

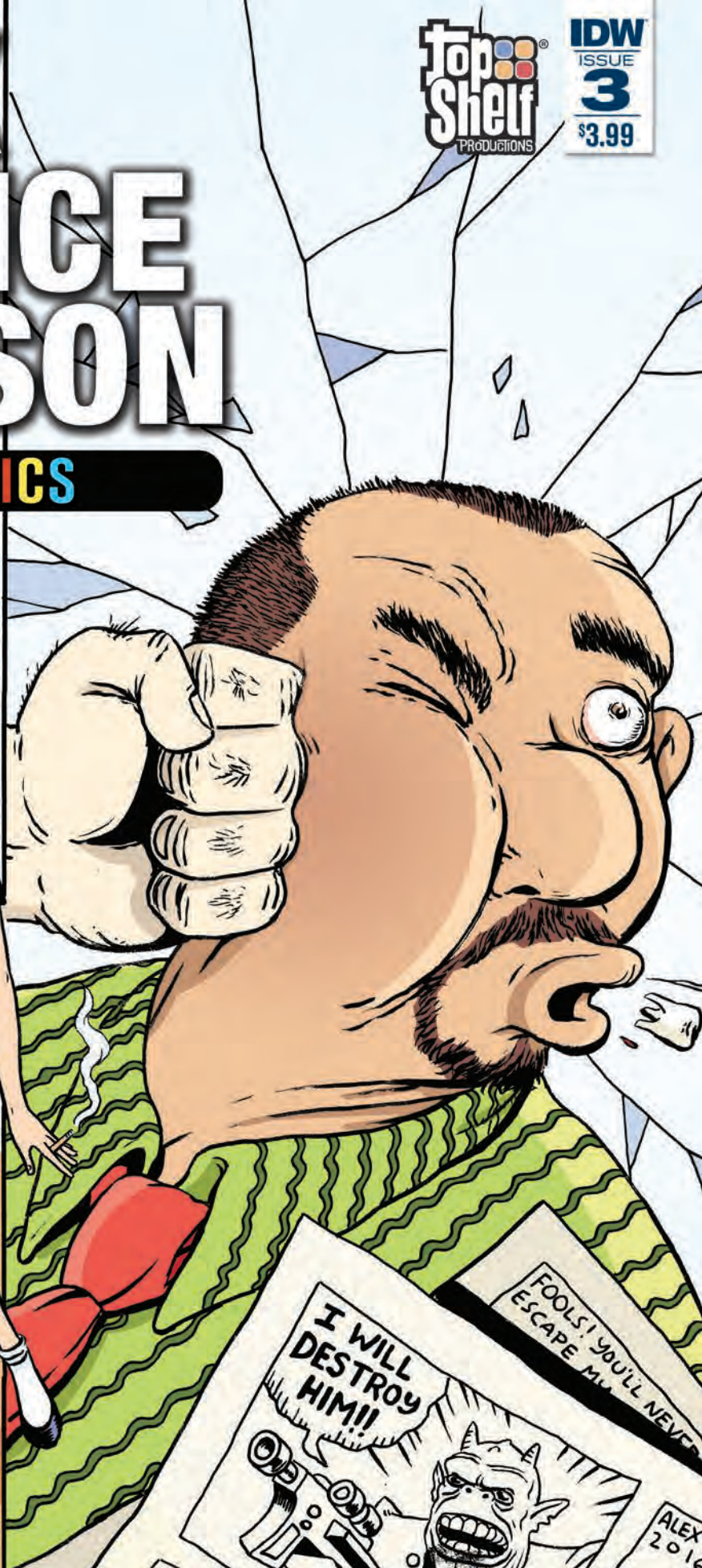
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ED..THE INK STUD



HOW'S IT GOING, ED?

GROAN: TERRIBLE. THESE GIRLS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY.

NO LUCK, huh?

IT'S NOT EVEN THAT! I'M SO AFRAID OF BEING REJECTED, I JUST ASSUME THEY'LL SAY NO SO I DON'T EVEN TRY.

IT'S DOWNRIGHT PATHETIC!



IF THAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE, YOU'RE RIGHT, IT IS PATHETIC!

ED, YOU HAVE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE! GO IN THERE THINKING: "I'M A GREAT CATCH! SURE I HAVE MY FLAWS, BUT WHO DOESN'T? I'M SMART AND I'M COOL AND I'M FUNNY AND IF SHE CAN'T SEE THAT, FUCK'ER! FUCK HER AND HER SHALLOW SUPERFICIAL MALL RAT VALUES!! I'M ED VELASQUEZ, CARTOONIST, STUD... AMERICAN!!! DAMMIT!"

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Uh, ACTUALLY I WAS BORN IN COSTA RICA.

BUT YOU LIVE IN AMERICA!

NOW GO GET LAID, ED!



THIS IS CRAZY! WHAT AM I DOING?! WOMEN AREN'T INTERESTED IN ME. WHAT WAS IT JAMES SAID I NEEDED...?

OH YEAH! CONFIDENCE!



HEY, BABY, HOW'S IT GOING?

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE ROOM?

HMM. I WOULD LAUGH NERVOUSLY AND TELL YOU THAT YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I SAID I WANTED TO BRING YOU HOME, COVER YOU IN TAPIOCA PUDDING AND WE MAKE HOT STEAMY LOVE 'TIL SUNRISE?



I'D SAY "LET'S GO."





REALLY?! EVEN THOUGH I'M FAT?

SURE.

EVEN THOUGH I'M KINDA SHORT?

YOU BET.

EVEN THOUGH I SNORE?

CERTAINLY.

EVEN THOUGH I STILL LIVE WITH MY PARENTS?

YEP.

IN QUEENS?

NO PROBLEMO.

EVEN THOUGH MY FEET SMELL LIKE DORITOS?

UH HUH.

EVEN THOUGH I SWEAT AT THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION?

FINE.

EVEN THOUGH I'M A VIRGIN?

DAMN RIGHT.

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE EXCESSIVE FLATULENCE?

HUH?
I FART ALOT?

YOU GOT IT, JACK.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE GOT PIMPLES ON MY BUTTOCKS?

YES.

WOW!! I CANT BELIEVE IT! YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST CARTOONIST IN THE WORLD!!

CART--?
UH.

EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO OVER THERE NOW.



IF YOU
COULD HAVE
BRUNCH
WITH ANY
FICTIONAL
CHARACTER,
WHO WOULD
IT
BE?

HOLDEN
CAULFIELD,



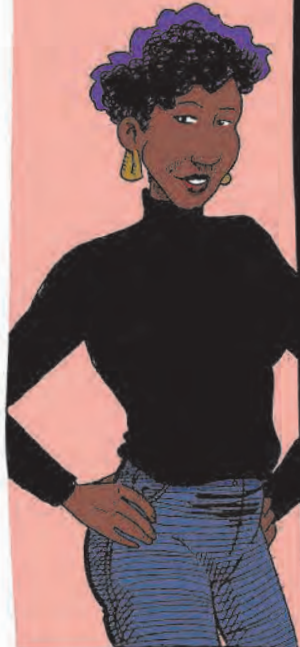
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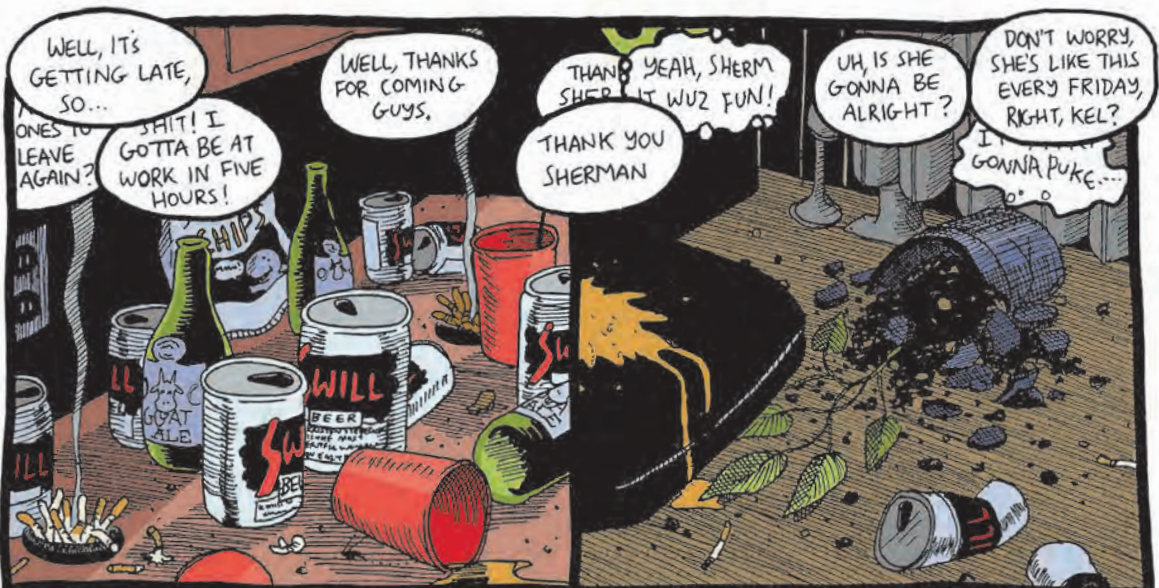
ADRIAN
MOLE, AGE
13¾.



HOMER
SIMPSON.

DOES HE
COUNT?





WELL, IT'S GETTING LATE, SO...
ONES TO LEAVE AGAIN?

SHIT! I GOTTA BE AT WORK IN FIVE HOURS!

WELL, THANKS FOR COMING GUYS,

THANK YOU SHERMAN

YEAH, SHERM IT WUZ FUN!

UH, IS SHE GONNA BE ALRIGHT?

DON'T WORRY, SHE'S LIKE THIS EVERY FRIDAY, RIGHT, KEL?

I GONNA PUKE...



WELL, THANKS AGAIN, SHERMAN. IT WAS A BLAST!

WELL, SEE YOU AT WORK ON SUNDAY.

SURE, WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN!



OKAY, SEE YA. BYE!

BYE! 'NIGHT.

whew.

SURRENDER DOROTHY OR BANG! ZOOM!



IF I NEVER HOST ANOTHER PARTY IN MY LIFE IT'LL BE TOO SOON FOR ME.