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AMERICAN SPLENDOR

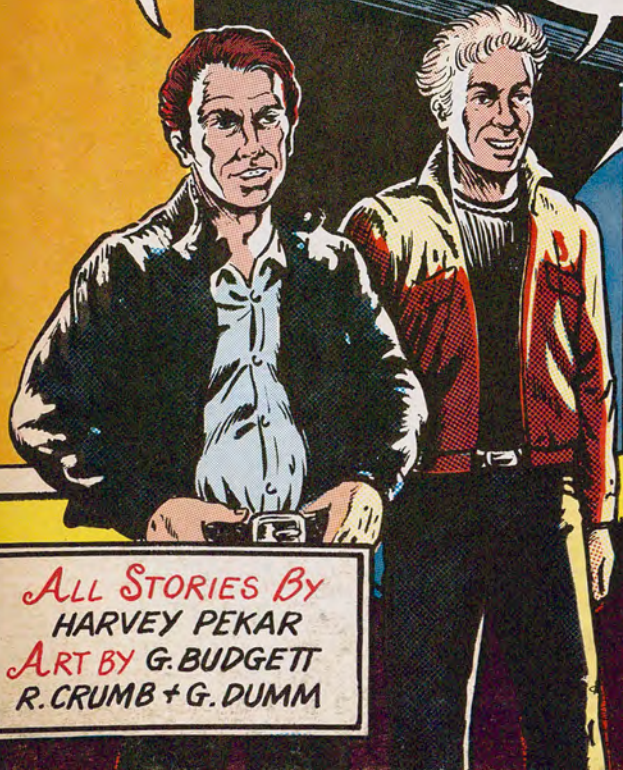
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I HEARD YA
WENT OUT WIT'
BONNIE
YESTERDAY.

YEAH,
HOWDJA DO?
WUDJA GIT
OFFA HER?

AH, LOUSY -
ALL'S I
GOT WUZ
ARM-AROUND.



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TRAVEL TIPS: Chicago's ★ GREAT RESTAURANTS #1

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NOW, I AM NOT INTERESTED MUCH IN TRAVELING. MY HOME TOWN, CLEVELAND, SUITS ME JUST FINE. HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A TRIP SOMEWHERE, A GOOD PLACE TO GO IS CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHICH REMINDS ME A LOT OF CLEVELAND. NOW, WHEN YOU GET THERE YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT SOME GOOD, (INEXPENSIVE PLACES TO EAT); PLACES THAT HAVE A COMFORTABLE, DOWN-TO-EARTH ATMOSPHERE. ONE OF THESE PLACES IS PICTURED BELOW, ANOTHER IS ON THE BACK COVER.

THE HAMBURGER KING IS A DINER LOCATED ON CHICAGO'S NORTH SIDE. THE FOOD IS TASTY AND THE PRICES ARE VERY REASONABLE. YOU CAN GET A BOWL OF RICE WITH GRAVY FOR 35¢. NOW THAT IS TOUGH TO BEAT. YOU CAN ALSO GET A GOOD BREAKFAST FOR UNDER \$1.50. THE COOKS AND WAITRESSES TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. ANOTHER GOOD THING ABOUT HAMBURGER KING IS THAT IT'S CLOSE TO WRIGLEY FIELD, THE HOME OF THE CHICAGO CUBS. IMAGINE BEING ABLE TO EAT A NICE HAMBURGER AND FRENCH FRIES AND THEN TAKE A LEISURELY WALK OVER TO WATCH A BASEBALL GAME AT WRIGLEY FIELD, AN ACTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL PARK WITH IVY COVERED WALLS, ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON. WONDERFUL!



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Standing Behind Old Jewish Ladies in Supermarket Lines

STORY BY HARVEY PEKAR

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MAN, I REALLY HATE T'SHOP FOR GROCERIES... ESPECIALLY WHEN THE STORE IS CROWDED!



SOMETIMES Y' HAVE T' STAND IN THE CHECK-OUT LINE FOR SO LONG!



I'VE T'WAIT AN ESPECIALLY LONG TIME IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD T'GET CHECKED OUT, BECAUSE SO MANY OLD JEWISH LADIES SHOP AT THE SUPERMARKET THERE...



MAN, THEY ARE REALLY PENNY-WISE! THEY WILL ARGUE FOREVER WITH A CASHIER ABOUT WHETHER SHE ROUNDED THE PRICES UP RIGHT, OR ABOUT COUPONS, OR ABOUT THE FOOD STAMP LAWS. GET BEHIND THEM IN A LINE AN' YER GONNA WAIT A LO-O-ONG TIME!



I'M A YID MYSELF, AN' THE WOMEN IN MY FAMILY ARE LIKE THAT... BUT I NEVER GOT USED TO IT... I MEAN, I'M KINDA CHEAP MYSELF, BUT I GOT LIMITS!



ANYWAY, WHEN I TAKE A DAY OFF WORK, I LIKE T' GET MY GROCERY SHOPPING DONE... IT AIN'T AS CROWDED AT TH' STORE ON WEEKENDS...

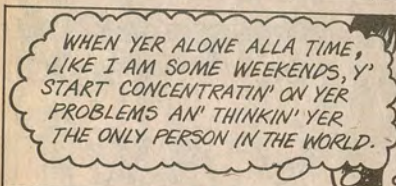




HEY, I FEEL BETTER NOW. I ONLY FEEL NORMALLY LOUSY.



I HATE T'ADMIT IT, BUT WORKIN' SORT OF HELPS ME KEEP FROM GOIN' NUTS.



WHEN YER ALONE ALLA TIME, LIKE I AM SOME WEEKENDS, Y' START CONCENTRATIN' ON YER PROBLEMS AN' THINKIN' YER THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD.



BUT WORKIN' WITH PEOPLE HELPS YA PUT YERSELF AN' YER PROBLEMS IN PERSPECTIVE. STILL, IT'S A SHIT JOB AN' A LOTTA TIMES I FEEL TRAPPED HERE.



WHEN! WHAT CAN YOU DO, MAN? SOMETIMES THINGS SEEM SO HEAVY, OTHER TIMES EVERYTHING SEEMS LIKE A JOKE.

END.

SHORT WEEKEND

A STORY ABOUT THE COSMIC AND THE ORDINARY



IT'S SATURDAY MORNING. HERE'S OUR MAN, THE GUY WITH NO CHICK AND A LOUSY JOB, GOING TO CHECK OUT HIS POST OFFICE BOX. THIS IS THE HIGH POINT OF HIS WEEK.

I AIN'T CHECKED MY BOX OUT INNA WEEK BECAUSE IT'S SO DISAPPOINTING T' GO THERE EVERY COUPLE DAYS AN' NOT GET ANY MAIL. MAYBE T'DAY I'LL GET A REAL SURPRISE. A COUPLE PEOPLE OWE ME LETTERS. I HOPE I HEAR FROM SOMEBODY. OH, MAN, I HOPE.

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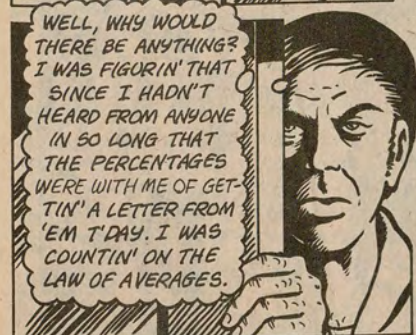
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NOTHIN'.



WELL, WHY WOULD THERE BE ANYTHING? I WAS FIGURIN' THAT SINCE I HADN'T HEARD FROM ANYONE IN SO LONG THAT THE PERCENTAGES WERE WITH ME OF GETTIN' A LETTER FROM 'EM T'DAY. I WAS COUNTIN' ON THE LAW OF AVERAGES.



BUT THINGS CAN GET BAD AND JUST STAY BAD ALL THE TIME LIKE THEY DO FOR SOME A' THOSE POOR PEOPLE IN INDIA...

TRAVEL TIPS: *Chicago's* GREAT RESTAURANTS #2



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IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN RESTAURANTS WITH LATIN CHARM, CHECK OUT THE EL TACO LOCO CHAIN. THEY HAVE FINE MEXICAN FOOD THERE. PRICES ARE QUITE REASONABLE. YOU CAN GET A MEAL CONSISTING OF TWO TACOS, FRENCH FRIES AND A MEXICAN PIZZA, ALL FOR ABOUT \$3.00. ANOTHER GOOD POINT ABOUT EL TACO LOCO ARE THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WAITRESSES, WHO HAVE A LOT OF SOUL AND ARE USUALLY BI-LINGUAL!

