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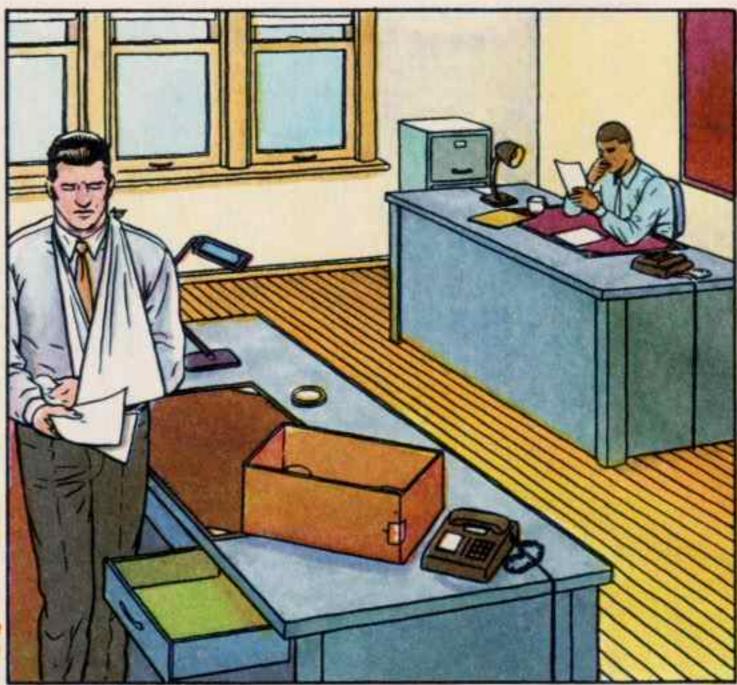


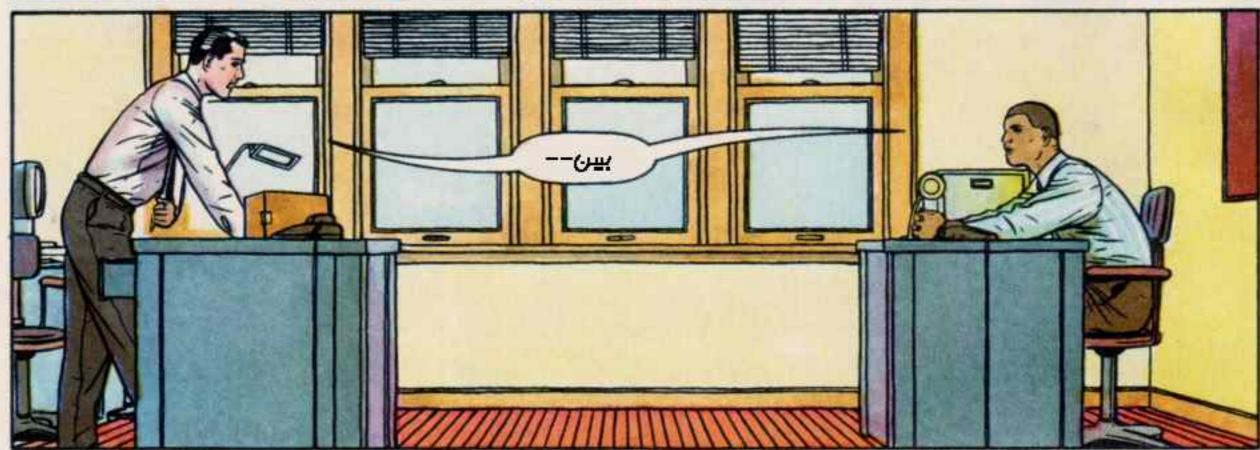


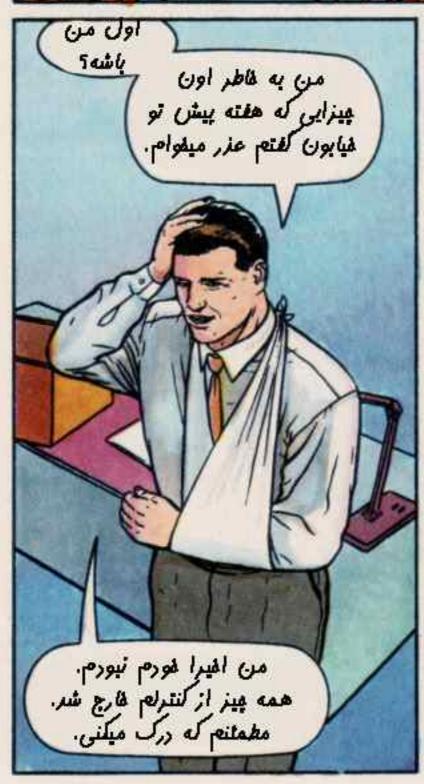












































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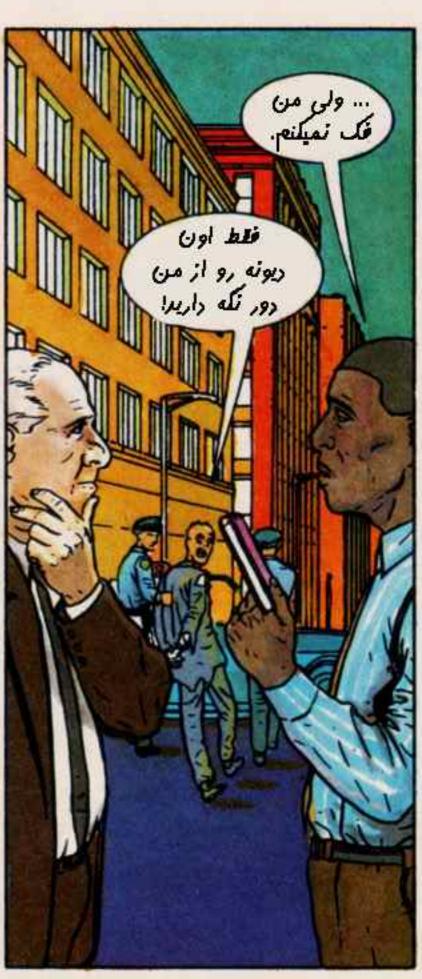


















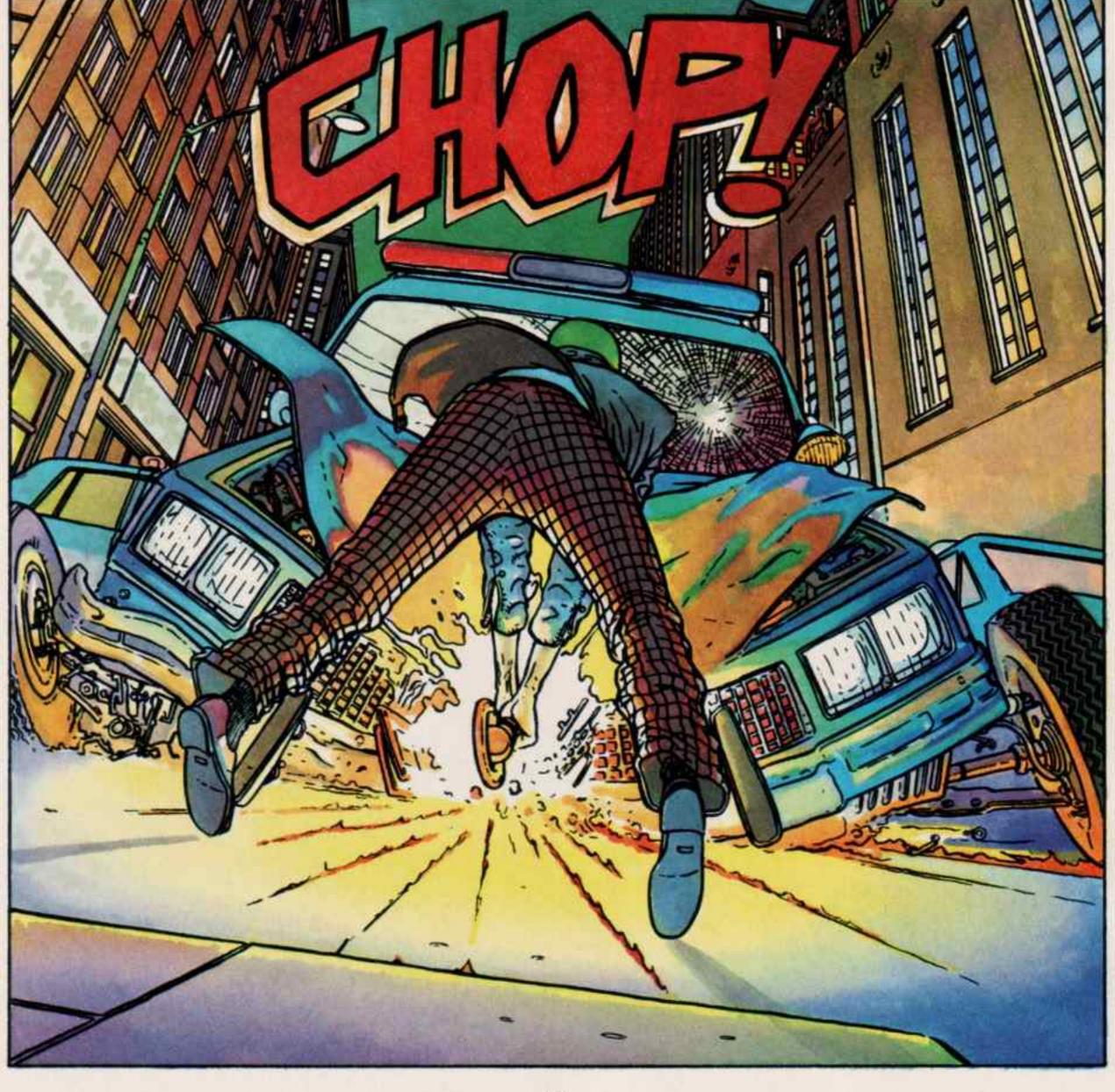
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## Flogging a Dead Horse

Every now and then we need someone or something to re-focus our cynical little lives. We scamper about trying to get done all those things that need to get done before everybody starts gripin' at you as to why they're not done yet! When attending this year's conventions, talking to various industry folk on the phone, or just standing around jawin' at the local comics shop, I'll occasionally hear myself (or another rotting cadaver like myself!) grousing about this or that and, in general, complaining about how comics aren't as vital and exciting a medium as in the days of old, i.e. my childhood years.

Now, things have certainly changed since then, but less vital and exciting? Methinks perhaps the excitement level (or lack thereof) may have something to do with one's own perspective! Fortunately, I have encountered several people in recent months who, for various reasons, have shaken me from my embittered old ways. Take young Tommy Edwards, for instance. Two weeks prior to leaving for San Diego I got a call from a worried mom whose son was going in for major surgery. Tommy is a talented young artist attending high school who has just been accepted into the Arts Center in Pasadena, Ca.

His mom wanted to know if we could send him a few comics and a "get well" message, as Dark Horse is one of his favorite publishers. We made sure he had something to read when he came to after surgery and last week I received his letter of thanks, photos, and samples of his artwork. He's literally beaming with enthusiasm for the medium and has completely bowled me over! The letter revealed his reason for being in the hospital in the first place which is, ironically, and sadly, similar to the other person whose predicament has had a real effect on me recently.

Rachelle Menashe (occasional DH colorist and our production manager's lady), like Tommy, was struck and injured by a drunk driver. News came as we were just beginning to work the San Diego Comic Con and, needless to say, Chris Chalenor was on a plane and at her side within hours. By Sunday evening Rachelle was downgraded from critical to

serious, and about 40 comics professionals gave of themselves and drew some pretty damn impressive "get well" cards of support. I wasn't there when she first saw them, but I've seen the results... a mere five weeks later and this girl is doing great! Forty people taking the time and energy to care about someone that most of them had never even met!

With Tommy and Rachelle on the road to recovery, there are people with far less traumatic recent histories who have also opened my eyes to the vita that still exists in comics. People like the good folks from Houston, Texas, Joe Nozemack, Isabeau, and Chip Mosher from Musabelle's Comics, C.K. Lichenstein from Phoenix Comics, and Jim Ashby, David "Mac" McLemore, and of course, the eternal punker Will (Evan Dorkin in training!) Freed! A great group whose positive energy and love of comics practically shines from their bright faces. Or how about Lyn Pederson from Page After Page in Las Vegas, or Mary Alice Wilson from Yellow Springs, Ohio? Now there are a couple of hearts of that just won't quit- exploding with both ideas and healthy, constructive criticism! Or how about Shannon Stewart from Georgia, or Brian McQuery from the Chicago area?

So, yeah, it sucks that some people are collecting, not reading, comics and that a good percentage of John & Jane Q. Public still regard our medium like they do yet another oil spill off the coast. But there are also a lot of great things going on in the world of comics thanks to the likes of Dan Clowes, Cindy Goff, Geof Darrow, Peter Bagge, Frank Miller, Rafael Nieves, Dan Brereton, and a whole slew of new, young, "undiscovered" talent just champin' at the bit to make their mark in this totally vital medium for expression.

All right, I'll climb off my soapbox and let you get to the checklist below! (At least I didn't ramble on about how great Dark Horse Comics are!)

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## CHECKLIST

Dark Horse Presents #56

Aliens Genocide #1 Venus Wars #8

Cheval Noir #24

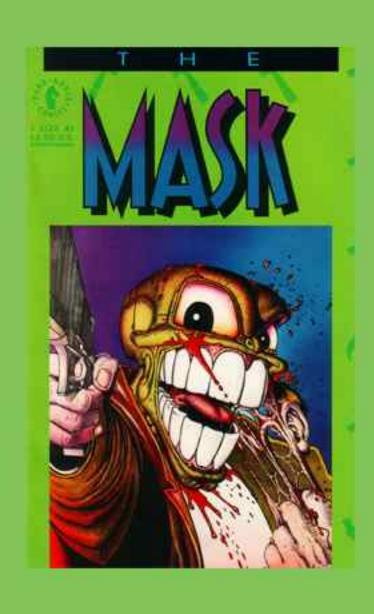
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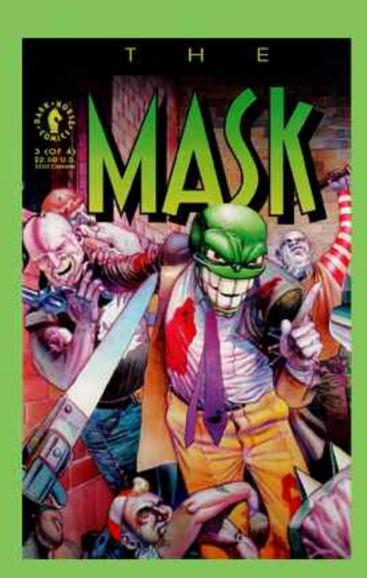
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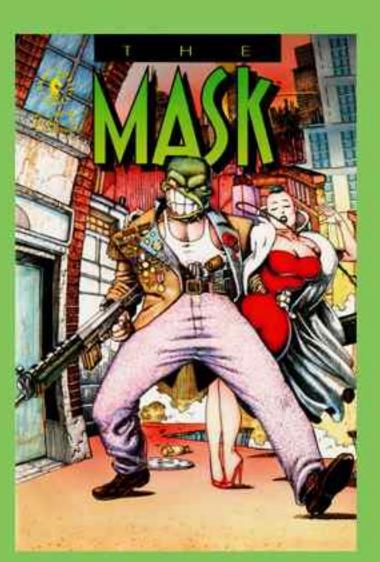
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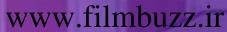
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