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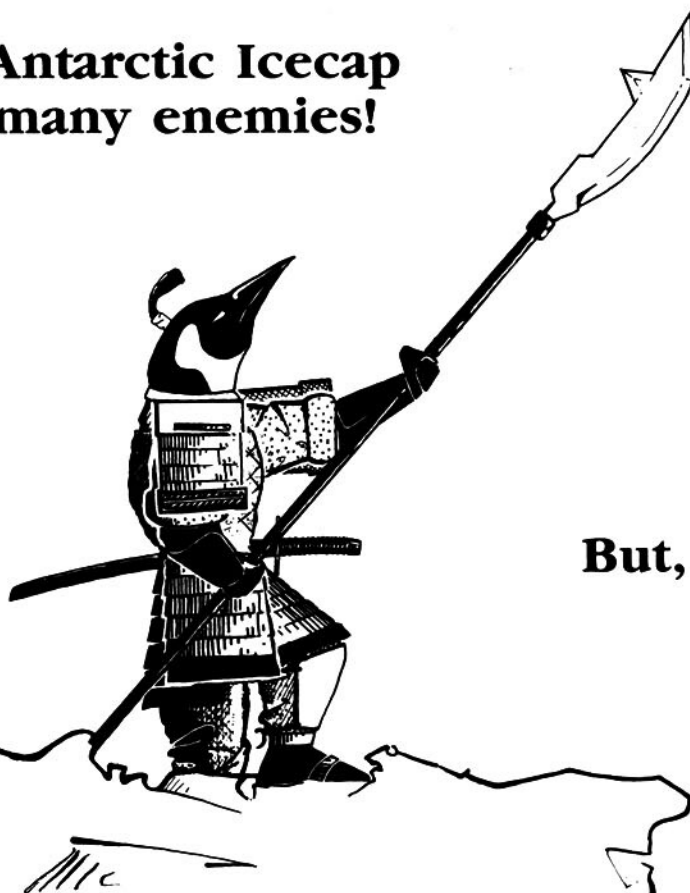
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# SAMURAI

PENGUIN T.M.



**On the frozen Antarctic Icecap  
a penguin has many enemies!**



**But, he does have  
one Friend.**

Have you ever noticed how the editorials in the first issues of most small press comics are an endless stream of thank yous to a bunch of people that only the creators know. Either that or the creators write about how tough it was to put together the first issue and how it was a labor of love. Well I was going to do that, but then I was reminded of the old saying "The world doesn't want to hear about your labor pains, they only want to see the baby." With that in mind go ahead and take a look at our baby and let us know what you think. If you want to hear about our labor pains then I'll tell you about them later. As for the people I have to thank, well chances are I've already thanked you personally, and if I haven't well then feel free to call me an asshole next time you see me.

Which brings me to my next subject, our disclaimer. Our character, SAMURAI PENGUIN, is in no way connected to or taken from the Samurai Penguin characters that appear in a comic called EXTREMELY SILLY COMICS, published by Antarctic Press. There is a story behind all that but it falls into the category of none of your business.

Well, that's it for now. Hope you like the book. Let us know what you think.

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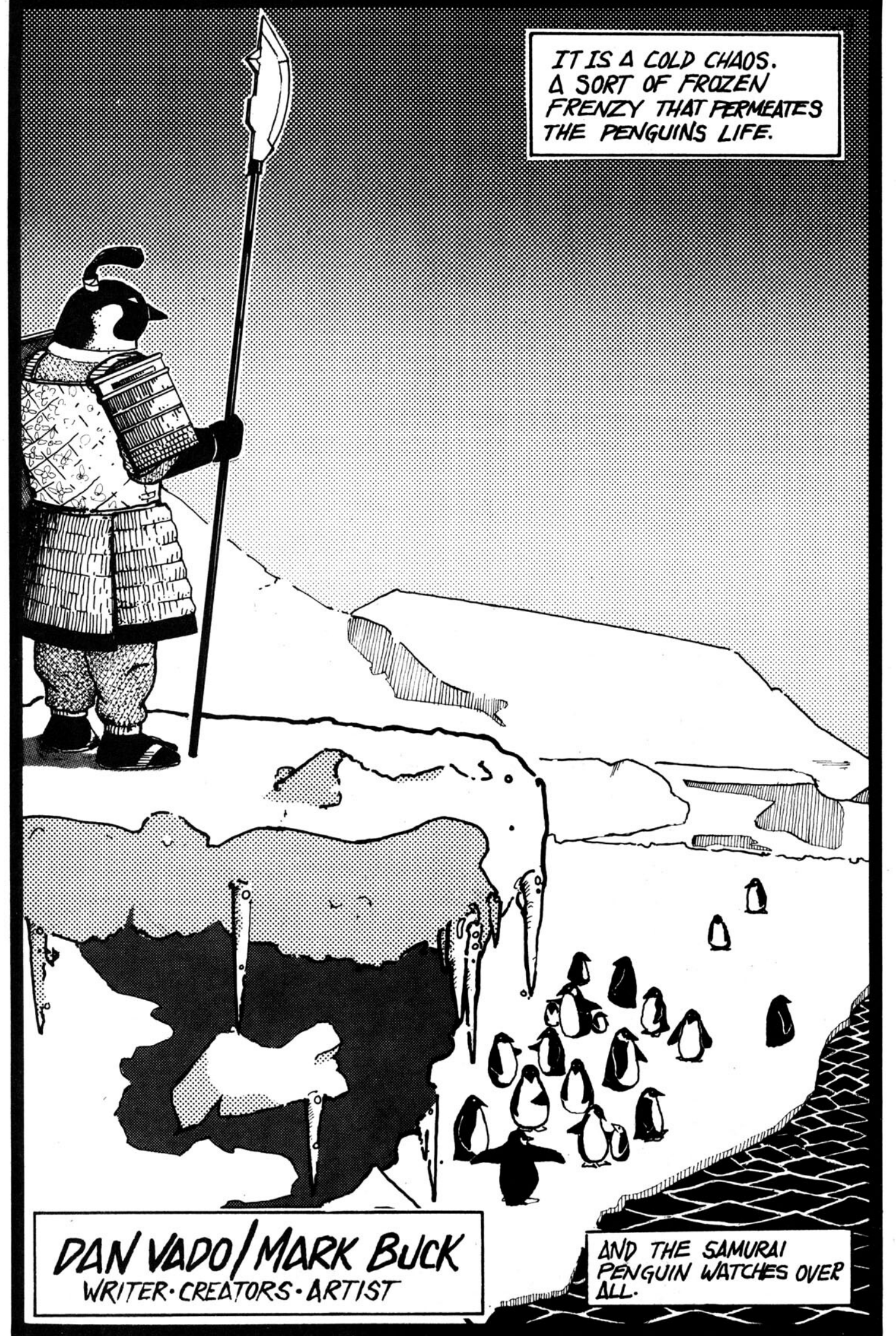
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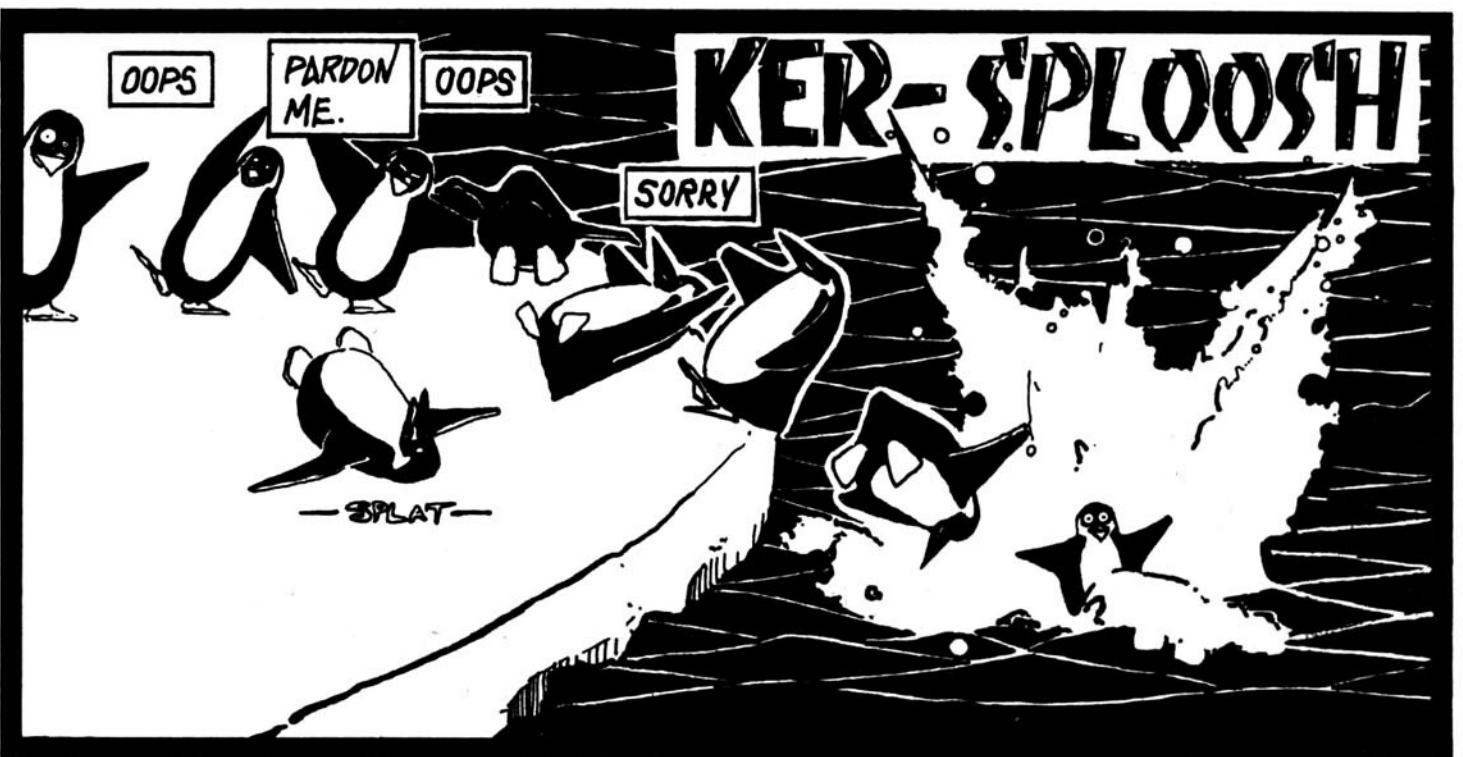
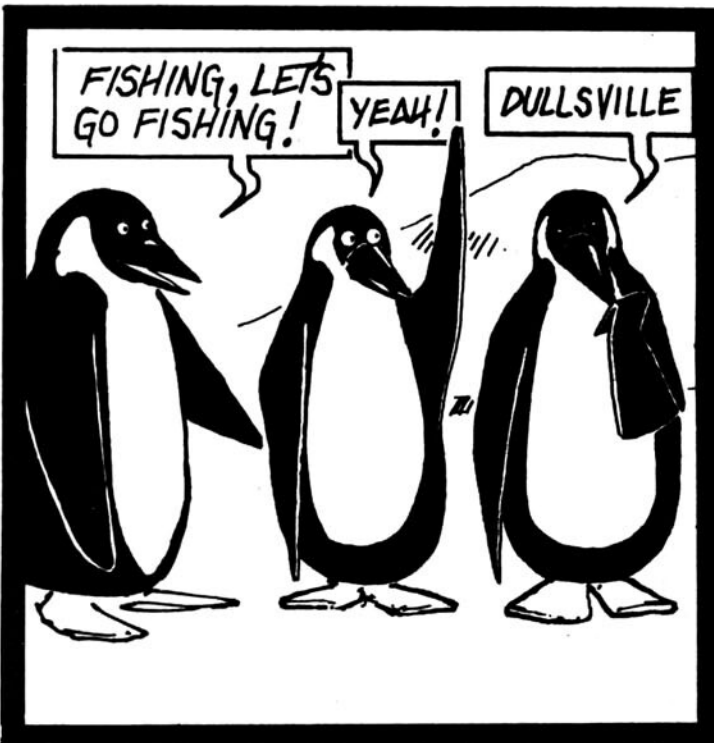




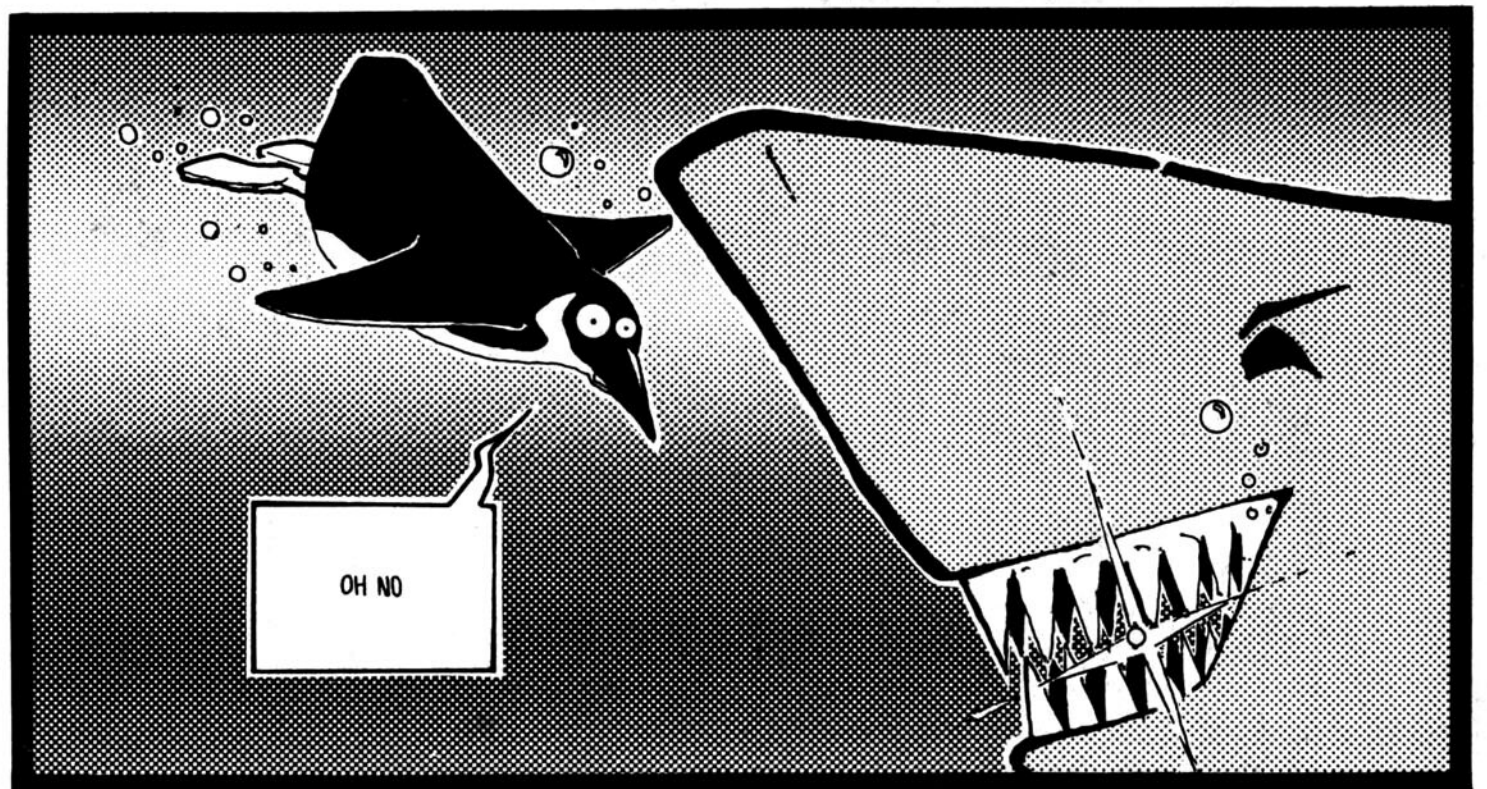
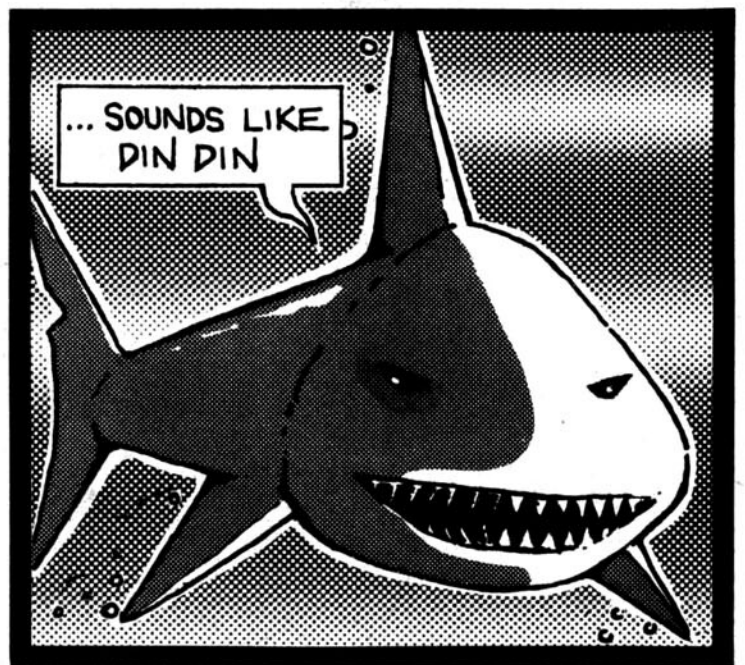
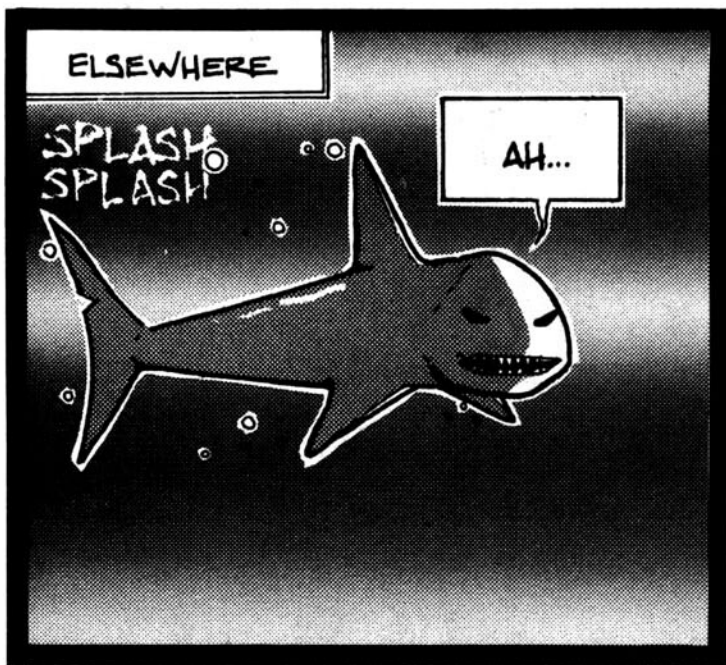
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A SORT OF FROZEN  
FRENZY THAT PERMEATES  
THE PENGUINS LIFE.

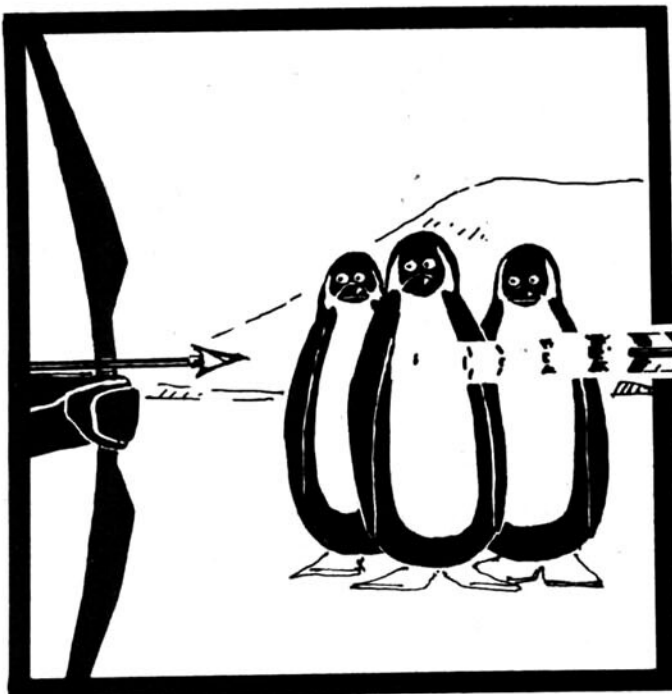
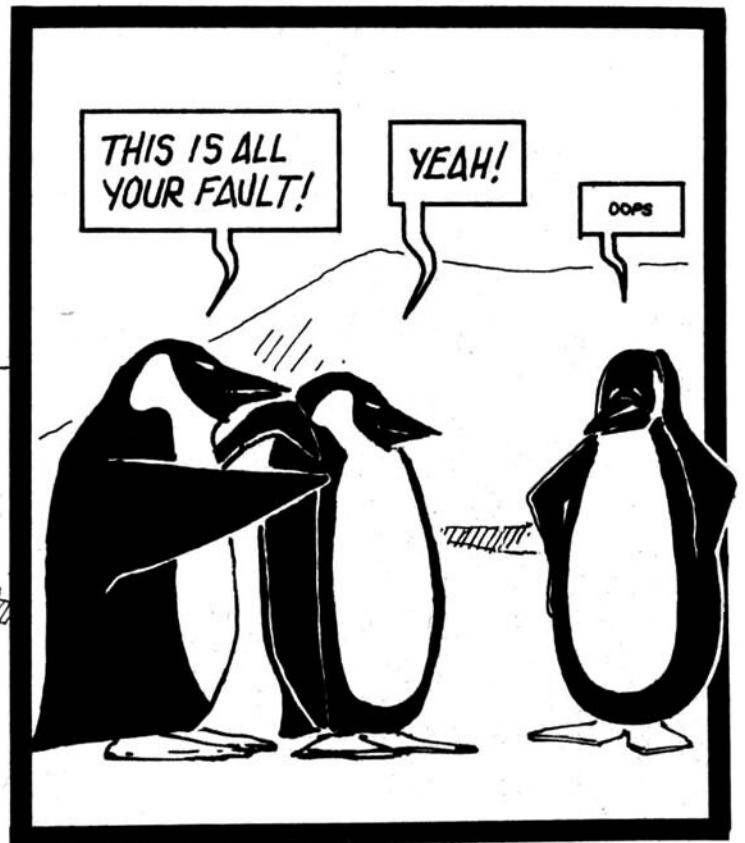
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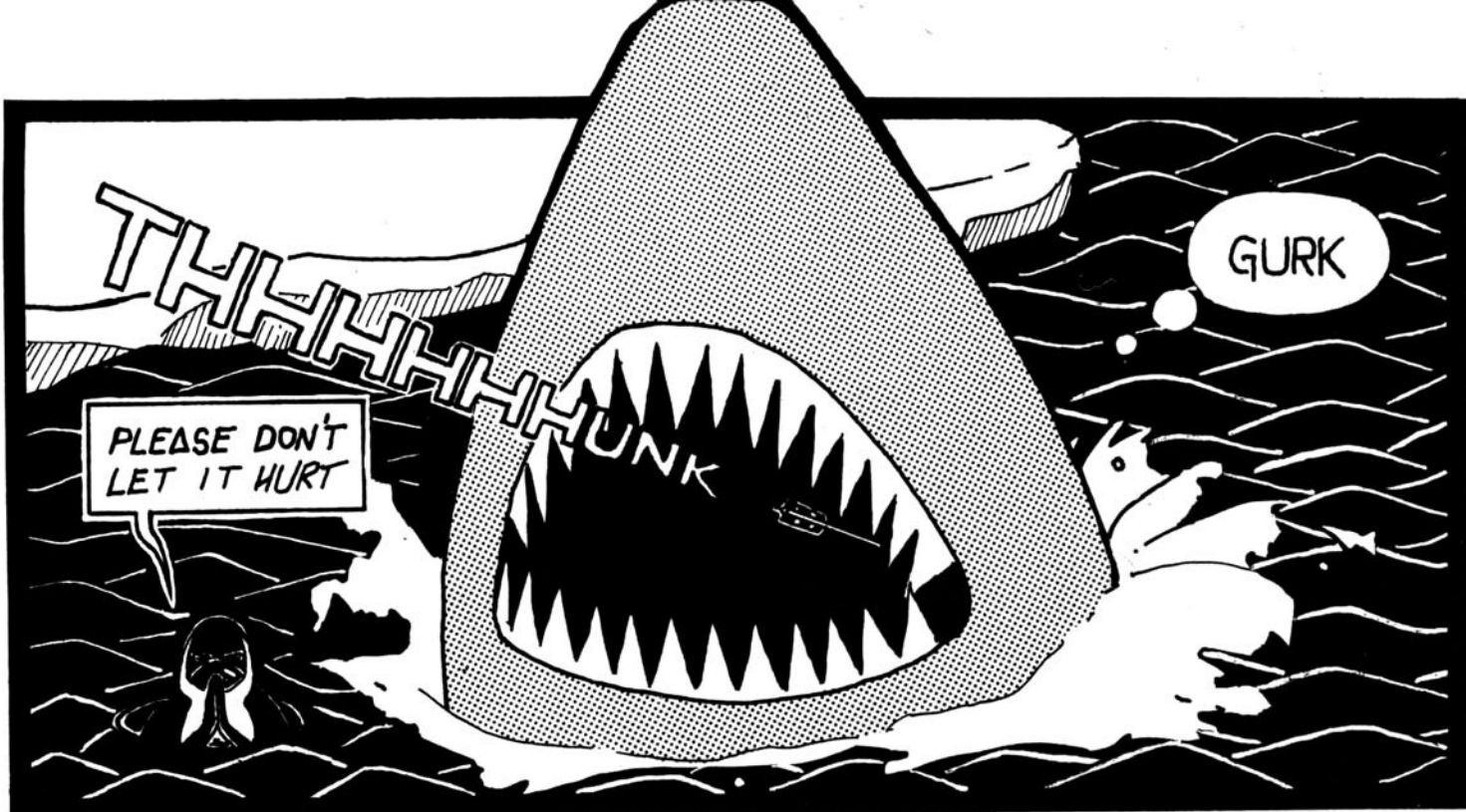
AND THE SAMURAI  
PENGUIN WATCHES OVER  
ALL.



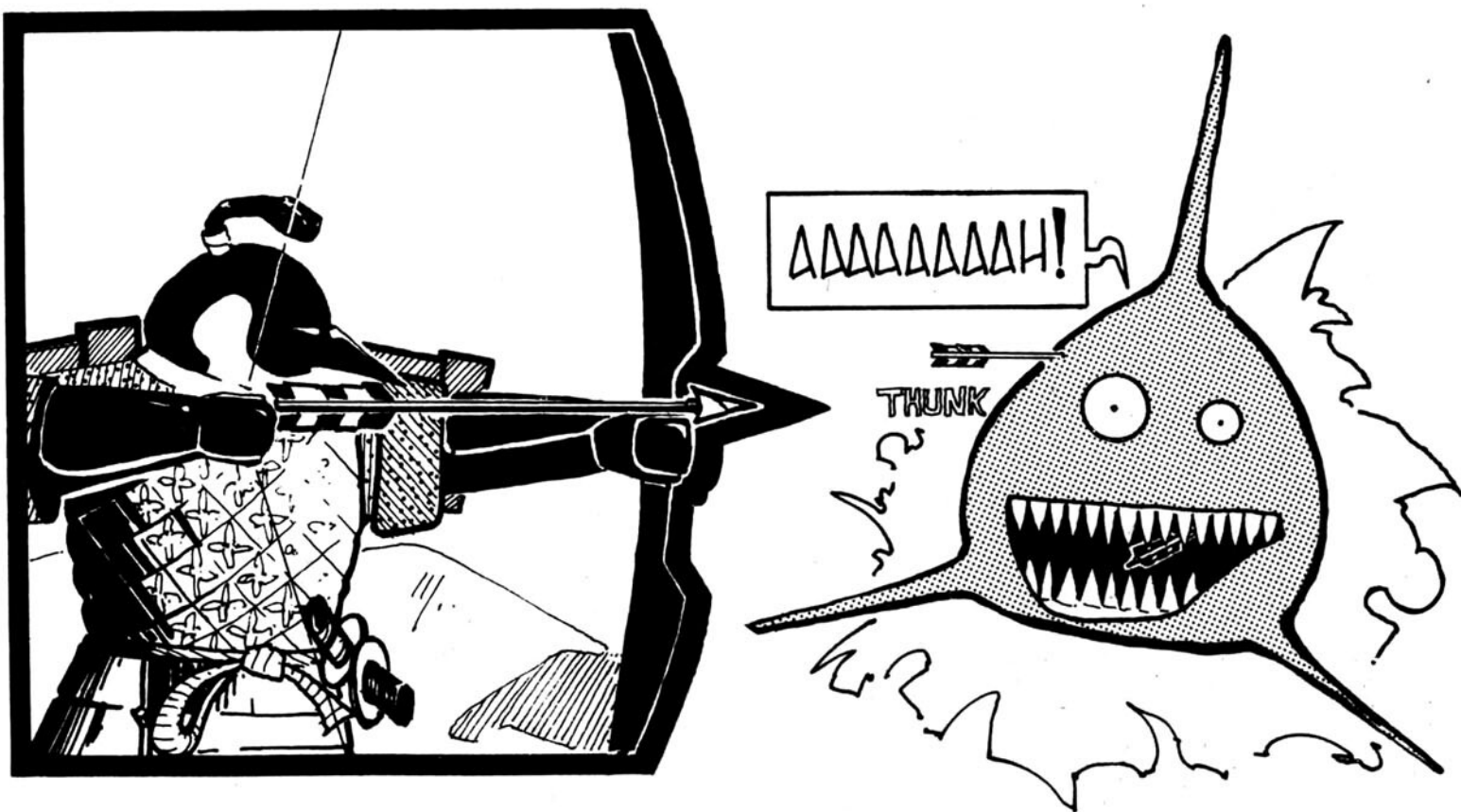




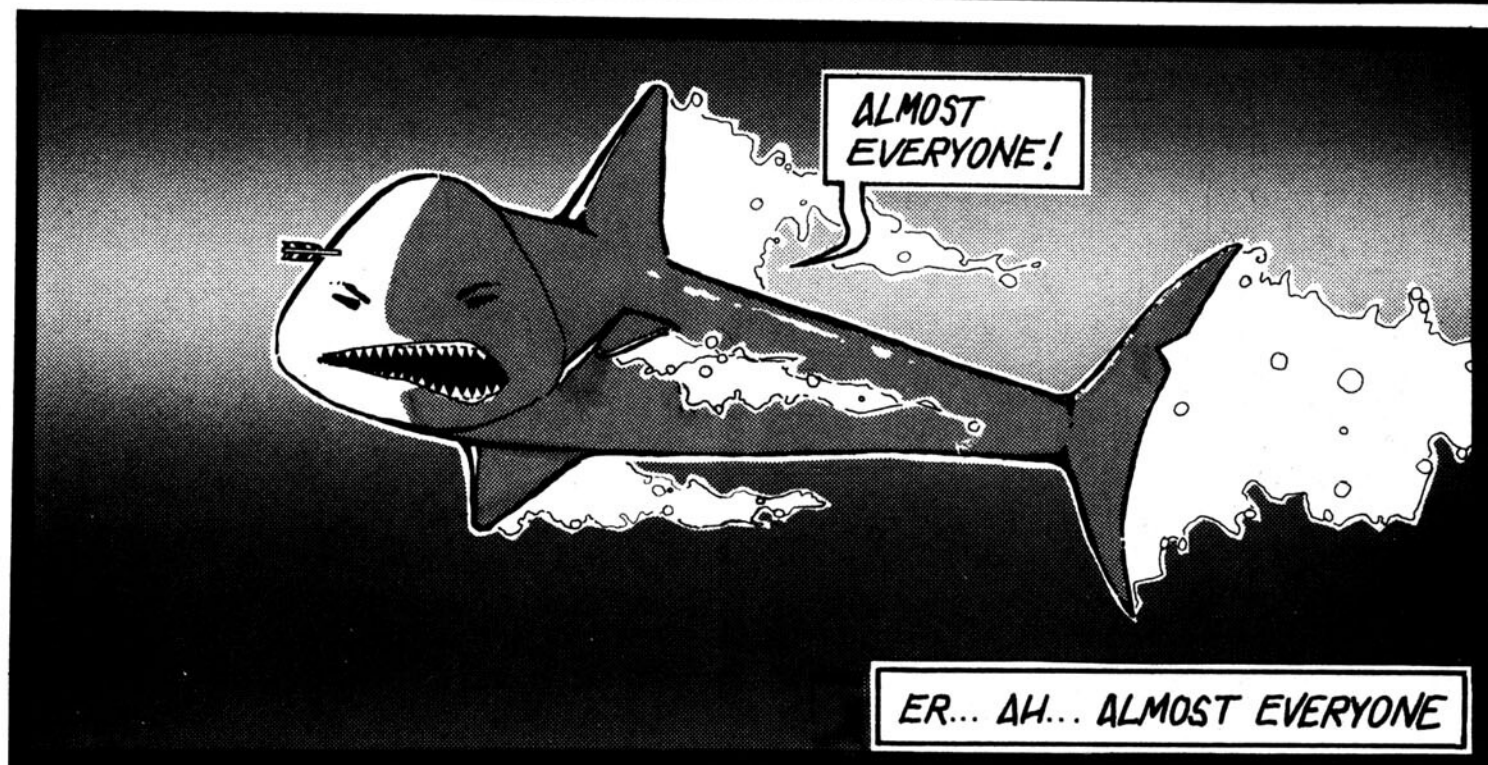
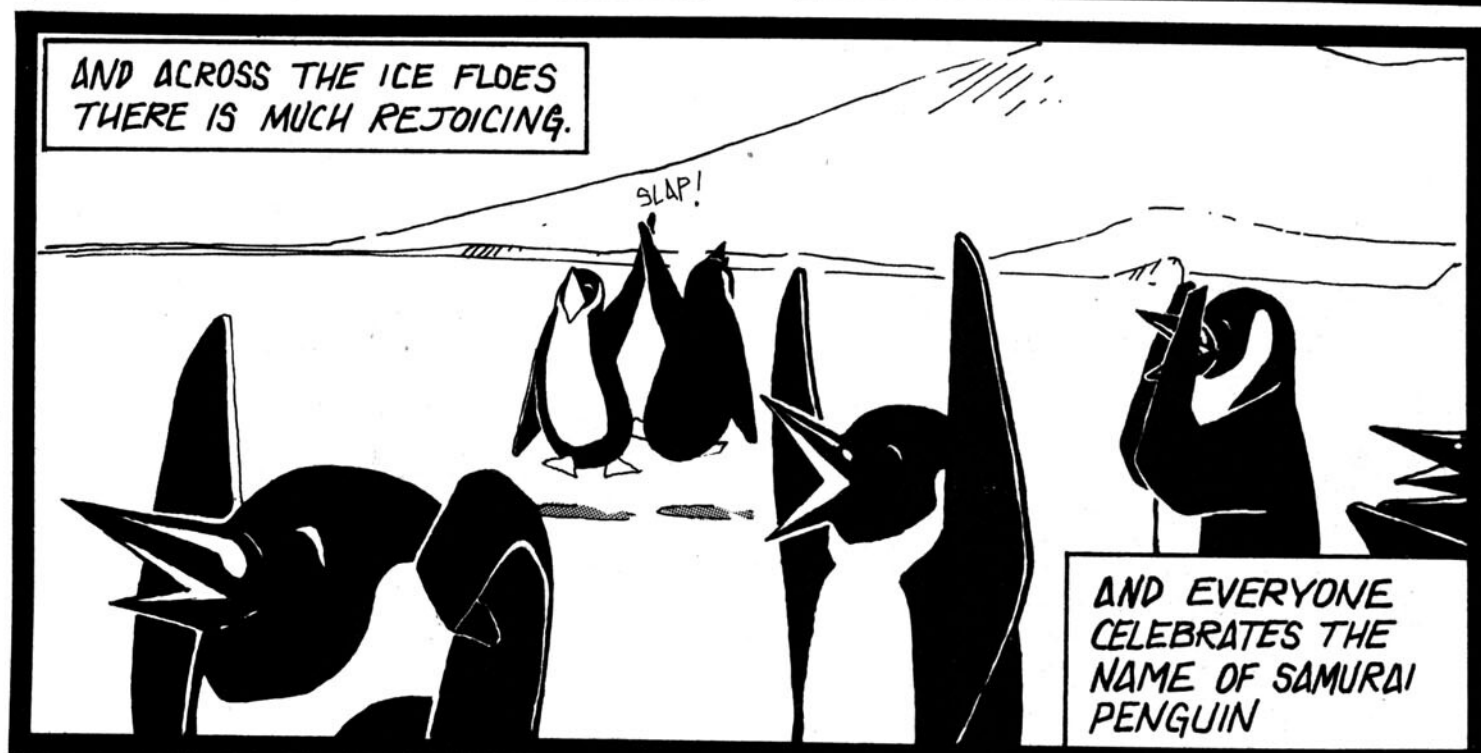
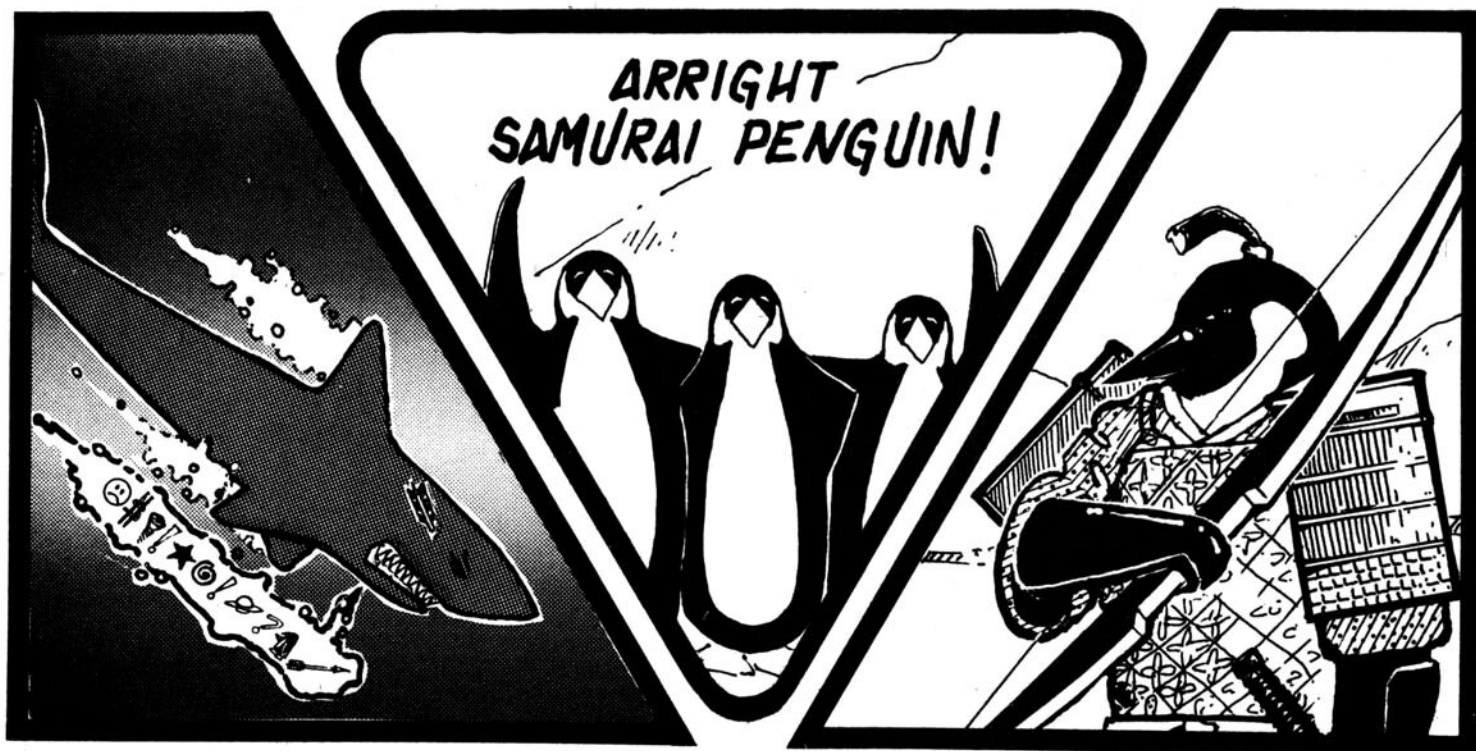




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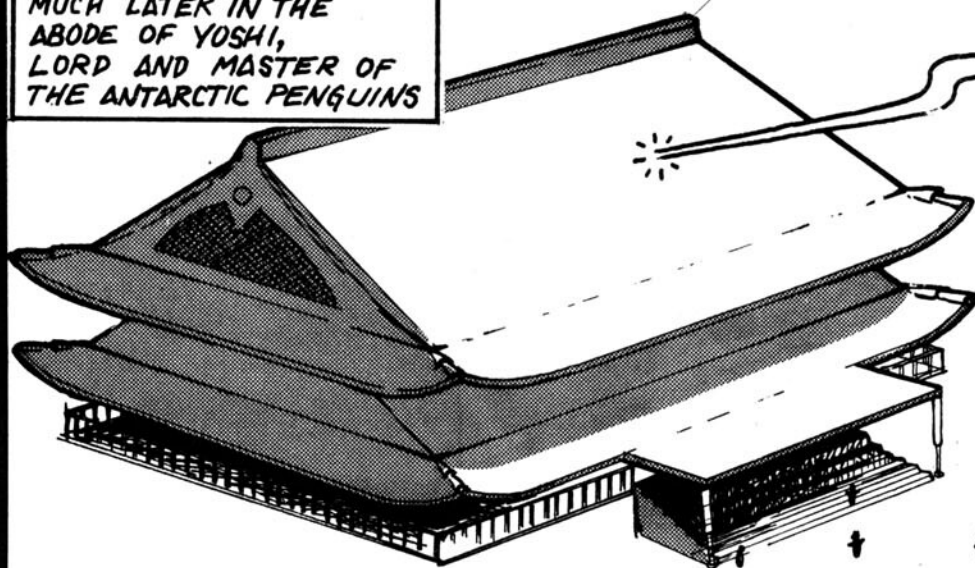






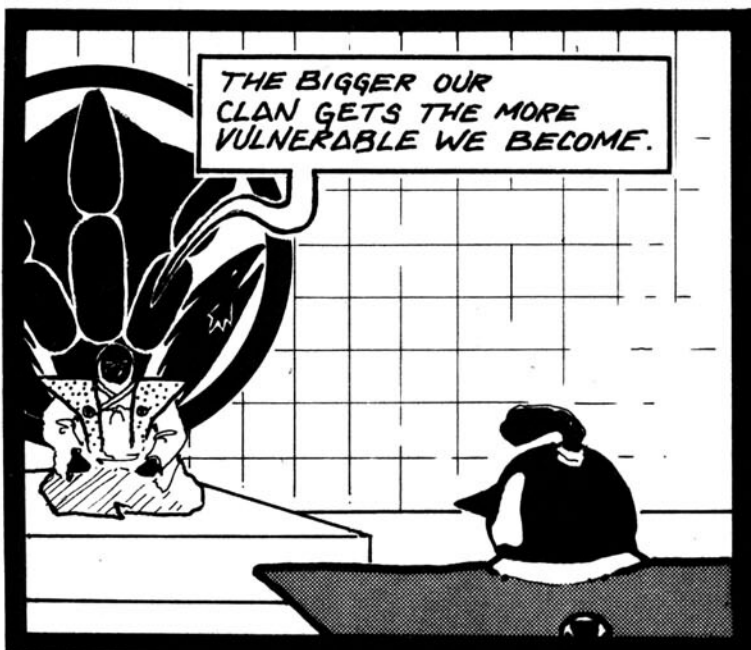
MUCH LATER IN THE  
ABODE OF YOSHI,  
LORD AND MASTER OF  
THE ANTARCTIC PENGUINS

SO, ANOTHER OF OUR  
BRETHEREN NARROWLY  
ESCAPED DEATH TODAY.



THE BIGGER OUR  
CLAN GETS THE MORE  
VULNERABLE WE BECOME.

IF WE AREN'T CAREFUL  
WE WILL BECOME NOTHING  
MORE THAN A CATTLE FARM  
FOR OUR PREDATORS

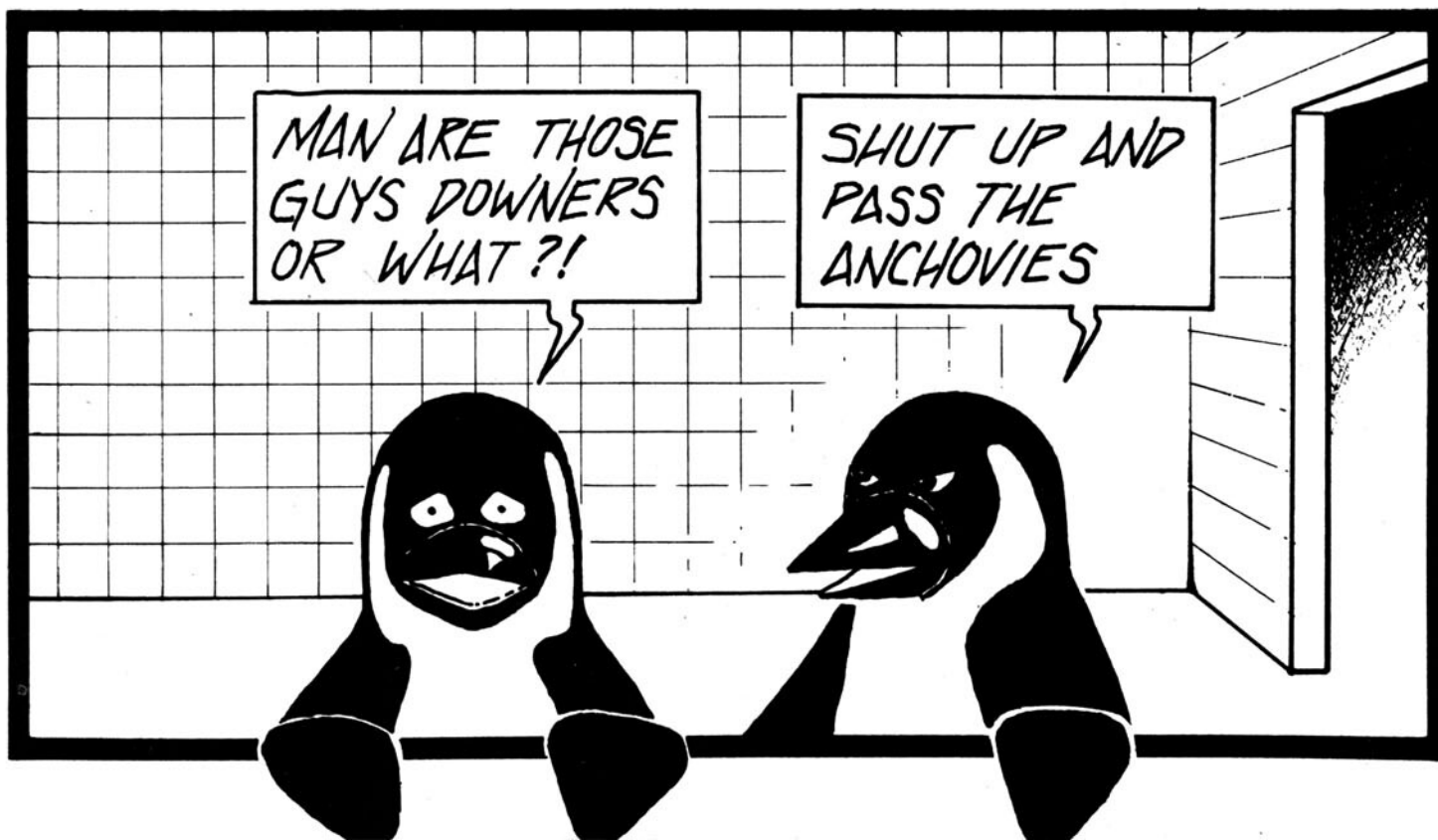


IN THE MEANTIME  
HOWEVER, WE STILL  
HAVE YOU TO WATCH  
OVER US

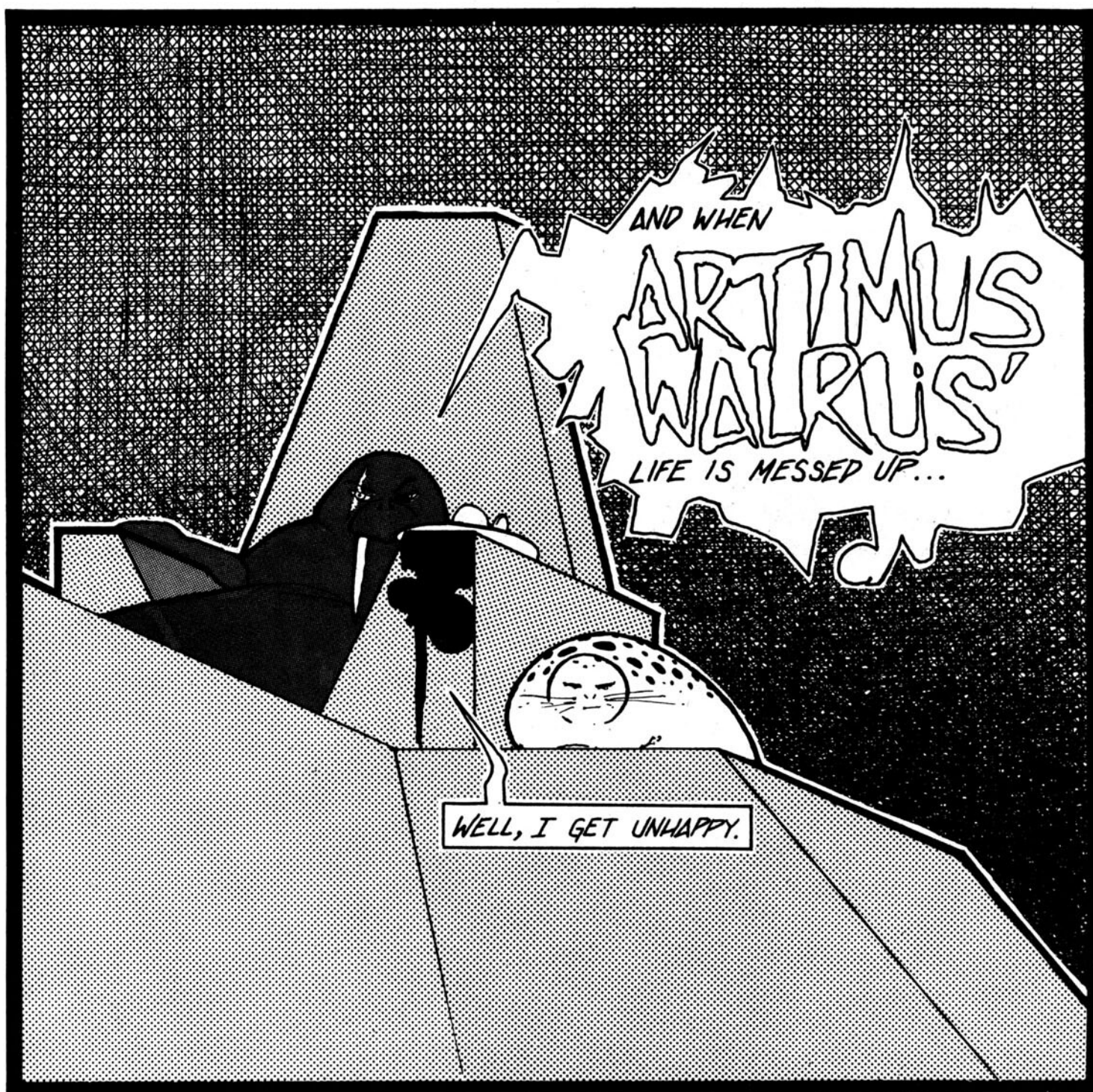
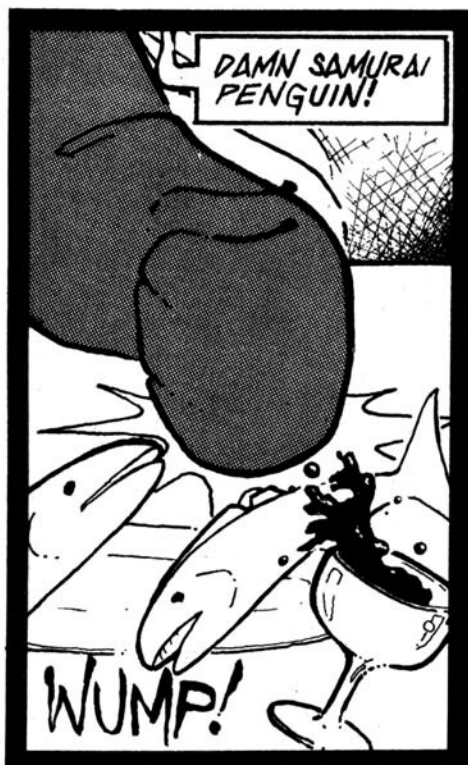
BUT ONE DAY  
EVEN YOU WON'T  
BE ABLE TO  
PROTECT US ALL

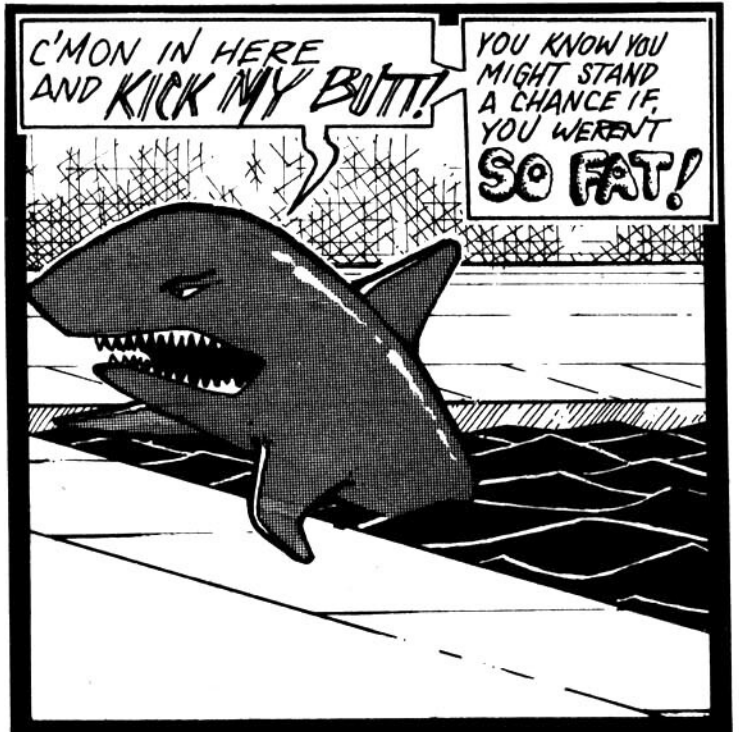
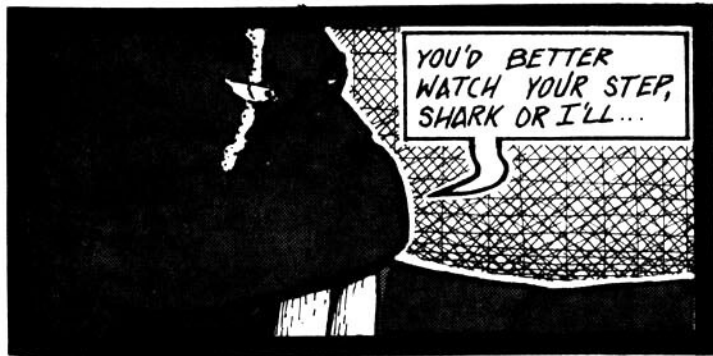
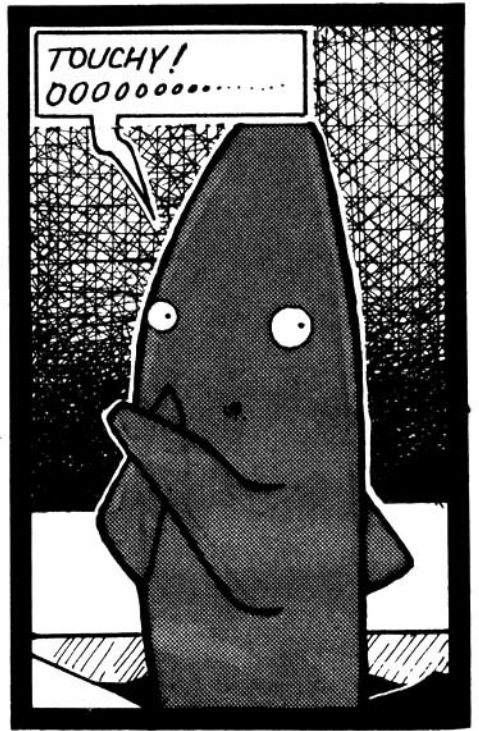
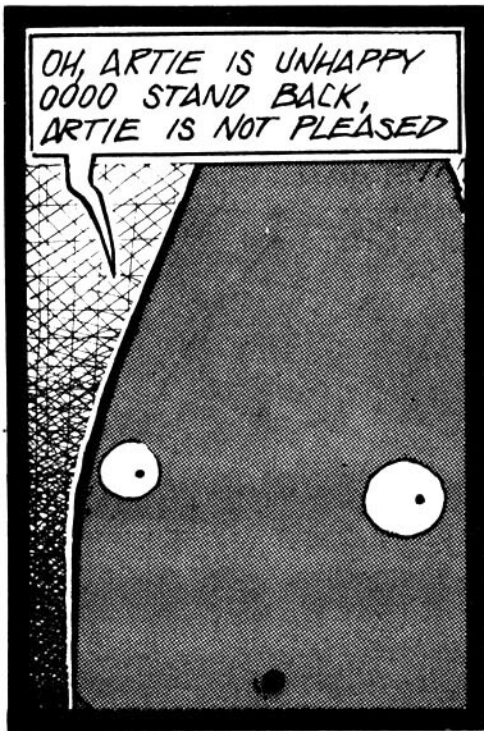
AND I'M SURE I DON'T  
WANT TO BE AROUND HERE  
WHEN THAT DAY COMES



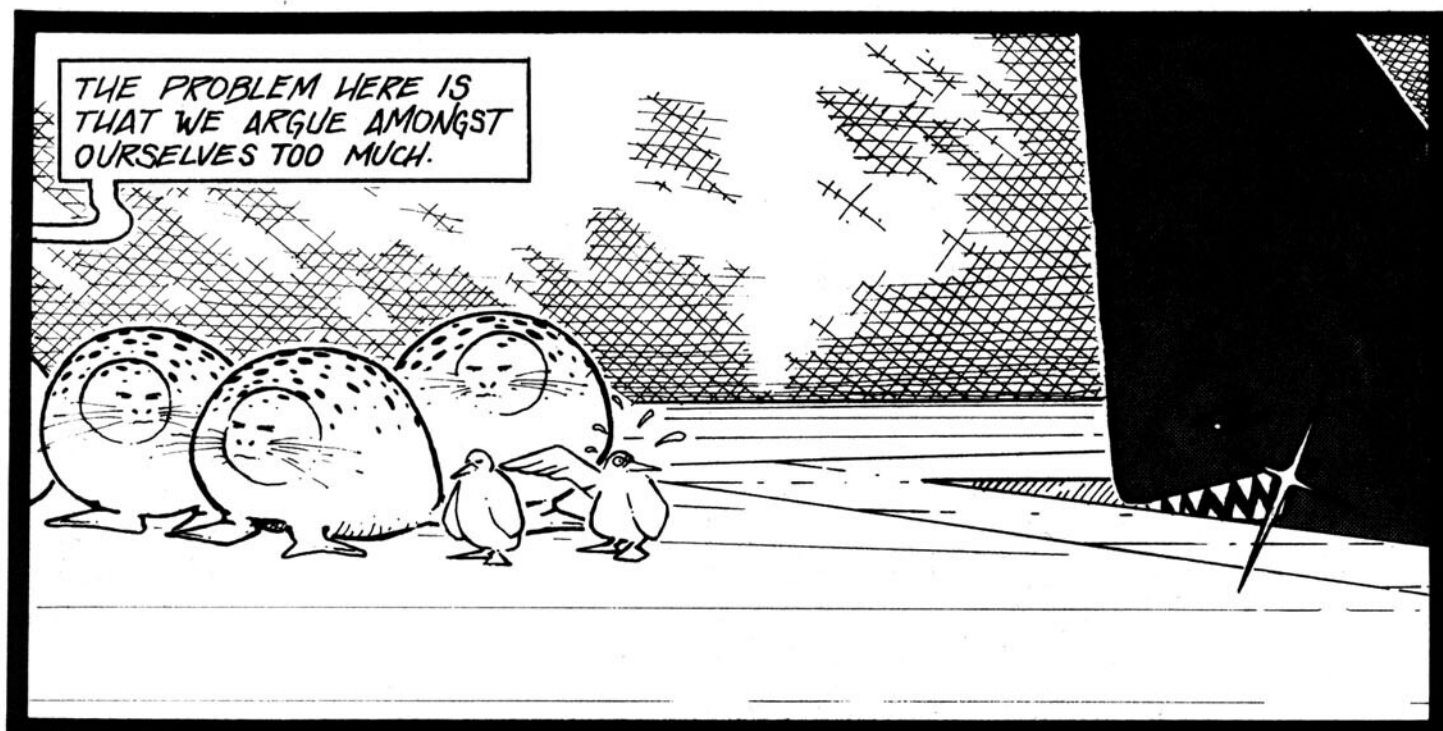




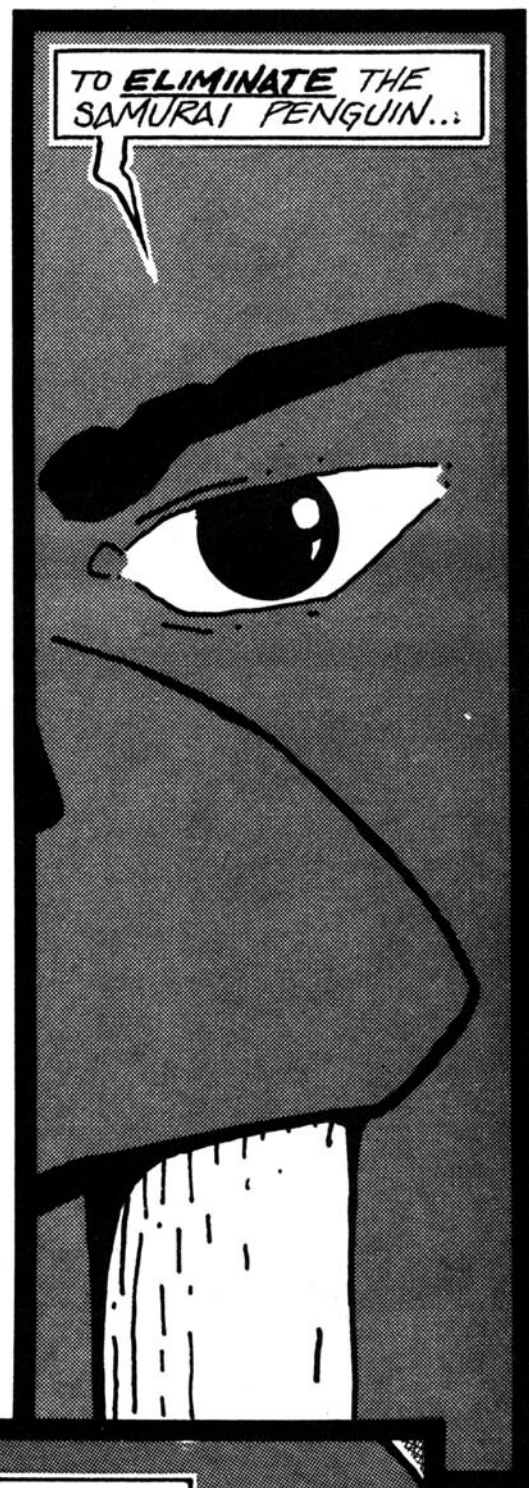
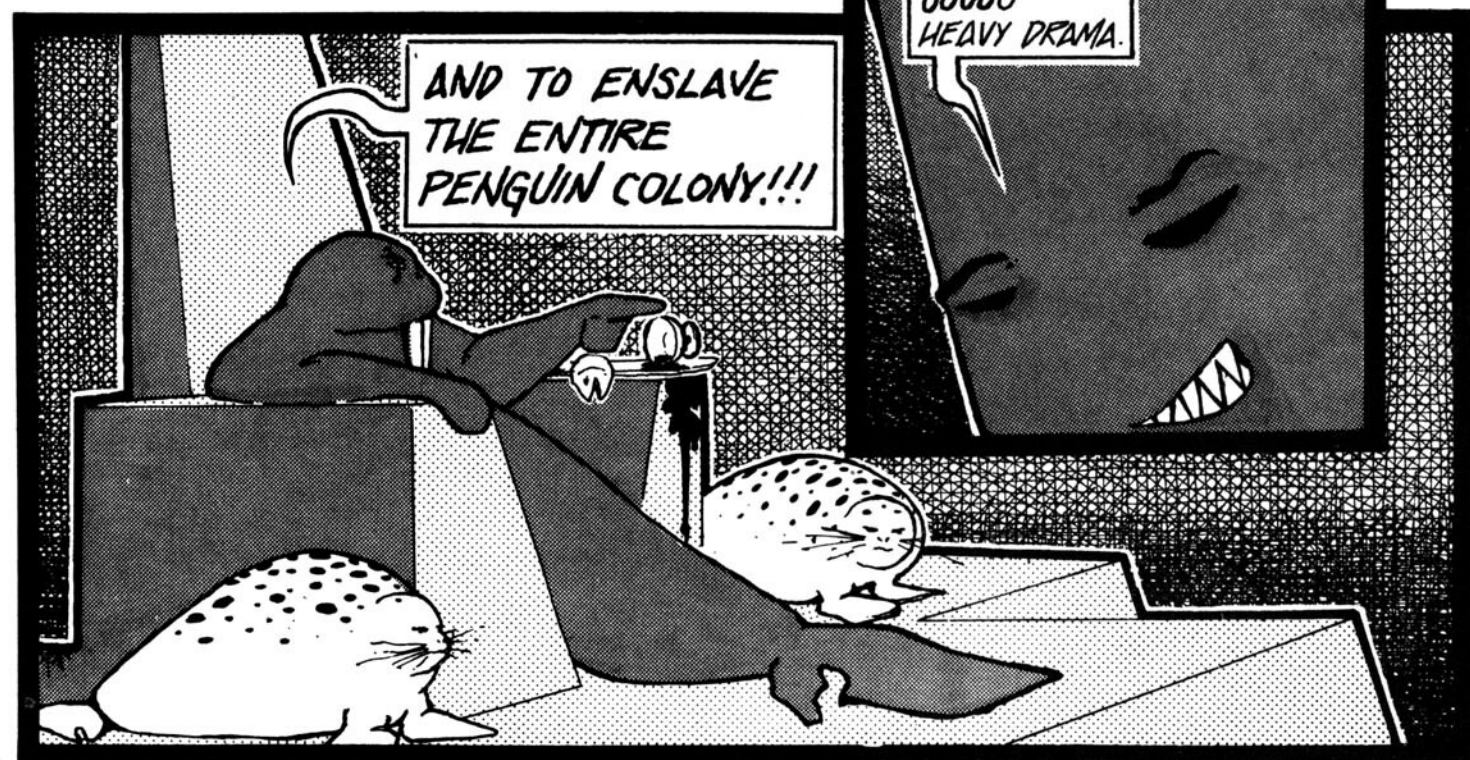
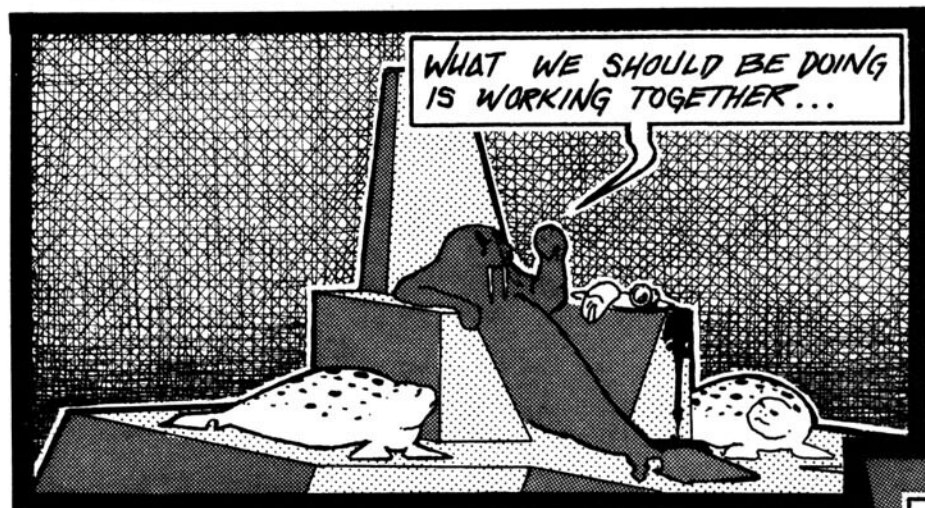
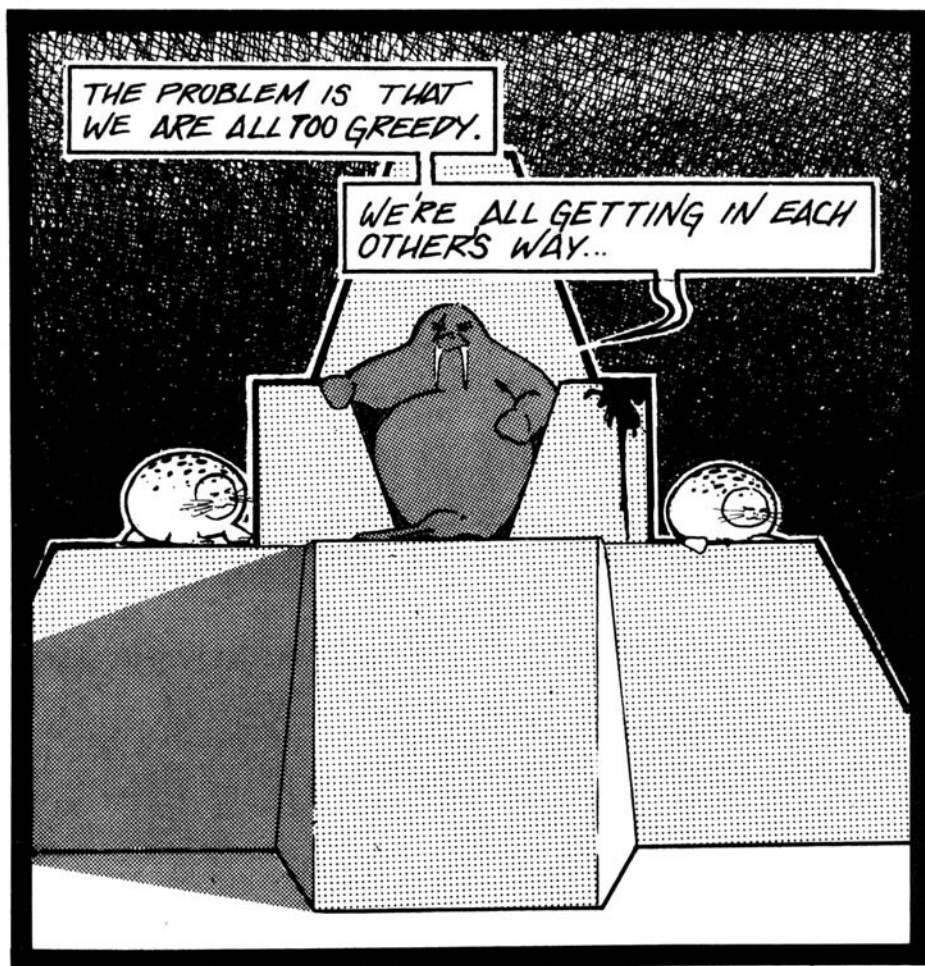








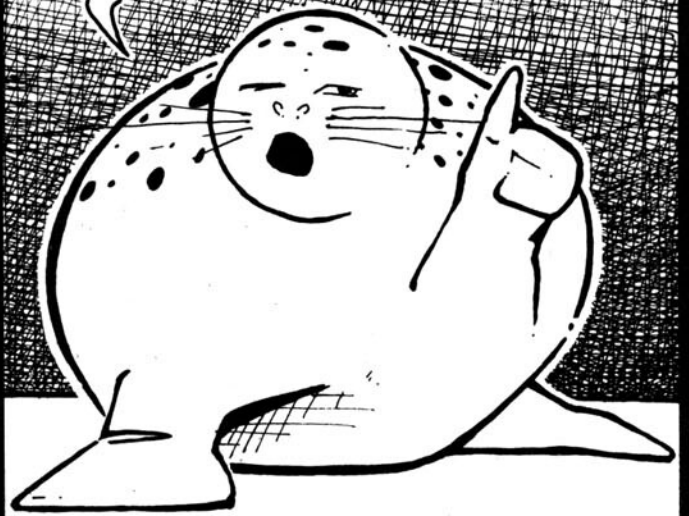




I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT  
THE BIG DEAL IS, ARTIE



I MEAN PENGUINS MAY BE  
SWEET MEAT AND ALL

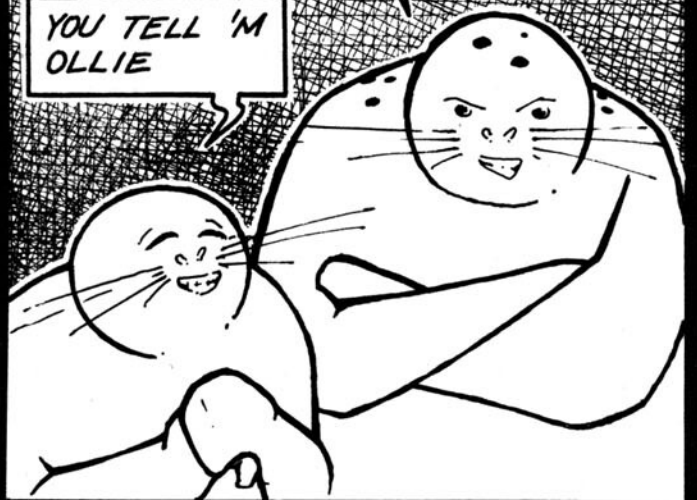


BUT THAT DAMN SAMURAI  
PENGUIN MAKES THEM MORE  
TROUBLE THAN THEY'RE WORTH

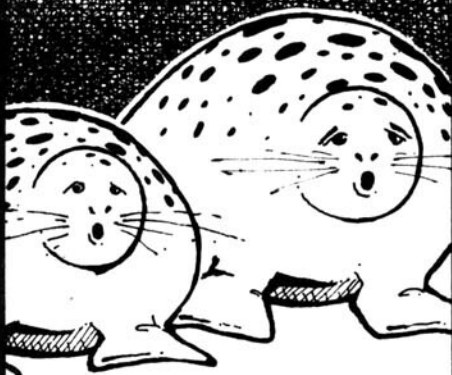


STAN AND I WOULD JUST  
AS SOON FEED ON FISH.

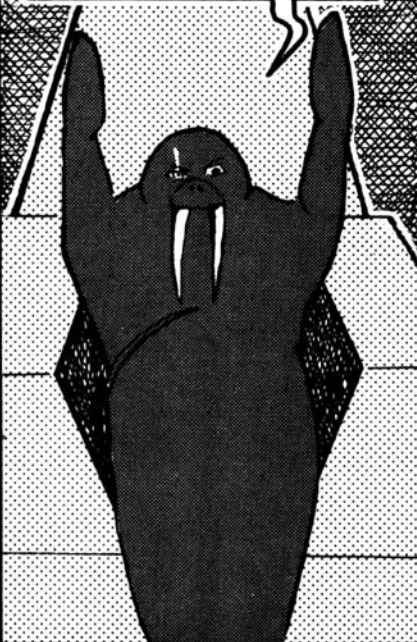
YOU TELL 'M  
OLLIE



ARE YOU TWO  
STUPID



OR IGNORANT

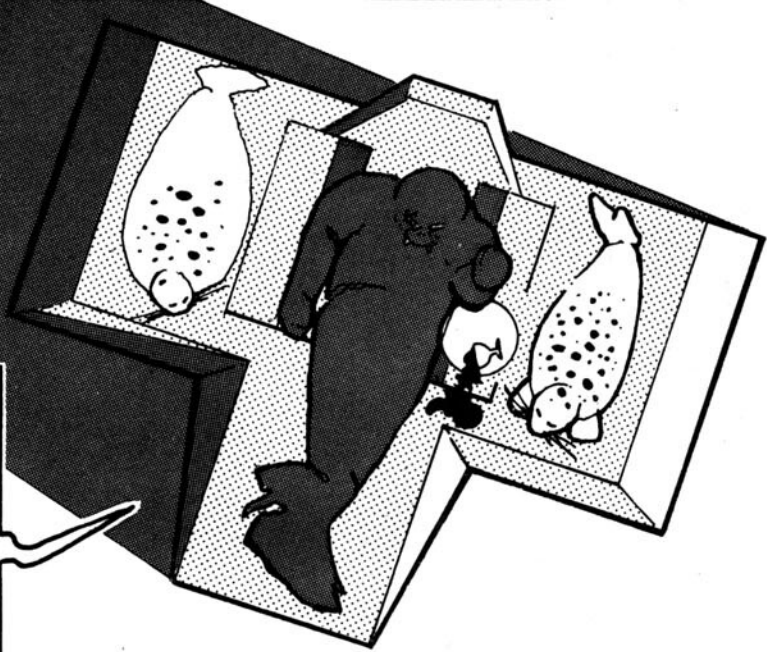


OR BOTH ?!!

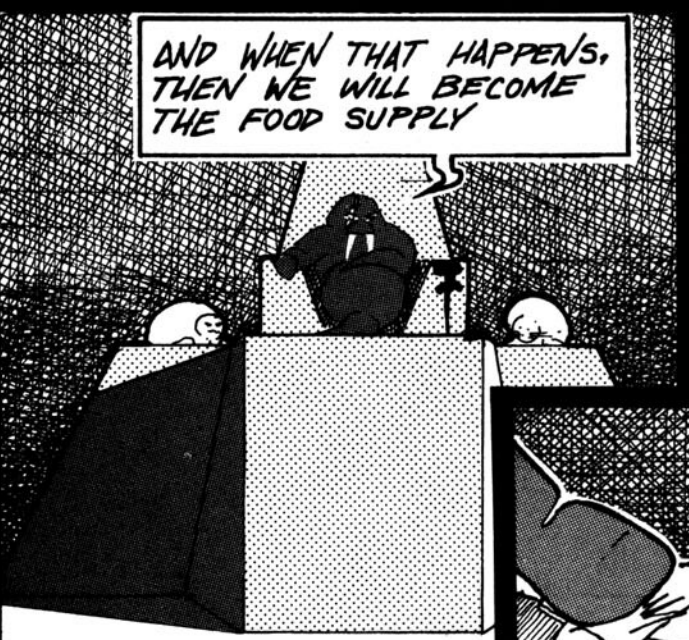


SHEESH  
WHAT A GROUCH





IF THE PENGUIN COLONY IS ALLOWED TO GROW THEN THEY WILL EVENTUALLY DRY UP THE OTHER AVAILABLE FOOD SUPPLY



AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THEN WE WILL BECOME THE FOOD SUPPLY



THEN ALL THOSE PATHETIC PENGUINS WILL DOMINATE THE ICE CAP!!!



I THOUGHT THEY ALREADY DID



KER-  
WHAPPA!



FORTUNEATLY FOR US I HAVE A PLAN.



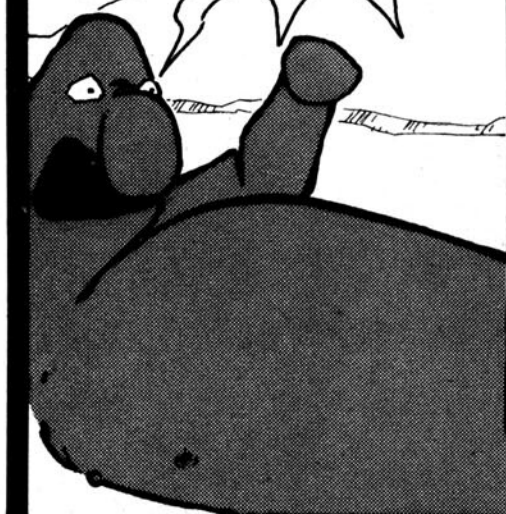
MEANWHILE BACK AT THE  
POLAR CAP



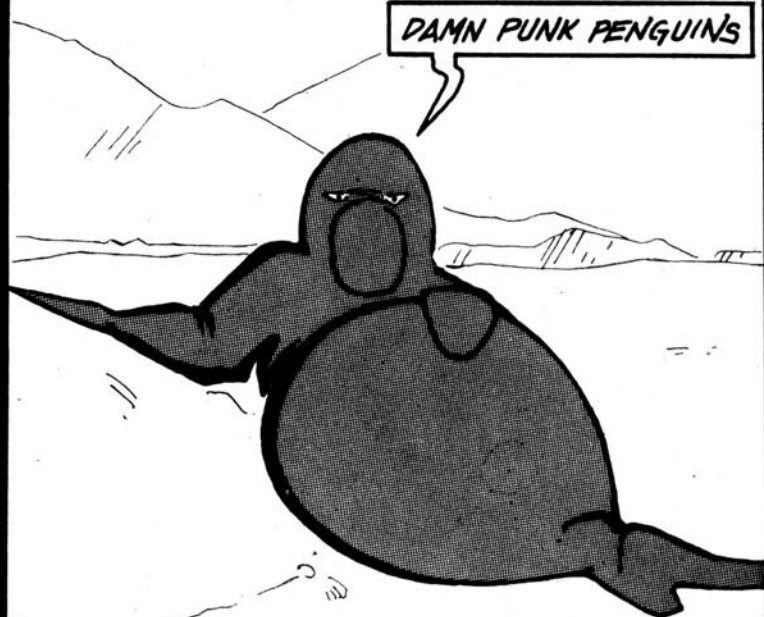
POKE  
POKE  
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POKE



HEY!  
WHAT'S DA  
BIG IDEA!?!

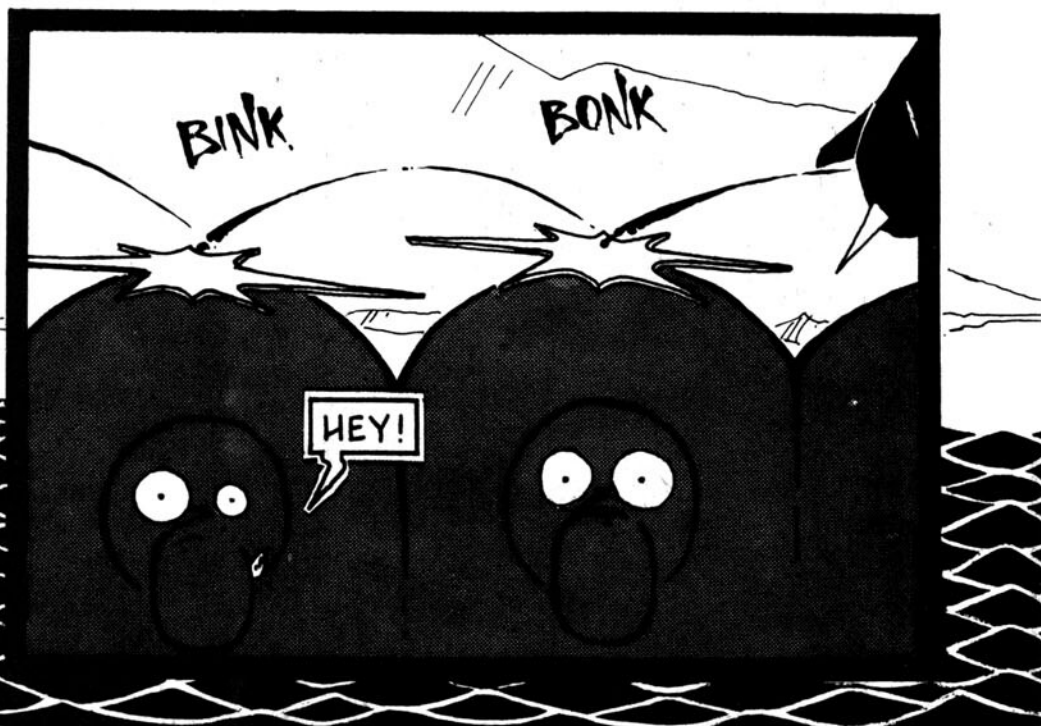
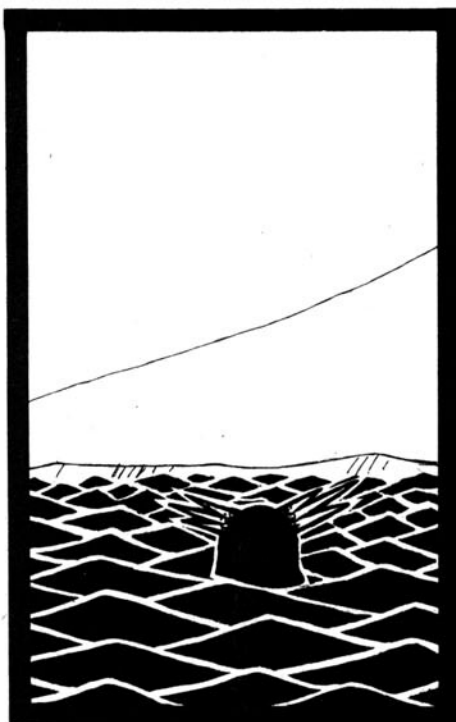
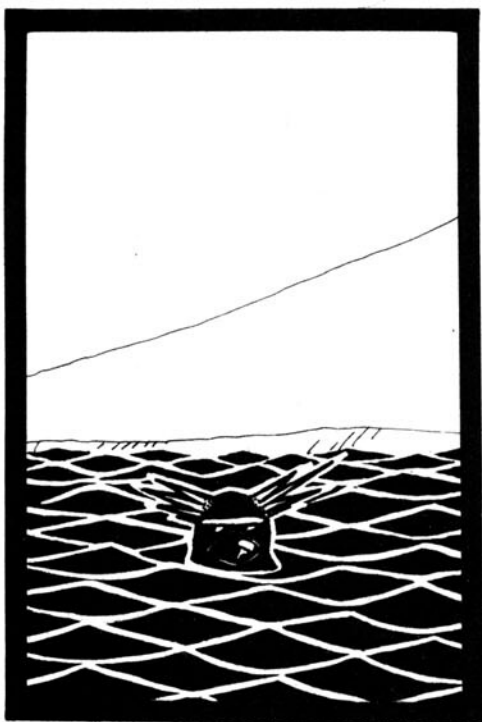


DAMN PUNK PENGUINS



HEEE  
HEE HA  
HAW  
HAW  
HO HO  
HA  
HA







THE SKUA IS THE MOST LOATHSOME  
OF ALL THE PENGUIN'S PREDATORS



THEY ATTACK THE SICK AND THE WEAK...



THE VERY OLD, THE VERY YOUNG  
AND EVEN THOSE UNBORN.



IT IS SAID THAT THE SKUA  
IS A VITAL PART IN THE  
MACHINERY THAT IS NATURE



BUT TELL THAT TO A  
PENGUIN'S MOTHER



TELL THAT TO THE SAMURAI PENGUIN

SWOOSH!



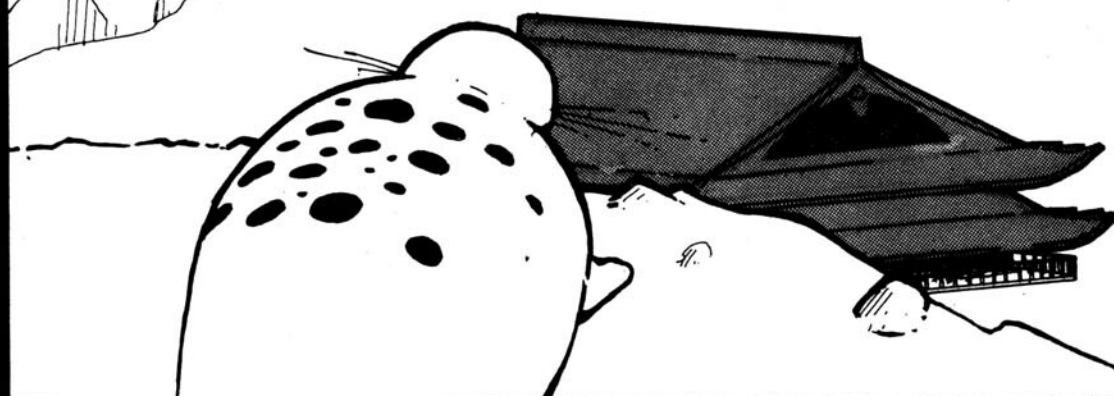
THE SKUA ARE A CUNNING  
PREDATOR

TWO OR THREE BIRDS WILL  
CAUSE A DIVERSION, DRAWING THE  
PENGUIN'S ATTENTION FROM THE  
REAL TARGET

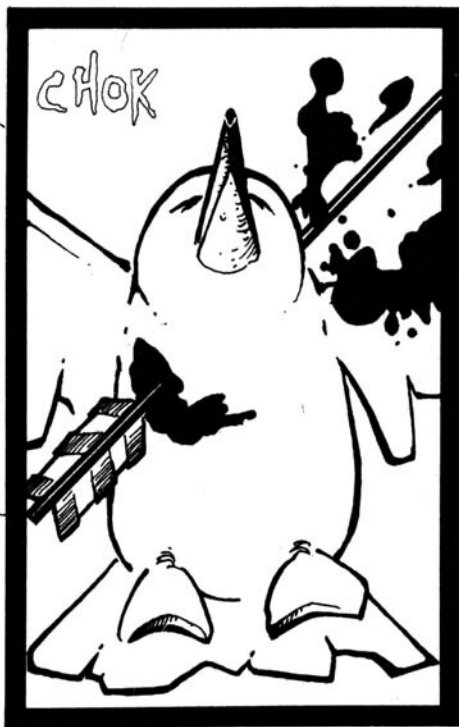


IN MOST CASES THE REAL  
TARGETS ARE EGGS

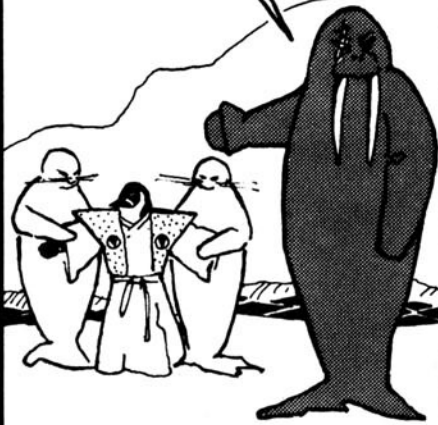
THIS TIME ITS FOR A MUCH BIGGER CATCH







LOOKIE WHAT  
WE GOT HERE



AND I THOUGHT  
I WAS GOING TO GO  
TO BED HUNGRY.



WHAT'S THE MATTER  
SAMURAI? YOU LOOK  
ANGRY.



TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO.  
WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT HERE  
AND WE'LL DISCUSS YOUR FAL'S  
IMMEDIATE FUTURE.



SHADDUP YA  
OLD FART

NO DON'T  
MNPH...



WELL, I'M WAITING



SPLASH





A large, dark, oval-shaped shark with a menacing expression, featuring sharp teeth and a wide, jagged grin. A speech bubble from the shark's mouth contains the text "SAMMY BABY!". On the shark's back, a penguin is perched, holding a large, curved knife. The penguin is wearing a patterned shirt and has its wings spread. The background is dark and textured.

SAMMY  
BABY!

NEXT ISSUE:

PENGUIN MC NUGGETS OR FILET-O-FISH?

# POLAR POST

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## True Penguin Facts

The penguins portrayed in *Samurai Penguin*™ are Emperor Penguins. The Emperor is the largest species of penguin, belonging to the genus *Aptenodytes* ("Featherless Diver"). They measure on the average of 4 feet from tail to beak and can weigh as much as 90 pounds.

The Emperor is the only Antarctic bird that breeds in winter. Confined to the Antarctic shelf during its breeding cycle, the Emperor lays its single egg in the dead of winter. Since there isn't much other than ice and snow at this time of year, the Emperor doesn't build nests. Instead, they incubate their eggs on the tops of their fleshy feet. Because of this bizarre breeding cycle, winter is the Emperor's biggest predator. Unstable ice conditions can keep parents from feeding their chicks. There are even years when whole generations do not survive. This may happen when the sea ice breaks loose from the ice shelf promontory, and the young are carried to their doom.



Among the other Emperor predators is a large bird known as the Giant Fulmar. This bird, sporting a seven foot wing span, may kill many penguin chicks and some adults. As much as one-third of the Emperors' deaths are due to the Giant Fulmar.

Killer Whales, sharks, and Leopard Seals also prey on Emperor Penguins. But, the Emperors' large size can discourage most of their predators.

The Emperor is the only bird that can live its entire life without ever touching land, living most of its life on the ice or in the water. It feeds mostly on fish, squid, and a tiny shrimp-like creature called krill.

At times throughout the run of *Samurai Penguin*™ I will pull out my artistic license. Settings will differ from what they are in nature; predators will do some unnatural things. Things will not always appear in the book as they do in nature. But, whenever I do stretch reality too much, I will try to point it out in the letters column.

That's it for now. Next issue we will run some letters, if there are any to print. If not, then stay tuned for another installment of True Penguin Facts.

Dan Vado

. . . a letter already!

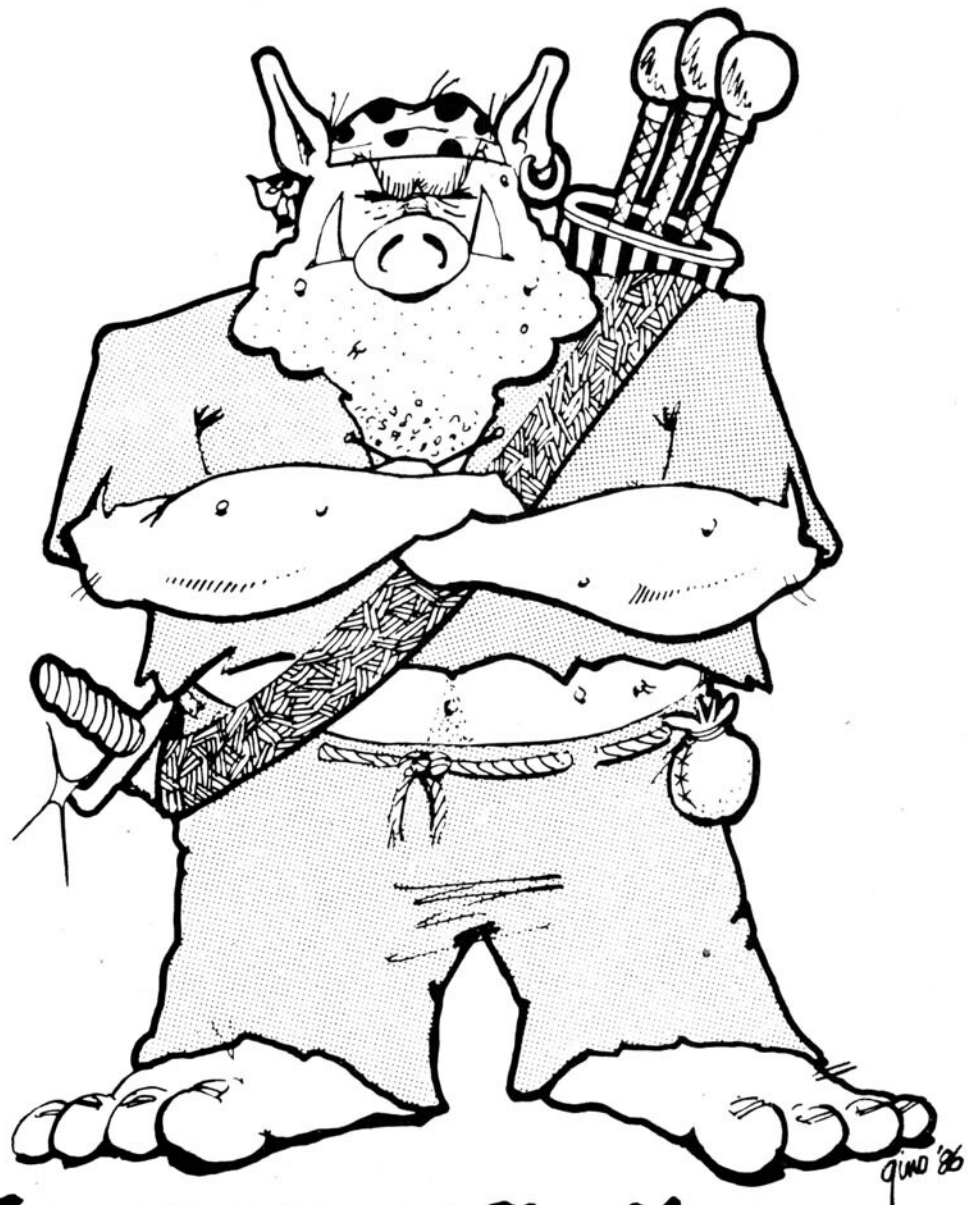
Dear Mark Buck and Dan Vado,

Thank you for changing my life and giving me an advance look at Slave Labor Graphics' latest masterpiece, *Samurai Penguin*. Penguins have never looked or acted so well in black and white. Keep up the best work in comics today.

Yours,  
Angus M. Robinson

**What you smell is *not*  
the scent of Death!**

***It's Barabbas!***



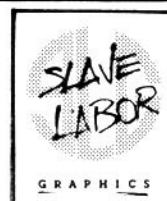
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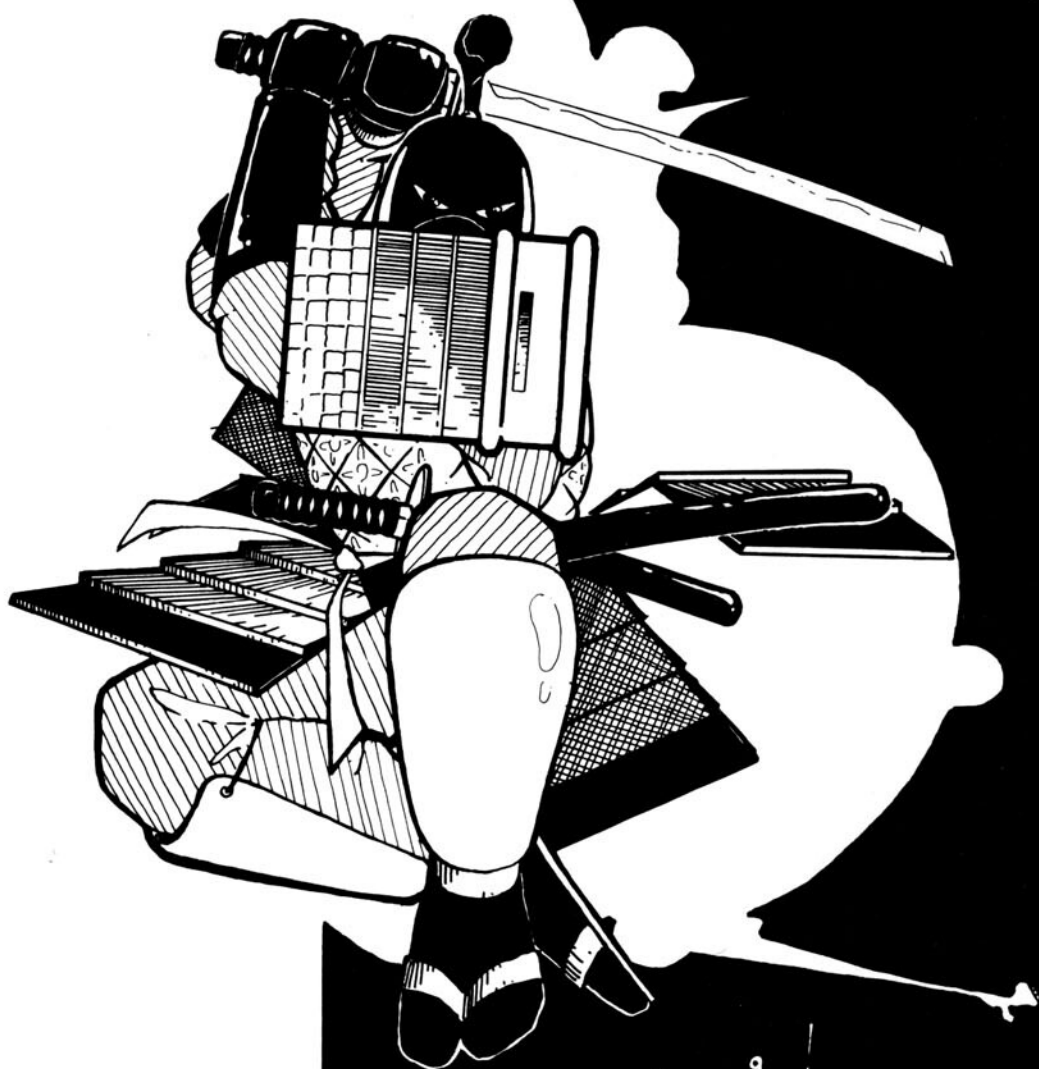


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