



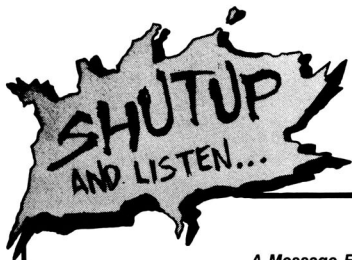
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Samurai Penguin # 3

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## ... an Editorial

### *A Message From Our Sponsor by Dan Vado*

First of all, I want to thank you all for waiting so long for this issue of **SAMURAI PENGUIN**. The reasons for the delay are much too sordid and ugly to go into here. I would like to comment, however, that we might have been able to keep to our publishing schedule a little better if some of our distributors had kept to their payment schedules. I find it a bit outrageous that, as of this writing, three distributors have yet to pay us for **SAMURAI PENGUIN #2**. Even more outrageous is that some of these same distributors are the ones who yell and scream the loudest about comics that ship late.

On to a brighter subject. By now you all should have seen some of the other titles that we publish. If not, march right into your local comics store and ask the person at the counter for copies of **IT'S SCIENCE WITH DR. RADIUM**—written and illustrated by our resident genius **SCOTT SAAVEDRA**; **HERO SANDWICH**—illustrated by former Miracleman artist **CHUCK BECKUM** and scripted by yours truly; or **BARABBAS**—written and illustrated by **GINO ATTANASIO**. And coming this spring be on the lookout for **NEOMEN** by **GARY WINNICK** and **FRANK CIROCCO**; **SURBURBAN HIGH LIFE**—a humor anthology being edited by **FRANK CIROCCO**; **NORMALMAN: THE NOVEL**—a collection of the entire **NORMALMAN** series by **VALENTINO**. And also by **VALENTINO**, look for a **MAX THE MAGNIFICENT** mini-series starting in May. In August we will be making one of our first ventures into the world of color—issue six of **SAMURAI PENGUIN** will be in full color. Look for more info on all this and more in the pages of all of **SLAVE LABOR GRAPHICS** comics.

Thank you for your time. We now return you to our regular nonsense.

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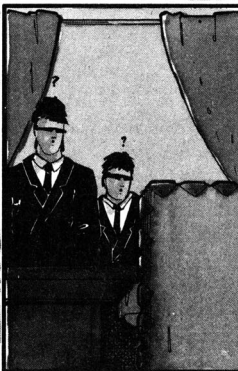
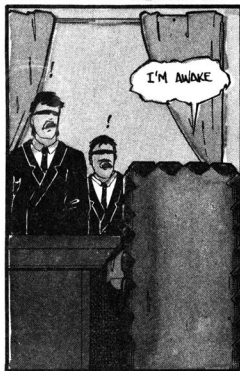
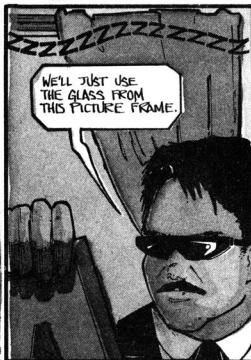
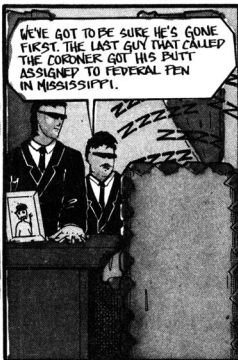
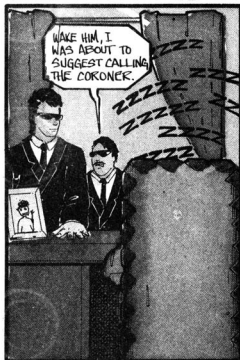
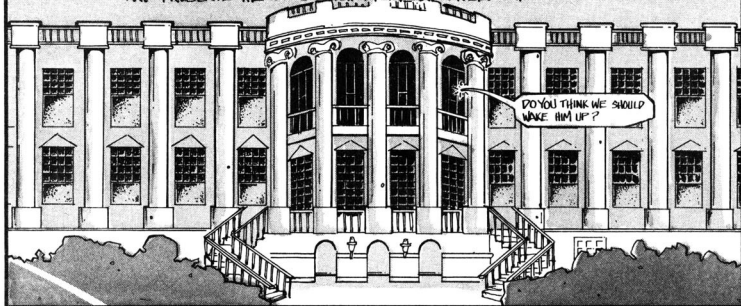
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IN THE LARGEST DEMOCRACY ON EARTH, THE PEOPLE ELECT ONE MAN EVERY FOUR YEARS TO SEE THEM THROUGH TIMES OF STRIFE, LEAD THEM IN TIMES OF CONFLICT AND PRESERVE THE IDEAL OF LIBERTY AND FREEDOM.



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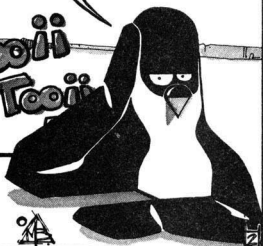
I CONSIDER IT MORE  
A PRIVILEGE THAN  
A DUTY.



PENGUINS  
GO  
BOOM!!

I CONSIDER IT  
MORE IGNORANCE  
THAN A PRIVILEGE.

Tooi  
Tooi



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MARK BUCK

AND A VERY  
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WHEN WE LEFT OUR LITTLE PENGUIN FRIEND, HE WAS PRACTICALLY RUNNING TO LORD YOSHI'S ABODE.

I'VE GOTTA WARN YOSHI!

ACTUALLY PENGUINS DON'T RUN.

THEY DON'T?

SKII DDD

NO, THEY WADDLE. BECAUSE THEY'RE SO FAT!

WHEN PENGUINS ARE IN A RUSH, THEY SLIDE ALONG THE ICE ON THEIR STOMACHS.

STOMACHS?

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TAP TAP

POUT POUT  
POUT POUT

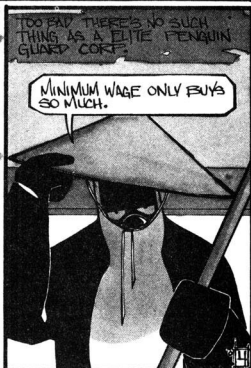
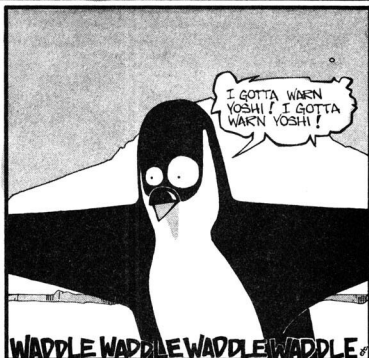
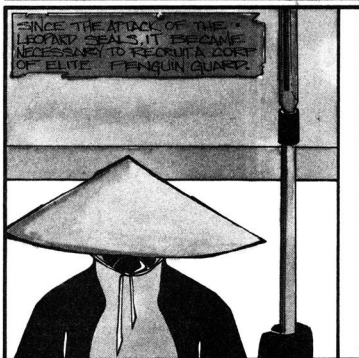


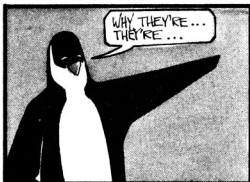
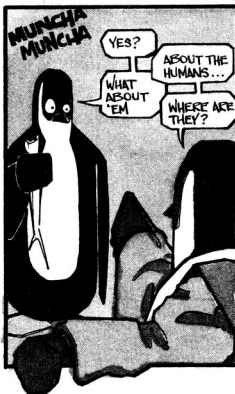
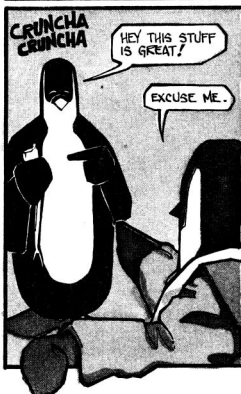
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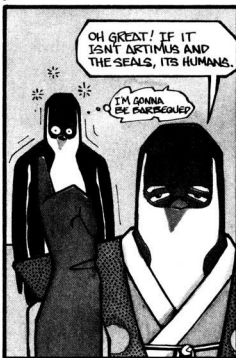
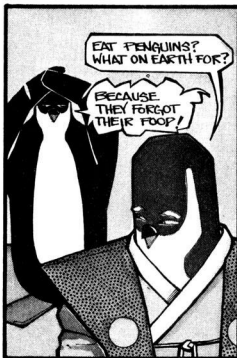
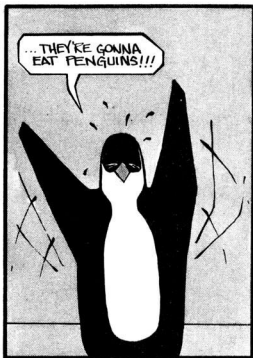
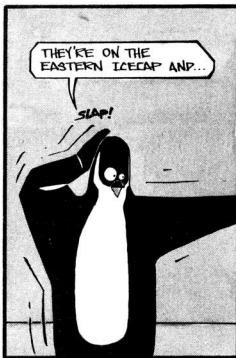
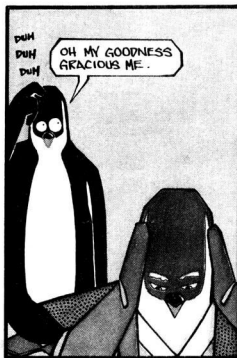
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THIS AINT WILD KINGDOM, FOLKS.



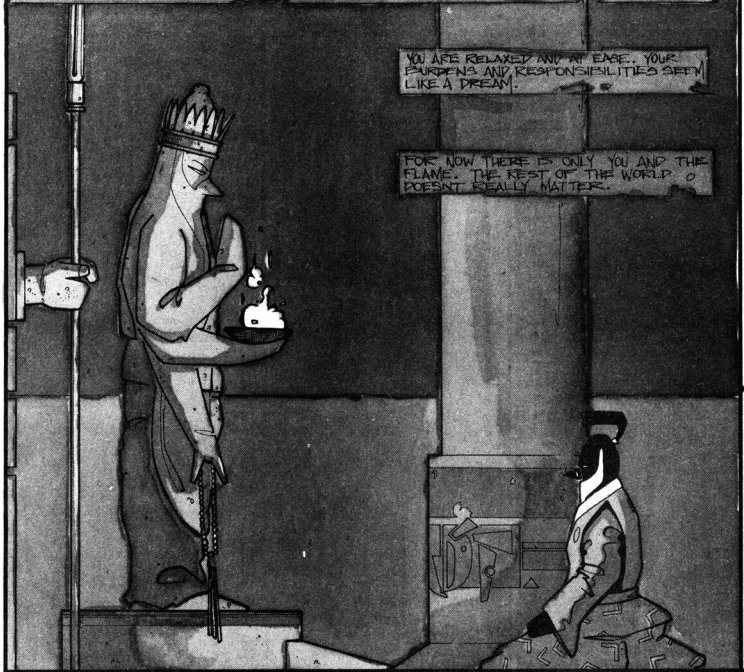




YOU SIT, NOTIONLESS, ALONE AND IN SILENCE. A SINGLE FLAME IS YOUR FOCUS. YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND BEGIN TO SLOWLY REPEAT YOUR MANTRA. YOU TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND AS YOU EXHALE YOU CAN FEEL THE TENSIONS RUSH FROM YOUR BODY.

YOU ARE RELAXED AND AT EASE. YOUR BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SEEM LIKE A DREAM.

FOR NOW THERE IS ONLY YOU AND THE FLAME. THE REST OF THE WORLD DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.



TO FEEL THIS RELAXED ALL THE TIME WOULD BE HEAVEN...



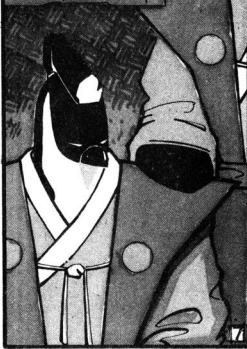
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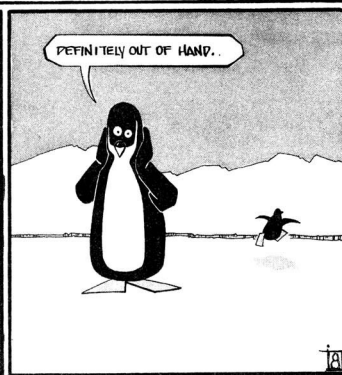
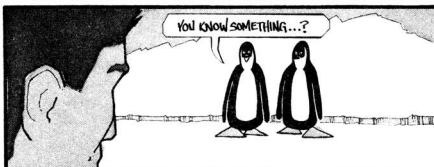
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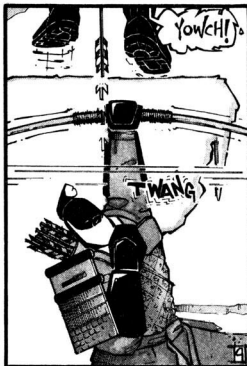
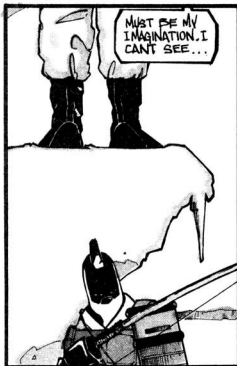
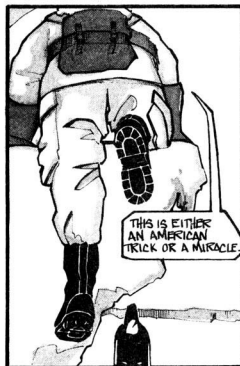
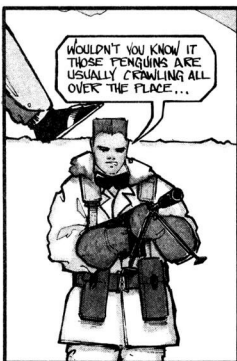
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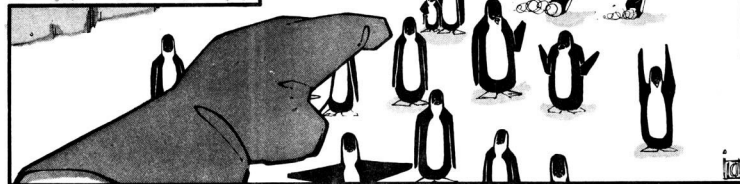
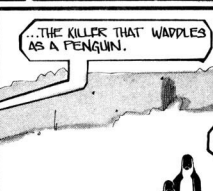
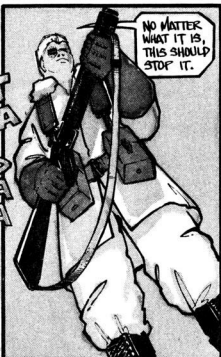
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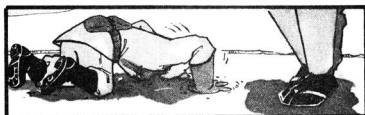
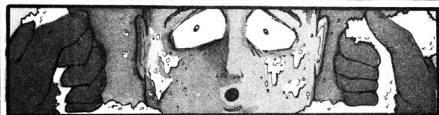


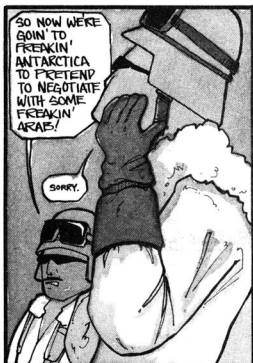
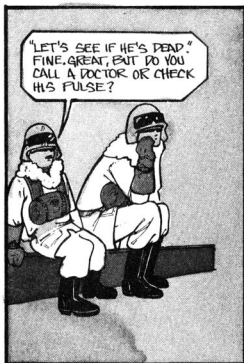


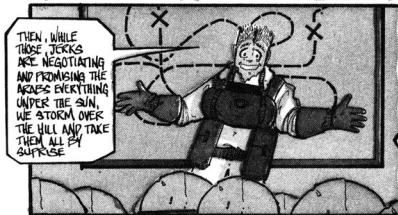
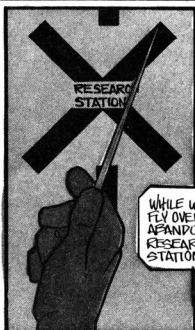
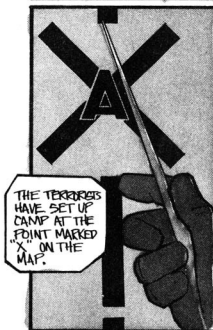
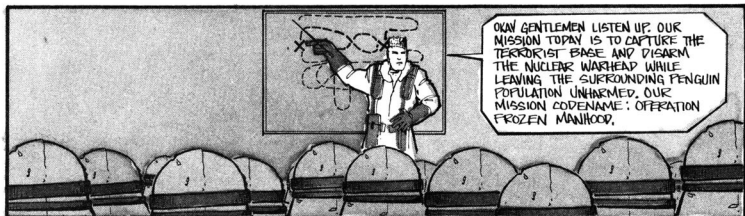


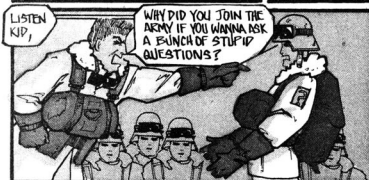
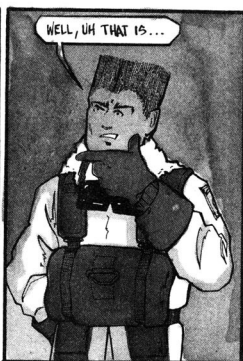
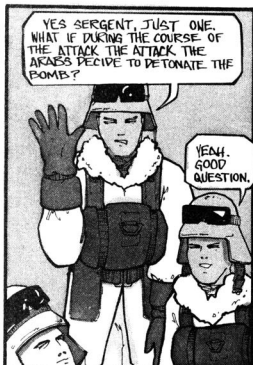








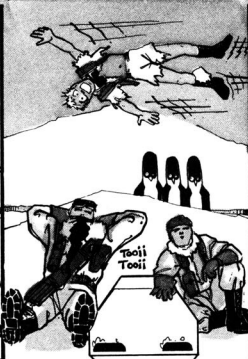
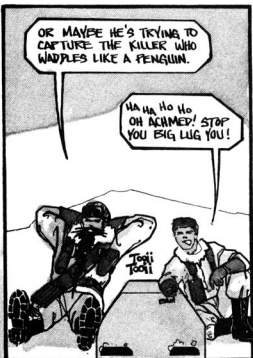




YOU'RE JUST A GRUNT!  
YOU DO YOUR DUTY, FOLLOW  
ORDERS AND YOU DON'T ASK  
QUESTIONS. THEN, IF YOU'RE  
LUCKY, IT'S MILLER TIME.

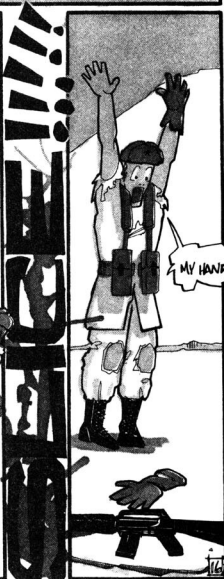
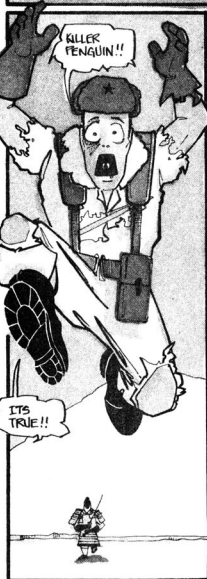


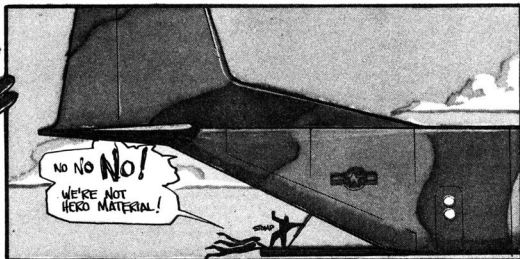
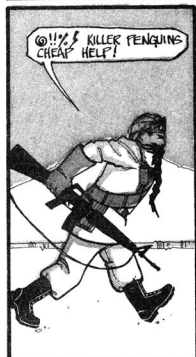
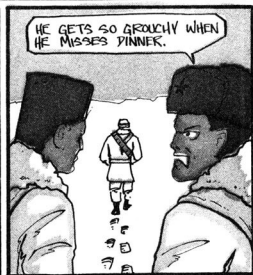
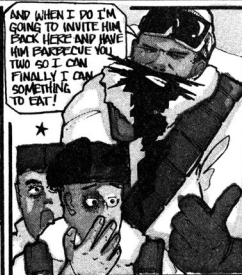


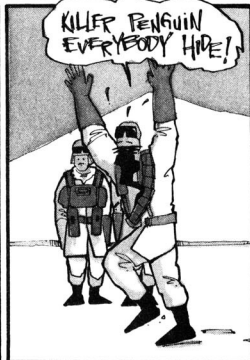
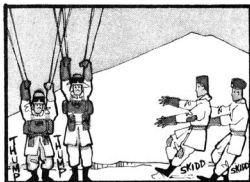
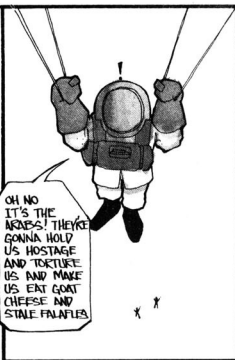


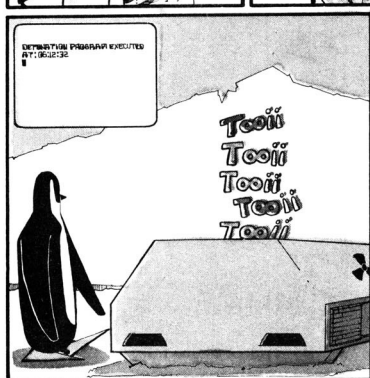


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**A DEE DOO SMASH** \* TINKLE \*

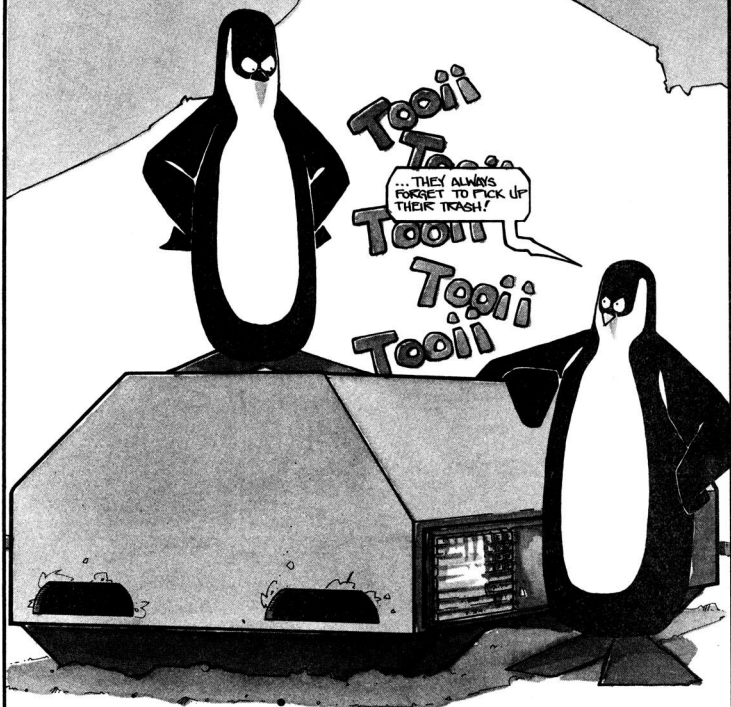








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# POLAR POST

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Hey Dan,

After reading the second issue of **Samurai Penguin** I thought I'd drop you a line to/and tell you that, thus far, I like Samurai's three penguin buddies much better than I like him.

Elvis Orten  
Dawson Springs, Kentucky

P.S. Achmed's been watching too much Late Night With David Letterman.

Dear Folks:

Much obliged for the copy of SP #2. I continue to find it one of the most entertaining of the new crop of Independents being published today.

The silent Samurai remains as enigmatic as ever. I had heard quite some time ago that, if attacked by a shark, you should hit it in the nose, but always was skeptical of this. Having seen Samurai do it I can now rest in comfort that, should the need come up, this little maneuver will indeed save my life.

By far the most entertaining characters remain the Greek chorus of penguins. And, as before, you end with a solid bring-em-back-next-issue last page.

I'll be back.

Best,

Peter David  
Marvel Comics Group  
New York, New York

P.S. Dr. Radium looks like a warmed over Nexus character but I'll give him a read anyhow.

Vado & Buck:

There are no correct adjectives in San Diego! **Samurai Penguin** is  
(positive adjective yet to be) !

We hope there are issues #2-whatever # you run out of ideas on. More! intros! editorials! T-shirts!

Are you cute?

Raving encouragement,

P.J. & B.D.  
San Diego, California

*I'm cute, but Mark's not.*

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**And now the winner and second place in our "four adjective and a noun" name the comic contest!**

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Dear Dan & Mark—

**Samurai Penguin #2** was almost twice as much fun as #1! The juxtaposition of semi-serious samurai action and very silly humor takes some getting used to, but on the other hand, so does the idea of super-powered mutants having slugfests in downtown Manhattan.

I was also very excited about the preview of **It's Science with Dr. Radium**. Now, that looks like a comic to take home and show mom & dad! It's about time someone wrote a comic about SCIENCE. Let's face it, without SCIENCE, I would've had to write this letter by hand (shudder)!

Anyway, I figured that I would send in a few entries for your funny title contest. I thought up **Soft-headed Senile Samurai Silverfish**, **Acne-scarred Ultraviolet Genetically-altered Octopl**, and **Felsty Forty-year-old Fisticuff Frenchmen**. But I figured that if I had SCIENCE at my fingertips, I could do anything! So I wrote a computer program to randomly generate these seemingly ubiquitous titles. It should be a boon to any struggling independent publisher looking for a way for some quick and easy dough.

```
REM Makes silly titles for silly comics
DIM words$(10,4)
FOR i=1TO10
FOR j=1TO4
READ words$(i,j)
NEXT j
NEXT i
RANDOMIZE TIMER
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Doit:
FOR i=1TO4
x=INT(RND(1)*10)+1
PRINT words$(x,i);" ";
NEXT i
PRINT
foo:a$=INKEY$:IF a$="" THEN foo
IF a$="q" OR a$="Q" THEN END
GOTO Doit

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**DATA** Teenage, Mutant, Ninja, Turtles  
**DATA** Adolescent, Radioactive, Black-belt, Hamsters  
**DATA** Freckle-faced, Microwaved, Kung Fu, Kiwis  
**DATA** Soft-headed, Senile, Samurai, Silverfish  
**DATA** Feisty, Forty-year-old, Fisticuff, Frenchmen

**DATA** Acne-scarred, Ultraviolent, Genetically-altered, Octopi  
**DATA** Under-age, Unclean-gene, Lapp Goch, Wombats  
**DATA** Jail-bait, Dirty DNA, Shinanju, Ocelots  
**DATA** Middle-aged, Mutagenically-modified, Tae Kwon Do, Tribbles  
**DATA** Over-the-hill, Irradiated, Ju-jitsu, Capybaras

Anyway, keep that good stuff comin'!

A fan,

Robert Wintler  
Encino, California

*This might have won but I don't have a computer.*

Slave Labor Graphics folk—

After a great deal of experimentation with your Name the Next Weird Animal Comic Contest, I have decided to let you guys choose my answer for me. Just fill in the sentence blanks with words from the indicated columns. This is the Chinese Menu style of authorship. Incidentally, this is how new condominiums are named. There are  $10^5$  possible comic titles contained below (100,000). Also, thanks for **Samurai Penguin**—great stuff! AND NOW INTRODUCING . . .

<i>(from col. A)</i>	<i>(from col. B)</i>	<i>(from col. C)</i>	<i>(from col. D)</i>	<i>(from col. E)</i>
A. Atomic Immoral Stupid Amazing Rabid	B. Hairy Gay Irrational Independent Ancient	C. Vegetarian Christian Republican Androgynous Amidexterous	D. Kiwis Pickeral Sasquatches Planaria Zebras	E. from Pueblo in the Pacific on Drugs with Prehensile Tails across the Gray Horizon in the Sky from the Movie of the Same Name of Chernobyl in Jumpsuits serving Buddha
Suicidal Anthropomorphic	Albino Hip	Negro Communist	Lice Quetzals	
Freeze-driedd Sleazy Sociopathic	Carnivorous Horny Bipedal	Delirious Degenerate Wanton	Gnus Margays Gorillas (Guerillas)	

Thank you for your support,

Dennis Craighead,  
Columbia, South Carolina

*Our winner—congratulations Dennis—by the way, what the hell is a “quetzal”?*

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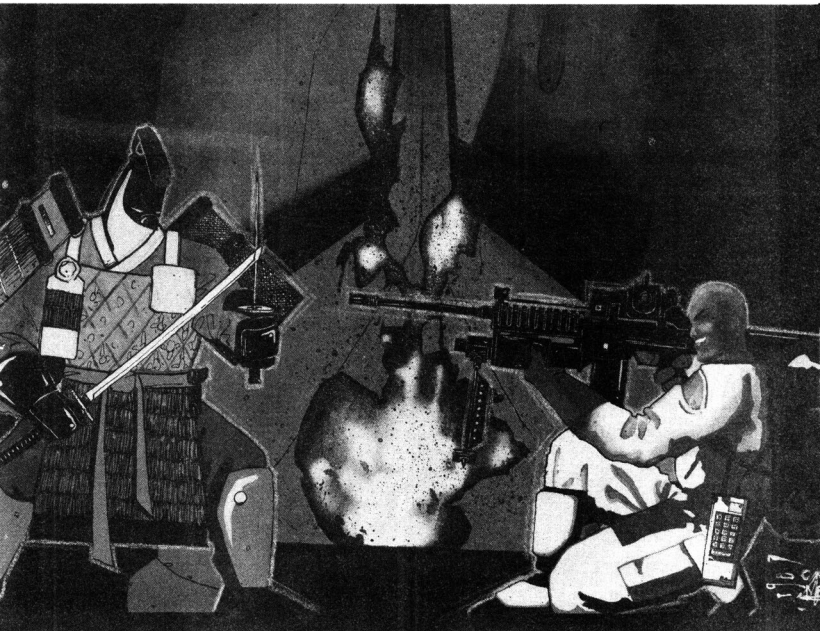
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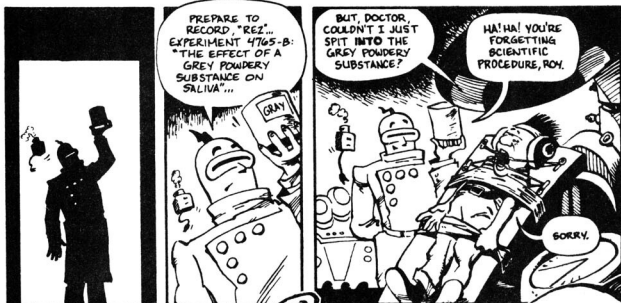
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