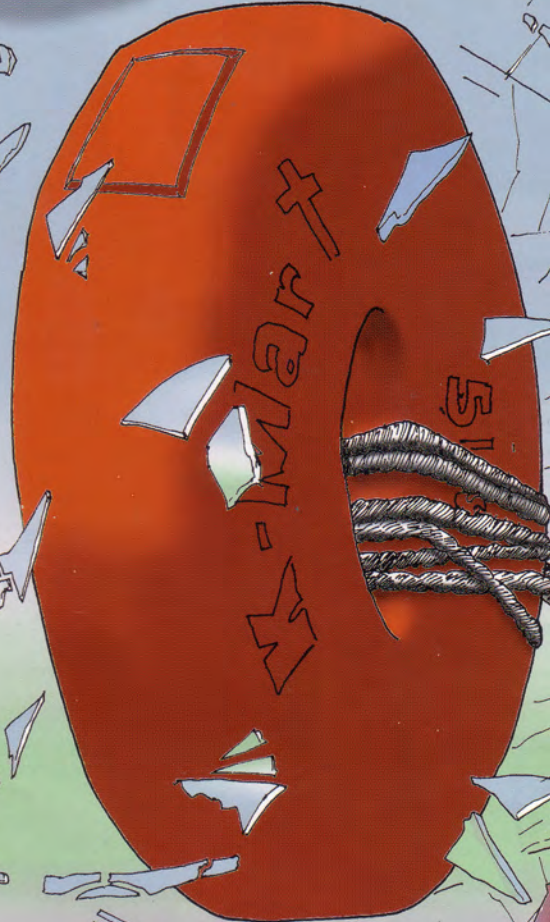


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# Book 2- The Bet

By R C Guinan III & Den Zelig

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# THE BUDGET STRIPS



GOOD EVENING, I'M JARVIS, THE EARL OF HALF-TRUTHS, AND I WILL BE YOUR HOST THIS EVENING FOR ANOTHER PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET STRIPS. THIS EVENING'S EPISODE IS BASED ON A 1934 DADAIST POEM ABOUT AN ORANGE. NOW FOR YOU LONG TIME VIEWERS PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO...

CAN WE GET THIS STARTED?

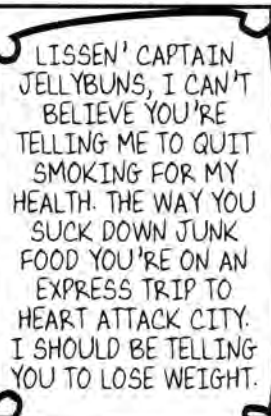
## THE BET



...WHICH REMINDS ME OF AN AMUSING LITTLE EPISODE WHEN I WAS THE UNDISPUTED RULER OF HELL...

ALRIGHT, ALREADY. LET'S GET ON WITH THE STORY!

PRIMA DONNA.



DO YOU THINK YOU COULD QUIT SMOKING THAT LONG?

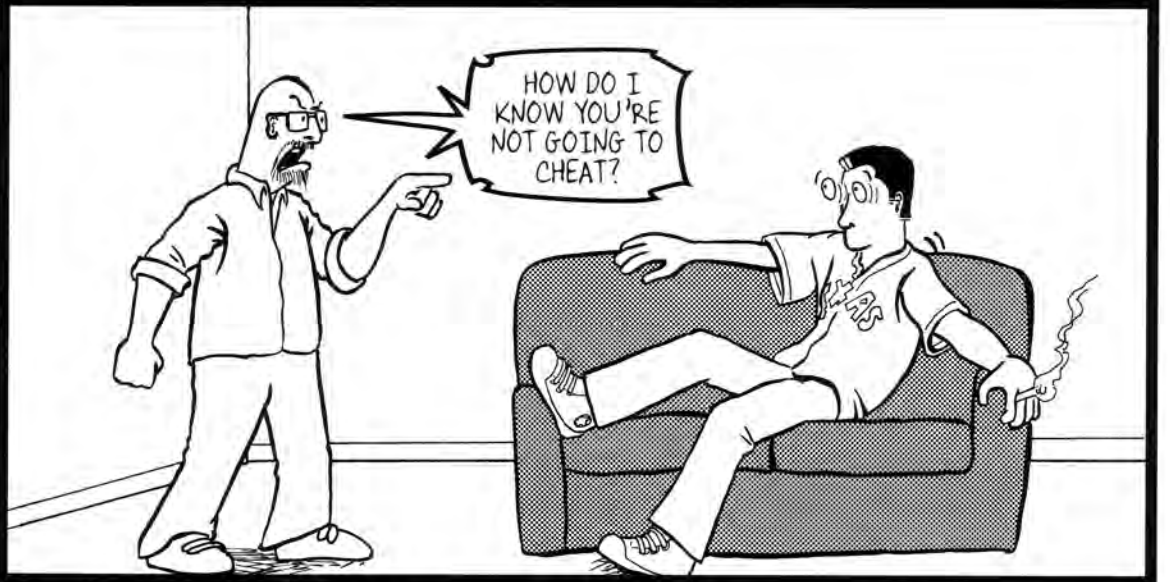
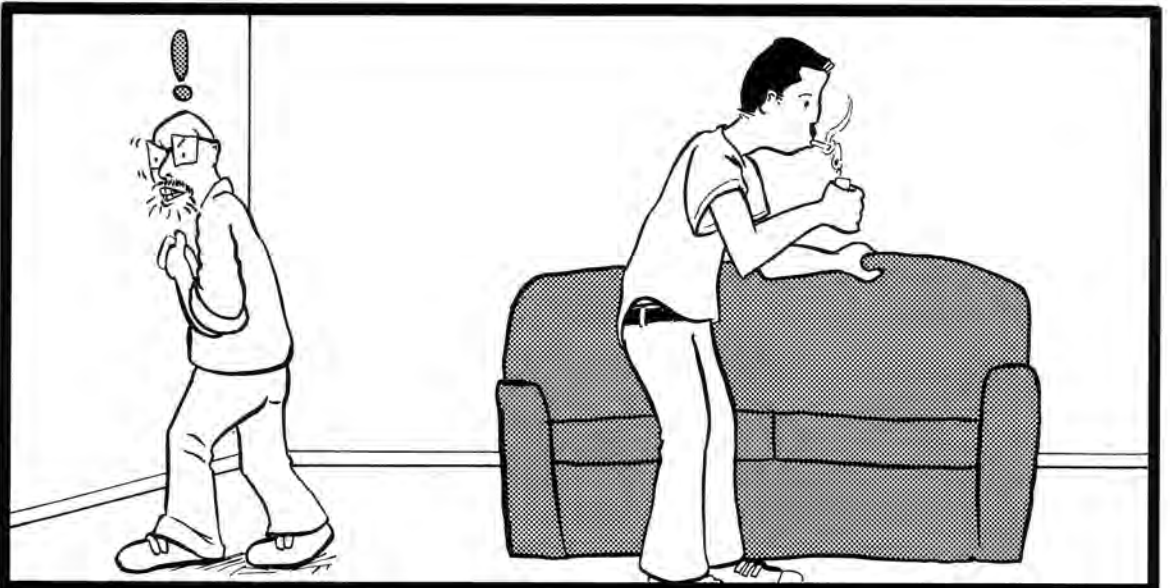
YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK PAST THE FRIDGE WITHOUT CHECKING IT. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE YOUR MONEY.

DEAL!

ALRIGHT SMART GUY, 50 BUCKS SAYS I CAN LOSE THIRTY POUNDS IN THIRTY DAYS. IF I DON'T LOSE THE WEIGHT, YOU WIN. IF YOU SMOKE WITHIN 30 DAYS, I WIN. WHAT DO YA SAY, OLD PAL, DEAL?

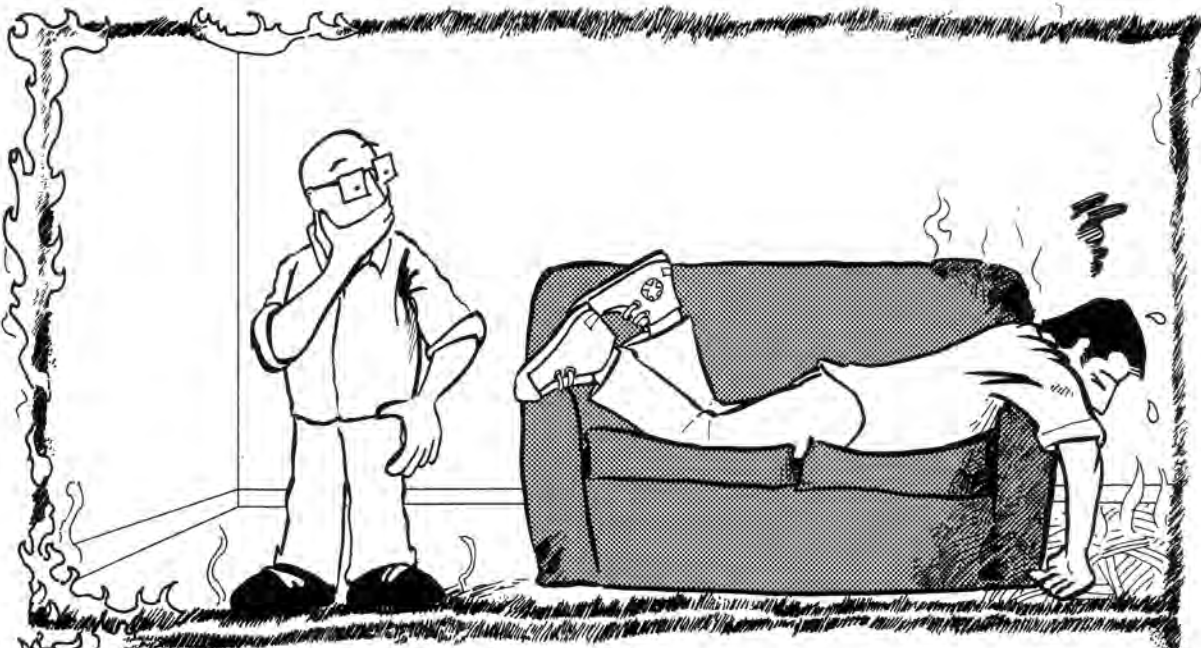
SUCKER.

NOW WHAT COULD I DO WITH FIFTY BUCKS.



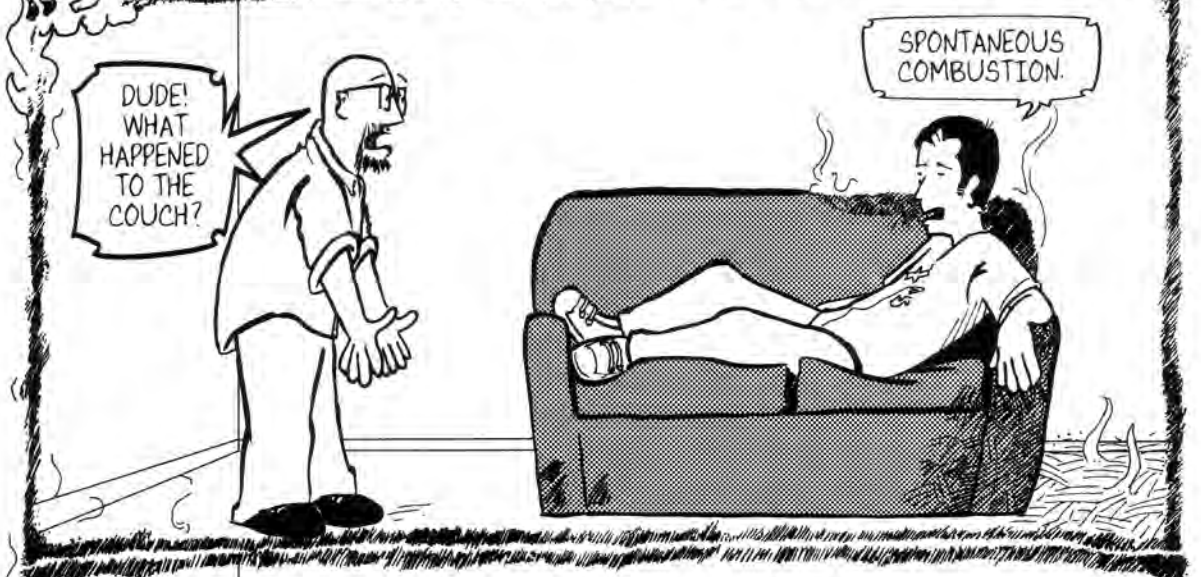






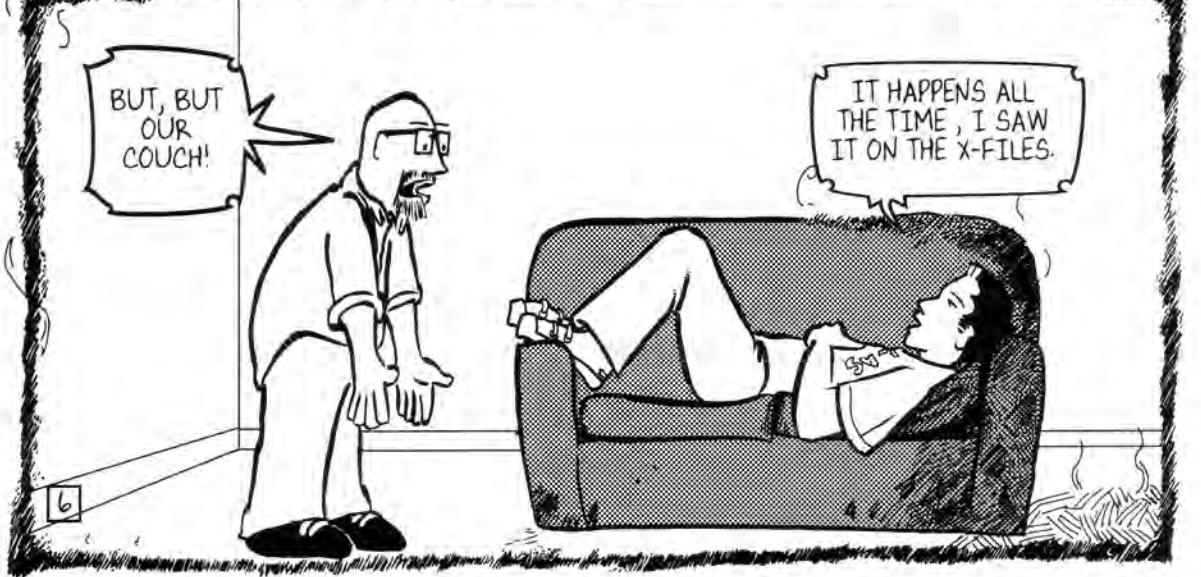
SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

DUDE!  
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COUCH?



BUT, BUT OUR COUCH!

IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, I SAW IT ON THE X-FILES.







QUIT FOLLOWING ME AROUND, YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY.

DEN IS FREAKING OUT.

I'M GOING TO WIN 50 BUCKS AS SOON AS FLAME BOY HERE LIGHTS UP. WE'VE GOT A BET.



HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHEAT?

WHAT'S GOING ON?



A BET? RICK!



CHRISTY IT'S GOING TO BE OK, I'M GOING TO WIN. THERE'S NO WAY DEN WILL LOSE THAT WEIGHT.

YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT, DUDE!

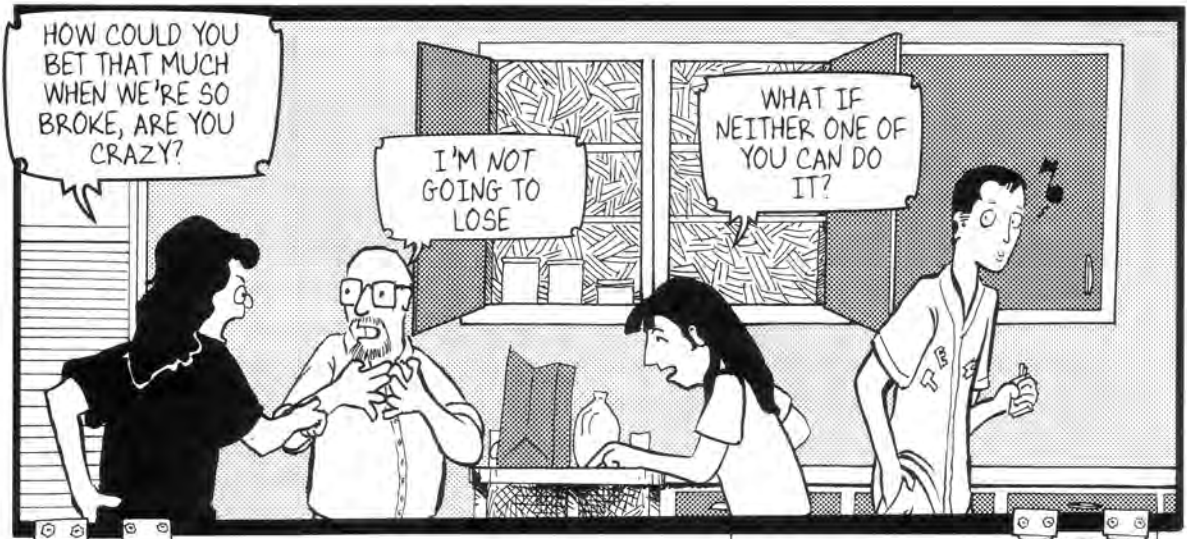
HEH, HEH, HEH. THOSE THIRTY POUNDS ARE AS GOOD AS GONE. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SMOKE A CIGARETTE RIGHT NOW, RICKY? I THINK I'VE GOT ONE.

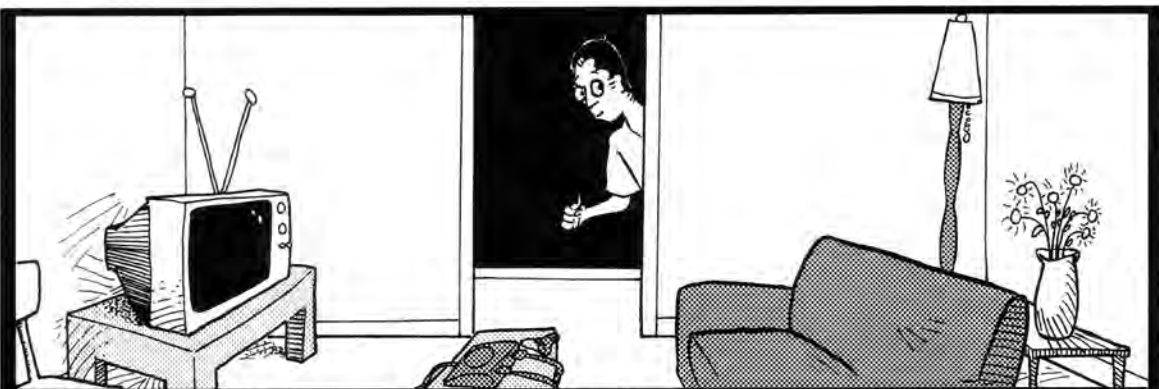


WAIT A MINUTE. YOU'VE GOT TO LOSE 30 POUNDS? BY WHEN?

BY THE END OF THE MONTH. EASY, NO PROBLEM.





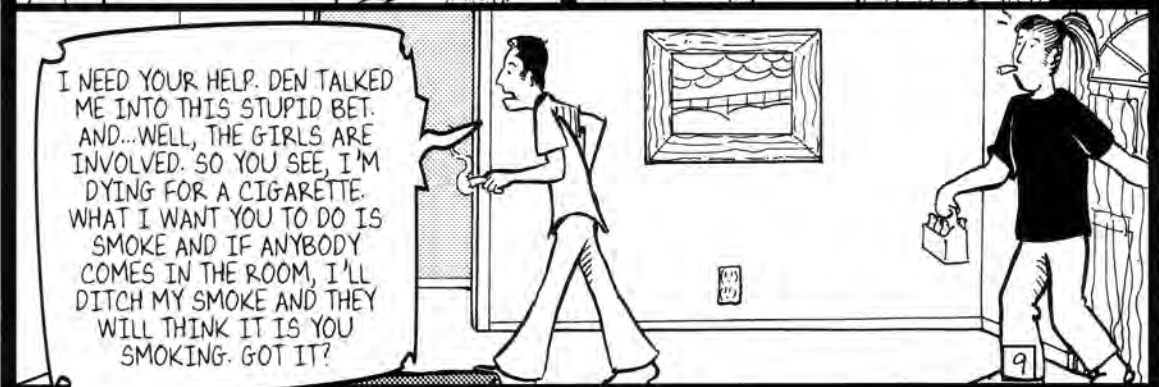


I HAVE BEER. LET'S PARTY.



AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU. HERE, SMOKE THIS CIGARETTE.

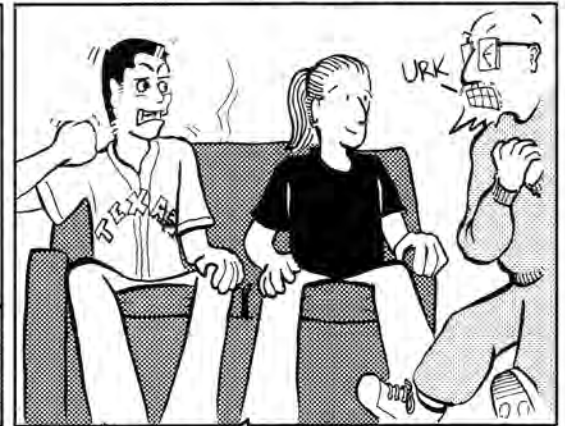
UMM... SURE, DUDE.



I NEED YOUR HELP. DEN TALKED ME INTO THIS STUPID BET. AND...WELL, THE GIRLS ARE INVOLVED. SO YOU SEE, I'M DYING FOR A CIGARETTE. WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS SMOKE AND IF ANYBODY COMES IN THE ROOM, I'LL DITCH MY SMOKE AND THEY WILL THINK IT IS YOU SMOKING. GOT IT?





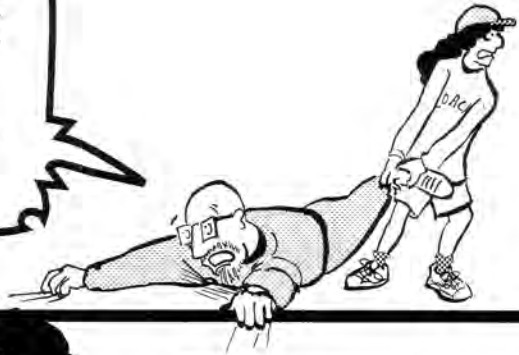








PLEEEASE! I DON'T WANT TO EXERCISE ANYMORE, I GIVE UP! I SURRENDER!  
I'LL WORK OVERTIME TO MAKE BACK ALL THE MONEY I LOST, I PROMISE.

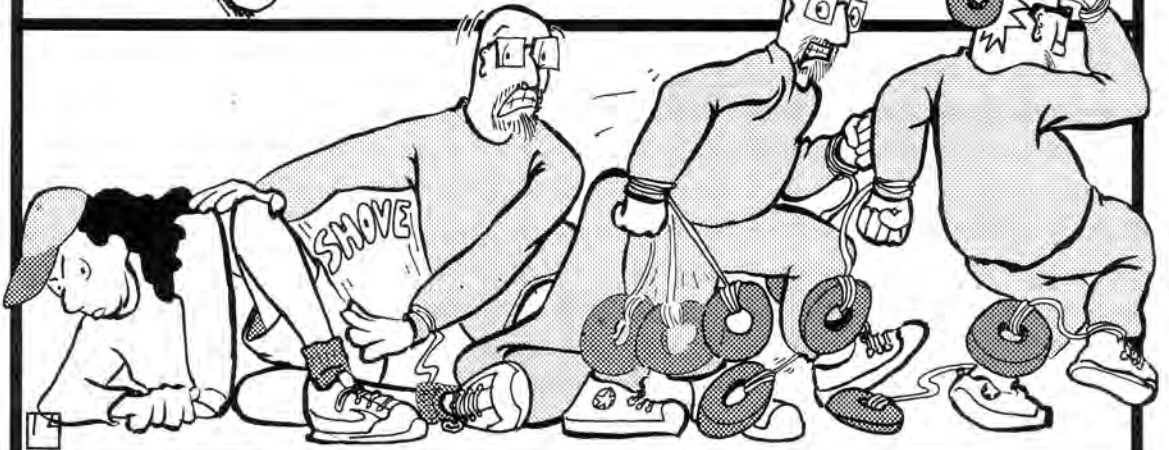


YOU ARE NOT THROWING THE BET!

WHINE!  
WHIMPER!  
WHINE!

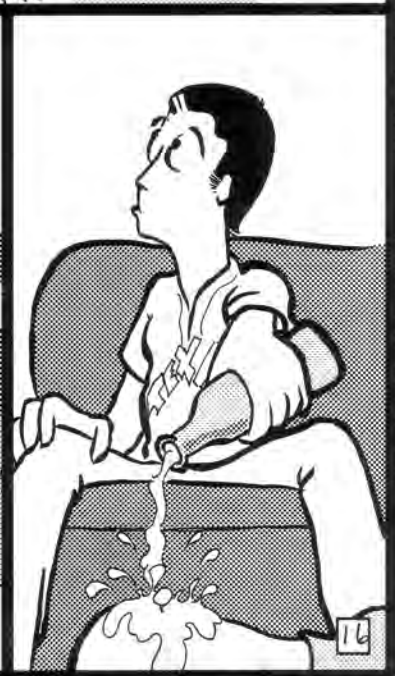
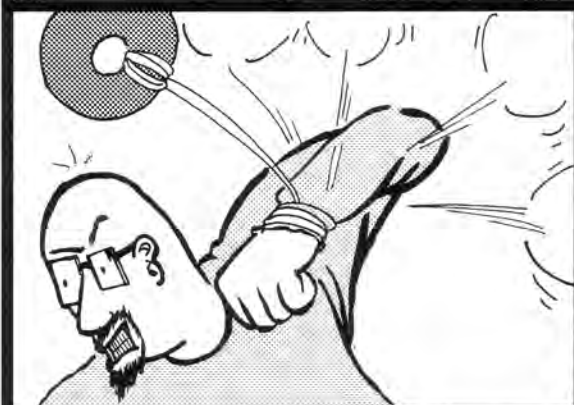
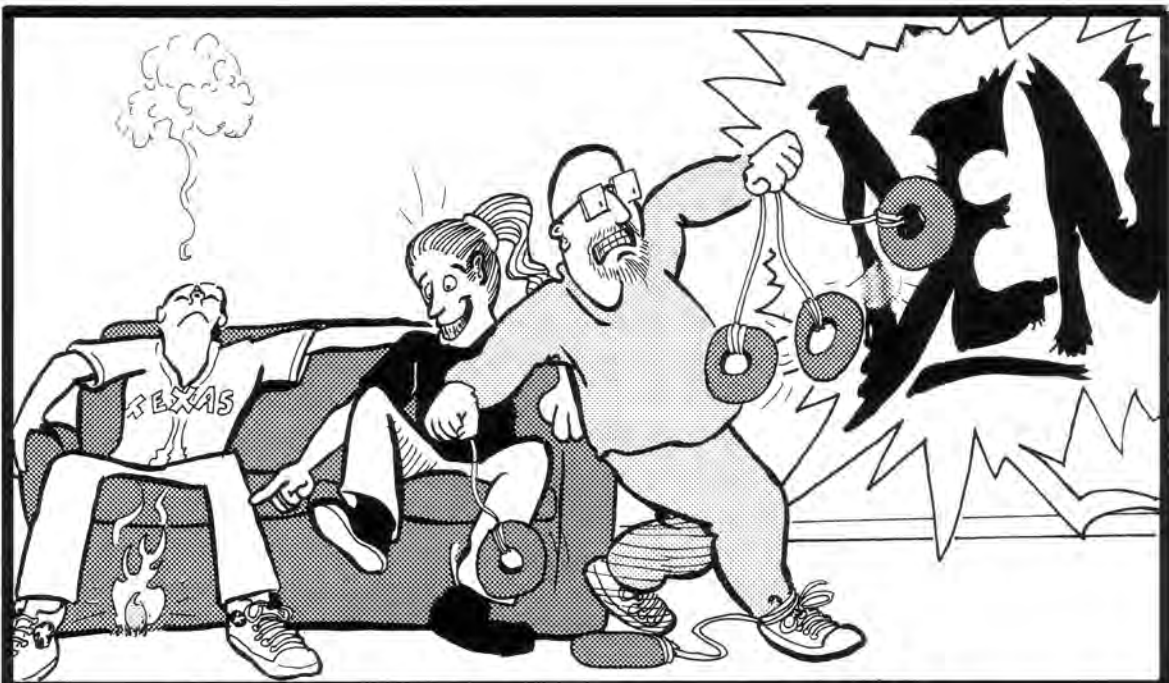


LISSEN' YOU MADE AN OBLIGATION, NOW STAND UP TO IT. YOU MAY LOSE THIS BET. BUT YOU WILL NOT GIVE UP.











IS THE COAST CLEAR?

CLEAR.

I DON'T KNOW. THIS IS PRETTY NERVE RACKING.

AWWW, DUDE, IT'LL BE EASY.

Den

I CAN'T FIND DEN ANYWHERE! HAVE YA'LL SEEN HIM.

NO.

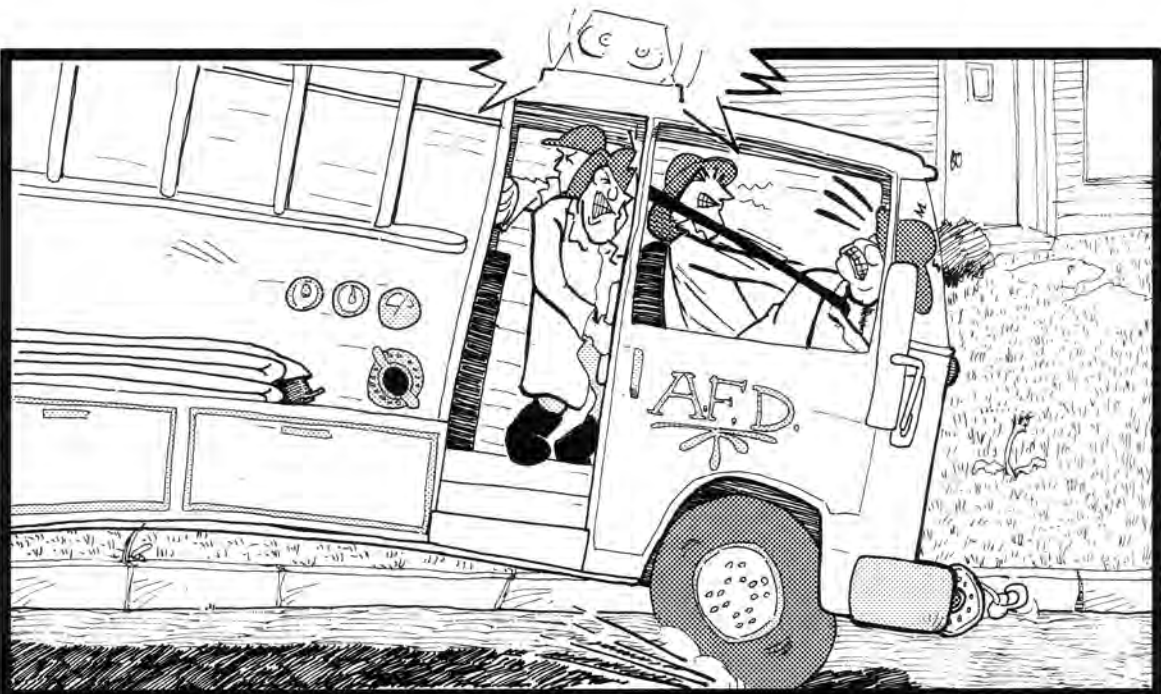
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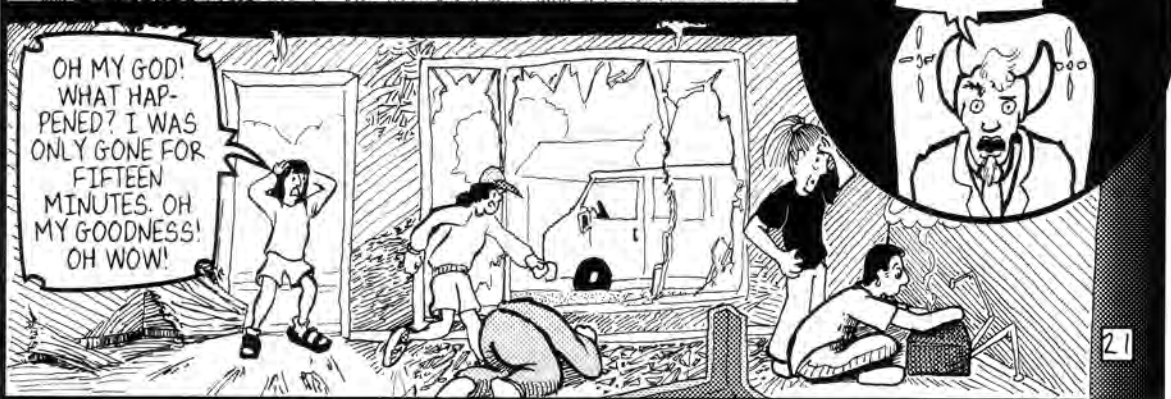
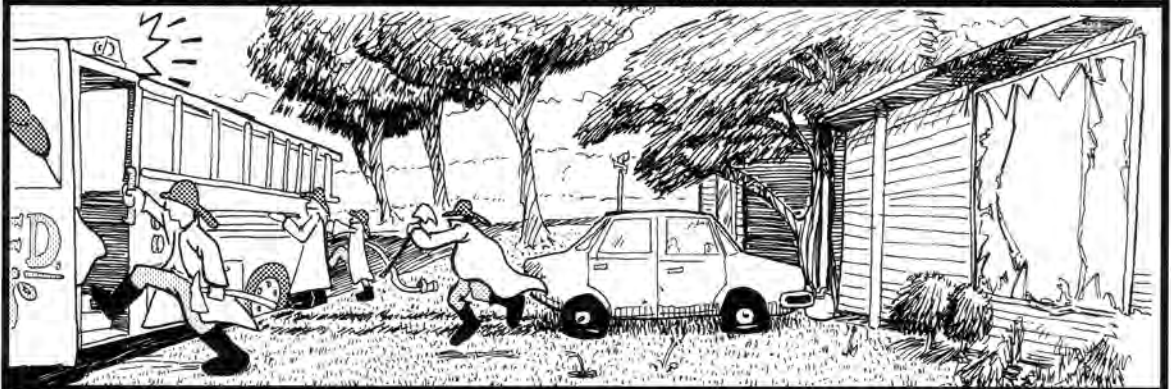
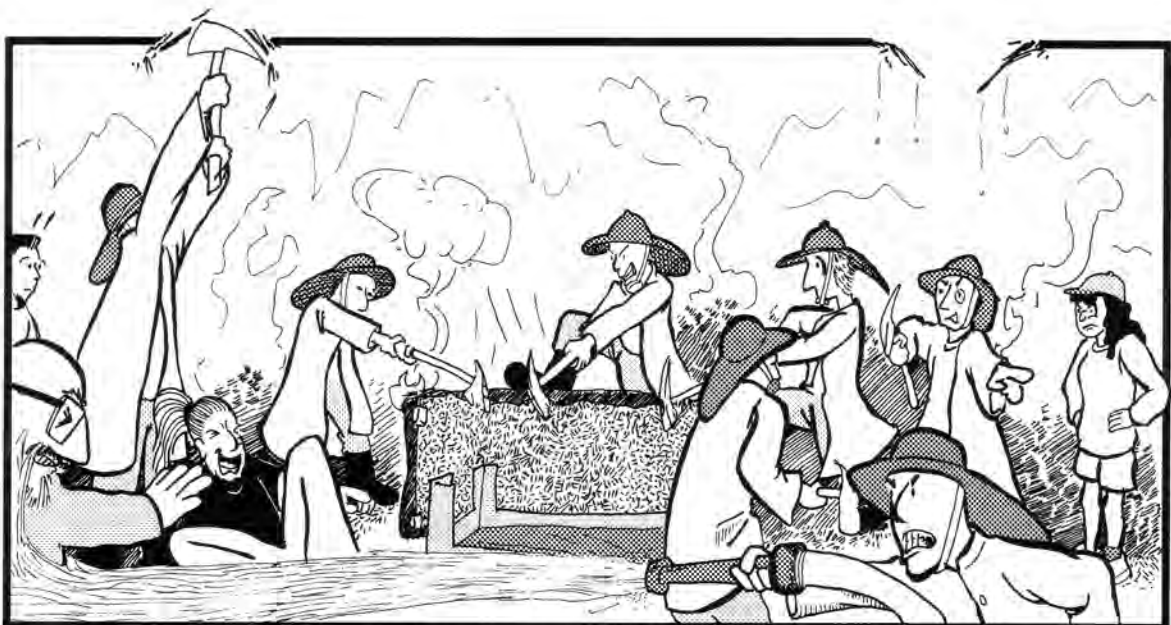
YOU THERE, WHY ARE YOU ON FIRE?



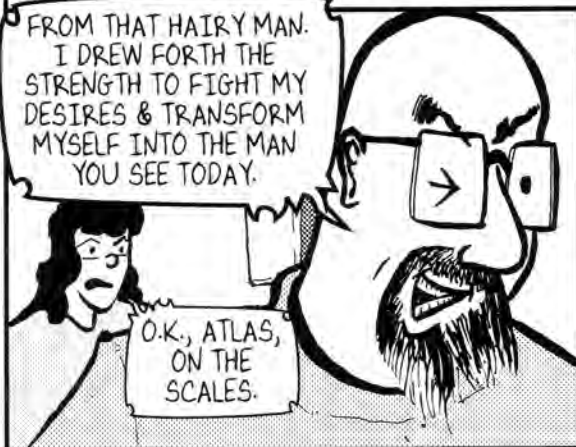
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O.K. ON 359 OCCASIONS IN THE PAST 29 DAYS I HAVE SPOTTED RICK SMOKING CIGS, BUMMING SMOKES AND DITCHING BUTTS.

TELL IT SISTER.

IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF SAID BET, THUS VOIDING HIS PARTY'S CLAIM TO THE LOOT.

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