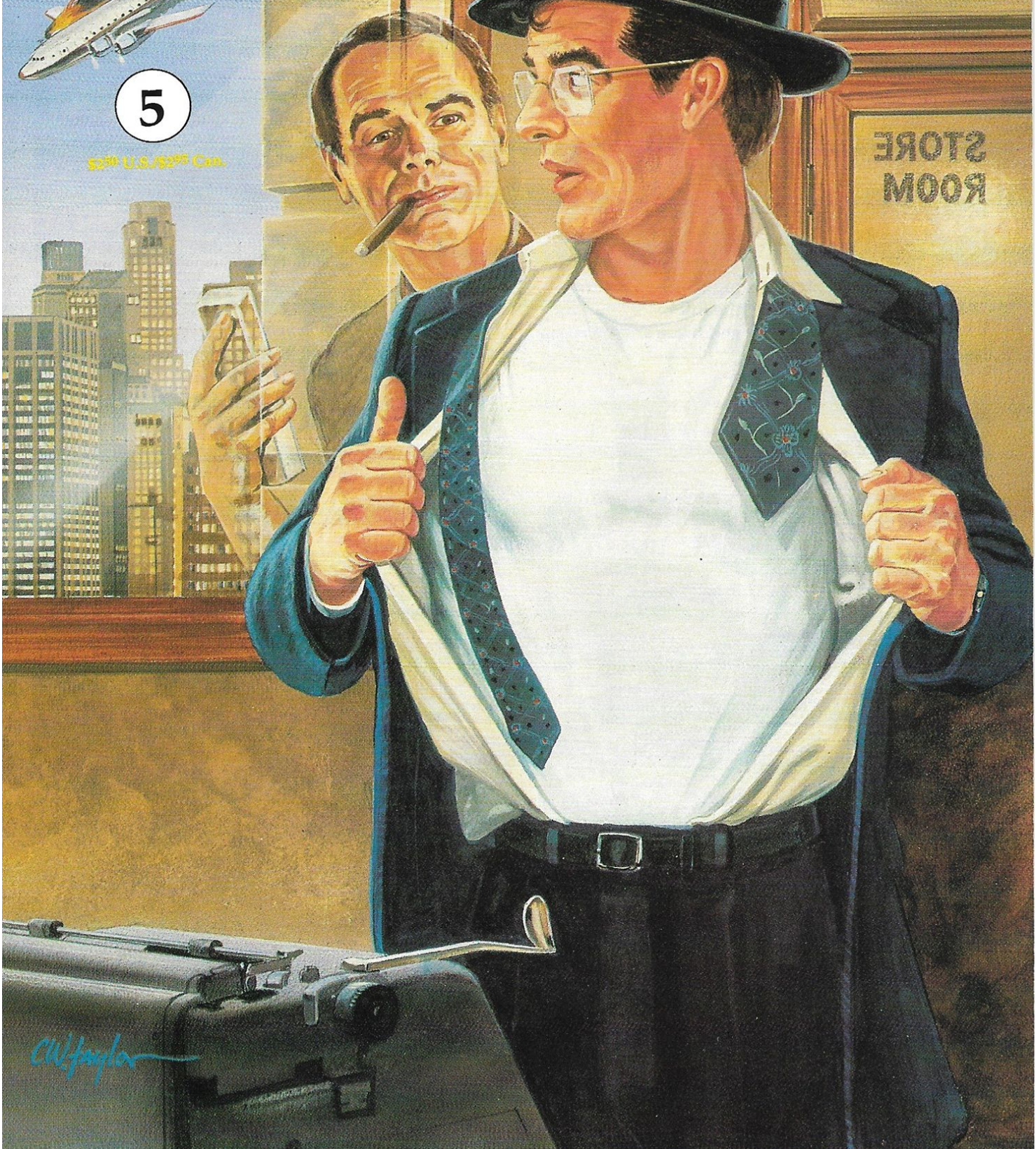
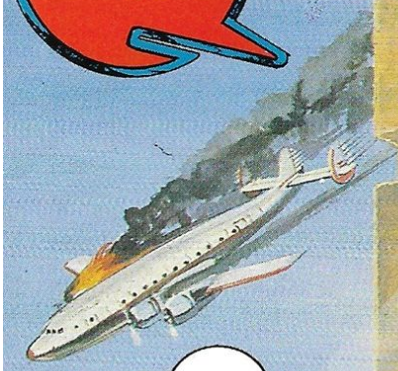


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NEWSPAPER OFFICE, LOCATED
IN VINTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE SITUATION:
CONFUSING, AS USUAL.

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OH MY GOD,
I'M CLARK
KENT!

SEEING IS BELIEVING

TERRY COLLINS: WRITER ROB DAVIS: ILLUSTRATOR VICKIE WILLIAMS: LETTERER
SCOTT ROCKWELL: COLORIST GEORGE BRODERICK, JR.: EDITOR
CREATED BY: DONALD BELLISARIO

HANK? GET OUTTA THERE!
WE GO TO PRESS IN LESS THAN AN HOUR
AND I'VE GOT TO HAVE THAT DAMNED
"DEAR DORA" COLUMN WRITTEN NOW!

MEN



YOU OKAY, HANK?
IT'S NOT THE BOOZE
AGAIN, IS IT?



NO, NO,
I'M FINE. I'LL
BE OUT IN A
SECOND.

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SWELL.
WHERE HAVE I
ENDED UP THIS
TIME.



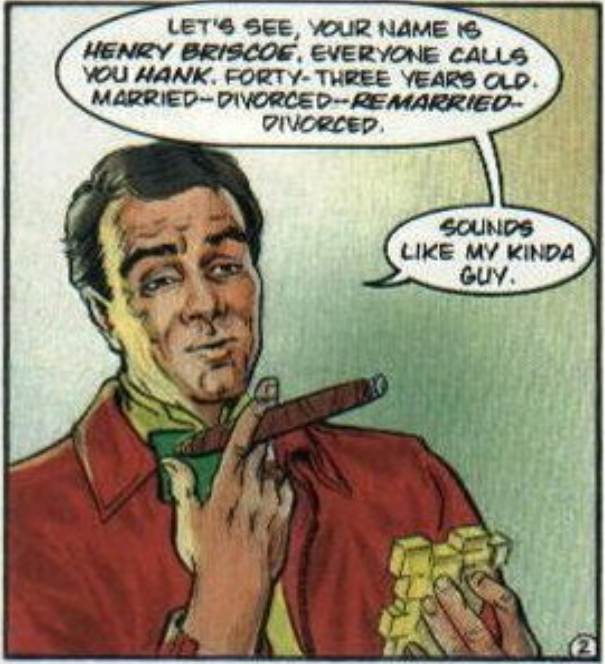
VINTON, NORTH
CAROLINA.

NEVER
HEARD OF
IT.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE EXPECTED YOU TO.
THE TOWN CHANGED ITS
NAME TO JOYCEVILLE
IN 1964. RIGHT NOW,
IT'S 1957.



LET'S SEE, YOUR NAME IS
HENRY BRISCOE. EVERYONE CALLS
YOU HANK. FORTY-THREE YEARS OLD.
MARRIED-DIVORCED-RE-MARRIED-
DIVORCED.



SOUNDS
LIKE MY KINDA
GUY.





SO OUR ESTEEMED EDITOR STUCK YOU WITH THE "DEAR DORA" COLUMN TODAY, HUH, HANK?

UH, YEAH, LOOKS THAT WAY.



I SUPPOSE YOU WANT ME TO WRITE IT FOR YOU LIKE I USUALLY DO...?

I THINK I CAN HANDLE THIS ONE, BUT THANKS.

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SUIT YOURSELF. IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL ME.

NANCY HATCH. THE TWO OF YOU HAVE AN ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN THING GOING, SAM.

"DEAR DORA. MY HUSBAND NEVER SEEMS TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. WHAT SHOULD I DO?" SIGNED, MILDRED.



WELL, FIRST, I WOULD CHANGE HER NAME.

KNOCK IT OFF, AL. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GIVE THIS KIND OF ADVICE.



WHERE'S DR. RUTH WHEN YOU REALLY NEED HER...

WHO?

NEVER MIND. LOOK, SAM--JUST BE YOUR USUAL HONEST SELF AND YOU'LL DO FINE.



WHEN IT COMES TO LETTERS LIKE THESE, SOMETIMES HONESTY IS NOT THE BEST POLICY.

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AARDVARK.

I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY THIS MORNING, HON.

YOU KEEP CRAMMING THOSE WORDS INSIDE YOUR HEAD AND IT'S GOING TO BUST, SURE AS THE WORLD.

BETTER GET OUT TO THE BUS STOP, KATRINA.

DO GOOD TODAY.

YES, MA'AM.

SHE SAID ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT SEEING THOSE FLYING SAUCERS?

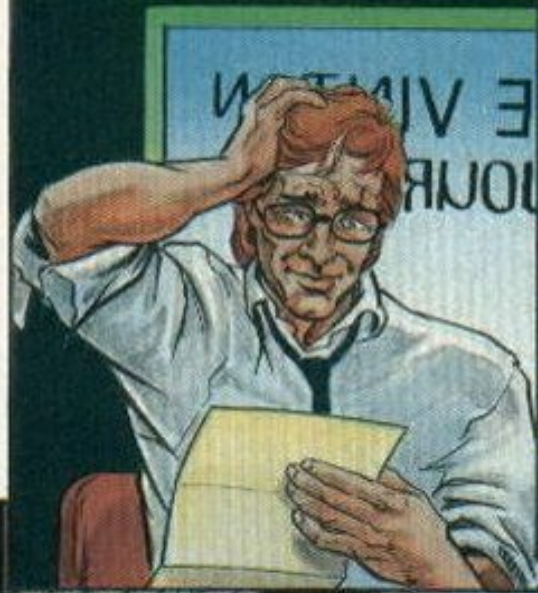
GOOD. TALKING FOOLISHNESS LIKE THAT COULD RUIN HER. NO WAY SHE'LL GET INTO ANY KIND OF COLLEGE IF WORD GETS AROUND SHE'S CRAZY.

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NO, I THINK YOU MADE YOURSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR ON THAT SUBJECT.

SCHOOL E

"--MY PARENTS THINK I'M CRAZY AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I KNOW I SAW A SPACESHIP, BUT THEY WON'T BELIEVE ME. PLEASE HELP."



I THINK I'LL NEED TO GIVE THIS ONE A LITTLE MORE THOUGHT.



HANK! GET YOUR BUTT IN HERE!



YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, SIR?



SIT DOWN, HANK. I READ YOUR COPY FOR THE DORA COLUMN. NOT BAD. MAYBE I OUGHT TO GIVE IT TO YOU REGULAR.



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DON'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL ON MY ACCOUNT, MISTER BUICE.

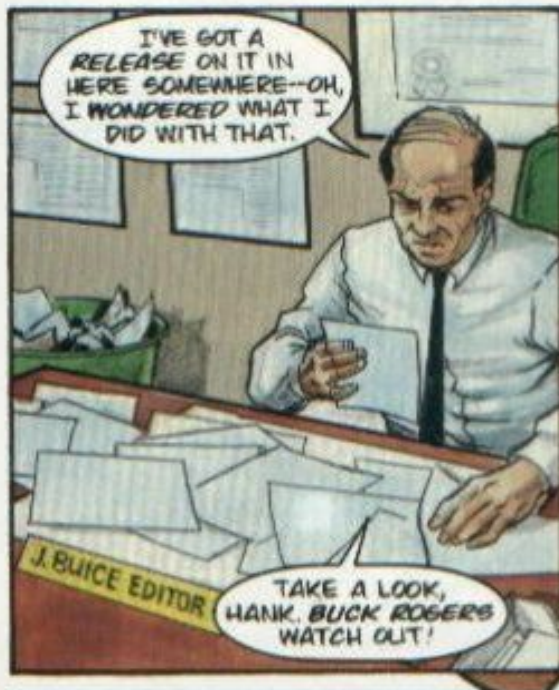
WHAT'S WITH THE MISTER STUFF? YOU MAD AT ME OR SOMETHING?



UM, I JUST FEEL FORMAL THIS MORNING. MUST BE FROM DOING THE COLUMN.

YEAH? WELL, SNAP OUT OF IT. TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY DAY, I'VE GOT ANOTHER EASY ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU.





I'VE GOT A RELEASE ON IT IN HERE SOMEWHERE--OH, I WONDERED WHAT I DID WITH THAT.

TAKE A LOOK, HANK. BUCK ROGERS WATCH OUT!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE SOVIET SATELLITE, SPUTNIK.

AND YOU CAN BET IT WON'T TAKE UNCLE SAM LONG TO LAUNCH HIS OWN VERSION NOW THAT THE RUSSKIES ARE AHEAD OF US.



I'M GLAD TO SEE IT. ONLY GOOD CAN COME OUT OF THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHING A SPACE PROGRAM.

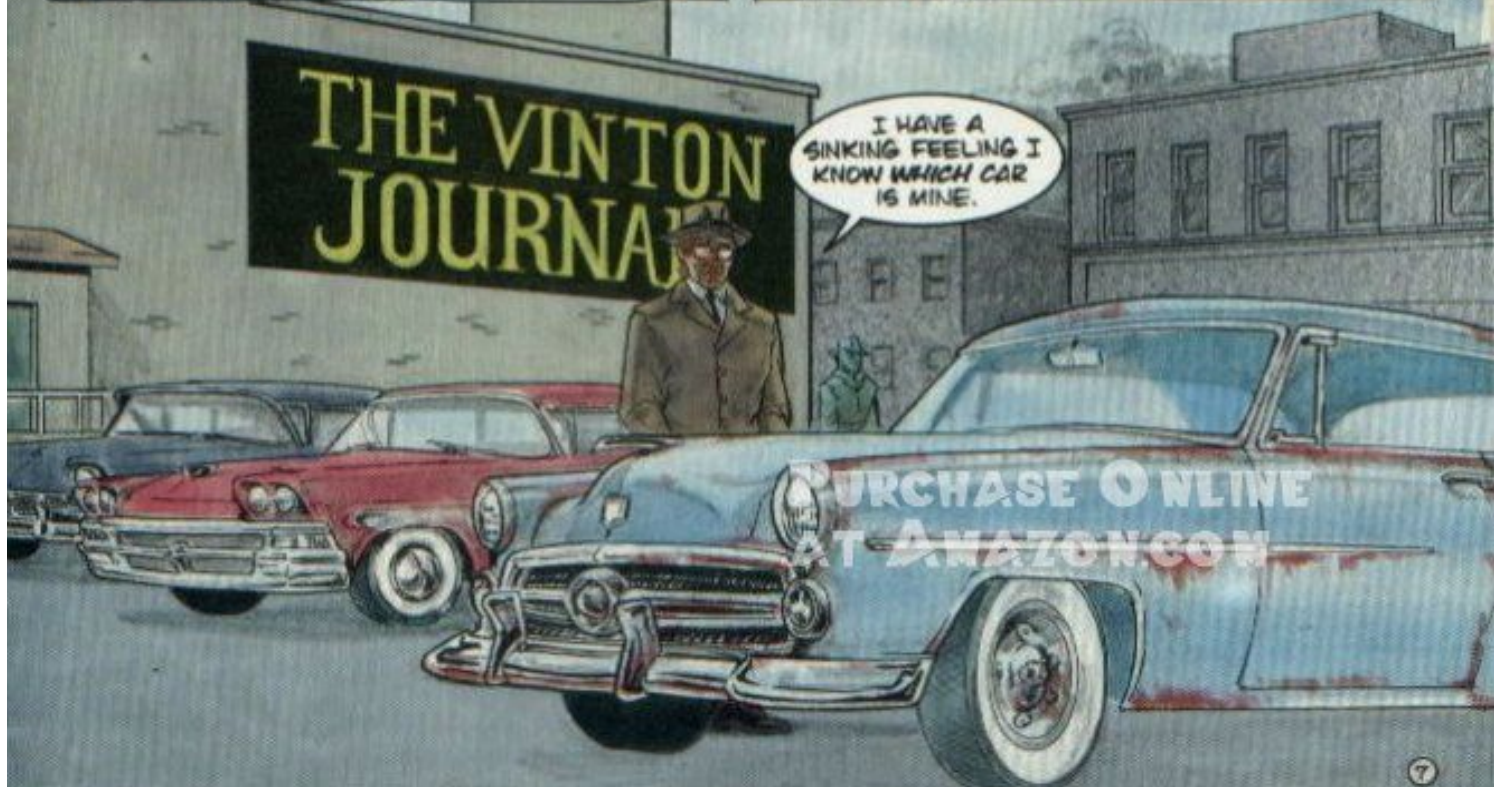
I THOUGHT YOU TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT YOU THOUGHT SPACE TRAVEL WAS THE STUPIDEST THING YOU'D EVER HEARD OF?



A GUY CAN CHANGE HIS MIND, RIGHT?

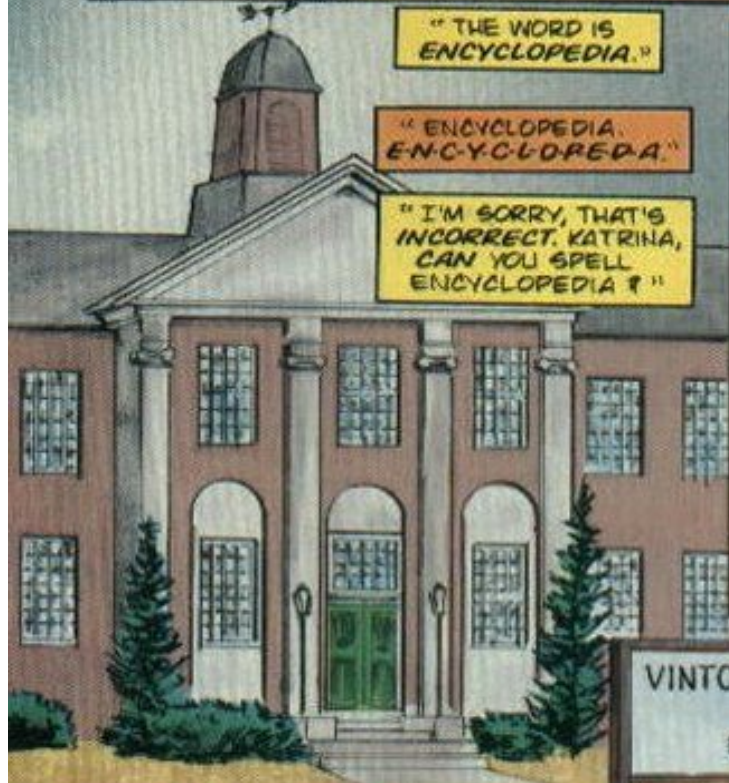
YEAH, SURE.

LOOK, I NEED YOU TO COVER THE SPELLING BEE AT VINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. NOTHING SPECTACULAR, BUT IT'S GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS.



I HAVE A SINKING FEELING I KNOW WHICH CAR IS MINE.

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GYMNASIUM

THE SPELLING BEE CONTESTANTS ARE OVER THERE, SIR, BUT I THINK IT'S NEARLY OVER.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. THANK YOU, MISS.

KATRINA, HERE IS YOUR FINAL WORD. SPELL IT CORRECTLY AND YOU WIN THE MATCH.

THE WORD IS COMMUNICATOR.



COMMUNICATOR.



COMMUNICATOR.

THAT'S CORRECT. CONGRATULATIONS.



I PRESENT TO YOU THE SPELLING CHAMPION OF VINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MISS KATRINA MABE.



HELLO.

EXCUSE ME, KATRINA? I'M A REPORTER WITH THE VINTON JOURNAL.

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GRILL HER, SAM. HELL, ASK WHAT SHE'S PLANNING TO DO THIS WEEKEND--YOU ARE A REPORTER.



YOU FEELING BETTER, MR. BRISCOE?

A LITTLE. THANKS FOR POINTING OUT THE FOUNTAIN.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF, KATRINA. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?



I LIKE TO READ.

SO DO I. DO YOU EVER READ ANY SCIENCE-FICTION?

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SOMETIMES.

NOT AS MUCH AS I USED TO. DADDY MADE ME QUIT AFTER I SAW--



SAM WHAT?

NOTHING. I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING



KATRINA, DID YOU SEND A LETTER TO "DEAR DORA" AT THE PAPER?

N-NO.

I BELIEVE YOU DID. I BELIEVE YOU SAW SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL AND VERY SCARY, AND NO ONE WILL LISTEN.



YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, SAM. THERE'S A 94 PERCENT CHANCE SHE WROTE THE LETTER.

I BELIEVE YOU, KATRINA.

I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT. I PROMISED.



I PROMISED!

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I DID A GREAT JOB OF HANDLING THAT ONE.

WHO WOULD'VE EXPECTED HER TO REACT LIKE THAT?

SHE SEEMS TERRIFIED OF HER FATHER. MAYBE I SHOULD TRY TALKING TO HIM.







MR. MABE, IT'S IMPORTANT! KATRINA'S LIFE DEPENDS ON--

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO THIS NONSENSE.



UNGH!



DADDY! STOP IT!

MARK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

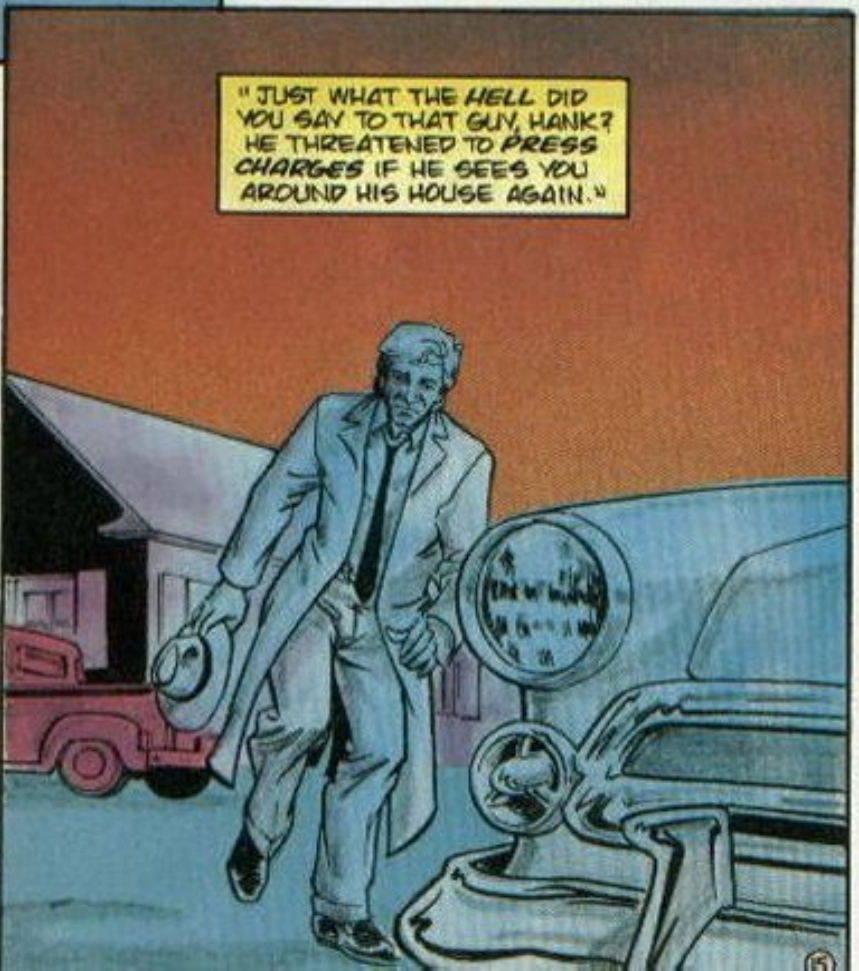
GET IN THE HOUSE, BOTH OF YOU! I CAN HANDLE THIS.

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PLEASE, MR. MABE. LISTEN TO ME FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S SAKE.

MY DAUGHTER IS JUST FINE AND SHE'LL STAY THAT WAY IF YOU STAY OUT OF HER AFFAIRS.

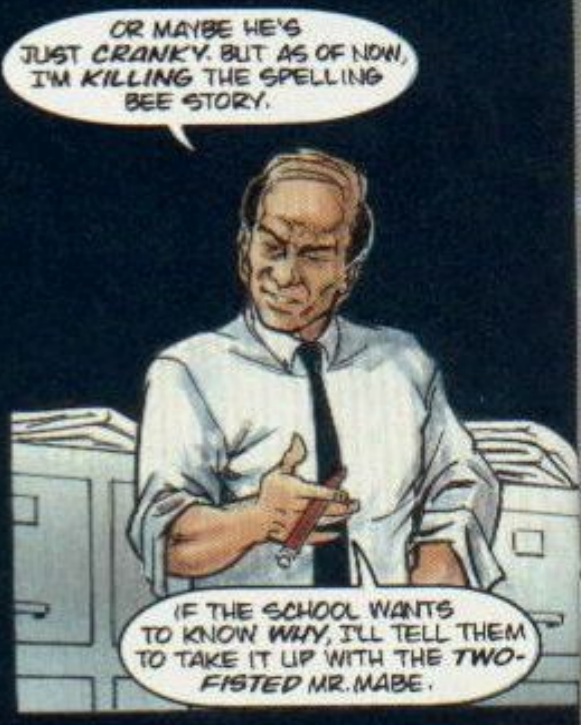


"JUST WHAT THE HELL DID YOU SAY TO THAT GUY, HANK? HE THREATENED TO PRESS CHARGES IF HE SEES YOU AROUND HIS HOUSE AGAIN."



MAYBE HE'S HIDING SOMETHING AND SEEING A REPORTER SHOW UP ON HIS DOORSTEP SCARED HIM.

SOME GUYS JUST DON'T LIKE PUBLICITY, I GUESS.



OR MAYBE HE'S JUST CRANKY. BUT AS OF NOW, I'M KILLING THE SPELLING BEE STORY.

IF THE SCHOOL WANTS TO KNOW WHY, I'LL TELL THEM TO TAKE IT UP WITH THE TWO-FISTED MR. MABE.



SAM, WE GOTTA TALK.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT IN THE MORNING. GO HOME, BOTH OF YOU.



YOU WANT TO GET A BITE TO EAT, HANK? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME NOURISHMENT.

JAMES BUICE EDITOR

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NO TIME, SAM. LOSE HER.

THANKS, HATCH, BUT I'VE GOT TO PASS... I'M EXPECTING A FRIEND TO COME OVER TONIGHT.



WHATEVER YOU SAY, HANK. JUST ... DON'T GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION. IF YOU START TO REACH FOR THE BOTTLE, CALL ME.

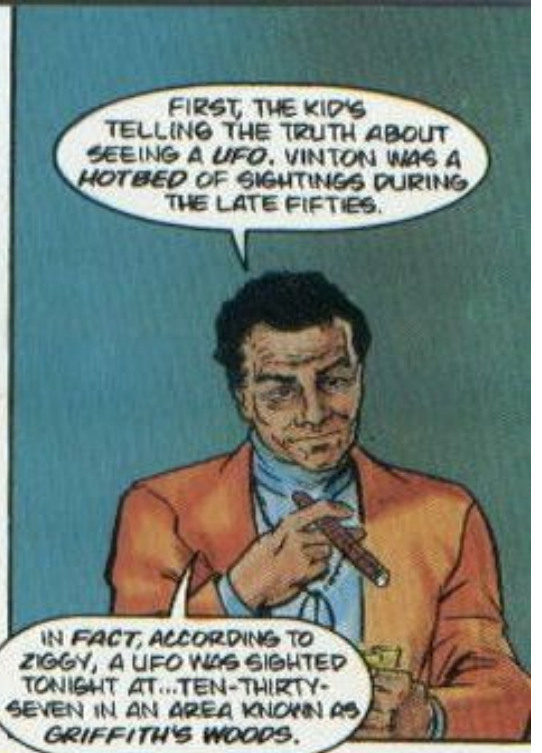
PROMISE ME.

I--I PROMISE.



HATED TO DO THAT, SAM, BUT ZIGGY'S DISCOVERED SOMETHING.

WHAT?



FIRST, THE KID'S TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT SEEING A UFO. VINTON WAS A HOTBED OF SIGHTINGS DURING THE LATE FIFTIES.

IN FACT, ACCORDING TO ZIGGY, A UFO WAS SIGHTED TONIGHT AT...TEN-THIRTY-SEVEN IN AN AREA KNOWN AS GRIFFITH'S WOODS.

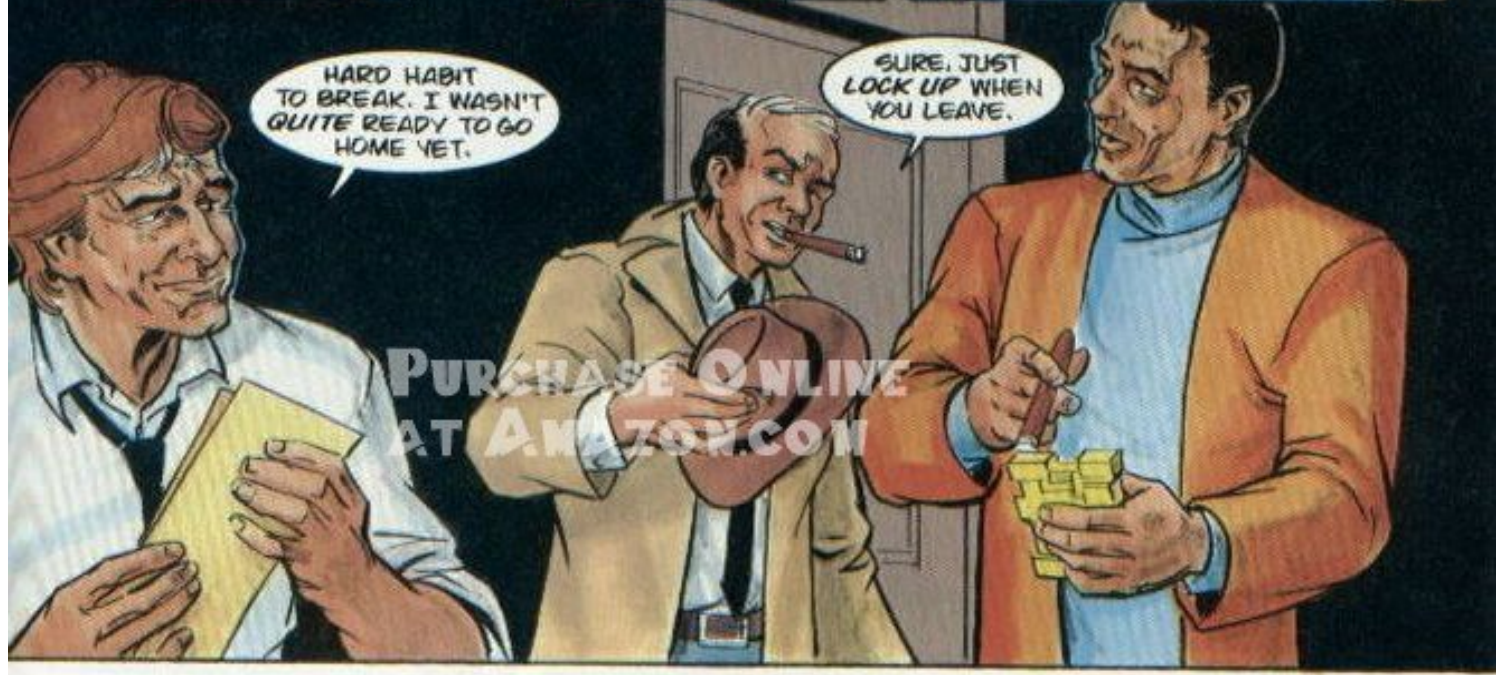


WE'VE GOT TO GET KATRINA'S PARENTS OUT THERE.

EXACTLY. IF THEY SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES, WE'VE GOT A PICTURE PERFECT SCENARIO.

IT'S ALMOST EIGHT O'CLOCK. THAT DOESN'T GIVE US MUCH TIME.

TALKING TO YOURSELF AGAIN, HANK?



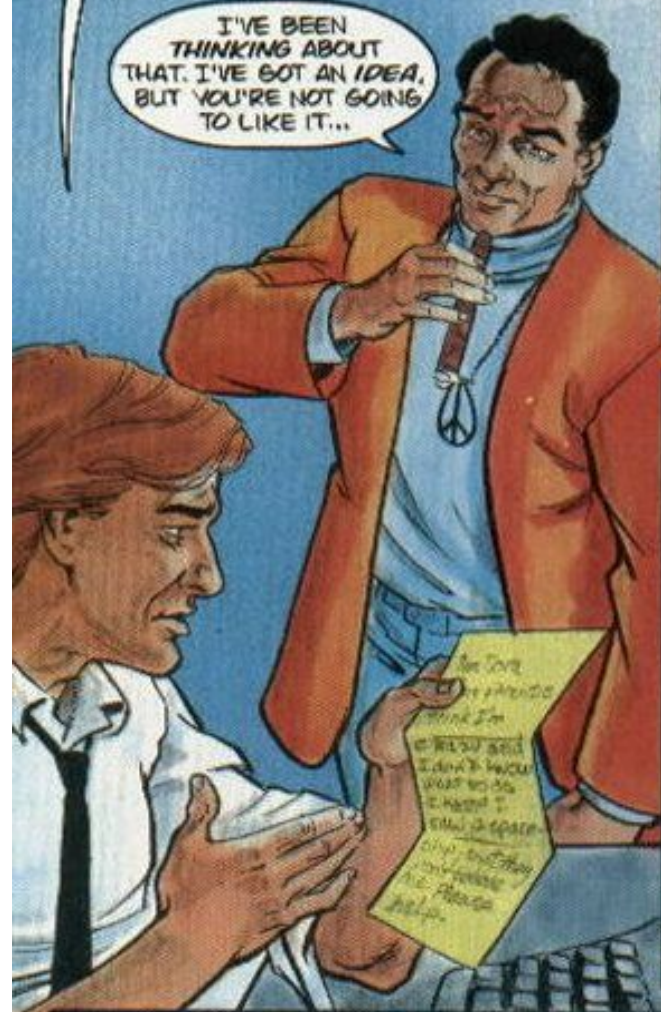
HARD HABIT TO BREAK. I WASN'T QUITE READY TO GO HOME YET.

SURE. JUST LOCK UP WHEN YOU LEAVE.

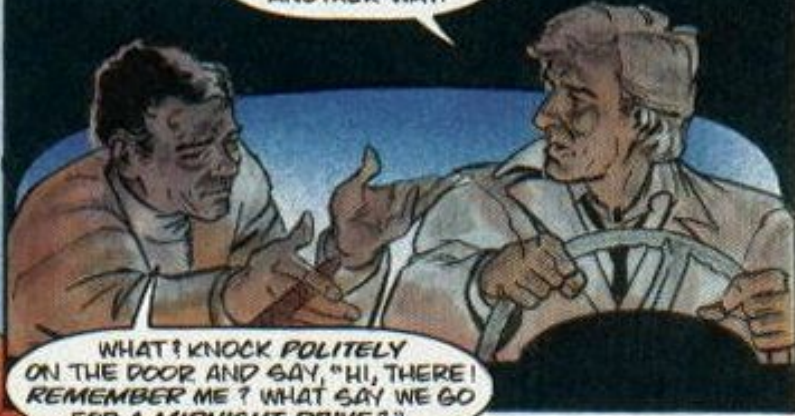
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BUT HOW DO WE GET THEM TO GRIFFITH'S WOODS?

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT. I'VE GOT AN IDEA, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT...



-- I HATE IT! THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY.



WHAT? KNOCK POLITELY ON THE DOOR AND SAY, "HI, THERE! REMEMBER ME? WHAT SAY WE GO FOR A MIDNIGHT DRIVE?"

I'M SORRY, AL, BUT I'M JUST NOT INTO CHILD ENDANGERMENT.

WHO'S BEING ENDANGERED? I'LL SCOUT AHEAD.



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF KATRINA AND HER LITTLE GREEN MEN. TOMORROW, SHE GOES TO DR. KIRKMAN'S WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

MARK, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN! SHE'LL HEAR YOU!



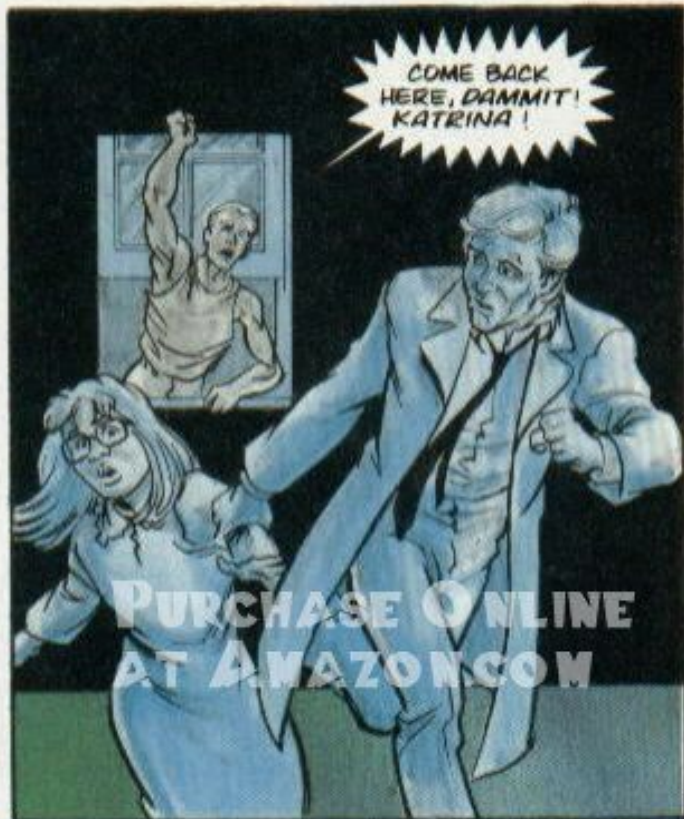
THERE YOU ARE. AWAKE, TOO. GOOD.



AH, THE DYING ART OF CONVERSATION. LET'S SEE, WHERE'S KATRINA'S ROOM?

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THERE THEY ARE!

HOLD ON!

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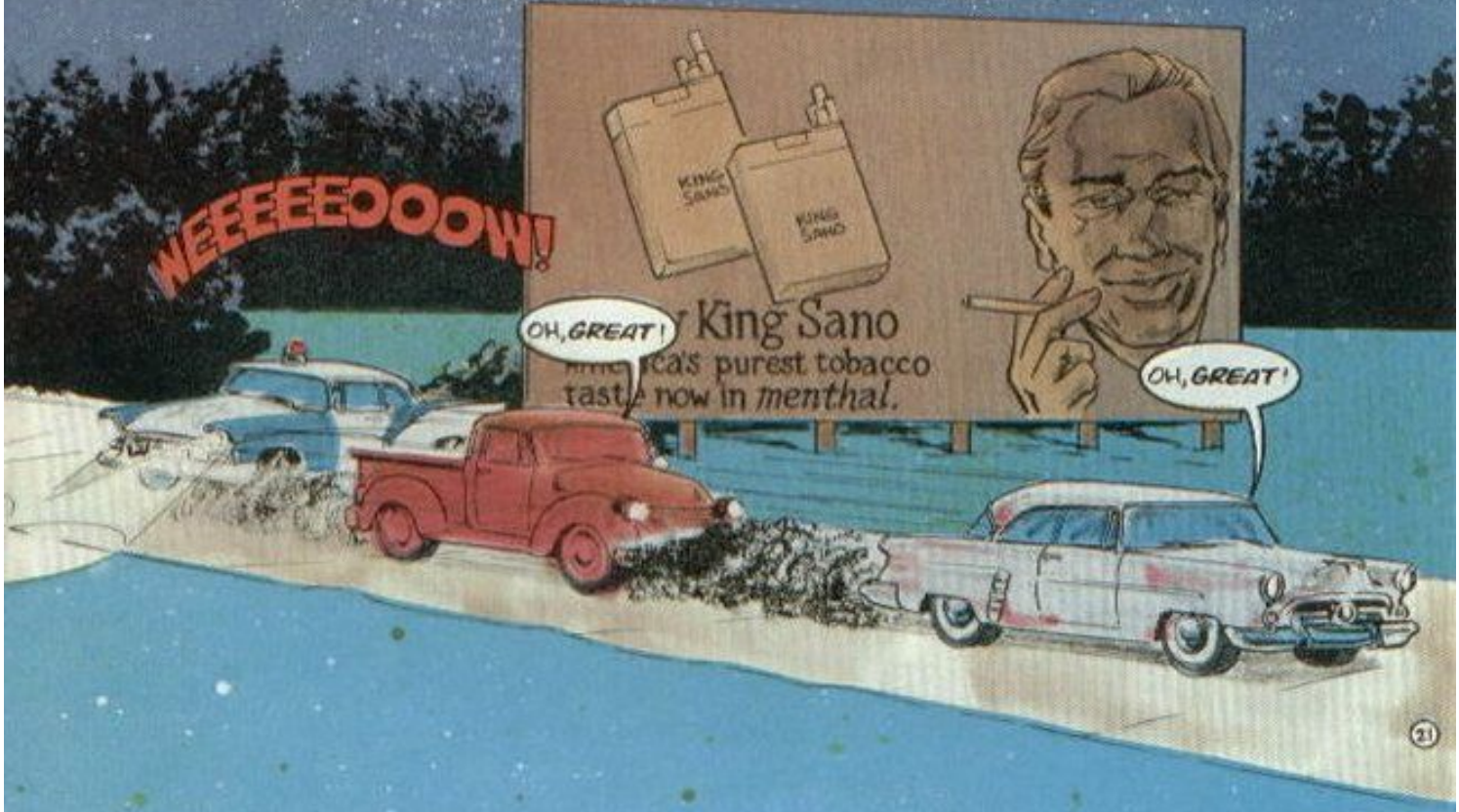


GOOD, THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!



SLOW DOWN, MARK!

I CAN'T! HE'LL GET AWAY!



WEEEEEDOOOW!

OH, GREAT!

King Sano
America's purest tobacco
taste now in menthal.




OH, GREAT!





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--KATRINA'S FUTURE IS FINE,
AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE UFO STORY,
HANK BRISCOE GETS HIRED AS
THE EDITOR OF--GET THIS--THE UFO
MONTHLY REPORT.

HE MOVES TO FLORIDA,
CONVINCES HATCH TO JOIN HIM, AND
LIVES TO A RIPE OLD AGE.

TWO FOR THE
PRICE OF ONE. I'M
SURPRISED I HAVEN'T
LEAPT YET.

"YOU WERE SAYING--?"



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**UFO SIGHTED IN
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... HAVEN'T BEEN LISTENING TO A WORD I'VE SAID, HAVE YOU MISS ANDERSON?

UH... WELL, I...

EARTH TO CINDY.



CINDY? WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK KINDA STRANGE.

CINDY? NO, NOT ANOTHER--

MISS ANDERSON. EVERYONE'S WAITING.



MRS. ROONEY, I THINK YOU'D BETTER CALL ON SOMEONE ELSE.

I DON'T THINK CINDY'S FEELING WELL, TODAY.

VERY WELL. BEN? HOW ABOUT YOU?



HERE, CINDY, FIX YOUR FACE. YOUR MAKE-UP'S RUNNING.

UH, THANKS--

BOY, YOU'RE SWEATING LIKE A MAN.



OH, BOY. I'M A TWIN!

TEST TUESDAY