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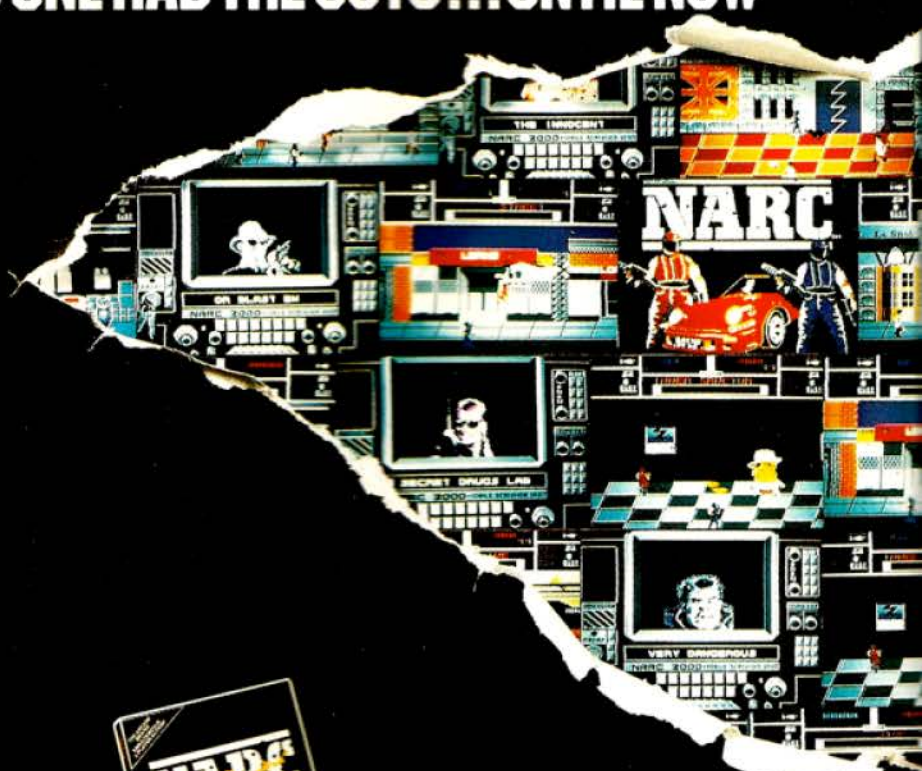
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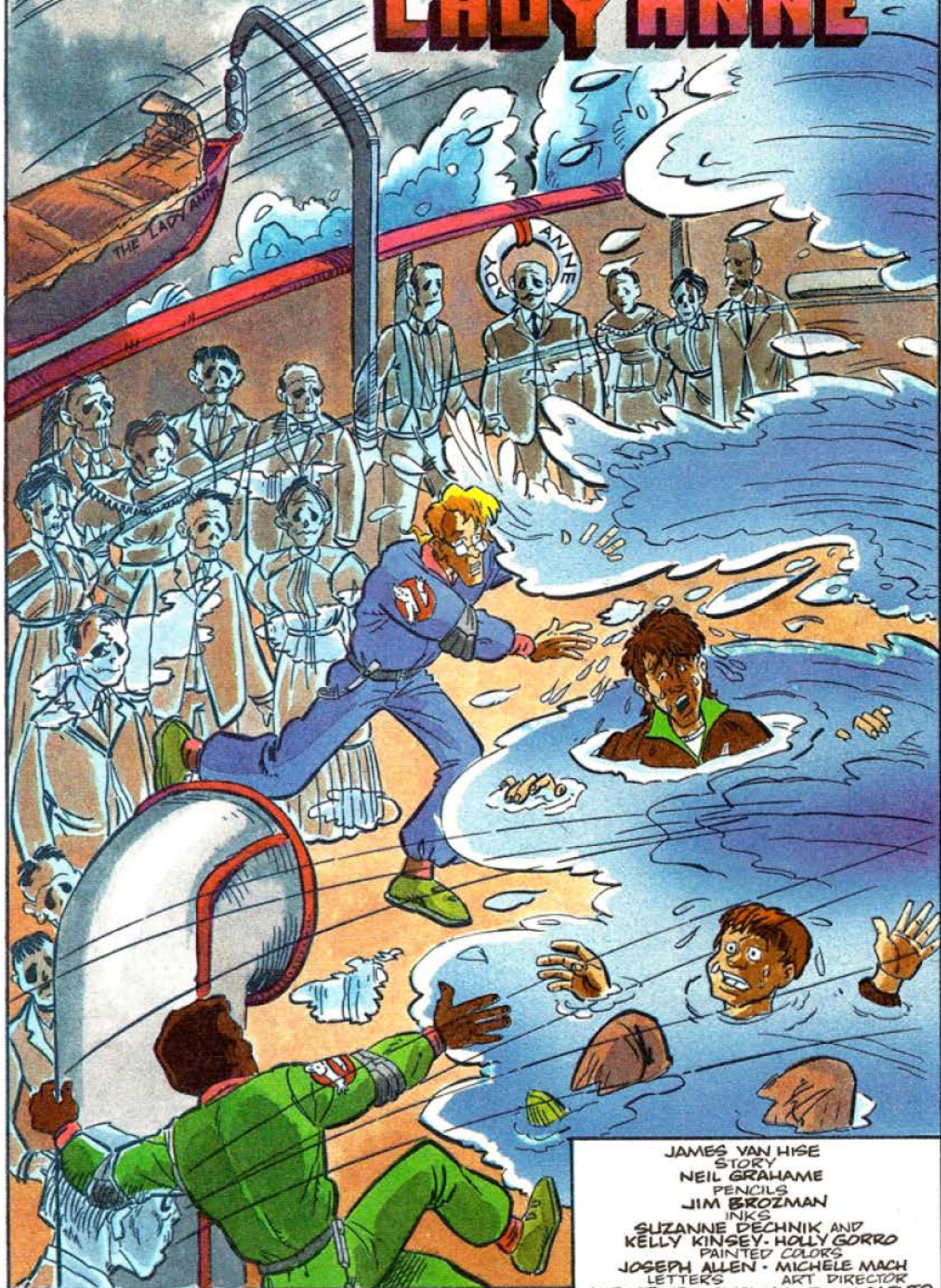


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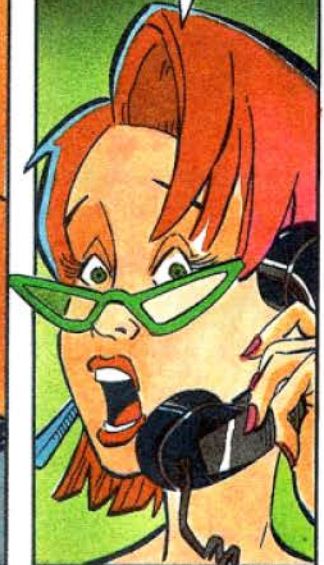
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YOU GOTTA COME
OUT HERE!
YOU WON'T
BELIEVE
THIS!



TRUST ME,
I'VE HEARD IT
ALL SEVERAL
TIMES.



WELL, AND
I HAVEN'T,
AND I WISH I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT I KNOW
NOW! THIS IS TOO BIG
FOR ME! IT MAY EVEN
BE TOO BIG FOR THE
GHOSTBUSTERS!

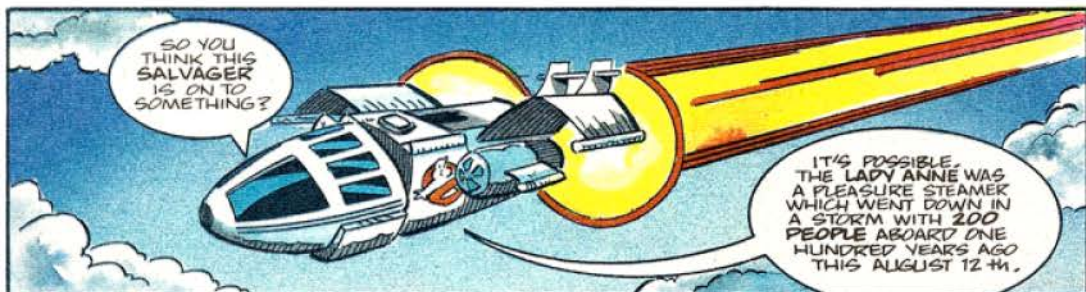


ALL RIGHT, YOU
TOLD 'EM, NOW LET'S
CLEAR OUT! WE CAN
TAKE THE BOAT UP TO
LAKE SUPERIOR,
ANYWHERE THAT'S
FAR FROM HERE!



NO, I'VE GOTTA
SEE THIS THROUGH.
I KNOW WHERE THE
LADY ANNE IS AND IT'S
GOT TO BE STOPPED...

... BEFORE THE
MANITOWI WINDS
COME OR NOTHING
AROUND HERE WILL
EVER BE THE SAME
AGAIN!



SO YOU THINK THIS SALVAGER IS ON TO SOMETHING?

IT'S POSSIBLE. THE LADY ANNE WAS A PLEASURE STEAMER WHICH WENT DOWN IN A STORM WITH 200 PEOPLE ABOARD ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS AUGUST 12 TH.



A SUMMER STORM CAUGHT THE SHIP UN-AWARES AS IT CROSSED LAKE MICHIGAN. IT'S NEVER BEEN FOUND. LOTS OF LEGENDS SPRANG UP AROUND IT.

SO THEY THOUGHT OF US, RIGHT? TAKES A LEGEND TO FIND A LEGEND!



HEY, I COULD GET USED TO A PLACE LIKE THIS!



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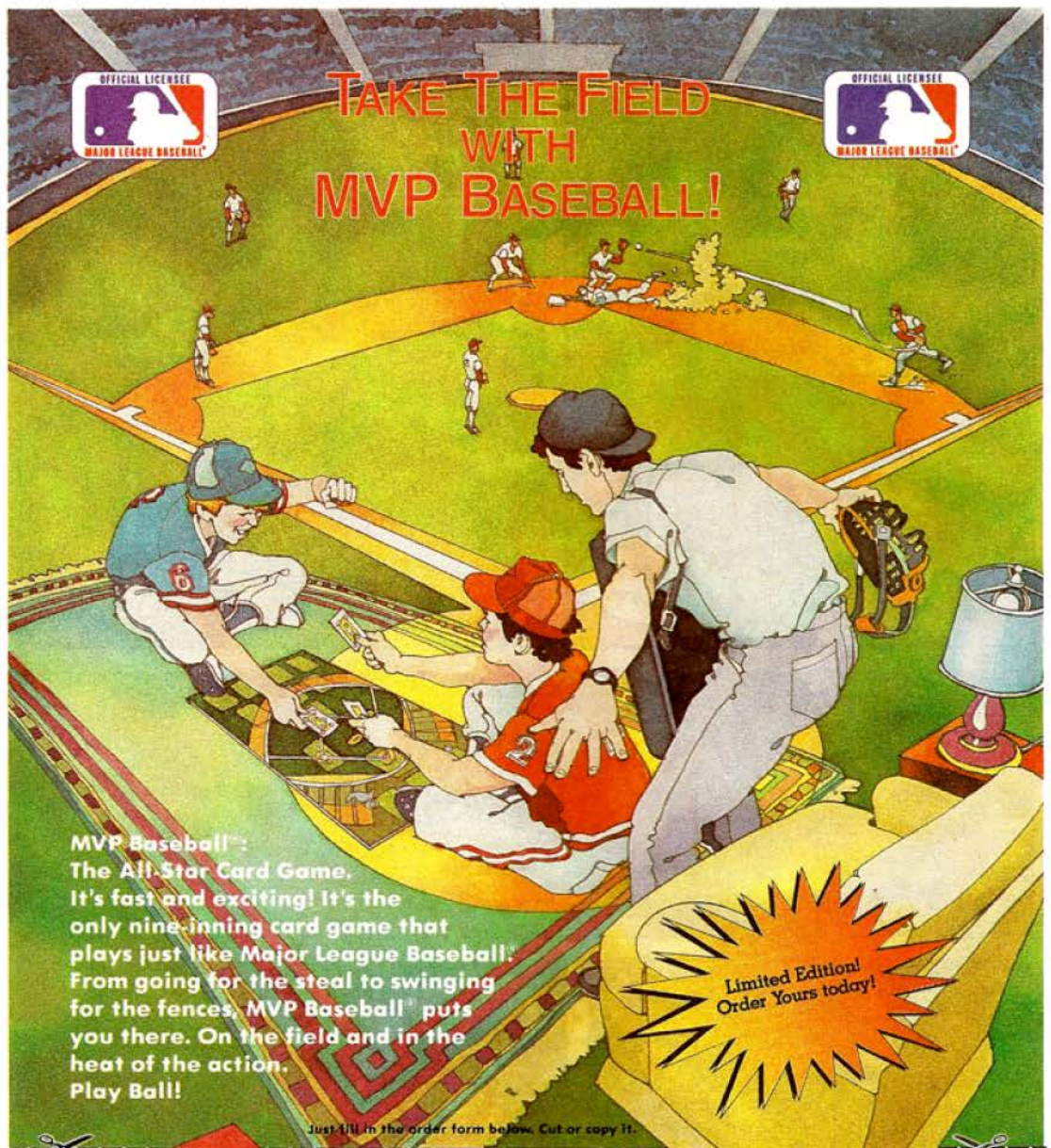
I'M SURE THAT LOCKING IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT.

IT WON'T BE IF WHAT CONNOLLY WARNED US ABOUT GETS HERE!





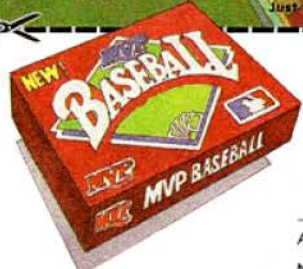
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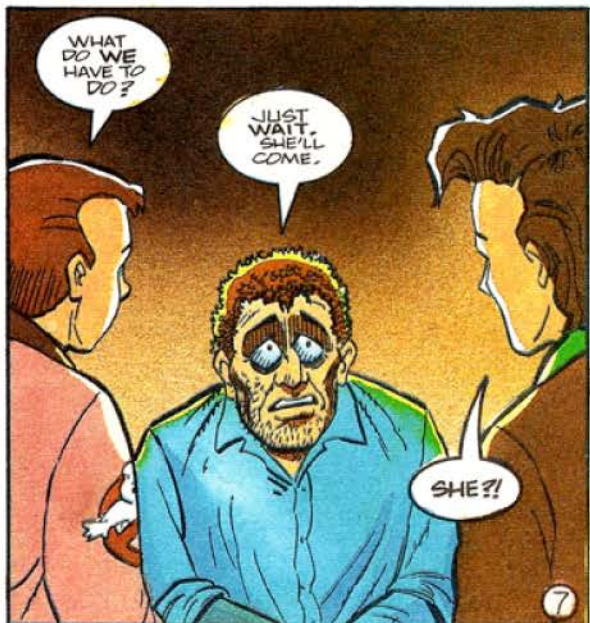
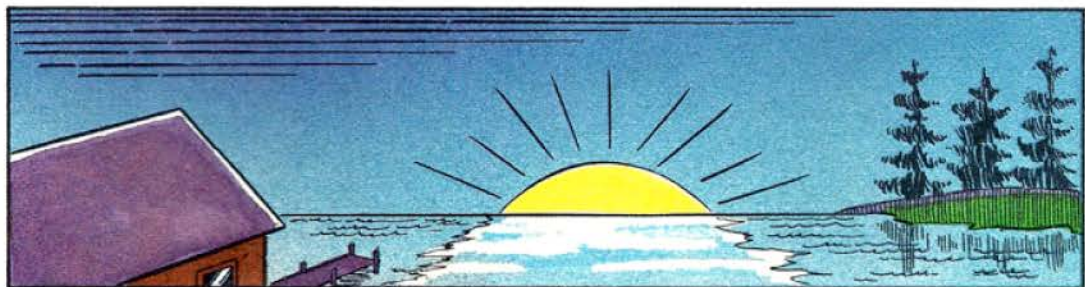
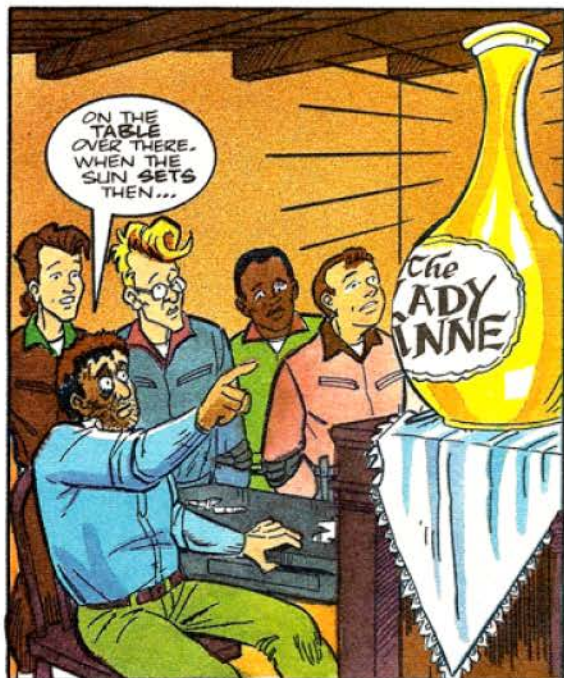
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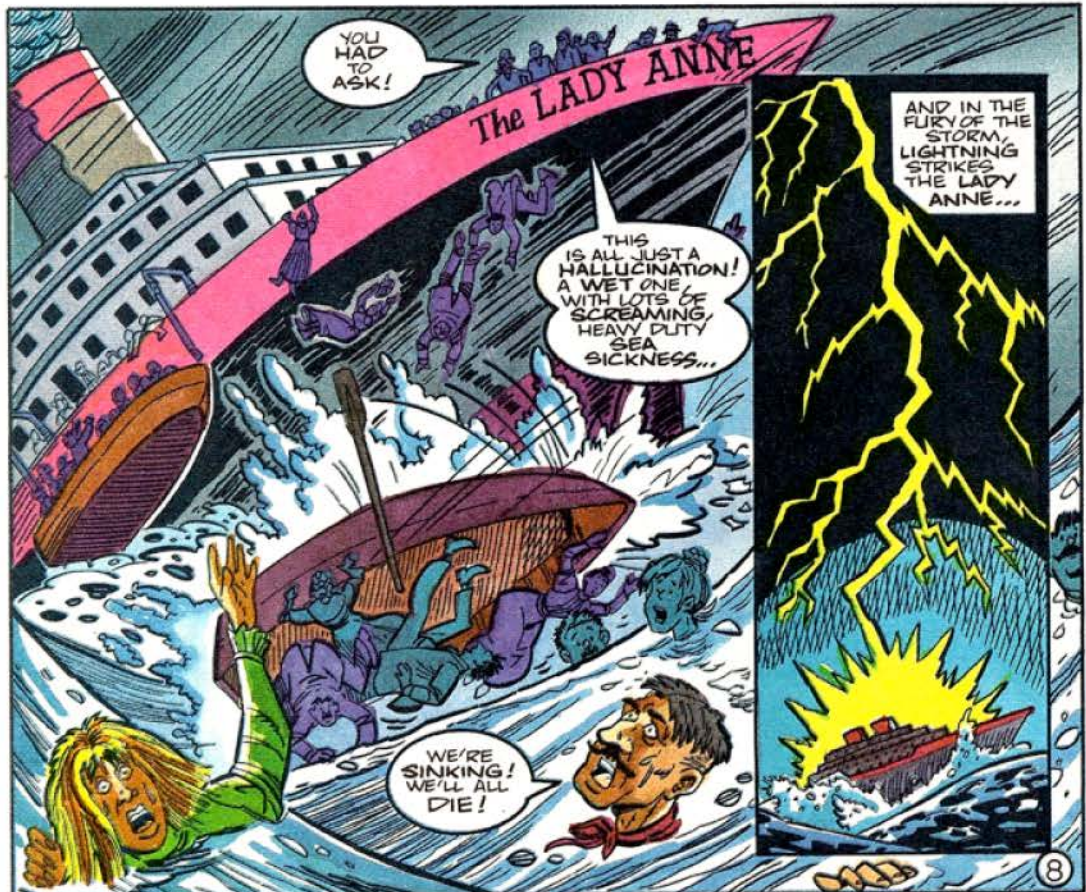
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LUCIUS, NO! THAT'S BLASPHEMY!

BUT IN THE FURY OF THE STORM, SOMETHING HAS HEARD THE SUMMONS - A WATER DEMON!



YOUR WISH SHALL BE GRANTED! YOUR SPIRIT SHALL BE MINE FOR A CENTURY! WHEN THE MANITOU WINDS RETURN, ALL THE LOST SOULS OF THE LAKE WILL BE FREED!

NO!



BUT FATE MAKES ITS FINAL MOVE. THE LADY ANNE CAPSIZES, THROWING EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE GHOSTBUSTERS, INTO THE STORM-TOSSED LAKE...



NO!



AS SUDDENLY AS THEY LEFT, THE GHOSTBUSTERS ARE BACK IN THE COTTAGE, SOMEWHAT THE WORSE FOR THE WEAR...

GANGWAY!
MEN OVERBOARD!
WOMAN THE LIFEBOATS!
PERSON THE LIFEBOATS!
HELP!



FREEZE!

NO PROBLEM!



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

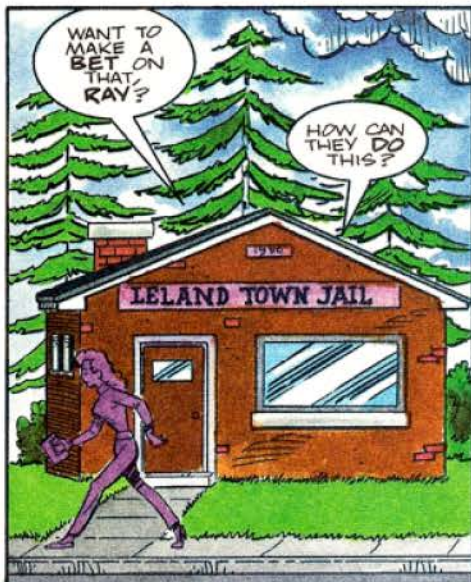
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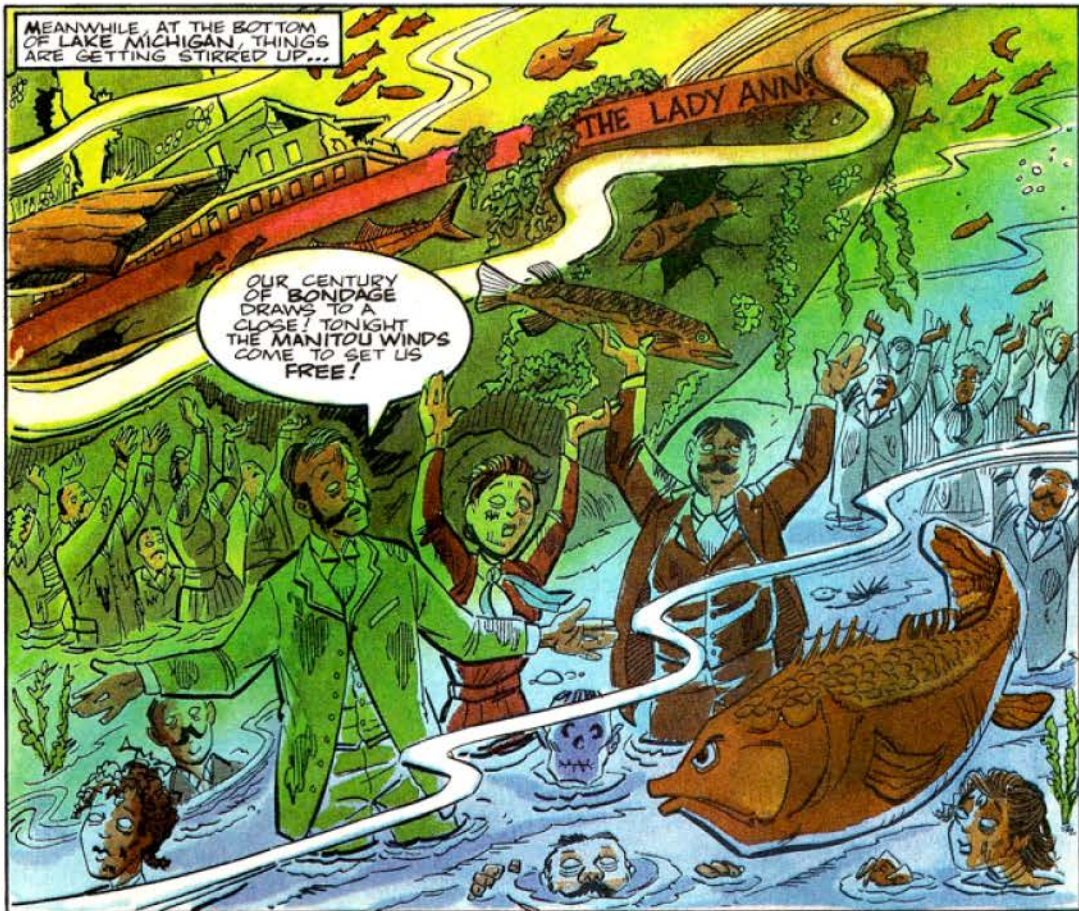
SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK SO.



WADE CONNOLLY? WE'RE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR REFUSING TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE WRECK OF THE LADY ANNE, AND FOR LOOTING THE SAID WRECK OF ANTIQUES WHICH ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE UNDER MICHIGAN MARITIME LAW.







MEANWHILE, AT THE BOTTOM OF LAKE MICHIGAN, THINGS ARE GETTING STIRRED UP...

OUR CENTURY OF BONDAGE DRAWS TO A CLOSE! TONIGHT THE MANITOU WINDS COME TO SET US FREE!



BACK AT THE LELAND JAIL, A MR. ELLIS INTERROGATES HIS PRISONERS...

ALL RIGHT, MR. CONNOLLY, WE'VE BEEN OVER ALL THIS BEFORE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE WRECK SO THAT THE STATE CAN PROTECT ITS PROPERTY.



FINE! IT'S YOURS! YOU CAN HAVE IT! I DON'T WANT IT ANYMORE! JUST LET ME OUT OF HERE!

HAVE YOU STRIPPED IT OF ARTIFACTS TO SELL TO THESE CHARACTERS?

HEY, WE'RE NOT CHARACTERS, WE'RE PERSONALITIES!

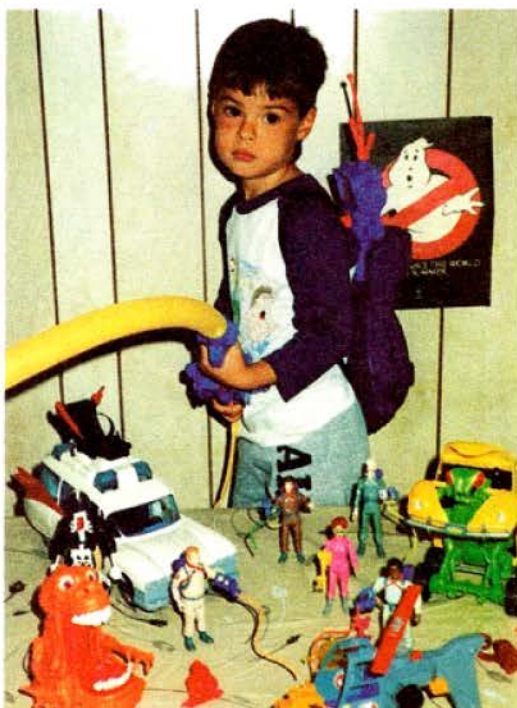
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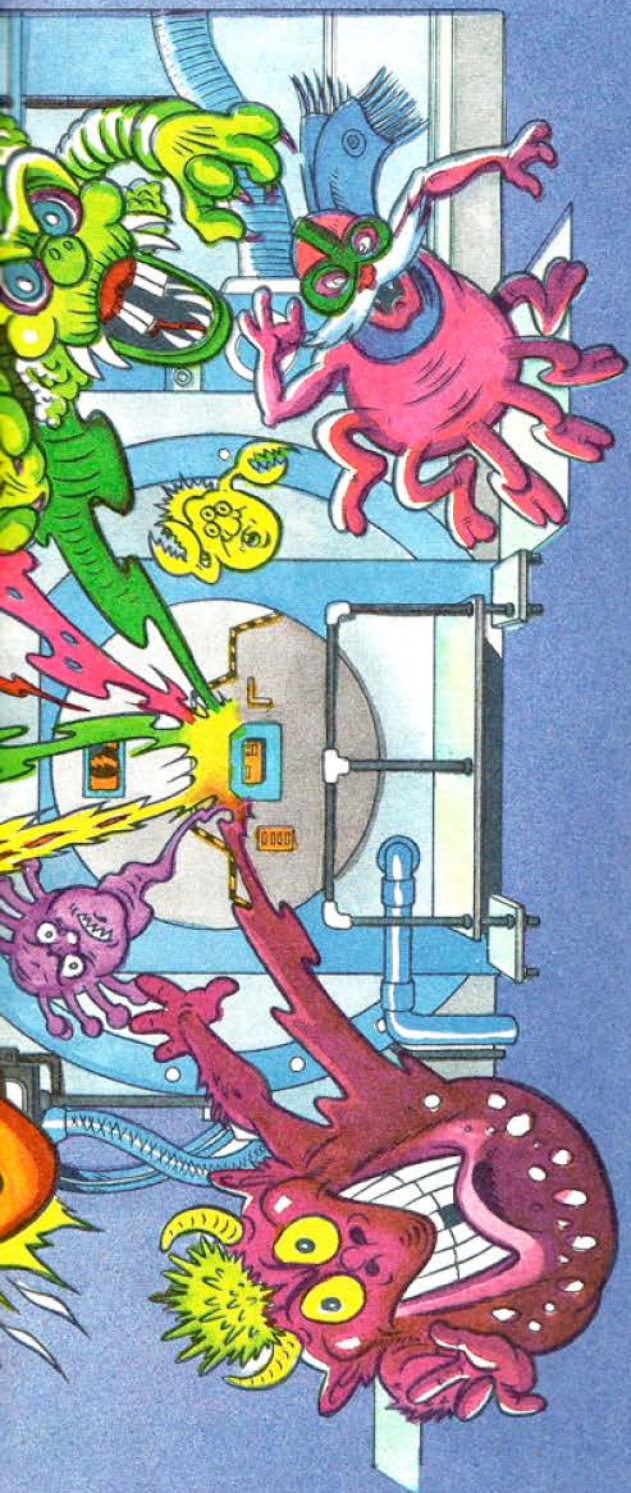
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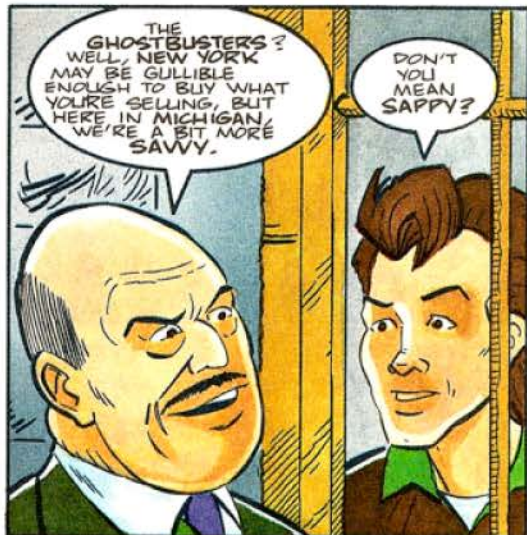
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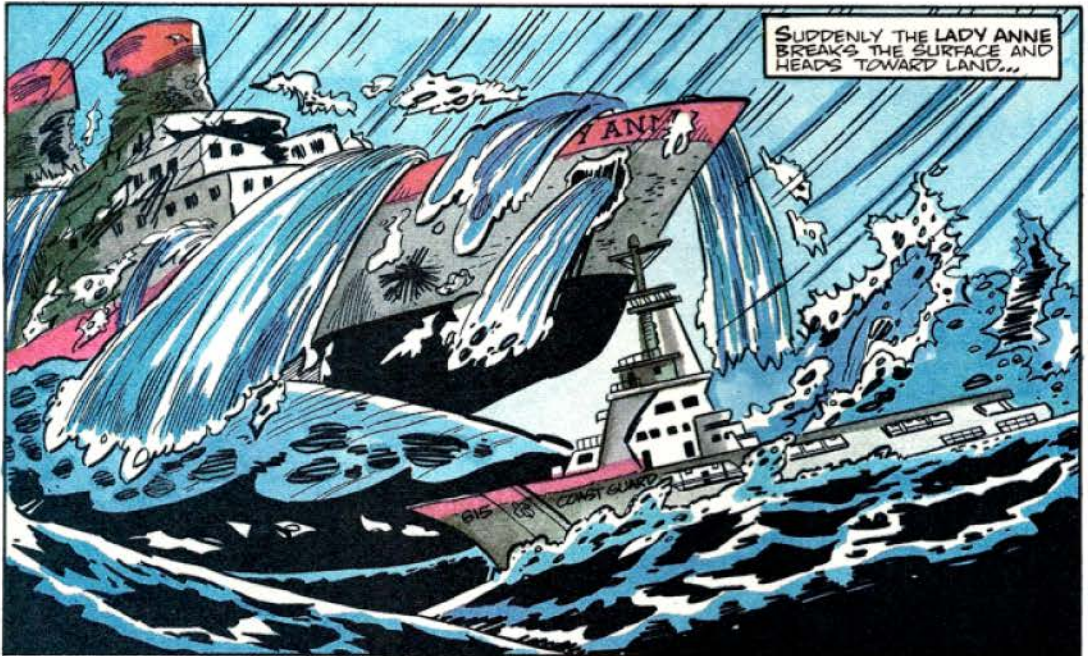
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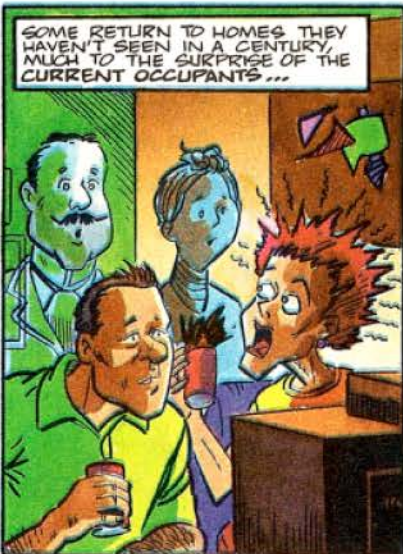
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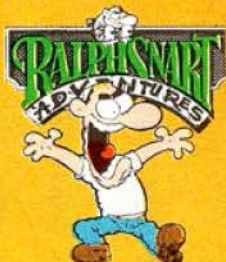
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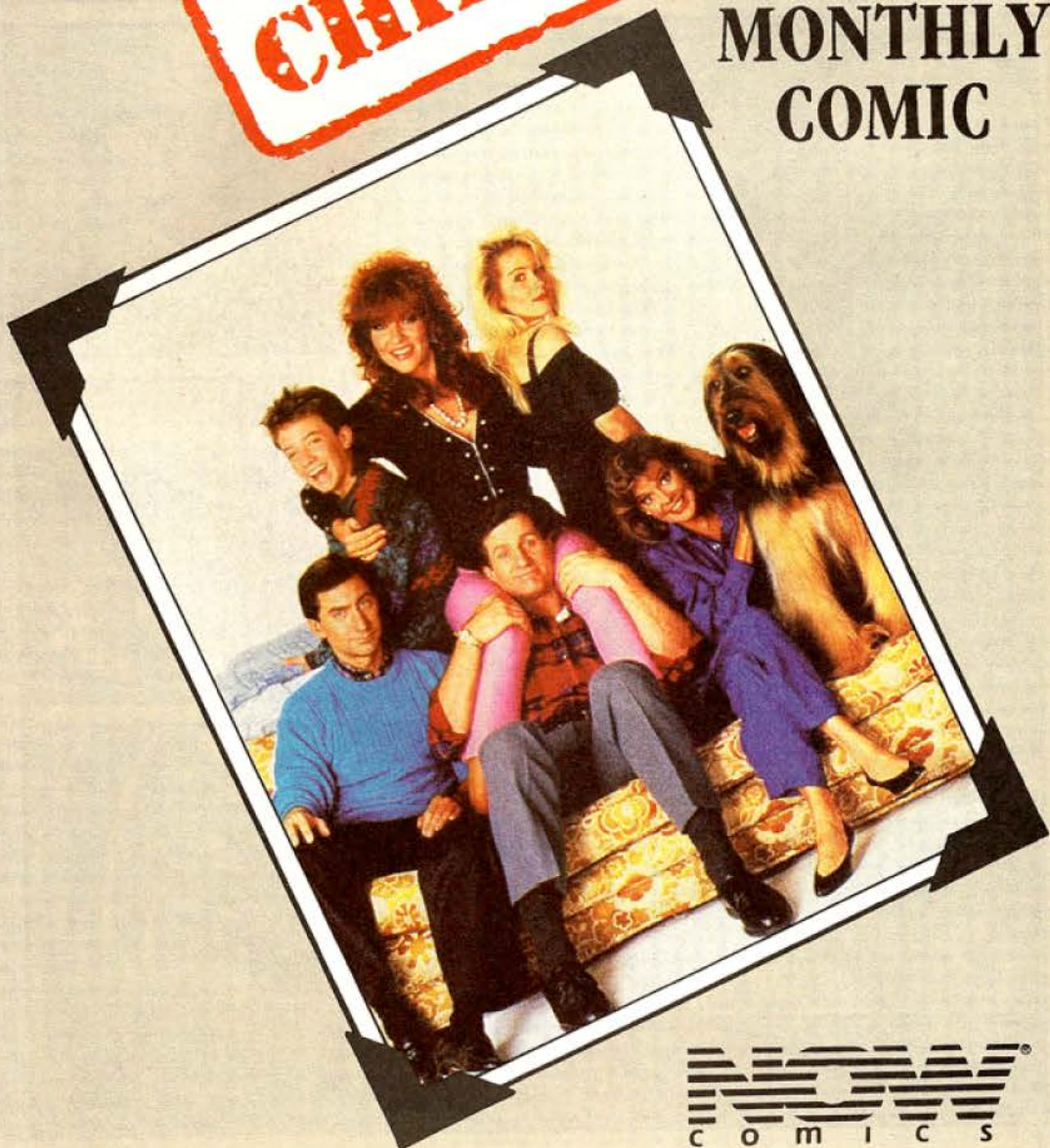




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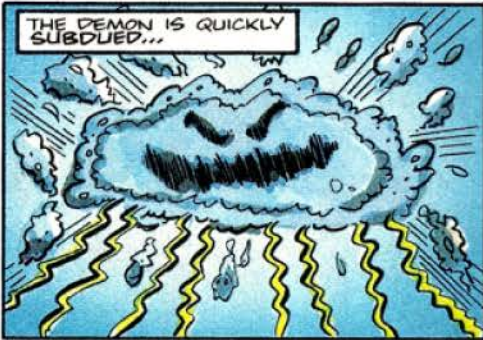
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Premiering this month is the first issue. A double sized comic adapting TWILIGHT ZONE's most frequently aired episode, "Crazy as a Soup Sandwich", written by one of the show's creative consultants, Harlan Ellison. Neal Adams, comic legend, storyboard artist extraordinaire, illustrates the story. Also included in the premiere issue, as a bonus, free for your reading and viewing pleasure, is a back up story written by Don Glut and penciled by Eddy Newell.

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That said, I'd like to go on to a more serious topic: Comics, Literacy, Literature, and Swollen Heads! Vegas, Bright Lights, Show Girls, and the ABA.

Now Comics, along with many other comic publishers, attended this year's American Booksellers Association Annual Convention in Las Vegas, in support of the comic industry and medium. You see, believe it or not, there are still people out there who consider comics a majorly huge waste of time, an insult to literacy, a decadent, destructive blow to the brain. But we know differently and are out there talking, talking, talking our heads off to people who've probably never even seen some comics.

A valid cause I think.

Our tactic? Give. Give. Give. Now Comics gave away thousands of free comics to publishers, retailers, marketing people, and various others in the know. Our conversion rate, as calculated by our research staff was about 90%. Admittedly, it should have been higher, but Now Comics was faced with some unusual odds. Our booth was conveniently situated dead center between the foreign publishers and the new age folks, at our request, of course. Never let it be said that Now Comics isn't willing to take up a challenge. We went out there to a job, and darned if we didn't do it! We had those foreign text book publishers coming back for triple copies, extra buttons, and photos with the staff for their kids.

What's the moral of this story? Comics are going to be bigger than bread pudding and not only because they are destined. We publishers are doing our best to

spread the word, sometimes to some unwilling recipients, but it's happening. Your average, every day people, your highbrow intellectuals, even your clinically minded people are being won over, one, by one, by one. Strike up the band. Bring out the show girls. Fashion a Vegas lounge act around them. Comics aren't just for dorks anymore. Katherine Llewellyn, Associate Editor

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