

Years ago, there was a classic television show called "The Time Tunnel." It was the story of a scientist whose experiment went awry, causing him to tumble uncontrollably from one time period to another. It was done in such a way that it made viewers truly believe time travel might be possible. Now there is a "new" show about a scientist who, trapped in a time warp, gets catapulted from year to year. Only this guy doesn't stay in his own body! He's been a lab chimp and a beauty contestant! And he talks to some weirdo no one else can see! Well, we've seen many of these episodes, and we don't understand them. To us they're a...

QUANDARY HEAR

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I'm Doctor **Dam Rocket**, a scientist! I was working on a **top-secret government project** that would **save tons of money** by letting people **leap through time!** It was to be used on the **first day of an employee's vacation.** Within **seconds** that person would **leap to the final day** of their vacation, thereby **cutting a two week vacation down to thirty minutes, tops!** But the experiment went **haywire** and now I find myself **leaping from one time to another!** Sometimes I'm on TV on **Wednesday night**, sometimes **Friday**, sometimes **every night of the week!** It drives me and the viewers nuts!

I'm **Growl**, a **dirty old hologram!** I give **Dam** advice and info from my **handheld computer, Icky!** Even though I'm a **hologram**, only **Dam** can see me! **Why can only Dam** see me when normally **anyone** can see a hologram? Listen, if you buy the **time travel part**, we figure you won't **question** the **hologram nonsense** either! It's like "**a thousand points of light!**" Nobody questioned that bit of **bogus baloney!**



There's that brilliant flash of light and strobe effect which means I'm leaping to a new location!

Nope! That brilliant flash of light and strobe effect is the light bouncing off one of my glitzy, tacky outfits! But Icky says get set for Character Number One of the "New Life of the Week Club," because you're about to blast off!

I can see by looking in the rear-view mirror of this car that I'm a cop! Thank God I've never leaped into a situation where there wasn't a mirror handy!

Icky says you stopped this car for speeding! And Dam, you stopped a real macho Hollywood celebrity!

Sylvester Stallone? Clint Eastwood? Arnold Schwarzenegger? I'm so excited!

Take that, darling!



I'm seeing stars and flashing lights! I must be getting ready to leap again!

No, that's still the effects from that shot Zsa Zsa gave you! That old Hungarian broad can really pack a wallop!



This leaping around can be good and bad! It's good because I take winning lottery numbers and leap back in time to play them! The bad news is, I have over eight million dollars in winnings, but no way to get my checks! I'm never in one place long enough to receive mail!



Dam, you're still a cop and now you're in Los Angeles!

Wow! I know someone who wishes Icky could quickly change their life!

You mean that poor motorist the cops are beating up?

No, I mean L.A. police commissioner Darryl Gates! He'll never recover from this brutality incident!



I can't wait for the day when I leap back to the 1940's. I need a new car and I should be able to buy one for about \$2,000 back then!





It's too dark to see my reflection in a mirror, Growl. Tell me something about my new life!

What's your reaction to a strong, muscular guy with a tattoo and a rugged beard?

I like that image a lot!

Good! Because that describes the man you're going to marry!



Why would I want to marry a strong muscular guy?

Because you're a beautiful blonde with big hooters! Get outta here!

Okay, I'm kidding! You're a fair looking blonde with medium hooters! Geez, pay a guy a compliment and he complains!



Sorry, I just can't go through with this!

Baby, don't start that routine again! I've held up my end of the bargain! I haven't laid a finger on you yet!

You lay a finger on me, and I'll lay a fist on you! Get the picture?

Do I??? I love that kind of tough talk! You're turning me on!



There's something a little different about you tonight, Petunia. I never remember you wearing Brut before!

Let's leave this place! I'm tired of dancing!

You should be! You've been leading all night! What do you say we take the car up to lover's lane?

Great idea! It will give me a chance to change the oil and rotate the tires!



Every time I leap into a new life, it's to right a wrong. What am I doing in this life?

Icky says you've got to marry this guy or he's gonna die!

If I marry this guy and he touches me, he's STILL gonna die! Because I'm going to kill him!



I'm sorry, Dam. Icky says you have to marry this guy before he'll let you leap into a new life.

How will my marrying him prevent him from dying??

Icky isn't very clear on that!

I've never seen a dumber computer! It knows everything until the writers of the series can't think of a plot twist. Then suddenly, "Icky isn't very clear on that!"

Suppose I do marry this guy! Ask Icky what am I supposed to do on my wedding night!!!

Dam, you need a computer to tell you that? What kind of a doctor are you? Don't you remember the "train in the tunnel" bit?



Is there anyone here who knows why these two should not be joined in matrimony?

You're the bride! You can't object!

Yes, I do!

Hey, it was worth a try!



You may kiss the bride!

Please, no! I have a headache!

I know married women use that excuse a lot, but during the ceremony?! That must be a first!



Are you coming to bed, precious?

Soon, dear. I want to make tonight special for you!

What are you doing in there?

Installing a drop ceiling and indirect lighting! I'll be out in a few days!



Petunia, you gotta give me a divorce!

Just like a man! I gave you the four best days of my womanhood and you want out!

In four days of marriage, I expected more than just a handshake!

You mean to tell me the arm wrestling meant nothing to you! You're breaking my heart!



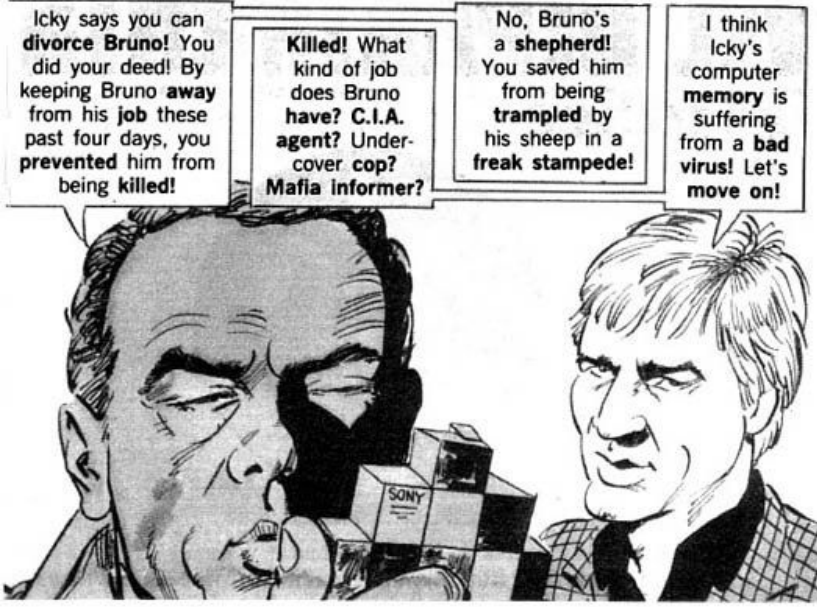
I don't know if I can divorce you, Bruno! I have to ask Icky!

Icky? You got a guy on the side?

Icky's a computer!

Wow! Computers are everywhere! Now they're even giving lovers advice! Dr. Ruth's career is over!



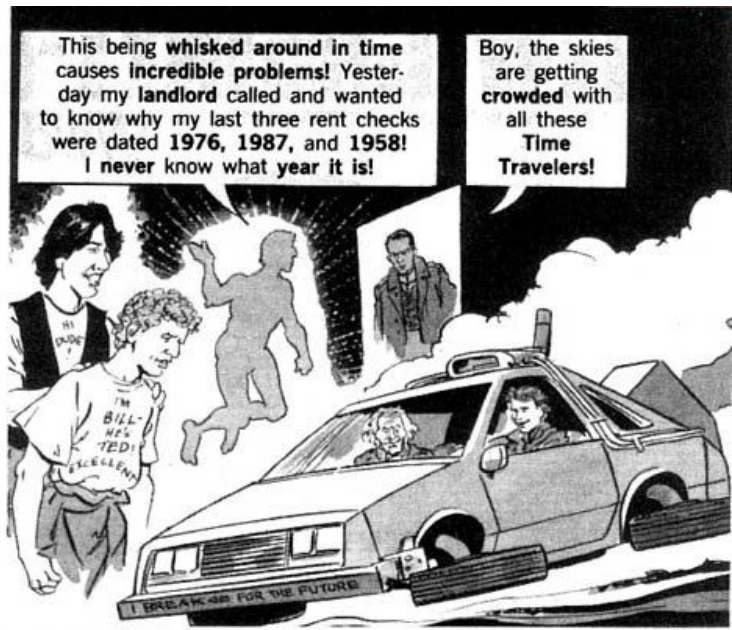


Icky says you can divorce Bruno! You did your deed! By keeping Bruno away from his job these past four days, you prevented him from being killed!

Killed! What kind of job does Bruno have? C.I.A. agent? Undercover cop? Mafia informer?

No, Bruno's a shepherd! You saved him from being trampled by his sheep in a freak stampede!

I think Icky's computer memory is suffering from a bad virus! Let's move on!



This being whisked around in time causes incredible problems! Yesterday my landlord called and wanted to know why my last three rent checks were dated 1976, 1987, and 1958! I never know what year it is!

Boy, the skies are getting crowded with all these Time Travelers!

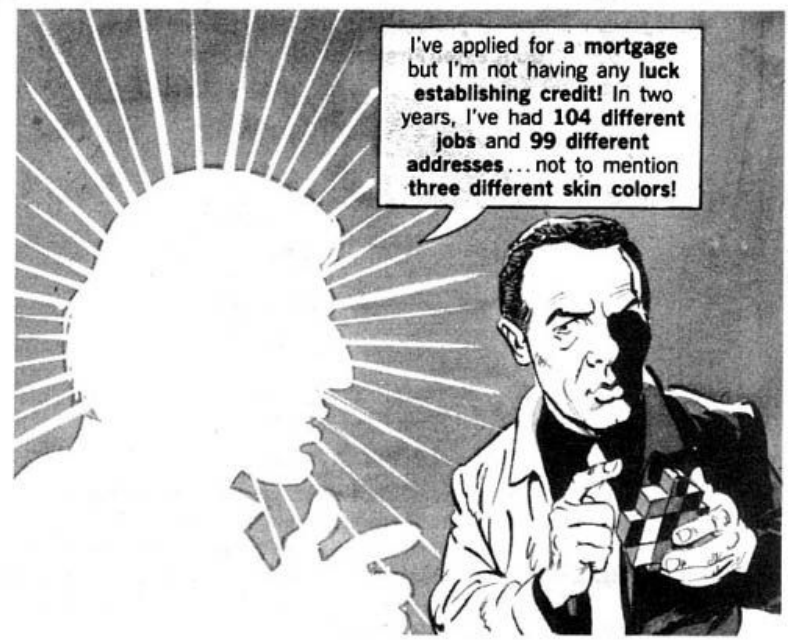


Don't panic because it's dark, Dam. You're in a movie theatre in Sarasota, Florida.

Sarasota? Oh no! Who am I?

You're Pee Wee—

Oh God, no! Get me out of here!



I've applied for a mortgage but I'm not having any luck establishing credit! In two years, I've had 104 different jobs and 99 different addresses... not to mention three different skin colors!

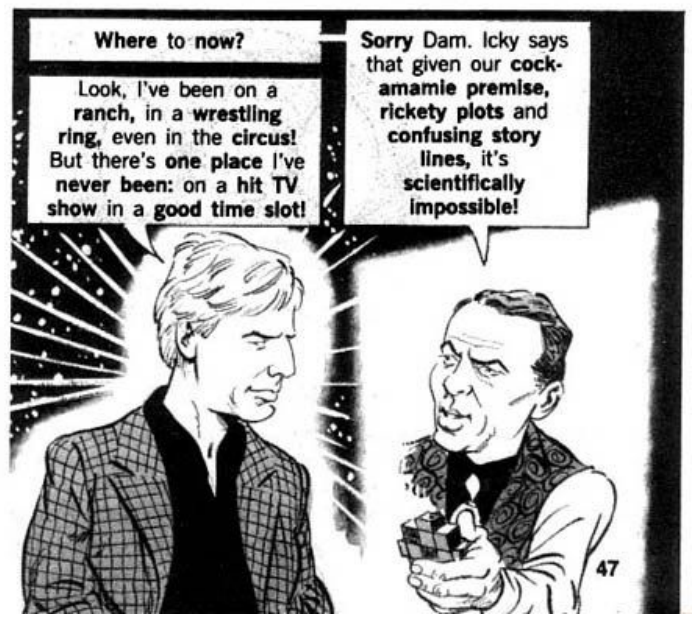


Hmm. I see I'm a doctor! I can tell by all the degrees on the wall and this list of inflated prices I charge all my patients!

Doctor, I hurt my funny bone! This is my funny bone, isn't it, doctor?

No, Kaputnik, you don't have a funny bone in your entire body!!!

Dam, Icky's gone berserk! Now we're both being transformed into characters from MAD Magazine! Let's both leap out of here—and fast!



Where to now?

Look, I've been on a ranch, in a wrestling ring, even in the circus! But there's one place I've never been: on a hit TV show in a good time slot!

Sorry Dam. Icky says that given our cock-amamie premise, rickety plots and confusing story lines, it's scientifically impossible!