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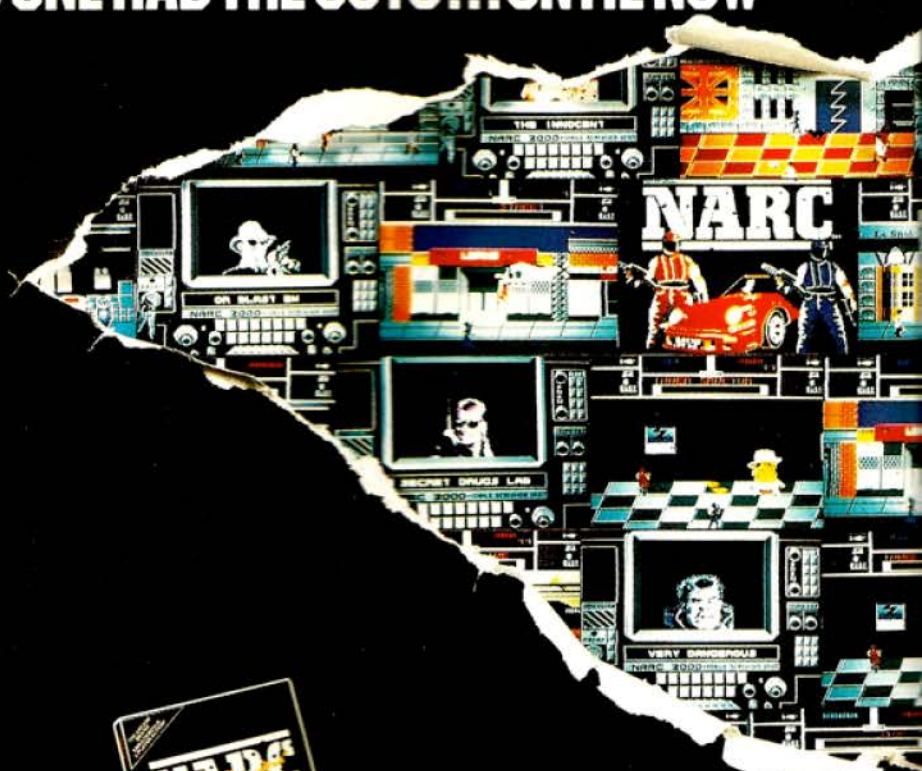


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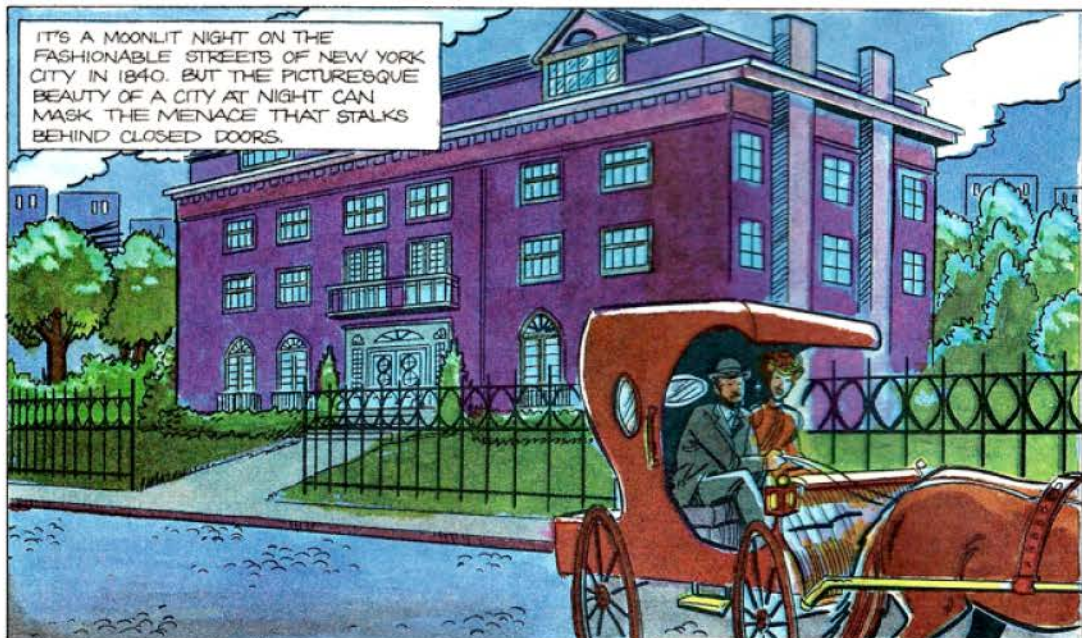
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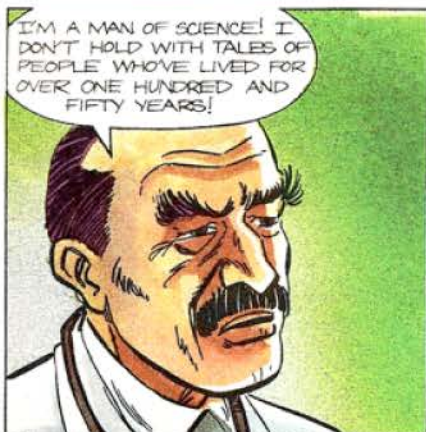
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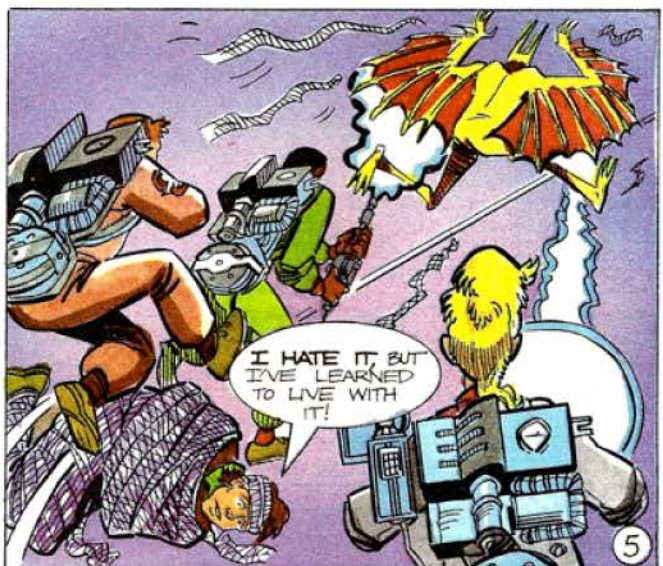
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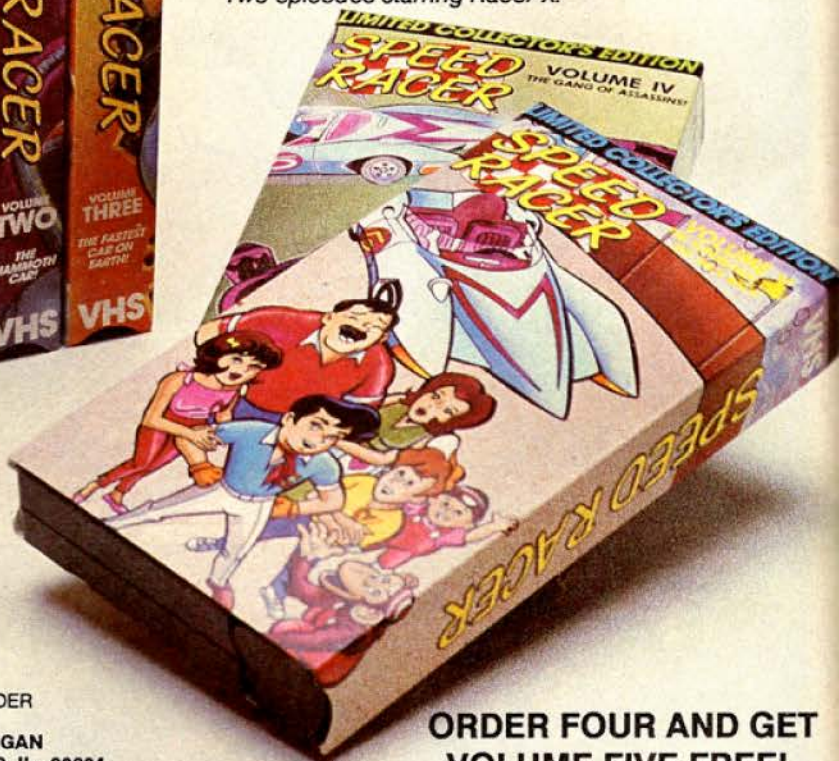
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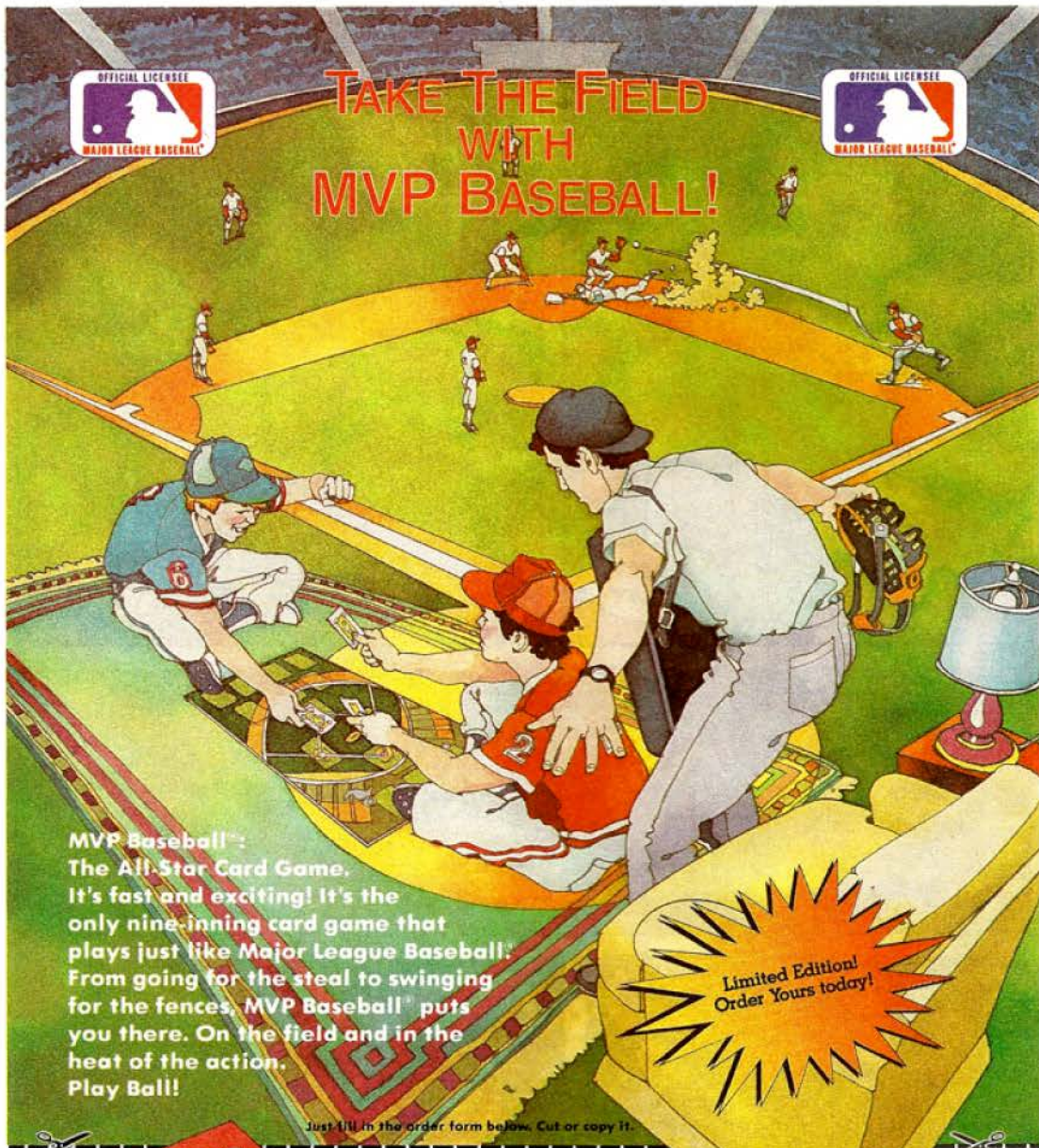
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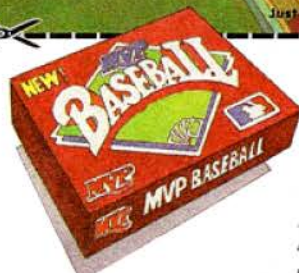
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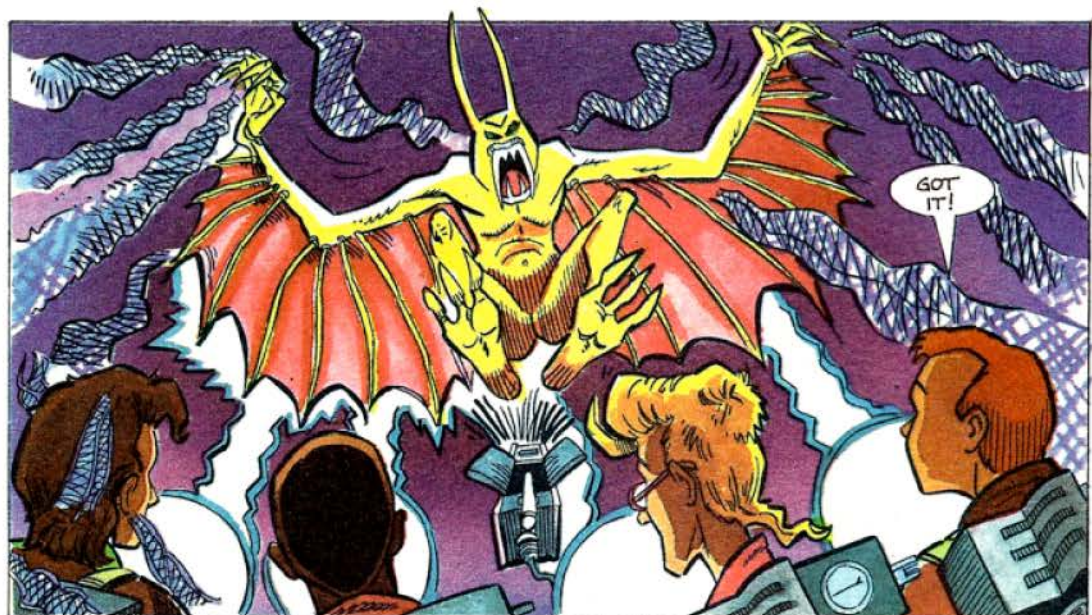
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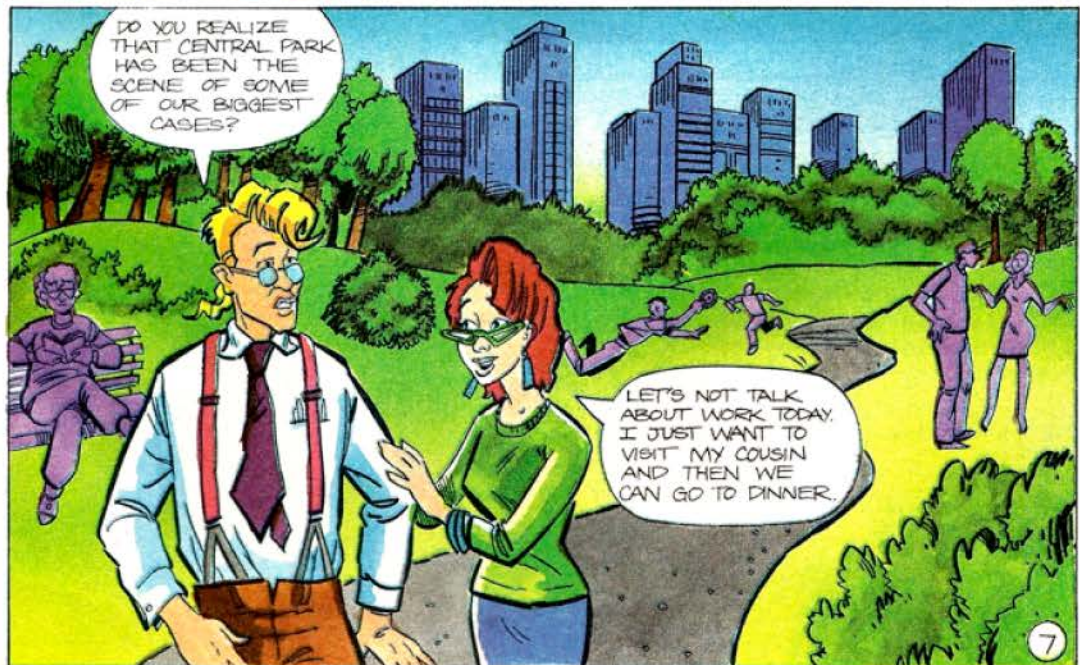
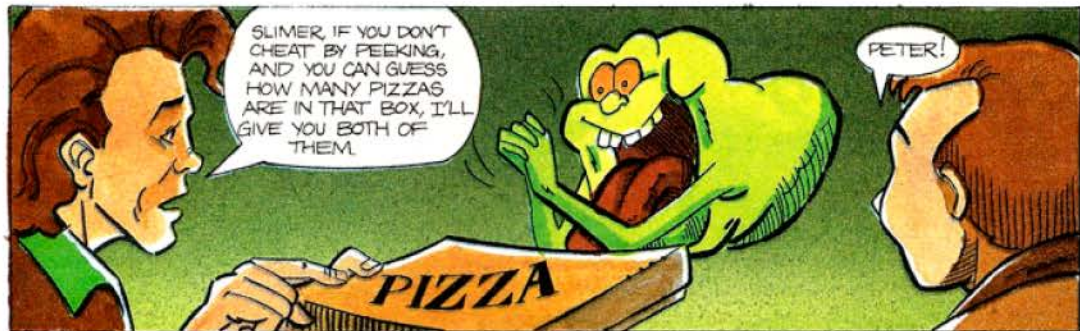


AH, THE RETURN OF THE GREEN SLIME.

PETER, THAT'S NOT NICE.



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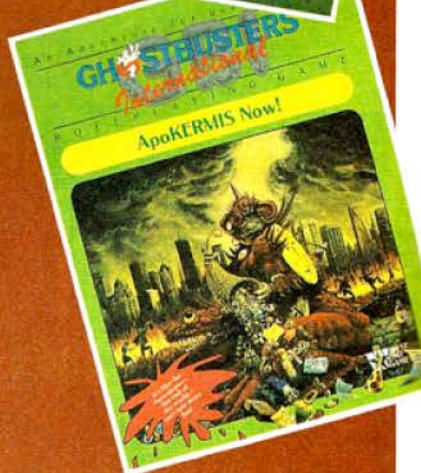
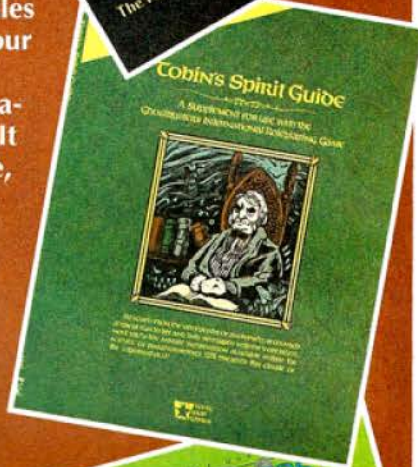
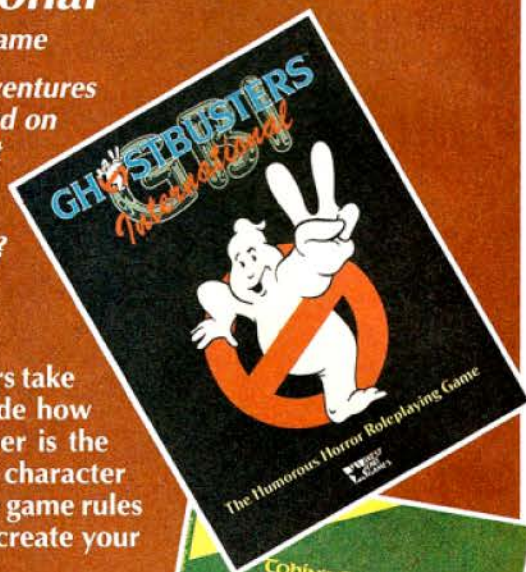
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I'M SURE WE COULD, BUT RIGHT NOW I WANT TO SEE MY COUSIN MICHELE JACOBS AGAIN. SHE JUST INHERITED THIS MANSION AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN YEARS.



JANINE, HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU! AND THIS MUST BE EGON.

MY FRIENDS CALL ME DR. SPENGLER.



FASCINATING.

THAT'S PUTTING IT NICELY. IT'S A PORTRAIT OF MY ANCESTOR, GINEVRA JACOBS.



MY LATE AUNT WAS NAMED AFTER HER.



HMM, I'M SURE THAT TOBIN'S SPIRIT GUIDE MENTIONS A GINEVRA JACOBS ON PAGE 738, PARAGRAPH THREE, AND SHE WAS...

EGON, NOT IN FRONT OF CIVILIANS. WE'RE HERE AS GUESTS!





I THOUGHT AT LEAST YOU'D BELIEVE ME, MR. SPENGLER!



SLAM!



PERHAPS I DIDN'T MAKE THE BEST FIRST IMPRESSION I COULD HAVE.



MICHELE, WHY DON'T EGON AND I GO AND TALK TO ALEC AND CALM HIM DOWN.

SURE! I'LL BE UPSTAIRS SORTING THROUGH SOME THINGS. HE'S JUST AT THAT DIFFICULT AGE.



THIS IS AN AMAZING PLACE.

I WISH I'D BROUGHT MY PKE METER WITH ME. I MIGHT GET SOME INTERESTING READINGS WHICH I COULD CROSS-INDEX WITH...



PLEASE, EGON. YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN HOW TO RELAX, AT LEAST AROUND ME.

BUT READING, STUDYING AND CALIBRATING IS HOW I RELAX WHEN I'M NOT ON A CASE.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, EGON, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS.





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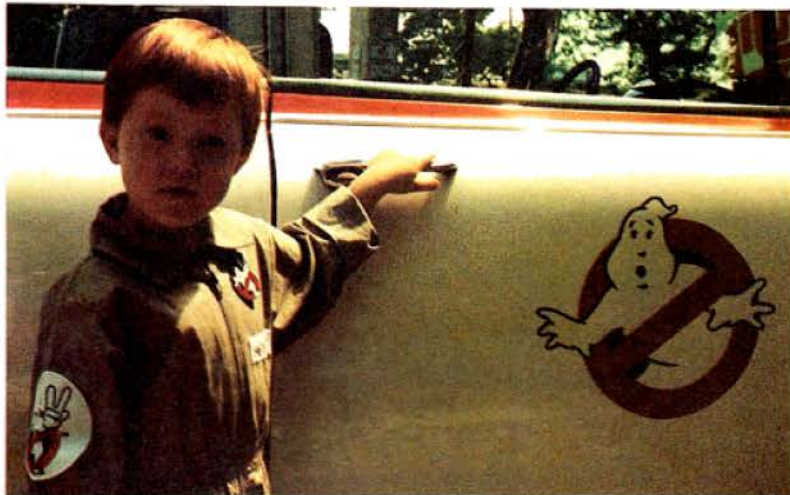
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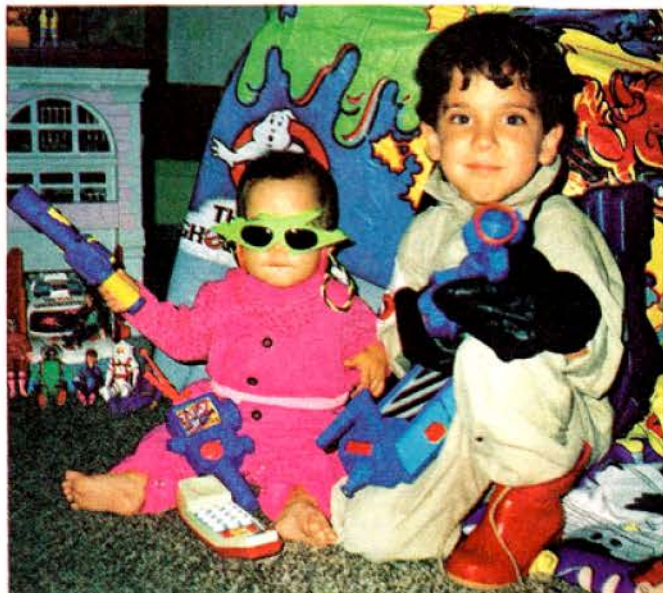


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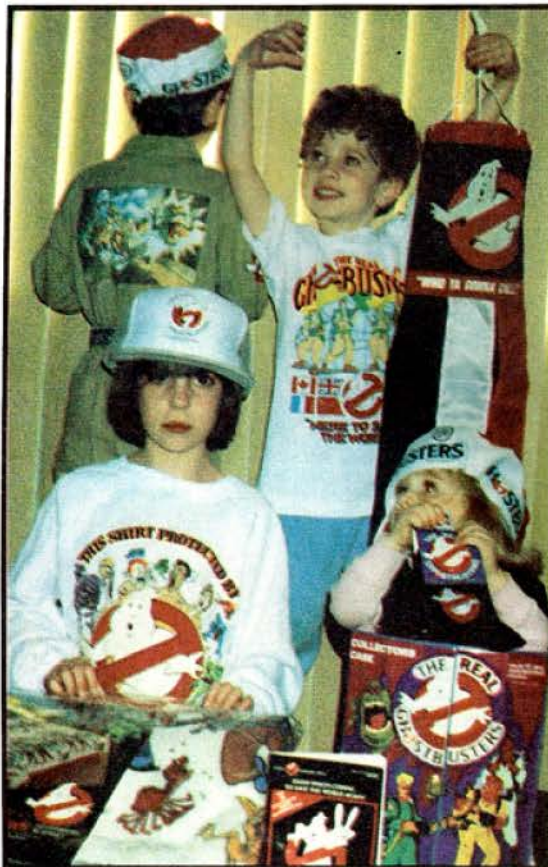
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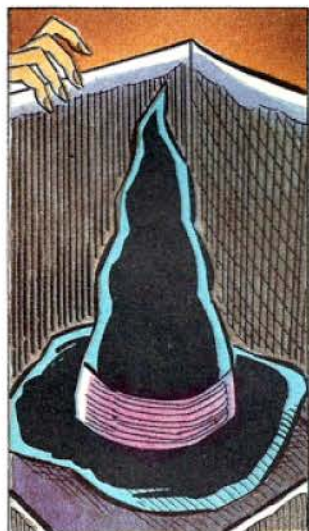


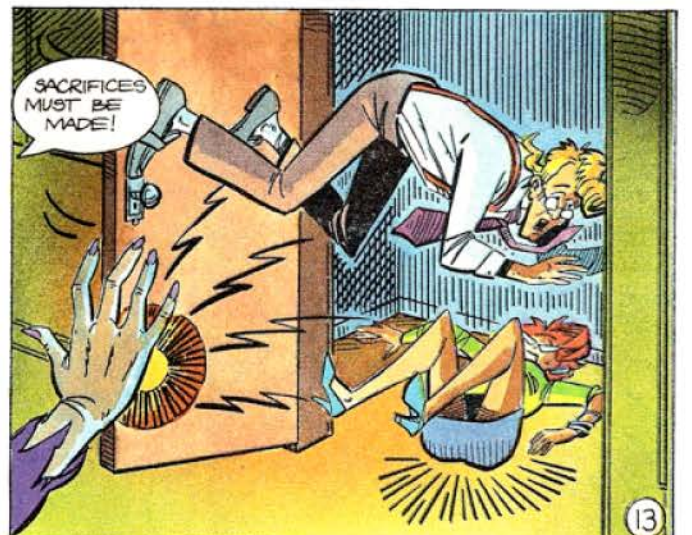
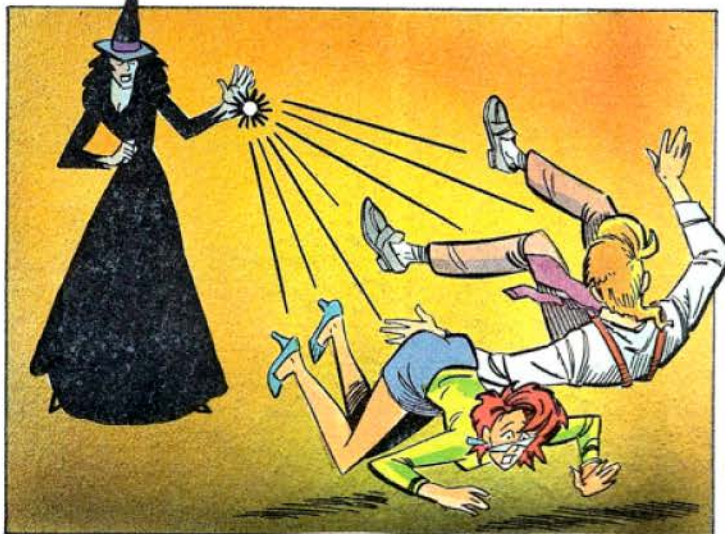
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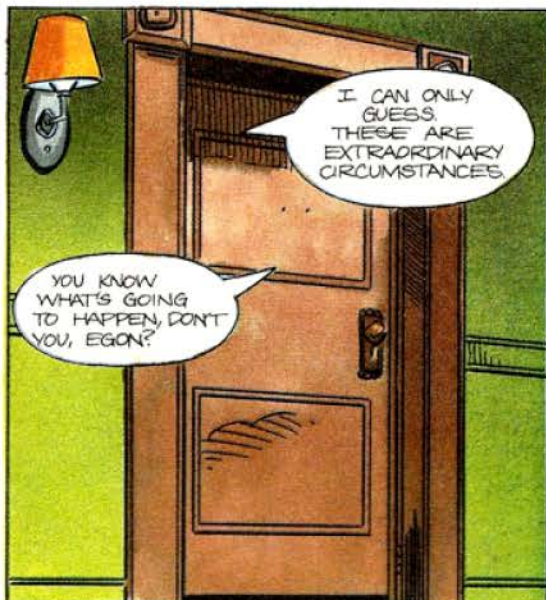
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I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, EGON SPENGLER, BUT THAT WON'T WORK HERE, NOW. GINEVRA WON'T LET YOU GET CLOSE ENOUGH.



PERHAPS A TRAP?

SHE'S PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. YOU HAVE TO CATCH HER BEFORE SHE KNOWS OF YOUR THREAT.

BUT HOW CAN WE DO THAT?

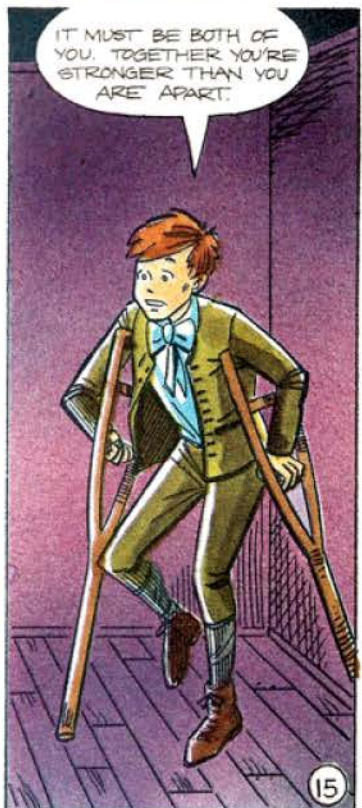


THIS HOUSE IS FILLED WITH THE RESIDUE OF OVER A CENTURY OF HER MAGIC. IT'S TIED TO HER, AND ON ONE LEVEL, SHE AND IT ARE THE SAME.



I UNDERSTAND AND I'M PREPARED TO TAKE THE RISK.

NOT WITHOUT ME! THIS IS BIGGER THAN BOTH OF US AND I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE ME BEHIND AGAIN! YOU ALWAYS DO THAT!



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EGON, THAT PAINTING!



YES, HE CERTAINLY WAS.

ONE OF THE BEST.



THAT WASN'T A DREAM, EGON. I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

ALL THAT WE SEE OR SEEM IS BUT A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM.



DON'T SAY THAT! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT THE FIREHOUSE AND THE GUYS WILL STILL BE THERE! THEY HAVE TO BE, DON'T THEY?!



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW, I KNOW THAT WHAT WE DID WAS RIGHT.



SLIMER, HE SAID THAT IF YOU GUESS HOW MANY PIZZAS ARE IN THE BOX, HE'D GIVE YOU BOTH OF THEM, GET IT?

NO CLUES, RAY. I WON'T GIVE IN UNTIL I SEE HIM STARTING TO SMOKE, OR AT LEAST CATCH ON FIRE.

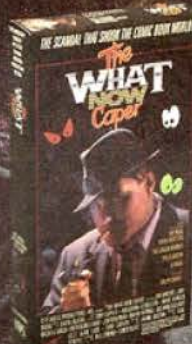
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The more things change, the more they stay the same.

For those of you who don't know the official NOW Comics story, I'm going to tell you the secret.

NOW Comics back in 1986 was a hobby turned business which started on my dining room table.

Did I have any idea that this creative outlet to my boring advertising Art Direction job was going to turn into the giant monster it is today?

No.

But did anyone? If someone would have come up to me in May 1986 and said, "Tony, you're crazy. This thing is going to get bigger than the both of us," I would have laughed. It wasn't my intension to create a large company, it just happened. I never realized that I would have to become an accountant, lawyer, desktop publisher, salesman and have to be a spokesperson to everyone just to keep up with the staggering growth.

I never thought that one morning I would wake up and suddenly become (gasp) The Boss.

I was a very successful Art Director at the age of 22. Since I was 15 years old, I wanted to be an Art Director, because I thought at the time that it was the most creative job in the world.

Two years of doing marker renderings of file cabinets, desks and computer wire hit me like a brickwall.

I was young, aggressive and not willing to wait and pay my dues. After all, this was America, land of the free and opportunities abound.

My parents, God bless them, wanted me to grow up in America instead of Italy. They barely spoke English when I was growing up learning to read and write it. Comics were a very important tool in my life from age 9 to 13. Comics taught me the joys of reading. Books had always intimidated me, and without that attentive help from my parents, I found comics were so full of imagination, creativity and color.

It was like the day Dad brought home the first color television. You never realized that SPEED RACER was really a full-color cartoon.

If I knew now back in the Spring of 1986, would I still do it again?

If I knew that comic publishing was as serious and detailed a business as any other, and in an industry that's fifty years old but still crawling?

Would I do it again knowing that statistics say that I'd have a better chance of dying in a train wreck than creating a successful comic book publishing company?

Would I have still done it knowing that success breeds enemies by the dozens.

Even if I knew that no matter who I hired, I'd still be the one responsible for the Whole Show and spend

weekends, holidays, and late nights learning more, creating more, working more.

Would I do it again?

You're damn right I would.

I'm a few years older, but a whole lot wiser. I realize that when NOW Comics becomes a billion dollar company, it'll have billion dollar problems.

I'm what one would call a Risk Taker. No one ever could convince me that it was impossible.

Risk Takers never give up. Even if everyone around them has. Risk Takers work harder to correct a problem because they know that with every problem there is a solution.

Ah, but as the saying goes; "Behind every great man, there is a great woman."

My wife Nanette didn't know what was to come as well, but she never tried to stop me. She helped me tremendously, and never gave up on me.

She truly is the icing on the cake which is the American Dream.

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