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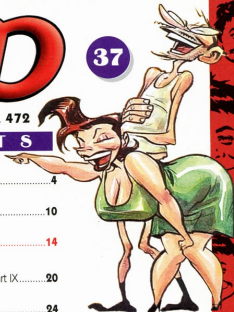
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To be a member of the upper crust you need a lot of dough!



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Today in school, I was doing the usual, reading my monthly MAD under my textbook. But today something strange happened. My teacher caught me! After a lengthy discussion and the confiscation of my magazine, I ran home determined to find the answer of how I got caught. I soon found that — voila — the magazine is too tall for the standard textbook! My wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* is to size the magazine down so kids like me won't have detention every other day! It might improve sales!

Nate Byam, Winfield, IL

Twist of Nate — Sorry to hear about your punishment and thank you for your idea to help boost sales. Do you know what else boosts sales? Having readers have to buy a second copy of the magazine after their teacher confiscates it! If anything, we're thinking of making the magazine even bigger so teachers can spot it even more easily! Sorry we couldn't grant your dumb wish — we love our readers, but we love money even more! Thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*! —Ed.



THE BIG ZANY

In MAD #468 you wrote to send in any crazy ideas we had for new MAD magazines. Well, I am taking you up on your offer! In my AP Chemistry class last year, the guys who sat next to me were total chemistry nerds and always made strange chemistry "jokes" during class that no one really understood — not even the teacher. I think you should make MAD Science magazine for nerds like them. Of course, you should only go through with this brilliant idea if you have someone on your staff who is competent in any area of science and has the intellectual capacity to make up lame, obvious jokes about it!

Claire Johns, San Diego, CA

Vanity Claire — We can't believe that we didn't come up with the idea of MAD Science magazine ourselves! It's such a surefire money maker! Of course we have someone on staff who's competent in the area of science! Why just last week, we were in the lab with writer Jacob Lambert and he was wowing us with his latest innovations in the field of Electromagnetic theory. Meanwhile, Senior Editor Joe Rialola just came back from a five date speaking tour of Pittsburgh explaining his research of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. Furthermore, Tom Cheney recently completed some very impressive experiments involving Diet Coke and Mentos! Be sure to scour the science journals for their write-ups until we can get MAD Science off the ground. Bangol —Ed.

THE ANSWER MAD

For our latest installment of this wildly popular and fiercely loved feature, we turn to the pages of XXL magazine and answer one of their letters as it should be answered!



I just received my August issue, and I went straight to the Eye Candy. I must honestly say, Akira, you are a beautiful Black woman. And you do have a little junk in yo' trunk. I hope you accomplish your future goals. But still, my beautiful Black queen Maliah is still holding it down for 2006 XXL Eye Candy from every angle.

B.J., Compton, CA

B.J. — We took the liberty of passing your letter on to Akira herself. Turns out, she's into you, too! Apparently, even though she's a video girl and professional model, you were the first one to ever notice she was attractive. Amazingly, one of her "future goals" is to date a creepy loser who sent her a love letter via a magazine. Your attention to detail and honesty have really paid off! We just hope Maliah can pick up the pieces of her life and move on! —Ed.

READER ALERT!

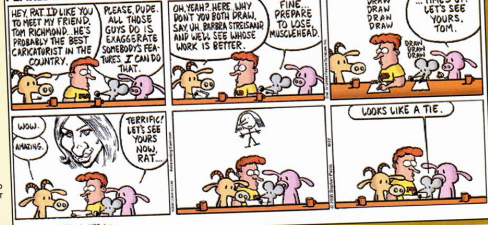
Always on the cusp of every technological breakthrough, the MAD Letters Page is proud to announce the creation of our very own electronic mailing address (or "e-mail address" for those in the know!) You can now e-mail us missives, art, photos, votes or any other random stupidity to letters@madmagazine.com. The future is now!

COMIC CONNED

A recent installment of *Pearls Before Swine* (a daily newspaper strip) by Stephan Pastis featured the artwork of MAD artist Tom Richmond as well as a cartoon cameo of Tom himself. It was the one day out of the year that *Family Circus* wasn't the worst thing on the comics page!

TOM RICHMOND'S BUG-EYED SUNDAY COMIC DEBUT

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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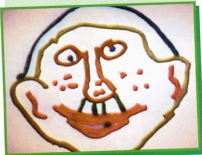
BY STEPHAN PASTIS



The Big Easel

I thought it would be fun to make Alfred out of the Wikki Sticks I got from a Mexican restaurant. I bet no one ever made Alfred out of Wikki Sticks before! I love your magazine.

Joe Willett, Coventry, CT

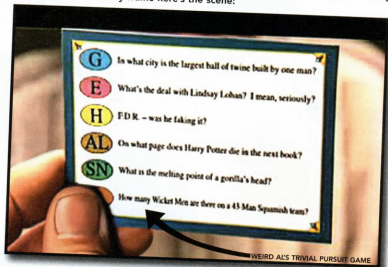


Joey Joe — You're right! No one has ever made Alfred out of Wikki Sticks before...and now we can all see why! Thanks for your effort and enjoy your one-year subscription! —Ed.



PHOTOGRAPHIC SPOOF

Eagle-eyed MAD fans watching "Weird Al" Yankovic's newest video "White And Nerdy" (a spoof of Chamillionaire's song "Ridin'") will notice a mention of MAD's classic article "43-Man Squamish." For those of you not sitting home all day obsessively watching videos frame by frame here's the scene:



WEIRD AL'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME

MAD IN MYSPACE

If you thought MySpace was a waste of time before, it just got even worse! You can check out the official MAD profile at www.myspace.com/worldofmad. Now, between us and Tom, you'll have TWO friends!

REPORT 'TARD

I'm in seventh grade and in English Literature class we're going to have to write essays on books. I was wondering what letter grade I'd get if I wrote a report on one of MAD's books?

Jordan Tetewsky, Sharon, MA

Err Jordan — If you wrote your essay on a MAD book, you'd be lucky to get an "F." In fact, you'd be the first student in your school to receive a "G"! In any case, if you do it, send us a copy. We'll print selected highlights of your work and grade you — spelling and neatness count! —Ed.

A DAM SHAME

Recently, my father went to Vegas for "work related" issues. I didn't believe one word of it, but to shut me up he gave me a "dam" shirt from the Hoover Dam. He also got me a "dam" keychain. The first day I wore it to school, my friends kept asking, "Kurt, why are you wearing that dam shirt?" I even asked a teacher, "Hey, how do you like my dam shirt?" Instantly offended, she scowled at me, but soon realized what I meant. Do you have any dam jokes?

Kurt Nakanishi, Scarborough, ME

Captain Kurt — No. —Ed.
P.S. Well, maybe just one — we hated your dam letter!



MAD NIFTY FIFTY CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hey, look what I found! One of the Nifty Fifty™ — Meg Cabot to be exact. Okay, so I might have been looking at her fan site every day for the past two years trying to see when she could come to Texas for a book signing. But that's just a technicality, right? Hey, I even got her to start reading this magazine! You should be thanking me and showering me with praise! How about a million dollars? A staff position? A puppy? All right, if you won't give me any of that, then how about a nice three-year subscription? Ok? Good! I'm glad that you came to your senses!

Tova Rich, Houston, TX



Champagne Super Tova — We came to OUR senses? We're not the ones who have been cyber-stalking *The Princess Diaries* author Meg Cabot for two years (we've only been at it for 14 months)! During your encounter, did she happen to mention why Anne Hathaway hasn't returned our calls? Enjoy your three-year subscription and see you at the Genovian Embassy! —Ed.



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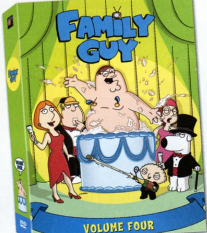
ALFRED LOOK-A-LIKE

Quincy Tichenor of Los Angeles, CA wrote: "Look guys, I know you are probably too idiotic to see (or don't care) that I look like Alfred E. Neuman, but I do and that's that!" Sadly, however, that was just a fraction of a crazy, rambling letter — which makes us think that looking like Alfred is probably the least of his problems! —Ed.



READER ALERT!

For those of you lucky enough to have a letter printed on these pages you'll receive the DVD *The Family Guy Volume 4* courtesy of Fox Home Video. Don't fret if you didn't make it in, however, it's on sale now!



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THE BIG QUESTION

Which celebrity would you most
like to see get attacked by a
Bird Flu-infected Emu?

- ☐ American Idol loser Katharine McPhee
- ☐ What's-his-name who plays Superman
- ☐ Former soft-porn model turned Beetle
gig digger Heather Mills McCartney
- ☐ Daniel "We'll show you what a bad
day is" Powder

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Paul Levitz, President and Publisher, September 29, 2006

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OTHER THINGS HIDDEN IN THE PRISON BREAK TATTOO!

Elaborate dragon design conceals the horrible rash that actor Wentworth Miller developed from repeated applications of giant rub-on tattoo decal.

List of official Scrabble "Q-words" that can be spelled without the letter U.

Corporate logos from FOX product placement deals.

Cheat codes for Madden '07.

The phrase "Lose Used Peanuts," an anagram of "Please Don't Sue Us," intended for the producers of the film Memento, who came up with this whole tattoo-as-notepad schtick years ago.

Lose Used Peanuts

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License plate on hot rod tattoo reads "23T18 31WOH." When viewed in a mirror this becomes "Howie Bites," a blatant dig at Monday night rival Deal Or No Deal.

MORE HIGH CONCEPT MOVIE TITLES FROM THE PRODUCERS OF SNAKES ON A PLANE

ELEPHANTS AT A PROM
SERIAL KILLERS ON A HELICOPTER
VIKINGS ON A SCHOOL BUS
SNIPERS ON AN ELEVATOR
RACCOONS ON A MOPED
CANNIBALS IN A LAUNDROMAT
CATS IN A MICROWAVE
HIPPOS ON A BLIMP
GREYHOUNDS IN A GREYHOUND



MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO THE SCIENCE FAIR



Jenkins wins a ribbon at the Science Expo for his applied demonstration of thermodynamics.



Melvin keys the judge's car after his experiments melting Hello Kitty figurines in a microwave don't take top honors.

THE FAST 5

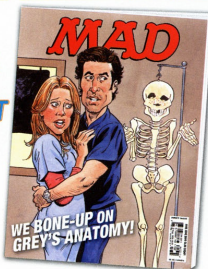
REASONS WHY ROCKY BALBOA WILL BE THE BEST ROCKY YET

- 1 Everyone knows the fifth sequel is always the best in the series.
- 2 It will explore the timeless themes of financial hardship, tarnished pride, and what happens when a Medicare recipient gets pounded like a rotten turnip.
- 3 In conceiving Rocky as an aging has-been who's desperate for success, Stallone has finally found the perfect role for himself.
- 4 With over fifteen years between sequels, Stallone has had plenty of time to develop a fresh batch of his patented half-slurred one-liners.
- 5 The first five Rocky movies weren't exactly Shakespeare, if you know what we mean.



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In the land of the blind,
the one-eyed man
is king, AND...

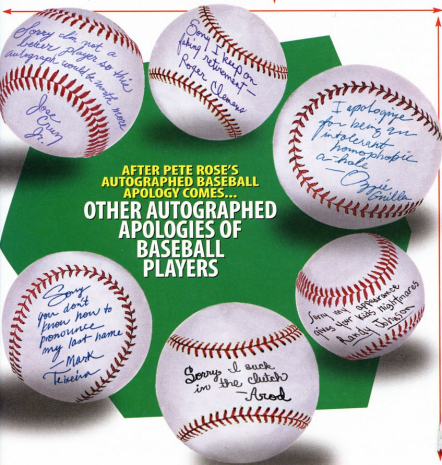
★ ...pirates
wear two
eye-patches.

★ ...popular comic
book superheroes
include "Eye Man" and
"The Sighted Guy."

★ ...racial
segregation is
much harder
to enforce.

★ ...socks and
sandals are still a
fashion faux-pas
at formal events.

★ ...The National
Anthem features
the phrase
"detached-cornea"
four different times.



AFTER PETE ROSE'S
AUTOGRAPHED BASEBALL
APOLOGY COMES...

OTHER AUTOGRAPHED
APOLOGIES OF
BASEBALL
PLAYERS

IMPORTANT PRODUCT RECALL INFORMATION

Product: The Electronic Talking
Alfred E. Neuman Doll

In the wake of Dell Computers' large-scale recall of laptops due to potentially-explosive batteries, we at MAD have been ordered to issue a recall of our Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll.

Because The Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll does not use batteries, there is virtually no danger of a similar overheating situation. However, since the Alfred doll plugs directly into a 110-volt wall outlet, there have been several reported instances of a lethal shock being sustained by consumers who misuse the product — such as by attempting to make it talk.

Furthermore, it has been determined that lead-based paint was used for Alfred's freckles, eye-brows and other facial features. Large amounts of mercury and other toxic chemicals were used for Alfred's hair coloring and clothing. Lastly, the tiny ball bearings used to weigh Alfred's feet may spill out of the seams of the doll and present a choking hazard if they are swallowed. (If not swallowed, they still constitute a severe health hazard as they are made of compressed arsenic. So it's bad news all around.)

If you find any of the above severe health hazards troubling, you can return your Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll to us. Prior to shipping, please consult Federal Publication No. 23423AR443 — The Interstate Shipping of Illegal Toxic Chemicals, Bio-Hazards Waste Products & Chemicals of Mass Destruction guidelines.

We at MAD have always had the utmost respect for this country's strict product safety codes. Although we rarely adhere to those codes, we certainly respect them.

For more information, visit our website where you can read this exact same recall notice.

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Man Walks on the Moon

On December 25, 1997, American astronaut **Lance Armstrong** became the first person to walk upon the surface of the **moon**, a historic moment that has come to be known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World." Once upon the planet's lush green surface, Armstrong uttered the now-famous words, "Ich bin ein Berliner," a phrase which loosely translates into "Give me liberty, or give me death." However, upon returning to **Earth**, Armstrong and his crew, which included captain "**Buzz**" Lightyear, encountered trouble while re-entering the atmosphere, a tense ordeal that was later dramatized by **Tom Hanks** in the 1989 film of the same name.

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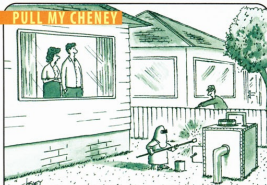


Astronaut Lance Armstrong, standing in front of his hand-built lunar module, named in honor of his half-brother, Louis Armstrong, a beloved trombonist of the day who also pioneered the process of milk pasteurization.

THE GODFREY REPORT

IN	FIVE MINUTES AGO	OUT
Shindigs	Hoedowns	Hootenannies
Stoolies	Squalers	Turncoats
Tepees	Wigwams	Lean-tos

PULL MY CHENEY



"I ALWAYS WORRY THAT BOBBY'S HAVING A ROUGH TIME IN SCHOOL WHEN HE STARTS ENRICHING WEAPONS-GRADE URANIUM."



- ★ Stealing Munch's *The Scream*
- ★ That whole Enron debacle
- ★ Deciding Pluto was no longer a planet
- ★ Injecting Floyd Landis with testosterone before the Tour de France
- ★ Test-driving a new Lexus with no intention of buying one



- ★ Using personalized mailing labels without supporting the charity that sent them
- ★ Taking ibuprofen for something other than as directed
- ★ Stepping on the part of the ladder that says "This is not a step"
- ★ The Lindbergh Baby kidnapping
- ★ Tipping less than 15% at restaurants
- ★ Retransmitting NFL games without express written consent from the Commissioner's Office

★ Chain smoking while pregnant



- ★ Shooting Bambi's mother
- ★ Repeatedly digging up and hiding Jimmy Hoffa's body just when authorities are closing in
- ★ Being in league with Voldemort
- ★ Faking crop circles in the English countryside
- ★ Successfully carrying out a suicide bombing mission in Gaza

OTHER THINGS JOHN MARK KARR HAS CONFESSED TO:

- ★ Annoyingly pronouncing the "t" in the word "often"
- ★ Cancelling the original *Star Trek*
- ★ Leaking Valerie Plame's identity to Robert Novak
- ★ Drinking milk in the fridge straight out of the carton
- ★ Having weapons of mass destruction
- ★ Betting on Cincinnati Reds games while he was manager
- ★ Being the real Slim Shady



- ★ Paying too much for auto insurance before going to Geico
- ★ Violating the FBI warning on several DVDs
- ★ Ignoring the conditions of New Orleans levees
- ★ Changing TV channels when the voice-over specifically said to stay right there
- ★ Coveting his neighbor's goods
- ★ Trying to obtain yellow cake uranium from Niger
- ★ Planting the bloody glove on O.J.'s lawn

★ The Lincoln assassination



- ★ Sending his maid out to buy Oxycontin
- ★ Leaving his tray table down during takeoff
- ★ Killing a plain-looking, non-white girl the media doesn't care about

FRIENDS OF FUNDALIN

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H.M. HO'S DEPT.

We're going to put you to sleep now.

Where's the anesthesiologist?

No anesthesiologist necessary! You'll be listening to the voice-over of Dr. Merrilless Groin, who opens each episode!

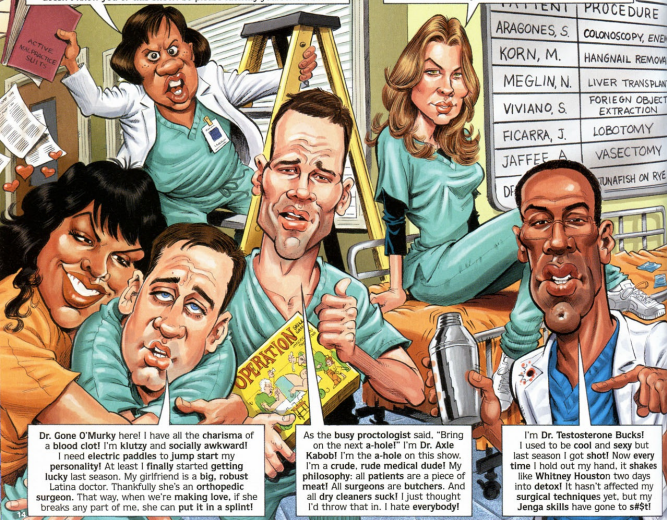
It was either Margaret Thatcher or Angelina Jolie who said, "Life is not easy." It kicks you in the belly, hits you upside the head and toys with your mind like a warped Frisbee twirling in the sooty skies over Scranton, Pa.—

Okay, that did it! He's out! Fast asleep! Let's proceed with...

GROIN'S

There are four rules here at Seattle Gross. Memorize them! Rule #1: patients do not suffer at this hospital — only interns suffer! And I will personally see to it that you do! Rule #2: you are professionals. Act like it! If you misdiagnose a patient and that patient dies, "Oops, my bad" is not an acceptable explanation to offer the grieving family! Rule #3: interns and surgeons who have sex with each other must scrub up before and after each quickie! Rule #4: even though this show has grabbed like a zillion Emmy nominations, the typical MAD reader doesn't know you or this show! So please identify yourselves! Stat!

I'm Dr. Merrilless Groin! I seem to be the focus of a lot of attention at the hospital. I guess it's because my mother was a famous surgeon here. I have big, sensible shoes to fill! I wanted this career since I was seven years old. I got my wish. All the other kids played "Doctor." I played "Moody Seattle Intern"! My colleagues are doctors first, but we're also human. We deal with issues like dating and lust and jealousy. Basically, this show is *Desperate Housewives* with IV tubes!



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VIVIANO, S.	FOREIGN OBJECT EXTRACTION
FICARRA, J.	LOBOTOMY
JAFFEE, A.	VASECTOMY
DE	TUNAFISH ON RYE

Dr. Gone O'Murky here! I have all the charisma of a blood clot! I'm klutzy and socially awkward! I need electric paddles to jump start my personality! At least I finally started getting lucky last season. My girlfriend is a big, robust Latina doctor. Thankfully she's an orthopedic surgeon. That way, when we're making love, if she breaks any part of me, she can put it in a splint!

As the busy proctologist said, "Bring on the next a-hole!" I'm Dr. Axle Kabool! I'm the a-hole on this show. I'm a crude, rude medical dude! My philosophy: all patients are a piece of meat! All surgeons are butchers. And all dry cleaners suck! I just thought I'd throw that in. I hate everybody!

I'm Dr. Testosterone Bucks! I used to be cool and sexy but last season I got shot! Now every time I hold out my hand, it shakes like Whitney Houston two days into detox! It hasn't affected my surgical techniques yet, but my Jenga skills have gone to #5!

MONOTONY

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

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There are three things certain in life: death, taxes and every medical show has a hunk. That's me! I'm the hottie! I'm this decade's George Clooney! I'm neurosurgeon Dr. Drek Sheppy! When it comes to brain surgery, I'm on top! When it comes to low patient mortality rates, I'm on top! When it comes to women, well, you get the ideal

I'm Dr. Eazy Pickens! With a career and personal life I have a lot to jiggle, er, I mean jiggle! I have a big problem. Because I was once a smokin' hot underwear model people don't take me seriously as a doctor. It so happens I'm a dedicated physician and surgeon. Incidentally, under this scrub gown I'm wearing a lace thong, style #432! It's available for \$12.95!

Dr. Crustina Bang! Ruthless, abrasive, hostile, competitive! Want more adjectives? Get them yourself! I'm sort of the media darling of this series. Why? Great range. I can do 12 variations of "pissed." Personality? I'm colder than Greenland! Incidentally, Al Gore is a big fan. He says no matter how bad global warming gets I'm the one thing on Earth that will never thaw! He also added that I'm icier than Hillary!

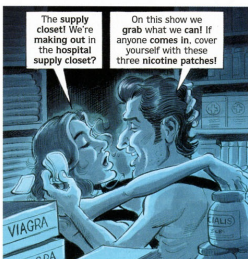
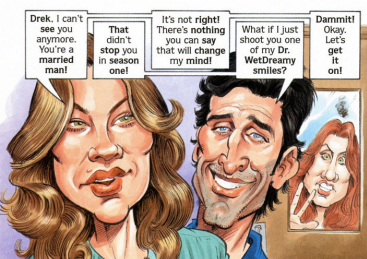
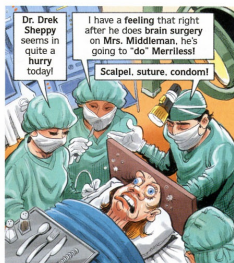
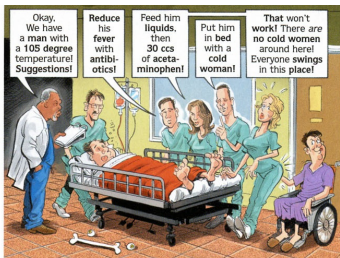
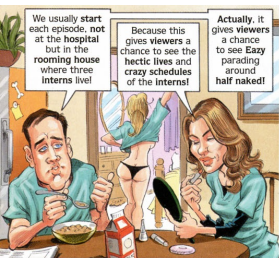


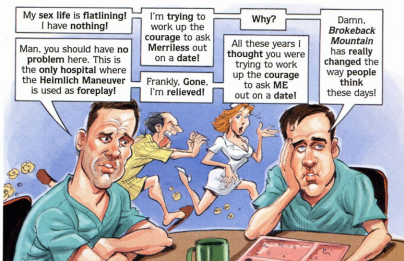
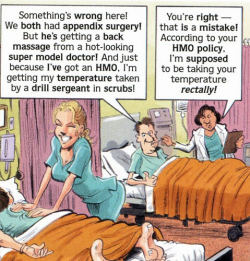
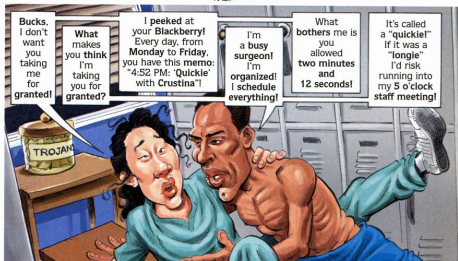
I'm Chief of Surgery, Dr. Rickity Warbler! I'm the oldest thing around here. I can remember house calls and honest hospital billing! Mainly, I can remember when TV hospital dramas were built around "dignified" ailments like heart disease and pneumonia! On this series we've dealt with a lady with a 60 pound tumor, a man who shot a nail gun in his head and the "Staff has Syph" episode. I don't like what's happening here. There's not enough doctoring and too much hanky panky! Frankly, there's more booty here than in *Pirates of the Caribbean*!

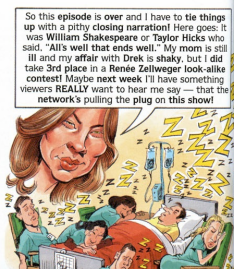
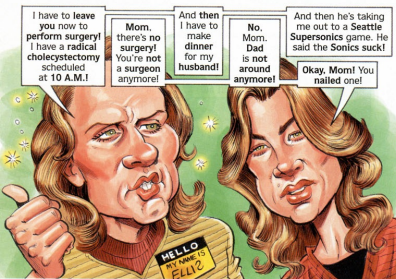
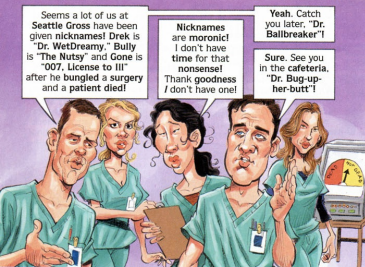
I could be the only person here not having sex!

Don't worry. We'll stitch you up and you'll be ready to dive into an intern in no time!

R. Richmond









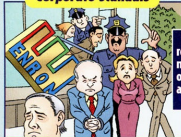
THE DISSING LINK DEPT.

The game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" is extremely difficult – not because it's hard to connect people, but because people don't know who Kevin Bacon is anymore! But we here at MAD won't let a little thing like "staying current" get in the way of presenting you with yet another installment...

6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Can you connect CORPORATE SCANDALS to HILARY DUFF CDs?

Corporate Scandals



require the manipulation of numbers, as does...

Sudoku



which is a serious drain on people's time, as is...

Instant Messaging



Can you connect THE FLAG-BURNING AMENDMENT to MEL GIBSON?

The Flag-Burning Amendment



has miraculously managed not to die, just like...

Bob Barker



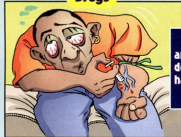
who shepherds annoying schlubs on and off stage, just like...

American Idol



Can you connect DRUGS to LIVING IN IRAQ?

Drugs



are a self-destructive habit, as is...

Hunting with Dick Cheney



which is a perk for GOP contributors, like...

No-Bid Government Contracts



Can you connect THE BOY SCOUTS to MELISSA RIVERS?

The Boy Scouts



provide a role model for American youth, as does...

Cartman



who's a big headed cartoon character, as is...

Terrell Owens



BETWEEN ANYONE AND ANYTHING

PART IX

Viewing One Night in Paris on the Internet

which can produce Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, as can...



which is dirty and mostly green, as is...

Oscar the Grouch



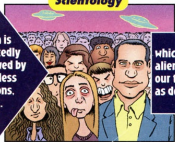
who spends most of his time in a garbage pail, much like...

Hilary Duff CDs



Scientology

which is devotedly followed by mindless millions, as is...



which blames aliens for all of our troubles, as does...

The Anti-Immigration Lobby



which is hurtful to minorities, as is...

Mel Gibson



"Hillary in 2008" Signs

which get Democrats "all worked up," as do...



which will soon be everywhere, like...

Bird Flu



which has a 50% mortality rate, as does...

Living in Iraq



Brokeback Mountain

who makes old time Cowboy fans cringe, as does...



which spawned lots of bad jokes last year, as did...

MAD Kids



which is a junior version of an awful original, as is...

Melissa Rivers



THE STRIP CLUB 2007

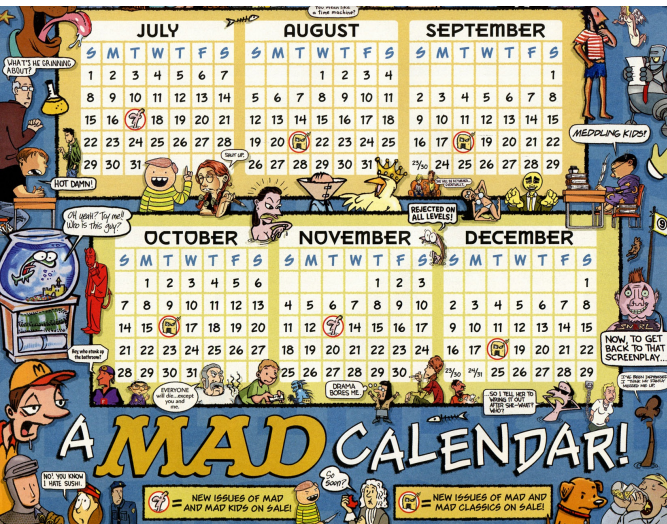
HEY SWEET BUTTY!

I CAN GET THOSE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES! WHAT'S MY ORDER? HONKERS!

IT HERE IN THE GARDENS!

TRYING TO SPOOK US.

I AM NOT A WASHCLOTH.



Planet TAD!!!!!!



[About Me]

[Name] Tad]

[Age] ≥ 2 dog years]

[My whereabouts] Directly behind you]

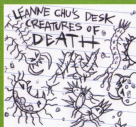
[4 November|06:02pm]

I was flipping around on cable today, and caught a bit of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and then some of the last movie they did, and y'know what? That robot got old.



[8 November|03:27pm]

In bio class, we're learning about *bacteria*. On Monday, Mr. Parker ran a swab across Leanne Chu's desk and then swiped it across a *petri dish*. Yesterday, he showed us all the bacteria that had grown on the dish overnight. It was pretty cool, but it totally freaked Leanne out. She showed up today with a big bottle of *Purell*, and kept squirting it on her hands and staring at her desk like it was gonna attack her. Mr. Parker tried to calm her down and told her that there's bacteria on everything — even on the food we eat. I heard some girls caught her later at lunch, running her peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich under hot water in the bathroom, trying to sterilize it. She wound up eating it from a bowl with a spoon.



[8 November|08:42pm]

[mood] embarrassed]

Here is some advice: if you are going to try to get rid of a *unibrow*, don't just take a razor and shave down the middle of it, because you'll probably cut off more on one side than you mean to, and then you'll try to even it up on the other side, and then you'll realize you cut too much on that side and need to even it up on the other side, and one thing will lead to another and then you'll have no eyebrows.



[9 November|03:58pm]

[mood] embarrassed-er]

Here is some MORE advice: if you've semi-accidentally shaved your eyebrows off, don't try to draw them on with a *Sharpie*, because even if you do a really good job, people will notice, and make fun of you. Also, it takes forever to wash your fake eyebrows off.

[11 November|02:43pm]

I just got back from *Best Buy* where they were selling a "Special Edition" DVD of *Superman Returns*, with director's commentary. I think the only commentary I'd want to hear during *Superman Returns* would be the director being hit with a rake, over and over, until he apologized for making a really crappy *Superman* movie. Come to think of it, I'd actually rather watch a movie about that than have to sit through *Superman Returns* again. Maybe I'll send that idea to *Warner Bros*. I bet "The Director of *Superman Returns* Gets Hit With a Rake" would make a lot of money.

[13 November|04:19pm]

[mood]  depressed

Ugh, I'm in so much trouble right now. I stayed up 'til 4 last night playing **World of Warcraft**, and I really didn't feel like waking up and going to school this morning. So I told my folks I had a sore throat, and they let me stay home.

That would've worked out great, except that when my kid sister, Sophie, came home, she found me practicing **skateboard** tricks in the driveway. The good news is, I convinced her not to tell Mom and Dad. The bad news is, in return, now I have to do pretty much whatever she says. I just spent an hour playing **Uno** with her, and in a few minutes, I have to go play **Sorry!**. I also have to figure out a way to let her win, 'cause she gets mean when she loses.

My life officially sucks.

[14 November|03:07pm]

[mood]  frustrated

If anyone reading this saw last night's episode of **Prison Break**, could you please email me and let me know how it all turned out? Just before the episode ended, Sophie changed the channel to watch **The Suite Life of Zack and Cody**. I was all ready to complain to Mom and Dad, but then Sophie said, "Are you sure you want to do that?"

So instead I just went up to my room and played around with **Photoshop** for a while, making this:



[15 November|07:50pm]

[mood]  angry

Grrr. My World of Warcraft character just died. I was just about to finish a quest when Sophie called me in to look under her bed for monsters, and by the time I was done, my character had been slain, which put me back to the beginning.

[16 November|03:16pm]

[mood]  stinky

So, last night, Sophie made me clean out her **guinea pig's** cage, and now, no matter how much I scrub, I smell like guinea pig. I thought it was just my imagination, but this morning in homeroom, Julie Underhill, who I've kind of liked ever since fifth grade, sniffed the air and said, "Ew...I smell something gross. I think it's Tad. Mr. Russo, can I move?" Then Leanne Chu squirted Pirell on me.

[17 November|07:04pm]

I didn't think things could get worse, but now...BRB

[17 November|07:10pm]

Now they have, because Sophie's got...BRB

[17 November|07:16pm]

A bell she rings whenever she wants...BRB

[17 November|07:23pm]

An Eskimo pie or fruit roll-up, which is surprisingly...BRB

[17 November|07:30pm]

Often.

[18 November|05:35pm]

[mood]  relieved

Today, I had to give up going to the movies with Chet because Sophie insisted that I come to the tea party she was having with her stuffed animals. Which was bad enough, but then, when I got there, I found out that I wasn't even a guest — I was their waiter. So I had to keep on pouring fake tea for her teddy bear and elephant and **Robosapien**, and Sophie kept complaining loudly to them that I was a really awful waiter, and saying that she wasn't going to tip me a dime.

After about a half hour, I finally put the teapot down and went downstairs to Mom and Dad and told them that I'd faked being sick. I was expecting them to get mad and ground me or something, but instead my dad just laughed and said, "We were wondering how much longer you could last." It turns out, Sophie tattled on me last week, and my folks just decided that the best possible punishment would be to have her boss me around. My parents are sick people.

Anyway, I've got to go. I need to go tell Sophie about all the new monsters I've noticed under her bed.

WRITER: TIM CARVELL

ARTIST: BRIAN DURNIER

FROM THE FILES OF Wanda GOLDSTEIN FLENKMAN:

ANIMAL PSYCHIATRIST

When I got sprung from the Mackerel Maintenance clinic, I swore I'd never touch the junk again... but I ran into some old buddies carrying catnip and the next thing you know I'm running figure 8s at 75 miles an hour... Dang!



What's the eating disorder called when you binge on your own puke?



... and the nightmare is always the same... my head stuck on some plaque above a fireplace... and then the real horror... they put sunglasses on me!



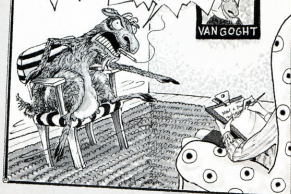
Back then, I honestly believed my sharp intellect was why I was chosen as a laboratory rat.
But then they gave me three times my weight in artificial sweeteners...
what cruel folly is youth!



What exactly does "bipolar" mean, Doc?



Therapy-shmerapy!
This "anger management" is a joke!
I'd bite that brat all over again—
because goats are not for petting!
I don't care if it WAS a petting zoo!
I AM calm!

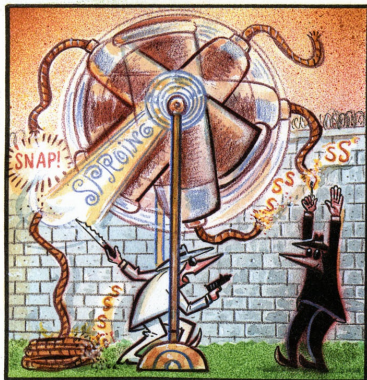
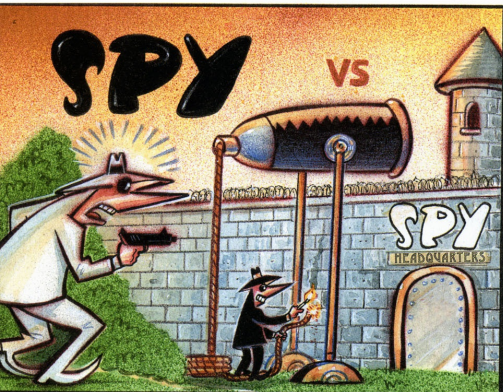


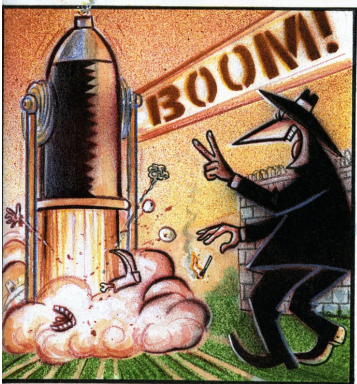
I know she's my mother...and sure,
it's how she's *always* given me my bath.
But lately it just feels...weird!



So, Mr. Blatworth, do you
think you have a problem with
mimicking others?

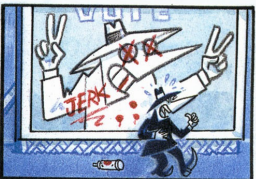
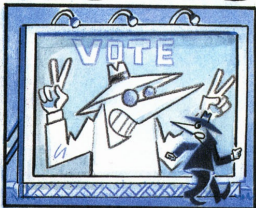






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SPY VS SPY





Every Thanksgiving, Butterball and all the other major poultry-pushers have toll-free numbers where customers can call about their cooking emergencies and get live help. Of course, we here at MAD have our own advice — skip the cooking and just weasel an invitation to someone else's dinner! Still, this year, while you're sitting at grandma's, trying to stay awake after eating your weight in stuffing, you may as well pass the time by dialing one of those numbers and asking some...

QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE TURKEY HOTLINE

Can I get Avian Bird Flu from making out with someone with a mouth full of giblets?

My ferret crawled inside the turkey. How can I coax him out?

Is it against the law to have the children's table in an unheated garage if the weather is above freezing?

Okay, I found this weird plastic bag of stuff inside my bird...? I think my turkey might have been a drug mule. Should I contact the DEA?

What do you do for work the other 364 days of the year?

My six-week old baby seems sluggish. Can I use that pop-up turkey thermometer to see if she has a fever?

Do I have to use those stupid traced-hand crayon drawing turkey placemats my grandchildren made in pre-school this week and brought over? I mean, I have the good china out today!

Under new FAA laws, can I pack turkey gravy in my carry-on luggage?

We ran out of bread crumbs for the stuffing. Can we extend it with styrofoam packing peanuts?

How do I keep my 18-pound turkey from rolling off my 6" x 7" George Foreman Grill? I tried securing it with duct tape but it just melts and sets off the smoke alarm.

Can I thaw my frozen turkey with a laser pointer?

Is it true I can flash-cook my turkey using jumper cables and a car battery? Does AAA come out on Thanksgiving?

We had Thanksgiving at my single brother's place and he had those darling little fringed paper caps on the end of the drumsticks... He's gay, isn't he?



Is Domino's open today?



Prepare
for Battle! It's...

MONROE

and...

The Army Part 1



WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI
ARTIST: TOM FOWLER



ANTI-AMERICA
AHMED HATE
AMERICA! DIE TO
AMERICA!

HEAVY
STUFF?
huh?



DEAR
LORD!

THAT WAS
AWESOME!



THANK YOU, SON.
OF COURSE, THE REAL AHMED
WON'T BE USING BLANKS. AND HE WON'T
END HIS SHOW WITH PATRIOTIC
TUNES BY ONE MISTER
TOBY KEITH.

*My father served
in the Army,
where he lost
his right eye...*



WANNA LEARN
MORE? STOP BY MY
BOOTH ONE CLICK
NORTH OF THE
CAFETERIA.



YOU'RE THE
YOUNG MAN WHO
ENJOYED THE
ASSEMBLY.

YEAH, YOU
TOOK OUT A LOT OF
ADVERSARIES.
KINDA DREAM-
LIKE.



GLAD TO HELP.
SO, THINK YOU CAN
HANDLE BASIC TRAINING
ONE DAY? ENDURE PAIN,
HUMILIATION AND
LEARN TO COPE WITH
TORTURE?

DUDE, THIS
IS HIGH SCHOOL.
WE AVENTED
THAT CRAP.



I LIKE
YOUR GUMPTION.
BEAN-POLE. THERE
MIGHT BE A SOLDIER
IN THERE AFTER
ALL.



SO ANYWAY,
WHEN DO YOU
GET SHIPPED OFF?
HA HA HA!

VERY FUNNY.
SARGE KNOWS I'M
TOO YOUNG BUT HE
SAYS I CAN START
PLANTING SOLDIER
SEEDS.

I DID
MY SHARE OF
THAT DURING
THE WAR!

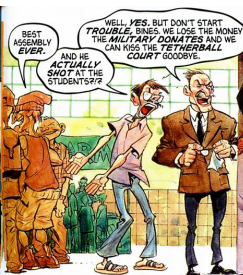


ANYWAY,
I'M GONNA TALK
TO HIM TOMORROW.
SARGE SAYS I COULD
ALWAYS HAVE
A FAMILY IN THE
ARMY.



GUYS?

YEAH, WELL.
GOOD LUCK WITH
ALL THAT. NOW MOVE,
YOU'RE BLOCKING
FASHION HOUSE.





WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

THE SERGEANT HAS GOTTEN NEW SPONSORSHIP.

THAT'S RIGHT, WELCOME TO THE "TOSTITOS LOVES AMERICA" BOOTH. WITH MUSIC BY MISTER TOBY KEITH!



CHIPS FOR EVERYONE!

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!

LOOK, THE MILITARY WAS ONE THING, BUT YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT FIGHTING THE FAST FOOD INTERESTS AT SCHOOL... THEY ARE JUST WAY TOO POWERFUL...



HIVA, SARGE.

DEFINITELY.

HELLO, MONROE. CARE TO COME IN AND TALK ABOUT... CHIPS?



CLASS, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO WRITE WHY THE MILITARY IS CULT-LIKE.

MR. BINES, THEY AREN'T CULT-LIKE. THEY TOTALLY WANT US TO BE PART OF THEIR FAMILY, PLUS CULTS DON'T HAVE COOL VIDEO HELMETS.



YOU SEE THOSE THINGS? AWESOME! LIKE CYLON WARRIORS.

I LIKE THE GRENADE-KNIFE THING.

THOSE ARE SWEET.

AHEM! BEFORE YOU HEAD OFF TODAY, I'VE PUT TOGETHER A SLIDE SHOW FROM WALTER REED HOSPITAL... LIGHTS!



WHOA. BUZZKILL, DUDE.



WE COULDN'T HAVE SHOWN US THAT STUFF AFTER LUNCH?

HELLO, MEN. I HEAR MISSUS BINES SHOWED YOU SOME OF OUR BRAVE VETERANS.

THAT ONE DUDE LOOKED LIKE LUNCH!

VEAH, PRETTY ROUGH.



AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME... FORGET IT.

LUCKY FOR YOU WE HAVE SHORT-TERM MEMORIES.



LUCKY FOR AMERICA, SON. I WANT TO INVITE YOU ALL TO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUNG MEN. THE VAN WILL PICK YOU UP SATURDAY MORNING.

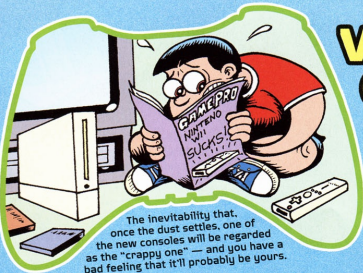
WHOA! CHECK IT OUT! COUNT ME IN!

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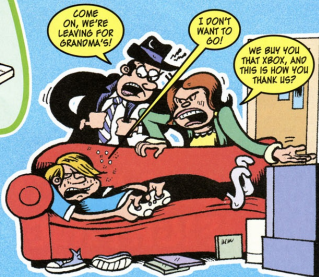


Now that all of the next-generation video game systems have been released, you're probably up to your eyeballs in eerily-realistic sword-swinging, zombie-blasting, Nazi-killing madness. Sure, the Xbox 360, PS3 and Nintendo Wii are okay, but you're probably getting fed up with these totally...

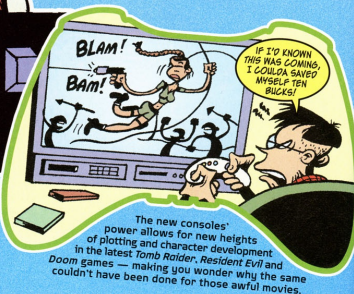
UNEXPECTED HASSLES OF NEW VIDEO GAME CONSOLES



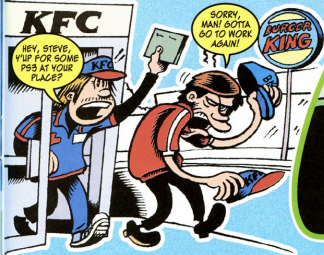
Your TV room will suddenly be filled with more dubious new "friends" than a trailer-trash PowerBall winner.



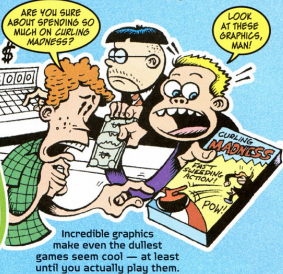
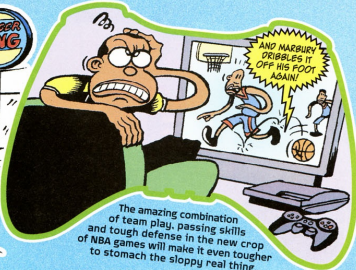
Your cheapskate parents act as if finally buying you something cool entitles them to lord it over you like extortionist loan sharks.



The new consoles' power allows for new heights of plotting and character development in the latest *Tomb Raider*, *Resident Evil* and *Doom* games — making you wonder why the same couldn't have been done for those awful movies.



In order to afford the system, the endless peripherals and the latest games, you'll have to work so much that you can barely even play the freakin' thing.



Incredible graphics make even the duller games seem cool — at least until you actually play them.



The new consoles consolidate mp3, DVD, and the Internet into one place — which will also be the site of vicious family battles over who gets to use it.

SCHLOCK AND ROLL DEPT.

MAD'S DEVILISH OUTTAKES

FROM TENACIOUS D IN "THE PICK OF DESTINY"!

Quick — the film critics are catching up to us!



Sure, you can play the guitar well — but watch me rock out on the air flute!



Good thing we're both so out of shape, or our junk would be touching right now!



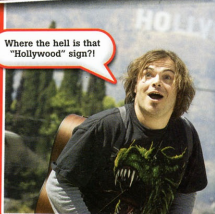
Sorry, but I don't think there's a market for "Fat, Bald, Middle-Aged Guys Gone Wild" videos!



These figures represent people watching this movie right now!



Where the hell is that "Hollywood" sign?!



Do you see what I'm seeing?

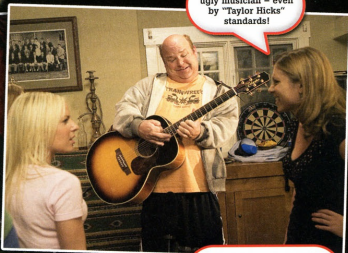


Yeah, our careers flashing before our eyes!

I think I have more chemistry with you than with Gwyneth in *Shallow Hal*!



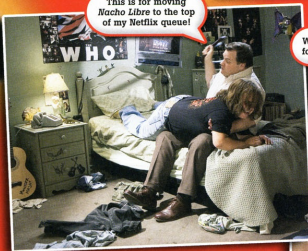
Eww! He's an ugly musician - even by "Taylor Hicks" standards!



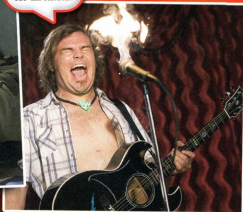
Dear Satan, beastmaster of all - I beseech you to get me the hell out of this movie!



This is for moving *Nacho Libre* to the top of my Netflix queue!



Who - time for an Altoid!





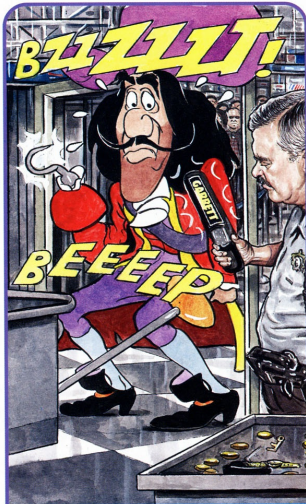
For decades, the Walt Disney company has been churning out cheery cartoons where everything works out right, the hero learns an important lesson, and everyone lives happily ever after. Meanwhile, back here in reality, the bad guys often win, history inevitably repeats itself and the good guy doesn't always get the girl. So, the next time you find yourself being brainwashed by Disney's heartwarming treacle, take a moment to have a reality check and consider...



What to Disney in the



Aladdin would be detained indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay



Captain Hook would never get past an airport security checkpoint



Pocahontas would work as a blackjack dealer at an Indian reservation casino

Would Happen Characters Real World?



Three years after being smuggled into the country in the cargo hold of a decrepit freighter, Mulan would become the multi-millionaire owner of a chain of nail salons



Donald Duck would contract bird flu from Daisy

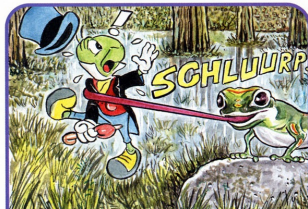


Bambi's fur, a haven for ticks, would give Lyme disease to hikers and campers all along the Eastern seaboard





Mary Poppins would have to compete with Filipino women for nanny gigs



Tragically, Jiminy Cricket would get eaten by the Geico gecko



Belle would get the *Queer Eye* guys to give Beast a makeover



The Seven Dwarfs would be unemployed victims of corporate downsizing and outsourcing



Not long ago, we ran "The League of Rejected Superheroes" — but what good are crappy heroes without equally pathetic villains to fight? So, we enlisted some of comics' hottest stars (who had a pretty good run up until they took part in this career-ender) to illustrate these...

LESSER-KNOWN COMIC BOOK VILLAINS

WRITER:
JEFF KRUSE



The Vague Viper

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Just Die, Already* #133, 1989.

ENEMIES: That Guy in the Green Boots; LadyPerson.

SUPER-POWER: After being exposed to radiation, she developed amazing skill at the card game Uno.

SPLIT PERSONALITY: Sometimes joins with the forces of good, which is in keeping with her role as leader of the Ambivalence League of America.

WEAPON: The Pamphlet of Lies.

M.O.: One of the rare non-violent bad gals, she ties up crime fighters with nuisance lawsuits.

ARTIST: TERRY DODSON

Professor Generico

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Teen Geezer* #14, 1996.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Experimented with a bizzarre potion that made him think he was a member of the '87 San Diego Padres.

BACKGROUND: Acknowledged as one of the most brilliant scientists in his field, which, unfortunately, was intestinal bacteria. The creators could never find a way to make his evil non-disgusting.

CLAIM TO INFAMY: Gained a small measure of fame in 1997 when he became the one millionth "Scientist Gone Bad."

AMAZING POWER: Has the ability to re-grow his hair, should he lose any.

DIABOLICAL INVENTION: The PortaClock, an ingenious timepiece so small that it can be worn on one's wrist.



ARTIST: SAM KIETH



THE TRILLIONAIRE

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *The Fairly Good* 3, 1975.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Made most of his money by stealing it; though, in fairness, made much of it by lying to investors who gave it willingly.

ENEMIES: Budgie Man; Medium-Sized Woman; and The Invisible Amoeba (a.k.a. The Fairly Good 3).

GREAT TRIUMPH: Discovered the identity of Budgie Man, which wasn't really such a big deal, since his real name is Frank Budgie, and he's in the phone book.

SECRET WEAPON: Has a special microchip in his brain allowing him to get free Sirius radio and cable reception.

HANDICAP: Due to a non-tragic immune disorder, he can only live in 78 degree weather near a large body of water containing salt, and needs rum-based medicine to survive.

THE YAKMASTER

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Wonderful Stories of Wondrous Wonderment*, 1956.

BACKGROUND: This comic was originally written in a Himalayan dialect spoken by around 200 people, and the translation is very iffy.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: The Yakmaster was the Son of the Emperor in the mountain kingdom of Mushni Timbala (or a hat maker, it's not really clear) when his father banished him, presumably to further the plot.

WEAPON: Something that looks like a blender with sharpened bamboo sticks protruding from it.

REVERSAL OF CLICHE: Though there's a Buddhist monastery close by, he traveled to Mississippi to be trained by Southern Baptist ministers.

CATCHPHRASE: Hard to tell — he's a bit of a numbler.





SARCASMA

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Triumph of Col. Goodguy, Like You Couldn't See That One Coming* #73.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Became mutated as a result of a top secret government experiment involving Hostess Twinkles and a George Foreman Grill. Well, actually her fingers just got singed, but it was enough to make her vow revenge on all of humanity.

CATCHPHRASE: "Oooh, your brightly-colored Spandex outfit, really scares me."

TURNING POINT: Became truly wicked after selling her soul, right before eBay disallowed those things.

FEAT: First appeared to Emperor G'Zav, leader of the Qaltrynn people of Planet Xlothor, and helped them come up with names that were less pretentious and easier to spell.

BIGGEST REGRET: Although women have made great strides in fighting on the side of darkness, the male villains still ask her to do the filing and make coffee.

ARTIST: CHRIS BACHALO

DR. UMBRAGE

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Goldfish Helltroopers*, 1989.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Embarked on a life of crime when his high school guidance counselor suggested he was best suited for that field.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH: Can turn his internal organs invisible — but not his skin, so it's pretty useless.

DISCOVERY: Created a serum that causes excruciating pain, disfigurement and slow death. Although he could never find a way to use it for the betterment of mankind, the FDA fast-tracked it.

OTHER SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH: Discovered that he could create new life by mating with women. Not that this has ever happened.

REDEEMING QUALITY: Drives an alternative-fuel vehicle. Granted, it runs on the blood of his victims, but still, every little thing we can do for the environment helps.



ARTIST: KEVIN NOWLAN

A.N.N.O.Y

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Sgt. Hatemonger & Pals*, 1982.

MOST ANNOYING ASPECT: The acronym doesn't actually stand for anything.

HANDICAP: Speaks with both a stutter and a lisp, making him "The most misunderstood villain in the comic universe."

WEAPON: The Big Gun That Shoots Bullets.

GIMMICK: A clothing obsession similar to the other villain, Mad Hatter — only involving lobster bibs.

DEMISE: Hit in the groin by a meteorite. (Fans were given a unique opportunity to vote online what type of death he would receive: unspeakable, horrific, appalling, or ghastly. They chose horrific.)



Glenn
Fabry
06

ARTIST: GLENN FABRY



THE CLARINETIST

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Mildly Surprising Tales*, 1975.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: His brain was altered in a fender-bender involving his car and another car.

COSTUME: Green bowtie, racquetball goggles and Underoos with his own likeness.

DOWNFALL: Was driven insane by the HamsterDance song, which he could not get out of his head.

WEAPON: A special potion gives him the agility of a rhino and the strength of a hummingbird.

FUN FACT: The Clarinetist was created by Stan Lee, but, of course, not *the* Stan Lee.

ARTIST: HUMBERTO RAMOS

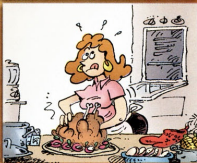
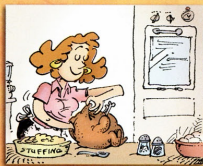
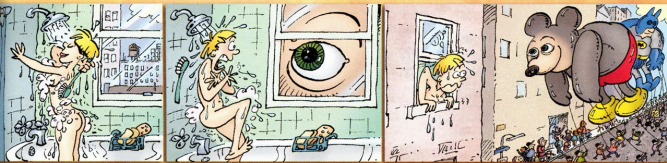
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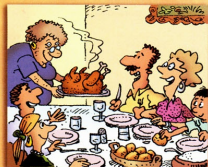
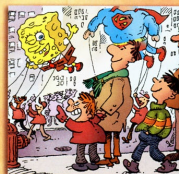
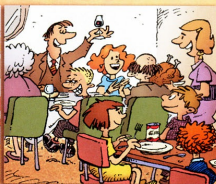
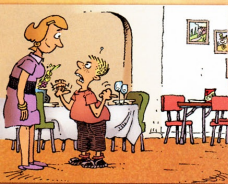
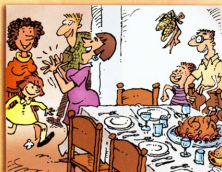
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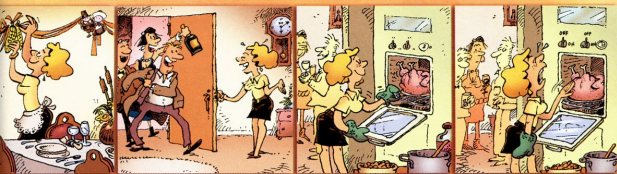
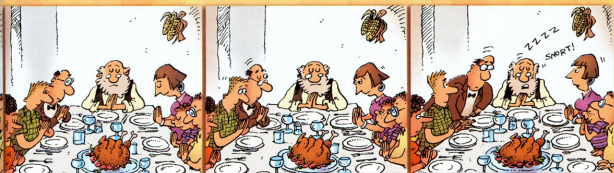
SERGIO ARAGONES
PRESENTS

A MAD LOOK AT THANKSGIVING



WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES





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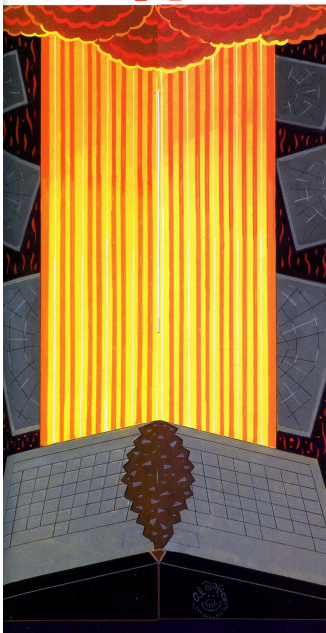
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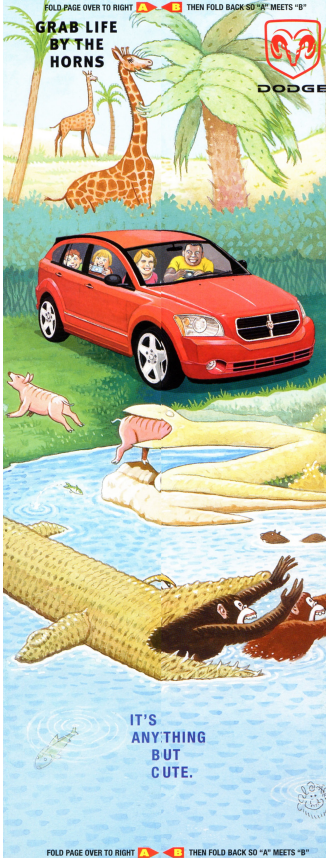
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