

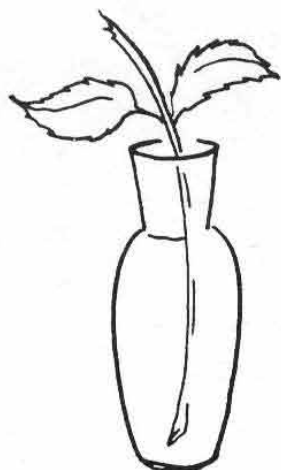
Beauty and the Beast

THE ABSURD SEASON

ANOTHER GRAPHIC PARODY

BY P.S. NIM

Dedicated with the usual apologies
to the usual folks



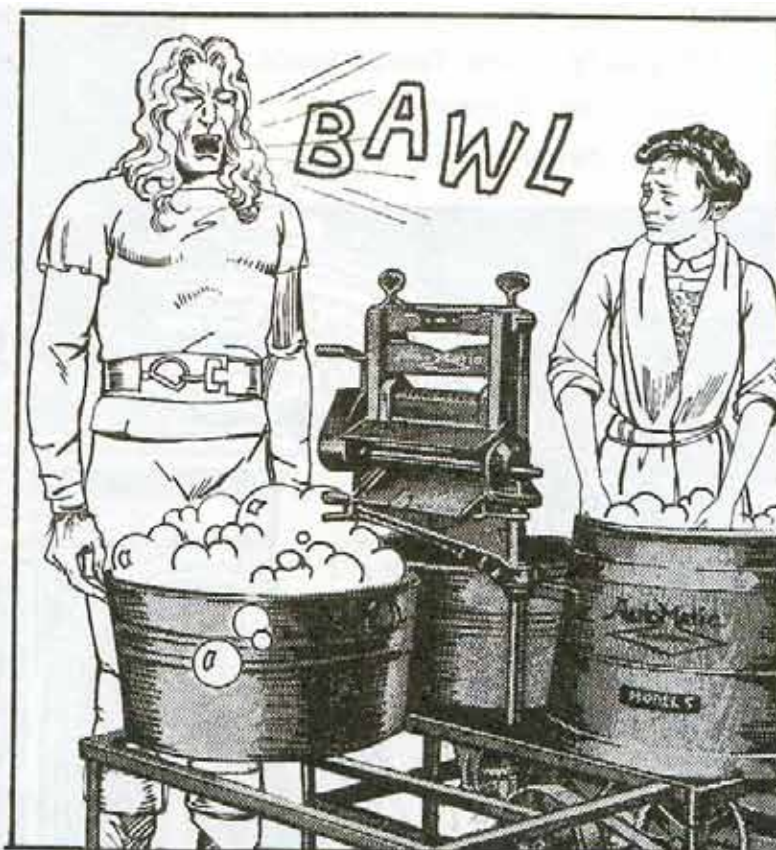
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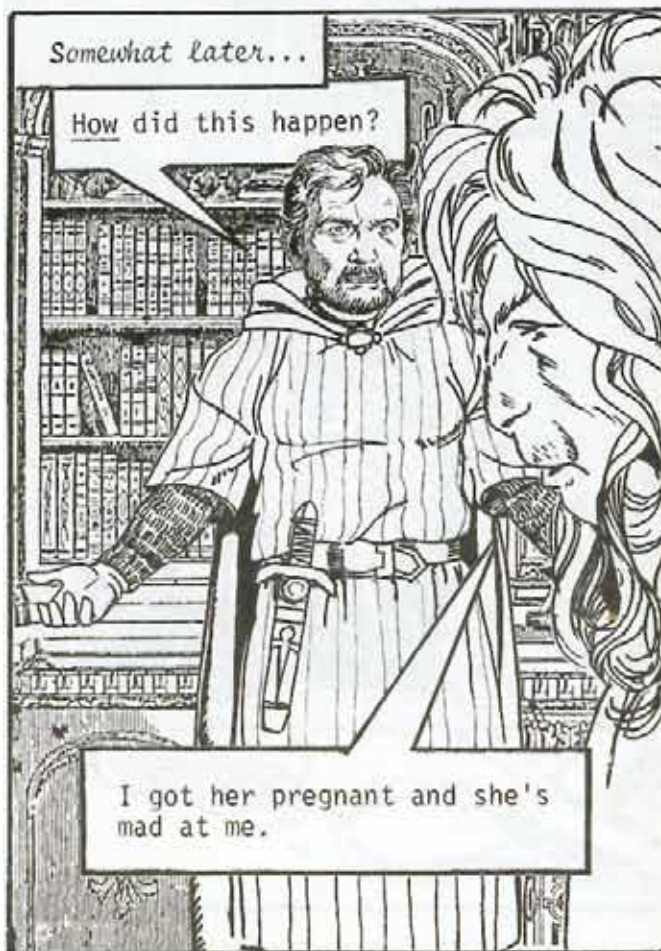
All's well in the Tunnel World...
except that Vincent keeps
having crying jags...

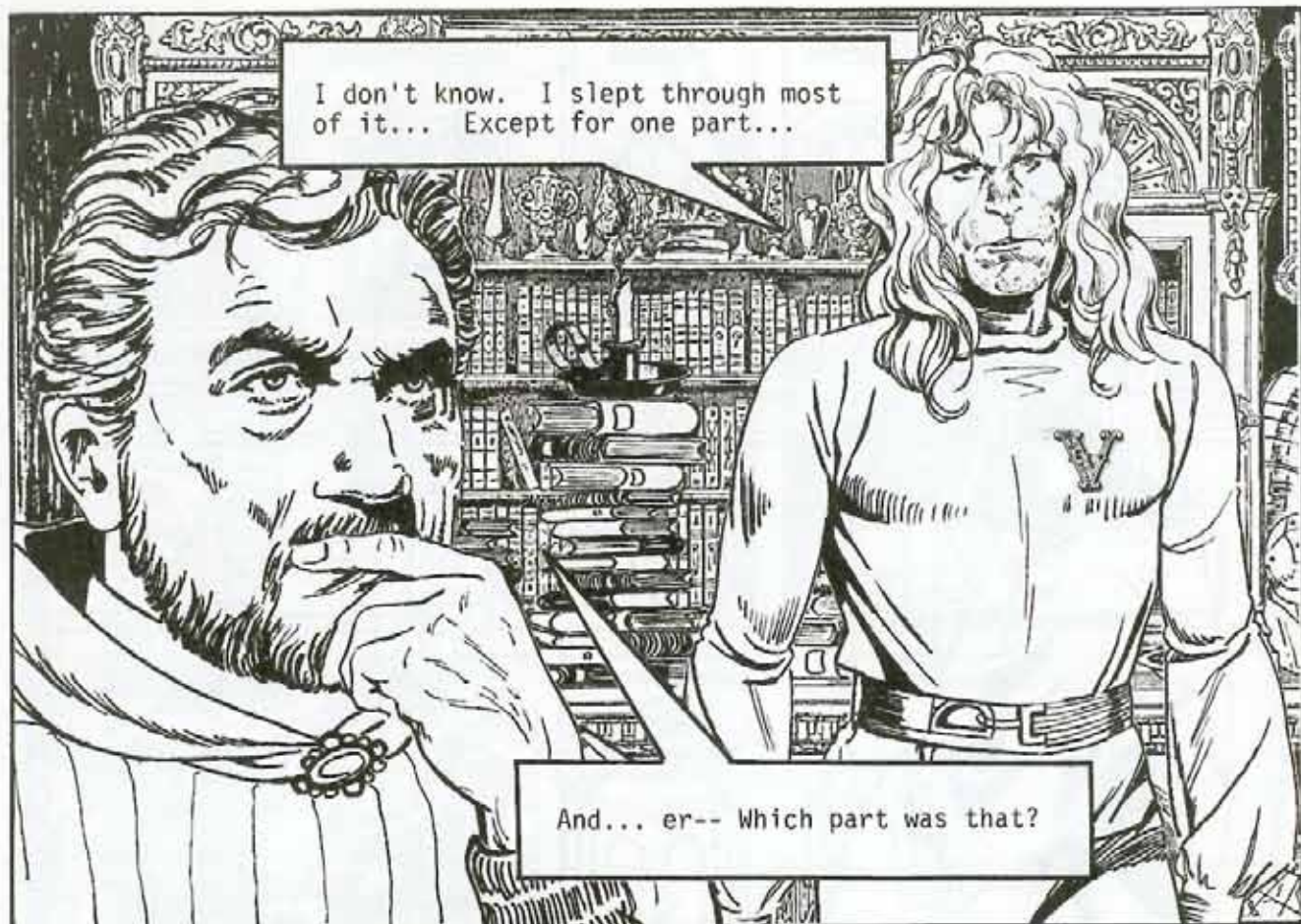
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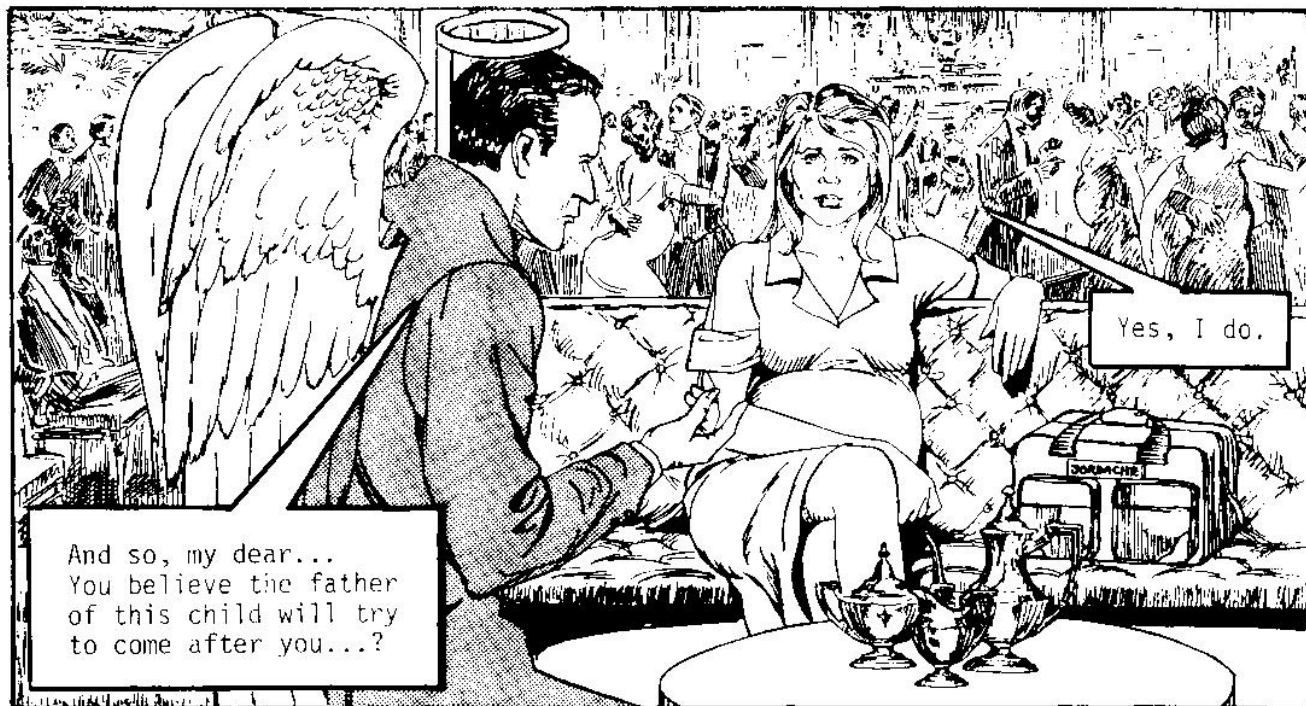


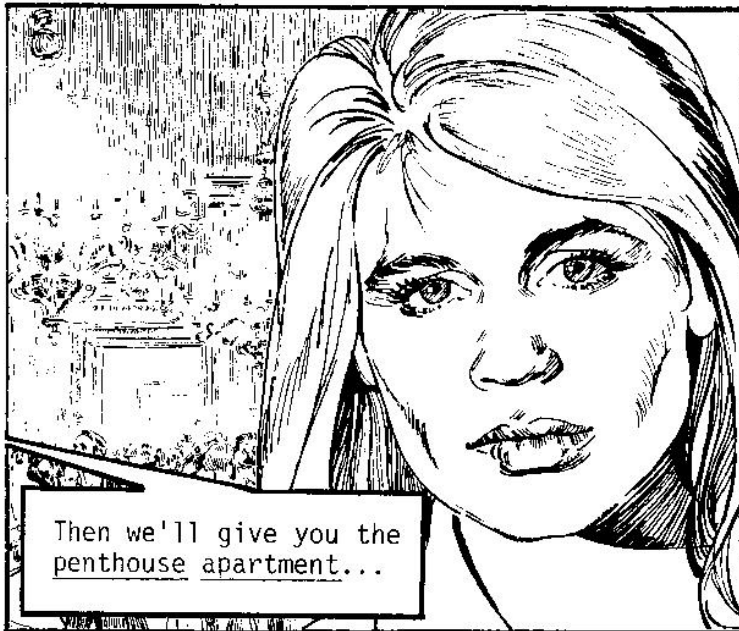






Meanwhile...





Then we'll give you the penthouse apartment...



Have no fear, my child...



I will send my divine forces down into the tunnels to deter this Vincent. He will never be able to leave...

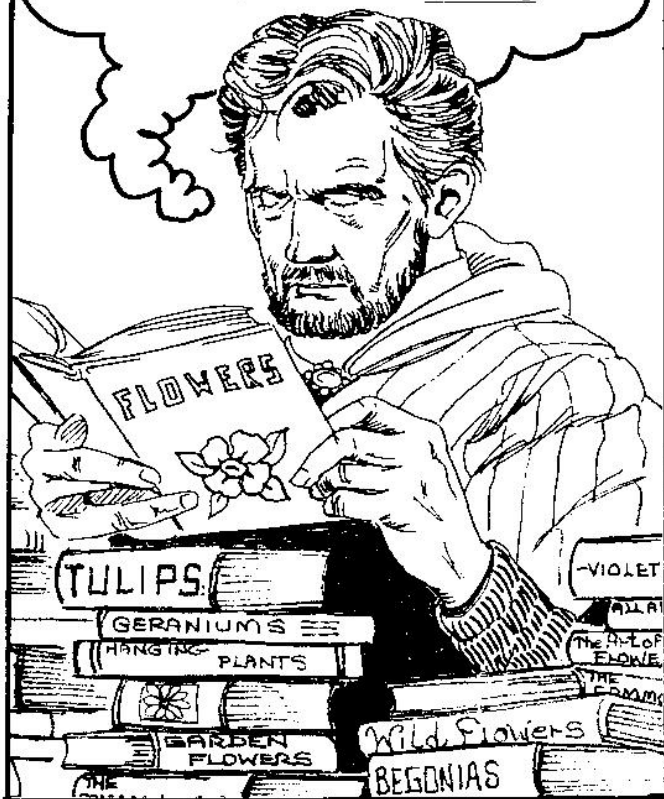
Divine forces???

That's right. Before I became such a goody-two-shoes, I was a real mean guy...



Meanwhile...

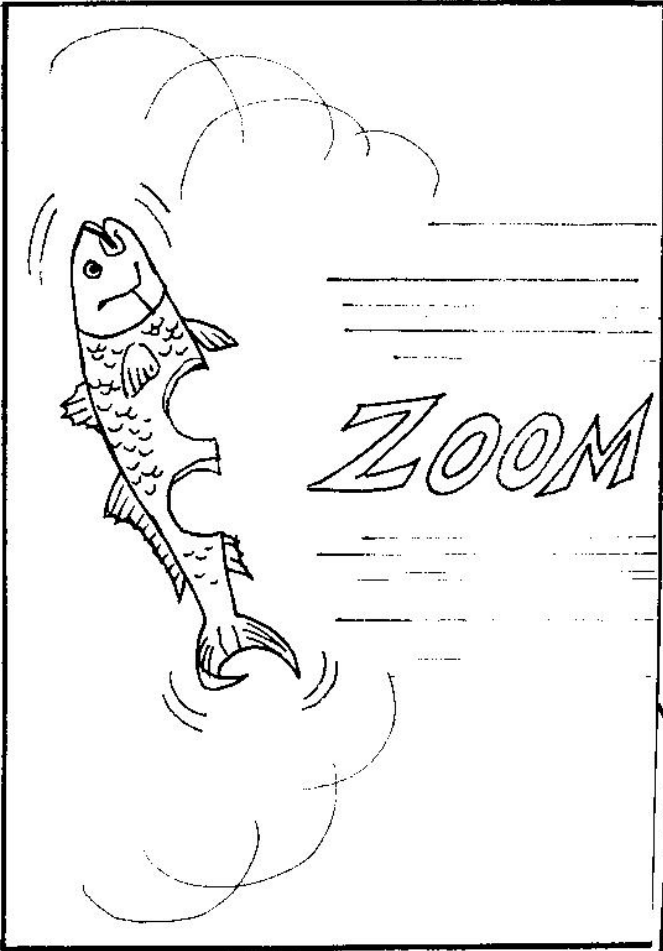
Then again, maybe there's something about botany I've been missing...



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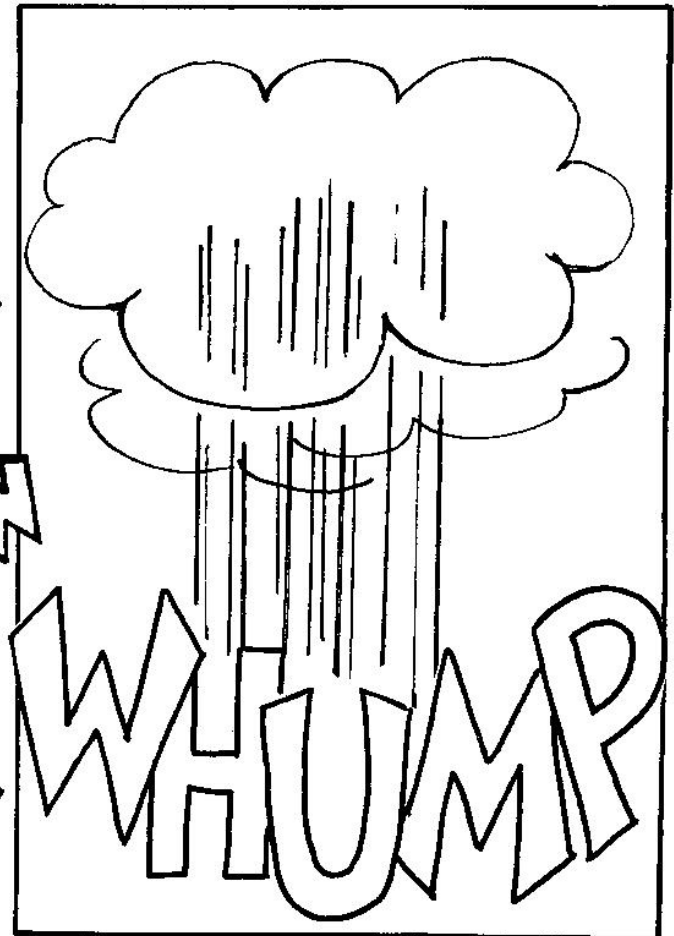
Uh oh... Station break is over. It's time to go get Catherine...

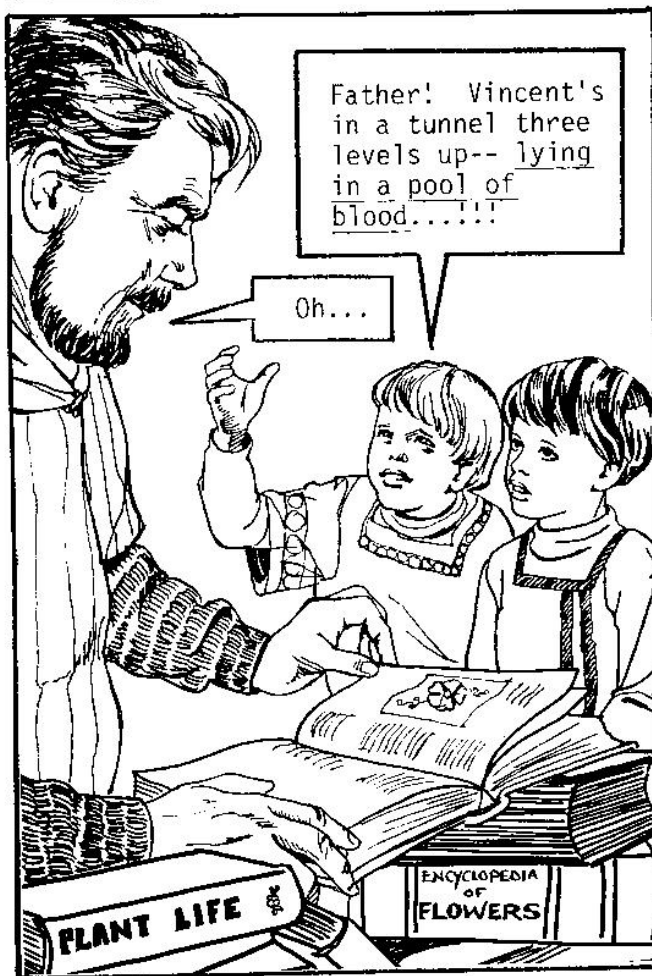
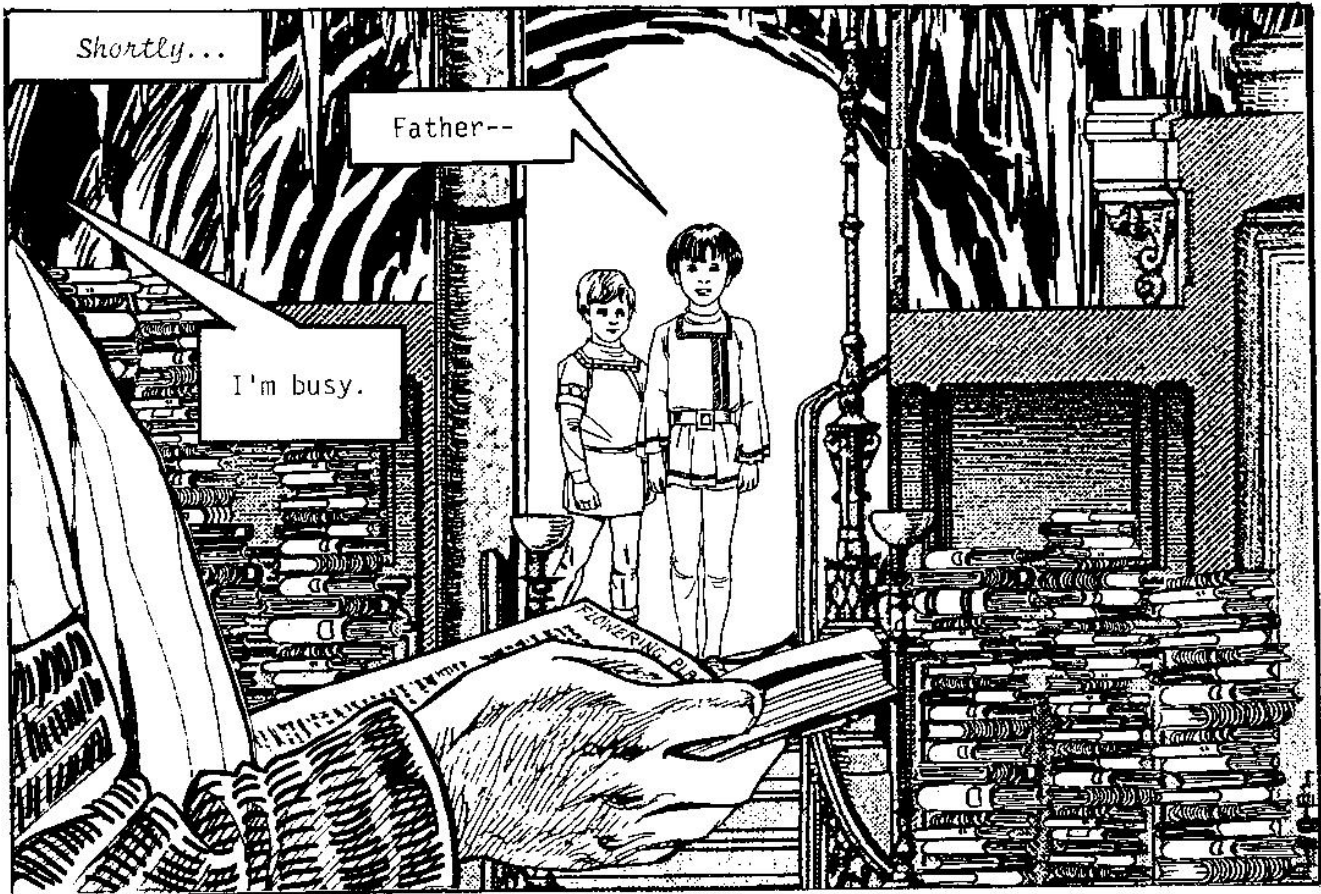


And so...



Unfortunately--

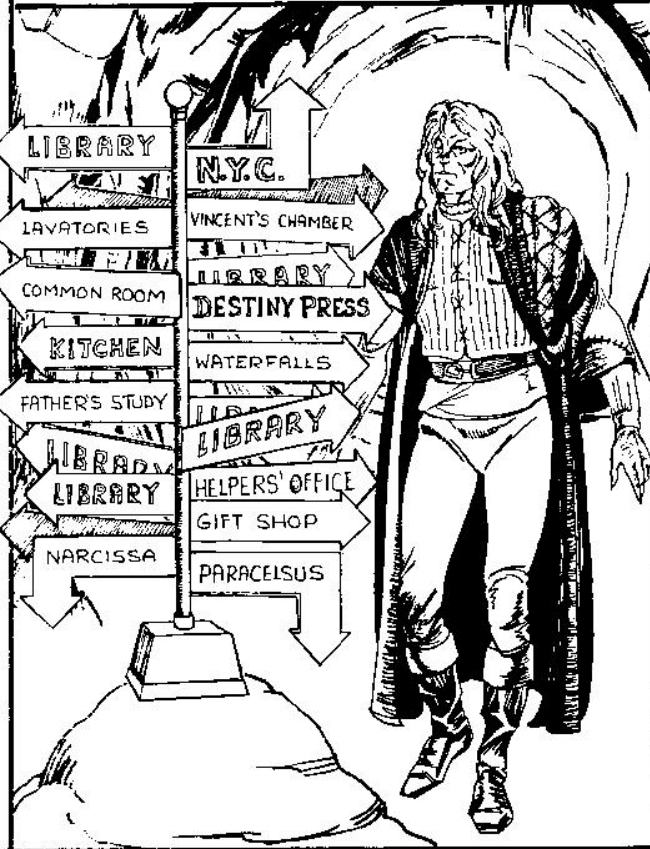




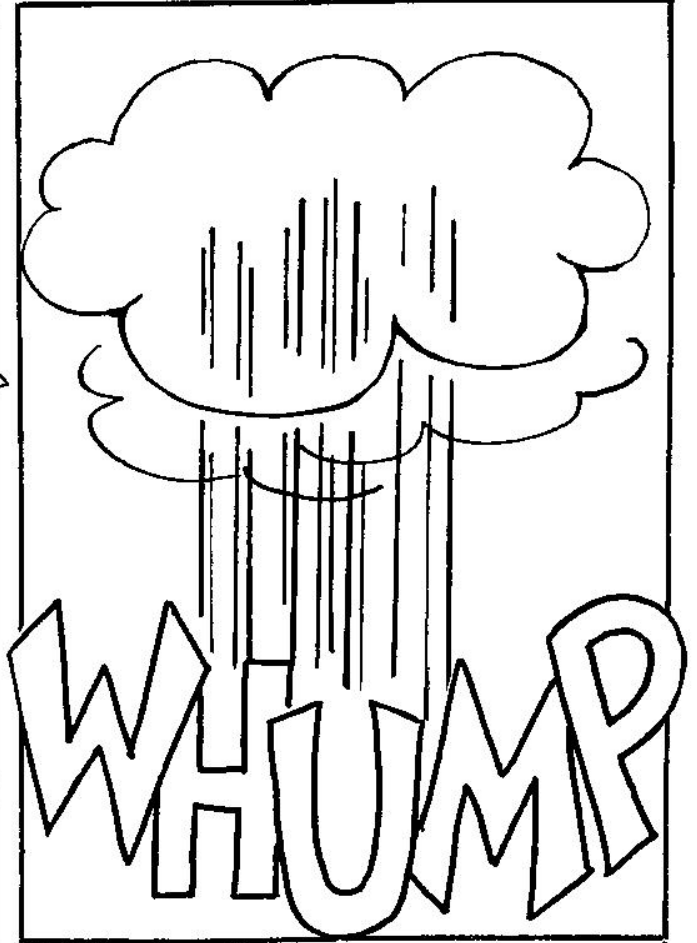
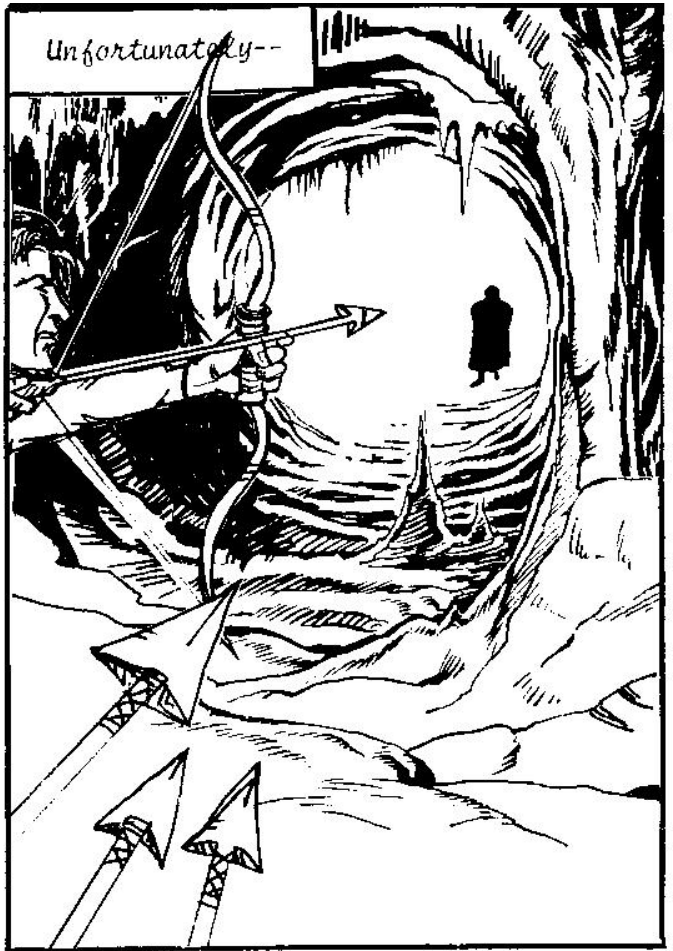


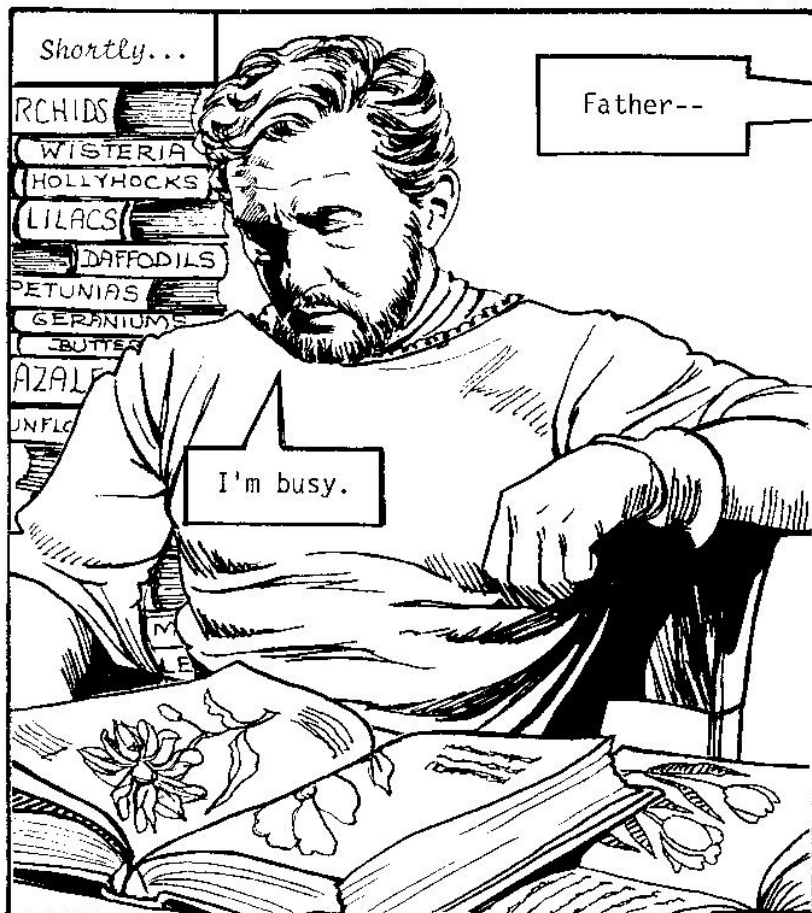


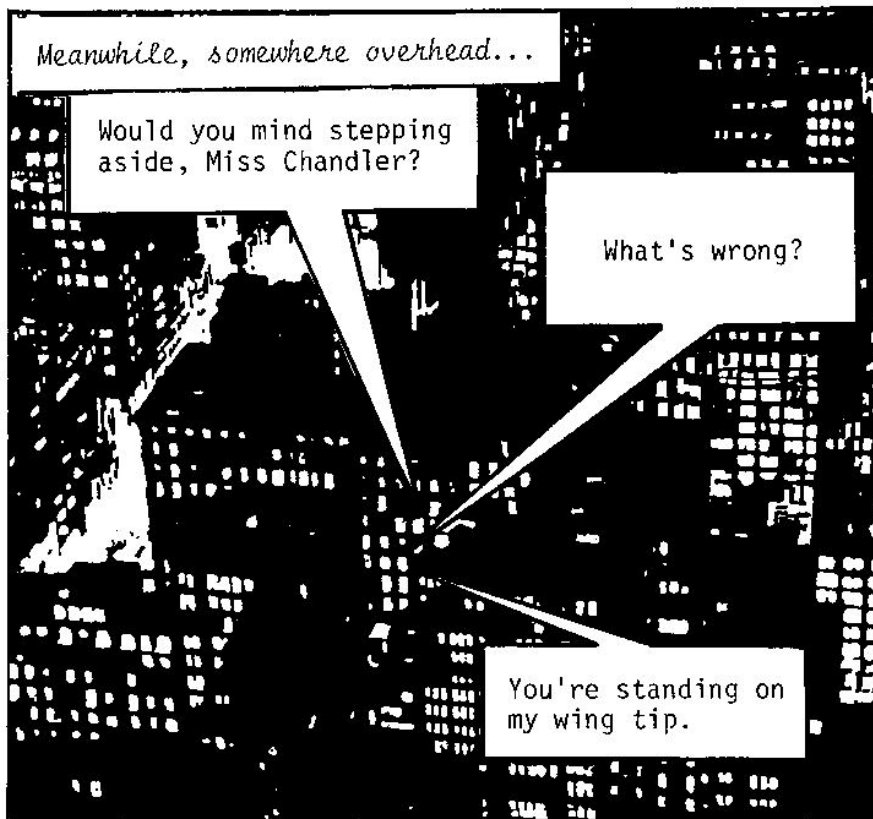
Once again, Vincent tries to leave the tunnels in search of Catherine...

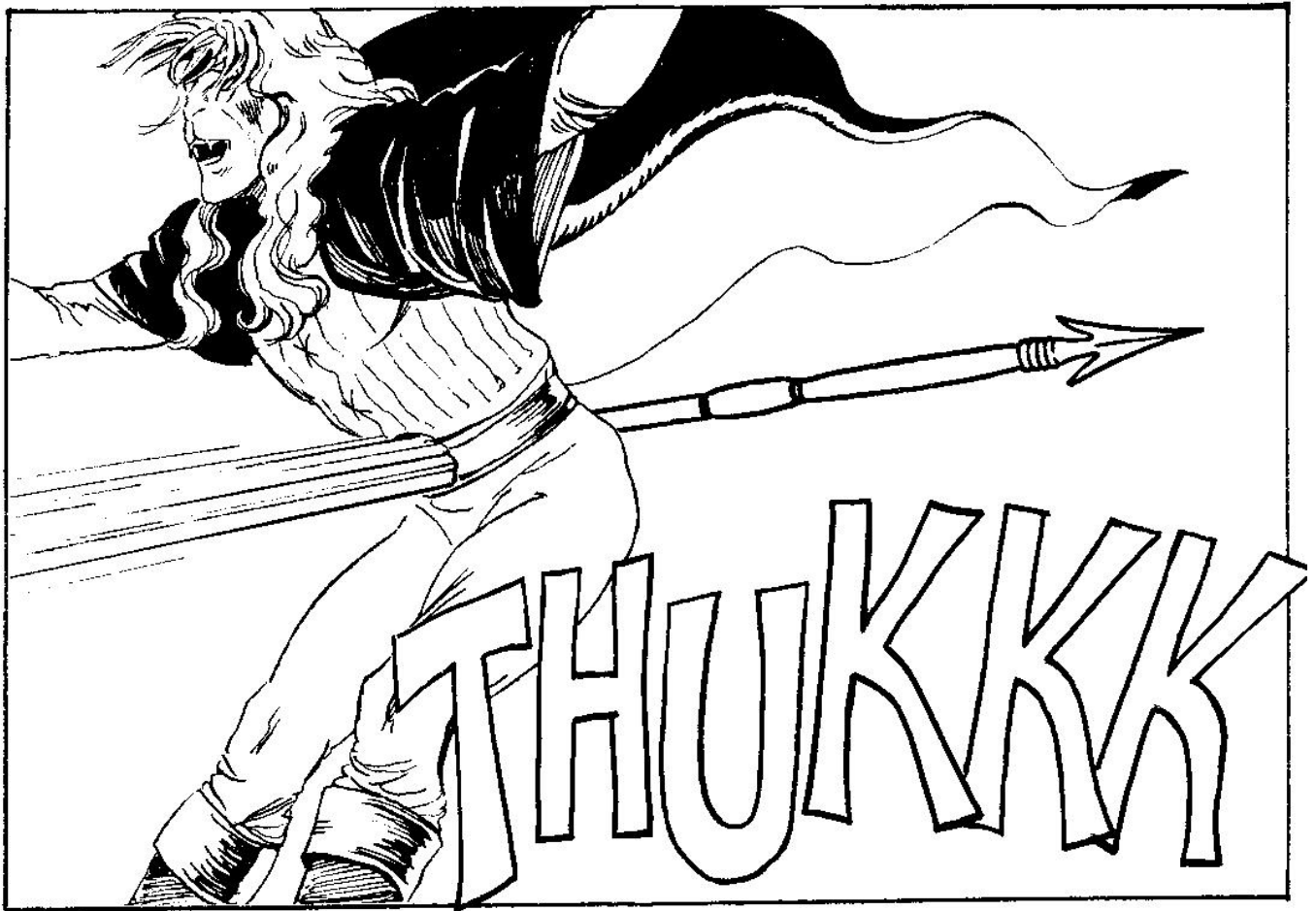


Unfortunately--









As usual, Vincent reads to the children:

"...and the terrified pioneer woman let out a shrill scream as Horse Feather, fearless Comanche warrior, sawed at her scalp with his scalping knife..."





Above...

How would you like to have this baby,
Miss Chandler? We can do Lamaze,
Bradley, LeBoyer, Odent--

Oh, just send in
a stunt double...



Below...



TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP TAP-TAP-TAP-TAP

What's this...? The pipes say Catherine has been seen on an upper level...

She's left a baby
in a basket.

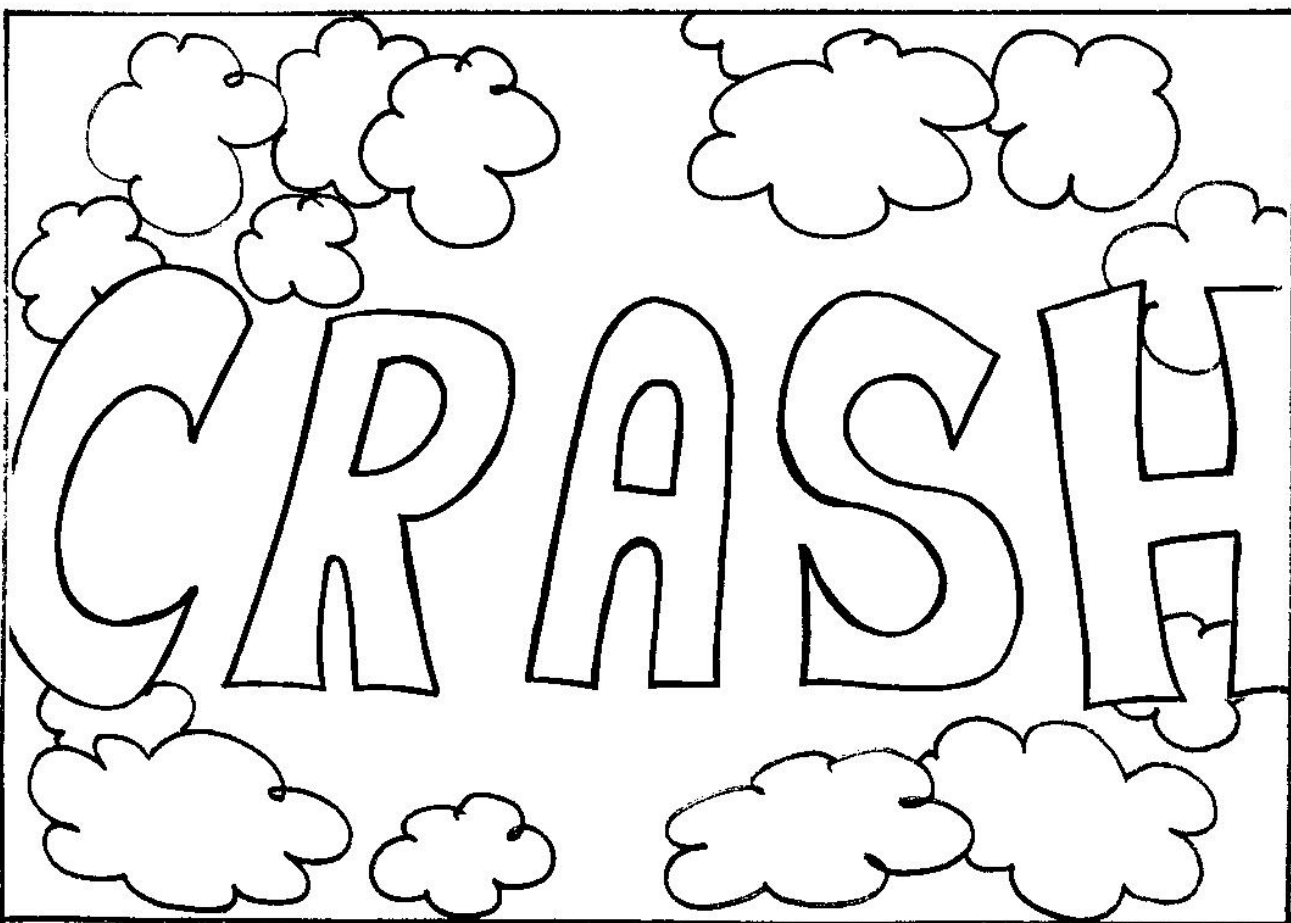
Seconds later...

**FOUNDLING DEPOSIT
NEXT RIGHT**

In the tunnel ahead--



Oops--



Suddenly...

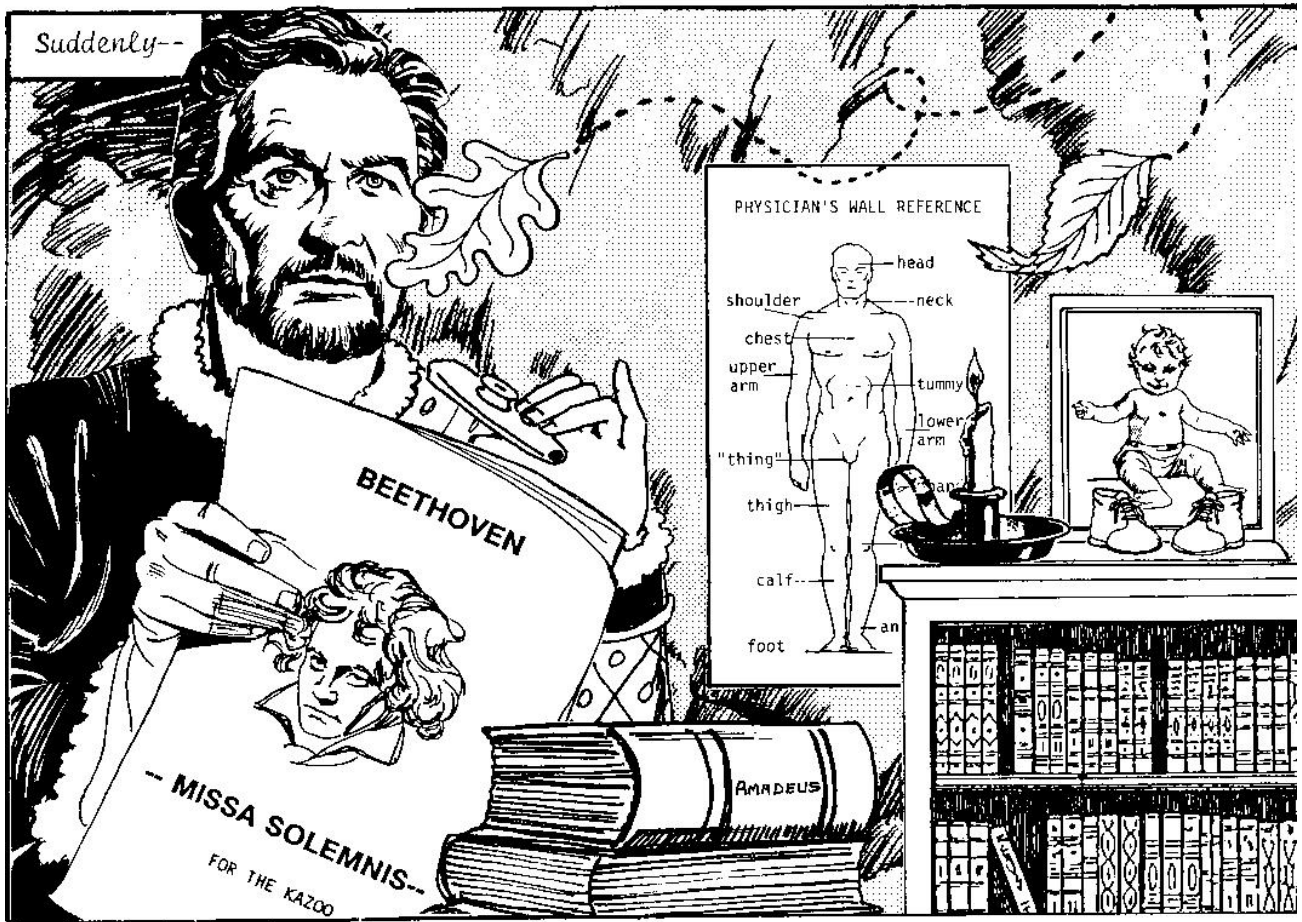
BOING!

Vincent! Vincent--
Wake up!

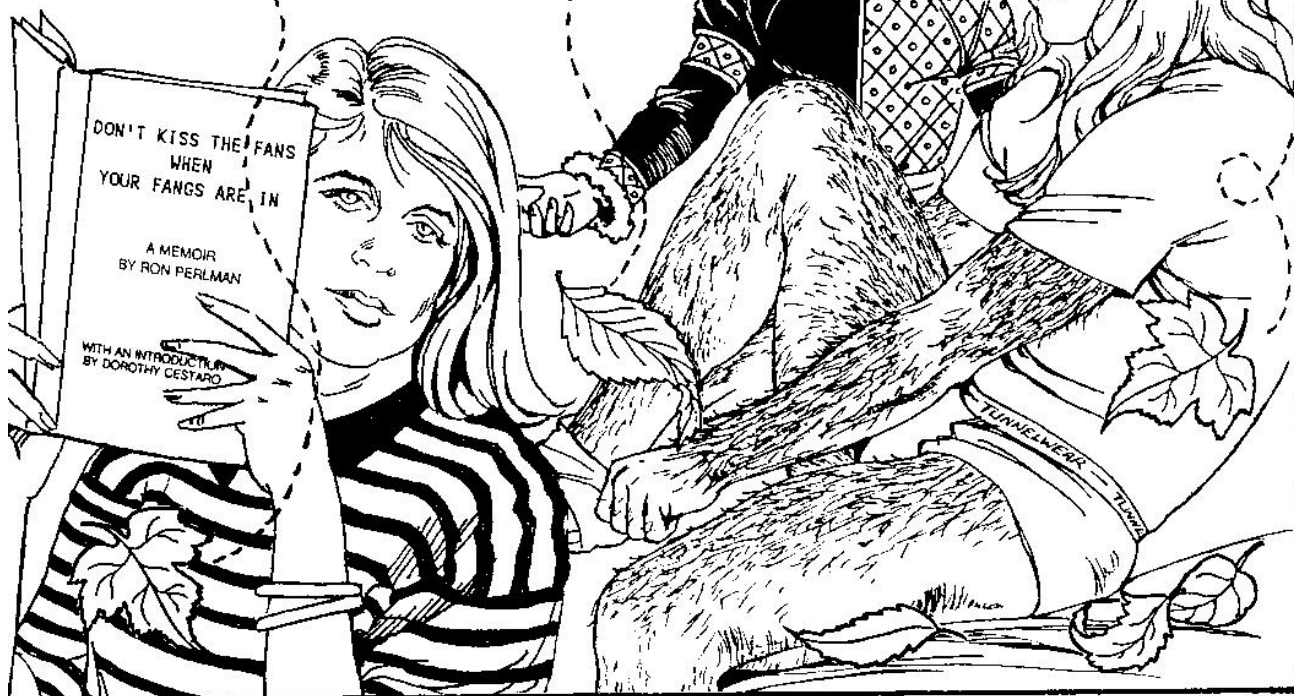
gurgle
snort
mutter

You've been dreaming...





Vincent!!! Catherine!!! It's fall again!
Do you know what this means???



A new season is upon us!!!



Oh dear me--I shall have to tidy up... Get William to lose a few pounds... Get Mouse to give Arthur a bath...

