

The Life and Times of  
**Scrooge McDuck**  
 part three  
**THE BUCKAROO**  
**of the BADLANDS**

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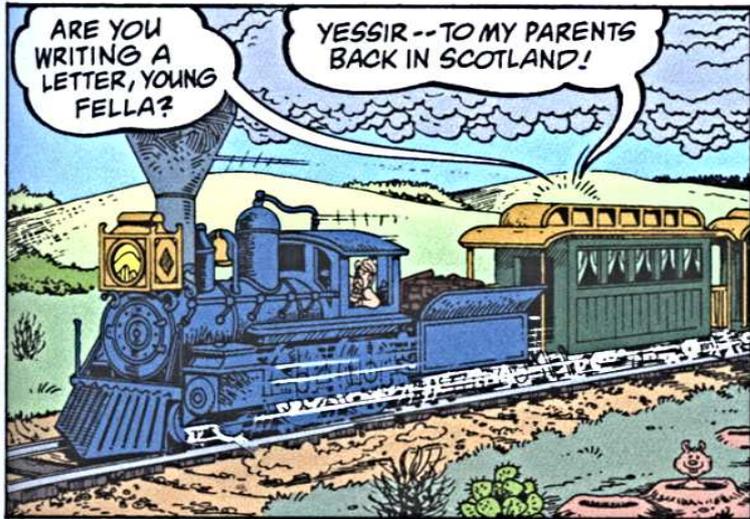
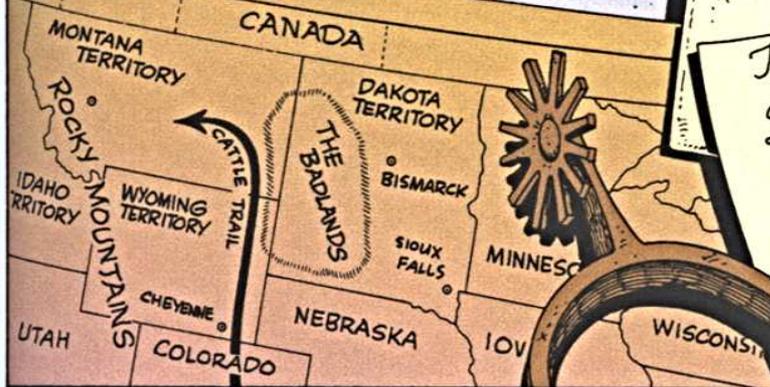
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Scrooge McDuck  
 Bonebone Hotel  
 St. Louis, Missouri  
 U.S.A.

Fergus  
 131-  
 To: Fergus & Downy McDuck, 1313 Paisley St.  
 Glasgow, Scotland

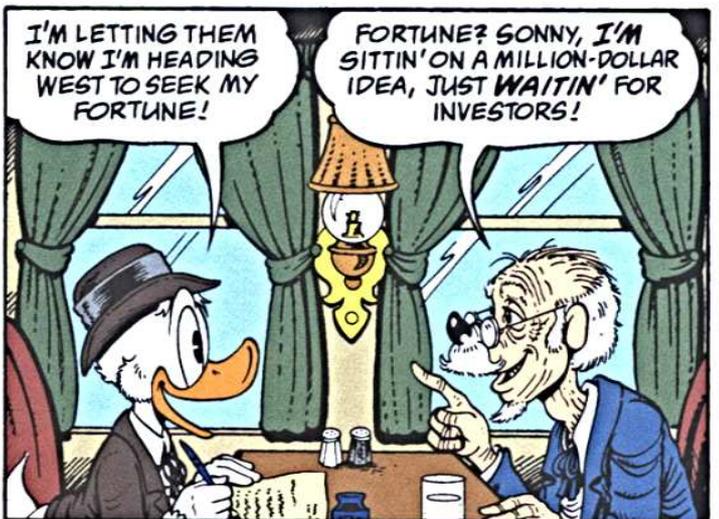
Dear Mama & Papa,

As you know, I've been a fireman on the  
 Wabash Cannonball ever since Uncle Pothole's  
 riverboat was blown up by the awful Beagle Boys  
 I'm sure glad I'll never see them again! I've  
 saved up enough to buy a ticket west! I don't  
 know where I'm headed, but I'll get off this  
 train at the first stop where I think  
 I'll find my dream!  
 Your son, Sc



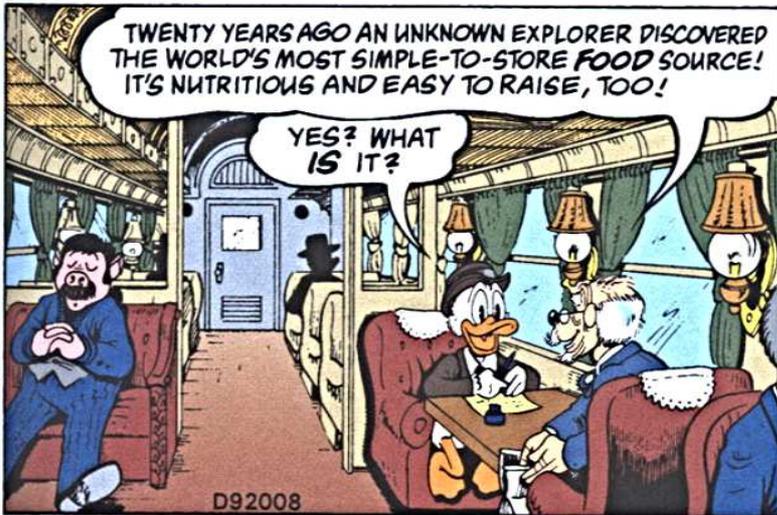
ARE YOU  
 WRITING A  
 LETTER, YOUNG  
 FELLA?

YESSIR -- TO MY PARENTS  
 BACK IN SCOTLAND!



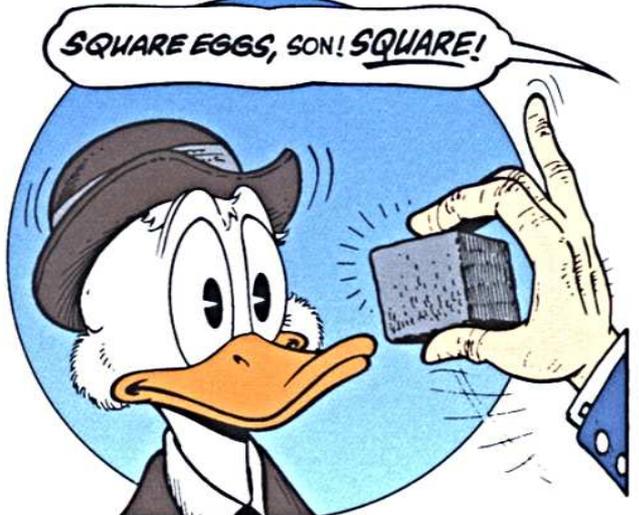
I'M LETTING THEM  
 KNOW I'M HEADING  
 WEST TO SEEK MY  
 FORTUNE!

FORTUNE? SONNY, I'M  
 SITTING ON A MILLION-DOLLAR  
 IDEA, JUST WAITIN' FOR  
 INVESTORS!

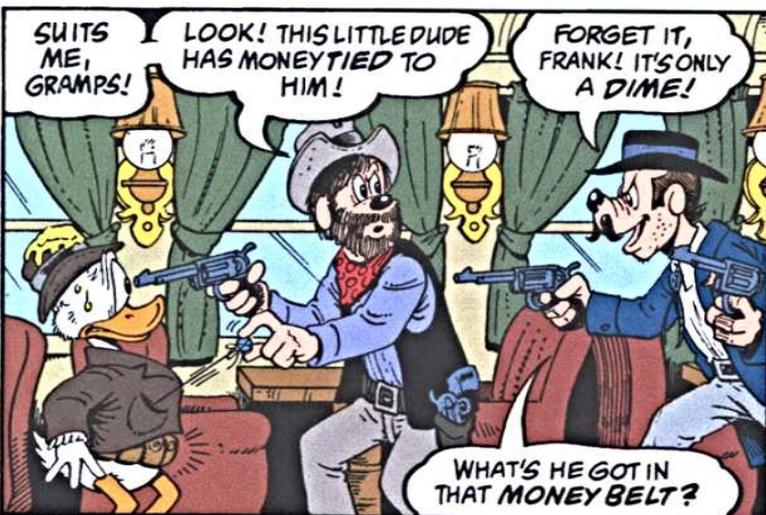
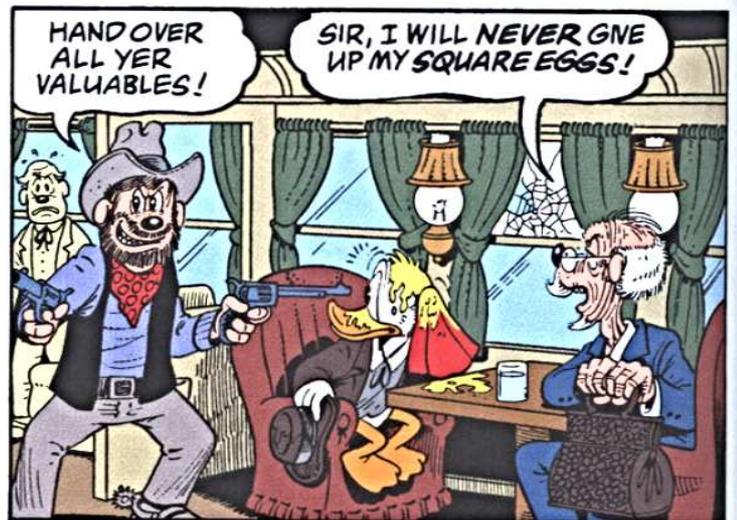
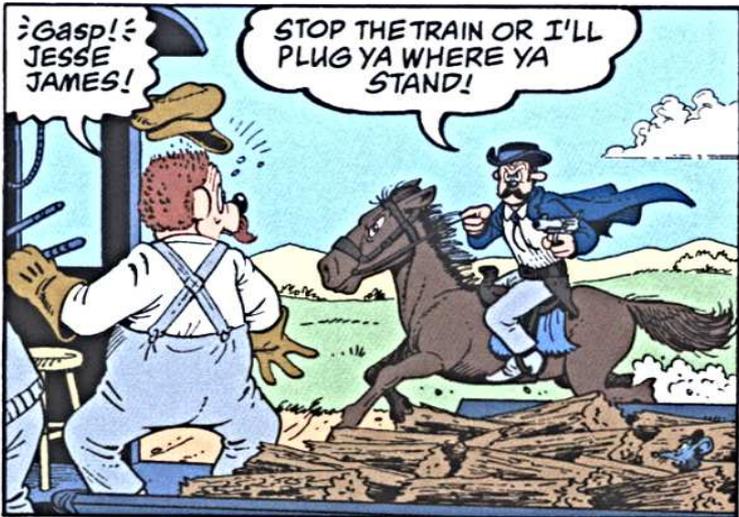
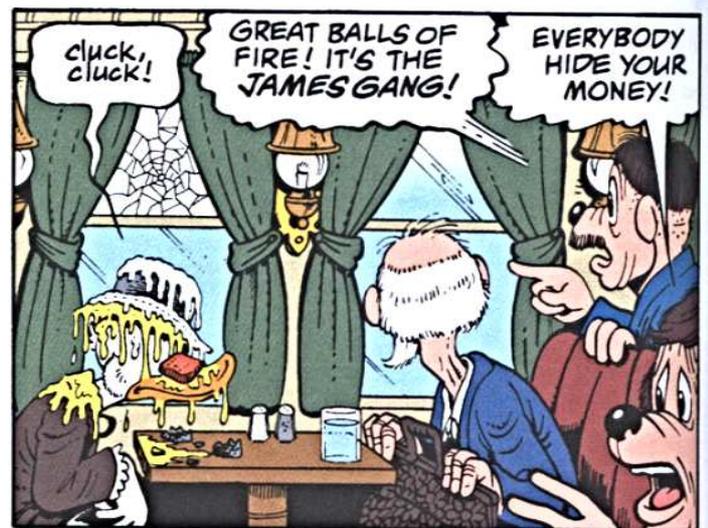
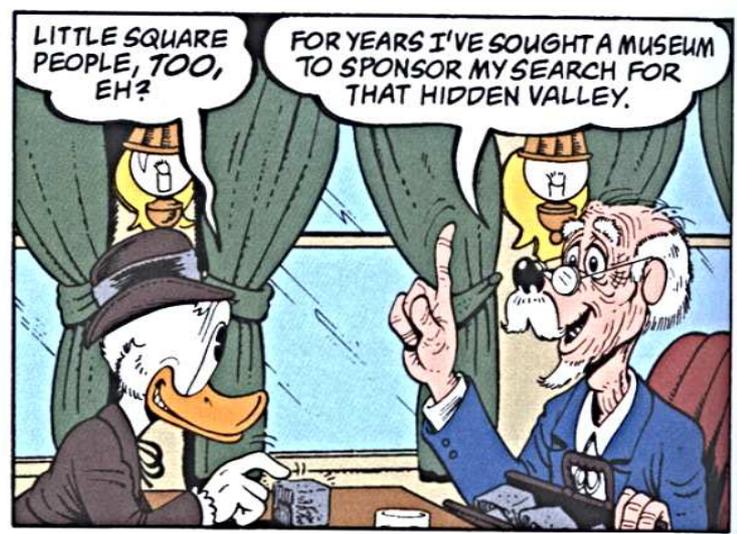
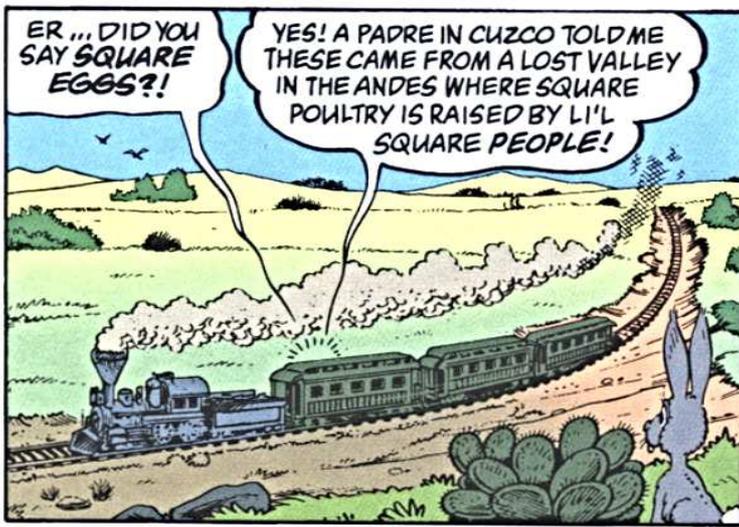


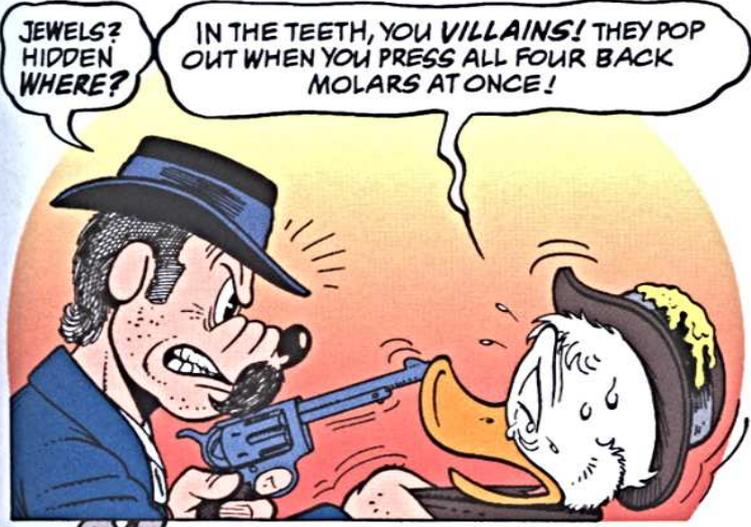
TWENTY YEARS AGO AN UNKNOWN EXPLORER DISCOVERED  
 THE WORLD'S MOST SIMPLE-TO-STORE FOOD SOURCE!  
 IT'S NUTRITIOUS AND EASY TO RAISE, TOO!

YES? WHAT  
 IS IT?



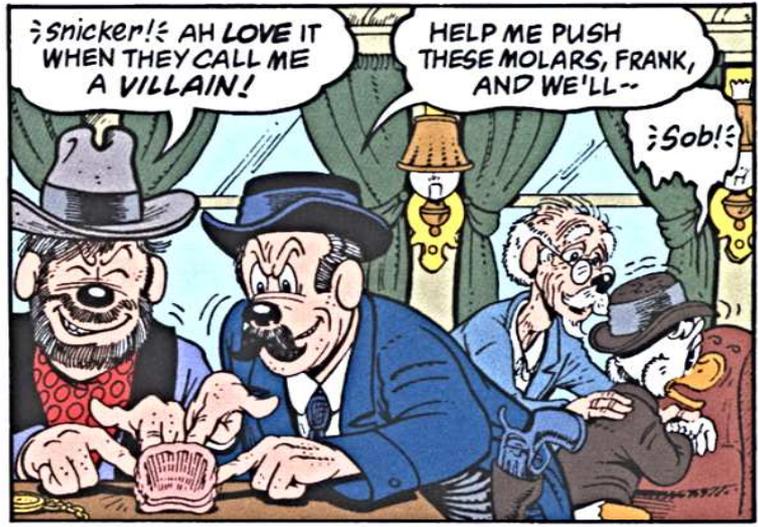
SQUARE EGGS, SON! SQUARE!





JEWELS?  
HIDDEN  
WHERE?

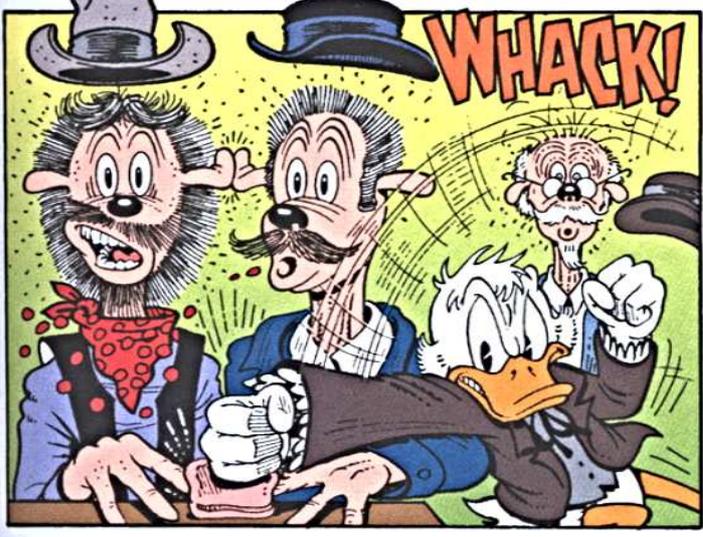
IN THE TEETH, YOU VILLAINS! THEY POP  
OUT WHEN YOU PRESS ALL FOUR BACK  
MOLARS AT ONCE!



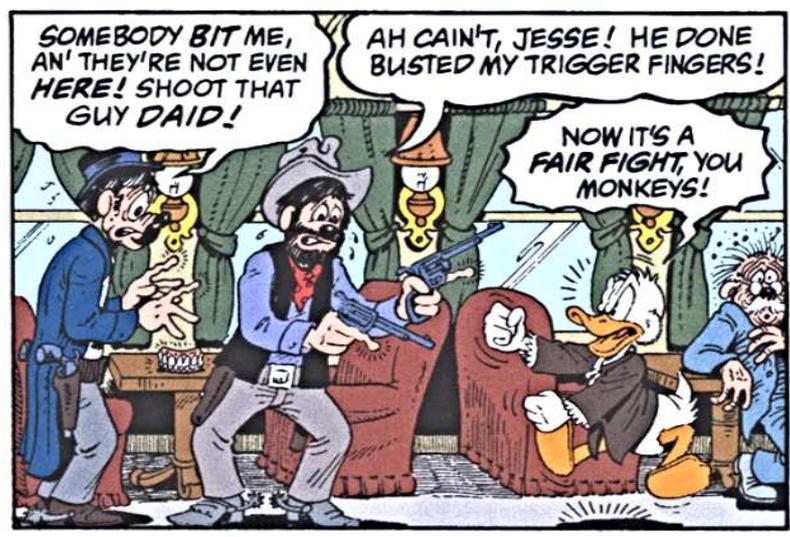
¡snicker! AH LOVE IT  
WHEN THEY CALL ME  
A VILLAIN!

HELP ME PUSH  
THESE MOLARS, FRANK,  
AND WE'LL--

¡Sob!¡



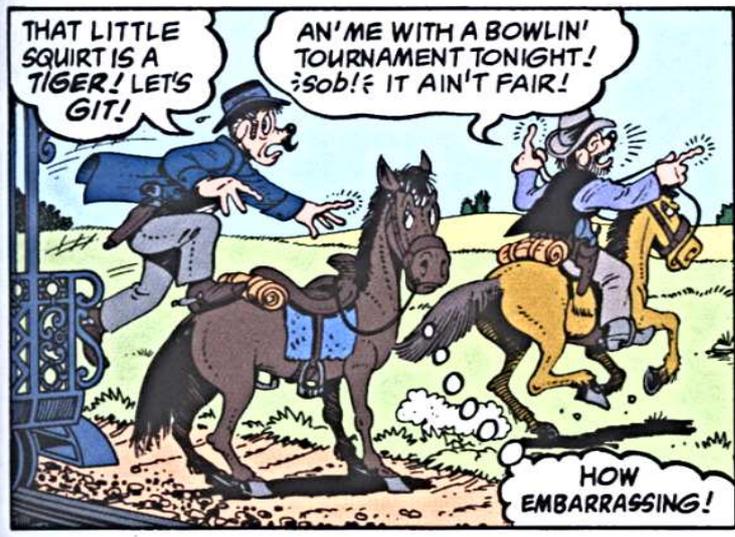
**WHACK!**



SOMEBODY BIT ME,  
AN' THEY'RE NOT EVEN  
HERE! SHOOT THAT  
GUY DAID!

AH CAINT, JESSE! HE DONE  
BUSTED MY TRIGGER FINGERS!

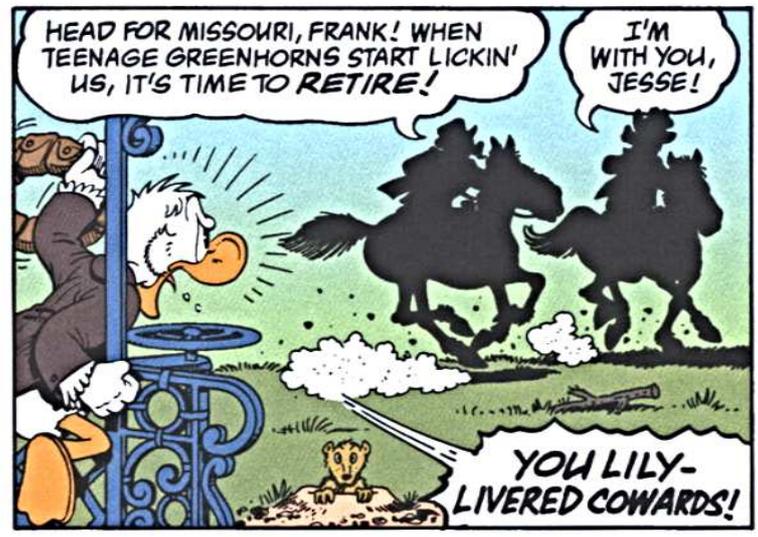
NOW IT'S A  
FAIR FIGHT, YOU  
MONKEYS!



THAT LITTLE  
SQUIRT IS A  
TIGER! LET'S  
GIT!

AN' ME WITH A BOWLIN'  
TOURNAMENT TONIGHT!  
¡sob!¡ IT AIN'T FAIR!

HOW  
EMBARRASSING!



HEAD FOR MISSOURI, FRANK! WHEN  
TEENAGE GREENHORNS START LICKIN'  
US, IT'S TIME TO RETIRE!

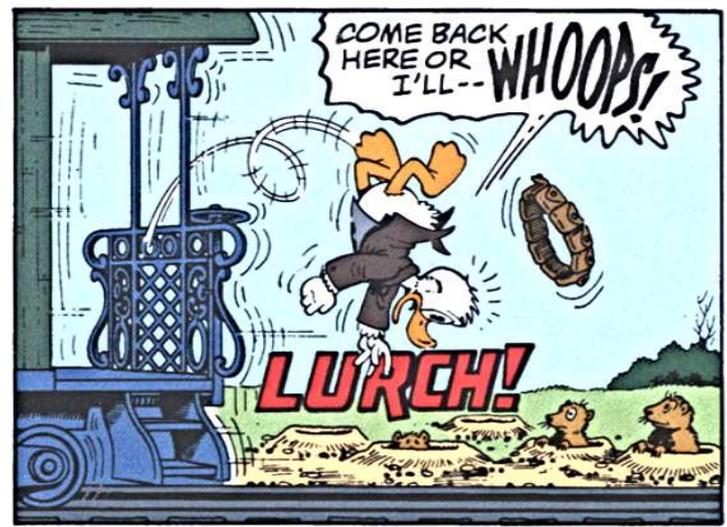
I'M  
WITH YOU,  
JESSE!

YOU LILY-  
LIVERED COWARDS!



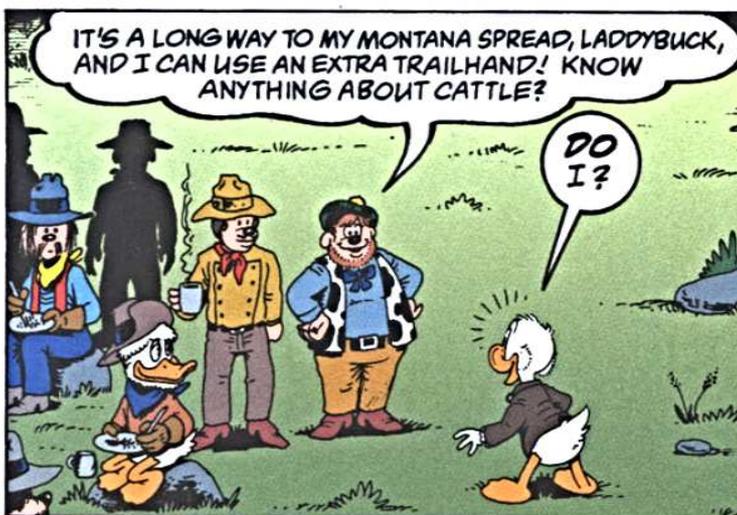
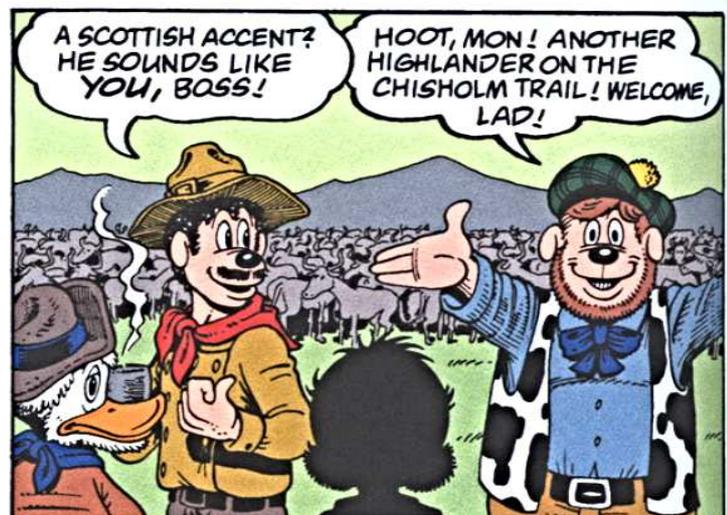
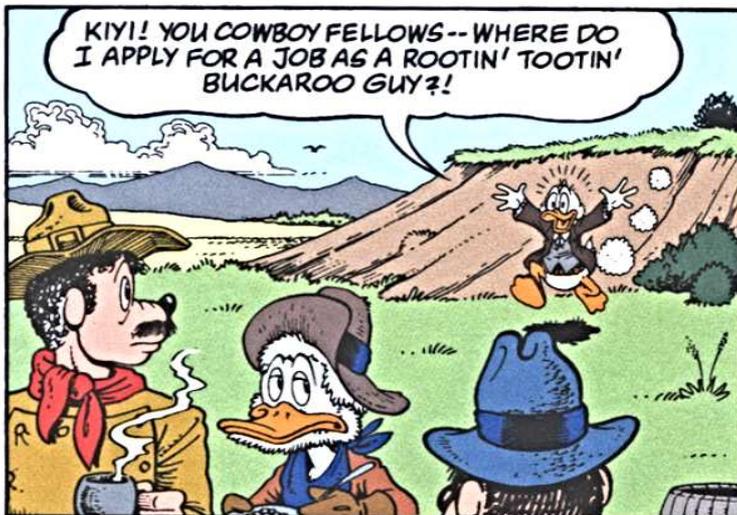
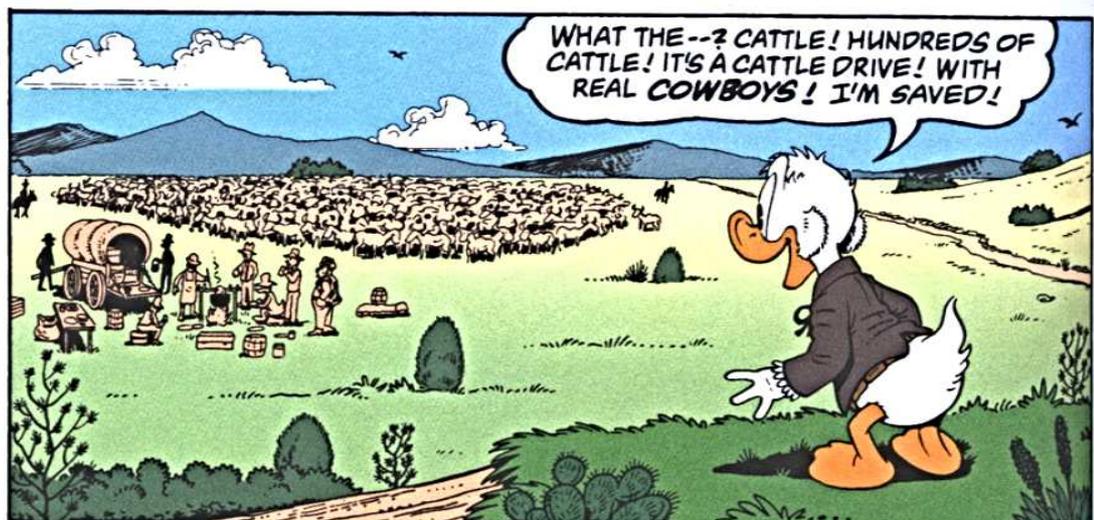
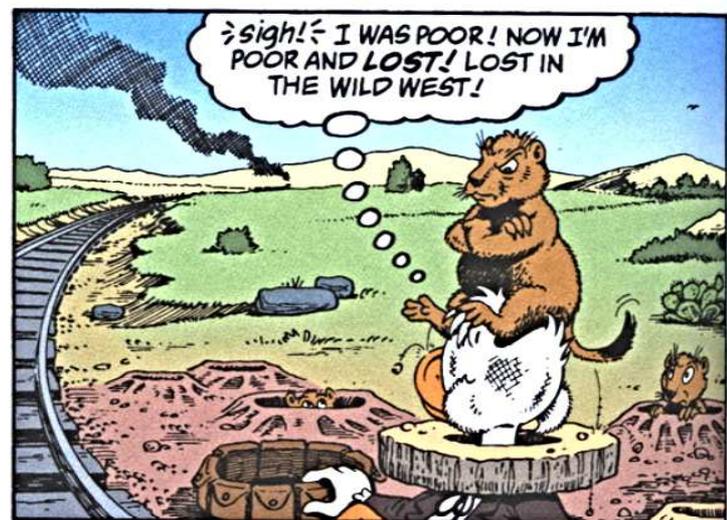
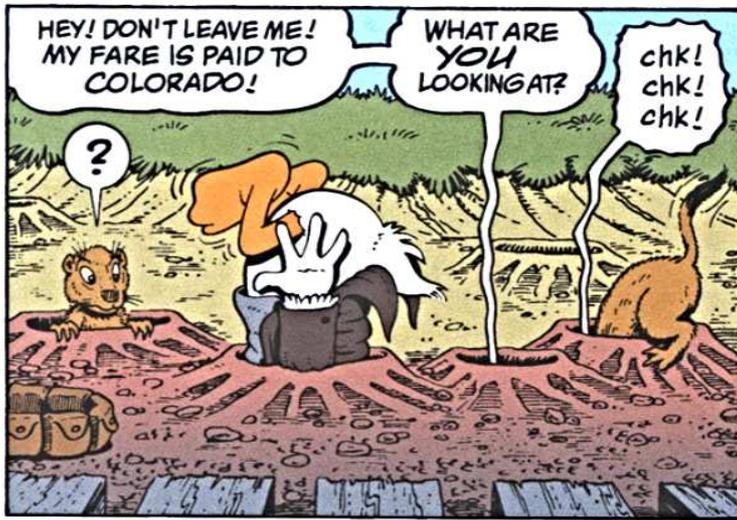
LOOK! SOMETHIN'  
SKEERED THE JAMES  
GANG OFF!

LET 'ER RIP BEFORE  
THEY DECIDE TO  
COME BACK!

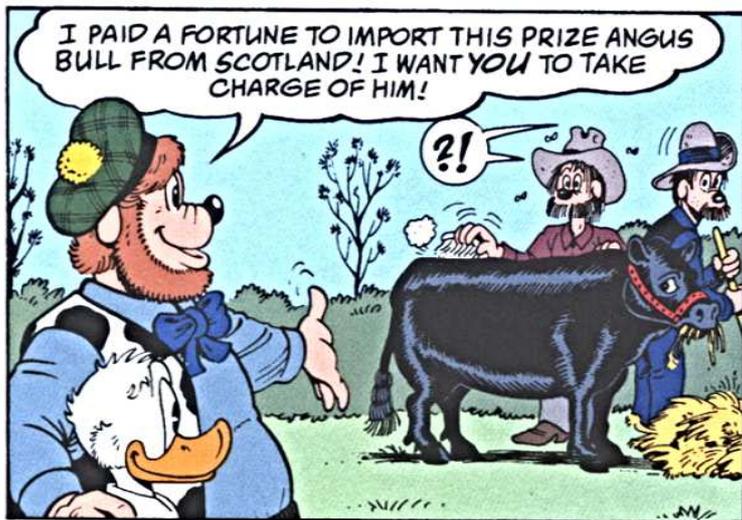


COME BACK  
HERE OR  
I'LL-- **WHOOPS!**

**LURCH!**

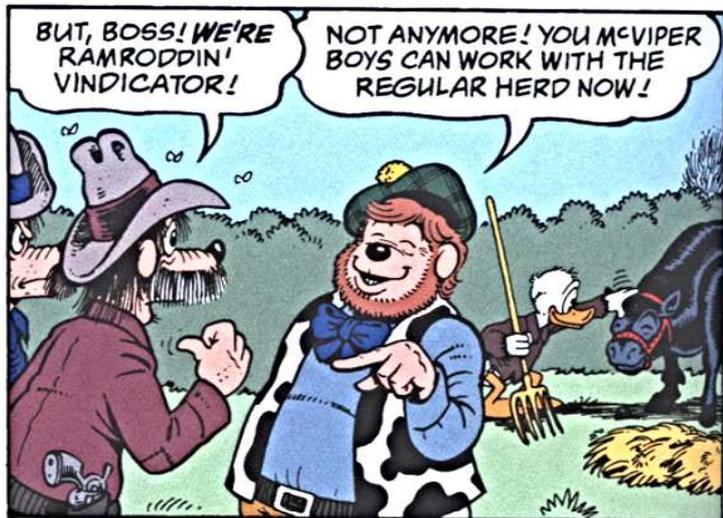






I PAID A FORTUNE TO IMPORT THIS PRIZE ANGUS BULL FROM SCOTLAND! I WANT YOU TO TAKE CHARGE OF HIM!

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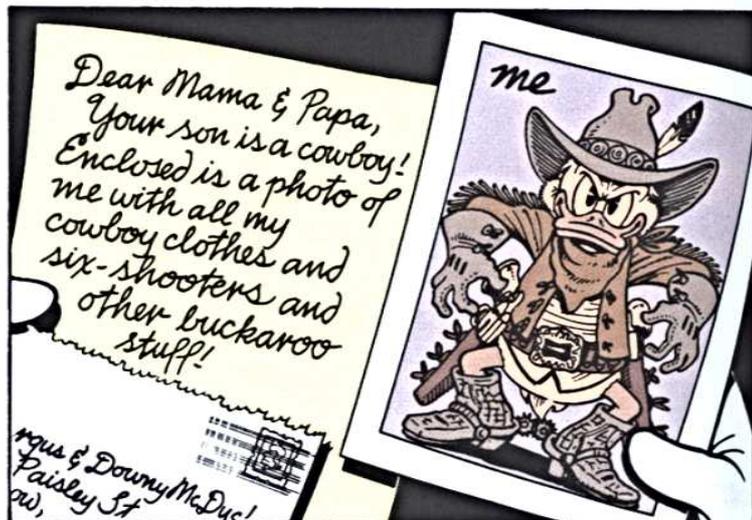
BUT, BOSS! WE'RE RAMRODDIN' VINDICATOR!

NOT ANYMORE! YOU MCVIPER BOYS CAN WORK WITH THE REGULAR HERD NOW!



@#%@\*! NOW IT WON'T BE SO EASY TO RUSTLE THAT CHAMPEEN ANGUS!

SHH! DON'T WORRY! THE RIGHT TIME WILL COME!

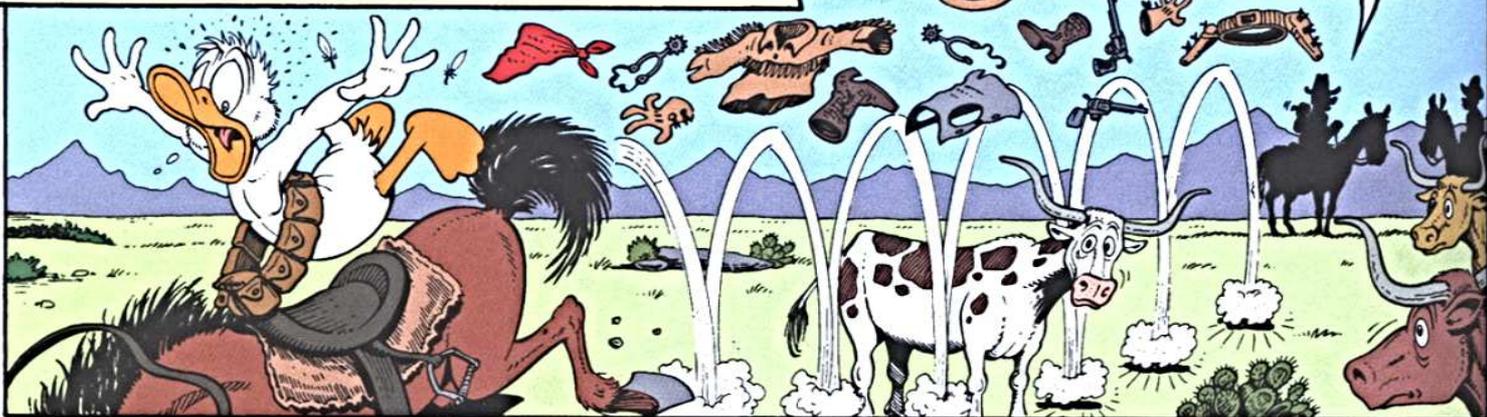


Dear Mama & Papa,  
Your son is a cowboy!  
Enclosed is a photo of me with all my cowboy clothes and six-shooters and other buckaroo stuff!

you & Downy McDuck!  
Paisley St  
ow,

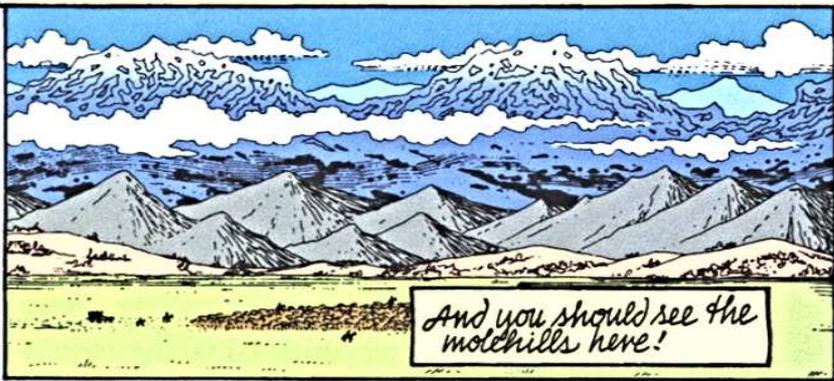


Of course, we cowpokes don't always wear all this equipment when we ride the range and punch cows!



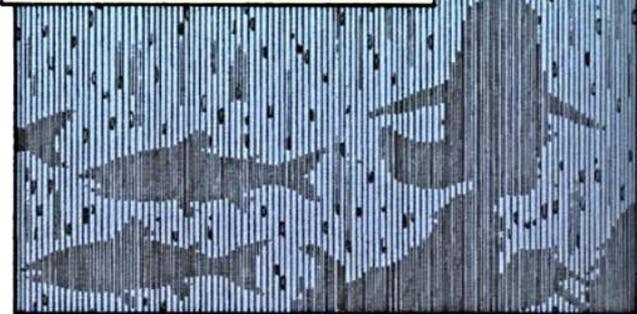
THERE GOES BUCK, SHOWIN' OFF AGAIN! WOTTA GUY!

The wild west is all you've heard! On our cattle drive to Mr. Mackenzie's ranch in the Montana Territory, the Rocky Mountains are always to the west! They make the Scottish mountains look like molehills!



And you should see the molehills here!

And the weather is just as amazing! One day it was raining so hard that I think I saw some trout swim by at about shoulder level!



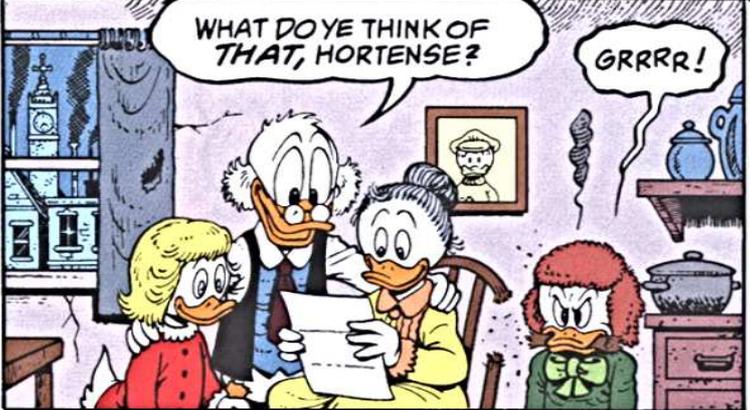
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And with winter coming, you should see how much it snows on the Great Plains! It's especially hard on my horse Hortense sometimes!

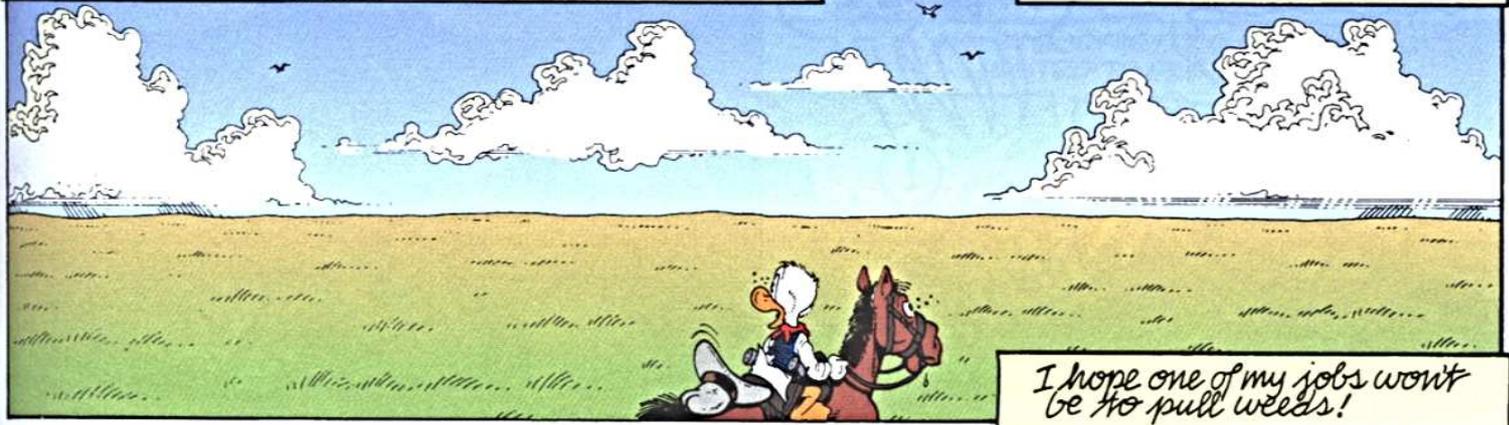


GIDDYAP, GIRL! WHAT'S THE MATTER... STEP IN A PRAIRIE DOG HOLE?

Yes, I renamed my horse after my baby sister! They both have a bad temper!



Once we reached the Montana Territory, I could see why they call it "Big Sky Country" and "the Sea of Grass"!



It's just like a front lawn, only bigger than all of Scotland!

I hope one of my jobs won't be to pull weeds!

We've almost reached Mr. Mackenzie's ranch! I'm sure he's pleased with how well I've taken care of "Vindicator"! I'll write again soon - but it's been a hard day today and soon I'll be out like a light!

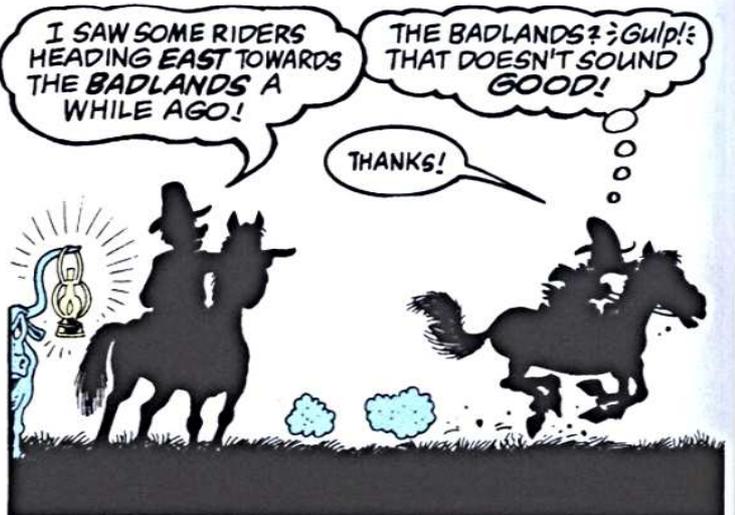
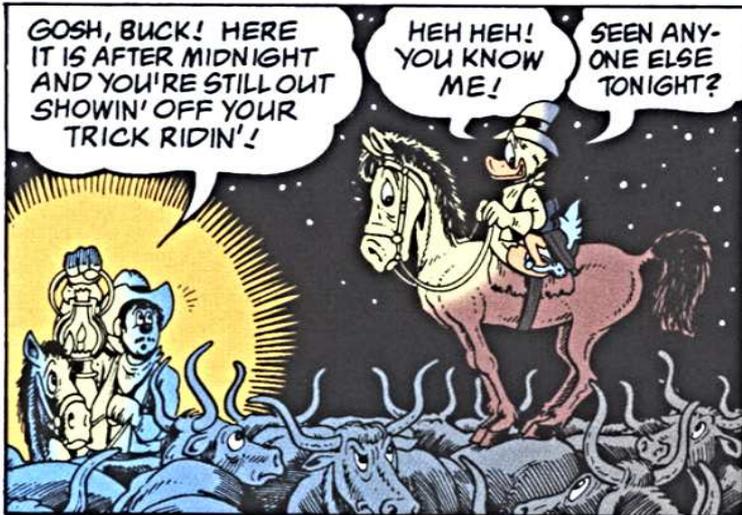
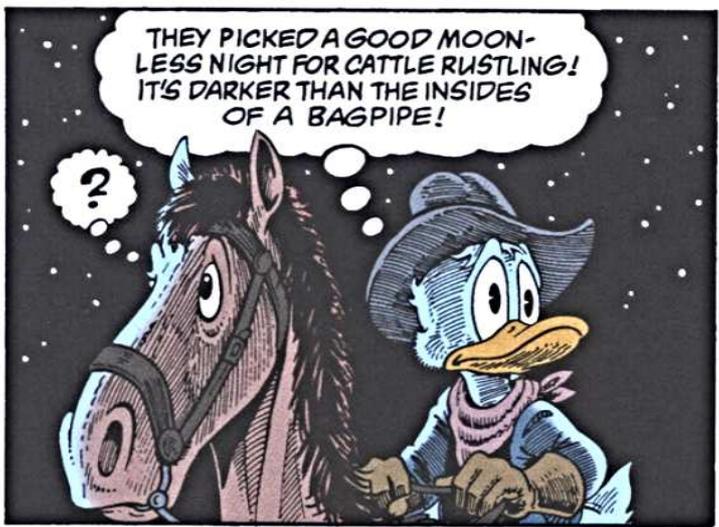
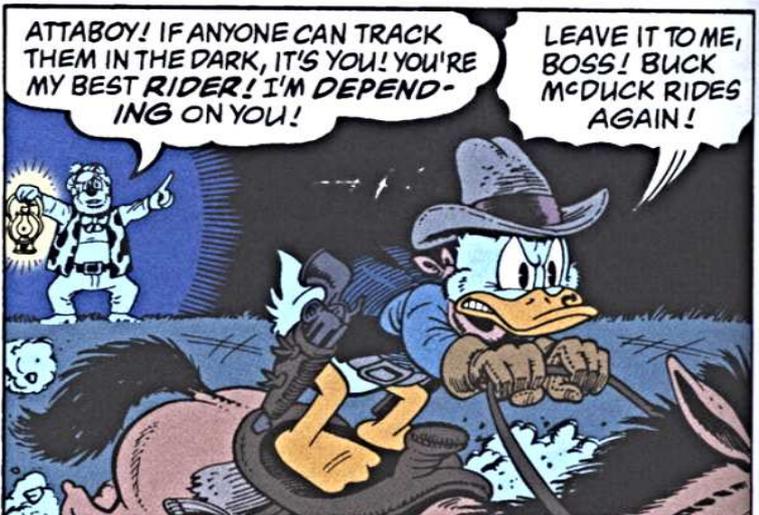
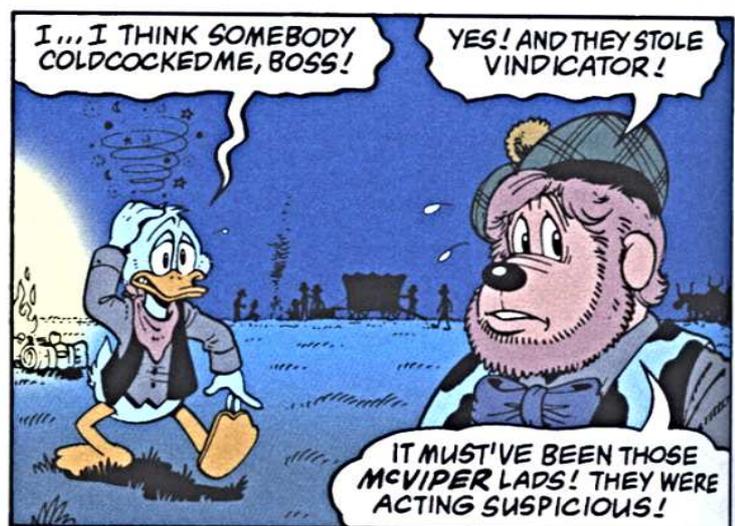


HA! THE KID IS OUT LIKE A LIGHT! LET'S GET THAT PRIZE BULL AND SKEEDADDLE!

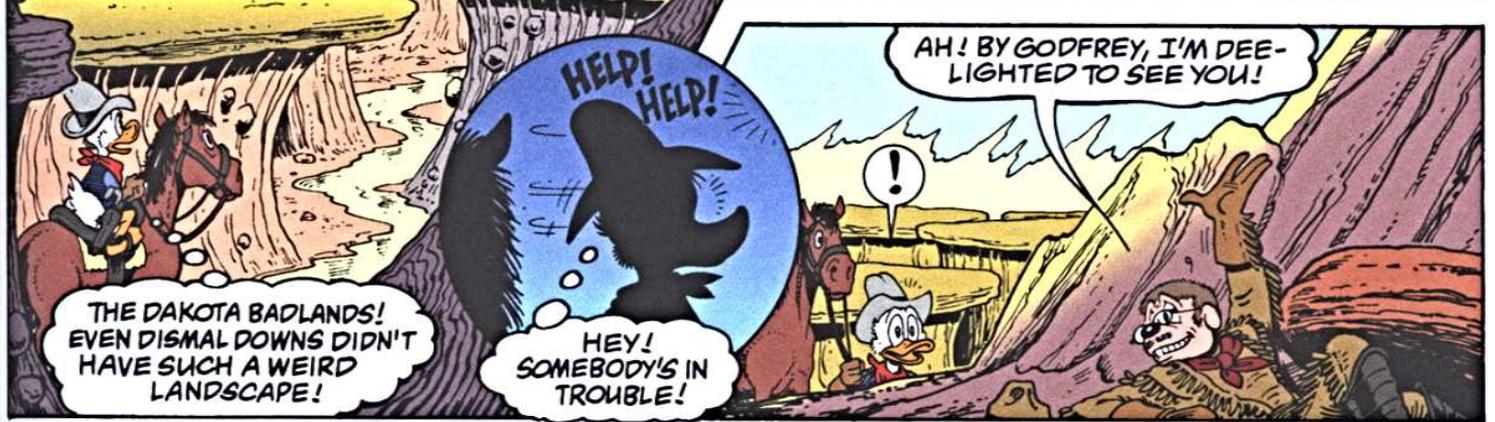
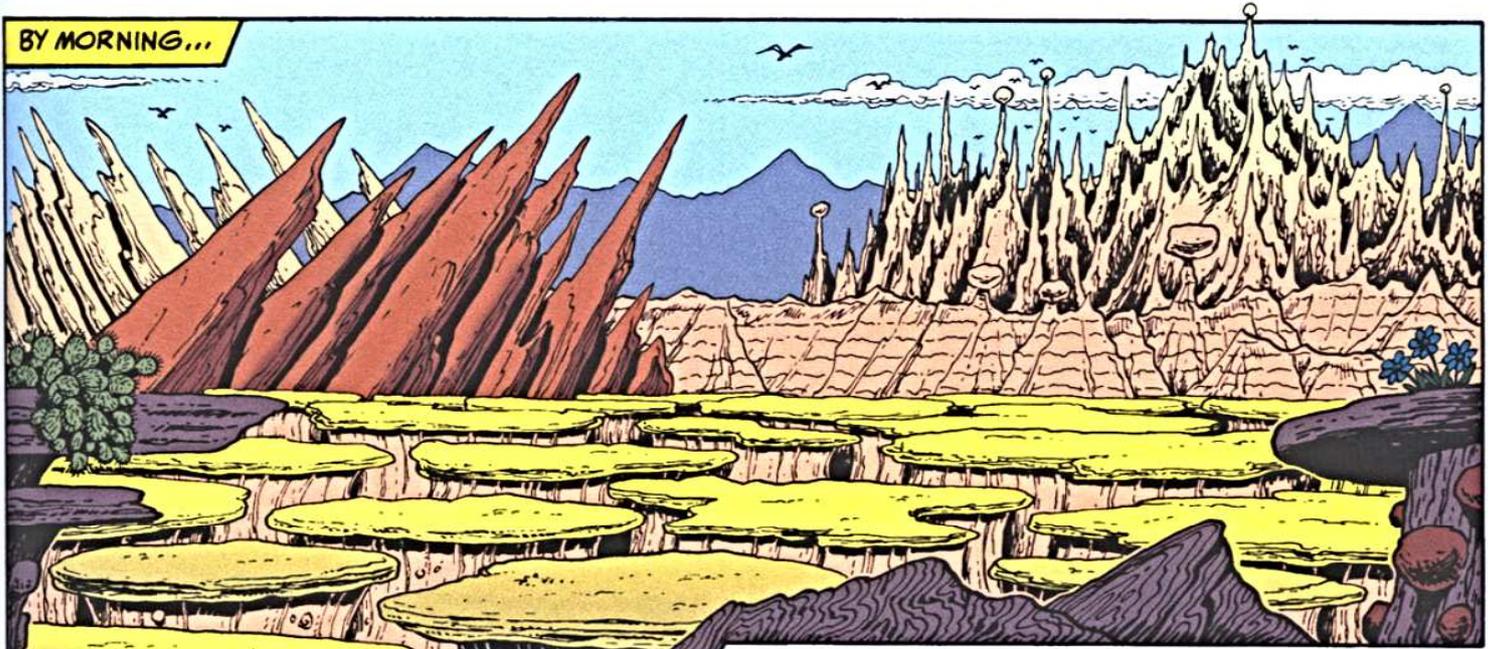


THE DAKOTA TERRITORY IS EAST OF HERE! THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRACK US THROUGH THOSE BADLANDS!





BY MORNING...

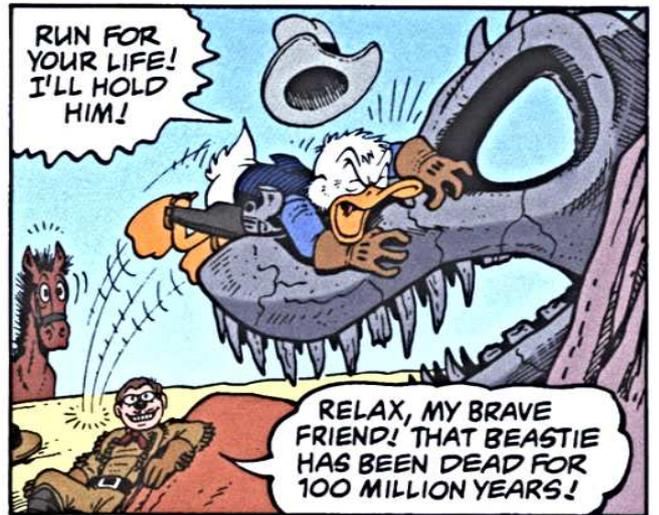
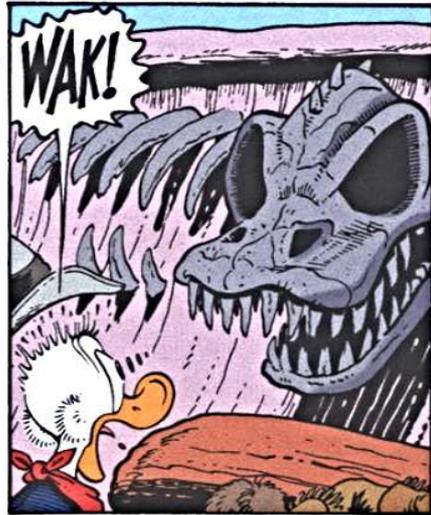


THE DAKOTA BADLANDS!  
EVEN DISMAL DOWNS DIDN'T  
HAVE SUCH A WEIRD  
LANDSCAPE!

HELP!  
HELP!

HEY!  
SOMEBODY'S IN  
TROUBLE!

AH! BY GODFREY, I'M DEE-  
LIGHTED TO SEE YOU!

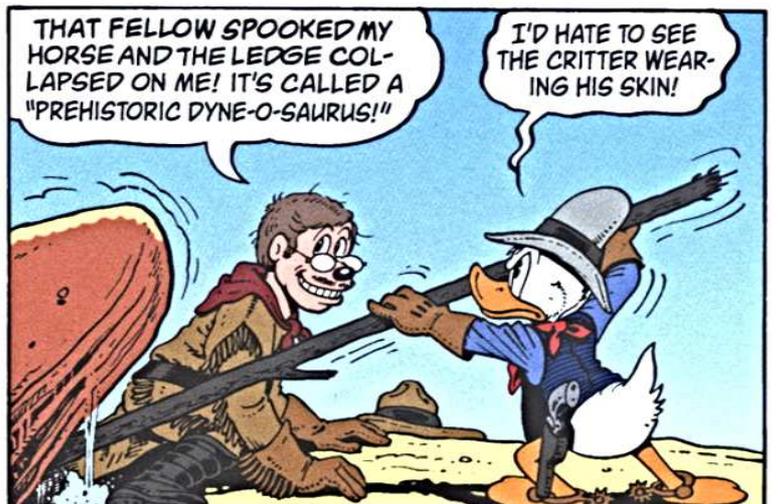
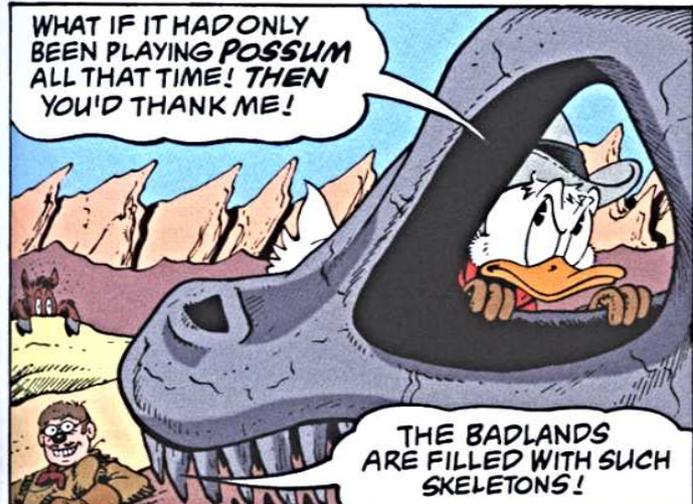


EASY THERE, PARDNER!  
I'LL SAVE YOU! HOW DID  
YOU GET YOUR ...

WAK!

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!  
I'LL HOLD  
HIM!

RELAX, MY BRAVE  
FRIEND! THAT BEASTIE  
HAS BEEN DEAD FOR  
100 MILLION YEARS!

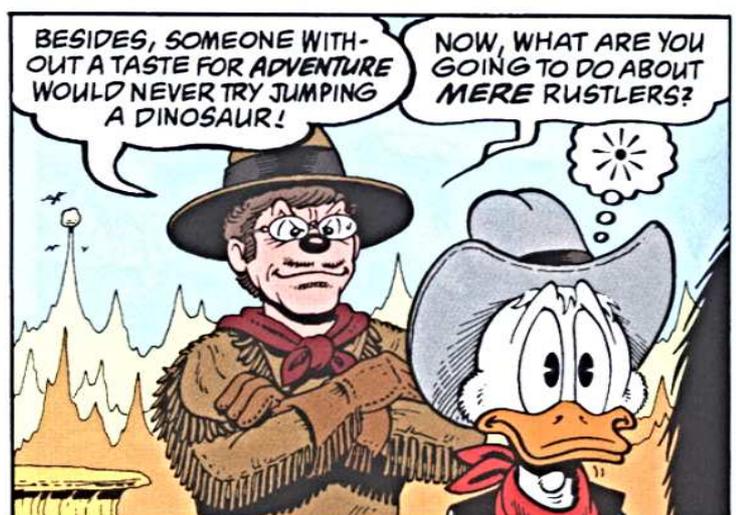
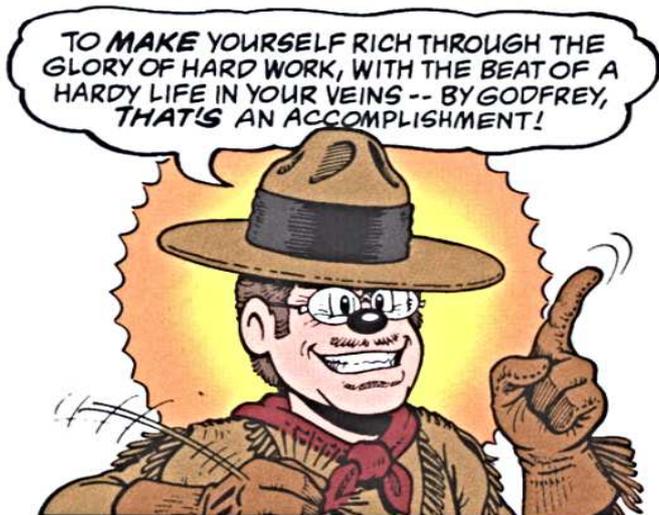
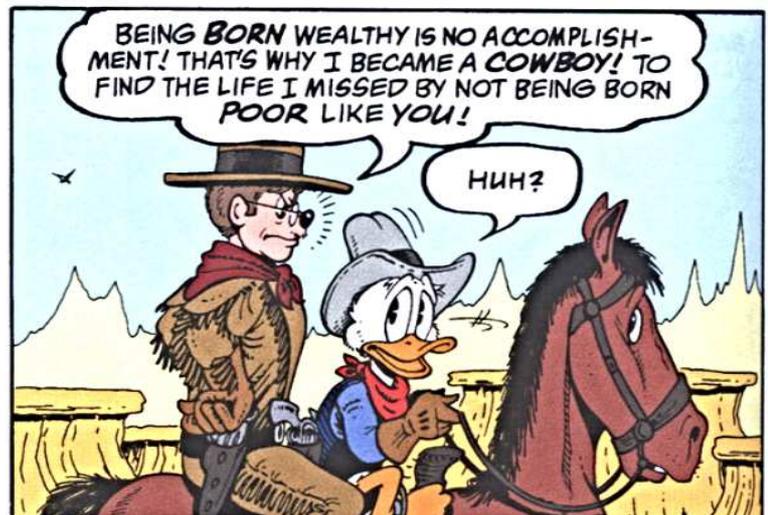
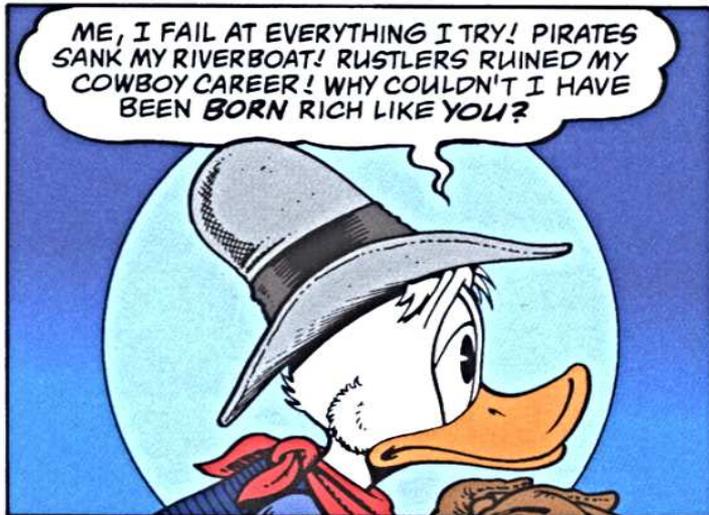
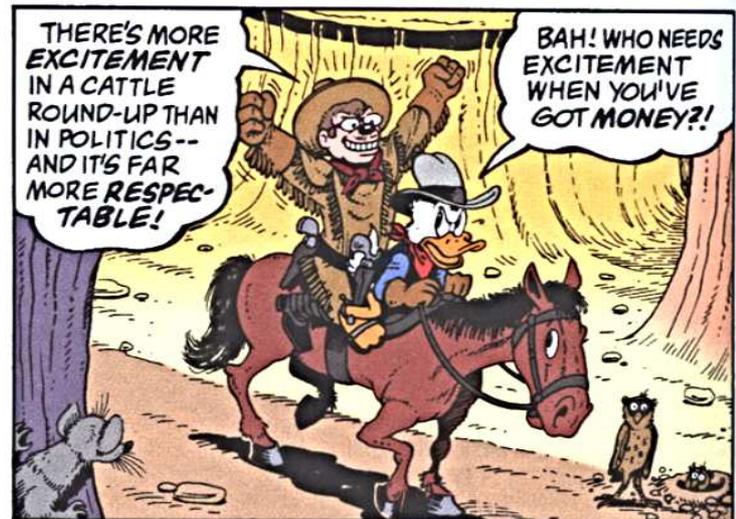
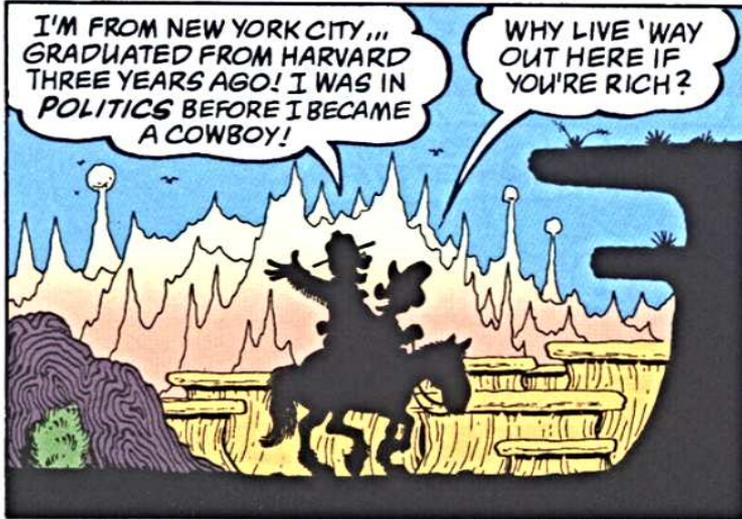
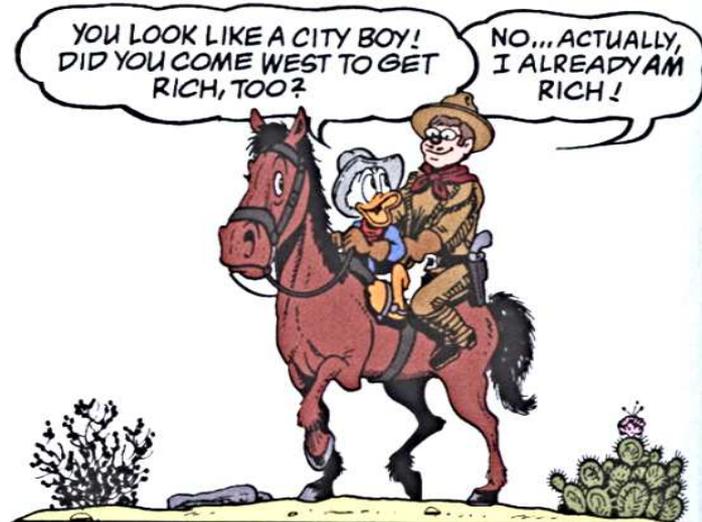
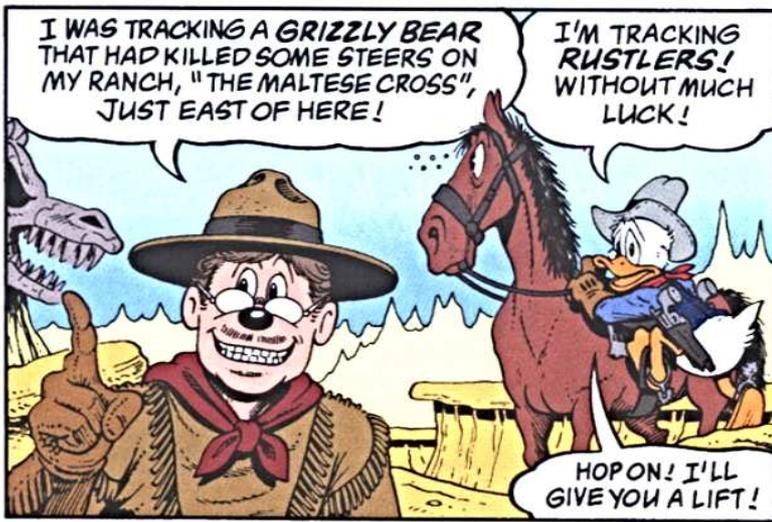


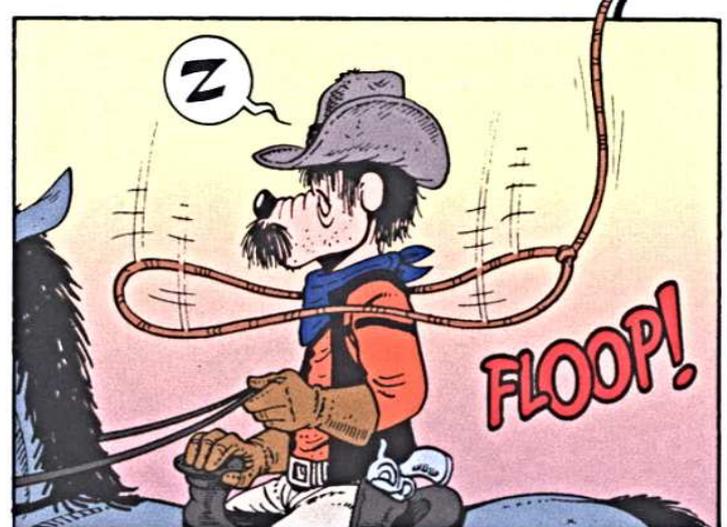
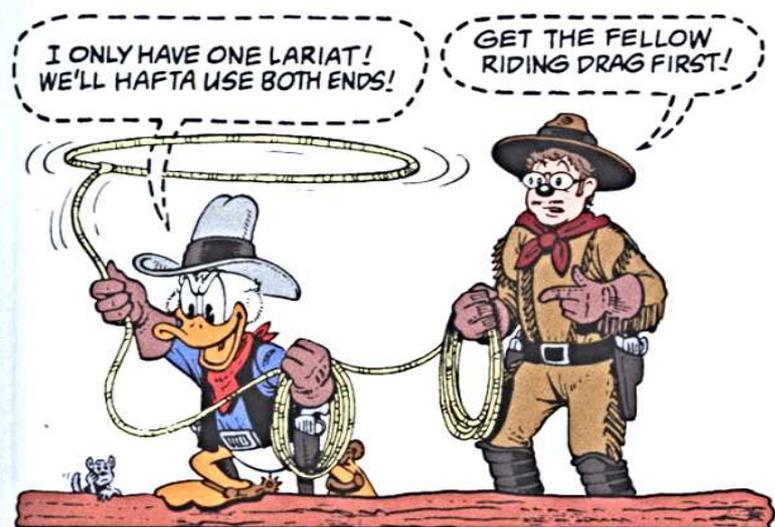
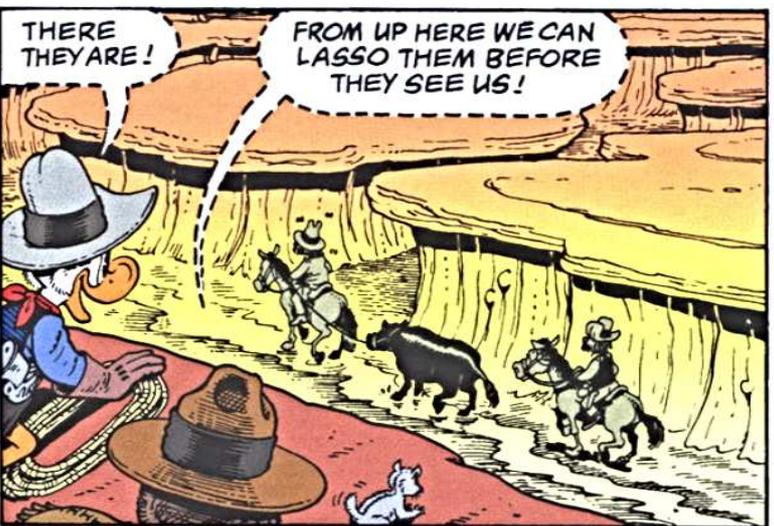
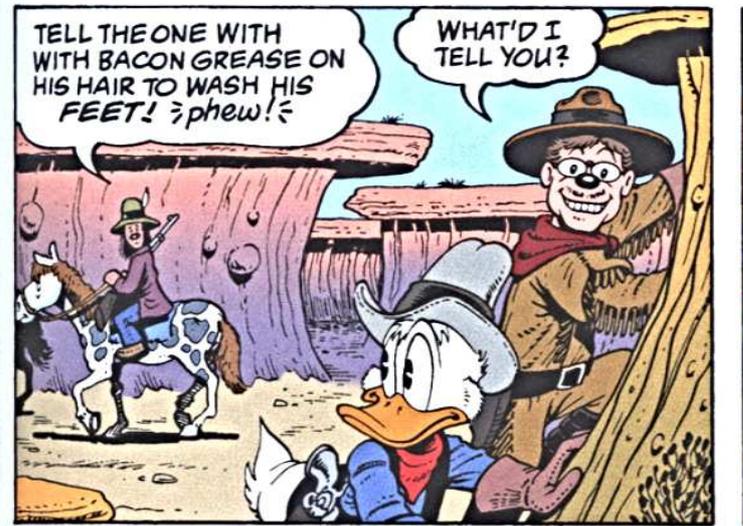
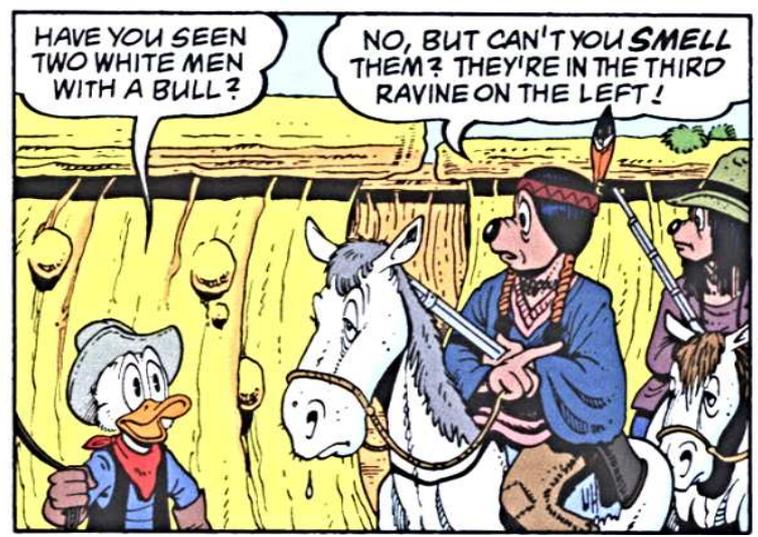
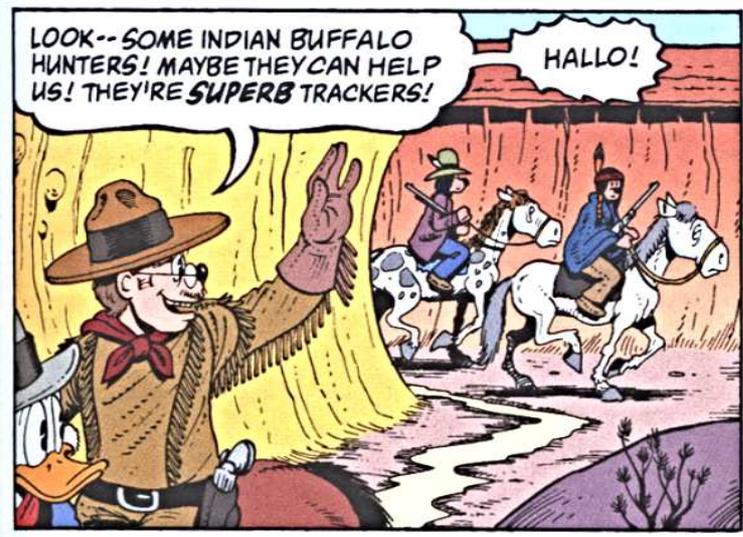
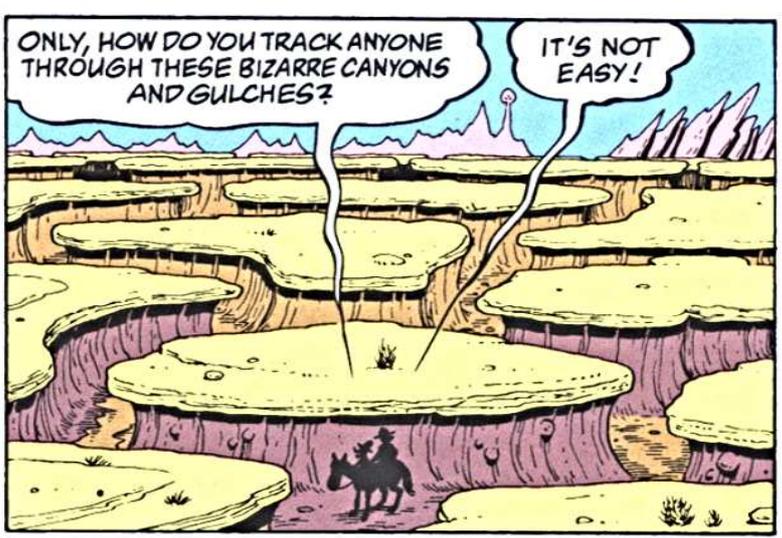
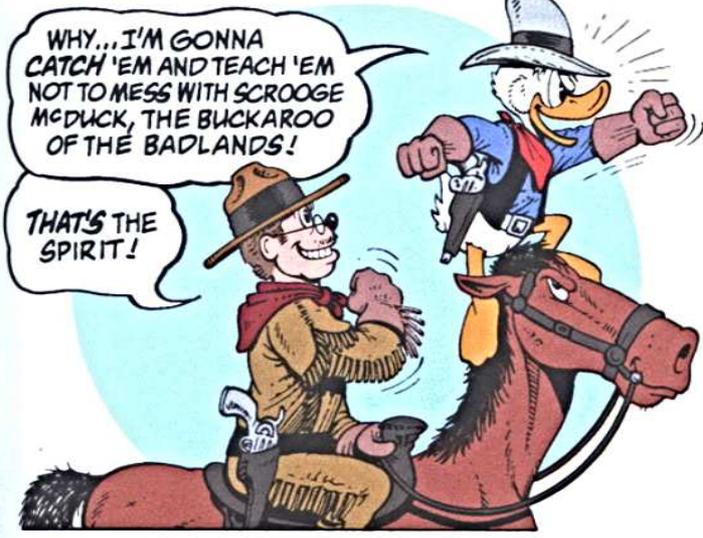
WHAT IF IT HAD ONLY  
BEEN PLAYING POSSUM  
ALL THAT TIME! THEN  
YOU'D THANK ME!

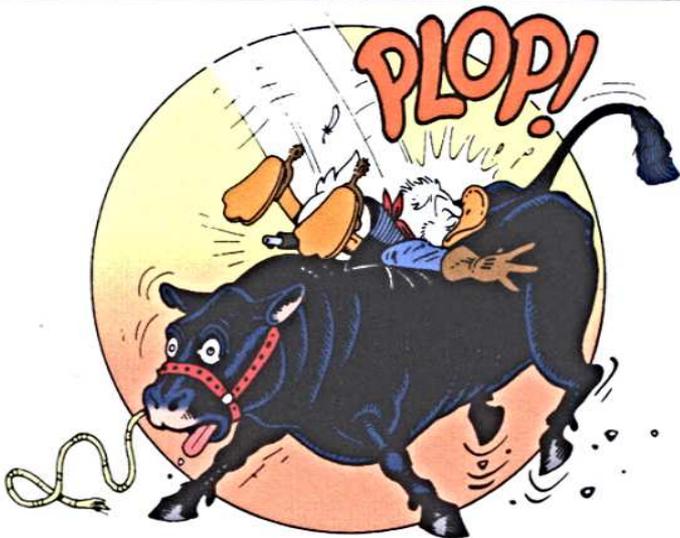
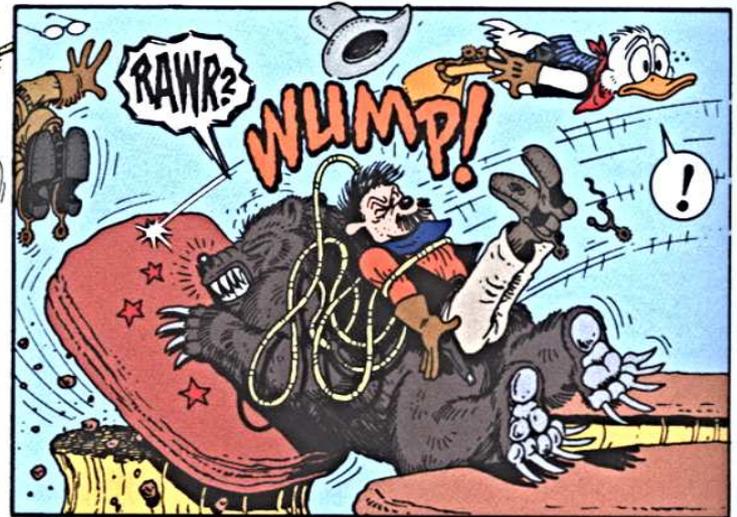
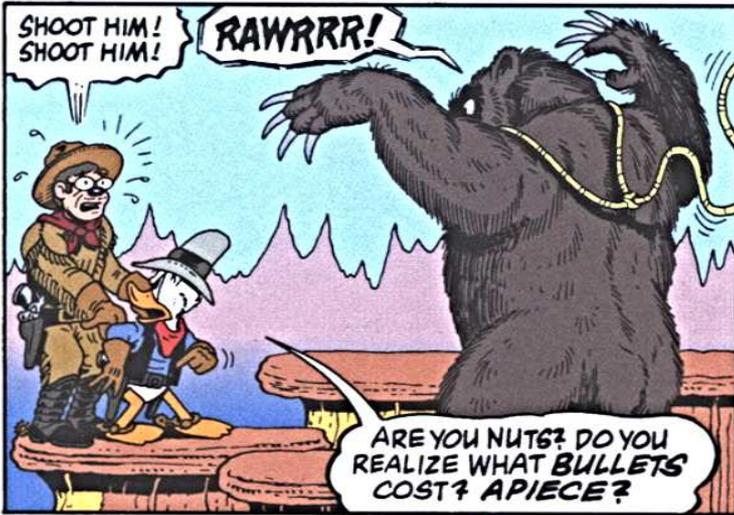
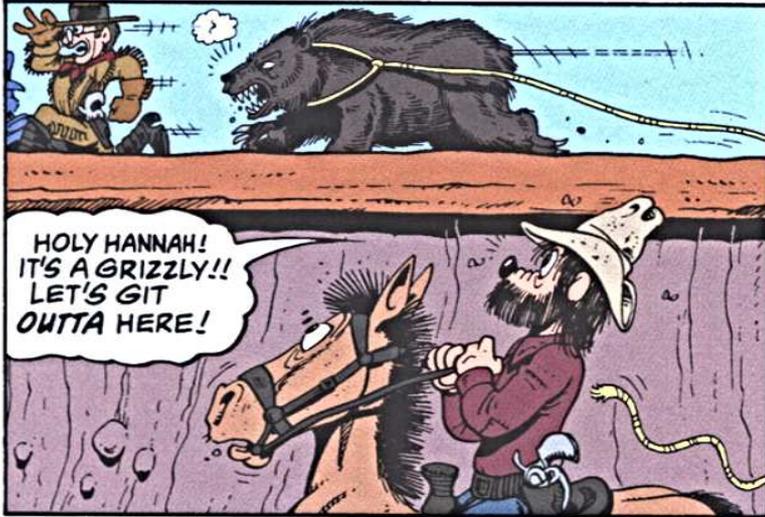
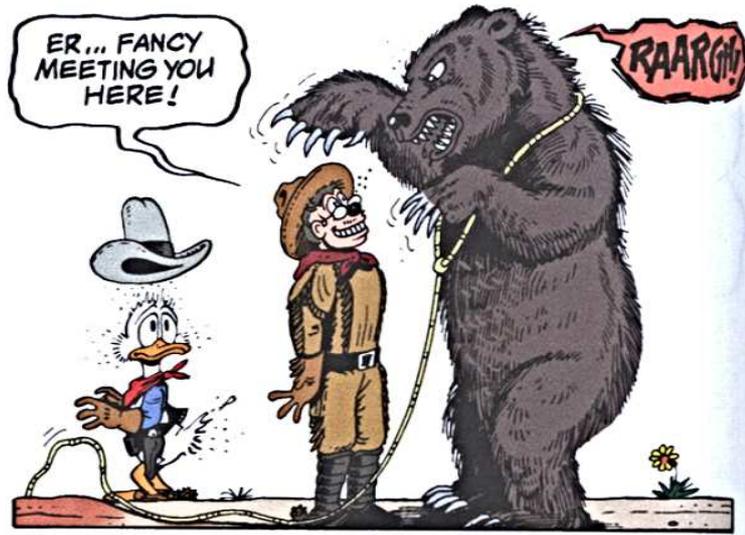
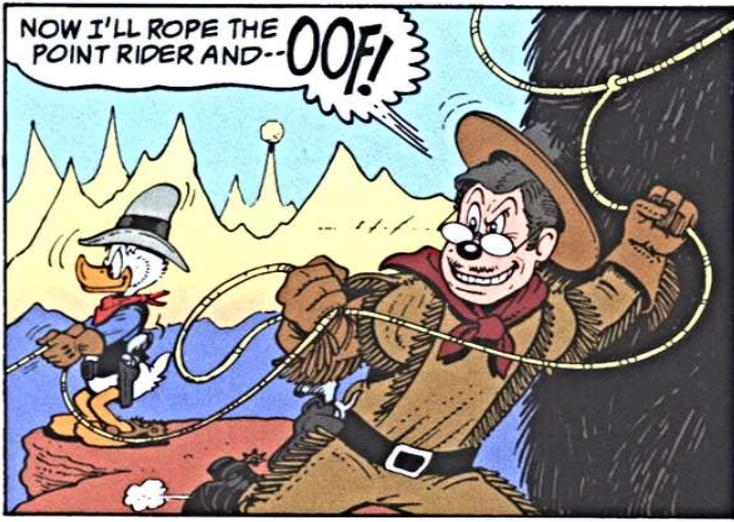
THE BADLANDS  
ARE FILLED WITH SUCH  
SKELETONS!

THAT FELLOW SPOOKED MY  
HORSE AND THE LEDGE COL-  
LAPSED ON ME! IT'S CALLED A  
"PREHISTORIC DYNE-O-SAURUS!"

I'D HATE TO SEE  
THE CRITTER WEAR-  
ING HIS SKIN!

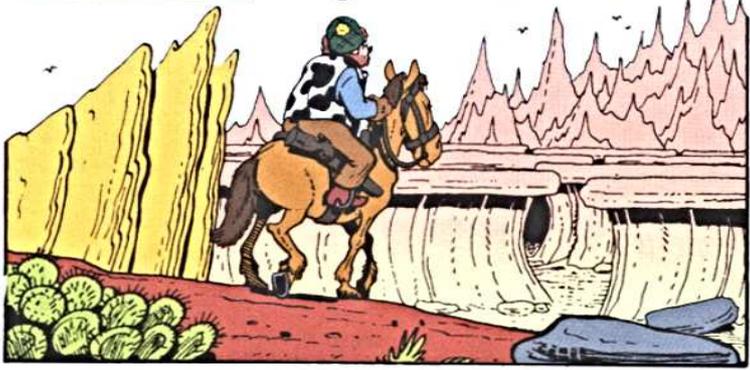








MEANWHILE, SCROOGE'S BOSS HAS BEEN TRACKING HIM SINCE DAWN...



THE BADLANDS! I WAS AFRAID THAT'S WHERE THE TRAIL WAS LEADING! STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN HERE!

BUCK McDUCK'S HORSE! FIRST HE LOSES MY PRIZE BULL, THEN HIS OWN HORSE! I MADE A BIG MISTAKE WHEN I HIRED THAT LAD!



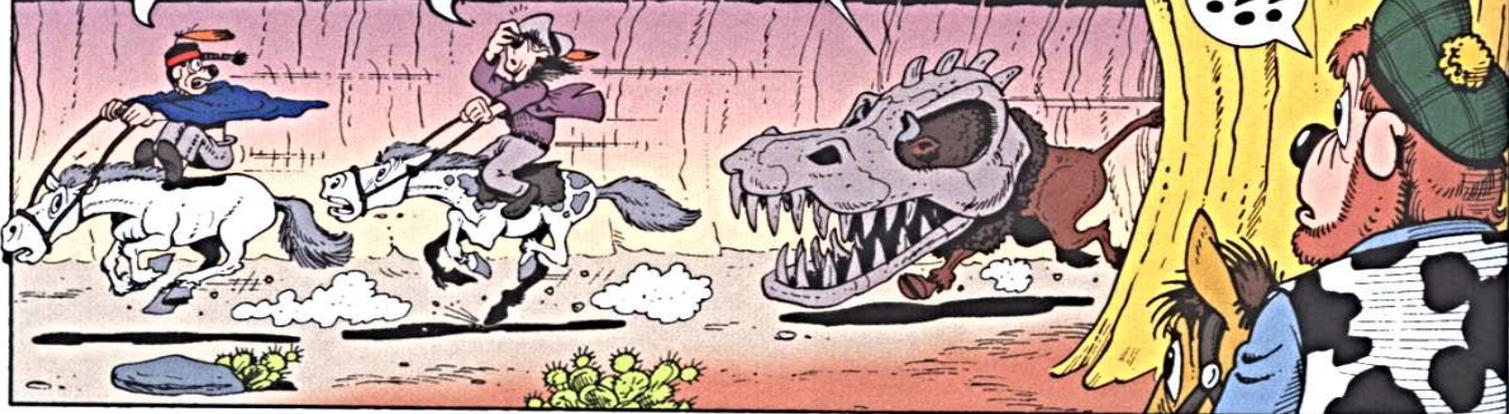
WHA... SOMEONE'S COMING!

I'M FOR THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUND!

I FEEL A SINUS INFECTION COMING ON!

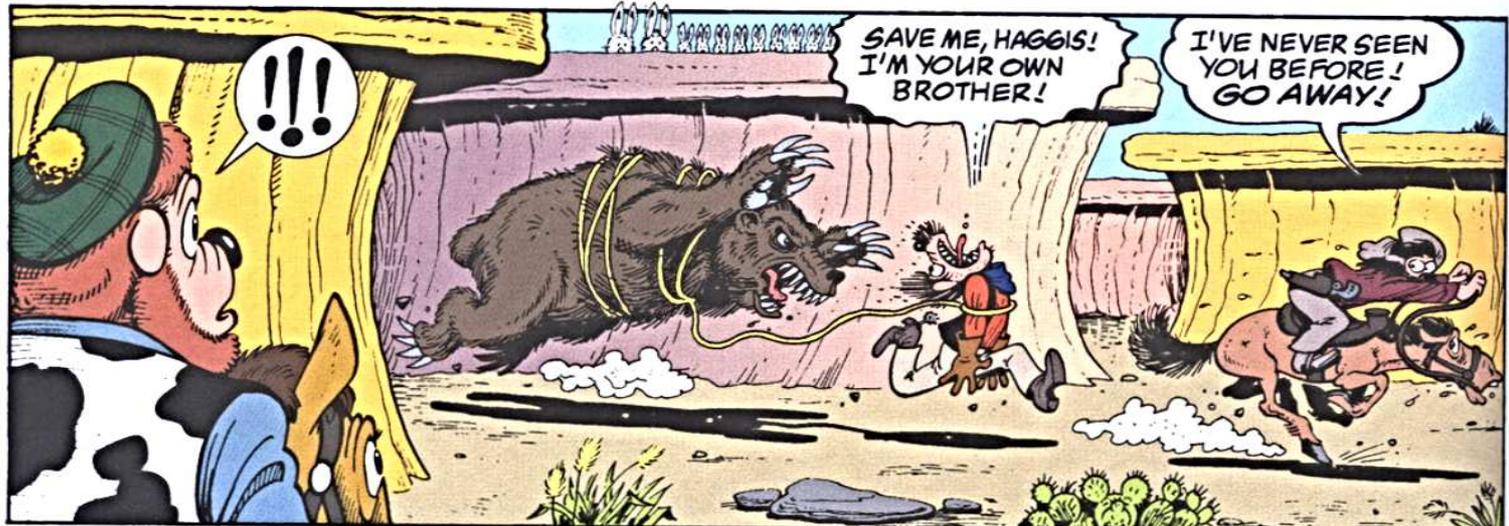
WAHH!

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SAVE ME, HAGGIS! I'M YOUR OWN BROTHER!

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE! GO AWAY!



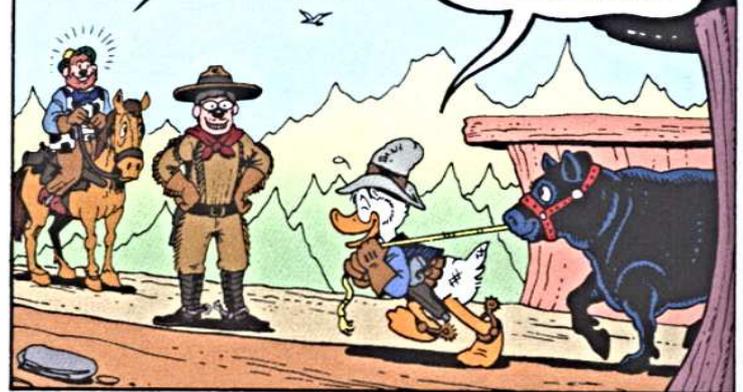
JIMINY CHRISTMAS! THE BADLANDS ARE WORSE THAN EVER!

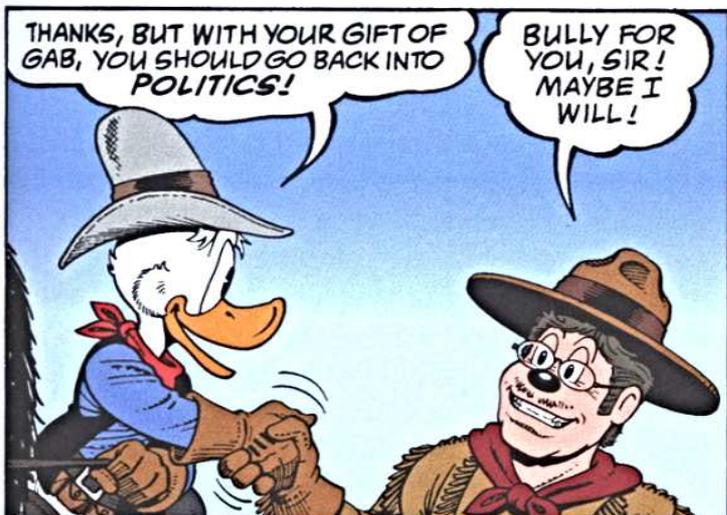
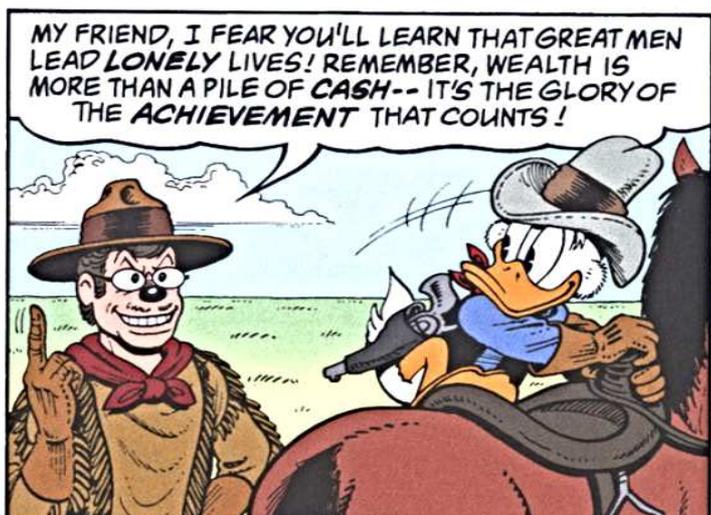
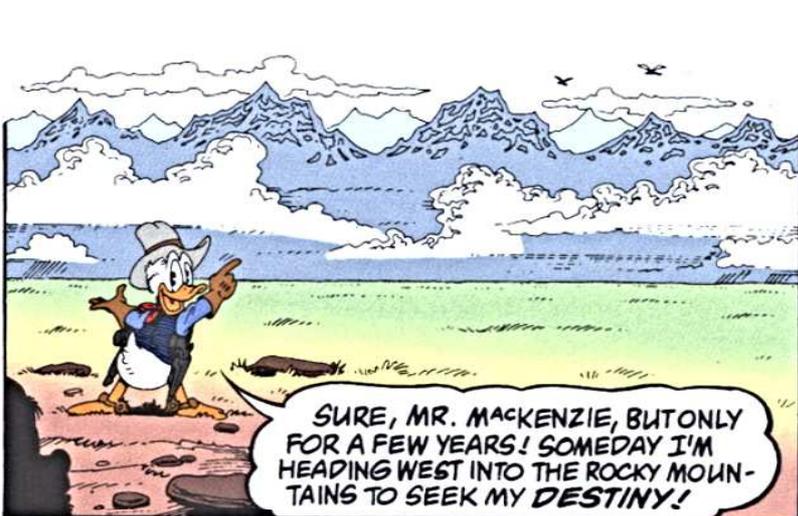
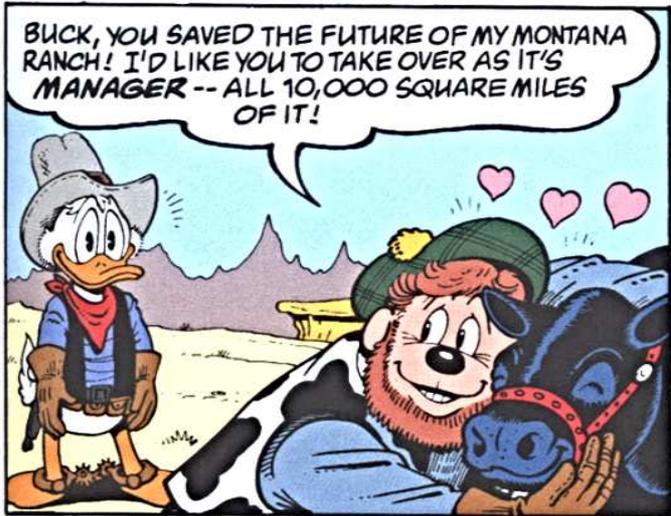
MURDO! I FIGURED THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR MEN! HE'S THE BRAVEST COWBOY I'VE EVER MET!



BUCK! AND VINDICTOR! SAFE!

THE BADLANDS ARE A NICE PLACE TO VISIT, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE HERE!





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