

Comics

ANNUAL

STORIES, PUZZLES, A PIN-UP, PLUS:
PARENTS' HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDE!



APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
1992 ANNUAL
\$1.00
\$1.25 IN CANADA

THE REAL

AS SEEN ON TV!

GHOSTBUSTERS™

ONLY
\$1.00
\$1.25 IN CANADA

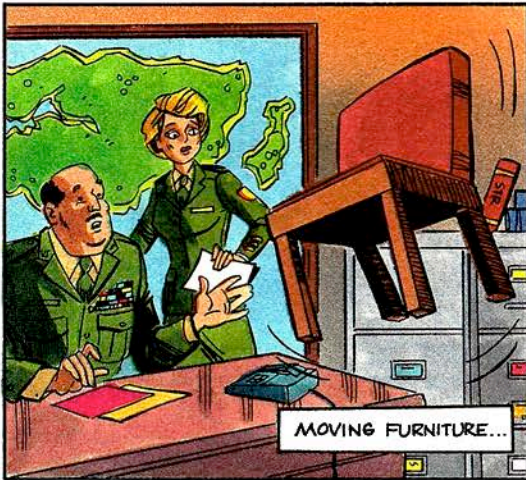
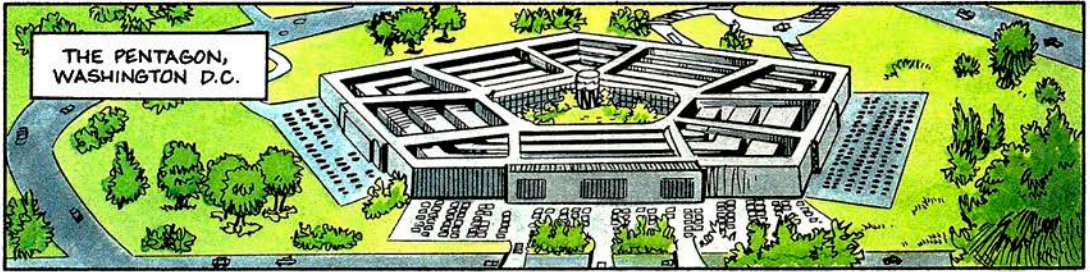


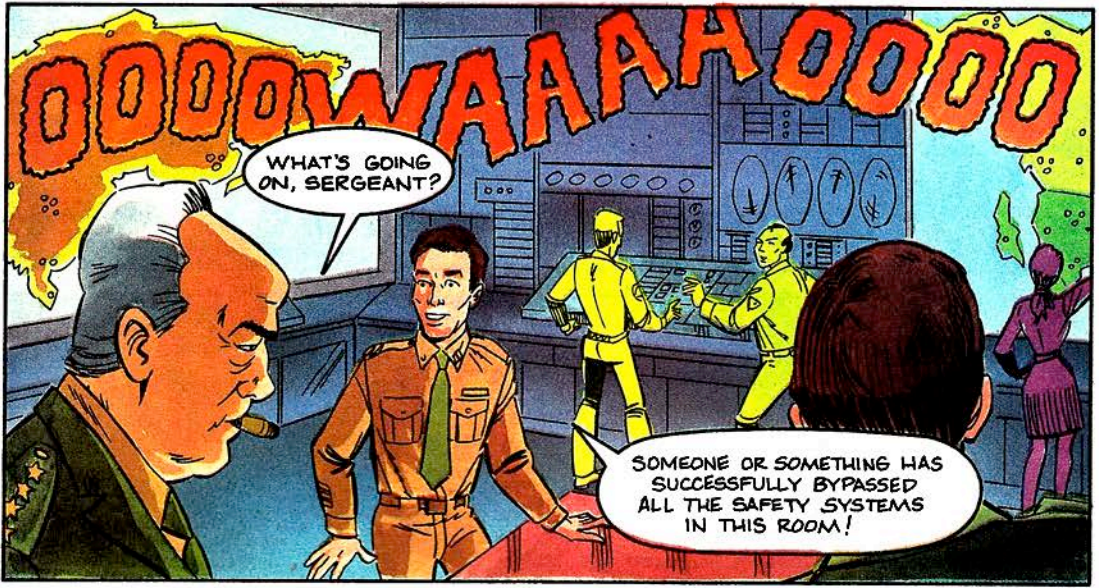
01
0 70989 33152 5

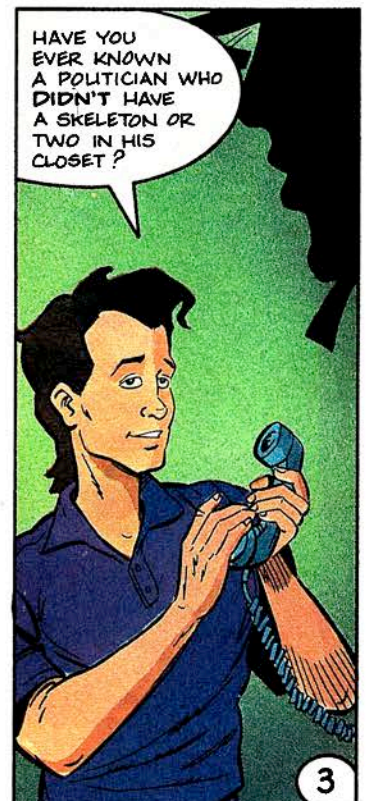
**IT WAS A TIME OF ENEMIES
AND ESPIONAGE.**



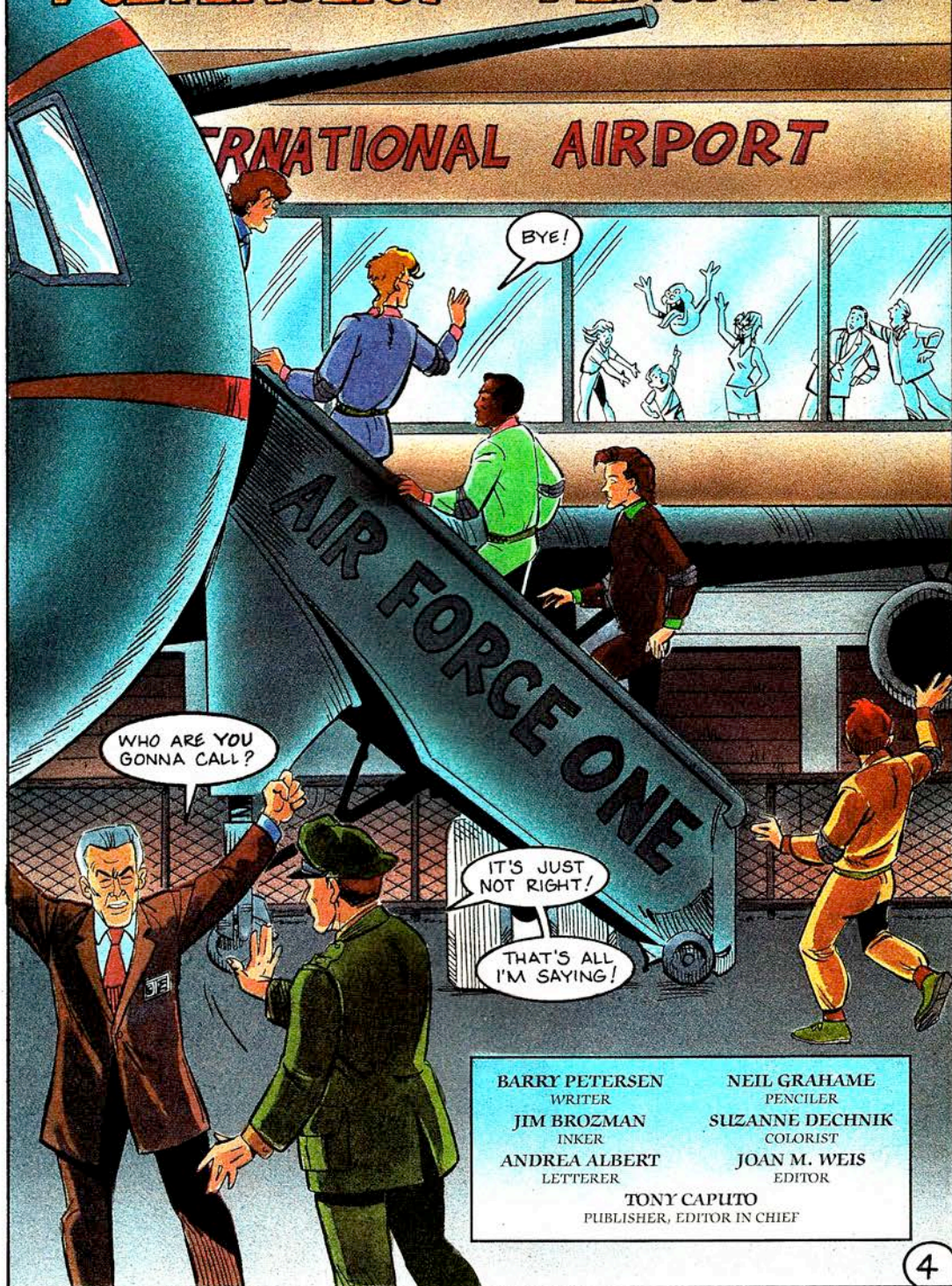
STING OF THE GREEN HORNET is TM and © 1991
The Green Hornet, Inc. All Rights reserved







POLTERGEIST AT THE PENTAGON



WHO ARE YOU GONNA CALL?

BYE!

IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT!

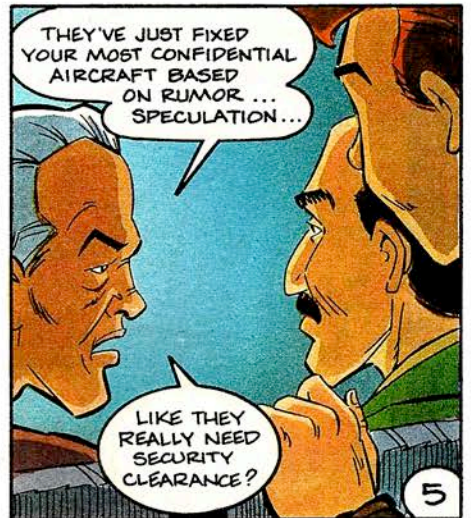
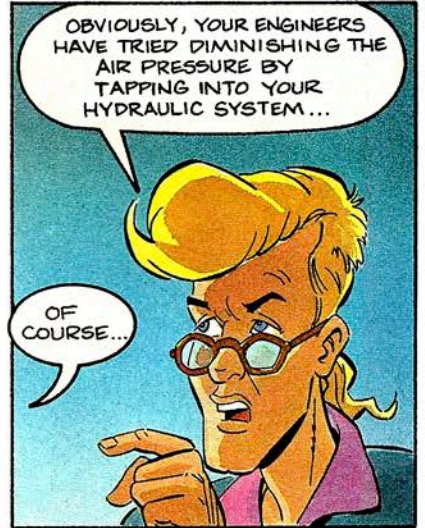
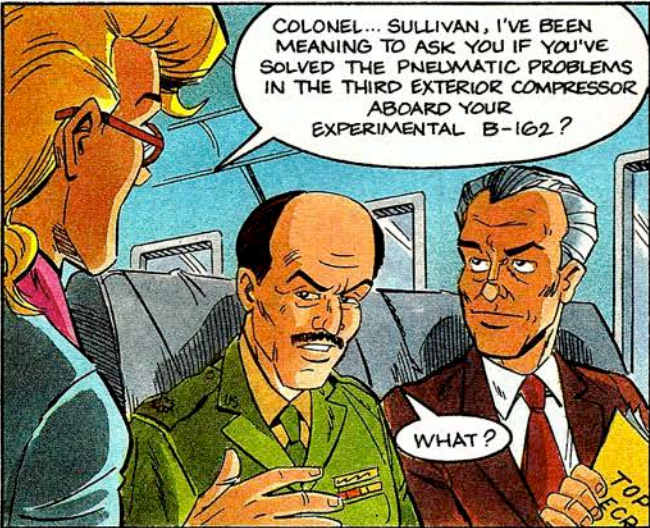
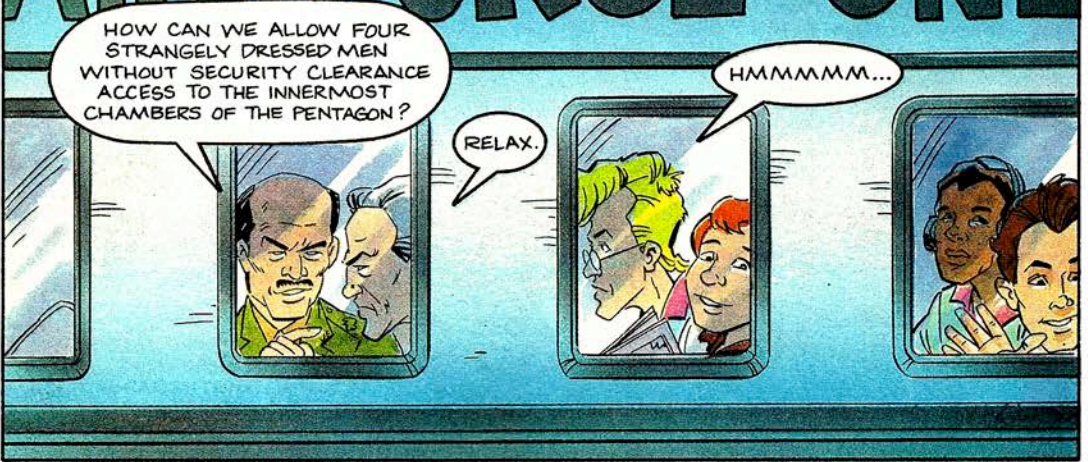
THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING!

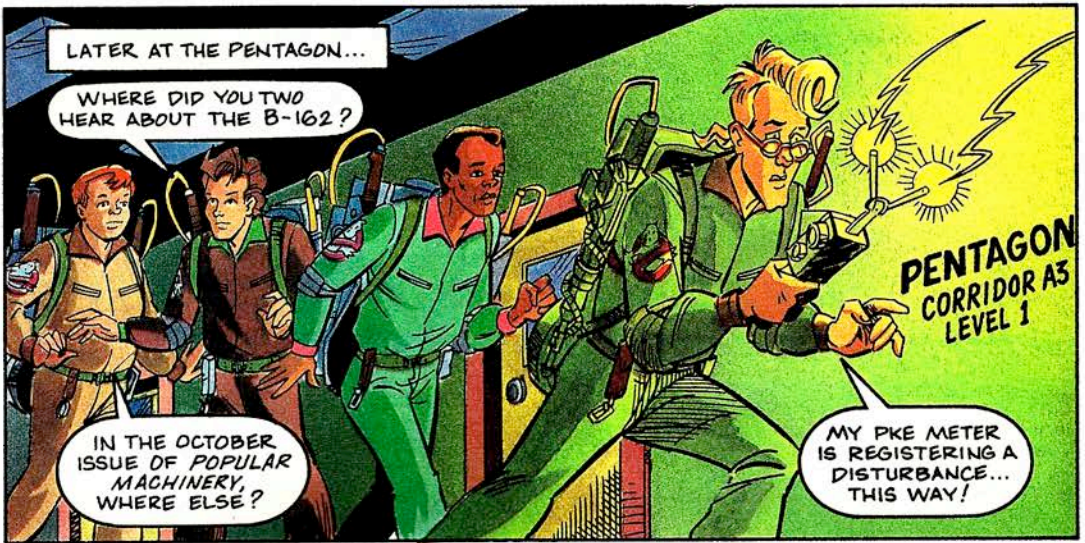
BARRY PETERSEN
WRITER
JIM BROZMAN
INKER
ANDREA ALBERT
LETTERER

NEIL GRAHAME
PENCILER
SUZANNE DECHNIK
COLORIST
JOAN M. WEIS
EDITOR

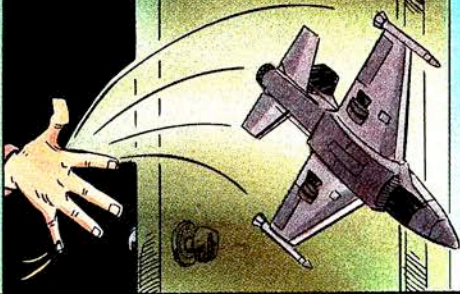
TONY CAPUTO
PUBLISHER, EDITOR IN CHIEF

AIR FORCE ONE





MINUTES LATER...



AND THEY SAID IT WOULDN'T FLY!

I FEEL LIKE THE STAR OF A BAD RUBBER MONSTER MOVIE.



READY OR NOT...



RALPH SMART ADVENTURES

MIND GAMES

by Marc Hansen

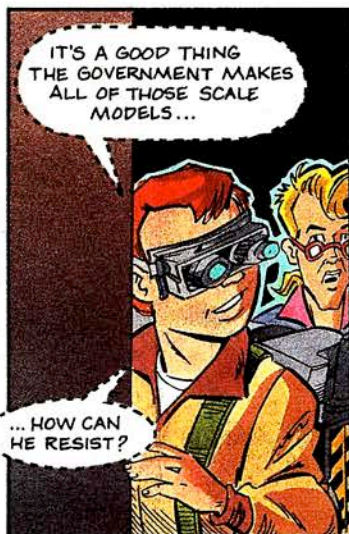
**THREE MONTHLY ISSUES WITH FOUR
COLLECTORS' TRADING CARDS FOR EACH MONTH!!
BEGINNING IN MARCH, 1992**

NOW
COMICS®

RALPH SMART ADVENTURES and all characters therein are TM and © 1992 NOW Entertainment Corporation. All rights reserved.
Created by Marc Hansen.



... HERE HE COMES.



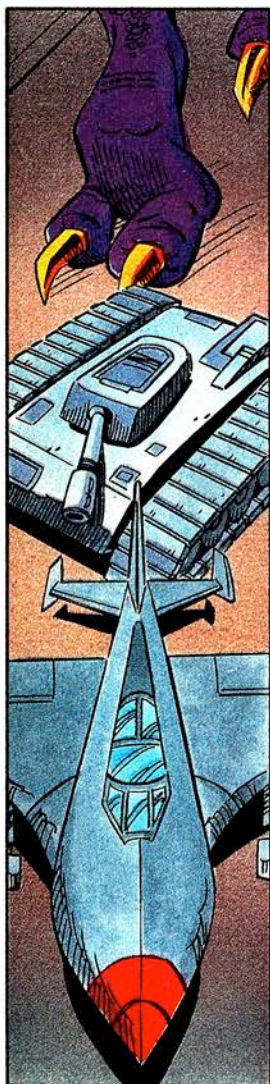
IT'S A GOOD THING THE GOVERNMENT MAKES ALL OF THOSE SCALE MODELS...

... HOW CAN HE RESIST?



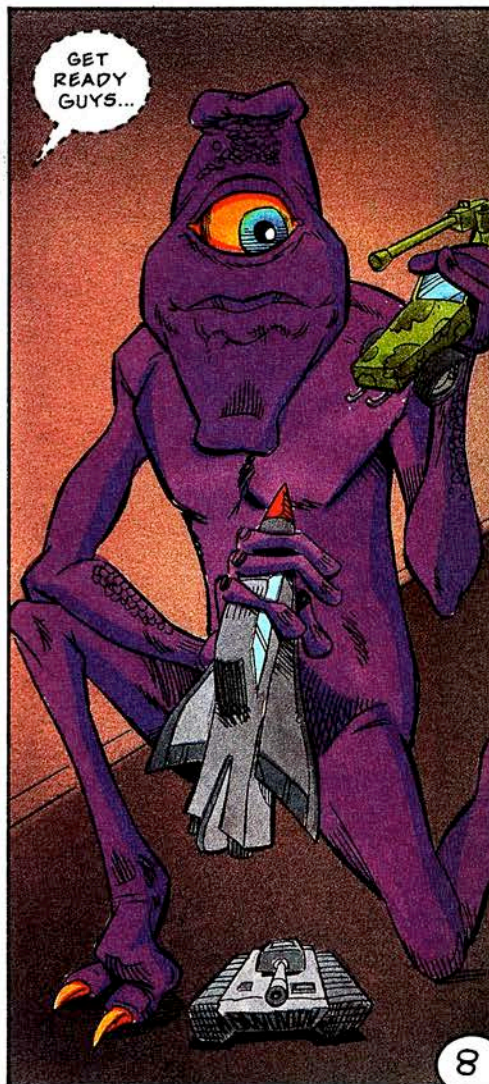
MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE LEFT A TRAIL OF PIZZAS.

THAT'D BE FINE IF WE WERE DEALING WITH SLIMER.

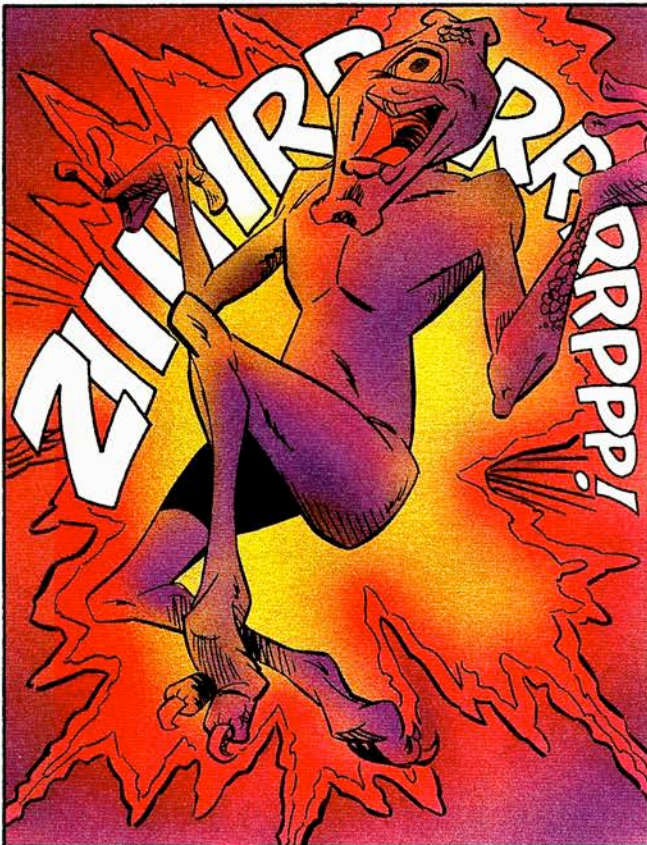
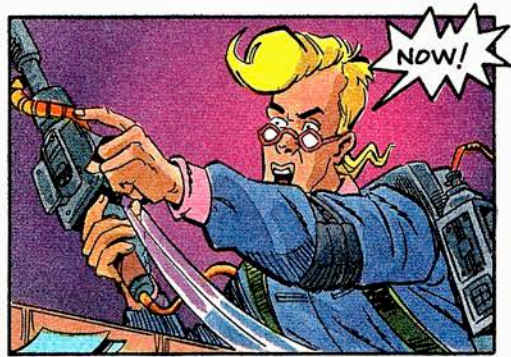


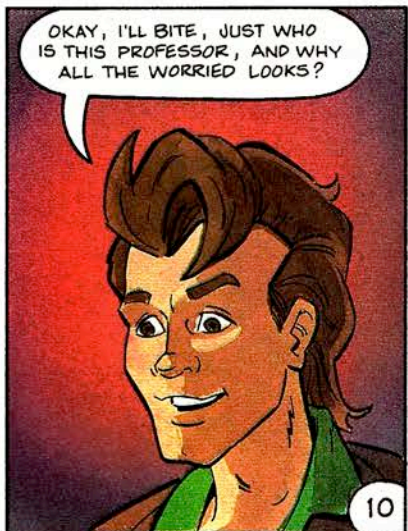
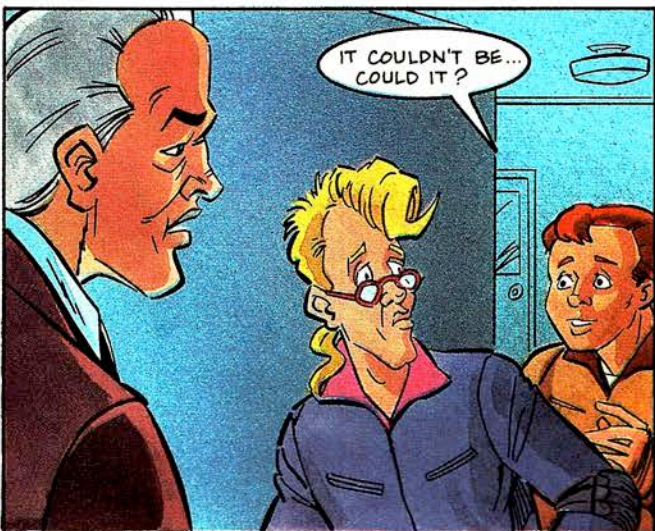
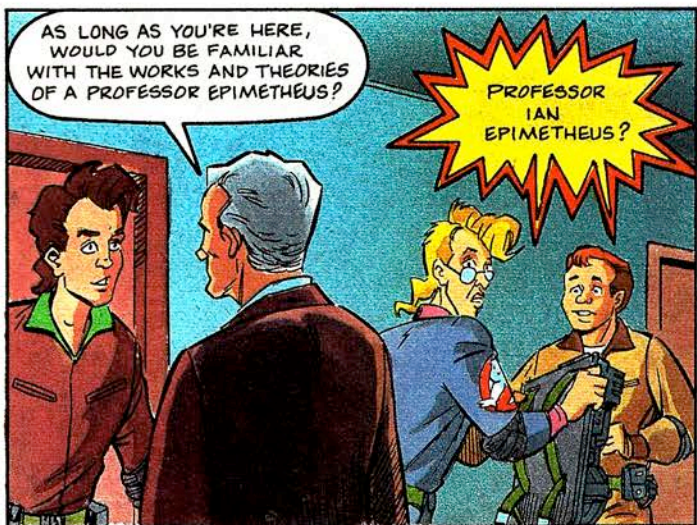
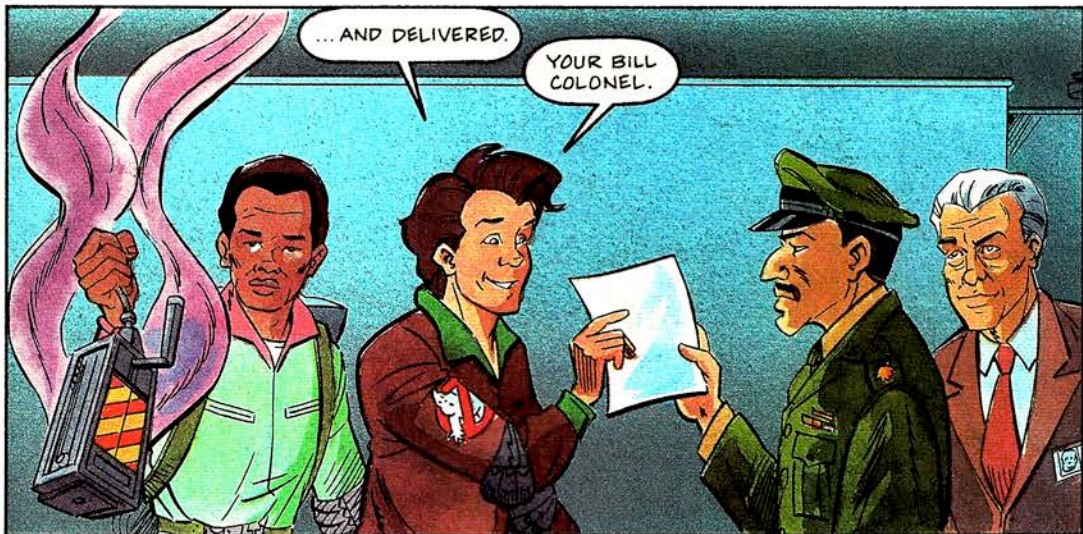
"HE DID IT..."

"... HE TOOK THE BAIT!"



GET READY GUYS...





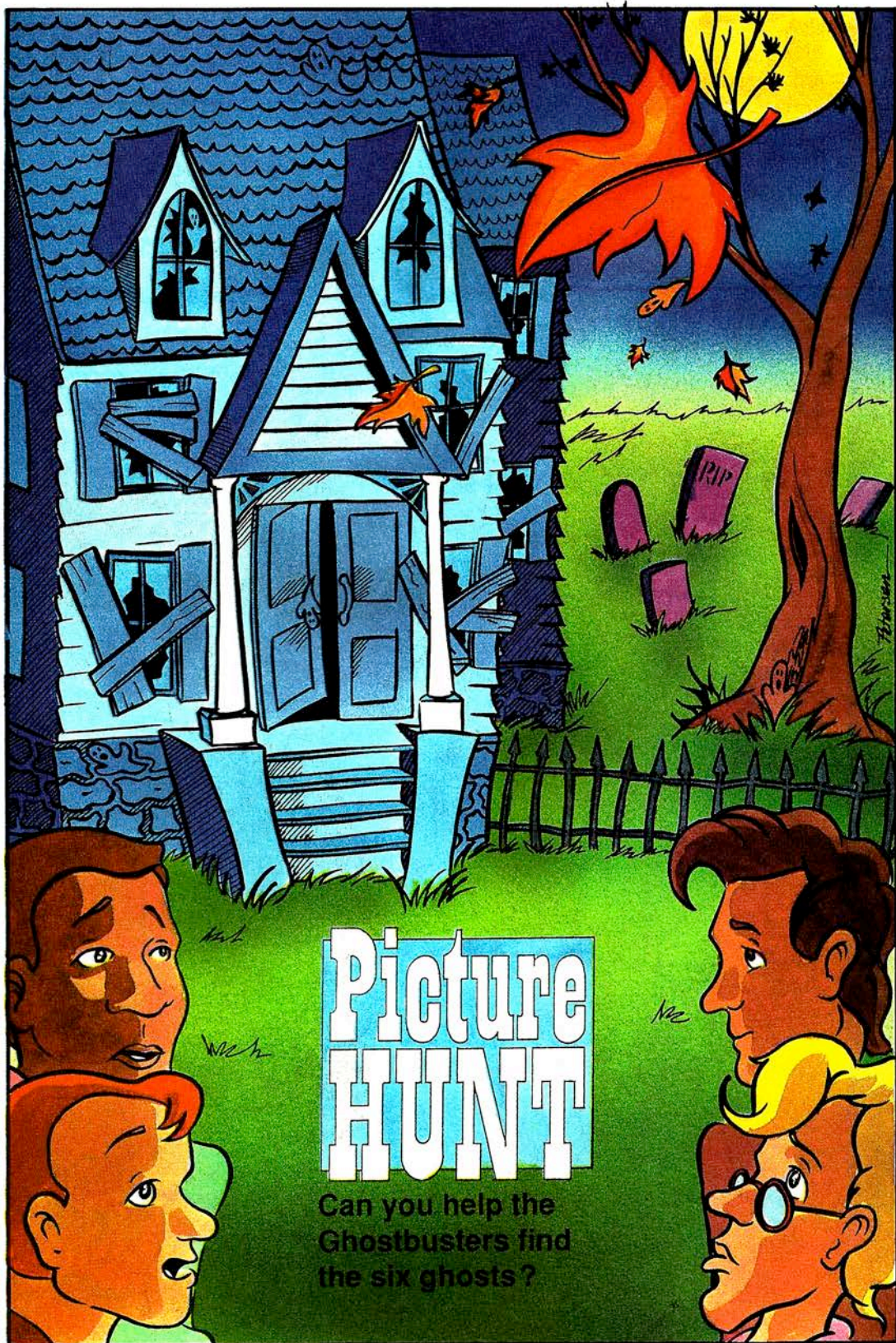
IAN EPIMETHEUS WAS ONE OF MY MENTORS IN PARANORMAL RESEARCH. HE DROPPED OUT OF TEACHING TO BUILD AN INVENTION...

HE CLAIMED HE FOUND A GATEWAY TO THE DEEPEST, DARKEST DEPTHS OF EVIL.

I HAD TO ASK.

NEXT:

PANDORA'S BOX



Picture HUNT

Can you help the Ghostbusters find the six ghosts?

TALES OF THE
GREEN HORNET



ON SALE
COMICS

Available Only
At The Finest
Comic Shops

New York

WINNERS OF THE DRAW SLIMER! CONTEST



Patrick Chan
Piscataway, NJ



Peter Chi
Kalamazoo, MI



Justin Cooper
Deux Mont, Quebec
Canada



Wilson David, Jr.
Newark, NJ

Send **SLIMER!** drawings to:

DRAW SLIMER!
c/o NOW Comics
60 Revere Dr., Suite 200
Northbrook, IL 60062

- Drawings are printed **ACTUAL SIZE**, so make them approximately 3" x 3."
- Submissions are not returnable and are hereby the property of NOW Comics and copyright Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc.

THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS™

PIN-UP PAGE

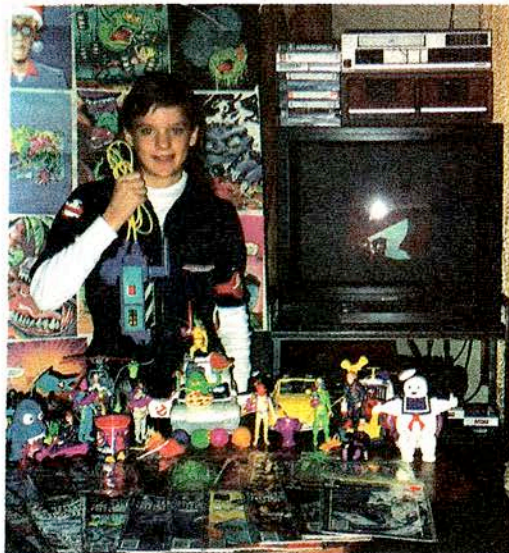




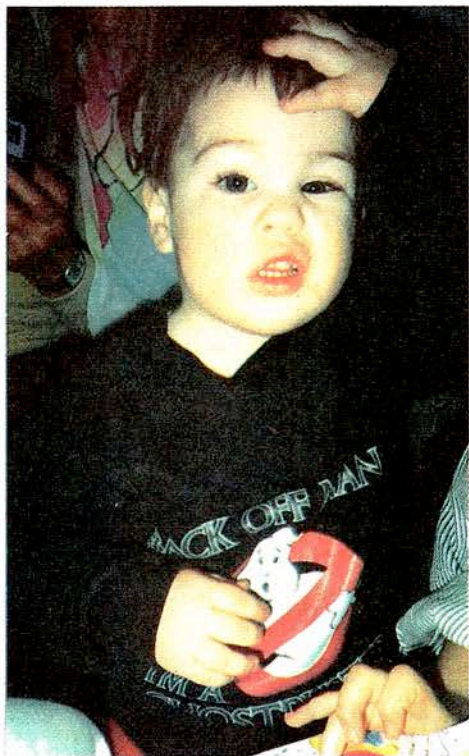
THE GHOSTBUSTING PHOTO GALLERY



Jonathan Amato
Iselin, NJ



Erin Conway
Fitzroy Harbour, ON
Canada



Paul Joseph Wohlrab
Huntington Station, NY



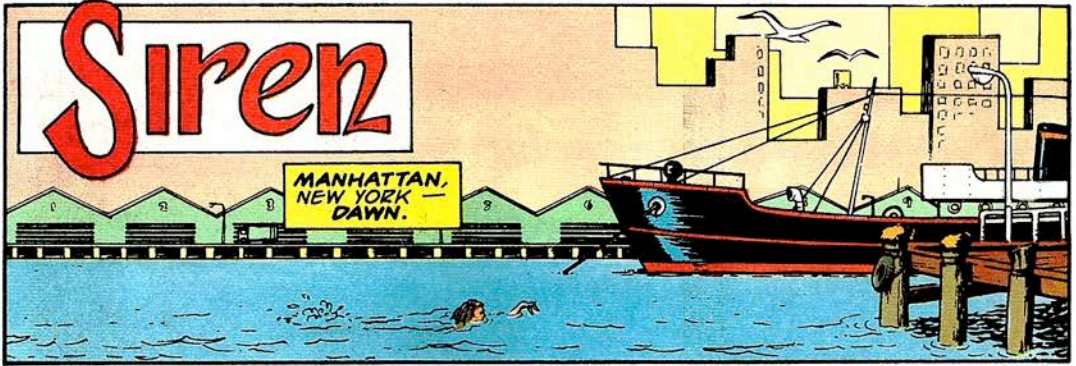
Amy and Mike Vasinko
Cleveland, OH

Send Ghostbusting Photos to:

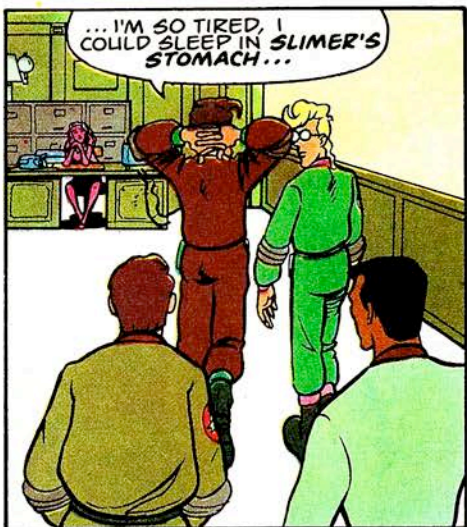
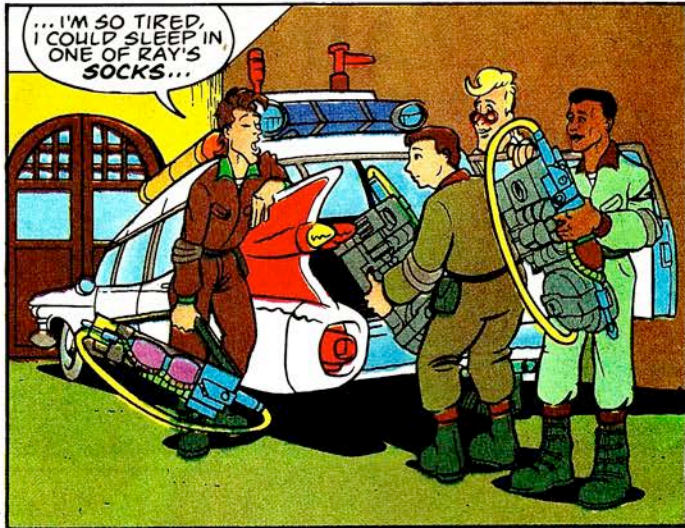
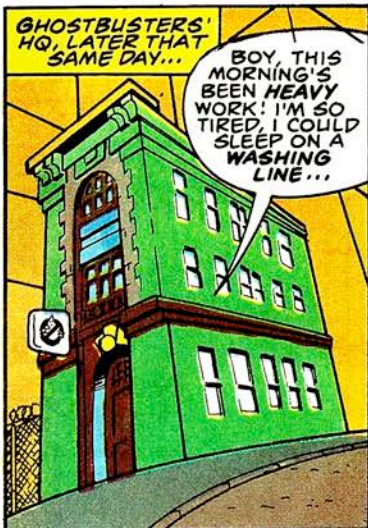
**GHOSTBUSTING
PHOTO GALLERY**
c/o NOW Comics
60 Revere Dr., Suite 200
Northbrook, IL 60062

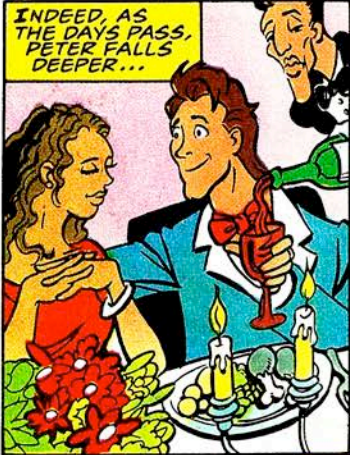
- NO POLAROID/INSTANT PHOTOS accepted
- Submissions are not returnable and are hereby the property of NOW Comics and copyright Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc.

THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS™



Story RICHARD ALAN  Art ANTHONY LARCOMBE  Lettering and Colouring ZED





INDEED, AS THE DAYS PASS, PETER FALLS DEEPER...



... AND DEEPER ...



... IN LOVE!



WHERE IS PETER, RAY? WE CAN'T BUST EVERY GHOST WE'RE CALLED OUT FOR WITH JUST THE THREE OF US!

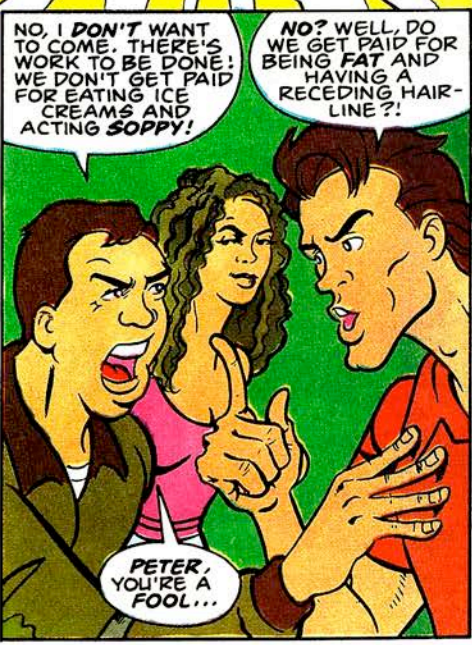
YEAH, HE'S TAKING TOO MUCH TIME OFF — THIS HAS TO STOP!



LATER...

HEY — PETER! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

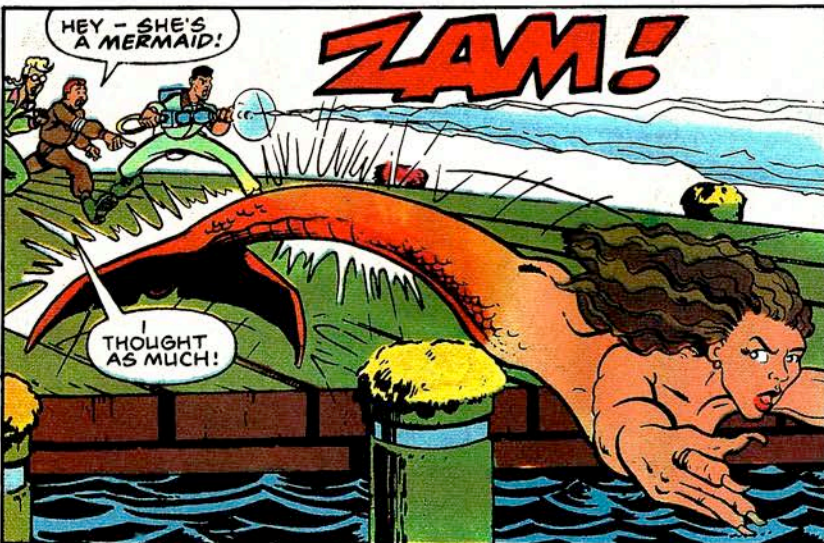
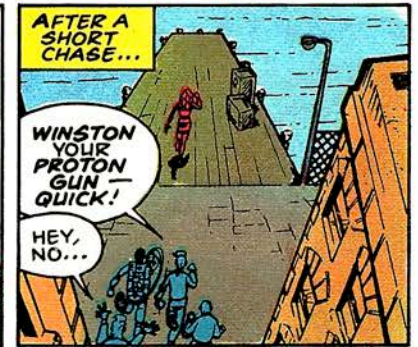
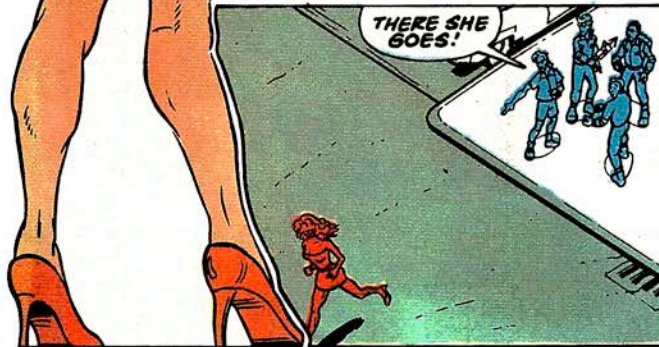
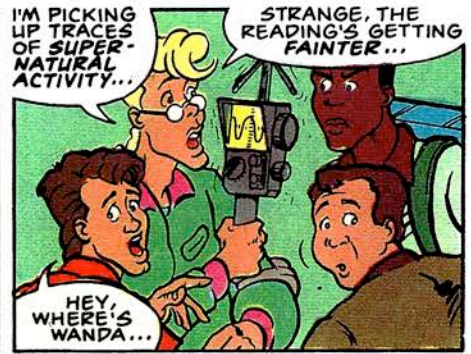
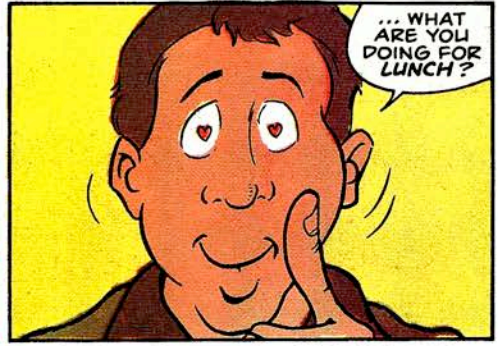
WANDA AND I ARE JUST POPPING DOWN-TOWN FOR ICE CREAMS ... WANNA COME?

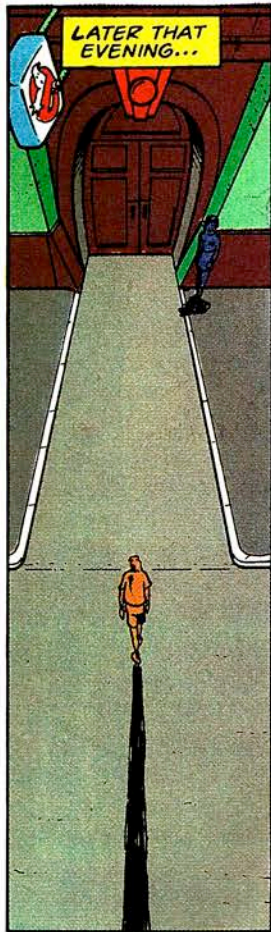


NO, I DON'T WANT TO COME. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE! WE DON'T GET PAID FOR EATING ICE CREAMS AND ACTING SOPPY!

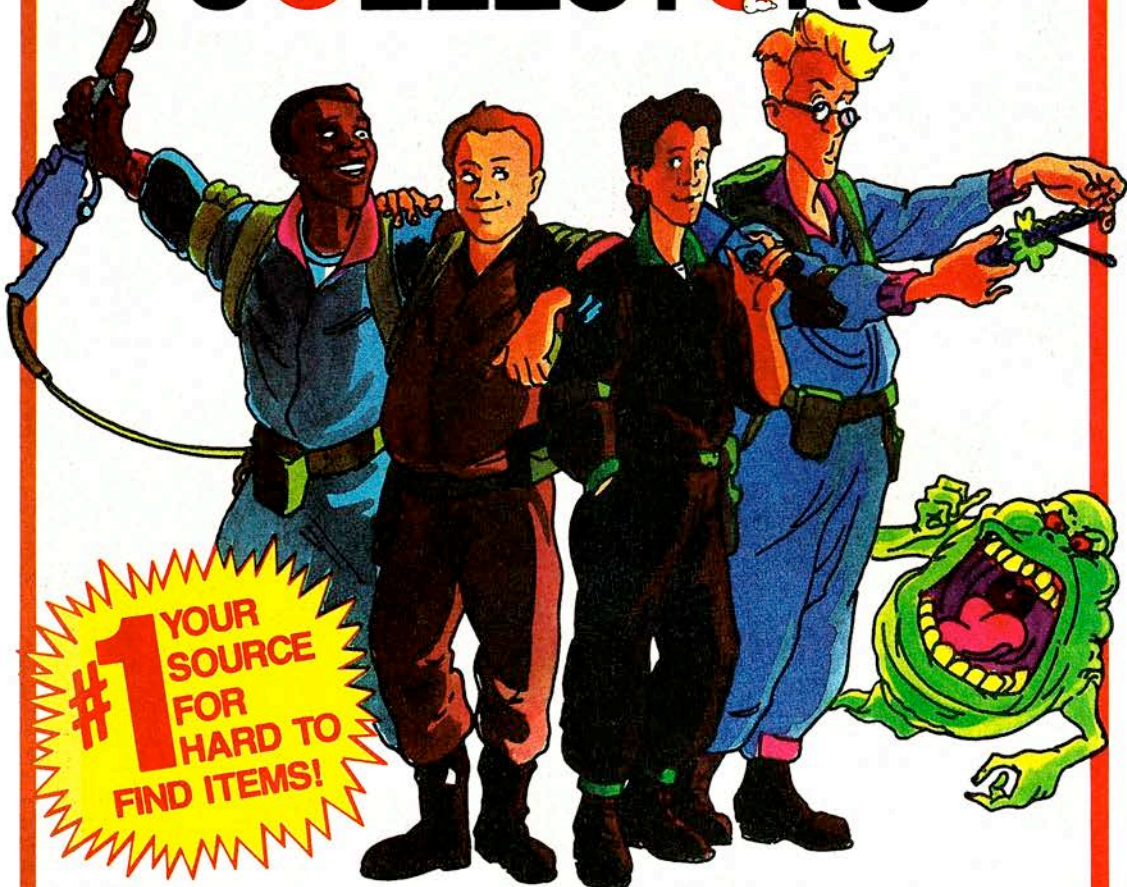
NO? WELL, DO WE GET PAID FOR BEING FAT AND HAVING A RECEDING HAIR-LINE??

PETER, YOU'RE A FOOL...





COLLECTORS



#1 YOUR
SOURCE
FOR
HARD TO
FIND ITEMS!

THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS™ GHOSTBUSTERS II™

Send for a fully illustrated catalog of official merchandise, featuring an extensive selection of **The Real Ghostbusters** and **Ghostbusters II** items, including novelties and apparel. To receive your copy, send \$2 to cover postage and handling. **U.S. funds only, please.**

CREATIVE CHARACTERS

Box 155 (Dept. GBC), Commack, New York 11725

The Real Ghostbusters and Ghostbusters II - ©1984, 1989, Columbia Pictures Incorporated
©1986 Columbia Pictures Television, a Division of CPT Holdings Incorporated - All Rights Reserved

**\$1.95 THE FIRST MINUTE
75¢ EACH ADDITIONAL MINUTE**

SELENA'S COMICS HOTLINE

1-900-7SELENA
1-900-773-5362

I AM SELENA--
SEEKER AND SEER OF
KNOWLEDGE! BORNE UPON
THE INTERSTELLAR WINDS,
I ROAM THE MULTIVERSE
GLEANNING INSIGHTS AND
INFORMATION!

CALL MY COMICS HOTLINE--
AND I WILL REVEAL UNTO YOU
THE LATEST AND MOST EXCITING
EVENTS IN THE MANY WORLDS OF
COMICS! FIND OUT WHAT'S HOT
AND WHAT'S NOT--! CALLER OPTIONS
INCLUDE MARVEL, DC, VALIANT,
INDEPENDENTS AND COMICS NEWS!

COLLECTORS!
DISCOVER INTRIGUING BACK-
ISSUE INFO! EXPERTS! TRY MY
TERRIFIC TRIVIA! EVERY TIME YOU
CALL YOU ENTER THE SELENA
SWEEPSTAKES WHERE YOU CAN
WIN RARE BACK ISSUES AND
SUPER-SPECIAL MERCHANDISE!

SHARE MY
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE MANY WORLDS
OF COMICS! CALL
ME NOW!!

CALL AND WIN! EVERY CALLER IS
ENTERED IN THE
SWEEPSTAKES!

1ST PRIZE SILVER SURFER #1 (\$300.00 VALUE)
2ND PRIZE WARLOCK #1 (\$35.00 VALUE)
3RD PRIZE SOLAR MAN OF THE ATOM #1 (\$10.00 VALUE)

© GRAMERCY ENTERPRISES, INC.

1. Callers with rotary or touchtone phones may access the service by dialing 1-900-7-SELENA (1-900-773-5362), anywhere in the continental U.S. at any time, 24 hours a day. The charge of each call is \$1.95 for the first minute and 75¢ for each additional minute. 2. Only callers with touchtone telephones may enter the monthly sweepstakes drawing using their telephones. 3. Callers may call and enter the drawing as many times as they like, however only one entry per call is permitted. 4. Drawings will be held on the last day of each month beginning on December 31, 1991 and will continue until the drawing is suspended. One (1) first prize winner, three (3) second prize winners and twenty (20) third prize winners will be selected randomly each month. All winners will be notified by telephone. 5. No minimum age required. Anyone who is under 18 years of age must get parental permission before calling. All prizes won by persons under 18 years of age shall be awarded in the name of a parent or legal guardian. 6. Sponsors and their service provider are not responsible or liable for incorrect or inaccurate entry of information by callers, technical malfunctions of the telephone network, computer equipment, software or any combination thereof, or lost or delayed

data transmissions. 7. Drawing open to all U.S. continental residents. Employees and families of West Interactive Inc. and Gramercy Enterprises Inc. and their affiliated companies and sponsors are not eligible. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Telephone entry of sweepstakes void in MD, AZ, VA, GA, MI and LA. 8. The prizes will be awarded. The odds of winning depend upon the number of entries received. No prize substitution or transfer is permitted. All taxes are sole responsibility of winner. 9. No purchase necessary to enter sweepstakes. For free entry, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your name, address, telephone number and age to the sponsor at: Selena's Comics Hotline, c/o Gramercy Enterprises Inc., 114 East 14th Street, Suite 276, New York, NY, 10003. Residents of VT and WA state need not include return postage. All written entries must be received seven (7) days prior to the monthly drawing date ("the deadline"). All written entries received after the deadline will be transferred to the next month's drawing. 10. Complete rules and/or list of prize winners may be obtained by writing to the sponsor at: "Selena's Comics Hotline-Rules" c/o Gramercy Enterprises Inc., 114 East 14th Street, Suite 276, New York, NY 10003.

Silver Surfer and Warlock are registered trademarks owned by Marvel Entertainment Group, Inc. Solar Man of the Atom is a registered trademark owned by Voyager Communications, Inc.

Egon Spengler's PARENTS' GUIDE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY



Health and Safety Warning: This Shopping Cart May Be Hazardous to Your Child's Health

It's true! Your child may even have had a run-in with a shopping cart already. These mobile mishaps were involved in more than 19,000 injuries to children in 1990; 15,251 of these incidents involved head and/or facial injuries, including fractured skulls. In fact, falls from shopping carts are now listed among the leading causes of head injuries in children under the age of 5.

So a few safety tips from Egon are in order here:

- Never let your child sit in the food basket part of the cart. He or she may get impatient or try to climb out. This is when carts tip over... food, child, and all.
- Never allow your child to sit on the rack under the basket, either. It's not big enough to hold a kid. Furthermore, fingers, hands, feet, and clothing can easily get caught in the wheels.
- Put your child in the seat portion of the cart. Use the seat belt, if one is available. If your child is too big for the seat, he or she should walk beside you.
- Finally, never—ever—leave your child unattended in a shopping cart.

Diarrhea Dilemma

There's no question about it: diarrhea is no fun. But something that will probably make you and your child feel much better is a set of guidelines to help you figure out when it's more than just a mild case. These symptoms mean that a physician should be contacted:

- Blood is in the stool.
- The child hasn't urinated for more than eight hours.
- Diarrhea has continued

for more than two days.

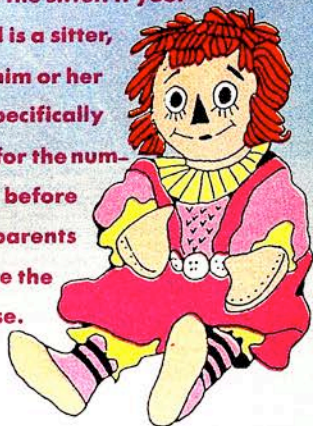
- It gets worse even though you've been feeding your child a bland diet.
- Vomiting accompanies the diarrhea.
- Your child has had a fever of more than 101 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 24 hours.
- Signs of dehydration are present: sunken eyes, abnormal drowsiness or lethargy, and no discernible saliva.

Babysitter Basics

Chances are that if you've got a kid, you've used a babysitter. Or maybe one of your children is a babysitter. Either way, this information will interest you.

A nationwide survey has shown that an alarming number of parents who use young babysitters do not leave them phone numbers in case of emergency. This includes numbers for doctors, community emergency services, neighbors, or even numbers where the parents could be reached.

There's a simple solution here: Leave those numbers with the sitter. If your child is a sitter, tell him or her to specifically ask for the numbers before the parents leave the house.





Winter Warmth the Wise Way

The National Fire Protection Association would like to remind you that heating equipment is the number-one cause of home fires in the United States. Folks, please pay attention to these tips:

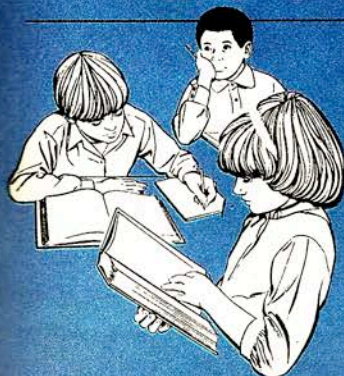
- If you're using a space heater, keep it at least 36 inches away from anything that is combustible; this includes wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and most importantly, people!
- Turn off space heaters if

you're not going to be in the room or when you go to bed.

- Keep children and pets away from them at all times, and never leave children or pets unattended while a space heater is on.
- Remember that a space heater is not a dryer; wet clothing such as mittens and socks should never be placed on one to dry.

These are just the basic dos and don'ts. Read your owner's manual for more safety tips.

E.G.O.N.'S Q.U.I.C.K T.I.P.S



Stop wintertime nose-bleeds with a humidifier? Yes! Run a cool mist-type of humidifier to moisturize the air in your home and make your kids' (and your) nasal passages less prone to cracking and bleeding. Remember to keep the humidifier clean to avoid a buildup of bacteria.



Don't combine household cleaners. Mixed together, they can create fumes that are poisonous to you and your children.

Make the most of your next parent-teacher conference by asking these questions: Is my child working up to his or her potential? And at below, above, or average grade level? Is special help needed in any particular area? How can I help my child to learn? How involved should I be in doing homework? How is my child's social development? Asking these and other questions will help your child make the most of his or her schooling. Parents should always stay involved.

This brings to a close another round of brilliant bits of information designed to help your little Ghostbuster grow into a BIG Ghostbuster.

Until we meet again,

Egon Spengler

Egon Spengler

hidden words

Using the list below, circle the matching words in the puzzle. Don't forget to look down, across, backwards, forwards, and even diagonally.

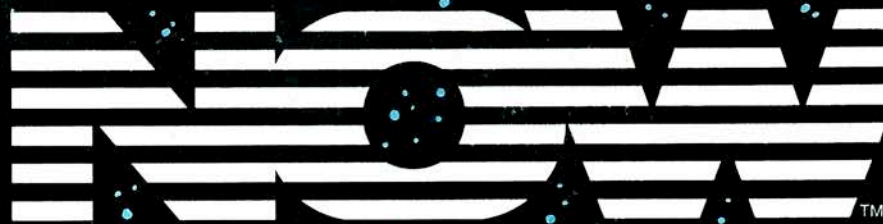


Can you find:

- Artist
- Cartoon
- Color
- Comics
- Draw
- Ink
- Paint
- Pen

N	C	O	M	I	C	S	X
E	N	A	R	T	I	S	T
P	W	A	R	D	N	C	W
A	B	Z	A	T	K	Q	S
I	A	R	O	L	O	C	K
N	P	I	C	T	U	O	E
T	L	I	C	N	E	P	N

SUBSCRIBE



AND SAVE!



Subscribe to NOW COMICS?! **GREAT IDEA!** I won't have to worry about my favorite comic outlet running out of copies!

Please send me a ONE year subscription (12 issues) of each title I've indicated. Enclosed is a check or money order for \$20.00 (**\$35.50 in Canada/US FUNDS ONLY**) for each title. I save twenty-five cents off the cover price!

Please send me a TWO year subscription (24 issues) of each title I've indicated. Enclosed is a check or money order for \$36.00. (**\$74.00 in Canada/US FUNDS ONLY**) for each title. I save forty-five cents off the cover price!

THE GREEN HORNET TWILIGHT ZONE
 TALES OF THE GREEN HORNET MARRIED... WITH CHILDREN

Send a check or money order (US FUNDS ONLY) to:

NOW COMICS: 60 Revere Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062-1563

Attn: Subscription Department

Offer expires June 30, 1992

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

()

TELEPHONE NO. _____

PAYMENT:

Check or Money Order VISA MasterCard

Credit Card No. _____

Signature _____

Card Expires _____

Total Amount _____

All checks must be in US funds. Sorry, no foreign subscriptions.

All books are mailed flat in an envelope.

Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery of your first issue!



Readings

Hey, everyone! I'm getting a few more photographs for the Ghostbusting Photo Gallery, but I'd like to see even more. So how about it? You don't have to have a lot of Ghostbusters toys and gadgets to be in the photo gallery; just wear your Ghostbusters T-shirt or pose next to a Ghostbusters poster. I'm looking forward to seeing your photos!

Joan M. Weis, Editor

PKE Readings
c/o NOW Comics
60 Revere Dr., Suite 200
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear NOW:

I am 9 years old and have been a big fan of GHOSTBUSTERS since the first movie came out. I have collected every single GHOSTBUSTER comic NOW has made. I have almost every GHOSTBUSTER toy ever made. I've even watched all the REAL GHOSTBUSTERS cartoons on TV. I'm disappointed that the cartoons don't come on any more. I have also noticed that no new GHOSTBUSTER toys have been made recently. But even though these things have happened, I am glad I can still rely on NOW Comics to bring me new issues of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS comic monthly. I want to compliment you on how great the GHOSTBUSTERS comics are. One more thing, if you could find someone who needs a pen pal, let me know. I'd be glad to write to them.

Keith Murden
2 Wymberly Way
Savannah, GA 31406

Dear Keith:

I'm sure you'll get a letter from a fellow ghostbuster soon. It's a shame that they've canceled the



animated TV show. As for the toys and other items, we have no control over that either, so I can't help you there.

Thanks for reading.

Dear Editor:

In the pages of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS #1, "Full Haunted House," the devil refers to Peter's hand as the "deadman's hand." The deadman's hand is the full house of aces and eights that was held by Wild Bill Hickock when he was shot to death in a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

Sincerely yours,
Gerald Ward
New York, NY

P.S. The See Through Kid looks like Wild Bill.

Dear Gerald:

Thanks for the tid-bit. I'm sure many people didn't know the significance of this poker hand!

Dear Joan:

I have two children aged four and six. I'm so happy that you have created easy enough puzzles for the both of them.

They really enjoy reading THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS with me. My six-year-old Matthew sometimes even reads it to his little sister.

I find "Egon Spengler's Par-

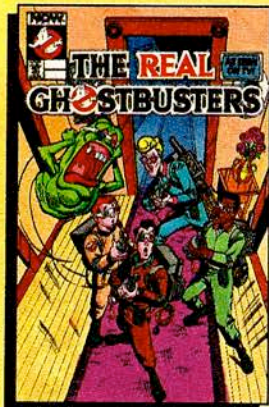
ents' Guide for Health and Safety" very informative, and I'm saving every issue so I'll always have these helpful hints. Thank you for a real quality family comic book.

Sincerely,
Nicole St. John
Chicago, IL

Dear Nicole:

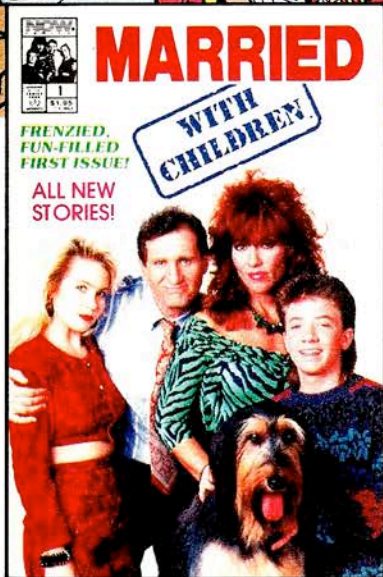
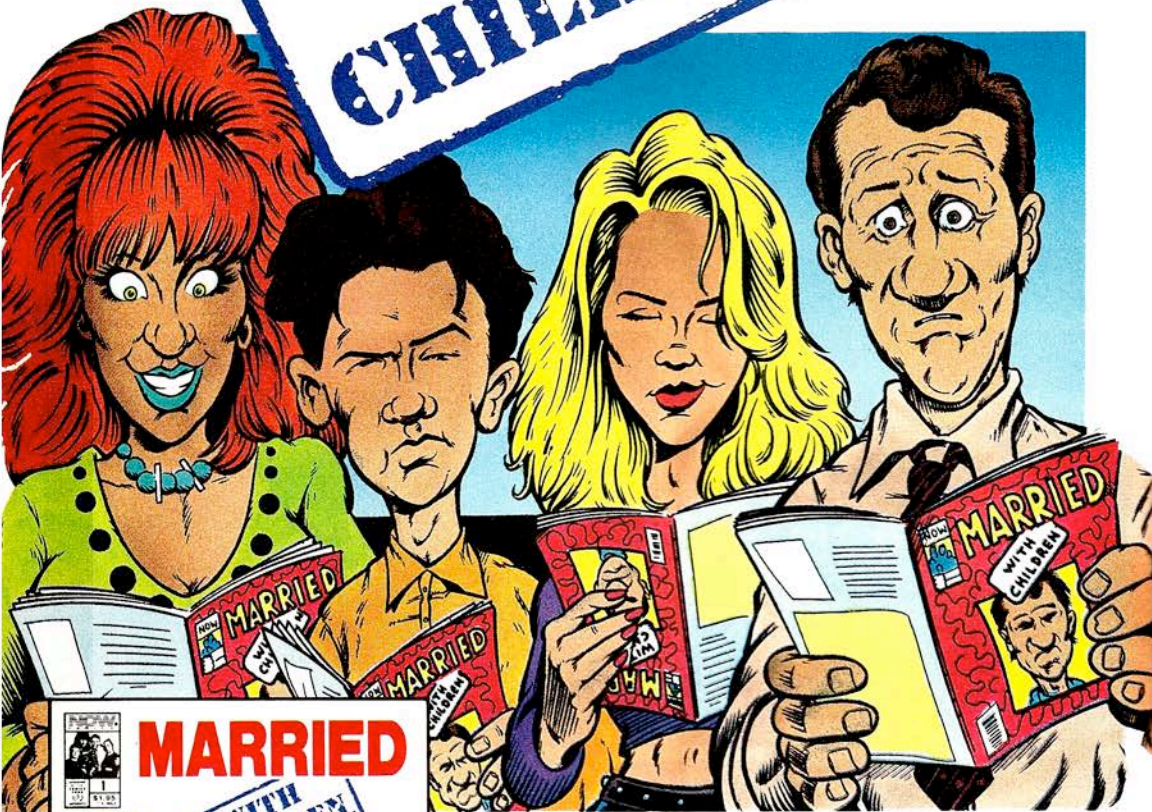
I'm glad your whole family gets something from reading THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS. This is exactly the way we intended the comic to be. Thanks for reading.

NEXT ISSUE: March 1992.
SPECIAL 3-D SPECTACULAR!!



MARRIED

WITH CHILDREN™



MARRIED... WITH CHILDREN is TM and © 1991 ELP Communications. All rights reserved.

*The
Comic Book*



In the Future,
sometimes the only way
to have a healthy body . . .

FREEJACK™

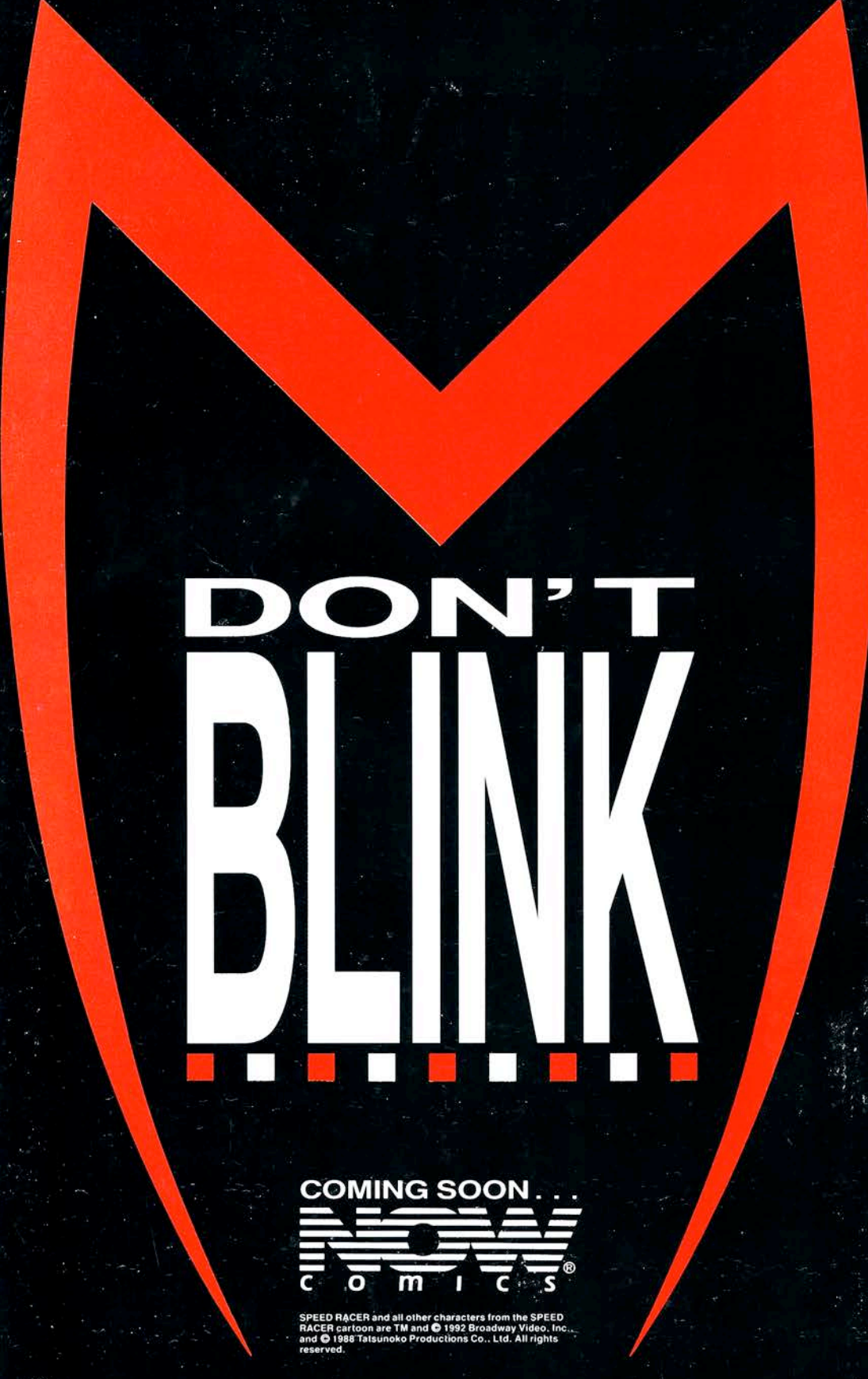
**is to hijack one
from the Past.**

**Full Color Biweekly
Mini-Series**

Based on the major motion picture starring Emilio
Estevez, Anthony Hopkins, and Mick Jagger!

FREEJACK IS TM and © 1991 Morgan Creek Productions, Inc. All rights reserved.

COMING SOON . . .
NOW
COMICS®



**DON'T
BLINK**



COMING SOON . . .
NOW
COMICS®

SPEED RACER and all other characters from the SPEED RACER cartoon are TM and © 1992 Broadway Video, Inc. and © 1988 Tatsunoko Productions Co., Ltd. All rights reserved.