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"MUTANT NINJA MUTANTS"



featuring:

**Adolescent Radioactive Black Belt Hamsters:
The Untold Story**

Plus:

Colossal Nuclear Bambino Samurai Snails

Adolescent Manaical Samurai Hares

Pre-Teen Dirty-Gene Kung-Fu Kangaroos

Radioactive Wrestling Rodents

LAFFIN' GAS

An Idea, A Subject and the Talent

When Steve Schanes approached me with the idea that I edit a bi-monthly humor magazine called **Laffin' Gas**, I was interested. When he approved my concept to have each issue be a parody of a particular subject, I accepted.

With the easy part out of the way, we settled down to picking some worthwhile subjects, and rounding up talent. My hope is to look at the lighter side of various trends and hot items both within the field of comics, and without. The issue you have in your hands deals with the latest craze in "Mutant Ninja Samurai Warrior Soldier Animal" type comics. As is well known, Eastman and Laird (now known as the "Turtle Guys") put out a very successful *Ronin* parody. Then came the almost as successful "Radioactive Hamster" version. Suddenly, there was a population explosion of mutant animals. We couldn't resist.

In this issue we were lucky enough to line up Chin and Parsonavich, to do a parody of their own book; talented newcomer Andy Ice (who will be pencilling the upcoming "Alien Ducklings" in the October issue); Panda Khan's Dave Garcia, Lee Marrs doing a prequel, and yours truly (What can I say? I'm in good with the editor).

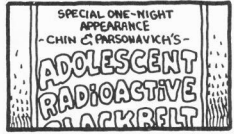
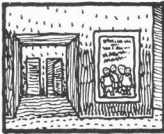
There you are, I hope you like it. Next issue we take on somebody famous in *Dark Light, A Third Less Heroic Than Our Regular Heroes*.

Cliff MacGillivray
Editor



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IS THERE A BATH-ROOM AROUND HERE?

SSSSHH!

GENIUSES? YOU MEAN THAT SHORT ASIAN CAPITALIST PIG AND THAT STINKY OVERWEIGHT HIPPI DUDE?

HI, THERE! CHUCK, "ADOLESCENT RADIO ACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTER", HERE WELCOMING YOU TO THIS SPECIAL STORY. IN IT, WE'LL TELL YOU ALL HOW THOSE LITERARY AND ART-ISTIC GENIUSES CHIN AND PARSONAVICH CAME TO CREATE US...



THE TWO MEN MET ON THE STREETS IN THE SEEDY PART OF THE CITY IN 1979 AND

CHUCK! I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GO THAT FAR BACK!



OOPS! SORRY BOSS, UM...IT IS THE SUMMER OF 1985 WHEN CHIN HAS A MIRACULOUS VISION IN HIS SLEEP...

"ADOLESCENT RADIOACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTERS: THE UNTOLD STORY"

Script: DON CHIN

Art: PARSONAVICH

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SOON...

PARSONAVICH! I... I HAD
DREAM -- I HAD AN
AWESOME DREAM!

CHIN, SPARE ME WITH
THE LIONEL RICHIE
TUNE --- PLEEZE!

SERIOUSLY--IT
WAS A VISION!

DID IT INVOLVE A LURID SEX
SCANDAL FEATURING ME
AND ALL THE FEMALE MEM-
BERS OF THE HUNGARIAN
GYMNASTICS TEAM?



NO!

DARN.

I'VE GOT IDEAS FOR SOME
NEW BOOKS-- THEY'LL MAKE
MILLIONS--

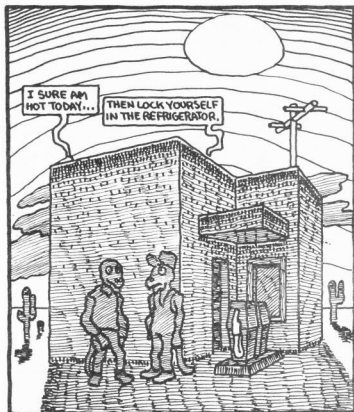


THEY'LL MAKE MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE GAG THAT'S
WHAT THEY'LL DO! RE-
MEMBER YOUR LAST IDEA
-- GUMBY GOES TO HELL
AND THE ILLUSTRATED
LIFE AND TIME OF JOE
GARIGOLA... ?! REAL
WINNERS, CHIN!

WOULDJA JUST GIMME
A CHANCE? LET ME
EXPLAIN!



OWN-- LISTEN UP! GERIATRIC GLOWING GAS-
PUMPING GECKOS! IT'S ABOUT A GROUP OF FOUR SE-
NILE OLD LIZARDS NAMED CERTERNIE, OSCAR AND
GROVER THAT WORK AT A CHEVRON STATION IN
GISEE, ARIZONA. THINK OF IT! IMAGINE ALL OF THE
JOKES WE COULD DO ABOUT BEING COLD-BLOODED,
LIMB REGENERATION, EATING FLIES, SCALY SKIN,
BECOMING ELDERLY AND NOT KNOWING HOW
TO FIX FOREIGN CARS... IT WOULD BE A ROOT!



I SURE AM
HOT TODAY...

THEN LOCK YOURSELF
IN THE REFRIGERATOR.



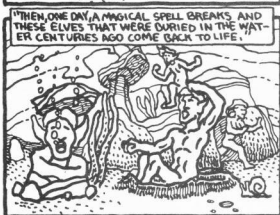
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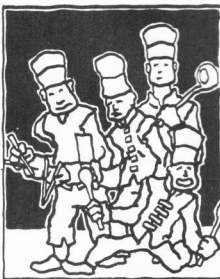
DON'T WORRY,
GAVE HIM A FEW
YEARS... IT'LL
GROW BACK.



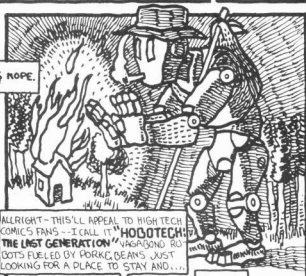
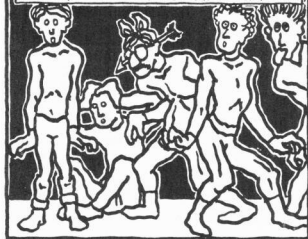
HEY! THERE'S A FLY IN MY SOUP!

CAN I HAVE IT?





THIS GROUP OF MUTANT TEENAGE COMEDIANS GO TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK AND GET SEX CHANGE OPERATIONS!



THE END!

HE WAS A LARGE, WHITE LABORATORY RAT THAT HAD BEEN CRUELY EXPERIMENTED ON BY HIS HUMAN CAPTORS. EVIL DOCTORS FORCED HIM TO WATCH HOUR AFTER ENDLESS HOUR OF THE A-TEAM, DUKES OF HAZZARD AND LOVE BOAT RUNS UNTIL HIS MIND SNAPPED. HE BECAME: MR. TV!

TAKEN FROM HIS MOTHER'S PAWS AS A TINY SQUIRREL, BULK BOLSHIEV was raised by OVERZEALOUS PROMOTORS TRYING TO CREATE THE PERFECT WRESTLER. RAISED SOLELY ON A DIET OF RUSSIAN STEROIDS AND GREEN M&M'S, BULK'S BODY AND PERSONALITY BECAME HORRIBLY TWISTED INTO AN INCREDIBLE WRESTLING MACHINE.

THE KUNG FU KID WAS A WILD CHIPMUNK WHO WAS LEFT TO DIE ON THE STEPS OF A TIBETAN MONASTERY. RAISED BY A PEACEFUL YET DEADLY GROUP OF FANATICAL MONKS, HE BECAME SKILLED IN EVERY FORM OF MARTIAL ARTS COMBAT.

--- TOGETHER THEY FORMED THE UNHOLY TRINITY KNOWN AS :

RADIOACTIVE WRESTLING RODENTS

RADIOACTIVE WRESTLING RODENTS

Story: CLIFF MacGILLIVRAY

Art: DAVE GARCIA

Lettering: JACK THOMPSON



THE STAGE IS SET. THE LATEST IN SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT VERSUS THREE FUR BALLS OF FURY, WHOSE DEADLY SKILLS AND RAZOR SHARP INCISORS HAVE BEEN HONED TO LETHAL SHARPNESS...

IT IS BETTER TO ROCK THE BOAT THAN TO SWIM THRU THE CLOUDS!

YOU MESSIN' WITH THE WRONG DUDE!

YOU AND ME EXTERMINATOR! RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!!

CLICK!

BULKSTER!

I'M THE BEST THERE IS AND I'VE GOT THE BELT TO PROVE IT!

FOOD! GOOD IDEA!

NEVER PUT YOUR FACE WHERE YOU WOULDN'T PUT YOUR HANDS!

BOOM!

A SHORT TIME LATER...

WELL, THAT WAS QUICK!

WHAT ARE THOSE LITTLE COSTUMES THEY'RE WEARING?

I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, MR. FERNSTEAD. IT SEEMS TO BE THE LATEST THING. I'VE SEEN 'EM ALL --- HAMSTERS, TURTLES, ALL KINDS OF RODENTS.

BUT LET'S FACE IT--- THEY'RE JUST RODENTS

EXTERMINATING
SINCE 1961





COLOSSAL NUCLEAR BAMBINO SAMURAI SNAILS

STORY: CLIFF MACGILLIVRAY

ART: ANDY ICE



MOVING SWIFTLY, WITH SPEED THAT BELIES THEIR GREAT SIZE, THE WARRIOR BORN GASTROPOD MOLLUSKS SPRING TO THE ATTACK!

WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?



YOU FOOL!
YOU'VE CREATED MONSTERS!

I'M GETTING THE MITCHUM 77

BRING MEEE COFFEE MARK I NEED TO SOBER UP



HHMMMMM



OH MY GOD!

HURRY UP MARK!
THEY'RE CARNIVOROUS!





PICKING UP THE FALLEN GIANT'S SWORD, **MARK**, A WEAPONS EXPERT, CARRIES THE FRAY TO HIS ENEMY.



MARK CLASHES SWORDS WITH TWO OF THE SNAILS, **WILBUR**, AND **EDDIE**.

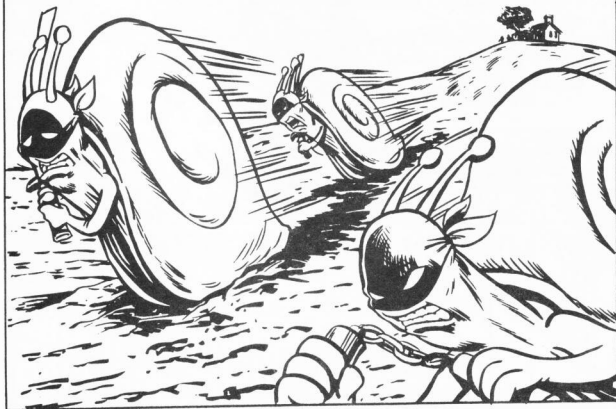


BUT THESE ARE NO ORDINARY SNAILS. THEY ARE WARRIOR BORN AND TRAINED. THEY ARE **SAMURAI SNAILS!**





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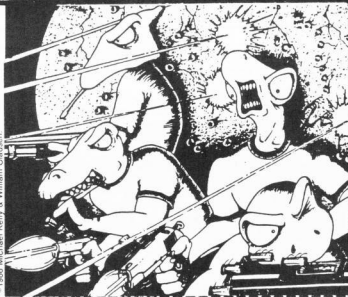
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... TOPPING TONIGHT'S NEWS ARE REPORTS OF MORE RABBITS FOUND DEAD AFTER EATING CARROTS LACED WITH **CYANIDE!**

AUTHORITIES SAY THAT AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO KNOWN MOTIVES OR SUSPECTS...



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CITIZENS ARE URGED TO KEEP THEIR RABBITS ON A **LETTUCE** DIET...

AND TO NOT EVEN TRUST YOUR OWN GARDENS!

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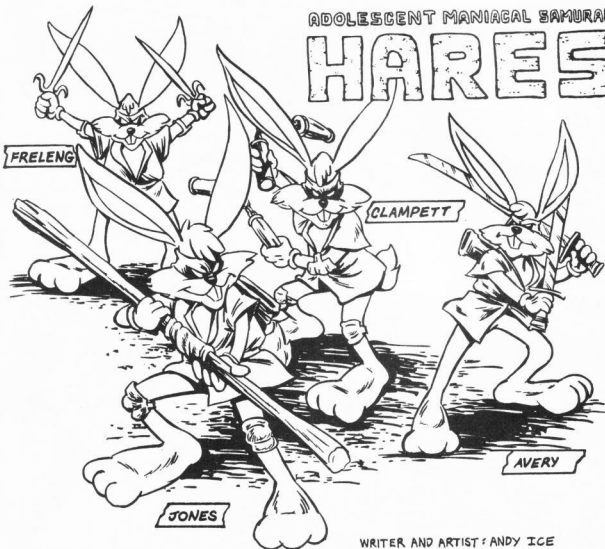
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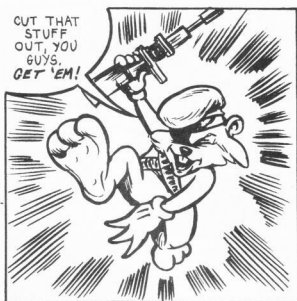
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HARES



WRITER AND ARTIST: ANDY ICE







HA! THOSE
HAPLESS HARES
WILL **NEVER**
CATCH ME NOW!
I CAN ALWAYS
GATHER MORE
GOPHER TROOPS.



AND AS MY
KILLER CARROTS
SPREAD, I'LL SOON
HAVE TOTAL
CONTROL OF THE
UNDERGROUND!



EH? WHAT'S
THIS? SOME
KIND OF
CAVE-IN?

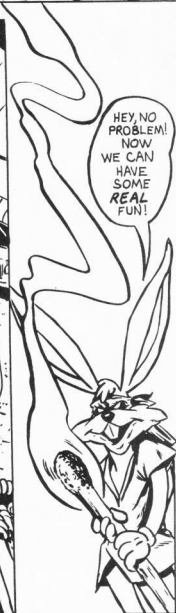


DON'T BE IN
SUCH A HURRY,
GOPHER...



... YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN HAD LUNCH
YET!







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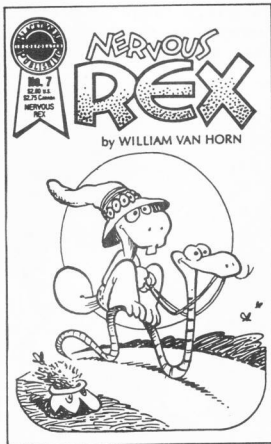
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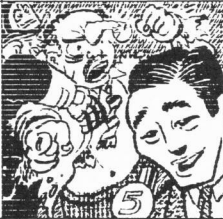


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THANKS, LOMINDA. I'M AFRAID MR. NOXIOUS IS STILL TOO UPSET TO... SHARE INFO WITH US ON THE AIR. BUT: THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A FAULTY COPPERPOT...



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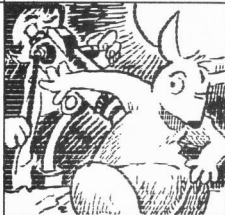
AN UPDATE ON THE PRESTO LABS EXPLOSION LAST WEEK: FBI, EPA AND FTD INVESTIGATORS HAVE SEALED THE SITE, THE COMPANY IS CURRENTLY DOING BUSINESS ...

FROM A BACKBOOTH AT RENNYS SEEN HERE AT... UH... SEEN HERE ... WELL, WE SEEM TO BE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE INTERVIEW TAPE... AH... O.K. WE'LL GO ON...



INFORMED SOURCES HAVE LEAKED THESE SHOTS OF FOUR VISITING AUSTRIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS WHO WERE PERHAPS EXPOSED TO RADIATION DURING THE ACCIDENT.

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WELL, KIDS, THE TESTING IS DONE. YOU LIL' ROOS CANT POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND OUR FINDINGS. BESIDES, THAT INFO IS NOW CLASSIFIED. O.K.? NOW...

WE'LL SOON BE MOVING YOU INTO... HOUSING...

...THAT...

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ON THE OTHER HAND...

I'M A GREAT... SUPPORTER OF KIDS' LIB...

THE EXPLOSION'S CAUSE IS CLASSIFIED. HOWEVER: THIS ACCIDENT FORCED THE WOODSTOCK 40 GENETASE TO ATTACK AND CORRUPT YOUR CHROMOSOMA ZORKS.



THIS "DIRTYING" HAS GIVEN YOU YOUR NEW POWERS.

I..I'M AFRAID THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO... HAVE ANY CHILDREN.

WE COULD NEVER HAVE HAD KIDS. WE ARE KANGAROOS.

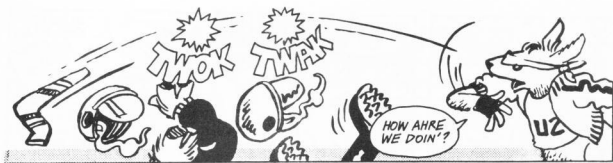
OH YES! THAT'S RIGHT.



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