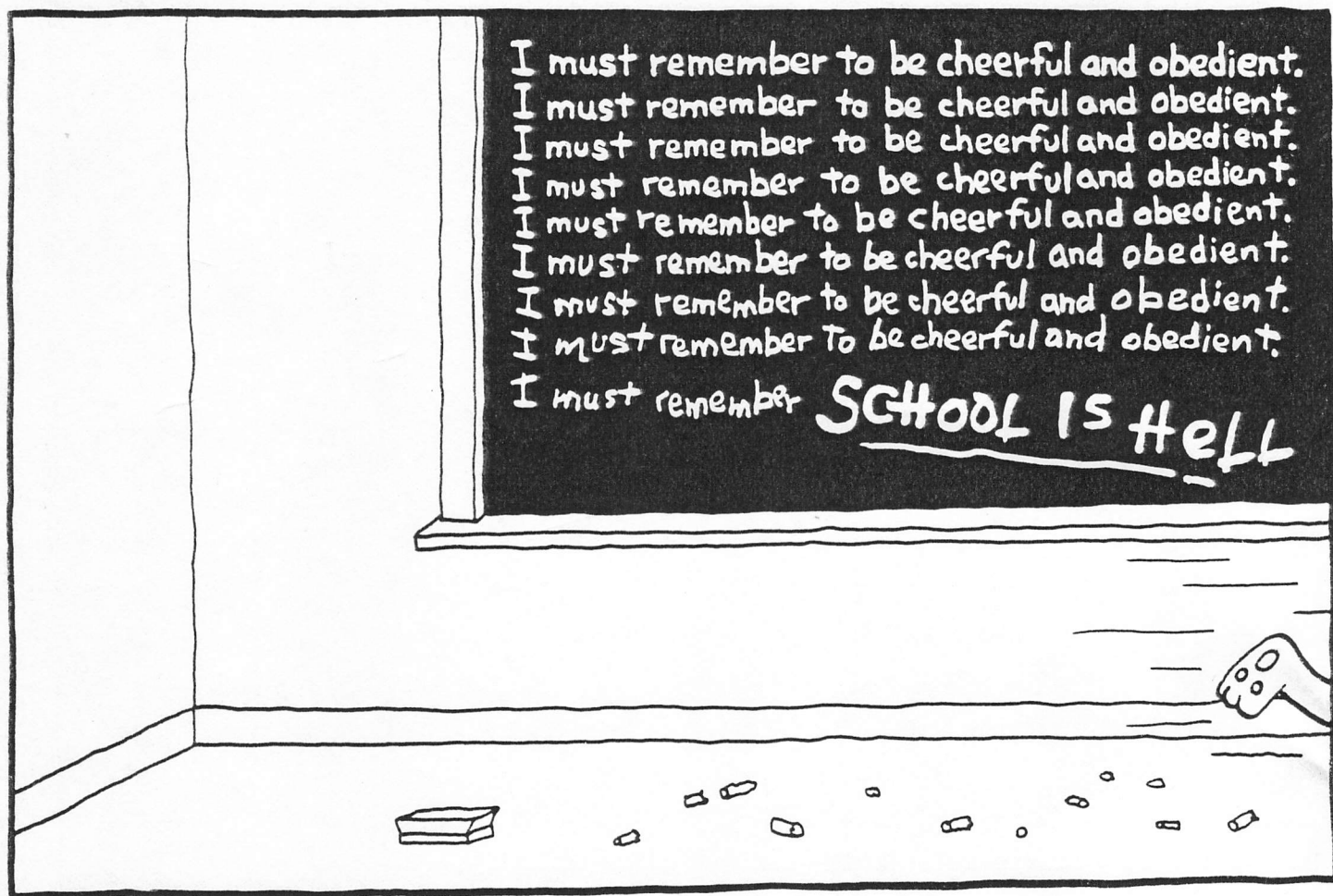


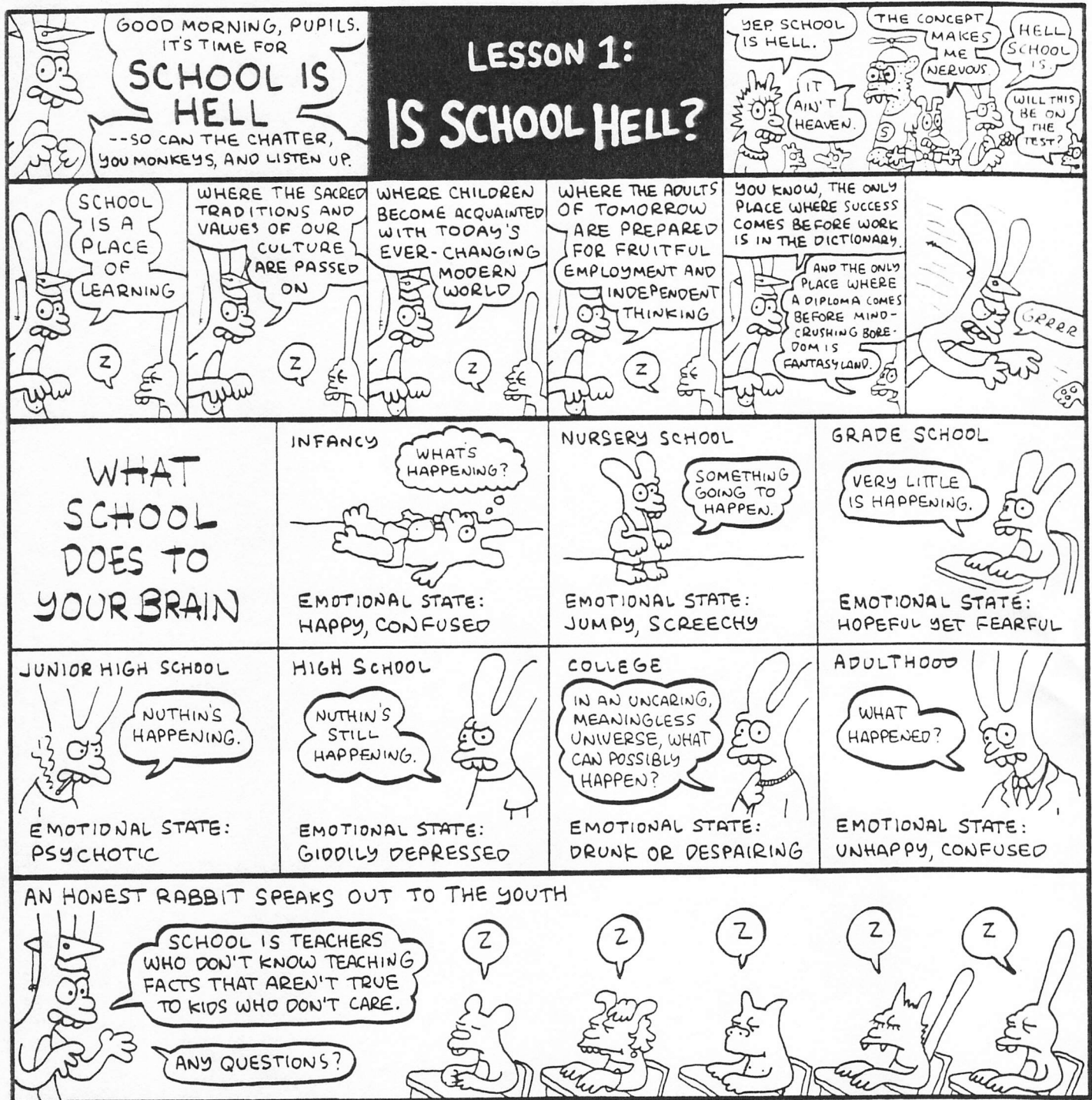
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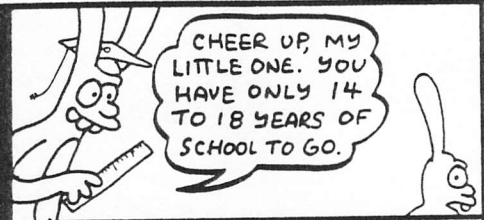
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AN EDUCATIONAL CARTOON MINISERIES

LESSON 2: NURSERY SCHOOL-- THE HELLISHNESS BEGINS



OH BOY! NURSERY SCHOOL!

AT LAST! AN ESCAPE FROM HOME, FROM THE ENDLESS HOURS OF TV GAME SHOWS AND SOAP OPERAS, FROM THE TEDIOUS CRAWLING OVER THE SAME BORING FLOORS, WATCHING THE SAME BORING DUST BALLS-- AN ESCAPE FROM ISOLATION AND FORCED NAPS AND HIDDEN COOKIES. WELCOME! WELCOME TO THE ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE WORLD OF NURSERY SCHOOL HIGH JINKS!



YOU MEAN TO SAY IT'S NOT A JAIL FOR CHILDREN?

FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, NO. THAT WON'T BEGIN FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO.

FATIGUED? NERVOUS? FREAKED OUT?



TRY ROCKING BACK AND FORTH, ROLLING YOUR HEAD AROUND, SUCKING YOUR THUMB, OR CLUTCHING AT YOUR GENITALS.

DRIVES ADULTS CRAZY.

THOSE OTHER LITTLE CREATURES -- ARE THEY DEMONS, OR WHAT?



THOSE LITTLE CREATURES WHO ARE POKING, PINCHING, AND HITTING YOU ARE NOT MONSTERS, ANIMALS, OR TV IMAGES--THEY ARE SMALL, POWERLESS HUMAN BEINGS JUST LIKE YOURSELF. YOU MIGHT WISH TO POKE, PINCH, AND HIT THEM TO MAKE SURE.

THINGS TO DO

1. FORM SMALL TRIBES.
2. SET UP A HIERARCHY, COMPLETE WITH RULES, BOSSES, AND TABOOS.
3. DISDAIN THE OPPOSITE SEX.
4. FORAGE AND HOARD (BLOCKS, DOLLS, ETC.)
5. BRUTALIZE OUTSIDERS.
6. TAKE BREAKS FOR JUICE AND COOKIES.



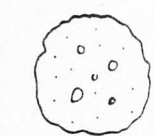
THIS IS PROBABLY YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BE ARTISTIC

THAT'S RIGHT!! SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH GLEEFUL ABANDON, BEFORE THEY SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT RIGHT, AND RUIN EVERYTHING.



SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE FUTILELY TRYING TO RECAPTURE THIS SPONTANEITY!

HOW TO MAKE A GUN OUT OF A COOKIE



1. GRAB A COOKIE.



2. BITE THE COOKIE INTO THE SHAPE OF A GUN.



3. FIRE WHEN READY.



SECRET NURSERY SCHOOL FUN

DURING NAPTIME, LIE ON YOUR LITTLE BLANKET ON THE FLOOR AND FEIGN SLEEP. WHEN THE TEACHER WALKS BY, YOU CAN LOOK UP HER DRESS.



YOUR EDUCATION HAS NOW BEGUN.

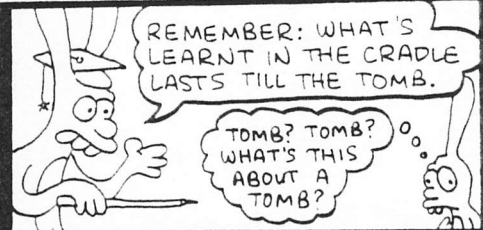
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*NOTE GENERIC BACKWARDS "S" DYSLEXIC HUMOR, A COMMON SOURCE OF FRIVOLITY

LESSON 3: THE WILD, WILD WORLD OF KINDERGARTEN



WHAT THEY DO TO YOU IN KINDY GARDER

FIRST, THEY MAKE YOU LEAVE ALL YOUR COOL SHINY WAR TOYS AND SEXY PLASTIC DOLLS AT HOME. INSTEAD, THEY GIVE YOU A BUNCH OF CLUNKY, DIRTY, WORN, BORING TOYS MADE OUT OF DUMB WOOD OR SOMETHING. TRUE, THESE TOYS HAVE FASCINATING CHEW MARKS ON THEM, BUT THEY ARE REALLY REALLY REALLY REALLY REALLY HARD TO BREAK. OKAY, THEN THE LADY MAKES YOU DO STUFF, LIKE MARCH AROUND AND SIT STILL AND SING SONGS AND LISTEN TO STORIES ABOUT BUNNIES. THE BUNNY STORIES CAN BE QUITE AMUSING, ACTUALLY. THEN YOU GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY. GO FOR THE SWINGS--THEY'RE THE FUNNEST. THEN IT'S BACK INSIDE FOR CRACKERS AND WARM JUICE. YOU CAN CAUSE A RUCKUS BY CALLING IT "WORM JUICE."

KINNERGARDEN IS THE LAST PLACE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ASK ANY QUESTION THAT COMES TO MIND WITHOUT FEAR OF GETTING SMACKED IN REPLY.



WILL YOU BE DEAD WHEN I GROW UP?



IF GOD IS EVERYWHERE, IS HE IN THE TOILET?



CAN CATS OINK?



WARNING

YOU MAY BE SMACKED ANYWAY.

BIG MEAN GROWN-UPS AND THEIR SNEAKY TRICKS

THEY WILL TRY TO GET YOU TO INCRIMINATE YOURSELF.

BEWARE OF THEIR CRAFTY MANEUVERS. DON'T LET THEM CATCH YOU OFF-GUARD.

HERE'S THE TRIED-AND-TRUE RESPONSE TO ALL BLAME-SEEKING QUERIES.

DID YOU BREAK THOSE BOTTLES?

NO!!!!



HOW DID YOU BREAK THOSE BOTTLES?

I PUSHED THEM OFF THE TABLE.



WHO BROKE THOSE BOTTLES?

HE DID!!!



SO KINDYGARTER IS FUN, EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TV THERE AND THE BIG LADY TALKS TOO MUCH AND SHE PINS NOTES TO YOUR CLOTHES BECAUSE SHE THINKS YOU'RE SO STUPID YOU'LL LOSE 'EM ON THE WAY HOME. THE GOOD PART IS KINNERGARTEN LASTS FOREVER BUT THE BAD PART IS IT REALLY DOESN'T.



IT IS EASY TO SEE THROUGH THIS TACTIC.

A COMMON BLUNDER.

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6 A CARTOON ABOUT WISING UP

LESSON 4:
WAKE UP! YOU'LL BE
LATE FOR YOUR FIRST
DAY OF SCHOOL!

PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME-- PLEASE DON'T
CALL ON ME-- PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME--
PLEASE DON'T CALL ON ME-- PLEASE DON'T
CALL ON ME--

YOU!!! THE
QUIET ONE IN
THE BACK!! STAND UP
AND TELL US THE ANSWER!!

WELCOME
TO SCHOOL,
STUDENTS.

(WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EDUCATION THE QUICK WAY, OR WOULD YOU LIKE IT SPREAD OUT OVER A DOZEN YEARS?)

THEN SIT
STILL AND
(SHUT UP.)

YOUR
SQUIRMING
DAYS ARE
OVER.

FIRST: LEARNING
HAS NOTHING TO
DO WITH LIFE.

LEARNING
IS PASSIVE.

IT MUST ALWAYS
BE TEDIOUS.

SO DON'T
SASS BACK.
YOU'RE ALL
BASICALLY
WORTHLESS
LITTLE CREEPS
FIT ONLY TO
TAKE ORDERS.

{ YOUR CONCERNS
COUNT FOR
NOTHING. }

WHAT IS
IMPORTANT
IS WHAT WE
SAY IS
IMPORTANT.

SO DO WHAT
YOU ARE
TOLD AND
YOU WILL
STAY OUT
OF TROUBLE.

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS YOU ARE BRIBED, TRICKED, OR FORCED.

BECAUSE
NOTHING IS
WORTH DOING
FOR ITS
OWN
SAKE.

SO LEARN
TO BE BORED.
WE'RE BORED,
SO YOU SHOULD
BE TOO.

IF YOU LIVE
IN A DAZE,
YOU'LL BE
LESS
UNHAPPY.

ANY QUESTIONS?

THAT'S IT?
THAT'S OUR
EDUCATION?

WE CAN
GO NOW?

OF COURSE
NOT.

WE HAVE SOME
TIME TO KILL.
HAVE TO KEEP
YOU TINY
MONSTERS
OFF THE
STREET TILL
YOU'RE 18,
YOU KNOW.

OPEN
YOUR
BOOKS
TO PAGE 1,
AND WE'LL
BEGIN.

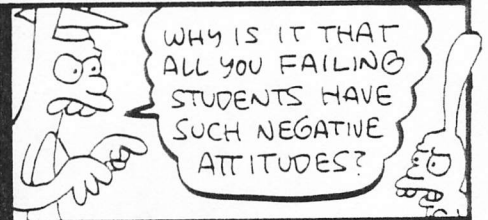
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THE CARTOON THAT HAS TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR MAKING CRAZY EYES OUT OF THE "O"s IN "SCHOOL"

LESSON 5: WHAT I LEARNED IN SCHOOL



1ST GRADE

WE'RE ALL GOING TO PUT OUR HEADS ON OUR DESKS UNTIL THE NASTY LITTLE BOY WHO DEFECATED IN THE URINAL COMES FORWARD.

2ND GRADE

YOU SAY YOUR GRANDMOTHER IS FROM RUSSIA? I'M VERY SORRY TO HEAR THAT. YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD IN RUSSIA, AND CHRISTMAS IS AGAINST THE LAW THERE.

3RD GRADE

THE CLASS HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE READING GROUPS. THE GOLD GROUP AND THE SILVER GROUP WILL STAY HERE. THE BROWN GROUP WILL GO TO A SPECIAL ROOM IN THE BASEMENT.

4TH GRADE

AND YOU'LL STAY IN THE GARBAGE CAN UNTIL YOU CAN BE A GOOD CITIZEN.

5TH GRADE

DRAW A SMALL CIRCLE ON THE BLACKBOARD.

NOW STICK YOUR NOSE ON IT WHILE THE REST OF THE CLASS GOES OUT FOR RECESS.

6TH GRADE

THANK YOU FOR WRITING "I MUST REMEMBER TO BE CHEERFUL AND OBEDIENT" 500 TIMES. NOW WATCH WHILE I SLOWLY RIP IT UP BEFORE YOUR EYES.

7TH GRADE

OK. SEX EDUCATION. UM, IS THERE ANYONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW?

GOOD. NEXT: DENTAL HYGIENE.

8TH GRADE

YOU LITTLE BRATS ARE LAUGHING NOW -- BUT YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING WHEN YOU GET TO HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE THERE ARE GANGS, DRUG-PUSHERS, AND NEGROES.

9TH GRADE

PERHAPS THIS FLUNKING GRADE WILL STEER YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

10TH GRADE

SO YOU THINK MARCHING IN THE HIPPI-TRIPPY PEACE DEMONSTRATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SCHOOL, EH? THEN I GUESS THIS "F" WON'T MATTER MUCH.

11TH GRADE

I'M AFRAID THAT INSOLENT REMARK ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT WILL GO ON YOUR PERMANENT RECORD, YOUNG MAN.

12TH GRADE

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GET THROUGH LIFE DRAWING SILLY CARTOONS, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING.

1ST YEAR COLLEGE

MR. GRO-NINK, I'M GETTING BAD VIBES FROM YOU. THE REST OF THE CLASS GROKS WHAT IS GOING ON -- WHY CAN'T YOU?

2ND YEAR

THE SOONER YOU ALL FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE LAZY, UNTALENTED LOSERS, UNFIT TO KISS THE FEET OF A GENIUS LIKE FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, THE BETTER OFF YOU'LL BE.

3RD YEAR

LISTEN, I'LL GIVE YOU FULL CREDIT AS LONG AS YOU DON'T COME AROUND AND BOTHER ME ANYMORE.


































FINAL YEAR

YOU DO WHAT YOU DO TOLERABLY WELL, MR. GRO-NIG. NOW YOU MUST ASK YOURSELF: IS IT WORTH DOING?

<p>SCHOOL IS HELL</p> <p>GETTING CAUGHT WITH THIS CARTOON IN YOUR POSSESSION MAY RESULT IN LOWER GRADES.</p>		<p>LESSON 6: THE 9 TYPES OF GRADE SCHOOL TEACHERS</p>	
<p>"THE GOOD MOM"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: EASY TO PLEASE. DRAWBACKS: MAKES BEING BAD NO FUN.</p> <p>WARNING: OFTEN "BAD MOM" IN DISGUISE.</p> <p>WHOEVER ADMITS PUTTING THE THUMBSTACK ON MY CHAIR WILL GET A GREAT BIG HUG FOR BEING SO HONEST.</p>		<p>"MS. SUNSHINE"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: SLOW TO RILE. DRAWBACKS: CAN BE PUSHED OVEREDGE. WARNING: TURNS INTO "MS. RAGING TERROR"</p> <p>I THINK "PLEASE" AND "THANK YOU" ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE--DON'T YOU?</p>	
<p>"THE BIG PAL"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: ACTS LIKE A KID. DRAWBACKS: KIND OF SCARY. WARNING: MAY BE FIRED MID-YEAR.</p> <p>I BELIEVE THIS NEXT 50-50 TRICK WILL PROVE A VERY INTERESTING SCIENTIFIC THEORY.</p>		<p>"THE BAD MOM"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: REPETITIVE. DRAWBACKS: HAS EYES IN BACK OF HEAD.</p> <p>BE QUIET. HURRY UP. DON'T RUN. DO IT AGAIN.</p>	
<p>"GRANDMA"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: SLOW-MOVING, POOR MEMORY. DRAWBACKS: CREAMY AS HELL. WARNING: SURPRISINGLY FAST AND STRONG.</p> <p>WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL WE DIDN'T GIVE OUR TEACHER THE FINGER WHEN WE WERE BORED.</p>		<p>"THE SARGE"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: EASILY MANIPULATED. DRAWBACKS: MAY GO BEASER. WARNING: SCREAMS TO RESTORE ORDER.</p> <p>IF YOU KIDS DON'T SETTLE DOWN IN FIVE OR TEN MINUTES I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SLIGHTLY UPSET.</p>	
<p>"THE MARTIAN"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: ACTS WEIRD. DRAWBACKS: ACTS REALLY WEIRD. WARNING: WEIRDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS.</p> <p>YOU BEATS THINK I'M OVER THE HILL? I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU: I AM THE HILL.</p>		<p>"THE MONSTER"</p> <p>ADVANTAGES: NONE. DRAWBACKS: PLENTY. WARNING: RUN FOR YOUR LIFE.</p> <p>IF YOU'RE ALL GOING TO ACT LIKE STUPID LITTLE FOOLS I'M GOING TO TREAT YOU LIKE STUPID LITTLE FOOLS.</p> <p>NO RECESS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.</p>	

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SCHOOL IS HELL <small>THE CARTOON THAT HAS TO GO STAND IN THE CORNER</small>	 TEACHER'S PET	LESSON 7: THE 33 TYPES OF GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS		 THE BEAUTY	 MR. COOL
 THE BRAIN	 THE DUNCE	 THE COPYCAT	 THE BAD GIRL	 THE SISSY	 THE GOOF-OFF
 THE BULLY	 THE BULLY'S LITTLE PAL	 THE CHATTERBOX	 THE TOMBOY	 THE CRYBABY	 THE PRUDE
 THE MEAN GIRL	 THE SHY ONE	 THE SHRIMP	 MS. KNOW-IT-ALL	 THE FAT KID	 THE CHEATER
 THE THIEF	 THE SCARDYCAT	 THE GOODY-GOODY	 LITTLE MISS SELFISH	 JOE AVERAGE	 THE TATTLETALE
 THE NEW KID	 DAINTY	 SICKLY	 SMELLY	 THE REJECT	 CLASS CLOWN

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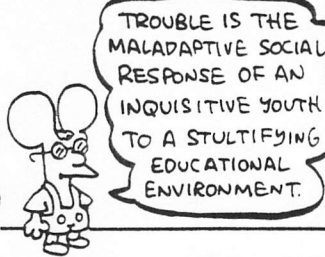
LESSON B:
TROUBLE: GETTING IN
AND WEASELING
YOUR WAY OUT OF

WHEN IN DOUBT, HOWL YOUR INNOCENCE.



WHAT IS
TROUBLE?

THE EXPERTS
EXPLAIN.



BASIC TROUBLE



CAN TROUBLE
BE AVOIDED?

MANY YOUNGSTERS ATTEMPT TO
AVOID TROUBLE BY SEEKING REFUGE
IN A SEAT IN THE REAR CORNER
OF THE CLASSROOM.



IF YOU ARE CAUGHT

TRY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING.



ADVANCED TROUBLE

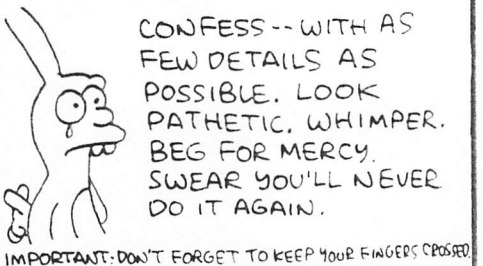


DENY EVERYTHING.
BLAME SOMEONE
ELSE. LOOK SINCERE.
STICK TO YOUR
STORY. DON'T
FALTER. LIE LIKE
CRAZY.

VERY ADVANCED TROUBLE



TRY NOT TO LOOK GUILTY



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THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF
HAVING ONE'S CARTOONS
CONFISCATED IN THE 6TH GRADE

DON'T ALL TEACHERS DESERVE TO BE DRIVEN CRAZY?

STRANGELY, THE ANSWER
IS NO. WE MUST REMEMBER
THAT TEACHERS USED TO BE
SMALL AND SPEEDY, JUST
LIKE US. BUT THEN THEY
GREW UP, GOT SOPHISTICATED,
AND WENT SENILE.

IF THEY ARE NICE AND
FUNNY AND TEACH US
A THING OR TWO, THEN
WE SHOULD TAKE PITY
ON THE POOR UNDERPAID
DRUGGIES AND GIVE 'EM
A BREAK. UNLESS
WE'RE IN A RAMBUNCTIOUS
MOOD.

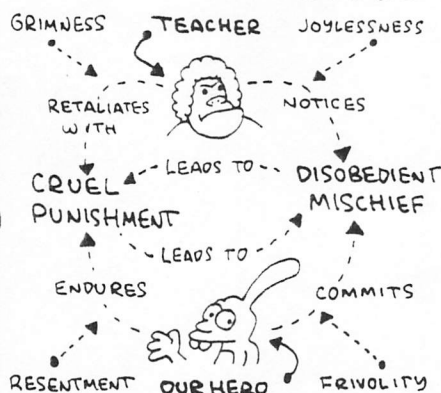
HOW TO TELL IF A TEACHER DESERVES TO BE DRIVEN CRAZY

A CHECKLIST

- ☐ CALLS ON YOU WHEN YOU
ARE SCRUNCHED DOWN IN YOUR
SEAT TRYING TO LOOK AS
INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE.
- ☐ LOCKS THE CLASSROOM DOOR
WHEN THE BELL RINGS AND WON'T
OPEN UP NO MATTER HOW HARD
YOU KICK
- ☐ NEVER SMILES
- ☐ SMILES TOO MUCH
- ☐ PUNISHES YOU UNFAIRLY
- ☐ PUNISHES YOU FAIRLY

LESSON 9: HOW TO DRIVE A DESERVING TEACHER CRAZY

MAKING A CRAZY TEACHER CRAZIER--THE CYCLE



SMALL WAYS TO DRIVE A DESERVING TEACHER CRAZY

- PRETEND YOU AREN'T LISTENING.
- ASK DISTRACTING QUESTIONS.
- SAY: "COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?"
- ACT STUPID.

MEDIUM-SIZED WAYS TO DRIVE A DESERVING TEACHER CRAZY

- HIDE ALL THE BLACKBOARD ERASERS.
- MAKE LITTLE MEOWING NOISES WITHOUT MOVING YOUR LIPS.
- ACT SMART.

3 ANNOYING WAYS TO ASK TO GO TO THE LAVATORY



BIG WAYS TO DRIVE A DESERVING TEACHER CRAZY

SQUIRT WATER ON THE
TEACHER'S CHAIR WHEN
SHE ISN'T LOOKING.

SMUGGLE AS MANY DOGS
AS YOU CAN INTO THE
CLASSROOM.

SAY THINGS THAT MAKE THE
CLASS LAUGH BUT WHICH
THE TEACHER DOESN'T GET.

IF YOU GET KICKED OUT OF CLASS, YOU CAN STILL DRIVE A DESERVING TEACHER CRAZY

11 GATHER YOUR
STUFF AS SLOWLY
AS POSSIBLE.



12 WALK SOLEMNLY
TOWARD THE DOOR.
AT THE LAST
MOMENT, TWIRL.

13 SLAM THE DOOR AND MAKE GOOFY
FACES IN THE
LITTLE
WINDOW.
THEN RUN.



14 WAIT 20
YEARS, THEN
DRAW A
BOOK OF
SNOTTY
CARTOONS
ABOUT
SCHOOL.



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LESSON 10: JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL— THE DEEPEST PIT IN HELL

THINGS ARE IMPROVING. BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL THEY TREATED YOU LIKE YOU WERE IN NURSERY SCHOOL. HERE IN JUNIOR HIGH YOU GET TREATED WITH THE DIGNITY DUE A MATURE KINDERGARTENER.



WHAT IS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR?

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IS A HOLDING PEN DESIGNED TO HELP US THROUGH OUR FORMATIVE "SNOTTY" YEARS.

BY ISOLATING US FROM GRADE SCHOOL KIDS, WE WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO TORTURE THEM.

BY ISOLATING US FROM HIGH SCHOOL KIDS, WE WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO RECEIVE THE BEATINGS WE SO RICHLY DESERVE.



ARE ALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS OBNOXIOUS MONSTERS?

NO. SOME OF THE MONSTERS ARE QUITE CHARMING. DIFFERENCES IN THE RATE OF GROWTH CAUSE WIDE VARIATIONS IN MONSTROSITY AMONG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS.

YOU MAY BE A HULKING GIANT



OR YOU MAY BE A GIANT'S LITTLE FOOTSTOOL

YOU MAY BE A BUDDING GENIUS

EUREKA!! THE SECRET FORMULA FOR X-RAY SPEX!!



MAN! THE LAST TWELVE VIDEOS HAVE BEEN CRUMMY. MAYBE THE NEXT ONE'LL BE COOL.

OR YOU MAY BE A BUDDING GOOFUS.



YOU MAY STILL PLAY WITH DOLLS

BAD BABY! BAD BABY!



HUSH, MY WEE ONES.

OR YOU MAY BE A BRAND-NEW MAMA.



WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR GUSHING HORMONES WON'T LET YOU PAY ATTENTION

BITE YOUR NAILS



CHEW YOUR SKIN



TAP YOUR FEET



CLEAR YOUR THROAT



SQUINT




SNIFFLE



DRUM YOUR FINGERS



HEY, ADOLESCENTS!!! DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR TROUBLES, YOUR INABILITY TO CONCENTRATE, YOUR SHAMEFUL URGES, OR YOUR PLUMMETING GRADES. IT'S ALL PART OF GROWING UP TO BE JUST LIKE YOUR PARENTS!



TWITCH



GRIMACE



STARE INTO SPACE



MAKE DISCOVERIES




AND ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MAGIC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLER WORDS:

DO I HAFTA?

I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

OH, MAN.



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THE CARTOON WITH
IDENTIFIABLE PERCEPTUAL
COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

LESSON 12: HIGH SCHOOL— THE 2ND DEEPEST PIT IN HELL

3 USELESS THINGS

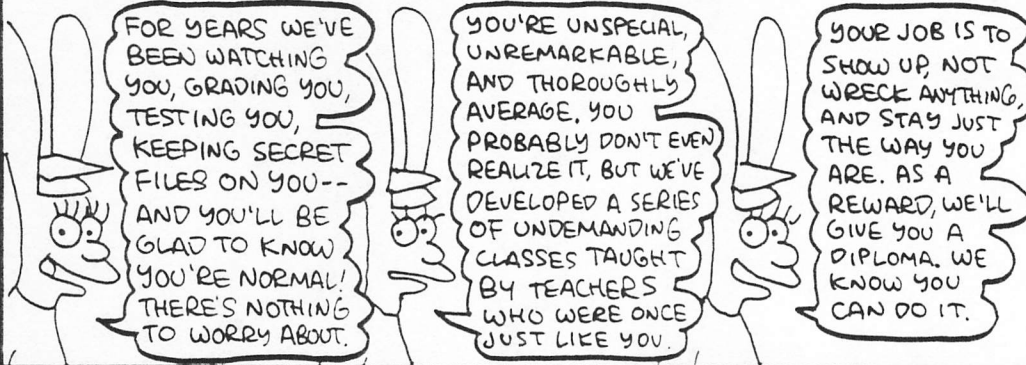


STUDY HALL TEXTBOOKS



GUIDANCE
COUNSELORS

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL



TIPS FOR TEENS

WHY NOT GET A JOB AT NIGHT AND LEARN THE WONDERS OF DEEP FRYING, SECRET SAUCE, MINIMUM WAGE, AND SLEEPING IN SCHOOL?



CONTEMPORARY EXCUSES FOR NOT HAVING DONE YOUR HOMEWORK

THE PRINTER BROKE!

THE FLOPPY DISK
WAS DEFECTIVE!

I PUSHED THE WRONG
BUTTON AND DELETED
EVERYTHING!

HOW HARD DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?

TYPE OF COURSE	DEGREE OF HAPPINESS	DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY	BEST SUITED FOR KIDS WHO ARE:
HONORS		KINDA EASY	WHIZZY, CRAZY
COLLEGE PREP		FAIRLY EASY	DIZZY, BUSY
GENERAL		REAL EASY	BREEZY, LAZY
BASIC		BEYOND EASY	CHEESY, SLEAZY

DID YOU KNOW?

SHOPPING MALLS ARE ACTUALLY KIND OF BORING AFTER AWHILE.

WARNING!

DO NOT TALK TO TEACHERS IN THE SAME TONE OF VOICE THEY USE TALKING TO YOU.

YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR INSOLENCE.



TIPS FOR TEENS

REMEMBER! MOST TEACHERS ARE EAGER TO PLAY THE GAME "I WON'T MESS WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T BUG ME."

TIPS FOR TEENS

IF SOMEONE DROPS HIS OR HER STUFF IN THE RUSH BETWEEN CLASSES, BE SURE TO STOMP ON IT. AN ENTIRE YEAR'S WORK CAN BE TRAMPLED, RIPPED, AND DESTROYED IN A MATTER OF SECONDS IF EVERYONE COOPERATES.

DID YOU KNOW?

The best work is that which is done at the last minute.



THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT IN HIGH SCHOOL

STATUS
SEX
CLOTHES
GRADES
DRINKING CAPACITY
KILLING YOURSELF
GRADUATION
YOUR FACE

THINGS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL SPIRIT

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AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT

LESSON 13: THE 9 TYPES OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS



ALSO KNOWN AS: DUDE, SQUIRT, JUNIOR.
BASIC MOODS: FRISKY, ENTHUSIASTIC.
WARNING: CAN BE AS CRUEL AS A TEEN-ADDER.



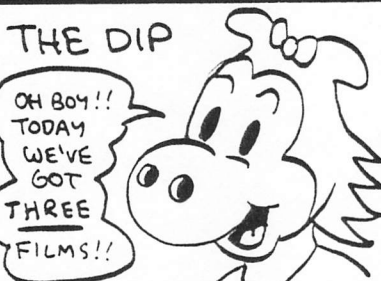
ALSO KNOWN AS: OLD IRONSIDES, PRUNEFACE.
BASIC MOODS: HUMORLESS, IRRITATED.
WARNING: WILL PENALIZE YOU FOR BLINKING.



ALSO KNOWN AS: THE WEIRDO, THE POET.
BASIC MOODS: AGITATED, NOSTALGIC.
WARNING: WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT THE PROM.



ALSO KNOWN AS: THE CORPSE.
BASIC MOODS: ORNERY, ASLEEP.
WARNING: IT LIVES.



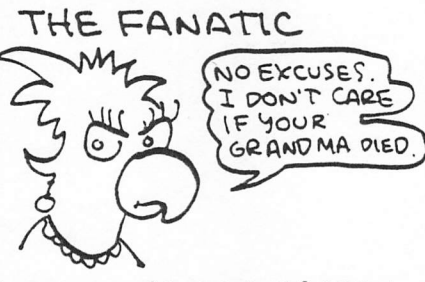
ALSO KNOWN AS: EASY, THE BABYSITTER.
BASIC MOODS: DIZZY, OPTIMISTIC.
WARNING: MAKES YOUR BRAIN SLUGGISH.



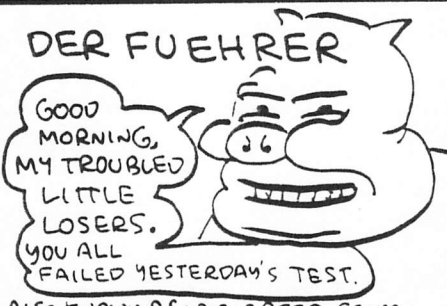
ALSO KNOWN AS: BIG GUY, COACH, GRUNTY.
BASIC MOODS: MANLY, LOUD, CORNY.
WARNING: MAY DEMAND PUSH-UPS ON THE SPOT.



ALSO KNOWN AS: THE MIRACLE.
BASIC MOODS: INSPIRED, GABBY.
WARNING: EXTREMELY RARE.



ALSO KNOWN AS: SCREAMY, SCREECHY.
BASIC MOODS: BAD, WORSE.
WARNING: NO WIN.



ALSO KNOWN AS: PIG, CREEP, SCUM.
BASIC MOODS: SARCASTIC, GLEEFUL.
WARNING: THIS IS NOT A DREAM.

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SCHOOL IS HELL

OR, HOW DO YOU RATE?

LESSON 14: THE 81 TYPES OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DID YOU KNOW?



SUPER BOY



GOLDEN GIRL



SUPER LUCK



PROM QUEEN



THE RICH KID



CHEERLEADER



KING OF SNOBS



QUEEN OF SNOBS



DUKE OF SNOBS



DRESS OF SNOBS



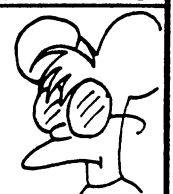
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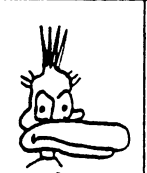
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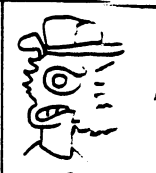
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THE DRUNK



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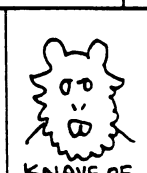
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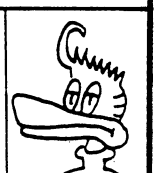
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GOODY-GOODY



KNAVE OF SNOBS



THE MOD



HEAVY METAL DUDE



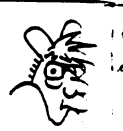
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YOUNG REPUBLICAN



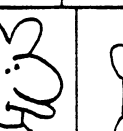
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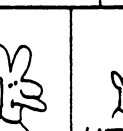
THE GRUNT



THE GRINDER



BIG OAF



LITTLE OAF



LITTLEST OAF



DUMB JOCK



PREGNANT GIRL



SHORT GUY WITH SMALL HEAD WHO DRIVES BIG CAR



BRACE FACE



ZITFACE



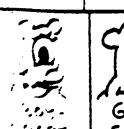
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JOE AVERAGE



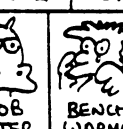
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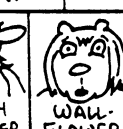
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GIRL CRAZY



SNOB HATER



BENCH WARMER



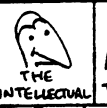
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GANG LEADER



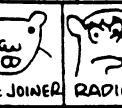
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THE INTELLECTUAL



THE PEST



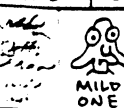
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RADICAL



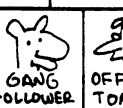
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BAD GIL



MILD ONE



THE SUICIDE



GANG FOLLOWER



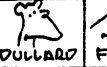
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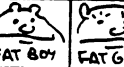
POM-POM GIRL



SCAPEGUAT



TOWEL BOY



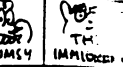
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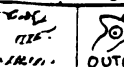
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CLUELESS



CLUMSY



THE EMPLOYED



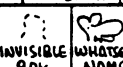
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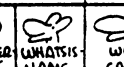
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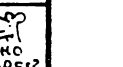
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BURN-OUT



GOOF-OFF



INVISIBLE BOY



WHAT'S HIS NAME

WHAT'S HIS NAME

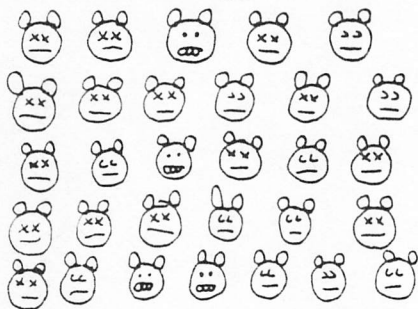
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SCHOOL IS HELL OR I WAS A TEENAGED MALCONTENT

BE CAREFUL!!

IN AN AVERAGE 30-KID CLASS:



- 15 KIDS ARE HALF-ASLEEP
 - 10 KIDS ARE TOTALLY ASLEEP
 - 5 KIDS ARE AWAKE
- GUESS WHICH 5 KIDS THE TEACHER IS MOST SUSPICIOUS OF?

WORTHLESS THINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL



ANY WORDS OF WISDOM
BY THE PRINCIPAL



ANYTHING MIMEOGRAPHED



ANY ADVICE FROM A
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



ANYTHING ANNOUNCED
OVER THE P.A. SYSTEM

HOW TO GET BY WHEN YER NO SMARTER THAN YER TEACHERS

- ① SIT TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE CLASS.
 - ② DON'T MOVE MUCH. ③ DON'T TALK MUCH.
 - ④ NOD A LOT. ⑤ SMILE VACANTLY.
- (YOU MAY WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN EDUCATION.)

LESSON 15: HOW TO GET BY WHEN YER SMARTER THAN YER TEACHERS

REMEMBER: TO THE SLOW,
DIMWITTED BEAST KNOWN AS
THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
SMART = UPPITY.

SO, WHEN YOU ARE SENT TO THE
OFFICE FOR INSUBORDINATION,
ACT ABASHED.

WRONG

THE CRIME IS NOT
THAT I REBELLED.
THE CRIME IS THAT
THE OTHER KIDS
DO NOT-- THAT
THEY ARE TOO
BORED AND DEFEATED
TO CHALLENGE THE
STULTIFYING RULES,
THE ABUSE OF POWER,
AND THE SHEER
JOYLESSNESS OF
EVERYDAY SCHOOL
LIFE.

RIGHT

I'LL BE
GOOD
FROM
NOW ON,
SIR.

WHAT NOT TO SAY TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

IF YOU KNOW SO MUCH
ABOUT MAKING INTELLIGENT
CAREER DECISIONS, HOW
COME YOU'RE A
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR?

→ WISE UP ←

- ① LOOK AROUND YOU. THE OTHER
KIDS DON'T HAVE A CLUE.
- ② SAME WITH TEACHERS.
- ③ SAME WITH PARENTS.
- ④ FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF.

HOW TO GET BY WHEN YER AS STUPID AS A ROCK MUSICIAN

BE INARTICULATE
DON'T STRAIN
YOURSELF
FIDGET
LAUGH MORONICALLY
SPEAK IN
FRAGMENTS
BECOME A
ROCK MUSICIAN

HATE SCHOOL???

CONSOLE YOURSELF WITH THIS THOUGHT:

AT LEAST
YOU GET TO
GRADUATE
AND SCRAM.
YOUR TEACHERS
NEVER GRADUATE.
THEY'RE
STUCK
HERE.

NEVER CORNER A TEACHER

ALTHOUGH GENERALLY DOCILE,
TEACHERS HAVE BEEN KNOWN
TO ATTACK SAVAGELY WHEN BACKED
UP AGAINST A WALL.

REMEMBER,
TEACHERS HATE
SAYING:

I DON'T
KNOW.

AND THEY CANNOT
EVER EVER SAY:

I'M
SORRY.

NO MATTER HOW BAD IT GETS, DON'T KILL YOURSELF!!!!



THEY WILL MAKE JOSES
ABOUT YOU.



DEATH LASTS EVEN LONGER
THAN GRADE SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL PUT TOGETHER.



THERE IS NO TV IN HEAVEN.
(THERE IS TV IN HELL, HOWEVER.)

LIFE IN HELL

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SCHOOL IS HELL

(BUT THE REAL WORLD IS WORSE)

LESSON 16: HOW TO GET INTO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE

OR AT LEAST A NEARBY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOW TO TELL BY MERELY GLANCING AT THE
MAIL WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE BEEN
ACCEPTED TO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE

THICK ENVELOPE



GOOD!

THIN ENVELOPE



BAD!

POSTCARD



UH OH.

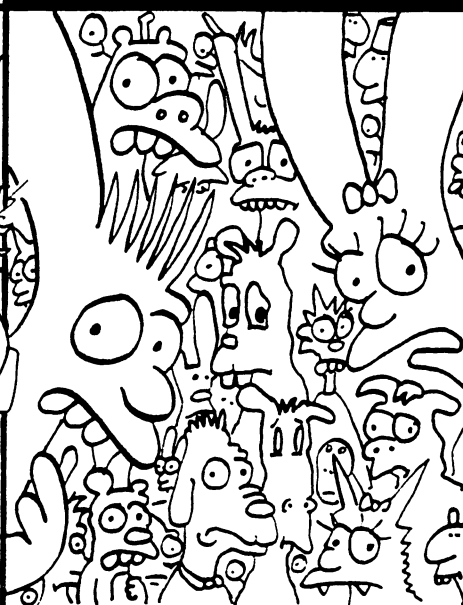
WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

SO FAR IN LIFE,
YOU'VE BEEN STUCK
WITH:

- IRKSOME TESTS
- ANNOYING BUSYWORK
- IRRITATING GRADES
- POINTLESS RULES
- YOURSELF

WELL, COLLEGE WON'T
CHANGE THAT.

BUT YOU DO
GET TO ESCAPE
FROM YOUR
FAMILY!!



YOUR COLLEGE PREPARATION TIMETABLE

KINDERGARDEN
- 8TH GRADE



DON'T SWEAT IT. NO
MATTER WHAT THEY SAY,
YOUR SCHOOL RECORD WILL
NOT FOLLOW YOU FOR THE
REST OF YOUR LIFE.

9TH GRADE



START SWEATING. BEGIN PLANNING
UNPLEASANT COLLEGE PREPARATORY
SCHEDULE. PICK DIPPY EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES THAT WILL LOOK GOOD ON
YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION.

10TH GRADE



LET THE FRETTING COMMENCE.
BECOME OBSESSED WITH YOUR
GRADE POINT AVERAGE. CONTINUE
DIPPY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

10TH GRADE



WORRY ABOUT THE 11TH GRADE.

SUMMER



TAKE PRELIMINARY APTITUDE
TESTS. VOMIT AFTERWARDS.
CHECK OUT COLLEGE GUIDES
TILL YOUR EYES GLAZE OVER.

11TH GRADE



TAKE APTITUDE TESTS.
VOMIT BEFORE AND AFTER.

11TH GRADE



TRY TO IGNORE SLOW
SINKING SENSATION.
DRINK A LOT OF BEER.

SUMMER



CONTINUE FRENZIED DIPPY
ACTIVITIES. APPLY TO SCHOOLS.
TAKE APTITUDE TESTS AGAIN.
VOMIT BEFORE, DURING BREAK,
AND AFTER.

12TH GRADE



PREPARE FOR ARROGANT
JOY OR DESPERATE SHAME.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, RELAX.
IT'S NOT THE END OF YOUR LIFE.
IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

SPRING

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE
ALTERNATIVES?

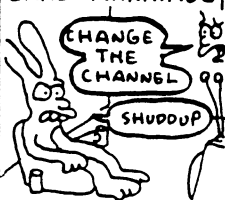
A: YEAH. RIGHT.

LOW-STATUS JOB



DISHES
COMIN'
THROUGH

EARLY MARRIAGE!



CHANGE
THE
CHANNEL

SHUDDUP

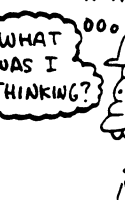
LIVING WITH YOUR
PARENTS



LISTEN, MISS
SMARTYANTS,
YOU'RE
GROUNDED.

NO WAY, DAD

THE ARMY



WHAT
WAS I
THINKING?

STILL HAVE DOUBTS?

YES. EVEN THOUGH I AM
ABOUT TO GET MY HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA, I FEEL LIKE A
FRAUD. I CAN BARELY READ,
I HAVE ONLY THE VAGUEST
IDEA OF HOW TO PUT A SENTENCE
TOGETHER, MATH Baffles ME,
AND MY SENSE OF INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY HAS BEEN DEADENED
BY YEARS OF BOREDOM. HOW
DARE I GO TO COLLEGE?

RELAX, PAL. BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T
LEARN ANYTHING, IN COLLEGE YOU
AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL GET
TO TAKE HIGH SCHOOL ALL OVER
AGAIN. IT'S REQUIRED!

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SCHOOL IS HELL

OR
THIS IS THE FIRST
SEMESTER OF THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE

BASIC RULES



AVOID
ADMINISTRATORS.



SKIM THE REQUIRED
READING. SKIP
EVERYTHING ELSE.



WRITE VAGUE,
SPINELESS
PAPERS.



CRAM.



BLOT OUT ANY KNOWLEDGE
INADVERTANTLY ABSORBED
IN CLASS DURING THE
WEEK WITH BRAIN-
DAMAGING DEBAUCHERY
ON THE WEEKEND.

Q: WHEN DOES THE FABLED
"SOPHOMORE SLUMP"
BEGIN?

A: OCTOBER OF YOUR
FRESHMAN YEAR.

Q: HOW LONG DOES
IT LAST?

A: ANYWHERE FROM 6 MONTHS
TILL DEATH.

LESSON 17: HOW TO GOOF OFF IN COLLEGE AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE

FRESHMAN FAUX-PAS!!

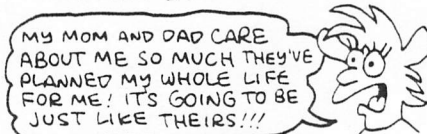
NEVER TALK ABOUT:

→ HOW COOL YOU WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL



I WAS IN CHARGE OF
THE REFRESHMENT
COMMITTEE AND THE
MURAL COMMITTEE AT
THE SAME TIME!! CAN
YOU BELIEVE IT??!

→ HOW MUCH YOU LOVE AND
RESPECT YOUR PARENTS



MY MOM AND DAD CARE
ABOUT ME SO MUCH THEY'VE
PLANNED MY WHOLE LIFE
FOR ME! IT'S GOING TO BE
JUST LIKE THEIRS!!!

→ HOW YOU NEVER HEARD SUCH
FILTH BACK AT THE FARM



IF MY GRANDPAPPY
WERE HERE HE'D WASH
OUT ALL YOUR MOUTHS
WITH SOAP! AND THAT
INCLUDES YOU, PROFESSOR!!!

SHOULD I JOIN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY?

AREN'T THEY ALL JUST REACTIONARY,
XENOPHOBIC ENCLAVES OF
SUPERFICIAL, CONFORMIST
LITTLE SNOBS?

OH MY GOODNESS, NO!!
GOING GREEK IS FUN!!!
IT'S JUST LIKE SUMMER
CAMP, ONLY WITH BEER,
DRUGS, PARTIES, PRANKS,
PADDLING, AND HAZING.
TRUE, THE ATMOSPHERE
IS A BIT ANTI-INTELLECTUAL,
BUT WHO GIVES A HOOT
WHEN YOU'RE THROWING
UP WITH YOUR OWN FIND?



IN HIGH SCHOOL, THE
TEACHERS CARED ABOUT
HUMILIATING, PUNISHING,
AND SQUELCHING ME.
IN COLLEGE, THEY JUST
DON'T CARE.

FLIPPING OUT-- THE 5 WARNING SIGNS

① YOU STUDY INTENTLY
FOR 3 HOURS BEFORE
YOU REALIZE YOUR
TEXTBOOK IS UPSIDE-DOWN.



② YOU BEGIN LICKING YOUR
CHOPS IN ANTICIPATION OF
ANOTHER STARCH-FILLED
CAFETERIA FEAST



③ IN THE MIDDLE OF A
LECTURE, YOU LEAP TO YOUR
FEET, POINT ACCUSINGLY
AT THE TEACHER, AND SHOUT
"AU CONTRAIRE, MON FRÈRE!!"



④ YOU OFFER TO DO YOUR
ROOMMATE'S LAUNDRY
BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOTHING
ELSE TO DO.



⑤ YOU PLAY GUITAR IN
THE DORM STAIRWELL
BECAUSE YOU HOPE TO
MEET NEW PALS.



IF YOU FIND YOURSELF PLAYING
FOOSBALL IN THE STUDENT
LOUNGE MORE THAN ONCE,
SEEK COUNSELING IMMEDIATELY.

IS COLLEGE HARD OR EASY?

IT'S EASY!

JUST REMEMBER
THE 3 MAGIC WORDS!

SINK OR SWIM!!!



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SCHOOL IS HELL

OR
3 CREDITS SHY OF GRADUATION

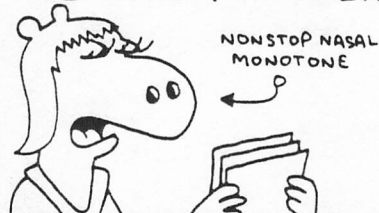
LESSON 18: THE 9 TYPES OF COLLEGE TEACHERS

LOOKING FOR LEISURE?



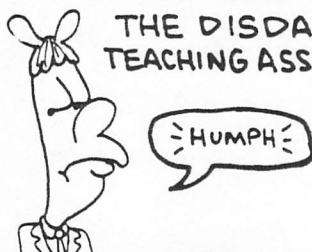
FOLLOW THE ATHLETES.

THE STEADY DRONER



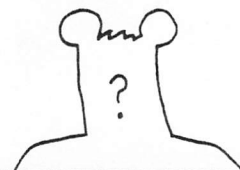
ADVANTAGES: ORGANIZED, PREPARED.
DRAWBACKS: IS ANNOYED BY SNORING.
WARNING: THIS IS LIFE.

THE DISDAINFUL TEACHING ASSISTANT



ADVANTAGES: NONE.
DRAWBACKS: VINDICTIVE, MERCILESS.
WARNING: IF YOU HANG AROUND LONG ENOUGH, YOU COULD TURN INTO ONE.

THE MIGHTY FAMOUS BIGSHOT



ADVANTAGES: EXCITING, IMPRESSIVE.
DRAWBACKS: DISDAINFUL TEACHING ASSISTANT DOES THE TEACHING.
WARNING: BEWARE OF BAIT-AND-SWITCH.

THE BELOVED BABBLING GRANDPA WITH TENURE



ADVANTAGES: EASY, RELAXING.
DRAWBACKS: CRANKY, OLD-FASHIONED.
WARNING: MAY FLUNK YOU IF HIS BOWES ARE ACTING UP THAT DAY.

THE GENIUS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION



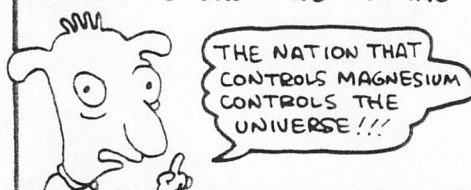
ADVANTAGES: LOONY, ENTERTAINING.
DRAWBACKS: LOONY, SCARY.
WARNING: MAY TURN YOU INTO BELIEVER.

OL' GLOOM & DOOM



ADVANTAGES: A CLOSE-UP GLIMPSE OF A SOUL IN TORMENT.
DRAWBACKS: MAKES YOU THINK ABOUT CREEPY STUFF.
WARNING: THE JOKE GETS OLD AFTER AWHILE.

THE SINGLE-THEORY-TO- EXPLAIN-EVERYTHING MANIAC



ADVANTAGES: EASY TO PLEASE.
DRAWBACKS: PARROTING ISN'T LEARNING.
WARNING: THEORY MAY BE CORRECT.

THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE BRILLIANT FOREIGNER



ADVANTAGES: HAS A GREAT REPUTATION.
DRAWBACKS: NO TRANSLATORS AVAILABLE.
WARNING: WILL DRIVE YOU INSANE.

NICE LITTLE NOBODY



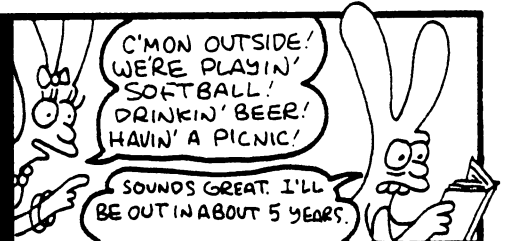
ADVANTAGES: EASY TO IGNORE.
DRAWBACKS: MAKES YOU WONDER WHY YOU'RE IN COLLEGE.
WARNING: THIS IS LIFE.

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SCHOOL IS HELL BUT IT BEATS WORKING

LESSON 19: GRAD SCHOOL— SOME PEOPLE NEVER LEARN



SHOULD YOU GO TO GRAD SCHOOL?

A WEE TEST

- T F
- ☐ ☐ I AM A COMPULSIVE NEUROTIC.
- ☐ ☐ I LIKE MY IMAGINATION CRUSHED INTO DUST.
- ☐ ☐ I ENJOY BEING A PROFESSOR'S SLAVE.
- ☐ ☐ MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME IS USING JARGON AND CITING AUTHORITIES.
- ☐ ☐ I FEEL A DEEP NEED TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF AVOIDING LIFE.

THE 5 SECRETS OF GRAD SCHOOL SUCCESS



- ① DO NOT ANNOY THE PROFESSOR.
- ② BE CONSISTENTLY MEDIOCRE.
- ③ AVOID ANYTHING SMACKING OF ORIGINALITY.
- ④ DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE TOLD.
- ⑤ STOP READING THIS CARTOON RIGHT NOW AND GET BACK TO WORK.

THE SIMPLE WAY TO AVOID THE STOMACH- CHURNING AGONY OF HAVING TO FINISH YOUR THESIS



READ
ANOTHER
BOOK.

REPEAT
WHEN
NECESSARY.

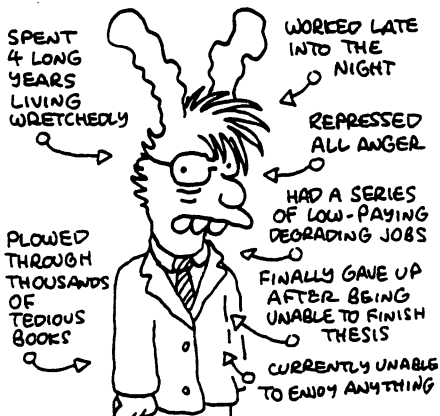
WILL YOUR RESEARCH MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?



YEAH.
SURE.

MEET THE BITTEREST PERSON IN THE WORLD

THE GRAD SCHOOL DROPOUT



CONGRATULATIONS!! YOU DID
IT!!! YOU FINALLY FINISHED
YOUR DISSERTATION!!!

EH? SPEAK
UP, SONNY.

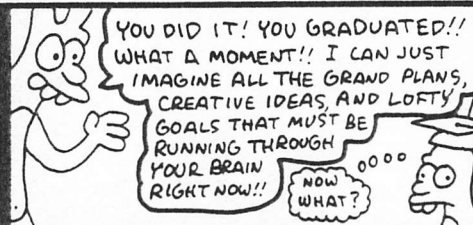


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SCHOOL IS HELL
OR
UH OH

LESSON 20:
SCHOOL'S OUT



SCHOOL'S OUT!
SCHOOL'S OUT!
TEACHER LET THE
MONKEYS OUT!
ONE WENT EAST!
ONE WENT WEST!
ONE WENT UP
THE TEACHER'S
DRESS!

--TRADITIONAL
GRADE SCHOOL CHANT

THE BIG PAY-OFF

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE DEVOTED YOUR ENTIRE LIFE SO FAR TO HOPPING THROUGH SCHOLASTIC HOOPS FOR PETTY, MEANINGLESS REWARDS. NOW ALL THAT FRANTIC HOPPING IS ABOUT TO BE REWARDED-- YOU'RE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A CAREER OF MEDIOCRITY AND POWERLESSNESS AS PART OF A GIGANTIC BUREAUCRACY WHERE NOTHING YOU DO OR SAY WILL EVER REALLY MATTER, WHERE YOU WILL NEVER BE YOUR OWN BOSS, WHERE YOU WILL SPEND YOUR WAKING HOURS STRIVING TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY MATERIAL GOODS THAT WILL NEVER SATISFY YOU.

WELL, SHUCKS-- AT LEAST I'M HAPPY. I'D RATHER BE HAPPY THAN SMART.

YOU JUST THINK YOU'RE HAPPY.

WELL, YOU JUST THINK YOU'RE SMART.

WHICH RABBIT GOT TOO MUCH EDUCATION?

EDUCATION IS NOT THE SUM TOTAL OF KNOWLEDGE LEARNED, BUT AN ONGOING PROCESS OF ASKING QUESTIONS. SOMEDAY, WHEN IT'S ALMOST ALL OVER, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KICK BACK AND SAY:

HOW IN HELL DID I END UP HERE?

THE HORRIBLE SECRET OF ADULTHOOD

THE BULLIES, CHEATERS, TATTLETALES, AND SNIVELING TOADIES WHO TORMENTED YOU IN SCHOOL ARE NOW TRYING TO SELL YOU INSURANCE, EXPLAINING WHY A PAYRAISE FOR YOU IS CURRENTLY IMPOSSIBLE, INFORMING YOU YOUR TAX RETURN IS BEING AUDITED, AND TELLING YOU WHY YOUR COUNTRY HAS JUST DECLARED WAR.

BINKY!! REPORT TO MY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!! AND WIPE THAT DISGUSTING SIMPER OFF YOUR FACE.

BONUS POINTS

YOU MAY WISH TO ADD TO YOUR LIFETIME SCORE BY GIVING UP ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:



YOUR BRAIN



YOUR BODY



YOUR SOUL

FURTHER BONUS POINTS MAY BE ACCUMULATED BY MARRIAGING OTHERS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE.

SCHOOL'S OUT!
SCHOOL'S OUT!
TEACHER LET THE
MONKEYS OUT!
ONE WAS JAILED!
ONE PREVAILED!
BOTH ASKED GOD:
"HOW HAVE I
FAILED?"

--TRADITIONAL
GRAD SCHOOL CHANT

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SCHOOL IS HELL

THE EXCITING CONCLUSION

LESSON 21:
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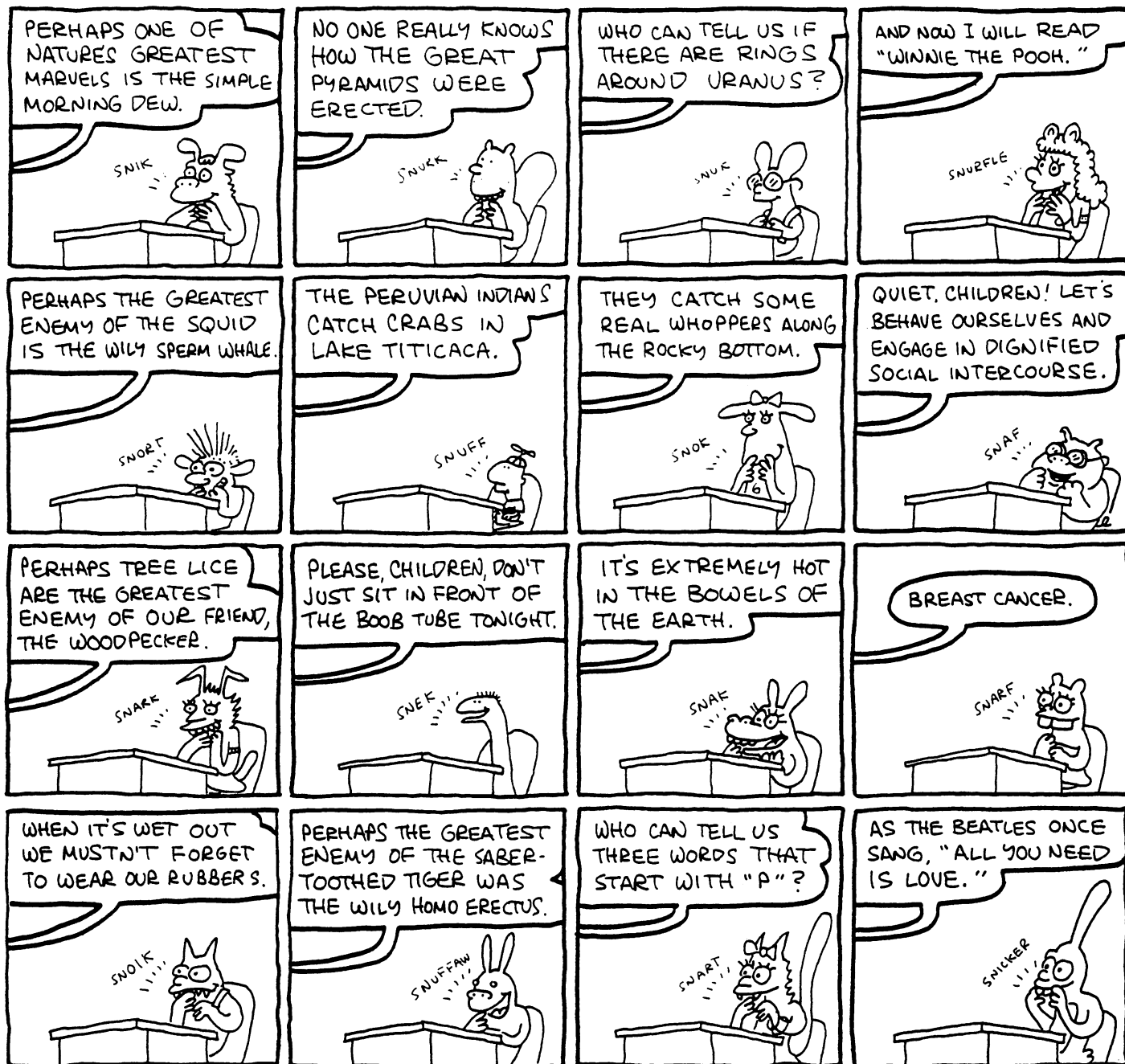
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE:

THOSE WHO CAN, DO. THOSE WHO CAN'T, TEACH. THOSE WHO CAN'T TEACH, COUNSEL. THOSE WHO CAN'T COUNSEL, ADMINISTRATE. THOSE WHO CAN'T ADMINISTRATE, ENTER DATA INTO THE COMPUTER. THOSE WHO CAN'T ENTER DATA INTO THE COMPUTER, TAKE DICTATION. THOSE WHO CAN'T TAKE DICTATION, ALPHABETIZE FILES. THOSE WHO CAN'T ALPHABETIZE FILES, ANSWER THE PHONE. THOSE WHO CAN'T ANSWER THE PHONE, FRY HAMBURGERS. THOSE WHO CAN'T FRY HAMBURGERS, RUN THE CASH REGISTER. THOSE WHO CAN'T RUN THE CASH REGISTER, WAIT ON TABLES. THOSE WHO CAN'T WAIT ON TABLES, CARRY DIRTY DISHES TO THE KITCHEN. THOSE WHO CAN'T CARRY DIRTY DISHES TO THE KITCHEN, WASH THE DIRTY DISHES. THOSE WHO CAN'T WASH DIRTY DISHES, PEEL POTATOES. THOSE WHO CAN'T PEEL POTATOES, BUFF THE FLOOR. THOSE WHO CAN'T BUFF THE FLOOR, HAUL OUT THE GARBAGE. THOSE WHO CAN'T HAUL OUT THE GARBAGE, WRITE POETRY. THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE POETRY, WRITE CLEVER LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE CLEVER LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, WRITE ANGRY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE ANGRY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, SPRAYPAINT GRAFFITI. THOSE WHO CAN'T SPRAYPAINT GRAFFITI, WRITE SCREENPLAYS. THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE SCREENPLAYS, WRITE TV SCRIPTS. THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE TV SCRIPTS, READ SCRIPTS FOR THE STUDIOS. THOSE WHO CAN'T READ SCRIPTS FOR THE STUDIOS, ACT. THOSE WHO CAN'T ACT, TAKE ACTING CLASSES. THOSE WHO CAN'T TAKE ACTING CLASSES, SING. THOSE WHO CAN'T SING, SING ROCK 'N' ROLL. THOSE WHO CAN'T SING ROCK 'N' ROLL, SING IT ANYWAY. THOSE WHO CAN'T SING IT ANYWAY, BECOME DEPRESSED. THOSE WHO CAN'T BECOME DEPRESSED, GET BITTER. THOSE WHO CAN'T GET BITTER, GET CONFUSED. THOSE WHO GET CONFUSED, STAY CONFUSED. THOSE WHO STAY CONFUSED, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED SENTENCES. THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED SENTENCES, _____.

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TEACHERS' GUIDE TO WORDS THAT MAKE KIDS SNICKER



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TWENTY YEARS AGO -- IN
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KEEPING A DIARY.
HERE IT IS.

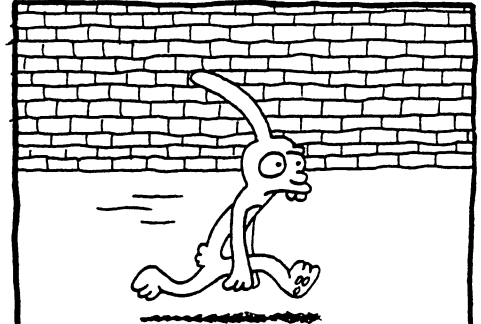
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PART ONE

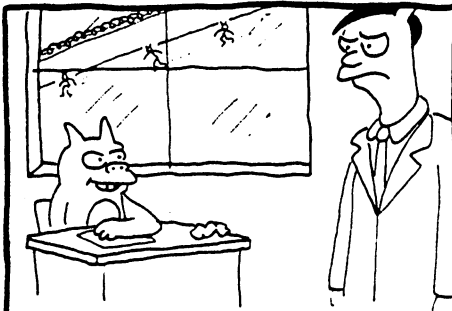
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April 5, 1965
Today it was nice out.
Mr. Shute, my teacher, wasn't
in a good mood.



If you get in trouble you
have to run laps around the
field for a half hour. Only six
kids got in trouble, including me.



Today Spike got in trouble for
scattering trash around his desk
so he had to clean every desk
on the 2nd floor of the school.



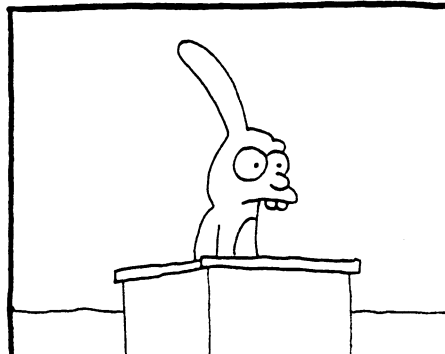
When he was holding a broom
behind Mr. Shute's back he
shook it at him and Mr. Shute saw.



Boy, I wonder what happened
when he took Spike out of the room.



Mr. Shute gave us a lecture today
because somebody dropped an
encyclopedia out the window.
It almost hit some guys.



It seems like I have been in
the 5th grade a million years.



Oh no, I just remembered I
have to get a haircut tomorrow.
Maybe Mom will forget.

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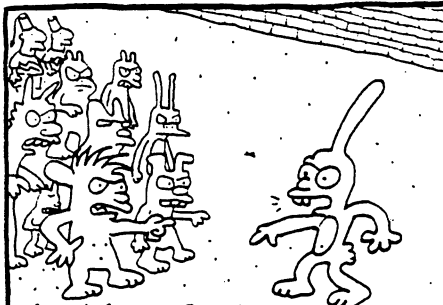
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MOST OF US HAVE FORGOTTEN
WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE IN
SCHOOL.
I TOOK NOTES.

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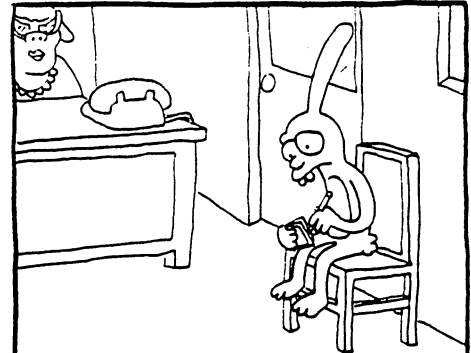
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April 6, 1965

7 people got in trouble today, including me. During recess some kids were cheating and I was yelling at them and they were yelling at me.



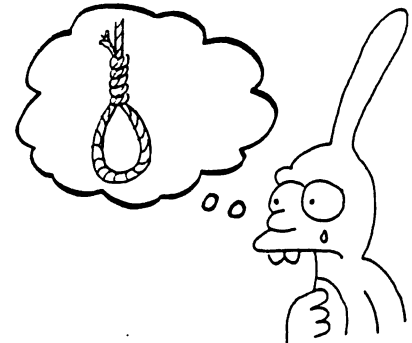
They told Mr. Shute and he made me go to the principal's office. I am in the office now writing this.



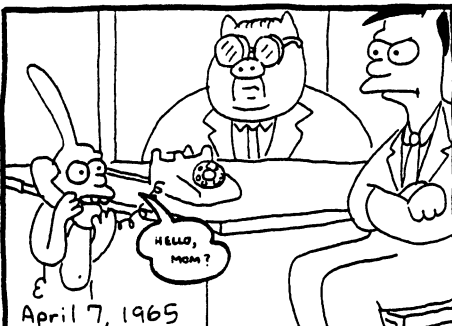
I wish I could beat up everyone who got me in trouble but I would just get in more trouble.



I got problems enough for saying Mr. Shute is the worst teacher in my life. Boy I'm in trouble.



Maybe I should commit suicide.
P.S. I got the haircut.



April 7, 1965

They didn't call my parents. Instead, they sat there and made me call them. Lucky my dad went on a trip.



The principal talked to me and Mr. Shute in his office. He talked about Babe Ruth. I said I would be good and he said we'll see the progress on Friday.



Spike N. and me got in trouble today. Spike threw a spitwad and I said quit it. You weren't supposed to talk so we both got in trouble. I had to go back to the office again.

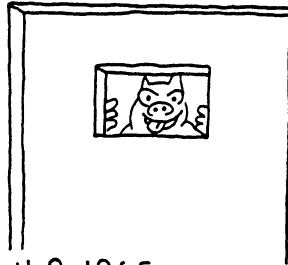
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YES, THIS IS TRUE,
EXCEPT THE NAMES.

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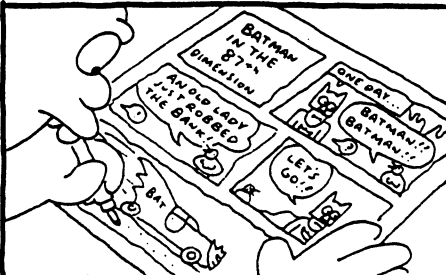
April 8, 1965

Not to many guys got in trouble today. I did. During English Spike was making wisecracks so Mr. Shute kicked

him out of the room. He stood on his tiptoes and looked in the window on the door and made faces at me. Just now Mr. Shute let Spike in the room. He made him stand at attention in the corner without leaning against anything. Tomorrow we have to work on memorising poems. Ecch! I had to stay after school for 15 minutes.

April 9, 1965

Not very many guys got in trouble today. After school I went to my swimming lessons. I know how to swim real good, but I practice anyway to get better. Tomorrow I have to get



up early to go to some swimming races. I hope I'll win. I got to stay over night at Nigel's house. For dinner we had ham. Melvin, Nigel's little brother, kept throwing food at me. After dinner we drew comics and watched TV until

Melvin's father told us to go to bed early, so I could go to the races early. We were supposed to be in bed by 9:00, but we went to bed at 11:30.

April 10, 1965

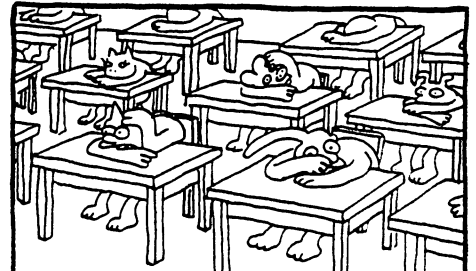
I lost at the races.

April 12, 1965

Today Mr. Shute said, "If you're not quiet when we go out to play softball, we'll put our heads on our desks for 1/2 an hour." Somebody talked.

April 13, 1965

Nigel is allergic to chocolate



and oranges. When he eats them his face gets puffed up like a monkey. Spike was making a spitwad and Mr. Shute said to spit it out and put his name on the board. He heaved the spitwad out the window. He really

got in trouble. Altogether, 10 guys got in trouble today. In the afternoon Mr. Shute cracked a joke. Spike made a real fake laugh. When everyone else stopped laughing he just kept on. During recess Nigel threw a bat at me and it hit me in the head. Then I pounded him. Then Freckles threw a ball as hard as he could at me just cause I bounced a ball off his head. He was standing 6 feet away when he threw it.

April 14, 1965

It's the Anniversary of the



Halifax Independence Resolution today. I loaned Freckles 11¢.

April 15, 1965

I forgot to tell you why I am keeping this. It is because someday when I am prez of the U.S. or something like that, I'll publish it and

make a lot of money if I don't die. Only 3 people got in trouble today. No, 4 did. Lice Head, Freckles, and Jeff got in trouble. So did Spike. When you get in trouble you have to write your name on the board so he can remember whose in trouble. Some guys write their name small so he can't see it, but he does anyhow. Well, Spike wrote his name in GIANT letters across the board. He wrote so big he couldn't get the "E" on the board. Shute took Spike down to the principal.

MORE NOTES FROM THE
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CAREFREE DAYS OF YOUTH

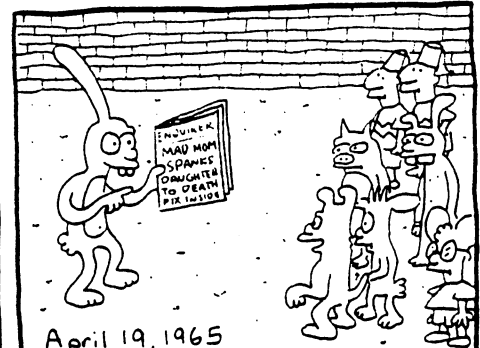
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April 17, 1965

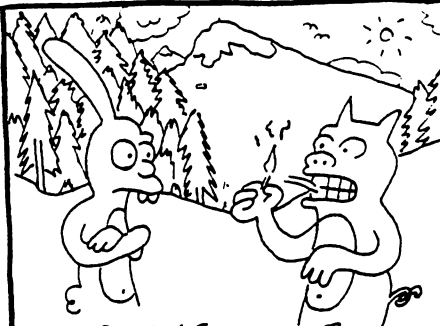
Today me and dad got up early and drove to the McKenzie R. We went there to watch the guys go down the rapids in rafts and boats. When we got there we had to wade over to this island. The water was real cold. One boat was just 100 intertubes all tied together. It was real neat. On the island I found a newspaper. It had all these gory news articles. One was about this lady who spanked her daughter to death. They also showed this picture of a man with his head cut off. He tried to crawl under a train.



April 19, 1965

Today I took the paper to school. Lots of guys thought it was cool. I sold it to Bill Butler for 20¢. He said he was going to frame the picture of

the man with his head cut off. But Mr. Shute took it away and ripped it up. Bill cried. What a baby! All together, 10 people got in trouble today. Some guys got in trouble twice. I didn't. I only got in trouble once. After school I went to the store to get another copy of the newspaper. I told mom I went to the library. I've decided I was a sucker to buy it. At dinner I told dad about some things in school that I thought were pretty funny, but Dad got mad. Next time I will keep my mouth shut.



April 20, 1965

It's Hitler's birthday today. Spike can strike a match across his teeth. 6 guys got in trouble today. I didn't. Jim and Joe were both

trying to catch a baseball and they ran into each other. Joe really got mangled up. He is going to really have a big bump on his head.

April 21, 1965

At school the person that makes up the best slogan about keeping the school clean gets it printed in the school bulletin. The best one in a month gets a prize. We don't know what the prize is. I won once and got it printed. My slogan was Keep the school spic and span, It is not a garbage can.



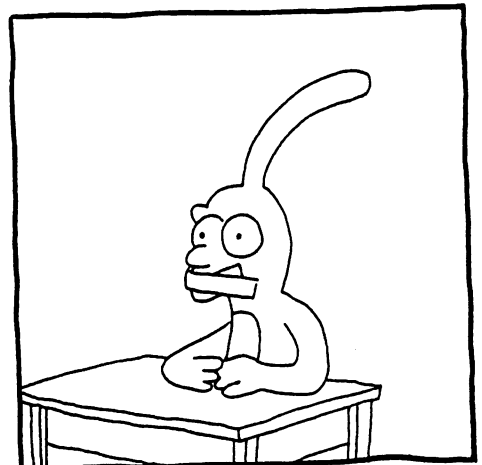
April 22, 1965

People got in trouble 26 times today. Spike N. was whispering in the library so Mr. Shute made him write a 1000 word essay. After

school I went to David Weinman's birthday party. We went to the circus. It was really cool. The tiger peed on the ball and the trainer put his hand in it. I couldn't believe it.

April 23, 1965

Mr. Shute taped my mouth shut all afternoon because he saw me whispering to Freckles Jackson. Every one laughed when he put the tape on. I guess that is why he did it, to make me feel stupid.



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MORE TROUBLE.

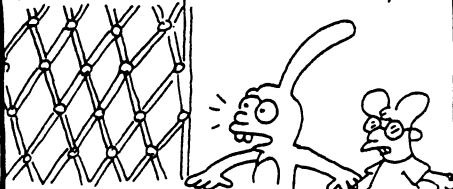
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PART FIVE
BY MATT GROENING

April 24, 1965

It was my sister, Lisa's birthday yesterday. She had a party. She went rollerskating. One of the presents she got was chocolate toothpaste. I got to taste Lisa's toothpaste today. It makes you want to throw up. In the afternoon Nigel and me went to the zoo. It was real neat. After we went to the zoo we went to the museum. Outside their was a passenger car from a train on display. It was dumb because the doors were locked and you couldn't get inside. Then we found out the

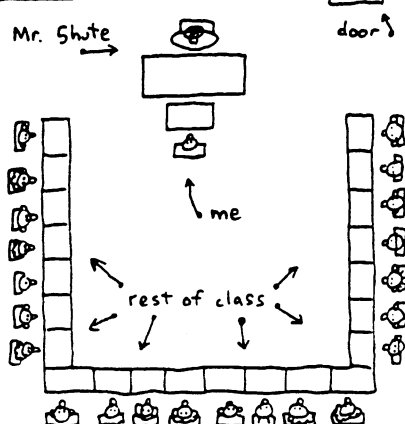
window on the door was broken. We reached inside the door and opened it from the inside. We went in and closed the door. All the kids wanted to get in but we wouldn't let them. Suddenly some



teenagers yelled they were gonna get us and started over to one end of the train. You bet we were scared! We ran to the other end and opened the door but there

was a tall gate that wouldn't swing open. We looked around but the teenagers weren't there. They had gone away. After while a police man came. When he started to get in the train and get us we ran to the other end. This time we climbed over the gate and jumped. Nigel went first. Just as he hit the ground and started to run, the policeman came. I thot I would get arrested, but I escaped. You bet we were lucky!
April 26, 1965

I HATE MR. SHUTE! I got in trouble for talking so Mr. Shute arranged the desks so I am by myself in front of his desk. Spike and Nigel can throw



things at me and I won't be able to see it. I can't do anything.

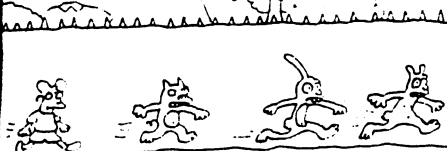
April 27, 1965

Boy, some of the guys at Ainsworth are real crums. Sometime I'll wright about em. In math today I missed 28 problems. Who cares. I skipped breakfast and lunch today.

April 28, 1965

Boy, I sure hate Mr. Shute. Today just cause one guy was cheating he made us do excersizes for the whole period. It was real crummy. First we had to do jumping jacks. Then situps.

Then pushups. Then some others. After about 20 minutes (which doesn't seem very long but really it is. If you don't believe me try it) he let us stop. Then we had to run 3 laps around the feild.



The last 3 guys had to do 3 extra laps and 25 pushups. Nigel, Brad, and David had to do the extra 3 laps and stuff. They cried

April 29, 1965

Today I saw the best fight I've seen in a long time. It happened on the bus on the way to school. Mealy and his little brother got into an argument. First they were hitting but after awhile they really started slugging. All this happened wile they were sitting down. Suddenly Mealy dropped a cake he had in his lap right on the floor.

April 30, 1965

Mr. Shute got so mad today he threw some chalk at Spike. Spike ducked. I got in trouble so during

recess I had to stand in the corner under the shed. I didn't have anything to do so I taught myself to blow spit bubbles off the end of my tongue.



May 3, 1965

I have to write "I must remember to be quiet in class" 500 times and turn it in tomorrow.

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X-Ray Specs. Dirt clods.
The Life Story of the Paramecium.
The Life Cycle of the Liver Fluke.
Other People's Feelings.

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PART SIX

BY MATT GROENING

1. I must remember to be quiet
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20. I must remember to be quiet

For some reason, Matt tells me that I must sign this. *Heaven Groening*
For some reason, Matt tells me that I must sign this. *Heaven Groening*
For some reason, Matt. Oh well. You got the idea. *Heaven Groening*

May 4, 1965

When I turned in my 500 sentences Mr. Shute tried to rip it up but I made him give it back. After school Jeff R. and me went downtown to see a magic store. We were going to buy some giant balloons but they costed too much. At the store we saw some glasses called X-Ray Specs. You can see through things with them. I wonder if it really works. I was gonna get it but it cost a dollar and that is too much.

May 5, 1965

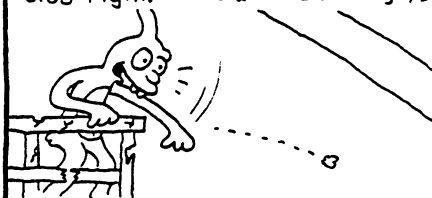
I'm really not gonna get those X-Ray Specs now. Spike told me they

just got a picture of some bones on the glasses. No matter what you look at, your hand or a wall, you'll see bones. Nigel's face really got puffed up from the allergy today. The right side of his mouth got puffed up, the left of his nose got puffed up and his left eye got all swollen. He looked like a monster.

May 6, 1965

Nothing much happened today. After school I went to the Multnomah Athletic Club. Me and Glenn and Spike and Randall and Cal went down under the Multnomah Stadium and

played tag in the dark at the handball courts. After we got tired of that we had a cool dirt clod fight. While all the other guys



were fighting down below, I climbed up these old rotten stairs you weren't supposed to use, because they were rotten. When I got up there

I could throw dirt clods on the guys below, who didn't know I was up there. After awhile a guy told us to get out, so we left. After I went swimming I went home.

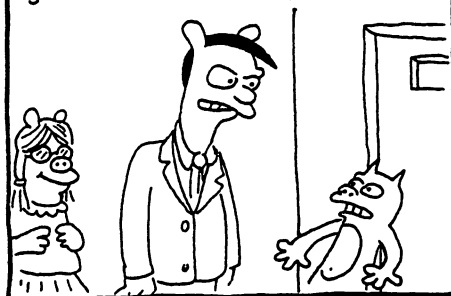
May 7, 1965

We have to see the dumbest movies at school like The Life Story of the Paramecium. I'm making a graph on how many times people get in trouble in our class. Six guys got in trouble today, including me.

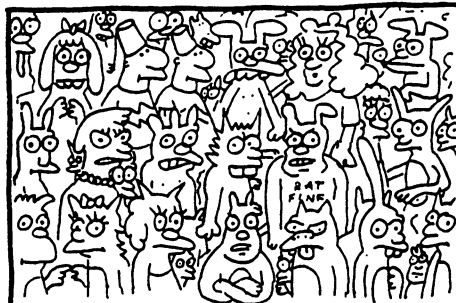
May 11, 1965

Today Spike got in trouble cause when we were watching a movie on

Brazil they showed this picture of some pigs. Spike said, "There's Francine." Francine is real fat, and Mr. Shute got real mad. He got so mad he made Spike write a



1000 word essay on the life cycle of the liverfluke. The reason Mr. Shute that of that was 'cause we saw a movie yesterday called "Other People's Feelings." It was old and corny. Most old things are. I'd say the movie was made in the 40's. It was about this girl named Judy who had a bottle of perfume. When she went to school a boy bumped into her and she dropped the perfume all over the floor. Then he called her Stinky all the time. Finally she



starts crying. Right during class. Then the stupid narrator says "What should Judy have done?" Most everybody said Pound the boy.

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BABOONS, RECESS, FLYING
SAUCERS, POLITICS, MODERN
ART, TROUBLE, AND GIRLS

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PART SEVEN

BY MATT GROENING



May 8, 1965

Today me and Jeff went to the zoo. At the zoo we found a bag of carmel corn in the garbage can. We fed some of the carmel corn to the monkeys. We didn't eat any cause we found it in the garbage can. There was this baboon there that was real ferocious and mean, even worse than gorillas. He was the biggest and he would take all the food away from the other baboons. We'd hold out some food and he'd reach for it than we pulled it away. This made him real mad. At 1:30 Jeff went home. So did I.



May 10, 1965

6 guys got in trouble today. Jeff, Paul, Cal, and Tom have to write 1000 word essays. Jeff has to write about Luck Bringing Charms. Paul has to write about Napoleonic Wars. Cal has to write about glass blowing. Tom has to write about Volcanoes. Isn't that crusty? At Recess today we played Softball. My team won them 9 to 0. I was pitcher the whole game and 1st up. I saw this ad in a mag about this book called The Hollow Earth. What a crazy book. It's supposed to be true. Here's the



article: Revealed The Underground World of Supermen Discovered by Admiral Byrd.... Under the North Pole.... and Kept Secret by U. S. Government....

Dr. Bernard, noted scholar and author of The Hollow Earth says that the true home of the flying saucers is a huge underground world whose entrance is at the North Pole opening. In the hollow interior of the Earth lives a super race which wants nothing to do with man on the surface. These supermen launched their flying saucers only after man threatened the world with A-bombs. It goes on and on. What a fake!



May 11, 1965

Today we had elections in class. We tried our usual way to get boys in the office. The girls (they are so stupid) couldn't figure it out. You see, we'd keep on having nominations for some office until someone moved they should be closed and all that stuff. Some boy would nominate another boy. No matter who it was no other boy would nominate any other boy. And girls would nominate more and more. When they nominated 7 then we'd close the nominations. The room is half boys, half girls, so when they split up their



vote, we'd all vote for the boy. Boy, was it cool. But they wised up. Now they have stopped nominating so many but still there's some dumb girls that'll nominate their best friends. So I remain until tomorrow (maybe), Matt &.

May 12, 1965

3 guys got in trouble today. The average of people getting in trouble every day is 9.21, according to my graph. At P.E. I was pitch for my team and 2nd up. We beat the other team 11 to 2. Spike has to write a 1000 word essay on Modern Art. After



school the 5th grade boy's team played the 5th grade boy's team of Hayhurst. Half their team was guys that should a been in 7th or 8th grade but they

flunked. One guy was supposed to be a freshman in highschool. They beat us 15 to 3. I played shortstop two innings, got up once, struck out. All the kids will really razz us at school tomorrow.

May 13, 1965

Attention!..... Special On The Spot News Report... No one got in trouble today.... another Ainsworth School first....



... now back to our regular diary.... There's nothing much to tell because nobody got in trouble. The guys at school didn't razz us. (We didn't tell them.)

May 14, 1965

4 guys got in trouble today. Mr. Shute made me and Spike sit on the floor all morning with tape over our mouths because we talked and I gave a bad news report.

May 17, 1965

3 guys got in trouble today. Some dumb girls wanted to have a party at the end



of the year and get Mr. Shute a radio. He isn't worth it.

May 18, 1965

When I got to school I couldn't find my graph. I looted all over the place for it but it was gone. I don't think anyone took it.

May 19, 1965

Today was crusty. Annie got in trouble today. She has to write a 1000 word essay on "The Life and Habitat of the Mongoose." Hardly any girls ever get in trouble because they're good. Annie is pretty nice for a girl, I think.

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CONCLUSION

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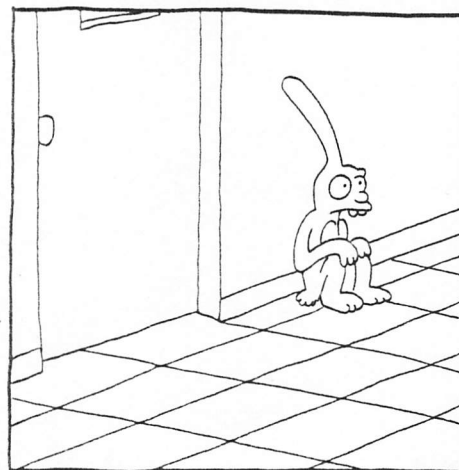
May 20, 1965

Today at school oh shoot I can't write with this dumb pencil.

May 21, 1965

Shoot, I see the spelling isn't so good in this journal. You may not believe this but I am a great speller. It's just that when I'm tired I don't spell good. Crust, I got in trouble today for groaning. Mr. Shute got mad so I get kicked out of the room. Isn't that dumb?!?? Oh, well. Sorry for me. Until I write again I remain

Matt Groening



May 24, 1965

I decided I'll never be prez of the U.S. so I think I'll stop now.

June 10, 1965

I think I'll start again.

Lotsa cool jazz has happened since May 24, but I can't remember all of them. Mr. Shute sure is a bunch of swear words. A couple of days ago he gave me a 1000 word essay on the History of Football. For no reason. Other essays were Life cycle of the whale, Animal life on the Sahara



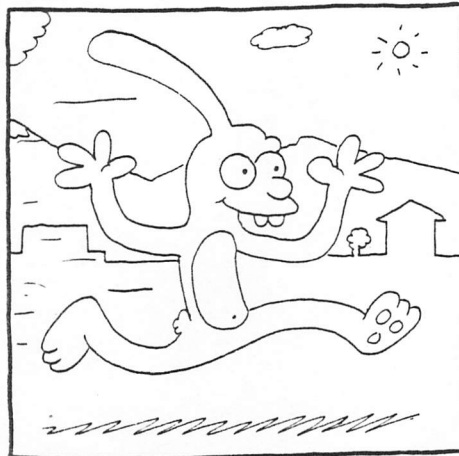
desert, witchcraft, The Fudal Castle, life of Beethoven, diamond mining. You turn it in and he rips it up. Isn't that crusty? Yesterday these guys came over to our school from another to celebrate that they got out of school for the summer. They had these BB guns and they were shooting guys. Melvin and Fartface got hit. Then Mr. Love called the fuzz and they came and hauled em off to Junior Disneyland Hotel. If ya don't know what that means think of J.D.H. Today was the last day of school.

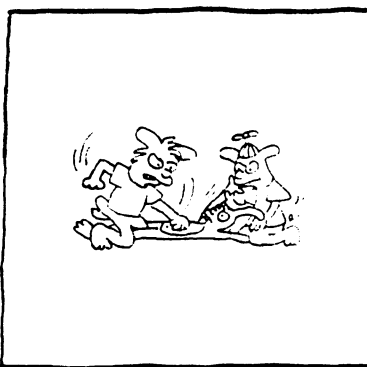
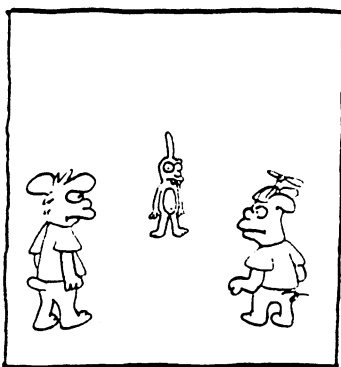
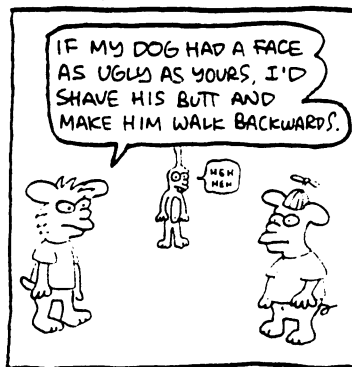
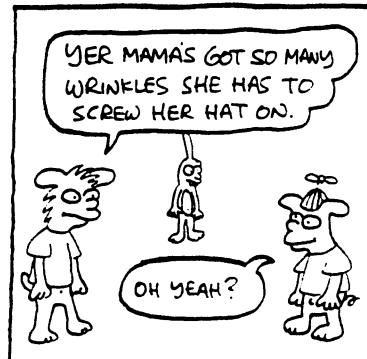
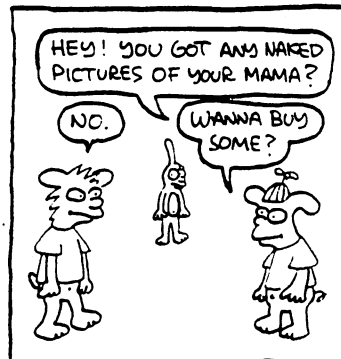
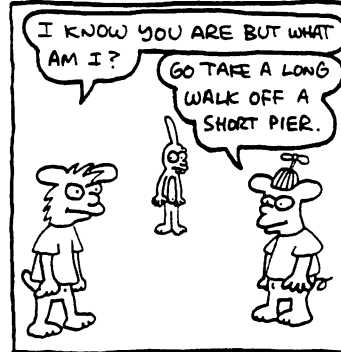
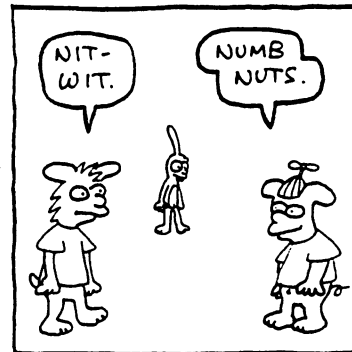
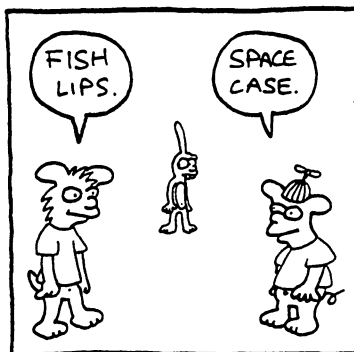
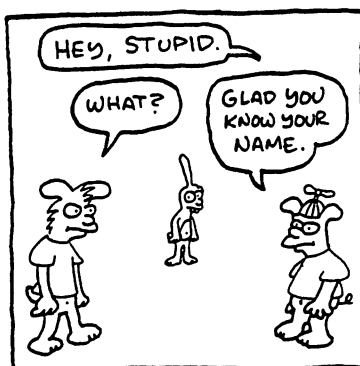


It was the coolest deal ya ever seed. After school me and Spike were really heaving all these water balloons all over. Then these guys came along and heaved about 10 at us. Also I told ya about the party for Shute. The girls didn't have enough money to buy him a radio so they got him sum pencils. Mr. Shute wouldn't let Spike have any refreshments but he had em any way.

P.S. Looking back at the whole school year I have but one thing to say-- I HATE MR. SHUTE!

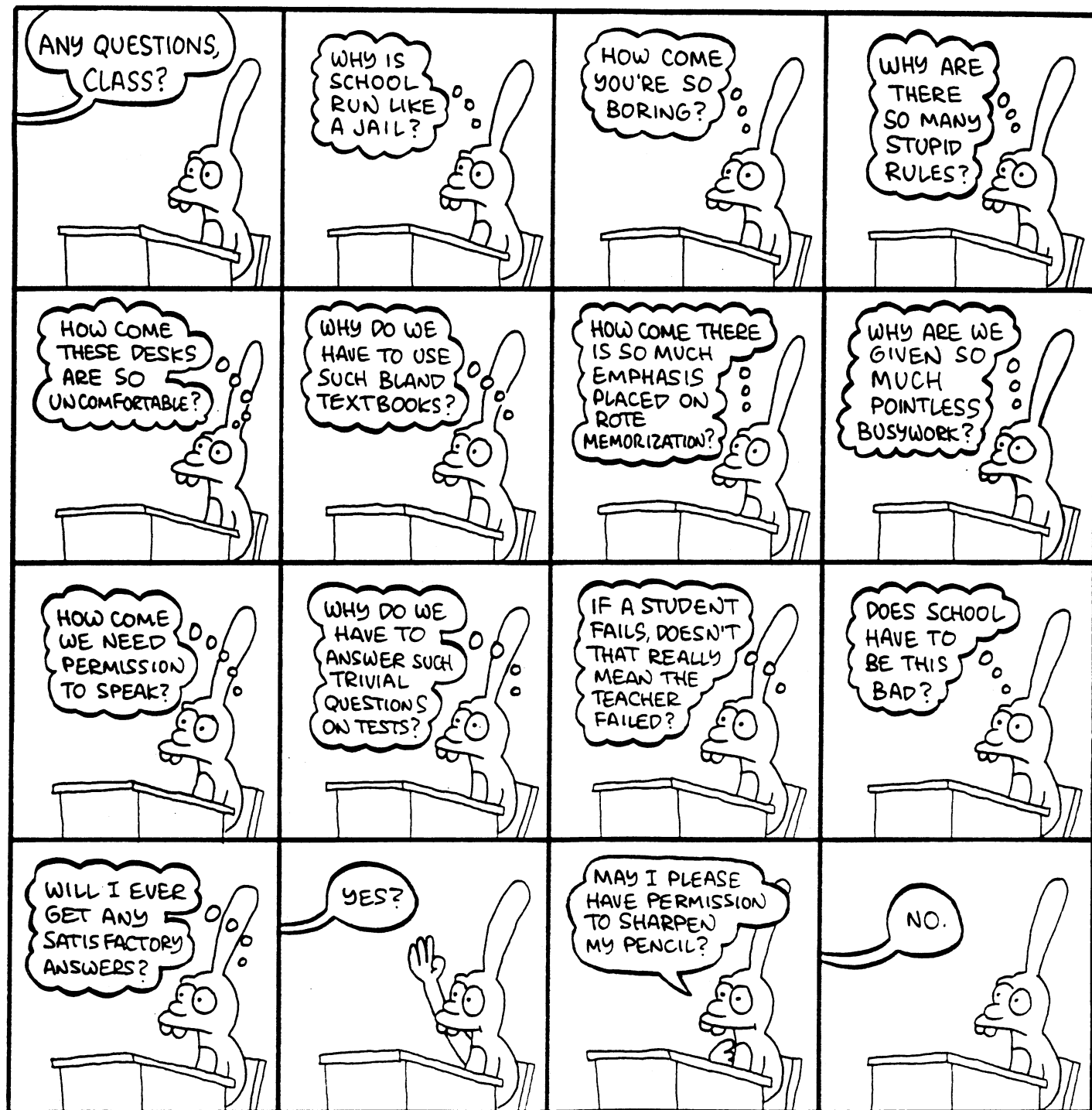
P.S. again, I AM FREE!!!!





LIFE IN HELL

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DISCOVERING THE MISSING JEWEL

by Robert C. Crosby

PURPOSE

To help youth recognize their attitudes and opinions toward school, to challenge them with God's view of wisdom and learning and to help them make the best of their learning situations.

PREPARATION

Arrange three long tables and nine chairs for a panel discussion. Write on a huge poster or a banner-size sheet of paper "The Late Great (back to) School Debate."

Obtain several pieces of standard-size posterboard, three for signs to use on the table in the panel discussion and one for each of the five members. Also obtain ink markers, masking tape and Bibles for the entire group.

Contact three high school teachers, three teenagers, and three of their parents to be on the panel.

Arrange for a guitarist to attend the meeting to lead the songs. An assortment of enjoyable choruses can be found in **Communion**, Sparrow Records, 8025 Deering, Canoga Park, CA 91304.

Prepare the debate quiz list found in the "Meat" of the Meeting.

Assign two individuals to prepare refreshments and two people to be "survival agents" in a "survival sign-up." These agents arrive early to register youth for the giveaway and to list the main "survival

tactics" they use to make it through high school. Example: "Every Friday my friends and I go to dinner and talk about the past week."

Consider giving gifts such as books to the panel participants.

OPENING

To set a warm mood for the meeting, you might want to play upbeat Christian music. Christian bookstores often have a good selection of music. As the young people arrive, the "survival agents" begin the "survival sign-up."

Open the meeting with praise songs. Then give the youth a few minutes to tell what they dislike most about school.

THE "MEAT" OF THE MEETING

Have the survival agents highlight some of the "survival tactics."

Seat the three teachers at one table, three parents at the second table, and three students at the third table. Try to get a good balance of responses from all three tables. Begin the panel discussion. Questions can be along the line of:

- Where would you place school on the "priorities totem pole"?
- How much time should be spent studying?
- What should a student look

for in a school friend?

- How involved should young Christian people be in extra-curricular activities?
- What are your goals for this school year?
- What are the biggest hassles of school?
- How would you change your school?
- What will motivate a student to study and learn?
- How can parents and teachers help a student's school life?
- How can a Christian student divide the wheat from the chaff in what is taught?
- Does school help you in the growth of your faith?
- What should be expected of a student by teachers and parents?

As you close the debate, distribute the gifts to the panel members. If you have time, there is a second part to this meeting—A Peek at Paul's Prayin'.

Divide into small groups and appoint group leaders. Provide each group with a piece of posterboard and ink markers. Then give the groups the following assignments: Your mission is to take a peek at the prayers of Paul. What was he asking God to do for the Christians in Ephesus, Philippi and Colossae? In single words, cover your board with Paul's requests. Study Ephesians 1:17-19; 3:14-19; Philippians 1:9-11; and Colossians 1:9-14.

Allow 20 minutes, then let everyone view the completed posters, and ask for explanations and discussion.

RESPONSE (OR CLOSING)

To "cap" the meeting, give a short teaching on the subject of wisdom. Consider God's teachings regarding students' attitudes toward teachers and school authorities. Apply Romans 13:1-5.

Discuss what God expects of students. Consider 2 Corinthians 8:7. Other verses to be included are Proverbs 1:5; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; and James 3:17.

Select a student to close in prayer. Serve the refreshments.

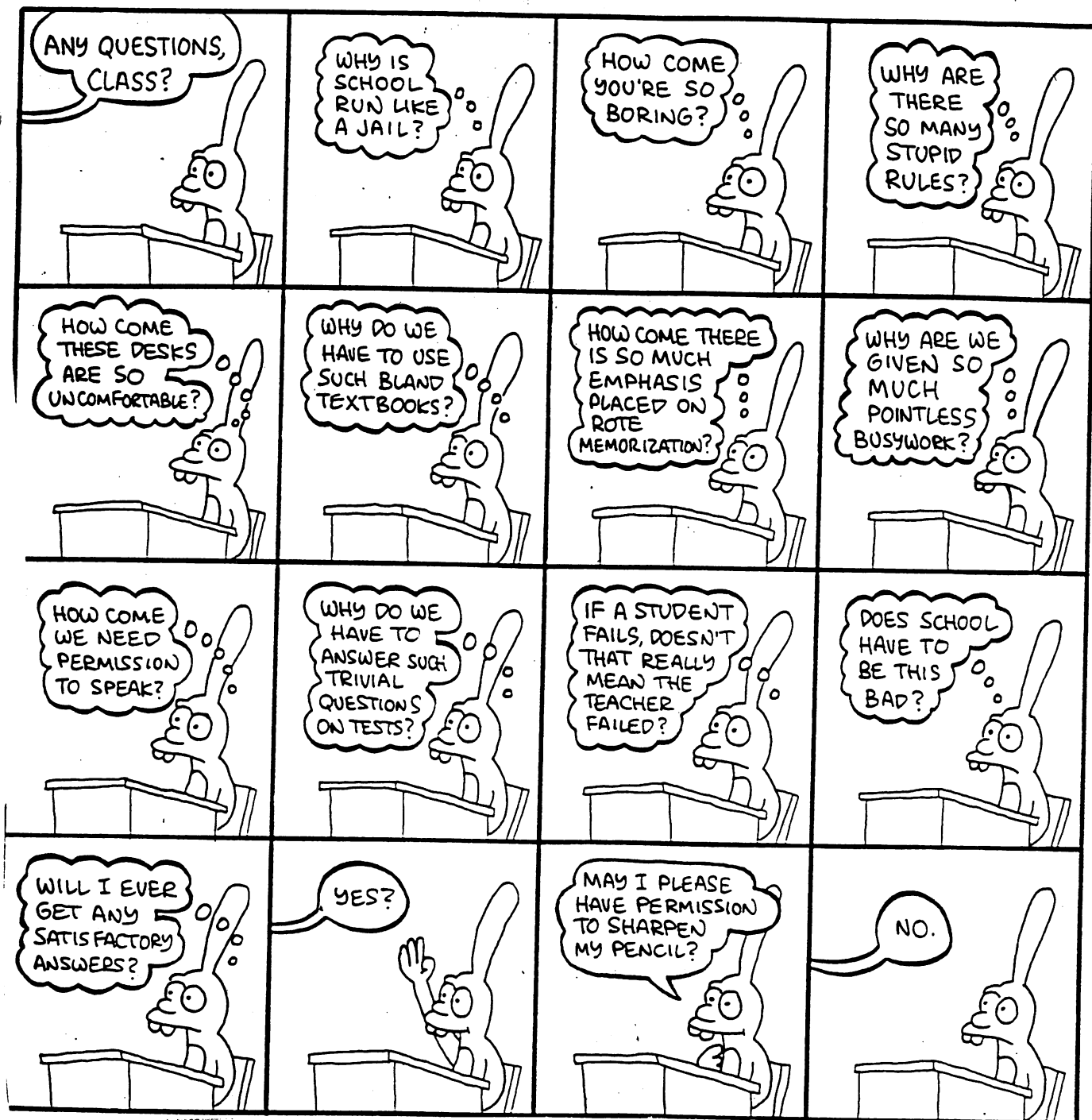
HELPFUL RESOURCES

Education: A Christian View, by John W. Alexander, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 233 Langdon, Madison, WI 53703.

Shepherds and Sheep: A Biblical View of Leading and Following, by Jerram Barrs, InterVarsity Press, P.O. Box F, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Walking in Wisdom, by William E. Mouser Jr., InterVarsity Press, P.O. Box F, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Survive: The Art of Getting Through High School, Tyndale House, 336 Gunderson Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187.



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6 A CARTOON ABOUT WISING UP

WAKE UP! YOU'LL BE
LATE FOR YOUR FIRST
DAY OF SCHOOL!

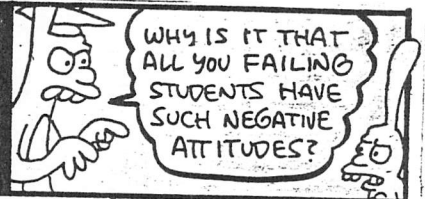
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YOU!!! THE
QUIET ONE IN
THE BACK!! STAND UP
AND TELL US THE ANSWER!!
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SCHOOL IS HELL

THE CARTOON THAT HAS TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR MAKING CRAZY EYES OUT OF THE "O'S IN "SCHOOL"

WHAT I LEARNED IN SCHOOL



1ST GRADE

WE'RE ALL GOING TO PUT OUR HEADS ON OUR DESKS UNTIL THE NASTY LITTLE BOY WHO DEFECCATED IN THE URINAL COMES FORWARD.

2ND GRADE

YOU SAY YOUR GRANDMOTHER IS FROM RUSSIA? I'M VERY SORRY TO HEAR THAT. YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD IN RUSSIA, AND CHRISTMAS IS AGAINST THE LAW THERE.

3RD GRADE

THE CLASS HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE READING GROUPS. THE GOLD GROUP AND THE SILVER GROUP WILL STAY HERE. THE BROWN GROUP WILL GO TO A SPECIAL ROOM IN THE BASEMENT.

4TH GRADE

AND YOU'LL STAY IN THE GARBAGE CAN UNTIL YOU CAN BE A GOOD CITIZEN.

5TH GRADE

DRAW A SMALL CIRCLE ON THE BLACKBOARD.

NOW STICK YOUR NOSE ON IT WHILE THE REST OF THE CLASS GOES OUT FOR RECESS.

6TH GRADE

THANK YOU FOR WRITING "I MUST REMEMBER TO BE CHEERFUL AND OBEY" 500 TIMES. NOW WATCH WHILE I SLOWLY RIP IT UP BEFORE YOUR EYES.

7TH GRADE

OK. SEX EDUCATION. UM, IS THERE ANYONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW?

GOOD. NEXT: DENTAL HYGIENE.

8TH GRADE

YOU LITTLE BRATS ARE LAUGHING NOW-- BUT YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING WHEN YOU GET TO HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE THERE ARE GANGS, DRUG-PUSHERS, AND NEGROES.

9TH GRADE

PERHAPS THIS FLUNKING GRADE WILL STEER YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

10TH GRADE

SO YOU THINK MARCHING IN THE HIPPIY-TRIPPY PEACE DEMONSTRATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SCHOOL, EH? THEN I GUESS THIS "F" WON'T MATTER MUCH.

11TH GRADE

I'M AFRAID THAT INSOLENT REMARK ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT WILL GO ON YOUR PERMANENT RECORD, YOUNG MAN.

12TH GRADE

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GET THROUGH LIFE DRAWING SILLY CARTOONS, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING.

1ST YEAR COLLEGE

MR. GRO-NIK, I'M GETTING BAD VIBES FROM YOU. THE REST OF THE CLASS GROKS WHAT IS GOING ON-- WHY START WITH YOU?

2ND YEAR

THE SOONER YOU ALL FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE LAZY, UNTALENTED LOSERS, UNFIT TO KISS THE FEET OF A GENIUS LIKE FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, THE BETTER OFF YOU'LL BE.

3RD YEAR

LISTEN, I'LL GIVE YOU FULL CREDIT AS LONG AS YOU DON'T COME AROUND AND BOTHER ME ANYMORE.

FINAL YEAR

YOU DO WHAT YOU DO TOLERABLY WELL, MR. GRO-NIG. NOW YOU MUST ASK YOURSELF: IS IT WORTH DOING?