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TOBIN and the MAZE OF TIME

PART TWO



IF THIS IS
A DREAM, THEN
WHERE ARE THE
FAST CARS AND
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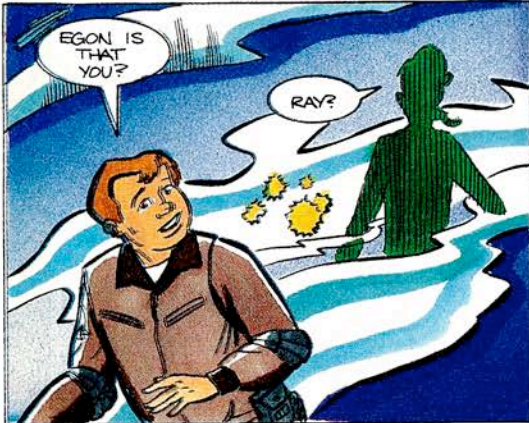
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WHERE AM I? THIS LOOKS LIKE THE SET FROM A BAD HORROR MOVIE! HEY! ANYBODY OUT THERE? GUYS?!



EGON IS THAT YOU?

RAY?



WHERE ARE WE?

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, WE'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED INTO THE ETHERIC PLANE OF DREAMSPACE.



YOU MEAN THIS IS ALL A DREAM?

YES AND NO. OUR PHYSICAL FORMS ARE BACK ON EARTH. WHEN WE FELL ASLEEP, OUR COMBINED PSYCHO-KINETIC ENERGY TRANSPORTED OUR MENTAL IMAGES HERE.



HERE MENTALLY, HMMM. DOES THAT MEAN PETER'S ONLY HALF HERE?

VERY FUNNY, WINSTON! AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M ALL HERE.

BUT ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO OUR MENTAL IMAGES WILL ALSO HAPPEN TO OUR PHYSICAL FORMS!



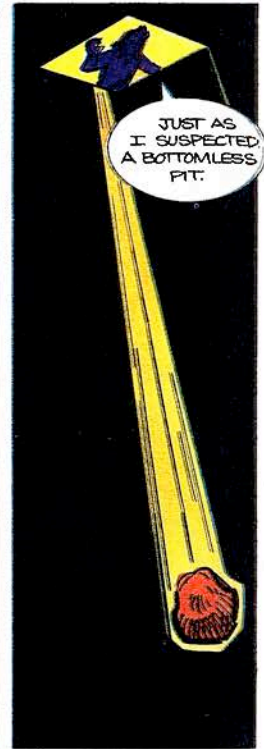
GREAT! SO IF SOME LITTLE SPUD SLIMES ME HERE, I'LL WAKE UP ALL GOOEY BACK ON EARTH?

YES, PETER, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



HEY! WHERE'D THIS DOOR COME FROM?

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!





IT'S BEEN SIX HOURS SINCE WE RECEIVED TOBIN'S TRANSMISSION. IN ANOTHER SIX, HE'LL BE SEVENTY! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING.

LEAD THE WAY, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



WE MUST BE IN SOME KIND OF MAZE.

DIDN'T TOBIN WARN US ABOUT A MAZE?



AHHHHH!



WHOA! THIS PLACE IS FULL OF SURPRISES.

THESE ARE THE KIND OF SURPRISES THAT I CAN LIVE WITHOUT!



LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HIT A DEAD END.

NICE CHOICE OF WORDS, RAY. DEAD END?!

SORRY, PETER.



THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY TO GET ACROSS!

THERE ARE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF WAYS. UNFORTUNATELY NONE SEEM TO BE POSSIBILITIES AT THE MOMENT.

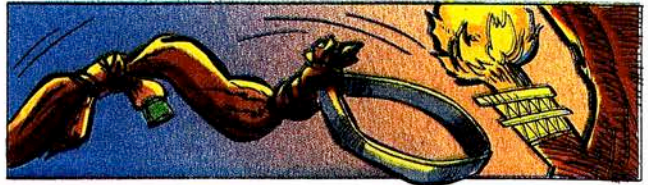


OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, EBSON. TAKE 'EM OFF, GUYS!



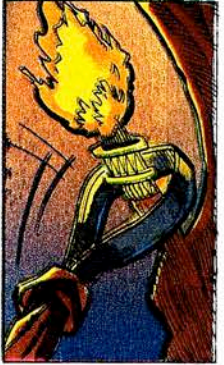
I ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY COWBOYS AND INDIANS!

LET'S JUST HOPE THIS WORKS! I DON'T FANCY WANDERING AROUND THIS PLACE WITHOUT MY PANTS!



IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS FOR A LIVING.

HEY, GIVE ME A BREAK. THAT WAS JUST A WARM-UP TOSS!



YEEEEEOOWWWW!

GO FOR IT!



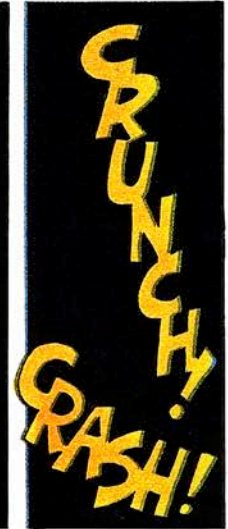
OOOMPH! OOWWWW! UH, SEE? EASY AS PIE!

THUNK!



THAT WAS FUN! CAN WE DO IT AGAIN?

RAY!!



THE ISLE OF CRETE, LONG AGO.

GUYS?

GREAT! ANOTHER TUNNEL! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

JUST WHAT I NEED... TO BE STUCK IN THIS PUMP ALL ALONE!

WHO'S THERE?

PETER, IS THAT YOUR HEAVY BREATHING?

SNUFFLESNORT

I MUST BE INSIDE AN OLD TRAIN TUNNEL.

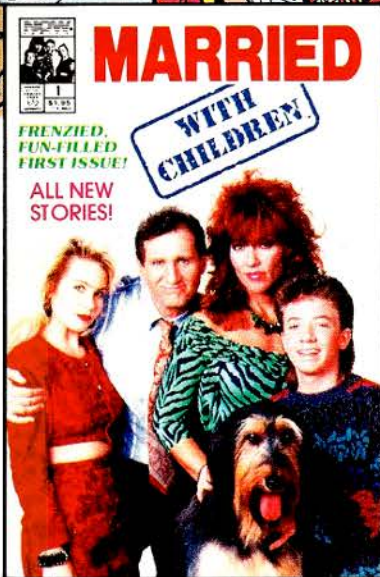
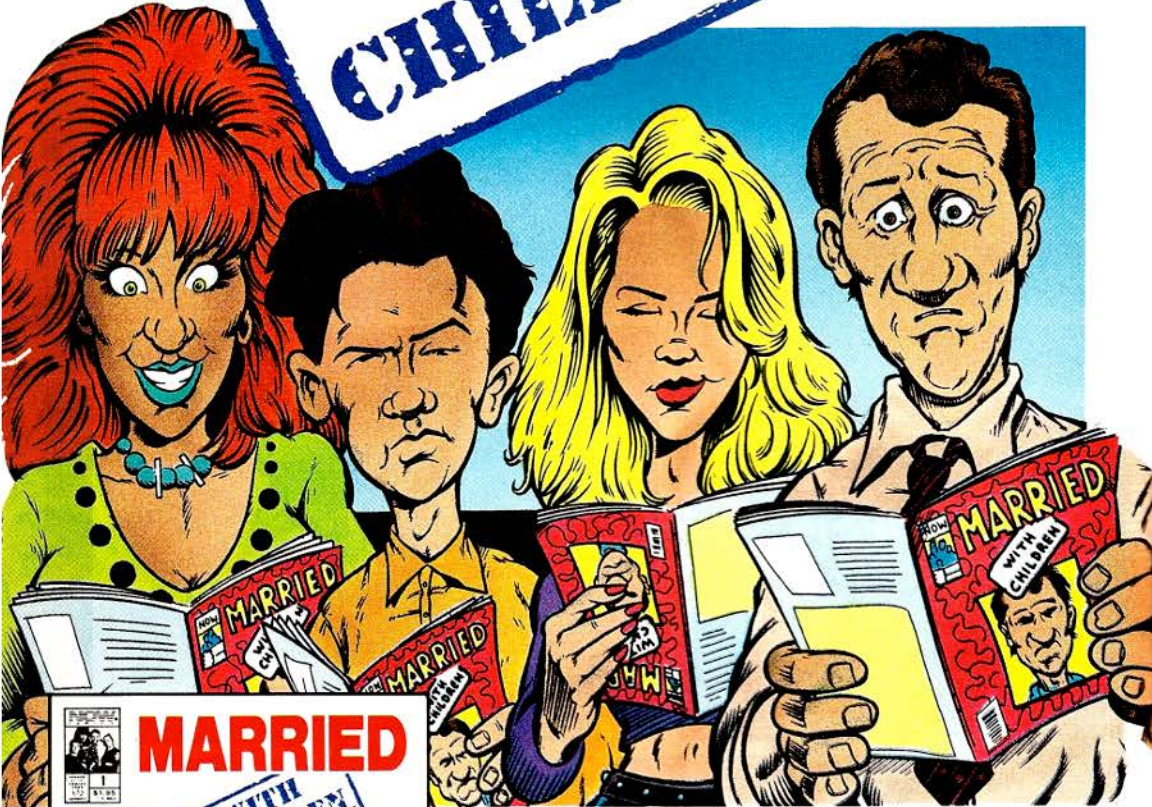
RUMBLE

HMMM. SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE RIGHT HERE! THERE AREN'T ANY TRAIN TRACKS!

AND THAT'S NO TRAIN! EEEE-AHHHH! IT'S THE MINOTAUR!

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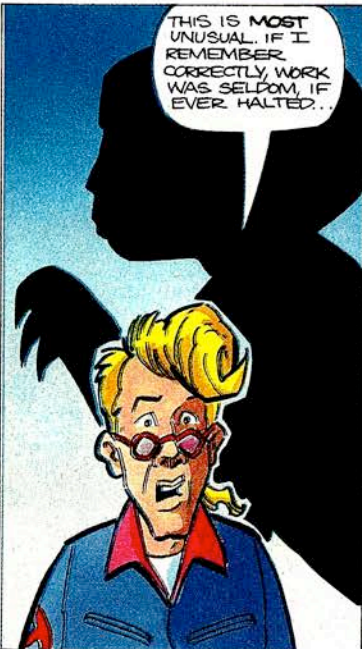
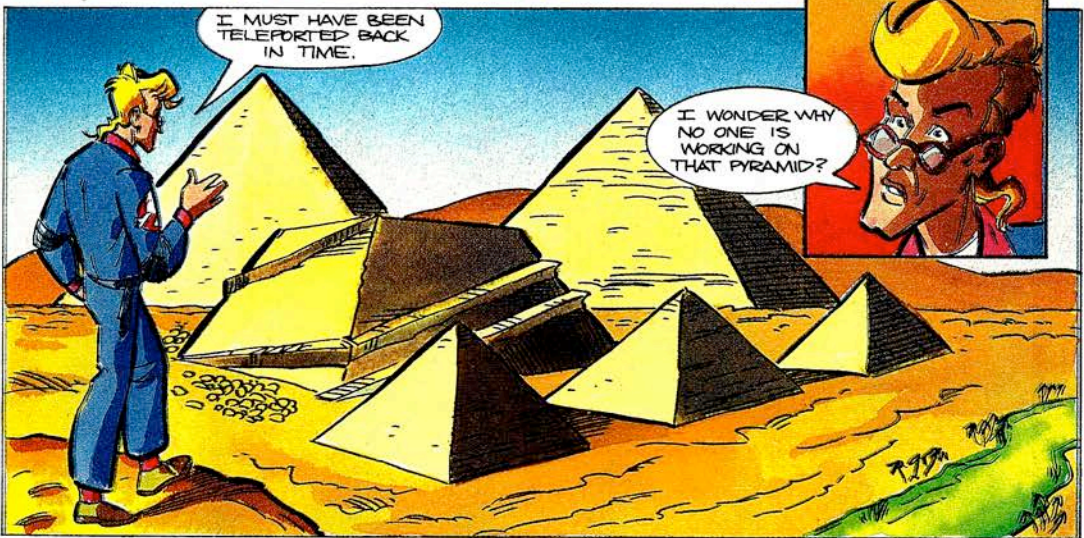
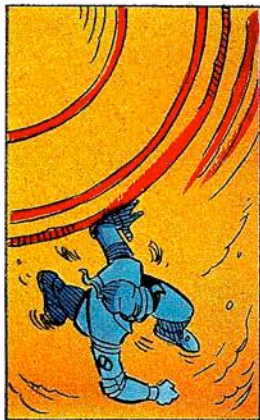
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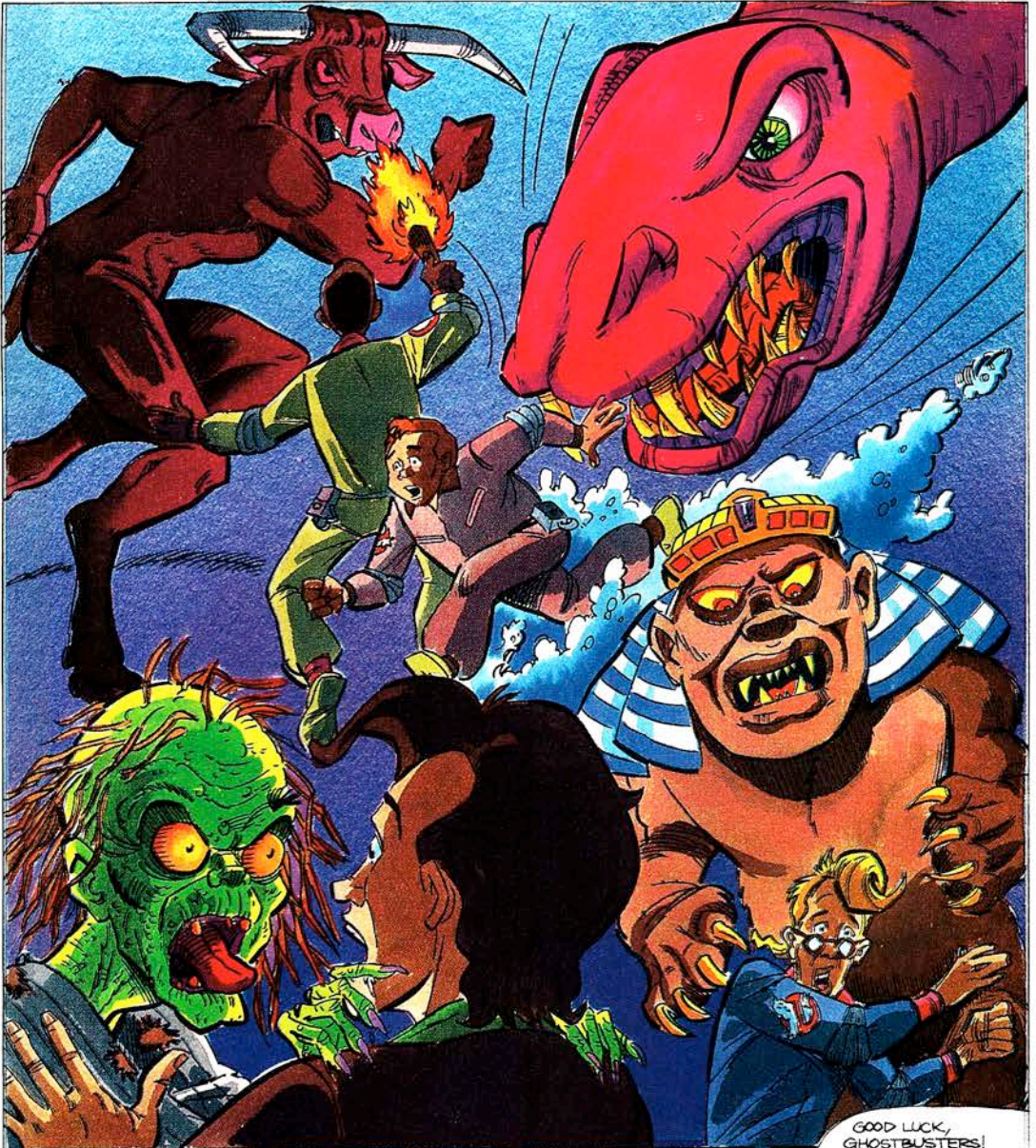
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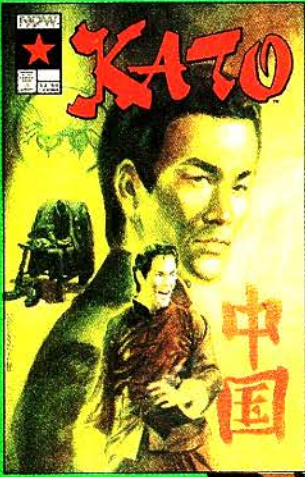




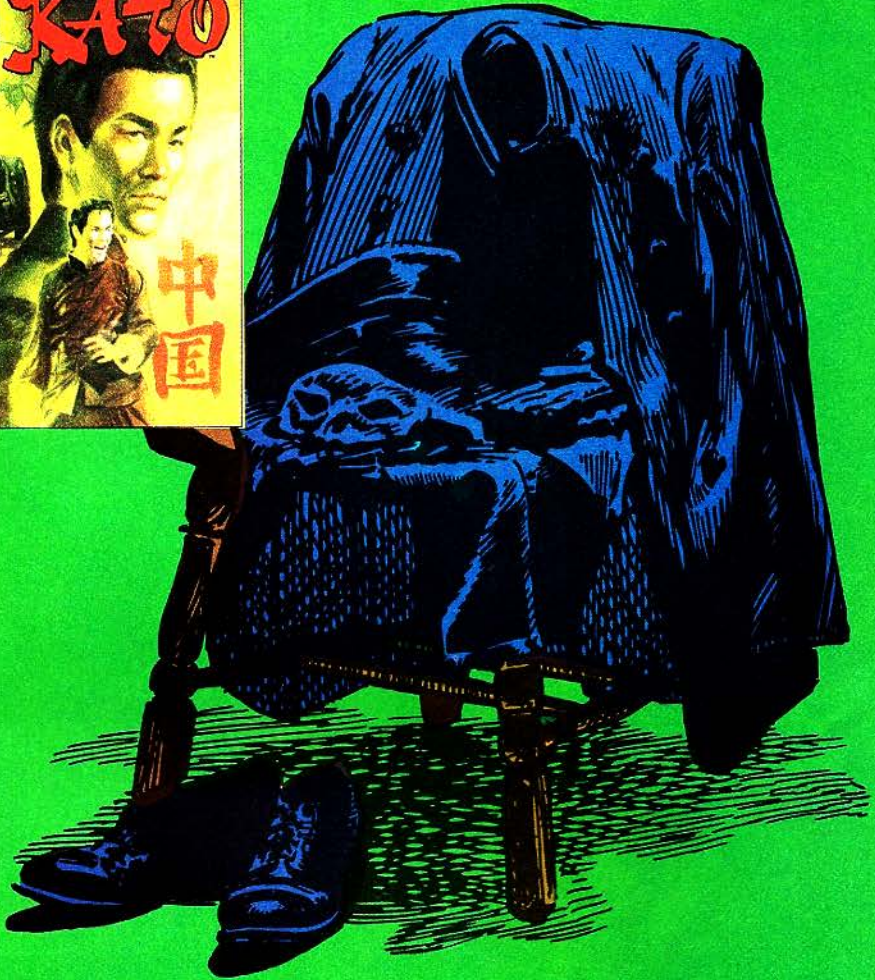
GOOD LUCK,
GHOSTBUSTERS!
THE WORST IS YET
TO COME, YOU MUST
BE SWIFT, MY
TIME IS RUNNING
OUT!
HURRRRY!



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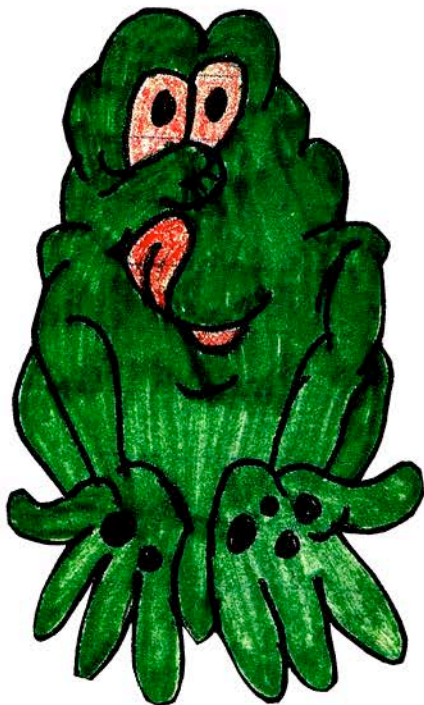
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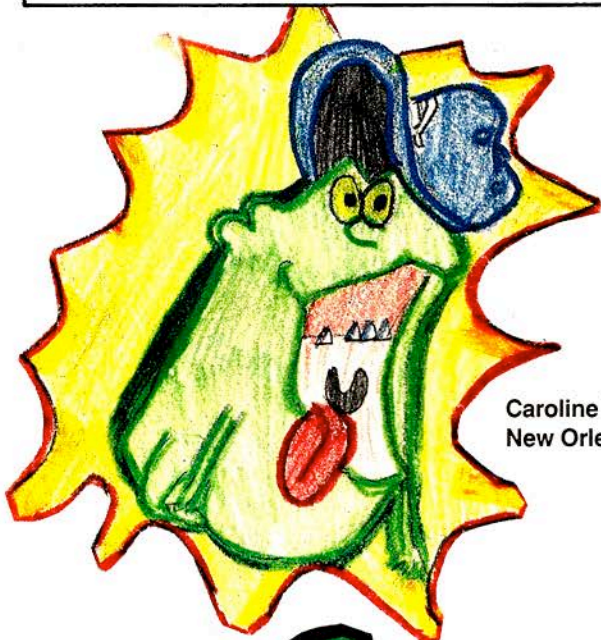
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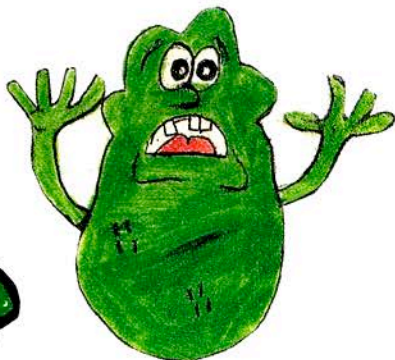
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ONE
CIRCLE!

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AHEAD
ONE
CIRCLE

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HERE



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the refrigerator.
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for each player
and one to flip.



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Win!**

**TAKE
ANOTHER
TURN!**

**DWEBB
CATCHES YOU
LOSE A
TURN!**

**TAKE
THE
SHORTCUT
IF YOU LAND
HERE**



GOTCHA!



**Heads, move your coin ahead
one circle. Tails, move
ahead two circles.**

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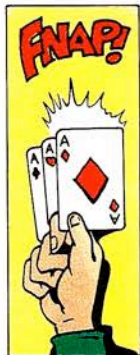
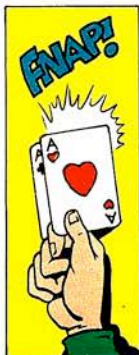
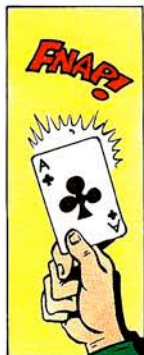


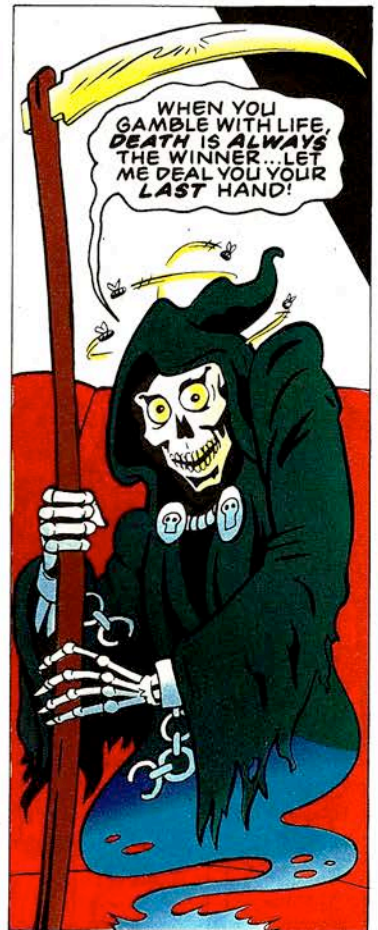
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DEALER'S PRIVILEGE...
I'LL GO BLIND!

HE'S NOT
BLUFFING
IS HE?



Hmmm...
IT'S GOT TO
BE ALL OR
NOTHING!



I'LL CHANGE
THREE...

FNAP!



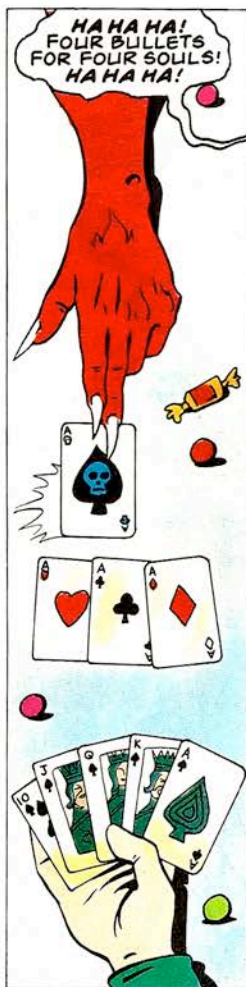
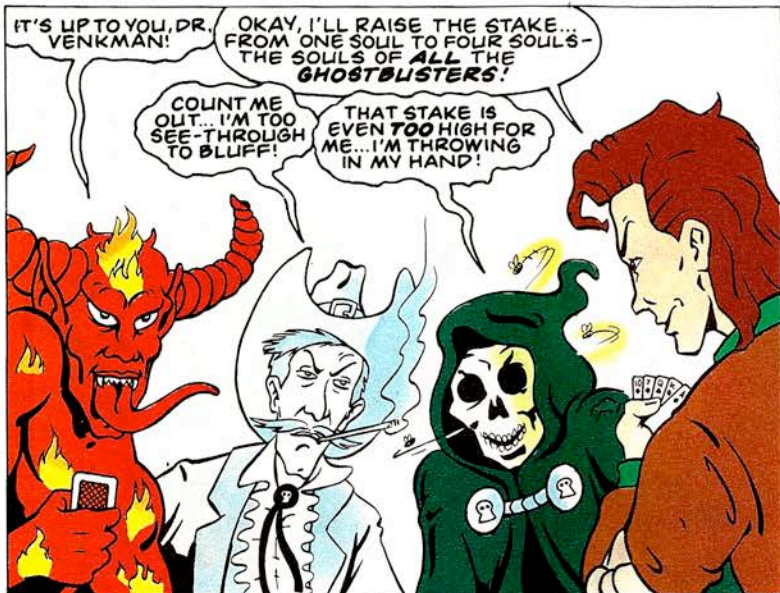
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CARD... I
WONDER?

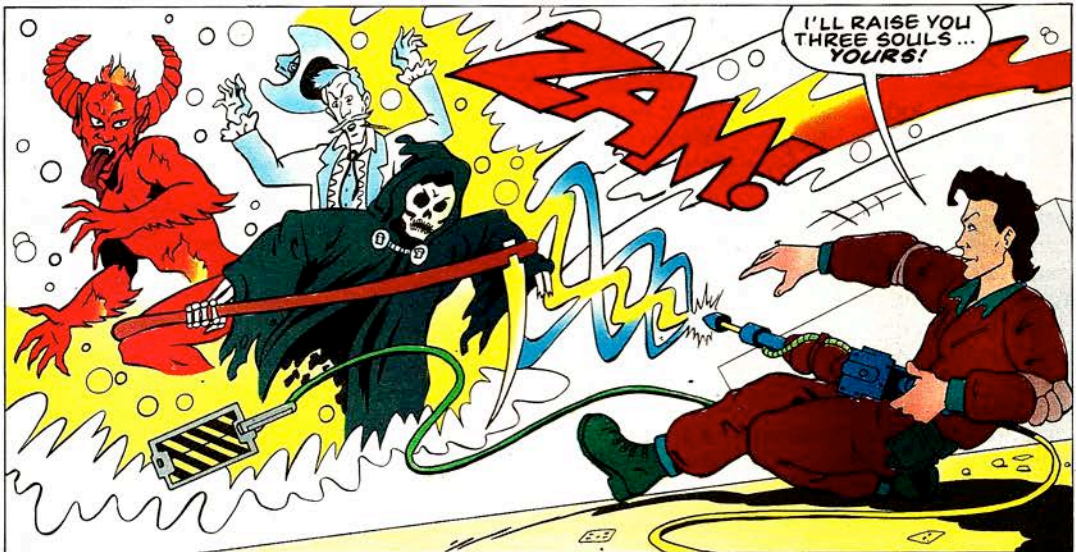


FNAP!



YO! DONE IT...
NOW LET'S BUST
THESE SUCKERS!





Egon Spengler's PARENTS' GUIDE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY



Healthy How-tos for Halloween

If you're a kid, October means only one thing: Halloween. If you're a parent, Halloween means something else: time to remind your own trick-or-treaters that safety is more important than all the candy in the neighborhood. Good health on Halloween means more than not getting a stomachache from too many sweets; it means being safe. Try these tips for a Halloween that's a real treat!

- Use make-up on your chil-

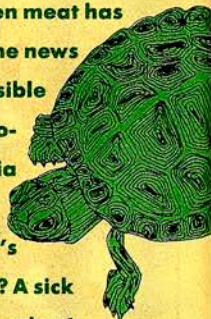
dren instead of masks. Masks can have sharp edges and can even make breathing difficult. Your own trick-or-treaters will be safer, more comfortable, and able to see more easily.

- Costumes should be flame-resistant. Also, make sure they're short enough to keep your child from tripping on them.
- Make sure your kids carry and use a flashlight if they go trick-or-treating after dark—or even at dusk.



How is a Turtle Like a Raw Chicken?

Raw chicken meat has been in the news lately as a possible source of salmonella, a bacteria that can make you sick. What's the connection? A sick pet turtle or one that's been kept in dirty water can also give people salmonella. If your children are shopping around for a pet turtle, they should pick one that is clean, alert, and eating. If its tank is filled with dirty water, if the turtle's eyes are swollen, or if it has white spots, choose another. Once your children bring their new pet home, the turtle tank should be filled with clean water at least once a week. The turtle itself should also be kept clean.



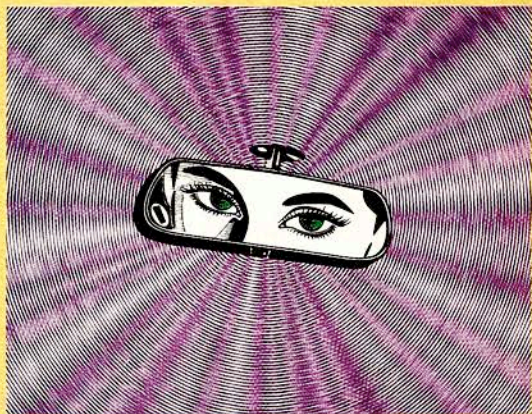
When Not to Give Aspirin to Kids

Parents' alert: There is scientific evidence that aspirin is linked to Reye Syndrome, a disease that can be fatal. Reye Syndrome most often strikes children aged 5 to 14 who are getting over chickenpox or flu. It is suggested that non-aspirin products be given to children with chickenpox or flu. Because of the connection between aspirin and Reye Syndrome, you should consult your physician about when you can safely give your child aspirin.



Twilight Zones

We've all been in the twilight zone, that time between day and night. You may call it dusk or sunset. We call it the time of day when drivers find it most difficult to see. Because of the changing fall colors, twilight in autumn is even more difficult to drive in than other times of the year. Make sure your children play only in safe areas at dusk. Wearing light-colored clothing makes them more visible to drivers. If they are bicycling, they should use lights and have reflectors on the bike. Your riders will be seen better if they wear light-colored, reflective clothing. Bicyclists of *any* age should always wear a helmet.



E•G•O•N'S Q•U•I•C•K T•I•P•S



Parents can start their kids on the road to a more fit future just by not insisting that the children eat when they're full. Since children as young as six weeks seem to know when they're full, parents can help their children do what comes naturally.

Nosebleed know-how is something most parents can use. For minor nosebleeds, pinch the nostrils shut and hold for five minutes. Don't let your child walk around, and *don't* tilt back his or her head. The child should be sitting up. This is to prevent children—especially small children—from swallowing and choking on the blood.



Does your family have a home fire escape plan? If not, now is the time to set one up and practice it with everyone living in your home. Getting your children involved is a smart way to teach them safety and responsibility at the same time.

Parents: Pitch in to the community safety effort this Halloween by driving carefully. Be on the lookout for children crossing streets in the dark. Celebrating Halloween at a party? Don't mix alcoholic beverages with driving. (This is good advice all the time!)

Well, it's time to get back to ghostbusting! See you next time.



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Readings

How did you like the spook-tacular 3-D premiere of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS? And how about the "Tobin and the Maze of Time" story? How are THE GHOSTBUSTERS going to get out of this one? Write in and tell me what you think of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS!

Joan M. Weis, Editor



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To THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS Publisher:

We, Elviefrancis Lerim, 14 years old, and John Paul Baldemere, 11 years old, are your avid readers of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS comics. We make sure always that we get a copy of your new issue. Aside from, reading your comics, we also watch the TV series which is shown every Friday here in the Philippines. We hope that you will make the characters more alive by making another movie. We would like to ask if Slimer has a ghost family? And also to ask your favor to send us a picture of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS with your signature, that is, if possible. We do hope to get an answer from you soon.

Ghostbusterly yours,
Elviefrancis Lerim and
John Paul Baldemere
Davao City
Philippines

Dear Elvie and John:

We at NOW Comics aren't the people who make the GHOSTBUSTERS movies; Columbia Pictures does that. I am not aware of any plans to make another movie. Unfortunately, the same goes for the photos. Columbia Pictures Merchandising in California is the place to write for photos of the GHOSTBUSTERS. As for Slimer's family, we don't know the whereabouts of them; Slimer's past is a little mysterious. Perhaps in the future we will learn more about it.

Dear GHOSTBUSTERS:
My brother and I are making a GHOSTBUSTER club. We enjoy playing GHOSTBUSTERS. We have a large collection of

GHOSTBUSTER toys. We also enjoy the movie and cartoon.

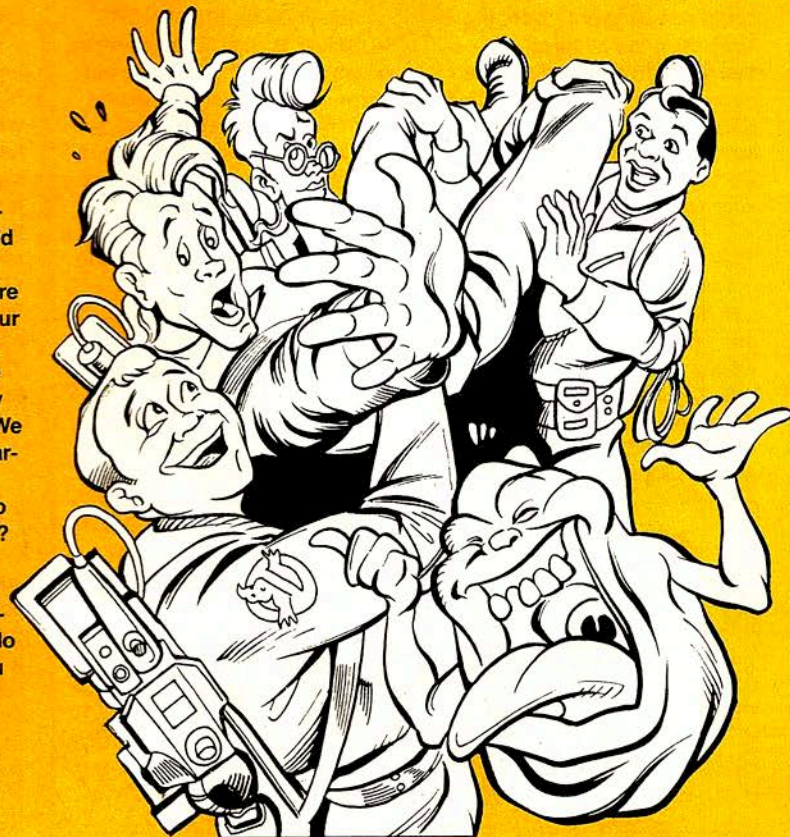
We love GHOSTBUSTERS,
Allyn Greer
Vienna, WV

Dear GHOSTBUSTERS:
I like your cartoon and your comics. I like Slimer, too. I like all THE GHOSTBUSTERS.

Your fan,
Andy Greer
Vienna, WV

Dear Andy and Allyn:

We're glad that the two of you love THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS so much. As long as people like you keep reading, we'll keep making the comic!



Dear NOW (back in business!):
Out of all the comics that you published, I really didn't think that THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS would be back. It's good to see that I was wrong. Reason: Issue #7, Vol. 1 (letters page) Adam Fuller wrote, "How long will THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS series last?" The response: "forever and ever." Thank you for keeping your promise thus far.

Behind you all the way,
Nevil C. Stephens
Winnipeg, MB
Canada

P.S. PULEEASE boost the maturity level of this comic up! I am so sick and tired of the newer cartoons! After the first season, not only did their [the Ghostbusters'] voices change for the worse, but their personalities changed as well! This was the big mistake the cartoon made, especially for Slimer (remember when all he could do was grunt? Man, those were the good ol' days)! I hope that you don't make the same mistake. I'm one for the original REAL GHOSTBUSTERS. Good luck to your company and your workers, and I hope you end up successful!

Dear Nevil:

The stories in THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS won't become as complex as you would like them for one reason: People of all ages, including kids who are just learning the alphabet, read THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS. If the stories were too sophisticated, our young-

est readers wouldn't understand them. We want to keep this book an all-ages type of comic. Might I suggest something like THE TWILIGHT ZONE to satisfy your urge for a more mature, involved comic?

You won't have to worry about the characters changing too much; Columbia Pictures Merchandising, which holds the copyrights on THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS, likes the characters just the way they are. Thanks for sticking with us, Nevil.



Dear NOW or later or almost a year later:

Oh joy! Oh rapture! GHOSTBUSTERS is back! Unfortunately, so am I. Mu-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha! I know it just breaks your hearts that I have a typewriter now, so you won't have the thrill of reading my beautiful, clear handwriting, but I think you can adjust.

Pull this stunt again, and I'll tell Slimer you're hiding Twinkies in your jockey shorts.

Until the fun really begins...

Fritz Baugh
Indianapolis, IN

Dear Fritz:

Worry not, dude. We'll be here a while.



Dear Ghostbusters:

My name is Garrett, and I am four years old. I am too shy to write you a letter, so my mom is helping me. When she asked me what I wanted to say, I turned red and hid my face in her lap.

But she knows how I feel. I have been watching THE GHOSTBUSTERS for two years, and now we are buying the comics, too. I have all the GHOSTBUSTERS toys, and my mom made me a jumpsuit just like yours. Sometimes she makes up stories about me being a junior GHOSTBUSTER. I always sign my name "Peter Venkman." That's my secret name. I really like your comics. They are great! I can't read yet, but my mom reads to me.

Garrett Long
Salisbury, MD

Dear Garrett:

I'm glad you like THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS so much! I'm sure that someday soon you'll be able to read your comics all by yourself. Maybe you'll even be able to write us another letter without being shy. For now, I think your mom helping you is just great! So keep reading, because the more you practice, the sooner you'll be able to read THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS on your own!



DEAR JANINE. I
 WISH YOU WOULD
 TAKE A VACATION
 TO GET AWAY
 FROM THE
 GHOSTBUSTERS
 YOU ARE MY
 FAVORITE
 GHOSTBUSTER
 I GOT THE ISSUE
 OF WILD IN THE STREETS
 THATS HOW I WROTE
 THIS LETTER TO
 YOU IN N.Y.C. SEE
 JAMIE GARDNER.

cardboard and wood to resemble the GHOSTBUSTERS' equipment.

I am impressed with Todd's drawings and thought it would be nice if someone associated with THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS would be, also. However, I do not know if this would be possible. I wish there was a way someone could meet him and see his artwork, or at least someone could acknowledge his interest in THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS. Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Kathryn A. Griffith
 Shrewsbury, PA

Dear Kathryn:

I believe that reading comics is an excellent way for kids to learn how to read. Also, drawing from them helps cultivate their creativity. There are countless children out there who do this, and although many of them don't become professional artists, the artwork they produce and the self-confidence they experience benefit them nonetheless. Since we cannot review their artwork personally, it is up to you parents to encourage them. Tell your son, Todd, that the NOW Comics staff is happy to hear about kids who get so much out of our comics! Keep reading and drawing, Todd!

Dear Jamie:

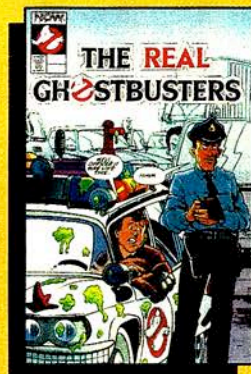
I'm afraid that Janine is a little too busy Ghostbusting to get away for a vacation. What would the guys do without her? If she were gone, Slimer would have to answer the phones!

THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS:

Ever since the movie and cartoon GHOSTBUSTERS came out, my son has been very involved with these characters. As soon as he would come home from school, he would start drawing pictures of the characters. Over the years, the quality and detail of his work has improved. He probably has a couple hundred pictures.

He has also used his imagination and made various toys out of

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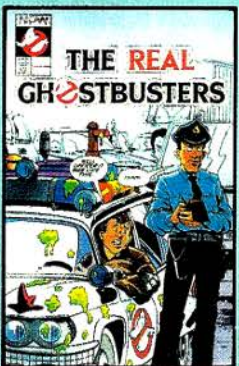


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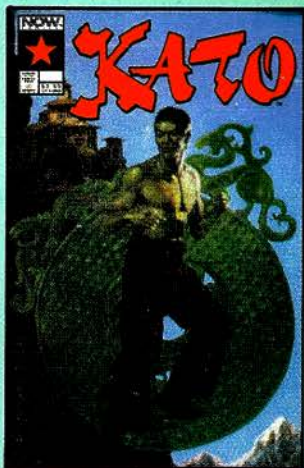
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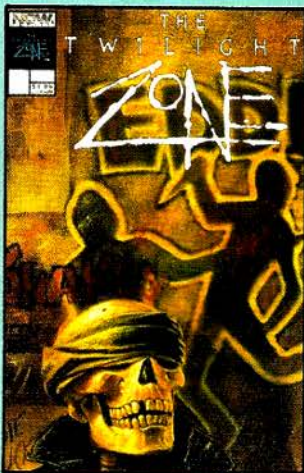
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