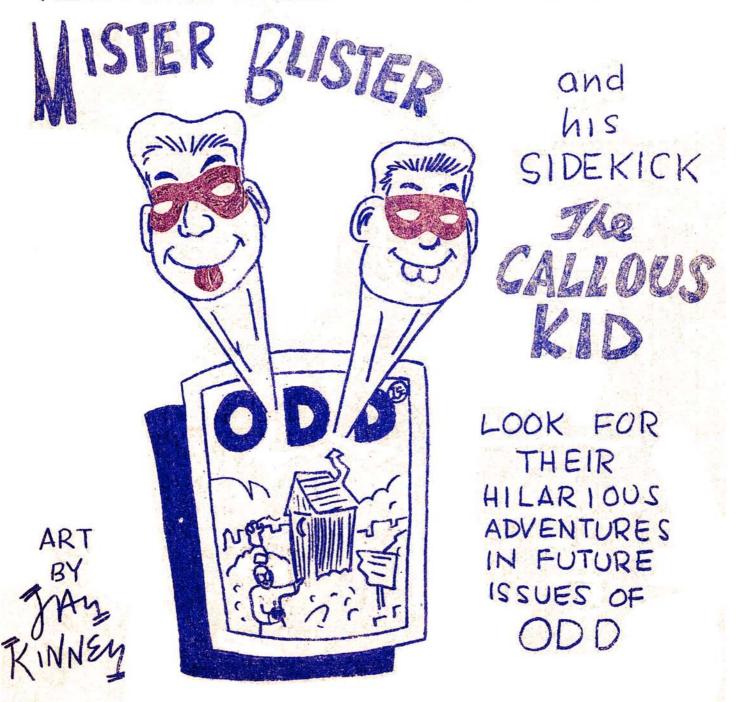
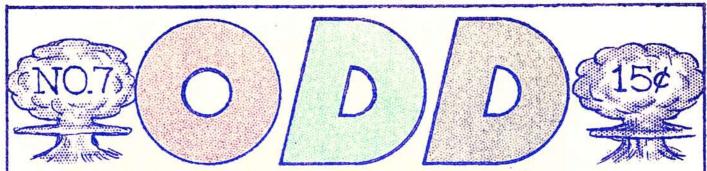


HERE THEY ARE ... THE SUPER-HEROES THAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR;





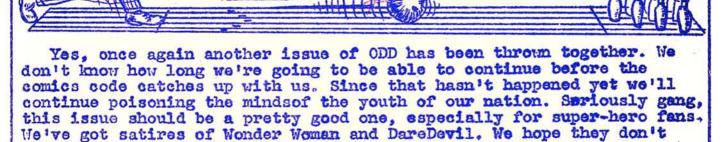


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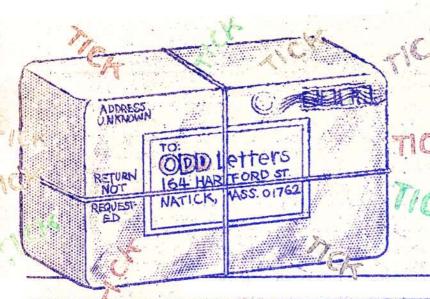
ODD 8 looks like it's going to be a pretty good issue too. Marv Wolfman has come up with another excellent super-hero satire. It's called "The Justice League of The United States". It'll have 10 big pages and besides the heroes in the league-Hawkman, Adam Strange, the Black-hawks, Challengers of the Unknown, Doom Patrol, Eclipso, and Mark Merlin will be satirized in that story. Also in #8 there'll be the birth of two great knew super-heroes, Mister Blister and his sidekick-The Callous Kid. It looks like it's going to be our best issue so far. Don't miss it.

We've got an announcement to make that should please you super-hero fans. We're going to revive our serious fanzine SUPER ADVENTURES. You'll be able to read the further adventures of THE COSMIC RAY and other great amateur heroes. In addition to this there'll be interesting articles about the comic industry. This should be a zine you won't want to miss. You can reserve your copy by sending me 25¢. And oh yes, we've got another new address. This time it should be permanent. The place is so well concealed the cops will never spot it. Just in ease you didn't get one of those little slips with the address on it, here it is...

Dave Herring

164 Hartford Street Natick Mass. 01762

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Mello all you ODDballs out there. Below are a few letters we received recently that were print -Cable. Boy do we have a lot of letters that aren't printable. Well, anyway, please send in your LOC(letter of comment) and try and make it printable. Don't forget to send it to our new address. I thought comic fans were innocent little kids, but oh

Dear Dava,

I just received ODD #3-5. Let me say that the coloring in your zine is beautiful. (especially in issue #3) You sure can come up with five issues fast. I've been working on my zine for about a year and I'm just finishing the 2nd issue. I find ODD very entertaining and sometimes even funny. I do. There seems to be How about getting contributers for ODD. Don't do the whole magazine yourself. Inclosed is a little illustration and and a caption you might want to print in ODD,

Guess that's all. THE COMIC HERO Jerry Hasson Covina, Calif. OKAY, I WON'T DO ODD ALL BY MYSELF. IN THIS ISSUE YOU LL FIND THE WORK OF MARY WOLFMAN, STEVE SABO, JAY KINNEY, MY BROTHER STEVE AND, OF COURSE MY OHI SCRIBBEL INGS, YOU'LL ALSO FIND YOUR ILLO HIDDEN SOME WHERE IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

-Dave

Dear Dave:

I will definitely be available for any work that you would want done.

As for SUPER ADVEN-TURES, well this is the kind of illustrating that issues. But one thing I really like to do. Super-heroes are my choice of first rate enjoyment. But don't let it be said I don't like humorous drawing because a real lack of humor in the world today. Perhaps ODD is the answer.

I must say that you are a top-notch artist. Your drawings (from what I've seen of them) are all very good. Especially the cover of SUPER ADVENTURES and the Batman satire (Batmaniac, ODD#6). If you are wondering where I ever heard of ODD, then don't be surprised when I tell you. It was recommended to me by Jeff Gelb. Who, by the way, edits Men of Mystery and Flare. Two promising zines. I'd recommend them both. (I've done work for him.)

Well in closing let me say that from what

I've seen of ODD so far, will sure cause me to want to get the first issues that I've missed. (I've already sent for all available back is for sure, ODD sure makes HAD look SICK. Steven Sabo

Smith Creek, Mich. I'M GLAD YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GRACE THE PAGES OF ODD AND SUPER AD* VENTURES WITH YOUR OWN INIMITABLE ART WORK. YOUR DUM-DEVIL STORY MAY BE FOUND IN THIS ISSUE. THANKS. JEFF, FOR RECOMMENDING ODD. I HOPE YOU ALL DO THE SAME. I'M GLAD YOU'D LIKE TO GET ODD #1, STEVE, BUT I'M AFRAID WE HAVE NO MORE COPIES OF ODD #2 left. I may, however, be able to scrounge you up a copy of #1(00PS! FOR-GOT TO CAPITALIZE) MAYBE ODD MAKES A CERTAIN COMPETITOR LOOK SICK BECAUSE IT IS. YOU COULD ALSO SAY SICK LOOKS MAD. -Dave

ODD LETTERS CONT'D

Dear Dave and Steve or Steve and Dave, which either way you

prefer,

I just got ODD #6 today and I'm wondering if there is some hidden meaning in that my first major breakthrough into fandom was a goof. Yes!! the Freem thing would have been fine IF: it had been published after the election, and then the explanation at the top would have been all right. But... It didn't make sense because the "past election" hasn't occured yet!

Would you please explain this to your puzzled readers in #7.

And now for my long awaited comments:

I found the whole issue pretty enjoyable! I had seen Wolfman's work in FHC. It was pretty funny.

JOINT: This was funny especially the trick ending. The artwork was

fine as usual.

BATMANIAC was clever too. It contained some clever jabs at dumb ways that super-heroes have been known to employ to escape etc..

The fan club report was pretty bad artwise but the boardwalk joke saved the day. Those are the kind of jokes Ilike to see!!

The fan club items page was fair. The cuff links and sweat shirts were the best ones.

The ODD fans page was mestly wasted space. Maybe better artwork would have helped it.

The Freem poster was terrible. I'll bet that this Kinney kid, whoever he is, thinks he's really great. That was a terrible drawing that he did! Even I could have done better! My advice is to ignore him in the future. The he will probably say otherwise...

Wasn't that funny?
Ha ha ha...yechhh.
Glad to see that
you have given up on
the contents page.
Waybe you will quit
your series of ads for

subscriptions. They stink! Use some original ideas such as: Win a free autograph! First prize: Autographs from both Steve and Dave. 3 second prizes: Autographs from Jay Kinney and Marv Wolfman, 3 third prizes: Hiemy Duthinbacher autographs. Be the first to send in a sub and get the first prize. But if you are close behind you might get the 2nd or 3rd prize! It sounds dumb but it will be a change of pace. Maybe I will be able to work up an ad. Also: have some ad take-offs again! I en-

joyed them.

Jay Kinney Naperville, Illinois

JAY, YOUR FREEM POSTER WAS ONLY SENT OUT TO ABOUT 7 OTHER READERS BEFORE THE ELECTION. I ADMIT IT WAS A MIS-TAKE OH MY PART BUT I DIDN'T WANT MY FAITH-FUL READERS TO WAIT TO LONG FOR THEIR COPY OF ODD#6. I'M SOON GOING TO PUT AN AD. IN RB:CC. I HOPE THIS WILL BRING ODD #6 TO A GREAT MANY MORE READERS. THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENTS ON ODD#6. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO DEFEND THE ARTWORK OF MY BROTHER, STEVE. YOU SHOULDN'T COMPARE IT TO OTHER, MORE REALIST IC ART. HIS TYPE OF ART IS VERY WELL SUITED FOR THIS ZINE. IT IS REALLY THANKS FOR THE ODD!!! SUGGESTIONS FOR SUB-SCRIPTION ADS.

-Dave

That's all the letters for this issue, gang. Remember I want to see your letter in this column of the next issue. So get out your pens, pencils or crayons and write. Remember our new address is...

> DAVE HERRING 164 Hartford St. Natick, Mass. 01762



The MANA BUMBELLA Recommends Fanzines...

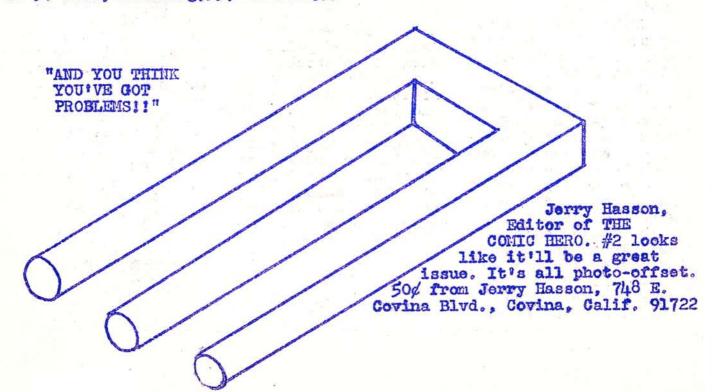
FANTASY HERO #4: Bill Dubay and Marty Arbunich have come up with their finest and last issue. Dubay's art is the best he has done, especially CAPTAIN AMERICA covers and STARHAN. The Dr. Law strip is a bit confusing because of a missing page. All in all it' an excellent fanzine. There's nothing ODD about it. Available for 40¢ from Wm. B. Dubay, 58 A Chenery Street, San Francisco, California.

PANDOM PRESENTS: Over 100 pages, this fanzine has every comicdom character that was ever published. \$1.25 from Bill Dubay

FANTASY HEROES: HANGOUT: Dubay and Arbunich have combined with Rudi Franke and Barry Bauman to come up with this masterpiece. 40¢ from Marty Arbunich, 60 Gladys Street, San Francisco, Calif.

MEN OF MYSTERY and FLARE COMICS: Both promising mimeographed fanzines. MOM#1 and F.C.#1 are both mostly devoted to written articles. MOM#1 is 25¢ FLARE is 20¢, but only for#1. Following issues are 25¢ Both from Jeff Gelb and Howard Brenner, 125 Glen Ellyn Way, Rochester, N.Y. 14618

THE FOOB: This is an ODD fanzine. It has the hilarious adventurs of The Foob and The Incredible Drip. Available for 25¢ from Marvin Wolfman, 1h2-18 59 Ave., Flushing, 55, N.Y. 11355



the ODD story

OF

The Golden Age of Nothing

by Stephen Herring

If you were to mention the names Kurtzman, Elder, Davis or Wood in the presence of the makers of ODD magazine, we would most likely drop to our knees in reverent respect to a bygone age. Also, if you associated the name MAD with any number between one and twenty-three we would probably break out with nostalgic tears because you would be reminding us of the MAD comic (not to be confused with Mad magazine, yeach!)

Alas, the few short years when this sacred publication flourished, are past, and all we have is the tattered remnants of old MADs saved and cherished over the years, this and our memories (which doesn't add up to much more than a few tattered remnants of old MADs saved over the years). To make up for our shoddy memories, we have turned to our own creative talents and have ended up with a first class desecration

of the grave of MAD comic, this is ODD comic.

ODD? like any other slimy creeping social parasite, did not just pop on the national scene, it evolved, growing from the swamp of the degenerated minds and twisted ideas of its creators. The first traces of this amebic disease can be tracked back to 1957 when ODD #1, Vol.1 was scribbled out in full crayon color. We ran off a sum total of 3 copies (one original and two carbon copies). As for number two, well let's forget it. But number three was something else!! We called it "The NEW OPD" because we planned to mimeograph it, a new and exciting dimension in comic publication. What we planned to be a 25 copy literary donation to society was a generous donation of inky paper, and ruined stensils to the Sanitation Department. We managed to salvage a few issues, however, but as we look back at them we wish the whoke mess had blown up. This brings me to the high points of my otherwise empty life. We had made several pilgrimages to MAD offices to worship the gods of humor and satire under the excuse of buying back issues. When the high priest of humor and satire, Harvey Kurtzman, moved to another temple (HUMBUG magazine) we followed suite. It was here that we had the gaul and crust to sell to Harvey Kurtzman one of our cruddy ODD number threes. We did compensate, however, by buying up every Humbug product (including Frankenstein tie-clasps) that was offered. It was our humble honor to have Kurtzman autograph some issues of Humbug we had;

"Hello David- Thank you for visiting us."
"Stephen! Don't get the other guys autographs."
They are very ugly."

It was also our honor to pick up the autographs of Bill Elder and Wally

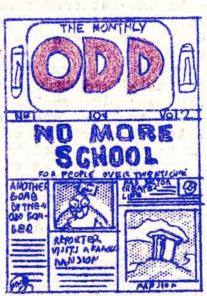
Wood, (despite what Harvey said).

Some time later we pulled ourselves together and tried again. This time, however, we cut out the printing jazz and stuck to one copy per issue. We needed a fresh image, so we called our new series Volume two. We turned out six issues plus two poket-book type readers. "Real ODD" and "The Return of ODD." It was in this series that our "ODD Bomber" flourished. He was invented back when we started ODD, this was the time of the bomb scares by the notorious "Mad Bomber" who was finally brought to justice. Our character was therefore a take off on this. He is our little man with a white doctors smok, horn rim glasses and a shinney bald head sporting various signs from a hole in it. In the present ODD, we have played him down to only a few appearances per issue. This series was done mostly in 1959 after which there was another long period of darkness.

One might say that Vol. two of the old ODD was a creation of quality rather than quantity. Well, the ODD of today is a magazine of quantity and we hope our readers will think- quality. Anyhow, we have seen this vile thing fester and grow to alarming proportions. Now it is threatening the whole world. Nevertheless, ODD is a recognized publication in the fanzine world, and as long as our feeble minds will hold out we shall continue to poison the channels of communication until the whole mess goes down the drain.



This is the cover of the very first issue of ODD, made in the summer of 1957.



The cover of ODD #1 Vol. 2 made in the summer of 1959 looked like this.

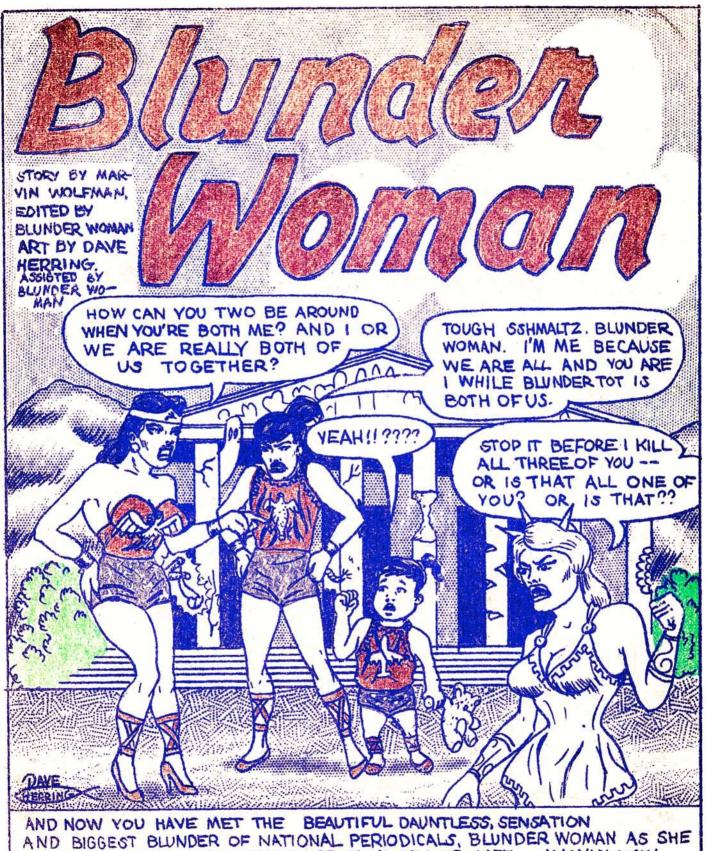


The first issue of our present series, made in the spring of 1964, had this cover.



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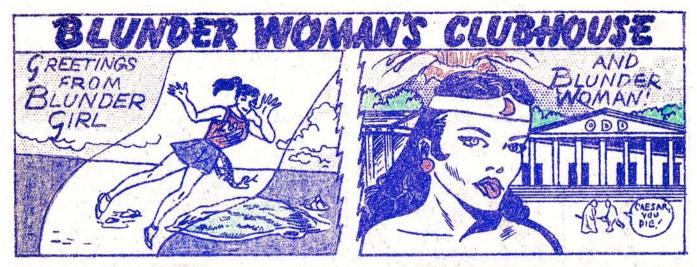




AND BIGGEST BLUNDER OF NATIONAL PERIODICALS, BLUNDER WOMAN AS SHE TRIES TO SOLVE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OF HER LIFE ... MAINLY HOW COME HER MOTHER IS THE SAME AGE AS SHE IS?







HOLA; THIS IS BLUNDER WOMAN AGAIN. HI OUT THERE. MY MOTHER AND I LOVE TO RECEIVE YOUR CRAZY LETTERS. WRITE SOME MORE. HUH???

Dear Blunder Woman: I love you and want to marry you. Will you marry me? I want to marry you because you are pretty and so strong. Please marry me.

Sincerely, Eddie Fraeble

DEAR EDDIE: I'M SORRY EDDIE BUT
I HAVE MY EYES ON STEVE LOVER.
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE'S EVER GOING
TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ME OUT WHEN I
CAN'T LET HIM PICK ME UP AT PARADOX ISLAND CAUSE I'LL LOSE MY POWERS. BLUNDER WOMAN

Dear Blunder Woman: I wish your book came out every day or even more. Can you? Please, huh huh. I started a fan club and have thirty two members in it. Me, my 19 dogs and 2 hamsters and 4 elephants and 7 rodents(rats)

Yours,

DEAR SELMA: WE ARE WORKING ON AN IDEA TO PUBLISH MY BOOK 3 TIMES DAILY. THEY WILL HAVE ONE PAGE AND EACH MAVE A DIFFERENT EROTIC POSE OF MY BEAUTIFUL BODY. I BET YOU'RE MOUTH IS WATERING, HUH? THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE WILL HAVE STUPID LETTERS LIKE YOURS.

BLUNDER WOMAN

Dear Miss Woman: For approxamately 18 years, I have been reading your fantastic adventures. Although I have never written to a periodical before, with the exception of Scientific American in which I corrected a formula of higher calculous, I felt that I had to write you. Yours is a fantastically exciting book, kept alive by the fantastically marvelous escapades of yourself, Miss Woman, Blunder Girl and Blunder Tot. I find this the only somic magazine I don't mind reading

Sincerely, Steve Trevor Col. USAF

DEAR STEVE: YOU SOUND KIND OF CUTE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING SATURDAY NIGHT? BLUNDER WOMAN

Dear Blunder Woman: Occoh! That Steve Lover is a gorgeous hunk o' man. I worship him. I gotta have him. Don't you dare marry him. You shameless hussey! In future issues couldn't he wear a more revealing costume something like yours.

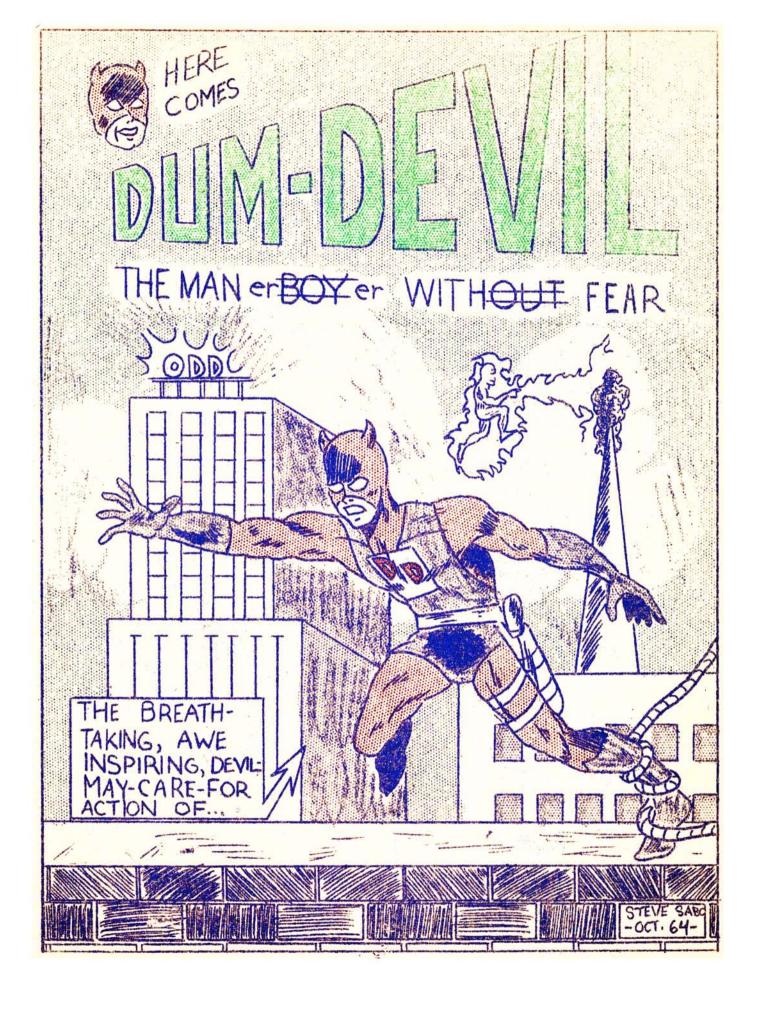
Yours jealously, Mildred Bleam

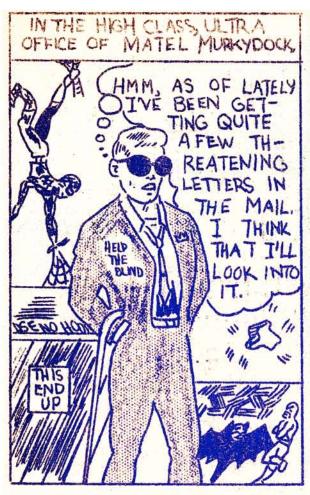
DEAR MILDRED: I'M SORRY BUT STEVE
IS MY MAN. I'VE TRIED TO GET HIM
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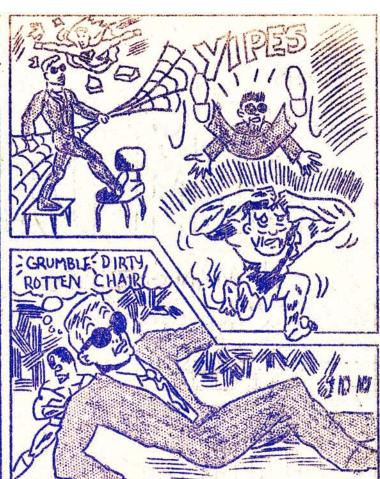
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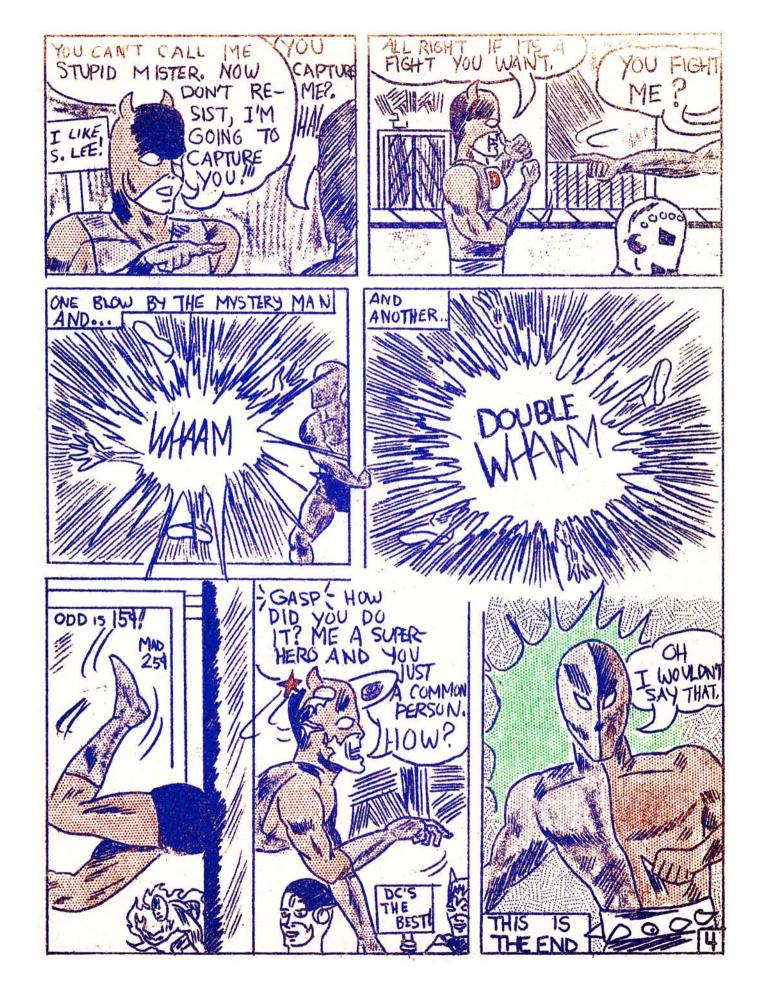








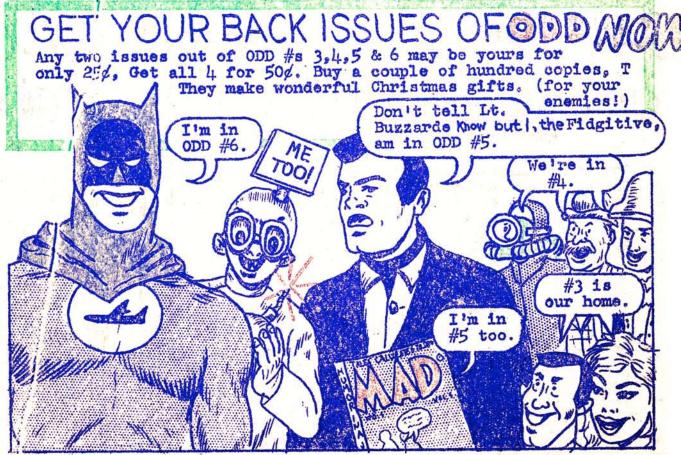






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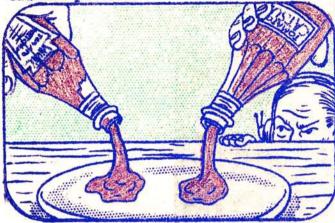


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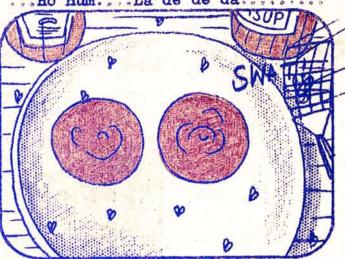


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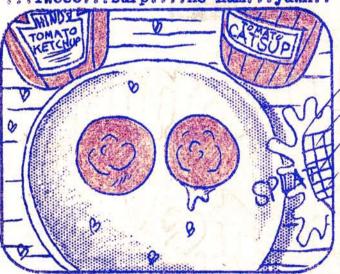
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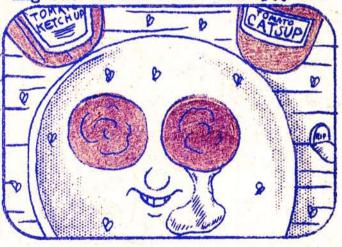
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Twees...burp....Ho hum...yawn...



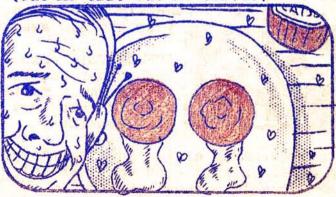
After 3 minutes and 39 seconds look at all that runny water coming out of the other catsup, yech!



This is one reason you may pay a little more for HIND'S .. (Pssst. turn off the other camera...quick)

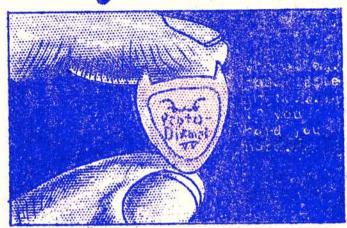


(Turn it off already ya lazy bum!) Ah. er. A-after 3 minutes and 40 seconds notice how the water in. HIND'S looks so much better than the water in the other catsup. (Cut me off! Cut me off!!!)



Idea suggested for this ad by Jay Kinney

New way to soothe away stomach distress



Pepto-Dismall Tablets

Real medication for fast relief of indigestion, butterflies, effects of ODD

CONVENIENT! Wherever you are you can chew Pepto-Dismal tablets. They coat your stomach lining with acid that eats away irritation. Unfortunately it eats part of

your stomach away too.



EFFECTIVE! Works in both upper and lower tracks. As a matter of fact it eats away your whole insides.

FAST; Quick as a wink your in the pink, or green or purple or whatever color you turn when in intense pain.

