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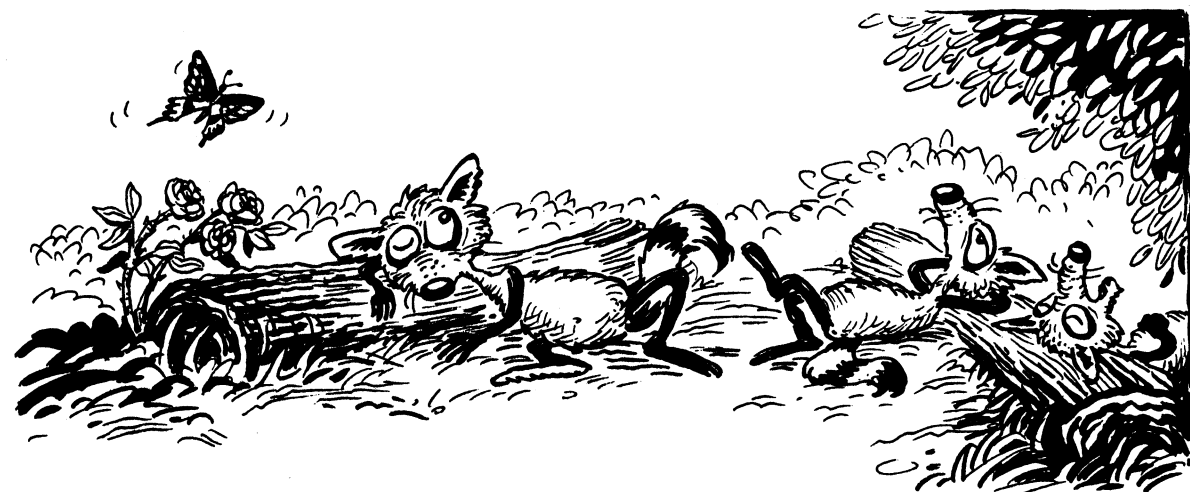
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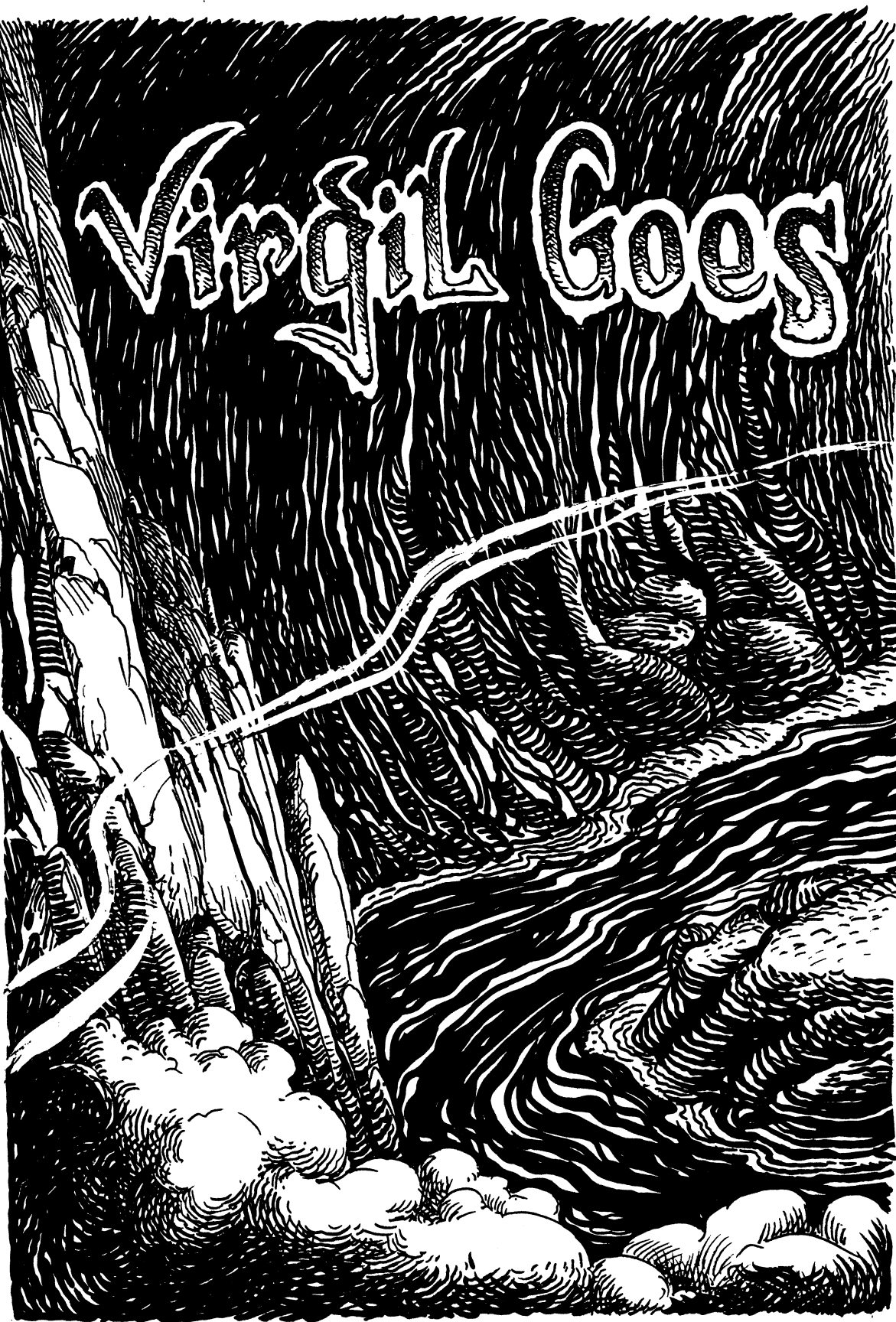
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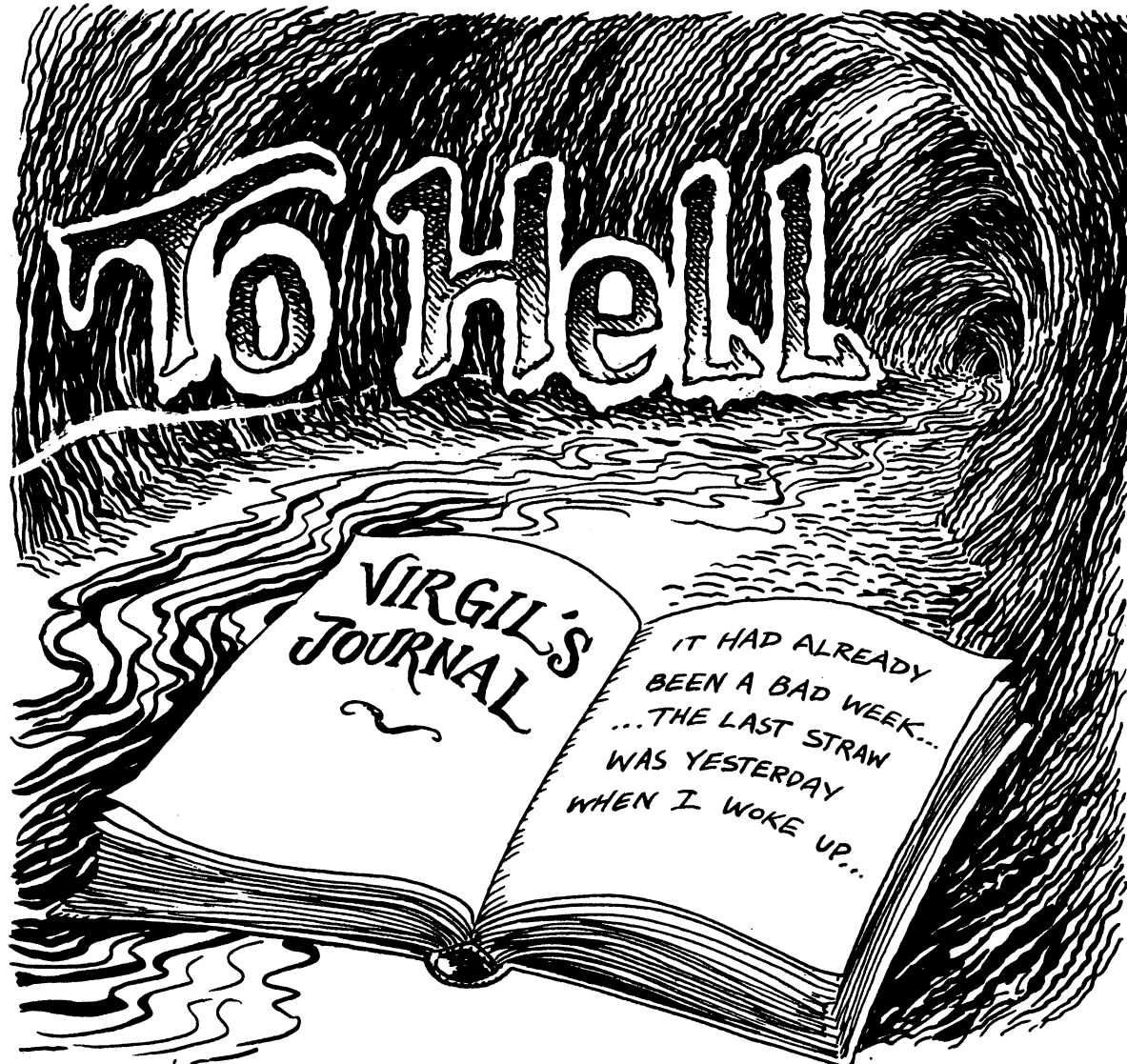




Virgil Goes



to Hell



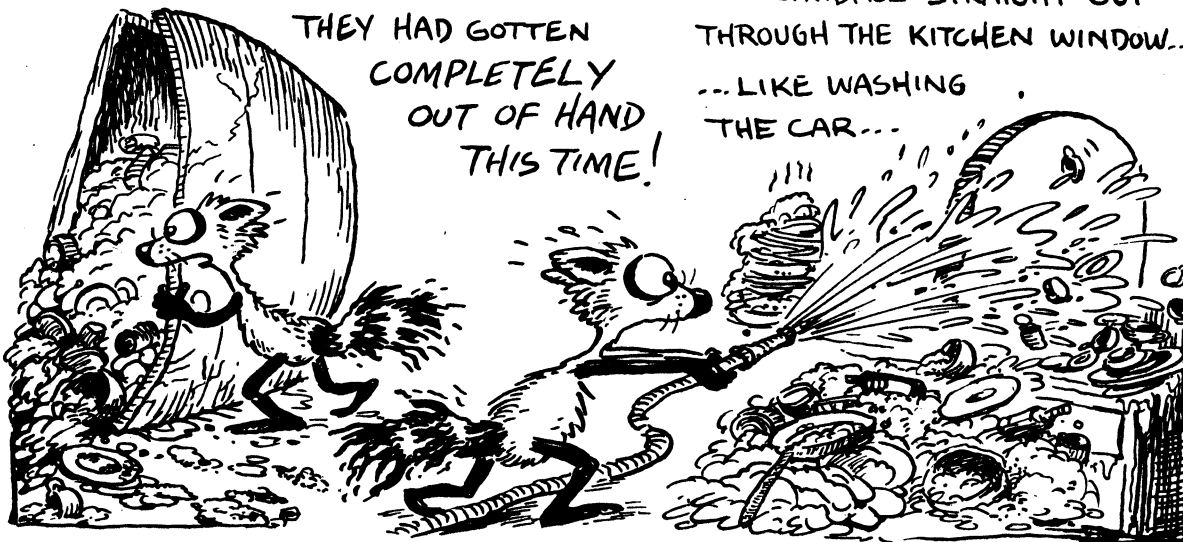
VIRGIL'S JOURNAL

IT HAD ALREADY
BEEN A BAD WEEK...
...THE LAST STRAW
WAS YESTERDAY
WHEN I WOKE UP...

I COULDN'T FACE THE DIRTY DISHES
WHICH WERE GROWING OUT OF THE
KITCHEN AND DOWN THE HALL...

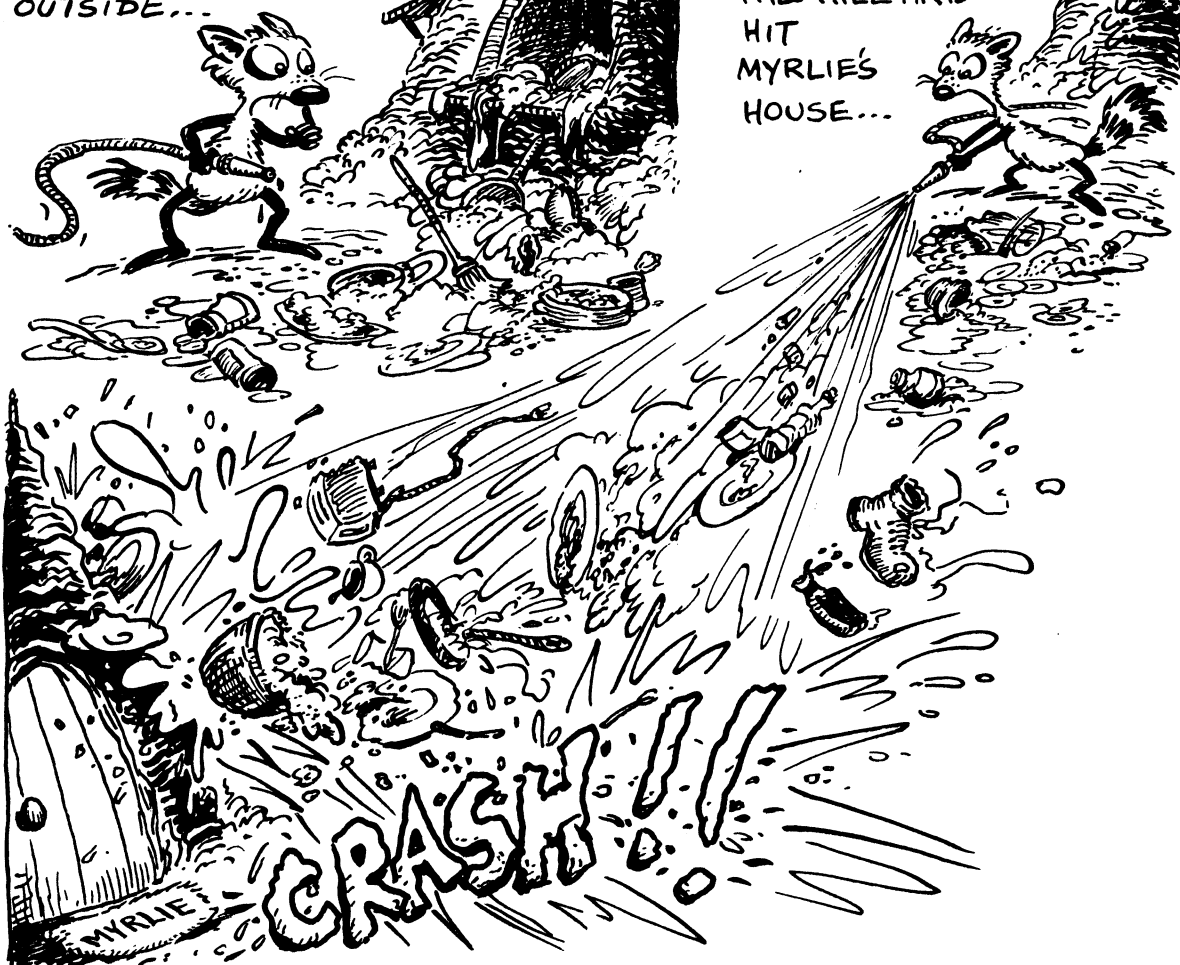
THEY HAD GOTTEN
COMPLETELY
OUT OF HAND
THIS TIME!

I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD
TAKE THE HOSE AND SQUIRT ALL
THE GARBAGE STRAIGHT OUT
THROUGH THE KITCHEN WINDOW...
...LIKE WASHING
THE CAR...



WELL, THE KITCHEN WAS
CLEANER, BUT I COULDN'T
FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO
WITH THE MESS
OUTSIDE...

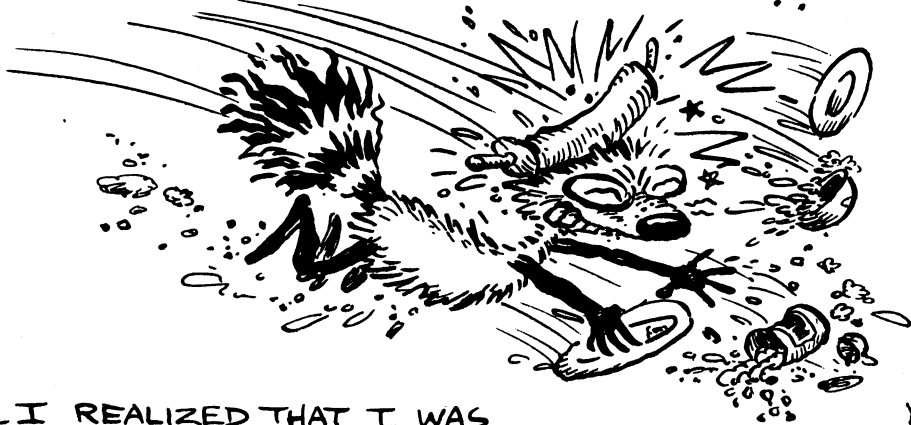
SO I JUST KEPT ON
SQUIRTING UNTIL IT
ALL WASHED DOWN
THE HILL AND
HIT
MYRLIE'S
HOUSE...



I DIDN'T INTEND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, OF COURSE,
BUT SHE WAS QUITE UNREASONABLE ABOUT IT...



IT ALL HIT ME THEN...
SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH MY LIFE!!



....I REALIZED THAT I WAS
GOING NOWHERE!!...EVEN MY
FRIENDS WERE DESERTING ME...

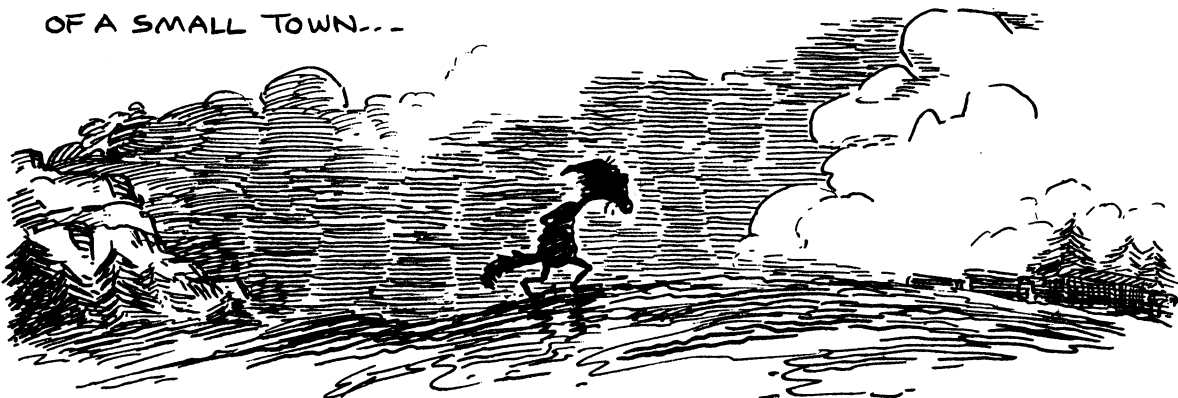
...I SHOULD BE OUT
IN THE WORLD... LIVING
EXCITING ADVENTURES...
GOING PLACES...
..SUCCESSFUL! MAYBE RICH!
....EVEN FAMOUS!



...BUT HERE I WAS... MIRED IN A
PILE OF EPHEMERAL GARBAGE ONCE AGAIN!
...I WAS A DISMAL FAILURE...
... UNAPPRECIATED... ALONE...



I JUST STARTED WALKING.... BLINDLY...I DON'T KNOW WHERE.
...I WALKED FOR MILES... UNTIL I FOUND MYSELF ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF A SMALL TOWN...



I SAT ON A BENCH...
...FEELING LIKE A LOST SOUL...

...A STRANGE LITTLE
BAND CAME BY...



THEY SERENADED ME... ODDLY ENOUGH
IT WAS STRANGELY COMFORTING...

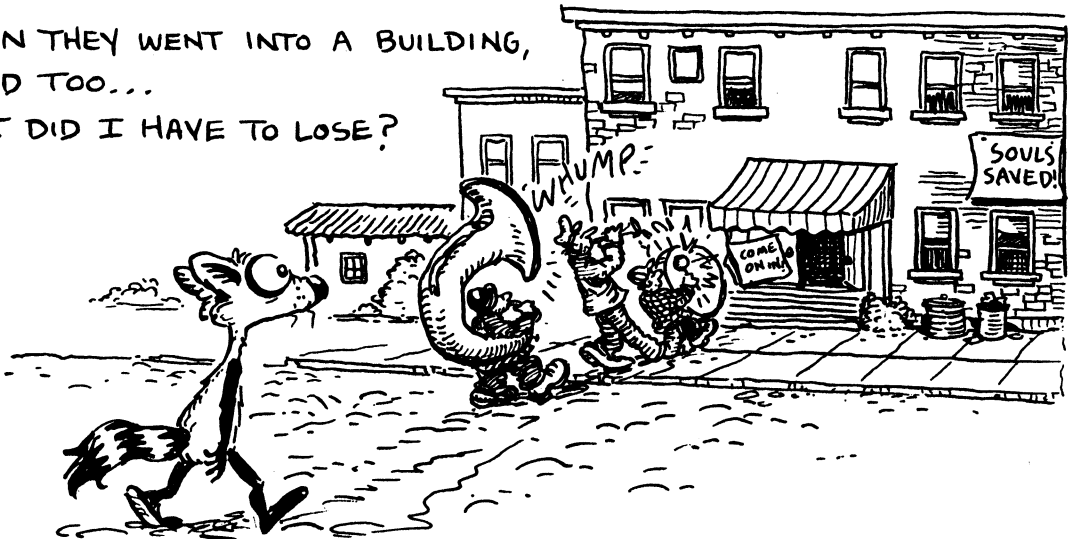


I FOLLOWED
THEM... I DON'T
KNOW WHY... THE
MUSIC SEEMED
TO SEDUCE ME...



WHEN THEY WENT INTO A BUILDING,
I DID TOO...

...WHAT DID I HAVE TO LOSE?



I WALKED IN...
A PREACHER WAS
SPEAKING...

ARE YEW CONFUSED? ARE YEW DISCOURAGED?
YEW BEEN READIN' THE PAPERS! YEW BEEN
LISTENIN' TO THE RADIO! YEW BEEN
WATCHIN' THE
EVENIN' HEATHEN
TV NEWS!!



YER KIDS ARE LISTENIN' TO
BATMAN! SUPERMAN!
YEW CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN
ON
SUPERMAN'S
CAPE!



ALL YEW NEED TO READ IS
THE HAND WRITIN' ON
THE WALL!



YEW! YES YEW! YER GONNA WAKE UP SHAKIN'
LAK A TOAD ON A COLD FROSTY
MORNIN'!!



HAHI!

BANG!

YEW! MR. RACCOON!
ARE YEW SAVED?!

ARE YEW READY FOR KINGDOM CUM?
ARE YEW GONNA LET THE RAPTURE
PASS YEW BY?!!

SAVED?

DO YEW WANNA BE SAVED,
MY SON?

SAVED?

SAVED FROM
THE HORRORS
OF HELL!!

DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!
LOOK!

SEE FOR YERSELF!
TAKE THE TOUR!

WOW! JUST LIKE
DANTE'S INFERNO,
I BET!

TOUR OF HELL
\$2.50 1 HOUR

HELL

NOW THIS WAS INTERESTING! WHAT AN ADVENTURE!
WHERE ELSE WOULD I FIND SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY!!

I GAVE HIM \$2.⁵⁰....

...AND
DESCENDED
THE STAIRCASE
...NOT KNOWING
WHAT I'D
FIND...

...DOWN

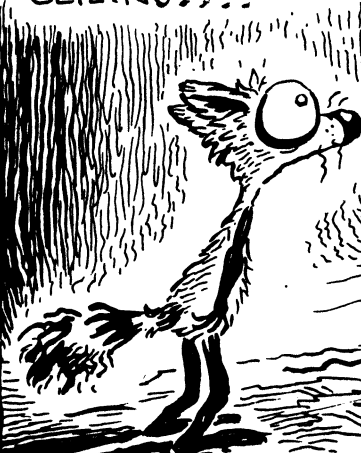
...DOWN

IT WENT...

...INTO
DARKNESS.

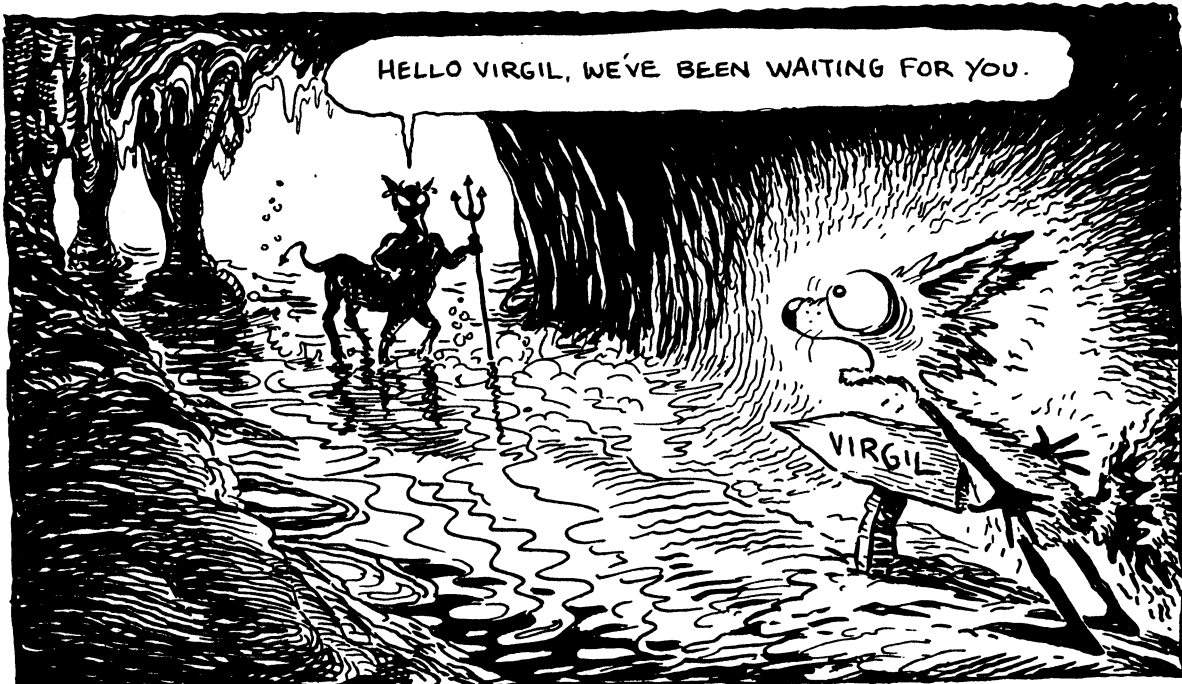
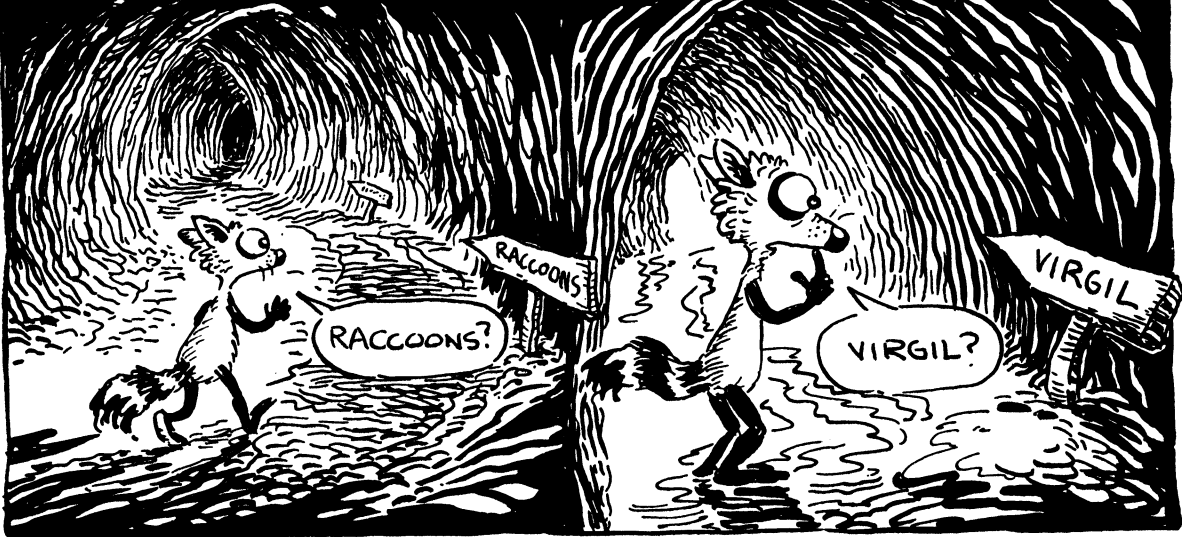


AS MY EYES ADJUSTED TO THE
LIGHT, I PERCEIVED A HUGE
MISTY CAVERN WITH CRAGGY
WALLS... SOME BATS
HOVERED NEAR THE
CEILING....



I WANDERED DOWN A DIM CAVE-LIKE CORRIDOR
THE SMELL OF SULPHUR WAFTED THROUGH
THE AIR...

THEN, I SAW SOME PUZZLING SIGNS...



YOU ARE VIRGIL,
THE RACCOON OF
REASON!?

WHY SURE! COME ON IN AND LOOK AROUND!
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME! NICE OF YOU TO
DROP IN! SEE WHAT YOU LIKE!

..UH.. I'M JUST
ON THE 2.50
TOUR...



LOOK WHAT
WE HAVE OVER
HERE! MAYBE
THIS WOULD BE
TO YOUR TASTE!



UH.. I THINK I HAFTA
BE SOMEWHERE...

YOU ARE SOMEWHERE!

HERE, VIRGIL! IT'S THE RIVER OF BOILING BLOOD! IN WHICH
ARE STEEPED ALL THOSE WHO STRUCK
DOWN THEIR FELLOW RACCOONS! WOULD
YOU LIKE TO TAKE A DIP?!?!?



...I DIDN'T
STRIKE DOWN
ANY FELLOW
RACCOONS...

OH YES, VIRGIL! YOU KILLED THE DIRE-RACCOON OF COME-UPPANCE!
REEMEMBER? *

I..UH..
THAT WAS...
UM.. HE...
IT'S NOT FAIR
HE WASN'T A
FELLOW
RACCOON,...

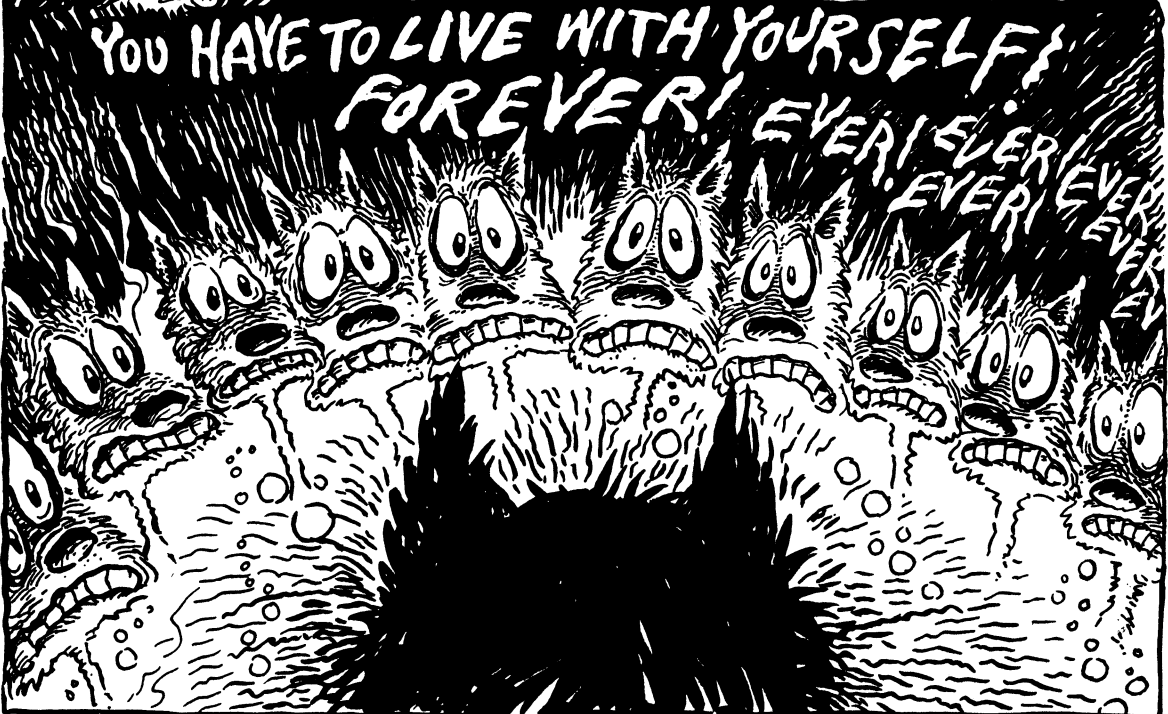
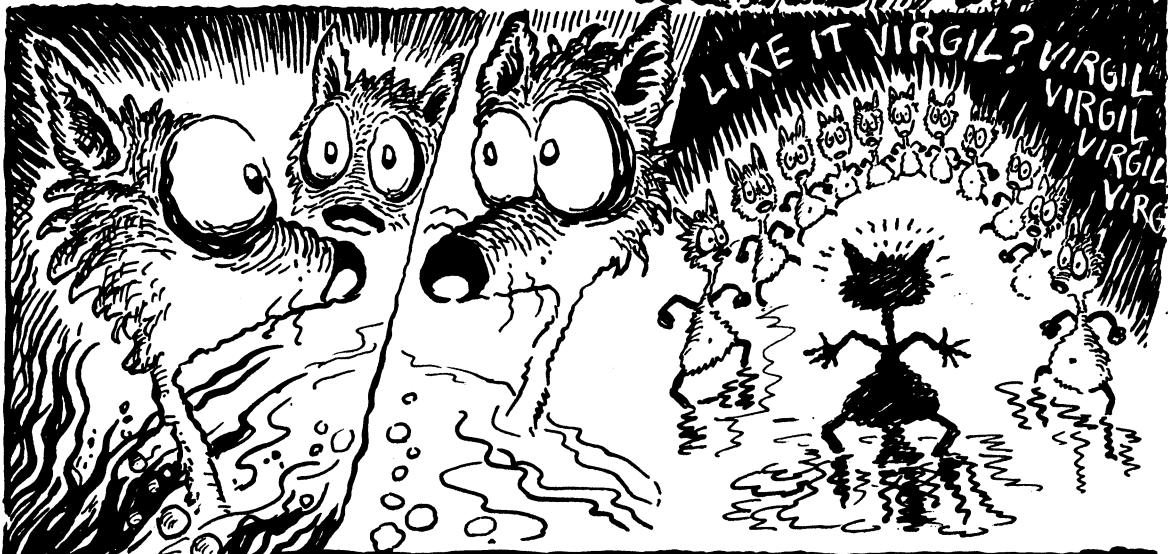
YOU SQUASHED HIM WITH AN
IRONING BOARD, I BELIEVE!

..UH.. THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO....
... ANYWAY, HE WAS
ASKING FOR IT!

YOU'RE SO
DROLL,
VIRGIL!

WELL, LET'S NOT KEEP THE SURPRISE ANY LONGER!!
WE HAVE A SPECIAL CAVE JUST FOR YOU!!
IT WAS DECORATED JUST FOR YOU!
IN FACT, IT'S YOU!!
TRY IT!

ZING!





I RAN AND RAN, BUT I WAS LOST...

WHERE'S THE
STAIRWAY?!!

IT SEEMED LIKE A HORRIBLE
MAZE!

FINALLY!
THE LIGHT!
I SAW
THE
LIGHT!

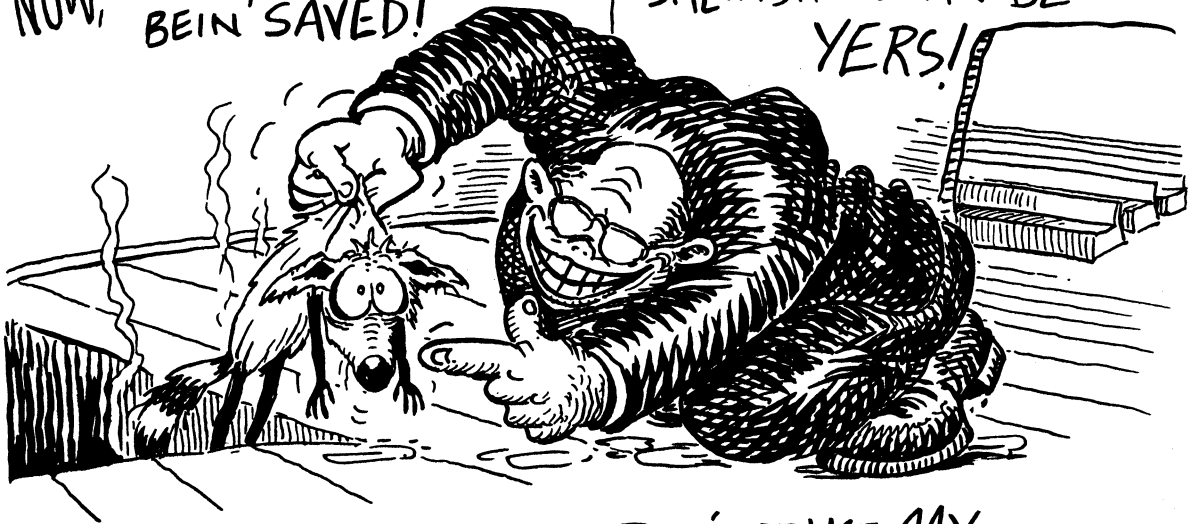
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STAIRWAY?!!
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HOW WAS IT,
MR. RACCOON?

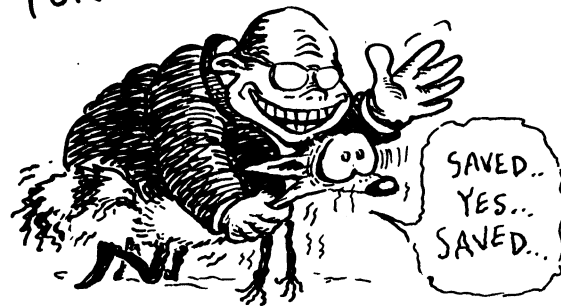
NOW, SON, LET'S TALK ABOUT
BEIN' SAVED!

SALVASHUN CAN BE
YERS!

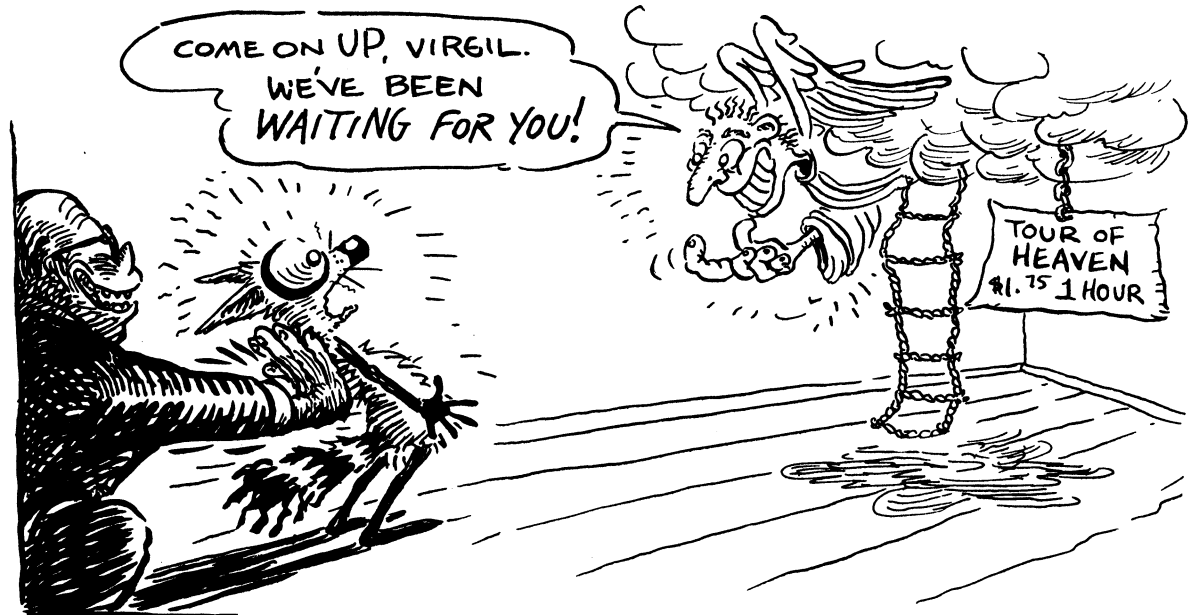


THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WILL OPEN UP THE
PURLY GATES FER YEW....

DON'T TAKE MY WORD
FOR IT! LOOK!!



COME ON UP, VIRGIL.
WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR YOU!





I RAN ALL THE WAY BACK HOME BEFORE I FINALLY STOPPED...
...EXHAUSTED...

I HAD TO THINK ALL THIS OVER....

YOU MAY ASK ME...
WHY DIDN'T I GO UP?... ALL I CAN SAY IS...

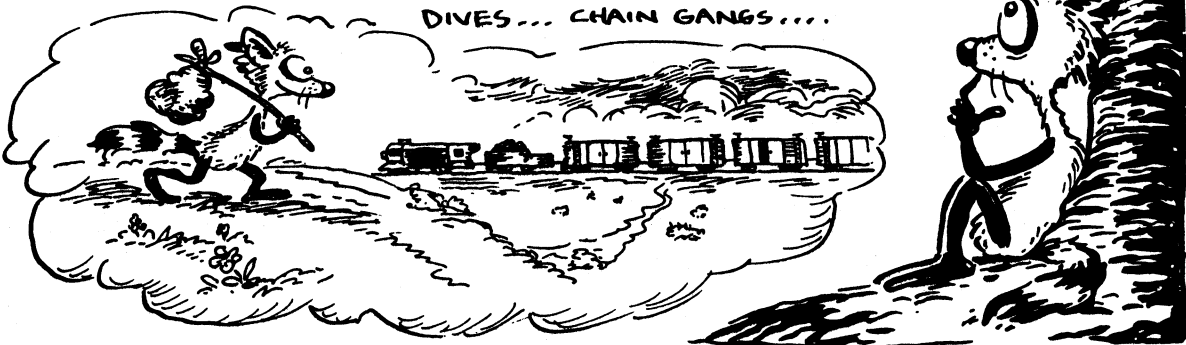
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE
WHERE SOMEONE'S WAITING FOR ME!



So, I DECIDED TO MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF MY LIFE...

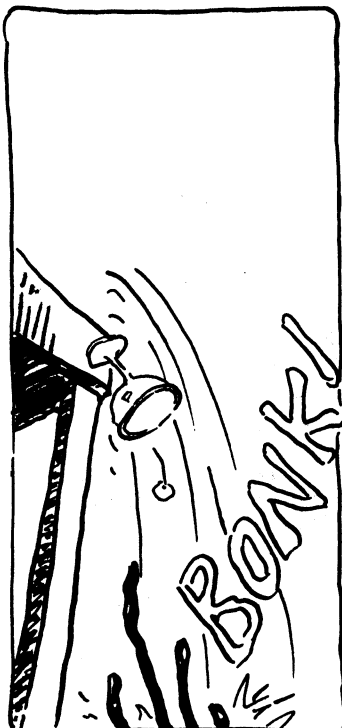
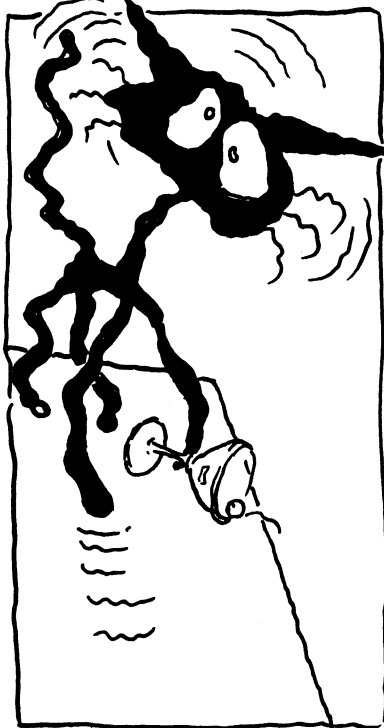
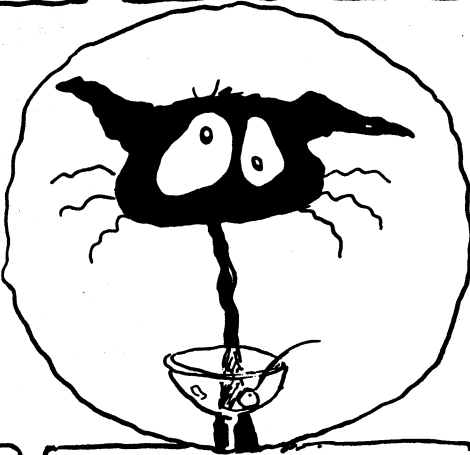
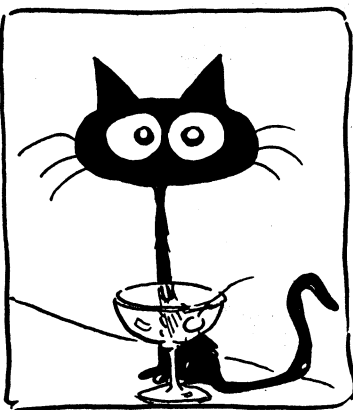
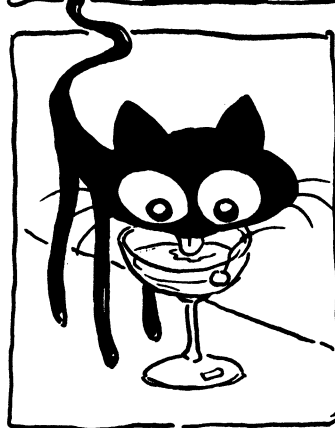
HERE AND NOW..... AND THEN IT CAME TO ME...

I'M GOING OUT TO FIND ADVENTURE... TAKE ONLY WHAT I CAN
CARRY ON MY BACK AND HIT THE ROAD!.... LIVE THE
SIMPLE LIFE ON THE BLUE HIGHWAYS LIKE WOODY GUTHRIE....
RIDING THE RAILS... WANDERING THE DUST BOWLS OF
EXISTENCE... SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN THE
HEART OF THE GARE LAND... TRUCK STOPS...
DIVES... CHAIN GANGS....





MANGY

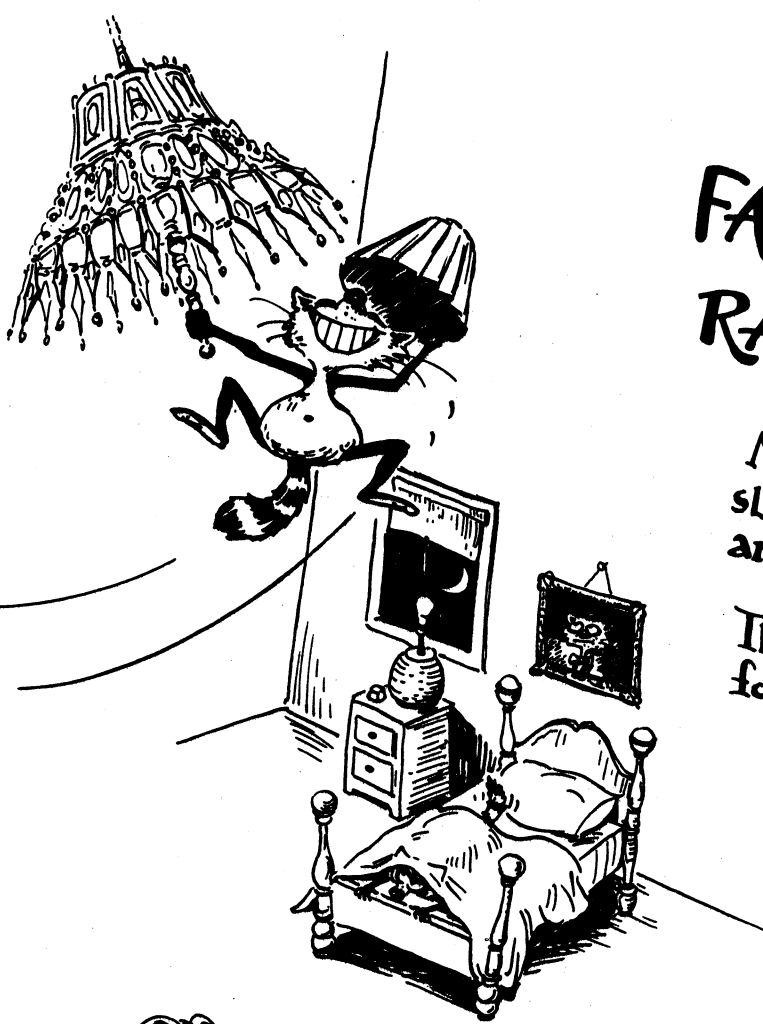


I THOUGHT CATS LANDED ON THEIR FEET WHEN THEY HIT THE GROUND.

FACTS ABOUT RACCOONS...

Most raccoons like to sleep during the daytime and carouse at night.

This can cause trouble for those who don't.



Raccoons are not intimidated except for good reason.

The mythical UNICOON has been found to actually exist in parts of the world.

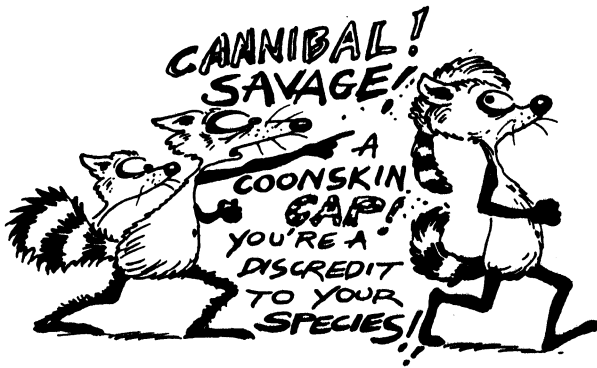
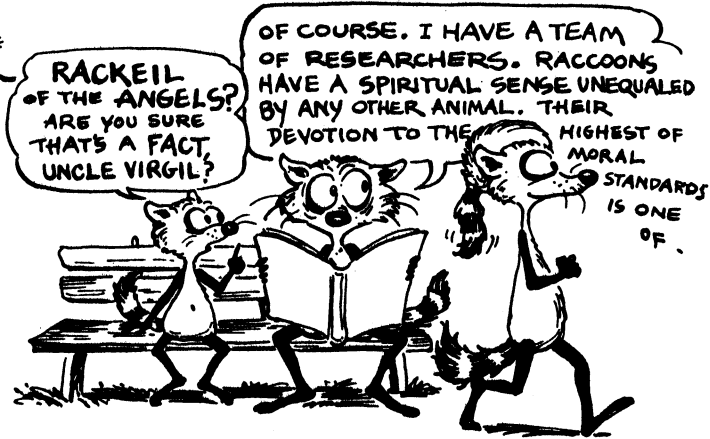


There is no such thing as a RACFISH however.



MORE FACTS☆☆☆

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BASSOON ACCOMPANIMENT TO
DESCENDING RACKANGELS
WHO HAVE FALLEN FROM
GRACE.



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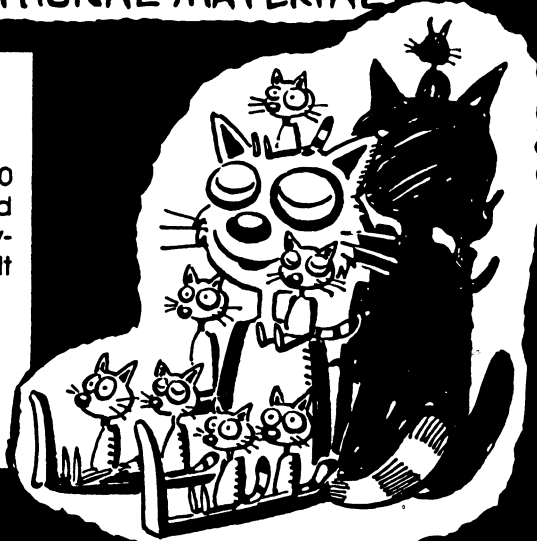


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