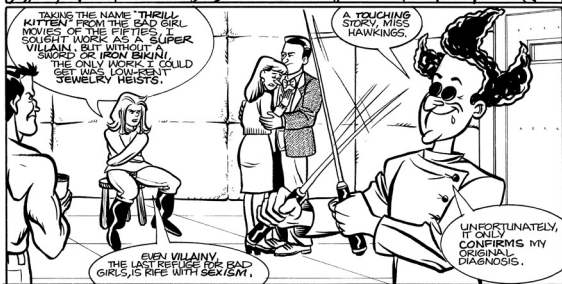








OH, I'M  
BAD,  
BABY!

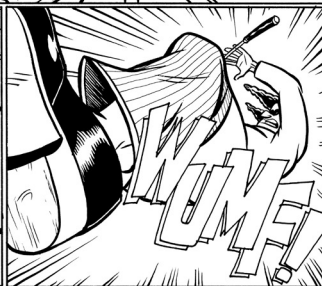
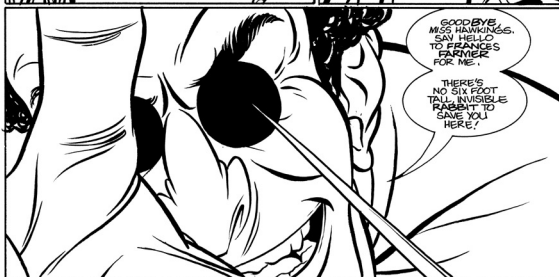


TAKING THE NAME "THRILL  
KITTEN" FROM THE BAD GIRL  
MOVIES OF THE FIFTIES, I  
SOUGHT WORK AS A SUPER  
VILLAIN, BUT WITHOUT A  
SWORD OR IRON BIKINI,  
THE ONLY WORK I COULD  
GET WAS LOW-RENT  
JEWELRY HEISTS.

A TOUCHING  
STORY, MISS  
HAWKINGS.

EVEN VILLAINY,  
THE LAST REFUGE FOR BAD  
GIRLS, IS RIFE WITH SEX/ISM.

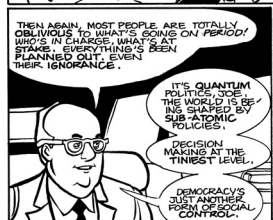
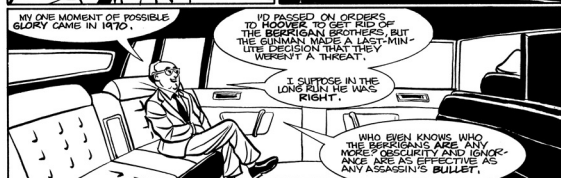
UNFORTUNATELY,  
IT ONLY  
CONFIRMS MY  
ORIGINAL  
DIAGNOSIS.

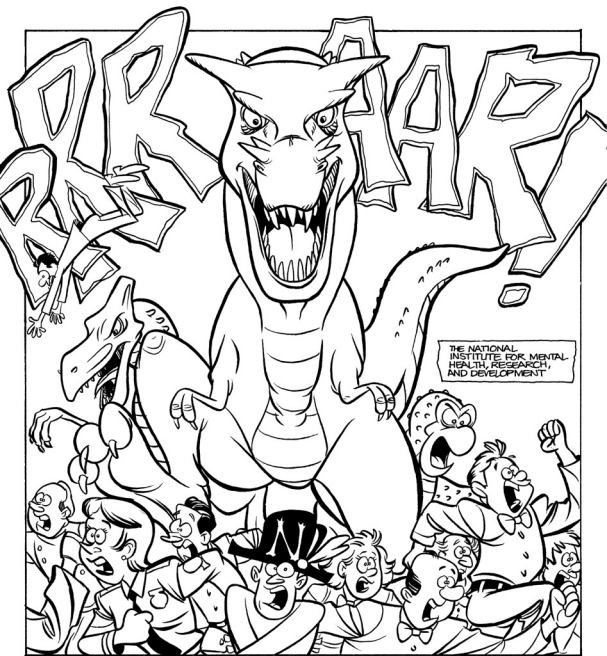




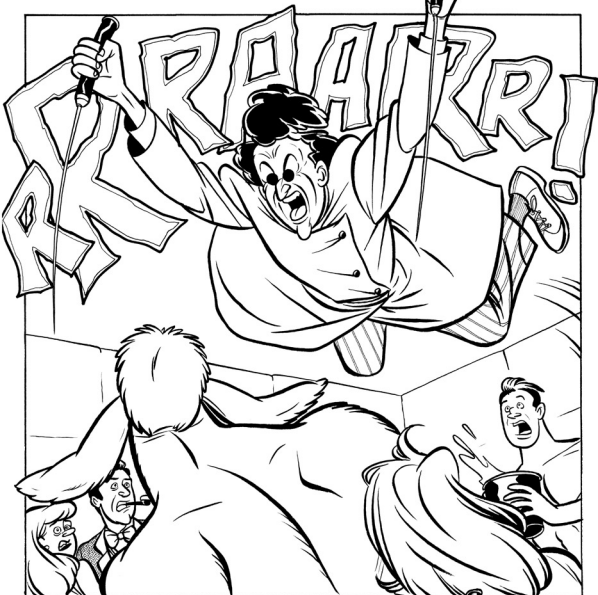






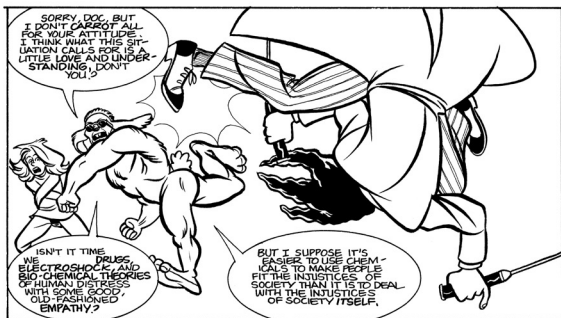






GET OUT OF MY WAY, RABBIT!  
THAT WOMAN IS A DANGEROUS PARA-  
NOIAC! SHE'S UNDOUBTEDLY PREMENSTRU-  
ALLY MENTALLY ILL, AND JUDGING BY HER  
RELUCTANCE TO DO HOUSE WORK, SHE'S  
SCHIZOPHRENIC AS WELL!  
FOR THE GOOD OF SOCIETY,  
SHE MUST BE LOBOTOMIZED!!









THE EMERALD CITY:  
LOCATION UNDISCLOSED

WHO IS IT THAT  
SEEKS AN AUDIENCE  
WITH THE GREAT AND  
IMPERIAL LEADER?

STEP  
FORWARD!!







I HAD INITIATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF FLYING DISCS BASED ON NIKOLA TESLA'S THEORIES OF "FREE ENERGY." SINCE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE WAS NOTHING BUT A GIANT ELECTRICAL CAPACITOR, IT MADE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYING DISC BOTH POSSIBLE AND PRACTICAL AS WELL. ELECTRICAL ENERGY TRAVELING IN A CIRCULAR MOTION COULD EASILY LIFT A SHIP OFF THE GROUND. IT WAS CRUDE COMPARED TO THE MAGNETIC ANTI-GRAV FLUX ENGINES WE HAVE TODAY, BUT IT WAS A START.



DURING EARLY TEST FLIGHTS, WE DISCOVERED THAT EYEWITNESSES AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IMMEDIATELY MISTOOK THE DISCS FOR ALIEN SPACE CRAFT. WHAT WAS MORE, IF WE HOVERED ABOVE A VILLAGE AND ISSUED ORDERS, HOWEVER OUTRAGEOUS, THE PEOPLE WERE EAGER TO COMPLY.

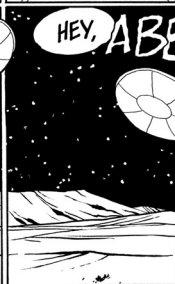
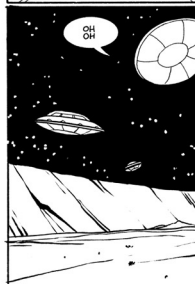


WHEN ALLEN DULLES BROUGHT ME TO AMERICA AFTER THE WAR AS PART OF PROJECT PAPER-CLIP, MY MAIN RESPONSIBILITY WAS LINKING SAUCER TECHNOLOGY WITH MKULTRA'S MIND-CONTROL EXPERIMENTS. PEOPLE WANTED A MESSIAH, AND SINCE NONE WAS FORTH-COMING ON EARTH, THEY WERE LOOKING TO THE STARS FOR A SAVIOR INSTEAD. AND IF THEY WERE WILLING TO LISTEN TO SOME ALIEN, WHY NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH THE ALIEN OURSELVES? AND IF THEY JUST HAPPENED TO SPREAD A MESSAGE CONDUCTIVE TO OUR POLITICAL VIEW, SO MUCH THE BETTER.



ALL WE NEEDED WAS A HOOK. AND THAT HOOK WAS ROSWELL.







HITLER WAS AS IMPULSIVE AS EVER, BUT THE CRASH HAD SERVED OUR PURPOSE. THE CULT OF THE UFO HAD BEGUN, AND WE WEREN'T ABOUT TO LET THE OPPORTUNITY PASS.

I WORKED CLOSELY WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND THE CIA. WE WROTE PROTECT BLUE BOOK AND ESTABLISHED THE CONTACTEE CULTS OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES. WE FINANCED GEORGE ADAMSKI WHO LECTURED ON HIS VISITS TO MARS AND GOVERNMENT COVER-UPS. WE STARTED THE RUMORS THAT THE US HAD CUT SECRET DEALS WITH ALIENS. THEY GAVE US TECHNOLOGY IN RETURN FOR HUMAN GUINEA PIGS.

A LONG TIME AGO, IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

ALL OF THIS WAS JUST SMOKE SCREEN FOR THE TRUTH: THE TECHNOLOGY WAS OURS, NOT THEIRS. BY PUSHING UFO HYSTERIA, WE WERE ABLE TO MANIPULATE ENTIRE SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION. STORIES OF ALIEN ABDUCTIONS ALLOWED US TO KIDNAP AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR MKULTRA'S MIND-CONTROL EXPERIMENTS.

A SELECT FEW WERE CULLED AS ASSASSINS. OSWALD AND SIRHAN WERE BOTH PRODUCTS OF MKULTRA. WHILE MI HELD MANSON'S LEASH, I PULLED SQUEAKY FROMME FROM HIS RANKS TO SHOOT FORD AFTER EVERYONE ELSE TURNED DOWN THE CONTRACT.

AND WHILE SHE DIDN'T SUCCEED IN KILLING HIM, SHE DID RUIN HIS SUIT.

CAN I GIVE YOU A LIFT?

OH, MAAAAN!

SON OF SAM

NOW I'LL NEVER BE PRESIDENT!

RATS!

SORRY MR. R.

I PROGRAMMED MARK DAVID CHAPMAN AFTER HE'D RECEIVED MILITARY TRAINING IN BEIRUT. DAVID BERKOWITZ WAS AN ARMY SUPPLY CLERK IN KOREA SEEKING STATUS AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR BEFORE I FLED HIM WITH ACID AND PROGRAMMED HIM TO BELIEVE HIS DOG WAS TELLING HIM TO SHOOT PEOPLE.

I USED TO JOKINGLY REFER TO HIM AS THE SON OF UNCLE SAM.

WE NEVER TALK ANYMORE.

THEN, OF COURSE THERE'S THE BRINKLEY-BOY. AFTER HIS FIRST CONTACT HE SAT AT HOME PATIENTLY A-WAITING HIS CALL TO GLORY. THAT AND THE FACT WE PUMPED HIM FULL OF XTC.

YES, JOHN ALWAYS WAS A WEAK-WILLED DREAMER.

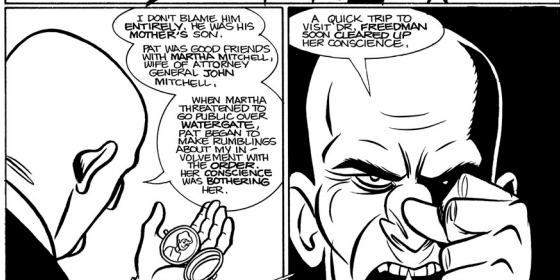
THEN YOU HAVE NO REGRETS USING YOUR SON TO KILL MR. BLACK?



JOHN WAS  
NEVER  
A SON OF  
MINE!  
NEVER A  
BRINKLEY!

WHILE HIS BROTHERS  
WALT JR. AND JUB-JUB WERE  
DOING THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY  
LOOTING THE SAVINGS AND  
LOANS MARKET, JOHN WAS  
SITTING AT HOME PLAYING JOHN  
LENNON TUNES ON HIS GUITAR  
AND GIVING PEACE A CHANCE.

WELL, HE'S ABOUT  
TO SERVE MY WILL  
WHETHER HE LIKES  
IT OR NOT.



I DON'T BLAME HIM  
ENTIRELY. HE WAS HIS  
MOTHER'S SON.

PAT WAS GOOD FRIENDS  
WITH MARTHA MITCHELL,  
WIFE OF ATTORNEY  
GENERAL JOHN  
MITCHELL.

WHEN MARTHA  
THREATENED TO  
GO PUBLIC OVER  
WATERGATE,  
PAT BEGAN TO  
MAKE RUMBLINGS  
ABOUT MY IN-  
VOLVEMENT WITH  
THE ORDER  
HER CONSCIENCE  
WAS BOTHERING  
HER.

A QUICK TRIP TO  
VISIT DR. FREEDMAN  
SOON CLEARED UP  
HER CONSCIENCE.



SOME WOULD  
JUDGE ME HARSHLY  
FOR MY CALLOUS-  
NESS.

BUT THEY DON'T  
KNOW WHAT I REP-  
RESENT. THEY  
HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S  
AT STAKE OR WHAT  
IT IS I'M SWORN  
TO PROTECT.

NOVUS  
ORDO  
SECLORUM

An unrevealable, restricted, and confidentially off the record

## RAGMOP PIN-UP!

# NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM NEW WORLD ORDER



*"...There is a power so organized, so subtle, so complete, so persuasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it."*

—President Woodrow Wilson

*"There are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are love of power and love of money. When united they have the most violent effects."*

—Benjamin Franklin

Founded in 1832 by William Huntington Russell and Alphonso Taft at Yale University, **Chapter 322**, better known as "**Skull and Bones**" or "**The Order**", is a secret society with shadowy connections to the oldest, richest, whitest, and most powerful families in America: Whitney, Lord, Bundy, Phelps, Taft, Payne, Wadsworth, Harriman, Rockefeller, Davison, Vanderbilt, Pillsbury, and Sloane. No office is beyond their sphere of influence. Members dominate every segment of American society, including industry, banking, religion, law, media, education, the Federal Reserve System, and the Oval Office itself.

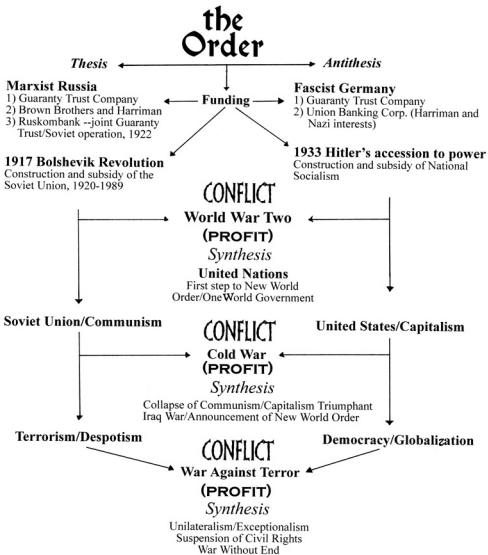
Their goal is simple: to bring about a **One World Government**; a **New World Order** without constitutional protection, national boundaries, or cultural distinction. Already Europe has taken the first step by forming the European Economic Union. Could the North American Union of Canada, the U.S., and Mexico, be far behind?

The engine to bring about these fundamental changes — is **war**. Applying Hegel's *Historical Dialectic* to current world events, the Order creates conflict by pitting opposing forces against each other. The outcome is not one force winning over the other, but a **synthesis** of the two.



The Twentieth Century has been a laboratory for their experiments in creating World Rule. Through its financial institutions and political influence, The Order financed and built both Communist Russia *and* Fascist Germany. The resulting conflict was the **Second World War**. From the fires of Europe, the Soviet Empire emerged --*the best enemy money could buy*. 95% of Soviet technology came from America and her Allies. While the Order secretly sustained the existence of the Soviets behind the scenes, it publicly pitted Communism against Capitalism. Forty years later the Berlin Wall fell. President George H. W. Bush (Skull and Bones Class of '49) announced that there would be no Peace Dividend and that the world was more dangerous now than at any time during the Cold War. To prove the point, Bush needed only to look to Saddam Hussein, who was easily suckered into invading Kuwait after he was assured by U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie that her country had "no opinion" and "no position" on "Arab-Arab" conflicts. This was the beginning of the latest application of Hegel's Dialectic by pitting Democracy against Terrorism/Despotism. The resulting war was a success, and on September 11, 1990, President Bush made the following pronouncement: "*What is at stake is more than one small country, it is a big idea, a New World Order.*"

Eleven years later, to the day, terrorists crashed three planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in prophetic fulfilment of David Rockefeller's words to the United Nations Business Council in 1994: "*We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.*"



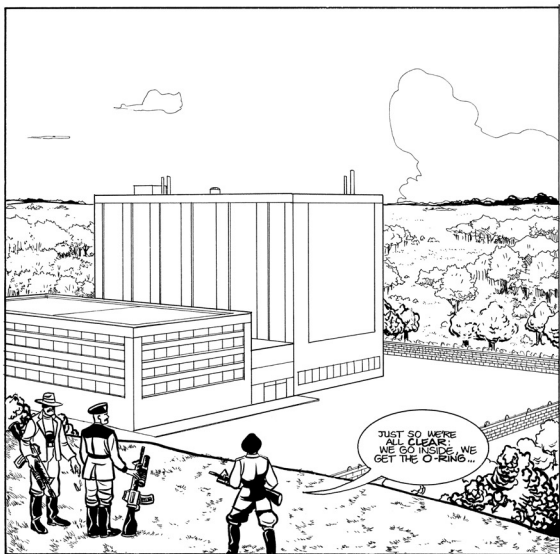








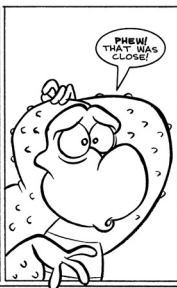


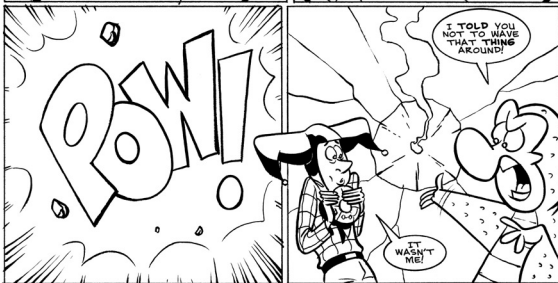
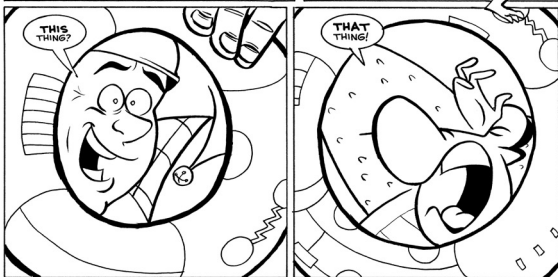


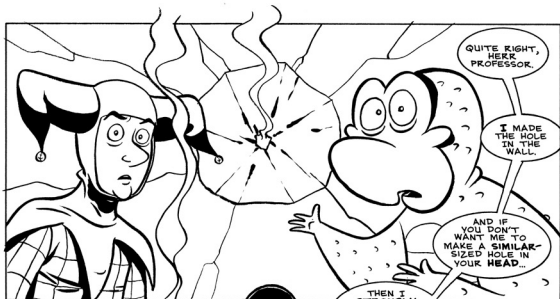










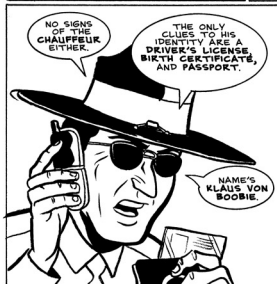
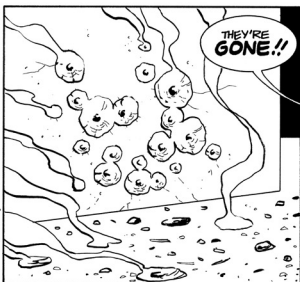




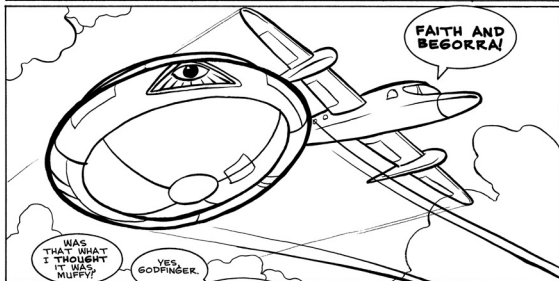






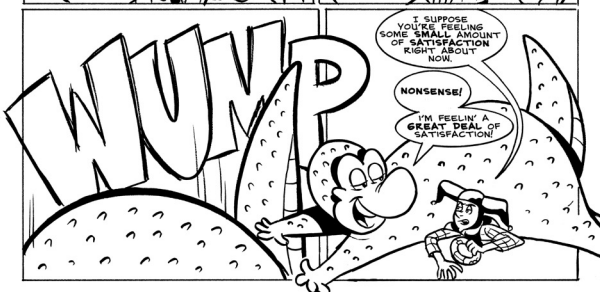
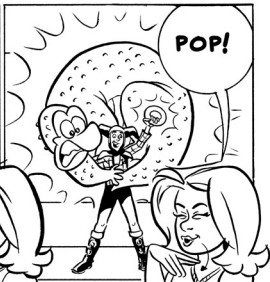




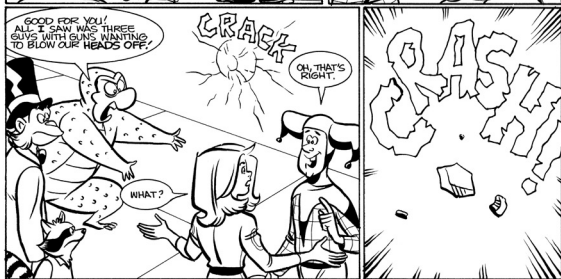


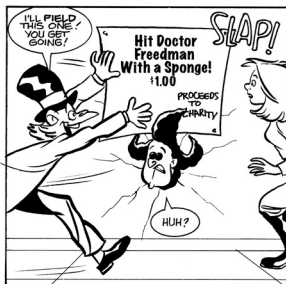










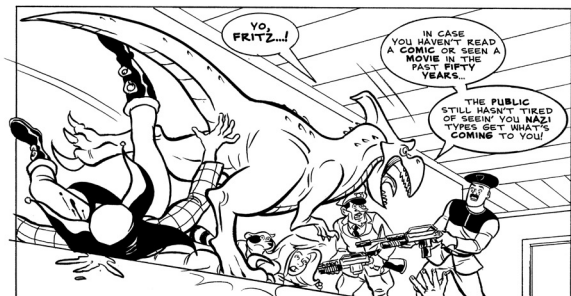




**WE  
ARE  
THE BIG  
BOYS!**











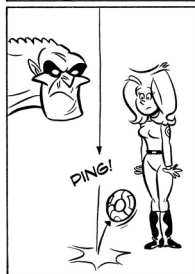
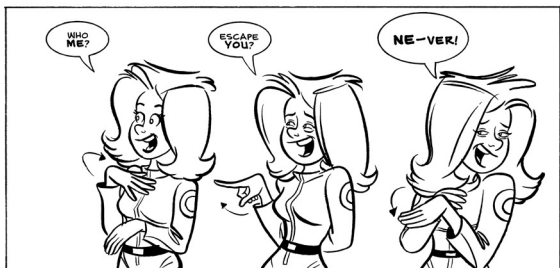




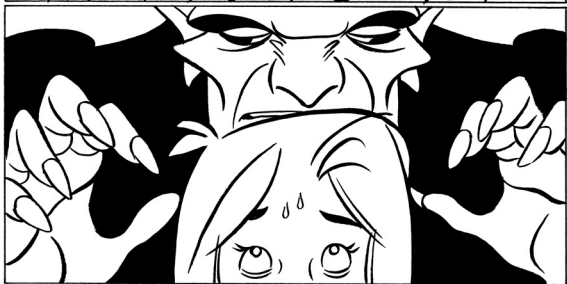
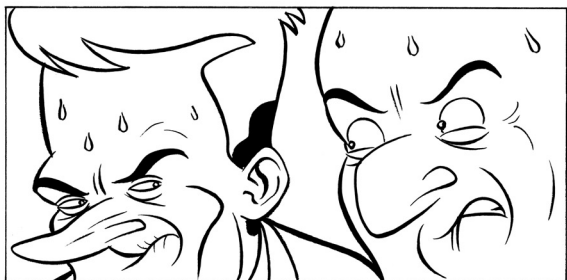








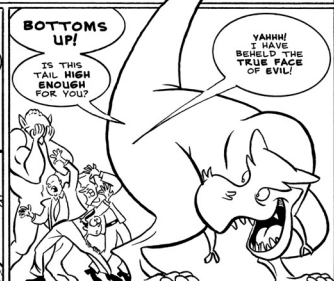


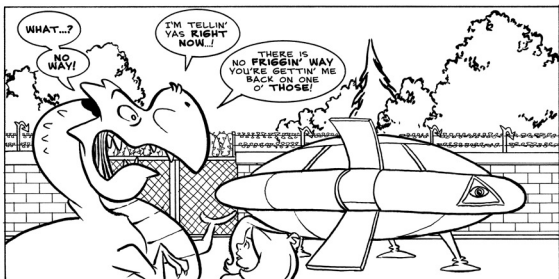


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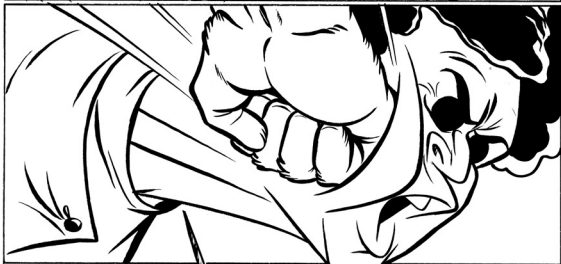
















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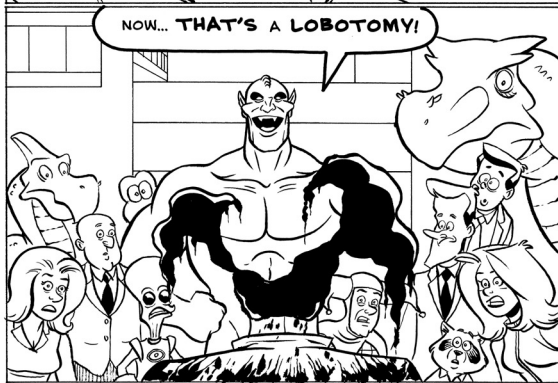
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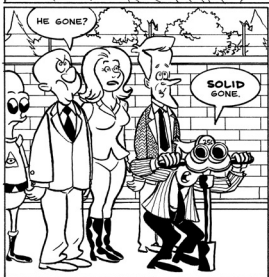


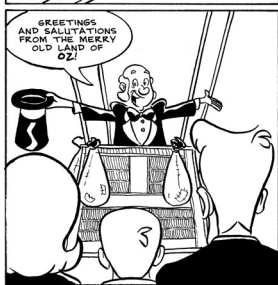
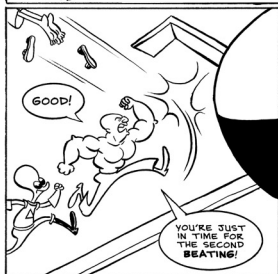
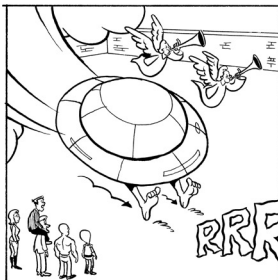
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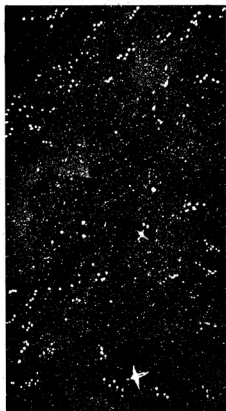




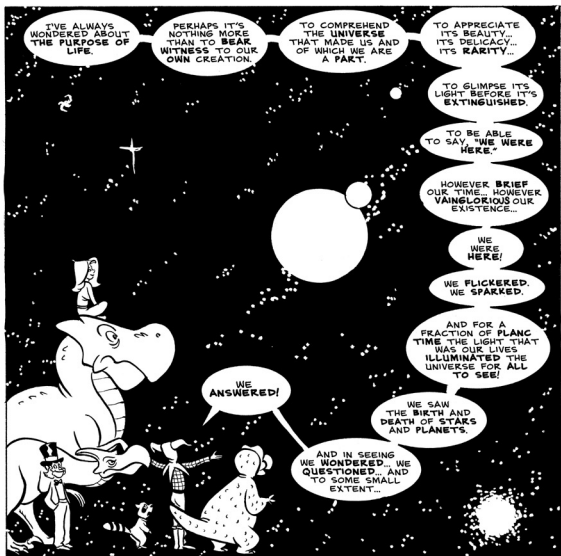


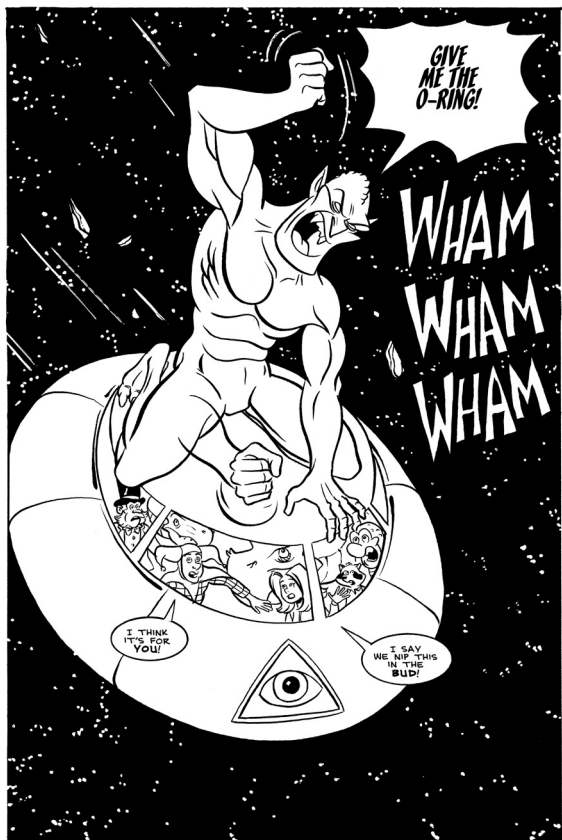
















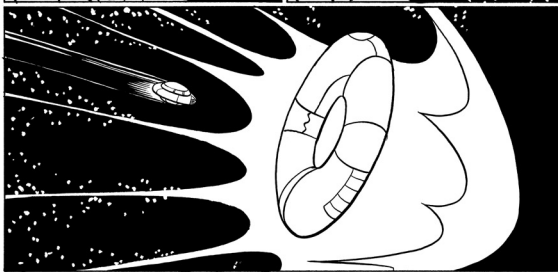


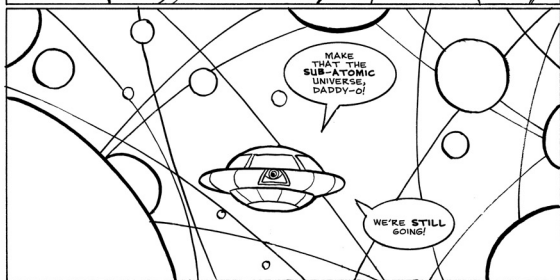


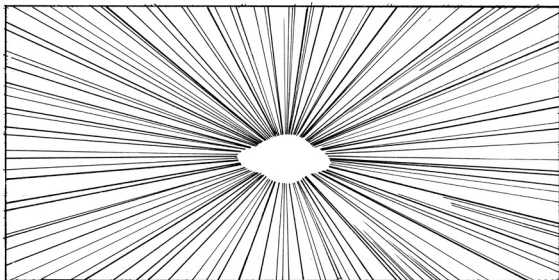


THIS IS SOME  
**SERIOUS**  
BUD-NIPPING!

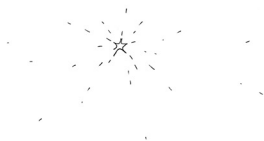


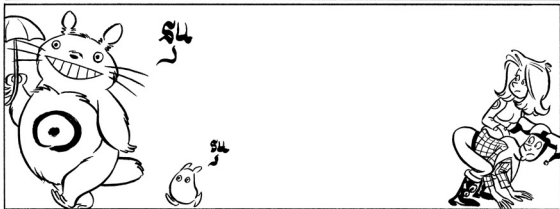
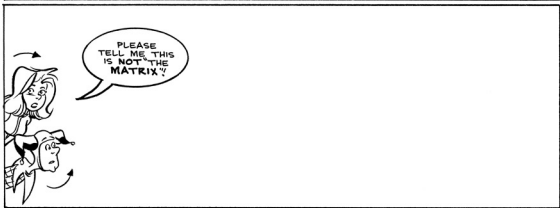
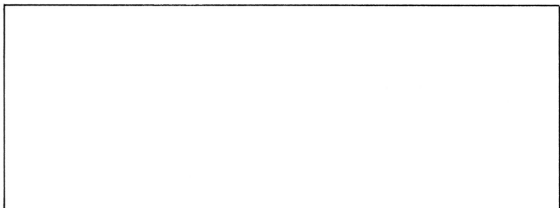






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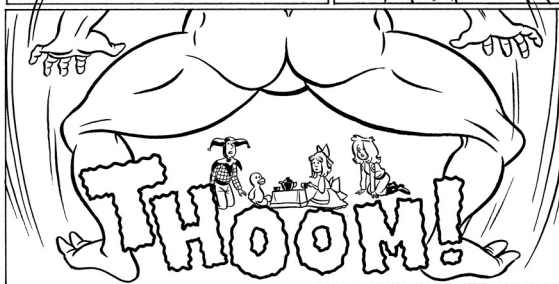




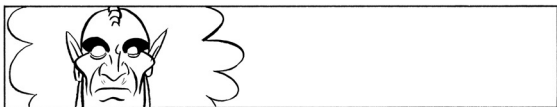




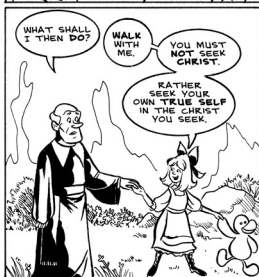


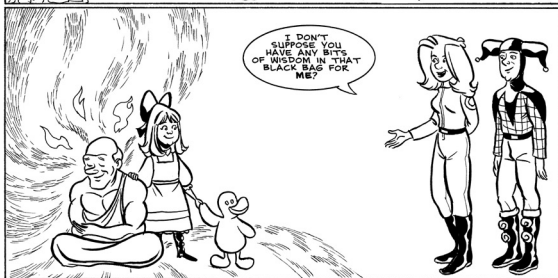
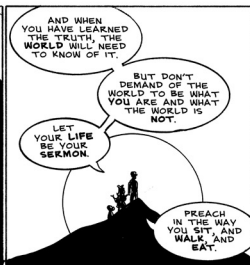






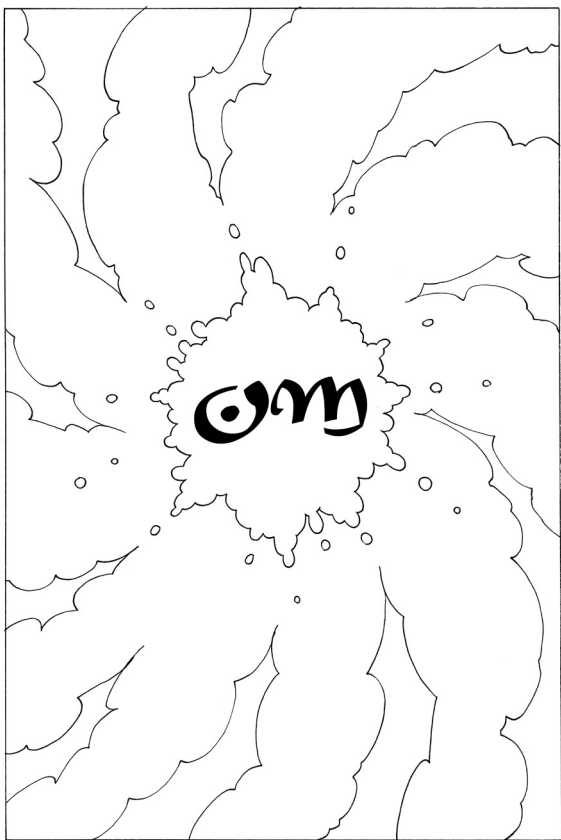






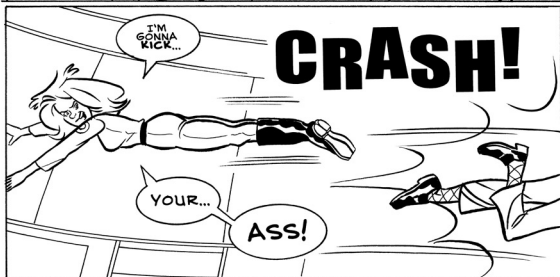
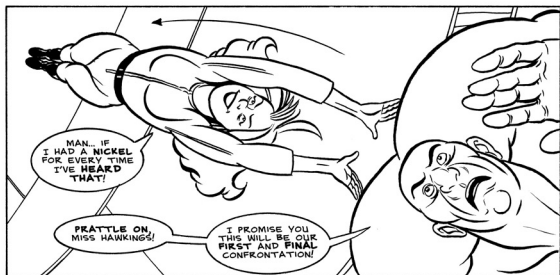














# RRRRRAHHH!

I GUESS  
THIS IS THE  
PART WHERE I  
SCREAM LIKE A  
GIRL, HUH?

TCHI! SOME  
MONSTER.

HE DIDN'T  
EVEN RIP HIS  
PANTS!







**A REPTILIAN RAGMOP PIN-UP!**  
**THEY CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!**

# THE DRACO!

## Leapin' Lizards!

HAILING FROM THE CONSTELLATION OF THE DRAGON, THE DRACO ARRIVED ON EARTH FIVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO. THEY IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO INTERBREED WITH HUMANS, CREATING A DOMINANT REPTILIAN/HUMAN HYBRID DISTINGUISHABLE BY ITS COPPER-BASED BLUE BLOOD.

THESE "BLUE BLOODS" BECAME THE FOREBEARS OF THE ROYAL BLOODLINES AND ARISTOCRACIES THAT RULED OVER THE EMPIRES THAT SPANNED THE GLOBE FOR CENTURIES.

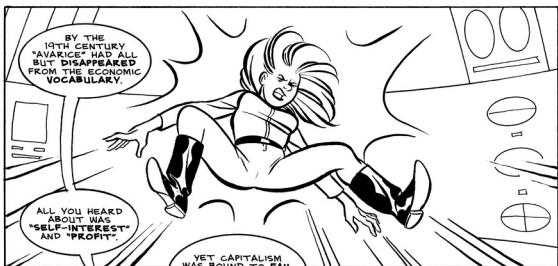
AS THE AGE OF EMPIRES OFFICIALLY DREW TO A CLOSE, THE DRACO MAINTAINED THEIR INFLUENCE OVER HUMANITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECRET SOCIETIES SUCH AS THE ILLUMINATI. OVERT CONTROL TURNED TO COVERT CONTROL IN A FINAL BID TO CENTRALIZE PLANETARY POWER THROUGH A SINGLE WORLD GOVERNMENT, BANKING SYSTEM, CURRENCY, ARMY, AND A MICRO-CHIPPED POPULATION.

THE POWER BEHIND THE POWER ON PLANET EARTH. THESE SHAPE-SHIFTING, HUMAN-SACRIFICING REPTILES STAND ON THE BRINK OF CREATING A PLANETARY PRISON UNLESS THEIR HIDDEN DICTATORSHIP IS EXPOSED AND THEIR SILENT INVASION BROUGHT TO AN END ONCE AND FOR ALL!









BY THE  
19TH CENTURY  
"AVARICE" HAD ALL  
BUT **DISAPPEARED**  
FROM THE ECONOMIC  
VOCABULARY.

ALL YOU HEARD  
ABOUT  
WAS  
"SELF-INTEREST"  
AND "PROFIT".

YET CAPITALISM  
WAS BOUND TO FAIL  
WITHOUT THE PROPER  
POLITICAL SYSTEM  
TO SUPPORT IT.

WE NEEDED A  
SYSTEM THAT WOULD  
ALLOW US TO **CONTROL**  
AND **ENSLAVE** THE POPULATION  
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME  
MAINTAINING THEIR SENSE  
OF **PARTICIPATION**  
AND INDIVIDUAL  
LIBERTY.

LUCKILY, SUCH  
A SYSTEM **ALREADY**  
EXISTED.



**DEMOCRACY!**



# A Rabble-Rousing Ragmop Pin-Up!

So you think you know Freedom? Well, here's the *real* dirt on

# DEMOCRACY

FAR FROM BEING REVERED AS A SYSTEM OF HARMONY, WISDOM, AND EQUALITY, DEMOCRACY HAS, IN ACTUALITY, BEEN REVILED FOR OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AS THE POLITICS OF DESPOTS AND TYRANTS.

DEMOCRACY'S ENEMIES READ LIKE AN INTELLECTUAL WHO'S WHO OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD: SOCRATES, PLATO, ARISTOTLE, THUCYDIDES, XENOPHON, ISOCRATES, CICERO, AND SENECA ALL BELIEVED THAT DEMOCRACY CREATED THE CONDITIONS FOR SOCIAL CORRUPTION AND MORAL DECAY THROUGH THE FREE AND OPEN COMPETITION FOR WEALTH, POWER, AND STATUS BETWEEN THE UPPER AND LOWER CLASSES.

EVEN THE FOUNDING FATHERS WERE CAUTIOUS TO KEEP DEMOCRACY AT BAY.

REAL LIBERTY  
IS NOT FOUND IN  
THE EXTREMES OF  
DEMOCRACY BUT  
IN MODERATE  
GOVERNMENT.



ALEXANDER  
HAMILTON

IF WE INCLINE  
TOO MUCH TO  
DEMOCRACY WE SHALL  
SOON SHOOT INTO A  
MONARCHY OR SOME  
OTHER FORM OF  
DICTATORSHIP.

IN 1973 HENRY KISSINGER PUT IT MORE SUCCINCTLY:

DEMOCRACIES  
ARE BREEDING  
GROUNDS FOR  
COMMUNISM.



ELECTIONS ARE  
TOO IMPORTANT TO  
BE LEFT TO THE  
PEOPLE TO  
DECIDE.

AS LATE AS 1928 THE US ARMY DEFINED DEMOCRACY AS "A GOVERNMENT OF THE MASSES. RESULTS IN MOBOCRACY... DEMAGOGISM... DISCONTENT (AND) ANARCHY."

BUT CAPITALISM IS THE MASTER OF SALESMANSHIP, EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO SELLING A DEEPLY FLAWED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM. BUT, HEY, IF WE CAN LEARN TO LOVE SOAP WE CAN LEARN TO LOVE ANY SYSTEM THAT COMMODIFIES EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES INCLUDING LAND, LABOR, AND THE HUMAN GENOME.

BY THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY "DEMOCRACY" HAD BECOME INTERCHANGEABLE WITH "FREE ENTERPRISE" AND "FREE MARKET." DEMOCRACY HAD BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT ALLIES ITSELF WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS TO MAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT MANAGE AND ASSIST THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE PROFIT.

THIS CONCEPTION OF A MARKET-BASED DEMOCRACY IS NOT MODELED ON THE PARTICIPATORY POLITICS OF THE GREEK IDEAL, BUT ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC IN GOVERNING WILL BE MINIMIZED TO ENDORSING THE DECISIONS OF THEIR LEADERS THROUGH THE OCCASIONAL VOTE.

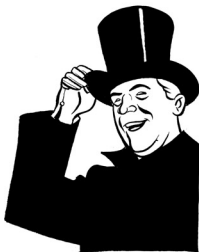
OTHERWISE THE PUBLIC IS NOT EXPECTED TO MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR PRIVATE PARTNERS.

IN A MARKET DEMOCRACY, CORPORATIONS FUNCTION FREE OF ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WHILE RELYING ON THOSE SAME GOVERNMENTS TO INTERVENE ON THEIR BEHALF IN THE FORM OF TAX CREDITS, WELFARE, AND, IN SOME CASES, MILITARY INTERVENTION.

OR AS WOODROW WILSON PUT IT:

SINCE TRADE IGNORES NATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND THE MANUFACTURER INSISTS ON HAVING THE WORLD AS A MARKET, THE FLAG OF HIS NATION MUST FOLLOW HIM...

AND THE DOORS OF THE NATIONS WHICH ARE CLOSED AGAINST HIM MUST BE BATTERED DOWN!



MEANWHILE ALL DEMOCRATIC NOTIONS OF FREEDOM GO OUT THE WINDOW IF ANYONE DARES SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE PERVADING CORPORATE CULTURE. INTOLERANCE OF DISSENT IS A WELL-PRACTICED FEATURE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL CHARACTER.

OR AS ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE NOTED:

I KNOW OF NO COUNTRY IN WHICH THERE IS SO LITTLE INDEPENDENCE OF MIND AND REAL FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION AS IN AMERICA.



YEAH, WELL... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? HE IS FRENCH...



AND ONCE YOU'VE  
CENTERED PEOPLE'S MINDS  
ON THEIR OWN SENSE OF  
SELF-PRESERVATION...  
ONCE YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY  
THEIR ABILITY TO HAVE ANY  
INFLUENCE OR CONTROL  
OVER THEIR SURVIVAL  
BOTH POLITICALLY AND  
ECONOMICALLY...



THEN YOU  
CAN ESTABLISH  
A CULTURE OF  
**FEAR.**



FEAR OF DEATH...  
FEAR OF POVERTY...  
FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT...  
FEAR OF ILLNESS... FEAR OF  
CRIME... FEAR OF TERRORISM...  
FEAR OF NEIGHBORS...  
FEAR OF THEMSELVES...



A POPULATION  
THAT IS **AFRAID**  
IS A POPULATION  
THAT CAN BE  
**CONTROLLED!**

AND A POPULATION  
THAT CAN BE  
CONTROLLED IS A  
POPULATION THAT  
CAN BE **ENSLAVED!**



ALRIGHT  
ALREADY!

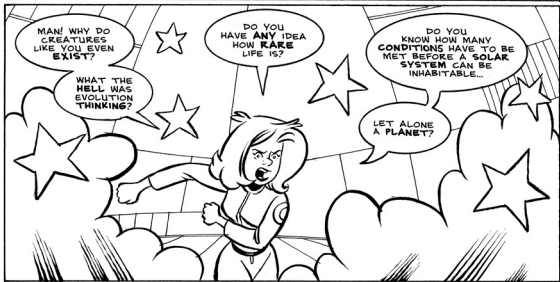
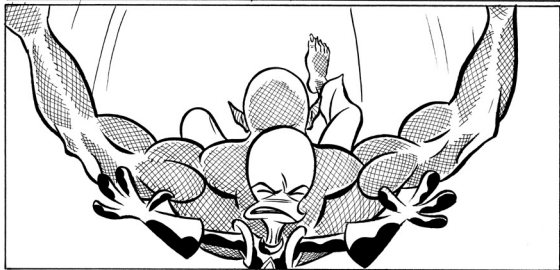
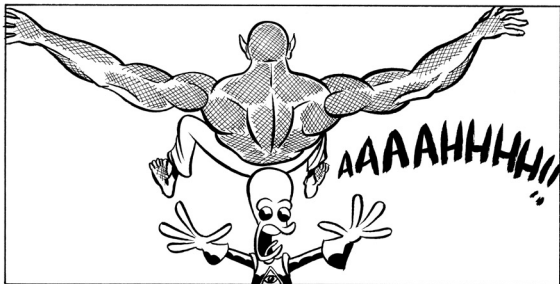
WE GET THE  
MESSAGE!

ARE YOU  
FINISHED?

BECAUSE  
THAT'S EXACTLY  
WHAT YOU  
ARE...









MAN! YOU SHOULD BE ON YOUR KNEES THANKING CREATION THAT YOU EVOLVED EYES TO LOOK OUT THIS WINDOW.

HOW DO YOU TAKE SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL AND PRECIOUS AND MAKE IT SO UGLY?

LISTEN TO YOURSELF!



WAR.

FEAR.

PREJUDICE.

ALIENATION.

DEHUMANIZATION.

AUTHORITARIANISM.

ENSLAVEMENT.

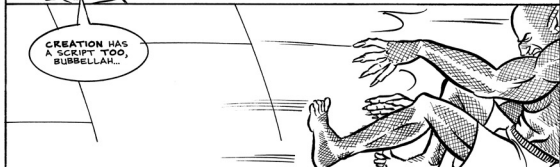
ENTROPY.

DESPAIR.



THAT'S YOUR PITCH?

CAUSE I'M TELLIN' YA NOW... HOLLYWOOD AIN'T BUYING THAT SCRIPT.



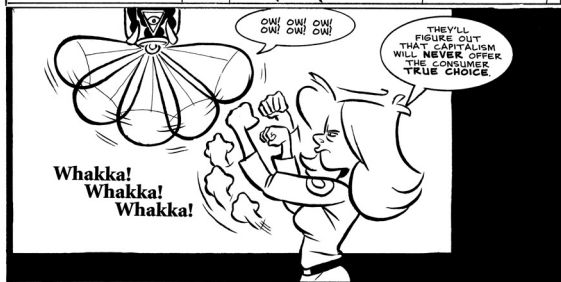
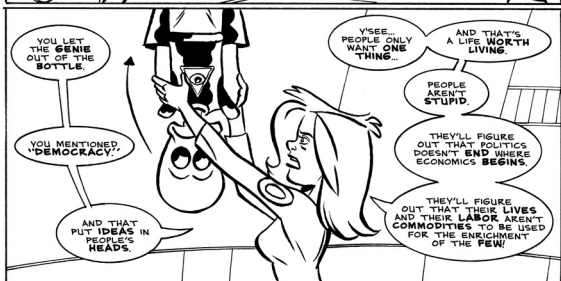
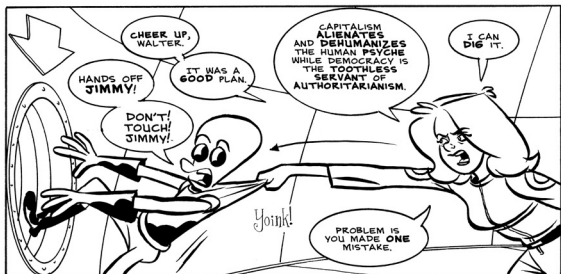
CREATION HAS A SCRIPT TOO, BUBBELLAH...



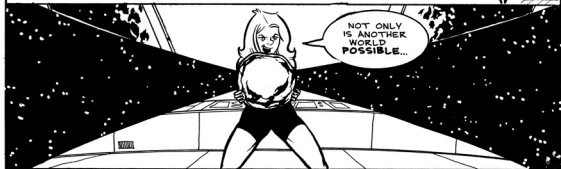
EVERYTHING THAT HAS A BEGINNING HAS AN END.

***THIS IS YOURS!***











DO-IT-YERSELF DEPT.:  
HEY KIDDIES! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE  
A BONE FIDE COMIC BOOK WRITER BY  
ADDING YOUR OWN SPECTACULAR SOUND  
EFFECT! GO-GO MAN VÁN GO!



DREAM ON,  
MISS HAWKINGS!

WE'RE  
NOT STUPID  
EITHER.

YOU CAN  
WIN A FEW  
BATTLES...

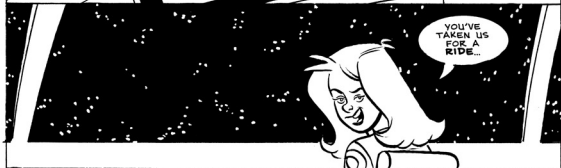
BUT  
WITHOUT  
VISION AND  
OBJECTIVES,  
YOU'LL NEVER  
WIN THE  
WAR.

IF WE'VE  
DONE ANYTHING...  
WE'VE INSTILLED IN  
THE PUBLIC'S MIND A  
DEEP SEEDED AND NEAR  
FATALISTIC ACCEPTANCE  
THAT THERE ARE NO  
ALTERNATIVES TO  
CAPITALISM.

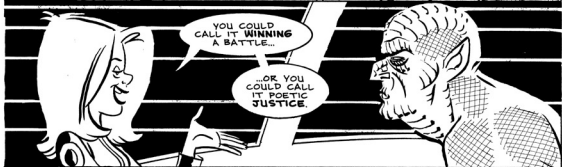
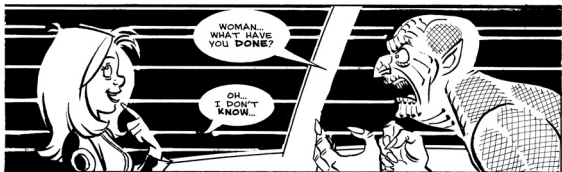


YES!  
REEEEALLY!

REALLY...?





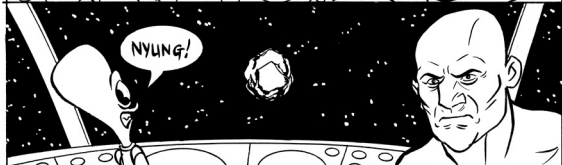


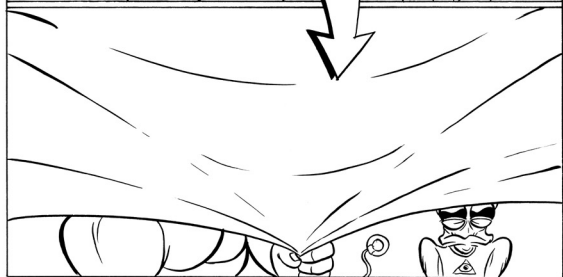
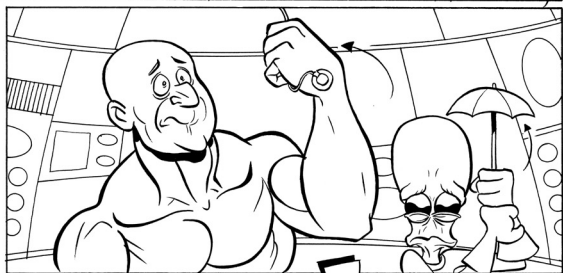
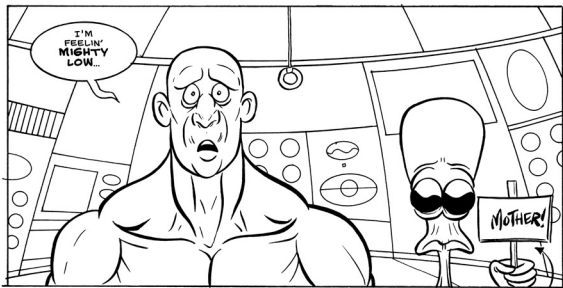
**TUNNEL OUT!**

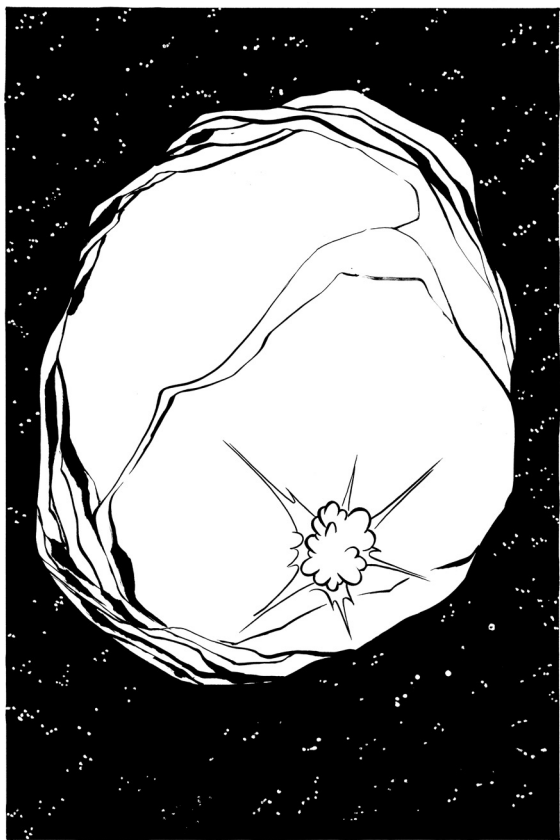
**NOOOOOOOO!**

SIR... WE'RE  
DROPPING OUT OF  
HYPER-SPACE!

BLAST IT!  
THEN TURN THIS  
SHIP AROUND AND  
GET US BACK  
TO EARTH!









WHAT  
HAPPENS  
NOW?

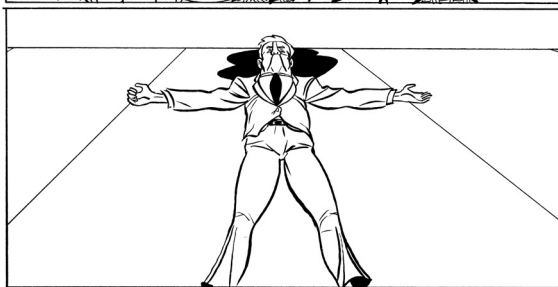
YOU BEGIN  
**AGAIN.**



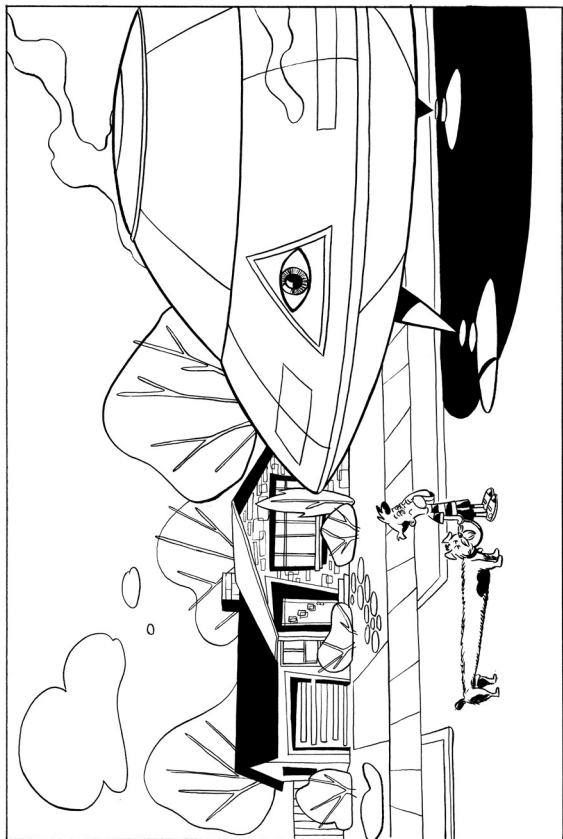


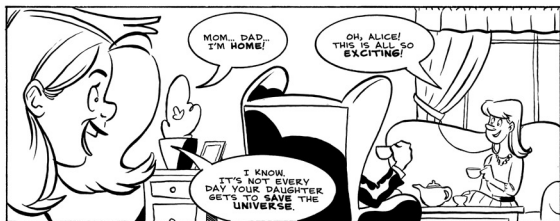






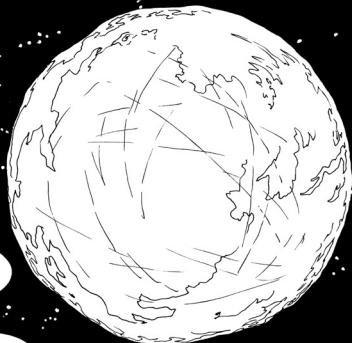








**MARS...**  
THE WED PLANET



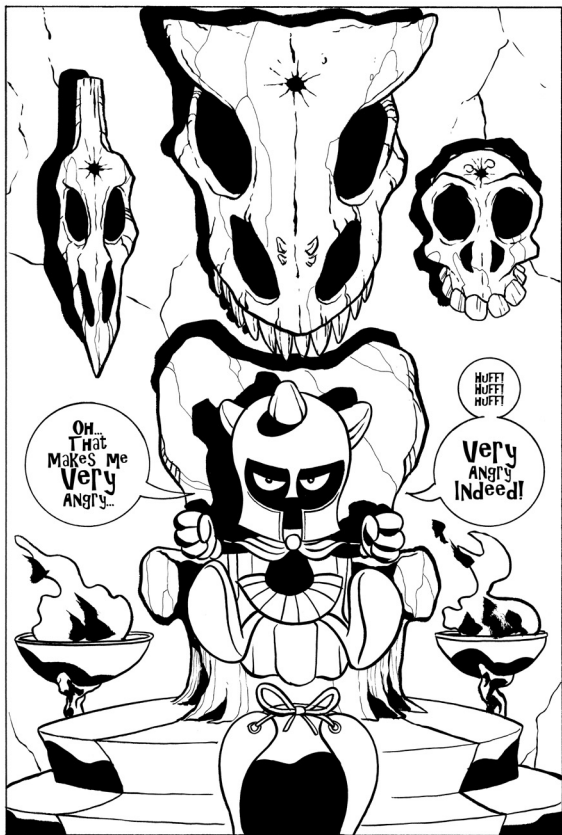
O SWEAT  
AND MIGHTY  
CAESAR...

I BRING  
TERRIBLE  
NEWS!

EPILOGUE



DINOSAURS  
HAVE RETURNED  
TO THE EARTH.





*COULD THE "WEEKLY WORLD NEWS" BE RIGHT?*

# Did Martian Big Game Hunters Kill our Dinosaurs?

**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT EXCITING EPISODE...!**

**DUCK, ALICE,  
DUCK!**

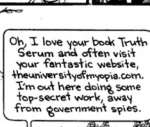
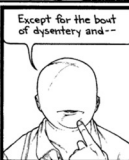
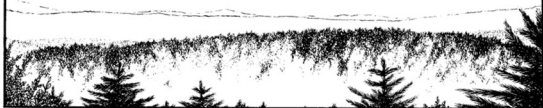
*Or...*

**IT'S  
RABID  
SEASON!**



# THE RETURN of ROB WALTON!

Brought to you by  
JONATHAN ADAMS





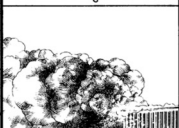
"That looks great! You know, we sure could use your talents in America. Ever since Ragmop ended, everything's falling apart."



"An inarticulate, substance-abusing criminal became president without actually being elected."



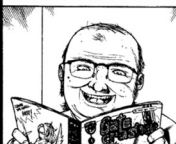
"The government has used the nation's fears of a tragedy to justify numerous atrocities and human rights abuses."



"The Catholic church was discovered to be hiding a pervasive and long-running epidemic of pedophilia."



"And Gareb Shamus started his own line of 'comics,' ironically with the word 'bull' in the name."



Please come back to us. There's so much you could do to help. We need more people speaking out.



No. I tried before, but nobody cared. The last issue of Ragmop sold only 200 copies and my mom bought 25 of 'em. You're on your own.

But how can you deny your moral obligation to humanity?



Easy. The same way I can eat your friend and still sleep tonight.



"I just don't think about it."



ragmop presents

# the covert quartet

in

## "Get Bobby!!"

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HERE  
THEY  
ARE!



STAN



GORDO



FRANCOIS



DOT

WASHINGTON: THE CORRIDORS  
OF POWER, JUNE 3, 1968.

YOUR  
COFFEE,  
MR.  
DeMANN.

THANK YOU,  
CAROL.  
MAY I SLAP  
YOUR ASS  
AS YOU  
LEAVE?

MR. DeMANN!  
THIS IS 1968, SIR.  
I'D THINK MY  
SELF LESS OF  
A WOMAN IF  
YOU DIDN'T.

WELL, EVERYONE, I'M PLEASED TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT CALIFORNIA IS  
A 'GO'.

AS EXPECTED,  
THE SENATOR WILL  
WIN THE PRIMARY  
ON JUNE 5, GIVING  
HIS VICTORY SPEECH  
AT THE EMBASSY  
HOTEL.

INSTEAD OF  
EXITING THROUGH  
THE BALLROOM TO  
THE PRESS AREA,  
I'VE ARRANGED FOR  
THE SENATOR TO TAKE A  
DETOUR THROUGH  
THE PANTRY IN THE  
ADJOINING KITCHEN.

GORDO?

ONCE THE SENATOR  
EXITS THE STAGE,  
STAN AND I WILL FALL  
IN BEHIND HIM DRESSED  
AS SECURITY GUARDS.

DOT AND THE SUBJECT  
WILL PRECEED US TO  
THE PANTRY. THE  
SMALL CONFINES OF  
THE PANTRY WILL  
ALLOW FOR A MORE  
CONTROLLED  
SITUATION. THE LAST  
THING WE WANT IS  
ANOTHER DALLAS.

NO PRESS MEANS  
NO CAMERAS,  
LESSENING THE  
CHANCE OF ANOTHER  
ZAPRUDE FILM  
SURFACING. THE  
ASSASSIN WILL BE IN  
PLAIN SIGHT OF THE  
WITNESSES. HE'LL BE  
CAUGHT AT THE SCENE  
PREVENTING THE NEED  
FOR A MANHUNT. AS  
WE ARE CURRENTLY  
EXPERIENCING WITH  
JAMES EARL RAY.

FRANCOIS WILL BE  
WORKING CRISIS  
MANAGEMENT WITH  
THE LAPD. HE'LL BE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
SECURING THE AREA  
DURING AND AFTER  
THE ACTION. HE'LL  
MAKE SURE THE  
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  
FITS THE FACTS OF  
THE ASSASSINATION AS  
WE WANT TO PRESENT IT  
TO THE PUBLIC.



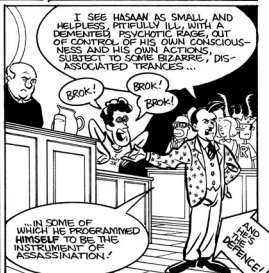


THE EMBASSY HOTEL: LOS ANGELES  
JUNE 5, 1968, ROUND MIDNIGHT.









ragmop presents  
the covert  
quartet

in "Spiked!"

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HERE  
THEY  
ARE!



STAN



GORDO



FRANCOIS



DOT

SEPTEMBER 1984.

GOOD EVENING, TONIGHT  
ON NEWS FRONT: SENATOR  
PAUL LAXATIVE, A CLOSE ALLY  
OF PRESIDENT RAYGUN, PERSUADES  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO  
HALT AN UNDERCOVER PROBE  
OF HIS CAMPAIGN CON-  
TRIBUTORS.

MOMMY!

LOOK, MOMMY!  
IT'S THAT HORRIBLE  
MOLLY SAVAGE  
ON TV AGAIN.

ALSO  
TONIGHT...

IS THE TASK FORCE LED  
BY VICE PRESIDENT BURNING-  
BUSH TO DEAL WITH FLORIDA'S  
NARCOTICS PROBLEM JUST AN  
EXCUSE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
GLOWING PRESS RELEASES TO  
ENCOURAGE A LARGE FLORIDA  
TURNOUT FOR THE ELECTIONS?

MOMMY, DO  
SOMETHING!  
MAKE HER  
GO AWAY.

MAYBE I  
JUST WILL!

CIA HEADQUARTERS: LANGLEY VA.

GENTLEMEN; DOT... IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOMEONE AT PBS IS ACTUALLY USING TELEVISION TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THE VIEWING PUBLIC,

WHAT? THOSE DAMN, COMMIE, PINKO ARTISTS!

I TOLD LBJ THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU PUBLICALLY FUNDED T.V.!

WE ALL TOLD LBJ FRANCOIS. WHAT CAN I SAY? LBJ LIKED TO WATCH T.V.

WHAT'S THIS BULLSHIT I HEAR ABOUT THE CONTADORA PEACE TREATY?

HELLO! CAN WE PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE TAPE.

THE CONTRAS SAID THEY WERE GOING TO SIGN IT AND LEAVE OUR ASSES HANGIN' IN TH' WIND.

THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO DEAL WITH THE CONTRAS LATER.

...ON EL SALVADOR, PRESIDENT RAYGUIN SAID THE US WAS TRYING TO "HALT THE INFILTRATION OF AMERICA BY TERRORISTS WHO AREN'T JUST AIMING AT EL SALVADOR, BUT AT CENTRAL, SOUTH, AND NORTH AMERICA AS WELL."

PSYCHIATRISTS HAVE A NAME FOR SUCH PERCEPTIONS OF REALITY.

PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA!

BAM!

PERMISSION TO HANDLE THIS PERSONALLY, SIR.

OKAY...

GORDO, YOU'RE WITH ME.







BEFORE THEY WERE ADULTS  
THEY WERE

# RAGMOP BABIES

EINSTEIN

ALICE

DAHWIN

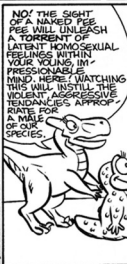
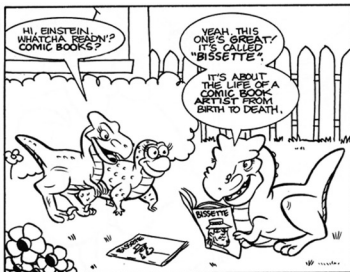


ALSO STARRING  
UNC'L WALT  
THE EVIL LI'L RICH BOY!

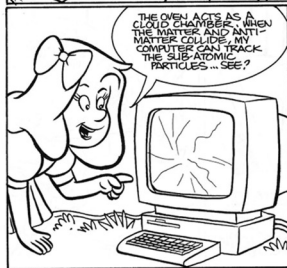
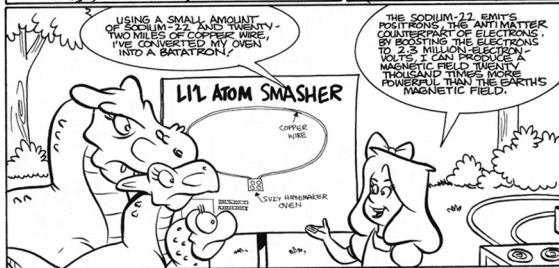


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