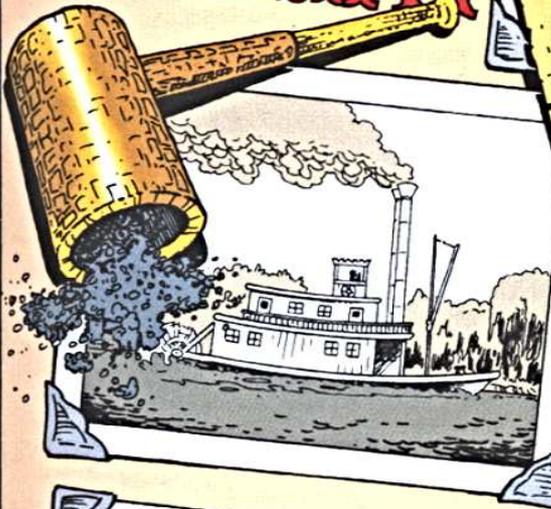
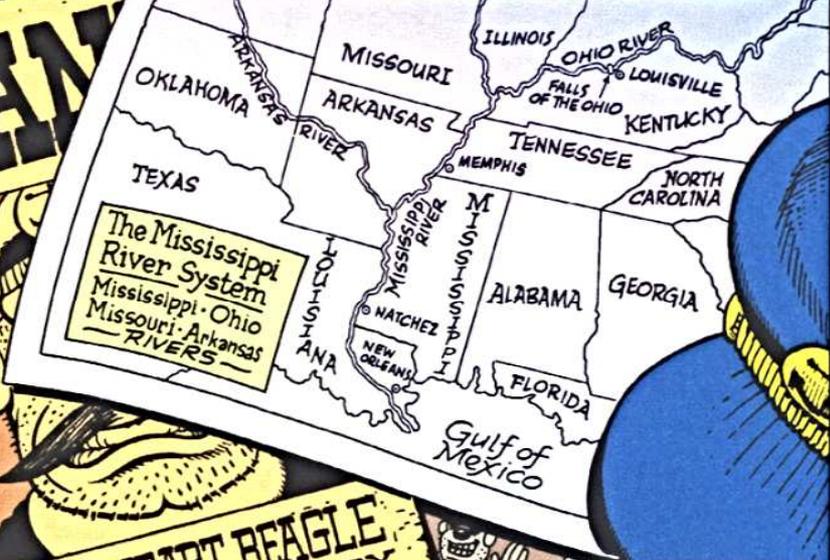


The Life and Times  
of Scrooge McDuck -  
PART TWO

# THE MASTER OF THE MISSISSIPPI



**A**MERICA HAD CALLED TO A SCOTS LAD NAMED SCROOGE McDUCK, AND HE ANSWERED! TAKING A JOB AS A CABIN BOY ON A CATTLE BOAT, HE REACHED THE STYLISH STREETS OF NEW ORLEANS...

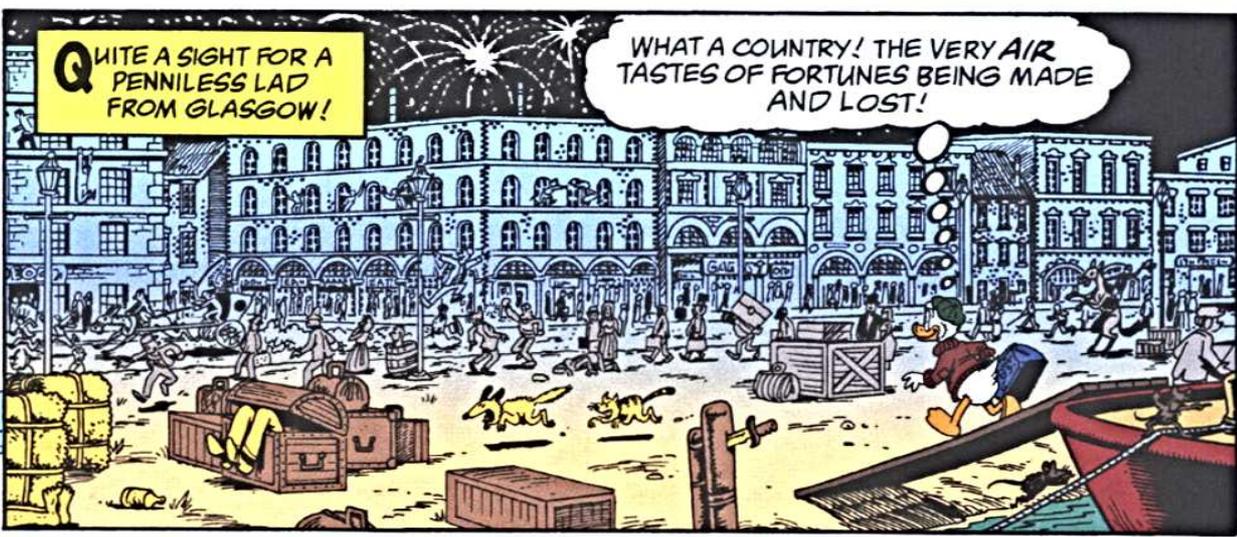


... AND FROM THERE WORKED HIS WAY UP THE MISSISSIPPI ON A PACKET RIVERBOAT, VENTURING DEEP INTO THE WILD AND WOOLLY AMERICAN HEARTLAND IN SEARCH OF HIS LONG LOST UNCLE, ANGUS McDUCK.

HIS UNCLE'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, WHERE SCROOGE DOCKED ON A GALA MAY EVENING JUST AS THE RIVER BOOMTOWN WAS CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL AND GAMBLERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE IN TOWN EAGERLY AWAITING THE SIXTH ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY.

**Q**UITE A SIGHT FOR A PENNILESS LAD FROM GLASGOW!

WHAT A COUNTRY! THE VERY AIR TASTES OF FORTUNES BEING MADE AND LOST!

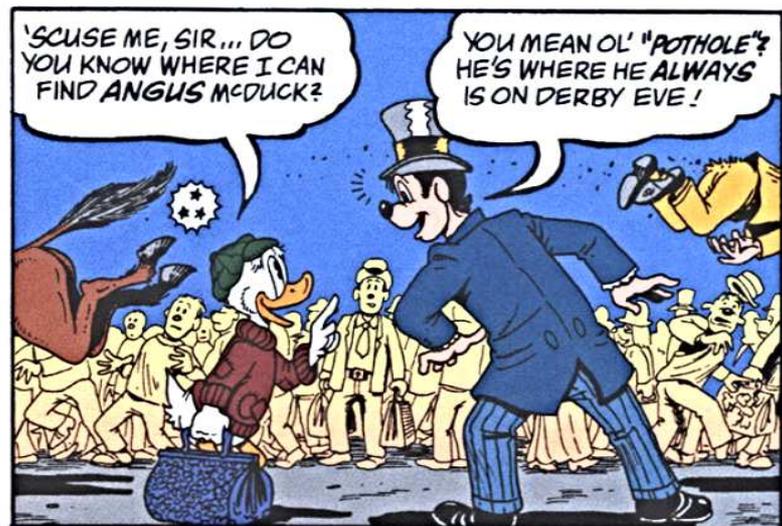
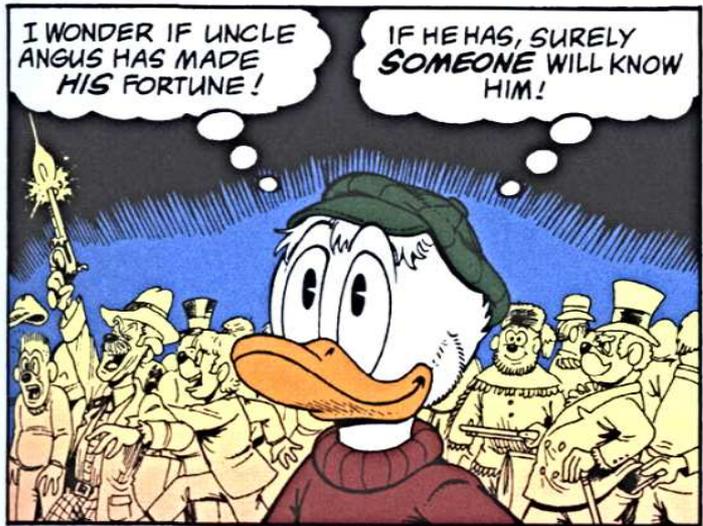


I WONDER IF UNCLE ANGUS HAS MADE HIS FORTUNE!

IF HE HAS, SURELY SOMEONE WILL KNOW HIM!

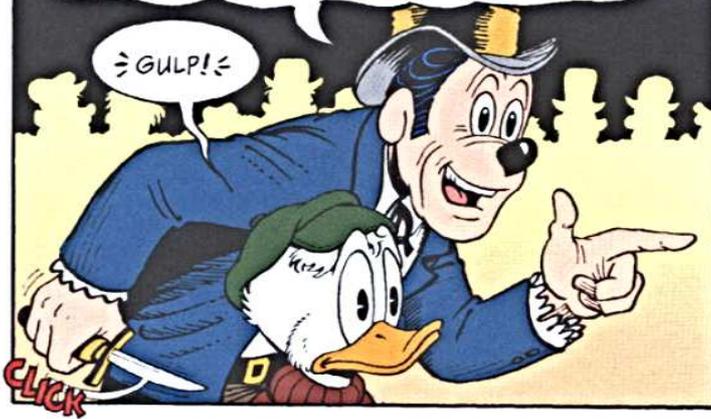
'SCUSE ME, SIR... DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND ANGUS McDUCK?

YOU MEAN OL' "POTHOLE"? HE'S WHERE HE ALWAYS IS ON DERBY EVE!



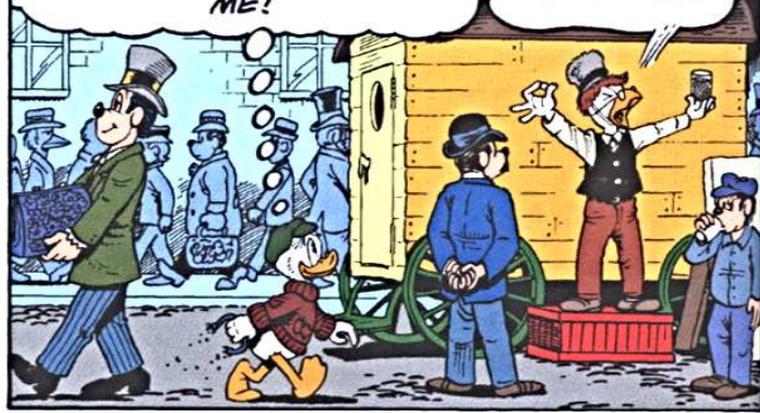
TRY THE SALOON IN THE GALT HOUSE AT FIRST AND MAIN! BUT DON'T GET YOUR POCKET PICKED IN THE CROWDS!

≡GULP!≡



SO MANY PEOPLE! AND SUCH A SPIRIT OF NEW IDEAS TO MAKE MONEY! THIS IS THE LAND FOR ME!

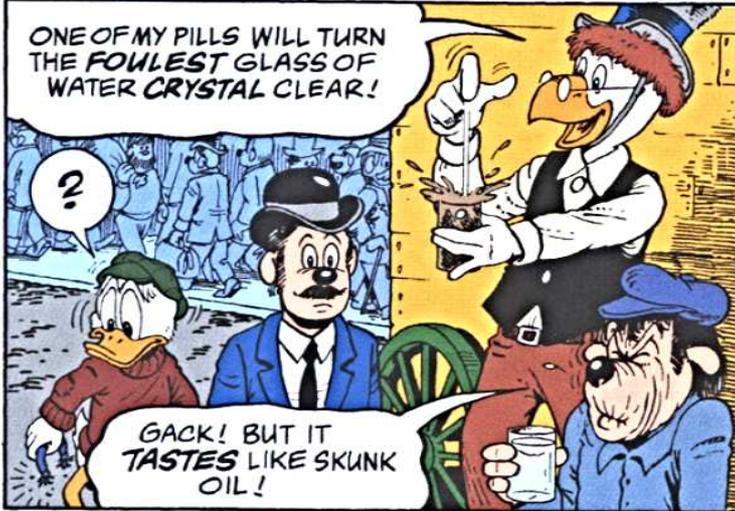
LOOKEE, LOOKEE! THE WONDER OF THE AGES!



ONE OF MY PILLS WILL TURN THE FOULEST GLASS OF WATER CRYSTAL CLEAR!

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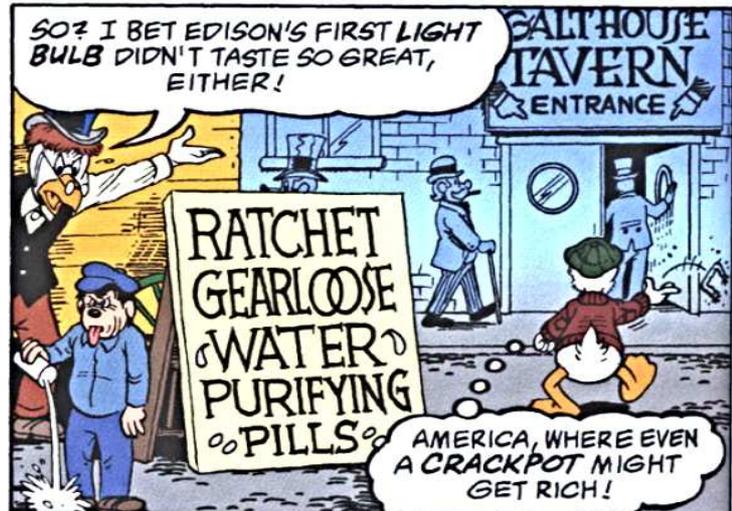
GACK! BUT IT TASTES LIKE SKUNK OIL!



SO? I BET EDISON'S FIRST LIGHT BULB DIDN'T TASTE SO GREAT, EITHER!

RATCHET GEARLOOSE WATER PURIFYING PILLS

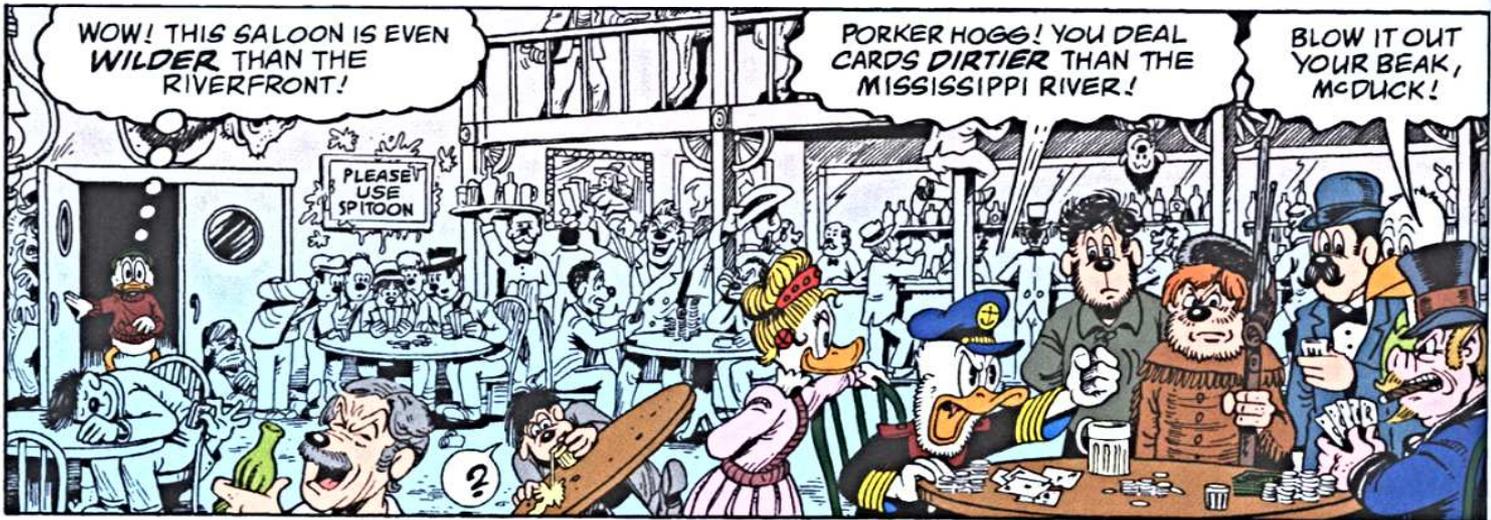
AMERICA, WHERE EVEN A CRACKPOT MIGHT GET RICH!



WOW! THIS SALOON IS EVEN WILDER THAN THE RIVERFRONT!

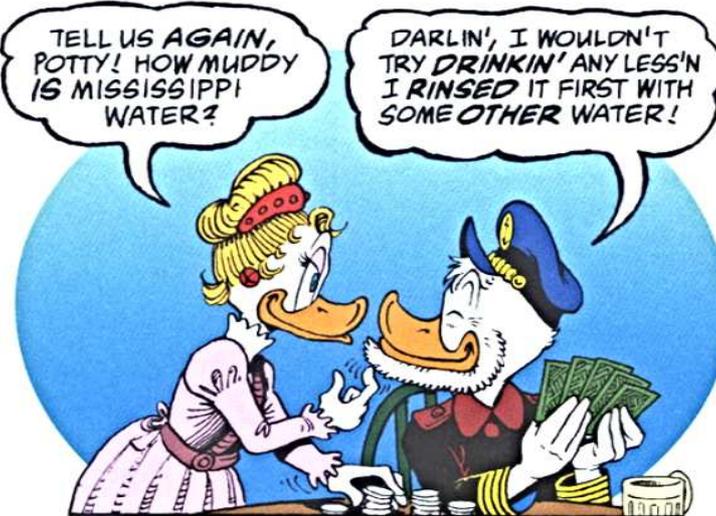
PORKER HOGG! YOU DEAL CARDS DIRTIER THAN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER!

BLOW IT OUT YOUR BEAK, MCDUCK!



TELL US AGAIN, POTTY! HOW MUDDY IS MISSISSIPPI WATER?

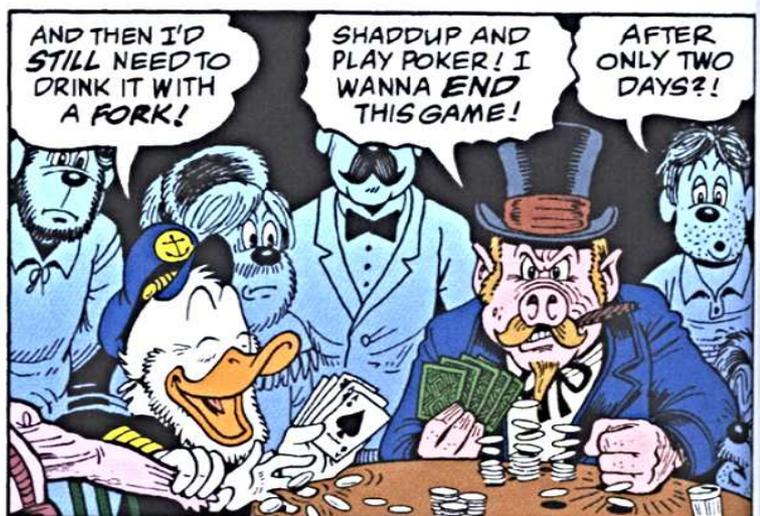
DARLIN', I WOULDN'T TRY DRINKIN' ANY LESS'N I RINSED IT FIRST WITH SOME OTHER WATER!

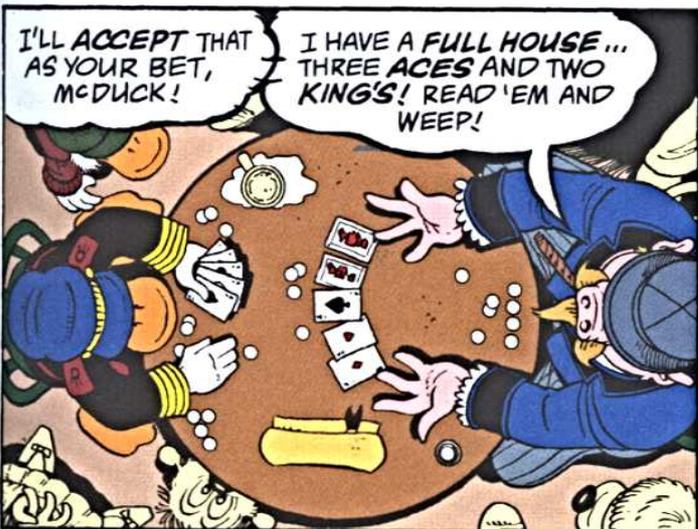
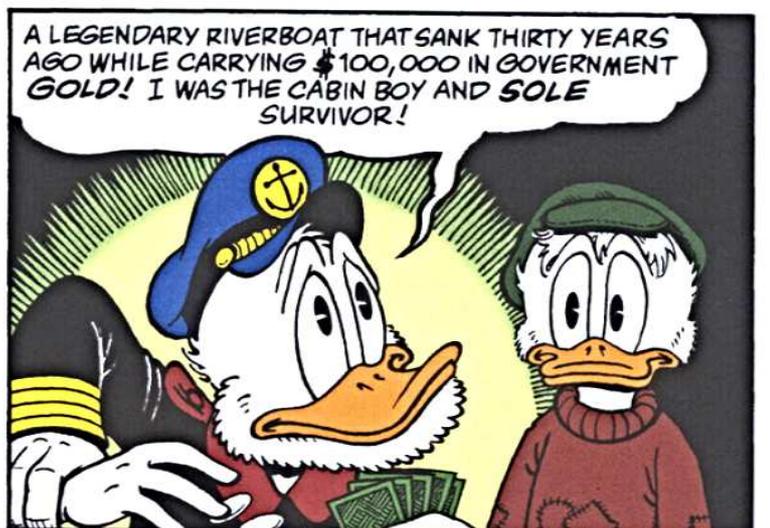
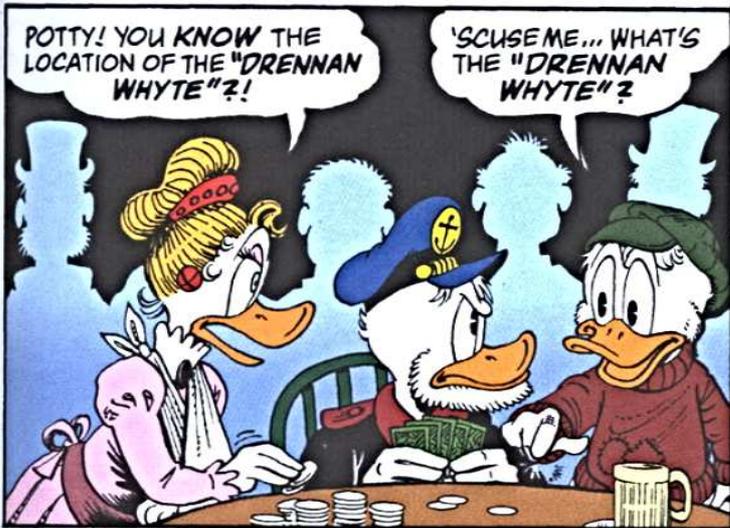
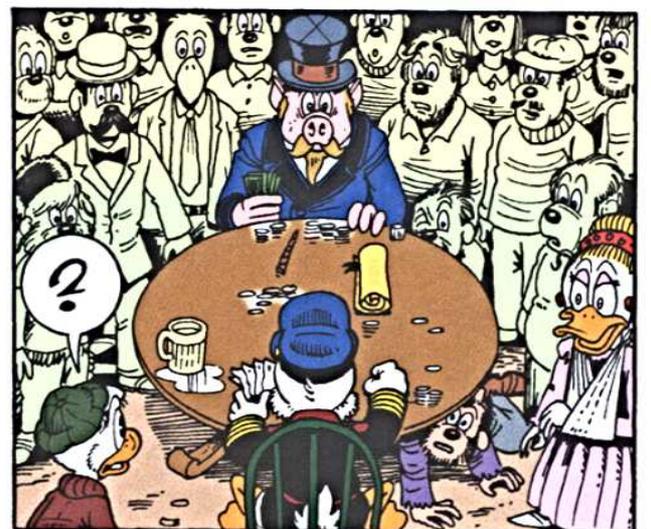
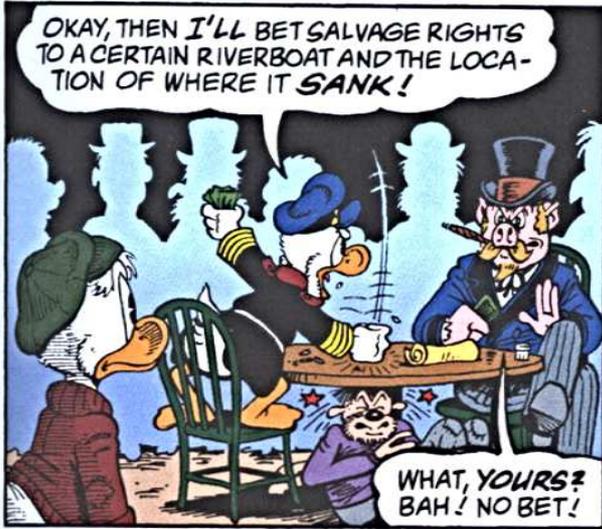
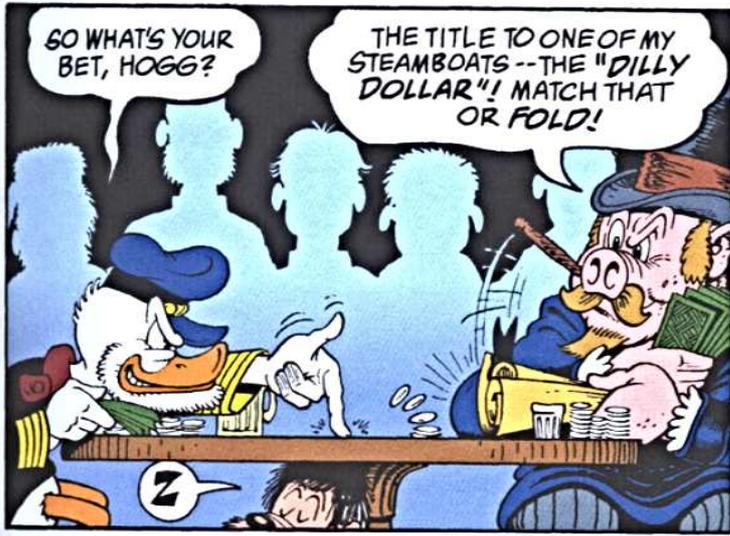


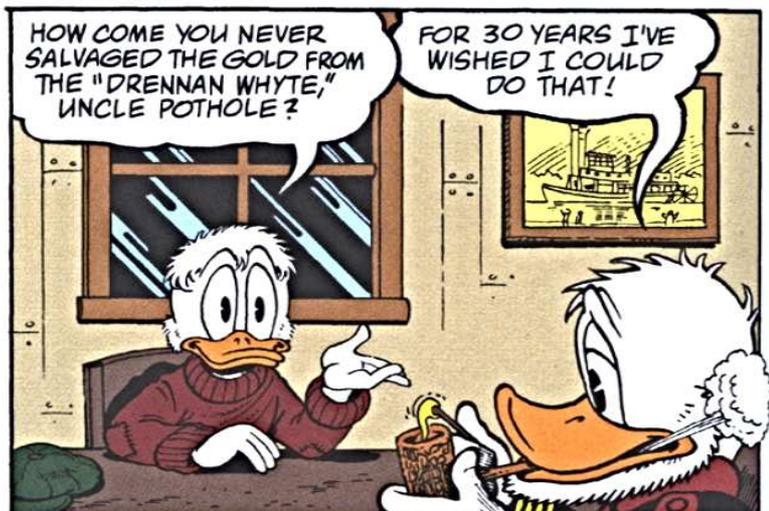
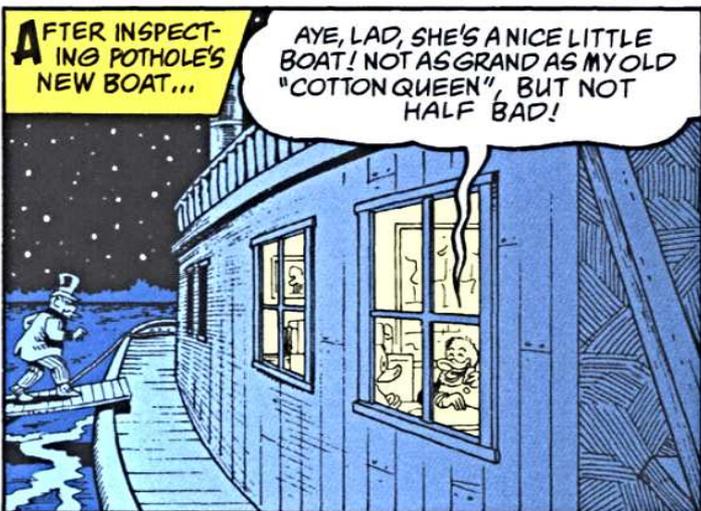
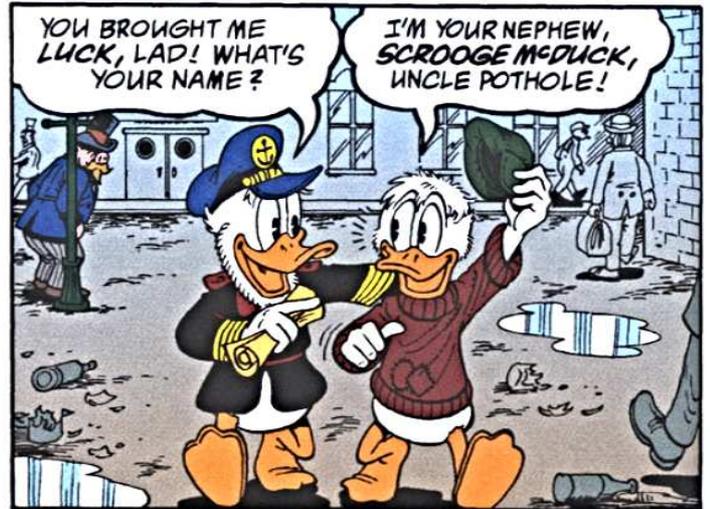
AND THEN I'D STILL NEED TO DRINK IT WITH A FORK!

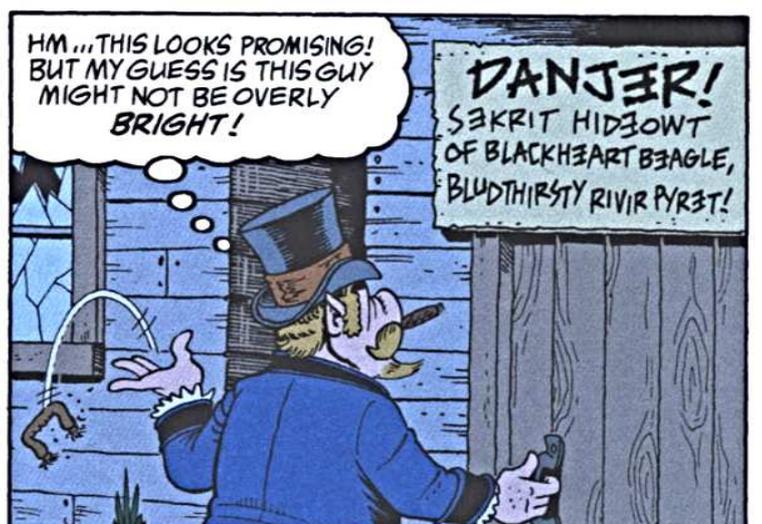
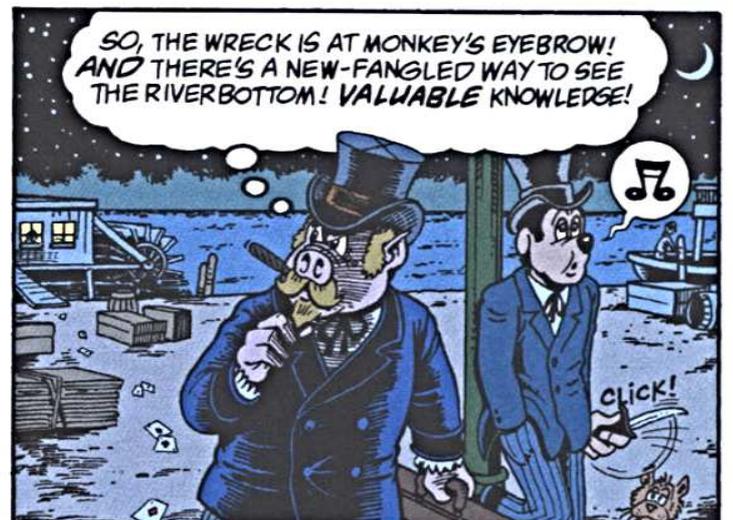
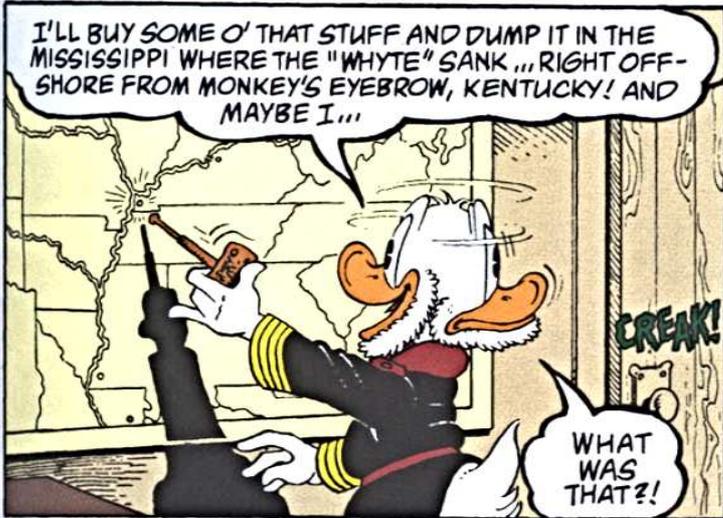
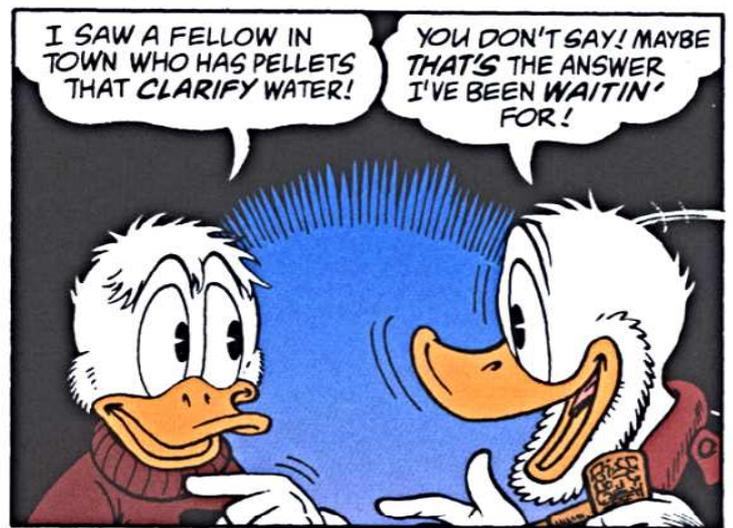
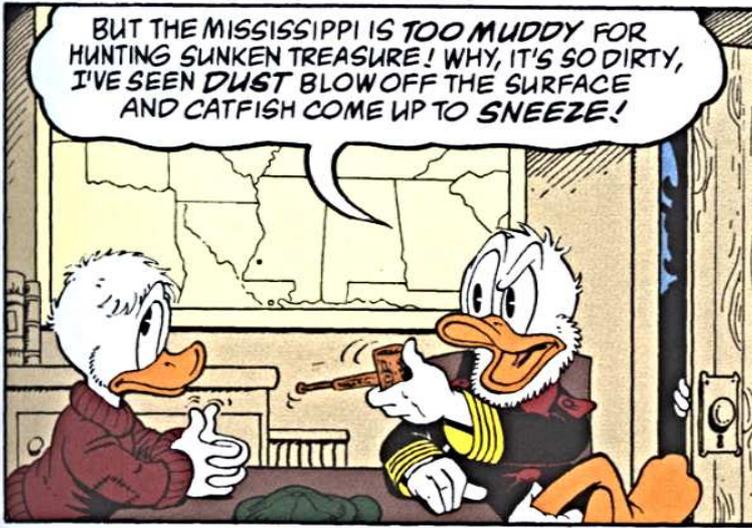
SHADDUP AND PLAY POKER! I WANNA END THIS GAME!

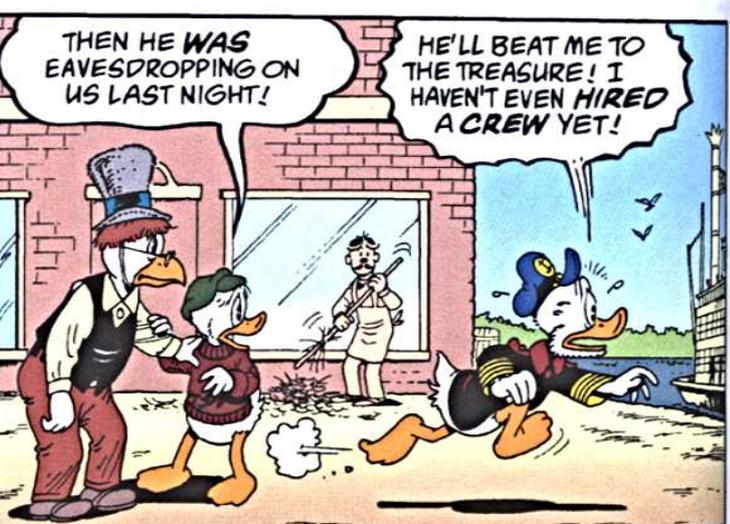
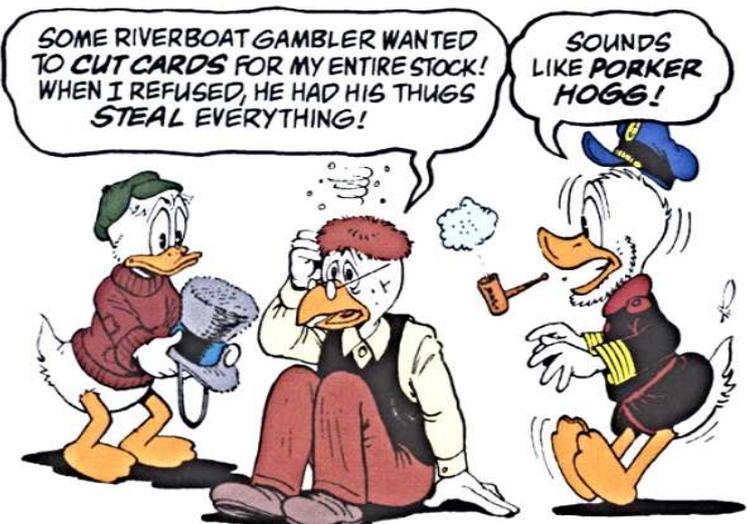
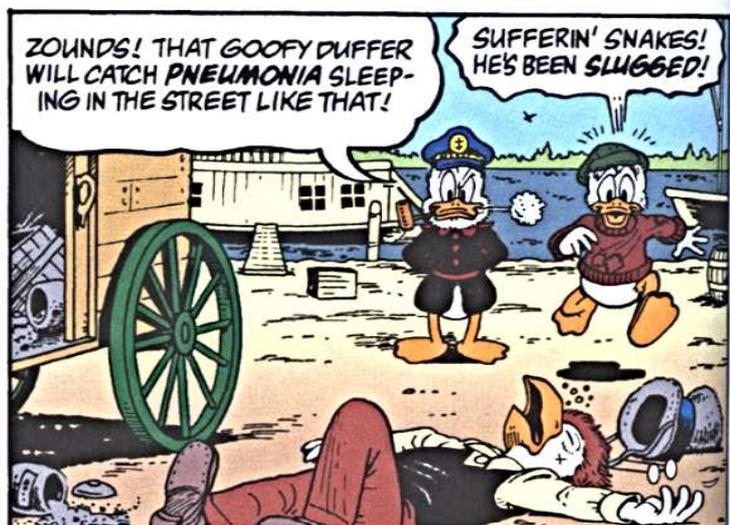
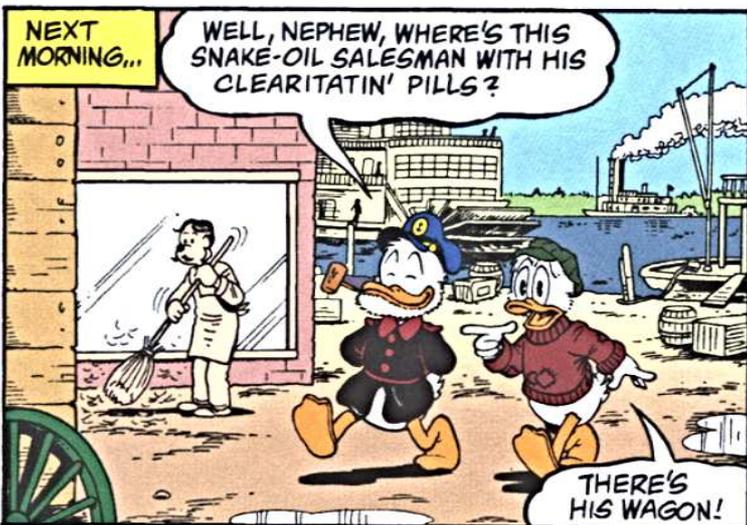
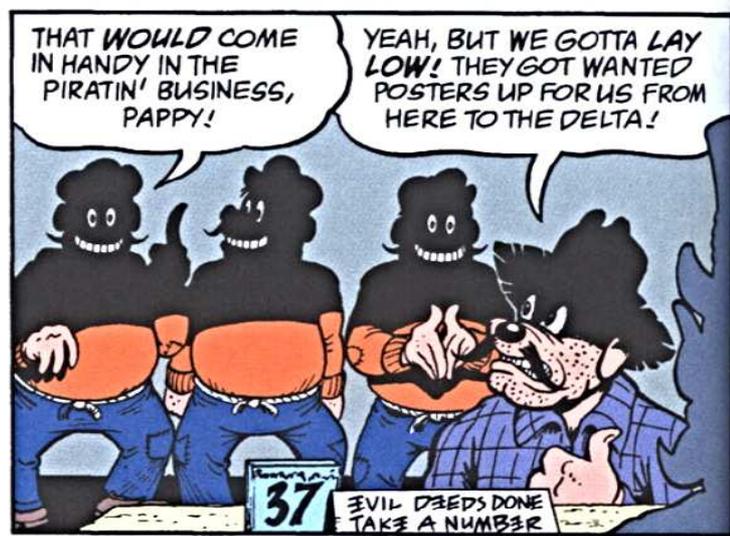
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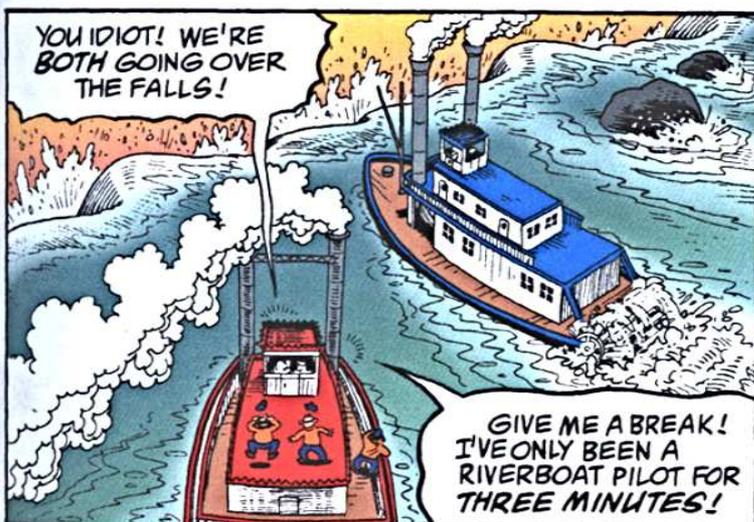
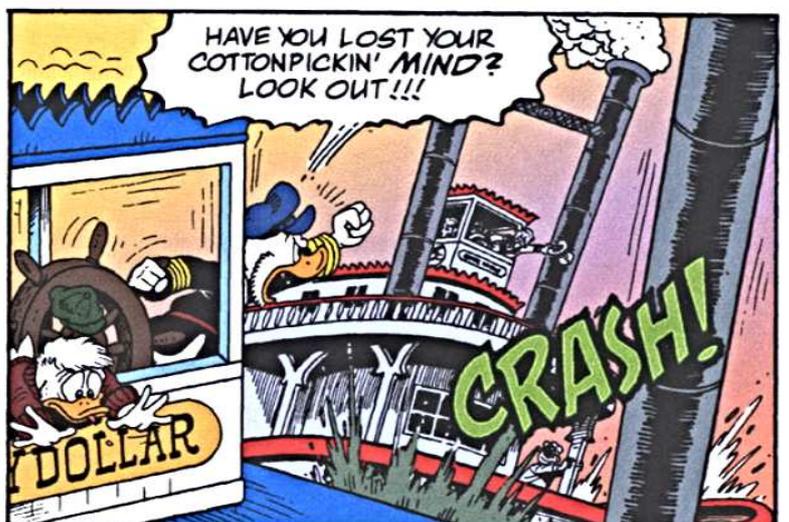
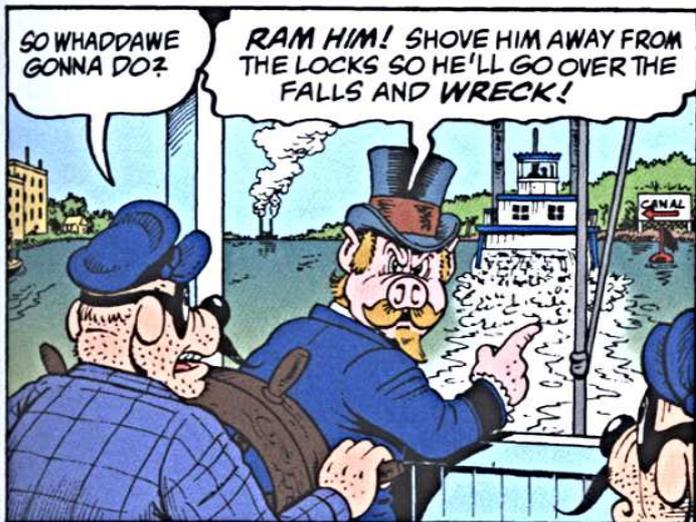
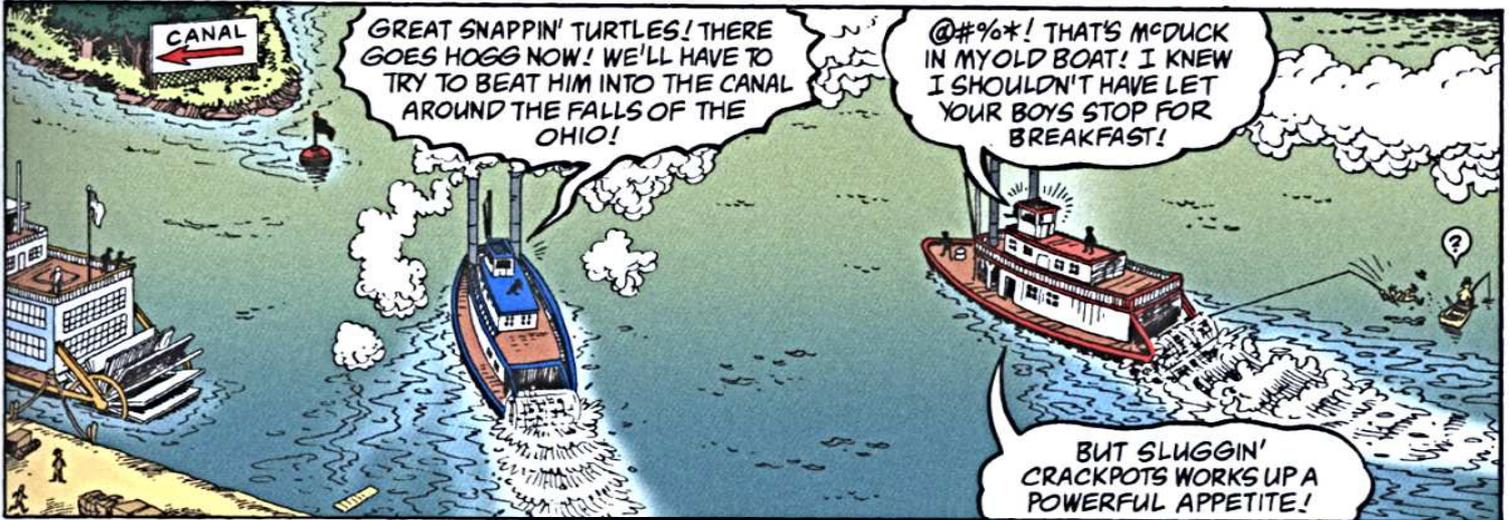
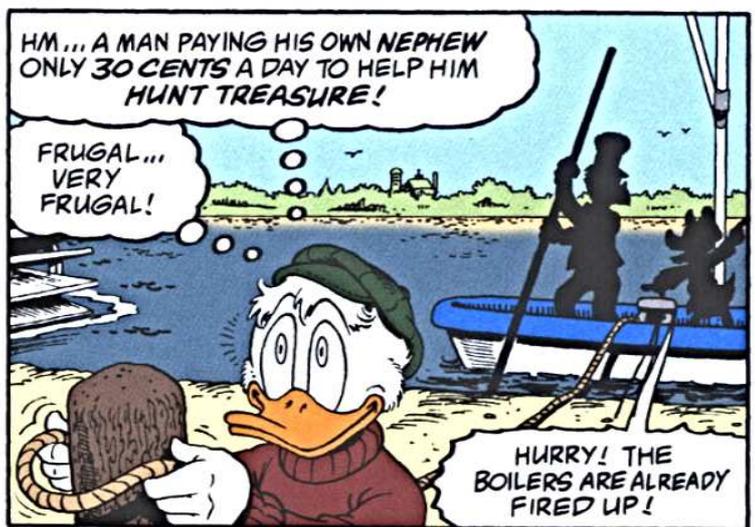
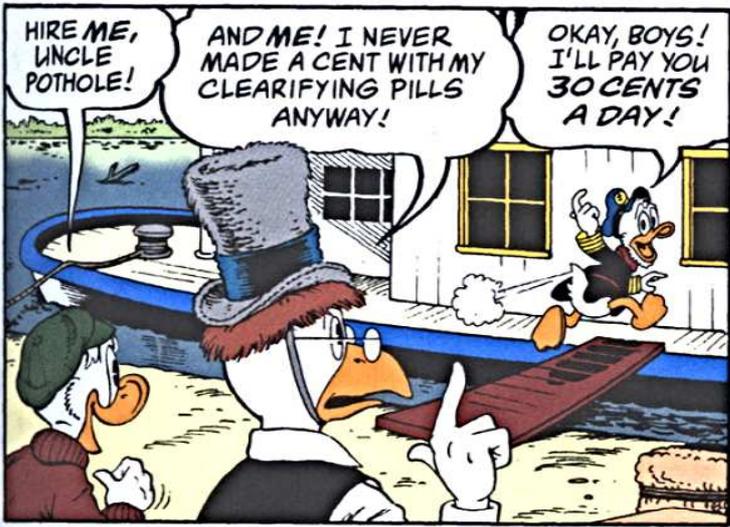


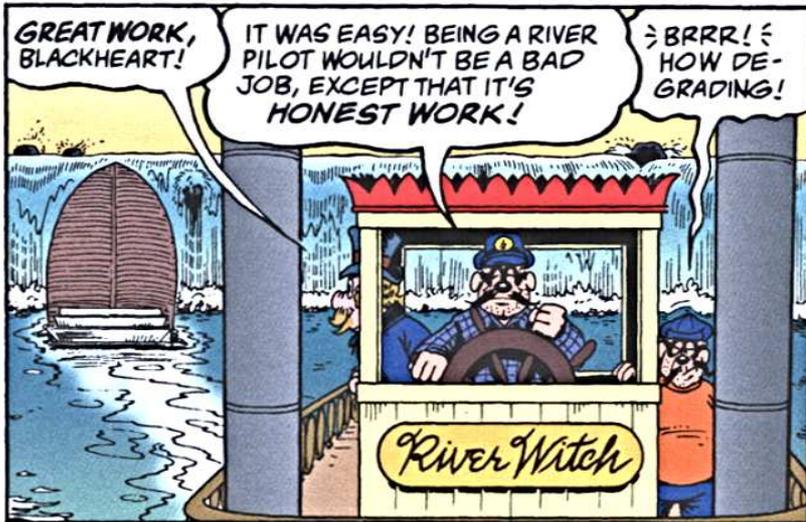
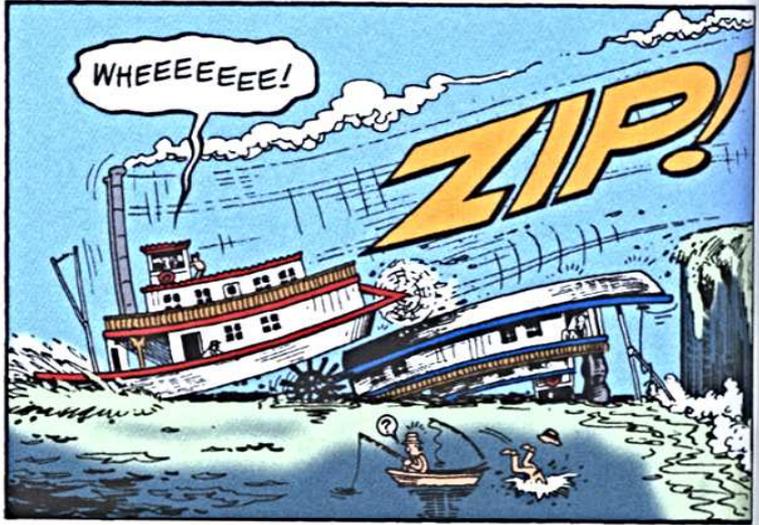
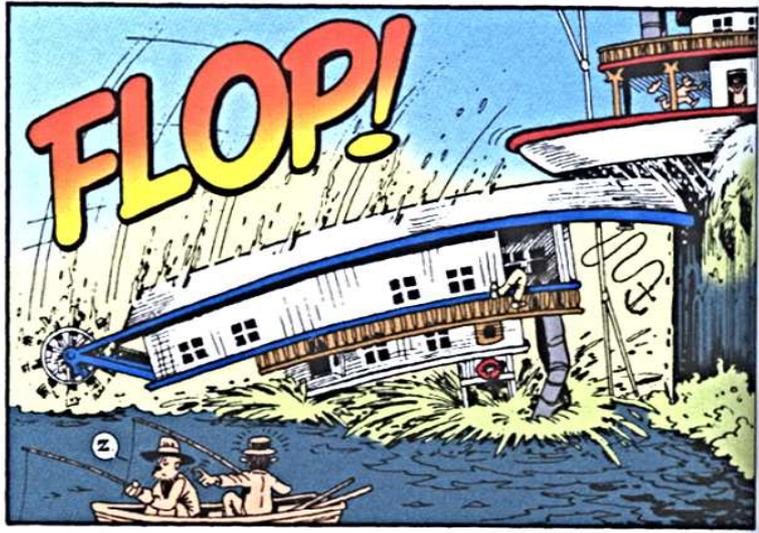
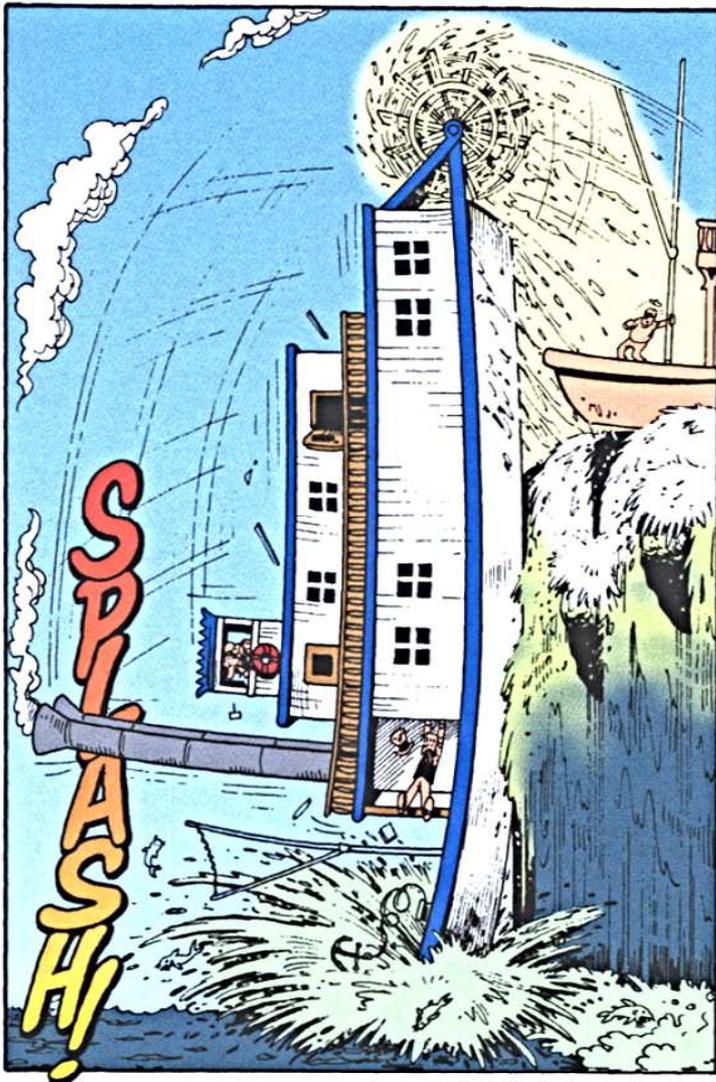


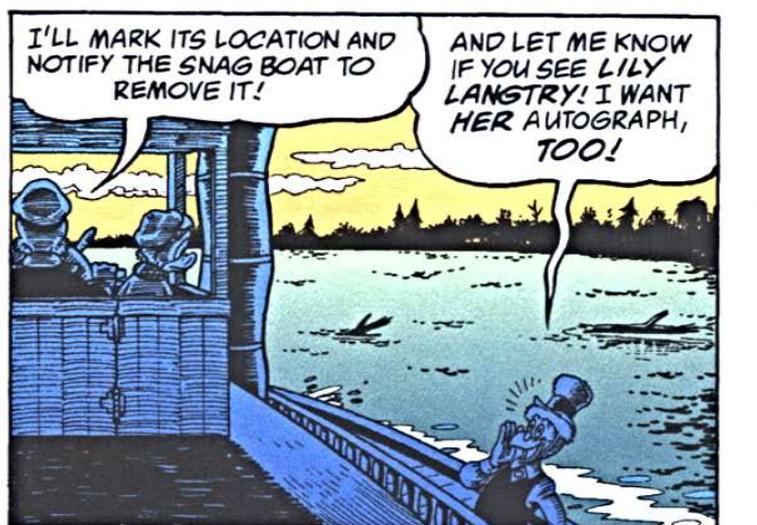
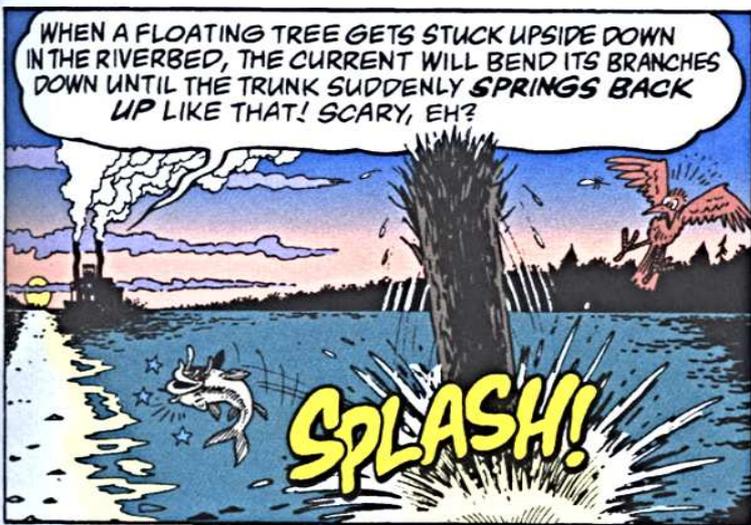
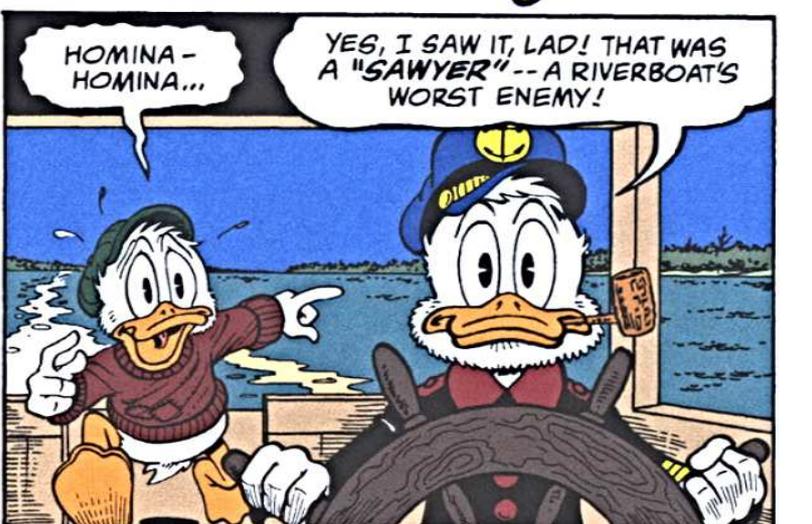
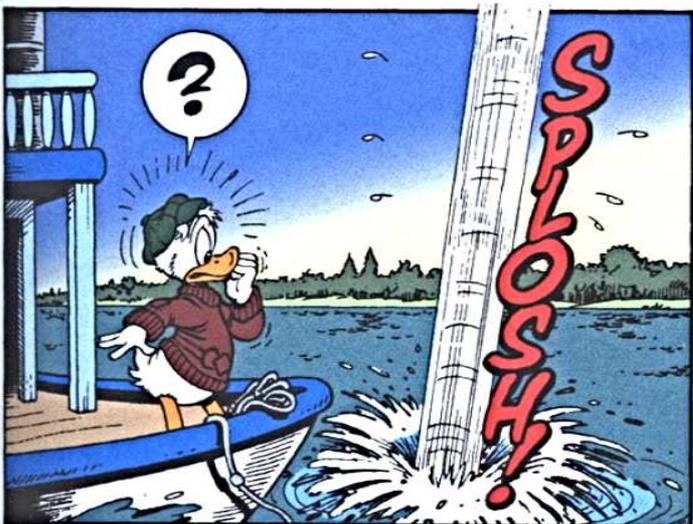
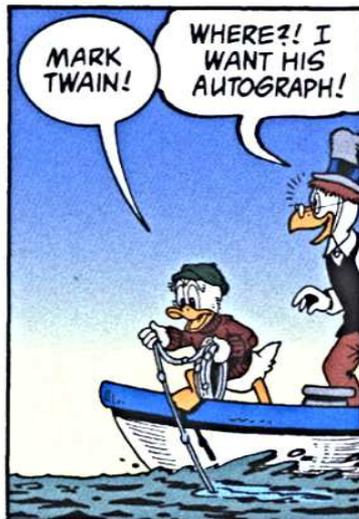
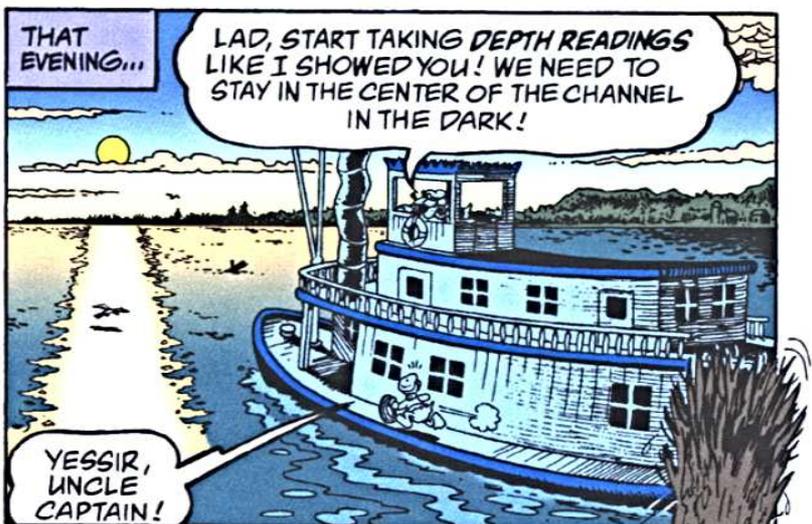
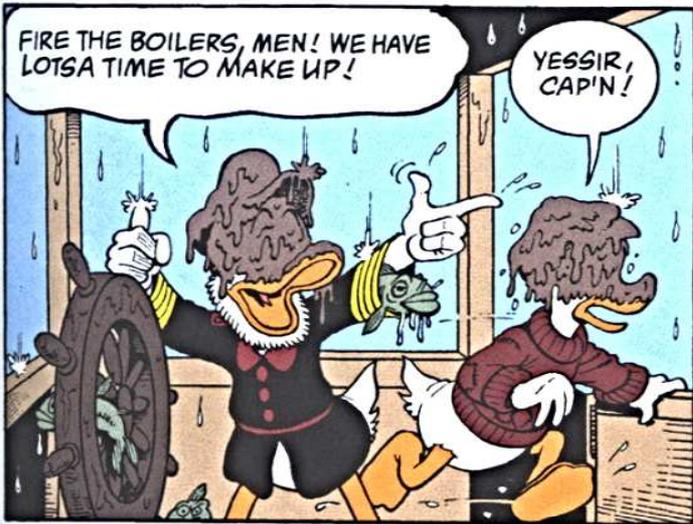




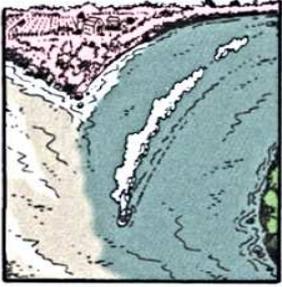








EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, SHORTLY AFTER THE "DILLY DOLLAR" ENTERS THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER...



WE'RE IN LUCK, LAD! THERE'S MONKEY'S EYEBROW, AND STILL NO SIGN OF THE "RIVER WITCH"! HOGG MUSTA GOT HISSELF LOST!



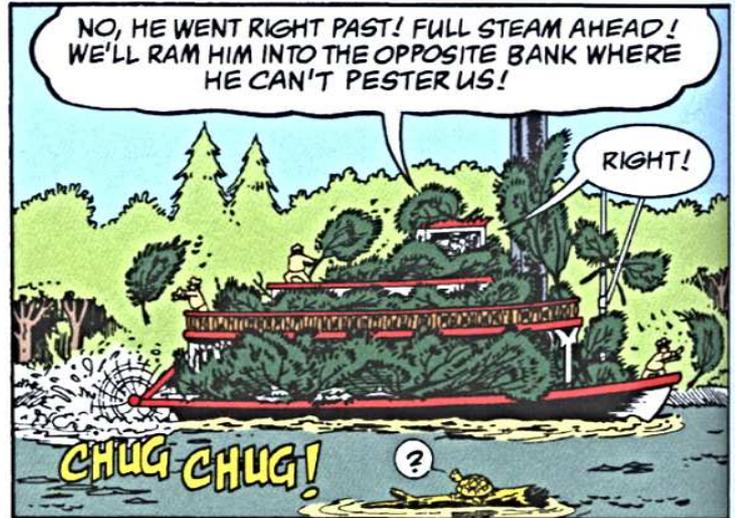
RATCHET! COME TOPSIDE! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU!

YIKES! GHOSTS!



I KNEW WE WOULDN'T STOP MCDUCK BY SIMPLY TURNING HIS BOAT UPSIDE DOWN!

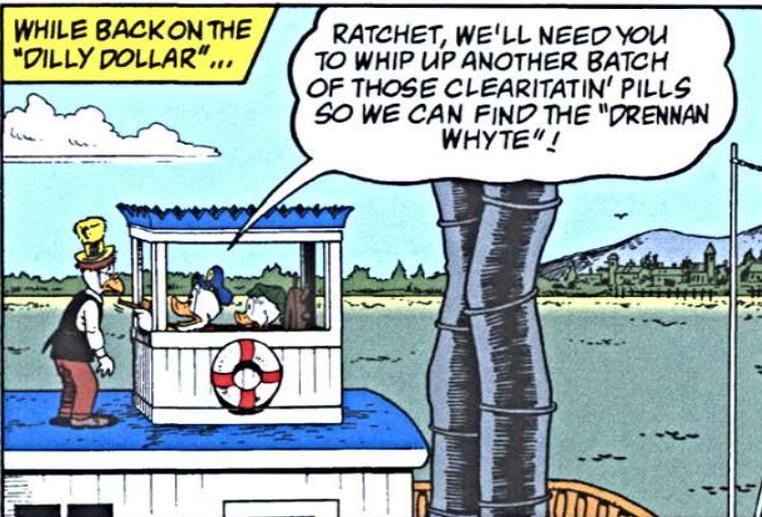
DO YOU THINK HE SAW US?



NO, HE WENT RIGHT PAST! FULL STEAM AHEAD! WE'LL RAM HIM INTO THE OPPOSITE BANK WHERE HE CAN'T PESTER US!

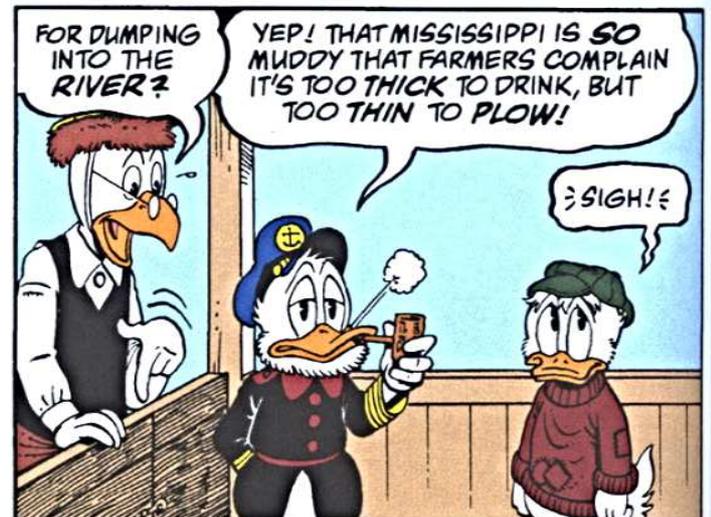
RIGHT!

CHUG CHUG!



WHILE BACK ON THE "DILLY DOLLAR"...

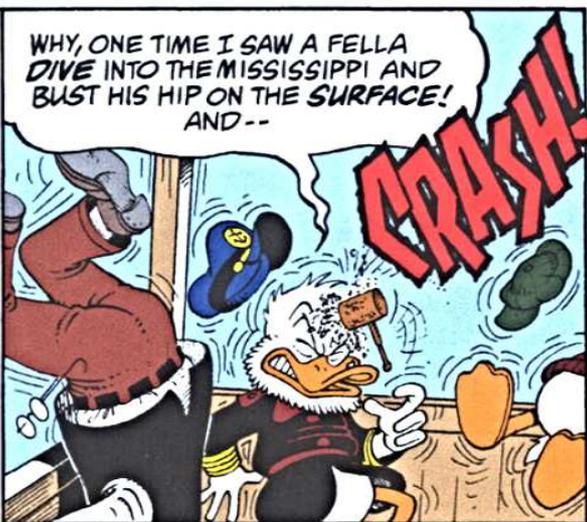
RATCHET, WE'LL NEED YOU TO WHIP UP ANOTHER BATCH OF THOSE CLEARITATIN' PILLS SO WE CAN FIND THE "DRENNAN WHYTE"!



FOR DUMPING INTO THE RIVER?

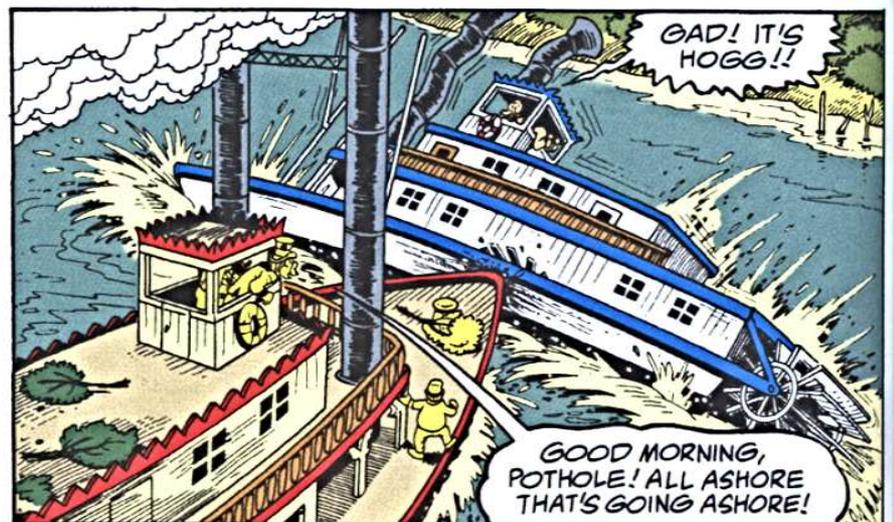
YEP! THAT MISSISSIPPI IS SO MUDDY THAT FARMERS COMPLAIN IT'S TOO THICK TO DRINK, BUT TOO THIN TO PLOW!

SIGH!



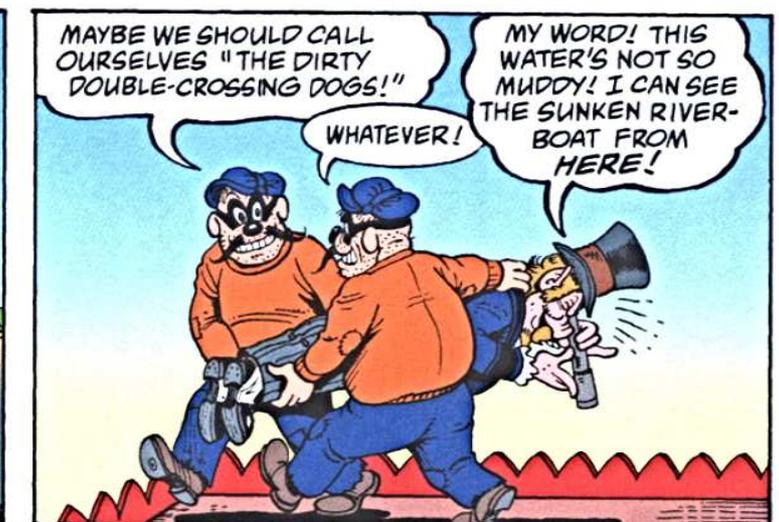
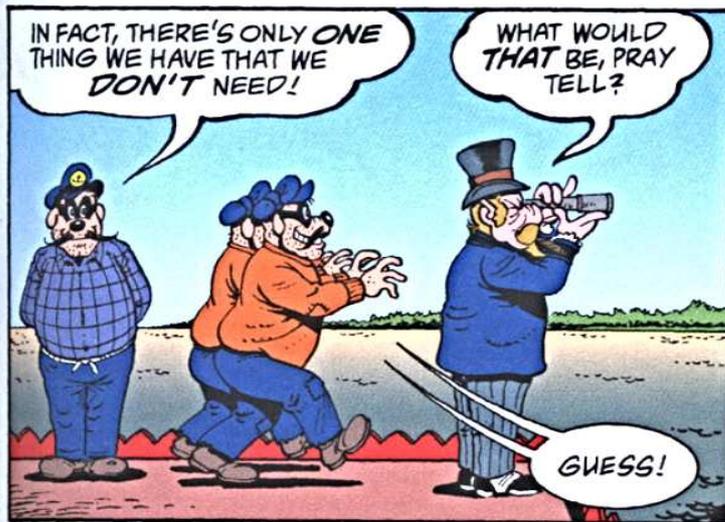
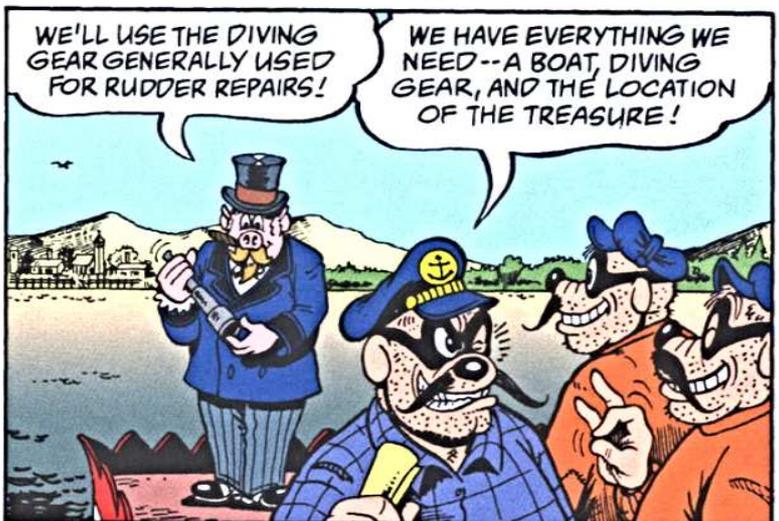
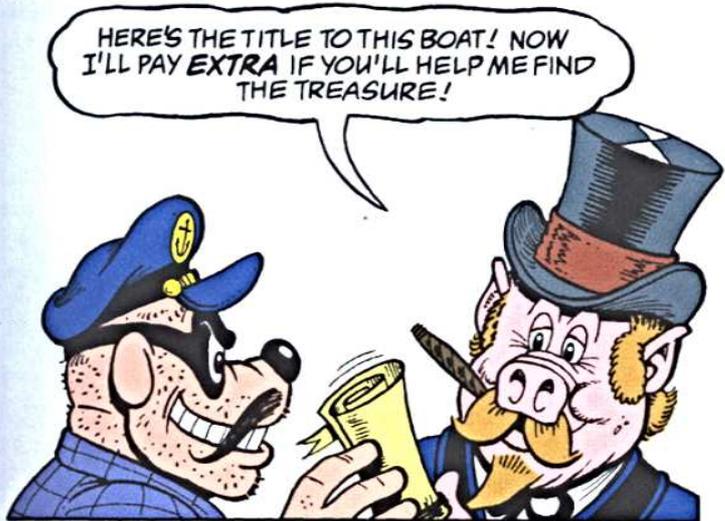
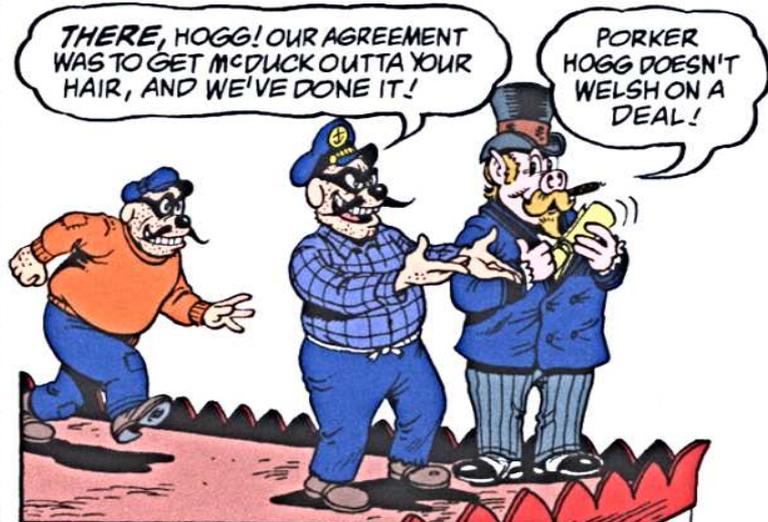
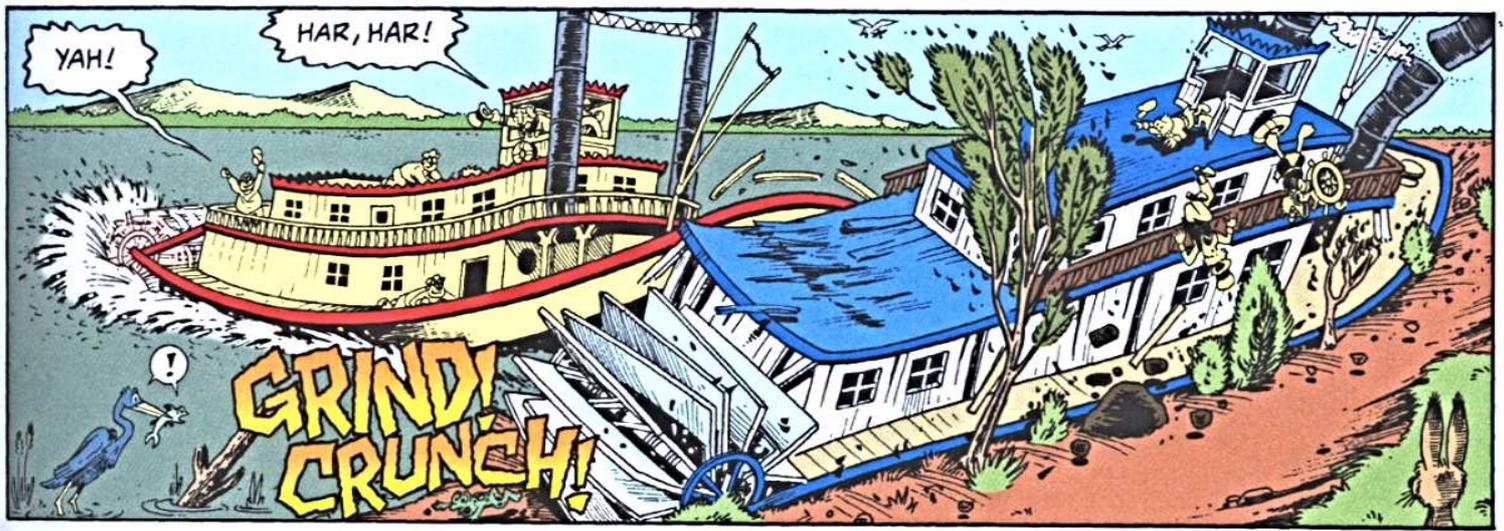
WHY, ONE TIME I SAW A FELLA DIVE INTO THE MISSISSIPPI AND BUST HIS HIP ON THE SURFACE! AND --

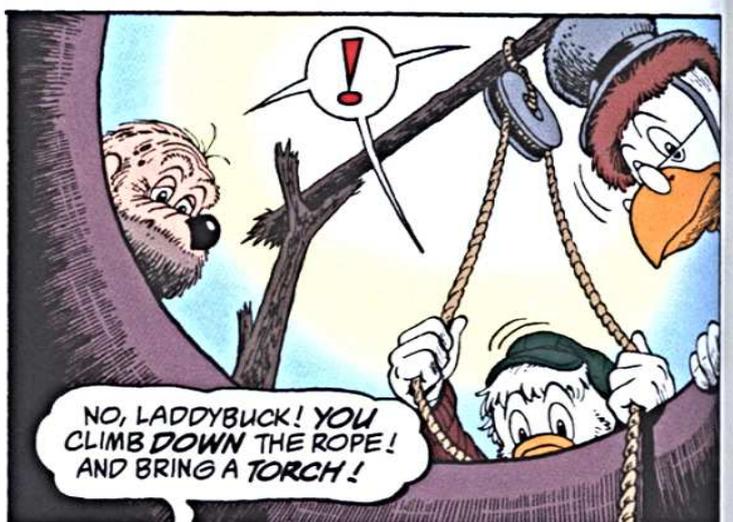
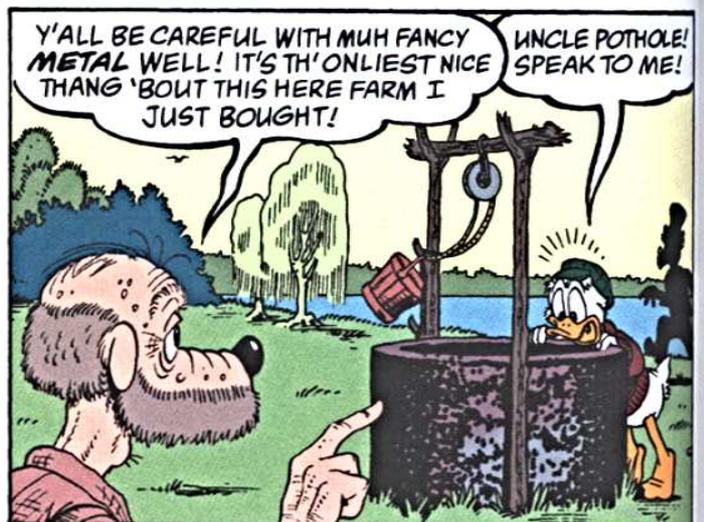
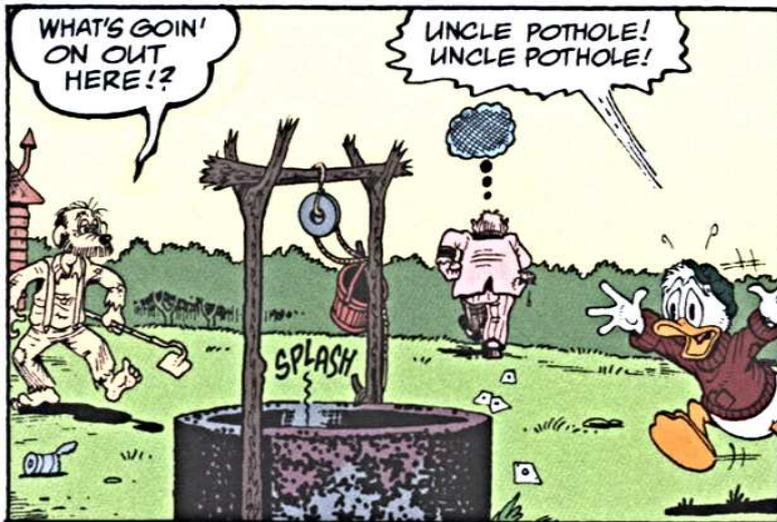
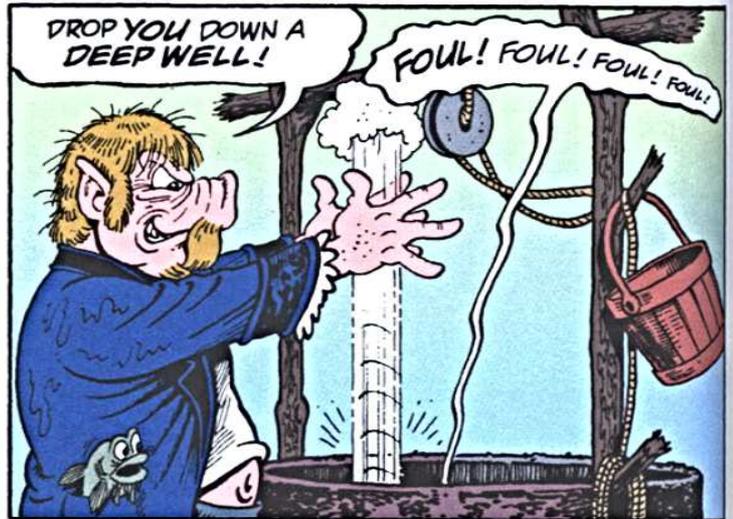
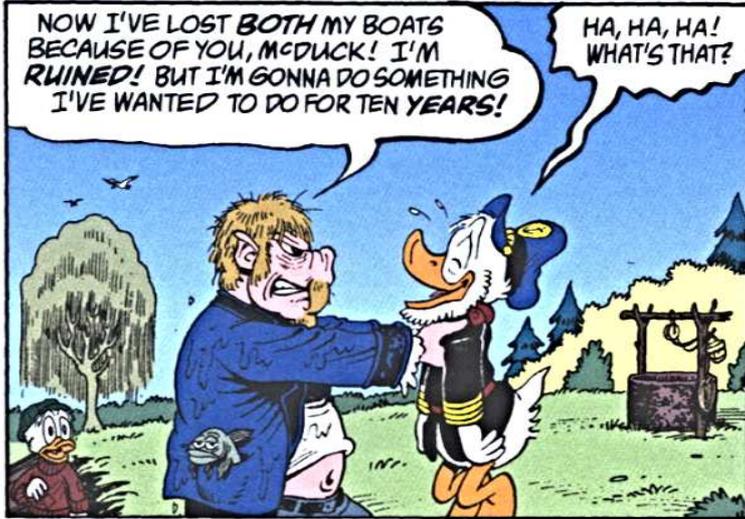
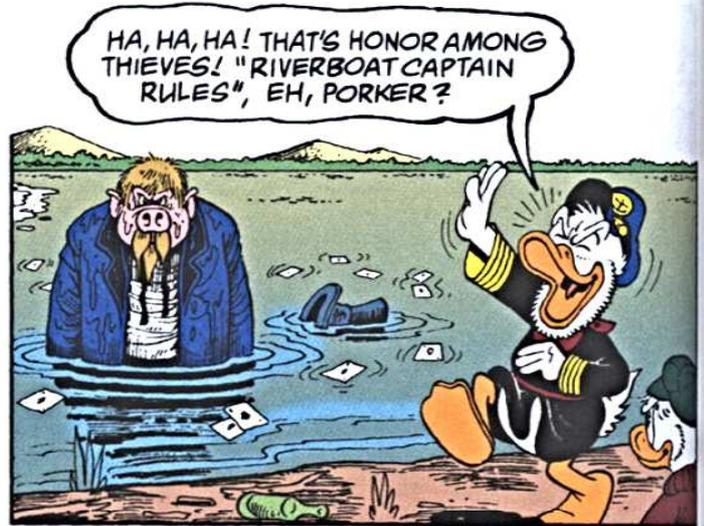
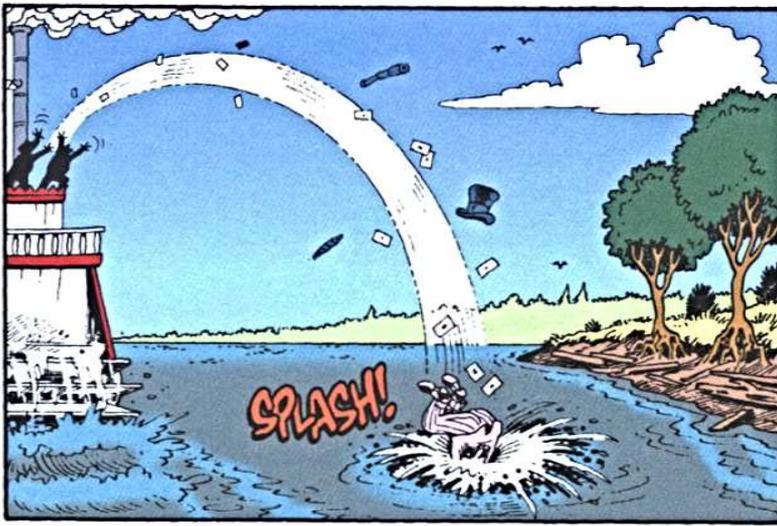
CRASH!



GAD! IT'S HOGG!!

GOOD MORNING, POT HOLE! ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE!





MEANWHILE ...

THERE! THAT'S THE WHOLE LOAD OF CLEARITATIN' PILLS! ANYTHING HAPPENIN' YET?



LOOKIT, PAPPY! THE RIVER WATER IS GETTIN' AS CLEAR AS A SISSY'S CONSCIENCE!

JUMP IN FAST, SON, AFORE THE CURRENT MAKES IT ALL MUDDY AGAIN!



WOW! THERE'S THE SHIP-WRECK! I CAN SEE IT CLEAR AS A SHIP IN A BOTTLE! NO, WAIT...

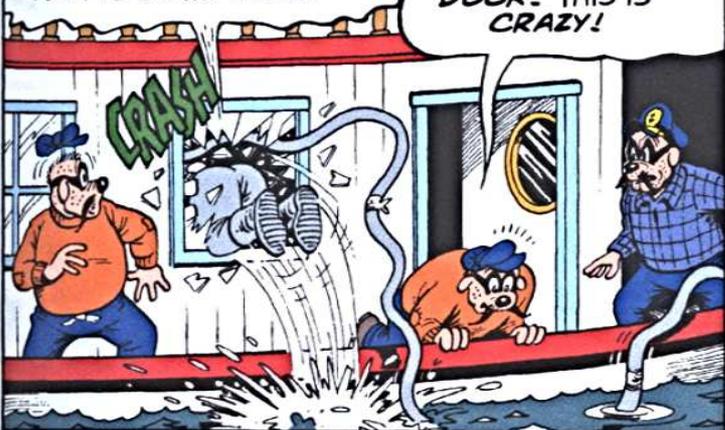


...THAT'S NO SHIPWRECK! IT--IT'S A TOWN! AN UNDERWATER TOWN! THIS IS TOO CREEPY FOR ME!



LEMME OUTTA THAT RIVER! THERE'S A CITY OF CATFISH PEOPLE DOWN THERE!

HE'S RIGHT! IT EVEN HAS AN UNDERWATER DOCK! THIS IS CRAZY!



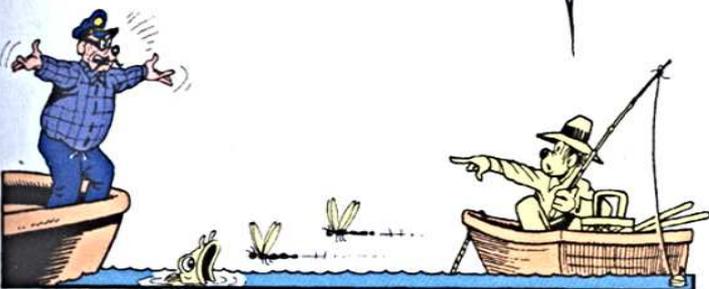
HEY, YOU! WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS UNDERWATER TOWN?

WHY, THAT'S THE OLD TOWN OF MONKEY'S EYEBROW! THE RIVER CHANGED COURSE OVER 20 YEARS AGO AND FLOODED IT! WE BUILT THE NEW TOWN YONDER!

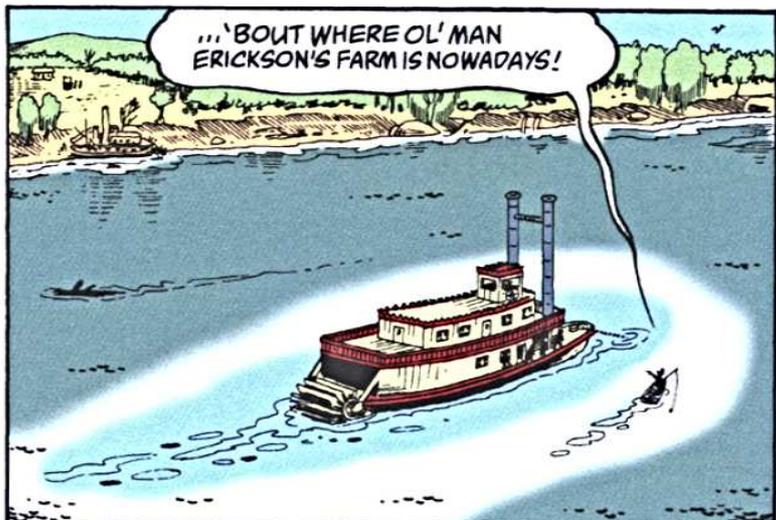


IF THIS IS WHERE THE TOWN USED TO BE, WHERE WAS THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER?!

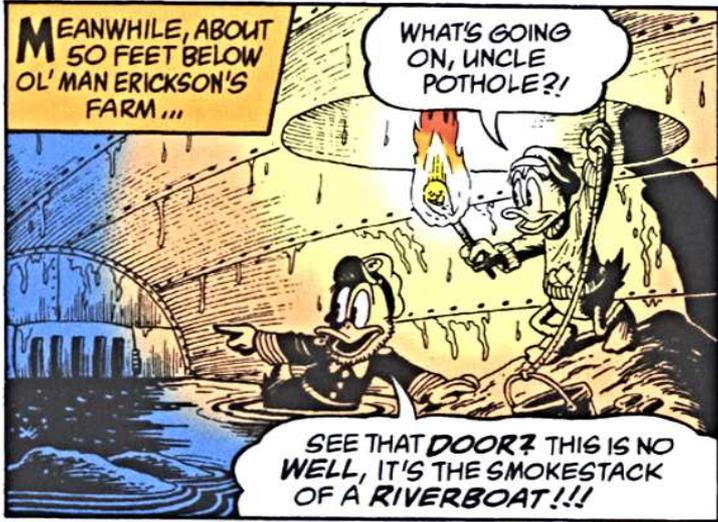
A HALF A MILE TO THE WEST...



... 'BOUT WHERE OL' MAN ERICKSON'S FARM IS NOWADAYS!

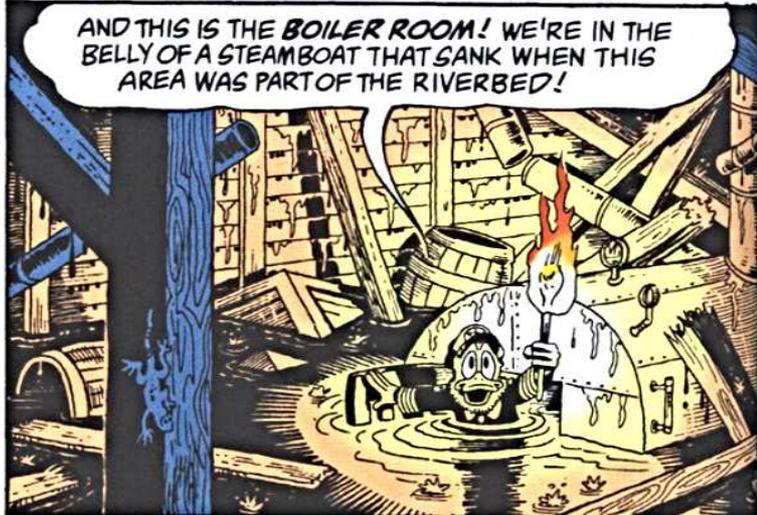


MEANWHILE, ABOUT 50 FEET BELOW OL' MAN ERICKSON'S FARM ...

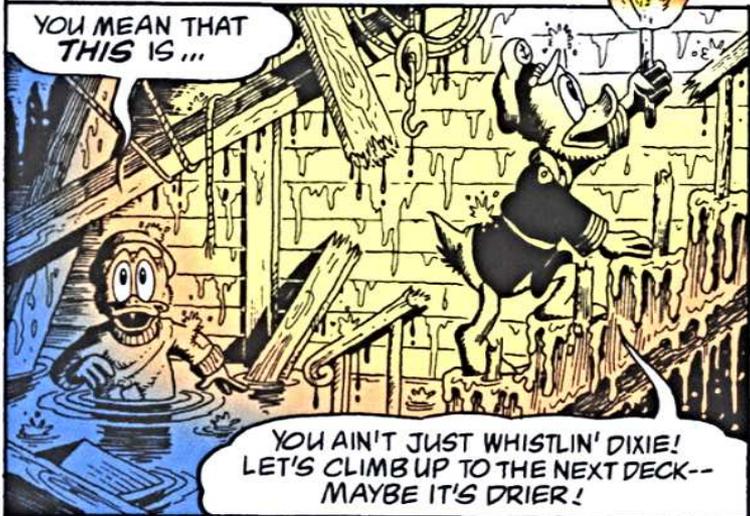


WHAT'S GOING ON, UNCLE POTHOLE?!

SEE THAT DOOR? THIS IS NO WELL, IT'S THE SMOKESTACK OF A RIVERBOAT!!!



AND THIS IS THE BOILER ROOM! WE'RE IN THE BELLY OF A STEAMBOAT THAT SANK WHEN THIS AREA WAS PART OF THE RIVERBED!

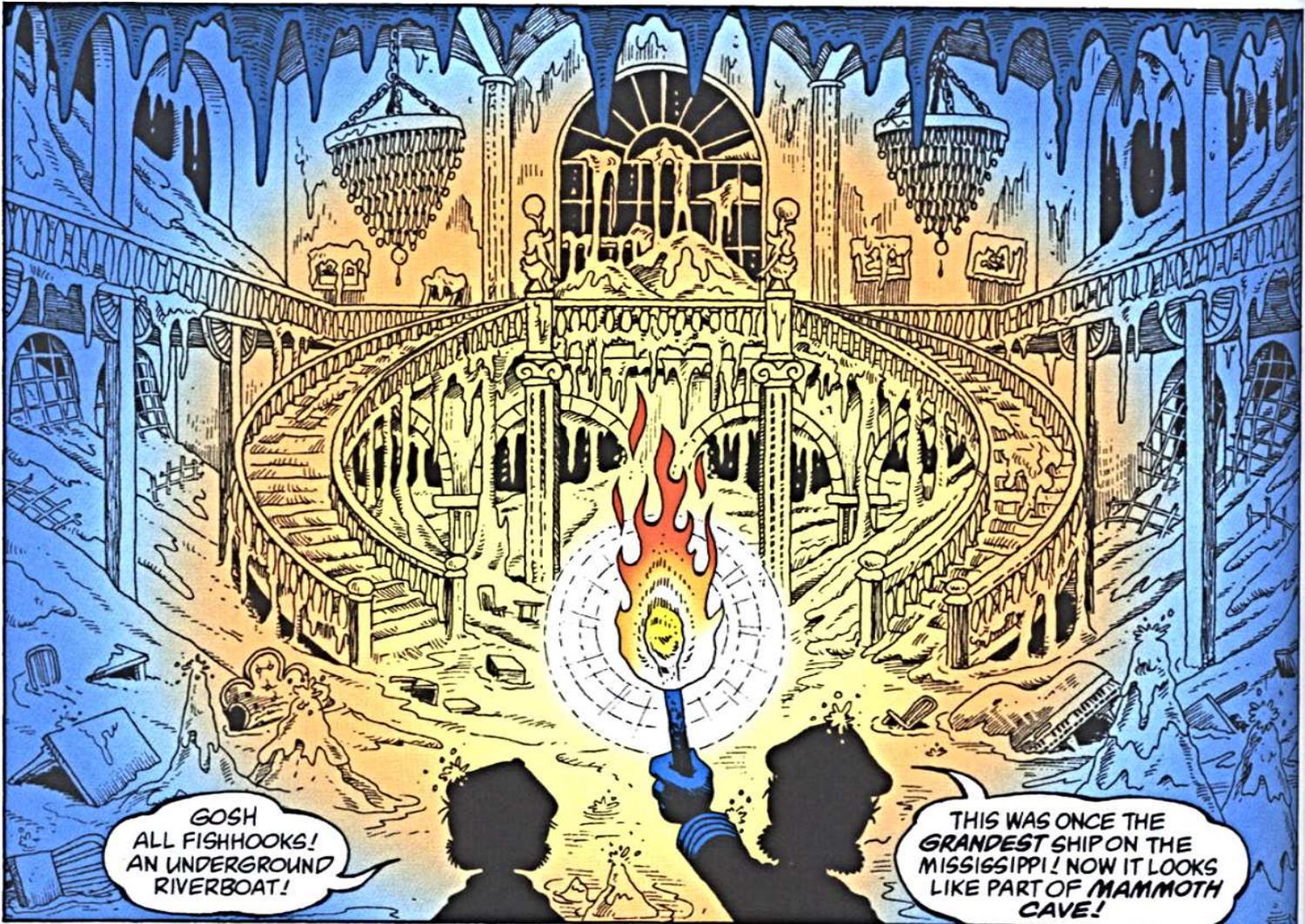


YOU MEAN THAT THIS IS ...

YOU AIN'T JUST WHISTLIN' DIXIE! LET'S CLIMB UP TO THE NEXT DECK-- MAYBE IT'S DRIER!

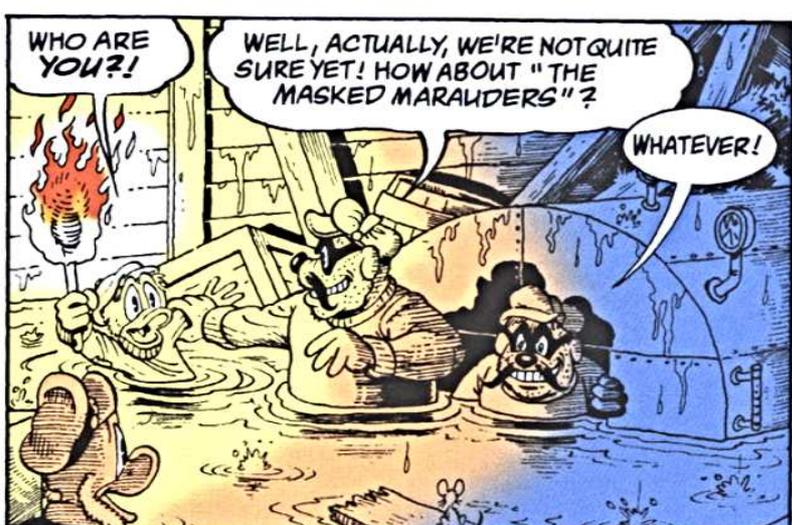
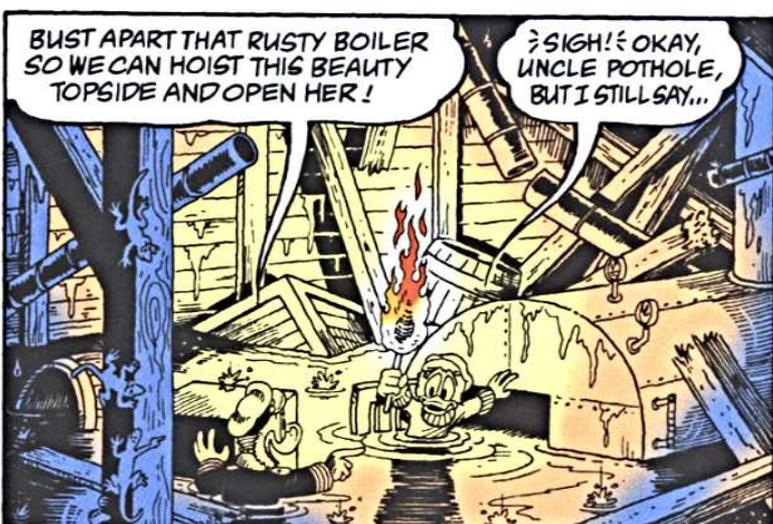
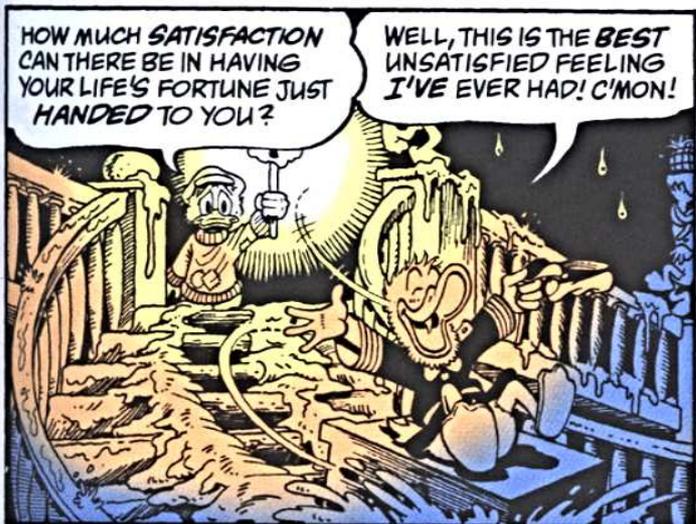
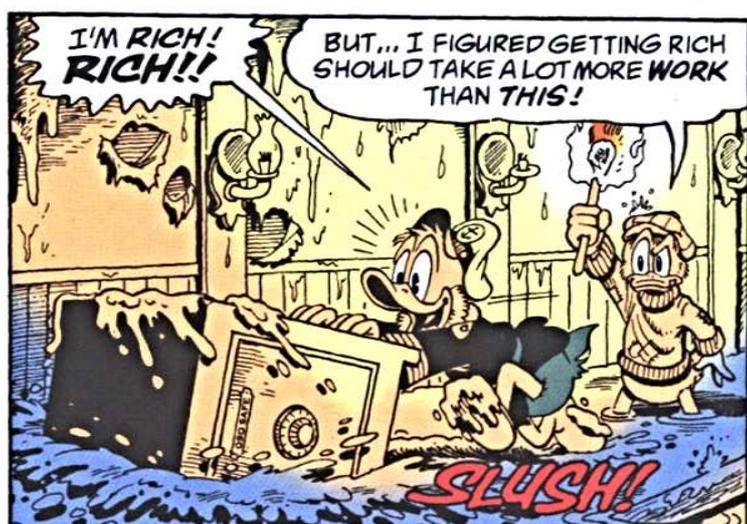
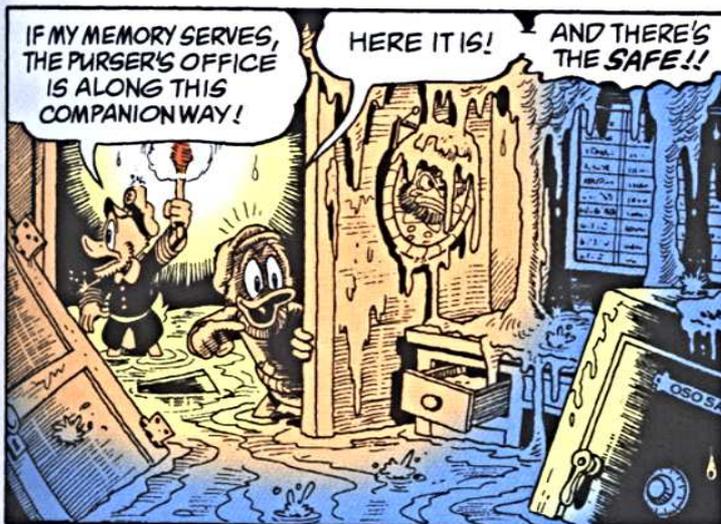
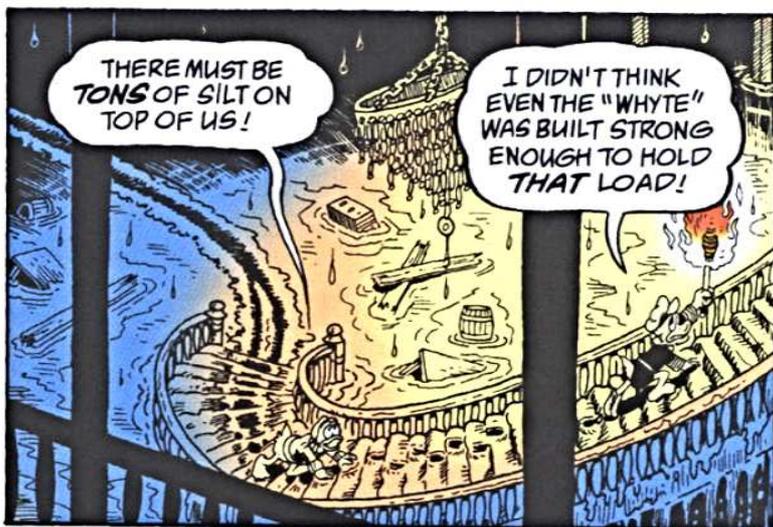
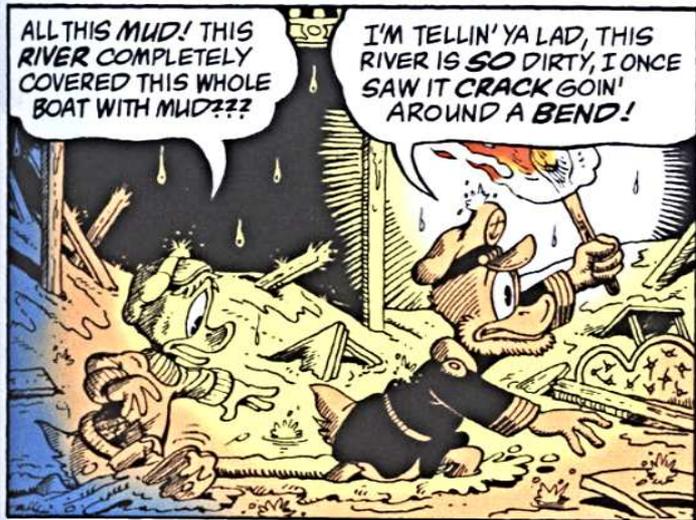


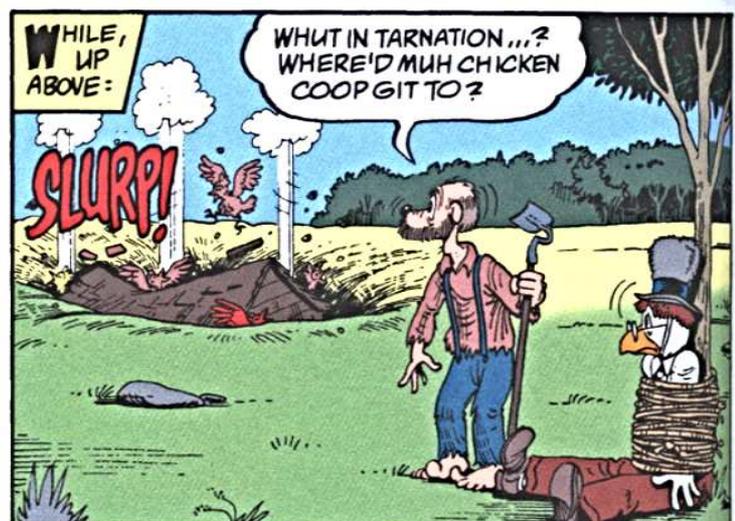
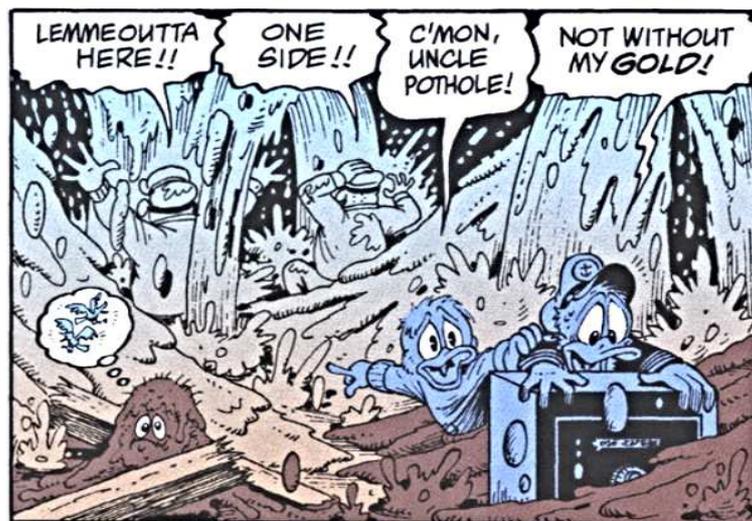
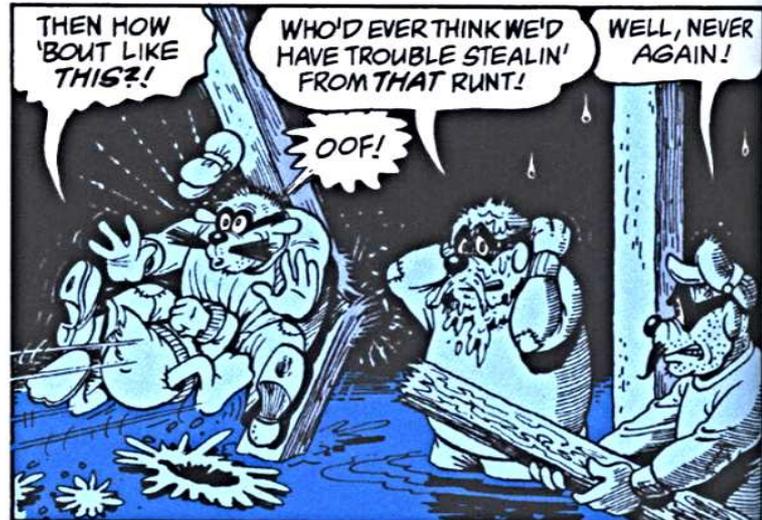
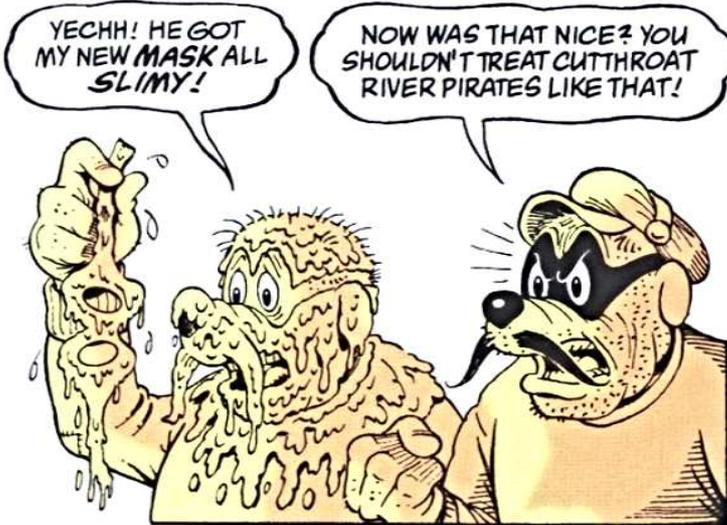
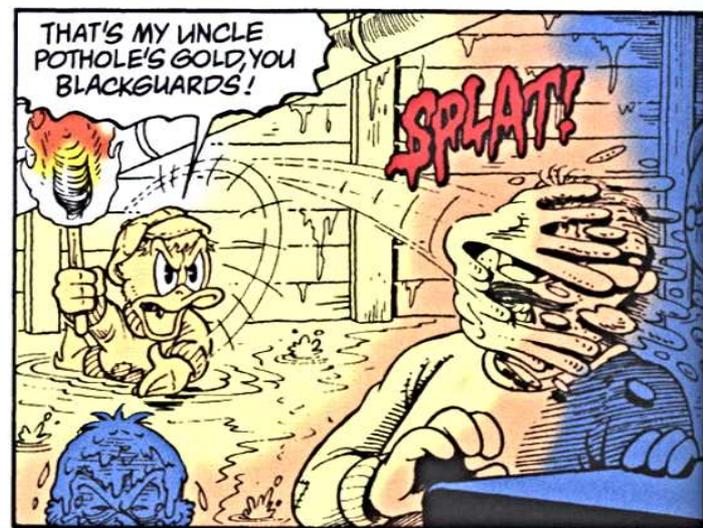
THERE Y'GO, LADDBUCK! THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING! THIS WILL BE A SIGHT!

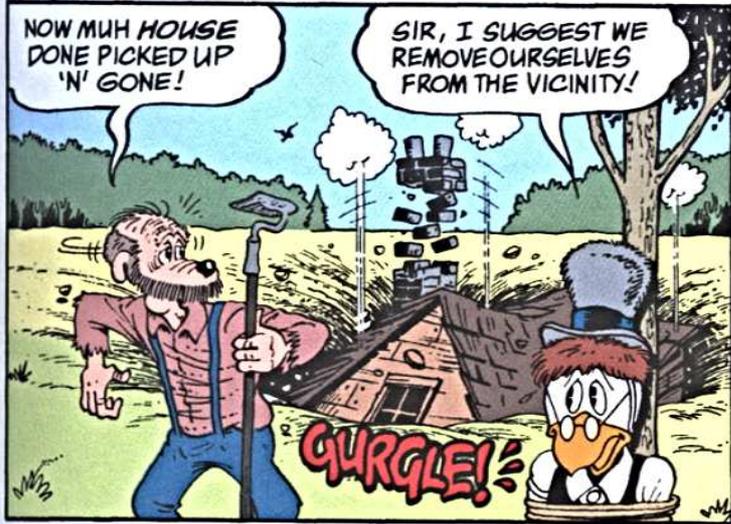


GOSH ALL FISHHOOKS! AN UNDERGROUND RIVERBOAT!

THIS WAS ONCE THE GRANDEST SHIP ON THE MISSISSIPPI! NOW IT LOOKS LIKE PART OF MAMMOTH CAVE!



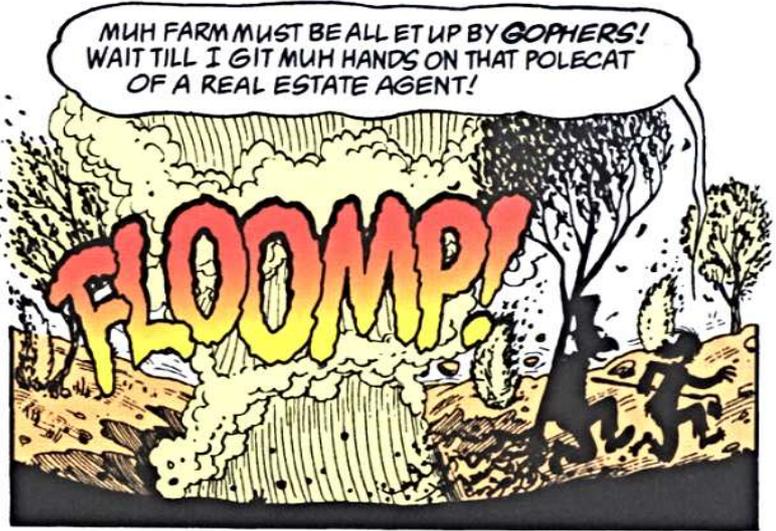




NOW MUH HOUSE DONE PICKED UP 'N' GONE!

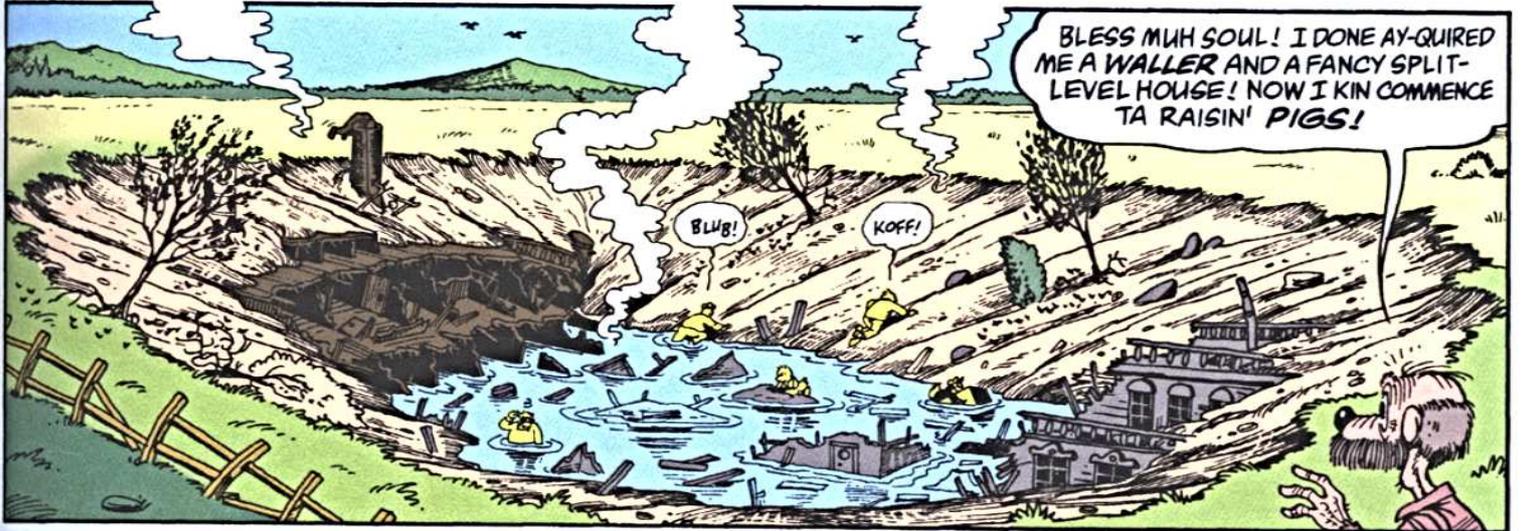
SIR, I SUGGEST WE REMOVE OURSELVES FROM THE VICINITY!

GURGLE!



MUH FARM MUST BE ALL ET UP BY GOPHERS! WAIT TILL I GIT MUH HANDS ON THAT POLECAT OF A REAL ESTATE AGENT!

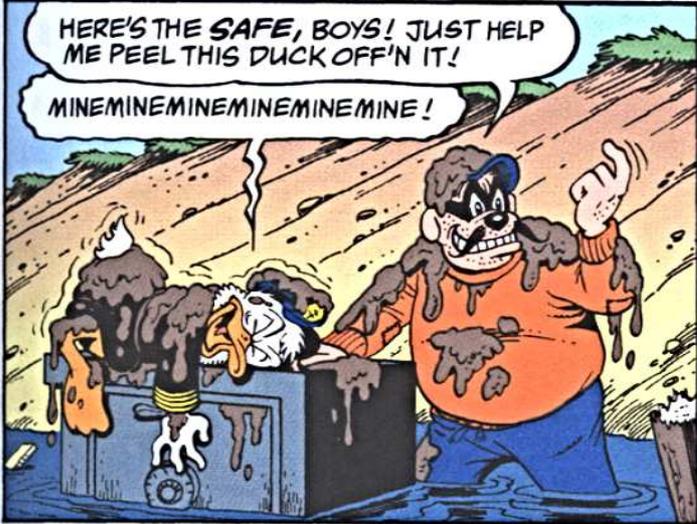
FLOOMPI!



BLESS MUH SOUL! I DONE AY-QUIRED ME A WALLER AND A FANCY SPLIT-LEVEL HOUSE! NOW I KIN COMMENCE TA RAISIN' PIGS!

BLUG!

KOFF!



HERE'S THE SAFE, BOYS! JUST HELP ME PEEL THIS DUCK OFF 'N IT!

MINEMINEMINEMINEMINE!



GRAB MCDUCK'S CREW AND LET'S GET ABOARD THE "WITCH"!

MF!

FIRST WE GOTTA PRY PAPPY OUTTA THAT SMOKESTACK!

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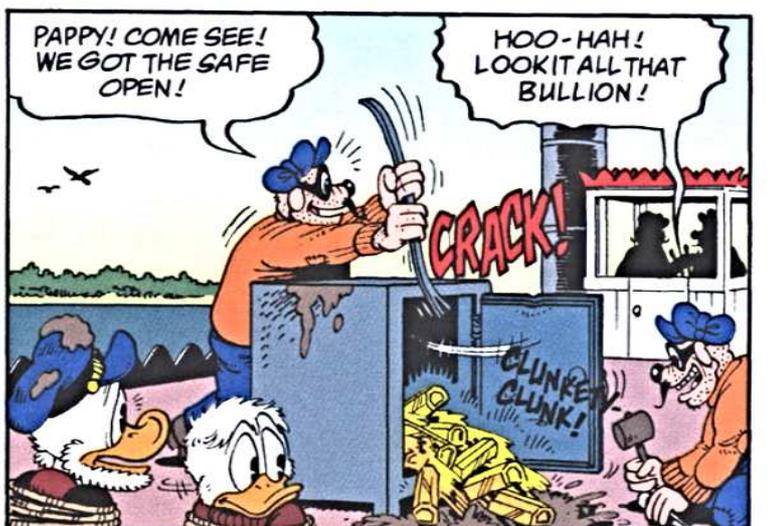
SOON...

AFTER DARK WE'LL DROP MCDUCK AND COMPANY OVERBOARD, ALONG WITH A MEMENTO OF THEIR TRIP!

LIKE WHAT?

AN ANCHOR!

CHUG-CHUG!

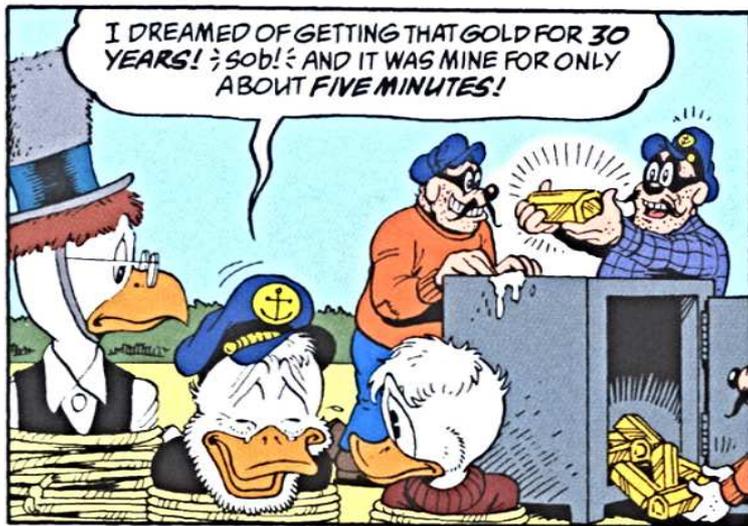


PAPPY! COME SEE! WE GOT THE SAFE OPEN!

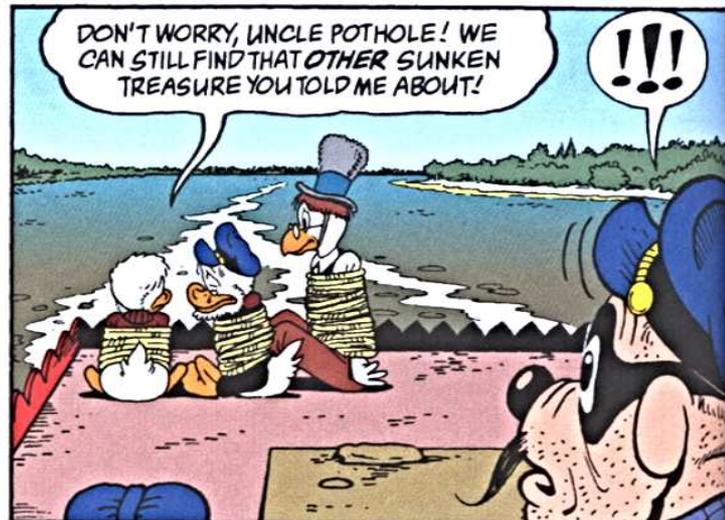
HOO-HAH! LOOKIT ALL THAT BULLION!

CRACK!

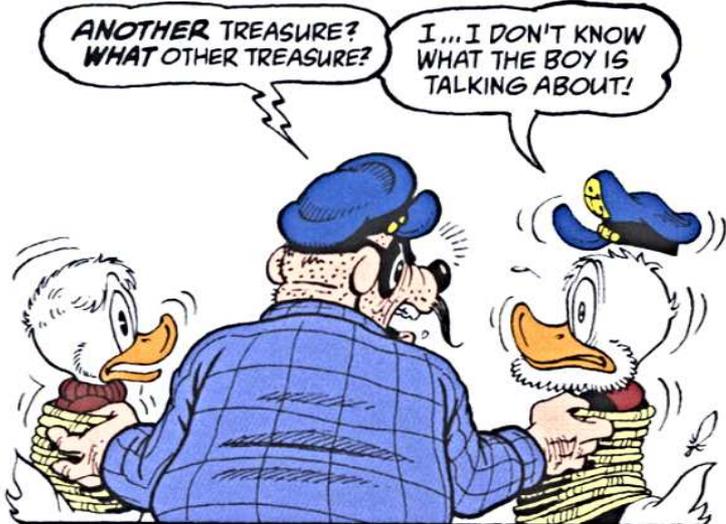
CLUNK! CLUNK!



I DREAMED OF GETTING THAT GOLD FOR 30 YEARS! Sob! AND IT WAS MINE FOR ONLY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES!



DON'T WORRY, UNCLE POTHOLE! WE CAN STILL FIND THAT OTHER SUNKEN TREASURE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT!



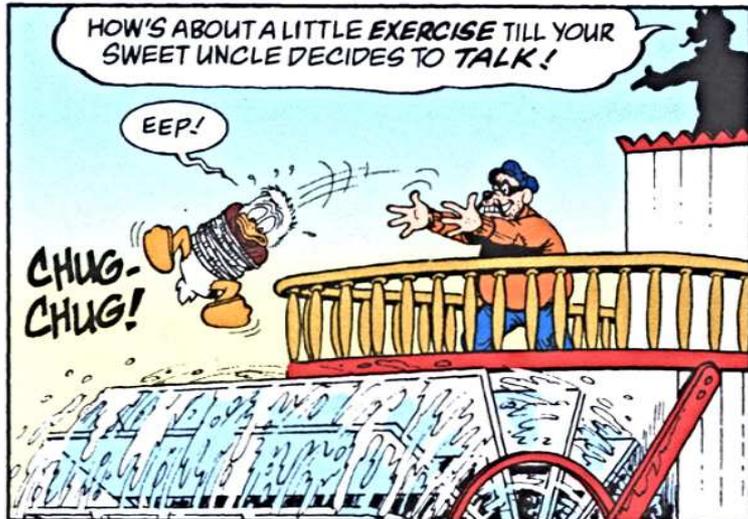
ANOTHER TREASURE? WHAT OTHER TREASURE?

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BOY IS TALKING ABOUT!



NO? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! GRAB THIS FUZZY-CHEEKED SQUIRT!

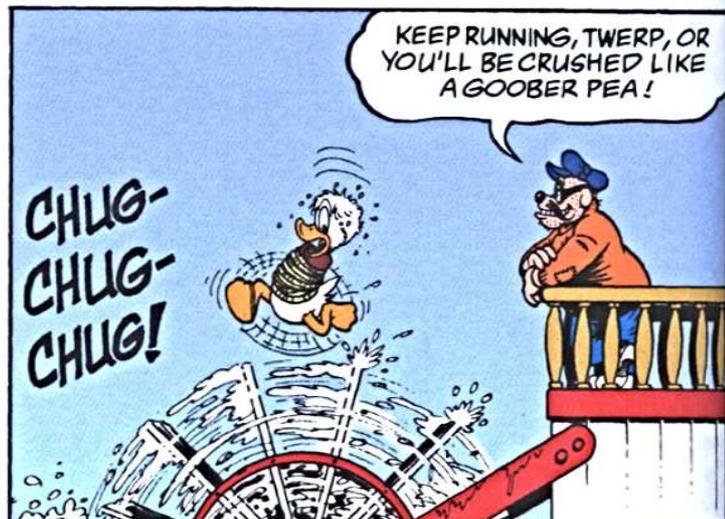
PUT HIM DOWN, YOU BIG GALOOT!



HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE EXERCISE TILL YOUR SWEET UNCLE DECIDES TO TALK!

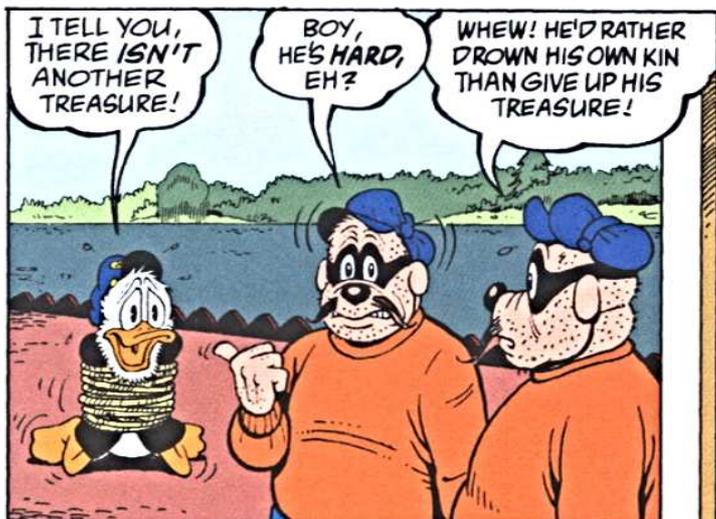
EEP!

CHUG-CHUG!



KEEP RUNNING, TWERP, OR YOU'LL BE CRUSHED LIKE A GOOBER PEA!

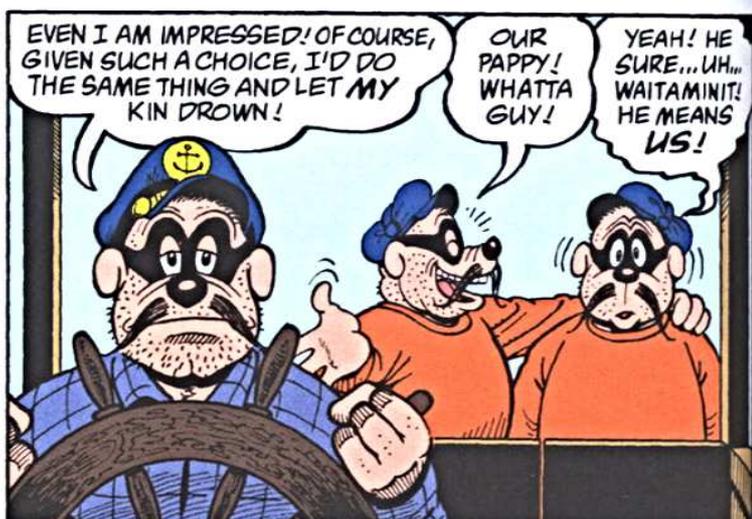
CHUG-CHUG-CHUG!



I TELL YOU, THERE ISN'T ANOTHER TREASURE!

BOY, HE'S HARD, EH?

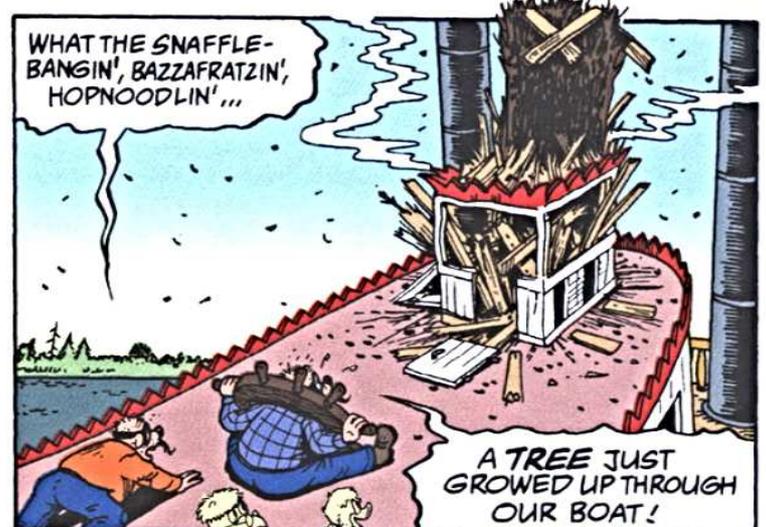
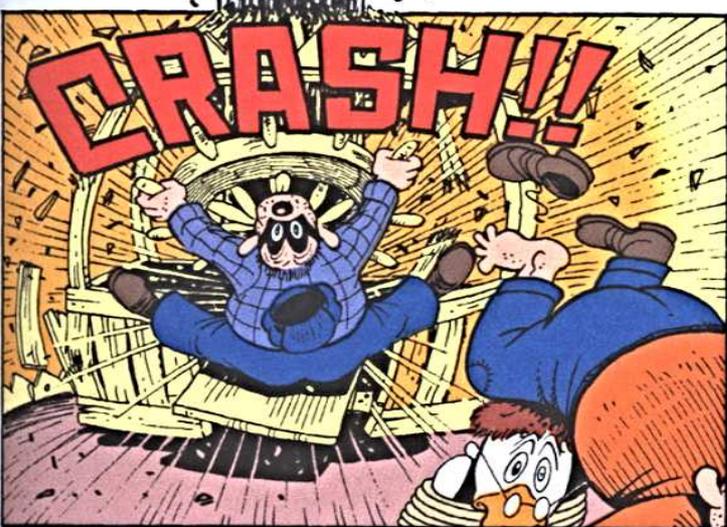
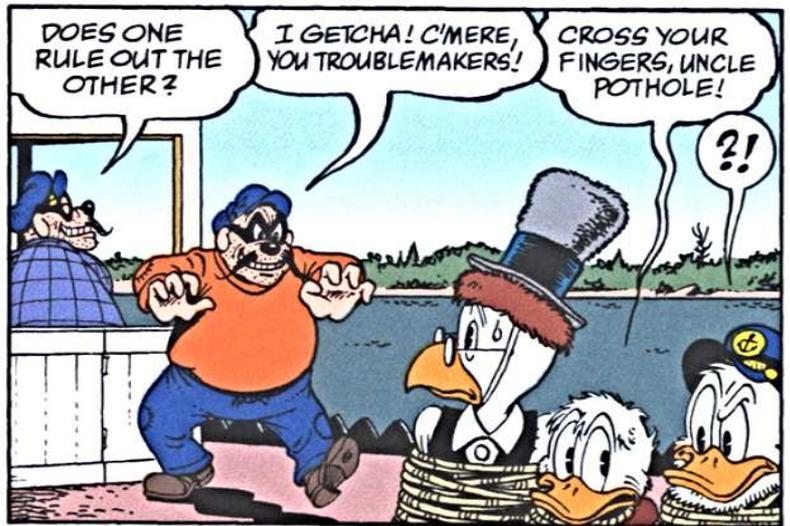
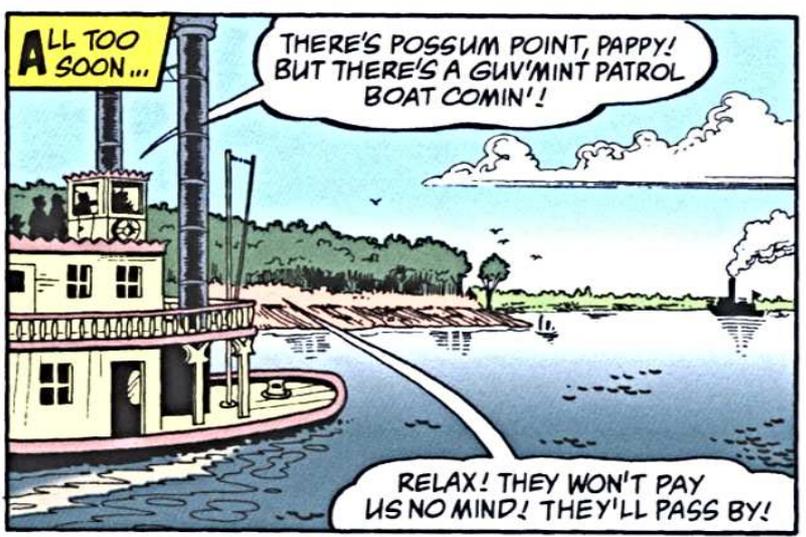
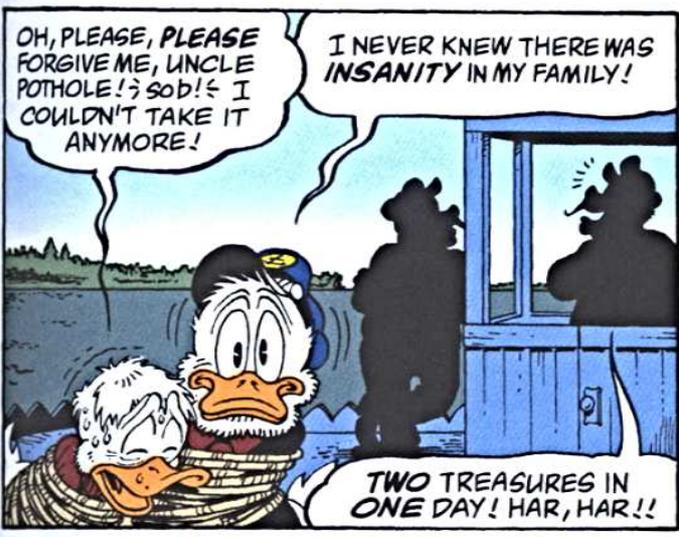
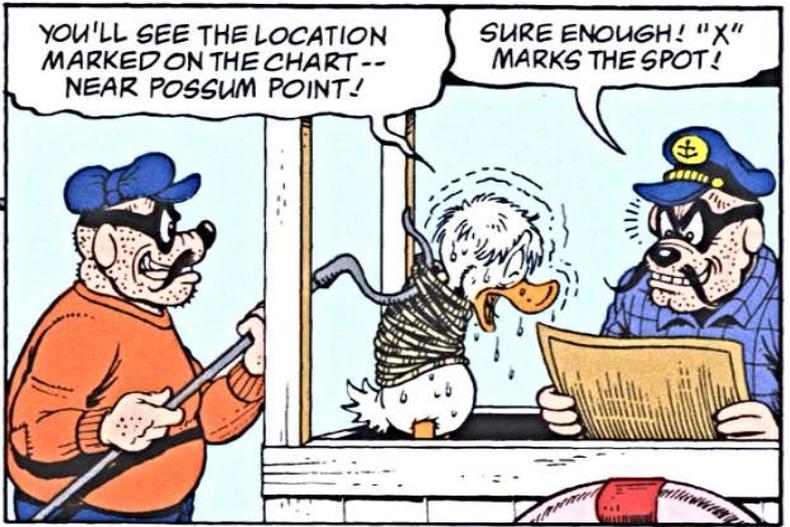
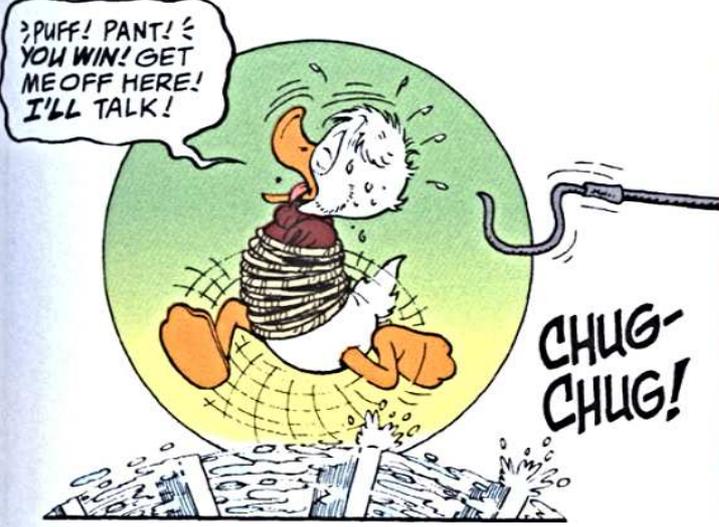
WHEW! HE'D RATHER DROWN HIS OWN KIN THAN GIVE UP HIS TREASURE!

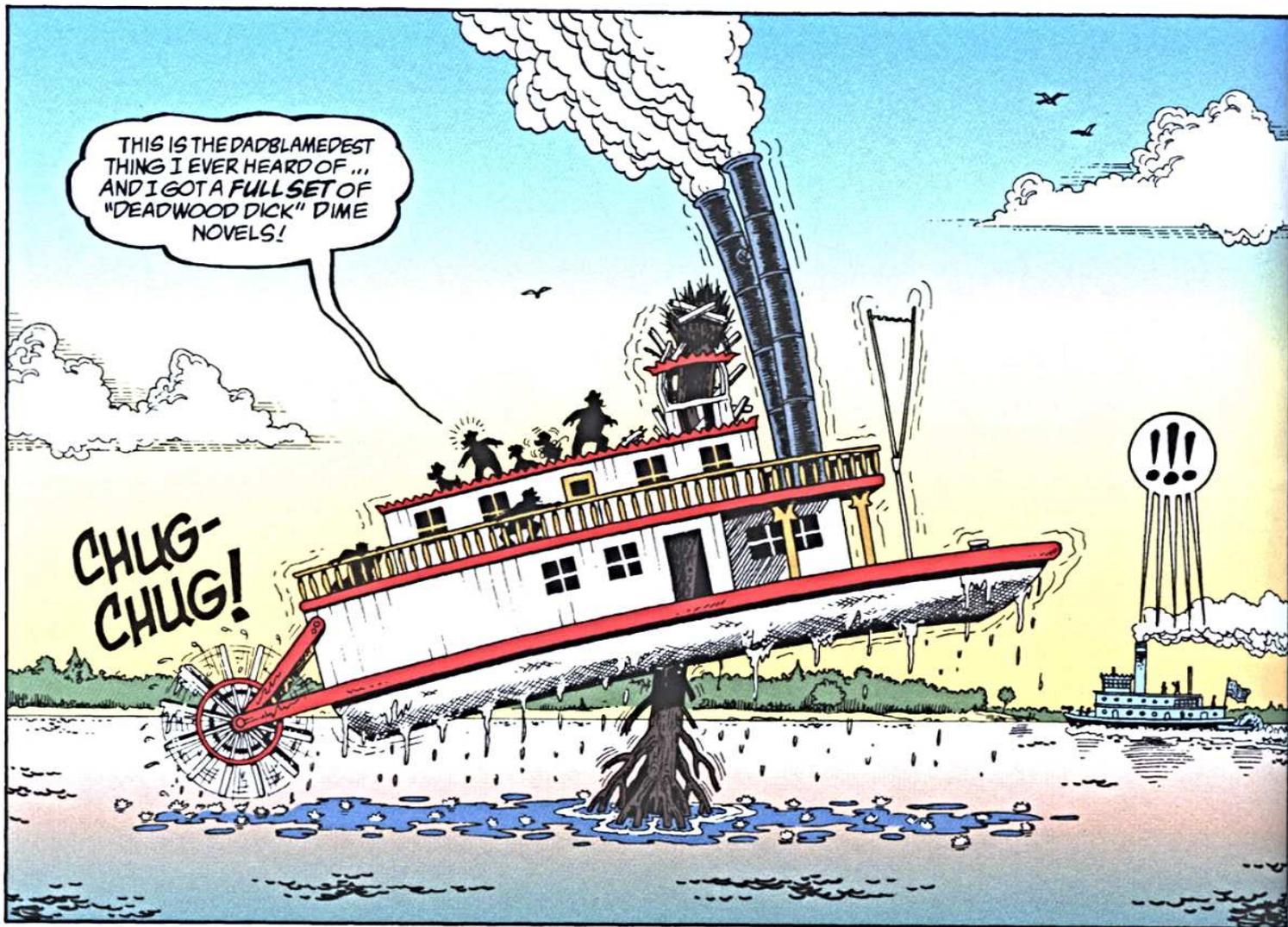


EVEN I AM IMPRESSED! OF COURSE, GIVEN SUCH A CHOICE, I'D DO THE SAME THING AND LET MY KIN DROWN!

OUR PAPPY! WHATTA GUY!

YEAH! HE SURE... UH... WAITAMINIT! HE MEANS US!

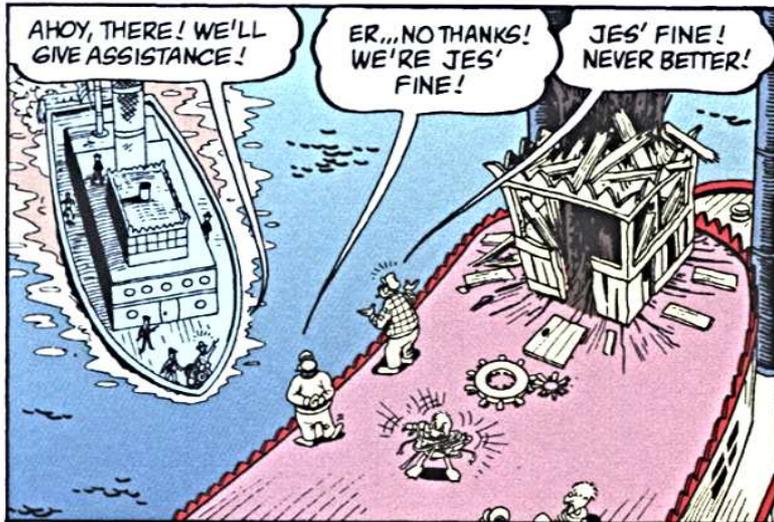




THIS IS THE DADBLAMEDEST THING I EVER HEARD OF ... AND I GOT A FULL SET OF "DEADWOOD DICK" DIME NOVELS!

CHUG-CHUG!

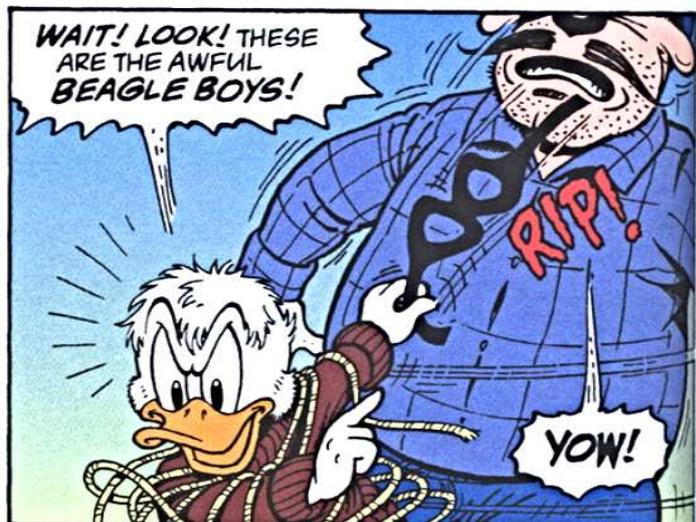
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AHOY, THERE! WE'LL GIVE ASSISTANCE!

ER...NO THANKS! WE'RE JES' FINE!

JES' FINE! NEVER BETTER!



WAIT! LOOK! THESE ARE THE AWFUL BEAGLE BOYS!

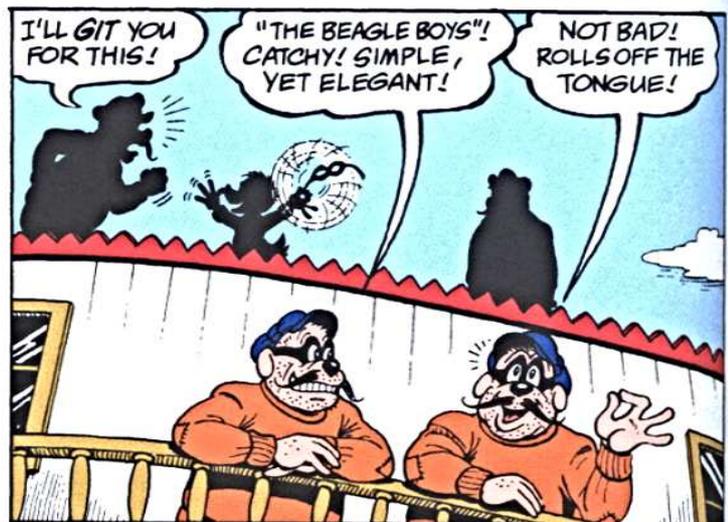
RIP!

YOW!



HOLY HANNAH! IT'S BLACKHEART BEAGLE AND HIS BOYS!

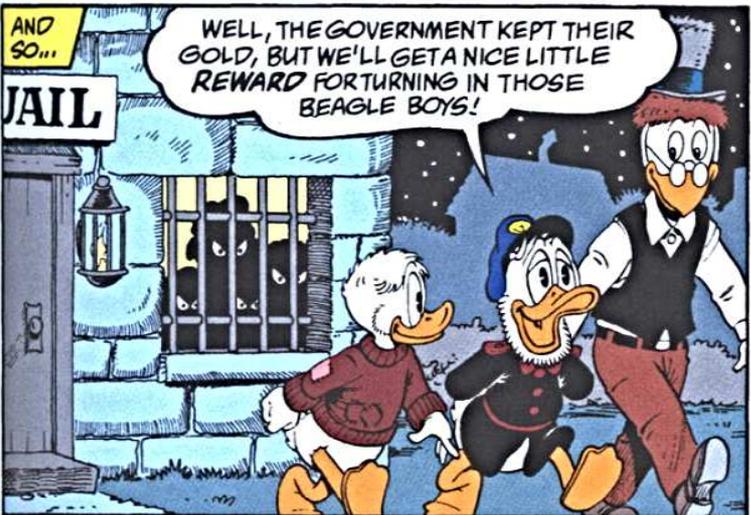
DON'T MOVE OR WE'LL FIRE! YOU "BEAGLE BOYS" HAVE A YEAR AT HARD LABOR WAITING FOR YOU!



I'LL GIT YOU FOR THIS!

"THE BEAGLE BOYS"! CATCHY! SIMPLE, YET ELEGANT!

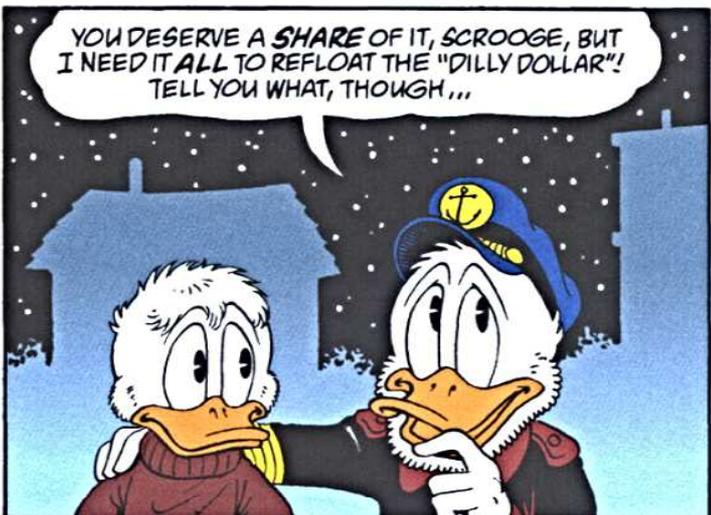
NOT BAD! ROLLS OFF THE TONGUE!



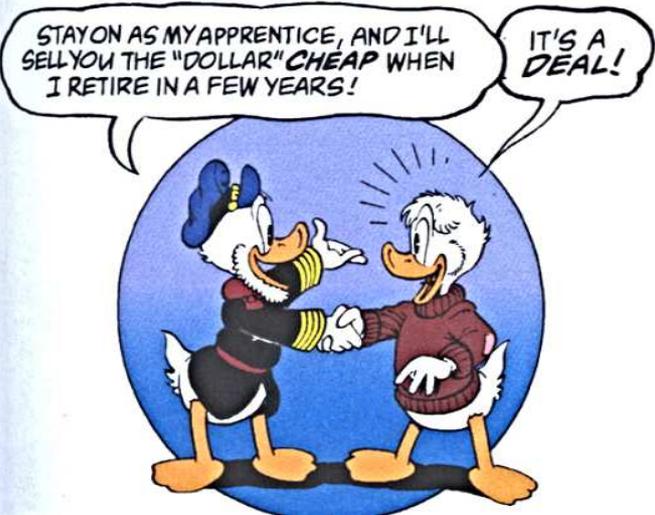
WELL, THE GOVERNMENT KEPT THEIR GOLD, BUT WE'LL GET A NICE LITTLE REWARD FOR TURNING IN THOSE BEAGLE BOYS!

AND SO...

JAIL



YOU DESERVE A SHARE OF IT, SCROOGE, BUT I NEED IT ALL TO REFLOAT THE "DILLY DOLLAR"! TELL YOU WHAT, THOUGH...



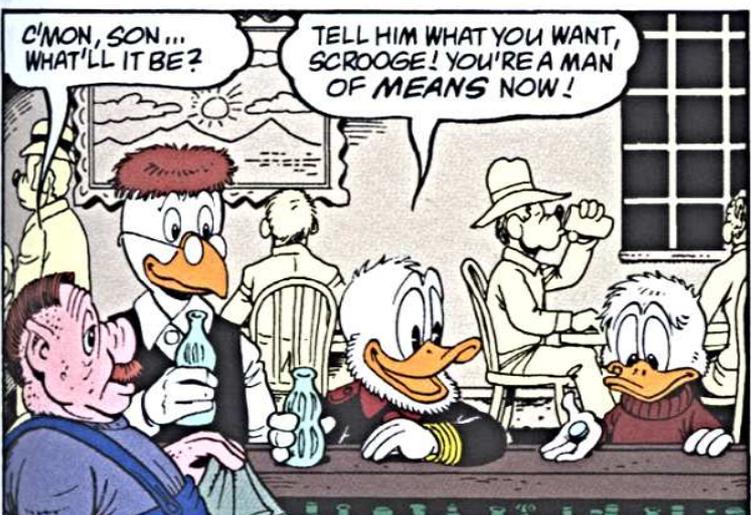
STAY ON AS MY APPRENTICE, AND I'LL SELL YOU THE "DOLLAR" CHEAP WHEN I RETIRE IN A FEW YEARS!

IT'S A DEAL!



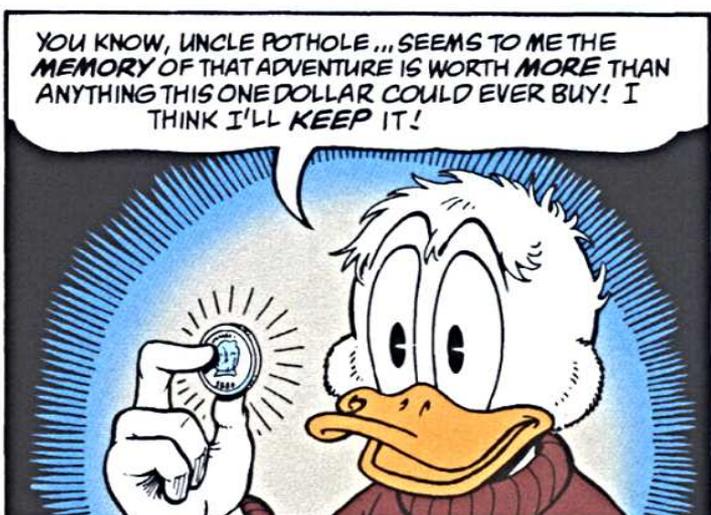
HERE'S PART OF YOUR PAY SO FAR... A SILVER DOLLAR! WHAT SAY WE ALL SEAL THE BARGAIN WITH A SARS'PARILLA?

YEAH, THAT'LL BE GREAT!

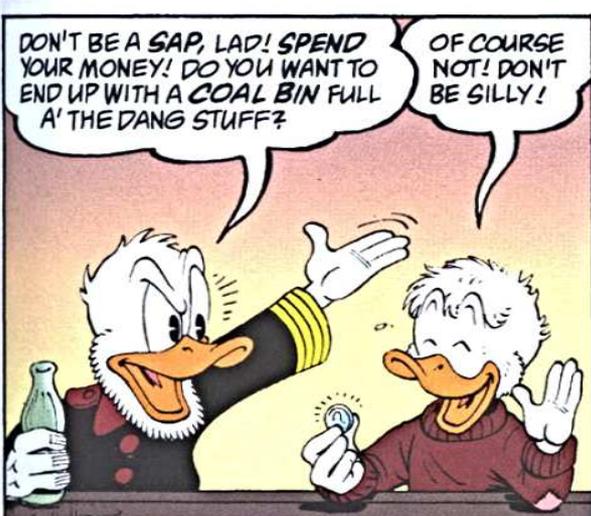


C'MON, SON... WHAT'LL IT BE?

TELL HIM WHAT YOU WANT, SCROOGE! YOU'RE A MAN OF MEANS NOW!



YOU KNOW, UNCLE POTHOLE... SEEMS TO ME THE MEMORY OF THAT ADVENTURE IS WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING THIS ONE DOLLAR COULD EVER BUY! I THINK I'LL KEEP IT!



DON'T BE A SAP, LAD! SPEND YOUR MONEY! DO YOU WANT TO END UP WITH A COAL BIN FULL A' THE DANG STUFF?

OF COURSE NOT! DON'T BE SILLY!

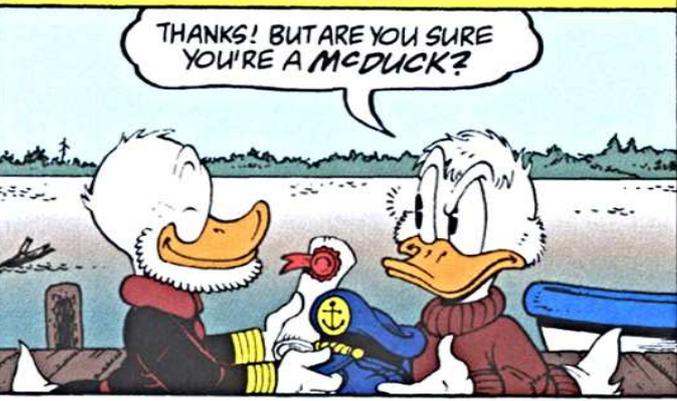


I'D COME TO WORK FOR YOU TOO, MR. POTHOLE, BUT I DON'T LIKE HOW MUDDY YOU SAY THE RIVER IS!

MUDDY? NYAA... IT AIN'T SO MUDDY!

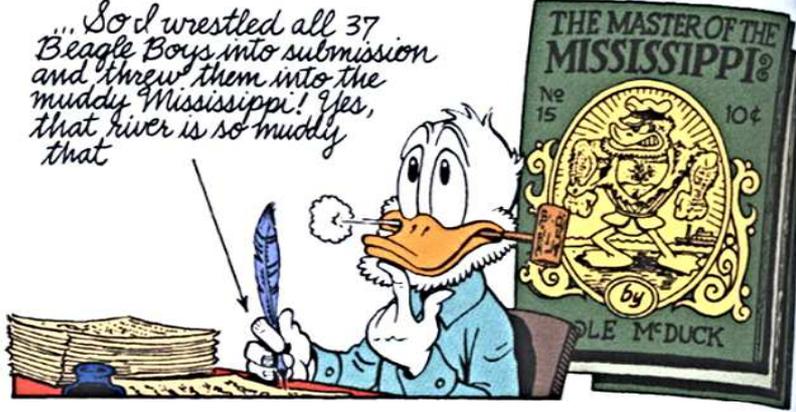
HMMM... A COAL BIN FULL OF MONEY!

LIKE ALL MCDUCKS, POTHOLE WAS A MAN OF HIS WORD! AFTER TUTORING SCROOGE FOR TWO YEARS, HE SOLD THE "DILLY DOLLAR" TO THE LAD AT A BARGAIN PRICE...



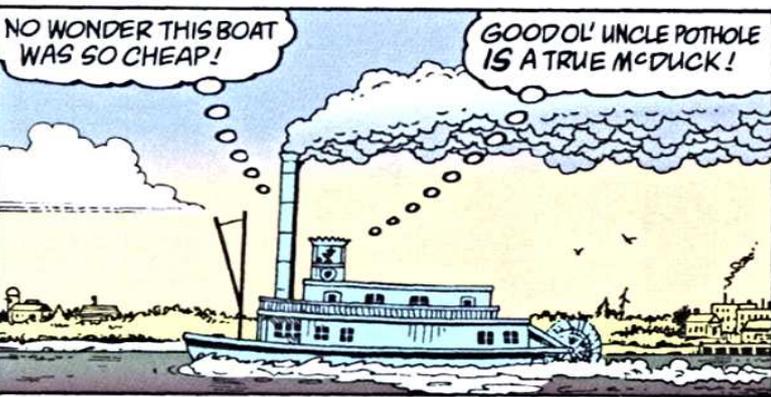
THANKS! BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE A MCDUCK?

AS FOR POTHOLE, HE RETIRED TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE ENDED HIS DAYS WRITING DIME NOVELS OF HIS ADVENTURES.



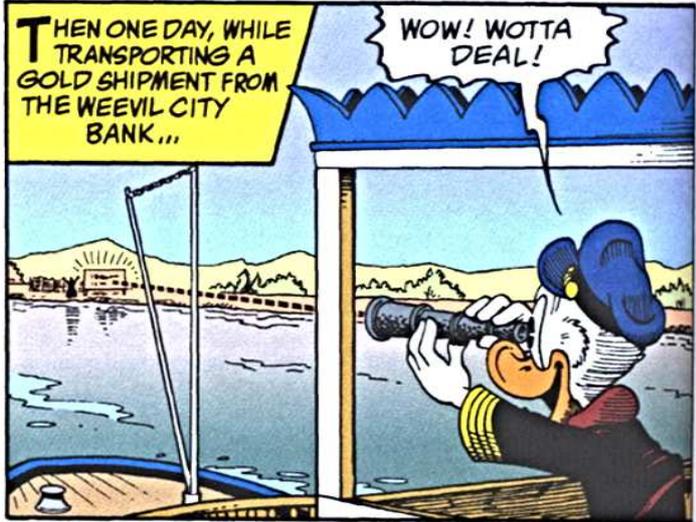
... So I wrestled all 37 Beagle Boys into submission and threw them into the muddy Mississippi! Yes, that river is so muddy that

SCROOGE BECAME THE NEW MASTER OF THE MISSISSIPPI, ALTHOUGH BUYING THE "DOLLAR" TOOK ALMOST EVERY CENT HE'D EARNED ON THE RIVER! BUT BUSINESS WAS BAD, FOR THE RIVERBOATS COULD NO LONGER COMPETE WITH THE RAILROADS...



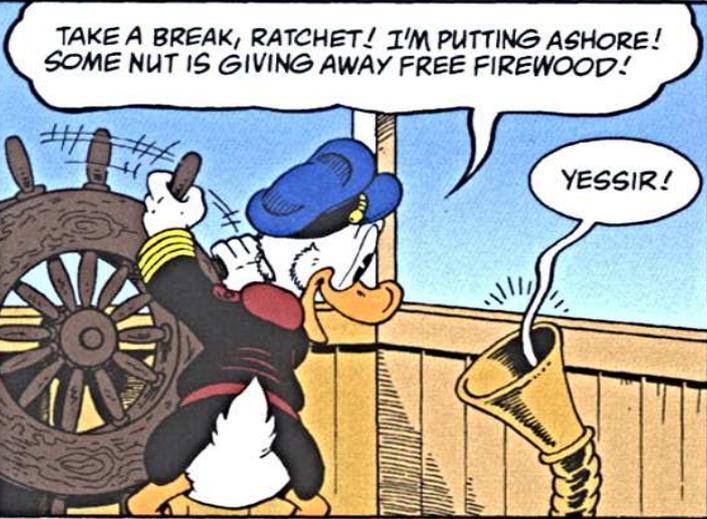
NO WONDER THIS BOAT WAS SO CHEAP!

GOODOL' UNCLE POTHOLE IS A TRUE MCDUCK!



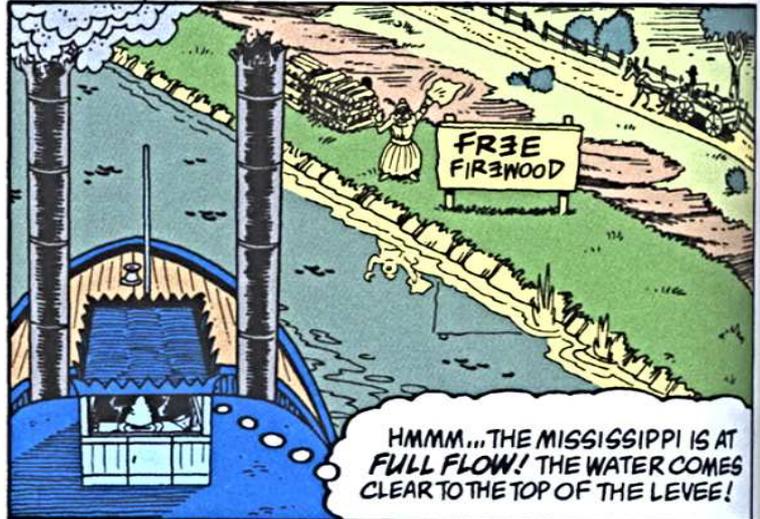
THEN ONE DAY, WHILE TRANSPORTING A GOLD SHIPMENT FROM THE WEEVIL CITY BANK...

WOW! WOTTA DEAL!

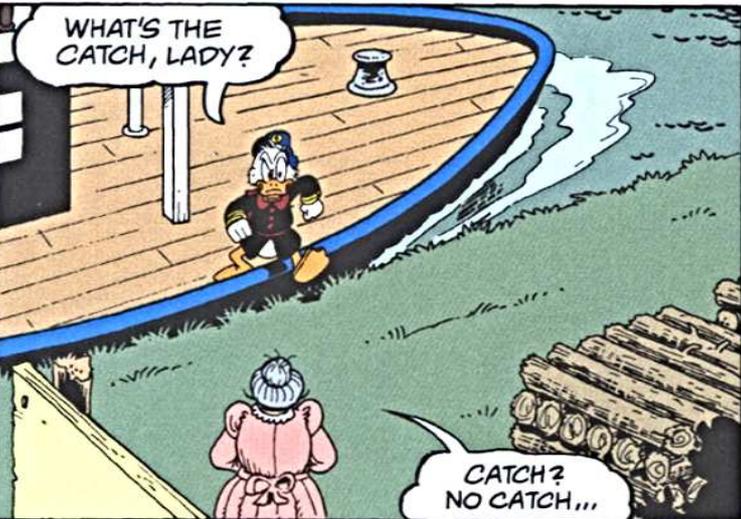


TAKE A BREAK, RATCHET! I'M PUTTING ASHORE! SOME NUT IS GIVING AWAY FREE FIREWOOD!

YESSIR!

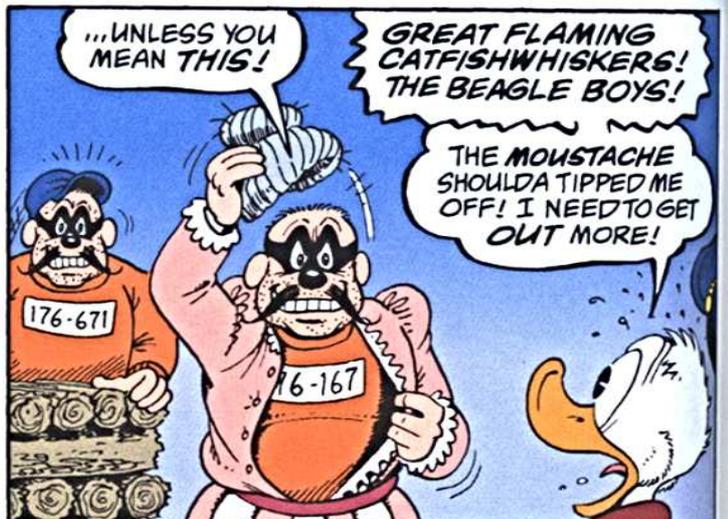


HMMM... THE MISSISSIPPI IS AT FULL FLOW! THE WATER COMES CLEAR TO THE TOP OF THE LEVEE!



WHAT'S THE CATCH, LADY?

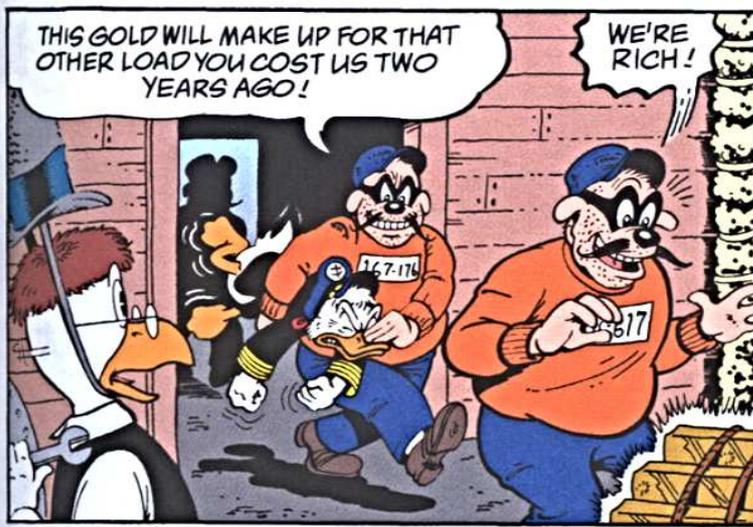
CATCH? NO CATCH...



...UNLESS YOU MEAN THIS!

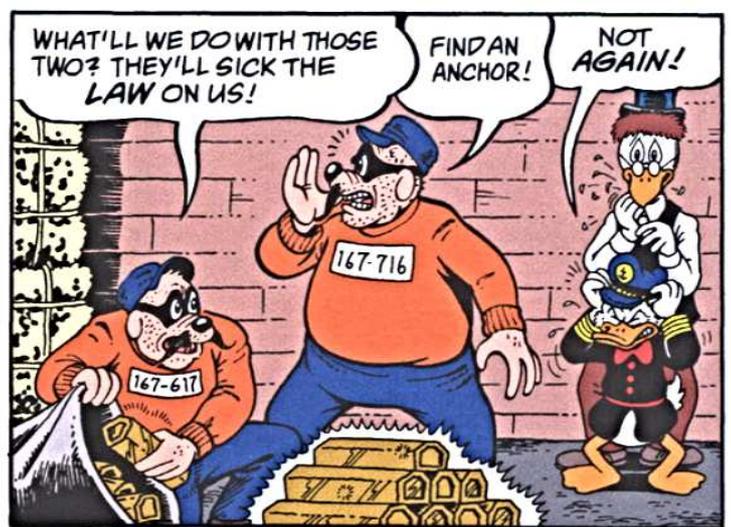
GREAT FLAMING CATFISH WHISKERS! THE BEAGLE BOYS!

THE MOUSTACHE SHOULD'A TIPPED ME OFF! I NEED TO GET OUT MORE!



THIS GOLD WILL MAKE UP FOR THAT OTHER LOAD YOU COST US TWO YEARS AGO!

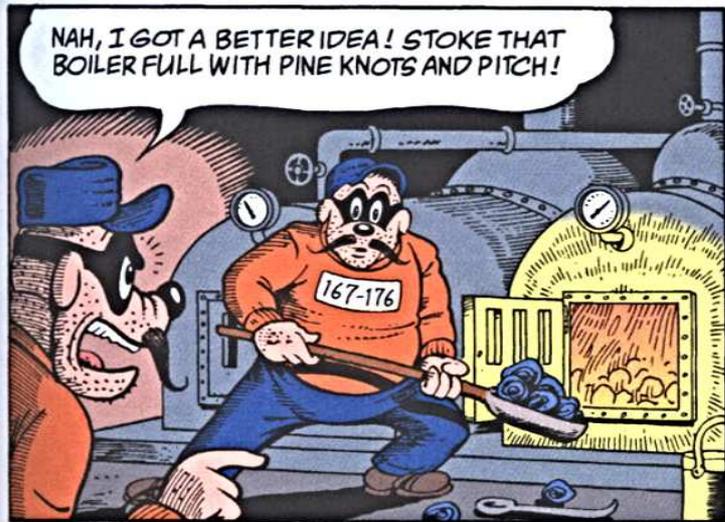
WE'RE RICH!



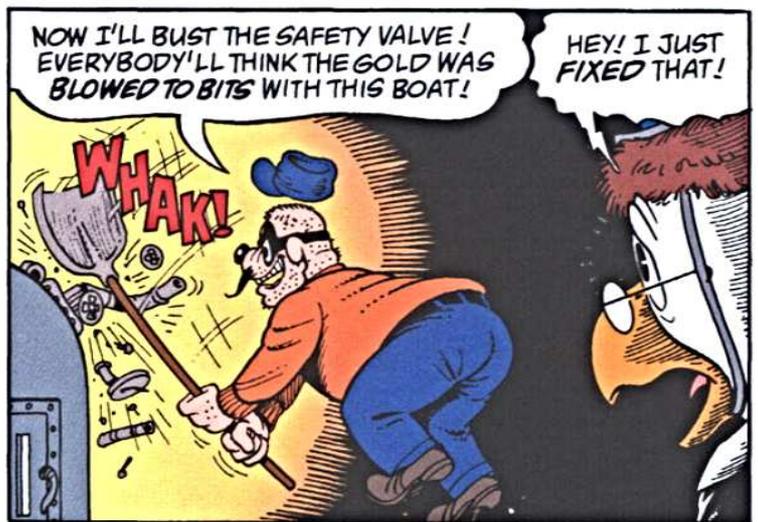
WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THOSE TWO? THEY'LL SICK THE LAW ON US!

FIND AN ANCHOR!

NOT AGAIN!



NAH, I GOT A BETTER IDEA! STOKE THAT BOILER FULL WITH PINE KNOTS AND PITCH!



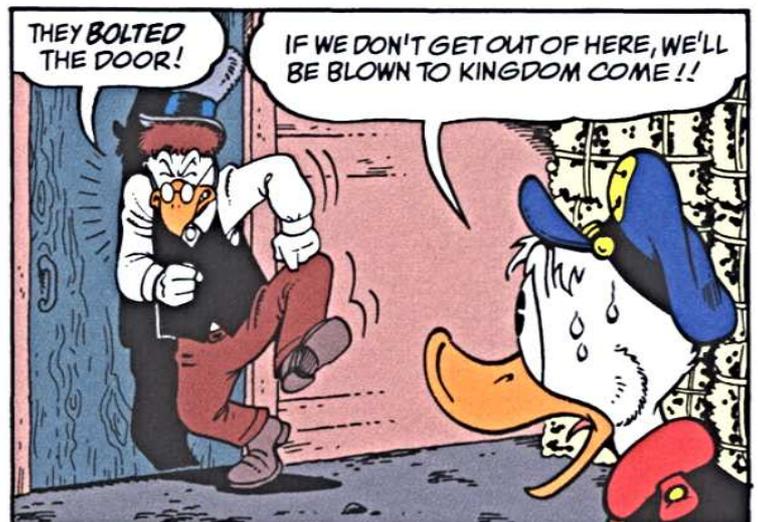
NOW I'LL BUST THE SAFETY VALVE! EVERYBODY'LL THINK THE GOLD WAS BLOWN TO BITS WITH THIS BOAT!

HEY! I JUST FIXED THAT!



I KNOW YOU'LL MISS US, SCROOGEY, BUT TRY NOT TO GO ALL TO PIECES!

HAR! HAR!

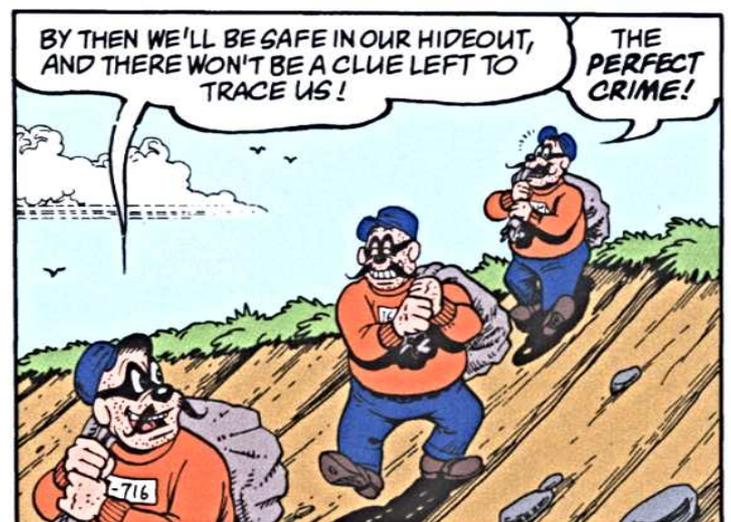


THEY BOLTED THE DOOR!

IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF HERE, WE'LL BE BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME!!

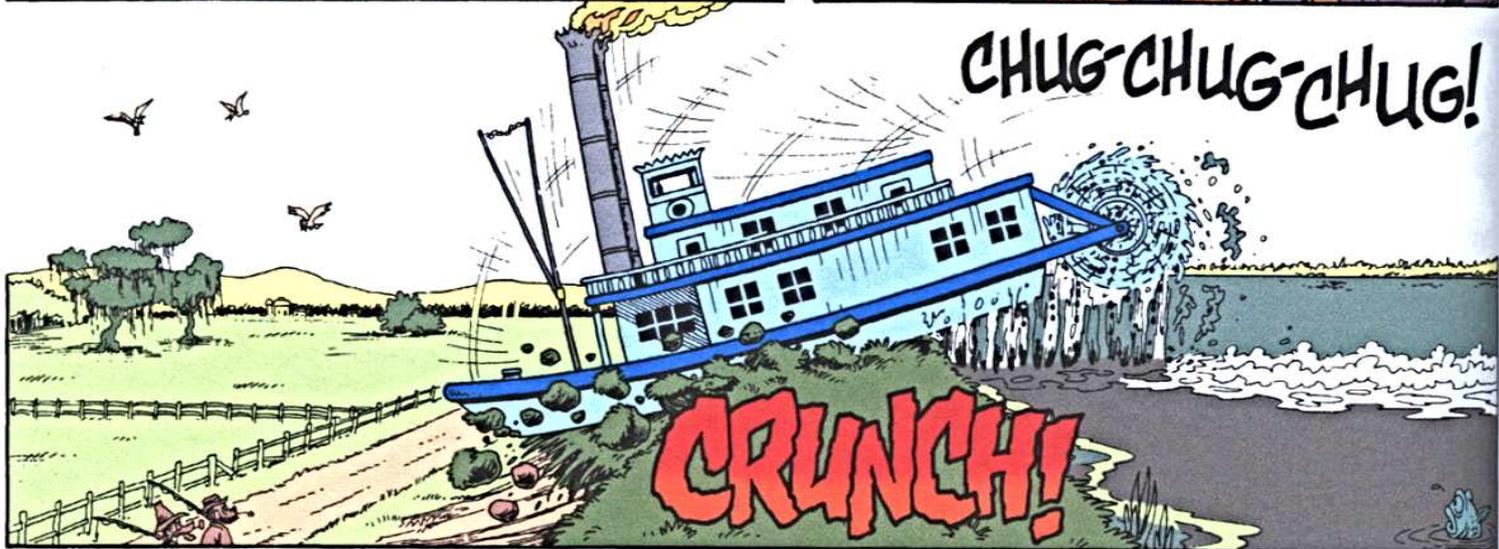
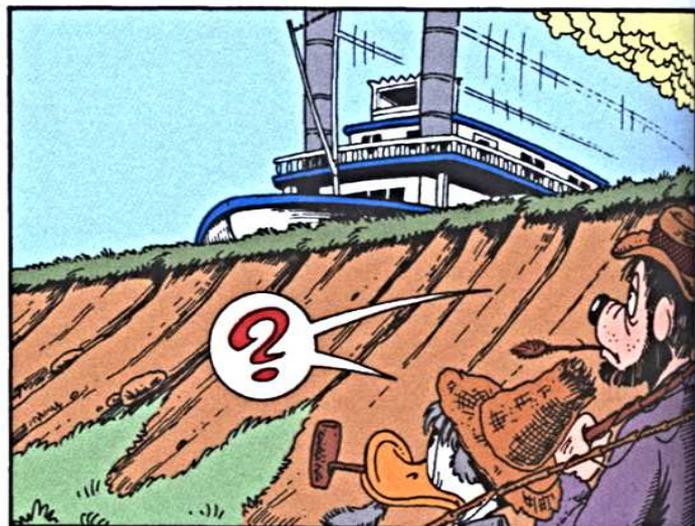
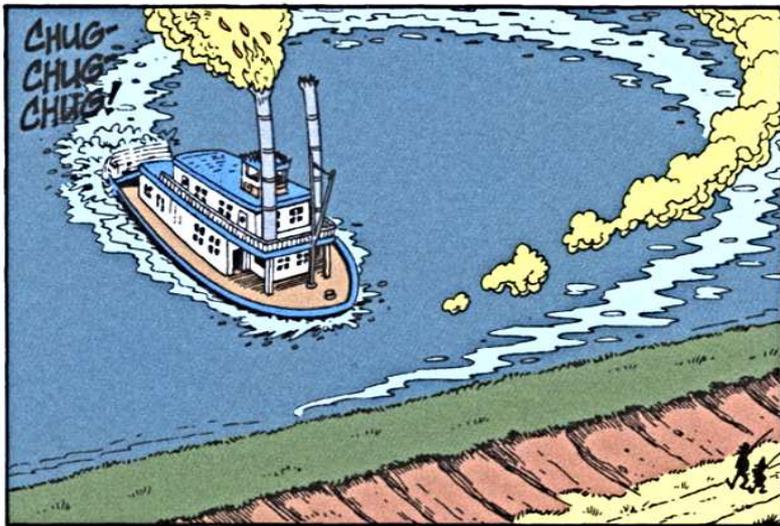
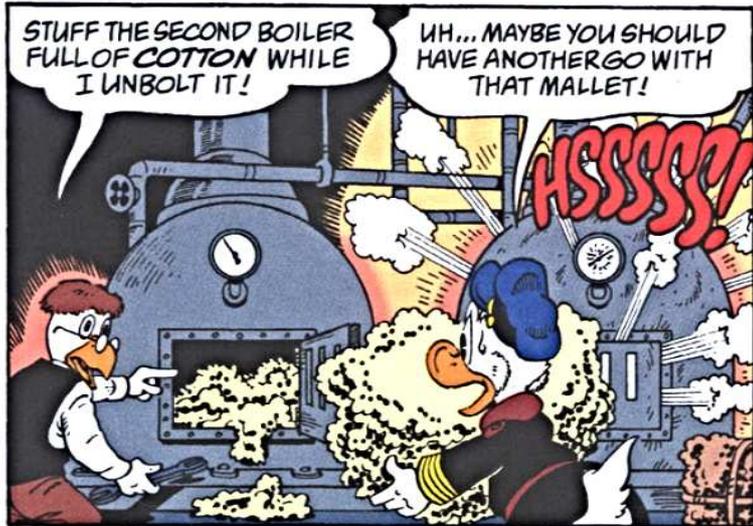
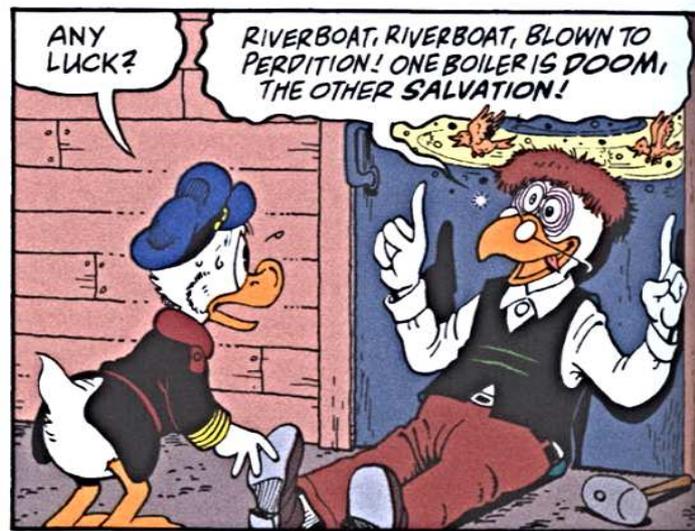
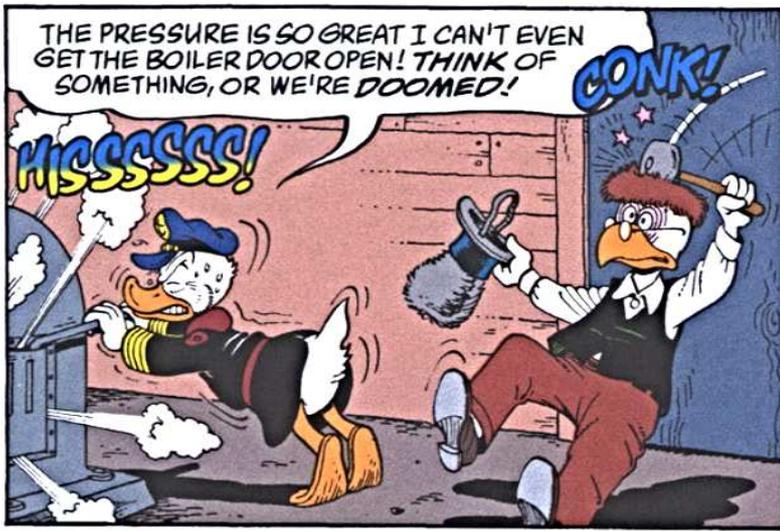


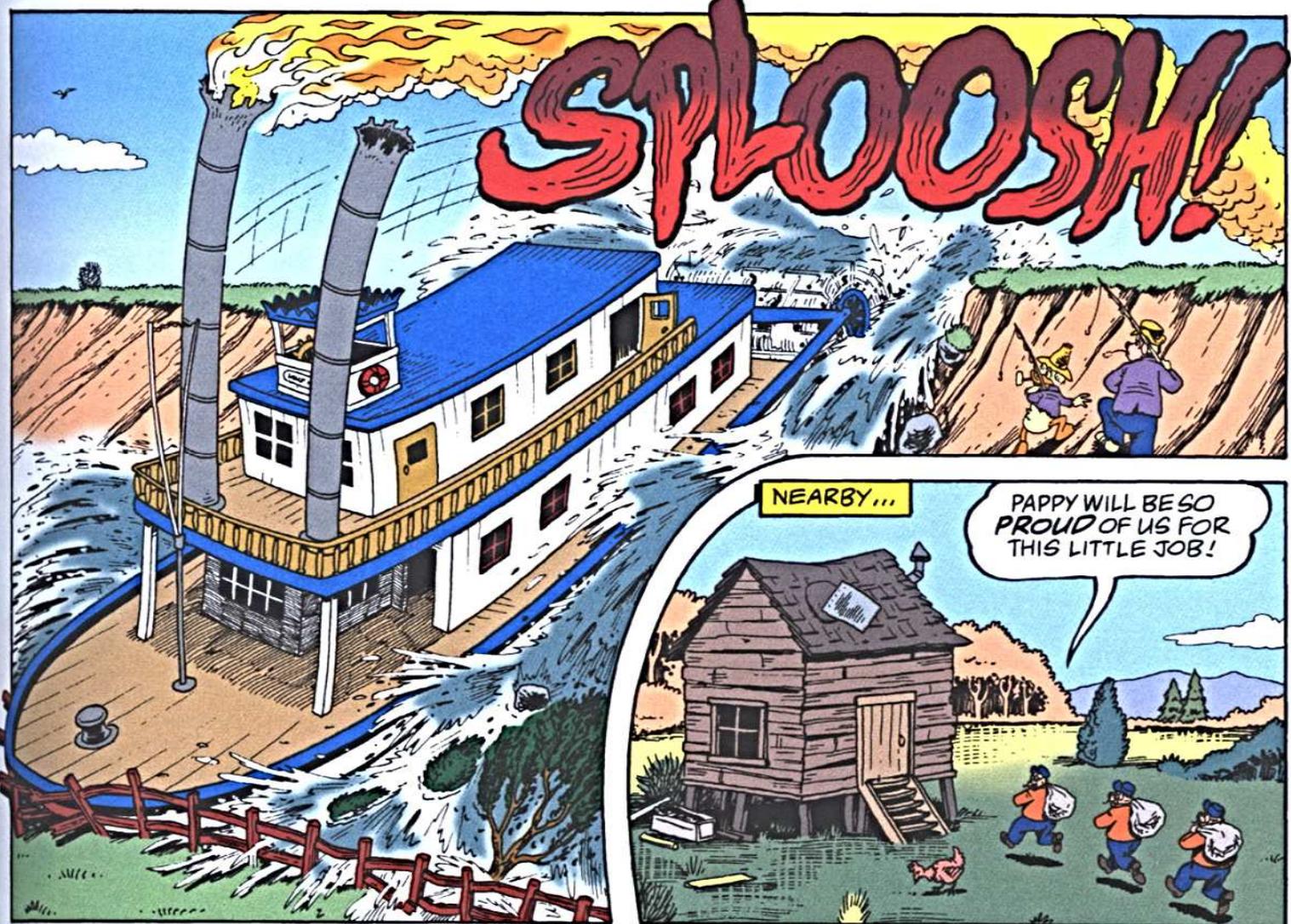
PUSH McDUCK'S BOAT OFF! THE BUILDING STEAM WILL TAKE HER MILES FROM HERE BEFORE SHE BLOWS!



BY THEN WE'LL BE SAFE IN OUR HIDEOUT, AND THERE WON'T BE A CLUE LEFT TO TRACE US!

THE PERFECT CRIME!





**SPLOOSH!**

**NEARBY...**

PAPPY WILL BE SO PROUD OF US FOR THIS LITTLE JOB!



LOOK, PAPPY! WE GOT SCROOGE'S GOLD SHIPMENT!

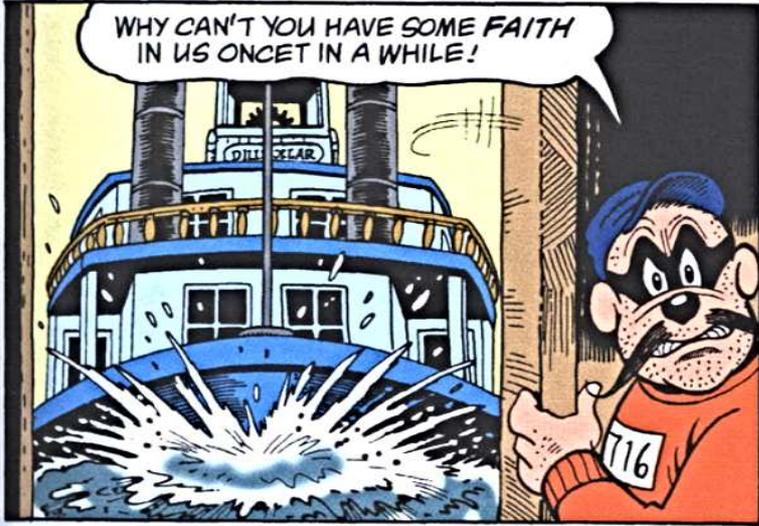
WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE!



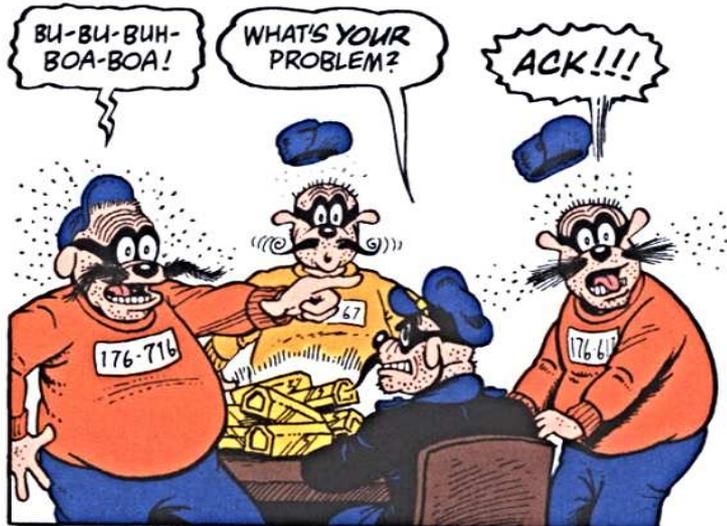
IT WENT SLICKER 'N SKUNK GREASE, TOO!!

KNOWIN' YOU BOYS, I DOUBT THAT! YOU WAS PROBL'Y FOLLERED HERE!

NUH-UH! LET ME SHOW YA!



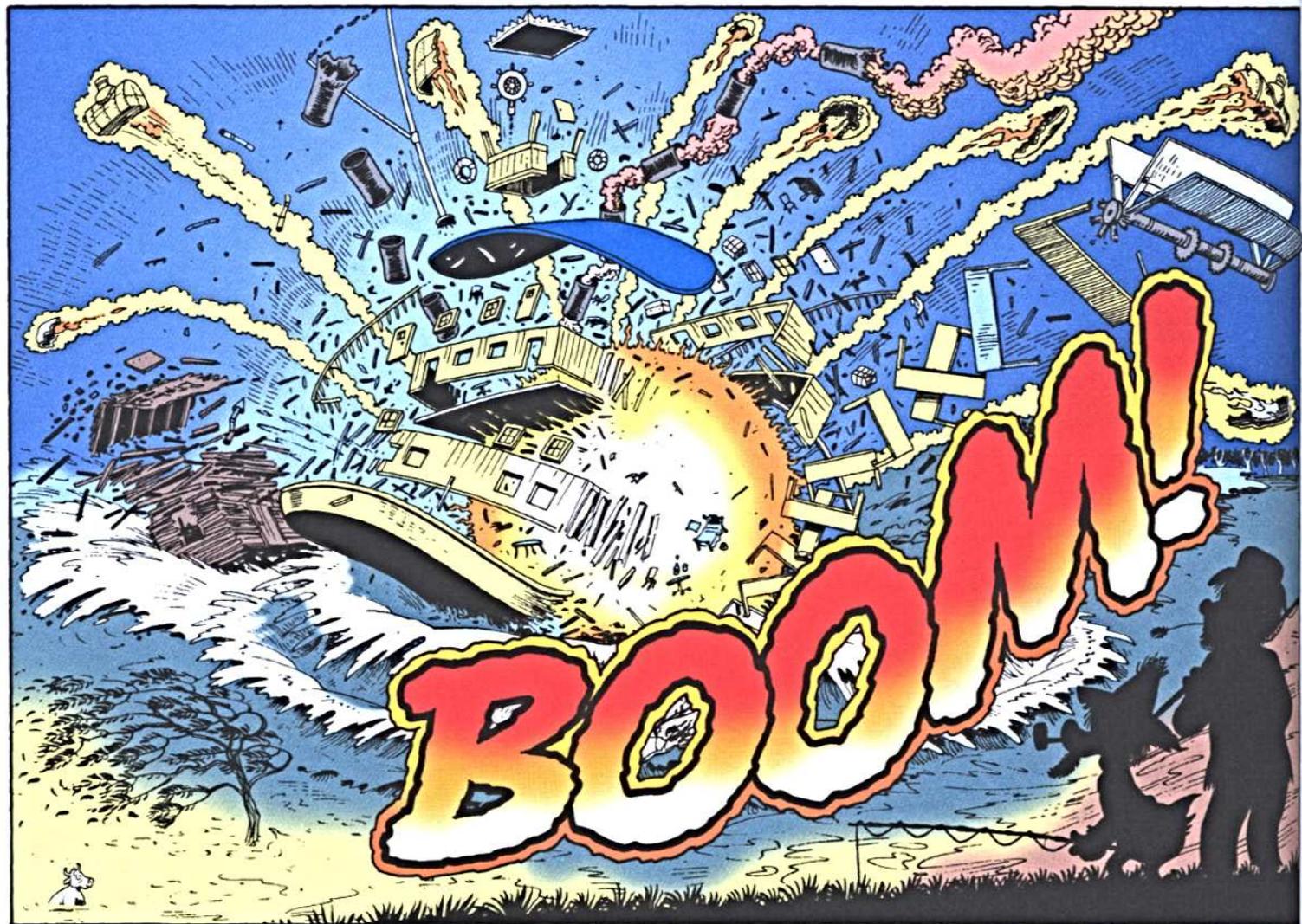
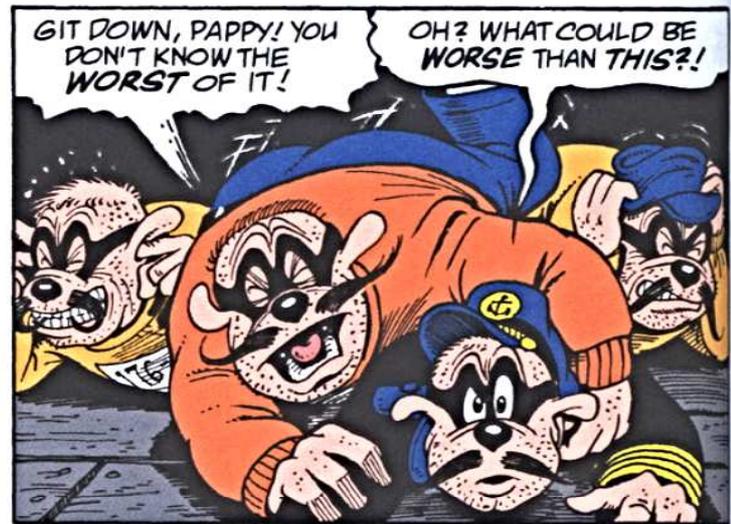
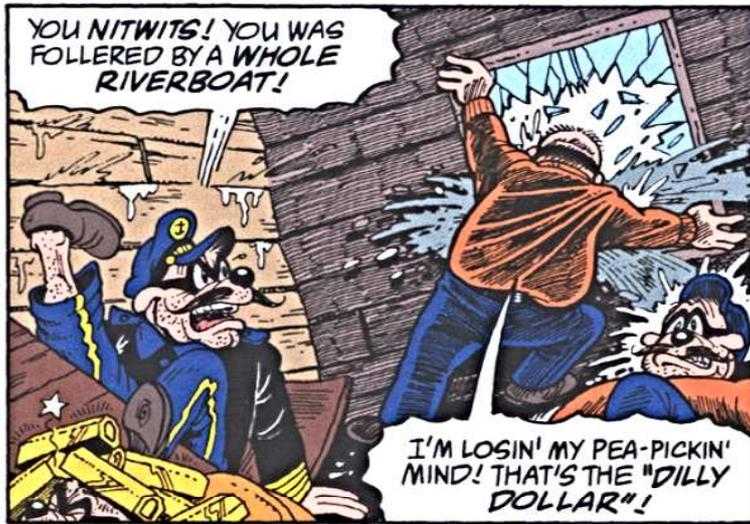
WHY CAN'T YOU HAVE SOME FAITH IN US ONCE IN A WHILE!

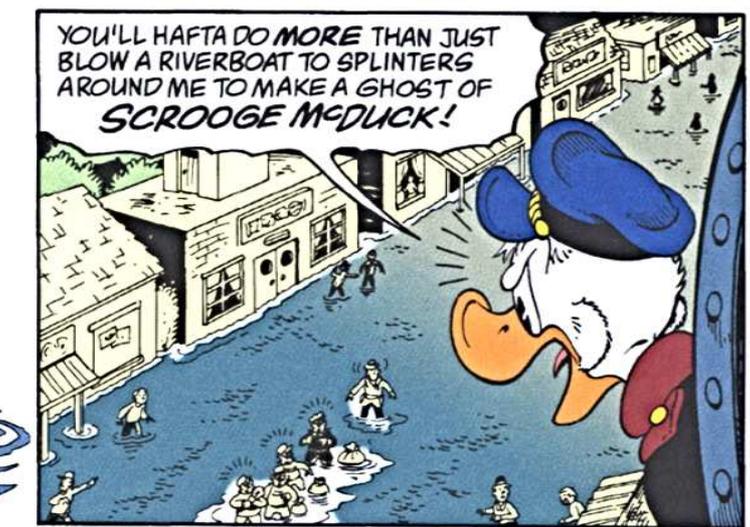
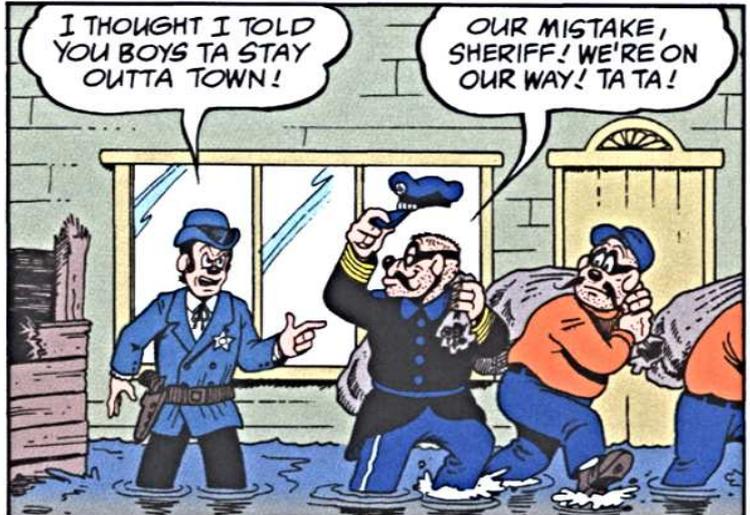
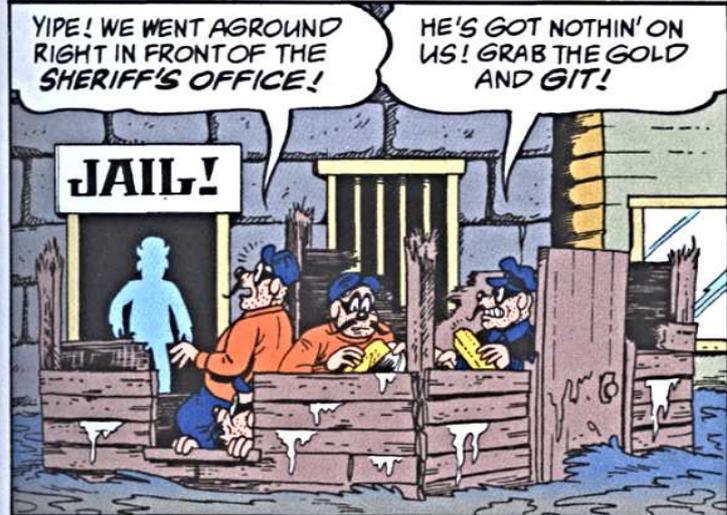
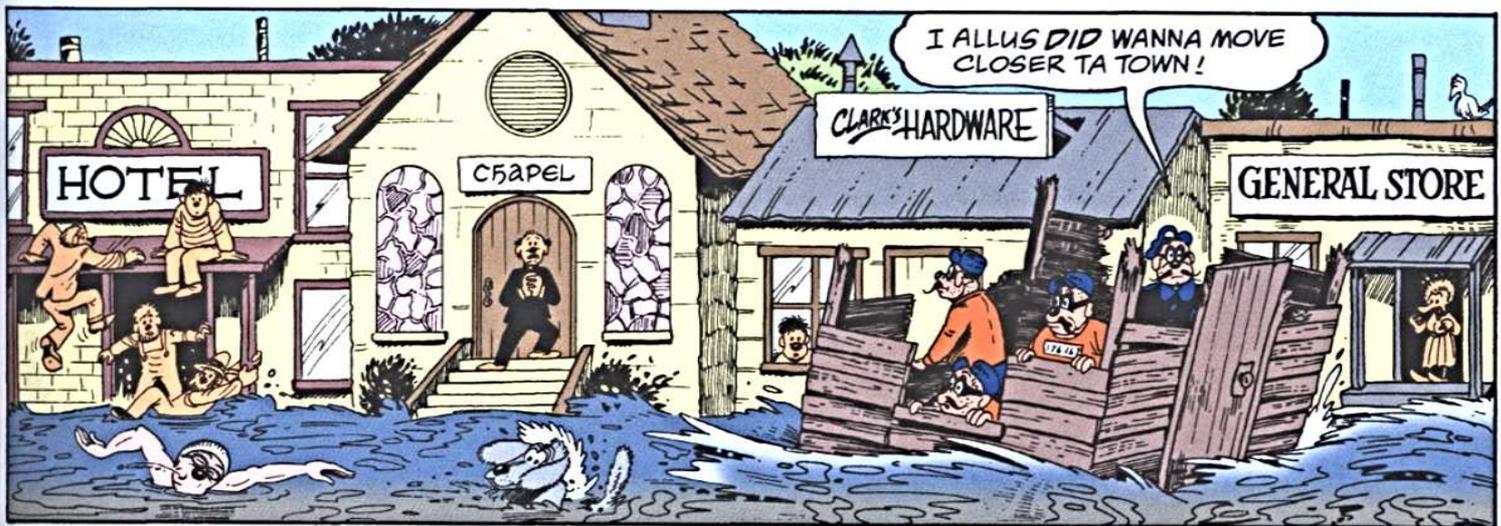
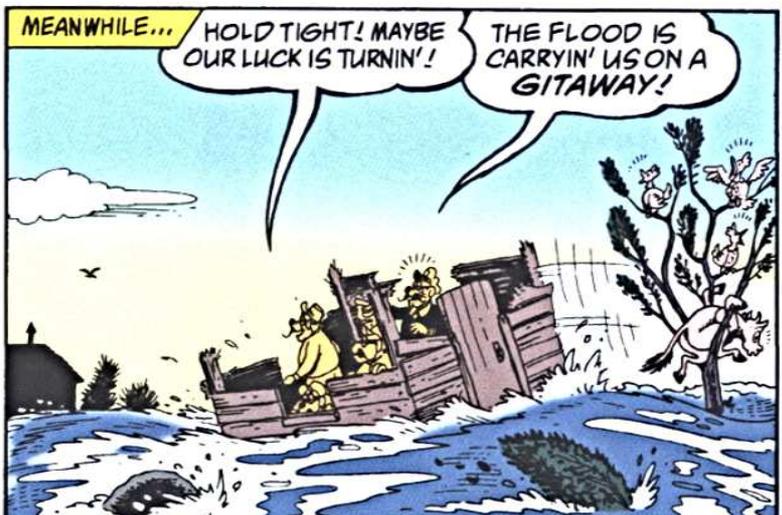
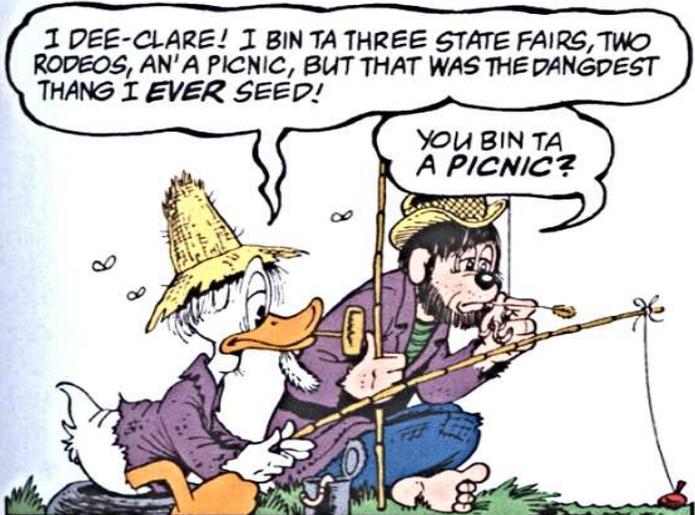


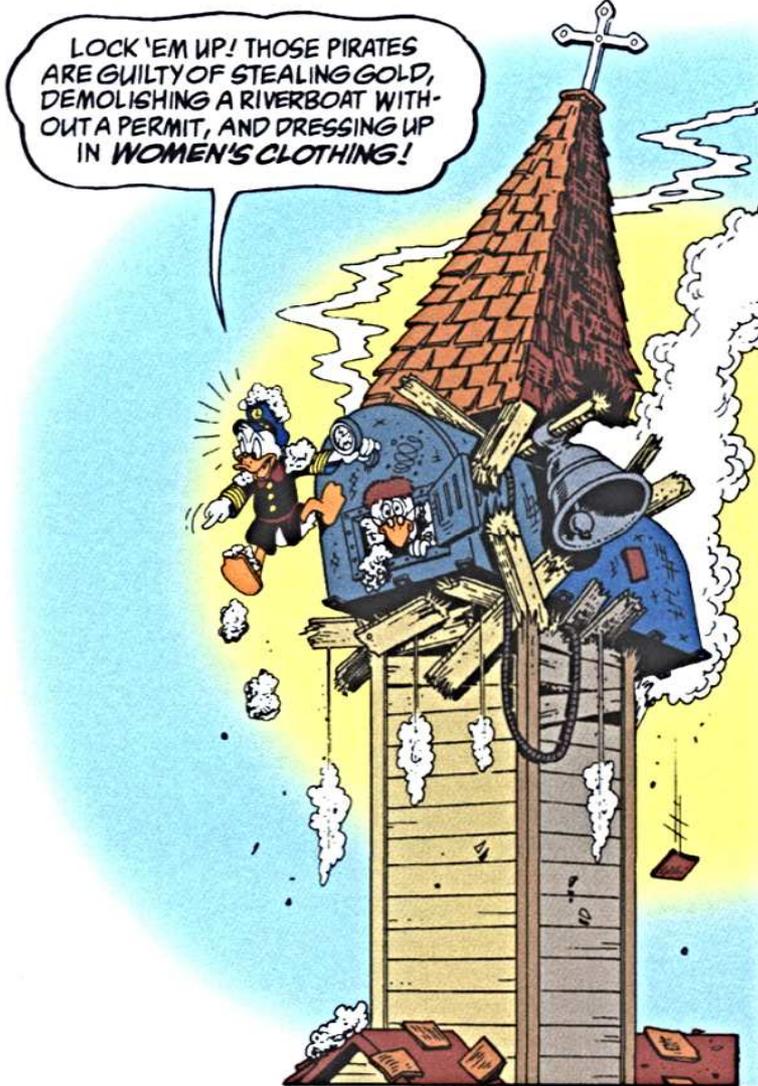
BU-BU-BUH-BOA-BOA!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

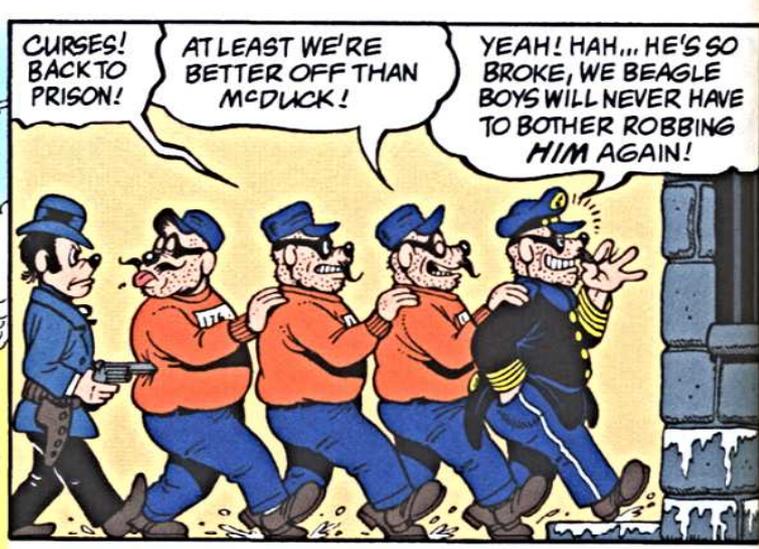
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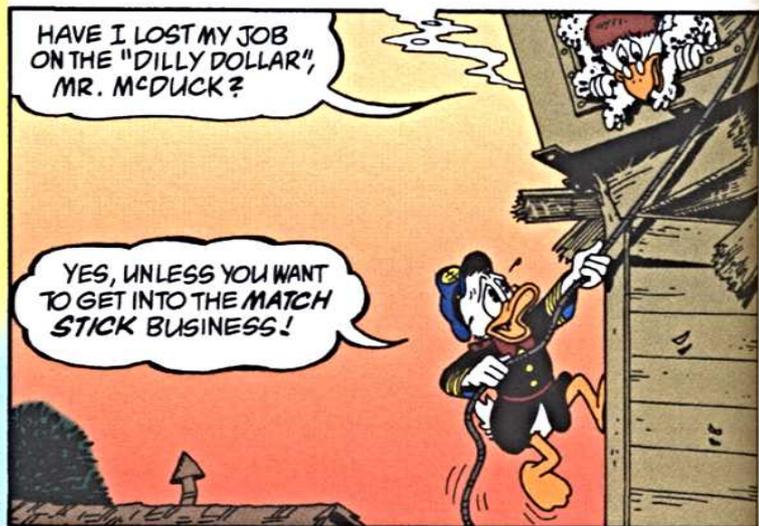




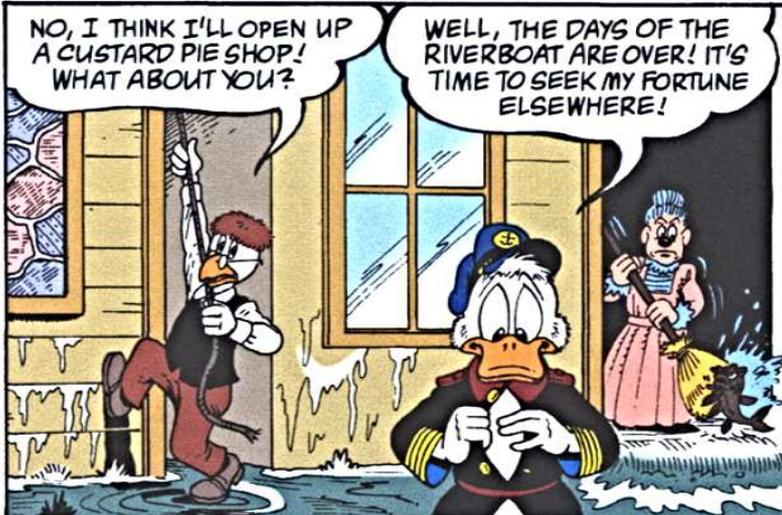
LOCK 'EM UP! THOSE PIRATES ARE GUILTY OF STEALING GOLD, DEMOLISHING A RIVERBOAT WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND DRESSING UP IN *WOMEN'S CLOTHING!*



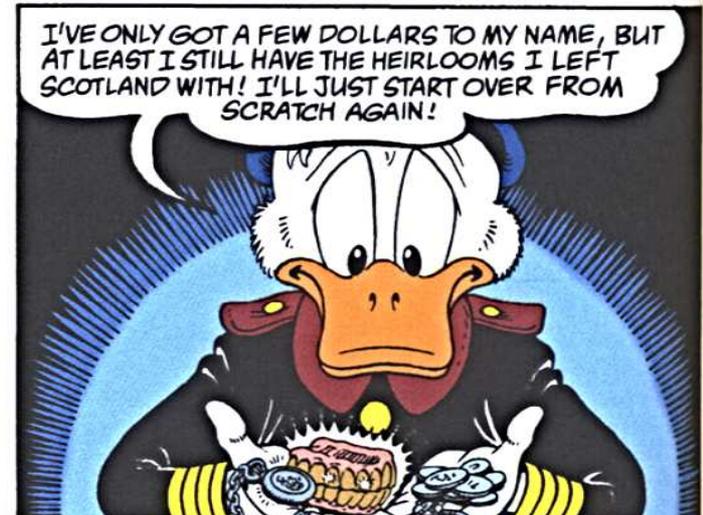
CURSES! BACK TO PRISON!  
AT LEAST WE'RE BETTER OFF THAN MCDUCK!  
YEAH! HAH... HE'S SO BROKE, WE BEAGLE BOYS WILL NEVER HAVE TO BOTHER ROBBING HIM AGAIN!



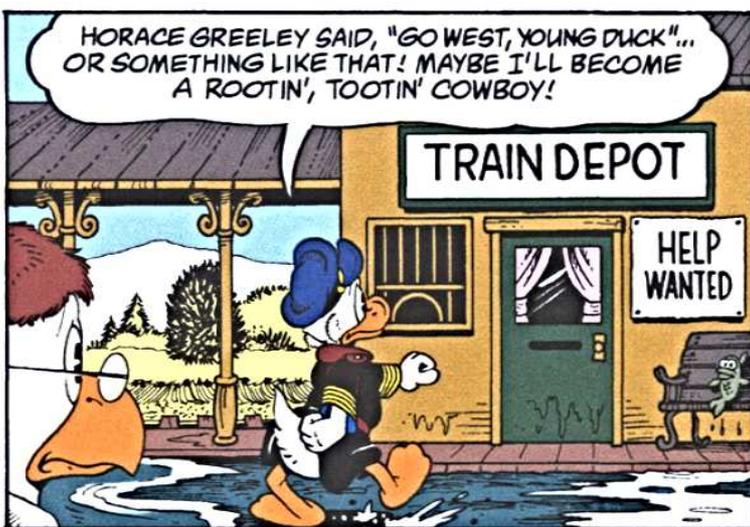
HAVE I LOST MY JOB ON THE "DILLY DOLLAR", MR. MCDUCK?  
YES, UNLESS YOU WANT TO GET INTO THE MATCH STICK BUSINESS!



NO, I THINK I'LL OPEN UP A CUSTARD PIE SHOP! WHAT ABOUT YOU?  
WELL, THE DAYS OF THE RIVERBOAT ARE OVER! IT'S TIME TO SEEK MY FORTUNE ELSEWHERE!



I'VE ONLY GOT A FEW DOLLARS TO MY NAME, BUT AT LEAST I STILL HAVE THE HEIRLOOMS I LEFT SCOTLAND WITH! I'LL JUST START OVER FROM SCRATCH AGAIN!



HORACE GREELEY SAID, "GO WEST, YOUNG DUCK"... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT! MAYBE I'LL BECOME A ROOTIN', TOOTIN' COWBOY!

SO YOUNG SCROOGE TOOK A JOB AS A FIREMAN ON THE WABASH CANNONBALL, HEADING WEST... BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY!



"...SO MUDDY THAT I SOLD MY RIVERBOAT AND LAID RAILROAD TRACK ON THE RIVER SURFACE!"  
OH, BROTHER!

TO BE CONTINUED...