











HAMSTER DROPPINGS

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By DON CHIN

The BIG news is... we have a NEW penciller for the hamsters! SAM KIETH, artist extraordinaire, begins with this issue, and I'm honored to be working with him. I think you'll agree that some great things are in store for the hamsters artistically and I promise to do the same on my writing end of

hings!

Here's a bit of news about Man-Kieth. Sam is probably best known for his work on the critically acclaimed Mage series, inking Matt Wagner. However, he has been involved with several other projects such as Critters, Stig's Inferno, The Wandering Stars, and now the Hamsters. It's easy to fall in love with his hilarious animated illustration style-sometimes I felt like Berni Wrightson was drawing this issue! (That's a compliment, Sam.) Sam is also helping me plot each issue, and his input is terrific. Many of his ideas and concepts will be seen in the upcoming ARBBH color graphic novel later this year.

I met Sam last year at the San Diego Comic Con. He's the kind of guy that everybody likes... even Parsonavich! He was nominated for a Jack Kirby award for best artistic team for his work on Mage. I think he's going to win that award

in the future!

Also responsible for the artwork in this issue is guest inker Joltin' John Nyberg, famed inker of Nexus and other fine books. Nice

job, Johnny!

And let us not forget that master letterer Kurt Hathaway, who also joins our regular team this issue. Kurt's no stranger to the hamsters, having done work on ARBBH 3-D #3,#4 and the Clint mini-series, which he also appeared in!

In store for you in Issue #7 are a bunch of goodies—and it isn't even Christmas yet! It's the beginning of a NEW direction for the furry four! The fun is only starting!

Now to the mail-bag for the latest news from here, there and everywhere!

Yooo Hamster Droppings,

OH MY GOD! Hamsters in Georgia! Lock the kids in the freezer! Throw Grandma in the attic! Hide under the car!

About your location research—DO SOME! Those animals? Alligators, bears, birds, insects, snakes, chickens, llamas, orangutans and second-hand electric donkey back biters...OK! But floppsie bunnies??? Haven't seen any of those in YEARS!

Don't tell anybody, but I really like your book. Why? I don't know, ask my psychoanalyst!

Hang onto the Heap for awhile ... even the Beatles have a mysterious fifth member.

If you promise to print my letter, me and Dave—we'll talk!

Hamsters HOOOO! R. S. McLarty 2032 Lower River Rd. Douglasville, GA 30135

Okay R.S.... I printed your letter, but for some reason I can't hear you!

Chin and Parsonavich,

ARBBH is totally the best series I've ever read. It's better than TMNT, I think! (But who gives a [bad word here] what I think.)

Man (men), #3 wasn't even funny! Let's keep Par drawing the hamsters. Now #4, THAT was funny! Boy, I was bustin' up! The Heap! HA! HA! HA!

Oh yeah, I'm glad they blew up Lady Liberty. I'm sick of her and all that 100th birthday mess.

Keep up the great work!

Mike Barr

1070 Ashpark Lane
Harbor City, CA 90710

Mike, it's the young people like you in America that make me believe that the future still has hope.

Dear Chin and Parsonavich.

I really enjoy your comic but I don't know why some people say you copy TMNT. I mean, ARBBH is hilarious and TMNT isn't. Anyway, what college did you go to, Don,

and what college does Par go to?
Also, is Ray Zone's real name
Ray Zone?

Just to prove my loyalty, read this one sentence story: I started collecting comics a year ago and the first comic I got at a comic shop was ARBBH 3-D #1; I actually enjoyed it, so now I've got all but two issues.

I actually like Par's artwork, but it's just a little dark.

Last question: Will you ever come to the east coast for a Hams-Tour?

Your loyal fan? Aaron Kimbrell 3352 N. Thomas St. Arlington, VA 22207

Well Aaron, I graduated with a BA in journalism in 1986 from Humboldt State University, where Parsonavich is currently studying. It's known the world over as the campus where "the women are men and the men aren't!" As far as I know, Ray Zone's name is real. He has a father, O. Zone, and a brother, N. Zone, who plays profootball.

As for an east coast tour or appearance, I'm afraid we'd have to be guests at a convention or a store. It's very expensive to pay for a long tour unless someone would be willing to help us out with expenses. Got any spare plane tickets lying around?

Dear Don,

I know that I must be just a little crazy for reading your book, and that is probably the truth. I do take comfort, or perhaps get scared, by the fact that you guys have to be far crazier than I.

I do want to thank you for the entertainment that you have given me... I've enjoyed your book

Trey Vorderbrug Rt. 3 Box 315 A Monroe, GA 30655

Thanks, Trey. . . we enjoyed your letter. And us, crazy? What ever gave you that idea—Hey! Who let those guys with the white suits in here?!

Dear Diary:

We've found a deserted comic book store. It's good. My men are tired. My Uzi is tired. Hell, I'm tired. Torn, dusty covers with extremely long titles lie heaped around me. I recognize a few. Shot 'em last week.

Chin and Parsonavich are in the back, munching on some bean sprouts and tofu. They seem happy. Not bad for the destroyers of an entire population, huh?

The nuclear attack never came. Well, sort of. Radioactivity is killing us nonetheless. We were too blinded by the mysterious white light. We beheld the rebirth of a universe and some of her heroes, shining and new, if somewhat puzzled.

We were so busy looking up, we never felt the rumblings in the sewers.

Who knew? Sure, they were funny-looking, but those turtles had character! The first rodents weren't bad, either. But this has definitely gotten out of hand!

Well, at least I can thank Chin and Parsonavich for shedding a little light in the darkness. Their effigies are burning from a lamp post across the street.

It didn't get bad until that damned bear came along. Sure he was well drawn, but is that any excuse? He's worse than Wolverine, Badger and Grim Jack! Bodies litter the streets. I'm glad. They deserved it!

I can hear Chin cackling back there. He's got another crazy idea. The other creep is agreeing with him. All I have to do is put the muzzle to their lice-ridden heads and ... no. That won't solve anything. They were, after all, innocent. Well, sort of.

We have been... Sorry, diary. Gotta go. Their recon has arrived. A kangaroo and a gopher, dragging a snoring gerbil, just tried to sneak past.

Maybe they'll learn from their mistakes.

"Hey, babe. What's up?"

"Their point men are here, Mr. P."

"Maybe we don't have to . . . you know."

"Sorry, Mr. C. They're carrying scripts."

"Let's move, babe!"

"Uh, Mr. P.? About the name of our group. Can't we . . ."

"Sorry, kid. It stays."

Somehow, diary, I have no hope they'll EVER learn.

Sheree Price In the Bivouac of the Barbaric Banzi Bushido Bipeds

Dear Chin and Parsonavich.

After five years of collecting comics, I have finally found a comic worth writing to.

Adolescent Radioactive Black Belt Hamsters (Chin, I agree with Parsonavich...it is tedious to write), is the most. I love Chin's puns.

How about a Clint Vs. The Punisher special edition?

A high school freshman reads, loves and admits he reads ARBBH.

Hamsters forever!

Jason Andrew Hanr President of Solstice (Buffalo's Comic Club) 61 Taverly Drive Buffalo, NY 14221

Clint vs. The Punisher, eh, Jason? Sounds like a good idea, but it would be too short. Clint would waste him in less than two pages!

Dear Don and Parsonavich.

I know I'm a bit slow, but I finally caught on to the hamsters with issue #3. I've been avoiding them on the grounds that they were "too silly." When I got home and read #3, I found that that's exactly what I've been looking for! Something silly!! And what's more, I've got everyone at the comic store believing that I'm related to you. (Actually, my popular cousin, Brian Chin of movie modeling fame—Star Trek I and Escape From New York—is the only relative I know in California.)

In addition to the fact that ARBBH is on the right level for me, I also like the visual gags, atrocious puns (how many are there now?), hilarious plot twists, and meta-comic antics (a term borrowed from D. R. Hofstadter, just a neat way of calling the outside world into the story, like Bruce calling Parsonavich). This is great stuff! I've read #3 about 17 times and every time I find something

new that I didn't notice the last time!

For some reason, I think those guys at TMNT are laughing with \$3.50 of my money because they think I'm related to you and are therefore keeping the iron-on I ordered. Maybe it's just a delay in the mail. Or a mail thief. Who knows?

Relatively yours(?), Jim Chin 10 Frat Row Gainesville, FL 32603

Jim? Jim—it's at long last you! Listen, the police here are still looking for you because of the "Girl Scout Incident" you were involved in—get out of the country to save your live! Run, Jim, run!

In closing, I'd like to thank all of you who have written in the past! We want your cards and letters, folks, so send them to us!

I also want to see you folks out there expand your artistic horizons, if you haven't already! Get out there and read good books, listen to good music, and watch good movies!

Here are some of my current recommendations, let me know yours!

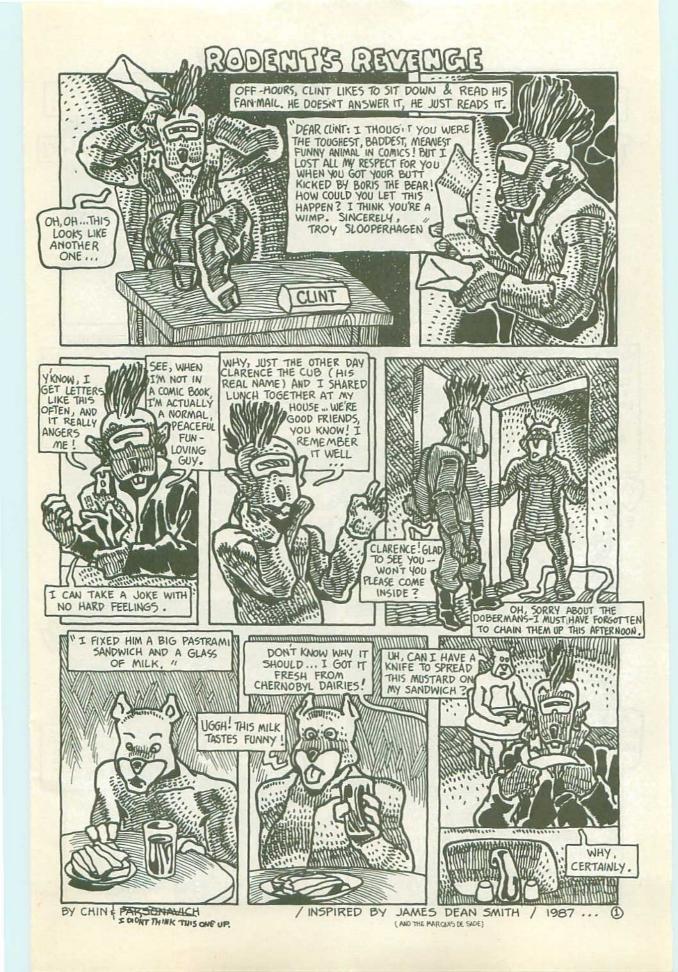
Books: The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy series by Douglas Adams, anything by Kurt Vonnegut Jr., Robert Sheckley and Lucius Shepard, The Bible.

Music: Kraftwerk: Electric Cafe (techno-pop), Alan Parsons Project: Sterotomy (rock), Yellow-jackets: Shades (jazz), Dave Grusin: Nightlines (jazz), Bruce Hornsby & The Range: The Way It Is (pop), Todd Rundgren and Utopia: Trivia (pop-rock), Andreas Vollenweider: Down to the Moon (new-age), Steven Wright: I Have a Pony (comedy).

Movies: The Mission (breathtaking), Ran (a visual odyssey), Aliens (intensely exciting), The Gods Must Be Crazy (hilarious), Star Trek IV (just plain fun).

That's Hamster Droppings for this issue, folks. See you in 90 days for "TOE-JAM MONSTERS FROM ATLANTIS!"

Take care 'n' God Bless, Don Chin





TSK, TSK ! YOUR FACE IS A MESS ! UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOME OF THAT SPICY HOT DIJON MUS TARD IN YOUR EYES ... LET'S GO WASH THEM OUT IN THE SINK!







OOPS! HAD THE HANDLE FORGIVE ME!

