

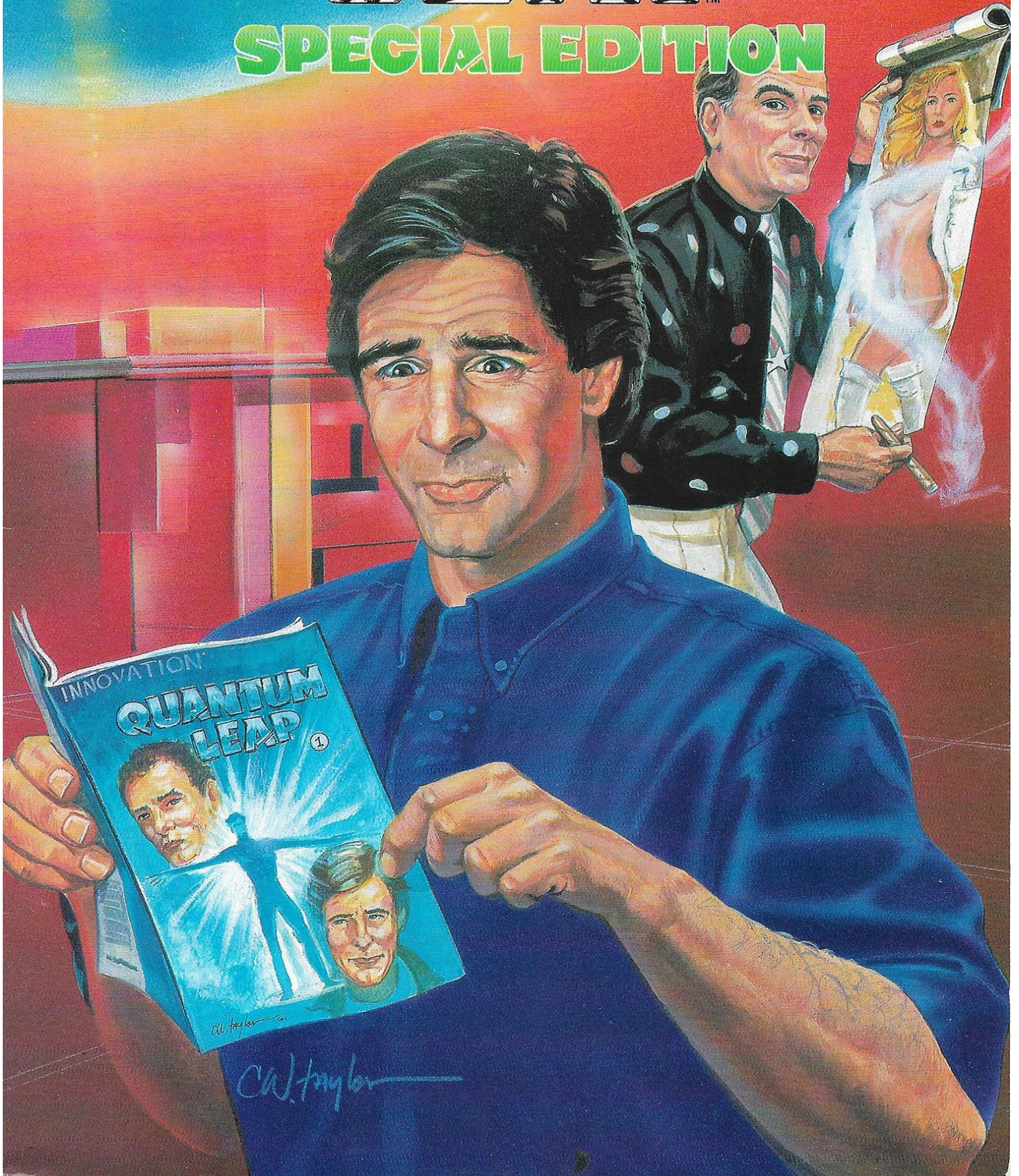
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# QUANTUM LEAP™

## SPECIAL EDITION





"THEORIZING THAT ONE COULD TIME TRAVEL WITHIN HIS OWN LIFETIME, DOCTOR SAM BECKETT LED AN ELITE GROUP OF SCIENTISTS INTO THE DESERT TO DEVELOP A TOP SECRET PROJECT--

"-- KNOWN AS QUANTUM LEAP.

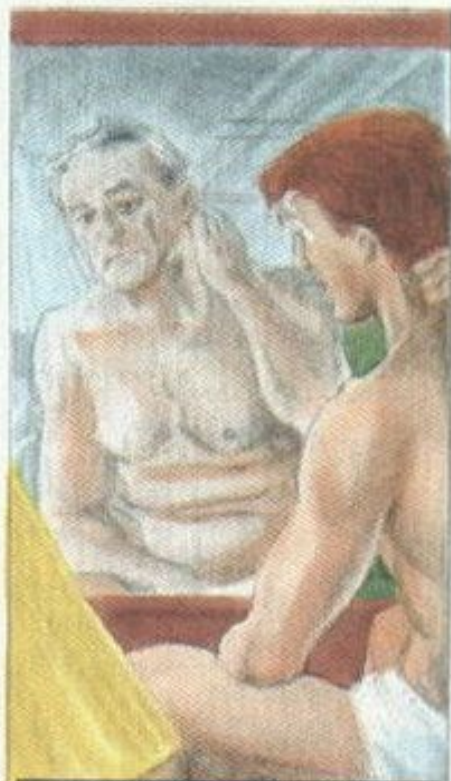


"PRESSURED TO PROVE HIS THEORIES, OR LOSE GOVERNMENT FUNDING, DOCTOR BECKETT PREMATURELY STEPPED INTO THE ACCELERATOR CHAMBER--

"-- AND VANISHED!

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"HE AWOKE TO FIND HIMSELF IN THE PAST, SUFFERING FROM PARTIAL AMNESIA AND FACING A MIRROR IMAGE THAT WAS NOT HIS OWN.

"FORTUNATELY, CONTACT WITH HIS OWN TIME IS MAINTAINED THROUGH BRAINWAVE TRANSMISSIONS WITH AL, THE PROJECT OBSERVER."



"...WHO APPEARS IN THE FORM OF A HOLOGRAM THAT ONLY DOCTOR BECKETT CAN SEE AND HEAR.



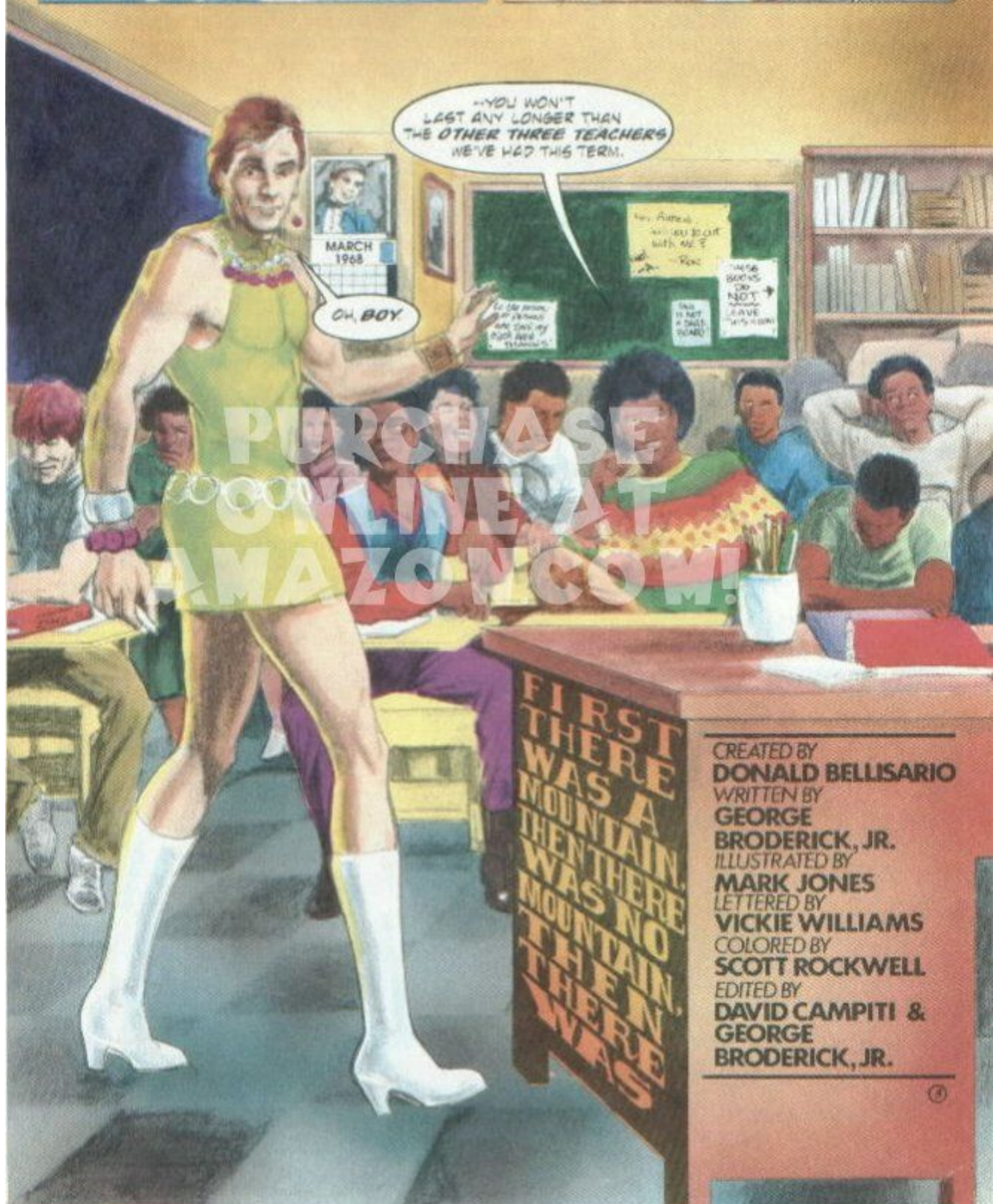
"TRAPPED IN THE PAST, DOCTOR BECKETT FINDS HIMSELF LEAPING FROM LIFE TO LIFE-

"...PUTTING THINGS RIGHT THAT ONCE WENT WRONG..."

"...AND HOPING EACH TIME THAT HIS NEXT LEAP..."



"...WILL BE THE LEAP HOME."





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I MEAN, JUDGING FROM WHAT I WAS WRITING WHEN I LEAPED IN, MY NAME'S **KAREN CONNORS**--

--AND THE CLOTHES AND SPEECH PATTERNS WOULD PUT ME IN THE **LATE 60'S**--



LADIES

--BUT I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THOSE KIDS I REALLY NEED--

AH, MINI-SKIRTS! I LOVE THE 60'S!



AL!

AND FREE LOVE! THE 60'S WERE A GREAT TIME--



WELL, EXCEPT FOR 'NAM. AND KENT STATE.

AL! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!



AND I WAS A P.O.W. BY THIS TIME--

AL, WILL YOU KNOCK IT OFF!

ACTUALLY, THE 60'S REALLY BITE!



WHenever you've got the time, AL.

LADIES

SORRY, SAM.



WHY AM I HERE, AL? I--

WILD & BUSTED!



OH, GIRLS, UH, SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN CLASS?

D'YOU SEE THAT? SHE'S REALLY TRIPPIN'--

SORRY, MISS.

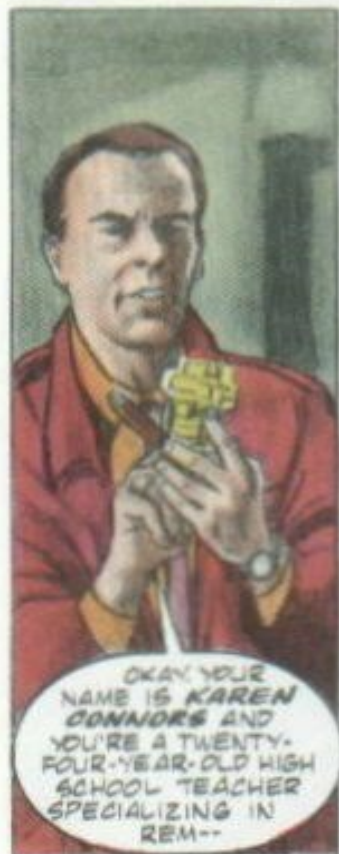
YEAH, TALKIN' TO HERSELF. CALLS HERSELF "AL."

SO THIS IS WHAT GOES ON IN HERE. THE GUNS BACK AT THE ORPHANAGE'D BE REALLY D'SAPPOINTED.



ONLY YOU COULD REVEL IN BEING IN A GIRL'S ROOM UNSEEN!

COAST IS CLEAR, AL. WHY AM I HERE?



OKAY YOUR NAME IS KAREN CONNORS AND YOU'RE A TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SPECIALIZING IN REM--



--REMEDIAL EDUCATION.

WHERE AND WHEN, AL?



MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.



UM, ZIGGY CALCULATES AN 84% PROBABILITY THAT YOU'RE--

WAIT, AL. WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THIS TIME, THIS PLACE, ARE... IMPORTANT?



WHO KNOWS? WITH THAT "SWISS CHEESE" MEMORY OF YOURS--

--MAYBE THIS WAS THE DATE OF YOUR FIRST KISS OR SOMETHING

NO, IT'S NOT THAT. IT'S SOMETHING... I DON'T KNOW. IT'LL COME TO ME.



ANYWAY, SAM, ZIGGY FIGURES YOU'RE HERE TO HELP THE REMEDIAL CLASS GET **PASSING GRADES** ON THE UPCOMING STATE BOARD EXAMS.



THE KIDS IN YOUR CLASS ARE A LITTLE, UM, "HIGH SPIRITED" AND **REALLY** NEED GUIDANCE

HIGH SPIRITED! HA! THE MONSTERS HAVE GONE THROUGH **THREE** TEACHERS THIS TERM ALONE, AL.



NEVERTHELESS, SAM, THIS IS A HIGHLY PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM FOR ITS TIME. IF THESE KIDS DON'T GIVE SOME INDICATION THAT IT'S WORKING--

THE STATE'LL **PULL THE PLUG** ON THE WHOLE SHEBANG.

THIS REMEDIAL PROGRAM IS THE **ONLY CHANCE** SOME OF THESE KIDS HAVE... YOU'VE GOT TO **HELP THEM**, SAM.



EVEN IF IT KILLS ME, HUH, AL?



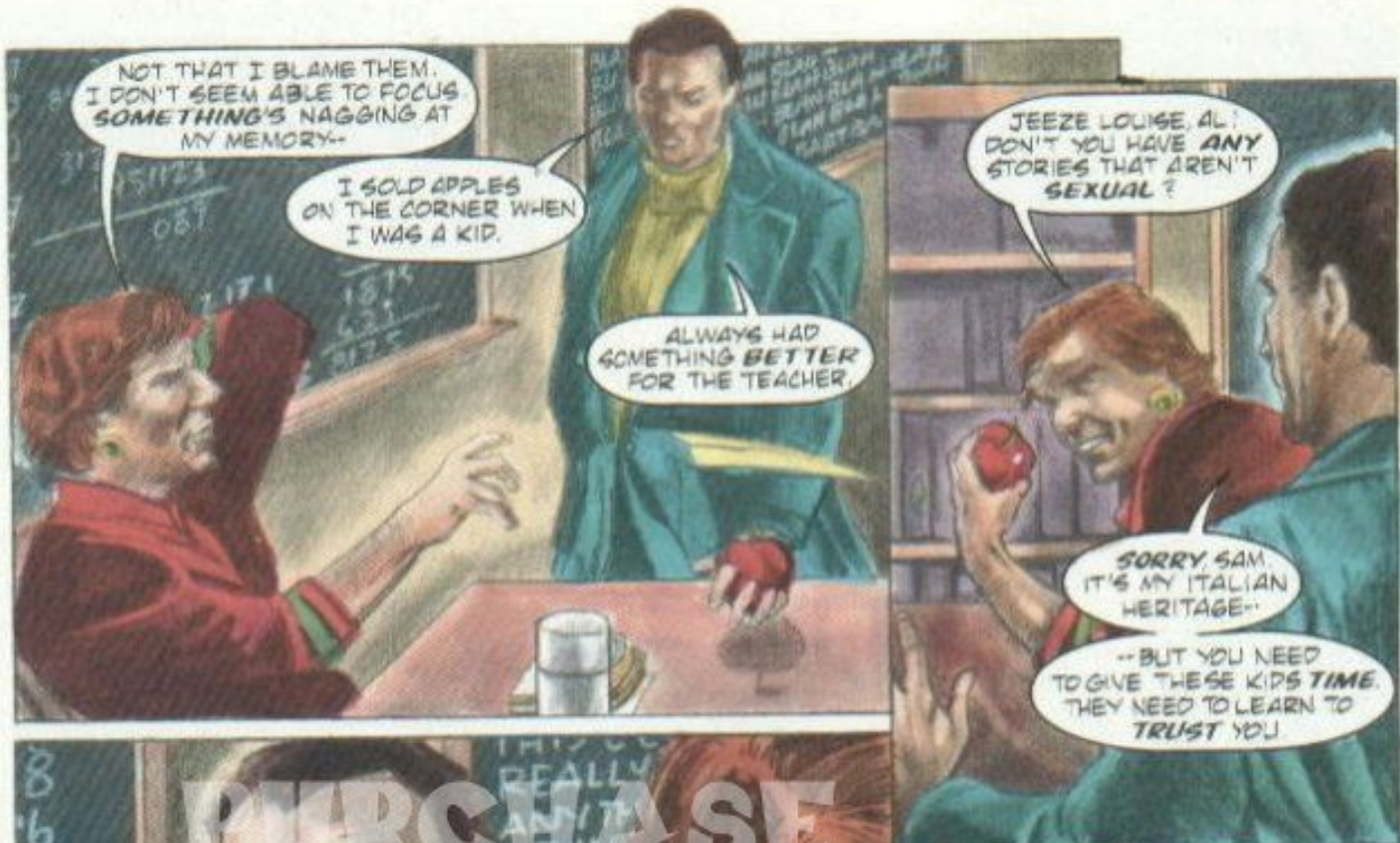
RANDY, GET HER DOWN FROM **HERE, NOW!**







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NOT THAT I BLAME THEM. I DON'T SEEM ABLE TO FOCUS SOMETHING'S NAGGING AT MY MEMORY--

I SOLD APPLES ON THE CORNER WHEN I WAS A KID.

ALWAYS HAD SOMETHING BETTER FOR THE TEACHER.

JEEZE LOUISE, AL: DON'T YOU HAVE ANY STORIES THAT AREN'T SEXUAL?

SORRY, SAM. IT'S MY ITALIAN HERITAGE--

--BUT YOU NEED TO GIVE THESE KIDS TIME. THEY NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST YOU.

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THERE WAS A LOT OF TENSION BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS IN THE '60s. THERE'S STILL SOME IN OUR TIME, BUT '68--

LIGHTEN UP, SAM! WHAT COULD BE WRONG? THE BEATLES ARE AT THE HEIGHT OF THEIR CAREERS. HENDRIX AND MORRISON ARE COOKIN'--

--AND ELVIS! ELVIS IS ABOUT TO MAKE HIS BIG COMEBACK! THE "KING" RETURNS--

YES, AL. WHAT ABOUT 1968? WHY DO I FEEL SO FUNNY ABOUT THIS LEAP?

KING--



THAT'S IT! DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING: HE'S GOING TO BE ASSASSINATED IN--

NOW, SAM!

--NINE DAYS! AL, THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHY I'M HERE! I CAN SAVE--

SAM!



YOU KNEW--

THIS IS NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA, SAM.

ALL THIS TIME YOU KNEW! YOU DIDN'T TELL ME! AL, WHY?



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D KEEP THIS FROM ME.

ONLY BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D REACT THIS WAY.

REACT WHAT WAY AL? BETRAYED! STABBED IN THE BACK BY MY BEST FRIEND!

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THAT'S NOT FAIR SAM! I ONLY WANTED TO SPARE YOU SOME OF THE FRUSTRATION I WAS FEELING.

SINCE YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER KING'S MURDER, WELL, I DIDN'T THINK--



NO! YOU DIDN'T THINK! DON'T YOU SEE AL?

I... WE... KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. WE CAN SAVE DR. KING'S LIFE!



NO, SAM.

WE CAN'T.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WE CAN'T?

YOU KNOW THE RULES, SAM. YOU'VE GOT TO BE KAREN--

AND KAREN WAS NOWHERE NEAR THE LORRAINE MOTEL AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH.

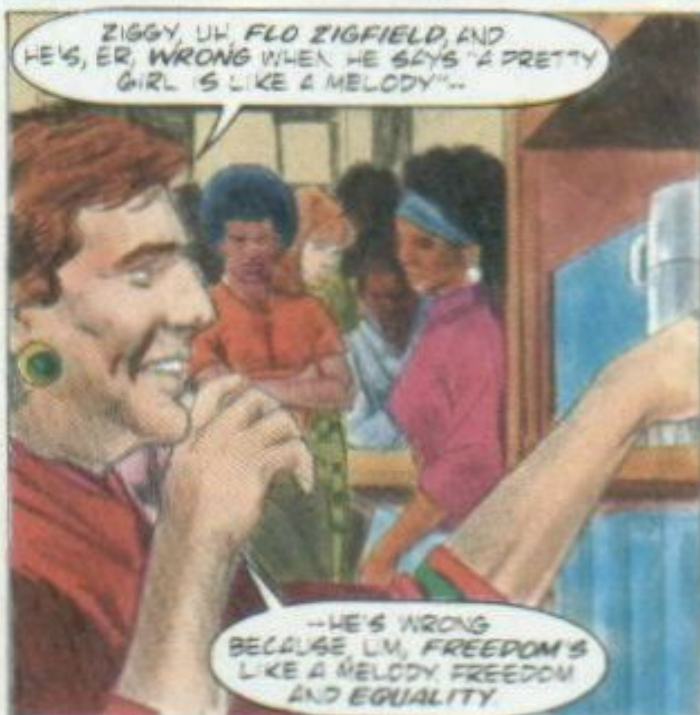
BESIDES, ZIGGY SAYS THERE'S ONLY A FOUR PERCENT CHANCE WE'RE HERE TO SAVE KING.



WELL, MAYBE ZIGGY'S WRONG!



SO TELL US, MIZZ CONNORS, WHO'S "ZIGGY"?



ZIGGY, UH FLO ZIGFIELD, AND HE'S, ER, WRONG WHEN HE SAYS "A PRETTY GIRL IS LIKE A MELODY"...

--HE'S WRONG BECAUSE LM, FREEDOM'S LIKE A MELODY, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY.



THAT'S OUR LESSON FOR THIS AFTERNOON. LET'S TALK ABOUT EQUALITY.

SINCE YOU ASKED, RANDY, WHY DON'T YOU START US OFF...

DAMN, SHE'S GOOD!



FREEDOM AND EQUALITY IS EVERYONE'S RIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

'BOUT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, LINCOLN FREED THE SLAVES, THEREBY ENSURING--

--THAT FOLKS LIKE YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SLEEP NIGHTS WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.



DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT?

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY, "FOLKS LIKE ME"?



YOU KNOW, MISS CONNORS, WHITE MIDDLE-CLASS LIBERALS WHO DON'T CARE IF SOMEONE BEATS A "NIGGER"--

--JUST DO IT "BEHIND THE BARN" OUT OF SIGHT.

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FIRST OFF, I DON'T LIKE THAT WORD AND NEVER WANT TO HEAR IT IN THIS CLASS AGAIN--

--AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M EMBARRASSED BY IT, EITHER! I JUST THINK THAT, WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE TO MAKE YOU SO BITTER--

--BUT IT'S BLINDING YOU TO A LOT OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT TO HELP--!



LIKE YOU, MISS CONNORS? STORY 'ROUND SCHOOL IS YOU WANT US TO PASS THIS TEST SO YOU CAN GET TRANSFERRED--

TO A NICE, SUBURBAN, WHITE SCHOOL THAT TLE, MISS CONNORS?



NO! I--

IT'S TRUE, SAM.

ACCORDING TO ZIGGY, IN THE ORIGINAL HISTORY, KAREN WAS NEVER ABLE TO DEAL WITH RANDY'S ANGER--



WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WOULD FAIL WITH THE CLASS, SHE QUIT AND RAN HOME TO MUNCIE--

--THIS STARTED HER ON A DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF BAD JOBS AND FAILED MARRIAGES.



LEAPING IN AND OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S BODIES ACROSS TIME HAS ENABLED ME TO SEE AND DO MANY, SOMETIMES, WONDERFUL THINGS.

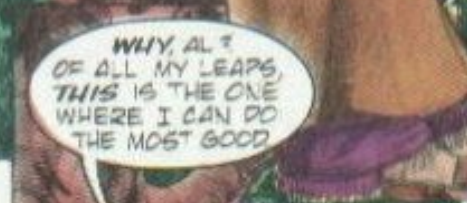
### LORRAINE MOTEL

I'VE SAVED LIVES, OR AT LEAST, CHANGED THEM FOR THE BETTER, ALWAYS TO SOME GREATER PURPOSE THAT I EVEN, SOMETIMES, UNDERSTAND.

OTHER TIMES, LIKE NOW, I WONDER--



SAM?



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SOME  
SWEET "WHITE MEAT"  
ON THE WRONG SIDE  
OF TOWN--

--AIN'T YOU HEARD  
"SWEET MEAT"? THERE'S  
A RACE WAR GOIN' DOWN IN  
THE U.S. OF A--

-- AND YOU  
JUST ENTERED  
THE DMZ !

SAAMM  
THIS S NOT  
GOOD

ZIGGY NEVER EXTRAPOLATED  
YOUR COMING TO THIS PART OF  
TOWN LATE AT NIGHT--

-- IT WAS NEVER SUPPOSED  
TO HAPPEN ! THE NEXT FIVE  
MINUTES ARE CRITICAL--

--ZIGGY FIGURES A 78%  
FATALITY SCENARIO. SAM!  
YOU COULD BE KILLED!

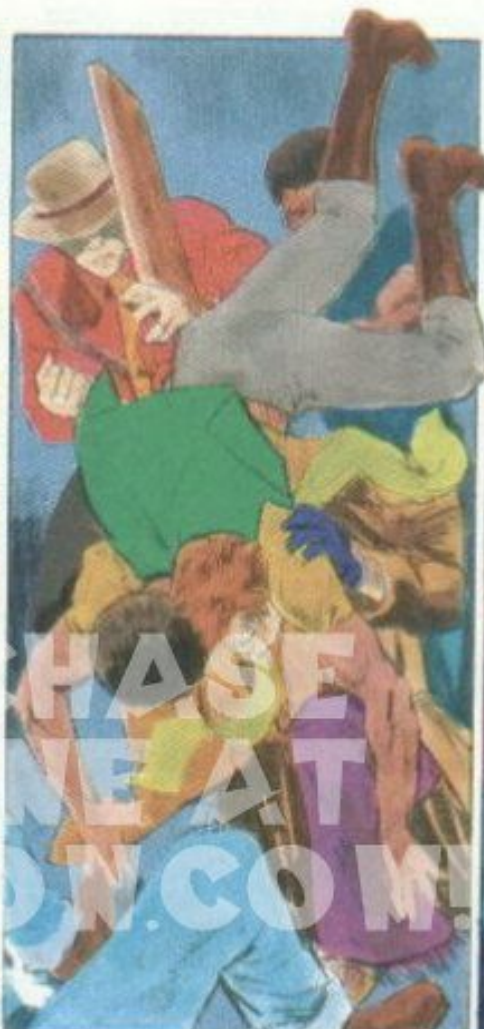
NO  
KIDDING!

DOES IT  
LOOK LIKE I'M  
KIDDING?

OH,  
BOY!

KLUD!







SAM!  
I CAN'T HOLD HIM OFF  
MUCH LONGER--!

THIS'LL BE  
FOR ALL THE  
BROTHERS--



YOU AIN'T  
NO BROTHER  
OF MINE!

**THWAK**

YEOW!



BROTHER! WHY YOU  
WANNA GET YOURSELF KILLED  
FOR "WHITEY"?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO  
BE FIGHTIN' FOR EQUALITY,  
"BROTHER"--

--AND FOUR ON ONE  
DON'T HARDLY SEEM  
EQUAL TO ME!

YOU TELL HIM,  
KID! THEY CAN'T  
MESS WITH US!



RANDY, WAIT!  
DON'T RUN!

**WEEEOOOOWEEEOOOO!**

**LET'S BLOW  
MAN!**

GOT TO!  
THEY'LL NEVER  
BELIEVE ME--

**PIGS!**



I'LL TELL THEM WHAT  
HAPPENED! YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO BE AFRAID!

THE DANGER'S  
OVER, SAM. ZIGGY SHOWS  
"ALL CLEAR" CONCERNING YOUR,  
UM, SURVIVABILITY.

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THESE THINGS TAKE TIME. ANYTHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR DOES.

YOU'RE YOUNG AND IMPATIENT--

Y'SEE THAT? EVEN ON YOUR SAY-SO, "THE MAN" DON'T TRUST A BROTHER. THAT'S WHAT IT IS

THAT'S WHAT I GOT TO LIVE WITH EVERY DAY.

--AND SOMETIMES THAT'S GOOD. IT PROMOTES CHANGE

BUT SOMETIMES BEING IMPETUOUS CAUSES YOU TO MAKE RASH DECISIONS--

DECISIONS YOU MAY REGRET LATER, ONES YOU RARELY GET THE CHANCE TO GO BACK AND CORRECT.

EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL, MA'AM. JUST THE SAME, YOU AND YOUR "FRIEND" HAD BETTER GET OFF THE STREETS.

THANK YOU, OFFICER. WE'LL BE FINE.

KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN, SON.

YES, SIR.

BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU DOING DOWN HERE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?

I HAVE A JOB AT A RESTAURANT NEAR HERE, WASHING DISHES. I HEARD THE RACKET YOU WAS--

"WERE."

--WERE MAKING, AND THOUGHT I'D... HEY! WHAT WERE YOU DOING DOWN HERE?

UM, WELL, I HEARD THAT DR. KING WOULD BE STAYING THERE AND I JUST WANTED TO SEE FOR MYSELF--

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF DR. KING?

LET'S JUST SAY I'M INTERESTED IN HISTORY IN THE MAKING. YOU?

I DON'T KNOW. HE SEEMS TO BE WORKIN' FOR THE PEOPLE--

--BUT NAN, THAT'S MY GRANDMA, SHE SAYS HE'S A RABBLE ROUSER AND A TROUBLEMAKER.

SHE'S AN OLD-TIMER, SURE, BUT SOME OF THE YOUNGER FOLKS FEEL THAT WAY, TOO.

SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK OUT FOR YOURSELF, FOR MYSELF--

--I BELIEVE THAT THE IDEA IS WHAT COUNTS. DON'T LET PERSONAL FEELINGS ABOUT THE MAN DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGE

HERE'S MY RIDE. NEED A LIFT?

NAW, I'D BETTER GET BACK BEFORE MR. TRISCHLER HAS MY BUTT FOR BREAKFAST.

SEE YOU IN CLASS, TOMORROW?

THAT WAS VERY NICE, SAM. I THINK YOU GOT THROUGH TO HIM.

I DON'T KNOW, AL. HE'S SO ANGRY AND CONFUSED

WICK BARTENDER, I'LL HAVE WHAT SHE'S DRINKIN'!

I GUESS SOMEBODY WAS TO HELP YOU UP WHEN YOU TRIP OVER YOUR OWN TWO FEET AGAIN.

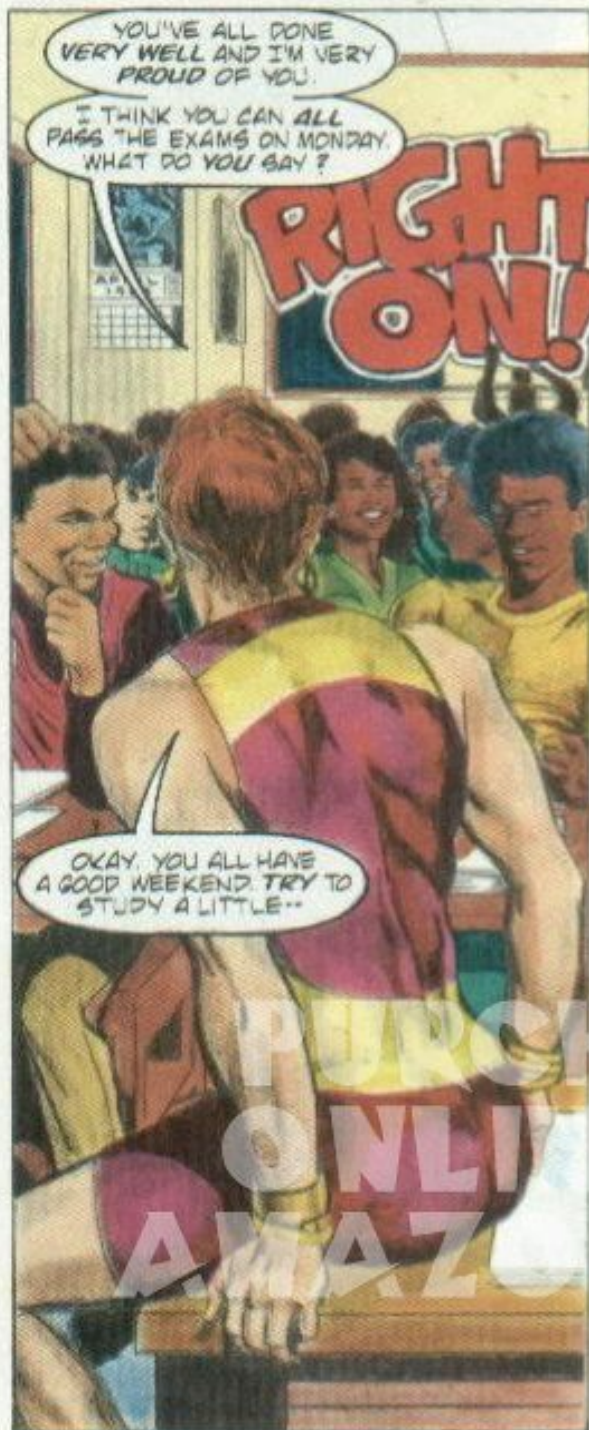
THE LATE SIXTIES WERE A CONFUSING TIME FOR A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, BLACK AND WHITE. YOU DID GOOD.

MAYBE AL WAS RIGHT GETTING THROUGH TO RANDY SEEMED TO WORK MIRACLES.

AND NOW, WITH MY HELP, KAREN WAS THAT SOMEONE.

OR MAYBE IT JUST REQUIRED SOMEONE WILLING TO STICK WITH IT LONG ENOUGH.

IN ANY EVENT, THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE A BLUR OF SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY.



YOU'VE ALL DONE VERY WELL AND I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU.

I THINK YOU CAN ALL PASS THE EXAMS ON MONDAY. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

**RIGHT ON!**

OKAY, YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND. TRY TO STUDY A LITTLE--



--OH! AND DON'T FORGET YOUR NUMBER TWO LEAD PENCILS--

GOD, I SOUND LIKE MRS. MCCREEDY BACK AT ELK RIDGE HIGH.



G'WAN, GET OUTTA HERE, YA JUVENILE DELINQUENT! GO SCRUB SOME POTS!



RANDY, I KNOW YOU HAVE TO WORK, BUT TRY NOT TO NEGLECT YOUR STUDYING.

RIGHT AND YOU TRY NOT TO FALL DOWN TOO MUCH, MIZZ CONNORS

UH, RIGHT ON--



WHAT ARE THEIR CHANCES, AL? REALLY.

HARD TO SAY. SAM ZIGGY'S STILL COLLECTING ALL THE NEW DATA YOUR PRESENCE HERE HAS CREATED.

IN ANY CASE--

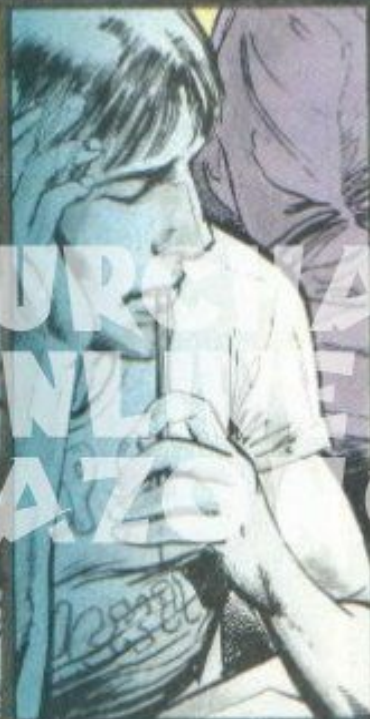


"--WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE MONDAY MORNING."

ALL RIGHT, CLASS. PUT YOUR BOOKS AWAY.

JAKE AND ALTHEA ARE  
PASSING OUT THE TEST PAPERS,  
BUT DON'T OPEN THEM UNTIL I  
SAY TO

OKAY,  
BEGIN.



→ AHEM ←



PRINCIPAL BARNES SAYS WE'LL HAVE THE TEST RESULTS ON THURSDAY.

IN THE MEANTIME, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IS SPEAKING IN TOWN TOMORROW NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY--

--IT'S NOT MANDATORY THAT YOU ATTEND, BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED.



CHILL OUT, RANDY. I'M SURE YOU DID JUST FINE.

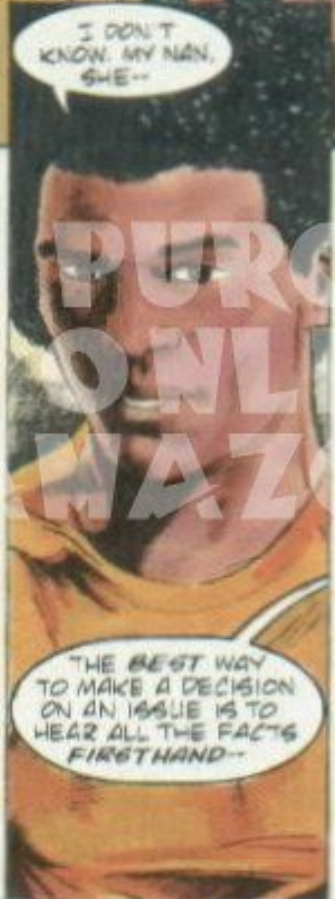
"CHILL OUT?"



UH, I MEAN, "BE COOL."

NO, I LIKE "CHILL OUT" BETTER. YEAH "CHILL OUT."

ARE YOU GOING TO HEAR DR. KING?



I DON'T KNOW. MY NAN, SHE--

THE BEST WAY TO MAKE A DECISION ON AN ISSUE IS TO HEAR ALL THE FACTS FIRSTHAND--



--THEN DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

PLEASE GO YOU MIGHT NOT GET--



ANOTHER CHANCE--

IS ANYTHING WRONG, MISS CONNORS?



NO. I'M FINE. GOODBYE, RANDY.

APRIL 4, 1968

"IN THE EARLY, PRE-DAWN HOURS,  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS  
GUNNED DOWN

"SINCE THAT TIME, RIOTS HAVE BROKEN  
OUT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THOUSANDS  
STAND MOURNING OUTSIDE HIS HOTEL--

"--AND I'VE NEVER FELT SO LITTERLY  
USELESS IN MY ENTIRE LIFE."

I WENT TO HEAR  
HIM LAST NIGHT, AL HE  
WAS INSPIRING--  
--AND I COULDN'T  
SAVE HIM. WHEN CAN I  
GET OUT OF HERE?

I DON'T CARE  
ABOUT THE DAMN TEST  
SCORES, AL!

HELLO? YES, THIS  
IS KAREN, MR BARNES  
UH-HUH--

BARNES WILL  
BE CALLING WITH  
THE TEST RESULTS SOON  
YOU'LL PROBABLY  
LEAP THEN.

EVERYTHING  
WILL WORK OUT, SAM  
YOU'LL SEE.

SOMETHING'S  
HAPPENING, SAM!  
ZIGGY'S IMPUTTING  
NEW DATA--

THE CLASS  
AVERAGE WAS A  
SEVENTY-EIGHT!  
THEY PASSED!  
EVEN RANDY.

--JAKE BECOMES ACTIVE IN  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL  
RIGHTS MOVEMENT--

--AND RANDY GOES ON TO  
BECOME A LAWYER FOR THE ACLU!  
YOU DID IT, SAM! YOU COULDN'T SAVE  
THE MAN, BUT YOU PRESERVED--

I KNOW! ZIGGY  
SAYS THE PROGRAM  
WILL BE RENEWED  
AND--

--ZIGGY ALSO  
SAYS THAT ALTHEIA GOES  
ON TO BECOME A  
SOCIAL WORKER, HELPING  
GHETTIC FAMILIES

--THE DREAM.



