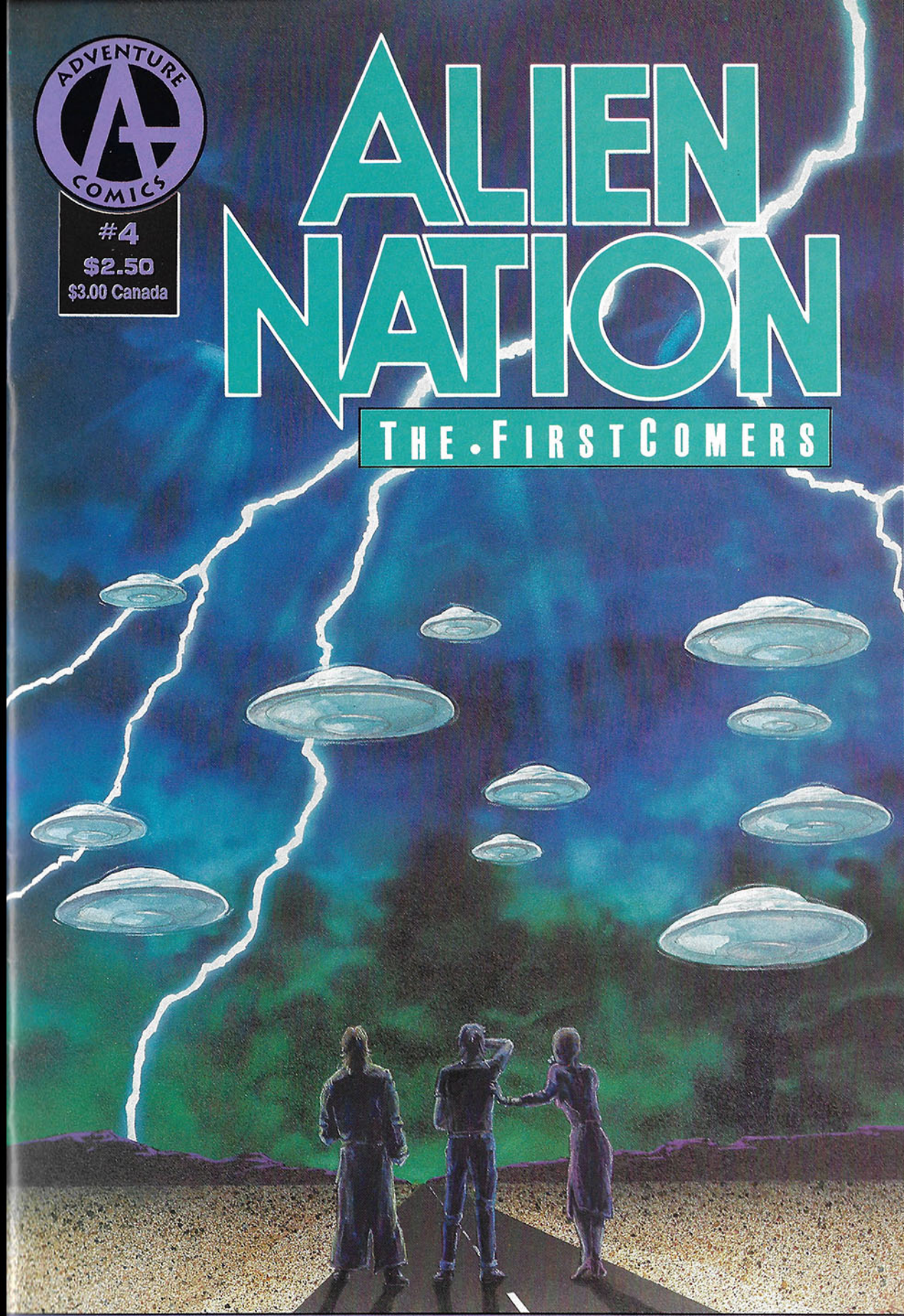




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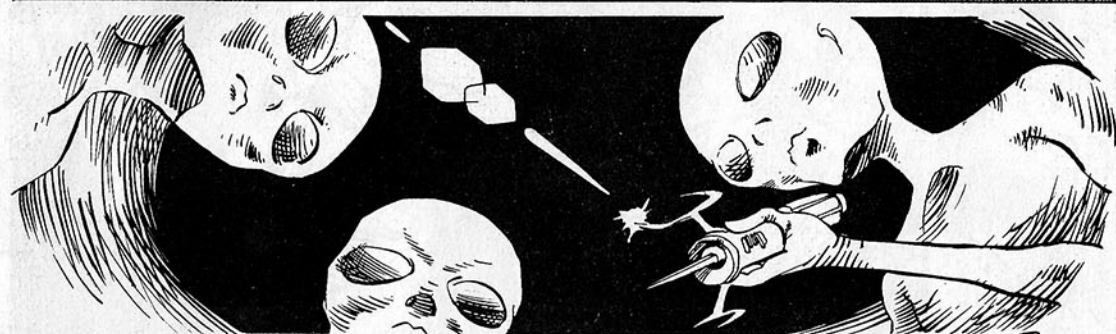


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THREE



I... I'M GOING TO BE SICK...

HEH.

SORRY ABOUT THE FIB, EMILY. I JUST THOUGHT THAT WOULD CURB THE OLD BIDDY'S CURIOSITY FOR AWHILE.

I'm a real charmer, all right.



CLUSE ME, MA'AM-- DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE IF I, ER, WAS SLEEP-WALKING OUT HERE LAST NIGHT?

F-FLUNNY THING TO ASK... YOU KID'S H-HAVE FUN NOW, HEAR?

Tea-hee.

WHY-- NO, MR. WOTZ. AND I'M A LIGHT S-SLEEPER. I'D'VE HEARD YOU.



UH, YEAH. RIGHT.

IT'LL BE A BLAST.



WEIRD.

LOOK-- I DON'T WANNA BOTHER YOU, WHILE YOU'RE YACKIN' UP YOUR GLITS AN' ALL, BUT WE NEED TO TALK.



I'M... SORRY, JACK.

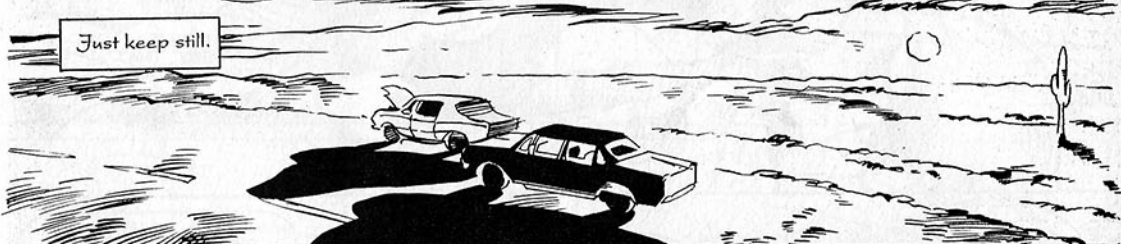
I DIDN'T MEAN WHAT I SAID. IT WAS... THE DREAM.

I THINK I WAS ON THE SLAVE SHIP AGAIN... BUT IT WAS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW...

LEMME GUESS.

YOU WERE NAKED ON A TABLE WHILE A BUNCH OF BIG-EYED FREAKS OPERATED ON YOU.

WELL...? AM I CLOSE OR WHAT?



Just keep still.



Don't move. Barely breathe.

Perhaps, they'll pass by.

Perhaps.



THE SUN...?

At last.



They've gone.

The spacecraft are gone.

But they were here ... they were real.

Now there's no way to stop them ...

... but there's still time ...

... for revenge.

LONGBRANCH
POP. 400
4 MILES



HOW 'BOUT BREAKFAST?

YOU KNOW I CAN'T EAT THAT STUFF, JACK.



SORRY -- BAD JOKE... 'MUNCH'... YOU MUST... 'CRUNCH'... BE STARVING.

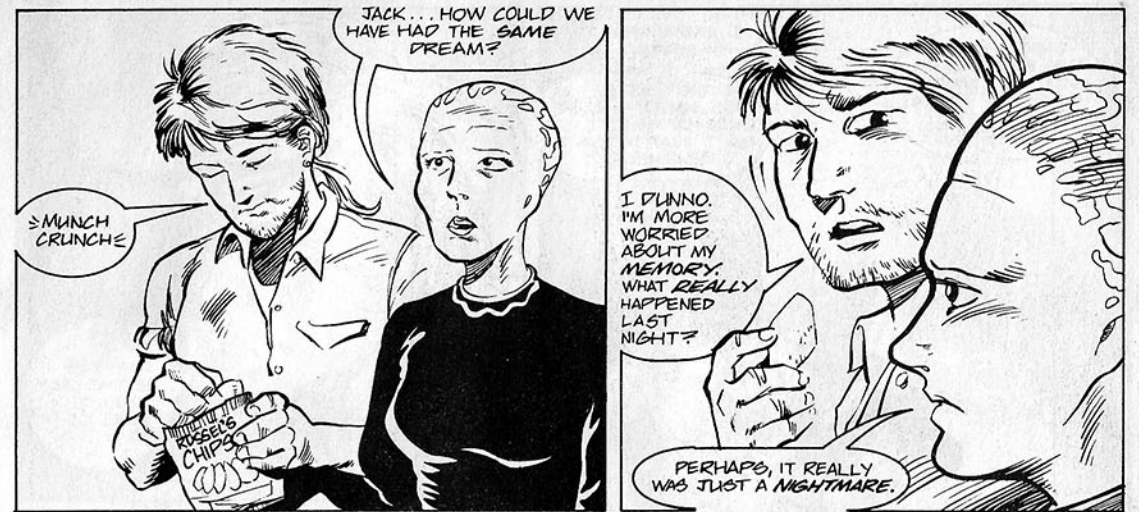
NOT REALLY. OFTEN, ON THE SHIP, WE'D BE FED ONLY ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK.

SOUNDS... 'CRUNCH'... TERRIBLE... 'MUNCH'...

SOMETIMES, WE NEVER KNEW ANY DIFFERENCE.

STINKIN' SLAG.

YUP.



JACK... HOW COULD WE HAVE HAD THE SAME DREAM?

'MUNCH CRUNCHE

I DUNNO. I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT MY MEMORY. WHAT REALLY HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?

PERHAPS, IT REALLY WAS JUST A NIGHTMARE.



MAYBE, BUT, I DOUBT THA--

THAT'S HIM!!

THE LANDLADY'S CRAZY KID! THE ONE IN THE DREAM! HE CAN TELL US THE TRUTH!



JACK... I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS...

WOMEN NEVER ARE!

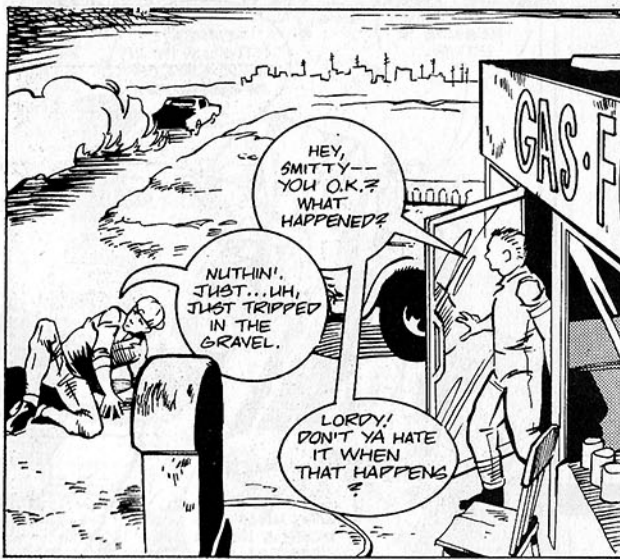


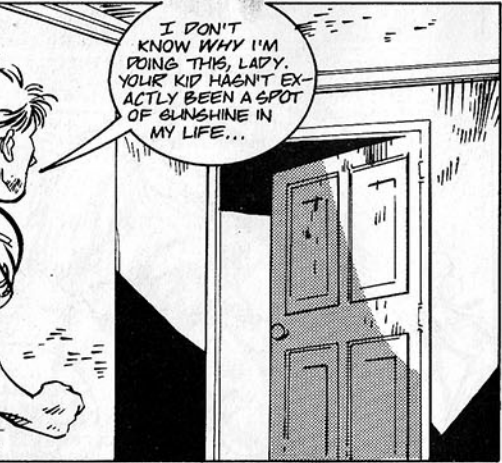
EIGHT



NINE









I-I'M SORRY, MISS BRONTE... YOU MUST THINK I'M A WEAK, F-FOOLISH OLD WOMAN...

OF COURSE NOT. YOUR ANXIETY IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE.

NO... YOU'RE WRONG.

THERE'S N-NOTHING HERE THAT ANYBODY UNDERSTANDS... ME AND DUNCAN'S DADDY MOVED HERE DURING THE WAR-- HE WORKED ON THE BASE...

BUT... WE COULDN'T FIND AN AIR FORCE BASE ANYWHERE WITHIN A HUNDRED MILES OF HERE.

THAT'S JUST W-WHAT I MEAN.

IT'S GONE.



YOU MEAN THE AIR FORCE LEFT?

N-NO...NO... IT WAS JUST NOT THERE... DUNCAN'S DADDY NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT... HE NEVER GOT OVER IT.

THEN... THE B-BAD DREAMS STARTED.

I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDINGS, BUT HE'S STILL PRETTY MESSED UP.

COULDA BEEN WORSE.



D-DUNCAN...?

MAV...?

I'M... SORRY, MAV. I HADTA DO IT...

... DON'T LET 'EM BIT ME AGAIN... I CAN'T STAND IT NO MORE...



ALL RIGHT, LADY-- I'VE HAD IT WITH ALL THIS TWILIGHT ZONE CROCK! I WANT SOME ANSWERS!

EASY, JACK...



STAY OUTTA THIS!

MORE THAN THAT-- I HAVE THE DAMNED SOLUTION!

ACTUALLY-- I'D HAFTA BE BLIND AND STUPID AS THE REST OF YOU RETARDS IF I DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE TO ALL THIS BY NOW...



SPARE ME THE WATER WORKS, GRAND-MA! YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

ADMIT IT!!

HE'S... HE'S RIGHT, MAW... WE GOTTA TELL 'IM...



DUNCAN... W-WE AIN'T SUPPOSED TO SAY...

THE GUY... ALREADY KNOWS, MAW... MAYBE HE CAN DO SUM-THIN'... MAYBE...



DO IT, MAW! TELL 'IM--!



AND GIT THIS FREAK OUTTA HERE...



OR I SWEAR I'LL ATLL THE BITCH.



OH GAWD... MAW--! OH GAWD!!

WHA?! WHO KILLED THE LIGHTS??



STAY CALM. PROBABLY JUST A FUSE.

JACK--?



GUESS I'D BETTER GO OUTSIDE AND TAKE A LOOK.

NO, JACK! DON'T! I DON'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THIS.



WELL... SOMEBODY'S GOTTA DO SOM--

UH-OH.

CREAK
CREAK

MAW...? THEY'S A'COMIN'...



CREAK
CREAK

SHUT HIM UP! WE'RE READY FOR IT THIS TIME.

WHATEVER IT IS.

NO... NO... NO... NO...



CREAK
CREAK
CREAK



'LO, JACK.
YOU'VE BEEN
A HARD MAN TO
FIND.



WAIT-A-MINUTE.
I KNOW
THAT VOICE...



YEAH.
YOUR OL'
BARTENDER...
HENRY D.
EIGHTH.
BEEN
LOOKING FOR
YOU, JACK.



HENRY--?
YOU
CRAZY SLAB
BASTARD!!



JACK--BE
CAREFUL!
YOU... LIGH
--STAY OUTTA
THIS...



NO!
HE KILLED
RONALD....



LET HIM
GO, JACK...
I'VE GOT
THE GUN!



<Kak ... Masa
gliha -- ?>
THAT
LIGHT--?
BRIGHT AS
DAY...!



OH GAWD...
OH GAWD...
OH GAWD...



LINNAH...
TELL HIM...
THAT...!



TWENTY-TWO



TWENTY-THREE



IS THIS PAINFUL TO YOU?

TELL US IF YOU ARE HAVING PAIN.

YOU WILL FEEL NOTHING.

A MOMENT AND IT WILL BE OVER.

OH GOD... GOD-- YOU'RE KILLING ME...

...DON'T... WAIT... WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO ME...?

NOOOOO!
I AM THE SAVIOR--!

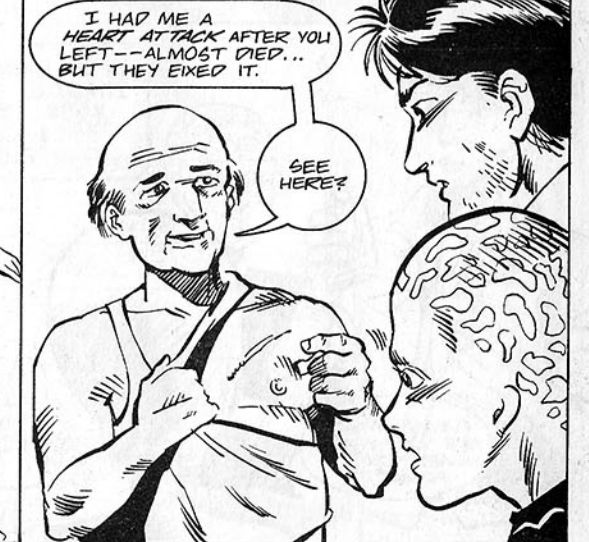
PLEASE... DON'T... DON'T HURT ME AGAIN...

NO!
I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!!

I AM A FREE MAN-- I AM FREE...!

I AM THE DELIVERER!!

YOU WON'T BE HARMED.

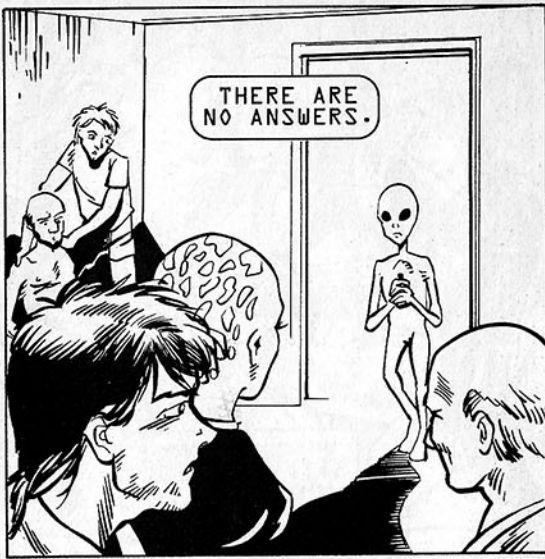




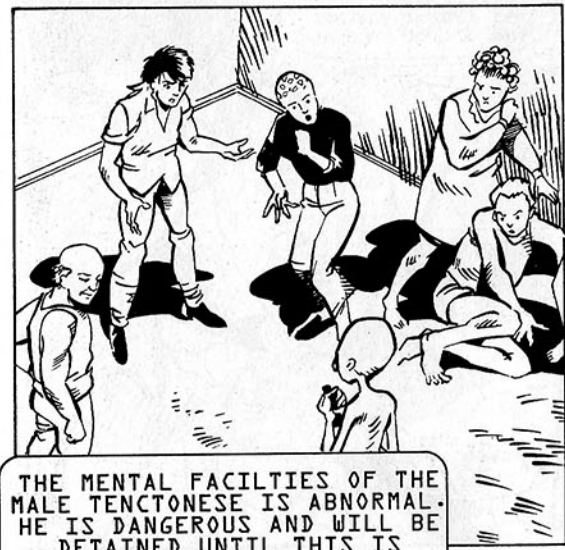
YIKNOW THEY AIN'T BAD FOLKS -- ONCE YA GET USED TO 'EM. THEY GIMME AN INVITE TA STAY...

RECKON I WILL.

BUT-- WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS? WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? WHAT ARE THESE THINGS??



THERE ARE NO ANSWERS.



THE MENTAL FACILITIES OF THE MALE TENCTONESE IS ABNORMAL. HE IS DANGEROUS AND WILL BE DETAINED UNTIL THIS IS CORRECTED.



THE CREATURE HAS ADMITTED CAUSING CONSIDERABLE HARM.

WE REGRET THIS.

MY FLASK...?

YOU SAID YOU WERE IN NEED OF DRINK.



PLEASE... WHAT ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU FROM??

YOUR LANGUAGE CANNOT IMAGINE OUR ESSENCE. YOUR BRAIN CANNOT CONCEIVE OUR PURPOSE.

ALL WILL BE AS IT WAS... YOU WILL NEVER FIND THE BASE. EVER.



YOU WILL NOT REMEMBER US... AND WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

JACK.

"Oooh ... my head ..."

"... what ... what time is it ...?"

"Dunno. Clock's broken, remember?"



HEY... THAT'S FUNNY-- IT'S WORKING AGAIN.

WE BETTER GET MOVING.



AN' GIMME THE MAP! YOUR NAVIGATING HAS ONLY GOT LIS LOST!

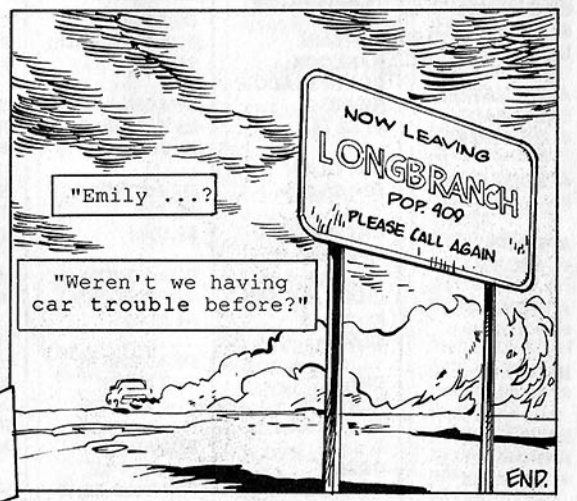
FACE IT, JACK-- THERE IS NO MYSTERIOUS AIR FORCE BASE OUT HERE. IT'S HOPELESS AND YOU KNOW IT!



WHERE TO NOW?

BACK HOME, WE CAN'T FINISH THE INVESTIGATION... YOU SAID SO YOURSELF. WE HAVE A FEW DEAD BODIES TO EXPLAIN.

GOT ANY BRIGHTER IDEAS--?



"Emily ...?"

"Weren't we having car trouble before?"

BRNWWWNNNN