

THE **3**
INVESTIGATORS

THE MYSTERY OF BEING

SNOWED OVER



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SOMEWHERE IN PRESENT DAY ROCKY BEACH, CALIFORNIA SKINNER E. NORRIS IS FINALIZING PAPERWORK TO HAND OFF THE NORRIS ESTATE TO HIS DAUGHTER ASHLEY

SNOWED OVER

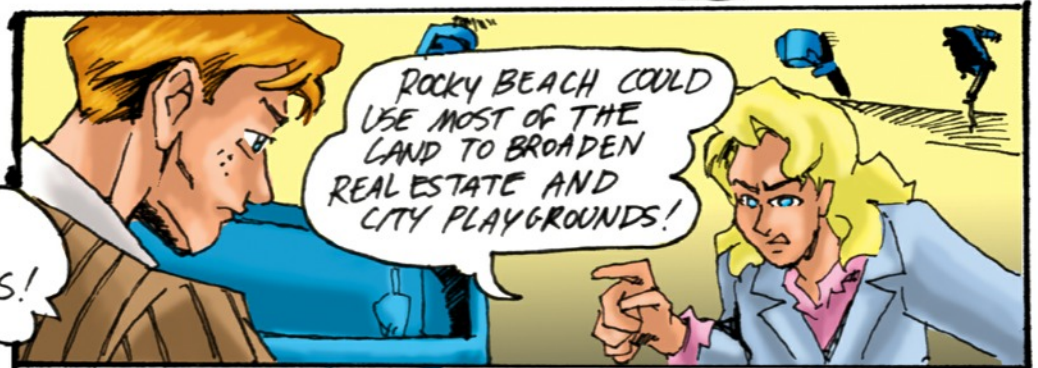
I HAD NO IDEA I OWNED THIS MUCH!

I SHOULD KEEP IT FOR SENTIMENTAL SAKE!

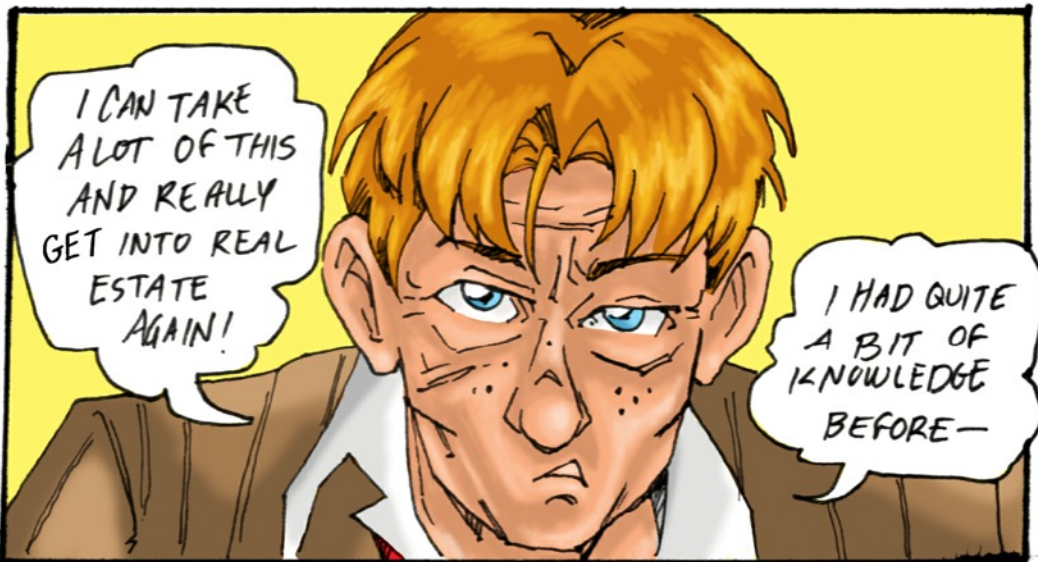
BUT AS PROMISED HE HAD TO SIGN OFF A PART OF HIS ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ROCKY BEACH SO OUR STORY BEGINS WITH CITY COMMISSIONER SECRETARY ELIZABETH ZAPATA AND HIMSELF



COME ON MR. NORRIS!

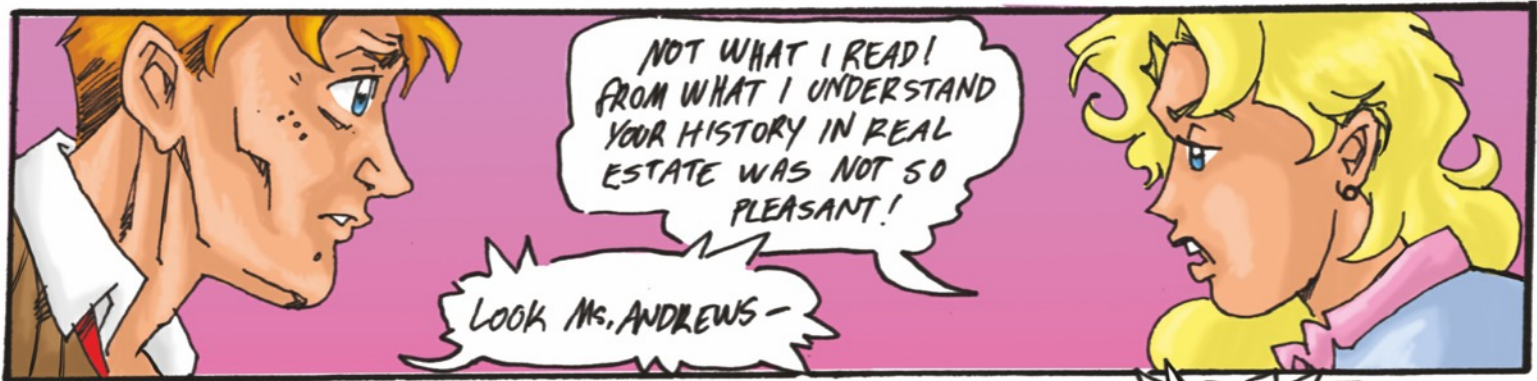


ROCKY BEACH COULD USE MOST OF THE LAND TO BROADEN REAL ESTATE AND CITY PLAYGROUNDS!



I CAN TAKE A LOT OF THIS AND REALLY GET INTO REAL ESTATE AGAIN!

I HAD QUITE A BIT OF KNOWLEDGE BEFORE—



NOT WHAT I READ!
FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND
YOUR HISTORY IN REAL
ESTATE WAS NOT SO
PLEASANT!

LOOK MS. ANDREWS -



ZAPATA
ELIZABETH
ZAPATA

I DROPPED
ANDREWS A LONG
TIME AGO!

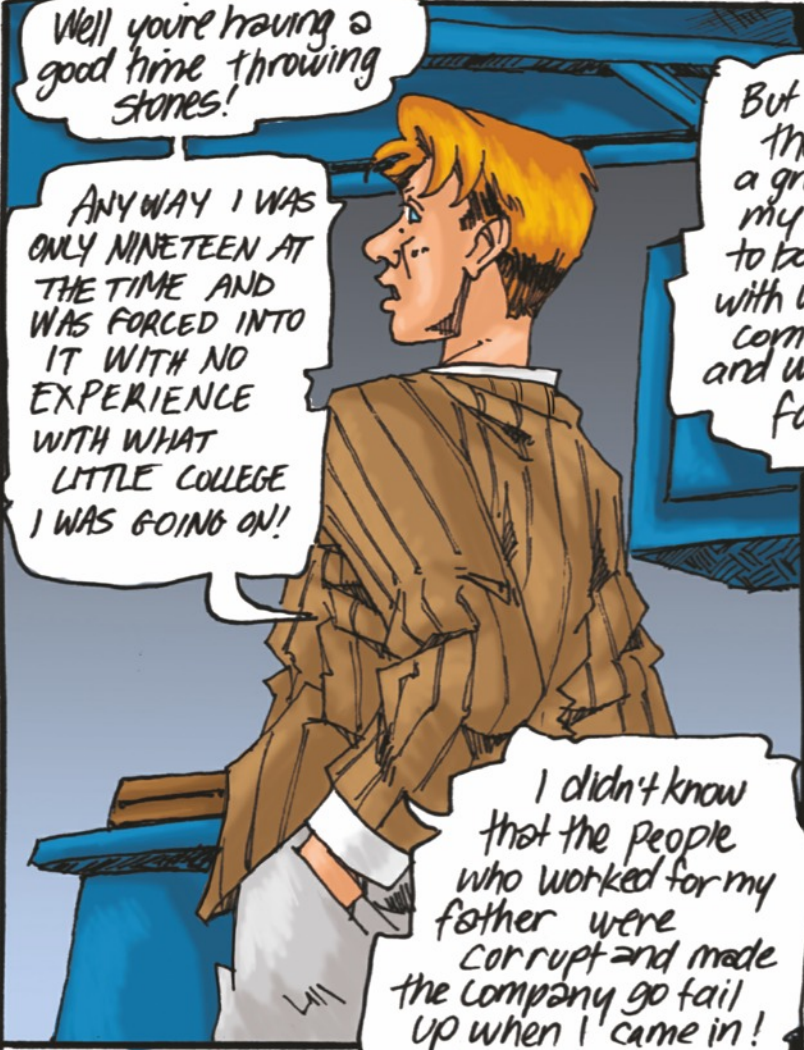


BITTER
MEMORIES
HUH?



Can we stick
to the subject
at hand ?!

I'D RATHER
NOT TALK ABOUT MY
PERSONAL LIFE TO
SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

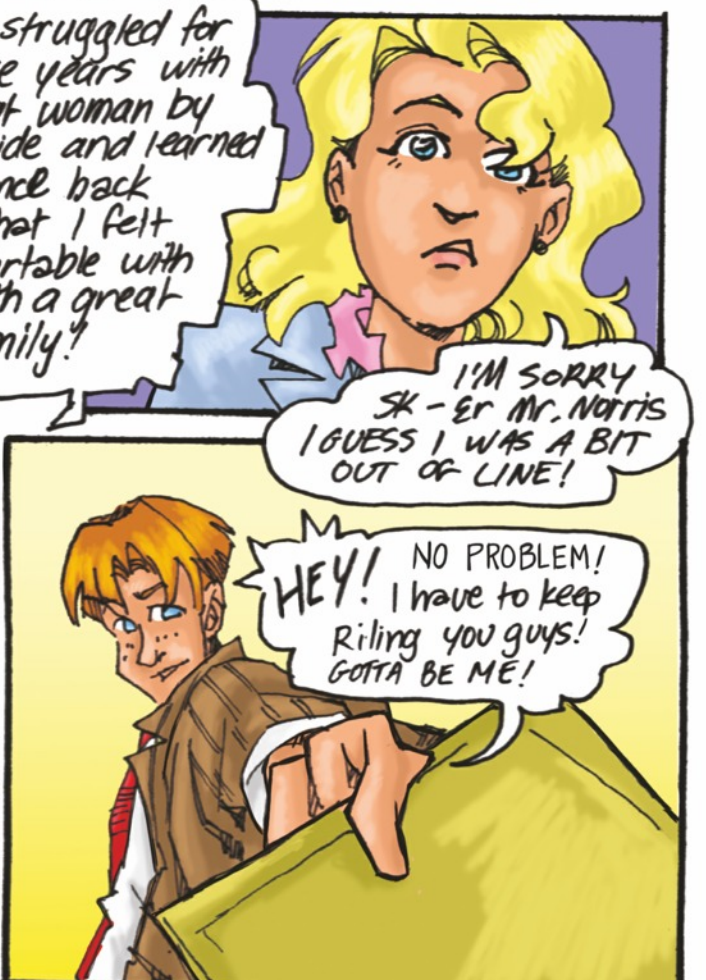


Well you're having a
good time throwing
stones!

ANYWAY I WAS
ONLY NINETEEN AT
THE TIME AND
WAS FORCED INTO
IT WITH NO
EXPERIENCE
WITH WHAT
LITTLE COLLEGE
I WAS GOING ON!

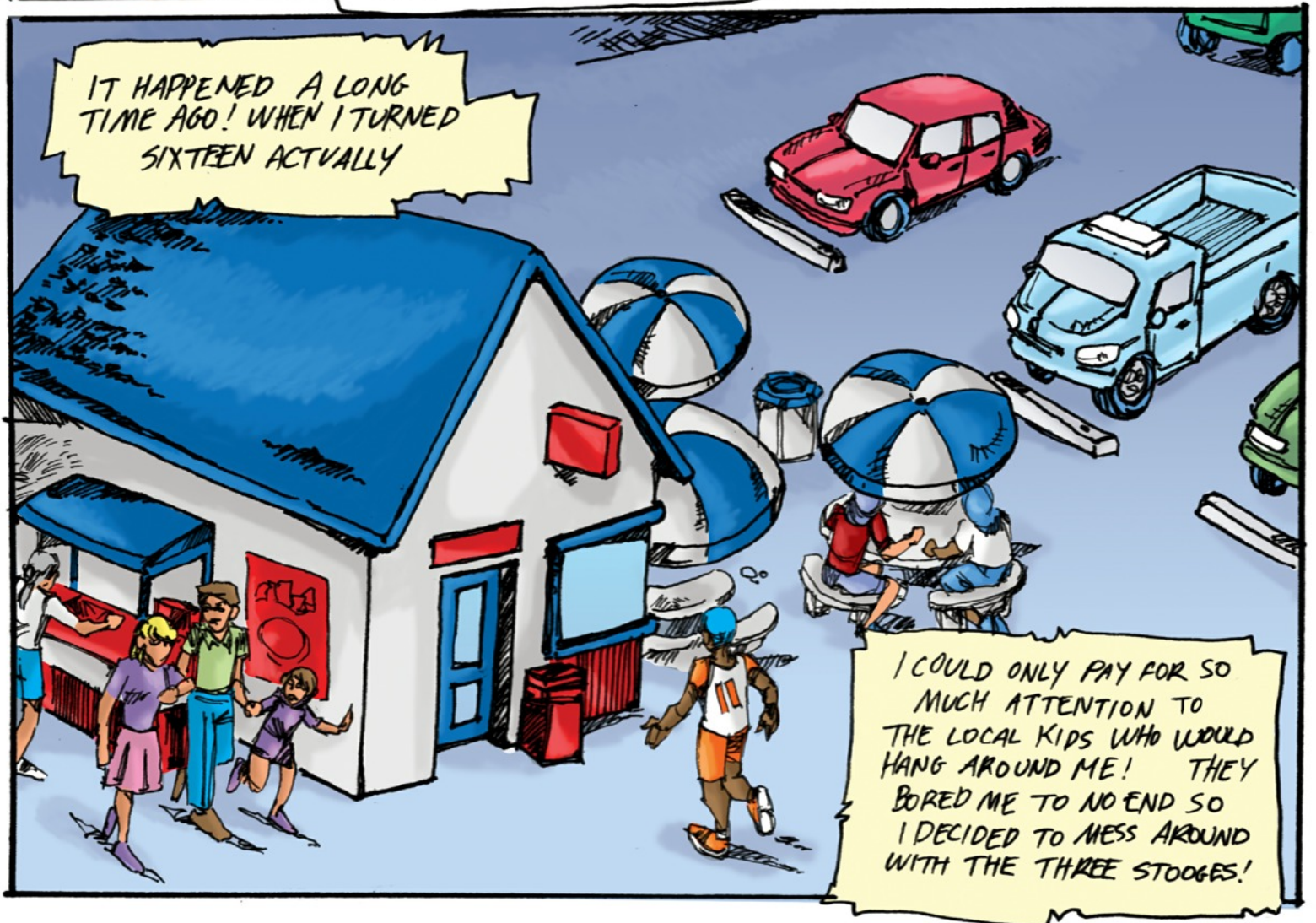
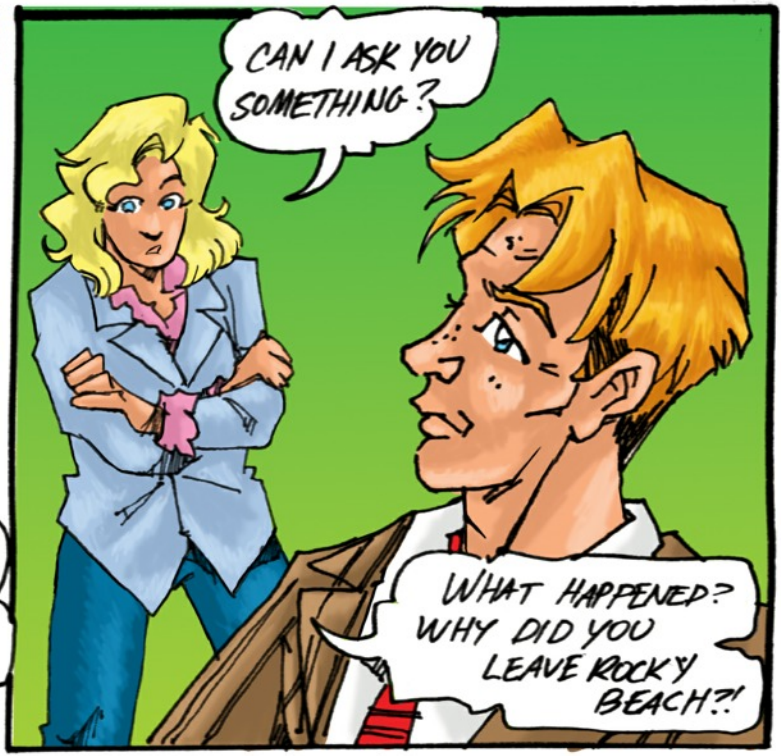
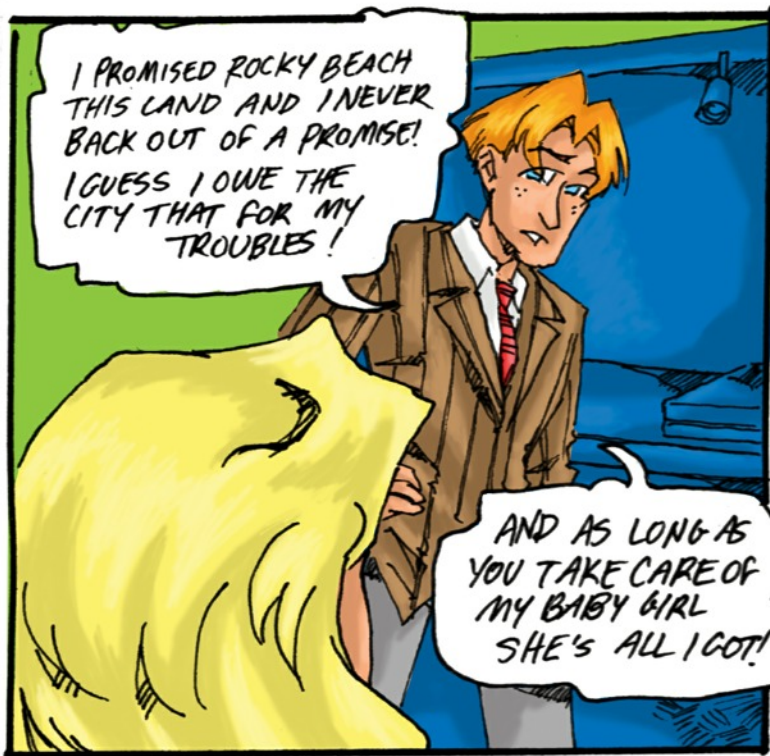
But I struggled for
those years with
a great woman by
my side and learned
to bounce back
with what I felt
comfortable with
and with a great
family!

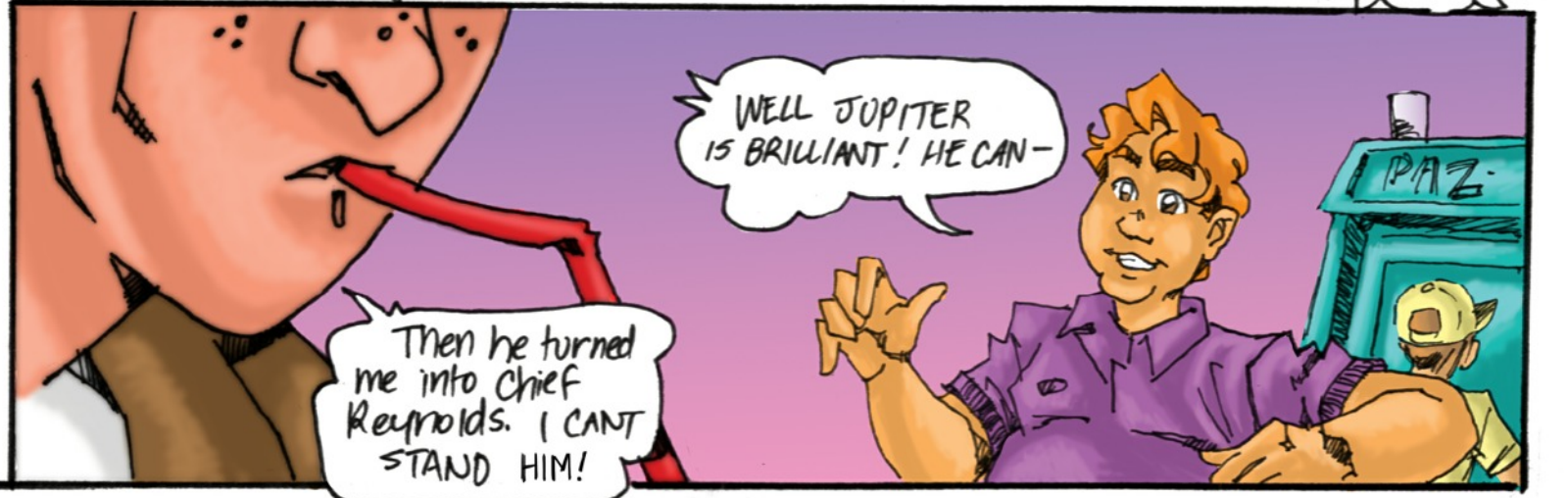
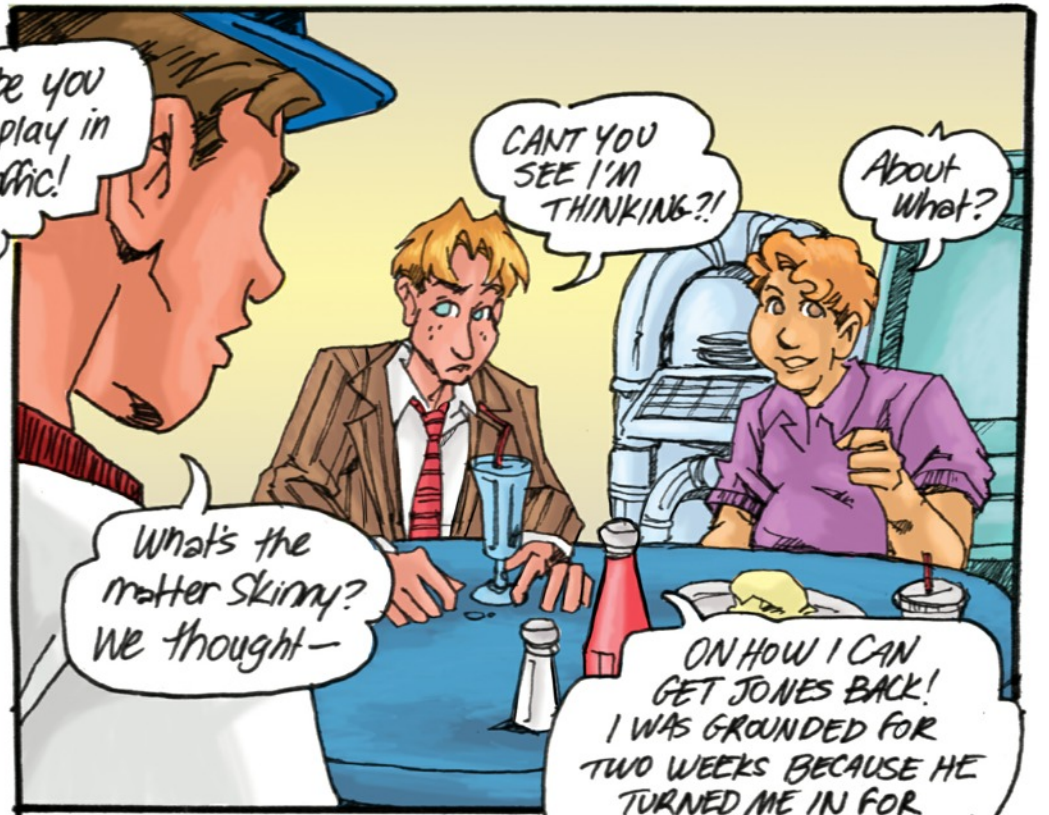
I didn't know
that the people
who worked for my
father were
corrupt and made
the company go fail
up when I came in!

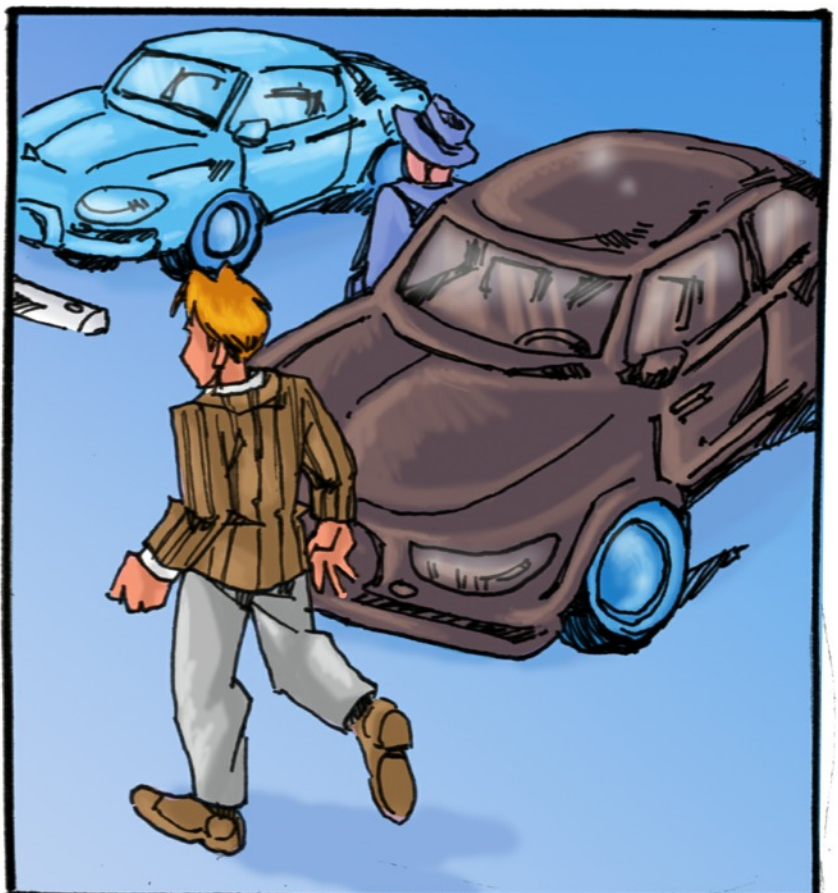
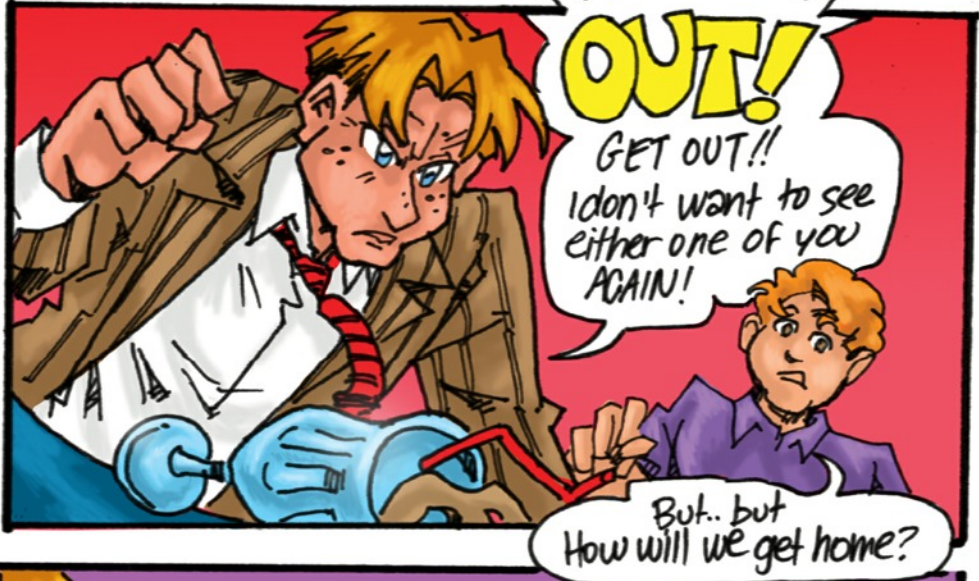
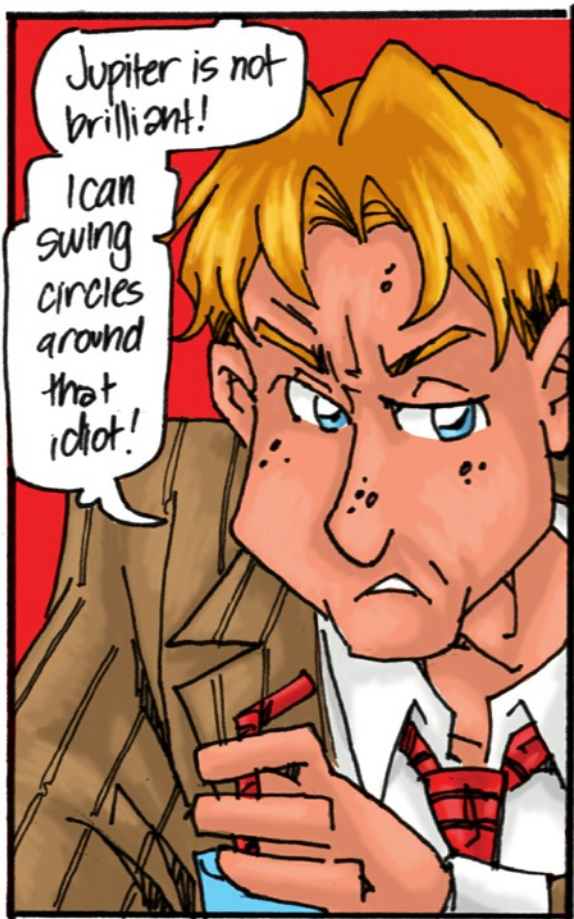


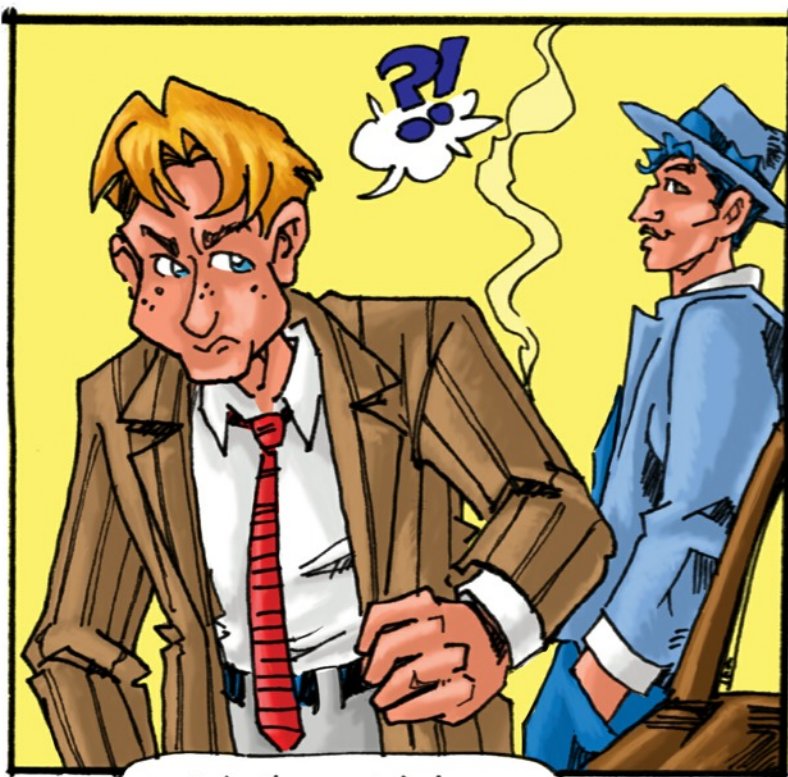
I'M SORRY
SK - ER MR. NORRIS
I GUESS I WAS A BIT
OUT OF LINE!

HEY! NO PROBLEM!
I have to keep
Riling you guys!
GOTTA BE ME!









WHA - what do you want?

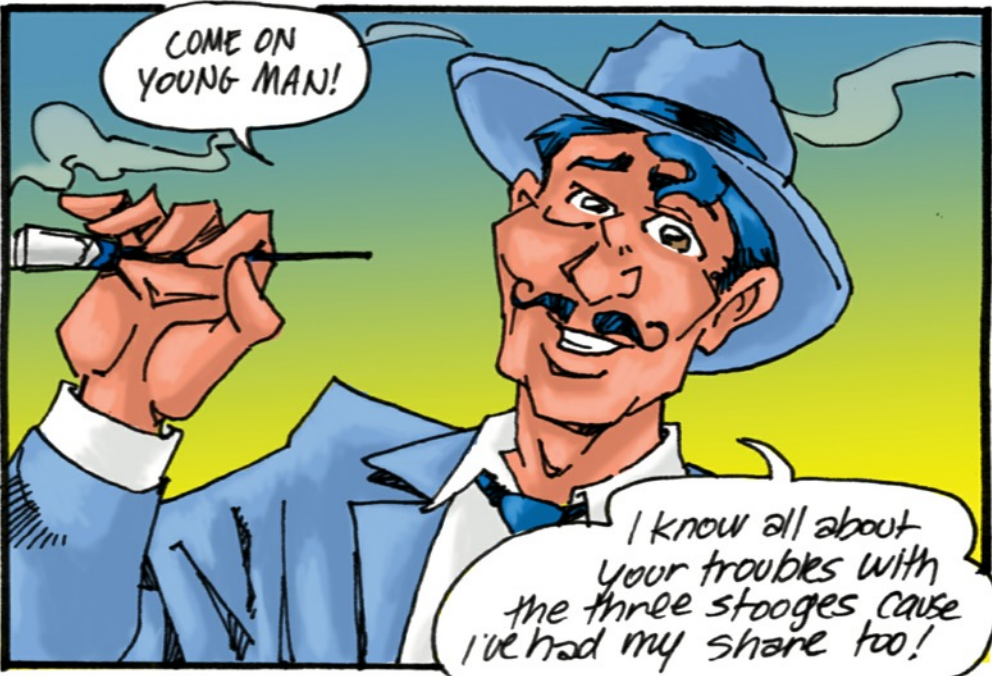
Is that how you greet an old friend?



I - I don't want to have anything to do with you honesty sir!

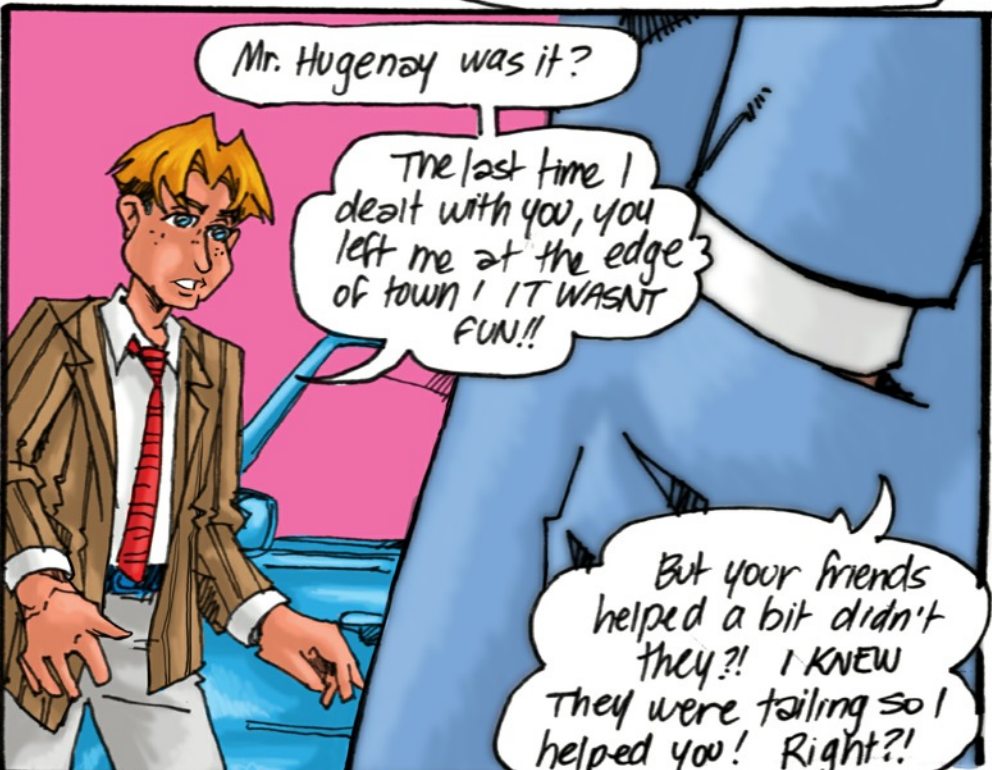
I've had enough share of troubles!

If I get into any more trouble I'm sure it'll be juvenile for me!



COME ON YOUNG MAN!

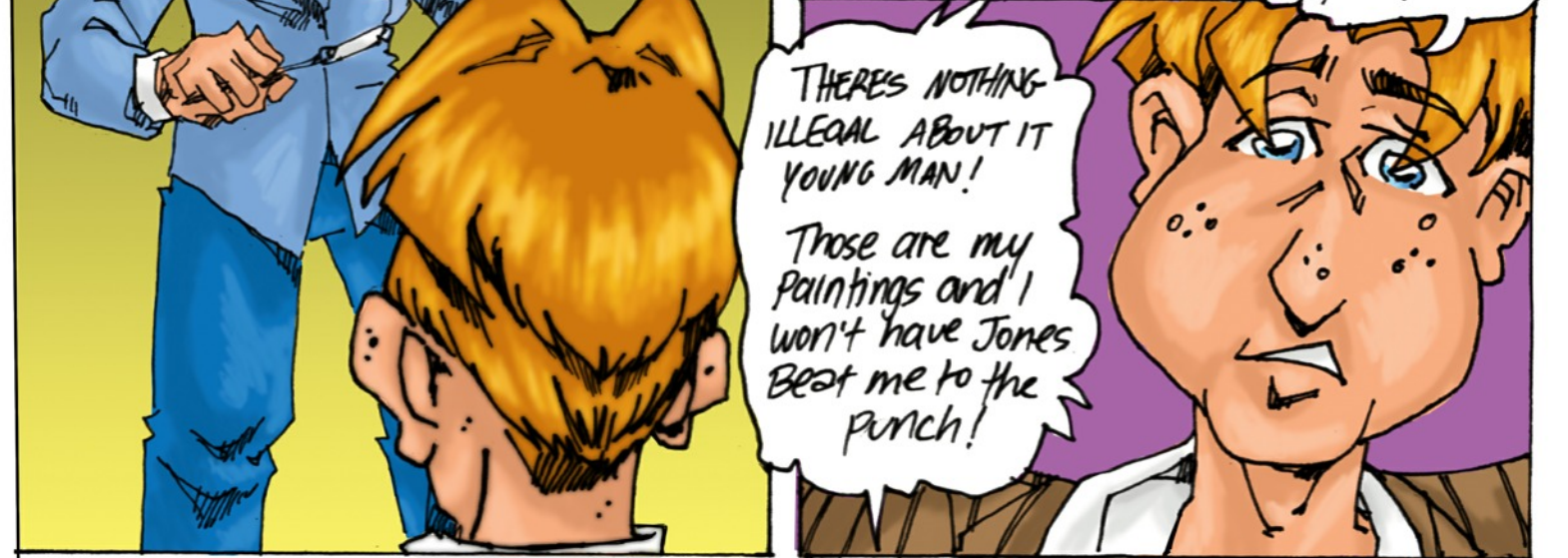
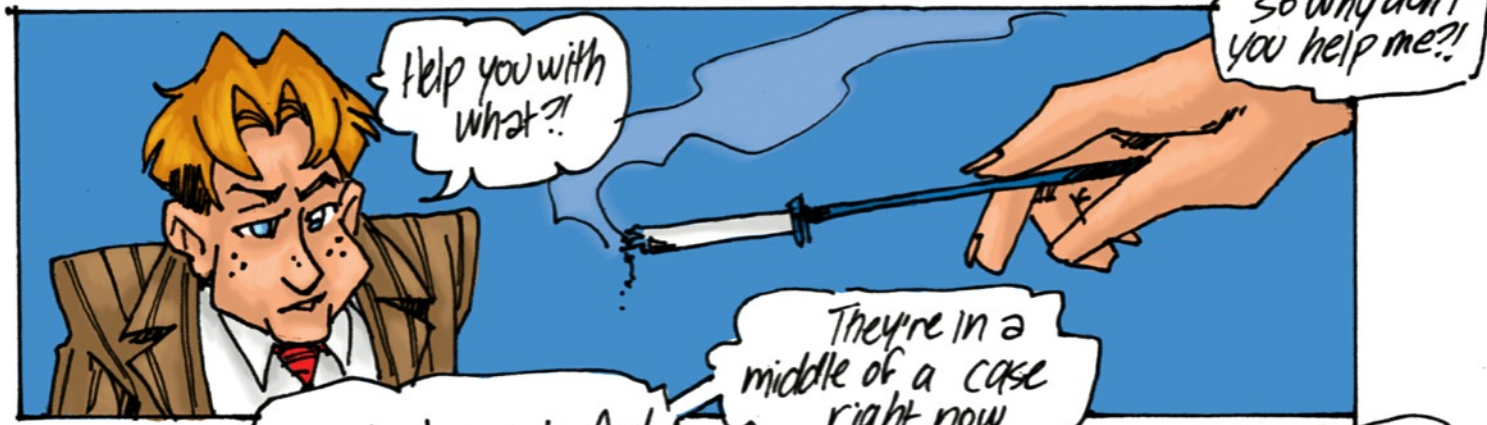
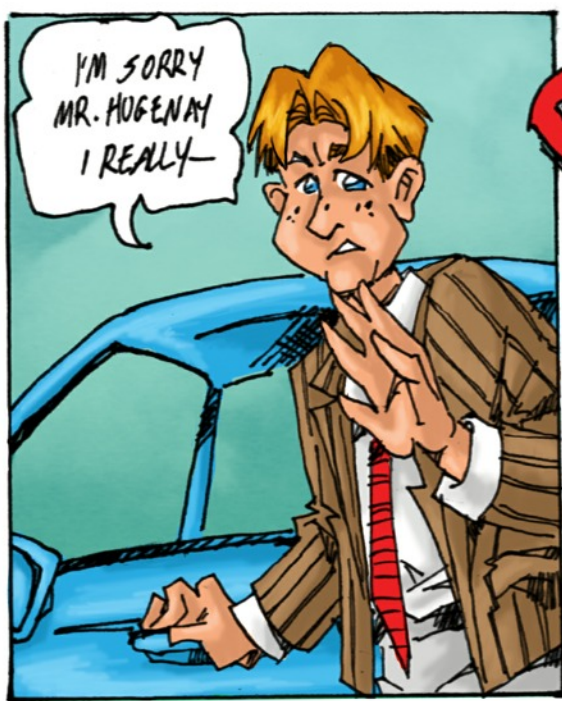
I know all about your troubles with the three stooges cause I've had my share too!



Mr. Hugenay was it?

The last time I dealt with you, you left me at the edge of town! IT WASNT FUN!!

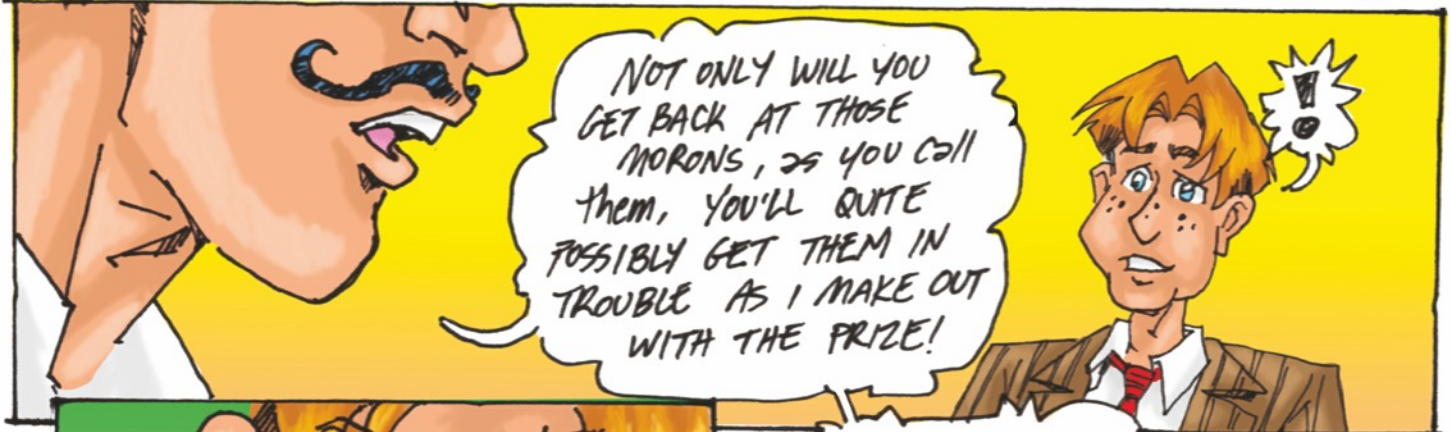
But your friends helped a bit didn't they?! I KNEW they were tailing so I helped you! Right?!





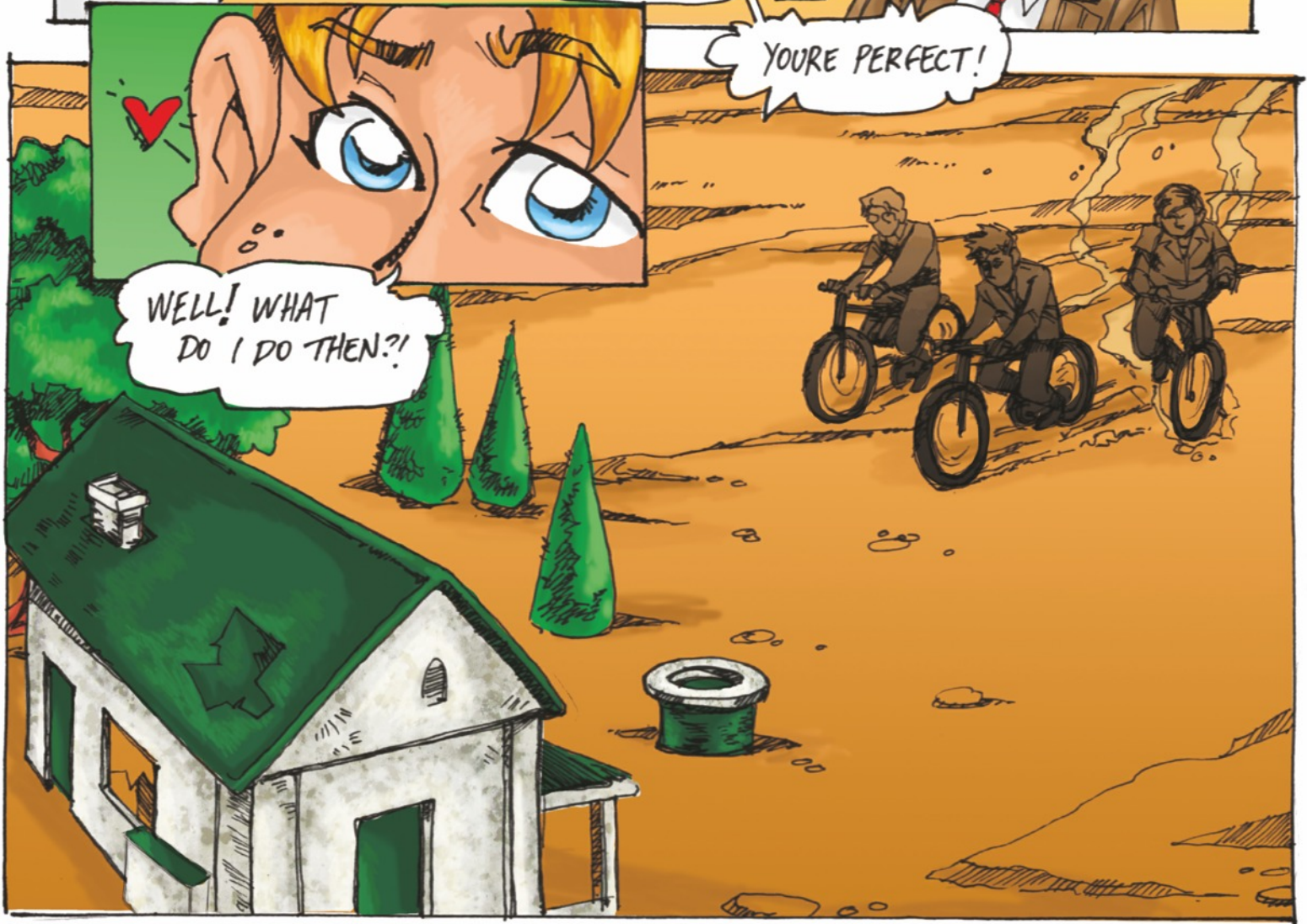
If you know where they are then why don't you get them yourself?!

Because I need to be sure plus I need a distraction! Messing up their clues will lead them away from where I need to be



NOT ONLY WILL YOU GET BACK AT THOSE MORONS, AS YOU CALL THEM, YOU'LL QUITE POSSIBLY GET THEM IN TROUBLE AS I MAKE OUT WITH THE PRIZE!

YOU'RE PERFECT!



WELL! WHAT DO I DO THEN?!



This must be the place!

THE ONE AND ONLY! I'M SURE OF IT!



If Mr. Henshaw was the one who painted those over the stolen ones

it leads here!

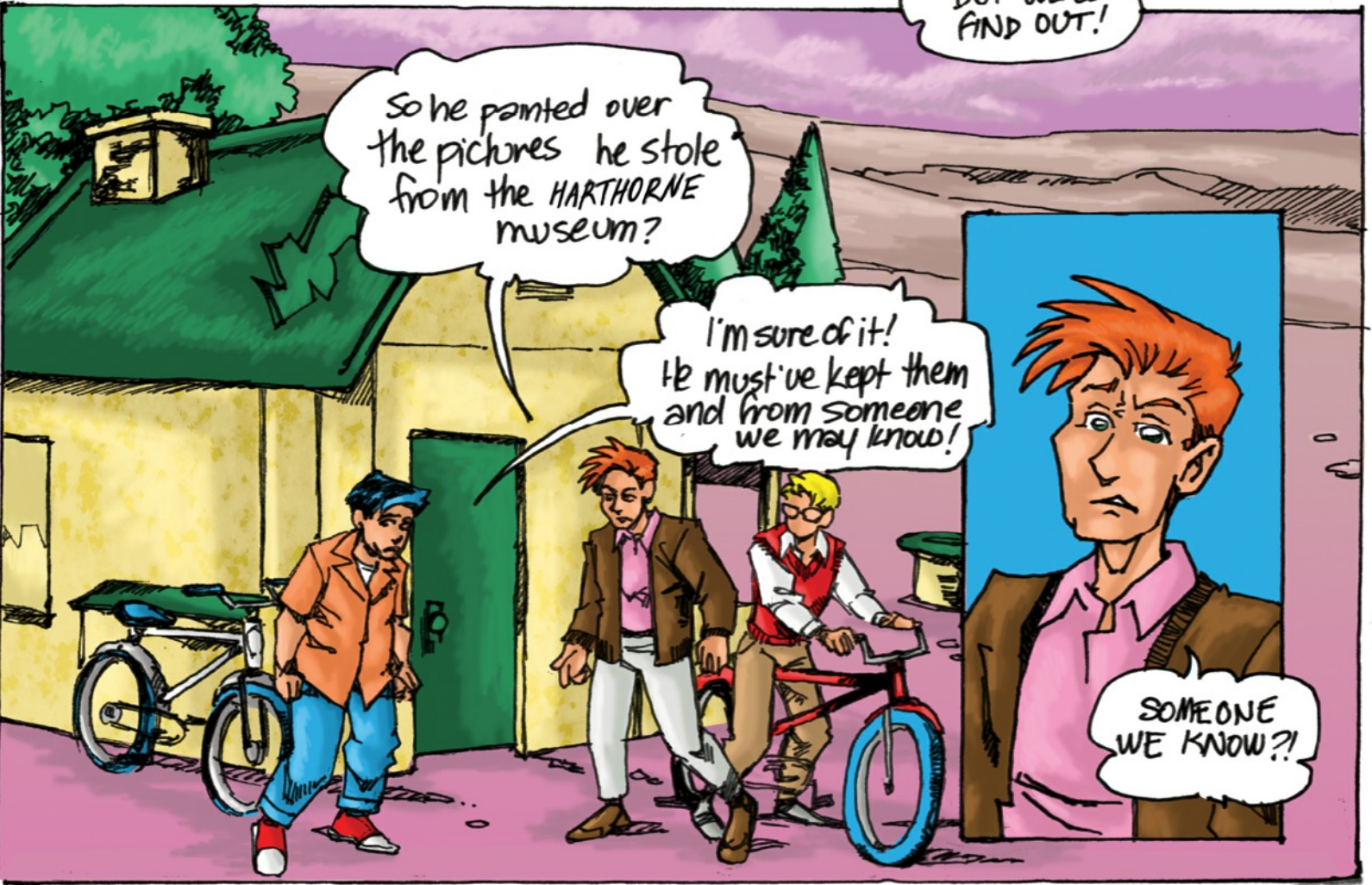


SO THIS IS WHERE HE PASSED ON?
DO YOU THINK HE LIVED ALONE?



I DON'T KNOW

BUT WE'LL FIND OUT!

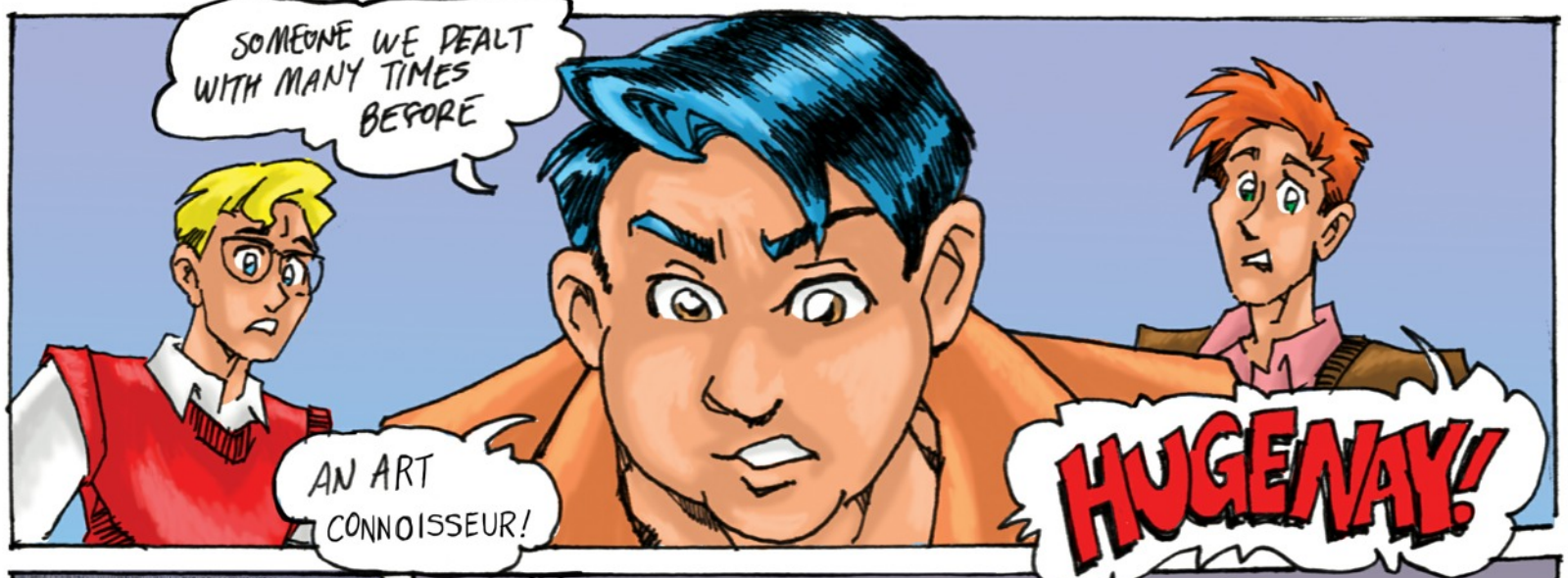


So he painted over the pictures he stole from the HARTHORNE MUSEUM?

I'm sure of it! He must've kept them and from someone we may know!



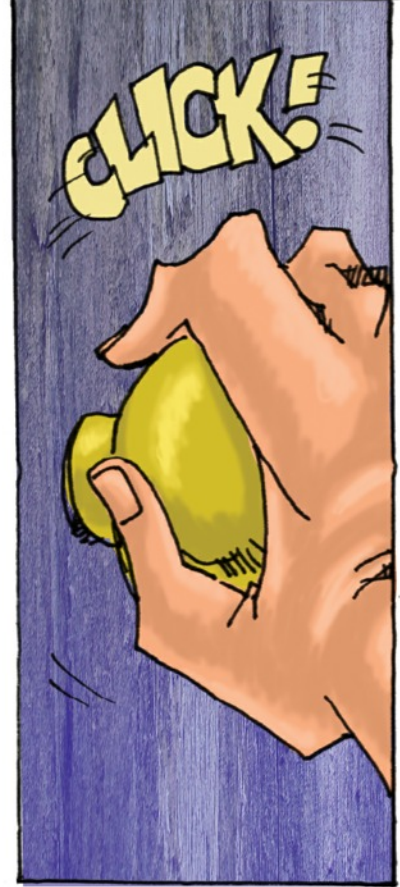
SOMEONE WE KNOW?!



SOMEONE WE DEALT WITH MANY TIMES BEFORE

AN ART CONNOISSEUR!

HUGENAY!



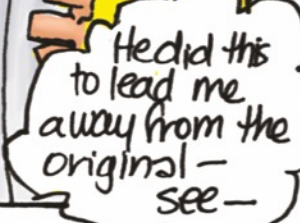
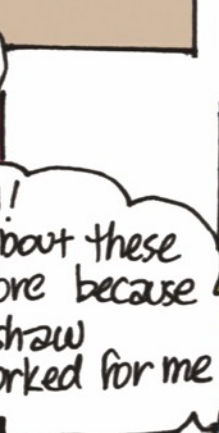
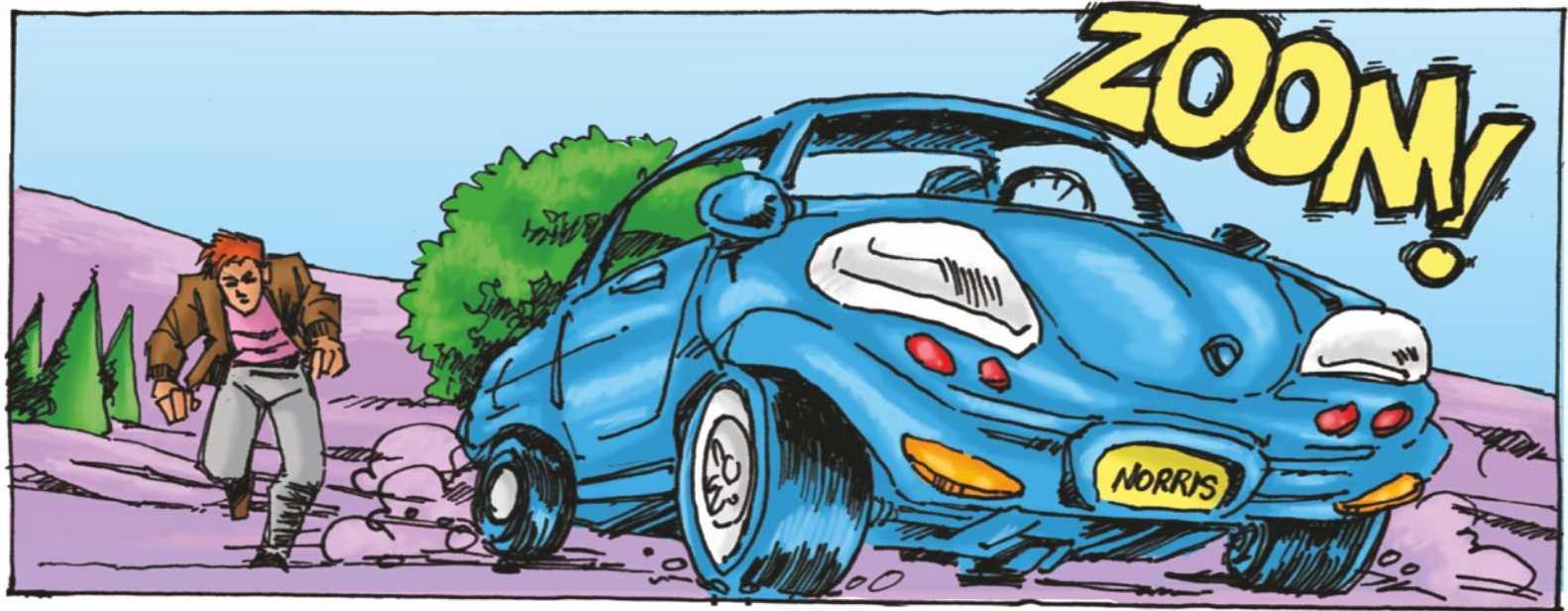
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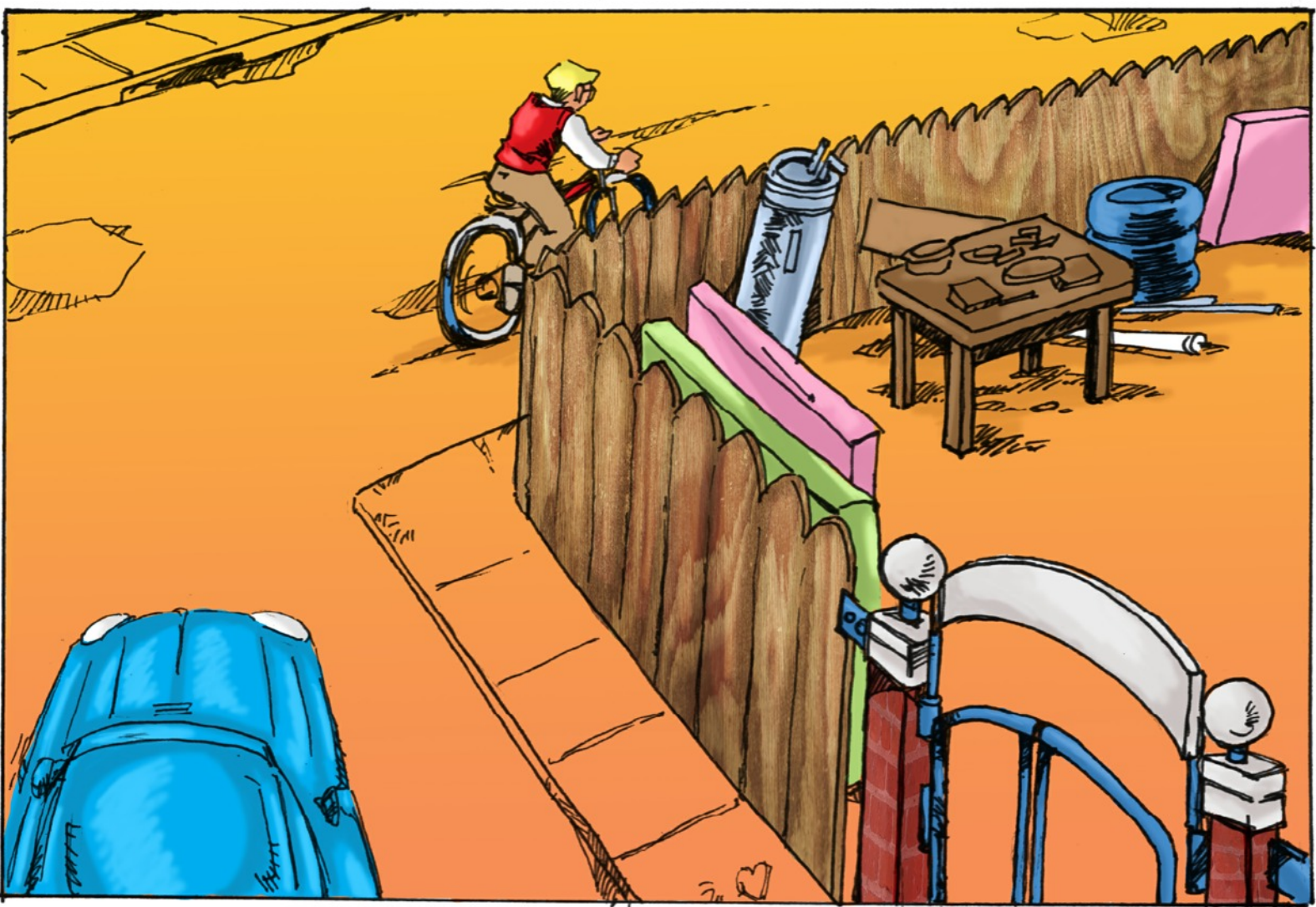
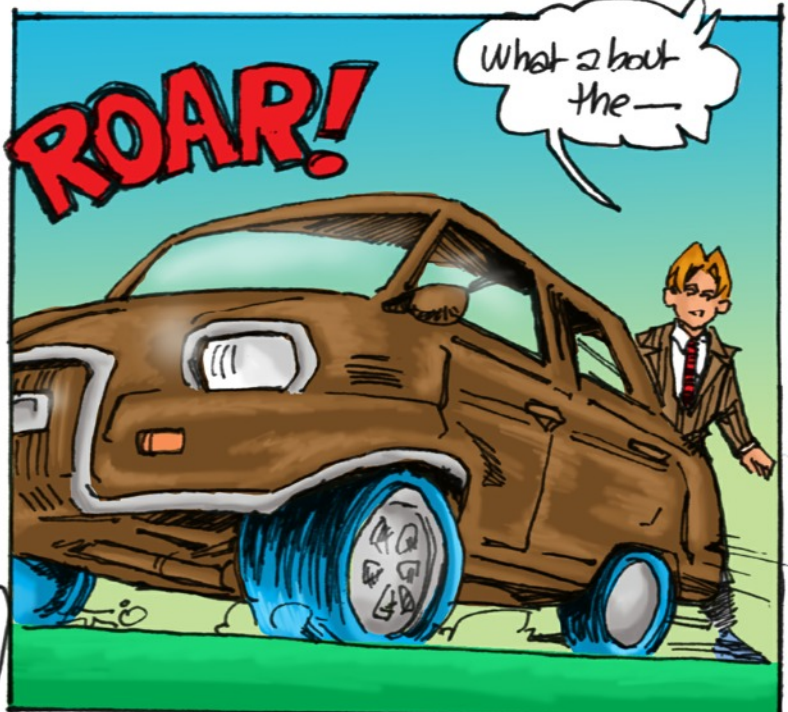
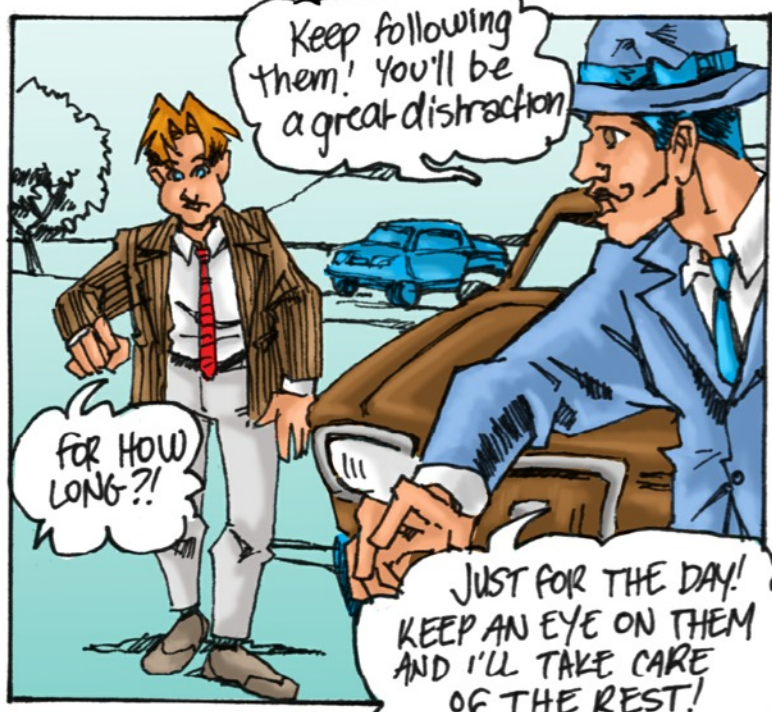


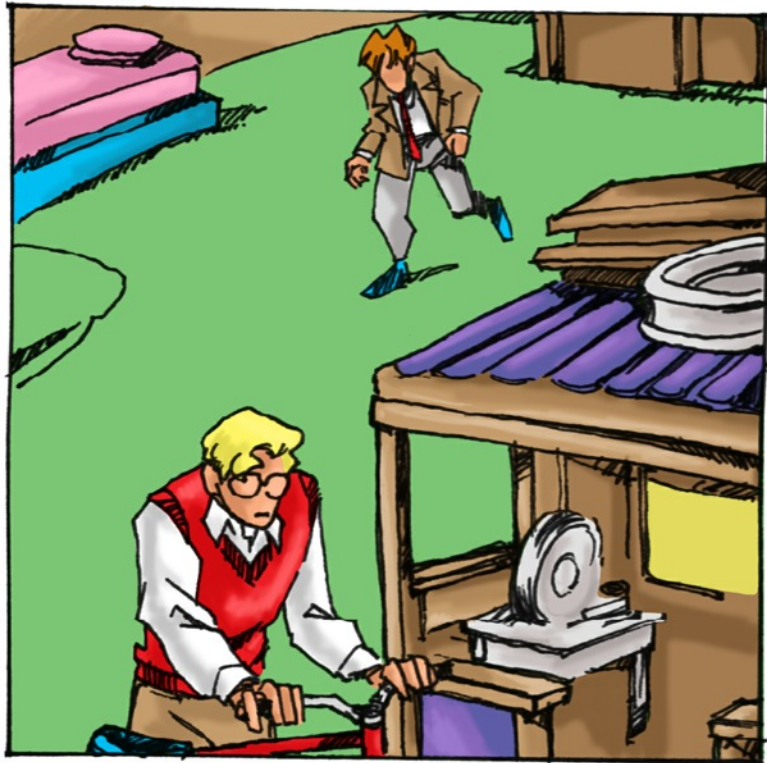
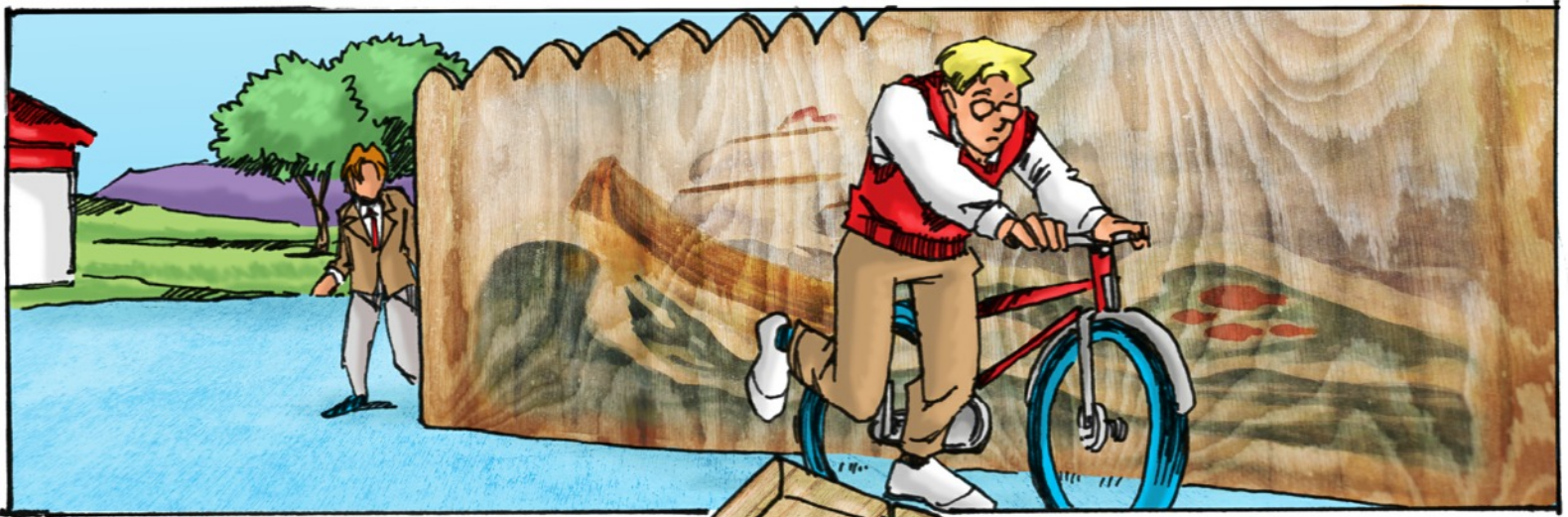
SKINNY!

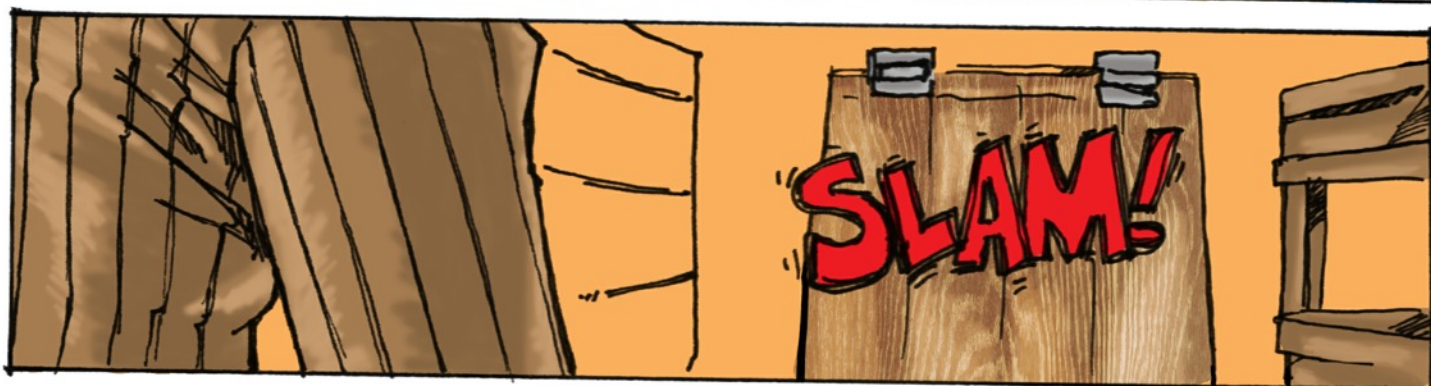
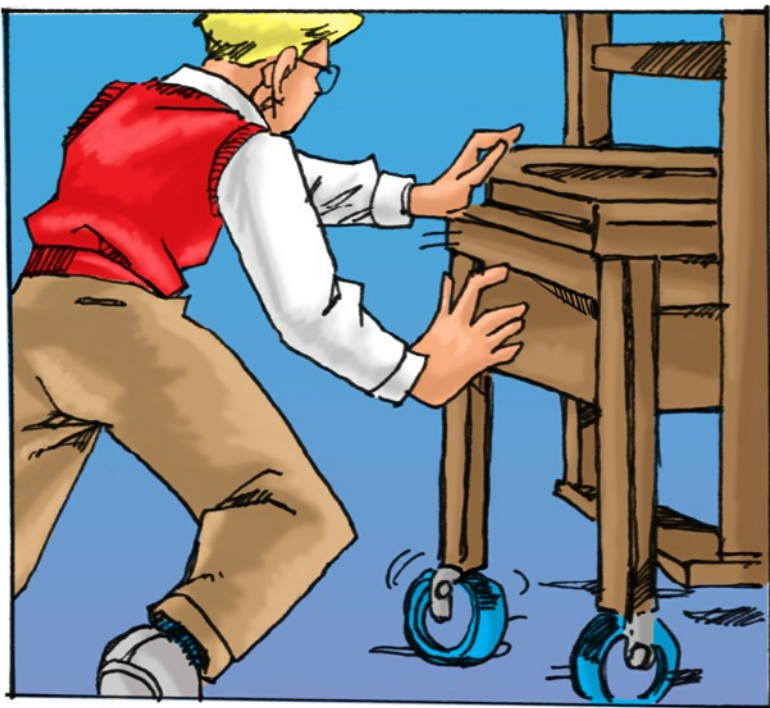


HE'S GOT THE PAINTINGS!









DID YOU LOSE HIM?!



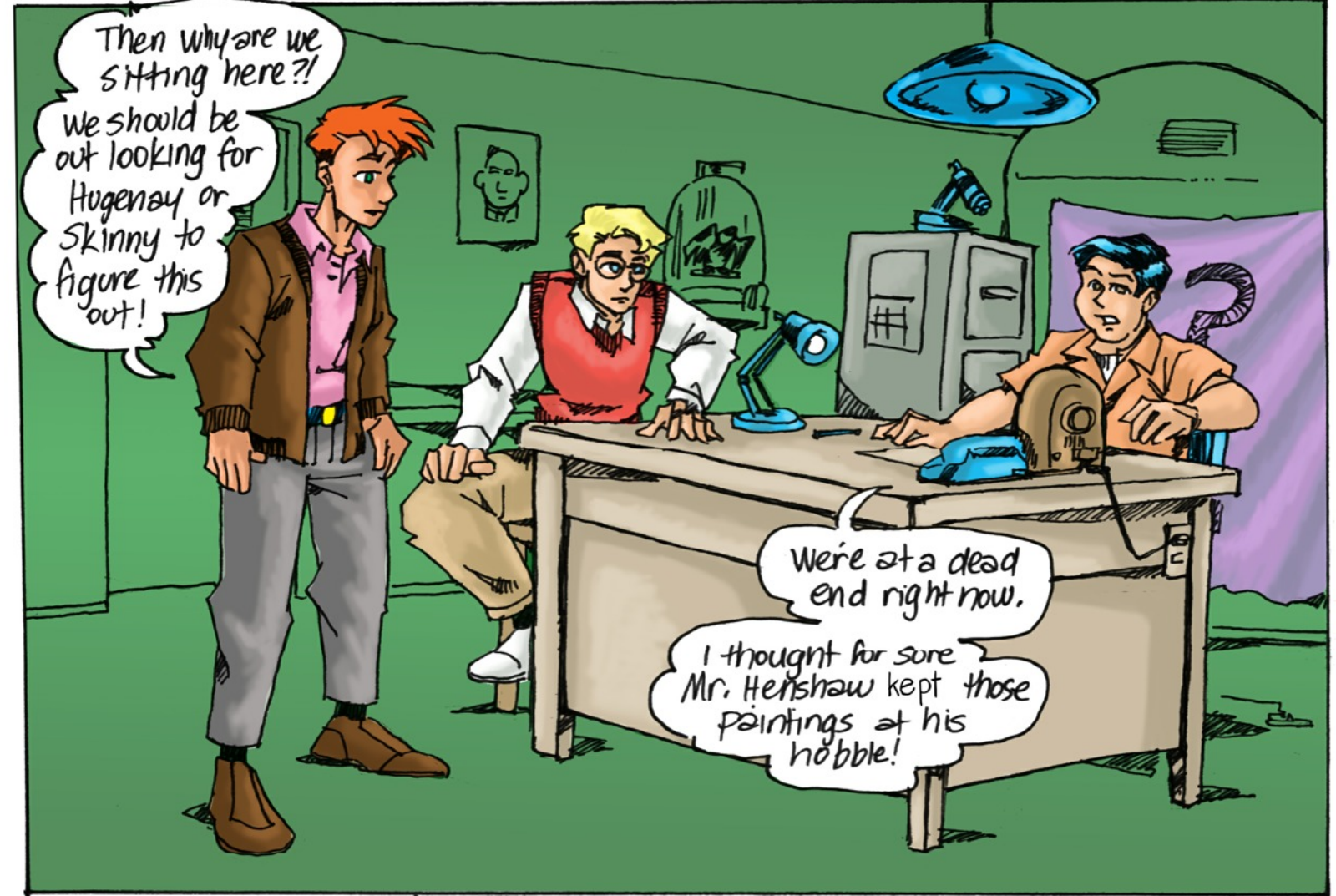
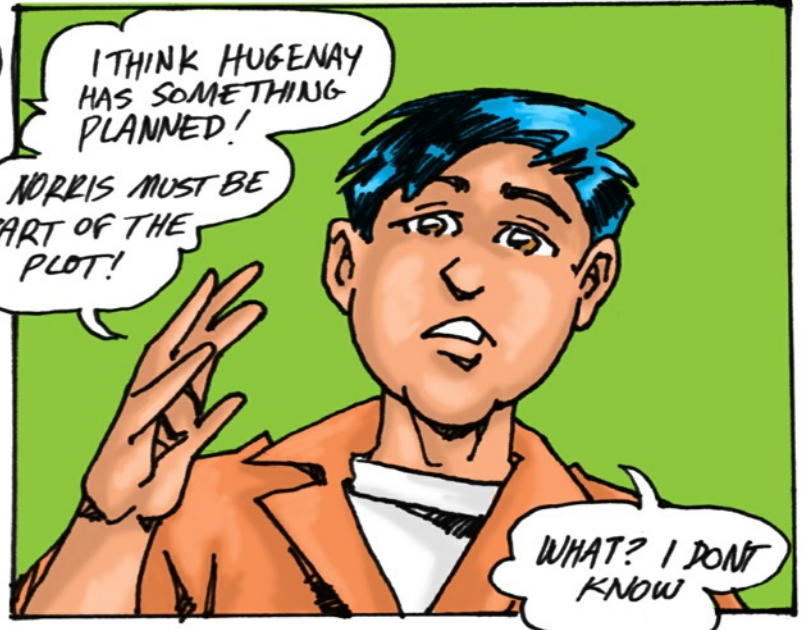
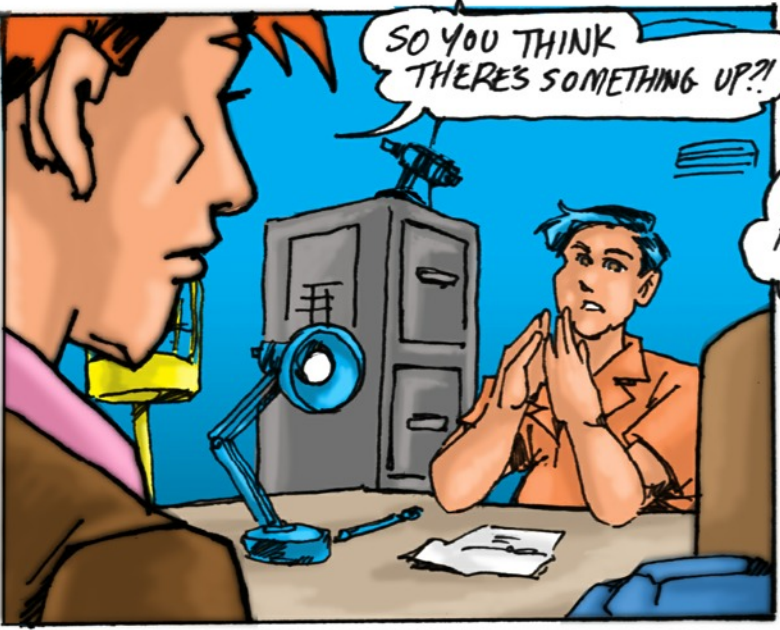
I sure did but I'm confused!

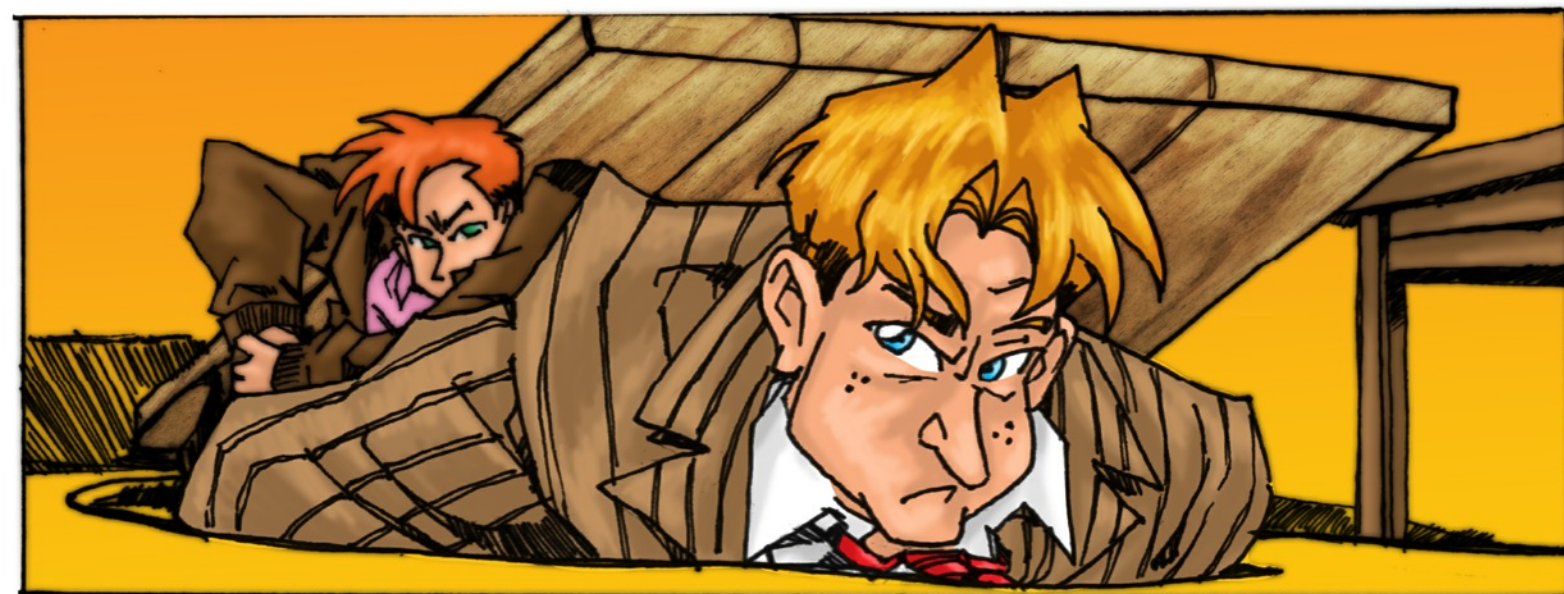
I thought we wanted to find him!
After all he maintained the pairings!



I think skinny was a ruse!

Hugenay used him I'm sure because why would skinny be tailing us?







YOU-YOU RAT!
HOW'D YOU FIND US?



WHAT IS IT TO YOU?

I just found your hiding place and I must admit I'm proud of myself!



AND NO MATTER WHAT, YOU IDIOTS WILL NEVER FIGURE OUT HUGENAY'S PLAN!

HE REALLY GOT AWAY AND THIS TIME THE THREE INVESTIGATORS FAILED!



BIG TIME!
HA



Just how do you know Hugenay got away with Henshaw's paintings?

BECAUSE HE TOLD ME HE KNEW WHERE THEY WERE AND WAS ONLY LEADING YOU OFF THE TRAIL!

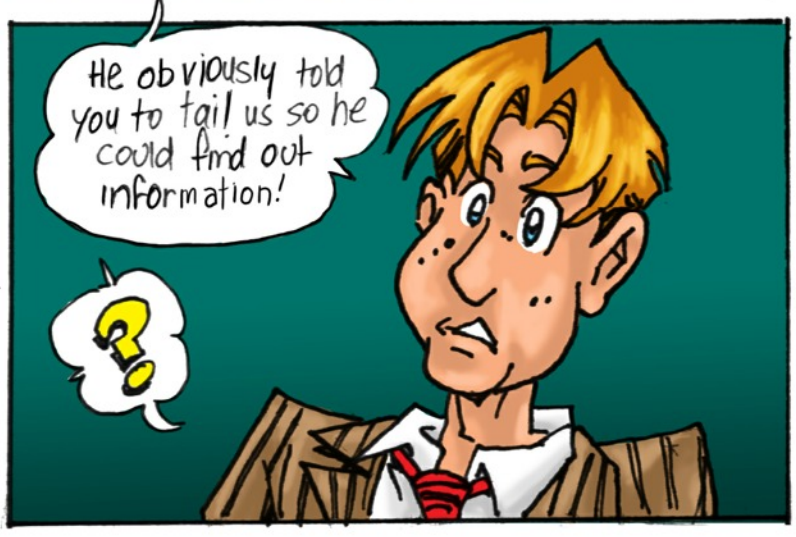


Hugenay knows little about it and so-do-you!

HUH?!

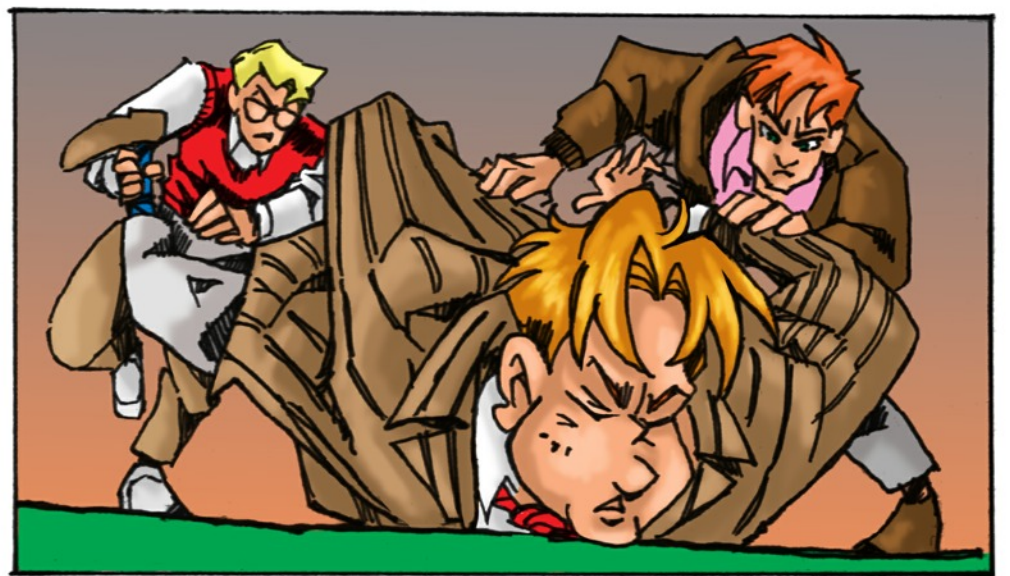
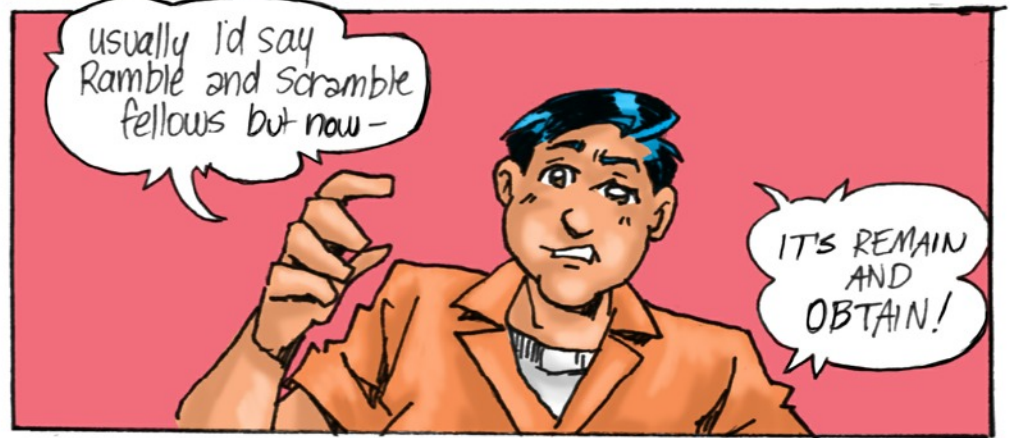
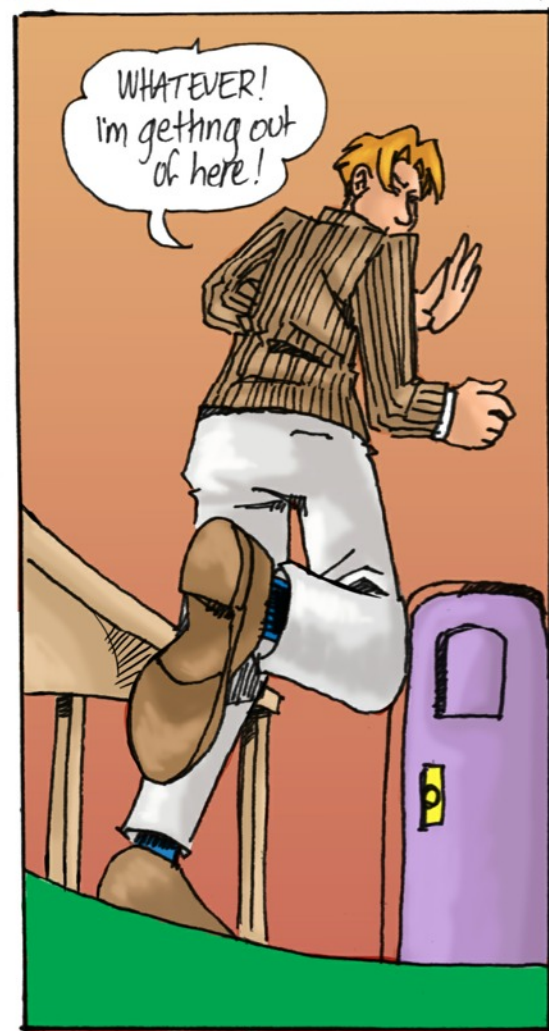
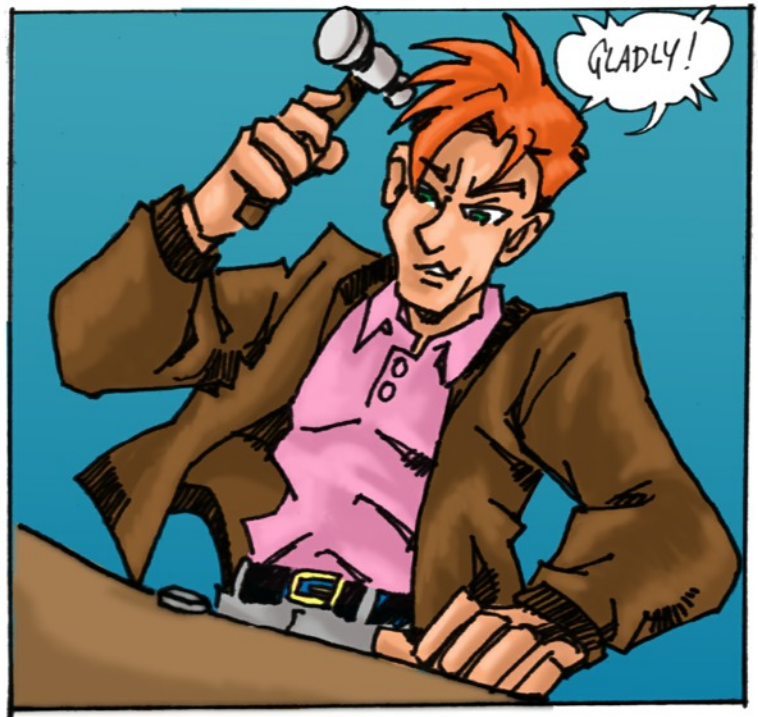


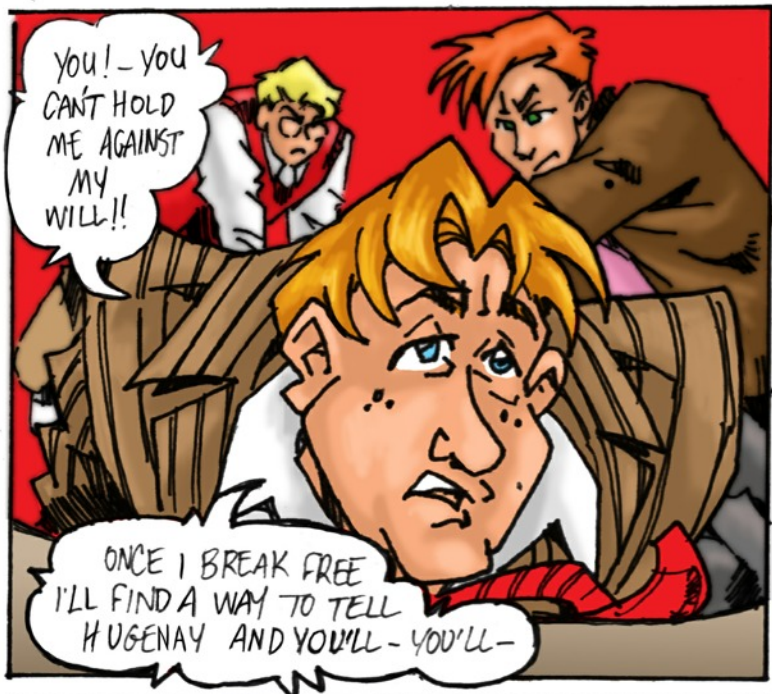
A BUG!
He wired you!



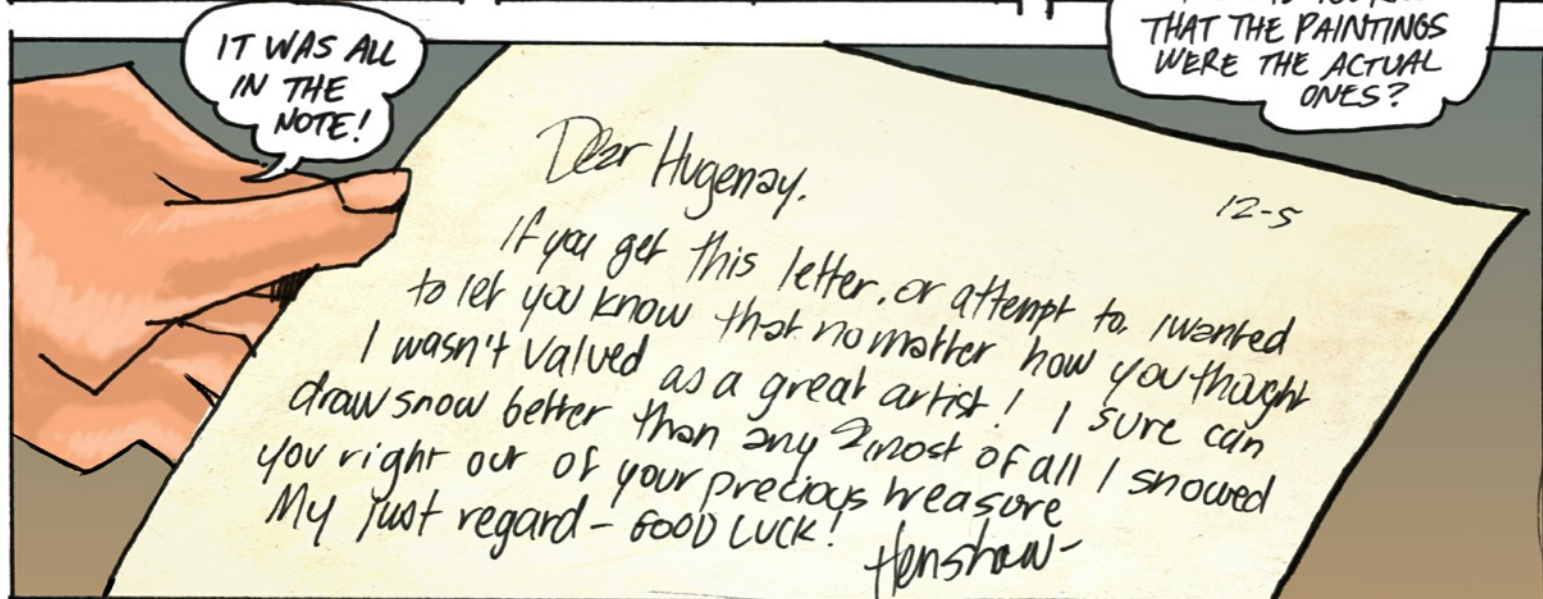
He obviously told you to fail us so he could find out information!

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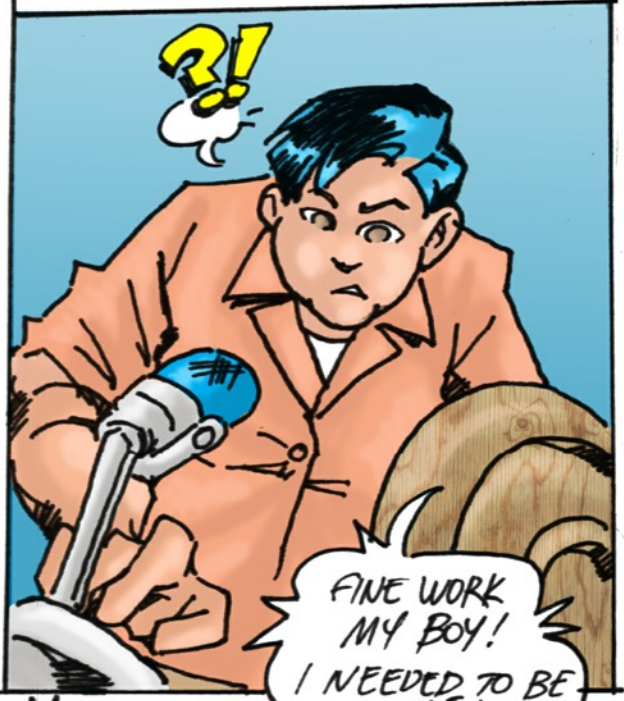




Remember we thought that it was hidden in those snow paintings in the museum?

It wasn't the scenery he was talking about it was the fact he covered the canvas white-as-snow!

SO ONE OF THOSE PAINTINGS MUST BE --

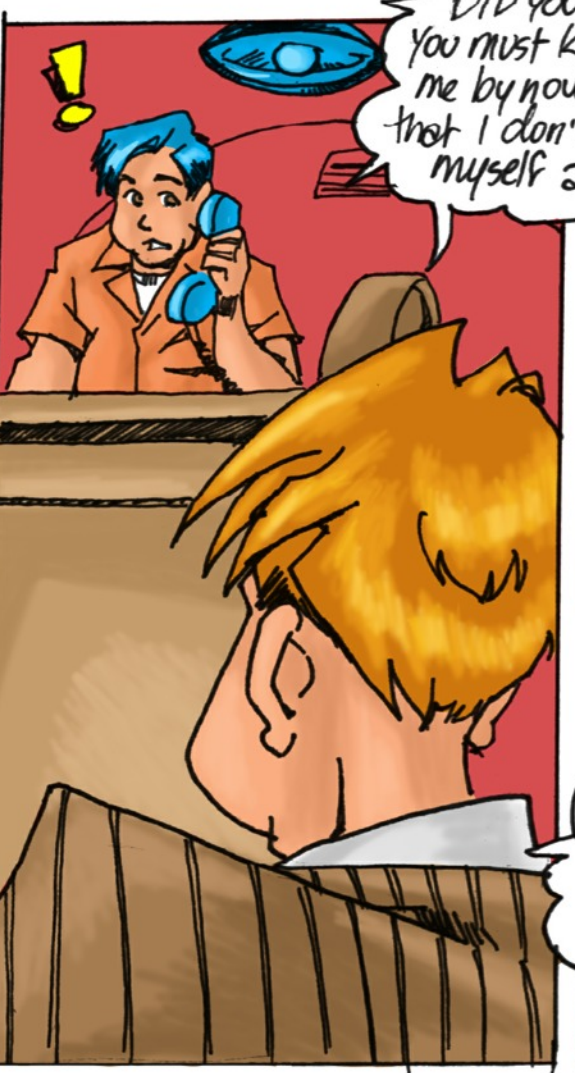


FINE WORK MY BOY! I NEEDED TO BE CLEAR!



How?! We-we crushed your bug!

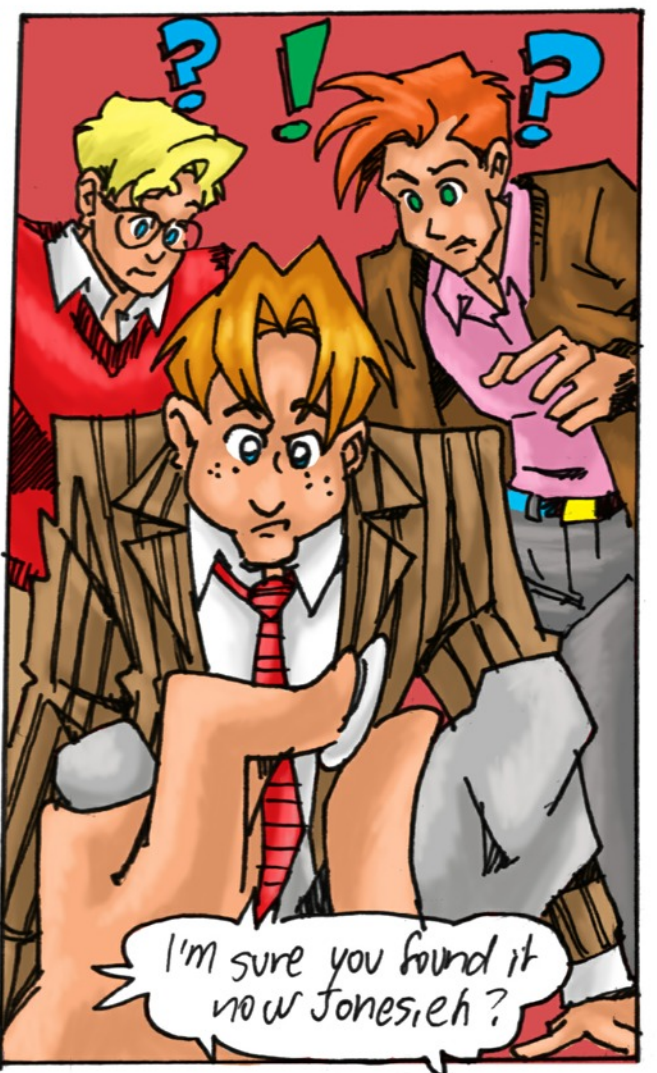
You can keep that mail then I won't need it! And you can keep that scallawag too!



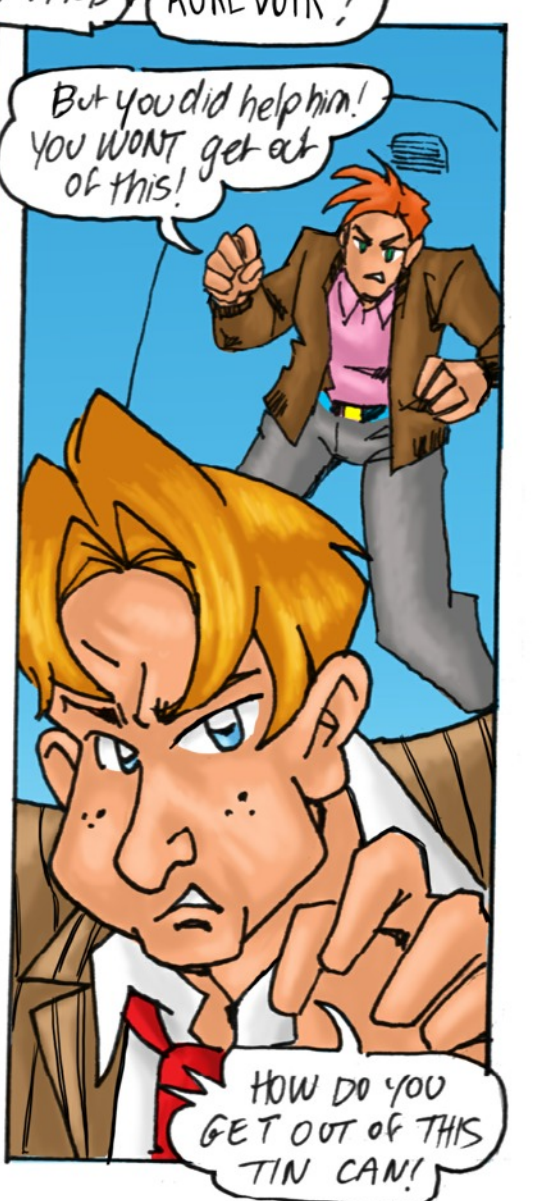
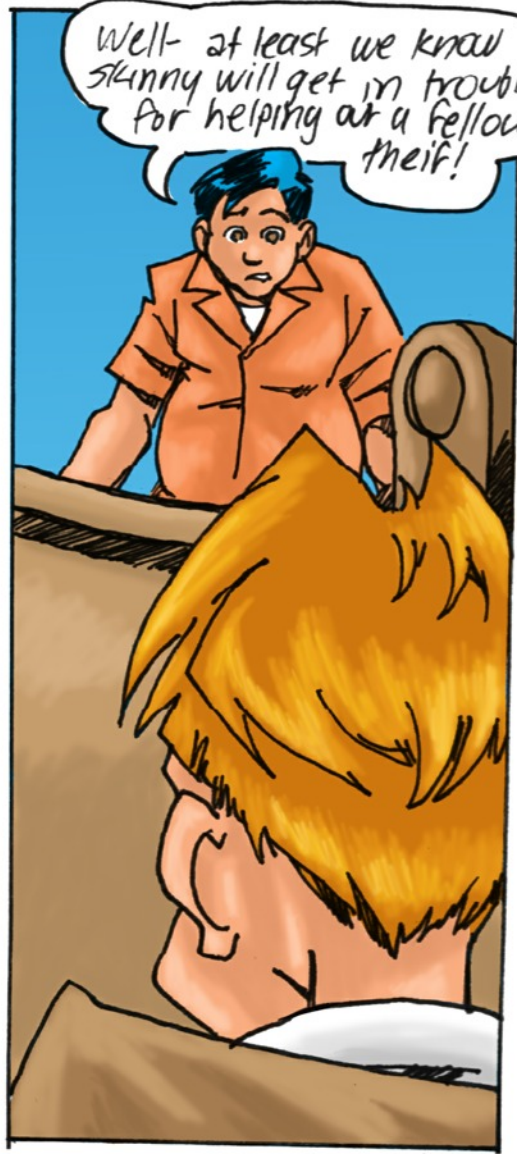
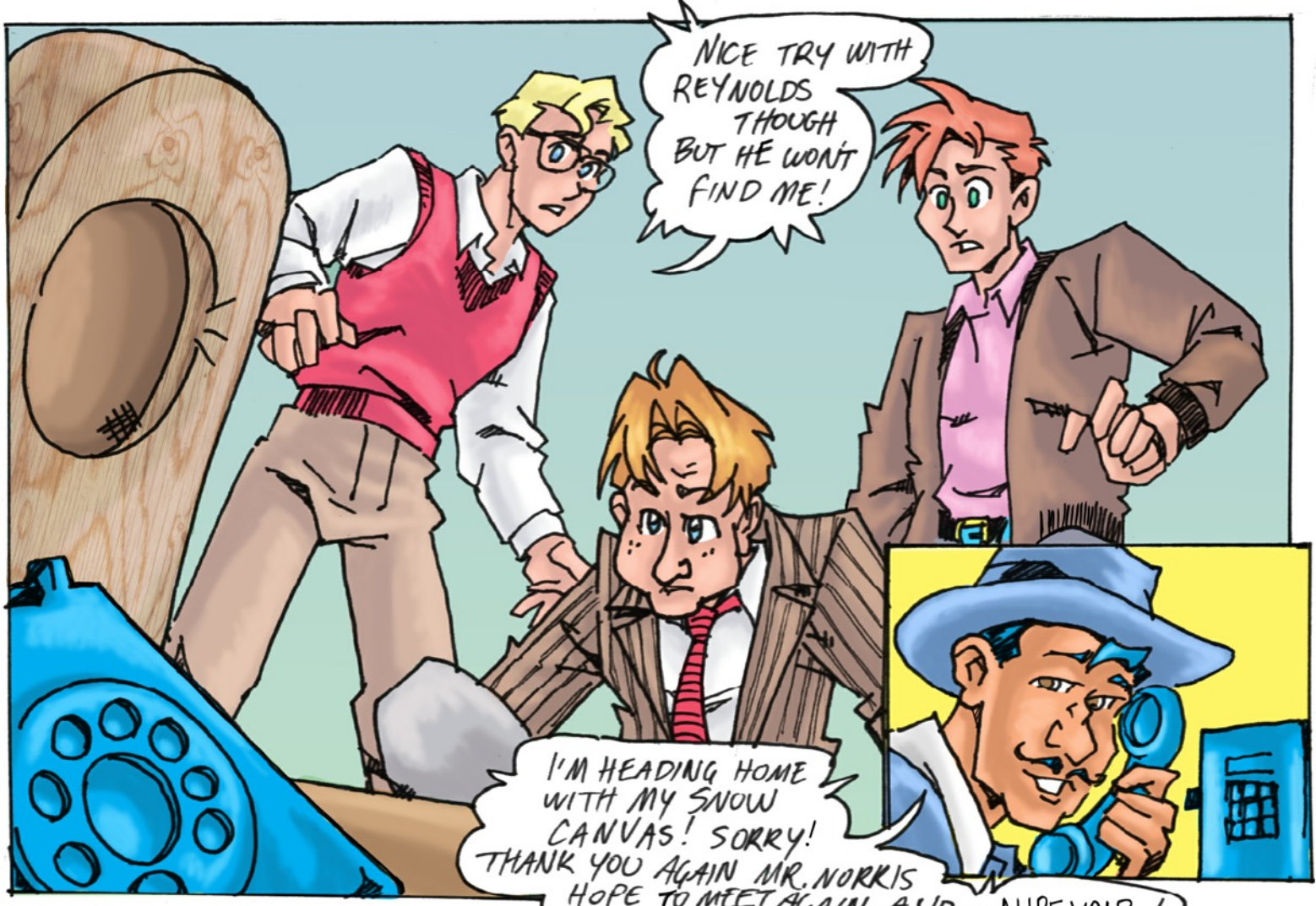
DID YOU? You must know me by now Jones that I don't give myself away!

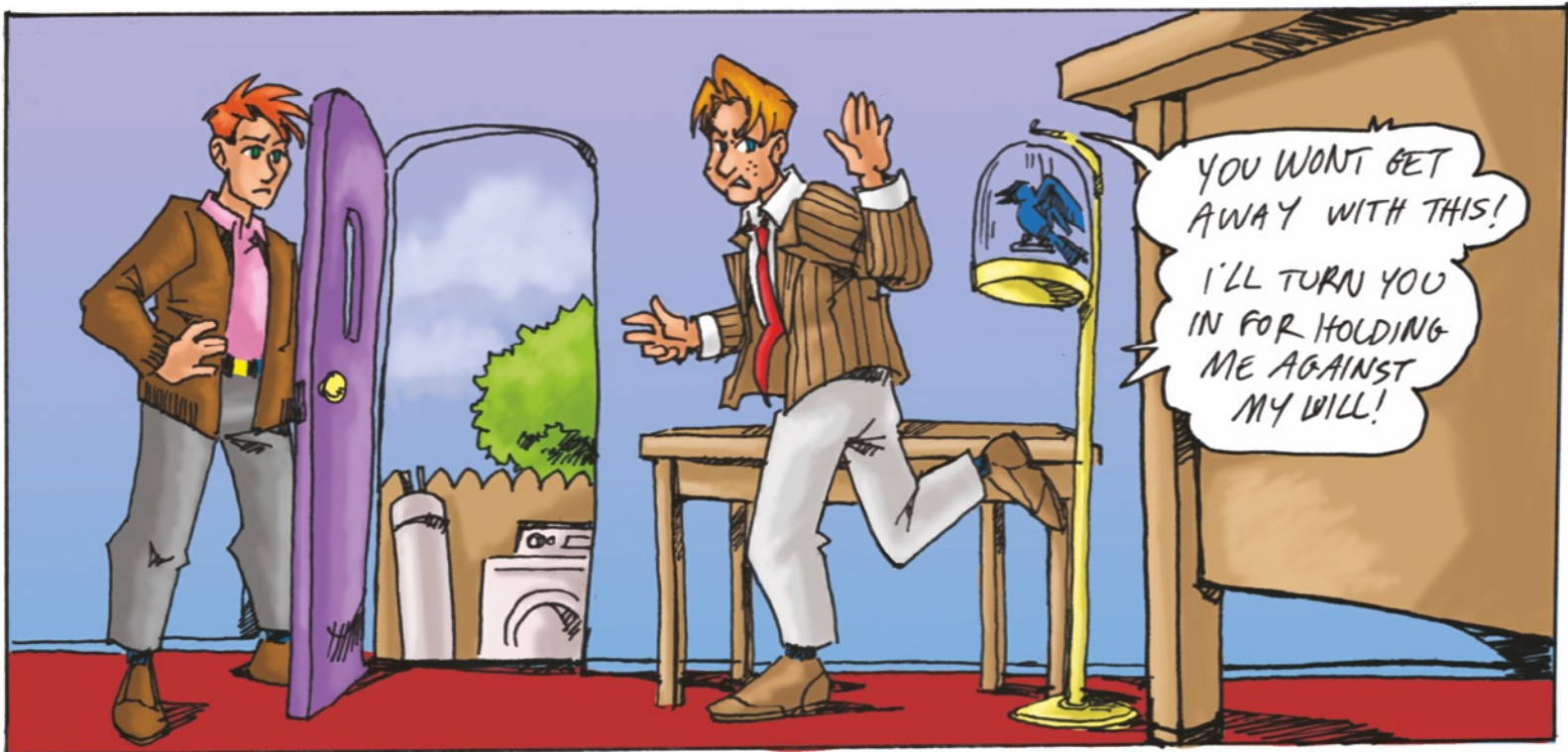


I didn't think you'd continue on until you found the real bug!



I'm sure you found it now Jones, eh?





YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

I'LL TURN YOU IN FOR HOLDING ME AGAINST MY WILL!



Of course I got in serious trouble!
NO ONE BELIEVED MY STORY!

You mean they used that trailer for years without anyone knowing?

BAH! I found out after I left they UNCOVERED the trailer anyway



What happened to you after the fact?!

MY DAD HAD TO PAY THE FINE TO THE MUSEUM AND WE HEADED TO CLASTON!

THANK GOODNESS FOR SMALL FAVORS!

FIN