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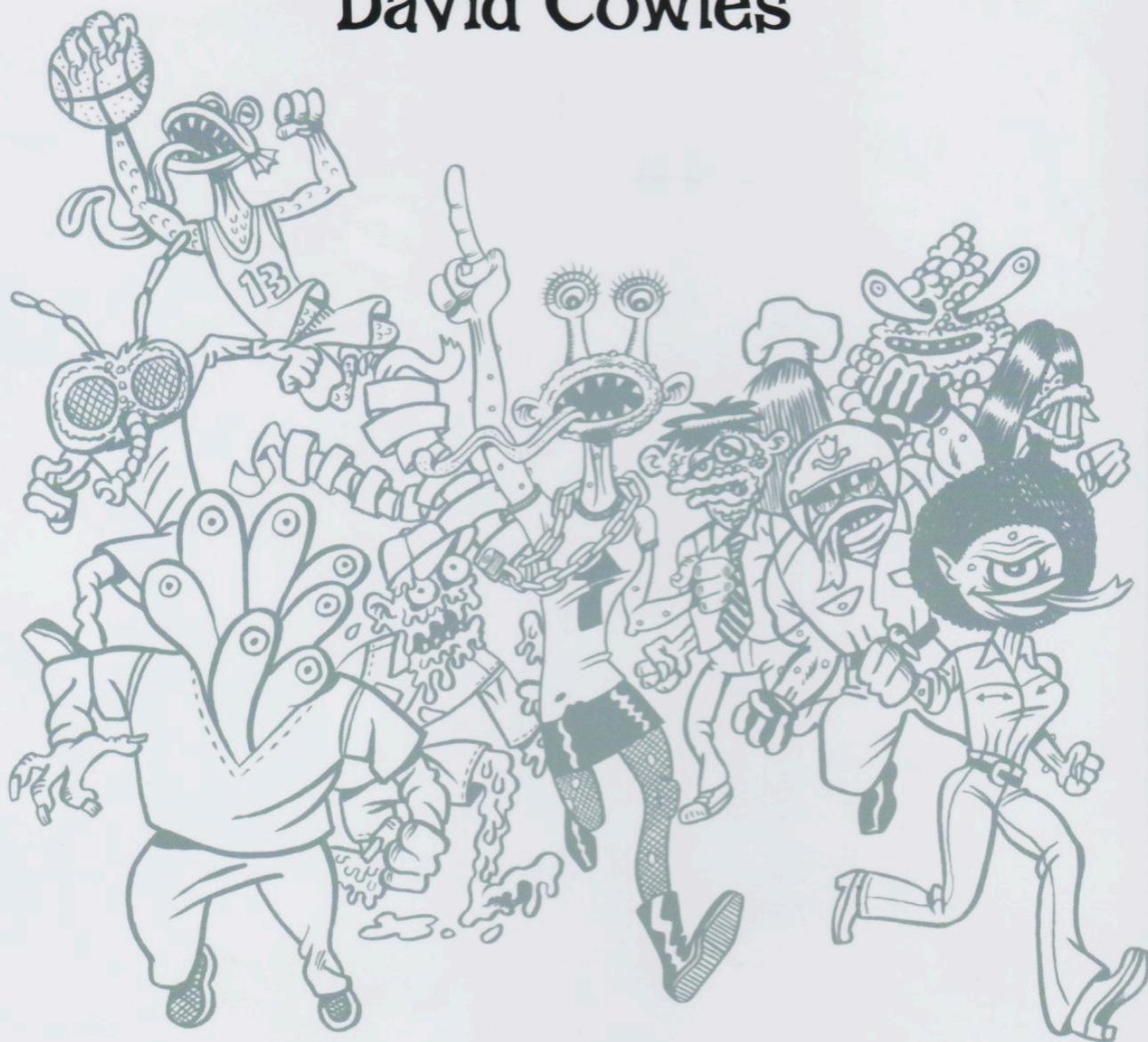
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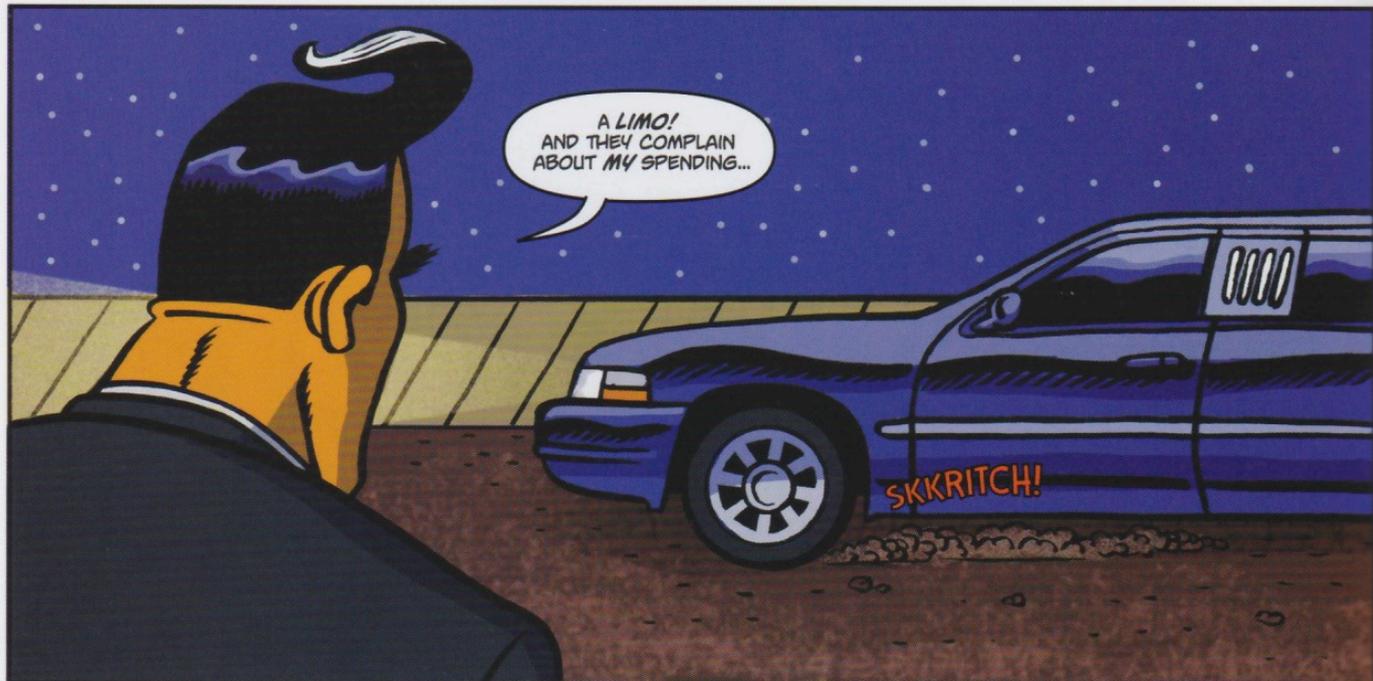
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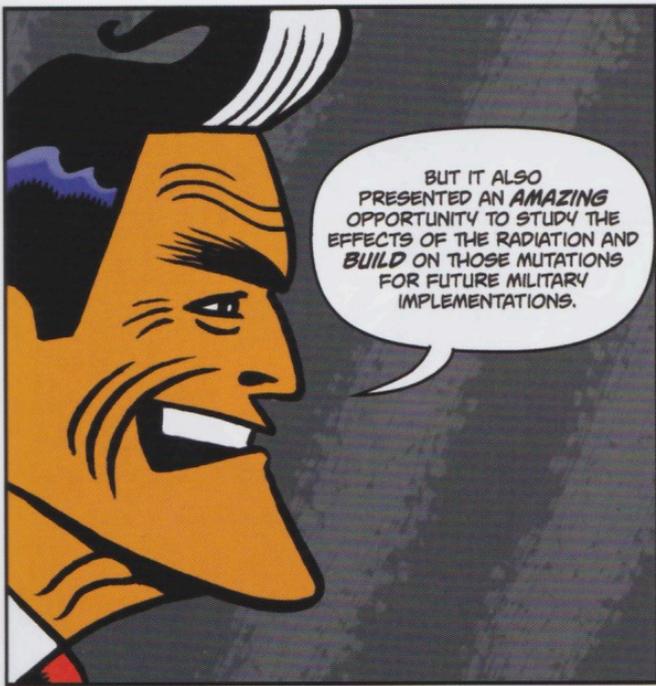
THE MONSTER INSIDE!



*A LIMO SNAKES UP THE
TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN ROAD
TO THE IMPOSING STRUCTURE
PERCHED ON TOP.*







BUT IT ALSO PRESENTED AN **AMAZING** OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF THE RADIATION AND **BUILD** ON THOSE MUTATIONS FOR FUTURE MILITARY IMPLEMENTATIONS.

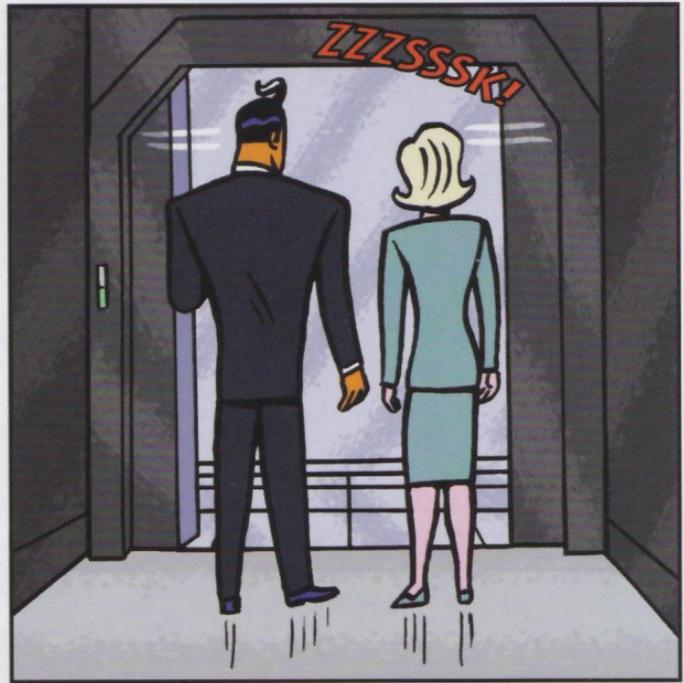


AND **THAT'S** WHY WE ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR YOUR PROPOSAL, MR. BLAND. **BUT** WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SEE SOME **RESULTS** BEFORE YOU GET ANY MORE MILK OUT OF **THIS** COW.



THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, CARL, I CAN **CERTAINLY** VOUCH FOR THE SENATOR.

YES, SIR.



ZZZSSSK!



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT SQUEAMISH.

HAVE YOU **ALREADY** FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE TWO-HEADED GOAT?

KID STUFF.



SENATOR SUMMER,
GET READY FOR A REAL
FREAK SHOW!

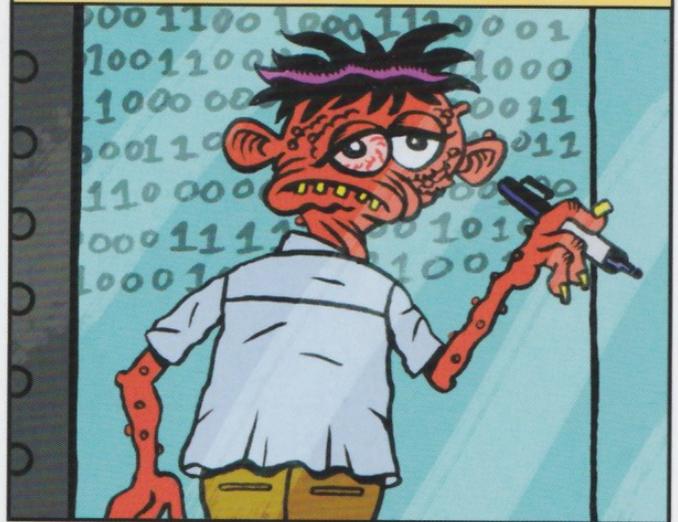


ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE YOU
TO OUR PRIZED
POSSESSIONS.

"OUR FIRST MUTATED TENANT IS PETE. AN ESCAPEE OF MULTIPLE PRISON FACILITIES, AFTER HIS EXPOSURE TO THE RADIATION LEAK, PETE CAN SEE EVERY ANGLE FOR ESCAPE. WE REALLY NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS ONE. THE GUARDS CALL HIM 'RE-PETE OFFENDER.' HE LOVES IT.



"THIS IS OUR RESIDENT COMPUTER GENIUS, LYLE. HE FELL ASLEEP WITH HIS HEAD LEANING AGAINST HIS COMPUTER SCREEN WHEN HE WAS EXPOSED TO THE LEAK. THE DOSE OF THE RADIATION LEAK, COMBINED WITH THE RADIATION FROM THE COMPUTER SCREEN, SUPER-SIZED HIS BRAIN. DIDN'T HELP HIS COMPLEXION, THOUGH. THEY CALL HIM 'CORRUPTED LYLE.'



"THIS FORMER HAND MODEL WAS AT THE TOP OF HER GAME, WHEN THE UNFORTUNATE LEAK HAD OCCURRED SHE WAS ON A PHOTO SHOOT WITH HER HANDS INSIDE AN ANTIQUE BOX, DAINTILY HOLDING THE PRODUCT.



"THE BOX WAS COATED IN MULTIPLE LAYERS OF LEAD PAINT, WHICH PROTECTED HER HANDS, BUT NOT THE REST OF HER BODY. BUT AREN'T THOSE HANDS STILL GLORIOUS? WE CALL HER 'HAND WITCH.'



"OUR NEXT GUEST WAS A COMMON HOUSEFLY, MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS, WHEN HE WAS BITTEN BY A LOCAL SURGEON WHO HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE RADIOACTIVE LEAK, TRANSFORMING THE FLY INTO 'DR. 54 FLY!' HE MAKES HOUSE CALLS!



"HERE'S FORMER HAIRSTYLIST JACKIE. AFTER HER EXPOSURE, HER NEW APPENDAGES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HER TO CUT HAIR WITHOUT DRAWING BLOOD. WE CALL HER 'JACKIE THE CLIPPER.'



"WE CALL THIS ONE 'MR. MISCHIEF NIGHT.'"



"WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT HIS BACK STORY IS, OR IF HE'S EVEN A 'HE.' BUT THE INVISIBILITY INTRIGUES US."



"THIS IS NED, A FORMER CHEF. HIS HAIR GREW SUDDENLY AFTER HIS EXPOSURE. SO MUCH OF IT SHED INTO HIS FOOD THAT HE GOT FIRED FROM EVERY RESTAURANT IN TOWN. HIS BITTERNESS AT THE REJECTION WENT TO HIS HAIRY HEAD, AND NOW HE ONLY COOKS DEADLY RECIPES IN RETALIATION AGAINST THE COMPLAINING DINERS. WE CALL HIM 'HAIR NED.'"



"JUAN WAS A DEDICATED MAIL CARRIER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUT THE LEAK CAUSED HIS SKIN TO REACT TO THE HEAT IN A PRETTY DISGUSTING WAY, MELTING AS SOON AS SUNLIGHT HITS IT. THE REFRIGERATION IN HIS CELL AT LEAST KEEPS HIS SKIN ATTACHED. WE CALL HIM 'JUAN POSTAL.'"



"THIS IS AN INTERESTING STORY. FLO AND CHIP ARE BROTHER AND SISTER, BUT WHILE HE GRAVITATED TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT, FLO WAS ATTRACTED TO THE LIFE OUTSIDE THE LAW. CHIP WAS IN A HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT OF FLO DOWN INTERSTATE 80 WHEN THE LEAK OCCURRED, TRANSFORMING THEM BOTH INTO THE CREATURES YOU SEE BEFORE YOU. WE CALL THEM 'FLO WHEELER' AND 'CHIP THE CHIP.'"



"HERE WE HAVE 'DUNKIN,' A FORMER PET TROPICAL FISH WHOSE OWNER CONSTANTLY PLAYED BASKETBALL-RELATED VIDEO GAMES NEAR HIS FISH TANK. DUNKIN BECAME OBSESSED AS WELL. WHEN THE EVENT OCCURRED, DUNKIN GREW TO 14 TIMES HIS ORIGINAL SIZE, SPROUTED ARMS AND LEGS IN A FASCINATING CASE OF INSTANTANEOUS EVOLUTION AND GRABBED HIS OWNER'S UNIFORM TO TRY HIS LUCK WITH THE NBA. HE DIDN'T MAKE IT THAT FAR.



SO, NEXT WE'LL SHOOT UPSTAIRS AND I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND OUR CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH FACILITIES.



BEFORE THAT, MR. BLAND, WHAT YOU'VE SHOWN ME DOWN HERE IS MORE THAN A LITTLE UNNERVING. WHAT ARE YOUR SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE THEY DON'T ESCAPE?

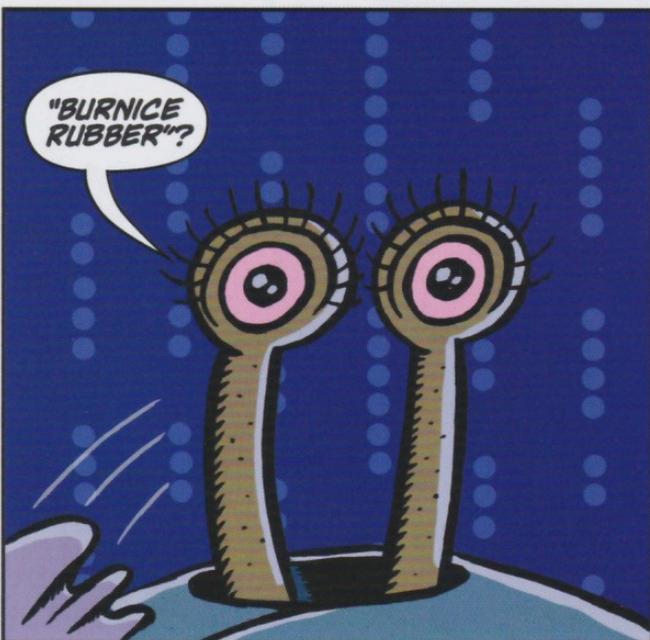


I SEE WHY YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE, SENATOR. ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE.



AS YOU CAN SEE, THE SECURITY SYSTEM WE HAVE IN PLACE IS ALSO STATE OF THE ART, IF NOT BEYOND.

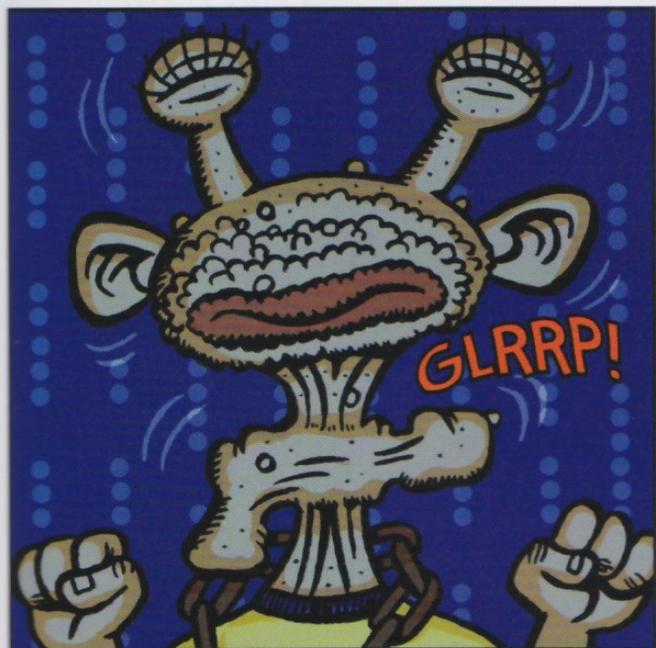
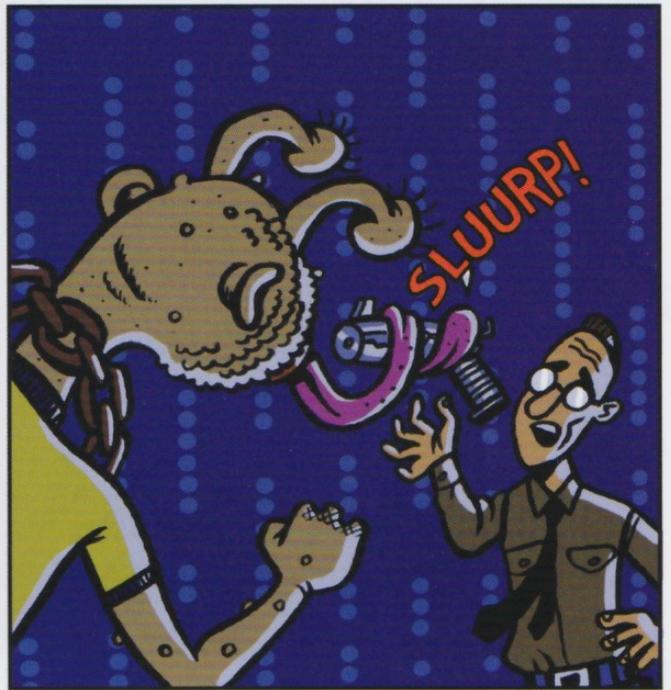






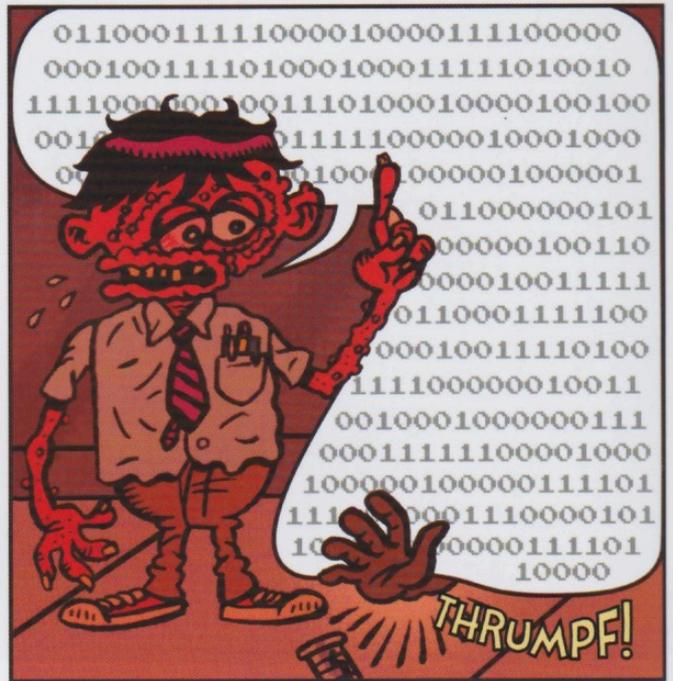
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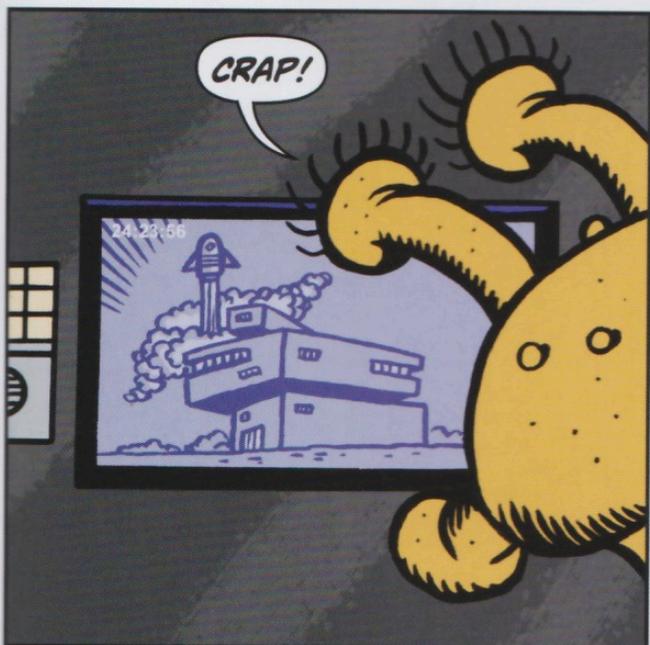














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THE ESCAPE
TEAM!!

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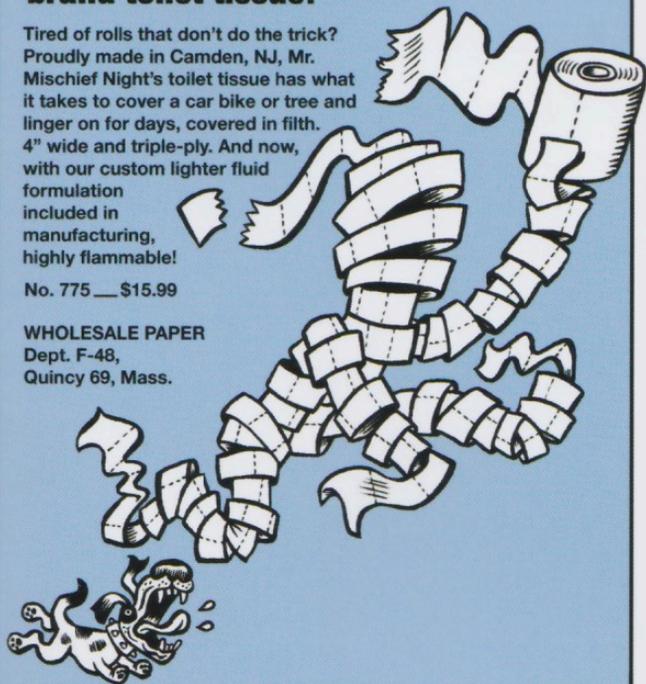
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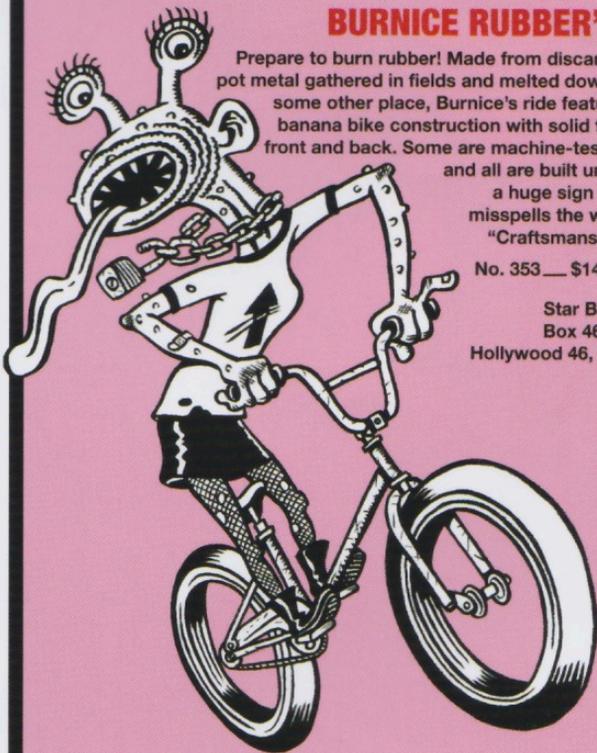


Ride a distressed trail bike just like **BURNICE RUBBER'S!**

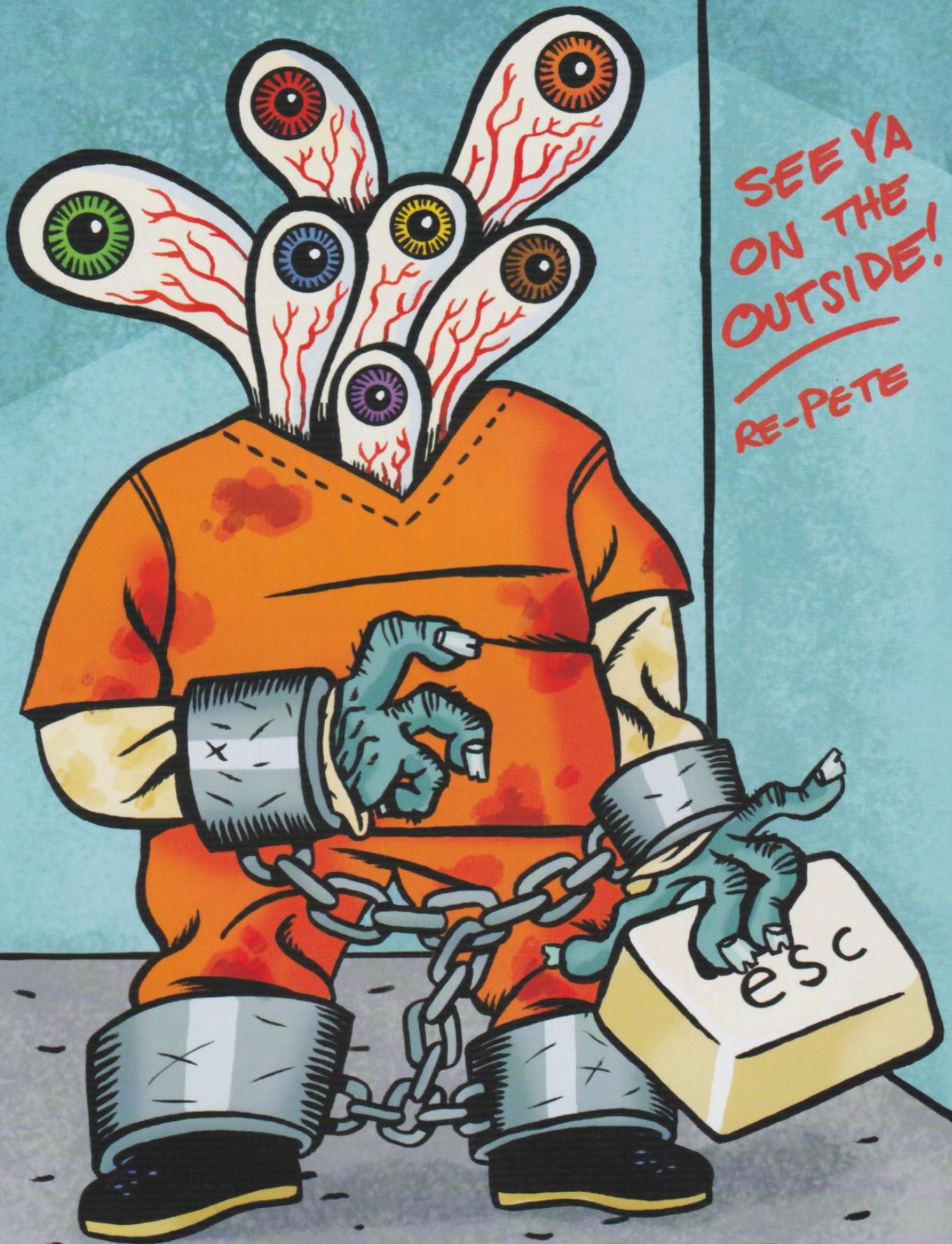
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The Escape Team Bonus Pin-Up!



SEE YA
ON THE
OUTSIDE!
—
RE-PETE