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TOO FUNNY FOR WORDS

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WHOA! GIVE ME A CHANCE HERE.



YOU'RE BOMBING, SON.



YOU KNOW A LOT OF DIRTY WORDS, BOY. DO YOU KNOW ANY DIRTY JOKES?



A DIRTY JOKE. TERRIFIC. AL, WHERE ARE YOU?

JOKES. RIGHT.

UH, DO YOU GUYS KNOW KNOCK, KNOCK JOKES?

KNOCKERS?



THEY'RE KILLING HIM OUT THERE. I HAVE TO HELP HIM.



NO, NO, KNOCK, KNOCK JOKES.

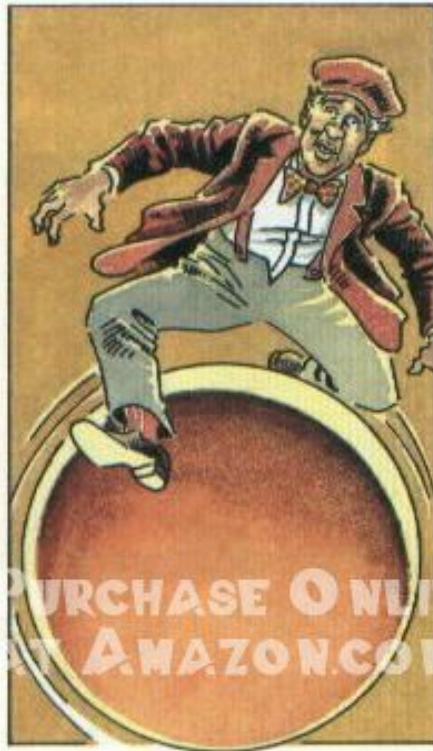
TRUST ME, THEY'RE HILARIOUS I SAY--

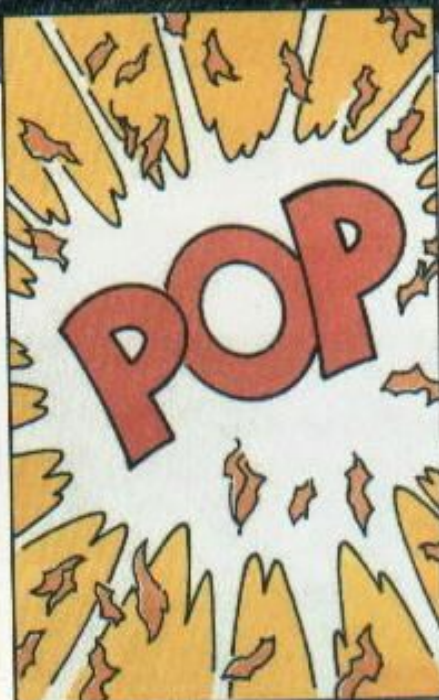
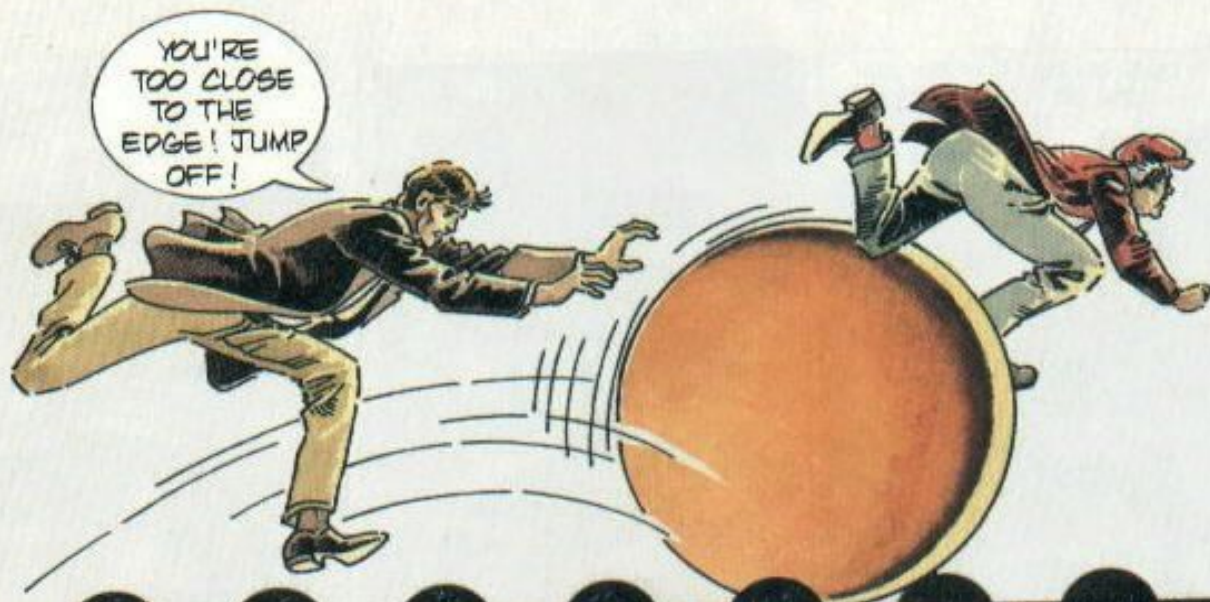


KNOCK, KNOCK HIM DOWN!

WHAT THE--?

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IT WAS JUST **SLAP-STICK**. THAT'S ALL I KNOW. I CAN'T WRITE FOR YOU MODERN **INTELLECTUAL** TYPES. THAT'S NOT HOW I'M FUNNY.



THANKS FOR TAKING A CHANCE ON ME. SEE YA AROUND.

SAM, THERE GOES ONE OF HOLLYWOOD'S GREATEST COMEDIANS, BILLY KRASDEN.



BILLY KRASDEN? ARE YOU SURE? IS THAT WHAT ZIGGY SAYS?

I HAVEN'T CHECKED WITH ZIGGY. BUT I'D KNOW THAT GRUMPY, GRANITE FACE ANYWHERE.

SO, AL—WHERE AM I?

ZIGGY SAYS YOU'RE IN 1966.

I REMEMBER SEEING BILLY IN THOSE SCHLOCKY BEACH MOVIES IN THE EARLY SIXTIES. IT WAS KIND OF SAD.

ESPECIALLY, IF YOU HAD SEEN ANY OF THE GREAT MOVIES HE MADE IN THE TWENTIES AND THIRTIES.



I'VE GOT SOME OF HIS MOVIES IN MY VIDEO COLLECTION. HE'S UP THERE WITH CHAPLIN AND KEATON.



IS BILLY THE REASON I'M HERE?

ZIGGY'S NOT SURE. HE'S CROSS-CHECKING THE RECORDS.



SEEMS BILLY WOULD DISAPPEAR FOR STRETCHES AT A TIME, THEN REAPPEAR. RUMORS ABOUT A DRINKING PROBLEM, THAT HE WAS HARD TO WORK WITH.

HEY, ISN'T THAT MUSIC I HEAR? ISN'T A STRIPPER SUPPOSED TO COME ON AFTER YOU?

AL, WHO AM I? SOME SORT OF COMEDIAN?

OK, OK, YOUR NAME IS **MANNY TODD**, AND YOU'RE A SMALL-TIMER WHO CAUGHT LENNY BRUCE LAST YEAR. THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE, AND YOUR STYLE OF HUMOR.



WHAT IS MY STYLE?

UH, DIRTY WORDS, SAM. MANNY CALLS IT **EXERCISING HIS FREE SPEECH**. THE LAW CALLS IT **OBSCENE**. SEEMS MANNY'S BEEN IN JAIL QUITE A FEW TIMES.



DIRTY JOKES? I CAN'T TELL DIRTY—



YOU WERE A GOOD BOY TONIGHT, MANNY.

YEAH, YOUR NEW ACT IS **CLEAN**. IT AIN'T FUNNY, BUT NEITHER WAS YOUR OLD ACT.

JUDGE SPENCER WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT JAIL TIME HAS MADE AN **IMPRESSION** ON YOU.



SAM,
I DON'T
LIKE THESE
NOZZLES.

STAY ON A **CLEAN** STAGE,
MANNY, AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO
LIVE IN A **DIRTY** CELL.
ALTHOUGH, THEY MIGHT THINK
YOUR KIND OF HUMOR
IS **FUNNY** IN THE
JOINT.

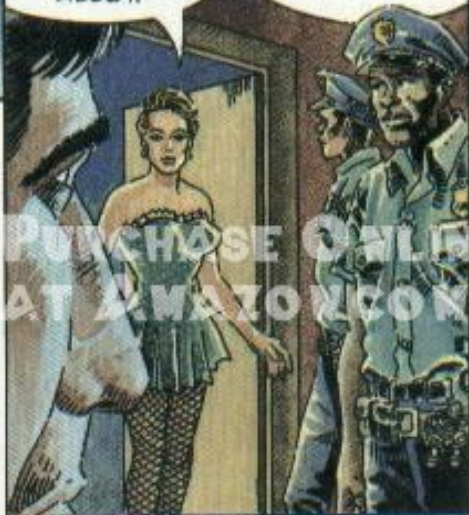
THEY'RE
JUST **JOKES**.
THEY DON'T **HURT**
ANYBODY. I
DON'T--

YOU
TALK ABOUT
SICK
THINGS--

JUST
CAUSE YOU'RE
ON STAGE DON'T
MEAN YOU AIN'T
A **PERVERT**.

MANNY'S SHOW IS
OVER, BOYS--
AND THIS TIME, HE
DIDN'T SAY A
DAMN THING YOU
CAN BE UPSET
ABOUT.

SO WHY DON'T
YOU JUST GET
THE **HELL** OUT
OF HERE AND GO
FIND SOME REAL
CRIMINALS?



BUT WE'LL
BE WATCHING
YOUR FOUL-MOUTHED
BOYFRIEND.
HE SLIPS UP, AND...

THIS IS DIANE, MANNY'S GIRLFRIEND
AND HIS AGENT. OH, AND WHAT'S
THIS? SHE'S A FORMER COCKTAIL
WAITRESS AND A **STRIPPER**?
SAM, YOU **LUCKY** DOG!



MANNY, YOU STUNK ON
ICE OUT THERE! I
TOLD YOU, BILLY'S
STUFF **ISN'T**
FUNNY.

THE
BEACH
BALL BIT
WAS
FUNNY.



YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
THE ONE GETTING
THE **LAUGHS**. NOT
BILLY.

BUT
BILLY
NEEDS THE
WORK. HE--

I **KNOW** HE DOES. AND HE'S
A **NICE** OLD MAN, BUT WE
CAN'T HELP HIM ANYMORE.
NOW, BE A DEAR AND GO ON
HOME. I TOLD RALPH I'D
STAY FOR LAST CALL.

I'LL
WAIT
FOR
YOU.



NO, I'LL BE OK. I WANT YOU
TO GO HOME AND TALK TO
BILLY. TELL HIM HE **HAS** TO
MOVE ON.

I DON'T KNOW, SAM. THIS ISN'T A GOOD TIME FOR BILLY.

AL, HOW AM I GOING TO KICK BILLY OUT?

I NEED TO KNOW WHY I'M HERE, AL. I NEED TO BE DOING **SOME-THING**

ZIGGY IS STILL CHECKING, BUT HE'S PRETTY SURE IT'S **NOT** MANNY. I MEAN, HE GOES TO JAIL A FEW MORE TIMES...

JAIL? I **HATE** JAIL, AL. I'M NOT SAYING **ANYTHING** OBSCENE ON STAGE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO JAIL.

OH, BOY!

WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE STRONGER LANGUAGE **SAM**, THAT **THAT**, **SAM**. MANNY HAS A REPUTATION-- OH, OH!

SAM, THAT'S BILLY UP THERE!

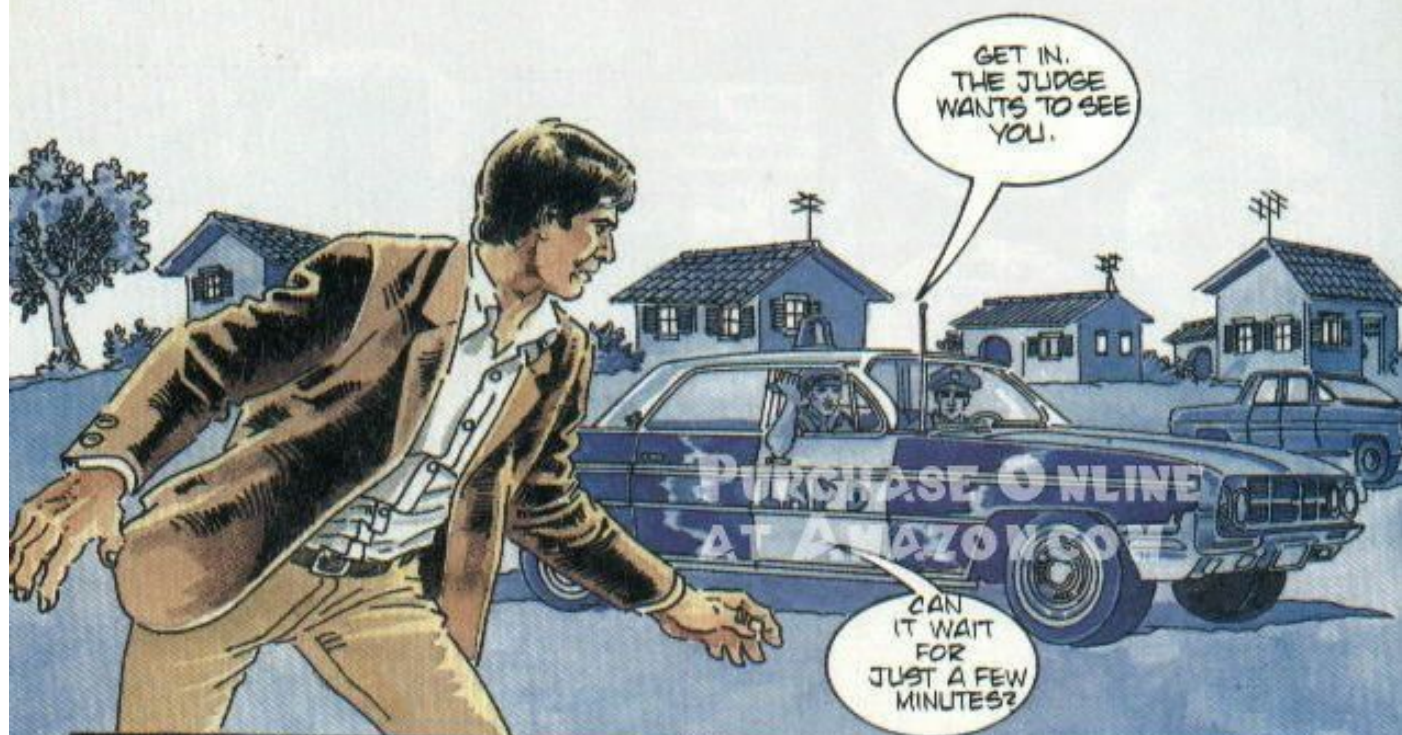
I KNOW, AND I THINK HE'S DRUNK, AL. WE HAVE TO GET HIM DOWN.

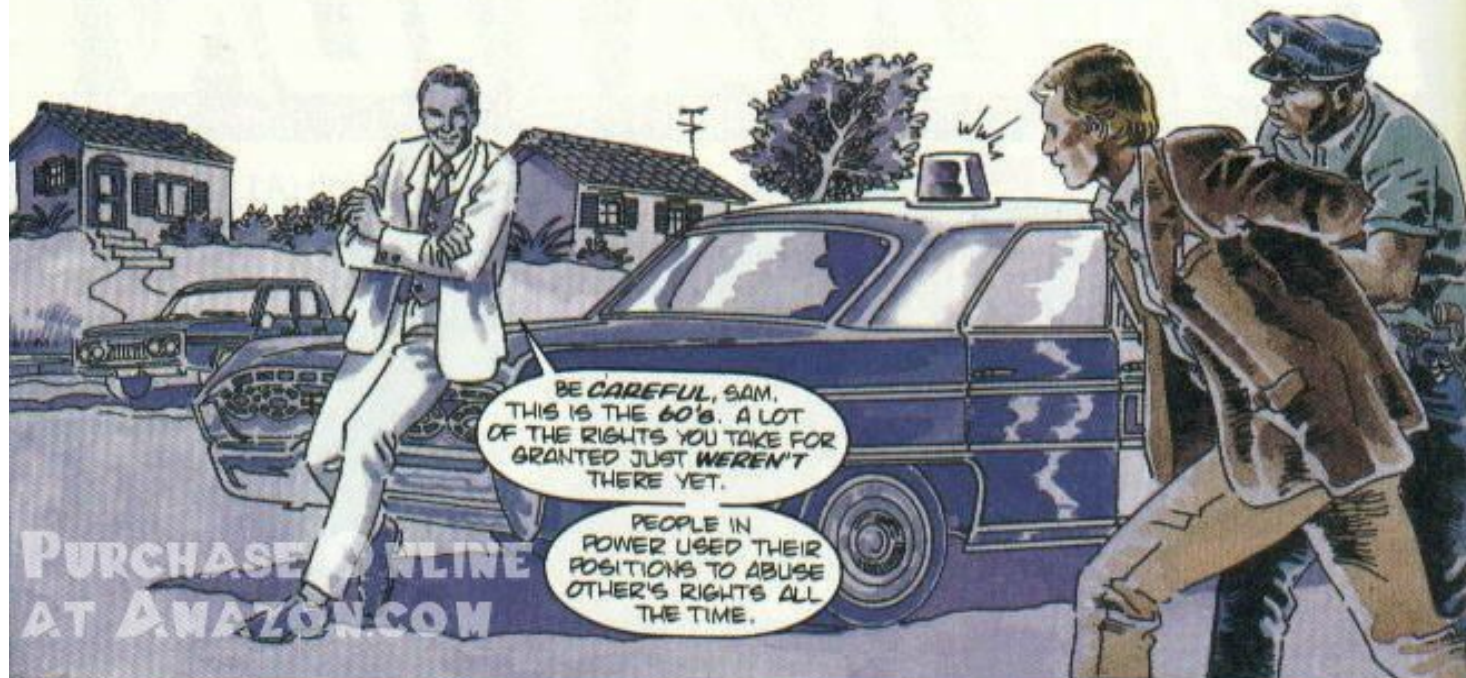
HEY, HEY, MANNY! JUST WASHING MY CLOTHES BEFORE I MOVE ON.

BILLY, STAY PUT! I'LL BE RIGHT UP!

SAM, WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

WHAT DO THEY WANT?



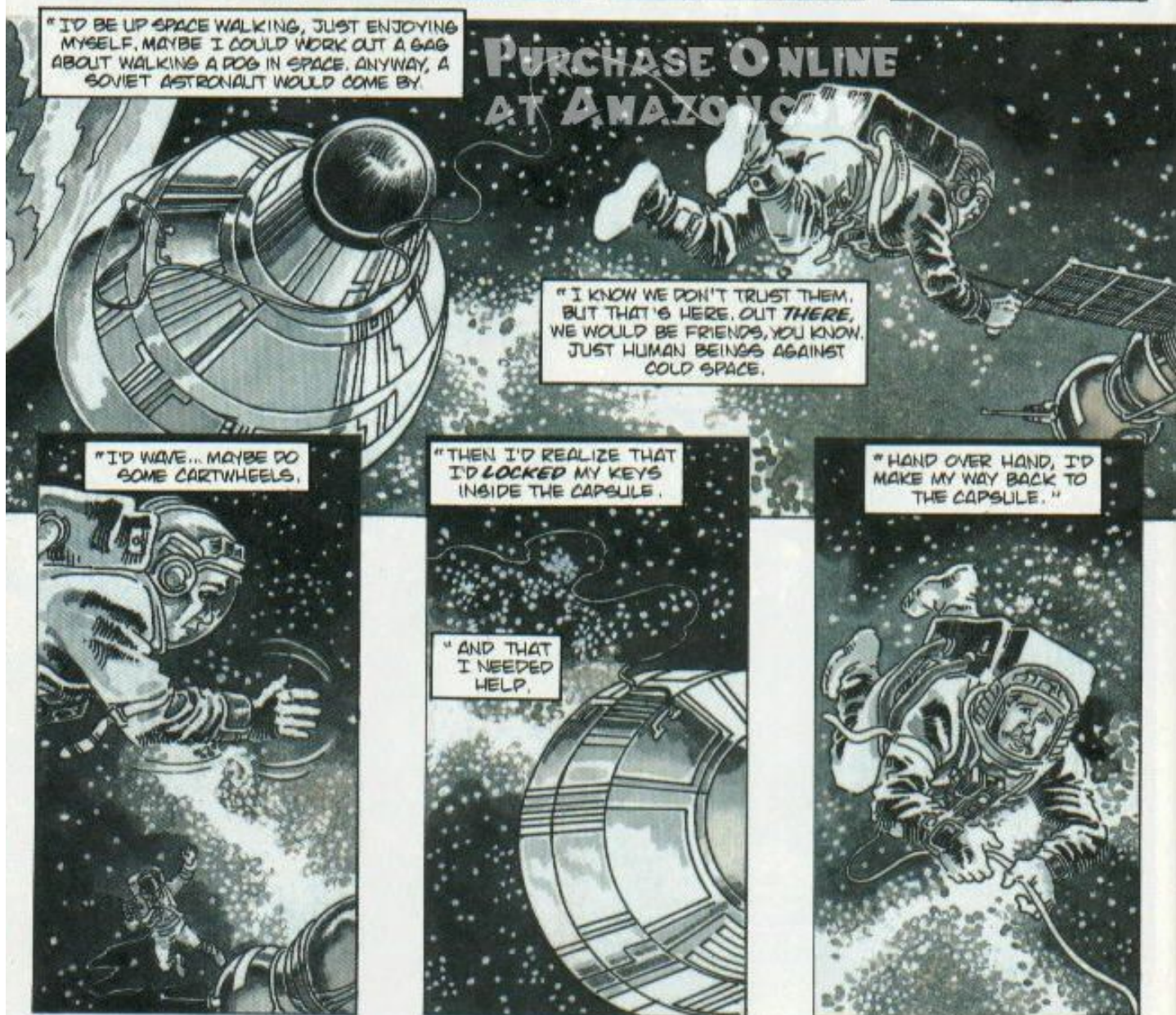


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"AND I'D JUST SIT THERE, AS IF I WERE AT MY FAVORITE FISHING HOLE. AND I'D BE FIDDLING WITH MY HELMET RADIO."

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"AND I KNOW A LITTLE RUSSIAN, BECAUSE I EXPECTED TO RUN INTO ONE. BUT I DON'T KNOW THE WORD FOR COAT HANGER."

THAT WOULD BE FUNNY, BILLY,

YOU KNOW, IT WAS FUNNIER BEFORE I TOLD IT. IN MY HEAD, IT WAS HILARIOUS. BUT IT TURNS SOUR.

YOU SEE, VLADIMIR WOULD BE OLD, TOO. BECAUSE IN THIS MOVIE, ALL THE OLD PEOPLE WENT TO THE MOON. ARTHRITIS DOESN'T BOTHER YOU IN LOW GRAVITY.

I'M OLD. MY HUMOR IS OLD-FASHIONED, TOO. THE WHOLE WORLD'S CHANGING, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHANGE WITH IT.

YOU YOUNG BUCKS CAN TALK ABOUT NOT GOING TO WAR. YOU QUESTION THE PRESIDENT.

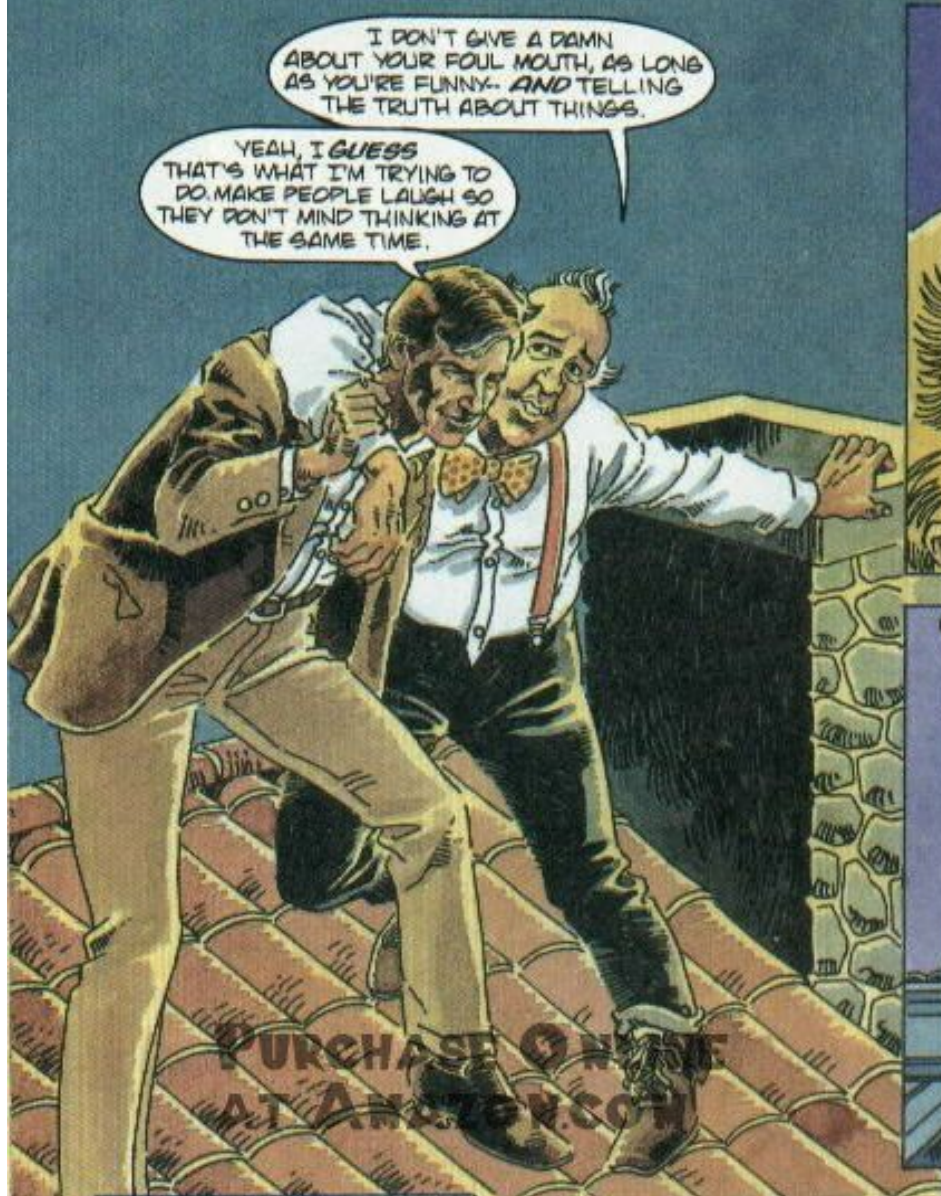
HELL, YOU EVEN TALK ABOUT SEX.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THOSE THINGS. I CAN'T WRITE YOUR KIND OF COMEDY.

HE'S RIGHT, SAM-- I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE CONFUSED BY THE CHANGES IN SOCIETY. WOMEN'S LIB, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. ALL THESE THINGS WERE PICKING UP STEAM.

MY COMEDY IS, UH, SOCIAL SATIRE, BILLY. THINGS ARE HAPPENING, AND I WANT PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEM.

I GUESS THAT AS KIND OF HARD TO WRITE, ESPECIALLY WITH AD-LIBBED OBSCENITIES, EH?





IT WILL BE
IF I CAN LINE
UP SOME WORK
FOR US.

GREAT DAY,
HUH, DIANE?

I HAVE
COMPLETE
FAITH IN
YOU.

YEAH, WELL THANKS
MAYBE AFTER A FEW PHONE
CALLS I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO SHARE SOME OF YOUR
OPTIMISM.

WELL,
BREAKFAST
IS ALMOST
READY.



--I'LL
GO ROUSE
BILLY.



C'MON
BILLY, RISE AND
SHINE!



BILLY,
WHERE ARE
YOU?



SAM, WHERE'S
BILLY? ZIGGY
SAYS THERE'S A
92% CHANCE HE'S
KILLED IN AN
APARTMENT FIRE
TODAY.

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HONESTLY, MANNY.
YOU KNOW WE *ALWAYS*
HAVE TO *PRY* EVERY PENNY
OUT OF RALPH'S TIGHT
FINGERS.

I'LL GO TO RALPH'S
OFFICE. YOU TWO WAIT HERE
AND MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T
GET PAST US.

AND DON'T WORRY,
WE WON'T BE LATE FOR THE
MOVIE AUDITION.



I WON'T
LET YOU DOWN TODAY,
MANNY. THAT AUDITION
IS IMPORTANT--

HEY, BOYS.



HI,
MANNY.



WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT A MOVIE
AUDITION?

WHAT
DO YOU GUYS
WANT?

THE JUDGE
DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY
THE CONVERSATION ENDED
LAST NIGHT.

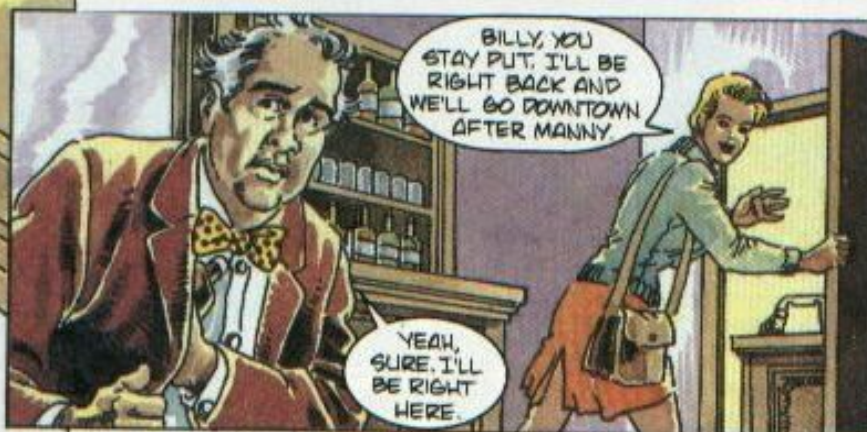
YEAH, HE
SENT US OVER
TO REMIND YOU
ABOUT A FEW
THINGS.



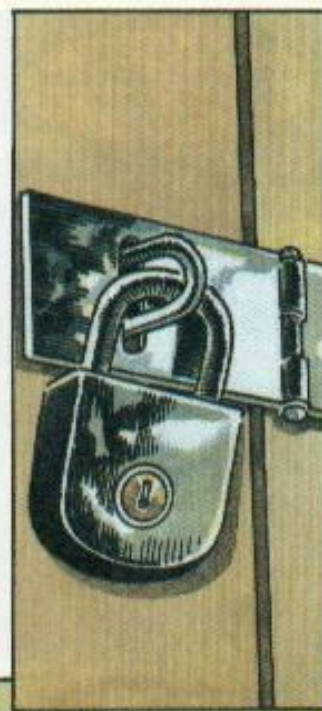
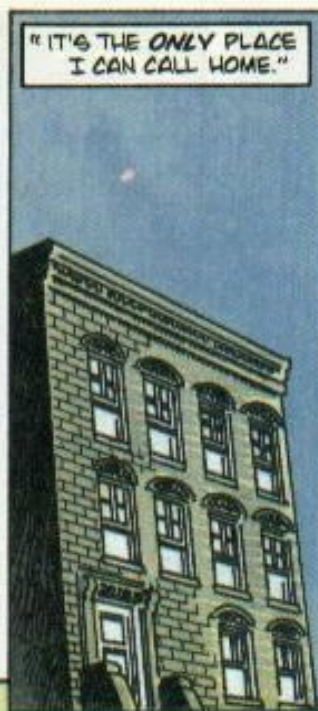
BUT I'LL BET HE'D
LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
YOU *IN PERSON* ABOUT
THIS AUDITION.

LEAVE US
ALONE! MANNY
HASN'T DONE
ANYTHING.





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"--AND A SMOKE."



MANNY! SO
HAPPY TO SEE YOU.
I HEAR YOUR LUCK HAS
BEEN CHANGING.

WHAT
CHARGE WAS
I ARRESTED
ON?

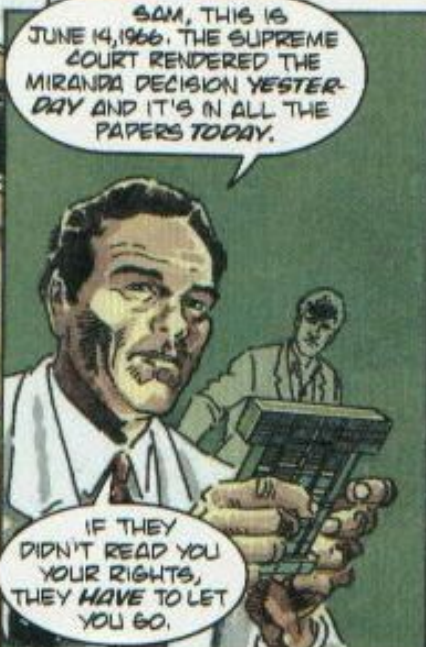
CHARGE?
OH, I'M SURE IT WAS
SOMETHING. MAYBE
I CAN TALK TO THE
OFFICERS ON YOUR
BEHALF.

THEY ONLY
DID IT TO HARRASS
ME! I DEMAND TO
BE LET GO.

I'M SURE
THE OFFICERS ACTED
PROPERLY.



SAM, WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE? WHERE'S
BILLY?



SAM, THIS IS
JUNE 14, 1966. THE SUPREME
COURT RENDERED THE
MIRANDA DECISION YESTER-
DAY AND IT'S IN ALL THE
PAPERS TODAY.

IF THEY
DIDN'T READ YOU
YOUR RIGHTS,
THEY HAVE TO LET
YOU GO.

I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHAT MIRANDA
MEANS. WHEN A PERSON IS ARRESTED, YOU
HAVE TO READ HIM HIS RIGHTS.

THEY DIDN'T. I'M SURE WE
COULD CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE
AND I COULD EXPLAIN HOW MY
RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED.



THIS
MIGHT BE A
GOOD TEST
CASE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I
WAS JUST... KIDNAPPED.
THE POLICE JUST DRAGGED
ME IN HERE--



I'M SURE MY
ATTORNEY WILL BE HERE IN
A FEW MINUTES--

--AND I'M SURE HE'S READ
THE MORNING PAPER ABOUT THE
MIRANDA DECISION.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

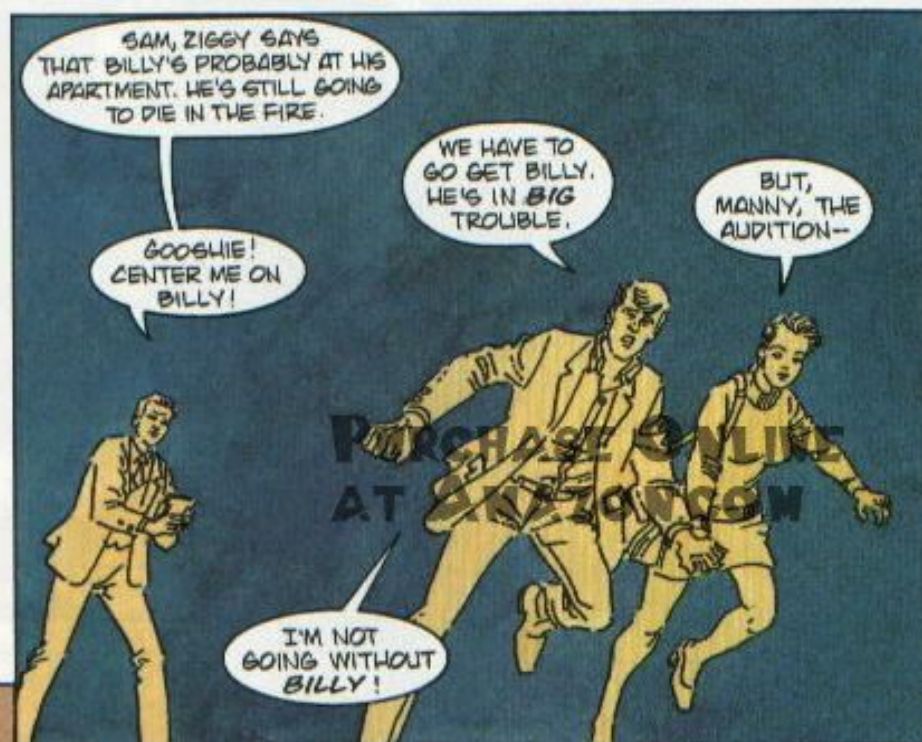
THAT DECISION IS NEW.
NOBODY KNOWS HOW IT'S GOING
TO BE IMPLEMENTED.



ATTABOY,
SAM. GET THIS
NOZZLE.

YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS,
AND IT'S GOING TO HELP MY
FREEDOM OF SPEECH CASE.

LET ME GO NOW,
AND I WON'T FILE A
COMPLAINT.

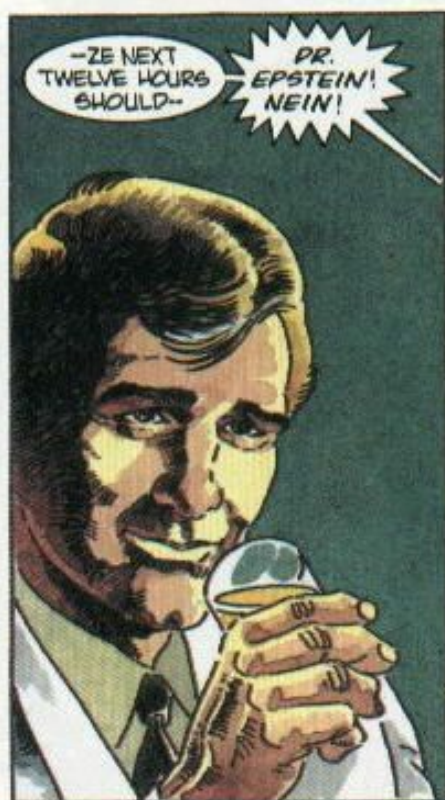




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