



# MICHAEL CHABON'S

The



# ESCAPIST



AMAZING ADVENTURES













WELL, THESE *TOYS* OF HIS NEVER GIVE ME MUCH *TROUBLE*. I'LL JUST---!

*THAT'S STRANGE.*

IT *SHOULD* HAVE COLLAPSED INTO A BOUQUET OF *FLOWERS* BY NOW.

SOMETHING'S *WRONG*. IT'S THIS *METAL*---MY *MAGIC* IS HAVING NO *EFFECT* ON IT!

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* IT. I'M...I'M *TRAPPED!*

**ZAP!**

**ZA-RAP!**





... YES, WELL,  
I WASN'T SURE  
WHO TO CALL,  
BUT -- I  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT. IT'S JUST --  
I CAN'T BE  
CERTAIN  
IF THERE'S ANY  
IMMEDIATE...

HOLY COW!  
HEY, KID --!



OH,  
MY GOD!  
TOMMY?!?

KID THINKS  
HE'S BATMAN.



IT WORKED!  
THE KEY WORKED!  
I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT!



I MEAN ...  
I DO!  
I DO  
BELIEVE IT.





NOW THAT IT'S GOT HOLD OF LUNA MOTH, THAT MECHANICAL BEASTIE IS BACKING AWAY.

SHE SHOULD HAVE WISHED THAT THING INTO OBLIVION BY NOW. I HOPE THAT---AH, WHAT AM I WORRIED ABOUT? LUNA MOTH IS ONE WOMAN WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF...

NOT LIKE MY JUDY.



**STOMP!**  
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FIRST YOU'RE ALL HANDS, AND NOW IT'S BACK TO YOUR PLACE, HUH?

WHAT KIND OF GIRL DO YOU THINK I AM?



I TAKE IT BACK. HE ONLY WANTED TO BRING ME HOME TO MEET DEAR OLD "DAD."

AS FLIPPANT AS EVER.



I'D FLIP YOU, ALL RIGHT, ONLY...

ONLY CONTACT WITH MY SPECIAL ALLOY RENDERS YOUR MAGIC INEFFECTIVE.

NO CLEVER RETORT? THEN PERHAPS YOU'LL INDULGE AN OLD MAN IN HIS MOMENT OF VICTORY OVER A HATED ENEMY.



LOOK AROUND YOU. I'VE TURNED THIS PLACE INTO A MUSEUM OF MY FAILURES... ANYTHING LOOK FAMILIAR? NO? THEN INDULGE ME A LITTLE FURTHER.





ESCAPIST!  
YOU  
FILTHY  
BASTARD!

OH, GREAT.  
CATSON.

MY HEAD STILL  
ACHES FROM OUR  
SIX-MONTH "HUNT  
FOR THE U.S.A."\*  
TOGETHER...

YEAH,  
MAN.

TOUGH  
TO "ESCAPE"  
REEFER LIKE  
THAT!

\*AS CHRONICLED IN OUR  
PREVIOUS SIX ISSUES. IF YOU  
MISSED THEM, YOU'RE TRULY  
MISSING OUT ON THE ALL-NEW,  
ALL-NOW ESCAPIST! CONSULT  
YOUR LOCAL ASHRAM  
IMMEDIATELY! --Danny

GET LOST,  
CATSON.

I'VE  
GOT  
WORK  
TO  
DO.

BULL,  
ESCAPIST.  
YOU NEED  
ME.

HOW WOULD  
YOU EVER WORK  
THROUGH BOTH SIDES  
OF AN IMPORTANT  
SOCIAL ISSUE  
WITHOUT MY CAUSTIC  
COMMENTARY??

COME  
ON--WHERE'S  
YOUR LORD  
AND MASTER  
SENDING  
YOU THIS  
TIME?

ALL  
RIGHT--IF  
YOU MUST  
KNOW--

"--WE'RE  
GOING TO  
CHICAGO."

... JUST LET  
ME DO THE  
TALKING. DON'T  
WORRY--YOU'LL  
GET YOUR  
SCOOP.

AND WHATEVER  
YOU DO, DON'T MENTION  
ANYTHING ABOUT BUSING,  
POLLUTION, OR THE  
FLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN  
INDIAN --





-- THESE NATIVES LOOK RESTLESS ENOUGH ALREADY.

EVERYONE! PLEASE, BE COOL!

WELL, WELL--  
IF IT AIN'T THE ESCAPIST!

YOU HERE TO FREE US FROM THIS TYRANNY--

OR ARE YOU JUST ANOTHER WARDEN, TURNING THE KEY?

I--I--

ESCAPIST!

THANK GOD YOU'RE HE-AH!

THESE INGRATES AH DESTROYING MAH ILLEGAL PROFITS -- I MEAN, MAH BIZ-AH-NESS!

DISPERSE THEM IMMEDI-AHT-LY!

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING TOO DRASTIC, HOUDINI-MAN--

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GET AN EARFUL OF WHAT MY MAN HERE HAS TO SAY.