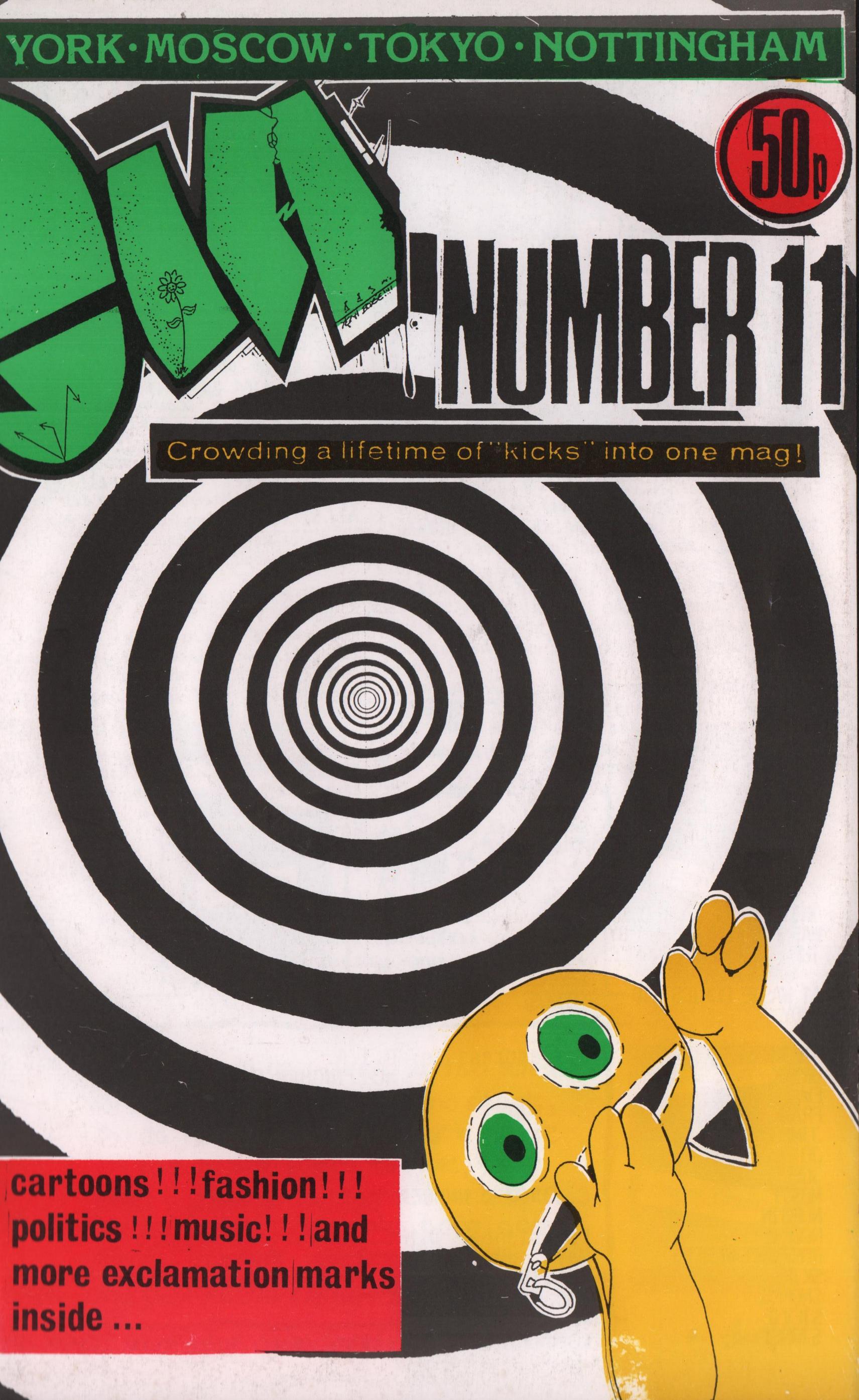


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HAVE T-SHIRT WILL TRAVEL



World famous meadowsian Kevin Sloan sports his equally famous C.I.A. t-shirt on the New York streets during his tour of the U.S.A. "I never leave home without one," said Kev.

Well I guess I'm writing this un. Bolshy's gone, but there's the odd trace of her scattered around this ish. We did get a replacement for Bolsh', called Eva Kowalski, but unfortunately she had to leave the job for reasons well beyond her control. We thank Ewa for her help and wish her all the best.

an improvement on the crap covers we've been - capitalising on the new year scene. step in the right direction

Ewa....

1000. But thanks to Snopes for acting as form...so read on. temporary Editor...) NUPHIN.

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Planning to have a break - therefore entering into the true spirit of right on image and not entering into the mass market capitalist thing Ewa came up with this issue's cover man. All that bull shit concludes to the said (amongst other things), which is definately amount below that next edition will be in Jan. having lately. Also we think it's visually a C.I.A.'s first major project - run by the three of us - Snopes, Roofie, Nuphin - will Fortunately we've got a replacement for consist of mind expanding memoires of personal childhood experiences in graphic novel

Roofie - entering out into our third year. This one was late due partly to moi learning the tricks of the trade - 3 hour lay out for 1 side of A4 does require some restraint from despair at never seeing light of day.

Suffered a bit financially cos of usual summer dip in all publication sales (maybe crap covers didn't help).

Stop press - Price increase. Up from 40p to 50p cos printing costs have gone up 10p a copy Ibut we're still losing out cos the more we cost the more the shops get).

Only other option to cover increased costs were to find advertisers (but workers prefer without)...have less pages (impossible)...or call it a day (which Nuphin seriously considered several times)...

Good news - Things are going quite well lapart from finance) Evening Post feature. Another feature in 'Marlout', the East Midlands Arts mag. We're getting more beedback - letters page...stußß being sent in...T-shirts selling...badges, etc.

BUT WE'RE STILL SKINT.

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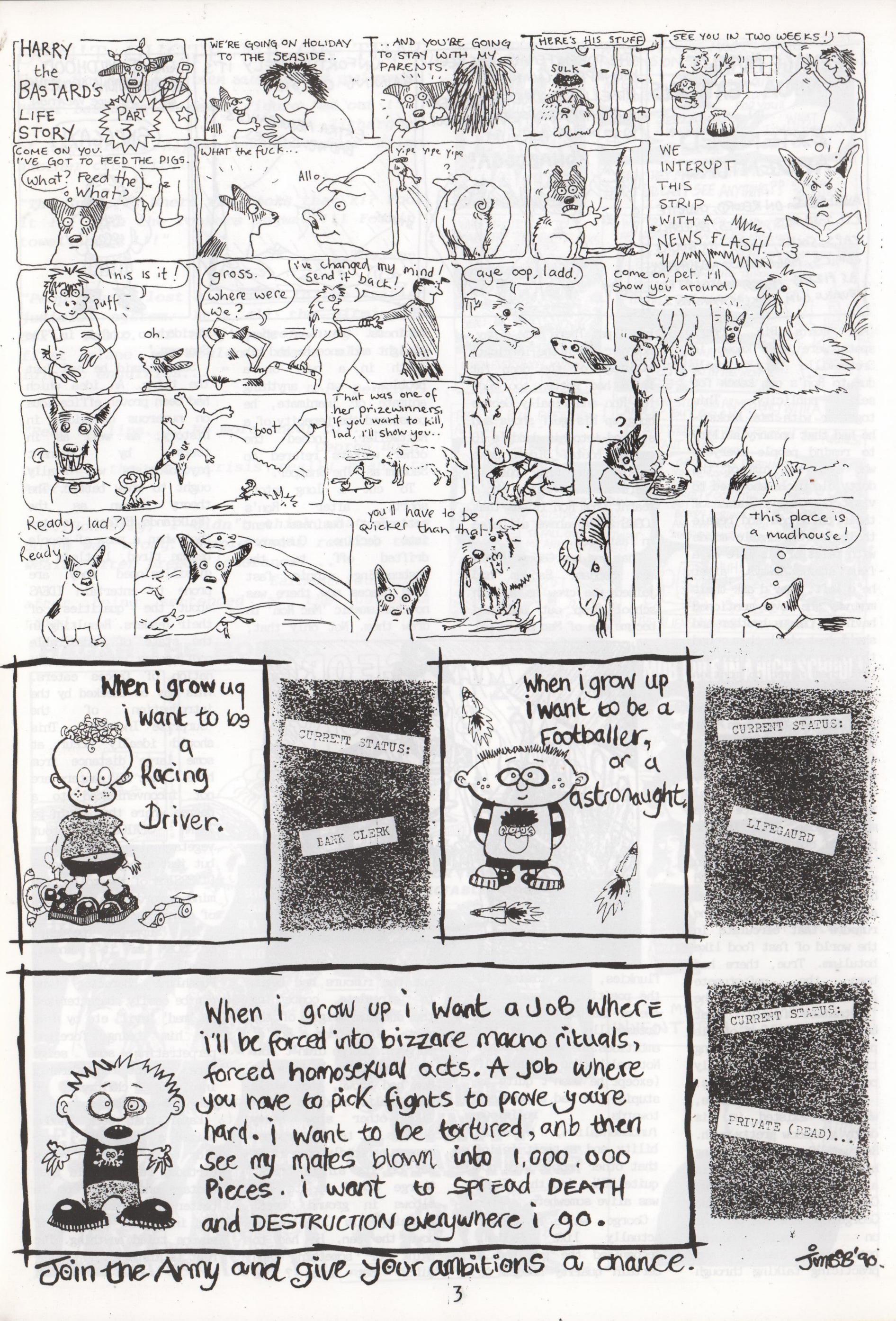
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C.I.A.: "Not as thick as the others "



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'Mac Ron's Big Burger' spots were well known in Greaseville City largely due to Ron's own knack for publicity. This self together with his looks he had that uncanny ability to remind people everyone who ever met him of the dotty old uncle who used to visit them every Summer of their childhood and regale their impressionable minds with tales of his life as a film star. Always, after he'd left, they'd ask their mom why she never mentioned having a famous brother and she'd just whack them round the head with the iron and tell them never to mention it again.

It was his glamour and iron induced dizzyness that had the punters flocking 'Mac Ron's Big into Burgers' to eat food of no conceivable nutritional value for the price of a mobile home. Such is the power of charisma.

The business had grown steadily over the years and his reputation remained almost unsullied by the rumours that circulate in the world of fast food like botulism. True, there had the · unfortunate been incident with the 'Vietnamese family.' That had cost him a lot of his profits, but it was a long time ago and fortunately people have short memories. Ron had a son, George,

who had existed in his daddy's shadow pretty much. Ron was fond of reminding him that "The burger biz is a man's world and you, George, are a wimp", so George spent a lot of time golf on the course recreating himself and practicing talking through



his lips. There came a day, however, when the intricate workings of the deep fat frier had gotten too much for Ron and finally George hung up his golf shoes and stepped into his daddy's 10 gallon boots. Didn't make walkin' too easy but if there's one thing he'd learnt from Ron it was that LOOKS COUNT above all else in fast food.

That was how Ceorge first met Saddam. Saddam had joined the crew as a high school drop out and had become one of Mac Ron's pet

business. He was sharp alright and once he had his teeth in a bun, or a problem, anything or animate or inanimate, he possessed the tenacity of a Rottweiler. Indeed the other workers refered to Saddam as 'The Snapper.' a long story To cut after Ron's short, business went retirement Customers into decline. drifted off the to mushrooming ethnic fast food places now there was no charismatic 'Mac Ron' to draw them. Not only that,



flunkies, soon rising to the position of manager of one of the top 5 outlets in Greaseville City. He was ambitious. He was ruthless. Not unlike Mac Ron himself (except he wasn't guite as stupid), he had a tendency religious towards fundamentalism, intractability and a tacit belief that other people were not quite REAL. And that Elvis was alive somewhere.

George, while he didn't actually like Saddam, recognized the guy had a certain quality needed in

but the rumours had begun to circulate concerning the dubious origin of the 'Mac in . Ron's' meat burgers. George didn't like the look of it. He knew, as Ron had known, that while the public mind is slow, other slow heavy like objects, it tends to gather momentum rapidly once it is set on its single track. George stood up to his elbows in ground 'beef' watching his life going down the pan. He had to think of something and quick. But what. ? He

· decided to confide in 'The Snapper.

Saddam said he had just the thing. An idea which had been proven efficacious on numerous occasions in well as in history, as tests by eminent psychologists who really ought to know better. The theory known as the 'Falklands Effect', states that when a mass of people become tired, listless and dissillusioned they are prone to entertain IDEAS about the 'qualities' of their leaders. Resulting in the state of undesirable contingency overcoming the nation of faeces eaters. This may be checked by the introduction of the 'Surprise Incident'. This should ideally occur at some large distance from home - that way punters are not inconvenienced to a degree where they begin to SERIOUSLY THINK about vegetarianism or Giraffes but just enough to effect a DIVERSION of the collective mind towards the set goal of consuming yet more DUNG. The 'Surprise Incident'

or SCAM as it's known, usually involves Punchline character (who can be easily characterized as 'mad' 'evil' etc by dint of him being foreign) perpetrating some seige preferably type event involving children or penguins as hostages.

that week Saddam Later seized a group of 5 year olds on a 'Mac Ron's Big Birthday Party', held them hostage and dipped 'em in batter threatening to make 'em into fast fritters if anyone tried anything. The rest is history

America.

being after trial.



SEE OWT !! NIGHTDRESS





Just who is it aimed at ?

The style of presentation leads you to believe that they want 10-15 year olds watching, but then 1 heard 18 cert. films being reviewed and references to sex and all those type things ! They're 'adulty' aiming for far too broad an age but so what - it's range, How many entertaining anyway. attempts will it take to recreate The Tube before the makers realise that that had a special formula that worked for a specific time only and is beyond copying. It's been suggested that all the features have a Northern slant and all the bands are from Manchester, but this doesn't seem too bad. Terry Christian either can't interview or has the misfortune of being given 'difficult' interviews, But I've heard he was once quite good on radio. Maybe that was his forte, maybe he should return to If the programme stopped and trendy to be Linging being on concentrated informative and interesting "youth magazine" show then viewers may be encouraged to carry on watching. However, our old fave Graeme Park (ex DJ 'The Garage/The Kool Kat') was worth a laugh - at least one of feature redeeming dissapointing programme - a real missed opportunity from Channel 4. Just how could they replace Buzz with this ?

Where to start ? Central Weekend had many supporters amongst the . as comes across very entertaining, hamless piece of television, but when you stop and think about it for a minute, is it really hamless ?

CENTRAL WEEKEND LIVE

have from the pubs to. The first national importance that we can all get angry about. This bit often has a Tory MP to argue with, suggesting just the slightest hint of Television.

human interest story, often pitting piece of media. male against female, one race against another or one youth group against society. This is hardly constructive stuff, but it does produce a good argument between two

sections of the community who are never going to agree.

Third and final segment is the light-hearted, funny issue which we can watch, all have a good laugh at and go to bed feeling at one with the world again. Unless, that is, if you are the subject of the joke. So there you go, that's their format and judging by the ratings it is a winning formula. The adverts sell it as excellent entertainment incorporating aggro with fun, argument with pleasure, and people's misfortune with other people's delight.

After thinking about it for a while I feel that this programme is a potentially dangerous piece of television with great power to manipulate the Working Class and Lower Middle Class who seem to be the bulk of the viewing audience. The format and the content of the programme seem to be very unchallenging but still it attracts very large audience. programme has a very 'The Sun' feel about it, divisive, telling people what they should think and ridiculing them for disagreeing. I'm sure that the programme makers would disagree. They would probably say that any discussion must be encouraged and so should thought about the often very important issues that are raised. With this I would agree, but I disagree at the point where discussion becomes an arena to victimise various groups within society for having differnt beliefs.

Last episode I saw what I thought to be a very insensitve bloke who. suggested that women's sole place is to look nice for men. "What else have they got to offer", he said. Firstly he was using the programme to promote this view and am positive that he would have · viewers. If we allow people to come to discussion programmes and raise valid issues such as sexual abuse of children and how wrong it is, we must then also allow people like It starts fairly latish on a this chauvinistic male to voice his (Friday night, just in time to come opinions. There is no censorship line that can be drawn, it would be section of the three section far too dangerous. So what we must programme is generally something of decide is whether the voicing of dangerous values and making them commonplace is worth the valuable air time for condemning equally dangerous practices and beliefs. If political involvement from Central it is, then the programme is fine. If not then Central Weekend Live is The second segment is often a potentially alarming and harmful

you as entertainment.

(Jo is an Editor of 'Teeth')

MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES

The Broadway Cinema (ex-City Lights: Broad Street, down Hockley) has reopened in case you dint already know. The new program ain't exactly brilliant, but at least showing any they aren't blockbusters like sequels mega everyone else. Two films worth checking out are 'Sweetie' on November 4th and 'Celia' on November 18th. They're both Australian an! the former stars Marlene 'Rabbit' Warren from Prisoner Cell Block H ! It's a very weird an' funny movie worth seein' just for her. Get a program if y'wanna find out more.... But any Aussie movie is worth seein' just so's y'can play 'spot the soap star' innit. An' by the way, the guy who plays 'Bobby' De Nero is Marlene's dad ,in 'Sweetie' was in A Country Practice....







Mogadon - a sleepy hamlet on the far coast of the oceans of Tranquilisation, in Instanthorlicksland. Time flew by and it was almost yesterday by the time the two villagers met on the green.

"Nice day isn't it." said one of them in a lethargic drawl.

"Yes, it is isn't it, in a quiet sort of way." replied the other serenely. "Aren't the trees smelly the first today." spoke villager, in a voice that was struggling to be at one with nature, but failing miserably.

"No....they can't be because it isn't Autumn and blossom." there's no countered the other, who had forgotten to put his false beard on that morning he worried was because the health of the about worms in his back garden. "Perhaps a dog's crapped over the said disillusioned would-be-

something naturalist.

"That could be it." replied the one without his false beard on.

Meanwhile, Mrs Francombe was making a cup of coffee in her kitchen. Her little son Henry ran in and cried, "Johnny won't give me any of his sweeties mummy." "Co suck shite." replied

his mother, and poured a kettleful of boiling water over little Henry's head. Just down the road from the Francombe's, the topic of conversation for the Dreardom family was tinned chicken soup.

"I really like tinned chicken soup," commented Father Dreardom intelligently, "I think tasty....dead it's dead tasty."

"You're sick pappy," replied Dreardom junior, "Don't you know that they make tinned chicken soup out of raw sewage.

"Yes I do actually," answered Father Dreardom, "But it doesn't bother me at all son, doesn't bother me at all. Dead tasty it is, dead tasty." "I like mine with a

DAY TRIP TO MOGADON

sprinkling of rat's vomit on top." screamed little Jilly Dreardom entuisiastically, "I like to rinse it round my mouth, spit it onto used toilet paper, rub the used toilet paper all over the dog's dinner, then swallow it. It weely enhances the flavour."

Little did they know that two houses down the road from them, the topic of conversation had nothing at all to do with tinned chicken Mrs soup. Sundayafternoon wanted a new dishwasher, but Mr Sundayafternoon thought that his hard earned cash would be better spent elsewhere.

"If you don't buy me a new dishwasher I'll never kiss you ever again." Mrs Sundayafternoon wailed. "That isn't a threat that

scares me overmuch, ugly

"Hello Mrs Daydyedblack." he said jollily. "Good to see you looking so unwell. Have you got dysentry or something ?"

"No, no, thank the Lord, just a mild case of chronic pneumonia." she replied cheerily.

"Cood, good, I'm glad to hear it." he smiled, "Your husband still dead ?"

"Yes, dead as a rotten's dog's carcus that's been chewed by rats and had it's eyes gouged out by nasty children."

"Good, good, I'm glad to hear it. It's nice to know that some things never change isn't it ?"

"Yes, it's good to know he's dead," she replied brightly, "and that he always will be."

"It's good to be certain about some things in such uncertain and an upredictable world, isn't



mush." husband her countered.

"Okay then, if you don't buy it me, I'll stick this kitchen knife through the middle of your head."

"Co ahead, make my day." challenged Mr Sundayafternoon.

Sundayafternoon So Mrs stuck the kitchen knife through the middle of Mr Sundayafternoons head. She never did get that new dishwasher, she spent the rest of her life staring at the wall of a prison cell and sucking smuggled in salted peanuts. Mr Sundayafternoon spent the rest of his life in a state of complete deadness.

Mr Dreary was walking his dog, which didn't have a name, down the street. He saw Mrs Daydyedblack out watering the plants in her ever so neat little garden. 11 he fiddled with a beermat

it. Anyway I'm off to watch Songs Of Praise on TV. See you soon."

"Hopefully not." responded Mrs Daydyedblack gayly.

Down at the Happy Cow the locals were wooping it up on bowls and cider. Freddy Fartfight Willy and Wierdfellow sat outside watching the bowlers freak out and do their groovy thing.

"I think that in a life previous I was probably a wasp." pondered Freddy.

"What makes you think that ?" questioned Willy. "I'm not sure, but every now and again there's a buzzing in my ears that seems vaguely, familiar. It usually happens when someone calls me on the telephone." Freddy said as

thoughtfully. Freddy had a moustache that glowed in the dark, but it wasn't shining at the moment because it wasn't dark. "That's a pretty unfunny

joke." replied Willy. "True, but what kind of jokes do you expect from a thick zombie-like beer boy like me ?" answered Freddy. (Incidently, Freddy also jogged twenty lengths of his kiddies paddling pool in his wife's nightgown every day to keep himself fit.) "Pretty unfunny ones.

replied Willy. "You think you've got me sussed don't you Willy ?' growled Freddy, not too pleased by the admirable by his shown honesty

friend. somehow.'

"Pretty unfunny ones. "Yes, it's coming back to me now, I've definately heard you say what you've just said sometime in the too distant past."

"Hmmm...." "You Freddy.

"Fucking crazy." agreed Willy.

Down the road from the pub was a village store inside which nothing much was happening because it was closed. The church bell rang nine times so it was time for bed and everyone went to sleep. It's time to leave docile happy, the inhabitants of Mogadon and move on to pastures new and less green and pleasant, where life ain't so hunky dory and nicey nicey.

Twenty years later Mogadon was wiped off the face of the earth by a freak tractor storm that emerged from a cow's back end. But there you go, alls well that ends well and how's your father.

"Pretty unfunny ones." "It seems to like I've heard you say that before

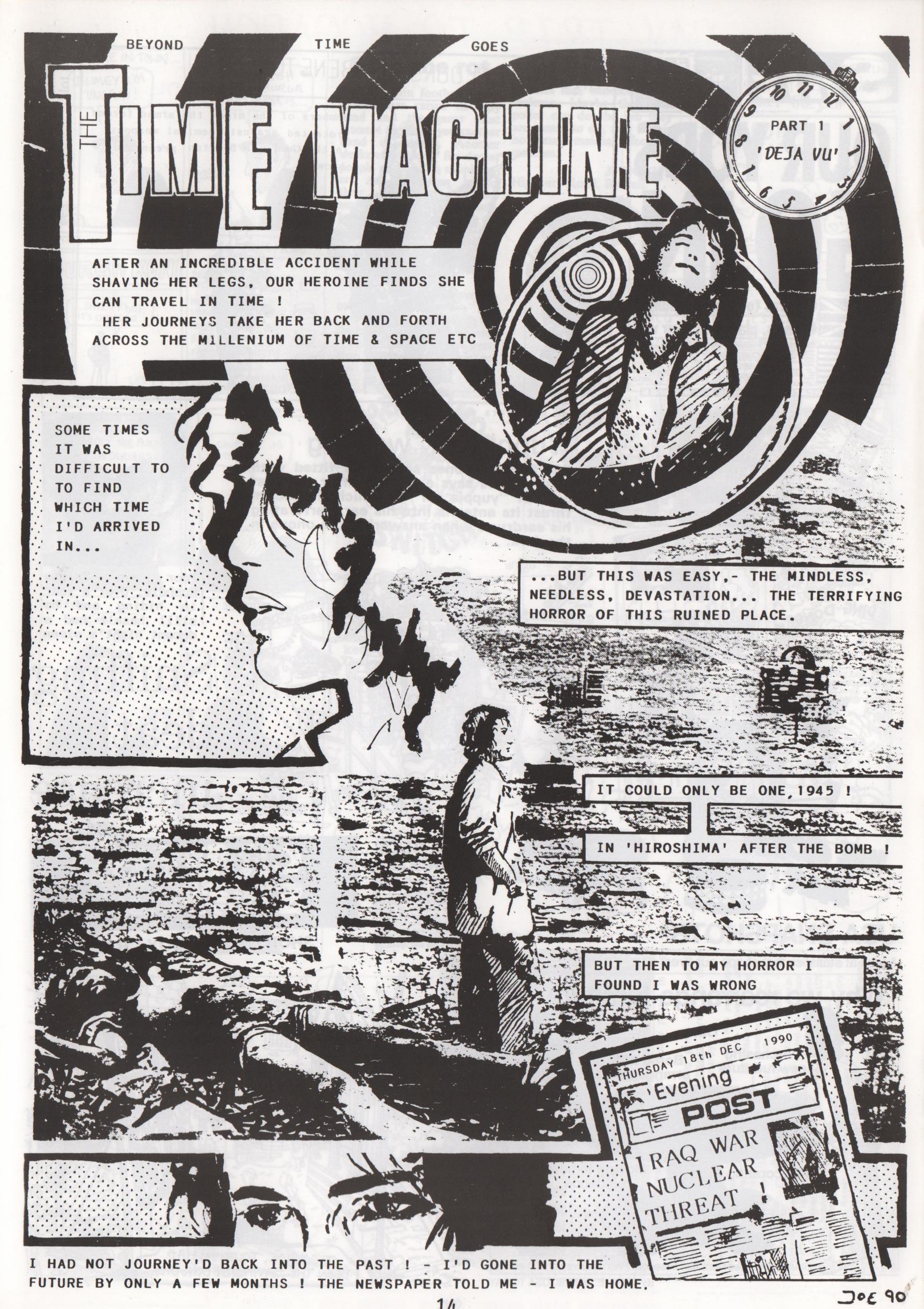
"Pretty unfunny ones."

Freddy know sometmes I get the feeling that in a previous life I was a tape loop."

"Fucking crazy." said







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DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY!

Many people in the Nottingham even if workers let this happen it will loving Labour council. area have now had reminders from the still take them ages and cost them a Inside, the court sat (on its arse, to be council about their unpaid poll tax. fortune Around six hundred people from * They can't do anything at all until the Broxtowe hearings and who for Broxtowe, Rushcliffe, Mapperley and they get a "liability order" against you. reasons of libel I shall call "Skippy", Sherwood have had "liability orders" Its going to take them years to do this to played the part of puppet-to-a-bunch-ofgranted against them by the courts, and everyone, especially if people come to fascists with dedication and attention to more people are being summonsed all the the courts and insist on a hearing. time. Caring Rushcliffe Council have already tried using bailiffs - and so far, IF YOU GET A SUMMONS, failed miserably.

Thanks to the new global soap "GULF" (starring the Wacky Iraqis) there's been an almost total media blackout on the poll tax recently. So it wouldn't be odd if some

of us were getting nervous, thinking that we should start trying to pay because the fight is over and we lost. But if you're starting to think like that, THINK AGAIN !

Here are some of the facts that * PRISON IS AN EMPTY THREAT. started. For although only 26 of the 300 the media are keeping quiet: With people so angry they wouldn't dare people summonsed actually turned up, by send anyone to prison for not paying - the end of the day over 250 still hadn't Councils all over the country are in even if they had enough cells for all of paid a thing. The council have now got

such a mess that no exact figures exist. us. But at least 10 MILLION and maybe as many as 14 MILLION people are not paying the poll tax in England and Use these numbers to contact your local anti-Wales.

* In Scotland, 1 MILLION people (a Arnold quarter of all those registered) still Aspley haven't paid last year's poll tax. No-one Basford has been punished for this, and none of Beeston the debts have been successfully Bestwood Pk recovered. There are just too many non- Bilborough payers for the councils to deal with. * This year, even more Scottish people Bulwell are refusing to pay. The poll tax there Carlton has gone up by a massive 12% in just Central one year, and people who've seen their Clifton friends and neighbours not paying for a Forest Fields year and a half have now realised that Hyson Green they needn't pay either. Bailiffs have already been out in parts Hucknall of England and Wales - with absolutely Ilkeston no success. In Northampton, their office Lenton was fire-bombed only three days after Meadows their first failed attempt to recover poll Netherfield tax debts. The people of Barri in South Radford Wales sealed off their entire village to Sherwood stop poll tax bailiffs getting in. The truth is that there aren't nearly Sneinton enough bailiffs to go round - in Nottingham, there are only 3 of them and at least 70 000 non-payers. * They can try to recover poll tax debts W/Bridgford through wage and benefit arrestments, but

POLL TAX

COME TO THE COURT AND WASTE THEIR TIME. THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING NASTY TO YOU, ALL THEY CAN DO IS ASK QUESTIONS. YOUR LOCAL ANTI-POLL TAX GROUP WILL GIVE LEGAL HELP

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"TIE ME KANGAROO DOWN" (Poll Tax Court & Social, 20th September 1990)

On a chilly Thursday morning a notlarge-enough crowd (where were you all?) formed outside Nottingham's Guildhall, to show their opposition to the complacent implementation of the Poll Tax by our frank). The main magistrate, fresh from detail.

He refused Mckenzie Friends (unqualifed legal advisors), even though the City Council had assured us they would be permitted; he bullied individuals who got personal hearings, and he threw out everyone from the public gallery when we applauded the end of the first hearing - with the assistance of the pigs, of course.

So much for justice. But the funny thing is that after all this deciet, intimidation and repression, the council is no nearer stealing the money from us than when it 250 liability orders - but so what? The joke would be on them, if it wasn't such a sick affair already.

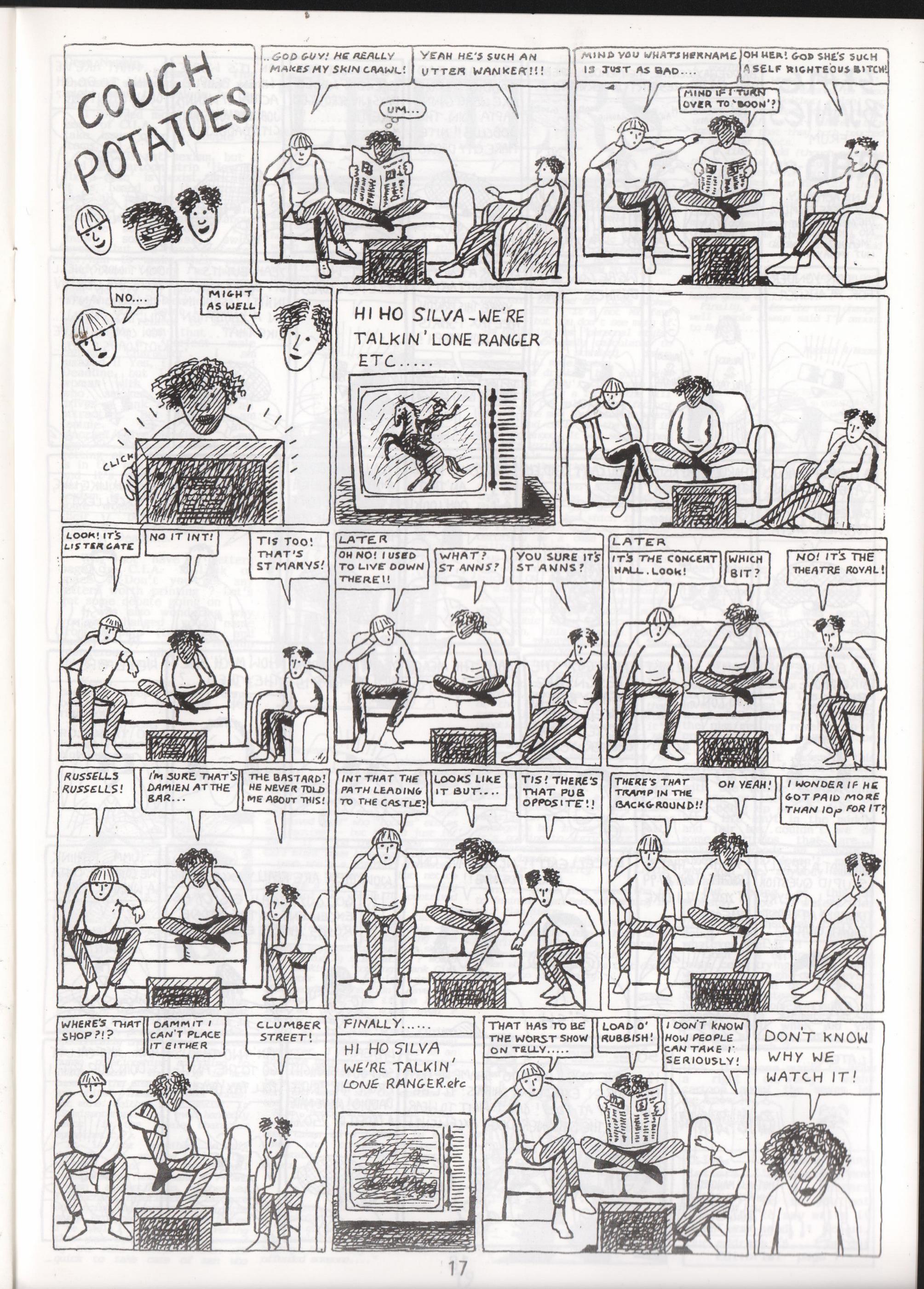
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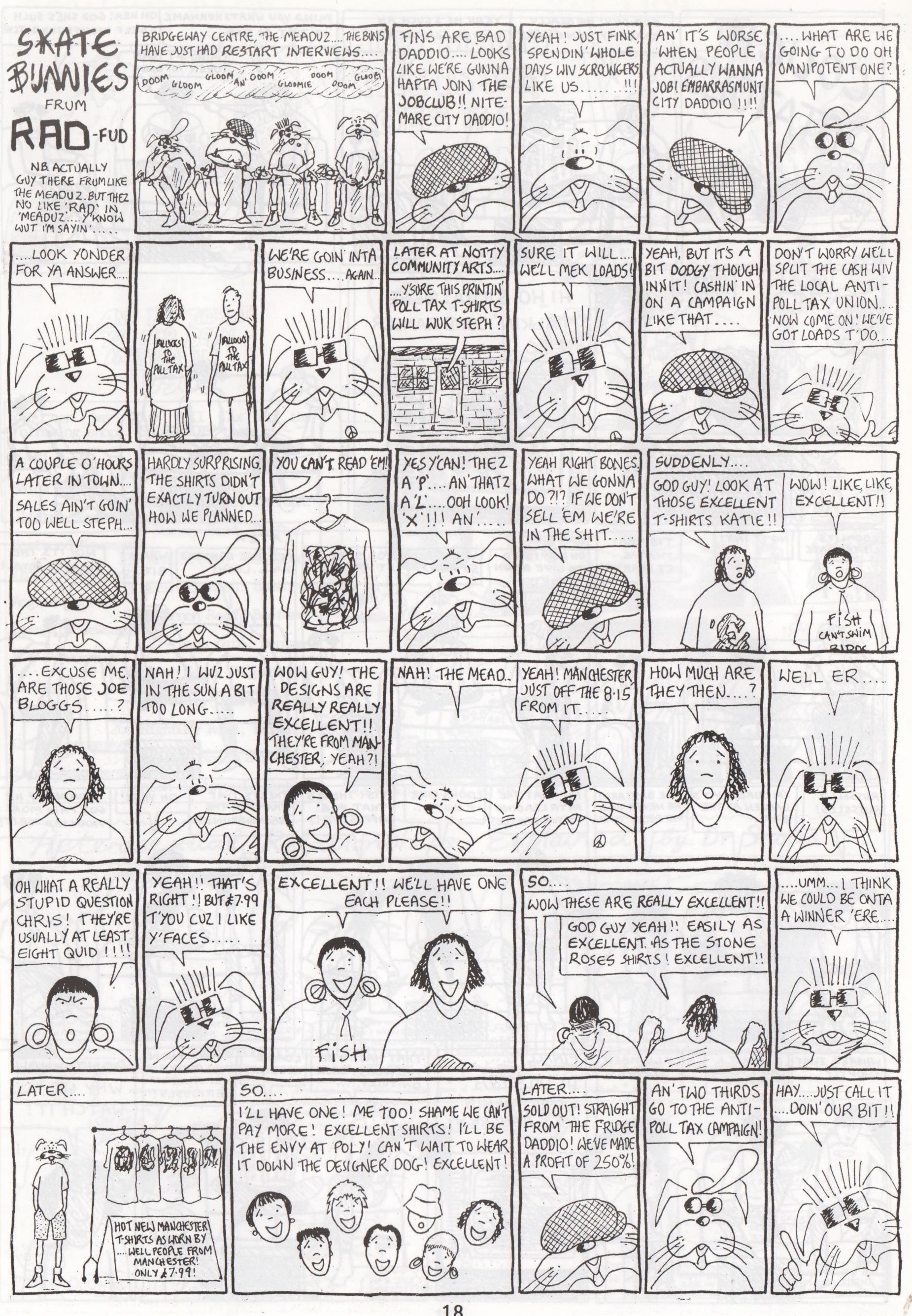
This page was compiled by members of anti-poll tax groups in Nottingham. We couldn't get in touch with people in Leicester, Derby, Birmingham, Sheffield etc because we have no contact addresses or phone numbers. We'd like to hear from groups throughout the East Midlands, so that in future we can make this a genuine regional report. Contact: Box 5, Hiziki, 42 Goosegate, Nottingham

COURT IN AM: OCTOBER the fun.. FFS: take ind some London Rd, lucknall Rd,









Dear Nuphin,

Please tind enclosed some stuff that you might wish to include in the issue of C.I.A. next I enjoyed most of the last issue of C.I.A., but I'd like to

issue over a couple of take items

C.I.A. is anti-sexism, but feel the cartoon strip 'How to fix a Man' is sexist, because based on the premise men are shits, they all not. I do know what the are artist/writer is talking about strip, because I've the some known male swine myself, but I'd have preferred her/him to make their point been funny well), as recognising that some do try to be aware, of how they treat women. The other point I want to make also relates to sexism. make that out 'Tank is a perfect male fantasy character'. am !! Yes, I do read read amazed Deadline, don't see a but with a woman head shaved smokes, vho boozes. drives a tank as being at al then, attractive. But am also ignorant/naive/showing Anyway, I'm what getting at is that some sexism is in the eye of the beholder, it's possible to have a superficial idea of what and very is. Another thought women find some Tank Girl their perfect fantasy character - see April 1990' issue of Deadline.

have a letters Lack Don't letters worth printing ? Let' get some debate going on was also wondering why you've changed your name Muphin (too cute and From cuddly Nuphi (dangerously nihilistic think we should be told

Keep those them funny, coming, keep becoming beware of righteous. All the best, ROSEMARY OLVER Forest Fields Nottingham



Several people thought that H.T.F.A.M. was sexist. However what they all forget is that sexism is about power, primarily, not gender. Specifically the power of one group to dominate and set agendas in human relationships according to THEIR "needs". The strip is not based on the premise that "all men are shits". These are your words, not mine. Neither is it sexist. It the vulnerable female? IS misanthropic i.e. even handedly nasty (is the female character sympathetic ?).

It is not possible in six drawings to analyse fully the hotbed of heterosexual relationships (who'd want to ?) and I wasn't attempting to. Neither was I preaching. Experience is far more strip is a response to experiences of Tank Girl): - quick to take care of men who offended someone '

C.I.A.'s selt

Dear Rosemary

Firstly, thanks for writing - it's good to get feedback - critical or not (the same goes for anyone reading this).

what it's like now, only with the

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genders reversed.

Anyway, about 'Tank Cirl' - you say you don't see a woman with "shaved head" who "boozes" etc as "attractive" - but that's just it, isn't it ? On the surface, Tank Girl might seem like a step forward - yeah she's a dominant character, she's not passive but notice how she's always shown scantily clad and in specially contrived sexual poses. Why is that ? Are we not allowed to have a 'strong' female (even this is debatable - is she 'strong' or just behaving like a man's supposed to), unless she is still sexually stimulating ? Would the 'smoking', 'boozing' Tank Girl character be so popular with the same people if she didn't have such 'great' body ? Or if she looked a like an 'average' woman even ? Somehow I don't think so.

And as for some women finding Tank Girl their perfect fantasy character, I don't see that as an absolute indicator of how liberated she is. Marilyn Monroe has always been as popular with women as with men, and wasn't she the epitome of

Also 'Betty Blue' - that other 'beautiful' pouting victim has been taken as a heroine by many women who consider themselves 'liberated' - but that's another debate....

Bolshy Beth

convincing than any sermon and the Quote from Jamie Hewlett (creator I've had. I found it interesting "If a girl like that (TG) existed

that your sympathies were aroused she wouldn't give a shit about by the male 'victim'. Women are hiding her body in case it



Fortunately only plastic surgeons, cartoonists and pornographers have that kind of bald power to make women AS MEN WANT THEM TO BE. What we are isn't OOOD enough ?

True some lesbians might like Tank Girl because she kicks blokes in the nuts - it's not MY fave fantasy - but you don't see many of 'em emulating her 'personal style' which is obviously calculated to appeal to standard heterosexual male tastes. standard issue

The hard drinkin' bad girl with the 'great body', cute nose and glossed lips is a run of the mill product of the male fantasy factory of old. She may have stubble where Marilyn had curls but the mould is much unchanged. It was sexism then and it's sexism now.

Now it's just possible (but unlikely) that the TG centrefold was intended to be an ironic parody of standard porno images - but that's the thing about parody. Unless you are good at it it can easily BECOME that which it seeks to ridicule. In this case it would certainly be a case of the pot calling the kettle The Deadline boys and the Penthouse boys are in the same business. So TG keeps her |Dear Thingies, knickers ON, but how WHITE they are In earlier versions of pornography scandal women were always dipicted minus their pubic hair. It focuses the but talking TRADITION here. That didn't really bother me, triangle of the female body. Same thing, no change.

And NO, sexism is not "in the eye certain of the beholder" any more than involved but who have internalized the a role model. sexist, racist values system so well that they don't even realize Cartoon strip I it devalues them. It is permicious but I'm just lesser degree. It's not only in the race being up on the other. HARMLESS FUN.

Another quote from Jamie, who is to feminism what Bernard Manning is probably too to F Plan diets:

"The male body is pretty ugly anyway, but the female body is A BEAUTIFUL THING (my capitals) whether short, fat or thin.' Men who say stuff like that don't

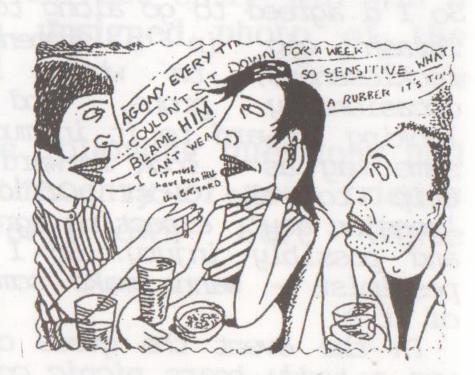
deserve to live really.

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on silmilar points. really.

Well we've now got a letters page in C.I.A., we'll see if the debate keeps going eh? Finally, as for the name change, well people always said I'd amount to Nuphin....



cartoon (I'm talking about the centrefold). that Snopes did that caused a

I suppose it was sexist, only in the attention, this amission. We're practically everything is. That HARMLESS FUNLOVING tradition of think the thing that turned me men's fascination with a particular off the thing was the fact that it was just another "let's off certain habits of slag men." The doesn't come across rascism is. It exists. True, often wonderfully but she is taking unnoticed by those who are not it's the piss/getting revenge so it victims and even by some who ARE presumably isn't meant to be For me wasn't didn't like. getting bored and pervasive and we are all with the double power thing affected by it to a greater or of one or the other sex or material on the top shelf of the know life isn't in the middle newsagents but in our heads. Still and fair but couldn't we do it's nothing to worry about, this some cartoons that are TG character. Just two guys who make everybody an asshole ! like drawing indulging their After all it doesn't matter infantile sexuality. A LITTLE who you are, anybody can be

an asshole.

seeing But as watery or liberal for most to even try to consume then lets carry on doing what we're doing whatever that is ?! Gosh it's difficult on the brain cells trying to be really with it and right-on in every way, think I'll do a cartoon about Hamsters bastards ! - come on admit it. everyone's a 'Hamster-ist at heart.... well when did you last see a Hamster on an anti Poll Tax march ?

(P.S. If anyone wants to draw right on/wishy washy cartoon about the sexes let me know.) JOE C.I.A.

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I should point out that me an' Bolshy Beth wrote 'Wank Girl', Snopes simply volunteered to also do a reply. Neither Bolsh' or Snopes had seen each other's reply, until now, so I think it's interesting that they both touched I'd like to add (though probably quite trivial in light of the general debate) that with reference to "some women find Tank Girl their perfect Fantasy character - see April 1990's issue of Deadline", that I think grown women (or grown men) dressing up as cartoon characters (as they did in the feature 'Tank Girls') is pretty sad

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FUGAZI INSIGHT CRANE SINK Marcus Garvey Centre Nottingham

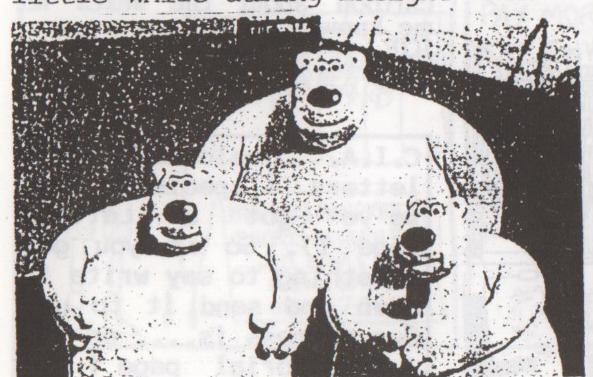
So I'd agreed to go along to this in a moment of Thrash gig to which recklessness, Was and occasionally prone, looking forward to it in much the same way as I look forward to a trip to the Post Office on 'pension day', expecting agression and possibly injury. So I am a pessimist - wanna make something of it?

In the event the queue outside was a teddy bears picnic compared to the snapping, poking and cursing of the pensioners in the P.O., and we were able to saunter almost to the front of it without so much as a dirty look from the assorted 'crusties' gathered there.

My intelligence had led me to believe that we'd be the only ones there, but that too was wrong. I've never seen The Marcus Carvey so stuffed. That we were in a tiny minority of women was no problem either. I felt a lot more comfortable there than down town on a Friday night where you can smell the testosterone as you pray for a number 81 to take you ANYWHERE QUICK as long as it's away.

I didn't know the names of the bands playing, and and I'm not sure which out of Crane or Sink was the one that sounded like a Rottweiler chained in the engine room, but that was the one I liked best of the three. Insight were OK but played too long I thought. I think the quitarist was wearing the kaftan I owned in 1972. Worn well I thought.

We'd picked our way round the carpet huddlers, and those who like always to keep the 'exit' sign in view, to almost the front by the time Fugazi came on. I wished I'd left my jacket home. I only used it over my head for a little while during Insight when I



started to get listeners cramp.

Fugazi were pretty spiffy. A touch pedagogic maybe, but hey, it wouldn't hurt to know who Marcus Garvey was would it ? Maybe someone had better explain to me why people yell "Fuck Off!" when they seem to be otherwise enjoying themselves. Is it like "far out" or "groovy" ? I think their lyrics might have been OK too, only I couldn't hear 'em even without the jacket There wasn't much space for frantic dancing - Passadoble, Tango, that kind of thing, but down the front some calories got burnt and some body fluids set

I lost Happy and Glorious but I'm alive and thrashing.

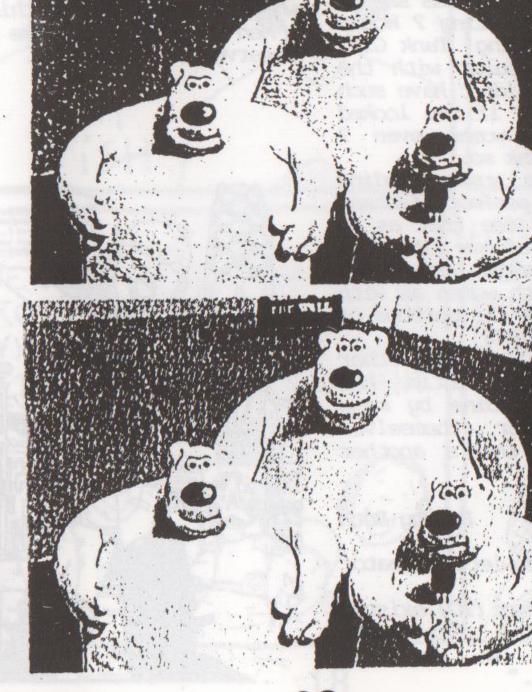
CAN'T DECIDE THE KILLING FLOOR KINGS OF OBLIVION The Old Angel Nottingham

The Old Angel room: packed, hot and sweaty. The Killing, were already playing, Floor noise sounded good, the would've danced but there was no room. I think they should have a record deal. Squeezed through to the front. Can't Decide - beaty hardcore. I had to dance. did. Was the only female unfortunately, dancing anyway found myself well into it.

Sadly for them, by the time Kings of Oblivion came on lotsa people had gone to catch the last bus (not the sort to afford taxis). They made a joke out of it though and built a witty rapport with those left. Kings Of Oblivion are good at what they do, but just too fast for me, can't dance to them, but a couple punks were flying around to 'em. So it is possible. Nothing more to say. Was a damn good pub gig.

A FALL AND AND AND AND THE WELL

Bolshy Beth



Snopes

guest starrin':

The C.I.A./Lobster Telephone stall !

NUPHIN and NEPHEW: Had a whale of time.

All the bands seemed to sound the same.

There was too much of that 'leftie' music that is a mixture of South American and African music.

"I'm sure they played last year," was said too often.

"Weren't they in the band earlier on ?" shunt 'ave been said at all. The layout was awful (would a large semi-circle with all the stalls facing the stage be such a bad idea? We couldn't see the stage on the stall cos of stalls facing us !).

Sunday was better than Saturday cos on Sunday they actually had noisy bands on.

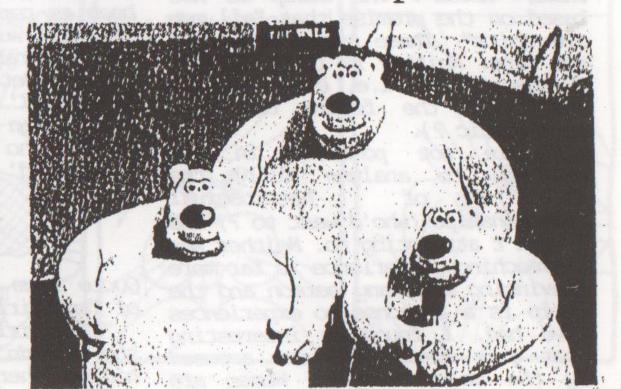
The performance tent was the best thing there.

Having the stall was worth the bother, just (it's nice to meet the C.I.A faces behind the buyers/readers).

I was told that the general concensus was that it was the best Rock an' Reggae ever. Which it was (but that doesn't actually say all that much really). Kylie had a good time.

Anyway, it's your Rock an' Reggae, so if you weren't happy with it moan to the organisers. Who will then moan to you, quite rightly, how they're doin' their best cos they're only volunteers. Whereupon you can volunteer to help in '91 and inject some new life into it. We'll keep you posted about open mettings shall we?

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NOW HE ATTEMPTS THE MOST DARING FEAT IN THE HISTORY OF LOUD, TUNELESS MUSIC MIN UTES AND COUNTING ... EDE TONIGHT, THANKS TO GLASNOST, A SLAMSLOBBER GIGIS TO BE BEAMED LIVE TO MOSCOW WA SATELLITE HOWEVER, DESPITE HIS ALMOST SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES, IVOR'S BODY OBEYS THE LAWS OF PHYSICS - AND man AAAGH! I'VE GONE INTO

C.I.A. 9 'Earache Competition' winners: Ian from Top Valley, Kevin Sloan from The Meadows, Sue Young from Hyson Green, David from Cardiff, Albert 'Rat' Tatlock from Mapperley Park (?) and, just to add to excitement and to make things awkward, we can't tell you who the sixth winner is because she/he forgot to include her/his address ! So all we can suss out (an' pretty darn clever detective work we think too) is that this person either brought their copy of C.I.A. from Selectadisc or Forbidden Planet and that they posted it on the 23rd of June. And if it'll help, the following comments came with the entry: "I think this issue's probably the best one I've seen since I've been buying it (issue 6). I prefer to have more written content rather than just 'toons, and the 'kin' sound politics. " Hope you're reading Anonymous Sixth Winner, and if you recognize yourself write and tell us so's you can have yer prize.





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(a) Delia Smith's 'One Is Fun'

(b) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

(c) 101 Damnations

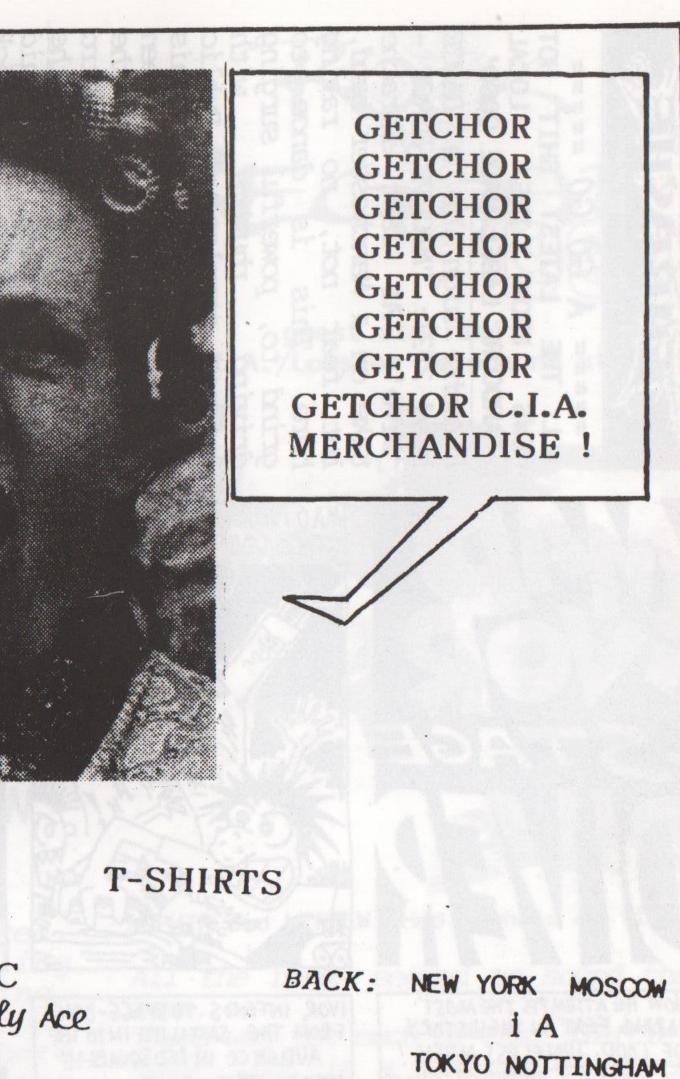
No. 2 In not more than 30 words (and no less than 3), please give your comments on C.I.A. We welcome any feedback.

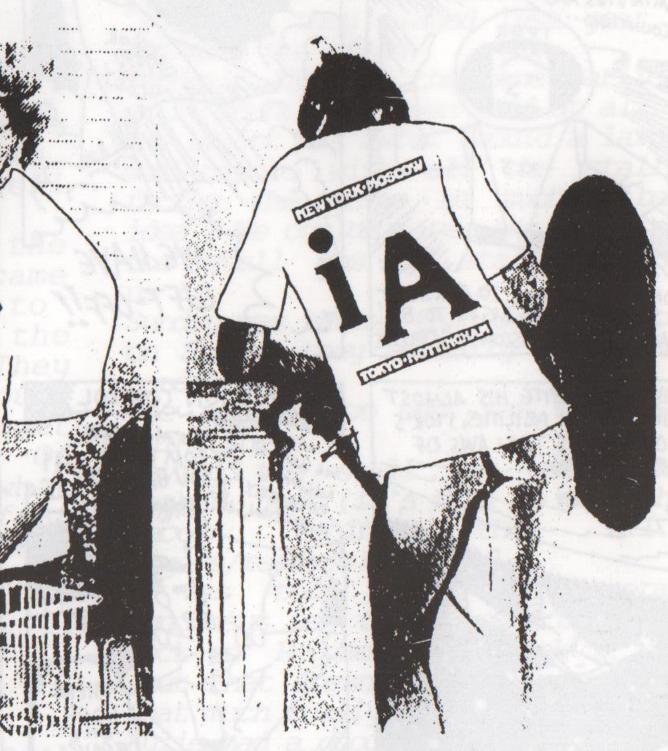
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