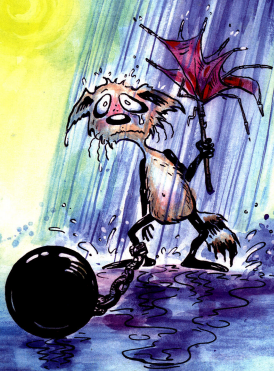




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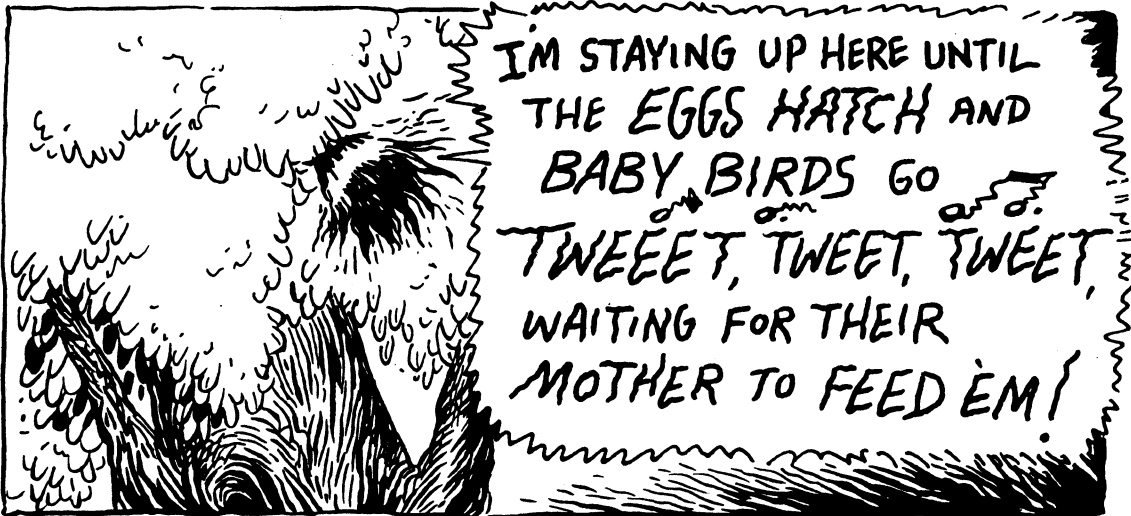


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VIRGIL'S FOR THE BIRDS



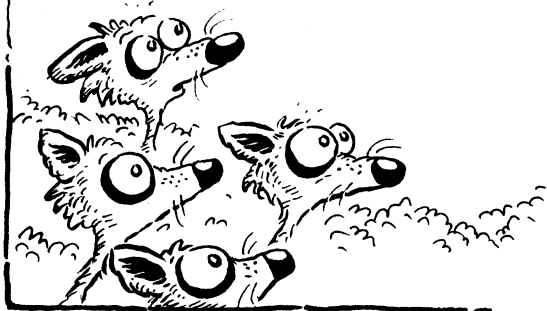
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EEEEEEKKKKKCH!!



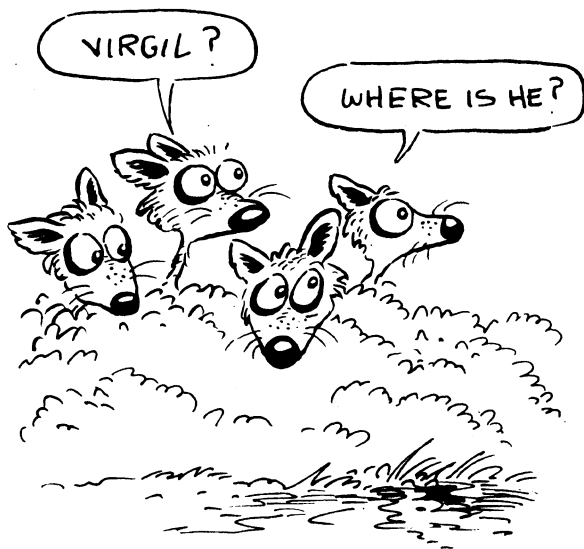
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HAVING ANOTHER TANTRUM!

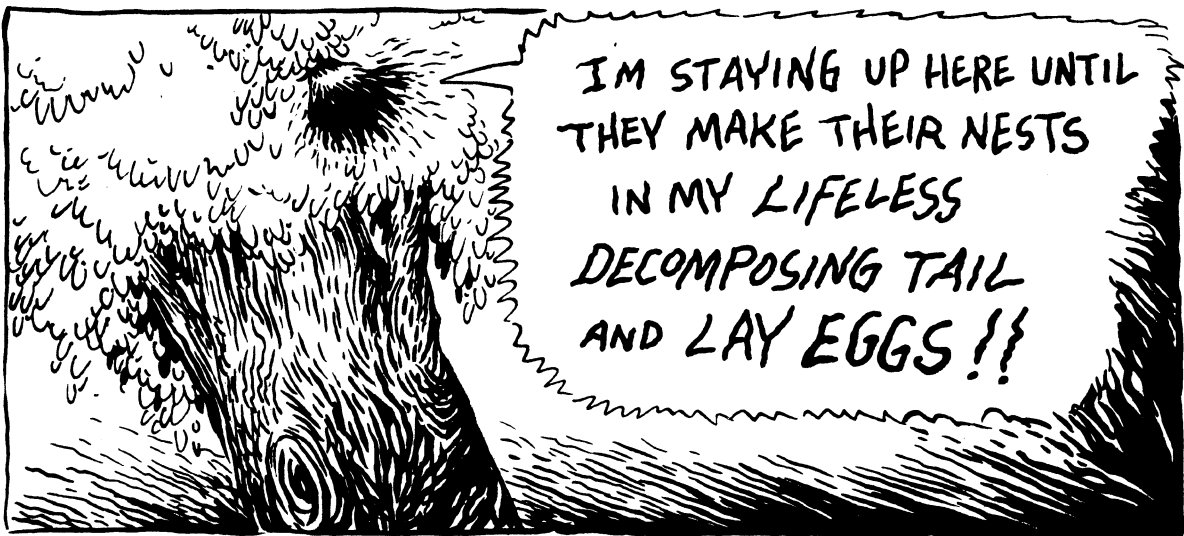
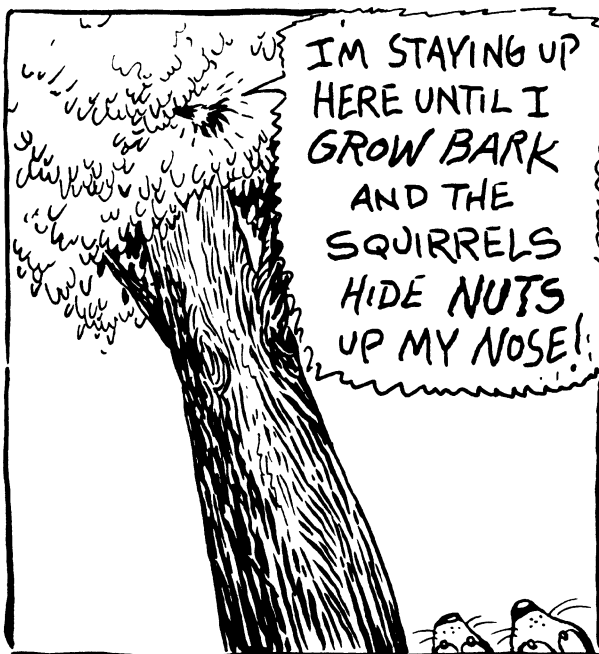
EEEEEGGGGGKKKKCH!!



IT SOUNDS LIKE
IT'S COMING FROM
OVER THERE!

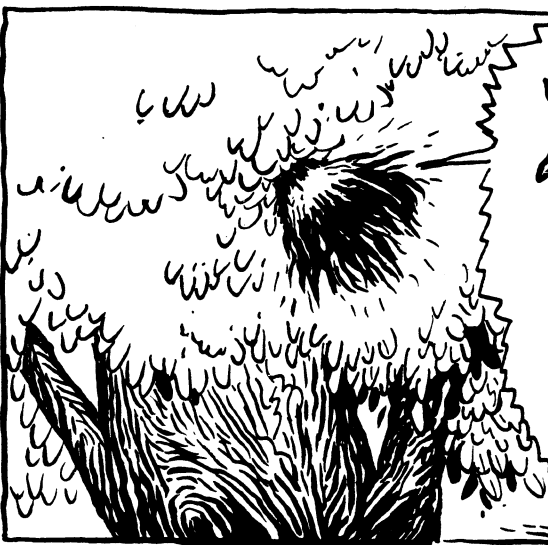








I'M STAYING UP HERE UNTIL
THE EGGS HATCH AND
BABY BIRDS GO
TWEET, TWEET, TWEET,
WAITING FOR THEIR
MOTHER TO FEED EM!



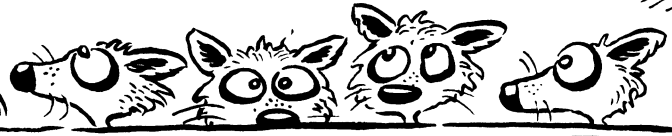
UNTIL SHE BRINGS A
WORM FOR EM AND
THEY OPEN THEIR
BEAKS WIDE AND
LIFT THEIR FUZZY
LITTLE HEADS!...



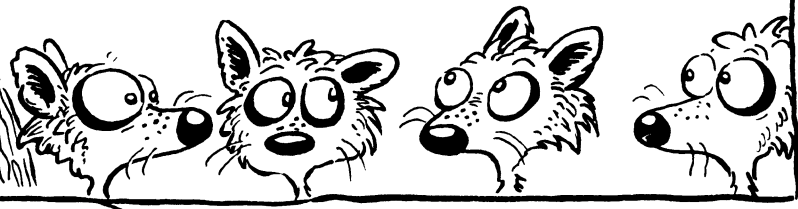
...AND, THEN, WHEN THEY'RE BIGGER,
THEY SIT ON THE EDGE OF THE
NEST GETTING READY TO FLY...
BUT I WON'T LET THEM UNTIL
THEIR LITTLE WINGS ARE
STRONG ENOUGH OR THEY COULD
FALL.....



ALSO, YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE, WHEN THE MOTHER IS GONE, SOME CREATURE COULD COME BY AND TRY TO EAT THE BABY BIRDS. THEY'RE VERY VULNERABLE AT THAT TIME, SO I'D HAVE TO PROTECT THEM FROM PREDATORS.

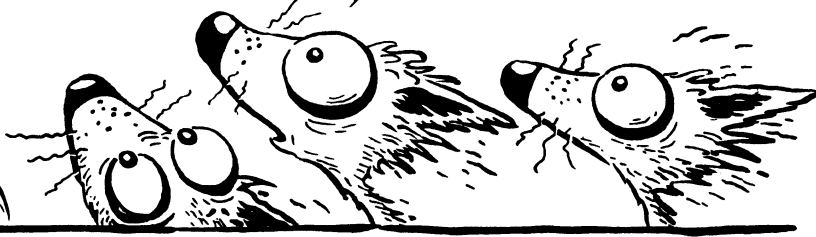


YOU KNOW, IF I WASN'T THERE, THEY'D HAVE NO PLACE FOR THEIR NEST,... EXCEPT...THERE'S A SORT OF THICK PLACE IN THE BRANCHES OVER HERE AND THEY COULD BUILD A NEST IN THERE.....



HEY!

WHAT IS IT, VIRGIL?
WHAT'S WRONG??



THERE'S A NEST
UP HERE IN A THICK
PLACE AN' THERE
TINY EGGS IN IT!
COME UP N' SEE!!



HURRY UP!



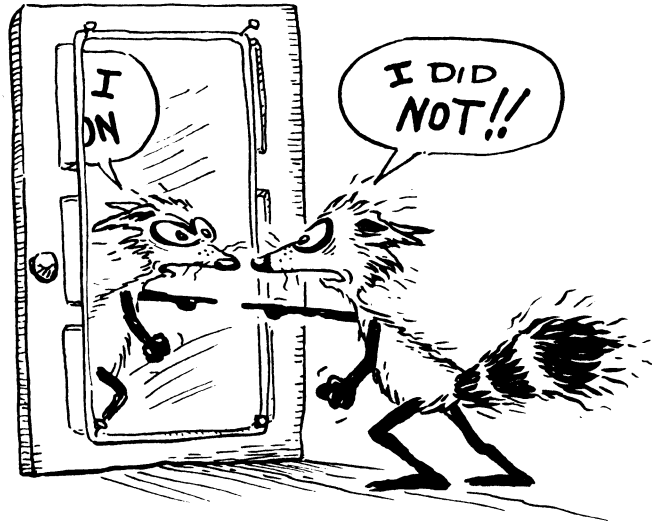
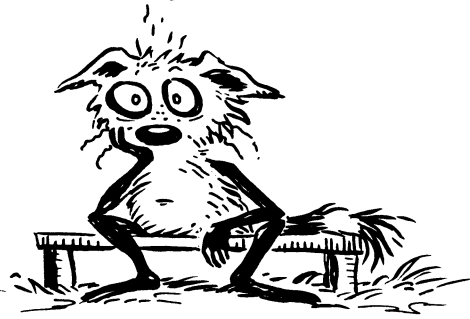
SOMETIMES YOU JUST
GOTTA LET NATURE
TAKE ITS COURSE.

YUP.

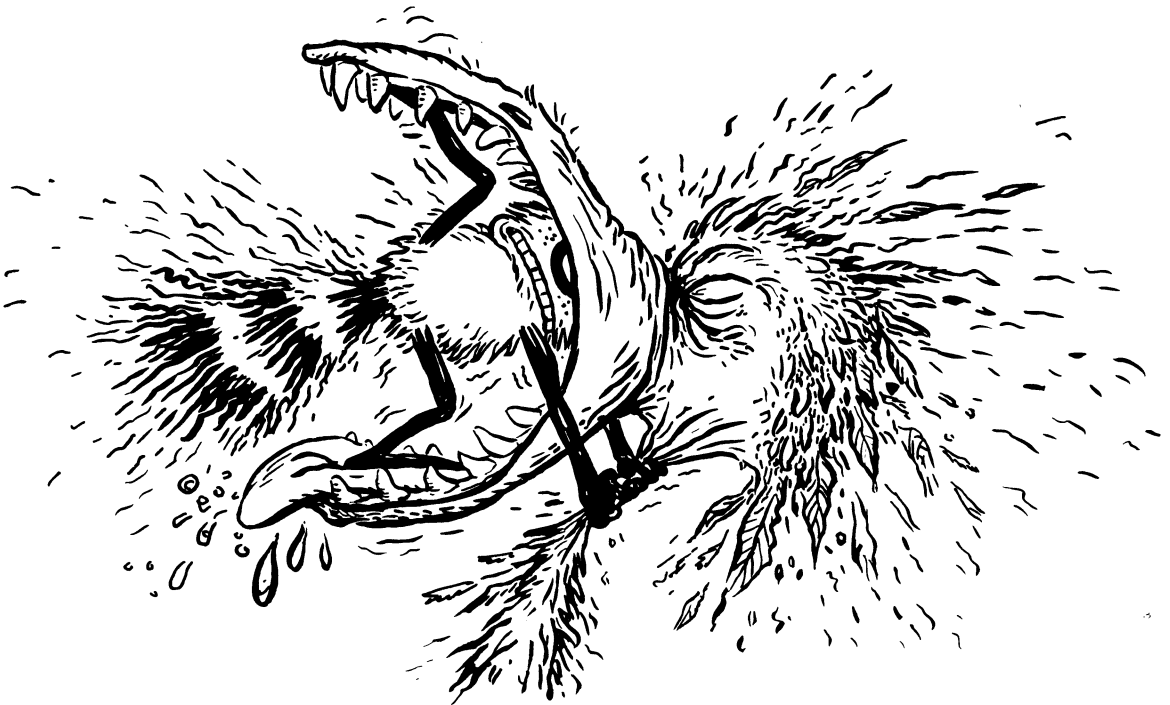
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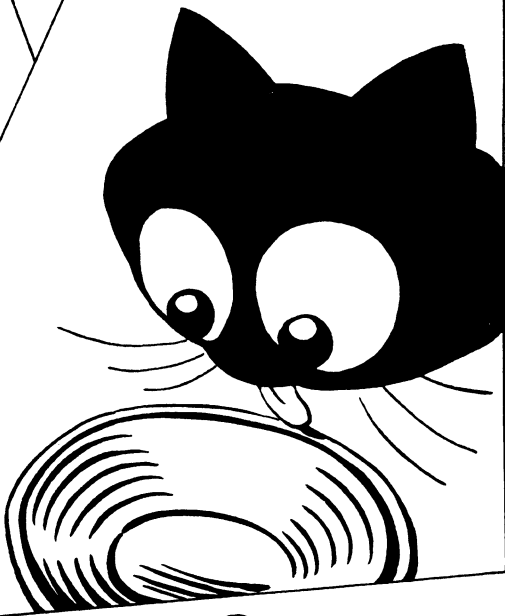
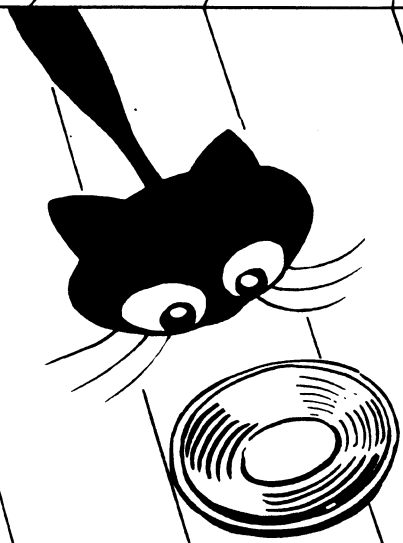
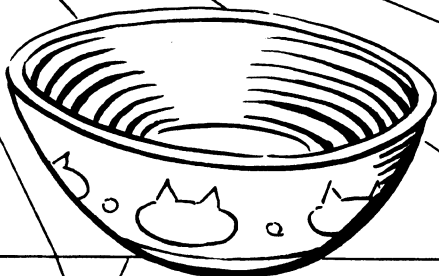
I JUST WISH SOMEBODY WOULD
TELL ME WHAT THE ANGLE IS

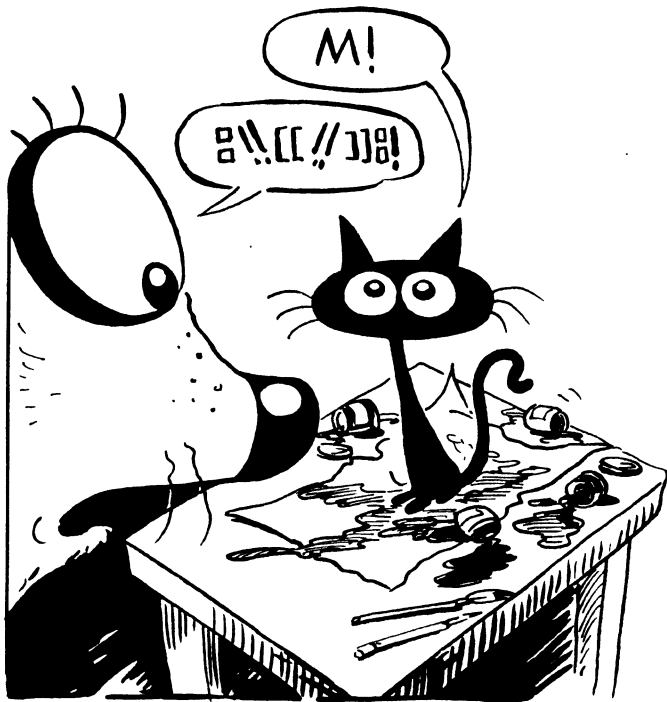
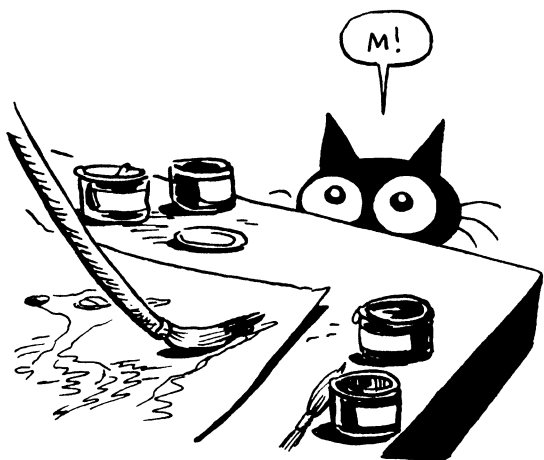
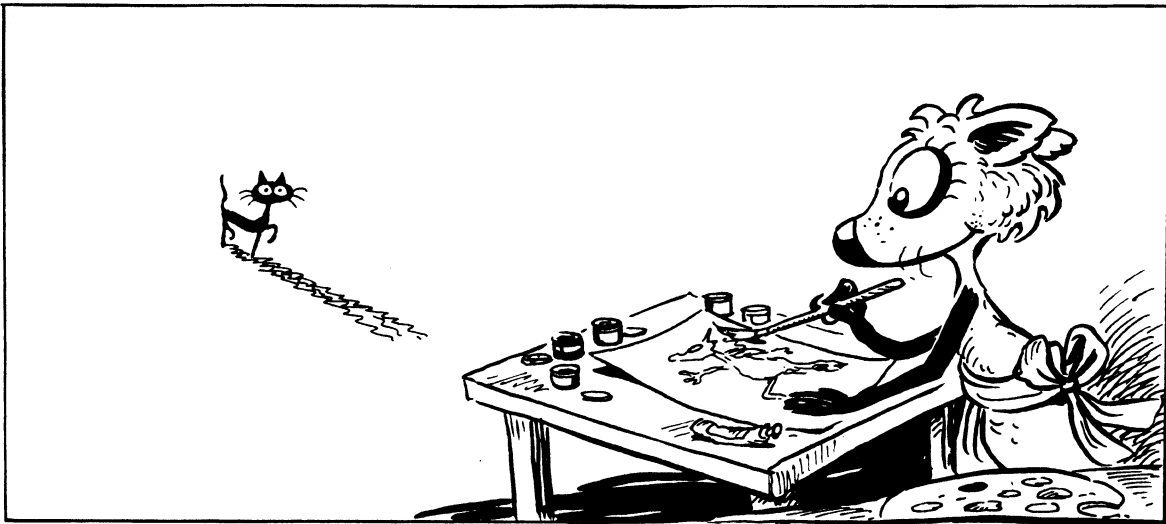


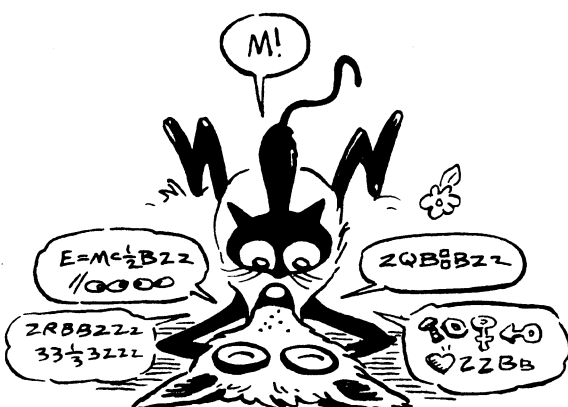
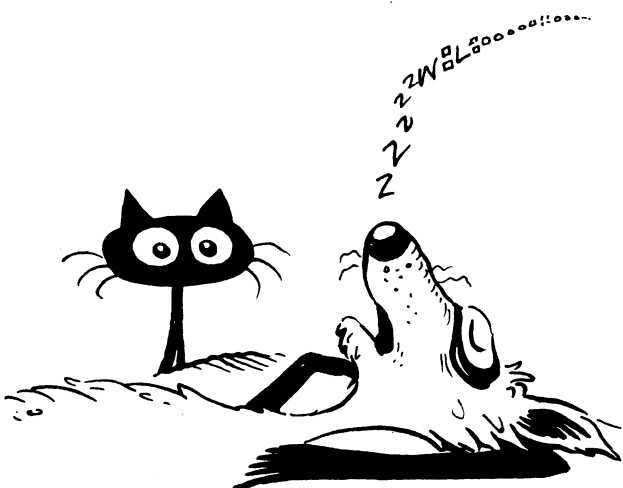
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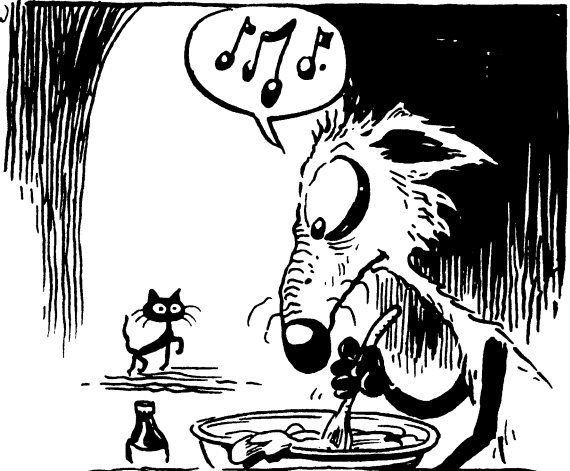
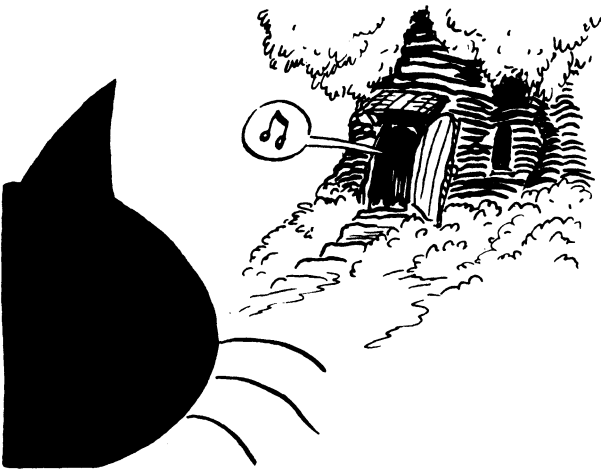


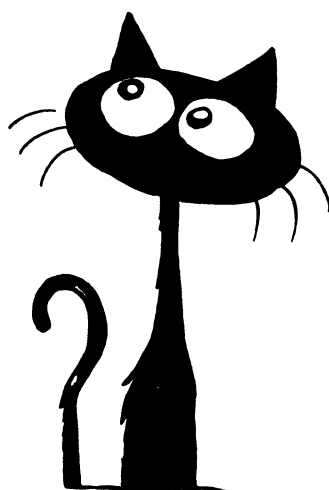
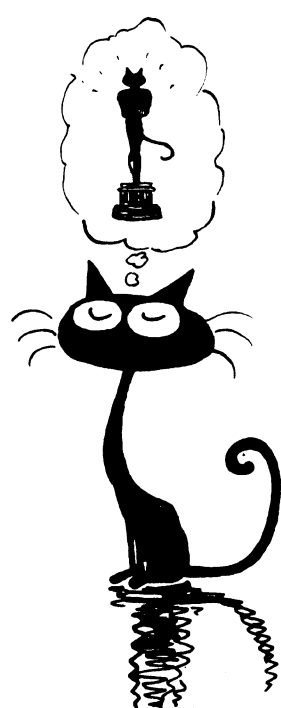
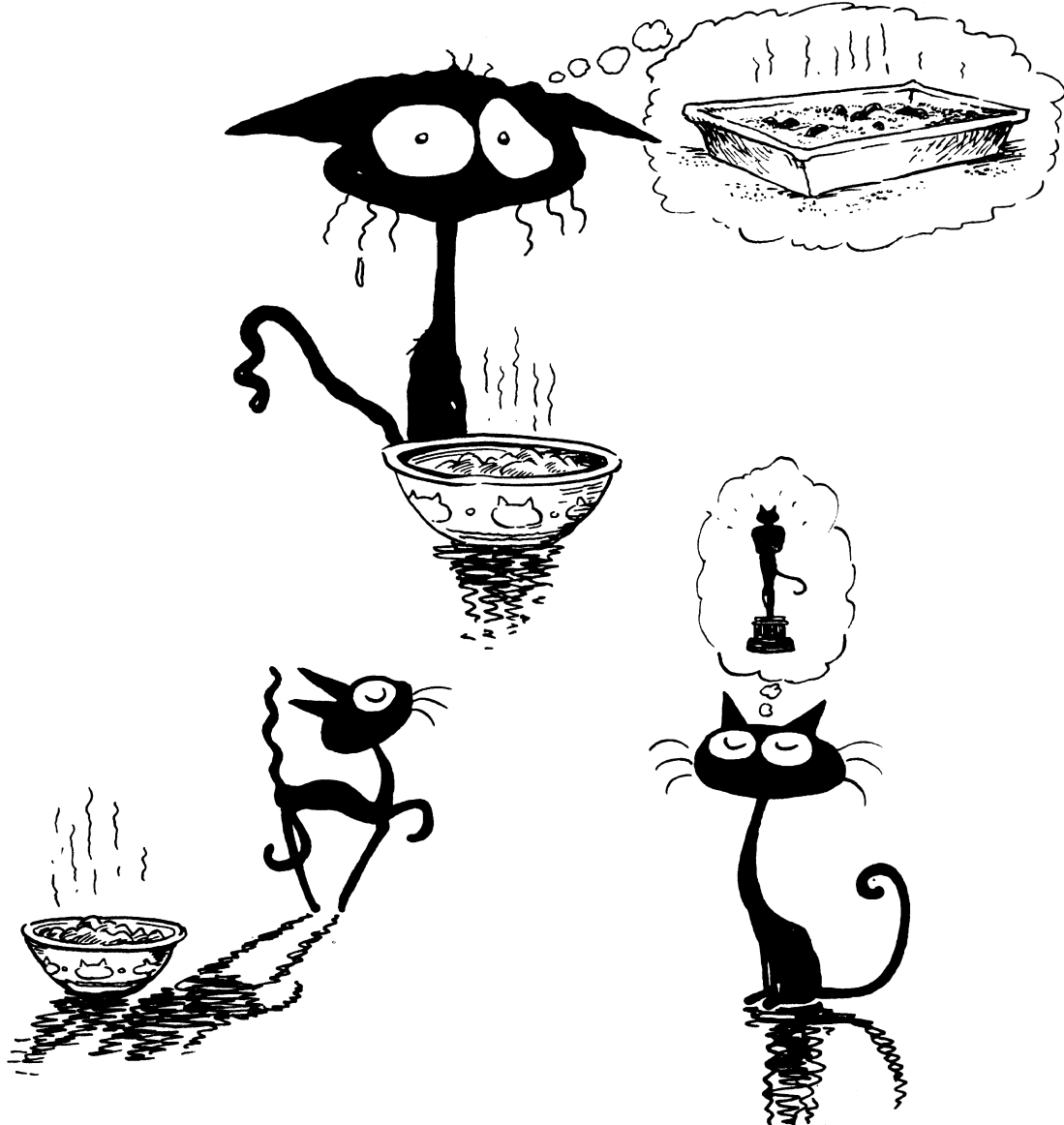
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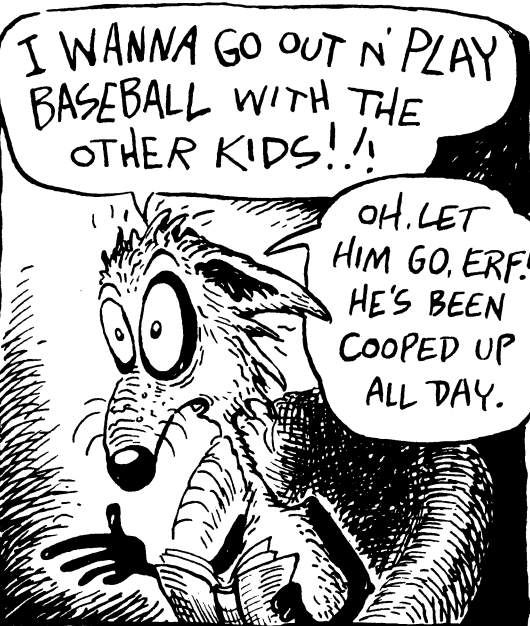
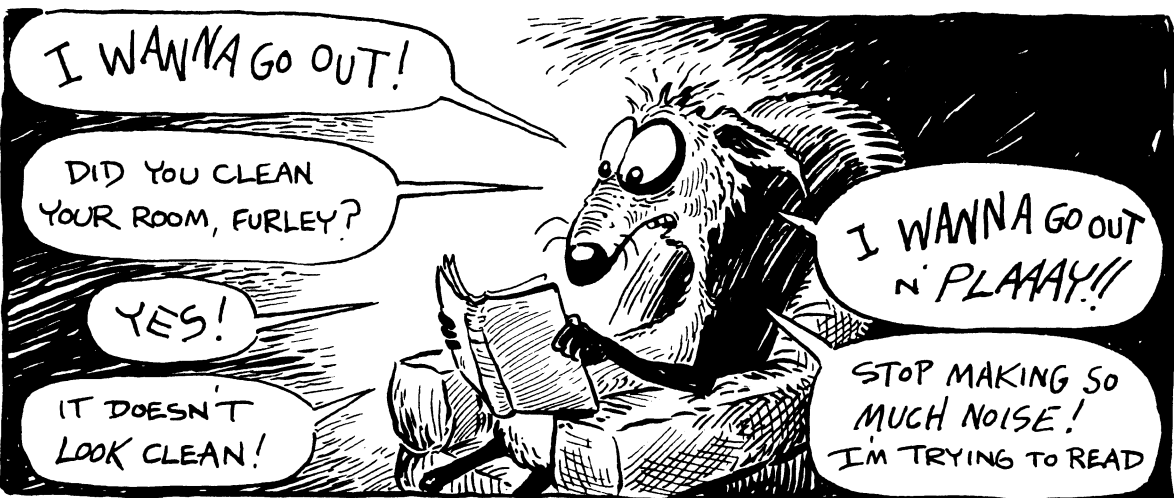


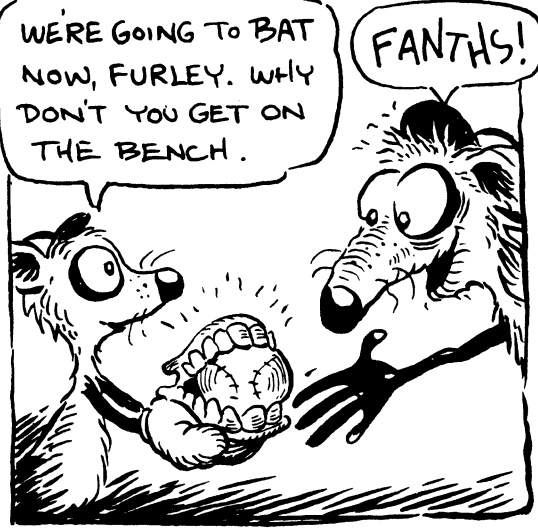
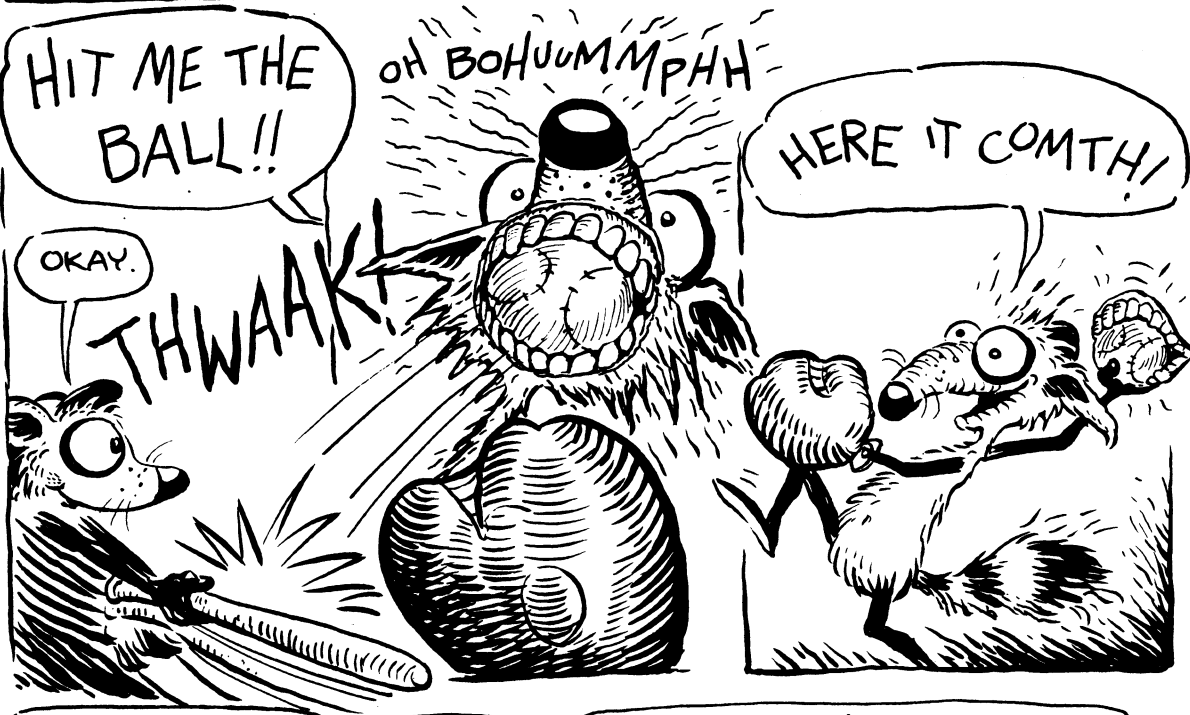
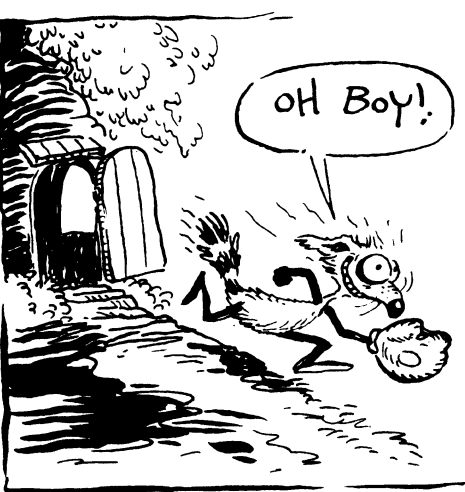


UNCLE ERF FURLEY PLAYS BASEBALL



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YOU'RE UP NEXT, FURLEY!

EEEEEEK!!

OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY, OH...

THWAAK!

CRASH!

OH
OH.

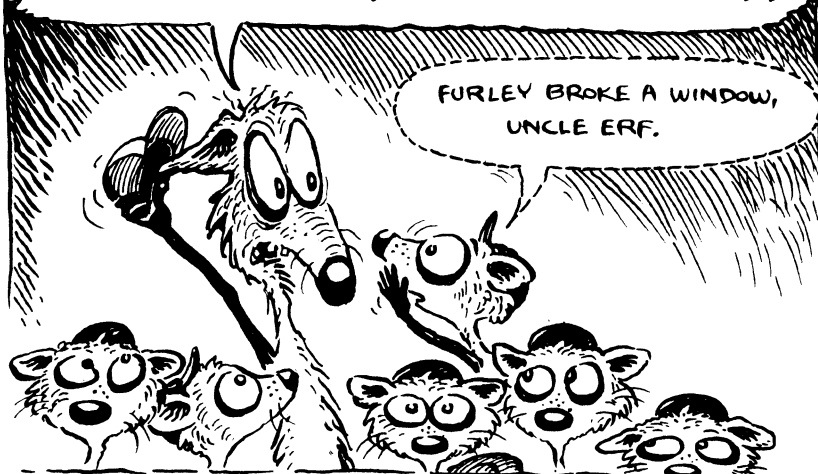
AWWRIGHT!!! WHO BROKE
MY WINDOW!!!



WHICH ONE OF YOU DID IT??



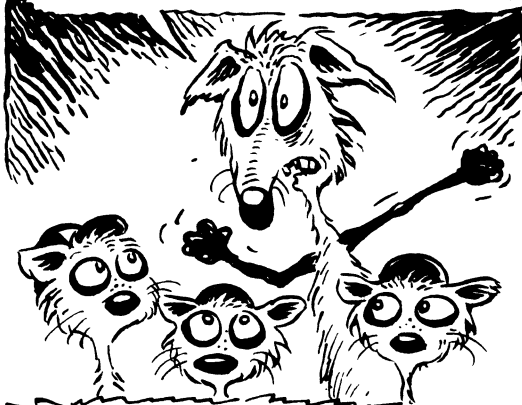
OK! WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S FURLEY?!



FURLEY BROKE A WINDOW,
UNCLE ERF.

FURLEY! YOU GET BACK HERE!
DID YOU BREAK A WINDOW?

FURLEY? DO YOU HEAR ME?
GET BACK HERE AND
FACE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES!



WHAT'S GOING ON, ERF?
WHAT'S ALL THE
YELLING??

FURLEY BROKE A WINDOW,
AND NOW, HE'S RUN
AWAY FROM HOME!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO
LET HIM OUT
TODAY, PANSY!!



LOOK HERE, YOU MUDDLE-HEADED RACCOONS,
I WANT TO KNOW WHO BROKE MY
WINDOW!?



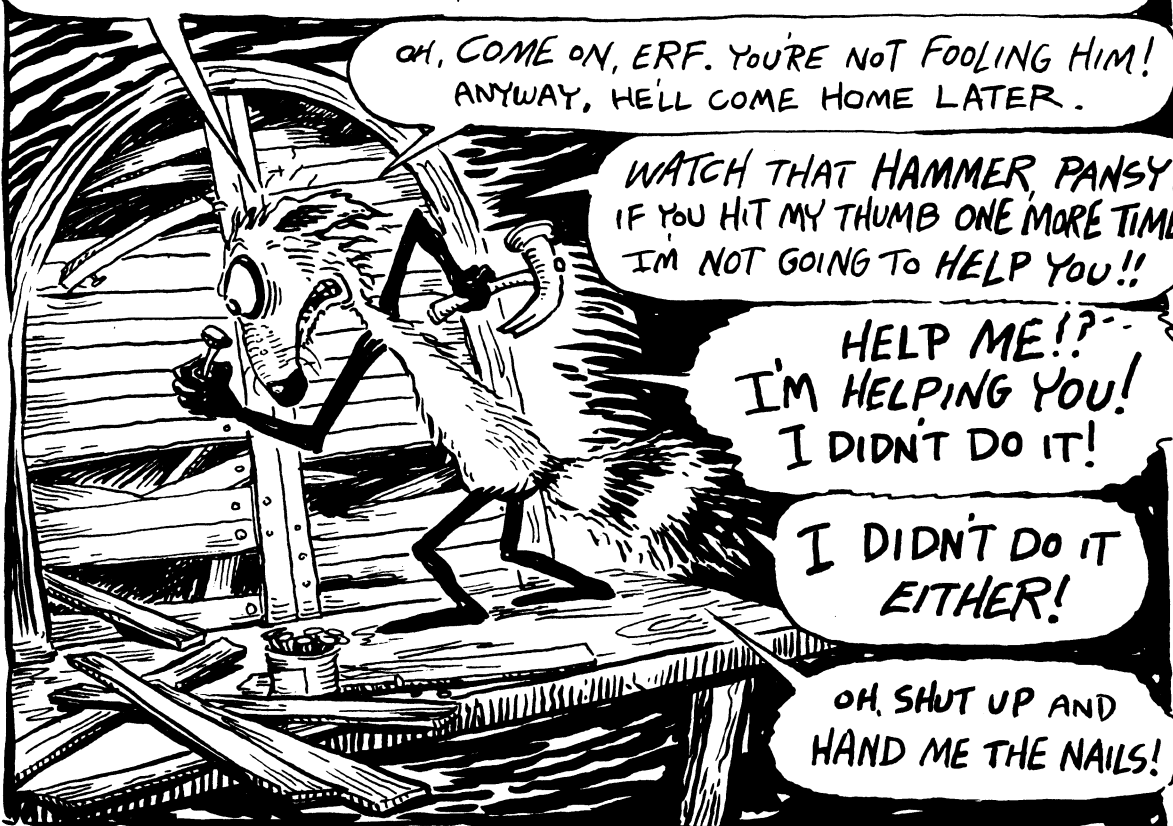
DON'T YELL AT ME!!
I DIDN'T BREAK
YOUR WINDOW!!



WELL, ONE OF YOUZ GONNA
FIXX MY WINDOW?



YOU CAN COME BACK NOW, FURLEY. DADDY'S NOT MAD ANYMORE.



OH, COME ON, ERF. YOU'RE NOT FOOLING HIM!
ANYWAY, HE'LL COME HOME LATER.

WATCH THAT HAMMER, PANSY!
IF YOU HIT MY THUMB ONE MORE TIME,
I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU!!

HELP ME!?!
I'M HELPING YOU!
I DIDN'T DO IT!

I DIDN'T DO IT
EITHER!

OH, SHUT UP AND
HAND ME THE NAILS!

Even The Further Adventures of RACCKETTY ANN

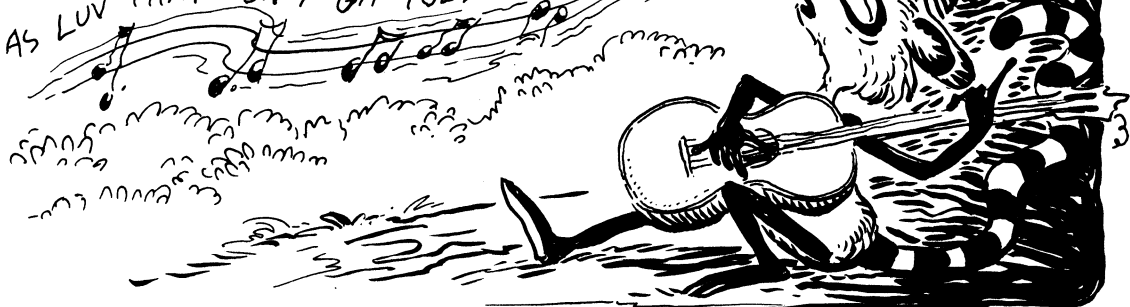
IT'S
**SAVE THE SEA SERPENTS
WEEK!!**

THE ENDANGERED
MYTHICAL MONSTERS
NEED YOUR HELP
AGAINST POLLUTION,
OIL DRILLING, AND
GENERAL
INVASION OF PRIVACY!
BELIEVE IN OUR
SLITHERY FRIENDS
AND SEND A
DONATION TO
HELP KEEP
DEEP SOULS SAFE!

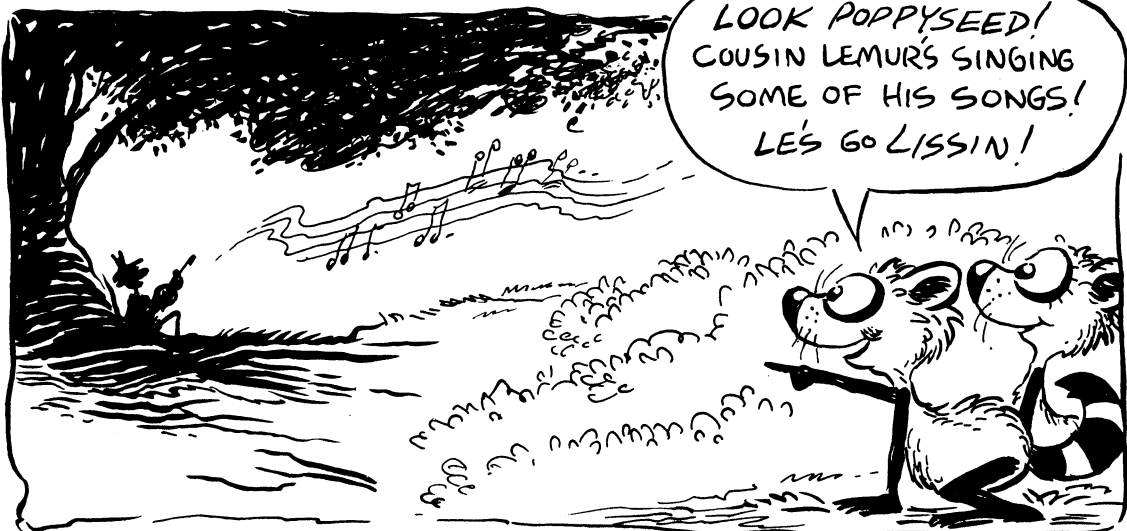


COUSIN LEMUR

MAH SECRIT LUV MUS' STAY INSIDE
LOCKED IN MAH HEART 'TILL AH'VE GONE 'N DIED...
THERE AINT NO LUV AS TRUE AN' BLUE...
AS LUV THAT DON'T GIT TOLD TO YEW...



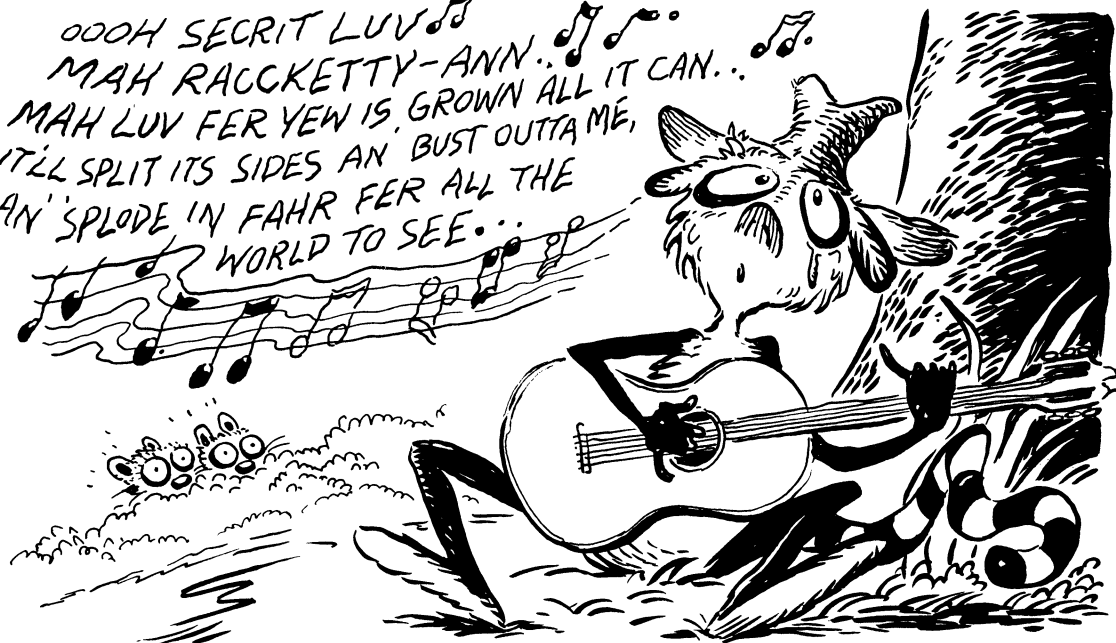
LOOK POPPYSEED!
COUSIN LEMUR'S SINGING
SOME OF HIS SONGS!
LE'S GO LISSIN!



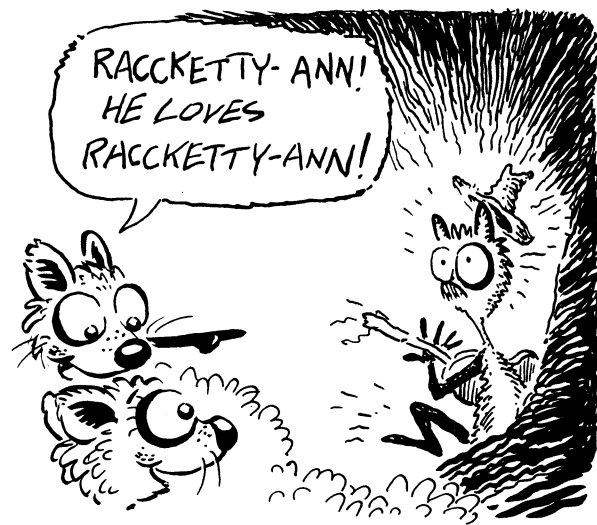
OH SECRIT LUV
MAH SECRIT LUV



OOOH SECRET LUV ♪
 MAH RACCKETTY-ANN.. ♪
 MAH LUV FER YEW IS GROWN ALL IT CAN..
 IT'LL SPLIT ITS SIDES AN BUST OUTTA ME,
 AN 'Splode IN FAHR FER ALL THE
 WORLD TO SEE.. ♪

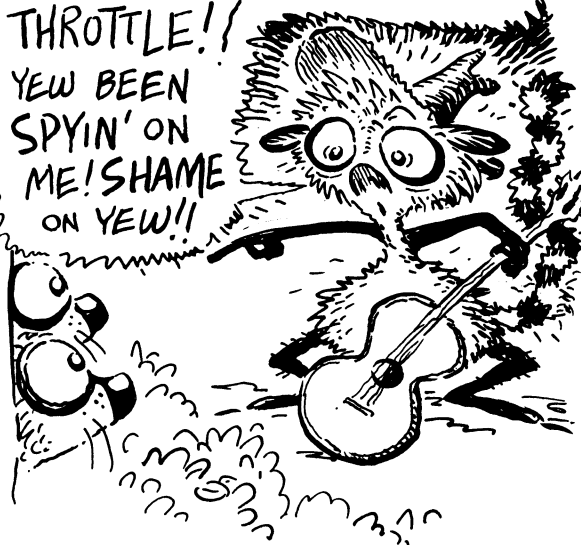


RACCKETTY-ANN!
 HE LOVES
 RACCKETTY-ANN!



LORD ALMIGHTY AT THE
 THROTTLE!!

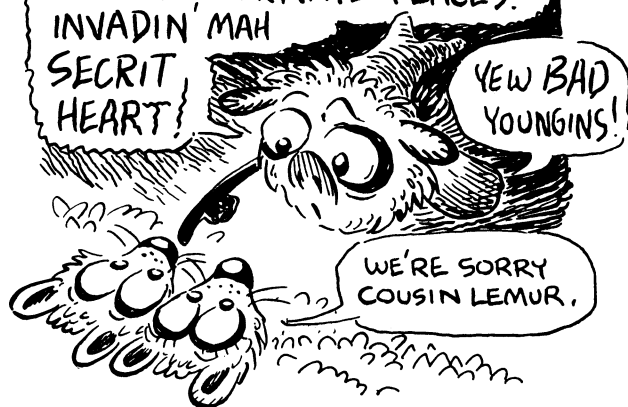
YEW BEEN
 SPYIN' ON
 ME! SHAME
 ON YEW!!



SPYIN' ON MAH INNERD-MOST
 THOUGHTS N' PRIVATE PLACES!
 INVADIN' MAH
 SECRET
 HEART!

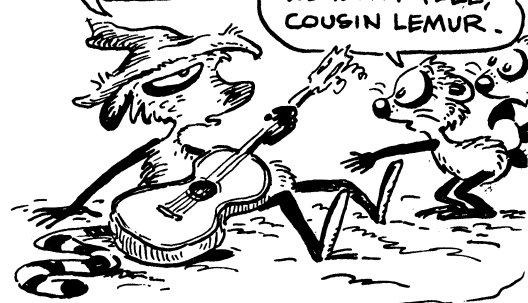
YEW BAD
 YOUNGINS!

WE'RE SORRY
 COUSIN LEMUR.



'N NOW YEW'LL TELL EVERYONE,
 'N ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW 'N
 LAUGH....

WE WONT TELL,
 COUSIN LEMUR.



AALL THE WORLD LAUGHS AT
FRUITLESS, FUTILE LUV FROM A-FAARSS

WE WON'T TELL ANYONE,
COUSIN LEMUR!

...THEY'LL LAUGH WHILE AH
SUFFER 'N PINE FER HER 'N
SHE'LL NEVER RETURN MAH
PININ'S

AH HAVE NOTHIN' TO HOLD ON TO BUT
MAH GUITAR... TO SING SONGS FER HER...

MAH HEART IS FULL OF EMPTINESS...
MAH THROAT HAS LUMPS OF LUV...

WHY DON'T YOU TELL HER,
COUSIN LEMUR?

OH HORRORS OF HYBERNATIN'
HORNY TOADS! I CAIN'T TELL
HER! ...AH'M NOT WORTHY OF HER!

SHE MIGHT LIKE YOU,
COUSIN LEMUR! LE'S GO
OVER TO HER HOUSE 'N SING
'ER A SONG! YOU SING SUCH
GOOD SONGS!

YEAH!

OH, AH COULD NEVER SING A SONG TO HER, BUT AH COULD GO OVER 'N STAND BY HER HOUSE... MAYBE AH COULD BREATHE SOME 'A THE SAME AIR SHE BEEN BREATHIN'...

LET'S GO!

LOOKIT! THERES 'ER HOUSE! AH GIT CHILLS JU'S LOOKIN' AT IT!

THERES MRS. MONSOON RACCOON. WHERE'S RACCKETY-ANN?

DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T TELL ANYONE YOU'RE HERE.

WHERE'S RACCKETY-ANN, MRS. MONSOON?

RACCKETY-ANN ISN'T HERE. SHE'S GONE TO OKEECHOBEE FOR A SAVE THE SALAMANDERS DEMONSTRATION.

SAVE THE SALAMANDERS?

YES, AND SNAKES LIZARDS AND TOADS TOO..

TOADS TOO!!

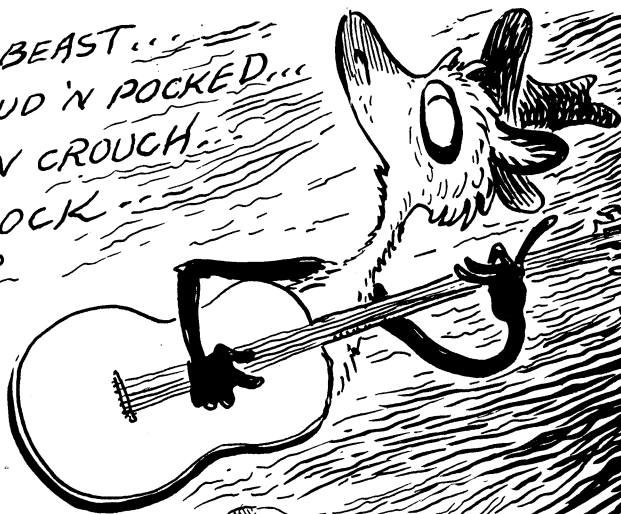
OH, WHAT A WARM-HEARTED CREATURE OF THE EARTH RACCKETY-ANN IS! MAH ANGEL! SAVIN' THE SLIMY LITTLE ONES! THAT'S THE NOBLEST THANG AH'VE EVER HEARD OF!

INSPIRATION SPRINGS TO MAH SOUL! AH'LL WRITE A SONG IN COMMEMORATION OF HER COMMENDABLE EFFERTS!

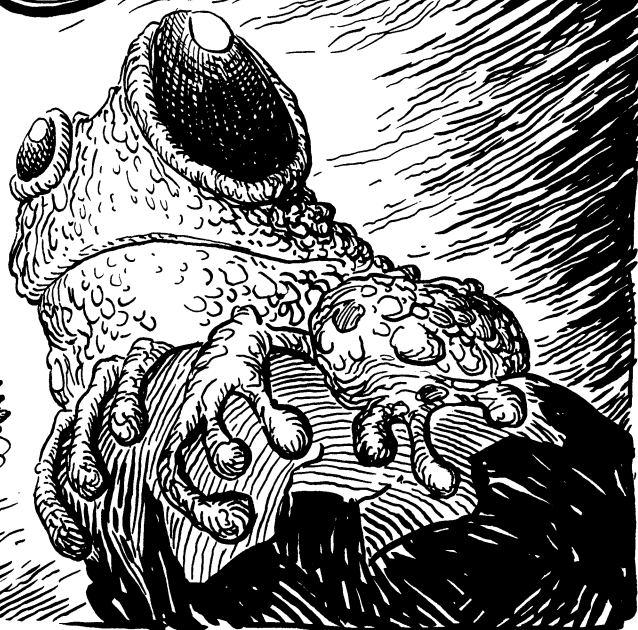
LESSEE NOW.. A TOAD.... AN ODE TO A TOAD...



O BUMPY BEAST...
... SO PROUD 'N POCKETED...
WHO CROAK 'N CROUCH...
UPON YER ROCK...



O BULBOUS BEAUTY
MUNGST THE DEW...
WHAT WART-LAHK
WISDOMS.
PONDER YEW...?





THIS JUS' GOES TO PROVE...
YOU GOT TO GIT OUTTA
YERSELF N' THINK
ABOUT HELPIN'
OTHER DESERVIN'
CREATURES...

...LAK RACCKETTY ANN
SAVIN' ALL THEM
LITTLE... GOSH...
AH COULD....

BY LORD!
AH'LL DO IT!! AH'LL GO TO THE
DEMONSTRATION N' SING MY ODE
N' HELP THE LITTLE CRITTERS!!!

MEBBE SHE'LL
HEAR IT TOO?
CHOKES

GO GETTUM!
COUSIN LEMUR!



The Sugar Cube Blues

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What are you do-in giv-in a rac-coon a sug-ar
cube?
What are you do-in? What are you do-in? How rude.
Cuz you can't tell me you b-
don't know what he does with his food.



2.

He washes it up, little hands cupped, head bent.
He washes it up, little hands cupped, head bent.
'Cuz he's peerin' down,
Wonderin' where it went.

3.

What should be done with someone so crude?
What should be done? Surely hangin's too good.
For any dude who'd
Give a raccoon a sugar cube.





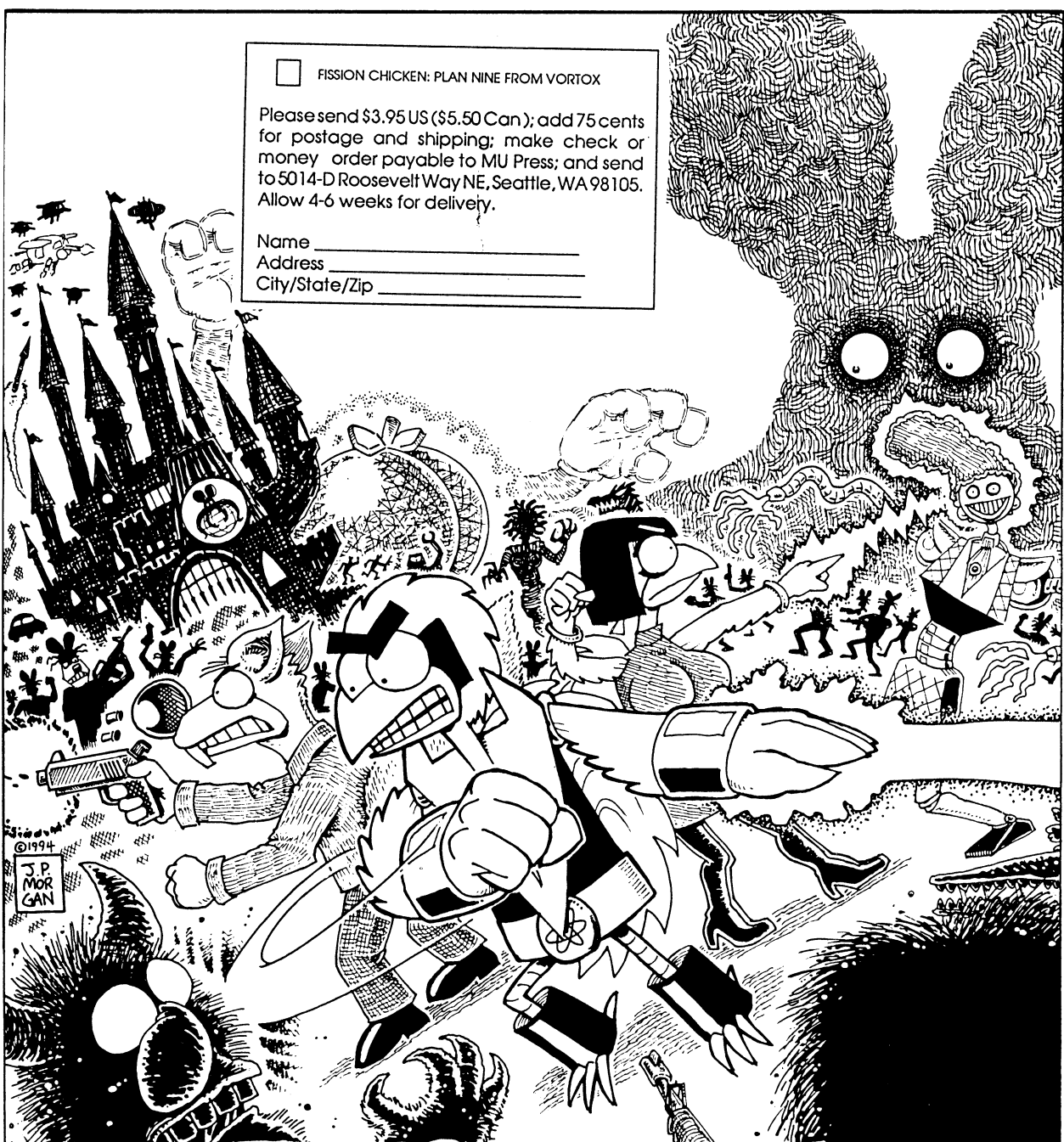
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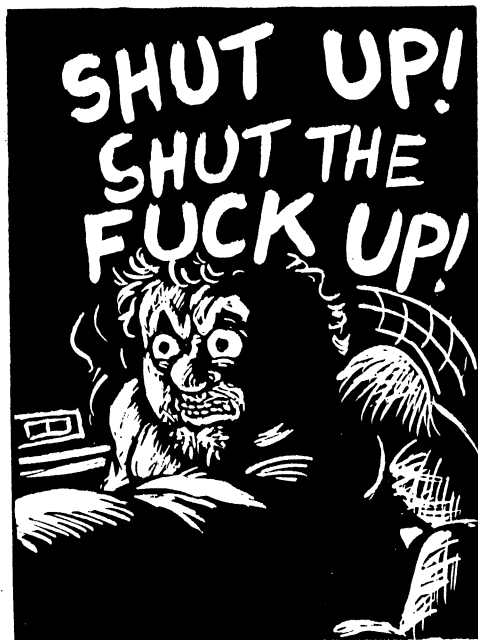
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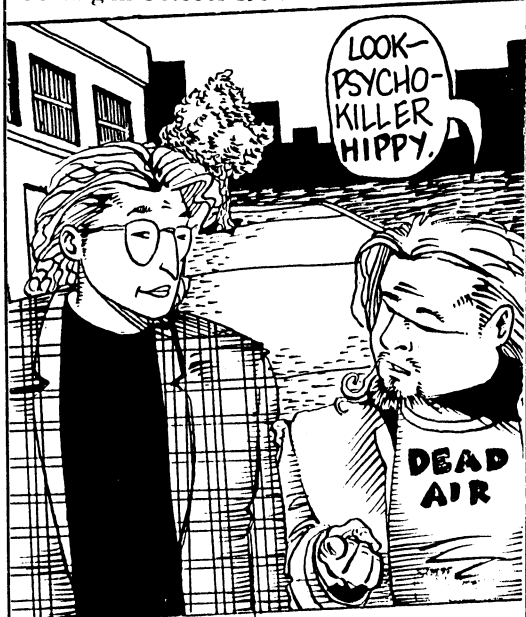


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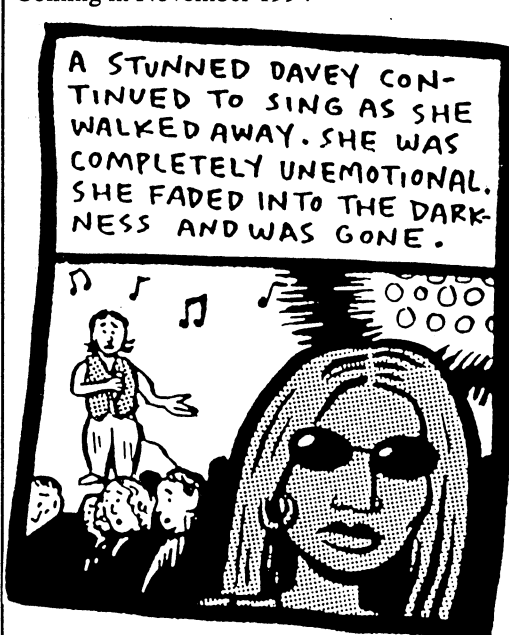
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--Ingemar Bengtsson
Bild & Bubbla*

Her work reminds me inescapably of... Walt Kelly. This is incidentally one of the highest compliments I could possibly pay any funny animal cartoonst.

--Don Thompson
Comic's Buyer's Guide

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