

QUANTUM LEAP™



"THERE IS THIS INSTANT,
AS I LEAP, IN WHICH I
FEEL AS THOUGH THIS IS
MY VERY LAST TRIP.

"I HOLD MY BREATH IN DESPERATE
ANTICIPATION, HOPING THAT THIS
IS MY FINAL LEAP—MY LEAP HOME.

"BUT I'M NOT HOME—
I'M NOT EVEN CLOSE.

—ON THE EIGHTEENTH
HOLE AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL,
A COOL BREEZE ACCENTUATING THE
HUSH OF THE CROWD.

ANOTHER PERSON MIGHT
BE OVERCOME BY THE SITUATION
JOE COCHIN'S BEEN PLACED IN. A
FIFTY FOOT DOUBLE-BREAKING PUTT
WITH THE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP
AT STAKE.

ANOTHER PERSON
MIGHT JUST COME UNGLUED
FROM THE PRESSURE AND
DISORIENTATION.

OOO
OH...
BOY!

"BUT FOR ME, THIS IS JUST
PAR FOR THE COURSE."

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Lives on the **FRINGE**

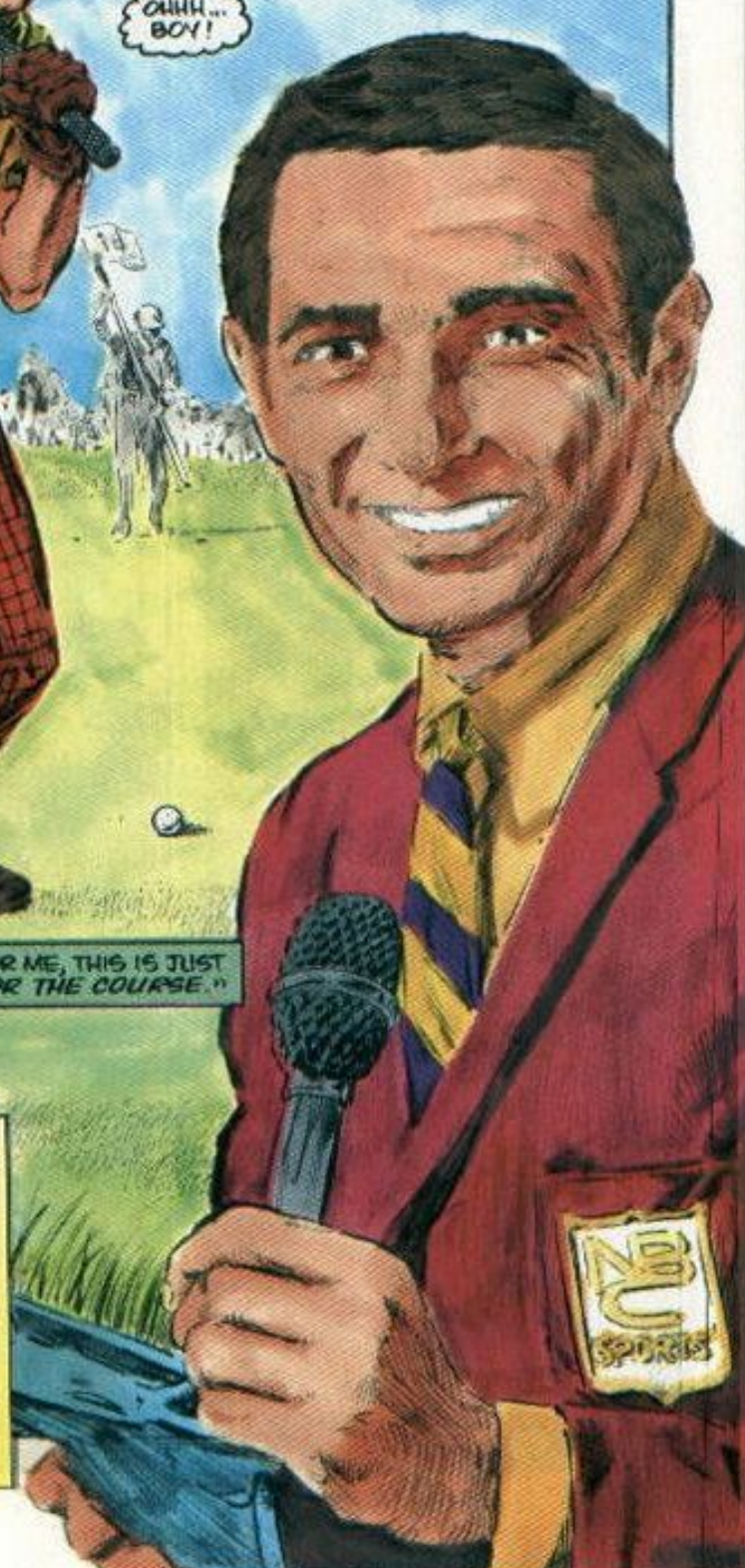
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"ALL THESE SPECTATORS, WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR ME TO PUTT.



"THIS MUST BE A PRETTY IMPORTANT EVENT. BUT WHAT... AND WHY?"

"WHO AM I? WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"



"WHY AM I WEARING THESE PRINTS?"



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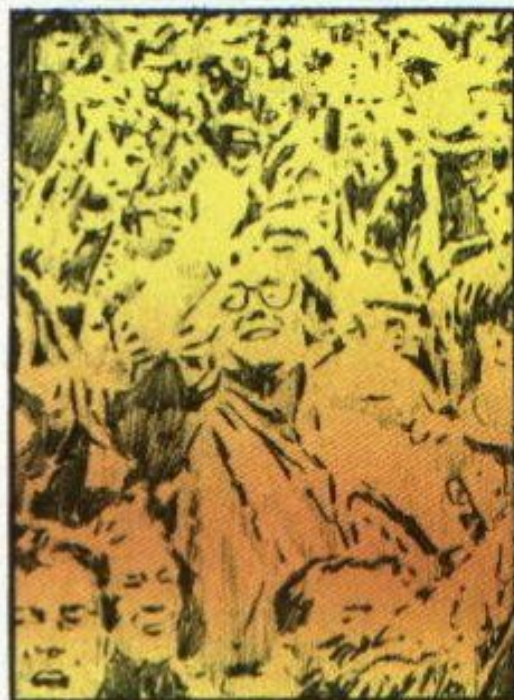
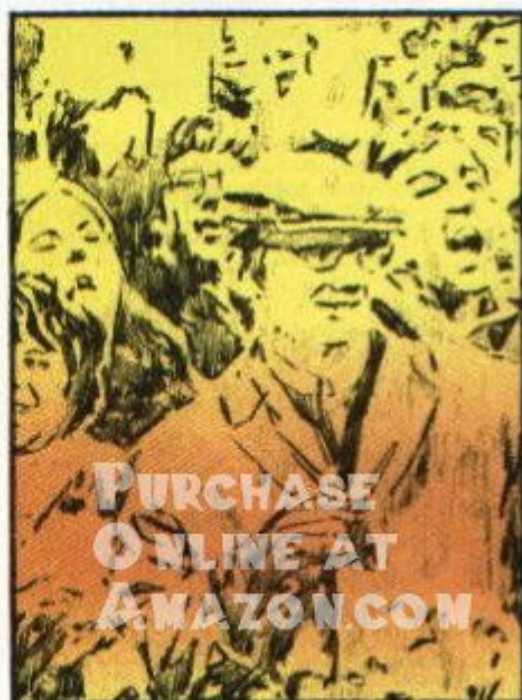


"OKAY, OKAY. PUTTING IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF SIMPLE GEOMETRY AND APPLIED PHYSICS."



"CALCULATE THE BREAK AND AMOUNT OF FORCE NEEDED, AND HIT THE BALL WITH A CLEAN, EVEN STROKE. SIMPLE, REALLY."





"MAYBE THIS IS WHY I WAS SENT HERE... TO HELP THIS GUY WIN THE TOURNAMENT. COULD IT BE--"

"COULD IT BE AS SIMPLE A THING AS MAKING A FIFTY FOOT PUTT?"



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"AFTER A VICTORY CELEBRATION AND PRESS CONFERENCE, I'VE FINALLY GOT A MOMENT ALONE. WELL, ALMOST ALONE."

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP, AL.

I'VE FIGURED OUT THAT MY NAME IS JOE COOKER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND THAT I'M A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.



SORRY, SAM. ZIGGY'S BEEN GIVING ME FITS TODAY.

OKAY, THERE IT IS. YOUR NAME IS "CHOKIN" JOE COCHIN. YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER. IT'S 1974, YOU'VE GOT A WIFE NAMED BELINDA AND A TWO-YEAR-OLD NAMED... UH, JOEY.

SO... WHO ARE WE HERE TO HELP THIS TIME?

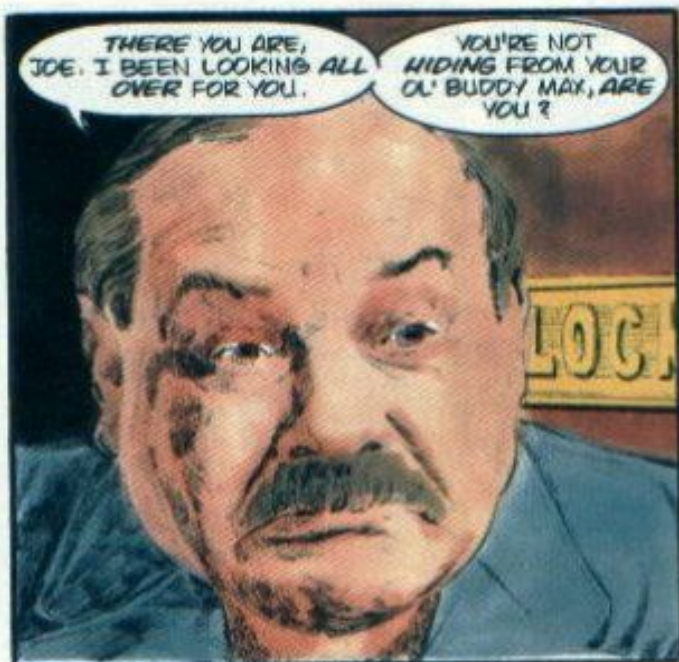


ZIGGY DOESN'T KNOW YET, BUT... UH, OH, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE, SAM?



ACCORDING TO ZIGGY'S CALCULATIONS, THERE'S A 94.9% CHANCE THAT YOUR MAKING THAT PUTT WILL ENDANGER THE LIFE OF SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU.





THERE YOU ARE, JOE. I BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.

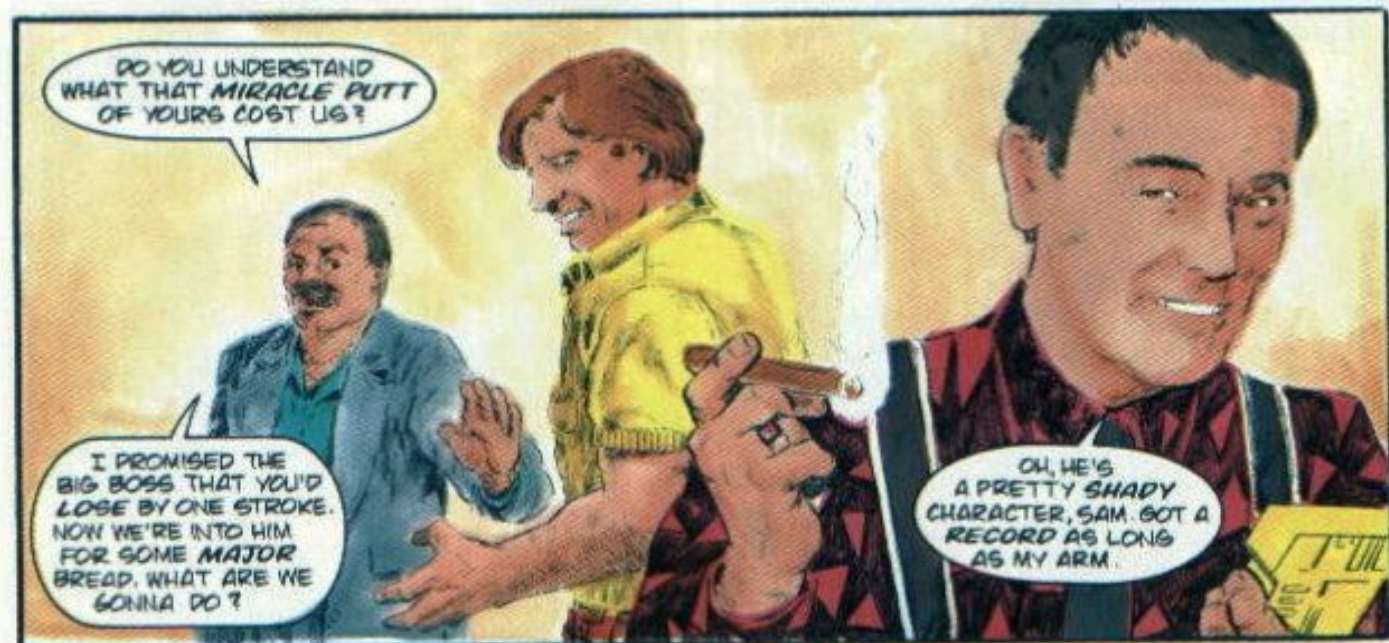
YOU'RE NOT HIDING FROM YOUR OL' BUDDY MAX, ARE YOU?



NO, OF COURSE NOT, UH... MAX.

I DON'T KNOW WHO... WAITAMINUTE, THIS IS MAX GRISSAM, YOUR MANAGER.

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DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MIRACLE PUTT OF YOURS COST US?

I PROMISED THE BIG BOSS THAT YOU'D LOSE BY ONE STROKE. NOW WE'RE INTO HIM FOR SOME MAJOR BREAD. WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

OH, HE'S A PRETTY SHADY CHARACTER, SAM. GOT A RECORD AS LONG AS MY ARM.



YOU BETTER COME UP WITH \$300 GRAND WITHIN A WEEK, JOE...

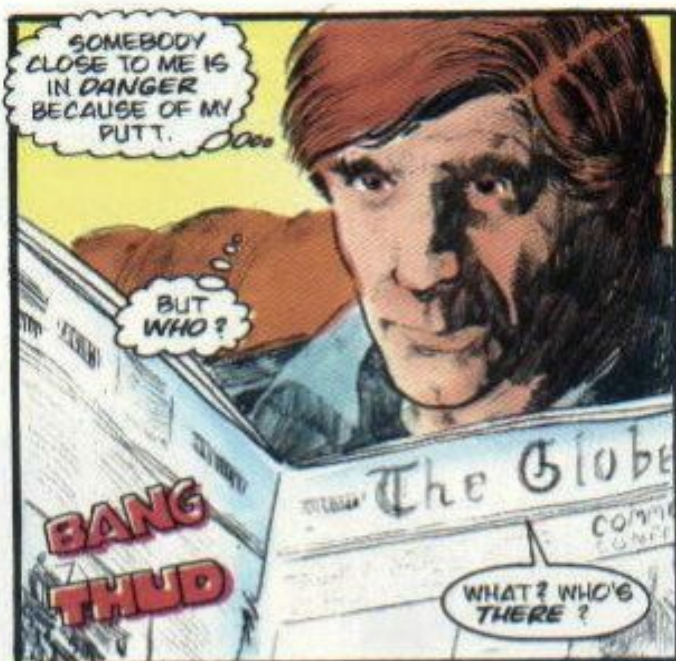
...OR THE MOB IS GOING TO BE FITTING YOU FOR SOME CONCRETE GOLF SHOES.

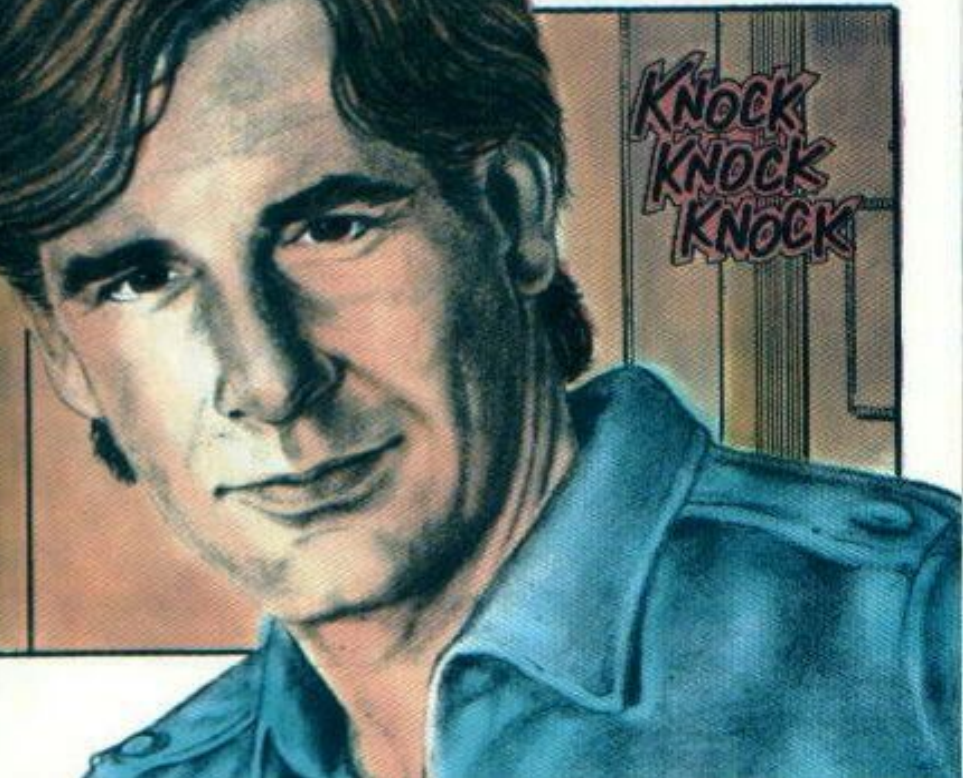
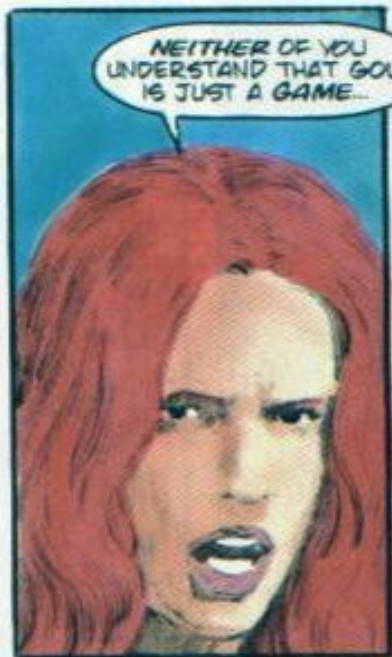
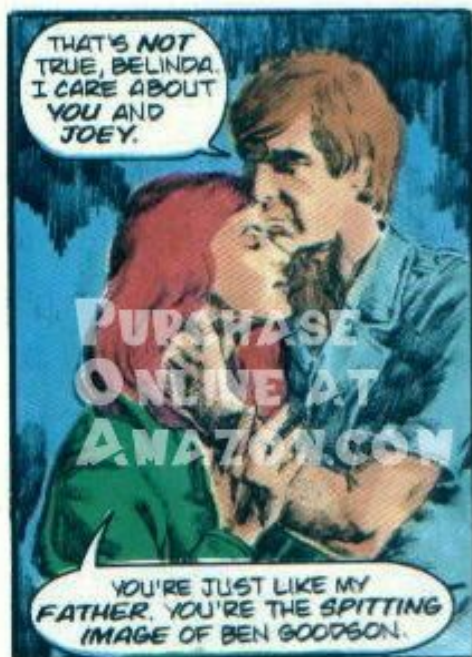
BETTING ON PROFESSIONAL GOLF?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

LOOK, SAM, I'M GOING TO DO SOME MORE SNOOPING AND GET BACK TO YOU.

BY THE WAY, THAT WAS A HELLUVA PUTT.







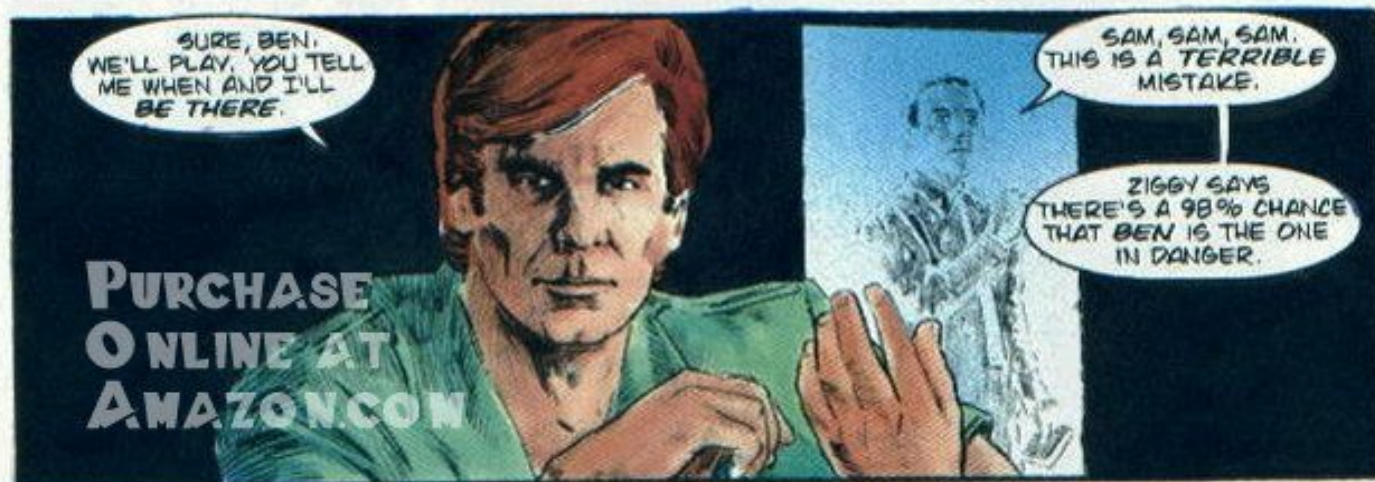


I'M SURE YOU STILL COULD, BEN.

MAYBE WE COULD GET TOGETHER AND PLAY SOME TIME.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE LOSING OUT ON YOUR DREAMS.

I WANT THE CHANCE TO PROVE THAT I COULD HAVE MADE IT, JOE.

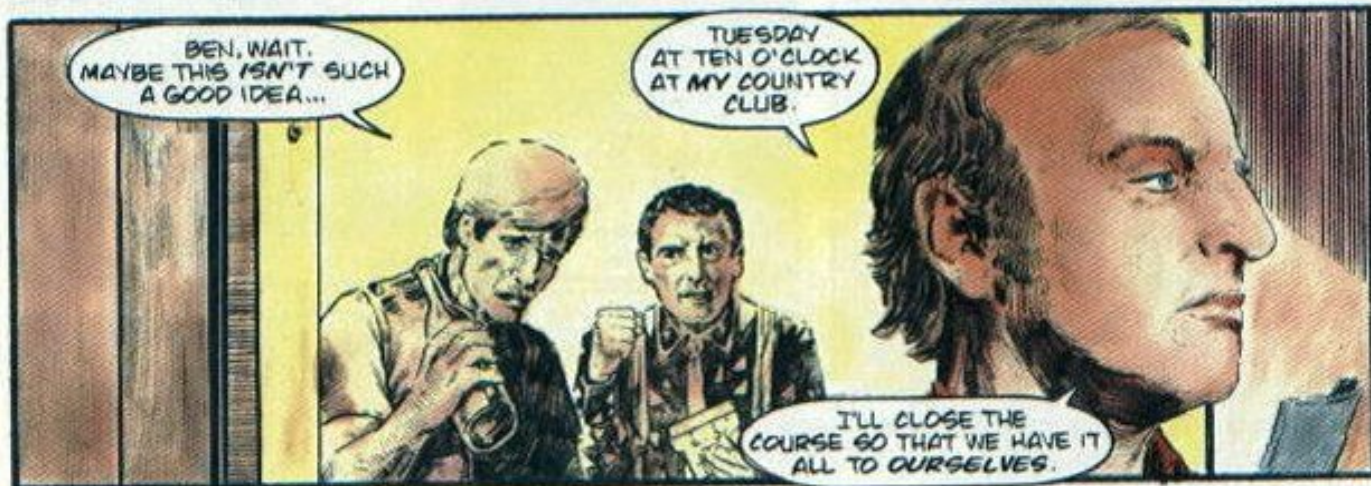


SURE, BEN. WE'LL PLAY. YOU TELL ME WHEN AND I'LL BE THERE.

SAM, SAM, SAM. THIS IS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

ZIGGY SAYS THERE'S A 98% CHANCE THAT BEN IS THE ONE IN DANGER.

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BEN, WAIT. MAYBE THIS ISN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA...

TUESDAY AT TEN O'CLOCK AT MY COUNTRY CLUB.

I'LL CLOSE THE COURSE SO THAT WE HAVE IT ALL TO OURSELVES.



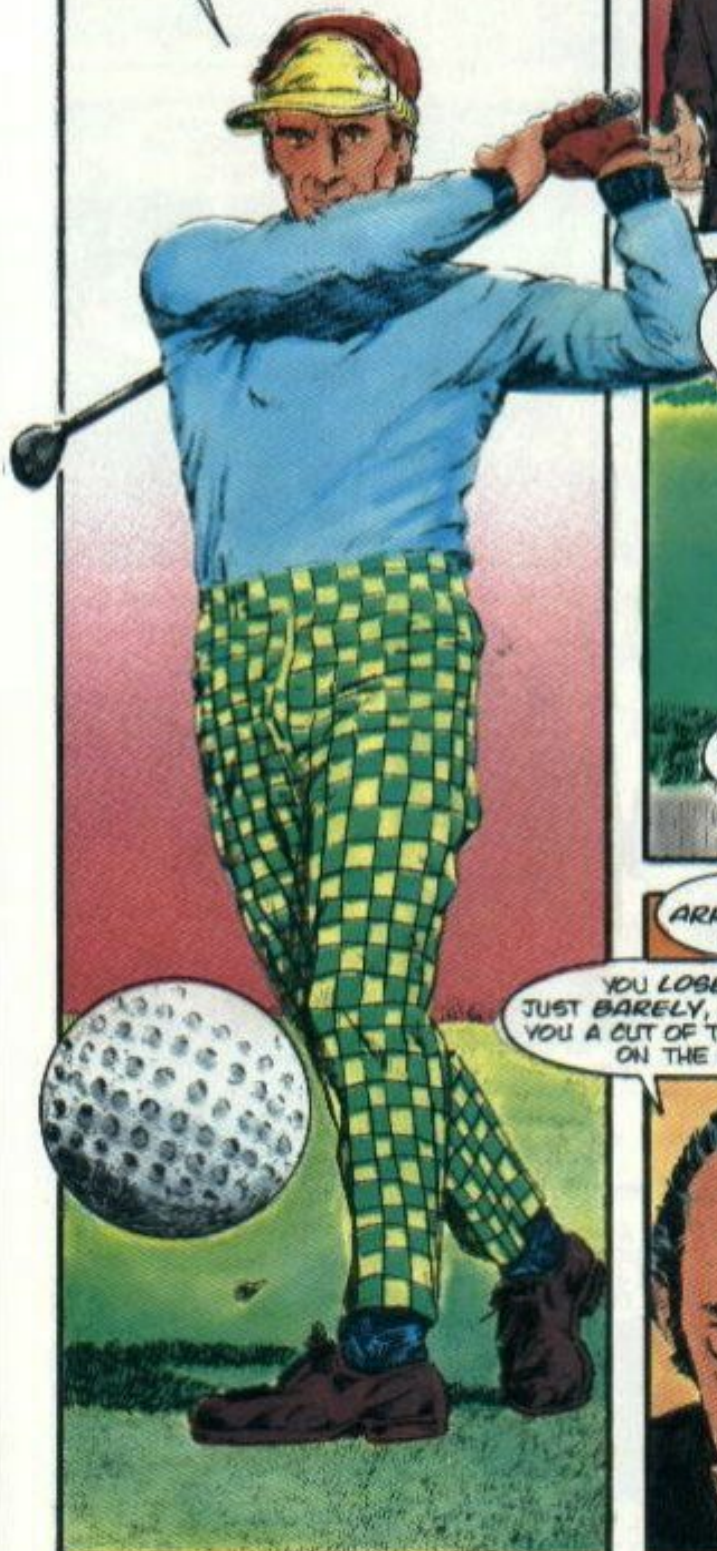
WELL, SAM. NOW YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT.

ACCORDING TO ZIGGY, BEN GETS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND KILLED DURING THE MATCH.

SWELL. THAT'S JUST SWELL.

NEEDED TO GET AWAY, THINK OF SOME WAY OUT OF THIS MESS.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SKIP THE MATCH. NO, BEN MIGHT PLAY, ANYWAY.



LOOK AT THE BIG SHOT GOLFER, BRUNO. HE'S TALKING TO HIMSELF.



YUH, LOOK AT HIM.

EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN. I'M TRYING TO WORK ON MY SWING.



WELL, THE BIG BOSS SENT US AROUND TO WARN YOU ABOUT WELSHING ON THE MONEY YOU AND MAX ONE US.

MAX SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT TOWN UNEXPECTEDLY. YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT, WOULD YOU?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?



HMMMM. I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT.

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WE HAD AN ARRANGEMENT WITH YOU AND MAX.

YOU LOSE THE TOURNAMENT-- JUST BARELY, MIND YOU-- AND WE GIVE YOU A CUT OF THE PROFITS WE MAKE ON THE BETTING ACTION.



LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ARRANGEMENT YOU HAD WITH MAX...

...BUT THAT'S BETWEEN YOU AND HIM. LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!



HOLD HIM THERE, BRUNO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A NEW GOLF SWING, CHAMP.



FORE!

URRRRKKKK!!



YOU BETTER FIND MAX AND GET THAT MONEY TO HIM, SPORT.

OR NEXT TIME YOU MIGHT JUST GET A HOLE-IN-ONE...

...RIGHT THROUGH YOUR HEAD.

YUH, RIGHT IN YOUR HEAD.

OOOOUUUUUHHH...



I'LL ...TALK TO...MAX.

YOU LEARN FAST, JOE. DON'T MAKE ME AND BRUNO HAVE TO COME BACK AND PAY YOU ANOTHER VISIT.

CAUSE IF WE DO, YOU'LL BE SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WITH A REAL HANDICAP.



DID YOU HEAR THAT, BRUNO? A HANDICAP AM I A RIOT OR WHAT?

HU, HU, HU.

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"GRAY SKIES. WHAT WAS I EXPECTING?
A BRIGHT, SUNNY DAY?"

"AND NOW I'VE GOT
THOSE GOONS, AS
WELL AS BEN, TO
WORRY ABOUT."

I WASN'T
SURE YOU'D HAVE
THE GUTS TO
SHOW, JOE.

I WAS
ABOUT TO TEE
OFF WITHOUT
YOU.



I STILL
DON'T THINK THIS
IS SMART, BEN.

NEITHER ONE OF US
HAS ANYTHING TO PROVE,
NOTHING TO GAIN.



IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME
JOE. YOU'VE HAD THE LIFE
I SHOULD HAVE HAD.

I JUST WANT TO
KNOW THAT IT COULD
HAVE BEEN ME.

BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
WEATHER?



QUIT TRYING
TO WEASEL OUT.
PLAY THE GAME,
JOE.

BUT THAT'S
JUST IT, BEN. I'M
TIRED OF PLAYING
THE GAME.

THE STAKES
HAVE GOTTEN WAY
TOO HIGH.



WE'VE BOTH LET
THIS GAME TAKE TOO
MUCH OF OUR LIVES.
THERE'S SO MUCH ELSE
THAT'S SO MUCH MORE
IMPORTANT.

I'M
QUITTING THE
TOUR, BEN.

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I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, BUT
WHATEVER IT IS--

--SPENDING
MORE TIME WITH
MY FAMILY WILL
BE A BIG PART
OF IT.



YOU MAY BE RIGHT, JOE. I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE IT'S NOT IMPORTANT TO WASTE YOUR LIFE WONDERING WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

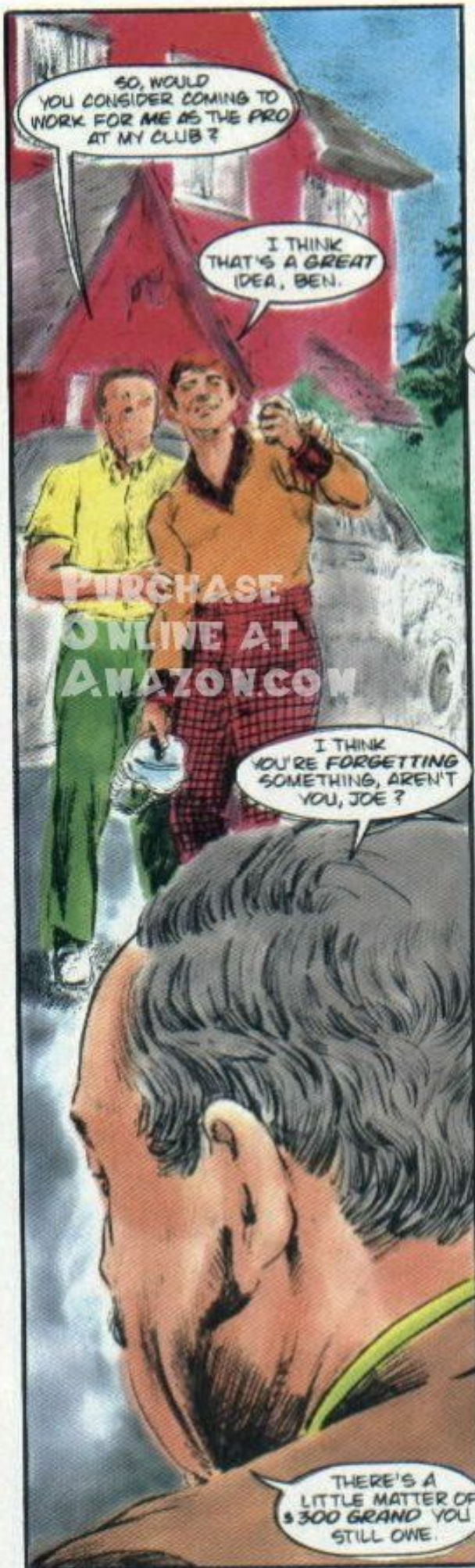


I'VE LET THIS... THIS OBSESSION EAT AWAY AT ME FOR WAY TOO LONG.

IT'S TIME I LET IT GO, ONCE AND FOR ALL.



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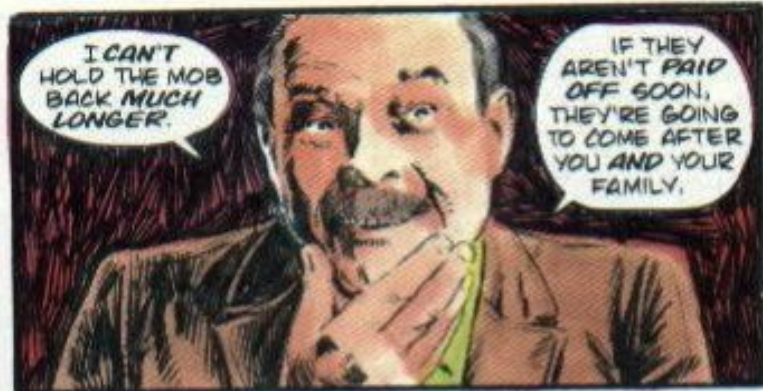


SO, WOULD YOU CONSIDER COMING TO WORK FOR ME AS THE PRO AT MY CLUB?

I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, BEN.

I THINK YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU, JOE?

THERE'S A LITTLE MATTER OF \$300 GRAND YOU STILL OWE.



I CAN'T HOLD THE MOB BACK MUCH LONGER.

IF THEY AREN'T PAID OFF SOON, THEY'RE GOING TO COME AFTER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



HOLD THE PHONE, SAM! ZIGGY SAYS THAT MAX HAS BEEN PLAYING YOU FOR A FATSY.

I KNOW THE REAL STORY, MAX. YOU'RE NOT GETTING A DIME FROM ME.

HE HIRED SOME ACTORS TO SCARE YOU INTO PAYING UP. THERE'S NO MOB.

I'M GOING TO TELL THE TOUR OFFICIALS THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT YOU, MAX.



DON'T FORGET THE POLICE, SAM.

AND I'M GOING TO THE POLICE.

BUT, BUT... THEY'LL BOOT YOU OFF THE TOUR.

IT'S TOO LATE, I QUIT.

HE'S COMING TO WORK FOR ME.



I'LL RUIN YOU, JOE. YOUR NAME WILL BE STRICKEN FROM THE RECORDS.

IS THIS A PRIVATE PARTY, OR IS THERE ROOM FOR A LITTLE COMPANY?



WELL, WELL, SAM. IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE COMING TOGETHER PRETTY NICELY.

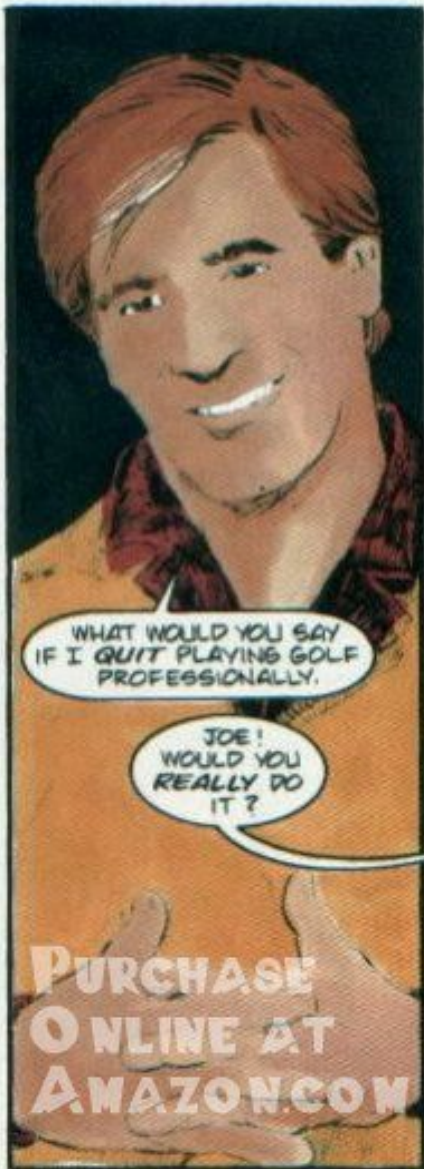
PRETTY NICELY, INDEED.



I WAS PRETTY ROUGH ON YOU BACK AT THE HOTEL, JOE. I'M SORRY.

I LOVE YOU, AND WE'LL STICK BY YOU, WHATEVER YOU DECIDE TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE.

DAD-DEE.



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I QUIT PLAYING GOLF PROFESSIONALLY.

JOE! WOULD YOU REALLY DO IT?

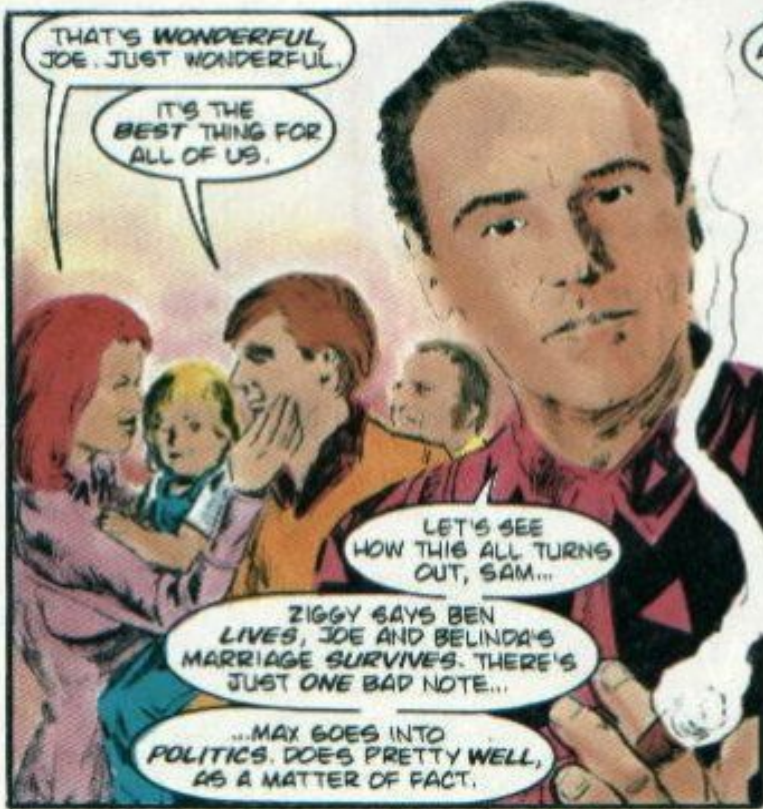
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BUT WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A LIVING?

HE'S GOING TO WORK AS THE PRO AT THE CLUB.



THAT'S WONDERFUL, JOE. JUST WONDERFUL.

IT'S THE BEST THING FOR ALL OF US.

LET'S SEE HOW THIS ALL TURNS OUT, SAM...

ZIGGY SAYS BEN LIVES, JOE AND BELINDA'S MARRIAGE SURVIVES. THERE'S JUST ONE BAD NOTE...

...MAX GOES INTO POLITICS. DOES PRETTY WELL, AS A MATTER OF FACT.



WE'LL BUY A HOUSE AND SETTLE DOWN AND WHO KNOWS...?

WITH A STROKE OF LUCK...



...WE MIGHT JUST LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.



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--I THINK
I'M GOING TO
THROW UP!

OH,
BOY...!

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Sarah's got a GUN

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UH, THANKS FOR
PLAYING 'DIRECTIONS'
WITH THE BUS DRIVER,
PRETENDING I DIDN'T
KNOW HOW TO GET
HERE--

UH,
IT WAS
FUN!



FUN?!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN
HELL, DRIVING AROUND
WITH ALL THOSE
RUGRATS!



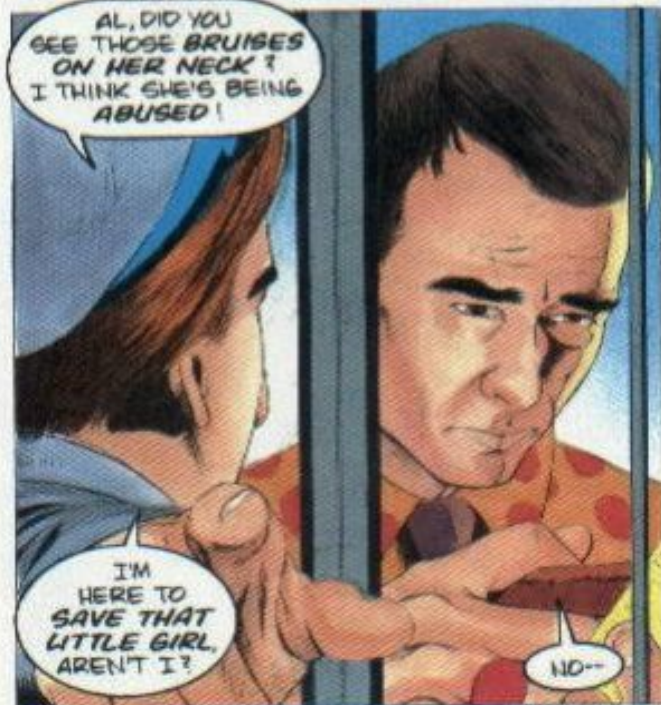
IF I HAD
TO PUT UP WITH
THE STUFF THOSE
LITTLE TERRORS
DISH OUT--



THAT'S A
NASTY BRUISE THERE,
HONEY, WHERE'D YOU
GET IT?



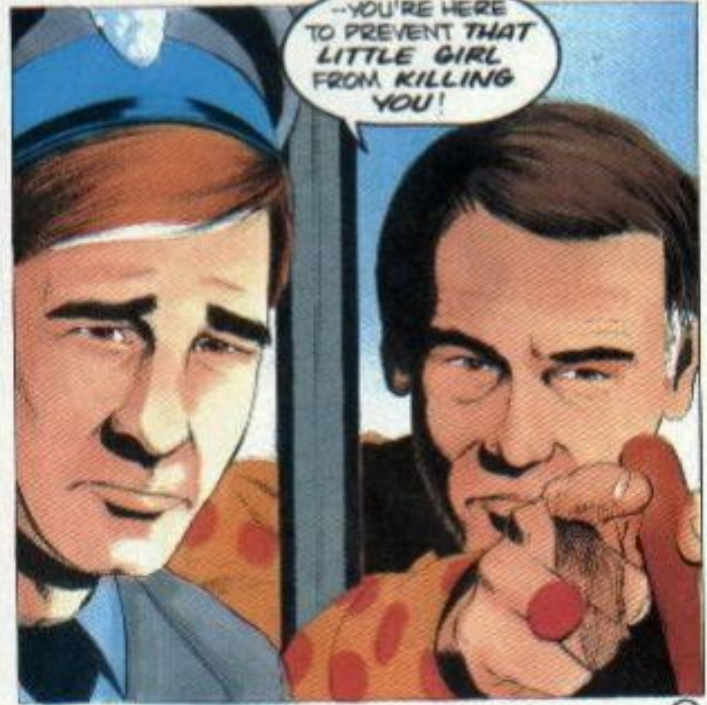
WAIT! IT'S
OKAY!



AL, DID YOU
SEE THOSE BRUISES
ON HER NECK?
I THINK SHE'S BEING
ABUSED!

I'M
HERE TO
SAVE THAT
LITTLE GIRL,
AREN'T I?

NO--



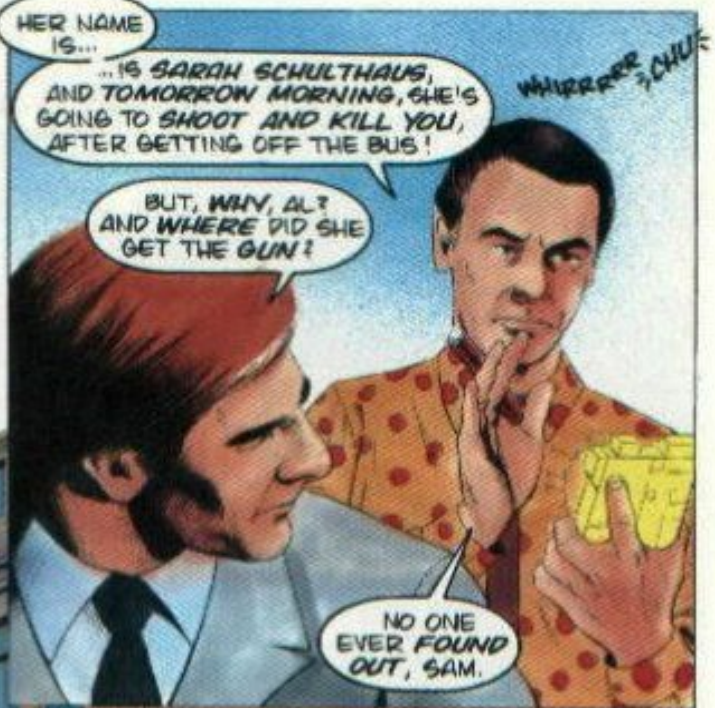
--YOU'RE HERE
TO PREVENT THAT
LITTLE GIRL
FROM KILLING
YOU!



ZIGGY SAYS YOU'RE FLOYD EMMETT, A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER IN QUEENS, NEW YORK. YOU'RE 37, SINGLE--

AL, WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL?

I'M GETTING TO THAT!



HER NAME IS...

...IS SARAH SCHULTHAUS, AND TOMORROW MORNING, SHE'S GOING TO SHOOT AND KILL YOU, AFTER GETTING OFF THE BUS!

WHARRRRR, CHUIK

BUT, WHY, AL? AND WHERE DID SHE GET THE GUN?

NO ONE EVER FOUND OUT, SAM.

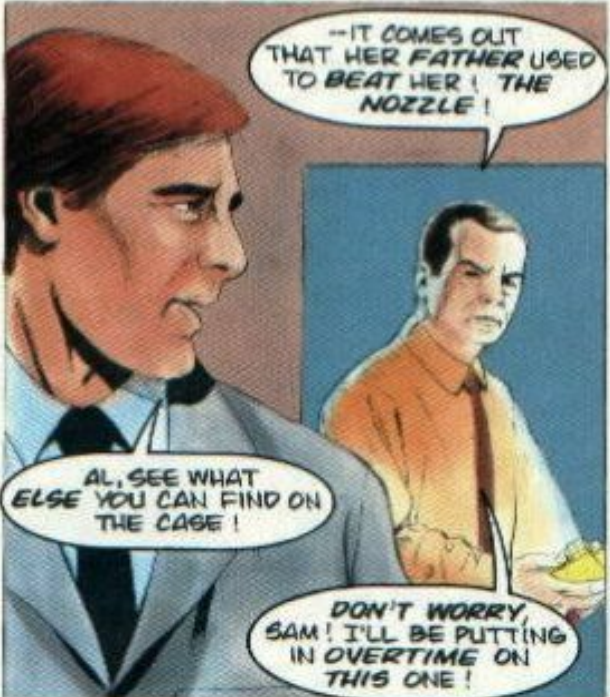


ACCORDING TO THE COURT RECORDS, THE CUSTODIAN SAW SARAH WITH THE GUN IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

HE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT NOT BEFORE SHE FIRED, APPARENTLY INTO THE CROWD, AND HIT YOU--ERR, EMMETT.

OH, AND THIS IS THE WORST PART. IN THE TRIAL--

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--IT COMES OUT THAT HER FATHER USED TO BEAT HER! THE NOZZLE!

AL, SEE WHAT ELSE YOU CAN FIND ON THE CASE!

DON'T WORRY, SAM! I'LL BE PUTTING IN OVERTIME ON THIS ONE!



"GOOD! I'LL SEE WHAT THE PRINCIPAL WILL DO FOR US!"

MR. EMMETT, I'VE JUST FINISHED EXPLAINING--

I KNOW WHAT YOU SAID! SCHOOL POLICY, STANDARD PROCEDURE--! BUT I SAW THAT BRUISE! THAT WAS NO "FALL OFF A SWING!"

VERY WELL, MR. EMMETT--



YOU STAY AWAY FROM MY FAMILY, FATS, OR YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET IT!

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND STRAIGHTENING OUT THIS MATTER, MR. SCHULTHAUS!

NOT AT ALL! GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE CONCERNED!



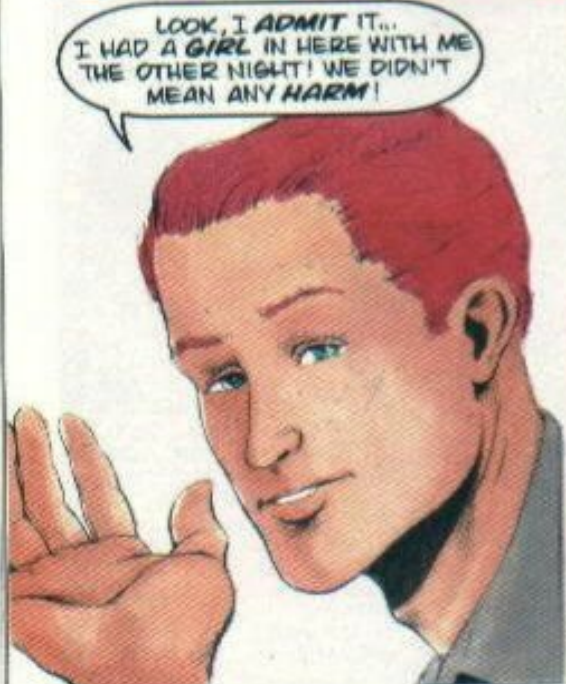
HEY, EMMETT!

WAIT UP A MINUTE!

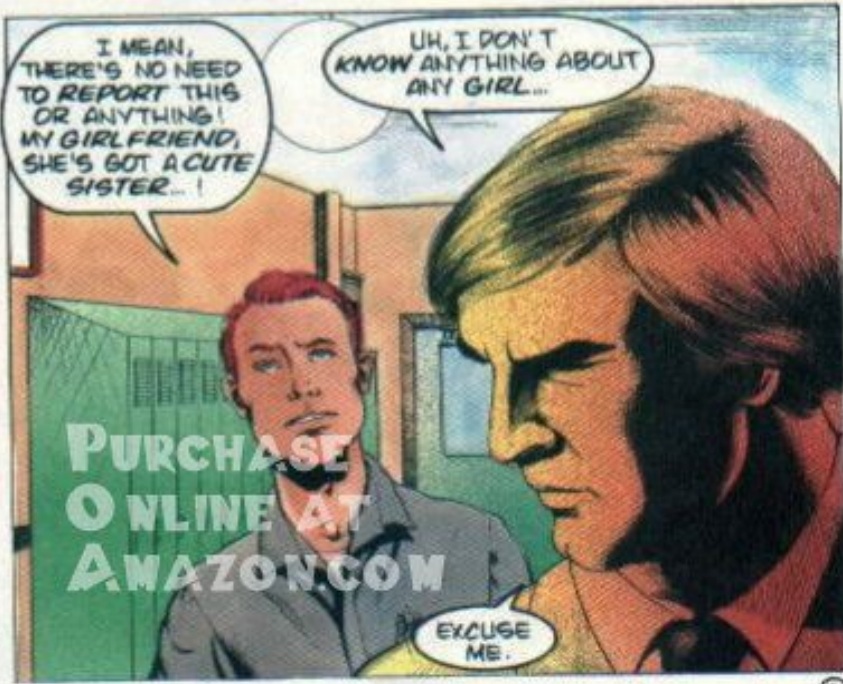


LISTEN, EMMETT, I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I KNOW WHY YOU WERE ASKING ME ALL THOSE QUESTIONS YESTERDAY!

YOU-- YOU DO?



LOOK, I ADMIT IT... I HAD A GIRL IN HERE WITH ME THE OTHER NIGHT! WE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM!

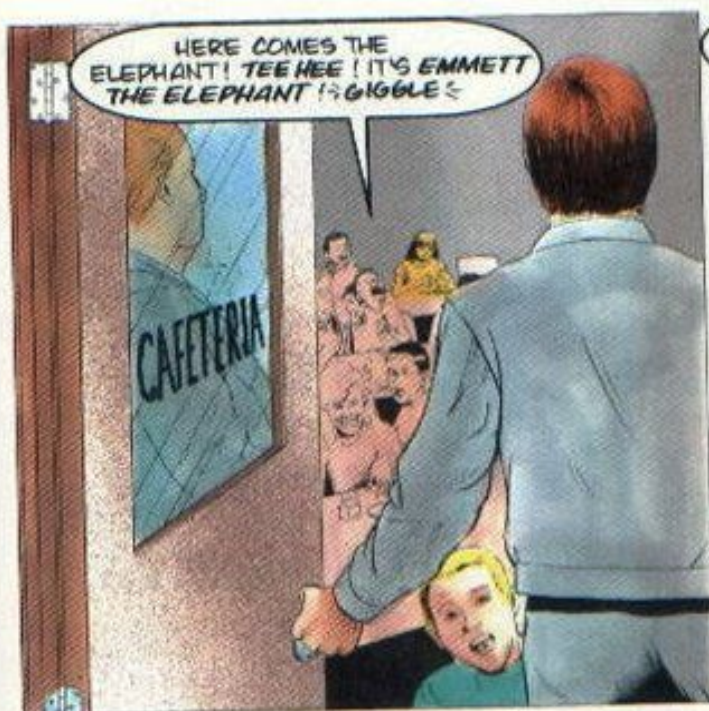


I MEAN, THERE'S NO NEED TO REPORT THIS OR ANYTHING! MY GIRLFRIEND, SHE'S GOT A CUTE SISTER...!

UH, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY GIRL...

EXCUSE ME.

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HERE COMES THE ELEPHANT! TEE HEE! IT'S EMMETT THE ELEPHANT! GIGGLE

HELLO, SARAH!

UGH, LOOK AT THAT... GROSS FOOD! DO THEY EXPECT YOU TO EAT IT OR WAX THE FLOOR WITH IT, HUH?



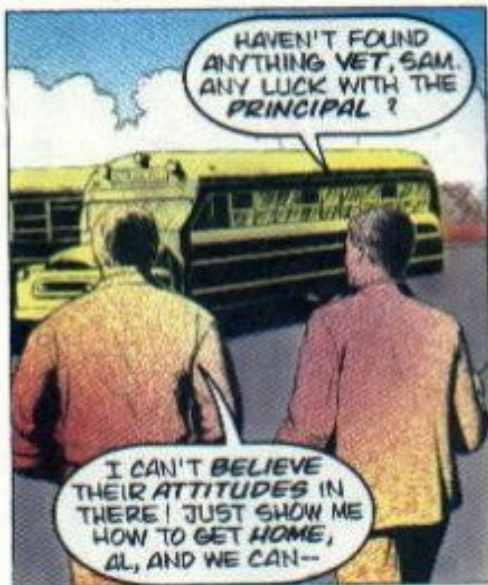
LOOK, SARAH, I KNOW ABOUT, WELL, WHAT YOUR FATHER'S LIKE AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW IF THERE'S ANY--



NO! DON'T TALK TO THEM! DON'T TALK TO THEM EVER!



SARAH! WAIT!



HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING YET, SAM. ANY LUCK WITH THE PRINCIPAL?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEIR ATTITUDES IN THERE! JUST SHOW ME HOW TO GET HOME, AL, AND WE CAN--

SORRY, SAM, YOU HAVE ANOTHER BUS ROUTE BEFORE SCHOOL LETS OUT HERE!



OH, NO! NO SIR! I'M NOT DOING THAT AGAIN FOR ANYTHING!



SAM, YOU HAVE TO! IF YOU DON'T, EMMETT WILL LOSE HIS JOB--

--AND ZIGGY GIVES A LOW PROBABILITY OF HIS FINDING ANOTHER ONE!

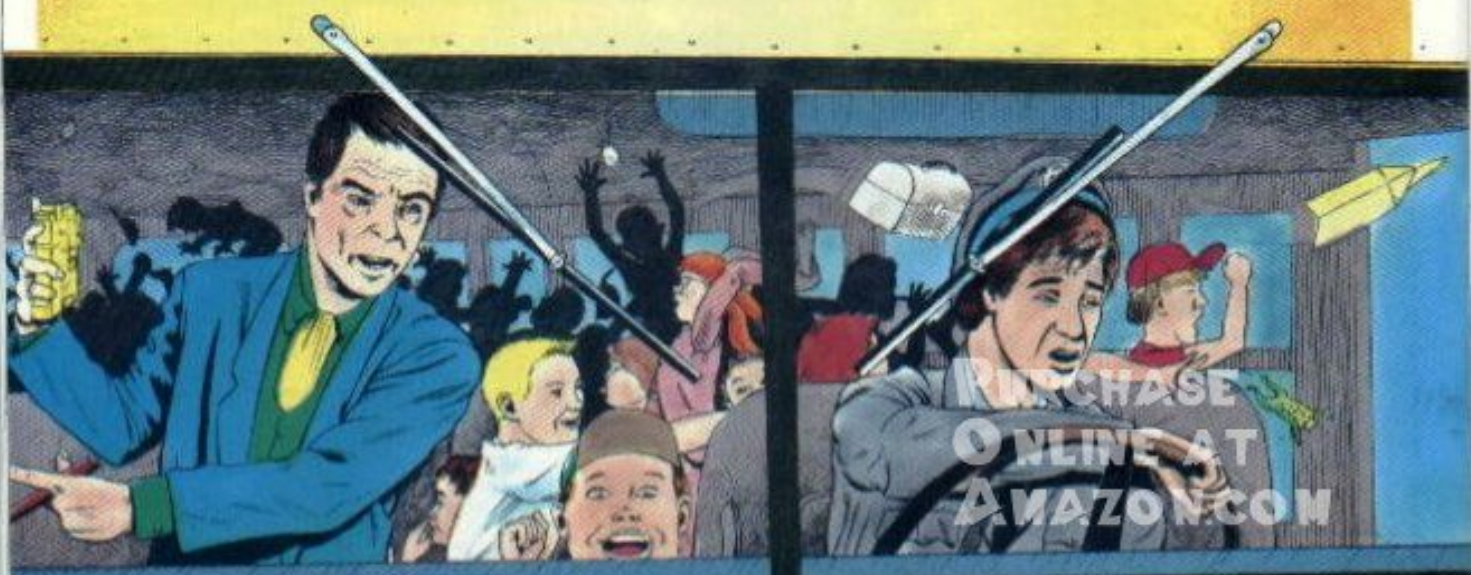
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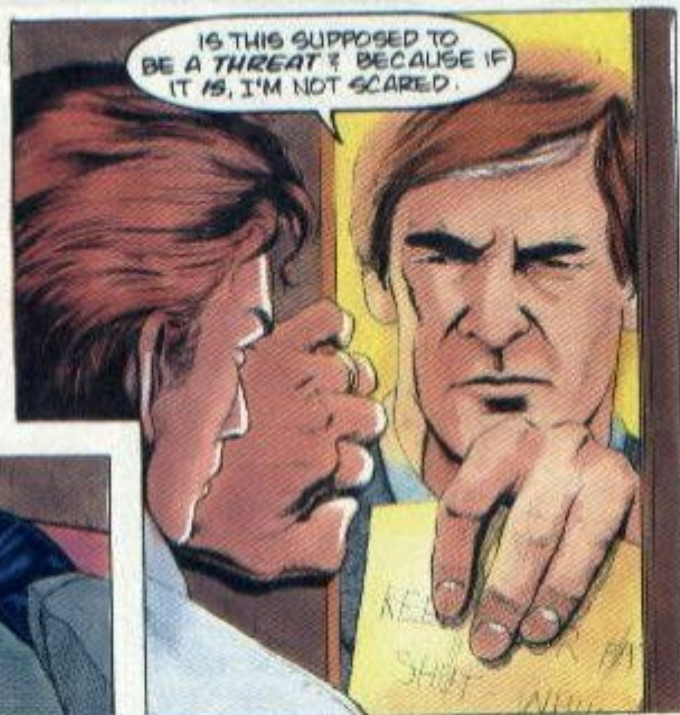


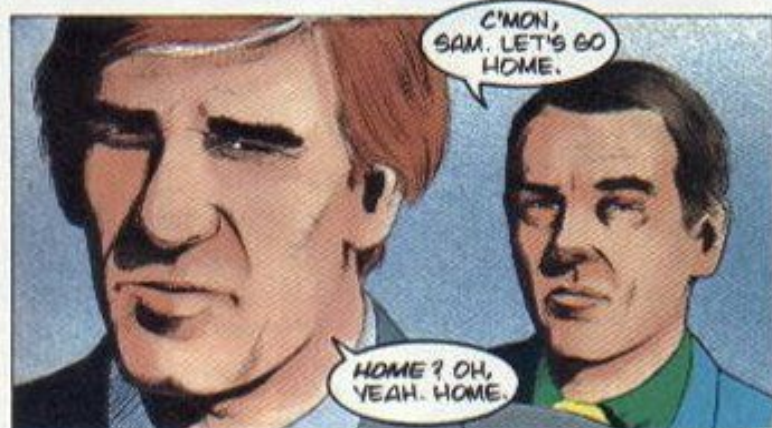
DID YOU MEET UP WITH SARAH'S FATHER?

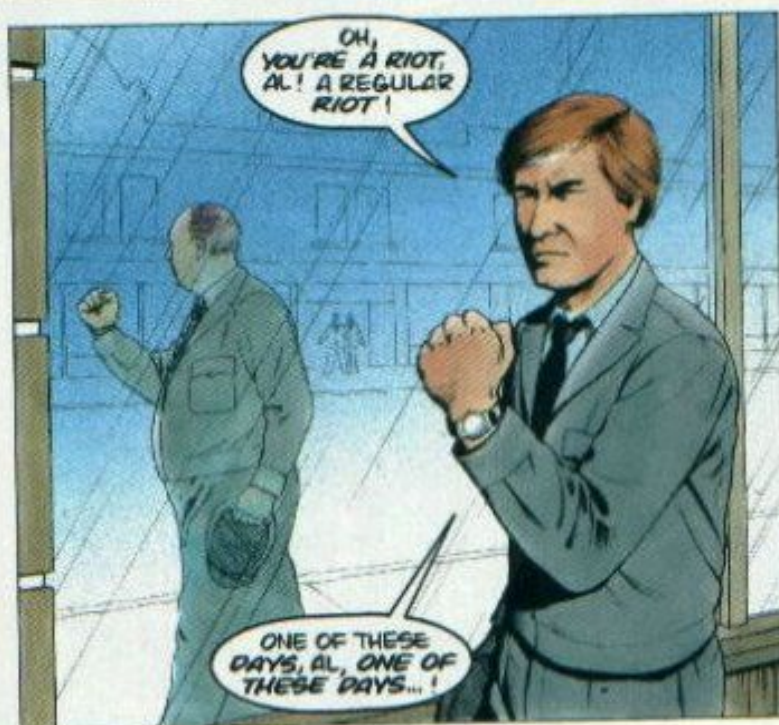
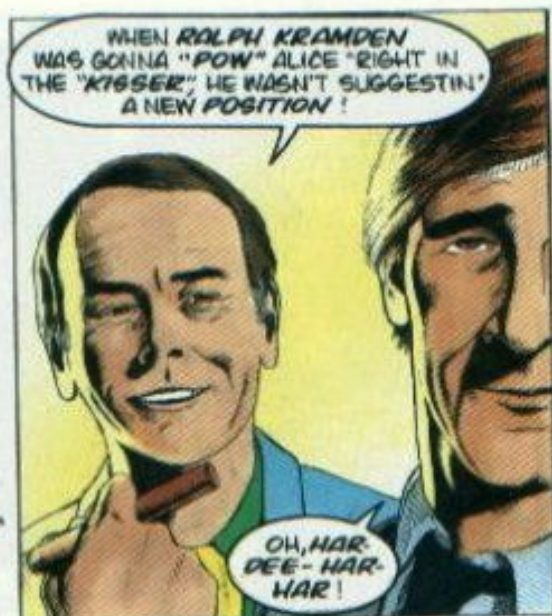
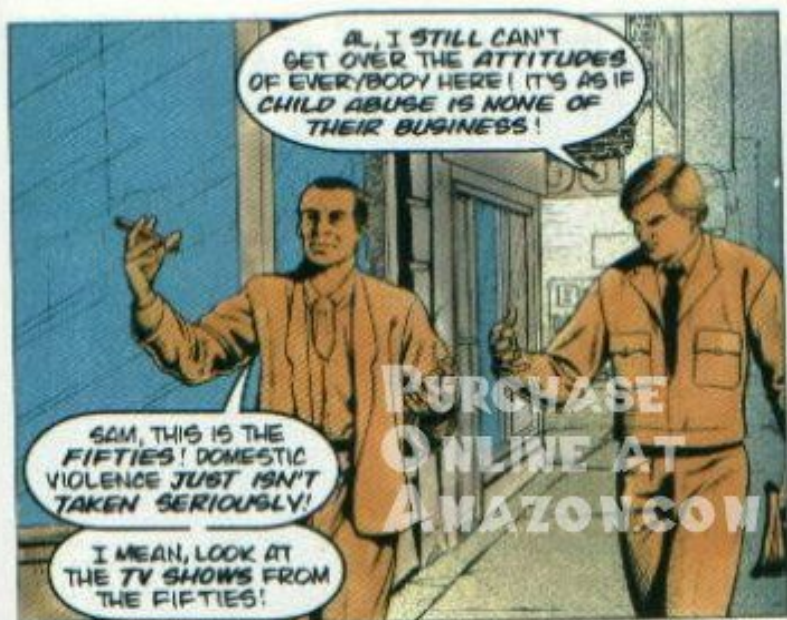
KEEP YOUR FAT MOUTH SHUT - WHILE YOU STILL HAVE ONE!

REAL NICE GUY, HUH?













AL, TOMORROW MORNING SARAH IS GOING TO BRING A GUN TO SCHOOL, AND SHOOT ME! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY.

AND THAT JANITOR IS REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES, TOO!

HIS NAME'S HAL GABLE. HE HAS A HISTORY OF SOLICITING PROSTITUTES AND HANGING OUT IN SEEDY JOINTS.



THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN A GUILT-RIDDEN FERVET!

HE SHOULD BE A PROUD ONE, LIKE ME!

I HOPE SARAH'S ABUSE ISN'T SEXUAL!



JEEZ, SAM, YOU THINK? I BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HER TONIGHT!

GOOSHIE! CENTER ME ON SARAH'S HOUSE!



HEY, SHUT UP, NOZZLE! LOOK AT YOUR DAUGHTER!

--IS GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO RUN MY HOUSE--!

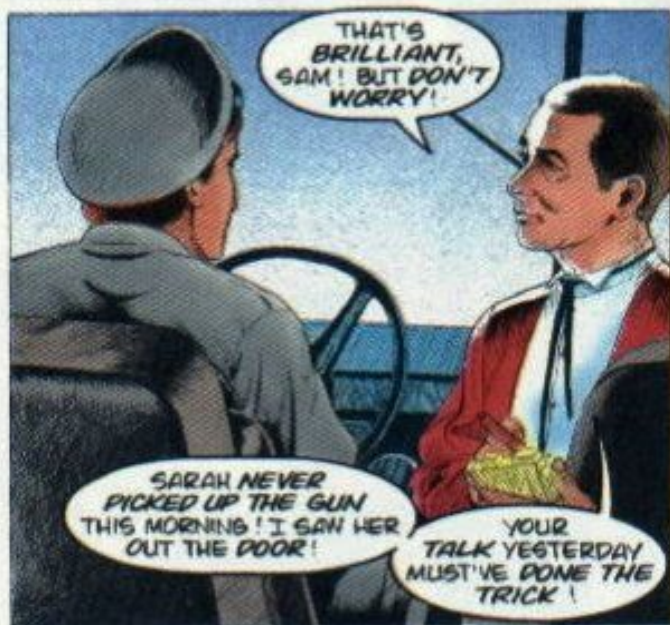
IT'S OKAY, SARAH! I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!



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GOOSHIE! ON SARAH, PRONTO!

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THERE SHE IS! BUT, SHE LOOKS OKAY!



THERE'S GABLE, THE PERY-WAIT! WHAT'S HE GOT THERE?



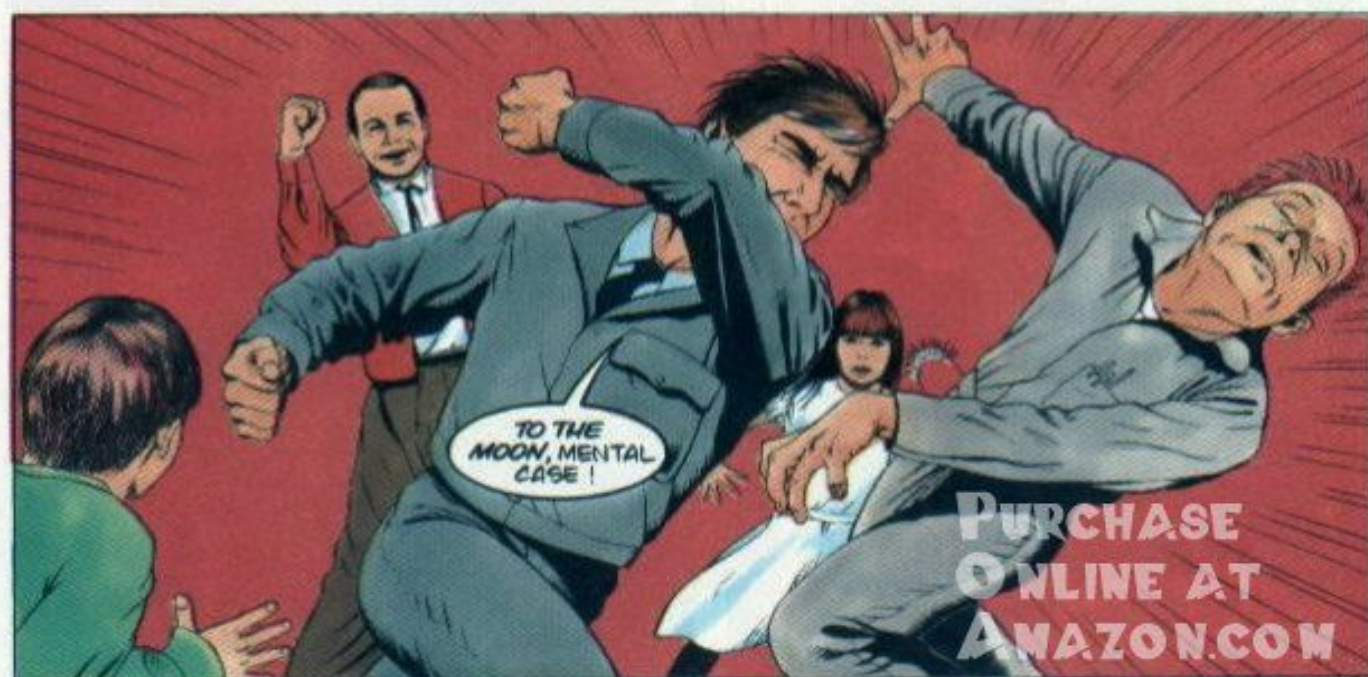
SAM! IT'S NOT SARAH, IT'S GABLE! HE'S GOT A GUN AND HE'S COMIN' AFTER YOU! GET OUT OF HERE!

AL, I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE SARAH'S ALL RIGHT!



FORGET SARAH! SHE'S FINE!

GET OUT OF HERE, SAM! YOU'RE GONNA BE KILLED!





...SEEMS GABLE WAS STEALING OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM THE SCHOOL LATE AT NIGHT. HIS STORY TO YOU ABOUT SOME GIRL WAS HIS WAY OF FINDING OUT HOW MUCH YOU SAW.

WE WANT TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR HEROIC ACT TODAY, MR. EMMETT.

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SO THAT'S IT? I DON'T GET TO HELP SARAH AFTER ALL?

BUT SAM, YOU DID!

AFTER SARAH'S CLOSE CALL WITH DEATH, HER FATHER DECIDES TO GO GET HELP!



"IT'S TOUCH-AND-GO FOR A WHILE, BUT HE MAKES IT!"

"SARAH GROWS UP OKAY, GOES TO COLLEGE, AND STARTS A FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE HERE IN THIS SCHOOL!"



BUS DRIVER, BUS DRIVER! I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO--



BLECK! BLECK!



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