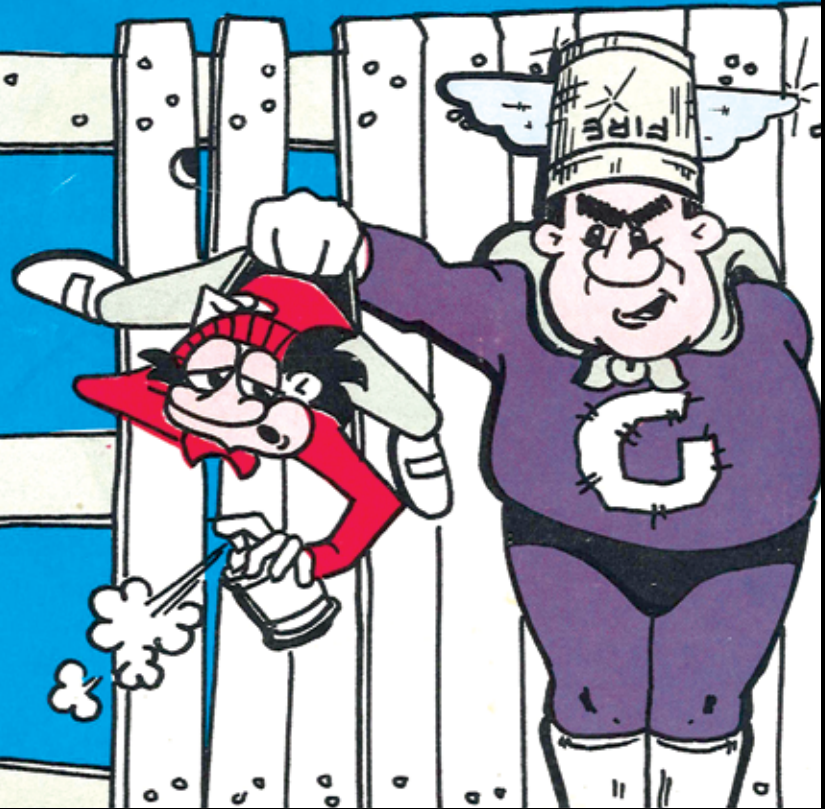


DOWN IN THE DUMPS

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WE WANT YOU TO GET “DOWN IN THE DUMPS”

Welcome to the world of eccentric trash collectors, hobo philosophers, wayward alligators and all the other creatures who live DOWN IN THE DUMPS it is the hope of the authors, that among the broken bottles, empty cans and discarded boxes in our dump you will find some sparkling gems that will brighten your day.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS



GARBAGEMAN

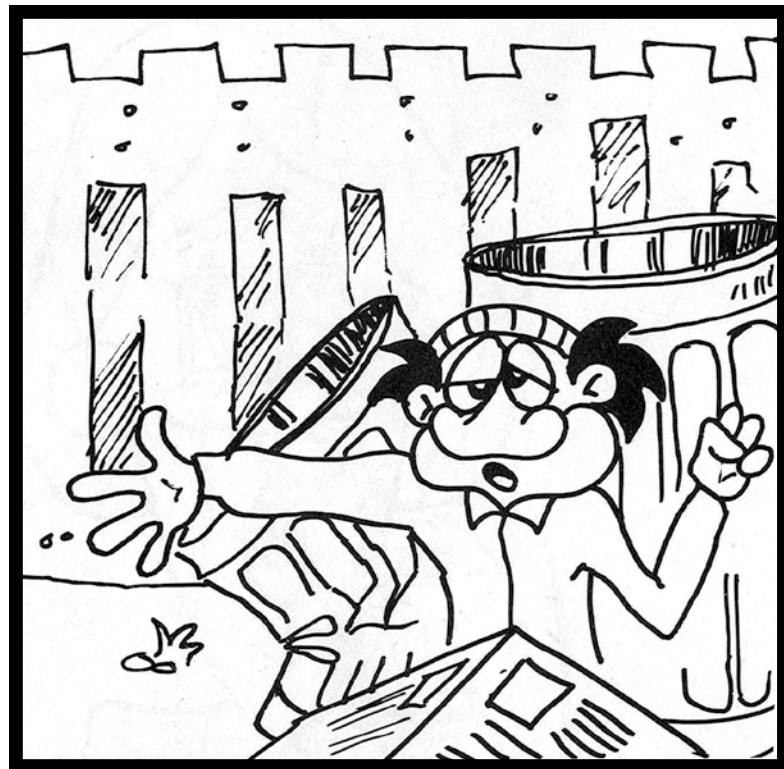
– A.K.A. Howard Schmirtz

In the evenings and on weekends he's simply family man, Howard Schmirtz. Come the dawn, however, he becomes that fearless grime fighter, that champion of cleanliness and good hygiene – GARBAGEMAN! Howard's main problem is that he takes his job as a city sanitation engineer just a bit too seriously. Most trash collectors consider themselves just doing a job. For Howard it is a daily struggle for truth, justice and the American way. Like any true super hero, Howard wears a costume and fiercely protects his "secret identity."

ROBIN

Howard's part-time helper is a college student named Robin. Garbage man, of course, was opposed to the idea of anyone riding with him on his rounds. Then he found out it was going to be somebody named Robin. Robin good-naturedly wears the special uniform Garbage man designed for him and plays the role of "faithful side-kick" with a mixture of resignation and occasional unconscious enthusiasm.





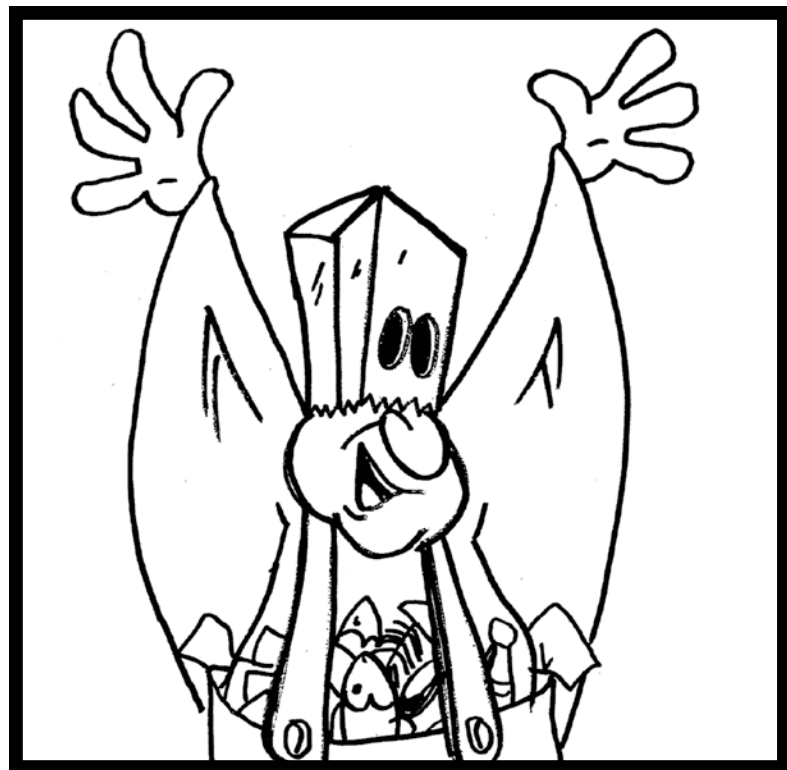
SKID

Skid is a full-time tramp and part-time philosopher. Skid strongly believes in the work ethic, sobriety and a moral lifestyle – providing it doesn't apply to him. There are times, however, when he finds himself motivated to take a day's work in order to afford a bottle of cheap wine. "Some people wish for things, others make them happen," he says.

BUTTERCUP

A would-be vicious trash yard dog who hasn't a mean bone in his body. Everyone is aware of this, everyone but Buttercup. Lacking the courage to be what he wants to be, Buttercup spends much of his time thinking about what might have been and what he should have done.



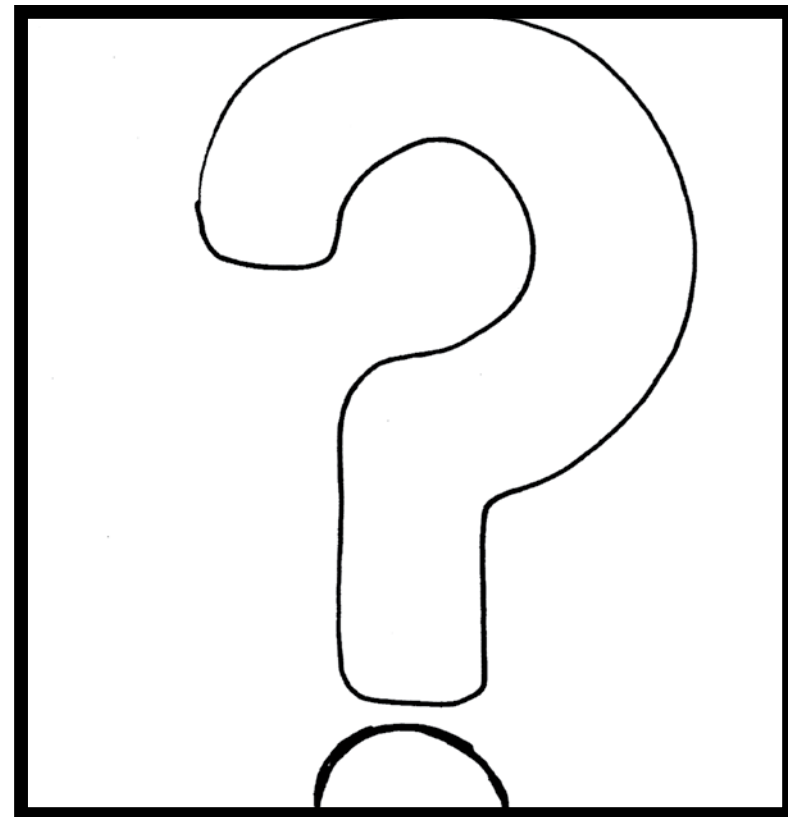


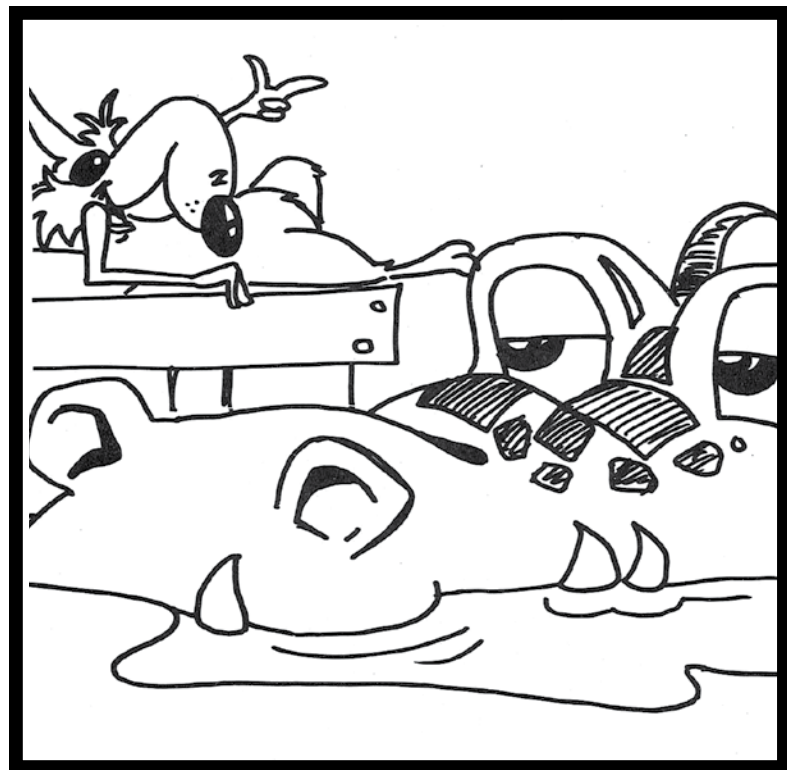
THE SCARLET SLOB

A gross, disgusting, compulsive litterbug who is Garbagegeman's chief nemesis. Does he rally exist? Is he a figment of Garbagegeman's imagination? Or, could he be the third face of Howard Schmirtz?

THE THING IN THE DUMP

Every dump eventually breeds an unholy creature that nature never intended, right?



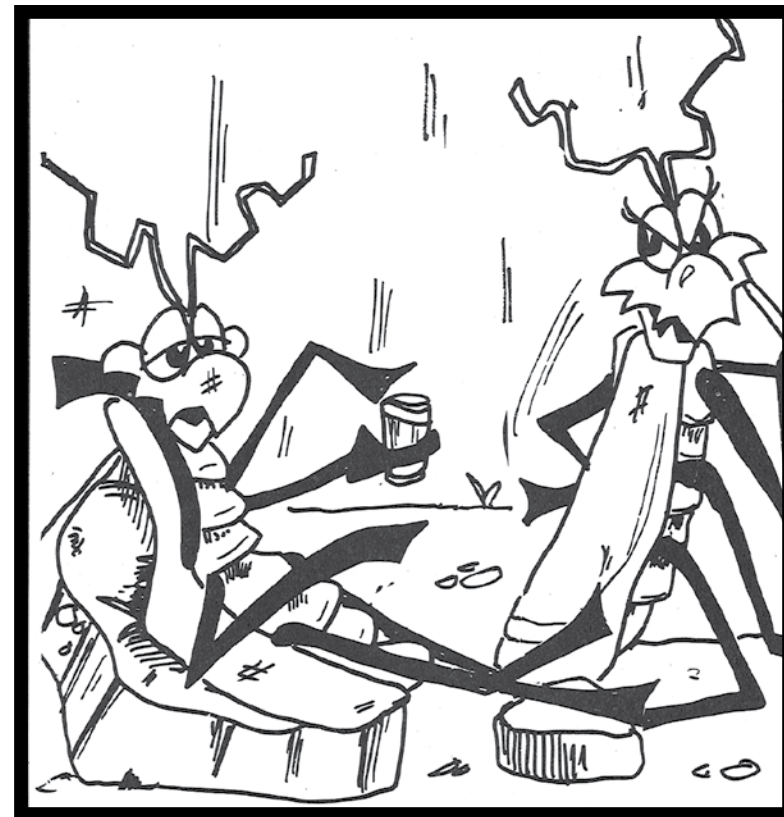


THE ALLIGATOR

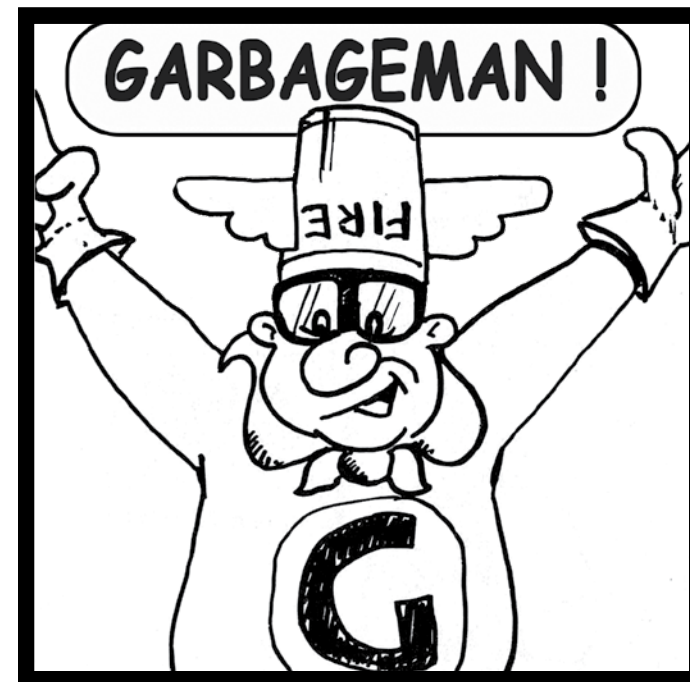
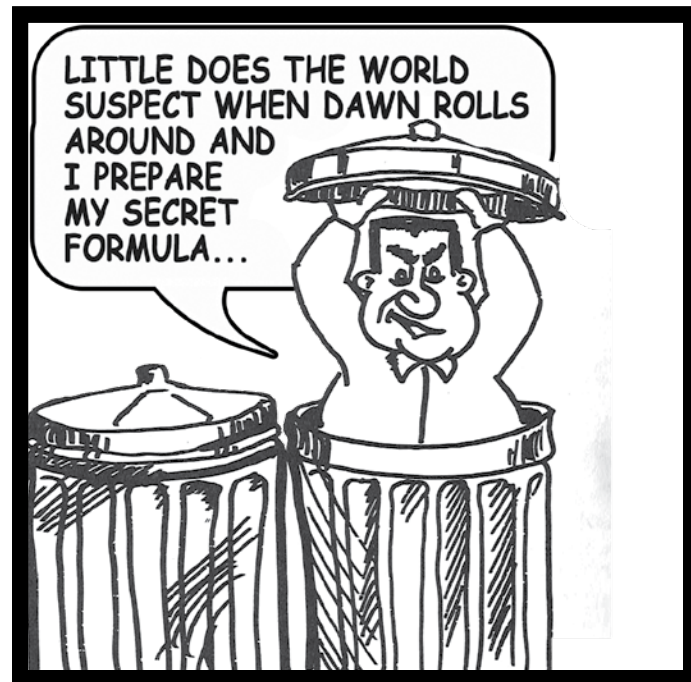
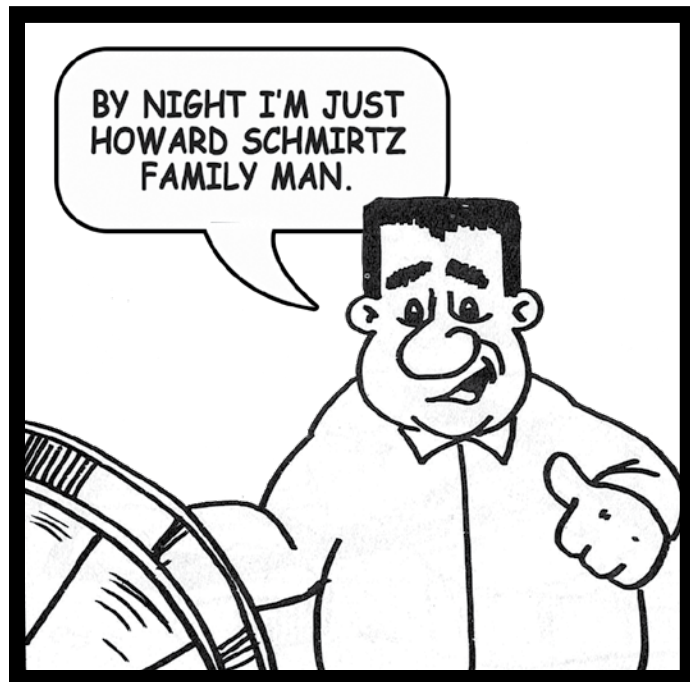
A mysterious creature who lives in a mud puddle in the dump. The only explanation as to why he lives there is that he made some bad investments. The alligator is sarcastic and cynical, spending much of his time chatting with the rats, and the rest of his time eating them.

PLUS THE SUPPORTING CAST:

RATS, BUGS, CATS
AND OTHER RESIDENTS
OF THE DUMP...



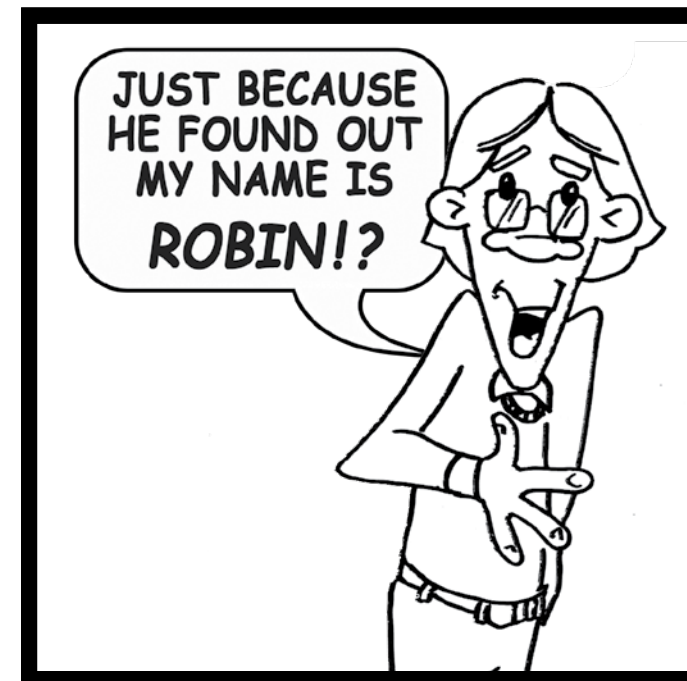
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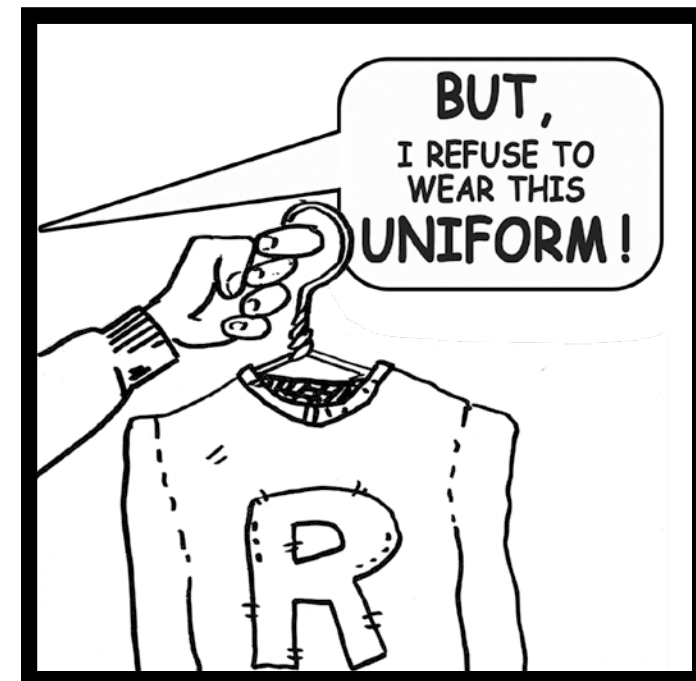
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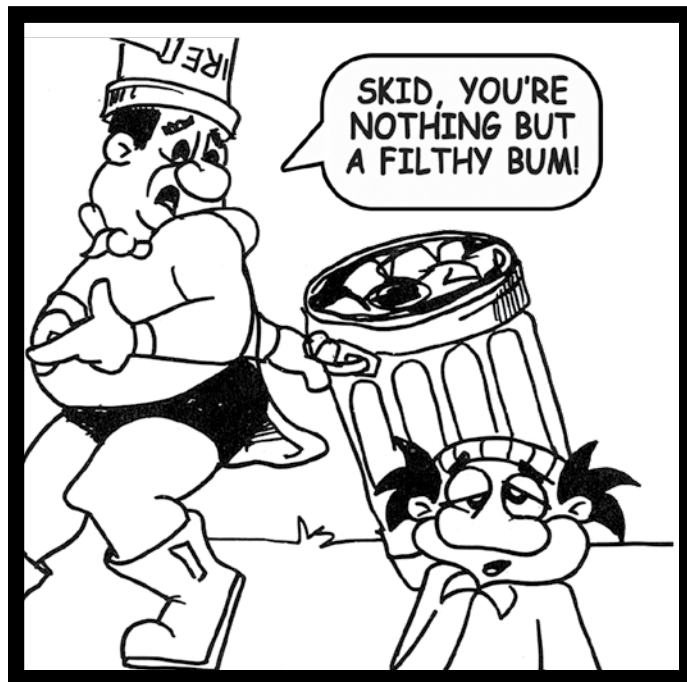
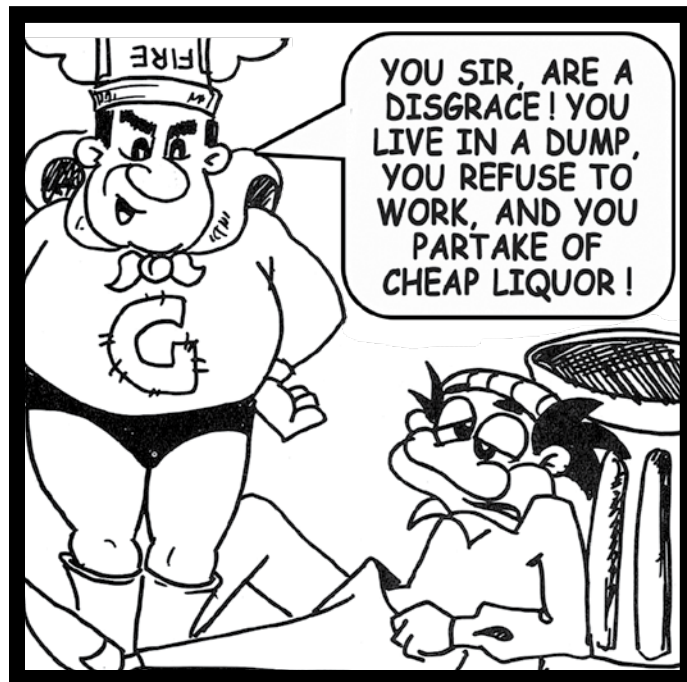
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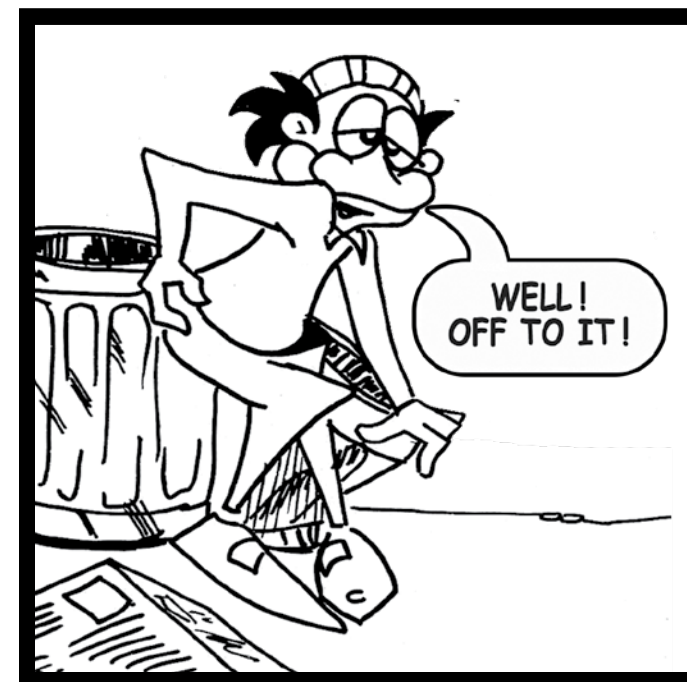
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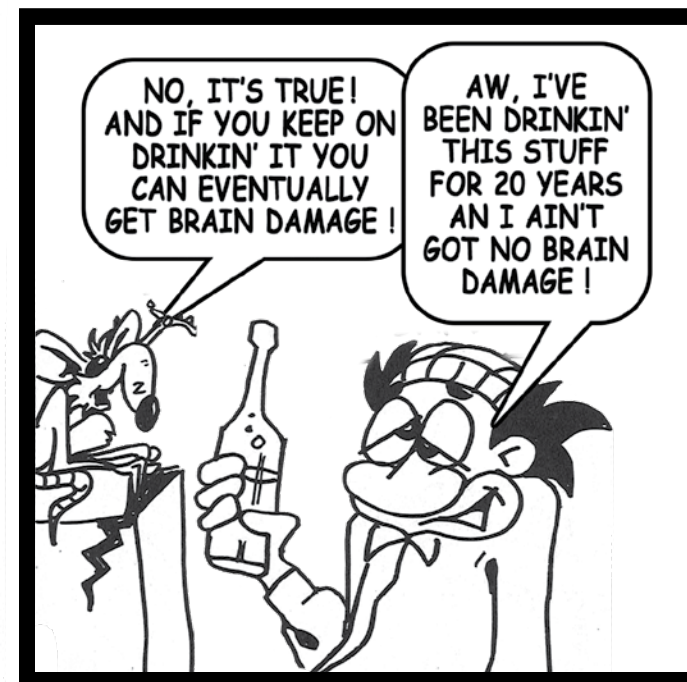
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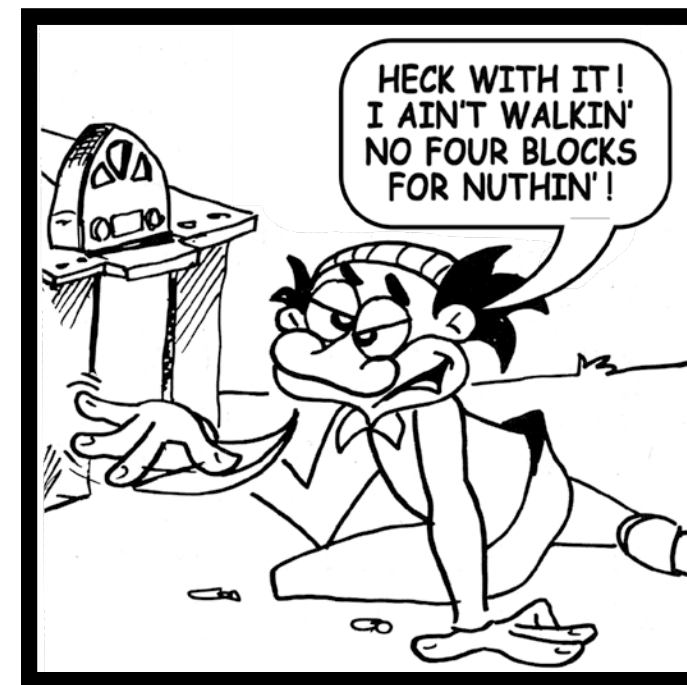
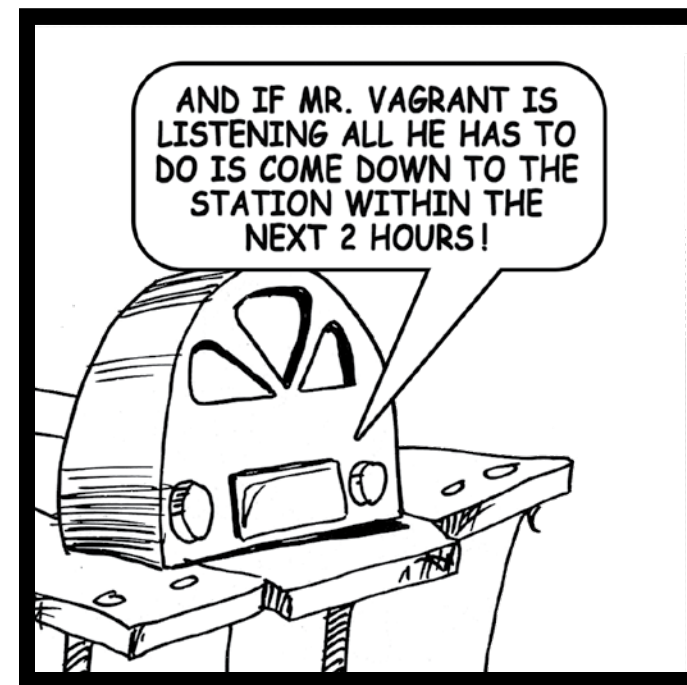
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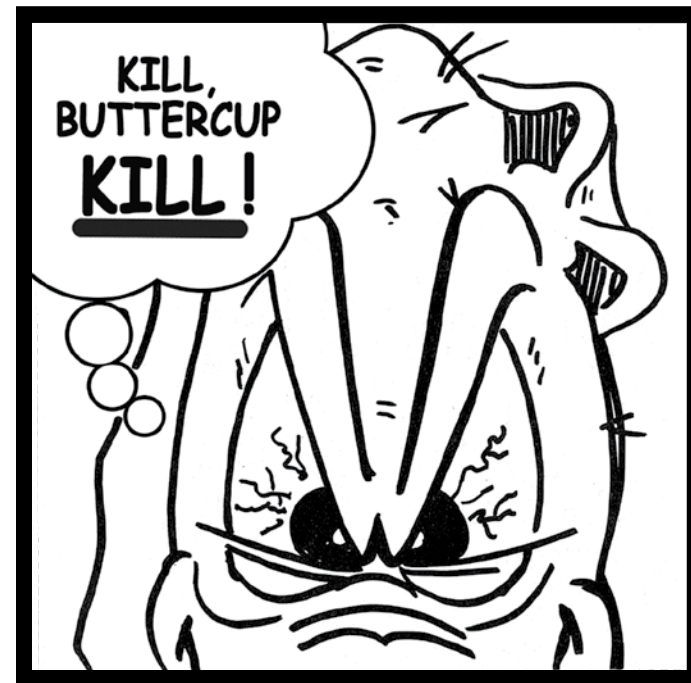
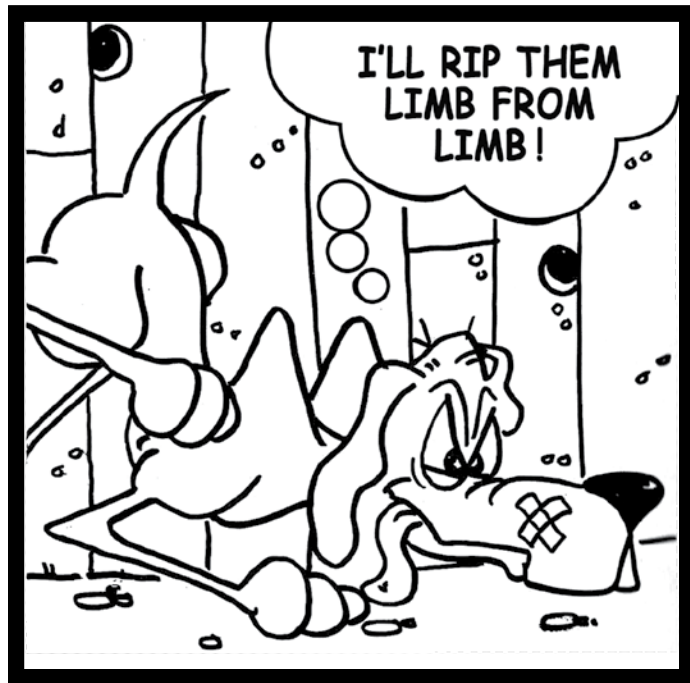
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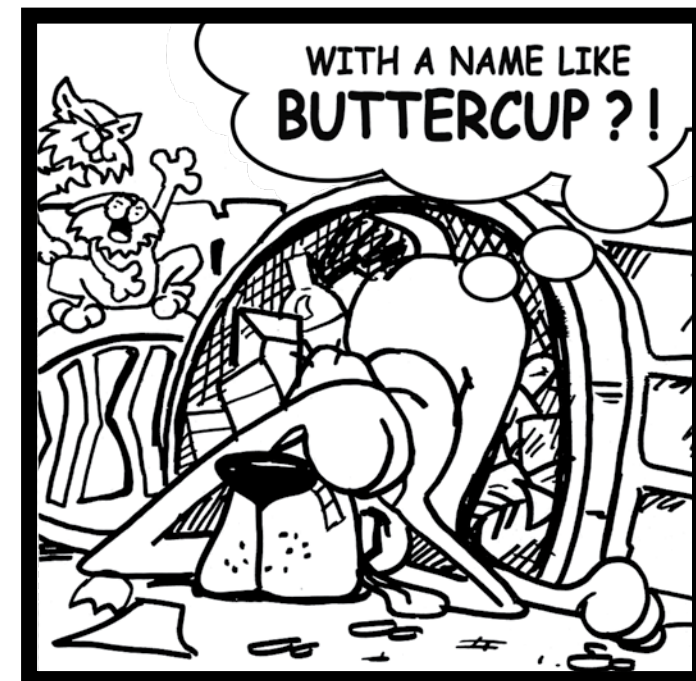
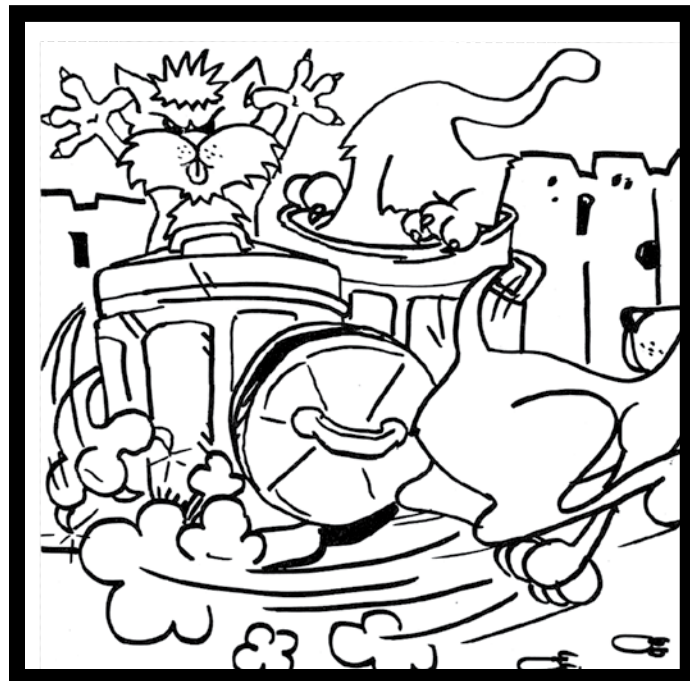
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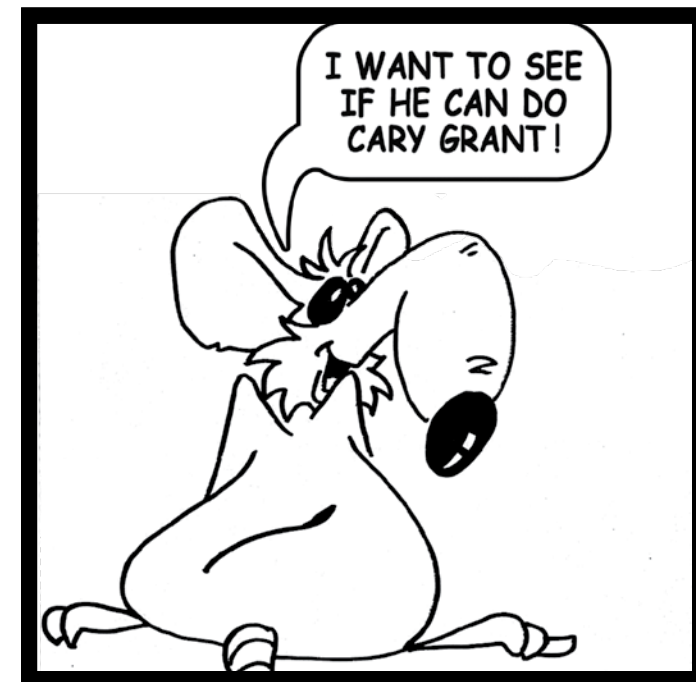
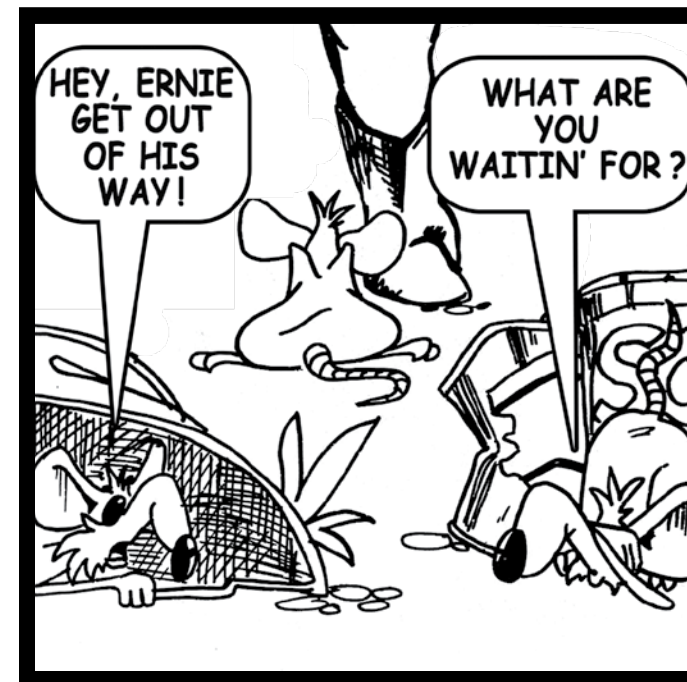
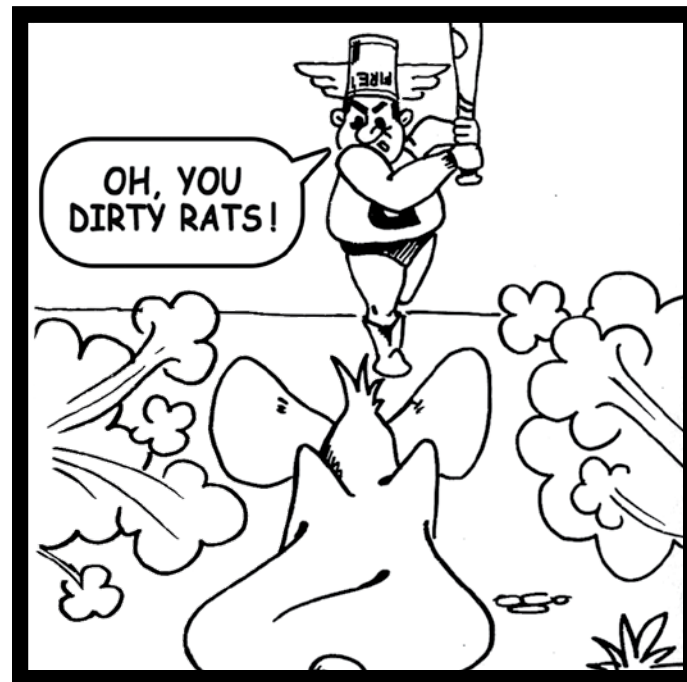
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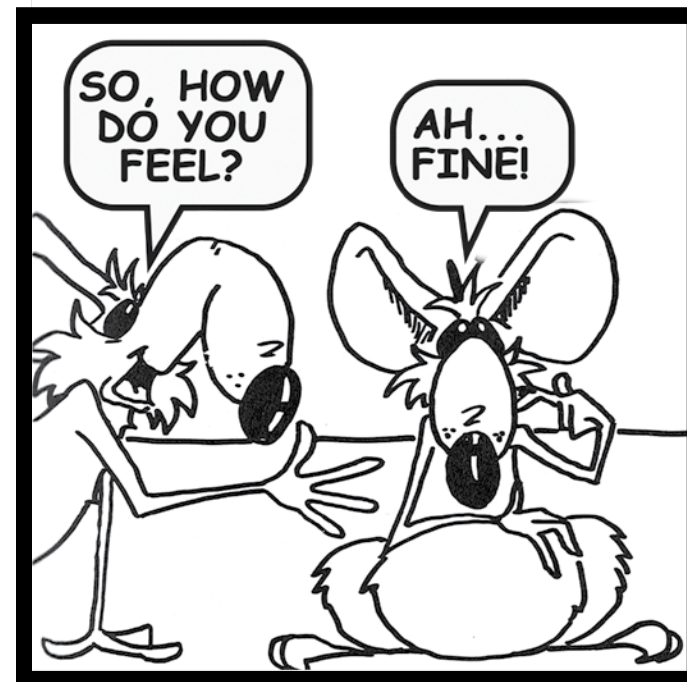
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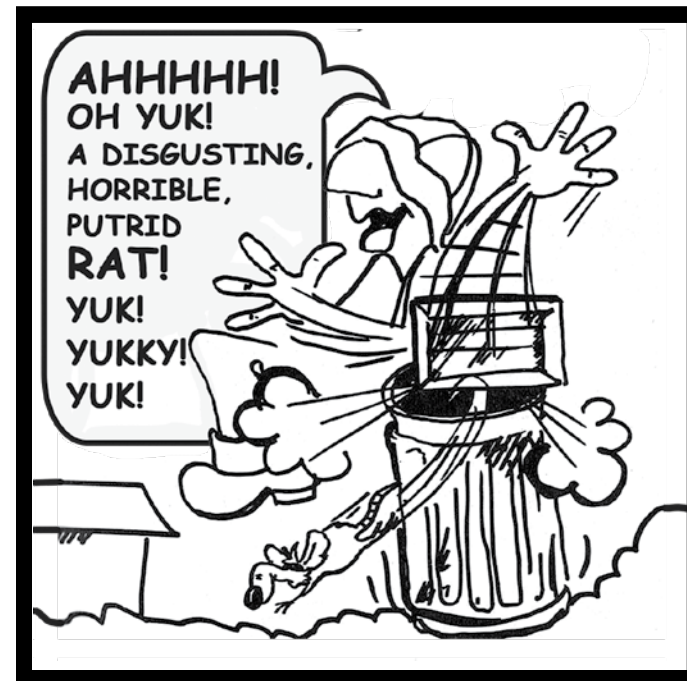
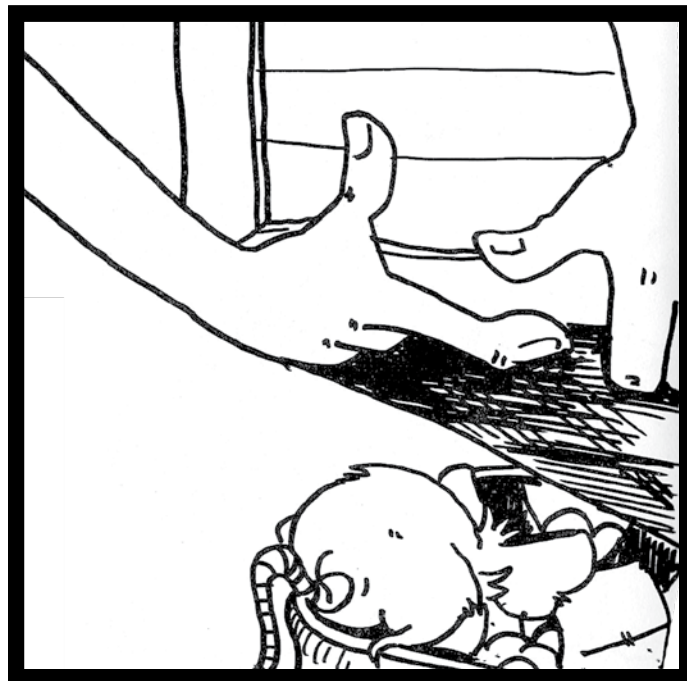
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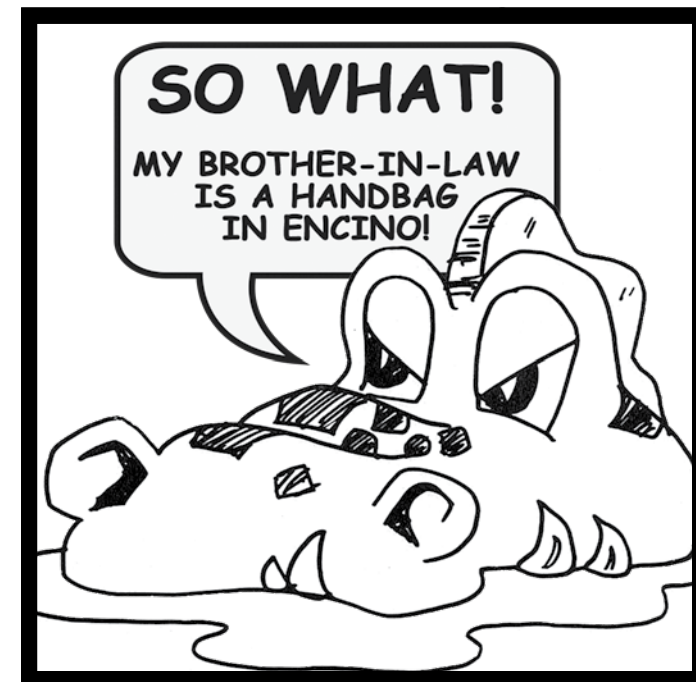
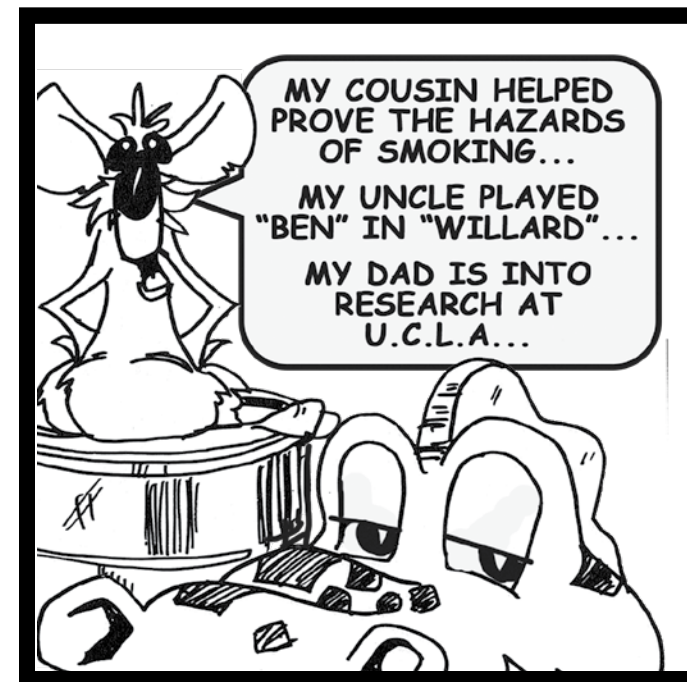
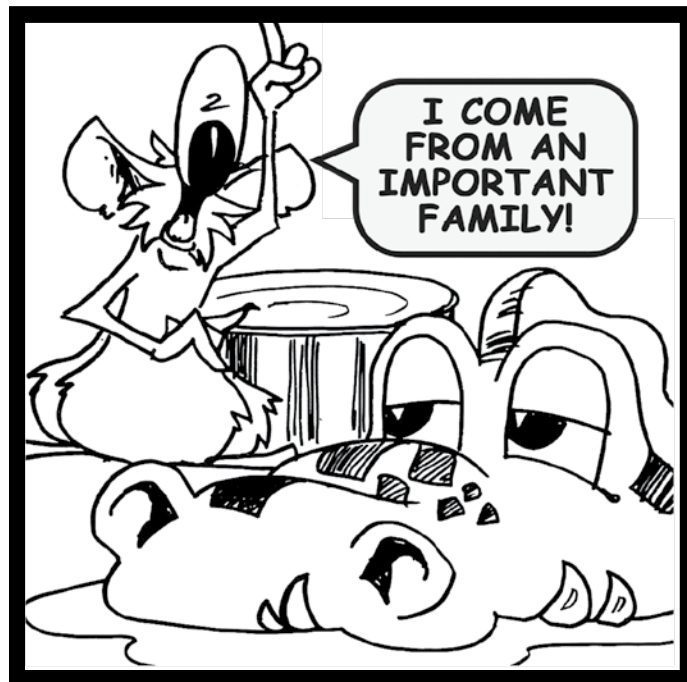
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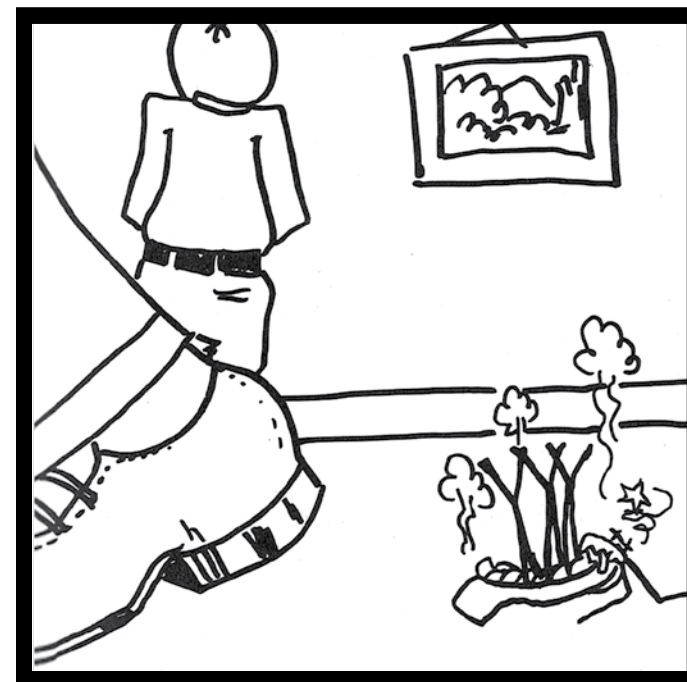
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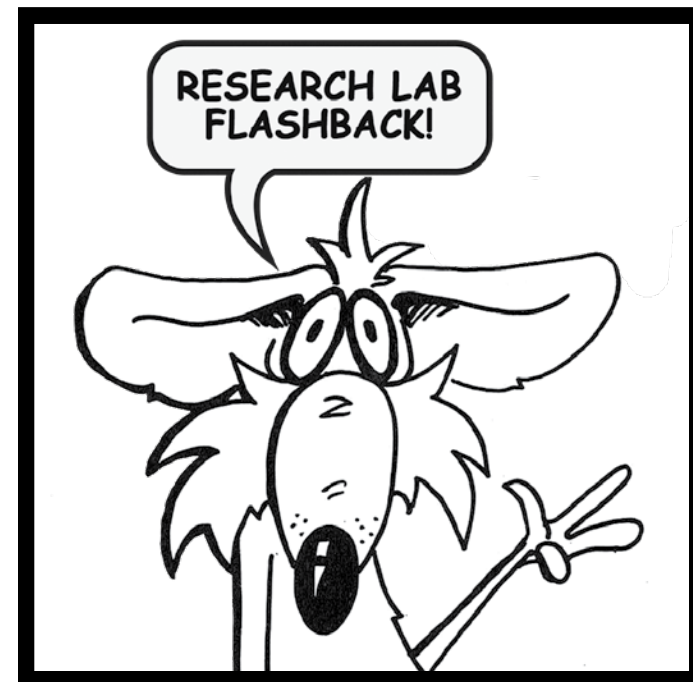
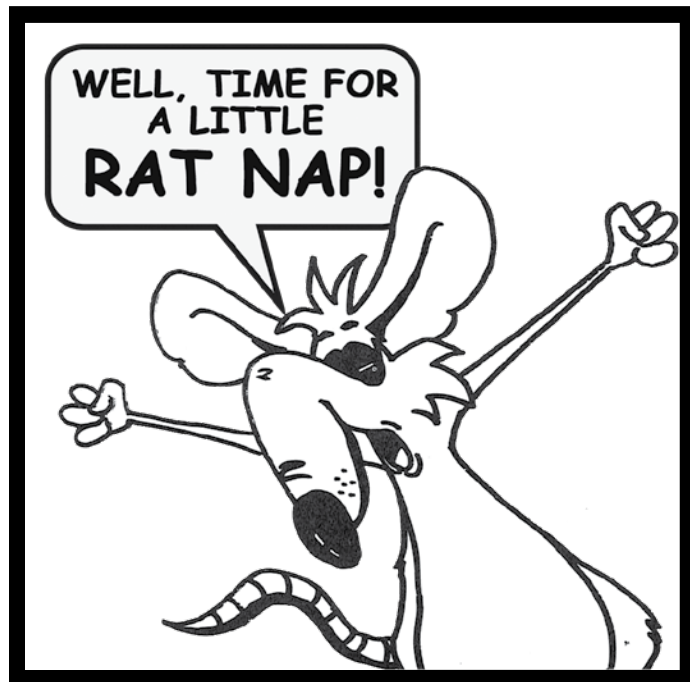
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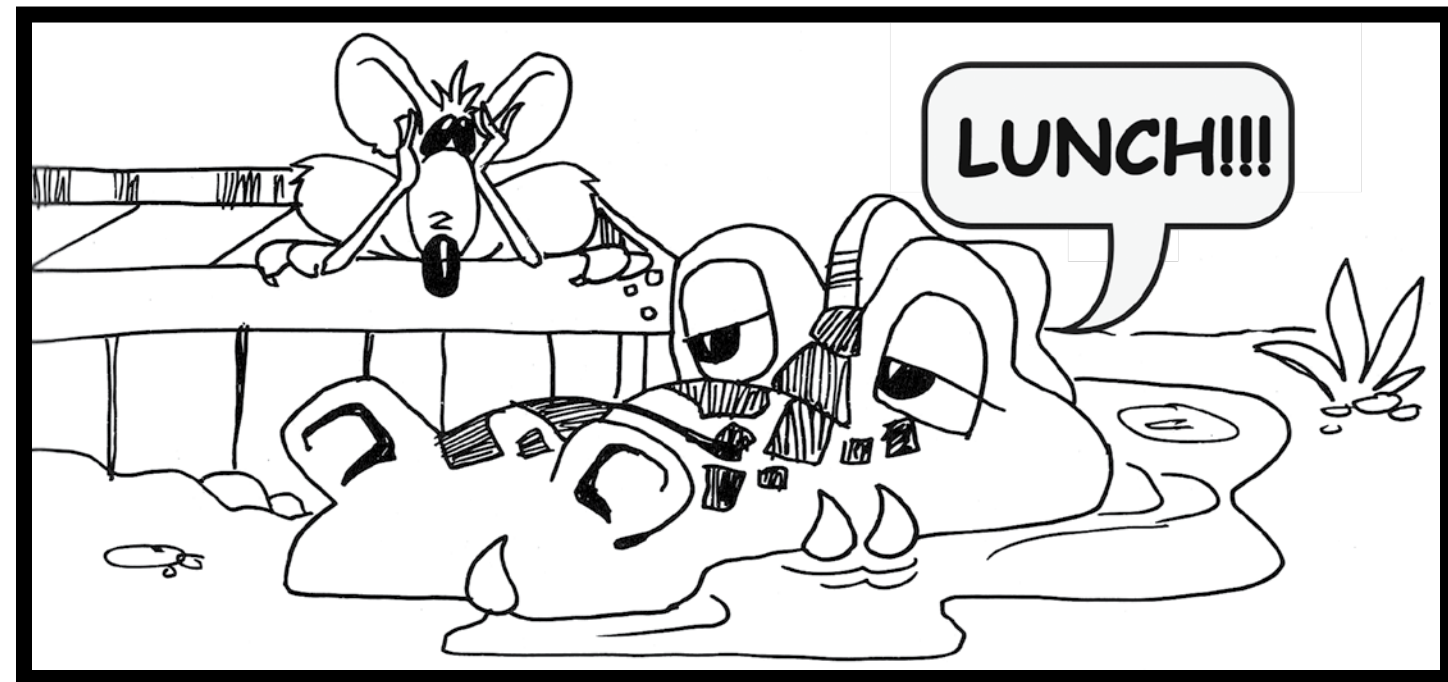
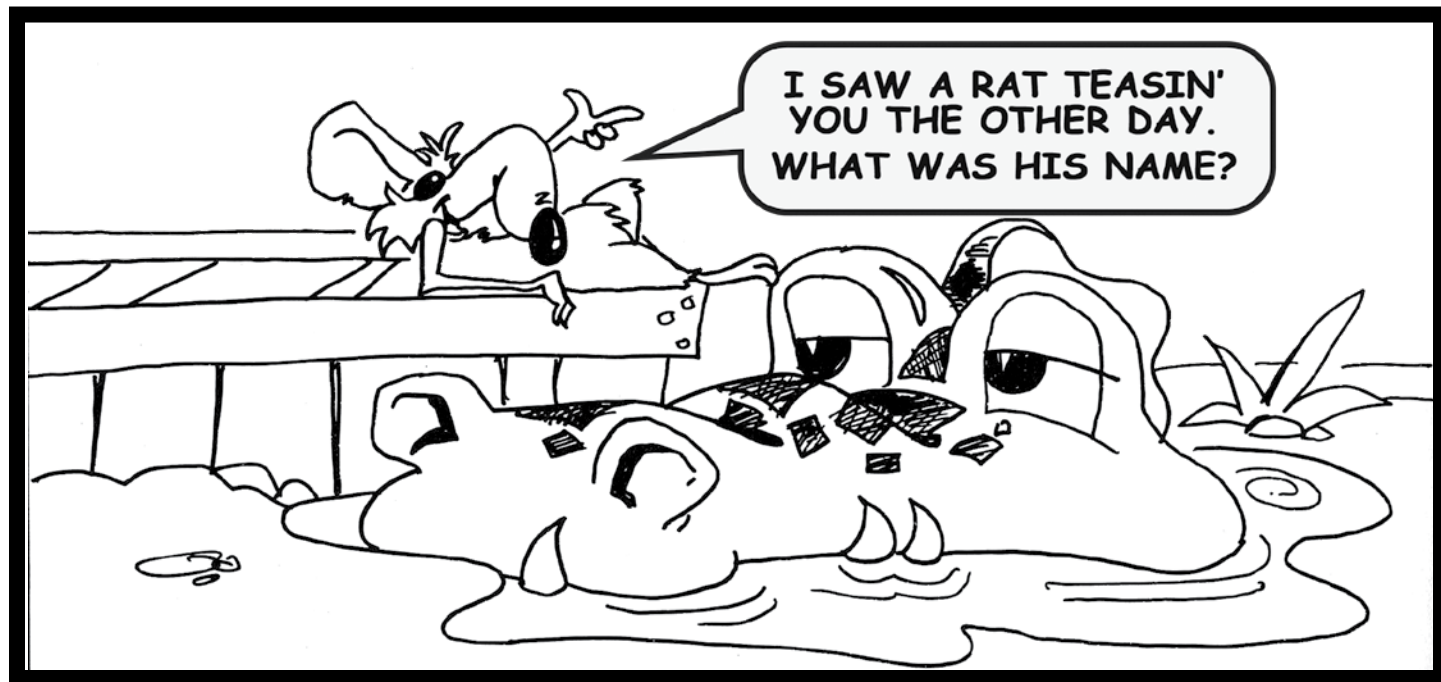
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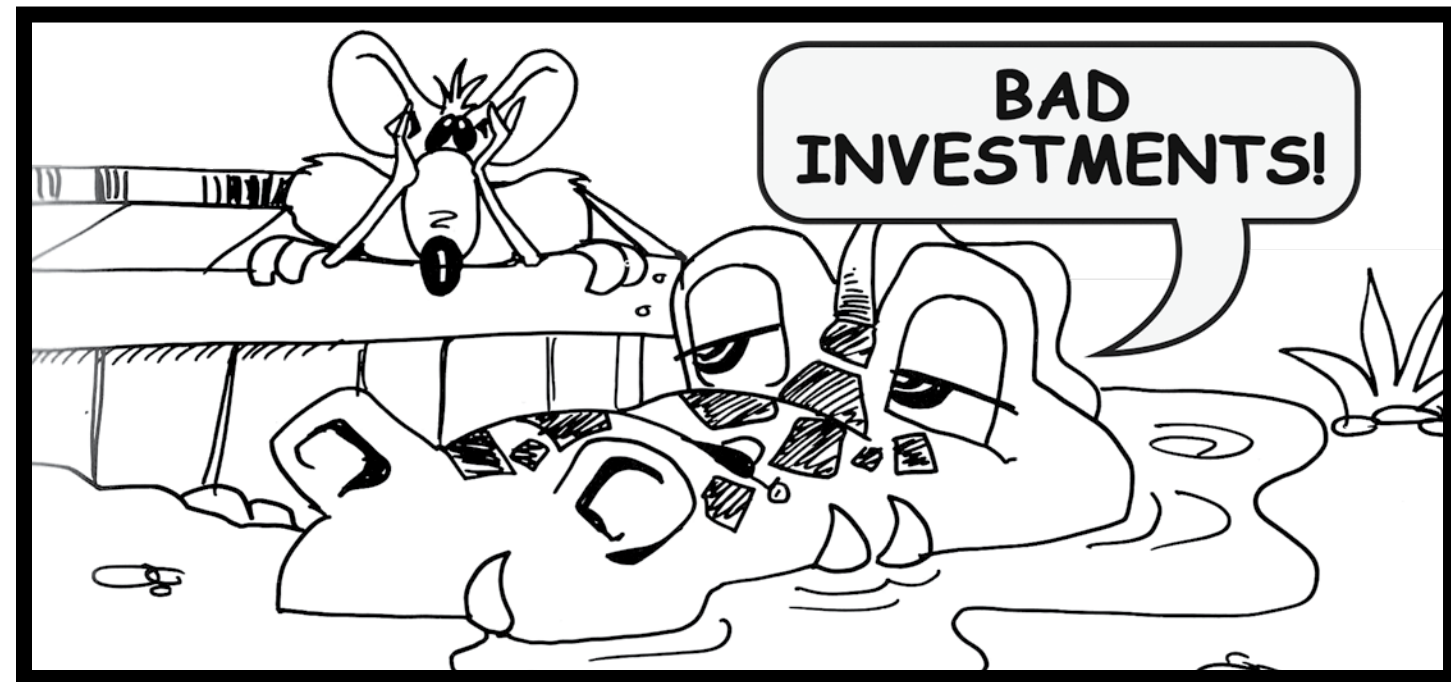
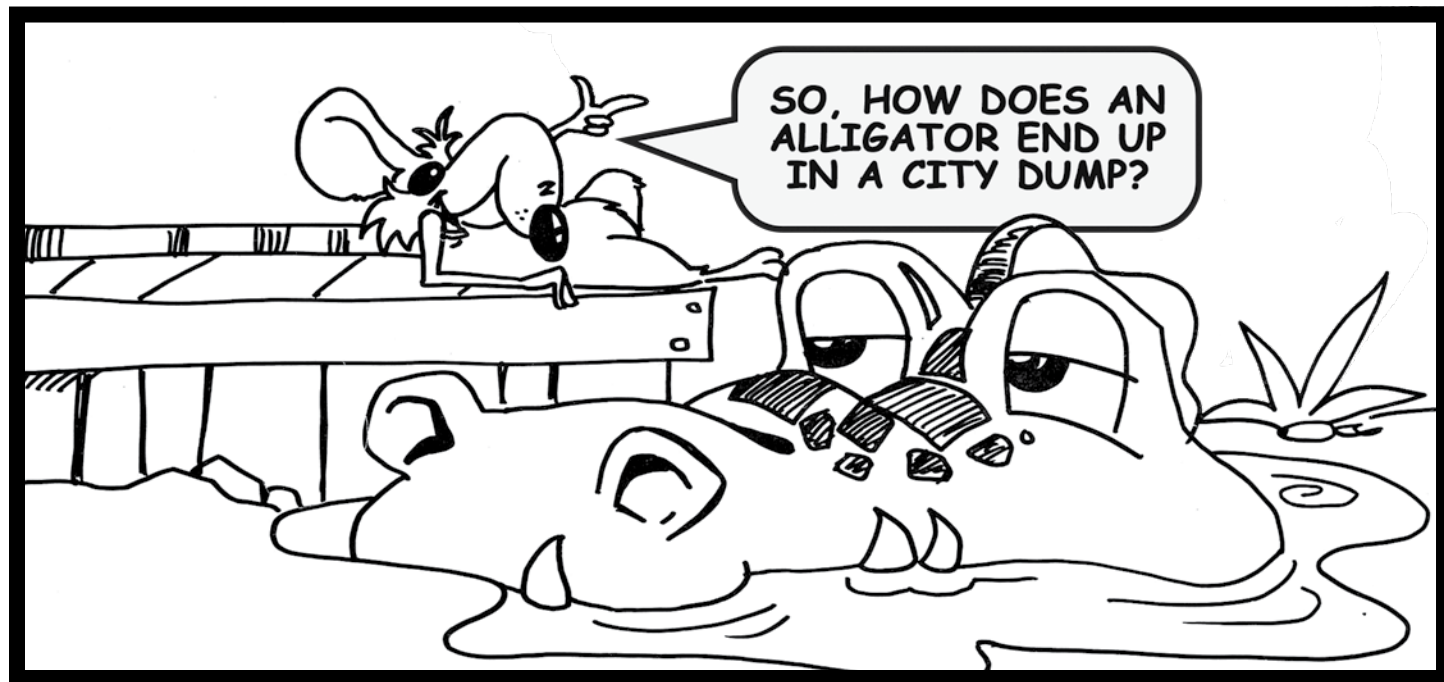
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