

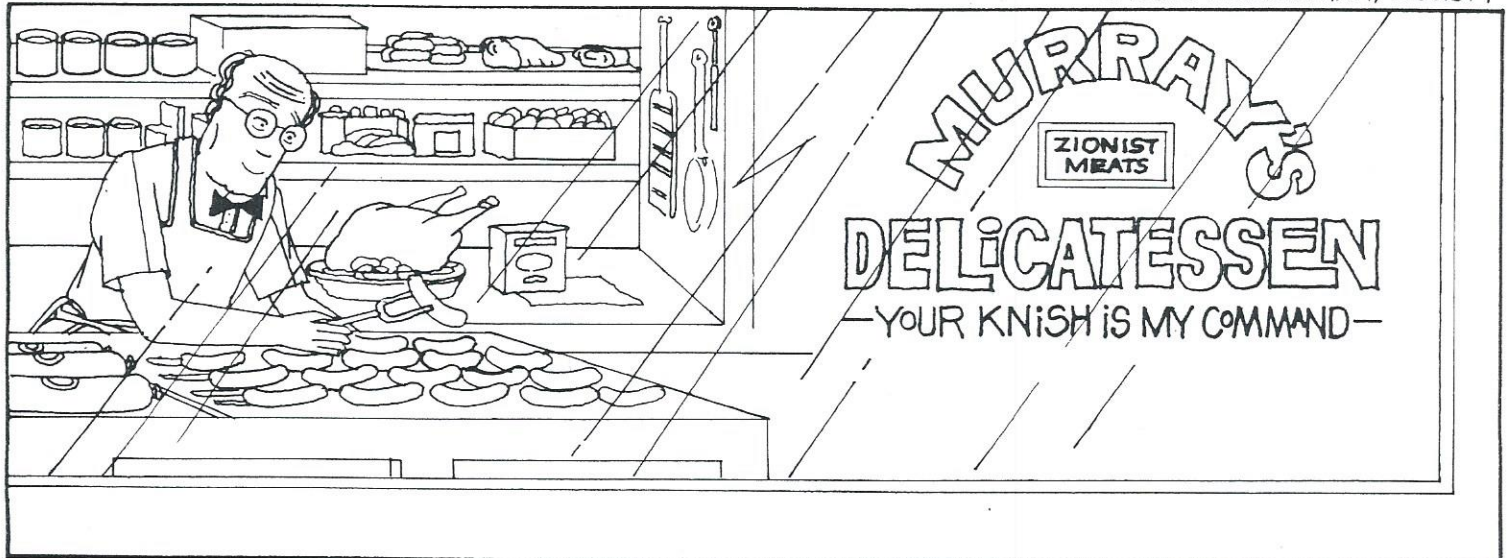
TO HELP KEEP THE WORLD KOSHER FOR DECENT PEOPLE

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EPISODE ONE: TO DELI OR NOT TO DELI?

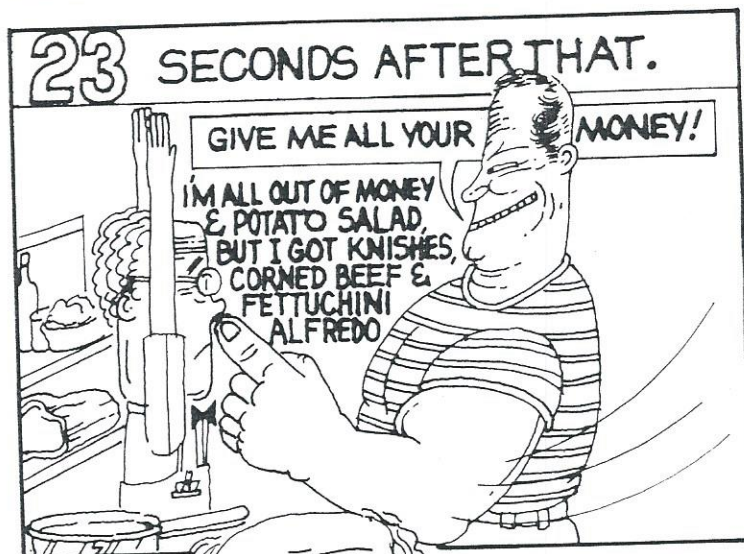
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BEHOLD MURRAY'S DELICATESSEN IN A DECAYING NEIGHBORHOOD IN BROOKLYN. IT IS IN MANY WAYS LIKE A DINOSAUR. THE STORE IS BIG-TOO BIG FOR THE SMALL GROUP WHO FIND SOLACE, SECURITY, & A NICE PIECE KOSHER PASTRAMI WITHIN IT'S ANCIENT WALL'S. AND LIKE THE DINOSAUR BEFORE IT, MURRAY'S DELICATESSEN IS FACING EXTINCTION!



MURRAY'S DELICATESSEN IS ROBBED ONCE EVERY 23 SECONDS PLACING IT ABOVE DETROIT ON THE F.B.I.'S CRIME LIST!



IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT I HATE MORE THAN A GONIFF IT'S A GONIFF WHO PUTS MAYONAISE ON CORNED BEEF, - THINK MAYBE IT'S TIME TO RETIRE. - BUT IF I DO RETIRE THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO BUY A CONDOMINIUM IN FLOIDA. - AND THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO SELL THE DELI. - WHICH MEANS THAT THIS STORE WILL PROBABLY BECOME RIB JOINT - AND IN SIX MONTHS I'LL PROBABLY DIE OF A CORONARY!

GONIFF* A THIEF. A DISHONEST, UNTRUSTWORTHY CHARACTER. FROM THE TORAH: AND MOSES SAID UNTO HIS BROTHER AARON, "LET US LEAVE THIS HOUSE OF BONDAGE IN GREAT HASTE, FOR I HAVE HEARD THAT IT IS A VILE & SLEAZY S. AND M. BAR AND THIS LEATHER GIRDLE IS KILLING ME. HURRY NOW FOR THE PHAROAH MAY SOON CHANGE HIS MIND - HE IS A BIG GONIFF!"



... AND IF ALL THAT TAKES PLACE, WHAT
WILL HAPPEN TO MY LOYAL CUSTOMERS.
THEY ARE MY DEAR OLD FRIENDS.
WOULD IT BE **FAIR** TO THEM?



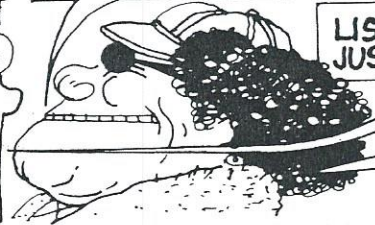
THAT
ANSWERS
THAT
QUESTION!

LISTEN EVERYONE-I'VE DECIDED TO RETIRE. FROM NOW ON
WHEN YOU WANT A NICE DELI SANDWICH YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE
2 BUSES OR CALL THE CAR SERVICE TO GET YOU TO THE NEAREST DELI!

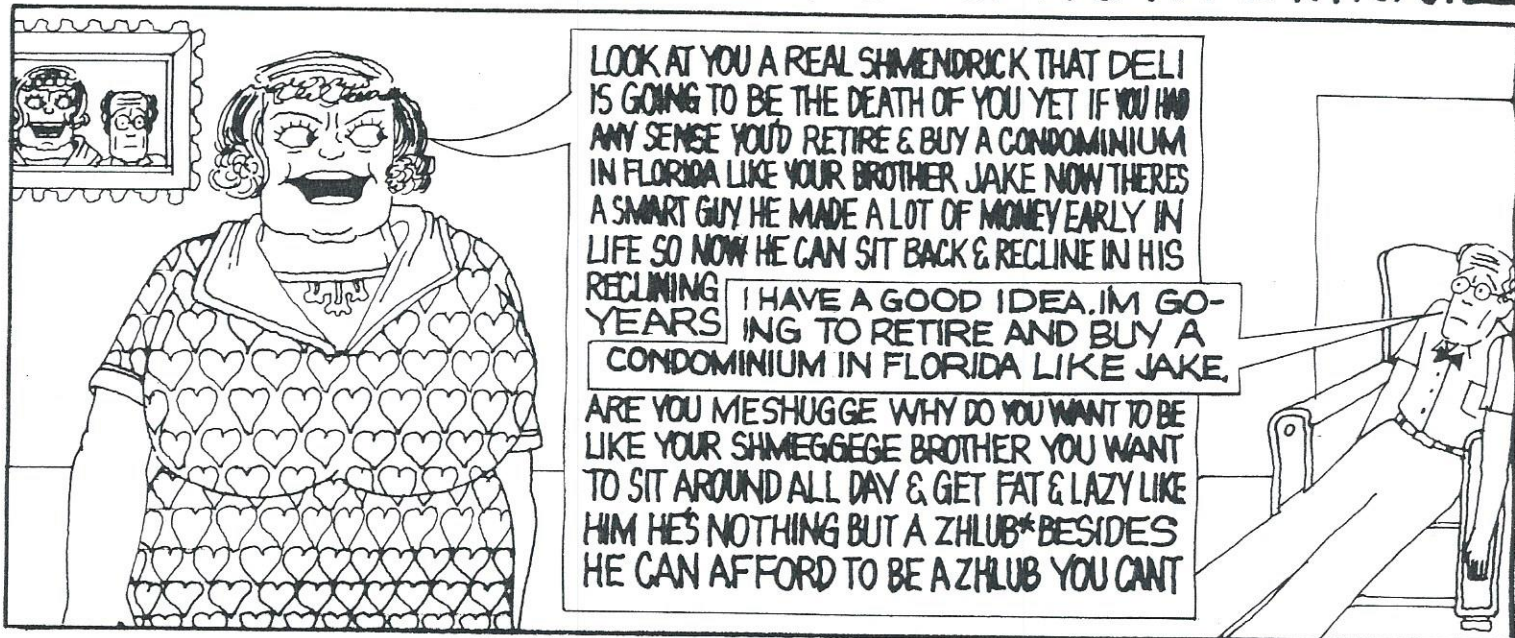
HEY MAN, IF YOU RETIRE THAT MEANS THAT I'LL
HAVE TO TAKE 2 BUSES OR CALL THE CAR SERVICE
THE NEXT TIME I WANT TO ROB A DELI!

LISTEN GONIFF, WHY DON'T YOU
JUST GO AND STEAL A CAR?

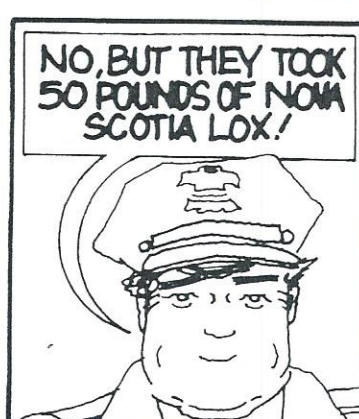
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE
A DRIVERS LICENSE!



LATER THAT NIGHT WHEN MURRAY RETURNS HOME TO THE LOVING EMBRACE OF HIS WIFE MINNIE

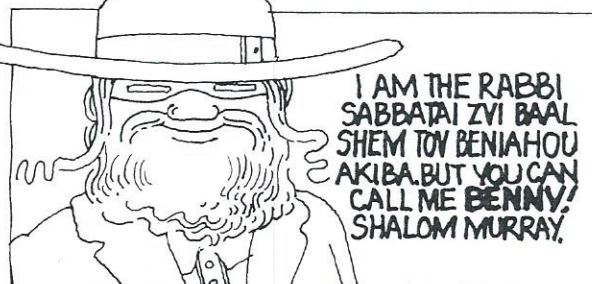
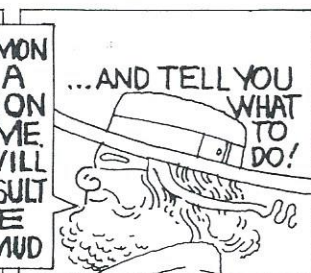
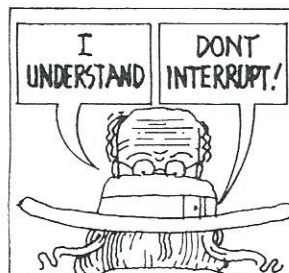
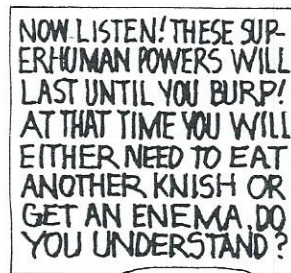
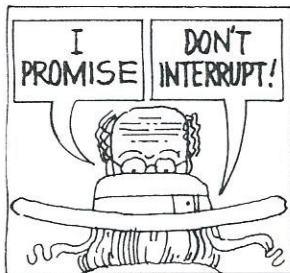
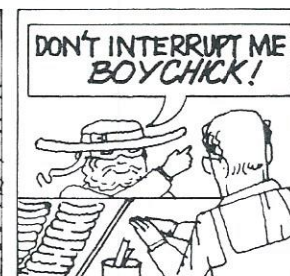
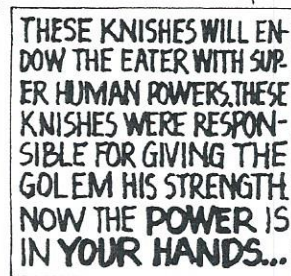
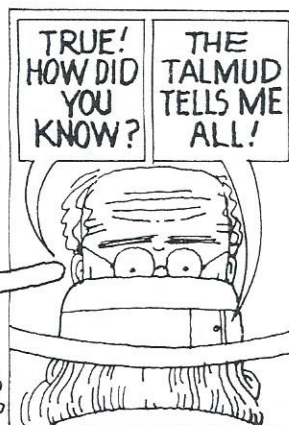
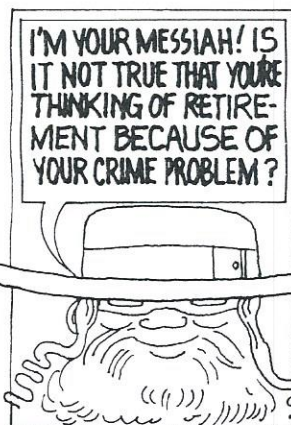
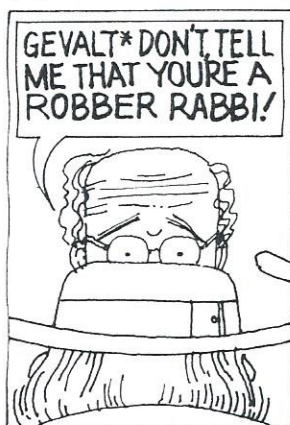


EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AS MURRAY ARRIVES TO OPEN THE DELI FOR THE DAY...

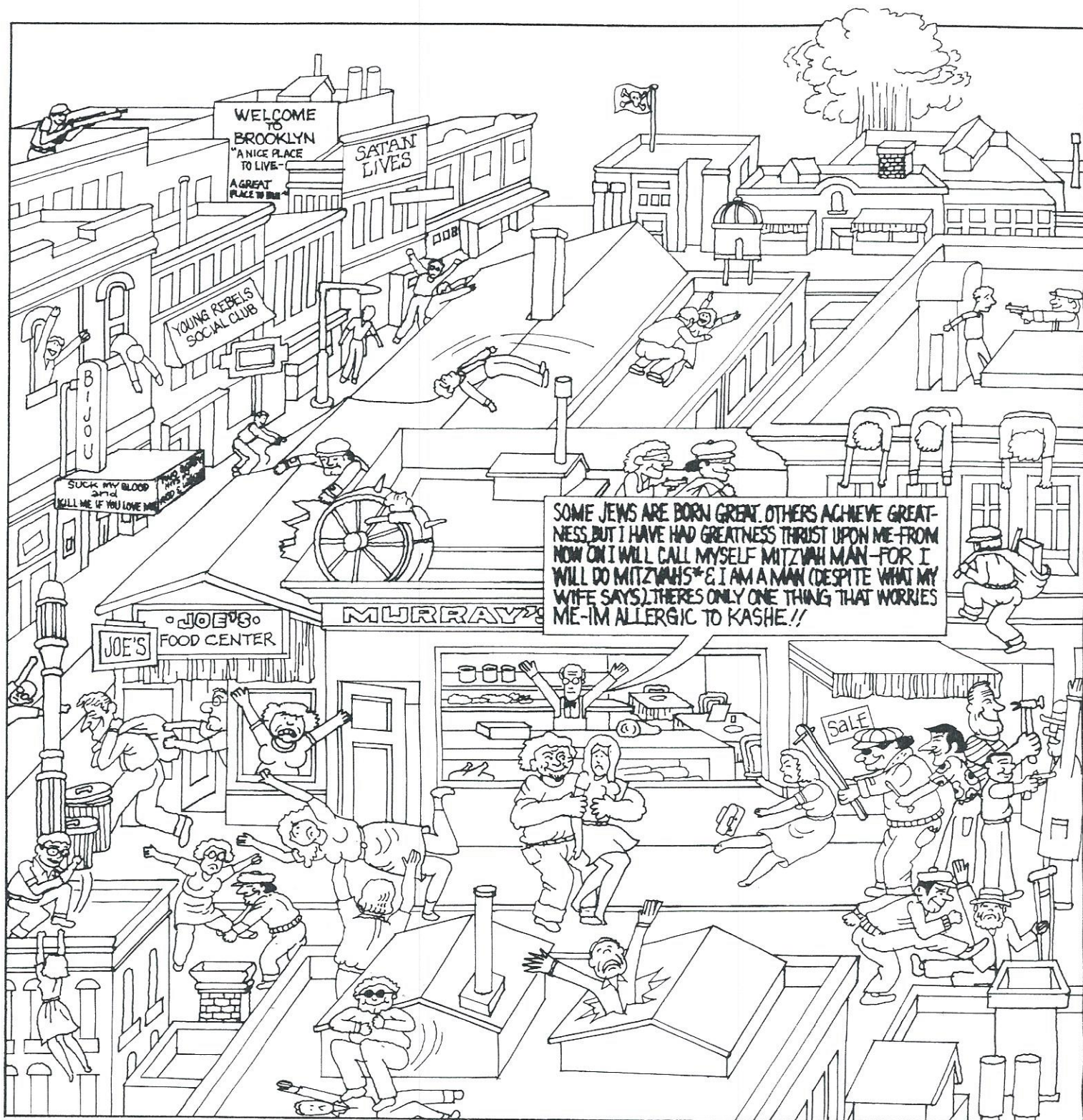


*ZHLUB: A LAZY, SLOPPY, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING PERSON. FROM THE TORAH. "YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A BIG ZHLUB!" SAID MRS MOSES TO MOSES, MRS. ABRAHAM TO ABRAHAM, MRS. JACOB TO JACOB, MRS. DAVID TO DAVID, ALL 600 MRS. SOLOMONS TO SOLOMON, ETC, ETC.

LATER THAT NIGHT, TWENTY THREE SECONDS AFTER THE LAST ROBBER LEFT...



* GEVALT: THE MYSTICAL POWERS THAT BE. EQUIVALENT OF "OH) GOD!" FROM THE TALMUD: AFTER THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CROSSED THE RED SEA, WHICH THEN DROWNED THE EGYPTIAN ARMY, MOSES LOOKED TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE. "WHERE DO WE GO NOW?" & GOD SAID, "GO WANDER IN THE DESERT FOR 40 YEARS." & MOSES SAID, "GEVALT! MAYBE WE SHOULD GO BACK TO EGYPT!"



GOLIATH HAD HIS DAVID. CAESAR HAD HIS BRUTUS. NAPOLEAN HAD HIS BEEF WELLINGTON, AND ALL YOU COKE-UP - NO GOODNIK-HOODLUMS, WILL HAVE YOUR MITZVAH MAN! AT LONG LAST YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURS!

MITZVAH: A GOOD DEED. A CHARITABLE ACT. A BAR MITZVAH IS A BAR WHERE THE PROPRIETOR GIVES YOU CREDIT FROM THE TORAH: UPON AWAKENING FROM HIS SLEEP SAMSON GAZED UPON DELILAH'S SMILING FACE. SHE LOOKED INTO HIM & SAID "DOST THOU REMEMBER THY LONG & CURLY LOCKS WHICH ALWAYS FELL INTO THY EYES? WELL IN YOUR SLEEP I MANAGED TO SHAVE THEM FROM OFF YOUR HEAD." & SAMSON FELT OF HIS HEAD & HE COULD FEEL THAT IT WAS SO. & SAMSON SAID UNTO DELILAH, "NEXT TIME DONT DO ME ANY MITZVAHS!!"

MITZVAH MAN

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EPISODE TWO: HAVE I GOT A KNISH FOR YOU!

LATE AT NIGHT, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF MURRAY'S DELI



IF RABBI BENNY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH THEN THESE MAGIC KASHE KNISHES WILL GIVE ME SUPERHUMAN POWERS



I HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS: KASHE* FLOUR EGGS SALT AND PEPPER, TEPHILIN** & A LIGHTLY SEASONED COPY OF GOLDA MEIR'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY



AND THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN THIS ANCIENT RECIPE - AN ALKA SELTZER CHASER... JUST IN CASE!!



AS THE MAGIC KNISHES BAKE, MURRAY CALLS HIS DARLING WIFE SO SHE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIS BEING LATE BECAUSE SHE'D PROBABLY HAVE A CONIPTION FIT THINKING THAT HE'D BEEN KILLED, OR WORSE



I'VE CALLED EVERYONE WHERE ARE YOU ALREADY I'VE BEEN WAITING A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS I'M HAVING A CONIPTION FIT HERE MUCH THAT YOU CARE I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE KILLED ALREADY

BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR MY HEART IS JUMPING IN MY MOUTH WHY ARE YOU MAKING KNISHES AT THIS HOUR WHAT ARE YOU A WEIRDO OR SOMETHING I WAS READY TO CALL THE POLICE



IT'S A LONG STORY SWEETHEART

AND THE HOSPITALS AND THE UJA THE JDL THE CIA HADASSAH BNAI BRITH AND MY COUSIN MORTY'S EX PARTNER THE ALCOHOLIC WHO RUNS A DETECTIVE AGENCY IN BAYONNE YOU KNOW THE KIDS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW FOR YOUR SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY AND YOU'RE STILL IN THE DELI MAKING KASHE KNISHES

I KNOW DEAR, YOU'RE RIGHT MY LITTLE ANGEL.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU MURRAY SOMETIMES I GET THE FEELING THAT YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO AGGRAVATE ME AND AFTER ALL THAT I'VE DONE FOR YOU AND YOU STILL DON'T APPRECIATE

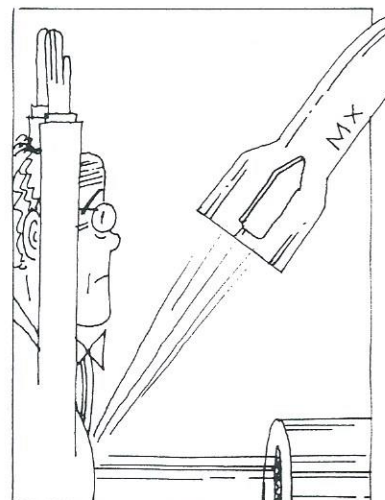
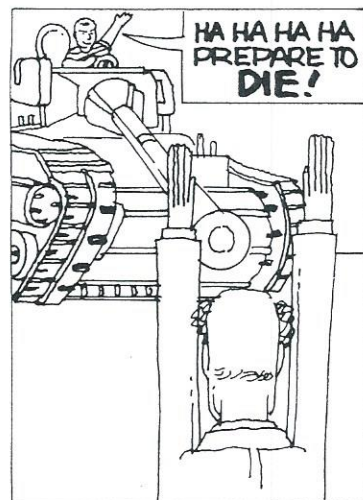
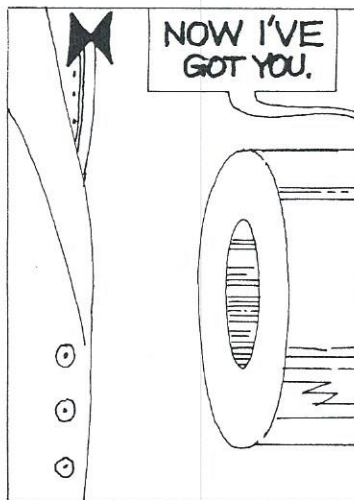
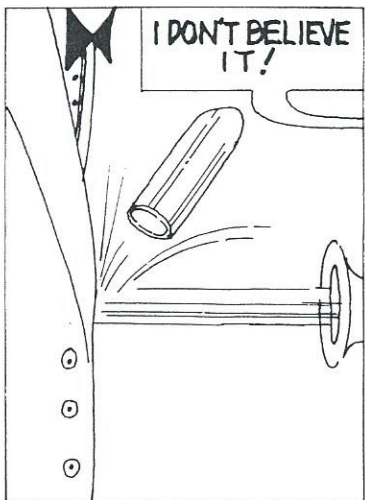
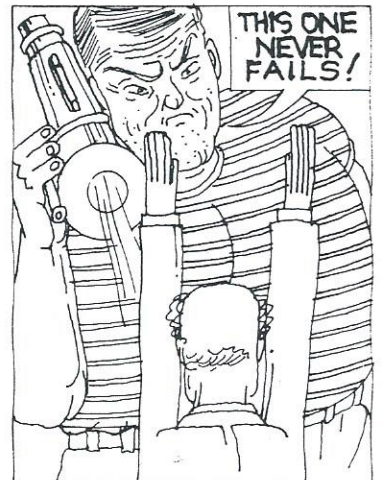
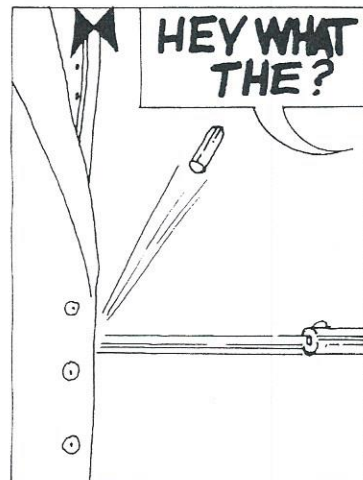
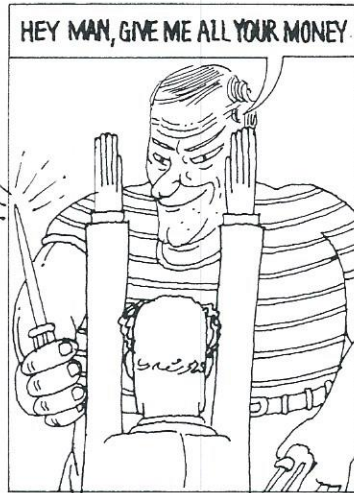
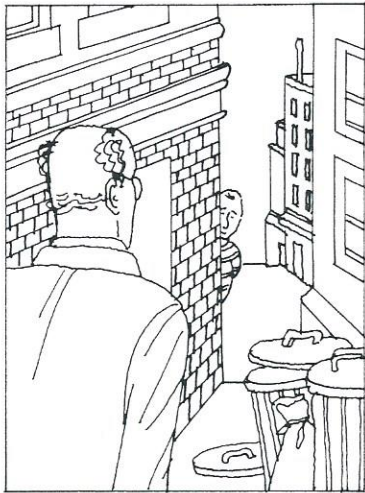


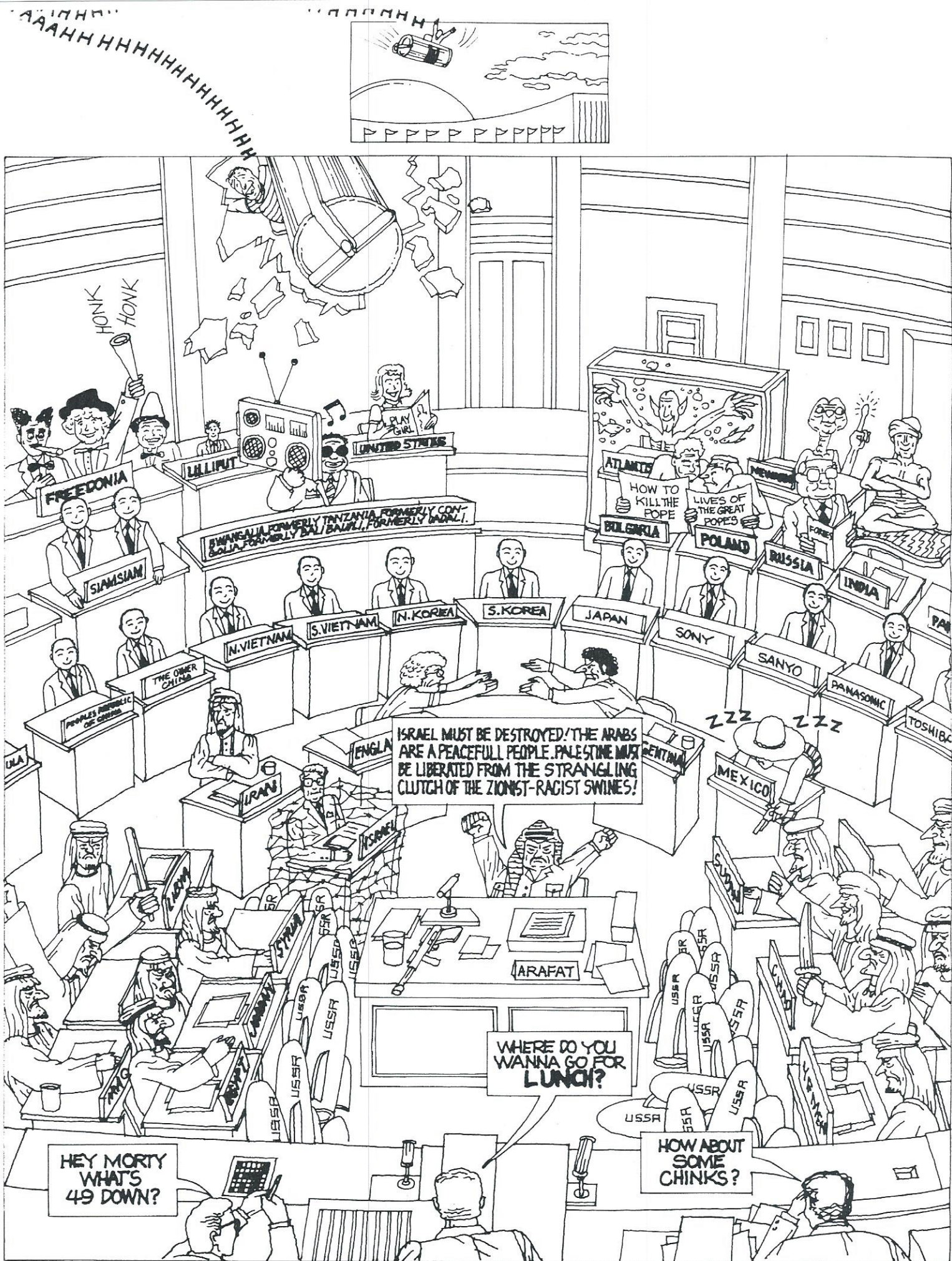
*KASHE: BUCKWHEAT GROATS. THIS IS AN EDIBLE, CEREAL TYPE OF UNAPPETIZING THING. IT IS NOT THE NAME OF THE BLACK ACTOR WHO PLAYED ONE OF THE OUR GANG KIDS.

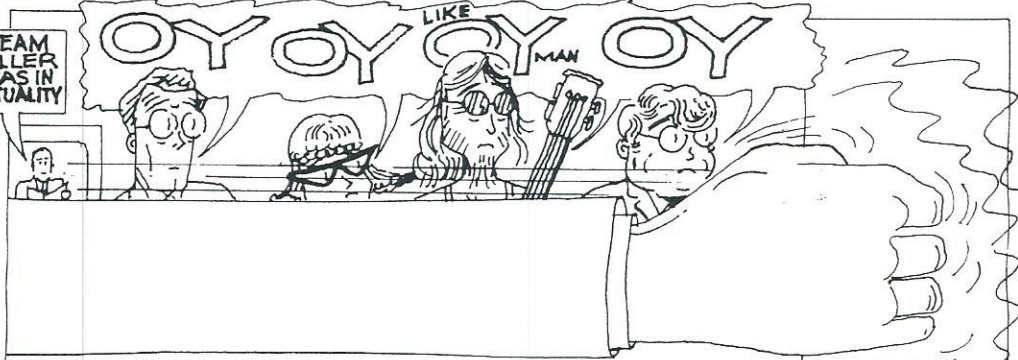
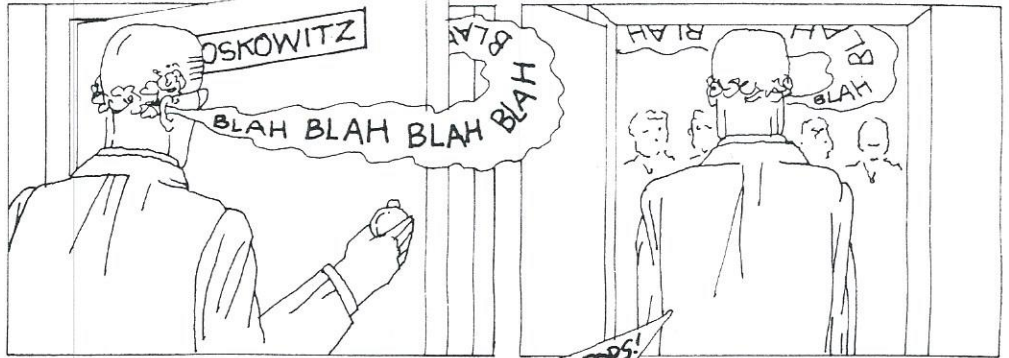
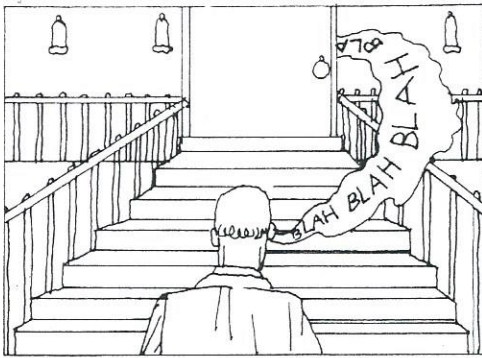
**TEPHILIN: PHYLACTORIES (THIS IS NOT A METHOD OF JEWISH CONTRACEPTION). TEPHILIN ARE LONG LEATHER STRAPS ATTACHED TO A SMALL WOODEN BOX WHICH ENCLOSES SOME HOLY SCROLLS. DURING SERVICES A JEWISH MAN WEARS ONE ON HIS FOREHEAD & ONE ON HIS ARM. BEFORE WOMEN'S LIB, IT'S RUMORED THAT ONE WAS WORN AROUND HIS WIFE'S MOUTH AS WELL

*SHMEGEGGE, SHLEMIEL, SHMENDRICK: THE 3 STOOGES OF THE YIDISH LANGUAGE. THESE INSULTS ARE SIMILAR IN IMPACT & THE DEFINITIONS ARE ONLY SHADES APART. A SHMEGEGGE IS A SHLEMIEL WITH A LITTLE SHMENDRICK THROWN IN. A SHLEMIEL IS A SHMENDRICK WITH A LITTLE SHMEGEGGE THROWN IN. A SHMENDRICK IS A SHMEGEGGE WITH A LITTLE SHLEMIEL THROWN IN. IS THAT CLEAR? CONTINUED →









*SHIKSE/SHEYGETS: RESPECTIVELY, A NON JEWISH GIRL/A NON JEWISH BOY. FROM THE TALMUD; THE 19TH CENTURY SAGE OF LIVERPOOL HAS NOTED THAT THE LORD ALMIGHTY MADE ALL SHIKSES SO BEAUTIFUL TO TEST THE WILLPOWER OF ALL JEWISH MEN.

