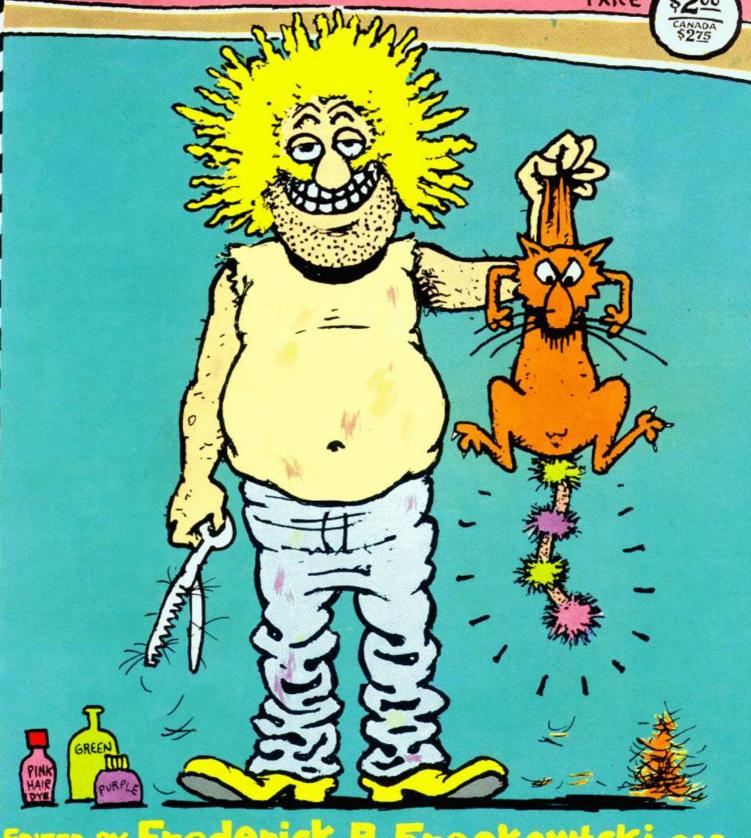


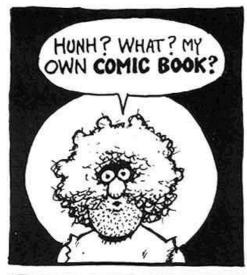
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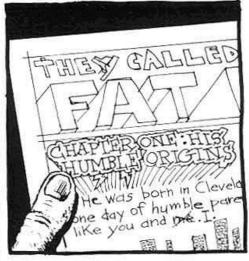
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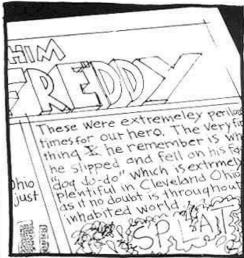
























RETURN WITH US NOW TO THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR, WHEN MEN WERE MEN AND COMIC BOOKS WERE COMIC BOOKS, AND GOD FORBID THAT EVER THE TWAIN SHOULD MEET. AFTER ALL, GROWNUPS DON'T READ COMIC BOOKS, RIGHT? IN FACT, GROWN MEN DON'T READ ANYTHING AT ALL IN OUR CULTURE. IF YOU EVER SEE ONE SNEAKING A LOOK AT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SPORTS SECTION, YOU CAN BE SURE HE'S EITHER A GEEK, A WIMP, OR A WOOSIE, OR ELSE A LITTLE KID DRESSED UP LIKE AN ADULT. SO, WIPE THE SNOT OFF YOUR LITTLE NOSE AND JOIN US NOW FOR A THRILLING OLD-TIME HORROR STORY, ONE OF THE GENERIC CLASSICS...

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ARTISTS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE): GILBERT SHELTON, PAUL MAVRIDES, HAL ROBINS, JACK JACKSON, SPAIN RODRIGUEZ, GUY COLWELL, S. CLAY WILSON, & TED RICHARDS. STORYBOARDS & LETTERING: SHELTON.

IT APPEARED I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO **PHONE**THE **MECHANIC**. TO **DO** SO, I WOULD HAVE TO **TRAVERSE** THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE **CEMETERY**.
IT LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF OLD **E.C.** COMICS.



HERE AND THERE TWISTED TREES WERE VISIBLE THROUGH THE MIST, LIKE GROTESQUE AND HULKING DEMONS RENDERED BY THE INIMITABLE JACK DAVIS.



COUNTLESS INSECTS AND ARACHNIDS WERE SKITTER-ING AND CLICKING IN THE DARKNESS, EACH ONE LOVINGLY DRAWN BY "GHASTLY" GRAHAM INGELS.



THERE WERE MYSTERIOUS BIRDS LURKING IN THE SHRUBBERY, AND BATS FLITTING THROUGH THE FOGGY NIGHT, ALL DRAWN BY WALLACE WOOD.



NOW WE SEE A CLOSE-UP OF YOURS TRULY DONE BY THE GREAT JACK KAMEN, WHILE SOUND EFFECTS BY WILL ELDER ECHO THROUGH THE GLOOM.



FROM TIME TO TIME AN EXPRESSIONISTIC BOLT OF LIGHTNING, PENNED BY HARVEY KURTZMAN, WOULD ILLUMINATE THE EERIE, SURREAL SCAPE.



LONG AGO, THE LOCAL LEGEND GOES, A SAD AND HORRIBLE EVENT TOOK PLACE HERE, INVOLVING A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BY FRANK FRAZETTA. IT WAS OVER BY THAT CHARLES ADDAMS GAZEBO.



IT'S THE GHOST OF A WIDOW WHOSE LOVER WAS EXECUTED FOR THE MURDER OF HER HUSBAND AND THE GUY WAS INNOCENT BECAUSE HE WAS WITH HER THE NIGHT THE HUSBAND DIED BUT SHE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING.



AND JUST AS SHE WAS PASSING THIS VERY SPOT, SHE SPOTTED SOMETHING DARK, CHILLING, AND LUMPY, HALF HIDDEN BEHIND A BELLADONNA TREE.



THAT DOESN'T MATTER. THESE GRAVESTONES CAME FROM EDWARD GOREY, AND HE NEVER WORKED FOR E.C. EITHER. THE POINT IS THIS SPOT IS REPUTED TO BE HAUNTED



THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE STORY. THE WAY IN WHICH THE WIDOW HERSELF ENDED WAS THE REALLY TERRIBLE PART. SHE HAD COME OUT AT NIGHT TO VISIT HER DEPARTED LOVER'S GRAVE





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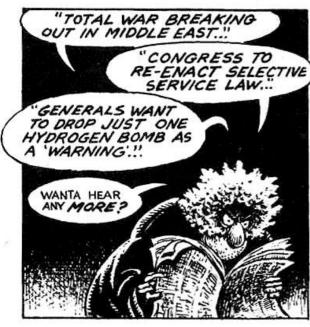












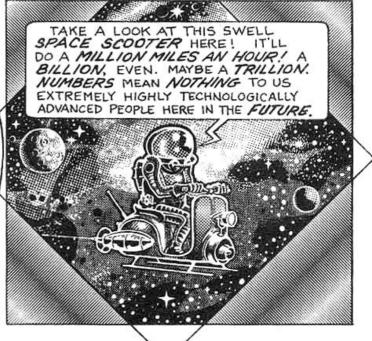


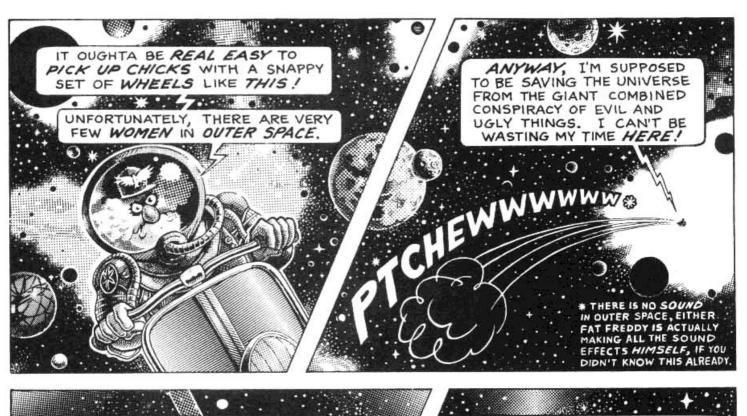
I GUESS HORROR STORIES JUST
AREN'T AS POPULAR AS THEY USED
TO BE, HUH, FOLKS? TOO HARD TO
COMPETE WITH THE NEWS! WHAT
PEOPLE SEEM TO WANT NOW IS THE
SCIENCE FICTION STUFF. WELL,
THERE'S SOME OF THAT COMING
RIGHT UP. MEANWHILE, I GOTTA GET
BACK TO WORK. THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS' UNION JUST
CAME OFF STRIKE AFTER SIX WEEKS
AND THERE'S A HUGE BACKLOG OF
PEOPLE WAITING TO BE BURIED!
I'M GONNA TAKE THAT BIG BULLDOZER
THERE AND SEE IF I CAN GET 'EM
ALL IN ONE HOLE! TOODLE-OO!

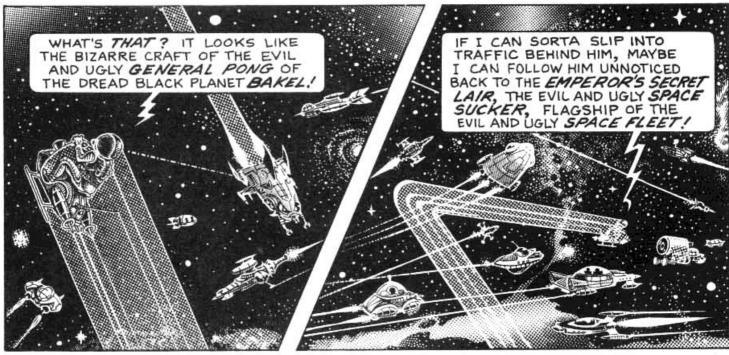


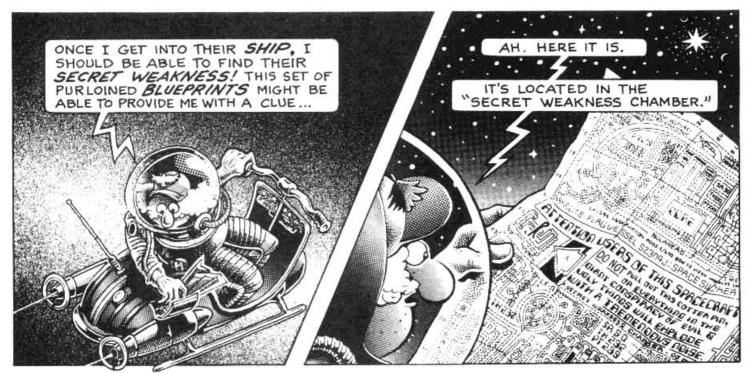






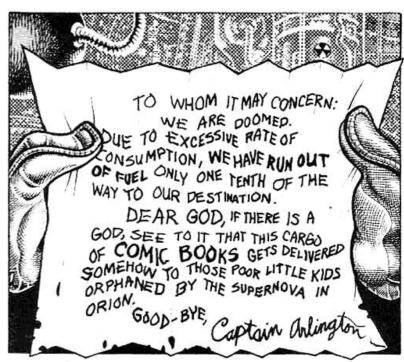






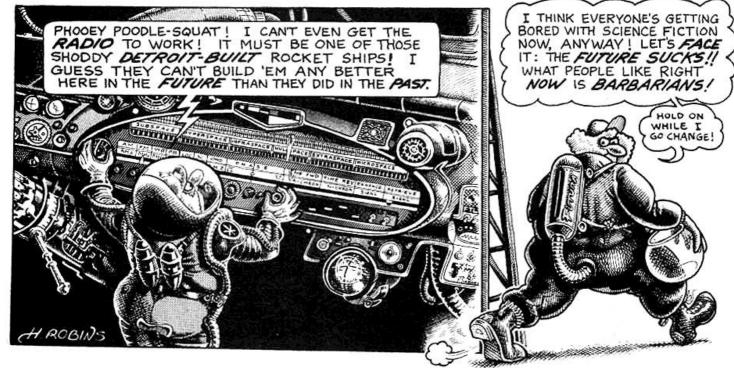


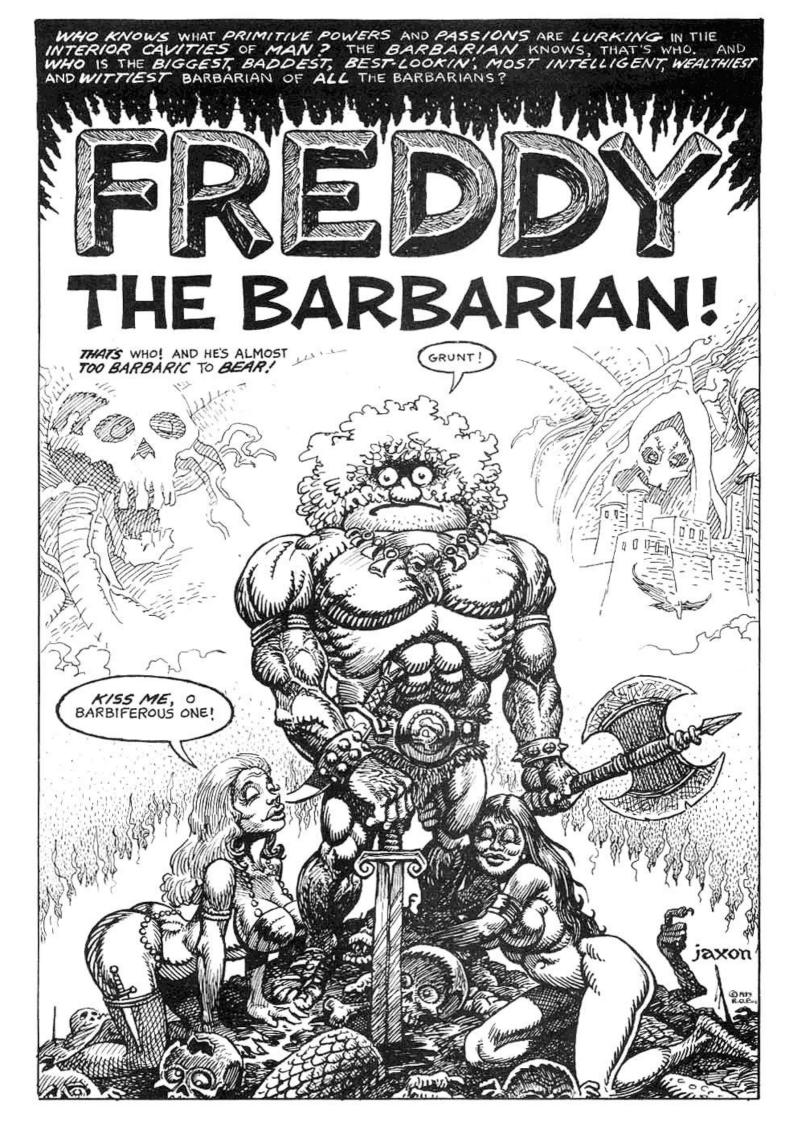




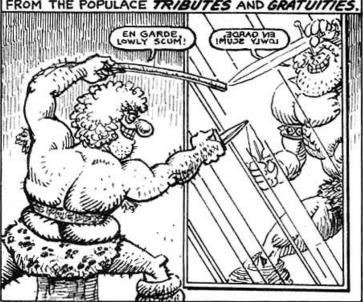






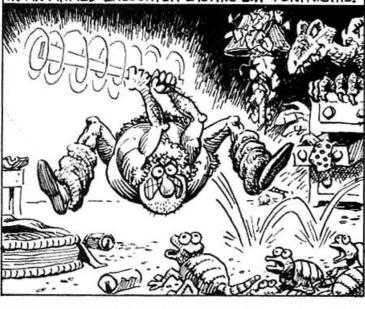


ARMED WITH HIS TRUSTY METEWAND, AWESOME BARBARIAN DID VENTURE FORTH. AND DID GO ABOUT FROM PLACE TO PLACE, EXACTING FROM THE POPULACE TRIBUTES AND GRATUITIES ANGO KOMBOKATUWA ANGO EN GARDE



FIRST HE DID JOURNEY TO THE FAR REALM OF NORTH ZULCH, & WHILE ON HIS WAY, HE ENCOUNTERED AND SLEW A COVE TWENTY-ODD LOATHSOME PUSSANTHROPE

THEN HE HIED HIMSELF TO THE DISTANT EMPIRE OF THE BRIGGLFILTIANS, WHERE HE SOUGHT OUT AND DISPATCHED THE DOLOROUS FAFFLEWOOD IN AN ARMED ENCOUNTER LASTING SIX FORTNIGHTS.



WHEREUPON HE IMMEDIATELY SET OUT TOWARD THE MYSTIC TOWER OF UPDOCK, BUT THE ROUTE WAS BLOCKED BY THE LEGIONS OF LEGHORN AT THE CROSSROADS VILLAGE OF OMELETTE, & THEY DID FIGHT SWORD AND LANCE, TOOTH AND NAIL HOUR AFTER HOUR, UNTIL THE COWS DID COME HOME



THE COWS, HOWEVER, PROVED TO BE WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, AS OUT FROM THEIR DISGUISES POPPED THE DREADED, COW-BORING PARASITE PEOPLE OF CELLULOID CITY! THE NOBLE BARBARIAN WAS IN THE MIDST OF NEGOTIATING A TREATY WHEN THE SITUATIO WAS COMPLICATED BY THE INTERFERENCE OF THE ARMY OF SCRIBE ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT THE SCORE WAS SETTLED, AND THE LANDSCA BECAME SCOURED OF ALL TREES! THE VERBIAGE WAS OVERWHELMIN SO OUR BARBARIC HERO PULLED OUT HIS SWORD AND KILLED EVERYOR DISTANCE OF FOURSCORE AND ELEVEN HECTOMETERS









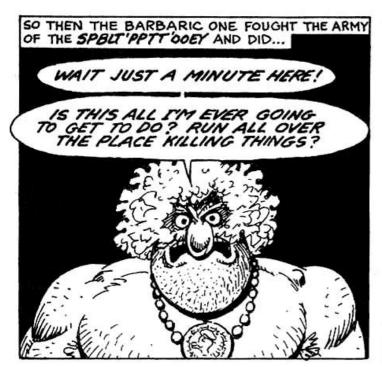














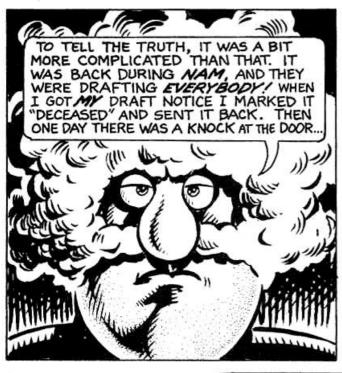






























GOODNESS! IS THAT TRULY FAIR, NOW? WELL, ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, AS THEY SAY. FAIR'S FAIR, THEY SAY, TOO, NOT GOOD, JUST FAIR. ALL'S NOT GOOD IN LOVE AND WAR. BUT ANYHOW... YOU'VE HEARD OF GOOD, REAL, AND TRUE LOVE, BUT HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A FAIR LOVE? YOU'RE ABOUT TO! HERE'S A FAIRLY GOOD, FAIRLY REAL, AND FAIRLY TRUTHFUL EPISODE FROM THE ANNALS OF Sommes FREDDY'S MUC HEY, YOU ALL KNOW WHAT A GREAT FIGHTER I AM, BUT YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T REALIZE I'M A PRETTY FAIR LOVER, TOO! (0

GUY COLWELL @ ROP.

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, JUST ASK AROUND DOWN AT THE "FROG AND FUNNEL," THE LOCAL WATERING HOLE, WHERE I AM KNOWN BY ALL.



ASK BERNICE, THE BARTENDER. SHE'S A GREAT PERSON. SHE'S ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE OR SO, AND SHE'S SORT OF A MOTHER FIGURE FOR EVERYONE



JUST LAST NIGHT, FOR INSTANCE, I NOTICED THIS BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD SITTING AT THE OTHER END OF THE BAR, SO I WALKED ON DOWN AND TURNED ON THE OLD CHARM.



JUST THEN, I SPIED THIS GREAT-LOOKING BRUNETTE OVER BY THE JUKE BOX. SO I TOSSED DOWN THE REST OF MY WALLBANGER AND SAUNTERED OVER TO SHOW HER MY MOVES.

























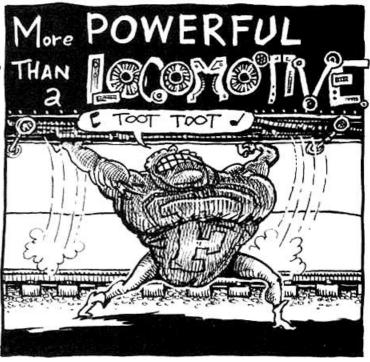


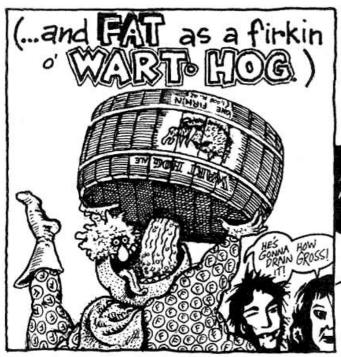












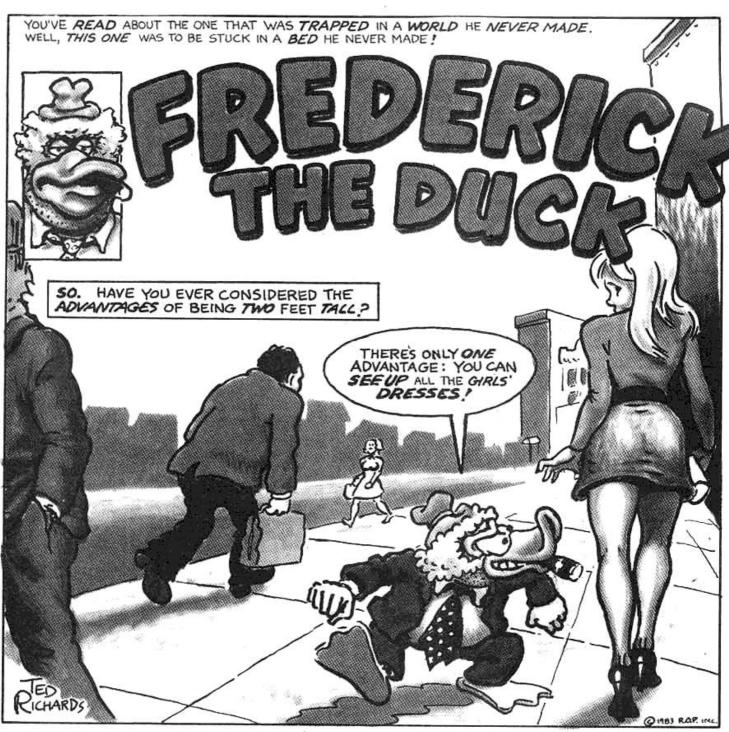
Able to leap over LARGE TABLES in a SINGLE BOUND.



















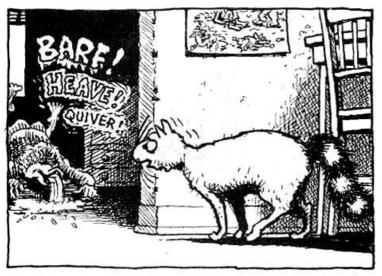


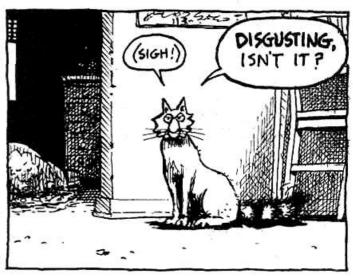






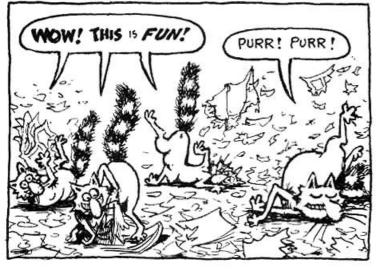








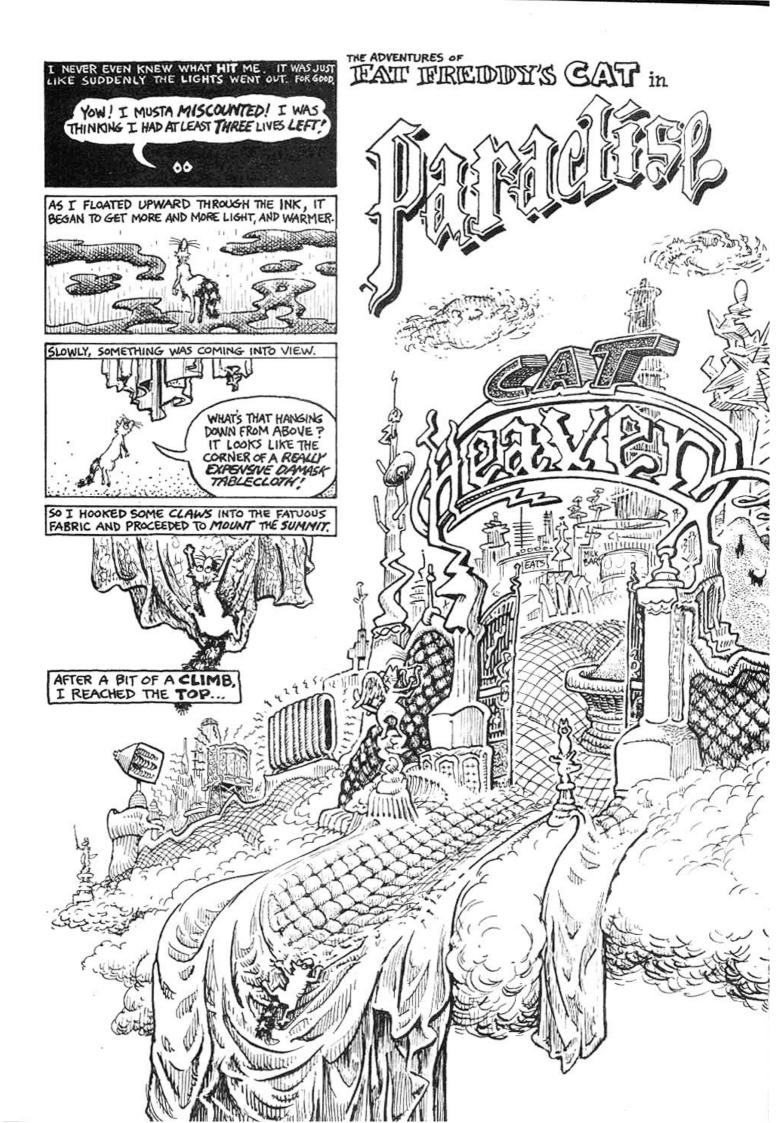


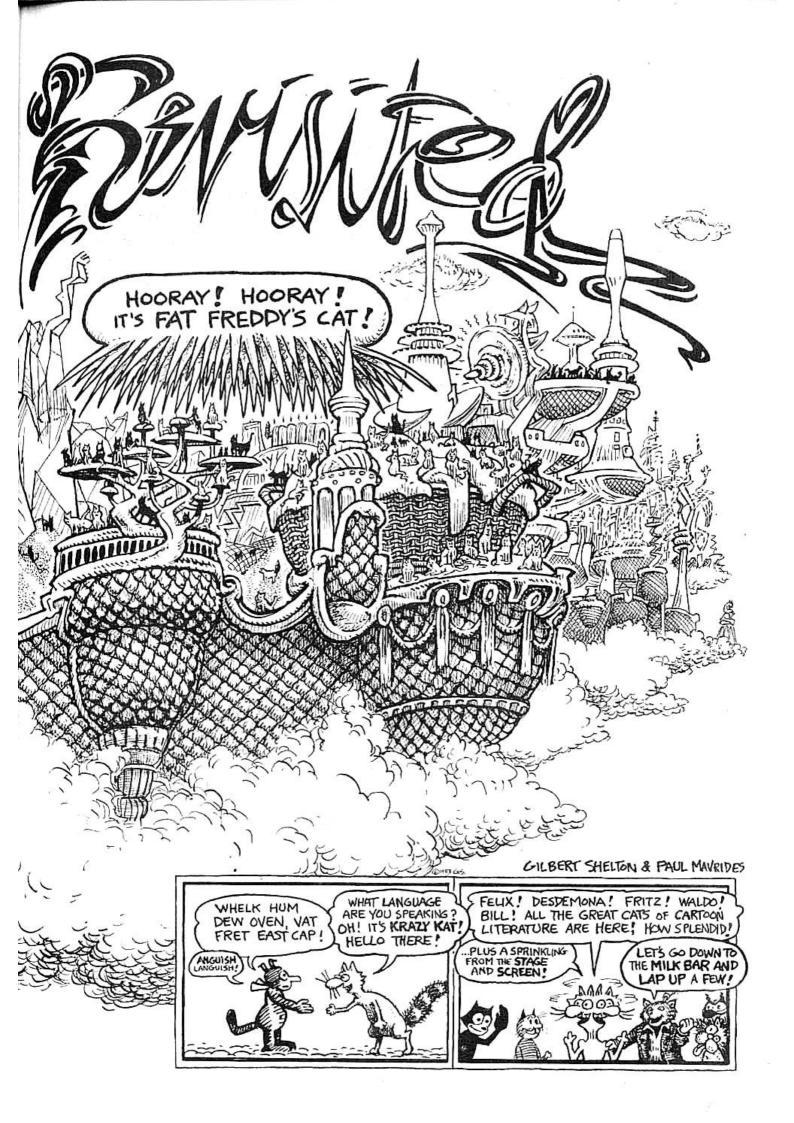














ON SUNDAYS WE HAVE THE BULLDOGFIGHTS! YOU SEE, BELOW US IS DOG HEAVEN, AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE ONE OF THEM DUMB SONS OF BITCHES SOMEHOW MANAGES TO DIE, RIGHT THERE IN HIS OWN HEAVEN WHERE HE HIS EVERYTHING GOING FOR HIM.



AND THEY'RE SO DAMNED STUPID THEY COME UP HERE TO OUR HEAVEN WHERE WE RULE! WOULD YOU CARE TO GIVE IT A GO?





YOU COULD GO MOUSE HUNTING, THEN!

YOU HAVE MICE HERE IN HEAVEN ? GREAT!

OH YES! THEY'RE ALWAYS DROPPING DOWN FROM MOUSE HEAVEN, WHICH IS DIRECTLY ABOVE US AND EXTREMELY CROWDED!



YOU MAY, OF COURSE, HAVE ANYTHING YOU DESIRE IN HEAVEN JUST BY WISHING FOR IT, BUT BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU BRING UP HERE, BECAUSE THE PLACE IS RATHER FZIMSILY CONSTRUCTED.

NO WEIGHT-LIFTING. THEN? RIGHT!









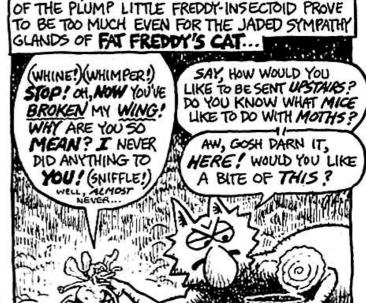




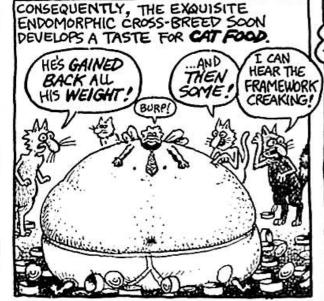


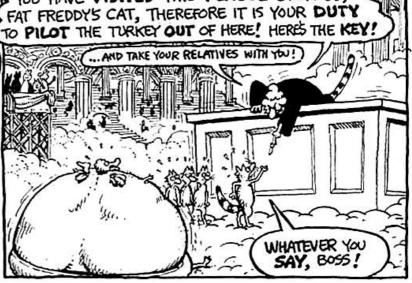




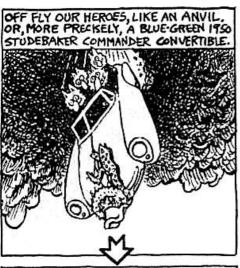


HOWEVER, THE PITIFUL AND CEASELESS CRIES





YOU HAVE VISITED THIS PLAGUE UPON US,

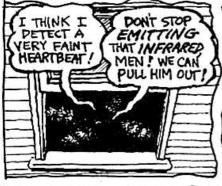


DOWN DOWN THROUGH THE NUMEROUS STAGES OF PARADISE: FIRST, THE DOGS', CAUSING THEM TO LOSE THEN COMPOSURE.





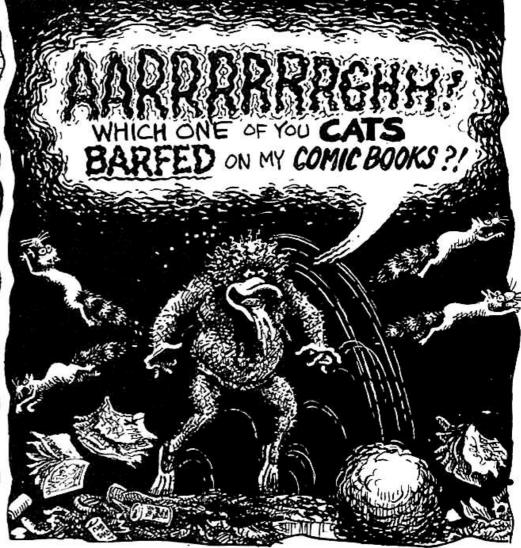




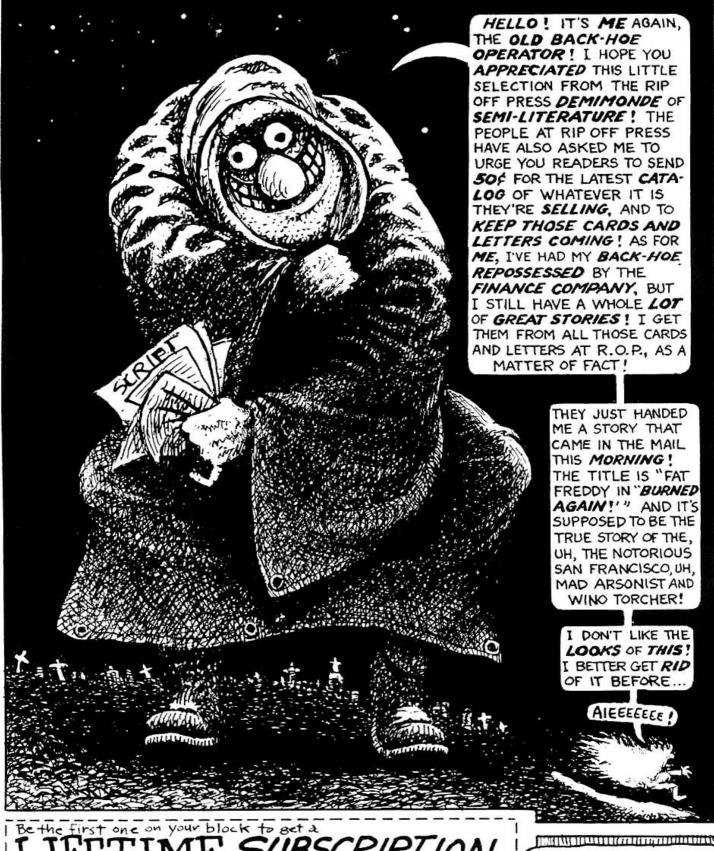
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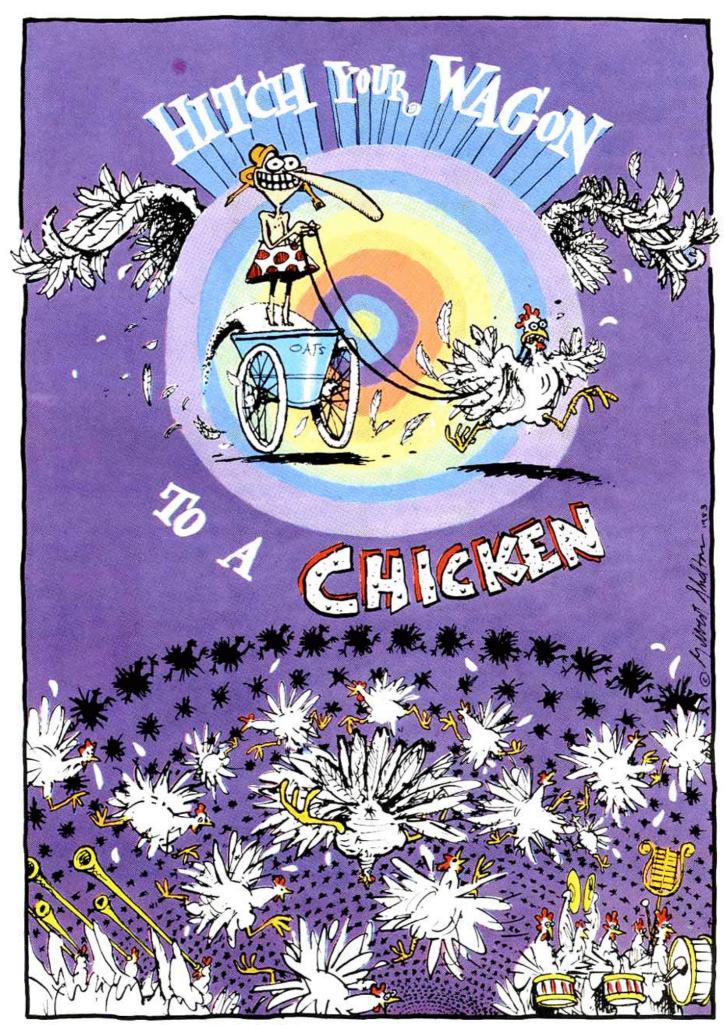












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