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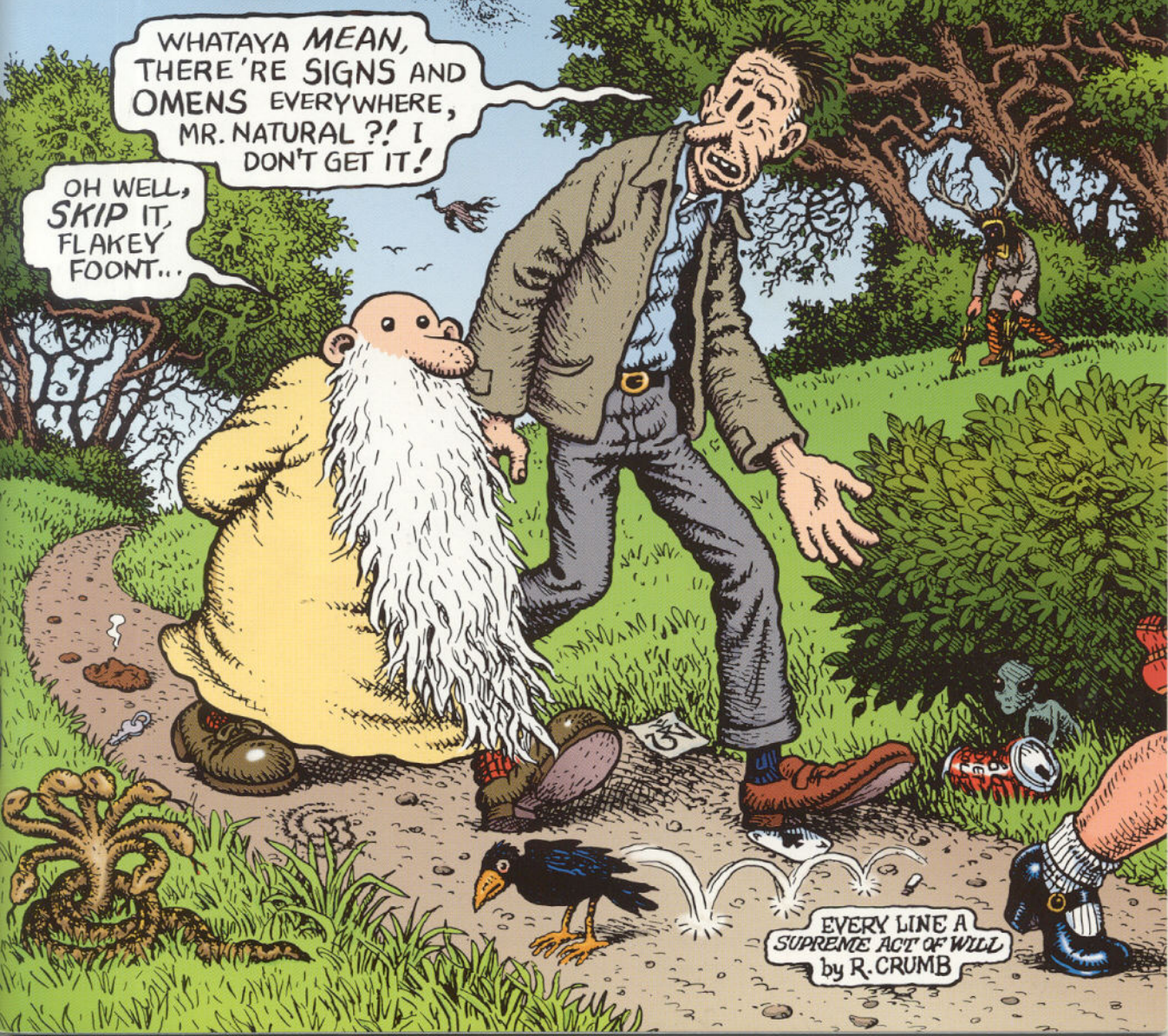
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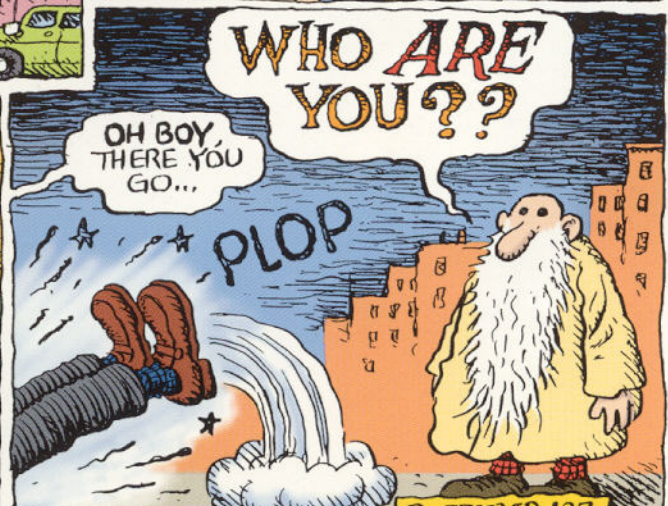
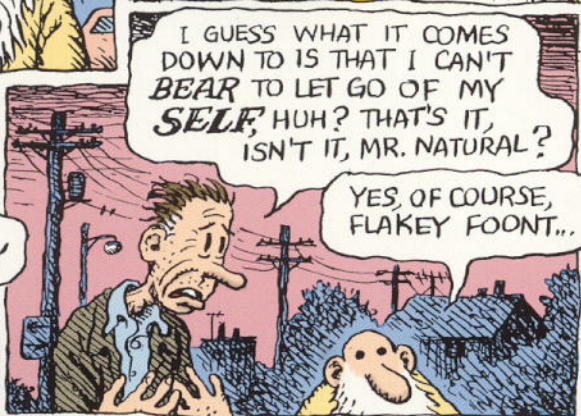
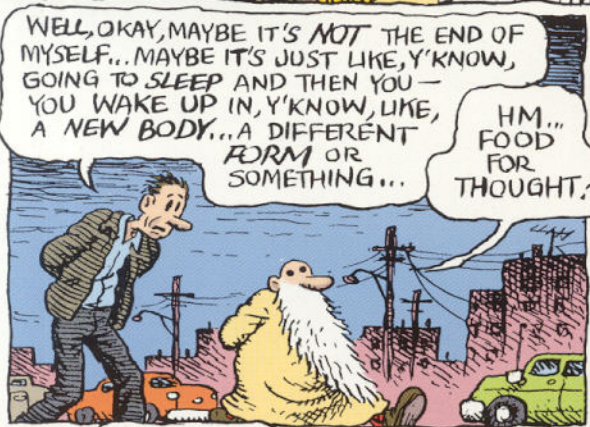
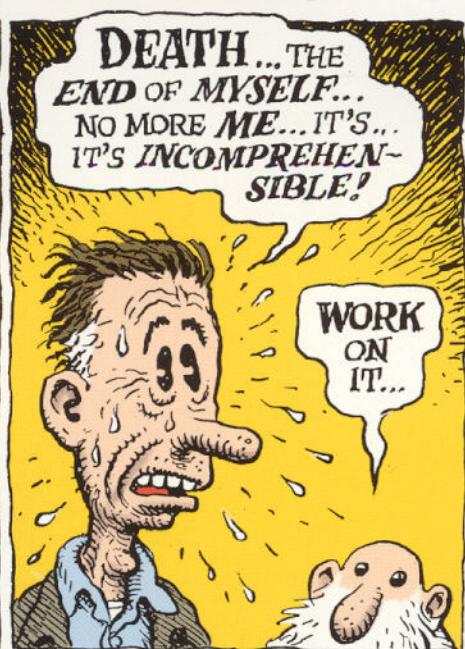
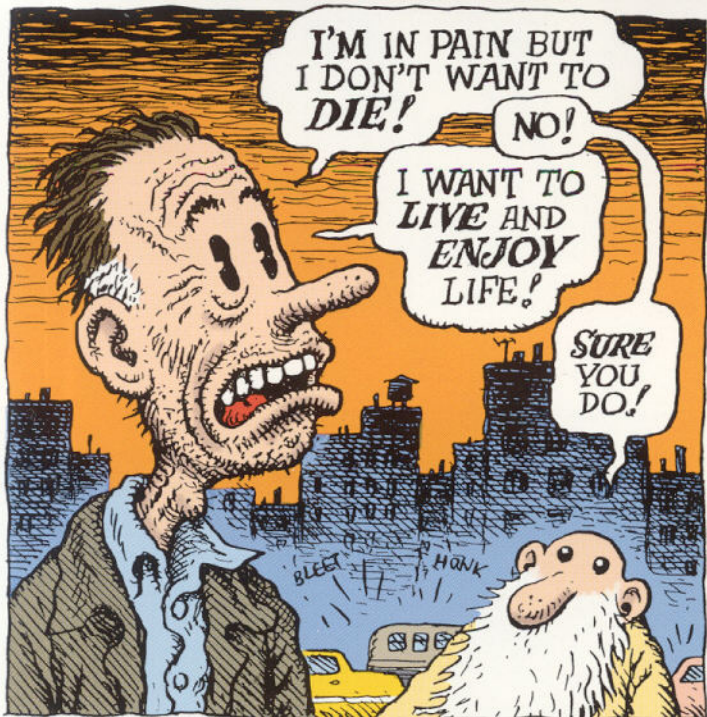
WHATAYA MEAN,
THERE 'RE SIGNS AND
OMENS EVERYWHERE,
MR. NATURAL?! I
DON'T GET IT!

OH WELL,
SKIP IT,
FLAKEY
FOONT...



EVERY LINE A
SUPREME ACT OF WILL
by R. CRUMB

MR. NATURAL & FLAKEY FOOT THINKIN' ABOUT DEATH 'N' STUFF



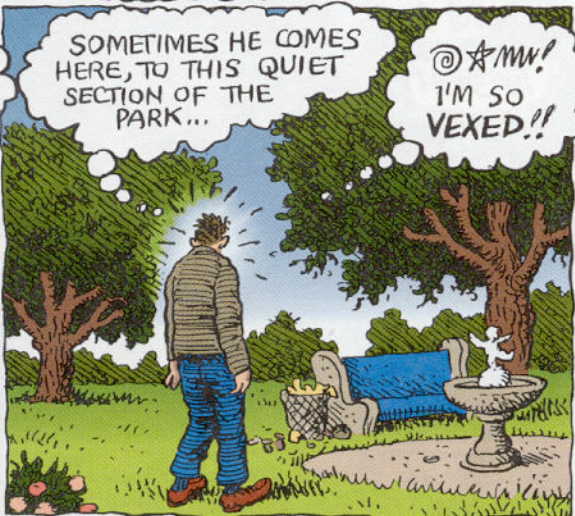
MR. NATURAL & FLAKEY FOOT in "WHO ARE YOU?"



"WHO ARE YOU?"

MAN, DID THAT EVER STOP ME COLD! I MUST FIND MR. NATURAL NOW AND ASK HIM IF ~ IF HE KNOWS WHO I AM!

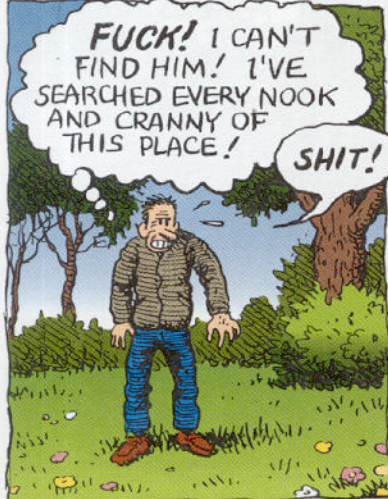
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SOMETIMES HE COMES HERE, TO THIS QUIET SECTION OF THE PARK...

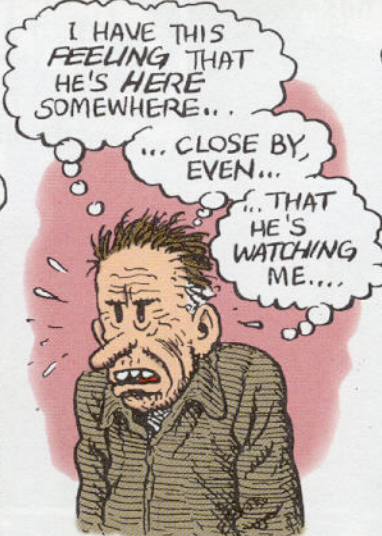
@*MW! I'M SO VEXED!!

AN HOUR PASSES...



FUCK! I CAN'T FIND HIM! I'VE SEARCHED EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THIS PLACE!

SHIT!



I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT HE'S HERE SOMEWHERE...

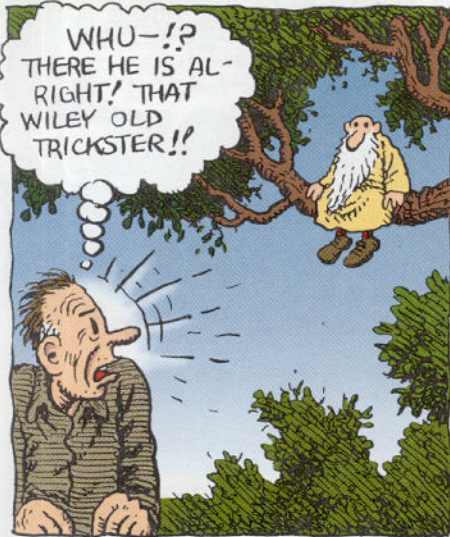
... CLOSE BY, EVEN...

... THAT HE'S WATCHING ME...

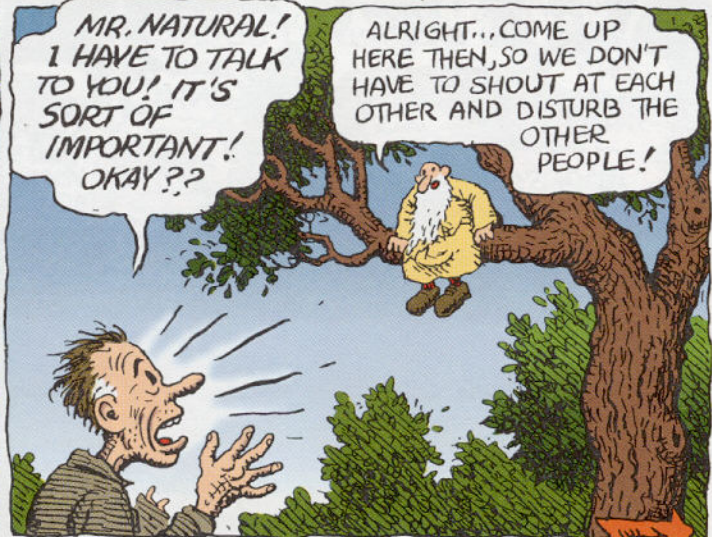


I FEEL HIS EYES ON ME...

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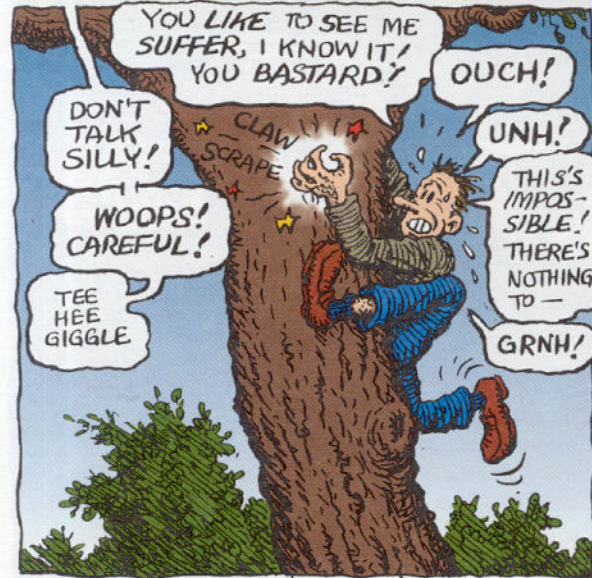
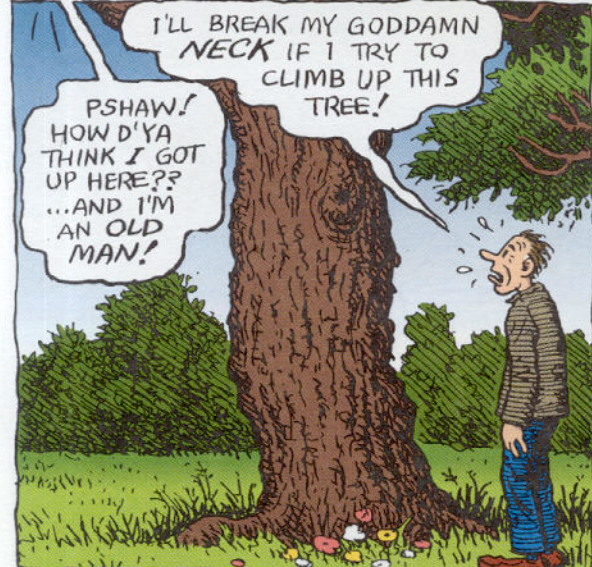
WHU-!?! THERE HE IS ALRIGHT! THAT WILEY OLD TRICKSTER!!

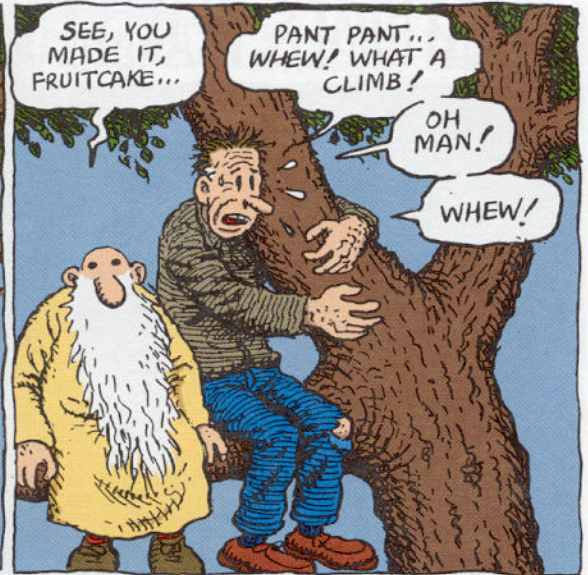


MR. NATURAL! I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU! IT'S SORT OF IMPORTANT! OKAY???

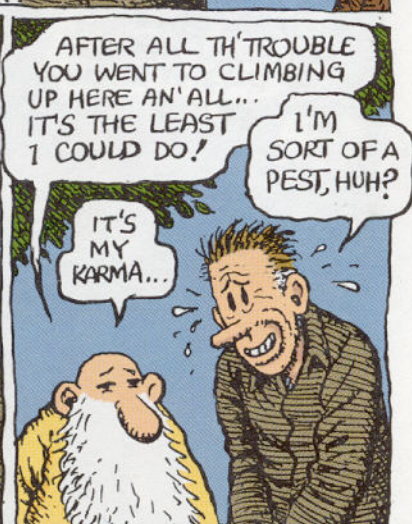
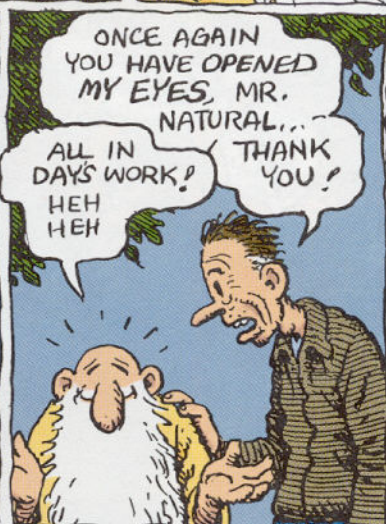
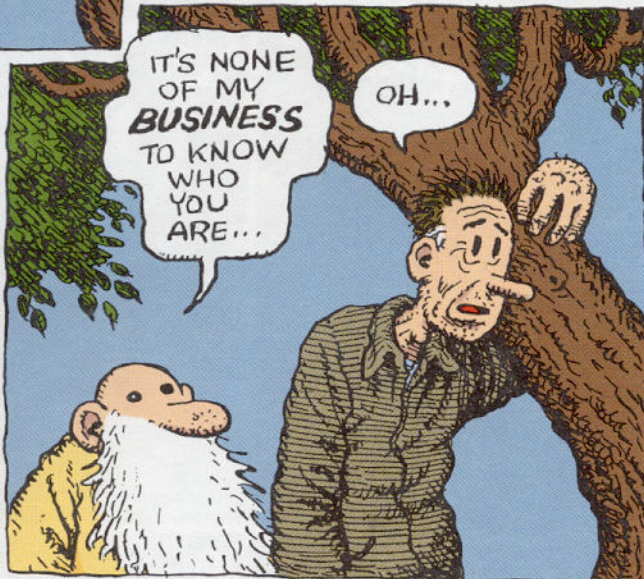
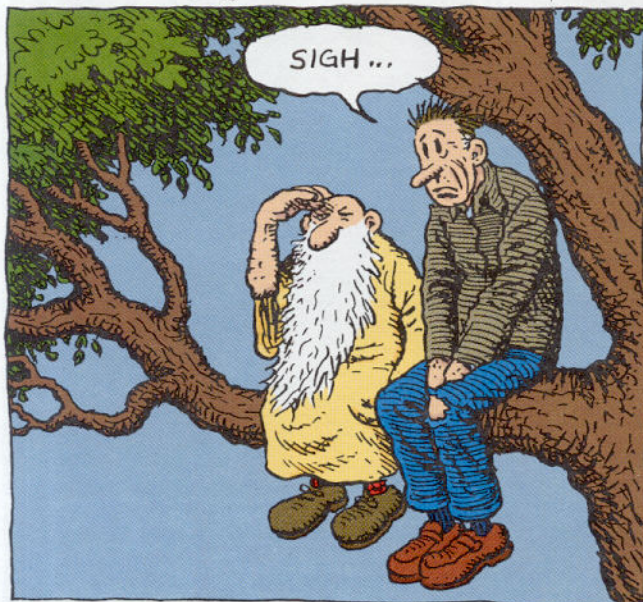
ALRIGHT... COME UP HERE THEN, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT AT EACH OTHER AND DISTURB THE OTHER PEOPLE!







MR. NATURAL & FLAKEY FOOT in "LOOK AND SEE!"



ALRIGHT, WELL, I'LL GO DOWN NOW AND LEAVE YOU IN PEACE...

NO, WAIT... TARRY AWHILE, BUNKY... WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?



SIDDOWN, RELAX... LOOK OUT THERE...

REALLY? I'M NOT BOTHERING YOU?? I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE MY PRESENCE IS GETTING ON YOUR NERVES... LIKE I'M ~

NO NO, LOOK OUT THERE!



WHAT? WHERE??

'WAY OFF THERE IN THE DISTANCE! LOOK, SEE?

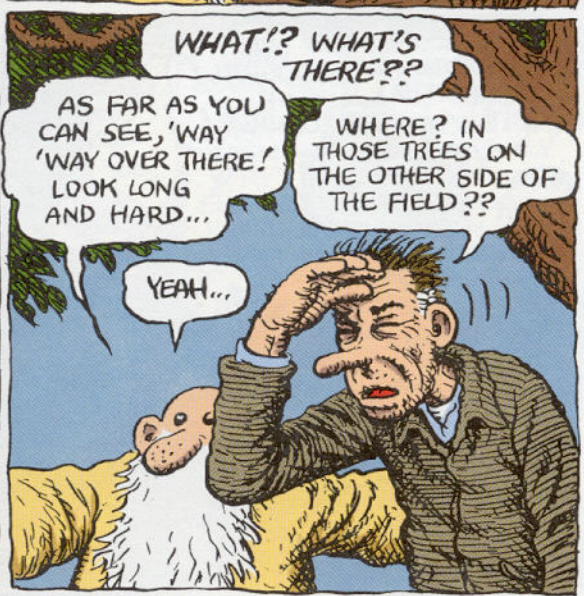


WHAT!?! WHAT'S THERE??

AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE, 'WAY 'WAY OVER THERE! LOOK LONG AND HARD...

WHERE? IN THOSE TREES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FIELD??

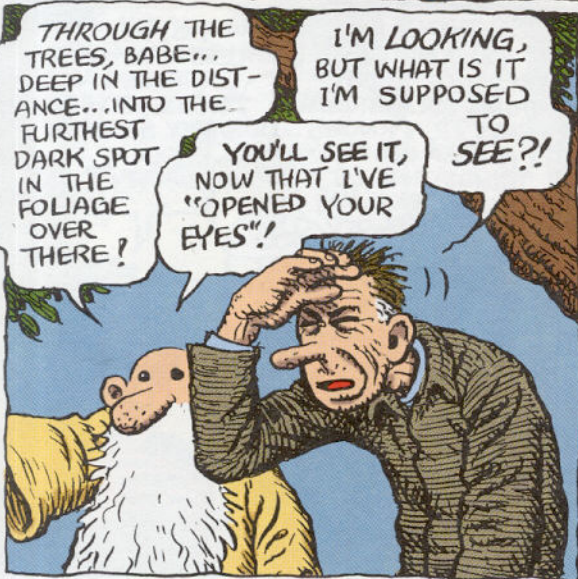
YEAH...



THROUGH THE TREES, BABE... DEEP IN THE DISTANCE... INTO THE FURTHEST DARK SPOT IN THE FOLIAGE OVER THERE!

I'M LOOKING, BUT WHAT IS IT I'M SUPPOSED TO SEE?!

YOU'LL SEE IT, NOW THAT I'VE "OPENED YOUR EYES"!



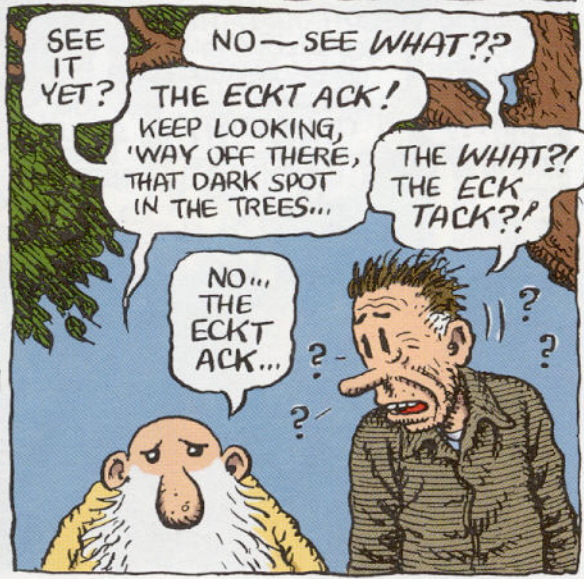
SEE IT YET?

NO ~ SEE WHAT??

THE ECKT ACK! KEEP LOOKING, 'WAY OFF THERE, THAT DARK SPOT IN THE TREES...

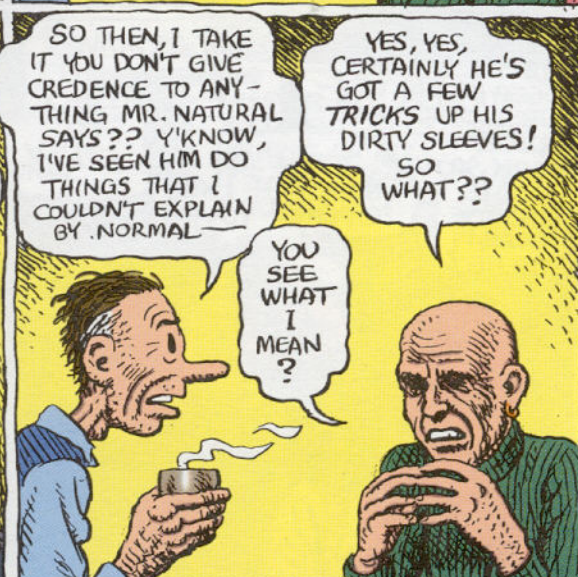
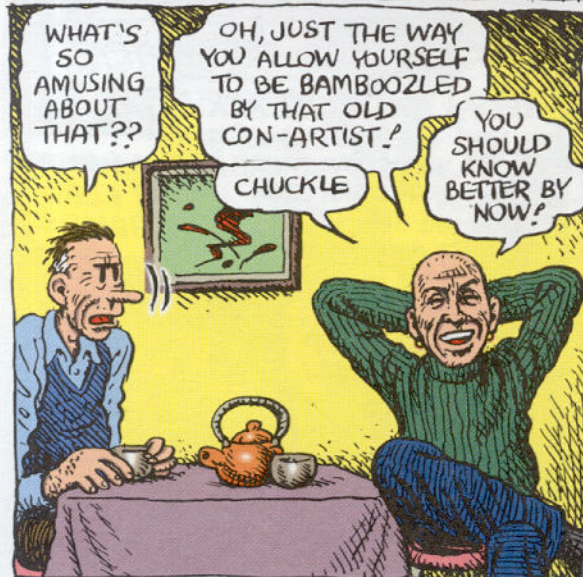
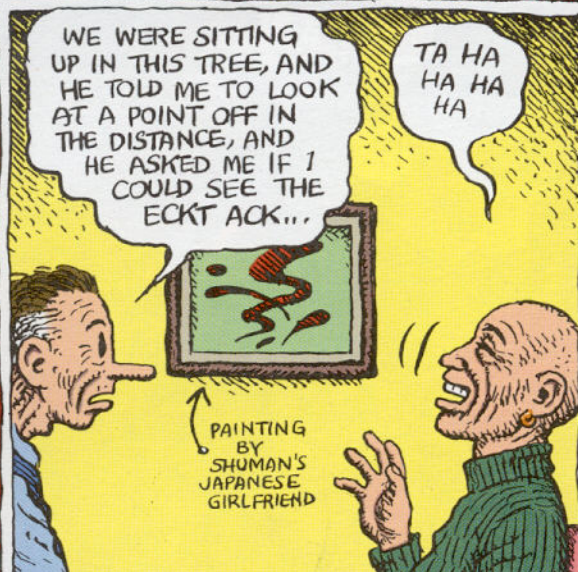
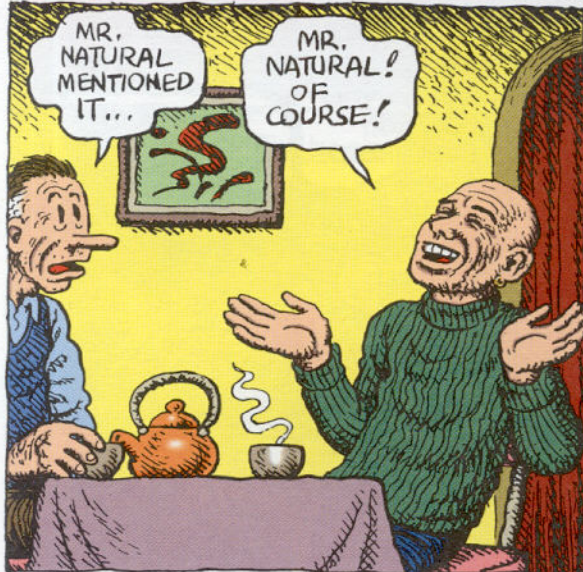
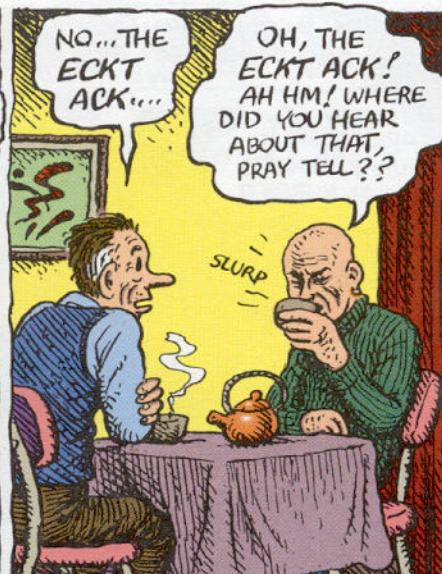
THE WHAT?! THE ECK TACK?!

NO... THE ECKT ACK...



**A
HIGHLY
SPIRITUAL
DISCUSSION
BETWEEN
FLAKEY FOOT
AND
SHUMAN
the HUMAN**

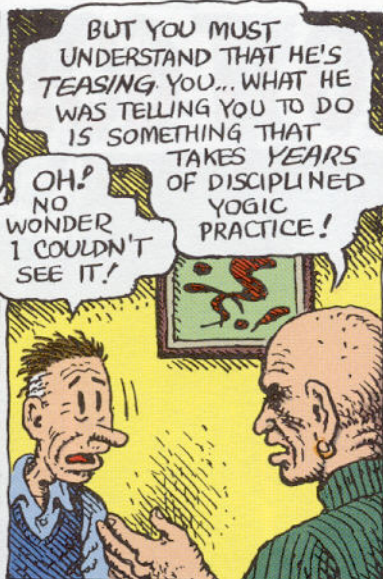
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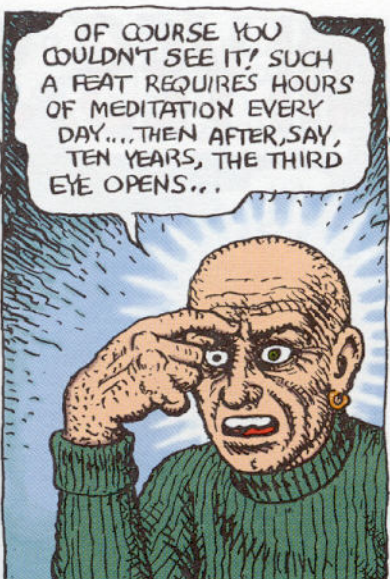
WELL, SO, YOU THINK HE'S PULLING MY LEG ABOUT THE ECKT ACK? YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO IT?

IN FACT THERE IS SOMETHING TO IT...



OH? NO WONDER I COULDN'T SEE IT!

BUT YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S TEASING YOU... WHAT HE WAS TELLING YOU TO DO IS SOMETHING THAT TAKES YEARS OF DISCIPLINED YOGIC PRACTICE!

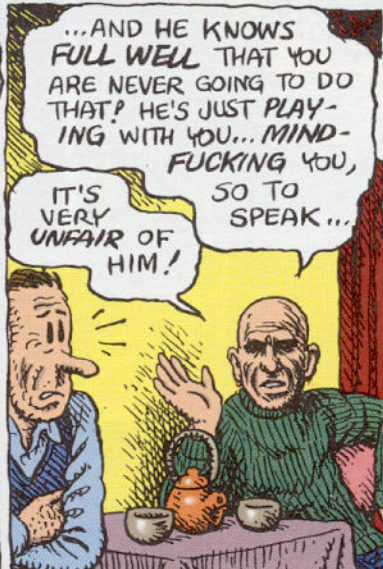


OF COURSE YOU COULDN'T SEE IT! SUCH A FEAT REQUIRES HOURS OF MEDITATION EVERY DAY... THEN AFTER, SAY, TEN YEARS, THE THIRD EYE OPENS...



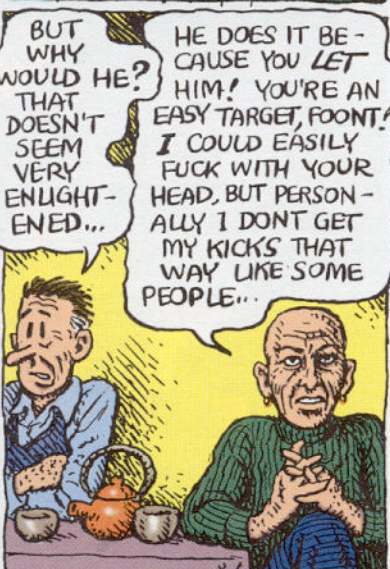
THEN, MY FRIEND, YOU SEE THINGS QUITE DIFFERENTLY! YOU SEE IN A NEW WAY! ... AND ONLY THEN CAN YOU SEE THE ECKT ACK!!

OH...



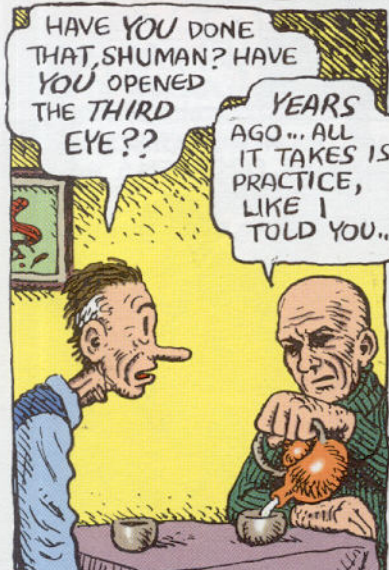
...AND HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT YOU ARE NEVER GOING TO DO THAT? HE'S JUST PLAYING WITH YOU... MIND-FUCKING YOU, SO TO SPEAK...

IT'S VERY UNFAIR OF HIM!



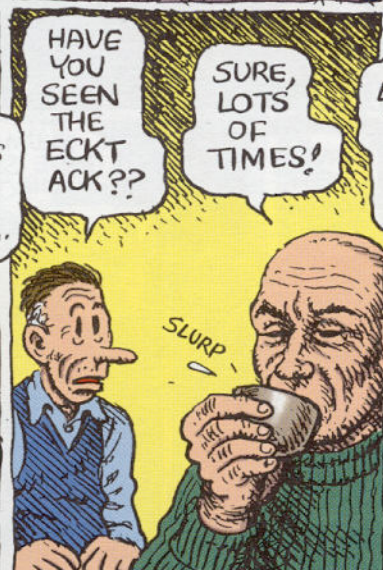
BUT WHY WOULD HE? THAT DOESN'T SEEM VERY ENLIGHTENED...

HE DOES IT BECAUSE YOU LET HIM! YOU'RE AN EASY TARGET, FOONT! I COULD EASILY FUCK WITH YOUR HEAD, BUT PERSONALLY I DON'T GET MY KICKS THAT WAY LIKE SOME PEOPLE...



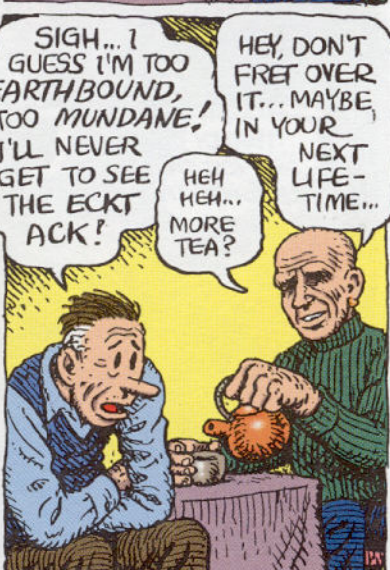
HAVE YOU DONE THAT, SHUMAN? HAVE YOU OPENED THE THIRD EYE??

YEARS AGO... ALL IT TAKES IS PRACTICE, LIKE I TOLD YOU...



HAVE YOU SEEN THE ECKT ACK??

SURE, LOTS OF TIMES!



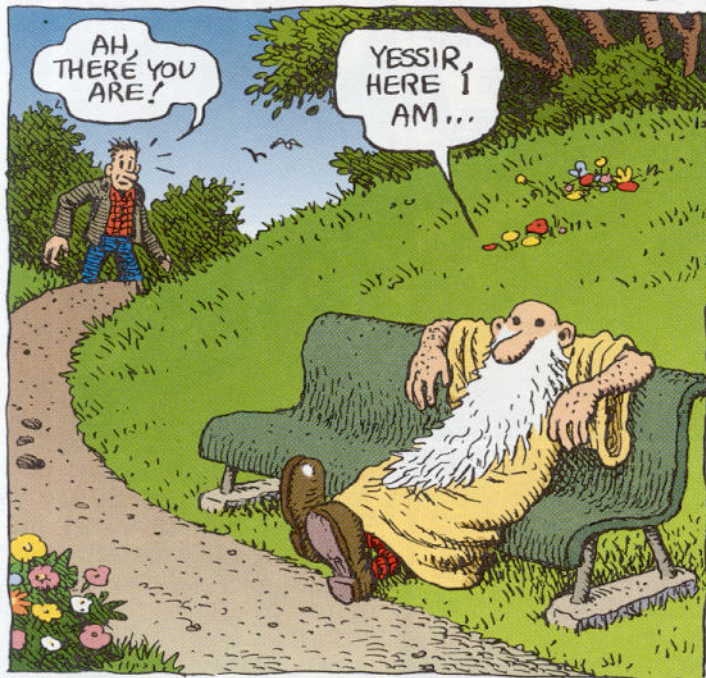
SIGH... I GUESS I'M TOO EARTHBOUND, TOO MUNDANE! I'LL NEVER GET TO SEE THE ECKT ACK!

HEH HEH... MORE TEA?

HEY, DON'T FRET OVER IT... MAYBE, IN YOUR NEXT LIFE-TIME...

AH YES, SO IT GOES

with
MR. NATURAL &
FLAKEY FOONT



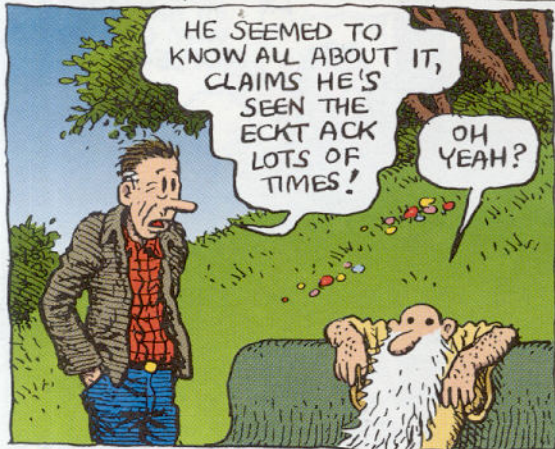
AH, THERE YOU ARE!

YESSIR, HERE I AM...



I SPOKE WITH SHUMAN ABOUT THE ECKT ACK!

DID YOU NOW?!



HE SEEMED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT, CLAIMS HE'S SEEN THE ECKT ACK LOTS OF TIMES!

OH YEAH?



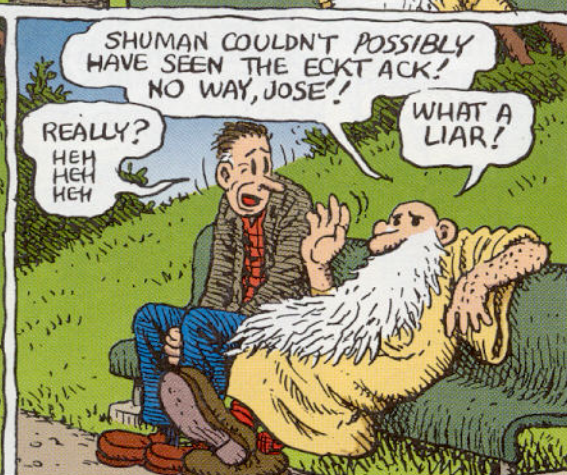
BUT HE SAYS IT TAKES YEARS OF DOING YOGA AND MEDITATION, AND YOU HAVE TO OPEN THE THIRD EYE!

HE'S FULL OF SHIT, THAT BIG PHONY!



REALLY? WHY? ARE YOU SAYING IT DOESN'T TAKE YEARS OF, YOU KNOW...

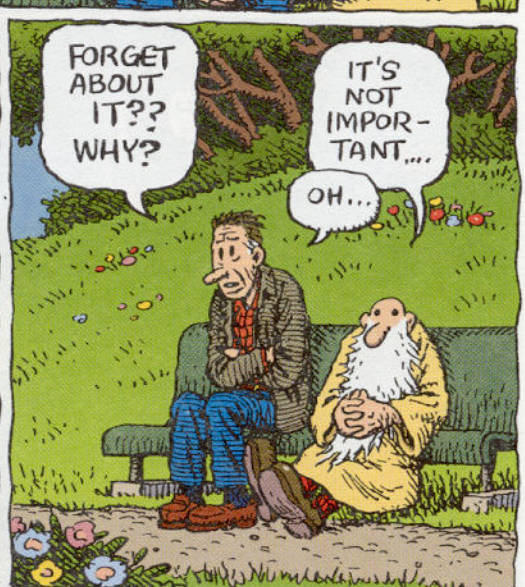
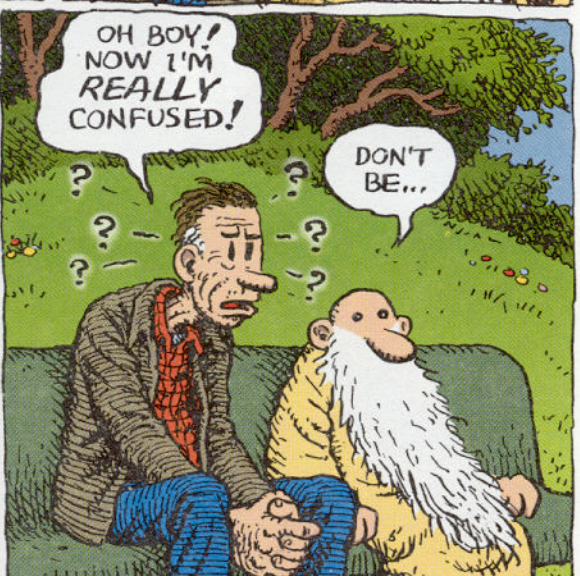
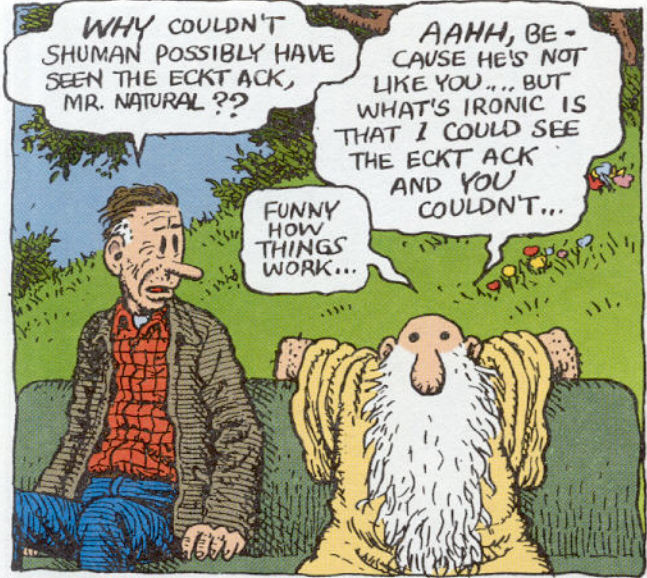
HAVE A SEAT, FLAKEY FOONT...

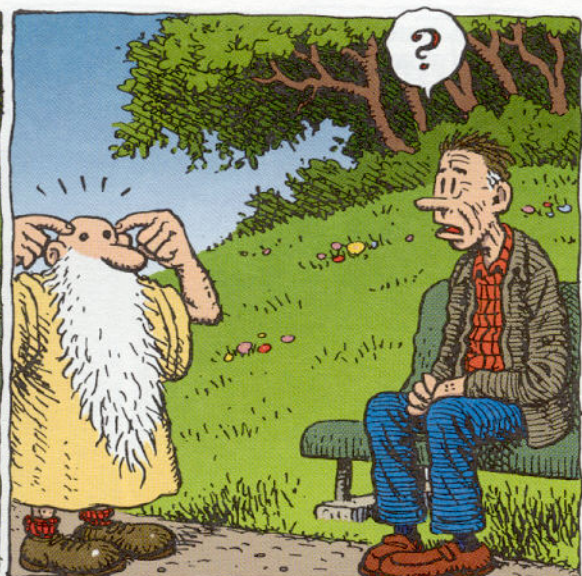
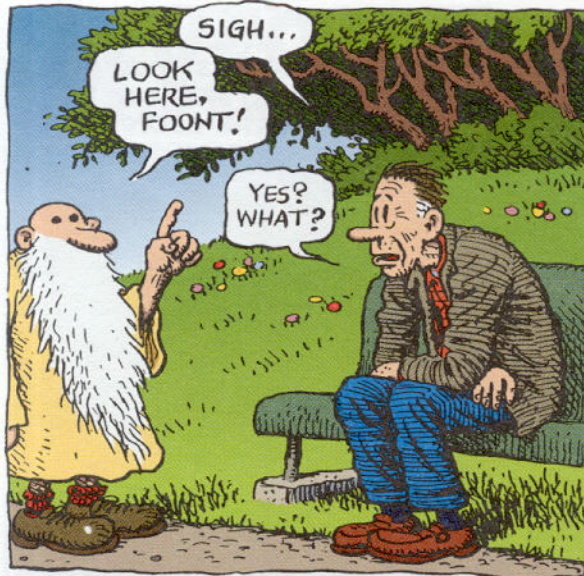


REALLY? HEH HEH HEH

SHUMAN COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SEEN THE ECKT ACK! NO WAY, JOSE!!

WHAT A LIAR!







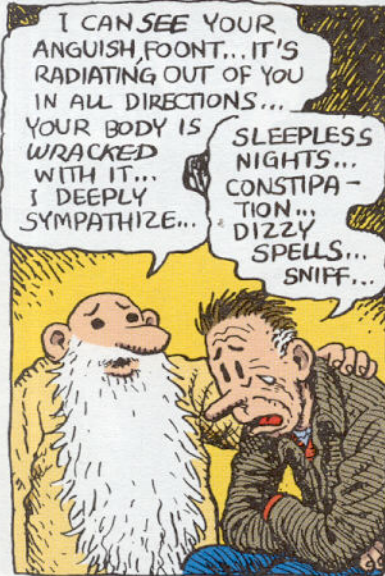
HO BOY... I SHOULD GO HOME... GOTTA FACE UP TO MY RESPONSIBILITIES...

OY



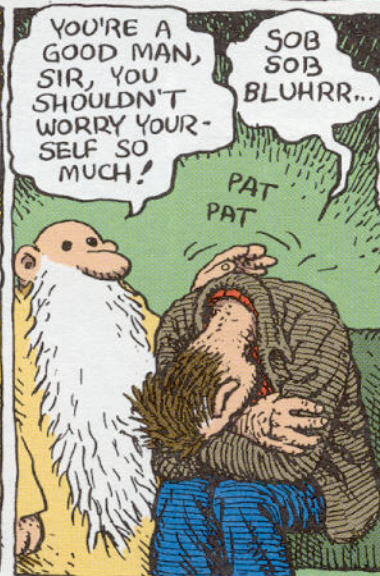
THERE'S A LOT OF PAIN IN YOU, FOONT... I CAN SEE THAT...

OH MAN, AIN'T IT THE TRUTH! I'M A WRECK... I'M ALL WORN OUT WITH WORRY AN' STRESS!



I CAN SEE YOUR ANGUISH, FOONT... IT'S RADIATING OUT OF YOU IN ALL DIRECTIONS... YOUR BODY IS WRACKED WITH IT... I DEEPLY SYMPATHIZE...

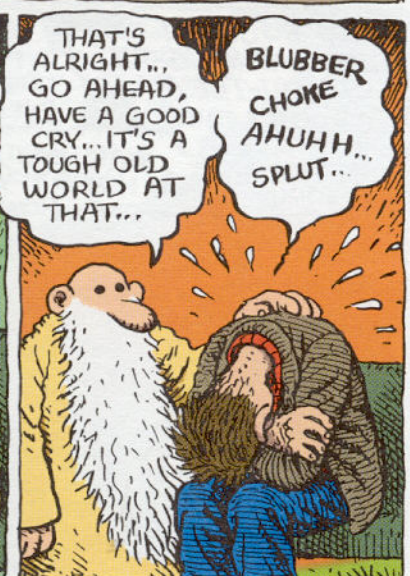
SLEEPLESS NIGHTS... CONSTIPATION... DIZZY SPELLS... SNIFF...



YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, SIR, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY YOURSELF SO MUCH!

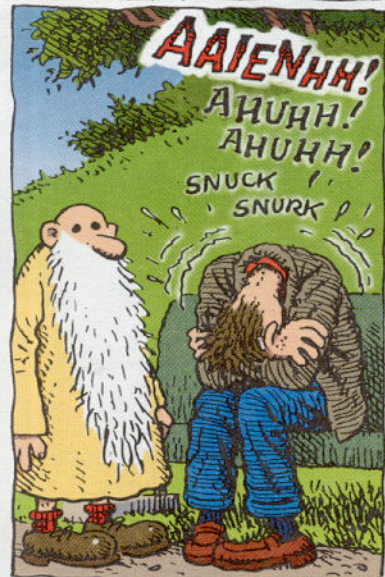
SOB SOB BLUHRR...

PAT PAT



THAT'S ALRIGHT... GO AHEAD, HAVE A GOOD CRY... IT'S A TOUGH OLD WORLD AT THAT...

BLUBBER CHOKE AHUHH... SPLUT...



AAIENHH!
AHUHH!
AHUHH!
SNUCK
SNUCK



ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH!

SMEK!



ON YOUR FEET! LET'S GO!

HUH?? WHAT?? JEEZIZ, YOU'RE A HARSH TASKMASTER!!

RUB RUB



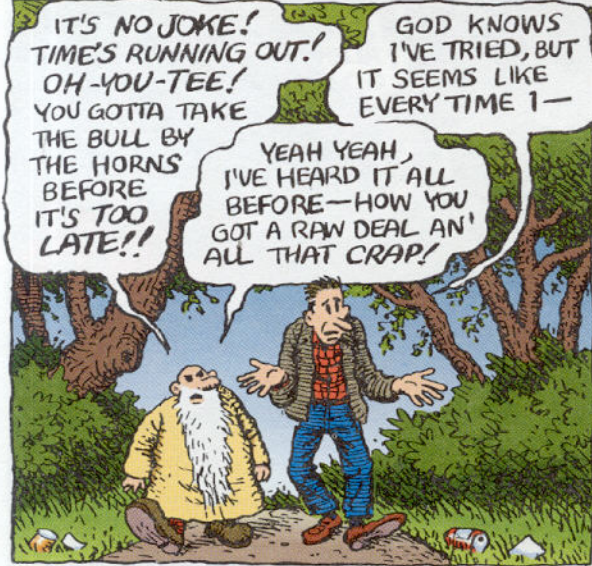
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, FLAKEY FOONT? YOU'RE **WEAK!!** YOU NEED A NURSEMAID!

I WON'T ARGUE THE POINT... I'VE LOST ALL MY NERVE AND ALL MY COURAGE TOO...



IT'S HIGH TIME YOU LEARNED TO **BRACE UP AND BE A MAN!**

"BE A MAN"... WHAT A JOKE... I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...



IT'S NO JOKE! TIME'S RUNNING OUT! OH-YOU-TEE! YOU GOTTA TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!

GOD KNOWS I'VE TRIED, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I—

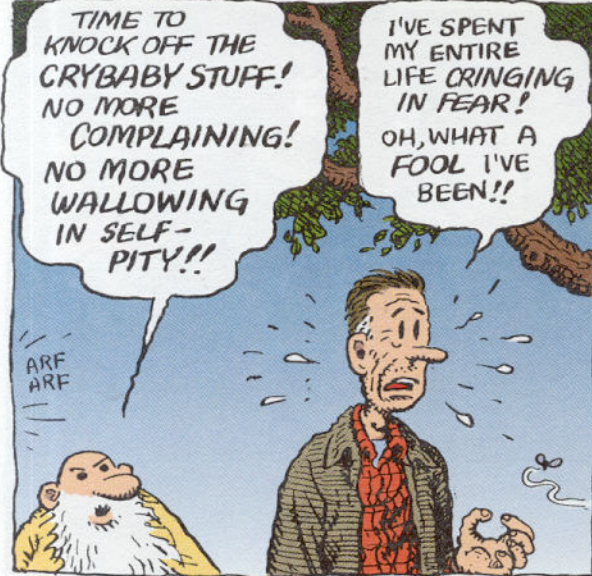
YEAH YEAH, I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE—HOW YOU GOT A RAW DEAL AN' ALL THAT CRAP!



NO MORE EXCUSES!! WHAT'RE YOU, A SPINELESS JELLYFISH?! SHOW SOME GUTS!!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! I GOTTA LEARN HOW TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES, HUH!?

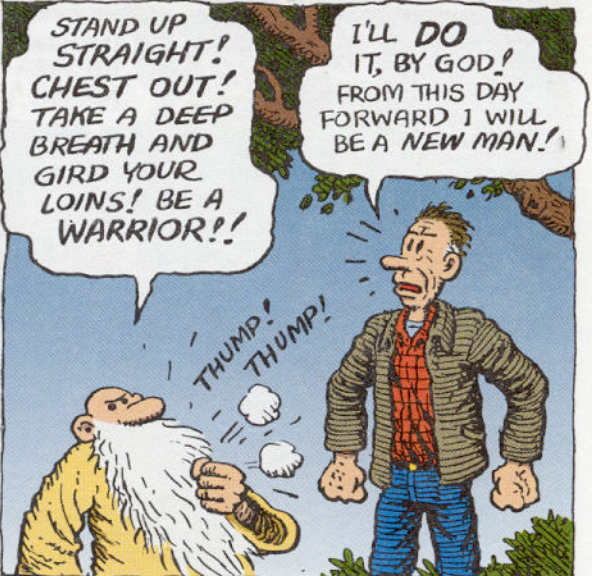
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!



TIME TO KNOCK OFF THE CRYBABY STUFF! NO MORE COMPLAINING! NO MORE WALLOWING IN SELF-PITY!!

I'VE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE CRINGING IN FEAR! OH, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!!

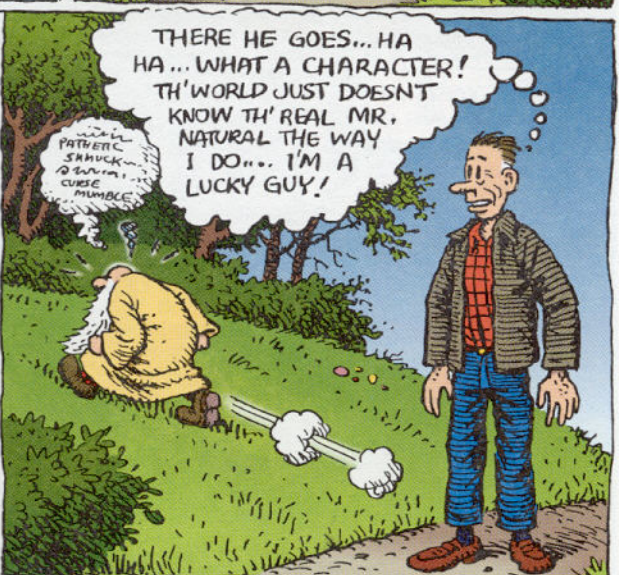
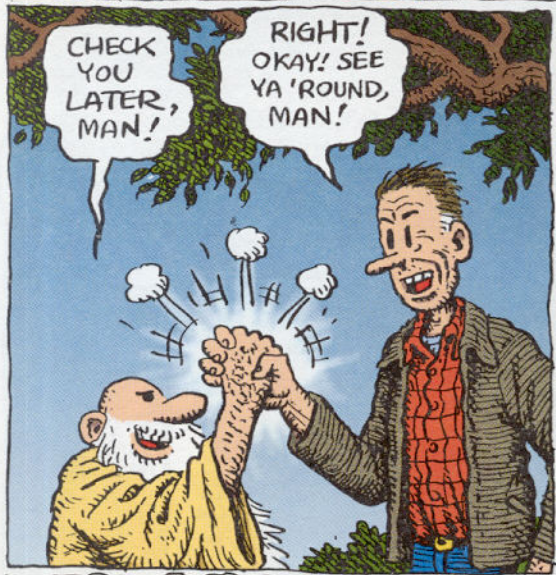
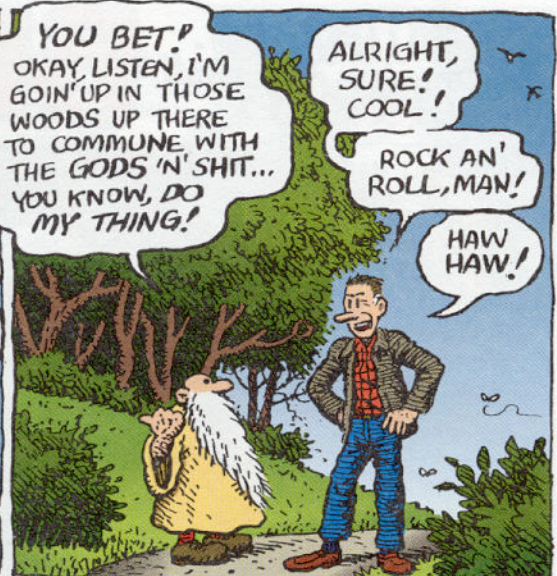
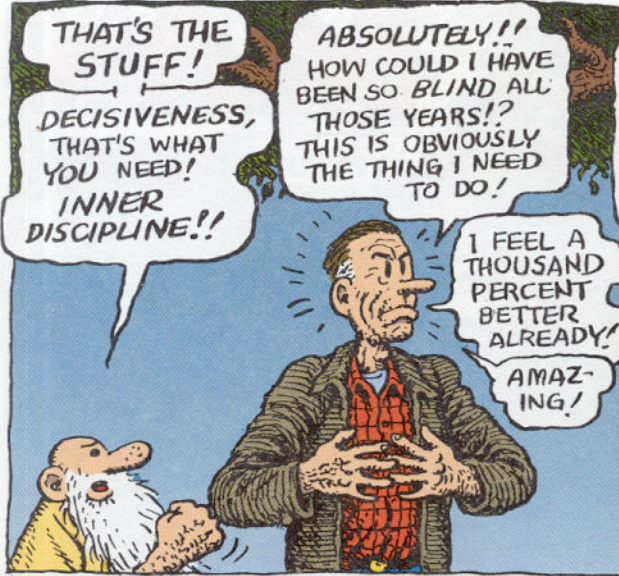
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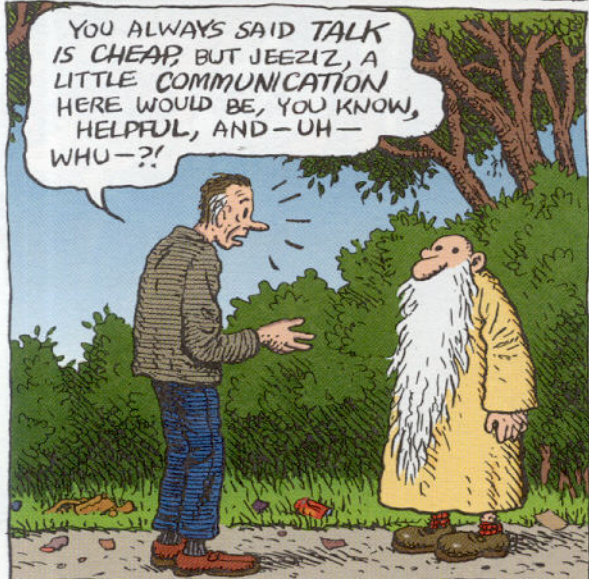
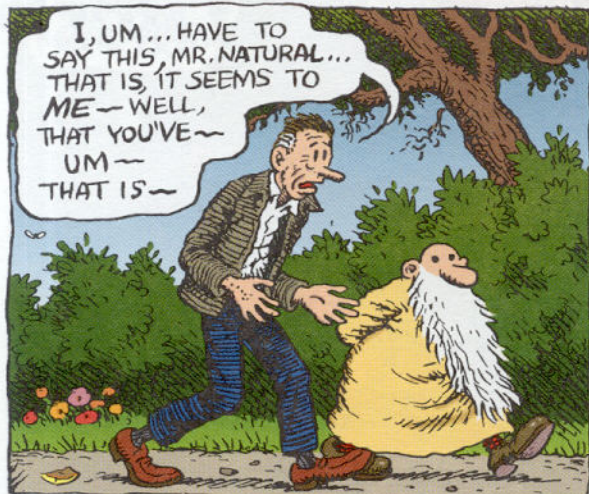


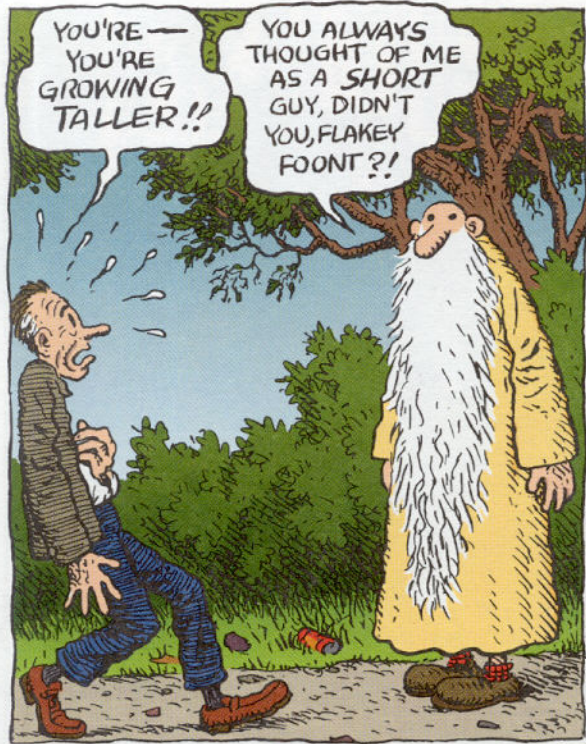
STAND UP STRAIGHT! CHEST OUT! TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND GIRD YOUR LOINS! BE A WARRIOR!!

I'LL DO IT, BY GOD! FROM THIS DAY FORWARD I WILL BE A NEW MAN!

THUMP! THUMP!







YOU'RE —
YOU'RE
GROWING
TALLER!!

YOU ALWAYS
THOUGHT OF ME
AS A SHORT
GUY, DIDN'T
YOU, FLAKEY
FOONT?!



WELL, I — I —
IT'S AS IF I'M
REALLY SEEING
YOU FOR THE
FIRST
TIME!

RIGHTO,
GUVNOR...



YER EYES HAVE
BEEN OPENED...

YET I'M
HAVING
TROUBLE
BELIEVING
WHAT I'M
SEEING
HERE!

YOU OUGHT TO
KNOW
IF
YOU'RE
AWAKE
OR NOT!

AM I
AWAKE?
IS THIS
REAL??

Y-YES, BUT —
MY GOD!!



THIS IS YOUR
LUCKY DAY, FOONT...
I DON'T SHOW MY TRUE
SELF TO JUST ANYBODY...
THAT SHMUCK SHUMAN THE
HUMAN FOR INSTANCE...
HE'LL NEVER GET THE LIFE...

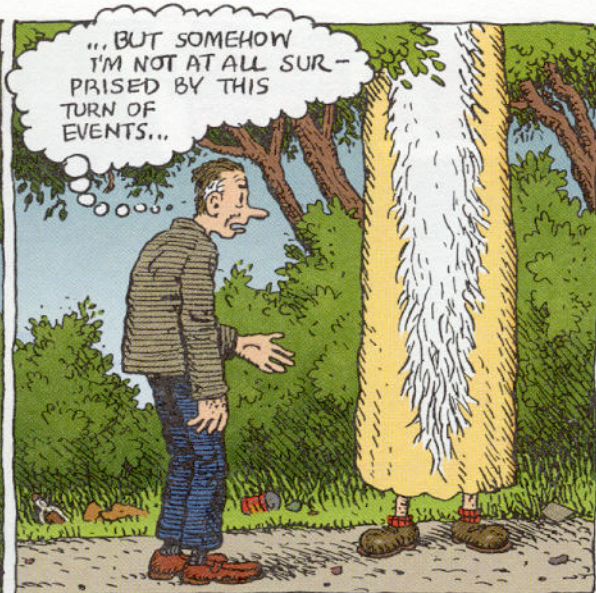
WHAT?
WHAT??

I CAN'T HEAR
YOU ANYMORE!!
I CAN'T EVEN
SEE YOUR
HEAD
ANY-
MORE!

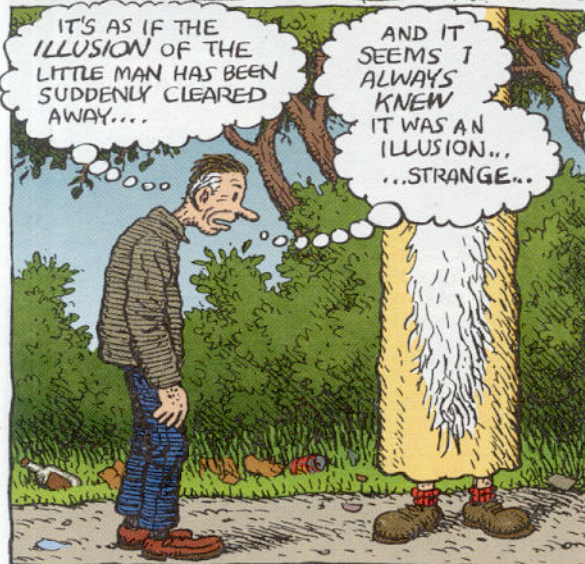


HE'S GONE CLEAR THROUGH TH' TREE TOPS AND TOTALLY OUT OF SIGHT!

UNBE-
LIEVABLE!

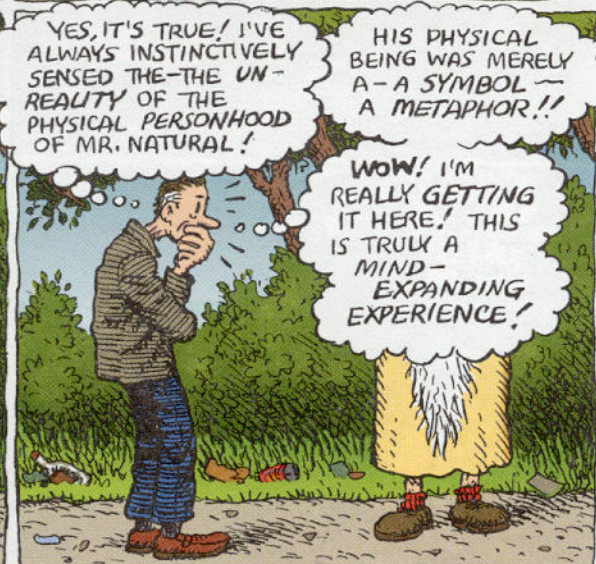


... BUT SOMEHOW I'M NOT AT ALL SUR-
PRISED BY THIS TURN OF
EVENTS...



IT'S AS IF THE ILLUSION OF THE
LITTLE MAN HAS BEEN
SUDDENLY CLEARED
AWAY....

AND IT
SEEMS I
ALWAYS
KNEW
IT WAS AN
ILLUSION...
...STRANGE...



YES, IT'S TRUE! I'VE
ALWAYS INSTINCTIVELY
SENSED THE-THE UN-
REALITY OF THE
PHYSICAL PERSONHOOD
OF MR. NATURAL!

HIS PHYSICAL
BEING WAS MERELY
A-A SYMBOL -
A METAPHOR!!

WOW! I'M
REALLY GETTING
IT HERE! THIS
IS TRULY A
MIND-
EXPANDING
EXPERIENCE!



... MEANWHILE, WHY HAS HE
CHOSEN TO LEAVE ME STANDING
HERE TALKIN' TO HIS FEET!?

WHAT GOOD IS
THAT SUPPOSED TO
DO ME ??

WHAT CAN
HIS FEET
TELL ME ??



MY FEET ARE
JUST AS GOOD AS
YOUR FEET,
FLAKEY FOONT!

- AND THEY
CAN TELL YOU
PLENTY!

DON'T
BE
FOOLISH!

EEEK!!

OMEN IN THE GLOAMIN'

WITH MR. NATURAL AND THE GANG

YEAH, SO, UH, THERE I WAS, LOOKING AT HIS FEET, AND I SAID, WHAT AM I S'POSED TO DO NOW, TALK TO HIS FEET?? WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO ME??

WHRRRR

YES, GO ON! WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

WELL, SUDDENLY HE WAS RIGHT IN MY FACE, SAYING, "MY FEET COULD TELL YOU PLENTY!" SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME! I MEAN, IT WAS MOST BIZARRE, I'M NOT KIDDING!

BIZARRE PERHAPS — TO THE UNINITIATED... SO, IS THAT ALL?

WHRRRR

...HE TOLD ME I SHOULD TALK TO HIS, UM, FEET... THAT I NEEDED TO "ADDRESS THE FEET"... THEN HE WAS GONE AGAIN AND I WAS LEFT STARING DOWN AT HIS SHOES...

— AND DID YOU— HEH HEH— IN FACT, "ADDRESS THE FEET"? HA HA...

WHRRRR

NO... I LEFT... I TURNED AND WALKED AWAY...

YOU DID WHAT??!

WHRRRRRR

I—I FELT SILLY STANDING THERE LOOKING AT HIS SHOES, SO I DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO... SORT OF... UM...

OH YOU FOOL?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU BLIND, IGNORANT, FOOL!

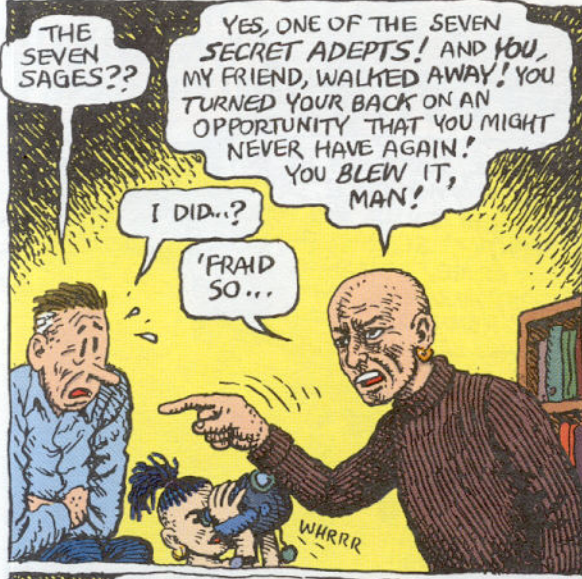
WHRRRR

WHAT, I SHOULD'VE STOOD THERE AND SAID, YOU KNOW, "HEY, FEET, WHAT'S GOIN' ON? LIKE, WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE, " OR WHAT??"

A PITY, BUT I SUPPOSE YOU CAN'T BE BLAMED... SO, MR. NATURAL IS ONE OF THE SEVEN SAGES!!

INCREDIBLE!

WHRRRRR



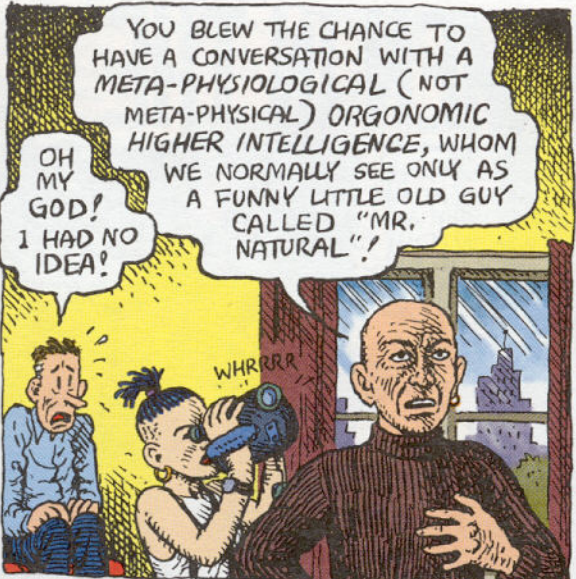
THE SEVEN SAGES??

YES, ONE OF THE SEVEN SECRET ADEPTS! AND YOU, MY FRIEND, WALKED AWAY! YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON AN OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU MIGHT NEVER HAVE AGAIN! YOU BLEW IT, MAN!

I DID..?

'FRAID SO...

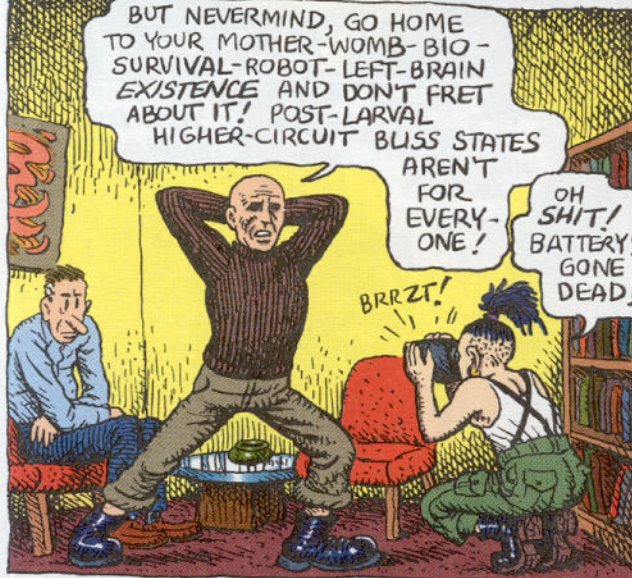
WHRRR



OH MY GOD! I HAD NO IDEA!

YOU BLEW THE CHANCE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A META-PHYSIOLOGICAL (NOT META-PHYSICAL) ORGONOMIC HIGHER INTELLIGENCE, WHOM WE NORMALLY SEE ONLY AS A FUNNY LITTLE OLD GUY CALLED "MR. NATURAL"!

WHRRR



BUT NEVERMIND, GO HOME TO YOUR MOTHER-WOMB-BIO-SURVIVAL-ROBOT-LEFT-BRAIN EXISTENCE AND DON'T FRET ABOUT IT! POST-LARVAL HIGHER-CIRCUIT BLISS STATES AREN'T FOR EVERY-ONE!

OH SHIT! BATTERY'S GONE DEAD!

BRRZT!

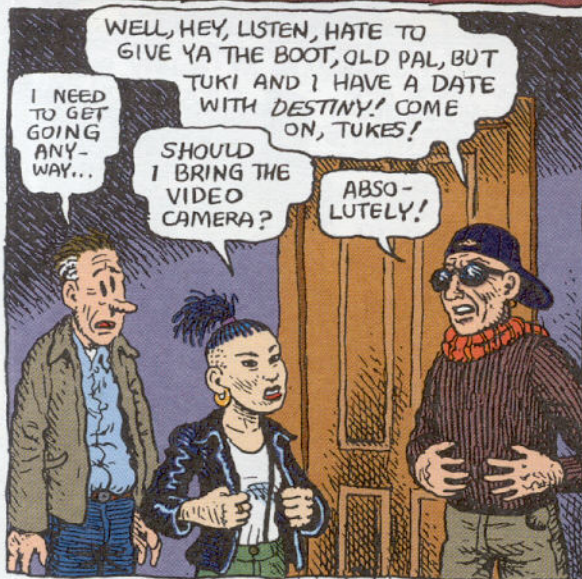


ULTIMATELY IT DOESN'T MATTER, REALLY... DON'T TAKE IT BADLY...

YOU OKAY?

YEAH...

HEH HEH

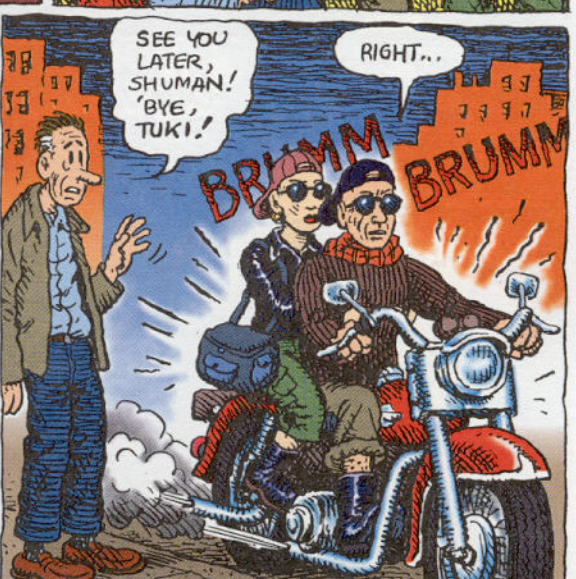


WELL, HEY, LISTEN, HATE TO GIVE YA THE BOOT, OLD PAL, BUT TUKI AND I HAVE A DATE WITH DESTINY! COME ON, TUKES!

I NEED TO GET GOING ANY-WAY...

SHOULD I BRING THE VIDEO CAMERA?

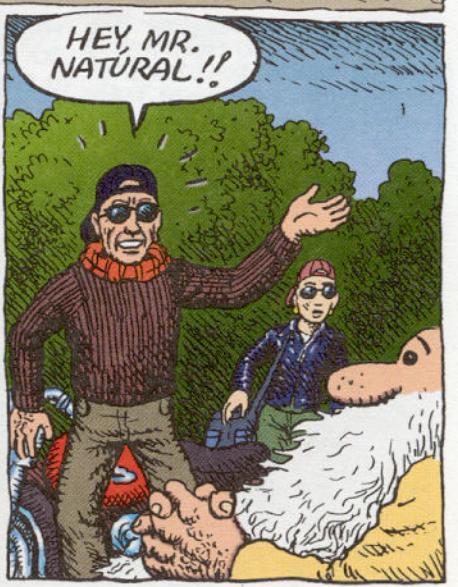
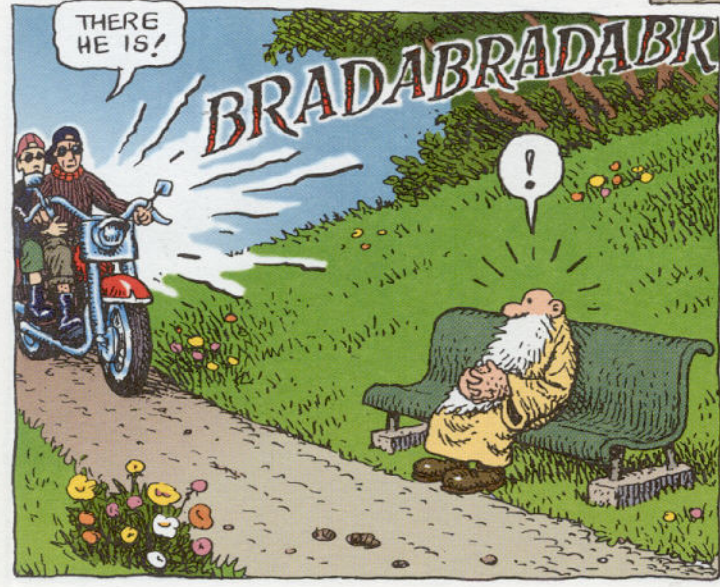
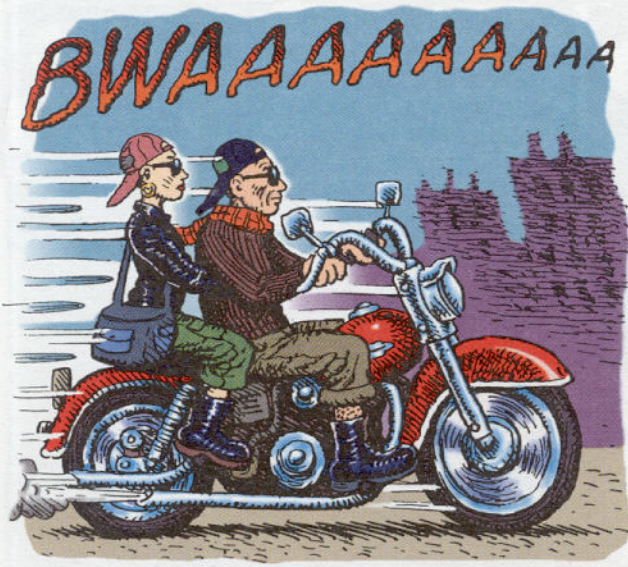
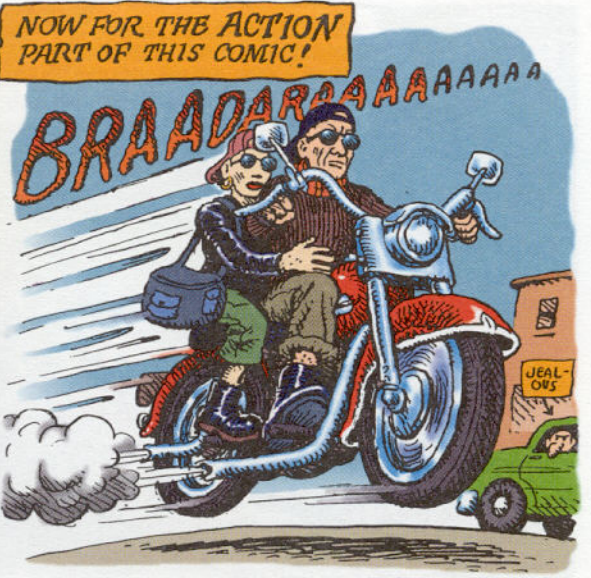
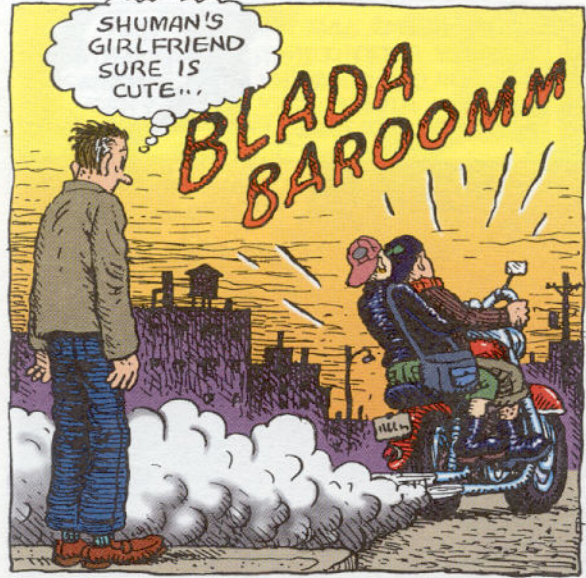
ABSO-LUTELY!



SEE YOU LATER, SHUMAN! 'BYE, TUKI!

RIGHT...

BRUMM BRUMM





HEY, LISTEN, I—

ISN'T THERE A LAW AGAINST DRIVING MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THESE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS? IF THERE ISN'T, THERE OUGHT TO BE!

AH HA HA!

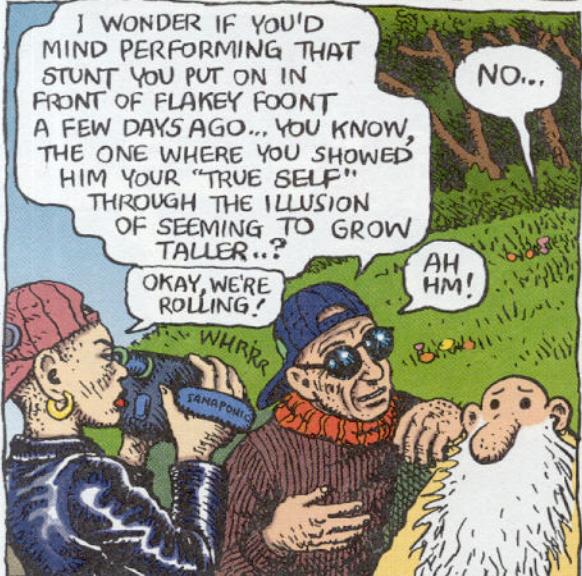


THAT SEEMS AN AWFULLY PETTY CONCERN FOR ONE OF YOUR SUPPOSED HIGH SPIRITUAL STATURE!

OH DOES IT??

LISTEN, I WONDER IF YOU'D—

WHAT'S SHE DOING?



I WONDER IF YOU'D MIND PERFORMING THAT STUNT YOU PUT ON IN FRONT OF FLAKEY FOONT A FEW DAYS AGO... YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHERE YOU SHOWED HIM YOUR "TRUE SELF" THROUGH THE ILLUSION OF SEEMING TO GROW TALLER..?

NO...

OKAY, WE'RE ROLLING!

AH HM!

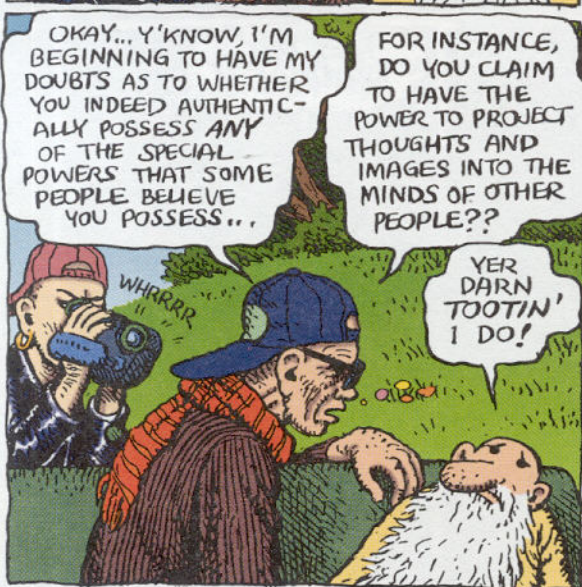


WELL, THEN, AT LEAST TELL US ABOUT THE ECKT ACK... JUST GO AHEAD AND TALK... YOU DON'T MIND IF WE VIDEO RECORD, DO YOU?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE ECKT ACK...

HOW'S IT LOOK, TUKI?

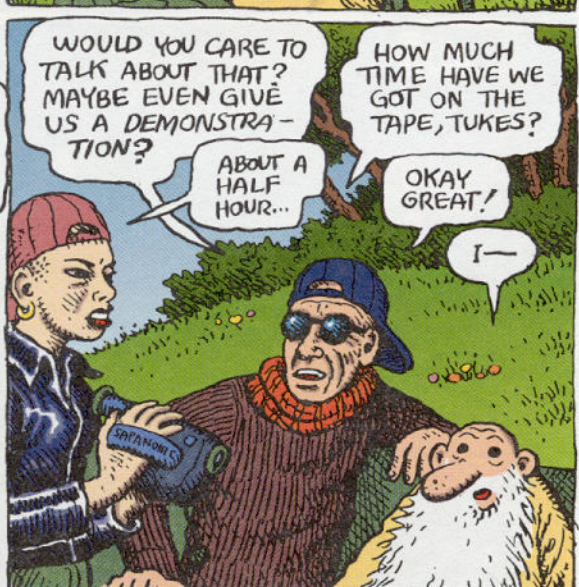
FINE...



OKAY... Y'KNOW, I'M BEGINNING TO HAVE MY DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER YOU INDEED AUTHENTICALLY POSSESS ANY OF THE SPECIAL POWERS THAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE YOU POSSESS...

FOR INSTANCE, DO YOU CLAIM TO HAVE THE POWER TO PROJECT THOUGHTS AND IMAGES INTO THE MINDS OF OTHER PEOPLE??

YER DARN TOOTIN' I DO!



WOULD YOU CARE TO TALK ABOUT THAT? MAYBE EVEN GIVE US A DEMONSTRATION?

HOW MUCH TIME HAVE WE GOT ON THE TAPE, TUKES?

ABOUT A HALF HOUR...

OKAY GREAT!

I—

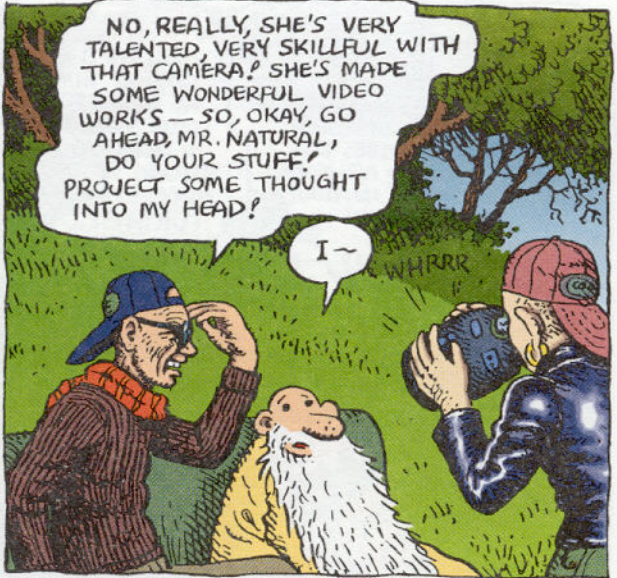


HEY, MR. NATURAL!
DIDJA EVER NOTICE HOW
SERIOUS TUKI IS ABOUT HER
WORK?? SHE'S VERY, VERY
SERIOUS ABOUT IT!

HEH HEH,
CUTE,
HUH?!

FUCK
YOU,
ASSHOLE!

I—



NO, REALLY, SHE'S VERY
TALENTED, VERY SKILLFUL WITH
THAT CAMERA! SHE'S MADE
SOME WONDERFUL VIDEO
WORKS — SO, OKAY, GO
AHEAD, MR. NATURAL,
DO YOUR STUFF!
PROJECT SOME THOUGHT
INTO MY HEAD!

I—



AND THEN I'LL REVEAL
WHAT THE THOUGHT IS THAT
YOU'VE PROJECTED — IF
IN FACT YOU'RE CAPABLE
OF IT... HEH HEH...

I KNOW!
LET'S STAND
UP TO DO IT!
...MAKE IT
MORE INTERES-
TING FOR TUKI,
OKAY?



ALRIGHT!
GO AHEAD! I'M
CONCENTRATING,
CLEARING ALL
THOUGHTS FROM MY
MIND, GETTING RID
OF MY EGO...

I'M
READY TO
RECEIVE...

OKAY,
HERE
GOES...



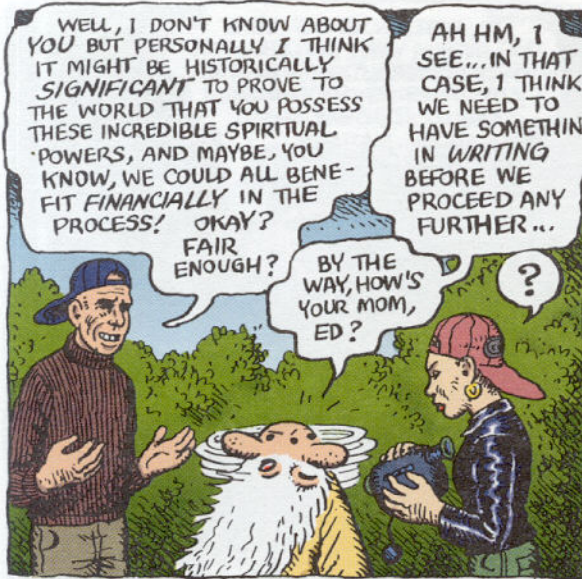
SHUMAN, YOU
ARE REALLY A
SHMUCK.



YEAH, WELL, HEY,
TAKES ONE TO KNOW
ONE... HA HA... WHAT A
COMEDIAN! YOU CRACK
ME UP! ...BUT THAT
DOESN'T COME ACROSS
ON VIDEO, ANYWAY —
LET'S TRY SOMETHING
ELSE...

ARE YOU
SURE YOU CAN'T
GIVE US SOME-
THING MORE
VISUAL??

WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO WITH
THIS TAPE,
SHUMAN?

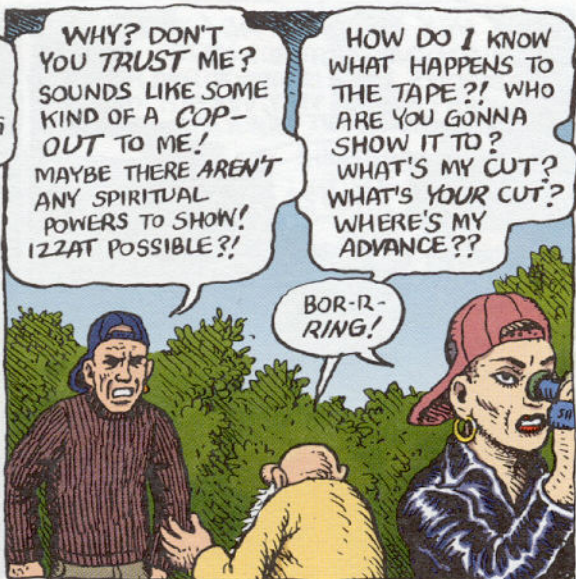


WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT PERSONALLY I THINK IT MIGHT BE HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU POSSESS THESE INCREDIBLE SPIRITUAL POWERS, AND MAYBE, YOU KNOW, WE COULD ALL BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN THE PROCESS! OKAY? FAIR ENOUGH?

AH HM, I SEE... IN THAT CASE, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING IN WRITING BEFORE WE PROCEED ANY FURTHER...

BY THE WAY, HOW'S YOUR MOM, ED?

?



WHY? DON'T YOU TRUST ME? SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIND OF A COP-OUT TO ME! MAYBE THERE AREN'T ANY SPIRITUAL POWERS TO SHOW! ISZAT POSSIBLE?!

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TAPE?! WHO ARE YOU GONNA SHOW IT TO? WHAT'S MY CUT? WHAT'S YOUR CUT? WHERE'S MY ADVANCE??

BOR-R-RING!



OH MAN—LOOK, YOU HAVE MY WORD OF HONOR... LET US TAPE YOU NOW, AND THEN WE'LL HAMMER OUT ALL THE DETAILS AN' SIGN PAPERS LATER! COME ON, LET'S GO FOR IT!

NO, I WANT TO SEE SOMETHING IN WRITING BEFORE I DO ANYTHING IN FRONT OF YOUR DAMN VIDEO CAMERA!

BUT— BUT—

WHHRR



GOOD DAY TO YOU, SIR!



FUCKING LITTLE PRICK!

FFFUCK!

WHHRR



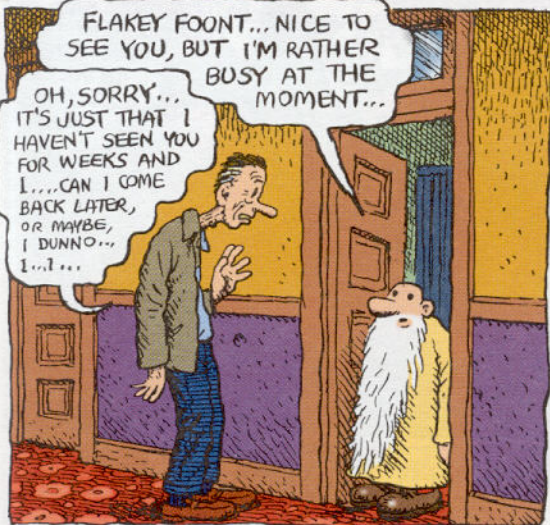
PUT THAT STUPID THING AWAY BEFORE I TAKE IT AND SMASH IT OVER YOUR HEAD!

YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE PISSED!!

WHHRR

THE SAINTS

featuring
MR. NATURAL, FLAKEY FOOT,
WENDY & REBECCA



FLAKEY FOOT... NICE TO SEE YOU, BUT I'M RATHER BUSY AT THE MOMENT...

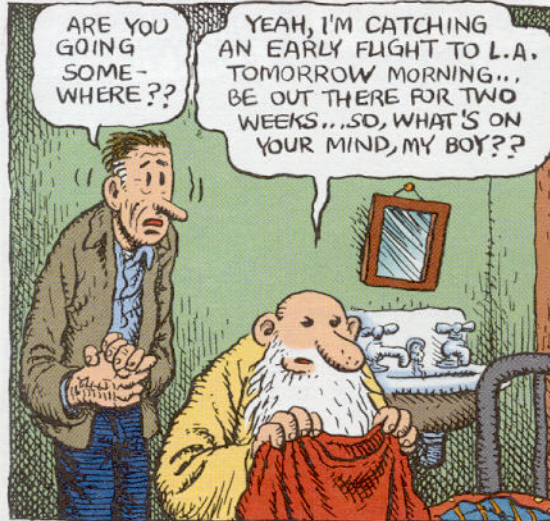
OH, SORRY... IT'S JUST THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR WEEKS AND I... CAN I COME BACK LATER, OR MAYBE, I DUNNO... I... I...



ALRIGHT ALRIGHT, COME IN... YOU CAN TALK TO ME WHILE I PACK...

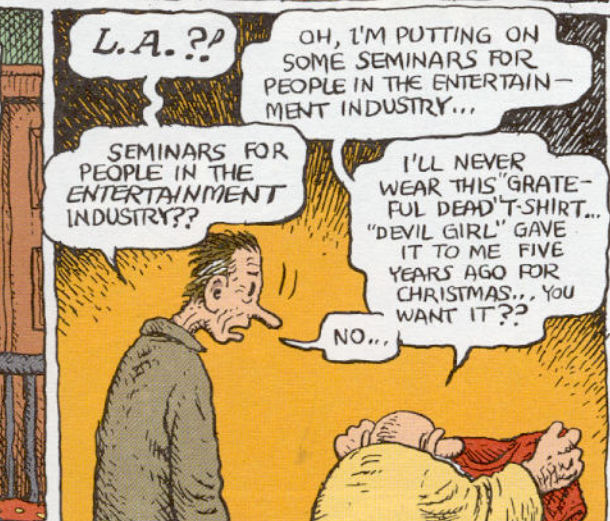
THANK YOU... BELIEVE ME, I'VE TRIED TO STAY AWAY, NOT WANTING TO BE A PEST, BUT I—

PACK??



ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE??

YEAH, I'M CATCHING AN EARLY FLIGHT TO L.A. TOMORROW MORNING... BE OUT THERE FOR TWO WEEKS... SO, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, MY BOY??



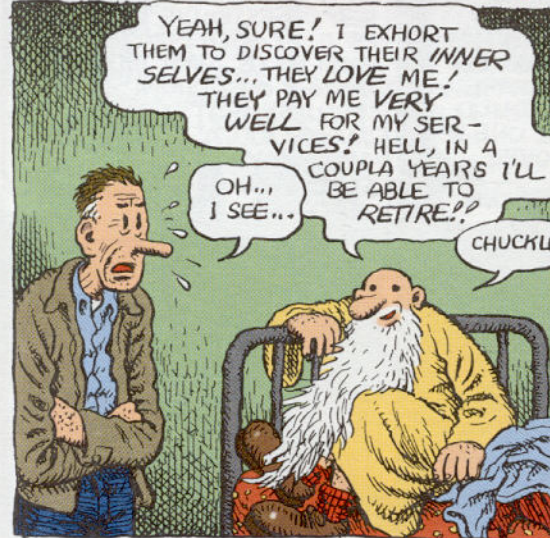
L.A.??

OH, I'M PUTTING ON SOME SEMINARS FOR PEOPLE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY...

SEMINARS FOR PEOPLE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY??

I'LL NEVER WEAR THIS 'GRATEFUL DEAD' T-SHIRT... 'DEVIL GIRL' GAVE IT TO ME FIVE YEARS AGO FOR CHRISTMAS... YOU WANT IT??

NO...



YEAH, SURE! I EXHORT THEM TO DISCOVER THEIR INNER SELVES... THEY LOVE ME! THEY PAY ME VERY WELL FOR MY SERVICES! HELL, IN A COUPLA YEARS I'LL BE ABLE TO RETIRE!!

OH... I SEE...

CHUCKLE



NO YOU DON'T... YOU LOOK ALL SHOCKED AND DISILLUSIONED!

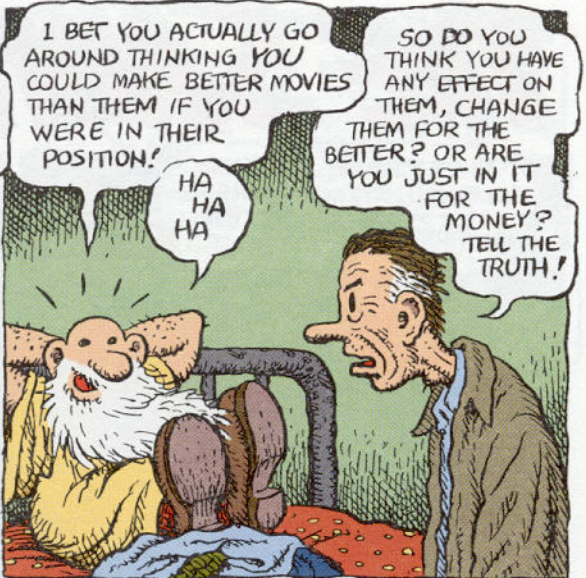
WELL, I SUPPOSE IF YOU CAN GET THOSE CHARACTERS TO LET GO OF THEIR OBSESSIONS WITH POWER AND GREED YOU'RE DOING THE WORLD A BIG FAVOR...



OH, HERE'S MISTER SELF-RIGHTEOUS OVER HERE! HEY, LISTEN, SOME A' THEM ARE VERY SMART, VERY NICE PEOPLE!

"NICE" PEOPLE... BUNCH OF RUTHLESS, CUT-THROAT POWER-MONGERING, OPPORTUNISTIC... UH... UH...

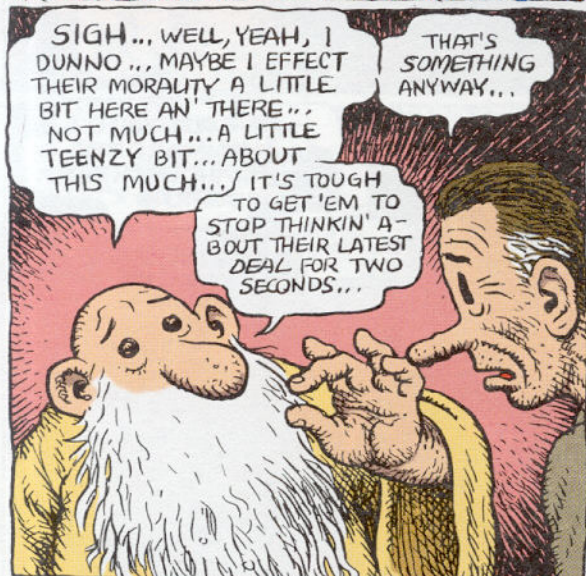
NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS, IN OTHER WORDS- ONLY BETTER AT IT THAN, SAY, YOU, FOR EXAMPLE...



I BET YOU ACTUALLY GO AROUND THINKING YOU COULD MAKE BETTER MOVIES THAN THEM IF YOU WERE IN THEIR POSITION!

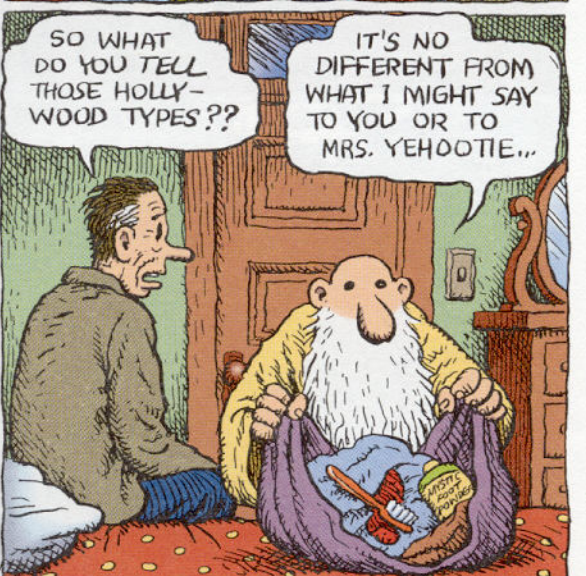
HA HA HA

SO DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THEM, CHANGE THEM FOR THE BETTER? OR ARE YOU JUST IN IT FOR THE MONEY? TELL THE TRUTH!



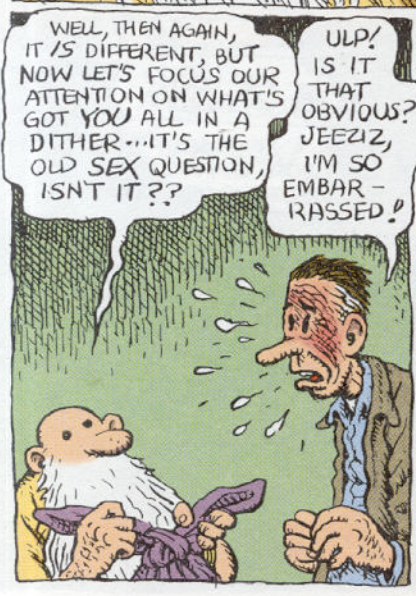
SIGH... WELL, YEAH, I DUNNO... MAYBE I EFFECT THEIR MORALITY A LITTLE BIT HERE AN' THERE... NOT MUCH... A LITTLE TEENZY BIT... ABOUT THIS MUCH... IT'S TOUGH TO GET 'EM TO STOP THINKIN' A-ABOUT THEIR LATEST DEAL FOR TWO SECONDS...

THAT'S SOMETHING ANYWAY...



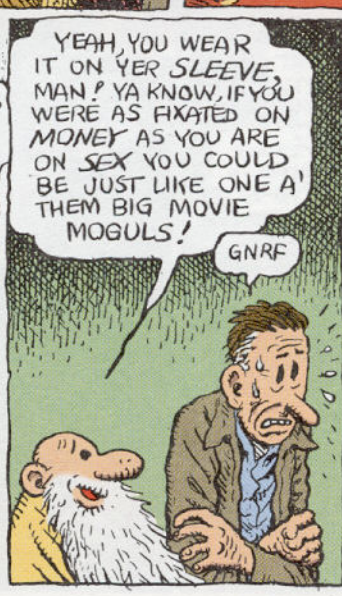
SO WHAT DO YOU TELL THOSE HOLLYWOOD TYPES??

IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I MIGHT SAY TO YOU OR TO MRS. YEHOOTIE...



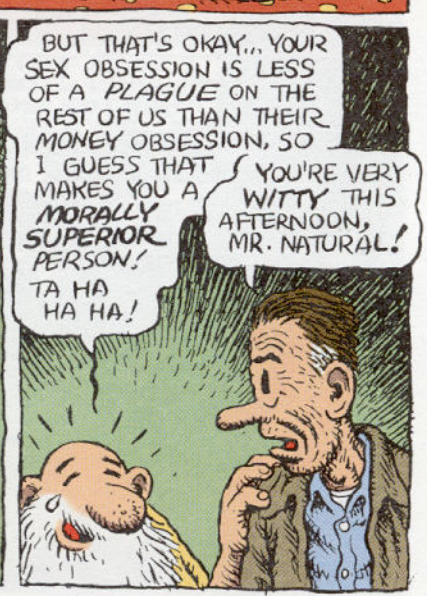
WELL, THEN AGAIN, IT IS DIFFERENT, BUT NOW LET'S FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON WHAT'S GOT YOU ALL IN A DITHER... IT'S THE OLD SEX QUESTION, ISN'T IT??

UHP! IS IT THAT OBVIOUS? JEEZIZ, I'M SO EMBARRASSED!



YEAH, YOU WEAR IT ON YER SLEEVE, MAN! YA KNOW, IF YOU WERE AS FIXATED ON MONEY AS YOU ARE ON SEX YOU COULD BE JUST LIKE ONE A' THEM BIG MOVIE MOGULS!

GNRF



BUT THAT'S OKAY... YOUR SEX OBSESSION IS LESS OF A PLAGUE ON THE REST OF US THAN THEIR MONEY OBSESSION, SO I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU A MORALLY SUPERIOR PERSON! TA HA HA HA!

YOU'RE VERY WITTY THIS AFTERNOON, MR. NATURAL!

BUT AS USUAL, YOU'RE RIGHT... I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WOMEN, AND-AND, UM...UH...

PLAYING WITH YOURSELF...

WELL, THERE IT IS... YES... HO BOY... AND THEN I FEEL SO— SO—

—ASHAMED AND GUILTY 'CAUSE OF YOUR HIDDEN DESIRE TO CHEAT ON YOUR WIFE, IF ONLY IN YOUR DREAMS!

YOU'RE BRUTALLY FRANK, BUT, YES, THAT'S HOW IT IS... MY OWN PERSONAL HELL... IT'S A HORRIBLE DILEMMA!

I—I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TELL ME SOMETHING, GIVE SOME CLUE TO A SOLUTION... GOD KNOWS I'VE TRIED—

NO YOU HAVEN'T... NOT REALLY... ALL THE SAME, I DON'T WANT TO BE A LITTLE TIN JESUS AND CONDEMN YOU FOR YOUR NORMAL HUMAN WEAKNESS IN THE FACE OF A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE...

...AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT YOU OFTEN FIND YOURSELF SINKING INTO A TORPOR OF DESPAIR AND SELF-PITY BECAUSE YOU LACK THE SELF-CONFIDENCE TO ACTUALLY MAKE A MOVE TOWARD ANY WOMAN YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO, AND THEN YOU HATE YOURSELF FOR YOUR TIMIDITY, NOT TO MENTION A FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS TO CONTROL THESE LOWLY ANIMALISTIC DESIRES!!

OH GOD, IT'S ALL TRUE... TOO TRUE!! THANK YOU FOR BEING SO UNDERSTANDING, MR. NATURAL... IT'S SUCH A RELIEF JUST TO BE ABLE TO CONFIDE IN SOMEONE... REALLY, I—

YOU'RE PATHETIC...

YAWP

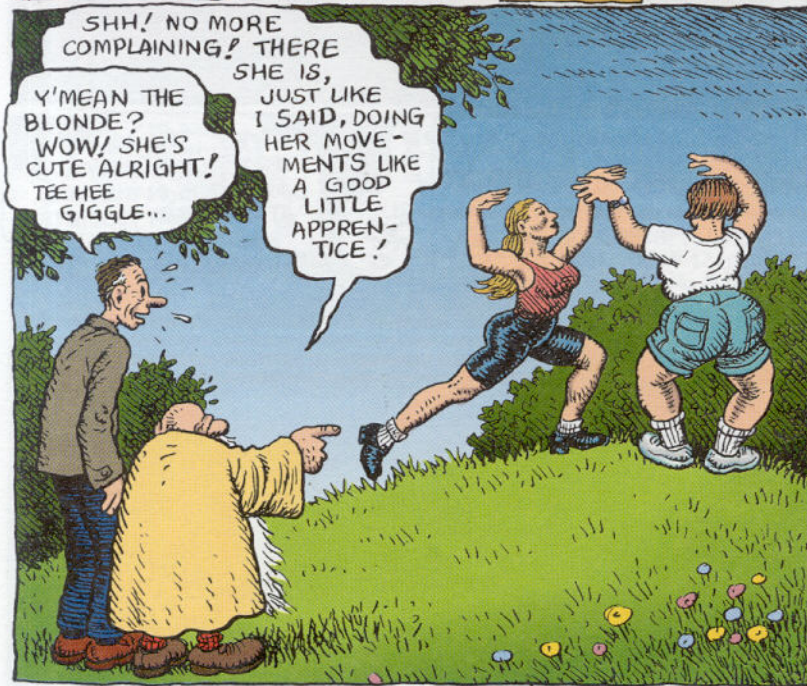
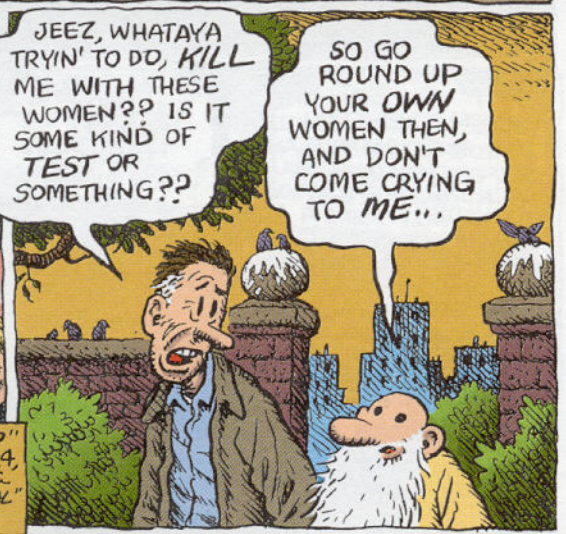
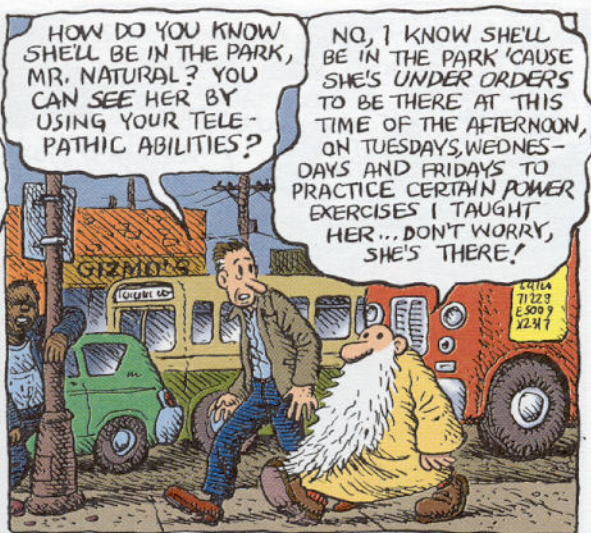
BUT—BUT WHAT'S THE ANSWER? I WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, THE—THE HIGHER SPIRITUAL THING, THE MORALLY IMPECABLE THING! I JUST DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN... I'M GOING OUT OF MY MIND!

I THINK I CAN HELP YOU, FLAKEY FOUNT! I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW... THERE'S THIS GIRL I MET RECENTLY... AH HM, YEP— ZOOTIE!

GIRL?? DID YOU SAY... GIRL??

YES... SHE IS PRACTICING RITUAL MOVEMENTS IN THE PARK AT THIS VERY MOMENT... I'LL TAKE YOU TO MEET HER IF YOU LIKE...

STROKE
STROKE

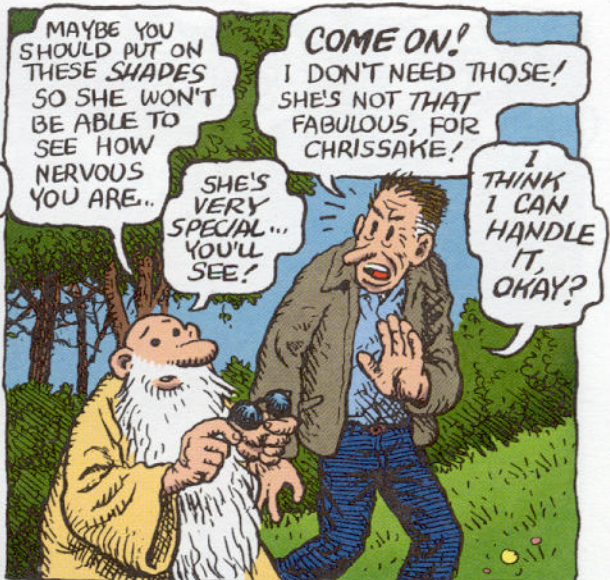




NOW LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY BEFORE WE GO UP THERE, FRUITCAKE... WHEN YOU MEET THIS GIRL, YOU MUST REMAIN CALM... I'M WARN-ING YOU - DON'T PANIC!!

JEEZIZ, GIVE ME A LITTLE CREDIT, WILL YA? I'M NOT A TOTAL SPASTIC, YA KNOW...

IF YOU LOSE YOUR COOL AT THE OUT-SET, THAT'S IT, YOU'RE FIN-ISHED!

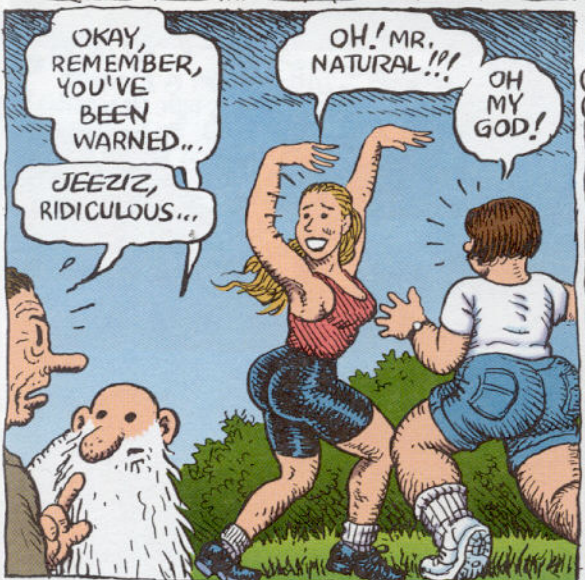


MAYBE YOU SHOULD PUT ON THESE SHADES SO SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HOW NERVOUS YOU ARE...

COME ON! I DON'T NEED THOSE! SHE'S NOT THAT FABULOUS, FOR CHRISSAKE!

SHE'S VERY SPECIAL... YOU'LL SEE!

I THINK I CAN HANDLE IT, OKAY?



OKAY, REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED...

OH! MR. NATURAL!!!

OH MY GOD!

JEEZIZ, RIDICULOUS...



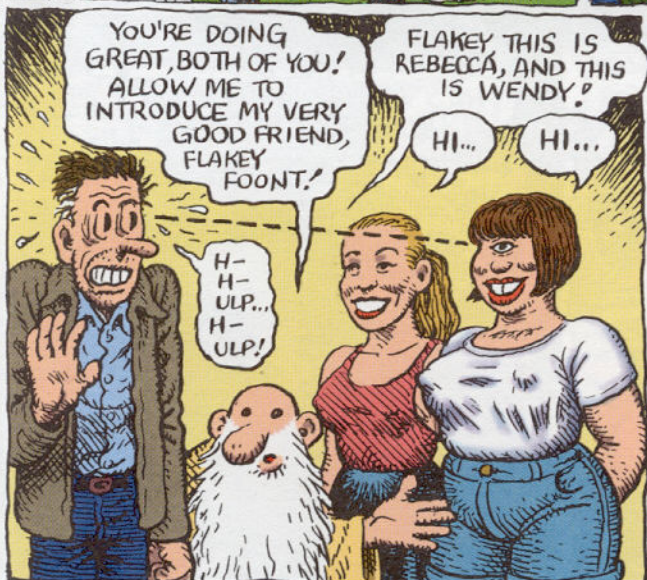
THEY BOTH OBVIOUSLY THINK HE'S GOD!

WELL, WELL.. HELLO!

I'M SO EMBARR-ASSED!

HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING US LONG??

!?



YOU'RE DOING GREAT, BOTH OF YOU! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, FLAKEY FOONT!

FLAKEY THIS IS REBECCA, AND THIS IS WENDY!

HI...

HI...

H-H-ULP... H-H-ULP!



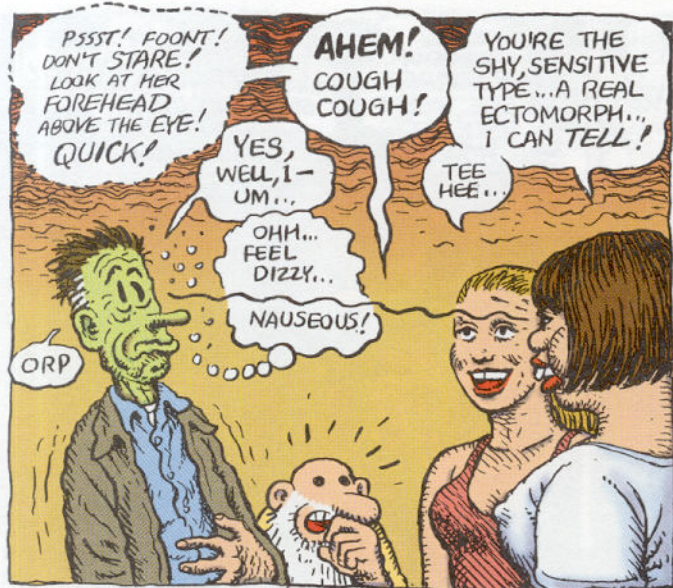
UH, LISTEN, I'LL BE AWAY FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS...

OH, REALLY??

I'M AFRAID SO, BUT I WANT YOU TO KEEP UP THE PROGRAM!

"DON'T PANIC!"

"STAY CALM!"



PSSST! FOONT!
DON'T STARE!
LOOK AT HER
FOREHEAD
ABOVE THE EYE!
QUICK!

AHEM!
COUGH
COUGH!

YOU'RE THE
SHY, SENSITIVE
TYPE... A REAL
ECTOMORPH...
I CAN TELL!

YES,
WELL, I-
UM...

TEE
HEE...

OH...
FEEL
DIZZY...

NAUSEOUS!

ORP



I LIKE
GUYS LIKE
THAT?

GOTTA TEAR
MY EYES AWAY
OR I'LL
VOMIT...
DON'T WANNA
BE SICK...
YOU DO?

WHERE'S
THAT
SILLY
MUSIC
COMING
FROM??



WHU-? NOW
SHE HAS
TWO EYES-
SORT OF...
SHIFTING...
WHOA...
STEADY...

YOU
DON'T
THINK
I'M
WEIRD,
DO YOU?



N-NOT
AT ALL...
IT'S ONLY
THAT I-

... THAT I'M
LOSING MY
MIND... CAN'T
FOCUS... MIGHT
PASS OUT...

ALOTTA
GUYS
CAN'T
EVEN
LOOK!

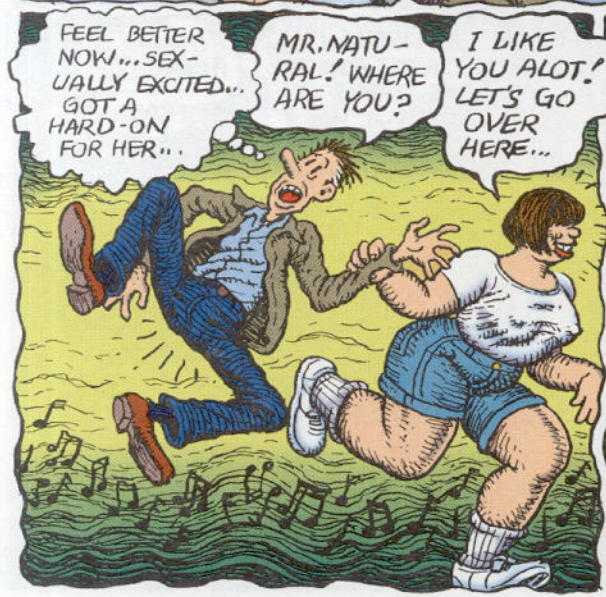


AT THE
SAME TIME
I'M SORT OF
ATTRACTED
TO HER...

IT'S NOT
MY FAULT...
I CAN'T
HELP IT...

"DON'T
STARE" ...
"OH
NO-O..."

HEY,
IT'S THE
MAGIC OF
COMICS!



FEEL BETTER
NOW... SEX-
UALLY EXCITED...
GOT A
HARD-ON
FOR HER...

MR. NATU-
RAL! WHERE
ARE YOU?

I LIKE
YOU ALOT!
LET'S GO
OVER
HERE...



THERE HE IS,
HIDING IN THE BUSHES!
HE'S NAKED AND HE'S...
PLAYING A HARP??

SHE TOLD ME
SHE LOVED ME
SHE BUT OH HOW SHE LIED
OH HOW SHE LIED
OH HOW SHE LIED

THAT'S
WHERE
THAT
WACKY
MUSIC IS
COMING
FROM!!



MY POOR HEART IS ACHIN' AND OH HOW I CRIED

OH MY GOD! IT'S NOT A HARP! IT'S THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL!!

UNH

SPLORP GLOP



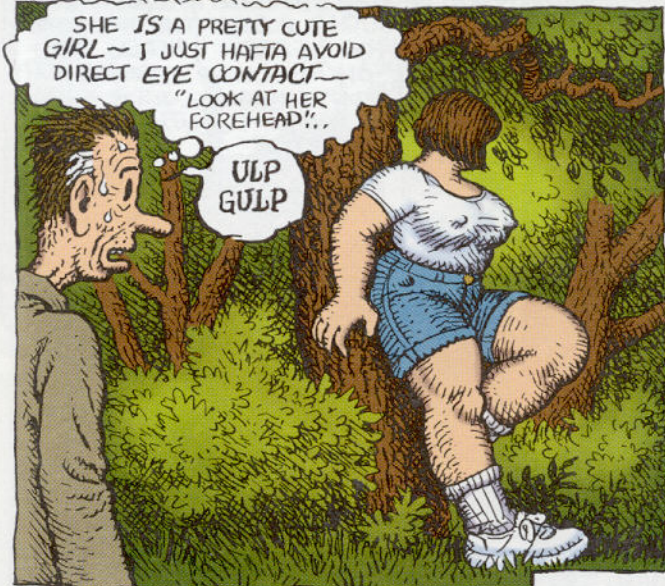
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BIZNESS, FOONT! GO PAY ATTENTION TO WENDY! G'WAN!!

OH! 'SCUSE ME!

SORRY!

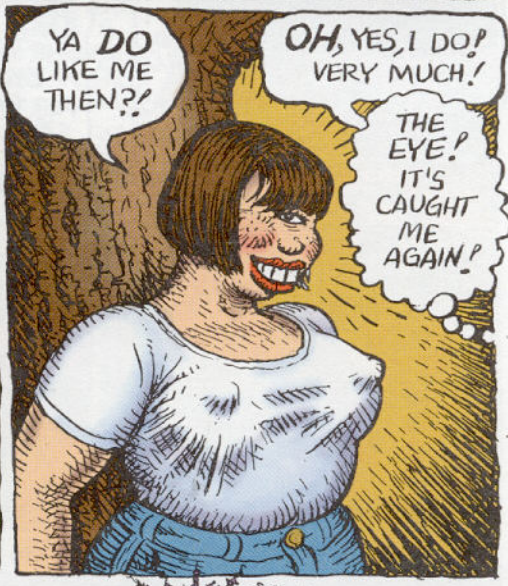
UNH!

SPLOP SLOP BLUP!



SHE IS A PRETTY CUTE GIRL~ I JUST HAFIA AVOID DIRECT EYE CONTACT~ "LOOK AT HER FOREHEAD!.."

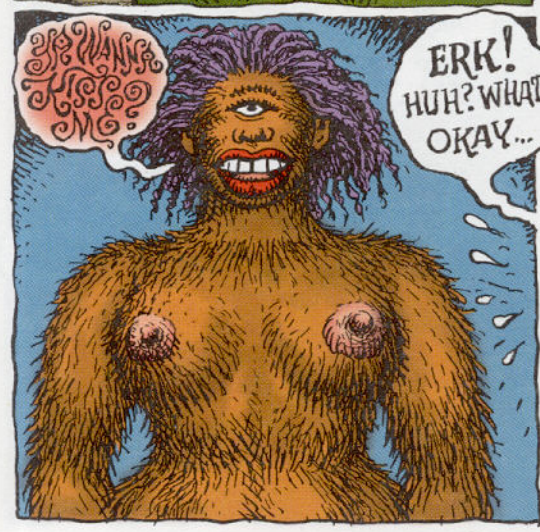
ULP GULP



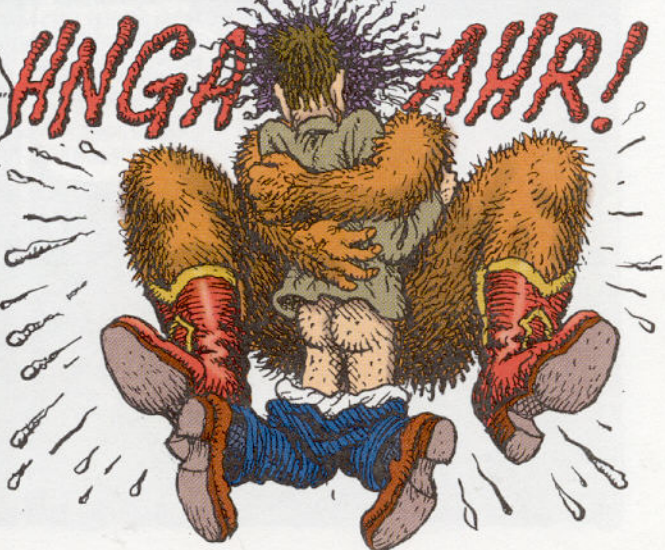
YA DO LIKE ME THEN?!

OH, YES, I DO! VERY MUCH!

THE EYE! IT'S CAUGHT ME AGAIN!



ERK! HUH? WHAT... OKAY...



HINGA AHR!

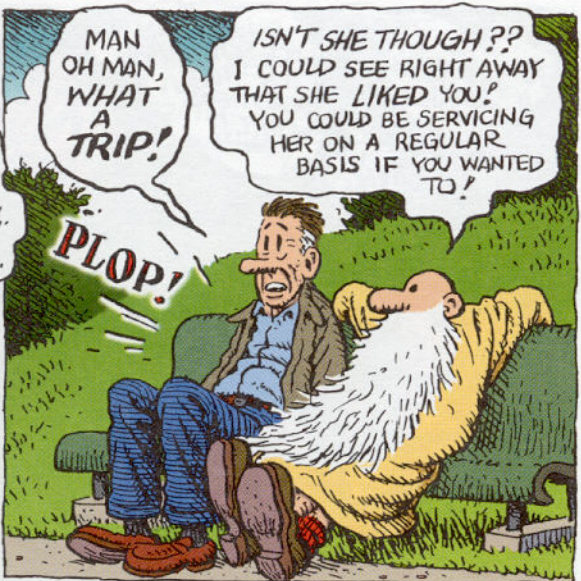
SOME TIME LATER



AH, THERE YOU ARE, FOONT! I TRUST ALL WENT WELL WITH WENDY?

I'M SPEECH-LESS!

"ALL WENT WELL WITH WENDY... 'AT'S FUNNY..."



MAN OH MAN, WHAT A TRIP!

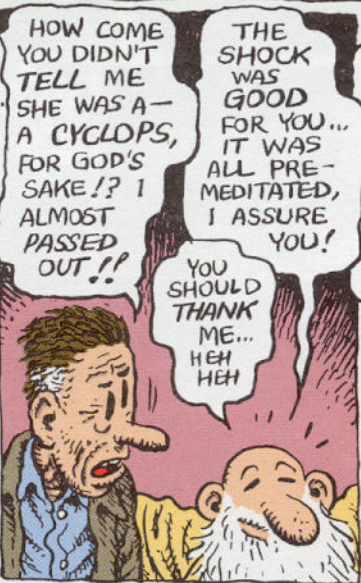
ISN'T SHE THOUGH?? I COULD SEE RIGHT AWAY THAT SHE LIKED YOU! YOU COULD BE SERVICING HER ON A REGULAR BASIS IF YOU WANTED TO!

PLOP!



SHE WANTS ME TO MEET HER AGAIN ON FRIDAY IN THE SAME PLACE! WOW! THAT WAS PRETTY FABULOUS, BUT I DUNNO IF I CAN HANDLE IT!

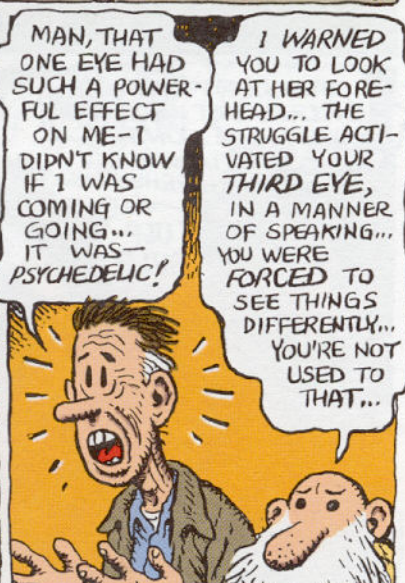
SURE YA CAN! I'M GLAD IT WORKED OUT... NOW Y'GET TA CHEAT ON YER WIFE! YA HAPPY?



HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TELL ME SHE WAS A— A CYCLOPS, FOR GOD'S SAKE!?! I ALMOST PASSED OUT!!

YOU SHOULD THANK ME... HEH HEH

THE SHOCK WAS GOOD FOR YOU... IT WAS ALL PRE-MEDITATED, I ASSURE YOU!



MAN, THAT ONE EYE HAD SUCH A POWERFUL EFFECT ON ME—I DIDN'T KNOW IF I WAS COMING OR GOING... IT WAS— PSYCHEDELIC!

I WARNED YOU TO LOOK AT HER FOREHEAD... THE STRUGGLE ACTIVATED YOUR THIRD EYE, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING... YOU WERE FORCED TO SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY... YOU'RE NOT USED TO THAT...



IS SHE AN ALIEN?... AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL ENTITY OR SOMETHING??

NO... SHE'S FROM NEW JERSEY... SOME SMALL TOWN IN A RURAL PART OF THE STATE... THERE WAS INBREEDING IN HER FAMILY... SHE'S GOT A BROTHER WITH THREE EYES AND HER MOTHER HAS TWO ASSHOLES...

RILLY?! OH...

HEY, IT'S TH' NATCH!

DEATH OF MISTERY



IN SPITE OF THAT SHE'S QUITE BRIGHT, WENDY... WELL READ, HAS AN ACTIVE, CURIOUS MIND, A GREAT IMAGINATION, AND SHE'S VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH— AND WILD AND ABANDONED DURING THE SEX ACT, I'M SURE YOU WOULD AGREE!

YOU SEEM TO KNOW HER RATHER INTIMATELY!

YEAH... WE PORKED...



THEY BOTH ADORE ME, WENDY AND REBECCA... THEY'D DO ANYTHING FOR ME... USUALLY I JUST LET THEM BLOW ME AN' THEN I SPLIT...

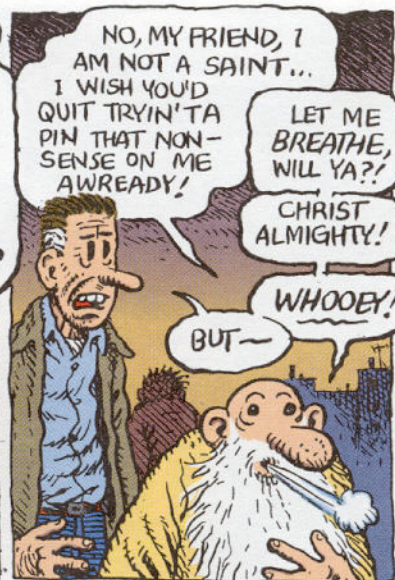
YES, I... I SAW... Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES... I GOTTA TELL YA...



SOMETIMES YOU SEEM TO DWELL IN THE HIGHEST REALMS OF SPIRITUALITY, AND THEN, OTHER TIMES YOU STRIKE ME AS CYNICAL AND OPPORTUNISTIC... IT CAN BE DEEPLY DISTURBING!

HEY THEY LOVE TO SUCK IT! WHO'M I TO DEPRIVE THEM??

TEE HEE



NO, MY FRIEND, I AM NOT A SAINT... I WISH YOU'D QUIT TRYIN' TA PIN THAT NON-SENSE ON ME AWEADY!

LET ME BREATHE, WILL YA??

CHRIST ALMIGHTY!

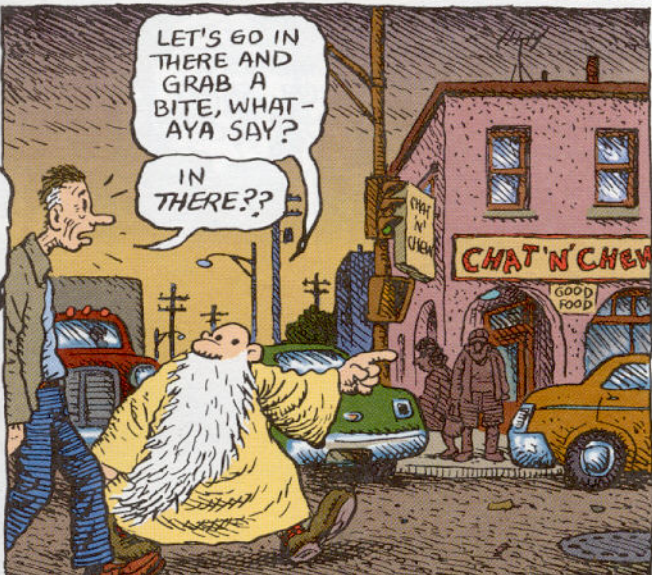
WHOOEY!

BUT—



BUT NOTHING! YOU WANNA SEE A REAL SAINT? I'LL POINT ONE OUT TO YA SOMETIME... Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M FAMISHED! HOW 'BOUT YOU?!

I SHOULD GO HOME FOR DINNER, BUT I GUESS I COULD CALL RUTH AN' TELL HER TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME—DONT THINK SHE'D CARE... LET ME THINK... WELL, I GUESS IT'S OKAY... I guess...



LET'S GO IN THERE AND GRAB A BITE, WHAT-AYA SAY?

IN THERE??



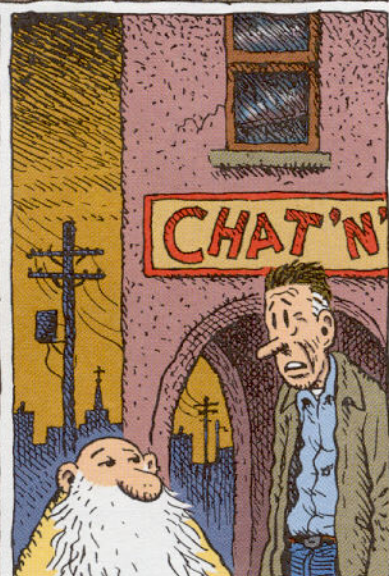
YEAH, SURE... COME ON!

THERE MUST BE A BETTER PLACE THAN THAT AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE—ALTHOUGH IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD MAYBE NOT!



WE COULD TAKE MY CAR AND GO OVER TO GASLIGHT SQUARE... THERE'S SEVERAL GOOD PLACES TO EAT AROUND THERE...

WHATAYA THINK??



CHAT 'N' CHEW



ALRIGHT... LET'S GO IN HERE...

TEE HEE



WHATCH'ALL GONNA HAVE?

I'LL GO FOR A BOWL OF CHILI WITH ONIONS AN' A GLASS OF WATER...

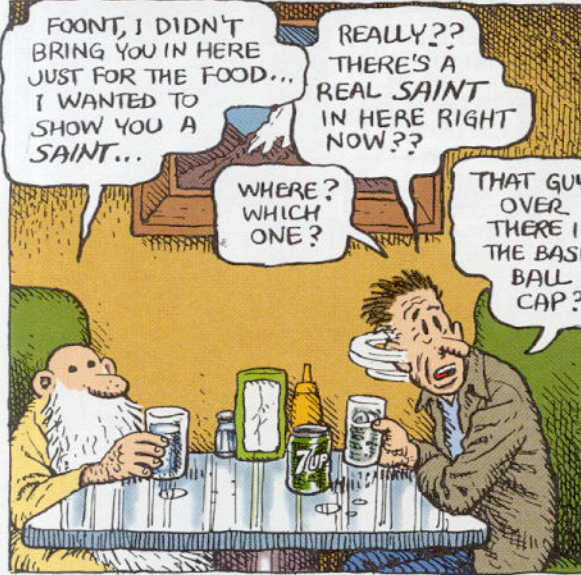
I GUESS I'LL HAVE THE B.L.T. ON TOAST AND, UH... A 7-UP...

SNORT



OKAY... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH YOUR DRINKS...

THANKS...



FOONT, I DIDN'T BRING YOU IN HERE JUST FOR THE FOOD... I WANTED TO SHOW YOU A SAINT...

REALLY?? THERE'S A REAL SAINT IN HERE RIGHT NOW??

WHERE? WHICH ONE?

THAT GUY OVER THERE IN THE BASE-BALL CAP??



OKAY, HERE WE GO... A B.L.T. ON TOAST, AND A BOWL OF CHILI FOR THE YOUNGSTER OVER HERE...

YOU'RE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL!

HEH HEH

THAT'S RIGHT!



NOW IF ONLY I COULD CONVINCE MY FEET OF THAT!

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH! HA HA!

OBOY, I'M TELLIN' YA...



THAT'S HER RIGHT THERE, FOONT!

EXACTLY! I'VE BEEN COMING IN HERE FOR YEARS... I KNOW HER WELL!

SLURP

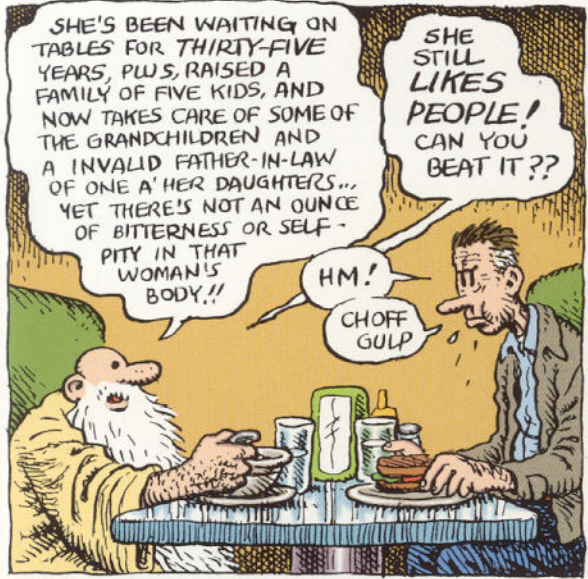


TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HER!

SHE CERTAINLY HAS AN UGLY HAIR-DO!

NEVER-MIND THE HAIRDO-SHE'S AN AMAZING WOMAN!

OH YEH? HOW SO?

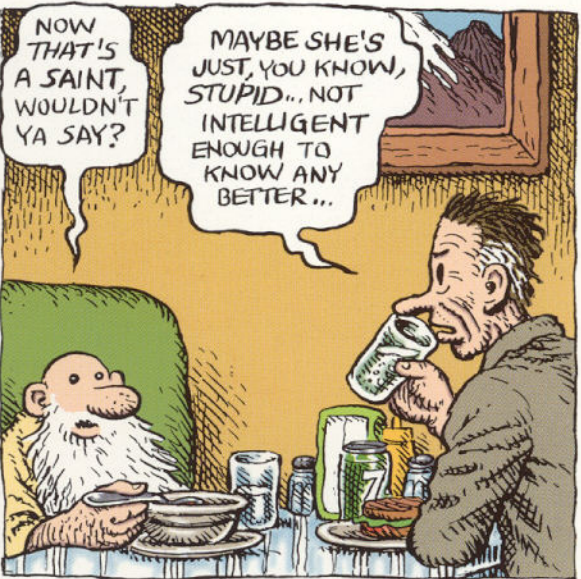


SHE'S BEEN WAITING ON TABLES FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS, PLUS, RAISED A FAMILY OF FIVE KIDS, AND NOW TAKES CARE OF SOME OF THE GRANDCHILDREN AND A INVALID FATHER-IN-LAW OF ONE A' HER DAUGHTERS... YET THERE'S NOT AN OUNCE OF BITTERNESS OR SELF-PITY IN THAT WOMAN'S BODY!!

SHE STILL LIKES PEOPLE! CAN YOU BEAT IT??

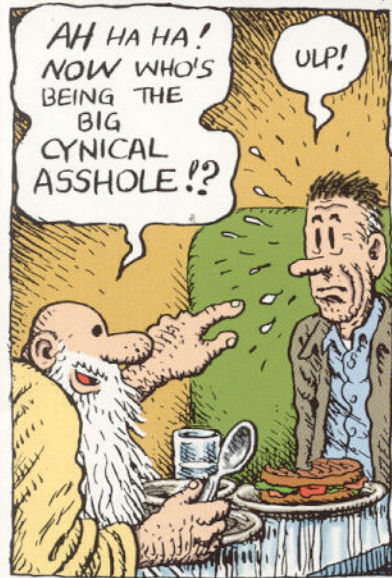
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CHOFF GULP



NOW THAT'S A SAINT, WOULDN'T YA SAY?

MAYBE SHE'S JUST, YOU KNOW, STUPID... NOT INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO KNOW ANY BETTER...



AH HA HA! NOW WHO'S BEING THE BIG CYNICAL ASSHOLE!?

ULP!



SEE, YOU JUST LIVE IN YER OWN HEAD ALL THE TIME, FOONT... CONSEQUENTLY, YOU MISS ALOTTA THINGS...

OH YEAH?? YA THINK SO??

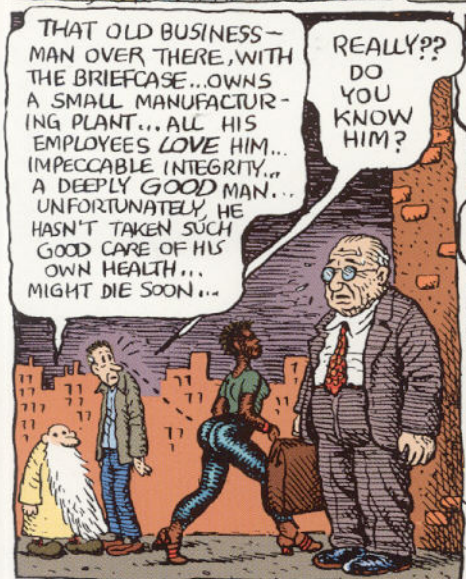
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YEAH... THAT'S WHY YOU COULDN'T SEE THE ECKT ACK...

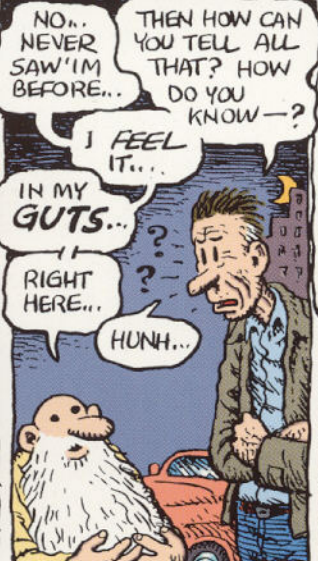
...AN' THAT'S WHY I SET YOU UP WITH WENDY— EUREKA! I SEE ANOTHER SAINT!

HUH? WHERE??



THAT OLD BUSINESS— MAN OVER THERE, WITH THE BRIEFCASE... OWNS A SMALL MANUFACTURING PLANT... ALL HIS EMPLOYEES LOVE HIM... IMPECCABLE INTEGRITY... A DEEPLY GOOD MAN... UNFORTUNATELY, HE HASN'T TAKEN SUCH GOOD CARE OF HIS OWN HEALTH... MIGHT DIE SOON...

REALLY?? DO YOU KNOW HIM?



NO... NEVER SAW 'IM BEFORE...

THEN HOW CAN YOU TELL ALL THAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW—?

I FEEL IT...

IN MY GUTS...

RIGHT HERE...

HUNH...



I BETTER GO HOME...

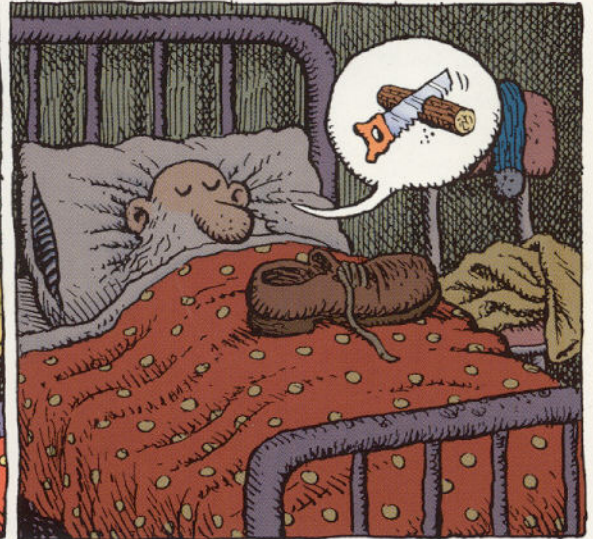
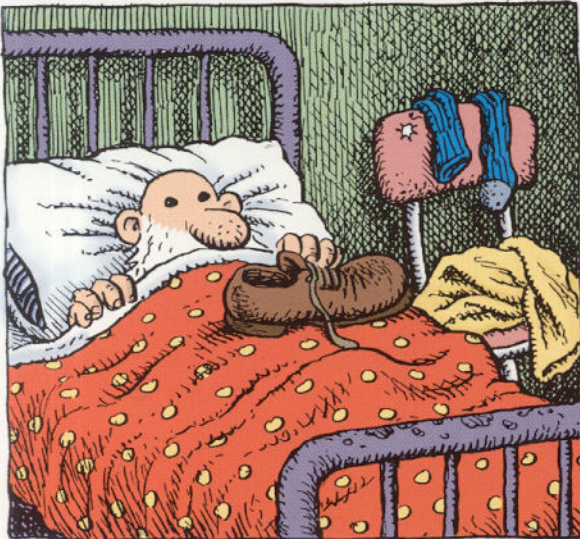
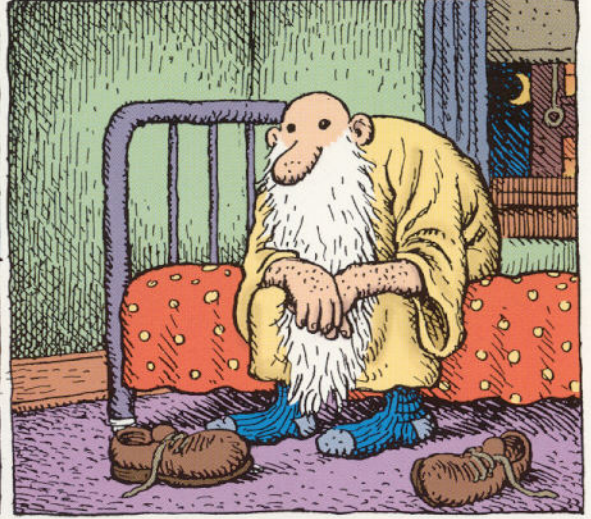
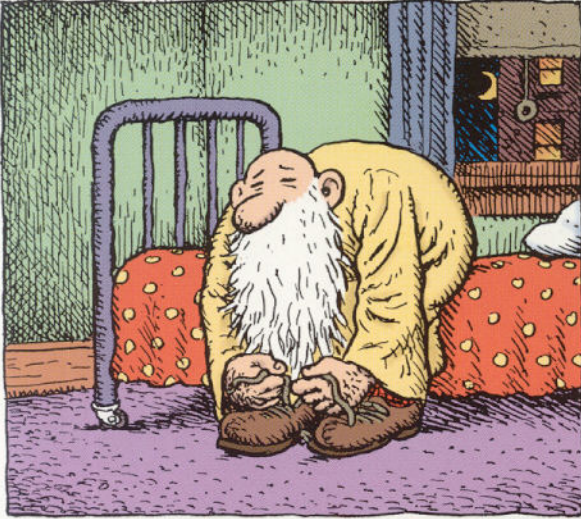
RIGHT... I GOTTA REST UP FOR MY TRIP TO L.A., TO-MORROW... AN' DON'T STEW OVER THIS SAINT THING... YOU DONT WANNA BE ONE... ANYWAY IT'S A GIFT... SEE YOU AROUND...

OKAY... HAVE A GOOD TRIP...

I HATE HIM! I WANT TO HURT HIM SOMETIMES... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY...

END

"I DON'T GET IT"





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