

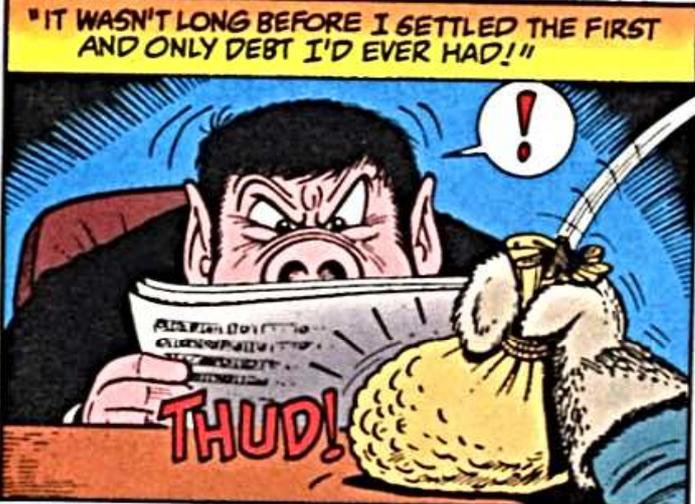
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PART NINE
the **BILLIONAIRE**
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DOWNS



"...AND FROM THEN ON,
I WAS RICH!!"

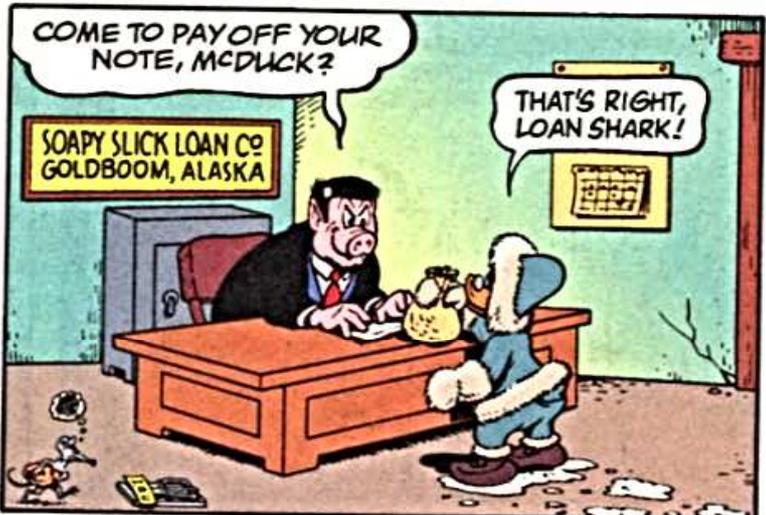


"THAT GOOSE-EGG-SIZED NUGGET ALONE
MADE ME ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST ARGONAUTS
IN THE KLONDIKE! AND IT WAS ONLY THE
BEGINNINGS OF THE GOLD I PULLED FROM MY
CLAIM ON WHITE AGONY CREEK!"



"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I SETTLED THE FIRST
AND ONLY DEBT I'D EVER HAD!"

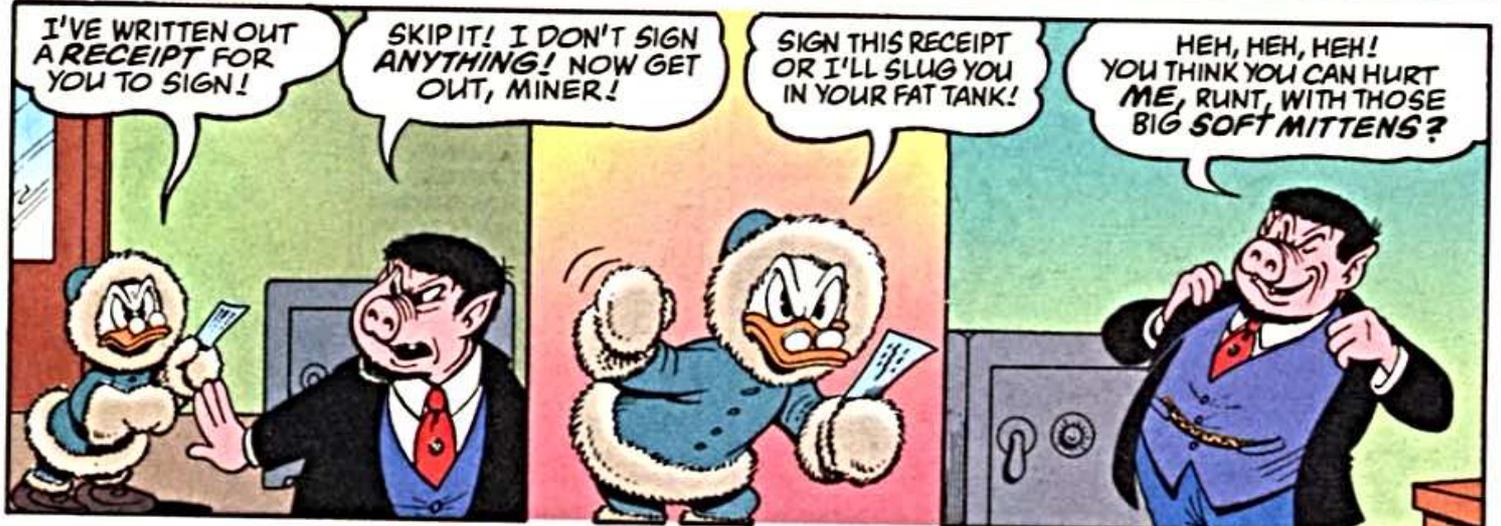
THUD!



COME TO PAY OFF YOUR
NOTE, MCDUCK?

SOAPY SLICK LOAN CO
GOLDBOOM, ALASKA

THAT'S RIGHT,
LOAN SHARK!

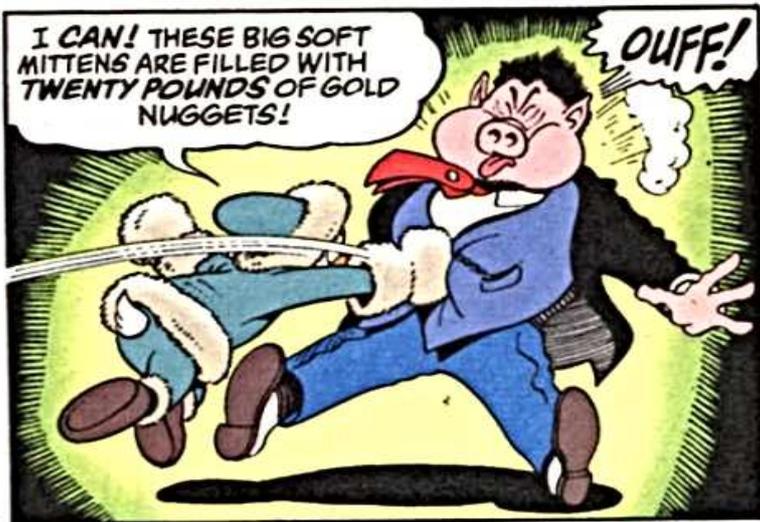


I'VE WRITTEN OUT
A RECEIPT FOR
YOU TO SIGN!

SKIP IT! I DON'T SIGN
ANYTHING! NOW GET
OUT, MINER!

SIGN THIS RECEIPT
OR I'LL SLUG YOU
IN YOUR FAT TANK!

HEH, HEH, HEH!
YOU THINK YOU CAN HURT
ME, RUNT, WITH THOSE
BIG SOFT MITTENS?



I CAN! THESE BIG SOFT MITTENS ARE FILLED WITH TWENTY POUNDS OF GOLD NUGGETS!

OUFF!

"I GOT MY RECEIPT SIGNED, SO THAT'S THE LAST PROBLEM I'LL EVER HAVE WITH SOAPY SLICK!"



"I NEVER SLOWED DOWN! I FROZE MY FINGERS TO THE BONE DIGGING NUGGETS FROM WHITE AGONY! AND I KEPT EVERY CENT INSTEAD OF SPENDING IT IN THE HONKYTONKS!"



YAH! TIGHTWAD!

"IN TWO YEARS, THE MAGIC DAY HAD ARRIVED!"



MR. MCDUCK, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

WOW! THAT'S ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD!

"BY THEN MY WHITE AGONY CLAIM HAD PETERED OUT! I HID A LAST CACHE OF NUGGETS THERE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, THEN CLOSED IT DOWN FOR GOOD!"



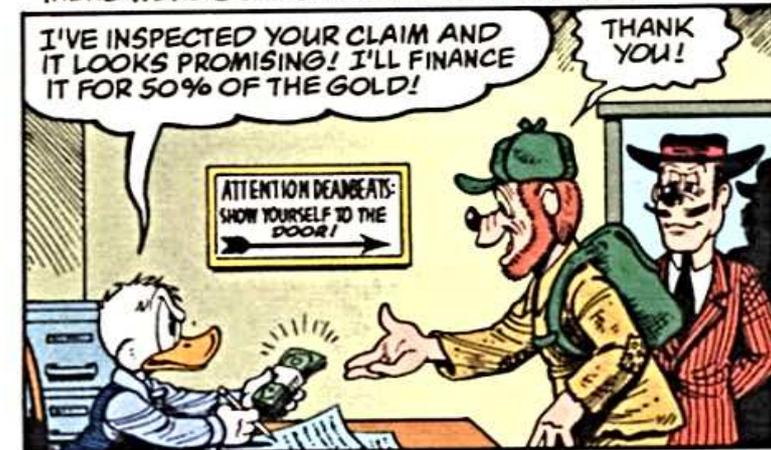
"AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I'D SETTLE DOWN SOMEWHERE, BUT... CIRCUMSTANCES SOON MADE ME DECIDE OTHERWISE! SO I BOUGHT THE BANK OF WHITEHORSE! I BECAME A BUSINESS MAN!"



S. MCDUCK
INVESTOR IN SURE THINGS
SQUARE DEALS FOR SQUARE DEALERS
GOLD ORE PURCHASED

S. MCDUCK
MONIEST LOANS (AT HIGH RATES)
MINE APPRAISER
PART-TIME BOUNCER

"I USED MY MONEY TO MAKE MORE MONEY! BY THEN THERE WERE GOLD STRIKES IN ALASKA, TOO!"

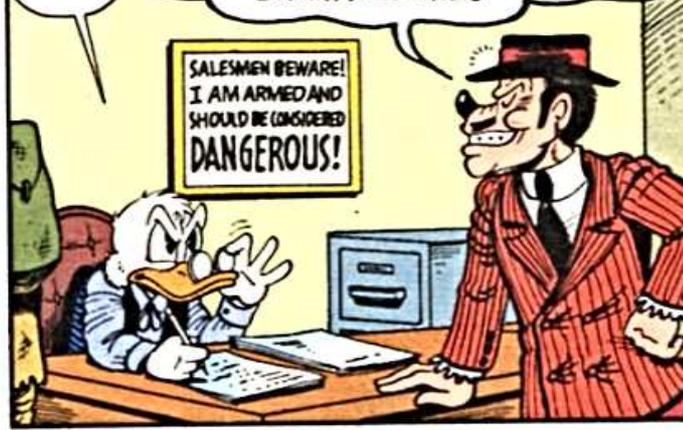


I'VE INSPECTED YOUR CLAIM AND IT LOOKS PROMISING! I'LL FINANCE IT FOR 50% OF THE GOLD!

THANK YOU!

ATTENTION DEARBETS:
SHOW YOURSELF TO THE DOOR!

NEXT! I NEED EXTRA CASH! I'M GONNA HIRE BUSTED SOURDOUGHS TO WORK MY CLAIM FOR ME!

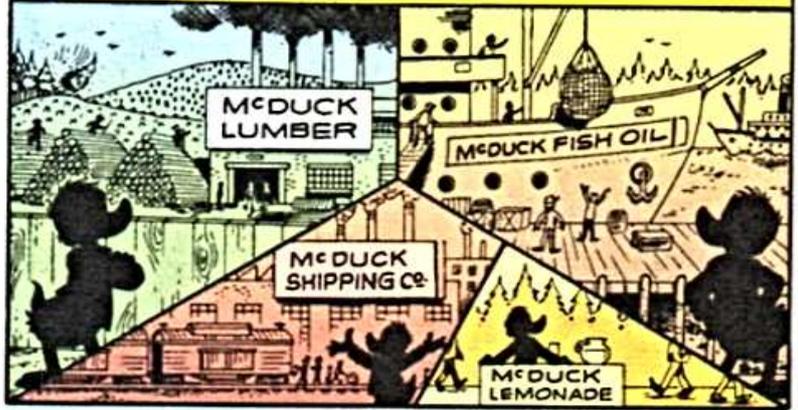


SALESMEN BEWARE!
I AM ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS!

OH, SO? I CATER TO PEOPLE TO DO THEIR OWN WORK! YOUR RATE IS 95% -- 50% TO ME AND 45% TO YOUR WORKMEN!

NEXT!

"USING THE EXPERIENCE I'D GAINED IN TWENTY YEARS OF WORLD TRAVEL, I FOUND I COULD MASTER EVERY BUSINESS I TRIED MY HAND AT!"



"JUST FIVE SHORT YEARS AFTER I FIRST STRUCK GOLD, I BECAME A BILLIONAIRE! I EVEN SPLURGED AND BOUGHT A STOVE FOR THE OFFICE!"

OH, BLESS YOU, SIR!

TUT TUT! THAT'S THE KINDA GUY I AM!



"AND NOW I'M FINALLY COMING HOME! HOME TO STAY!"

PAPA, YE'VE READ THOSE OLD LETTERS TILL THEY'RE IN TATTERS!

SCROOGEY IS DUE ANY MINUTE!



HOME AFTER 22 YEARS! I JOOST WISH YOUR MAMA WAS HERE T' SEE IT!

AYE! THE ENTIRE VILLAGE OF MACDHICH IS TURNED OUT T' WELCOME SCROOGEY!

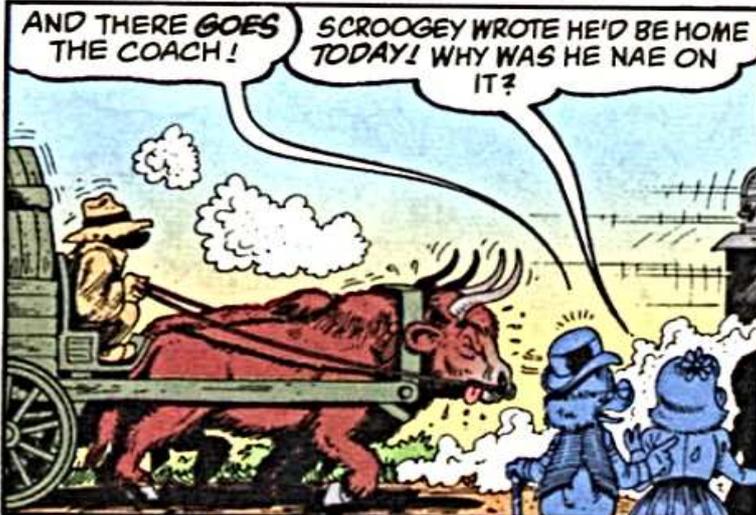
OF COURSE! SCROOGEY IS THE LAST MALE MEMBER OF THE CLAN THAT FOUNDED THIS VILLAGE OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!



LOOK! HERE COMES THE COACH!

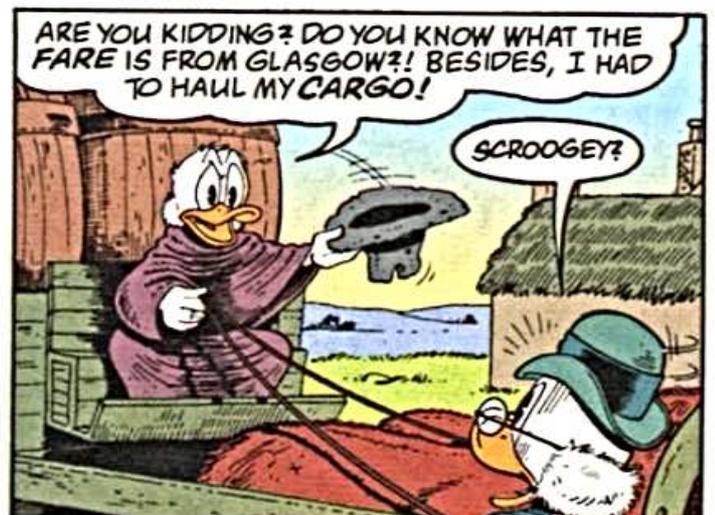
AND THERE GOES THE COACH!

SCROOGEY WROTE HE'D BE HOME TODAY! WHY WAS HE NAE ON IT?

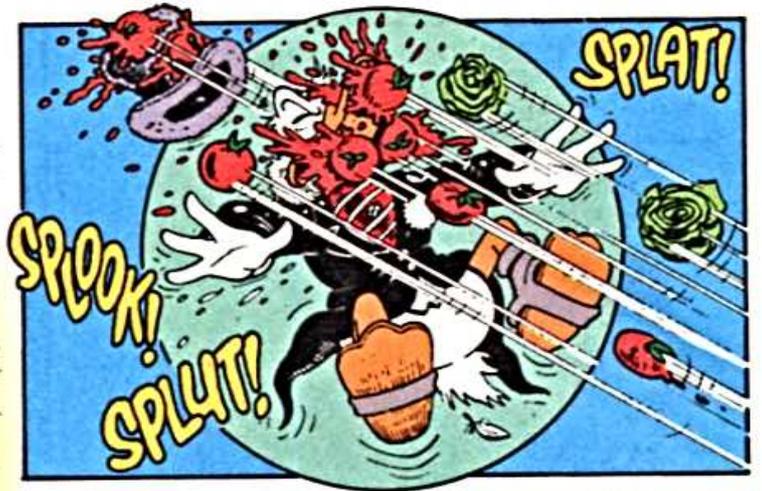
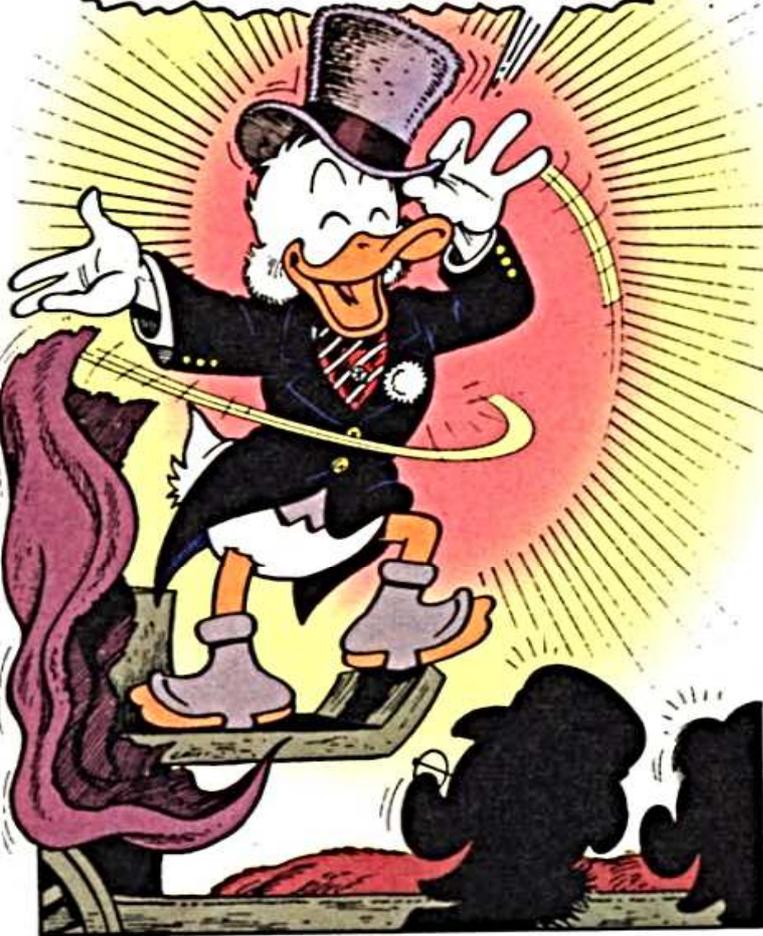


ARE YOU KIDDING? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE FARE IS FROM GLASGOW?! BESIDES, I HAD TO HAUL MY CARGO!

SCROOGEY?



YES, SCROOGE McDUCK! THE RICHEST DUCK IN THE HIGHLANDS! GREETINGS, ONE AND ALL! I RETURN TO YOU IN TRIUMPH!



WHO WANTS YA, YE OOPITY ROBBER BARON!

YE STOOK-UP MUGWUMP! THINKIN' T' COOM BACK HERE FROM TRAIPSIN' THE WORLD OVER!

MISTER BIG MUCKY-MUCK! THE HIGHLANDS WERE NAE GOOD ENOUGH FER YA, EH?

TAKE OFF! WHO NEEDS YA?



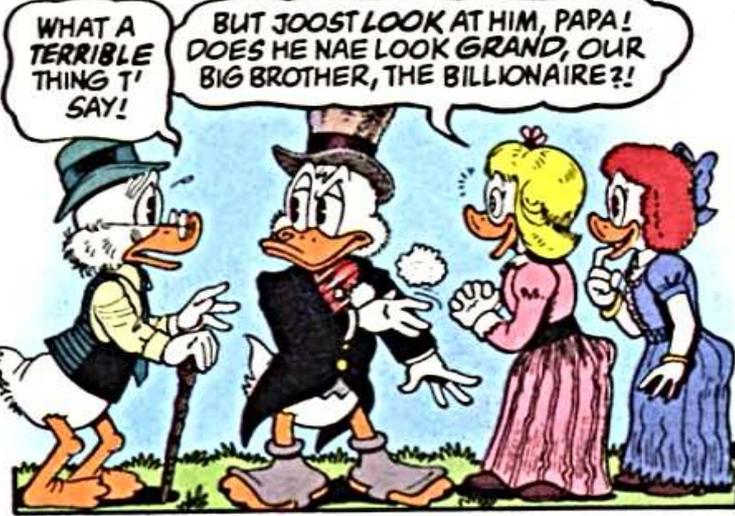
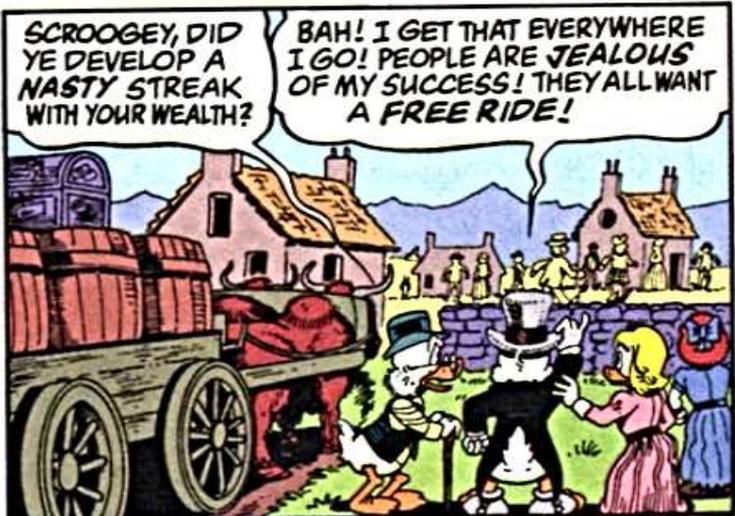
@#5%&! I'LL BUY THIS WHOLE TOWN AND THROW YOU ALL OUT ON YOUR COLLECTIVE EAR!

WOOTON EARTH GOT INTA HIM?

GRACIOUS! HE USED T' BE SOOCH A NICE LAD, TOO!

SOOCH A TANTRUM! AND FOR NO REASON AT ALL!

T' THINK, WE CAME T' MEET SOOCH A RUDE PERSON! TSK!

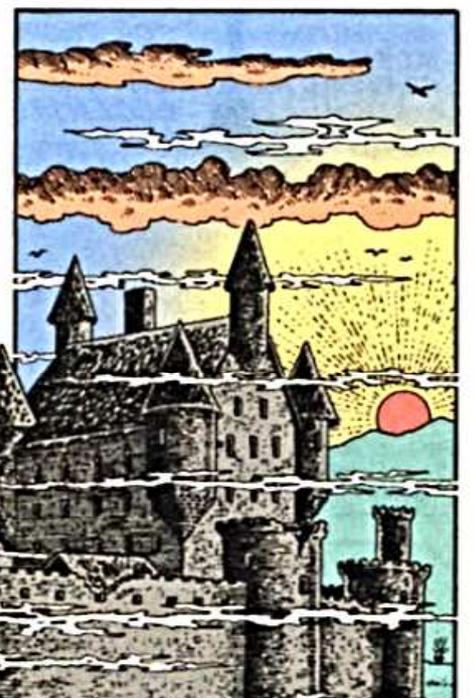
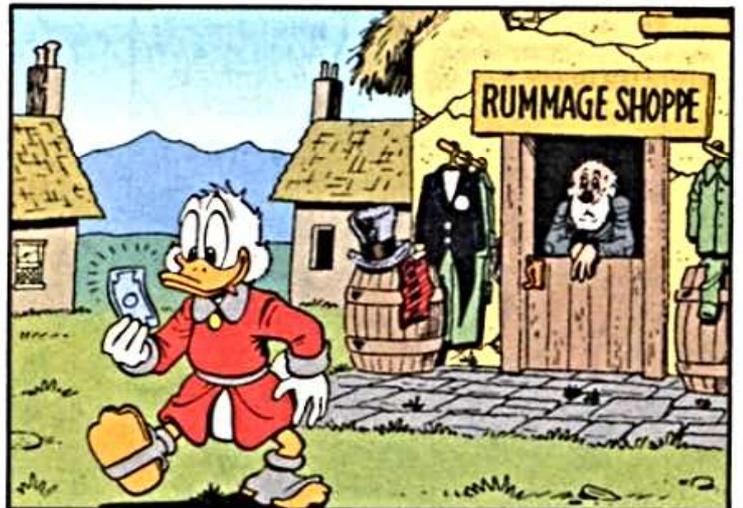
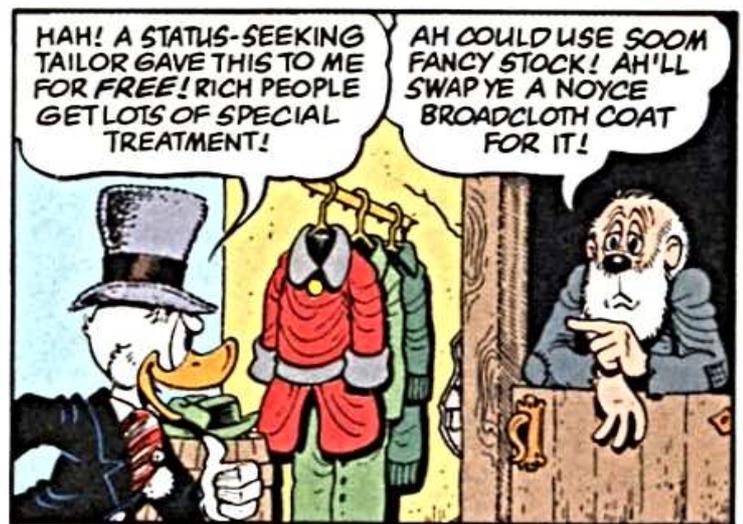
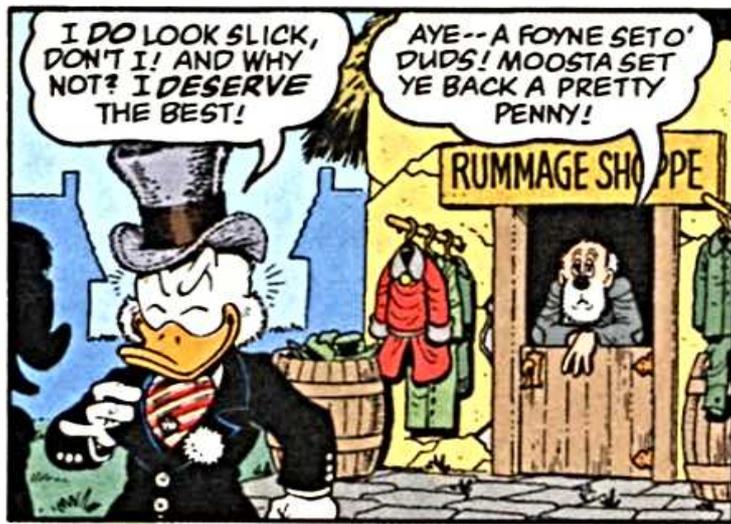


SCROOGEY, DID YE DEVELOP A NASTY STREAK WITH YOUR WEALTH?

BAH! I GET THAT EVERYWHERE I GO! PEOPLE ARE JEALOUS OF MY SUCCESS! THEY ALL WANT A FREE RIDE!

WHAT A TERRIBLE THING T' SAY!

BUT JOOST LOOK AT HIM, PAPA! DOES HE NAE LOOK GRAND, OUR BIG BROTHER, THE BILLIONAIRE?!



SHORTLY
...

C'MON, SCROOGEY!
SHOW US WHAT YE
BROUGHT IN THESE
GREAT HOGSHEADS!

BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES
FROM NEW YORK?
FINE LINENS FROM
GLASGOW?

HAH! NOTHING SO
USELESS!

IT WAS QUITE A CHALLENGE TO GET IT HERE!
I HAD TO CLAIM THE BARRELS CONTAIN PICKLED
HERRING TO AVOID SUSPICION, BUT...

OOH!
HURRY!

... IT'S MONEY! ALL MY
MONEY, EXCEPT WHAT'S
TIED UP IN MY KLONDIKE
BUSINESSES!

WHAT THE--?!
ALL IN CASH?!
WHATEVER
FOR?!

WHY, TO PLAY IN IT, OF
COURSE! TO SWIM IN IT!
TO TOSS IT UP AND LET IT
HIT ME ON THE HEAD!

TO BURROW IN IT LIKE
A BADGER... OR
SOMETHING!



OH, DEAR--
MY SON IS
CRAZY AS A
LOON!

POOR PEOPLE
ARE CRAZY, PAPA!
RICH PEOPLE ARE
ECCENTRIC!

SCROOGEY'S
AS ECCENTRIC
AS A LOON!

BOOT WE HA'NAE YET
FOUND THE DUNGEONS,
LAD! SWAMPHOLE M'DUCK
SEALED THEM TOO WELL!

OH, JOOST ASK
SIR QUACKLY'S
GHOST WHERE
THEY BE! HA HA!

WE'LL STORE IT DOWN
IN THE DUNGEONS!

OOOH!

DON'T EVEN JEST ABOUT THAT,
MATILDA! THE TOWNSPEOPLE SAY SIR
QUACKLY TERRORIZES THEM WHEN
THEY COOM HERE! AND SOOMTIMES I
FEEL HIS EYES PEERING FROM DARK
CORNERS!

AH, HORTENSE, LASSIE--IF THERE BE A GHOST,
HE ONLY MENACES OUTSIDERS WHO SEEK
HIS LONG-LOST TREASURE!

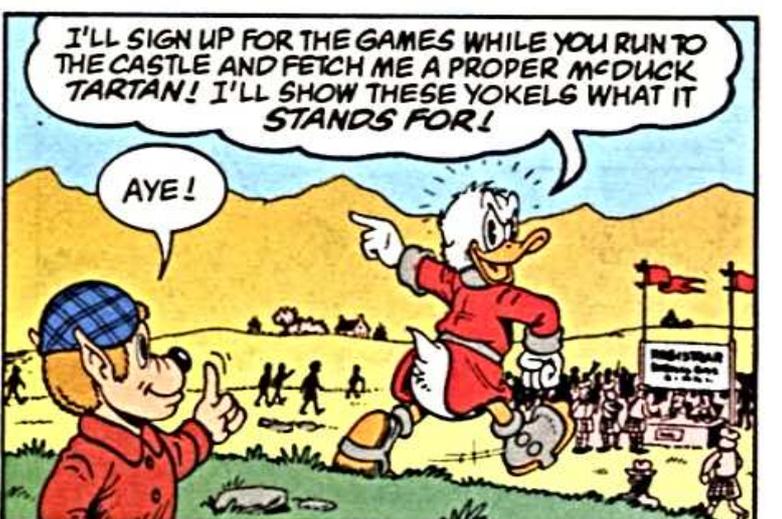
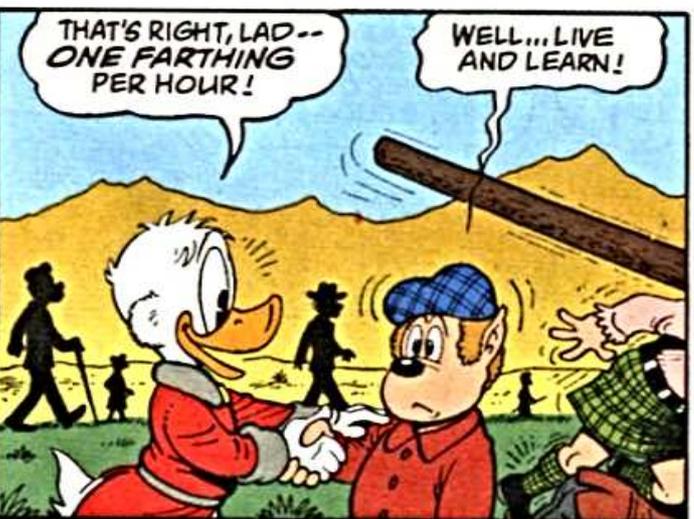
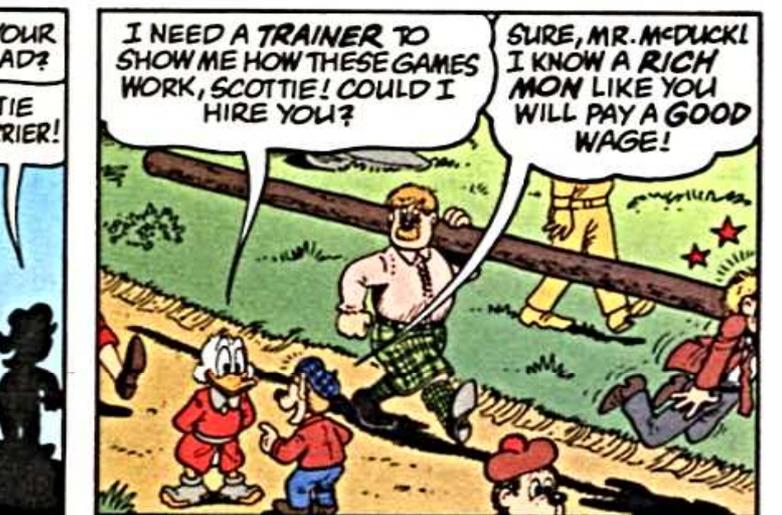
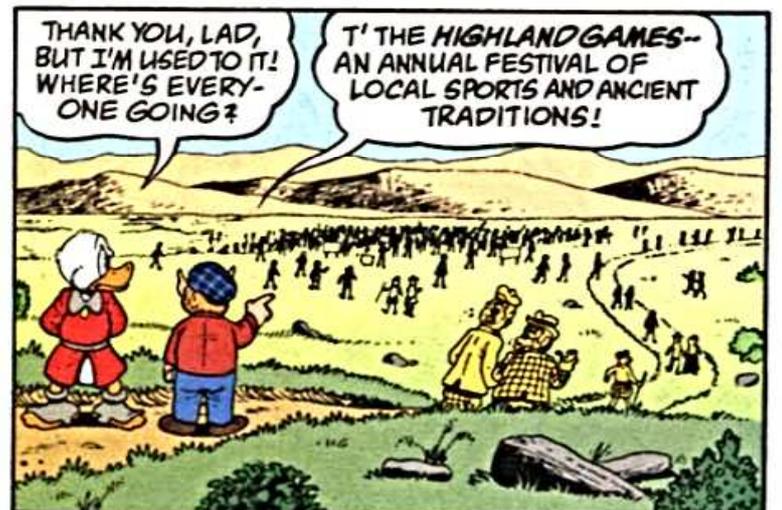
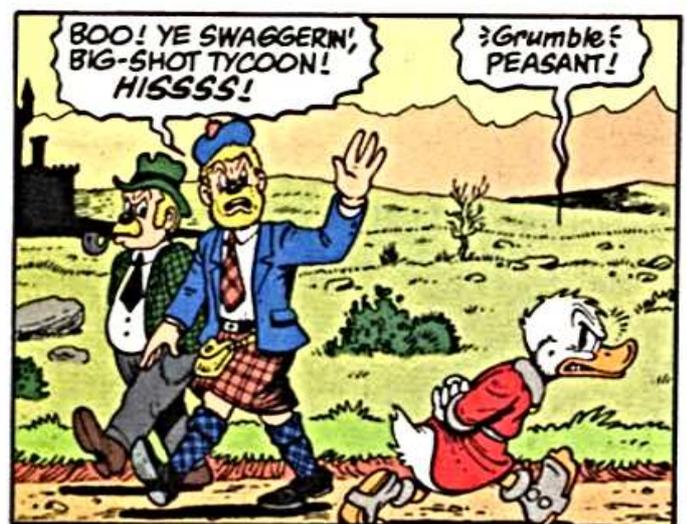
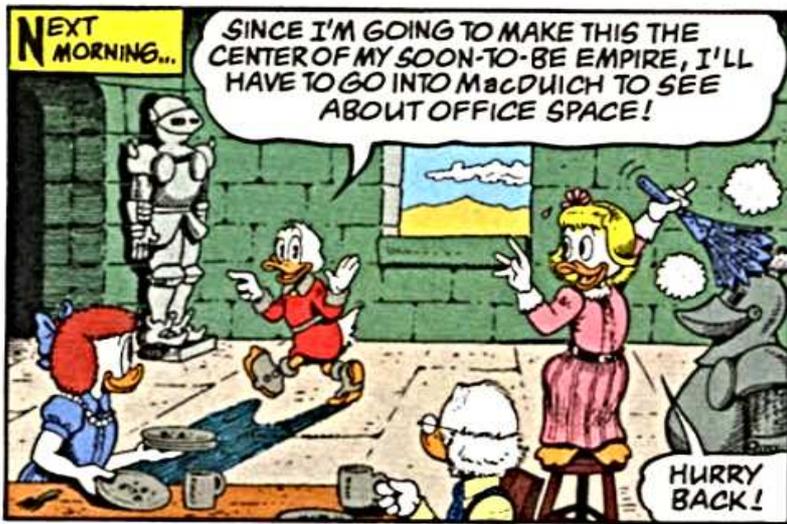
THAT'S
RIGHT!

WHY,
SURE!

YEA,
VERILY!

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SHORTLY...

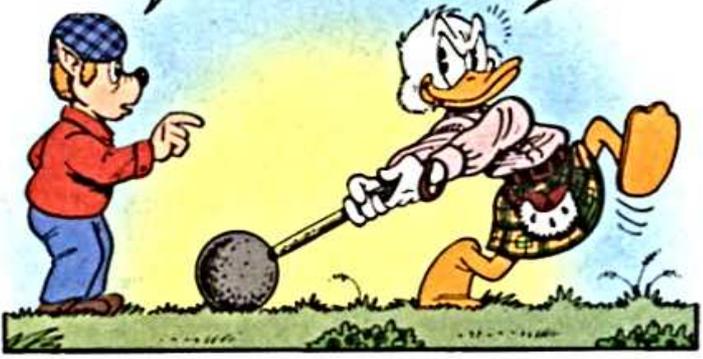
FIRST EVENT IS THE HAMMER TOSS! FLING THAT CONTRAPTION AND WE JUDGES WILL MEASURE HOW FAR IT LANDS FROM YA!



LOOKS LIKE A CANNON-BALL ON A STICK!

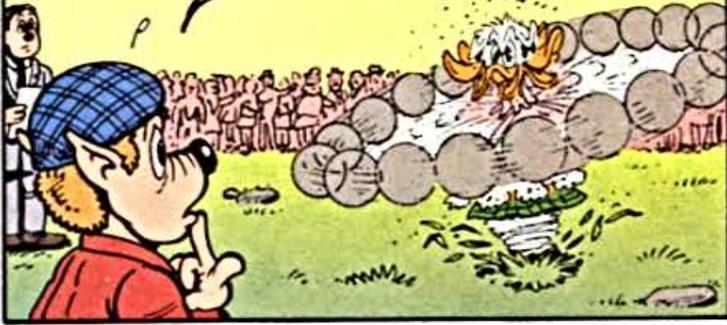
YE MIGHT WANT TO SKIP THIS GAME, MR. MCDUCK!

NONSENSE! I WAS THE BEST BOOMERANG THROWER IN THE OUTBACK! IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST!



AH'M SURE YOUR WRIST IS BONNIE GOOD, BUT AH'M WORRIED THAT THE REST OF YOU MIGHT BE A WEE BIT--

JUST STAND BACK AND CLEAR THE FIELD FROM HERE TO THE FIRTH OF FORTH!



Gasp! Astounding! A prodigious throw!

LET'S HIE AND MEASURE IT!



HOOT MON! I CANNAE FIND THE THROWER!

HERE HE IS WITH THE THROWEE! UNUSUAL TECHNIQUE!

BOOH!! MY BONNIE GOOD WRIST GOT CAUGHT IN THE STRAP!



THE HAMMER OOTWEIGHED YE, MR. MCDUCK!

A QUARTER INCH? WORST THROW SINCE SKINNY MACKENZIE'S IN 1872!

ZERO POINTS!



THE NEXT CONTEST REVOLVES AROUND THE HIGHLAND'S BIGGEST INDUSTRY -- SHEEP!

YE GET TEN SECONDS TO EARN POINTS CLIPPIN' WOOL!



A CINCH! I MASTERED SHEEP-SHEARING IN AUSTRALIA BETWEEN PROSPECTING TRIPS!

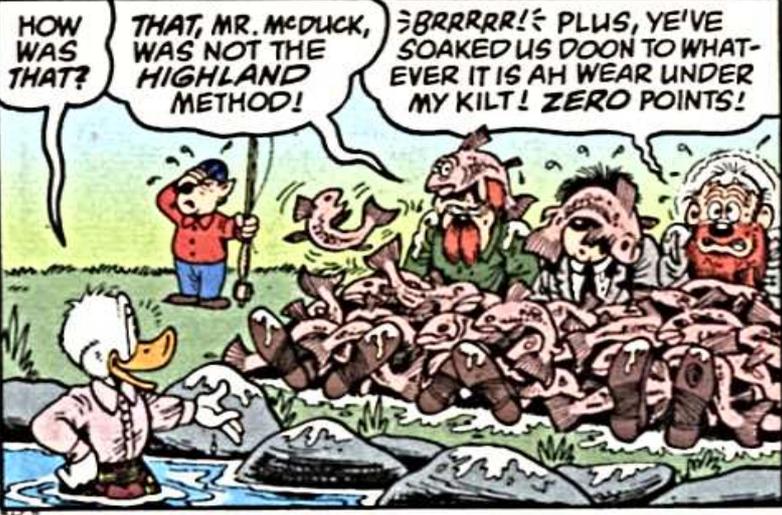
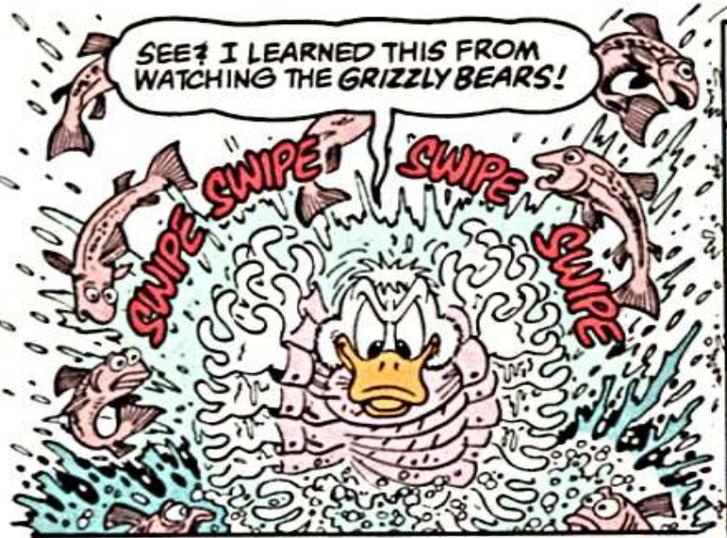
CAN I KEEP THE WOOL I CLIP?

NAY, BUT MAYBE YE CAN GET A DISCOUNT FROM THE OWNER OF THE SHEEP! HERE HE COOMS NOW!

ARGUS WHISKERVILLE!



SEE? I LEARNED THIS FROM WATCHING THE GRIZZLY BEARS!



HOW WAS THAT?

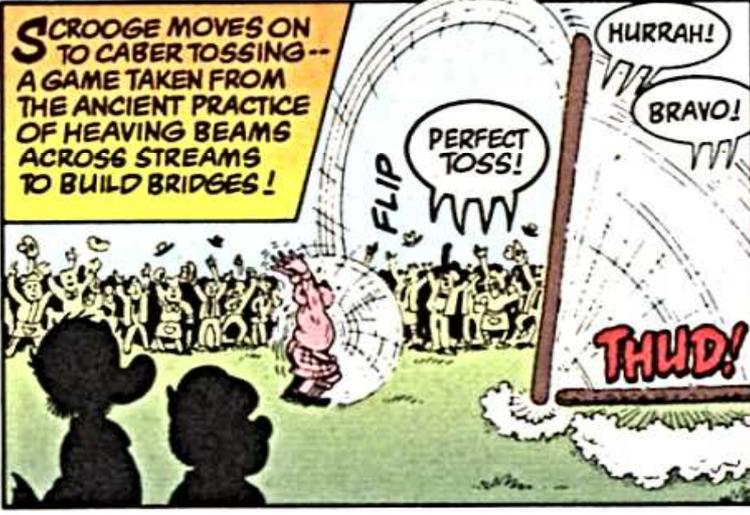
THAT, MR. MCDUCK, WAS NOT THE HIGHLAND METHOD!

BRRRRR! PLUS, YE'VE SOAKED US DOON TO WHATEVER IT IS AH WEAR UNDER MY KILT! ZERO POINTS!

WE MUST ADJOURN MOMENTARILY TO THE VILLAGE PUB FOR A HOT DRINK TO WARM THE BLOOD!

BONNIE IDEA!

HEAR HEAR!



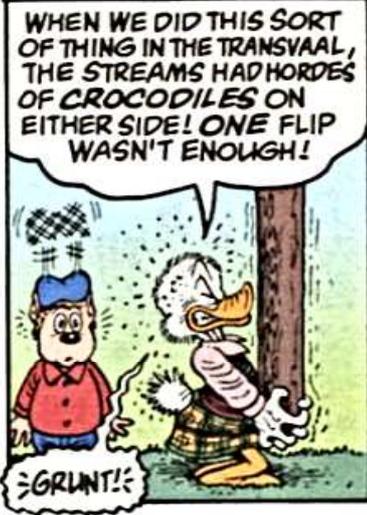
SCROOGE MOVES ON TO CABER TOSSING-- A GAME TAKEN FROM THE ANCIENT PRACTICE OF HEAVING BEAMS ACROSS STREAMS TO BUILD BRIDGES!

HURRAH!
BRAVO!
PERFECT TOSS!
FLIP
THUD!



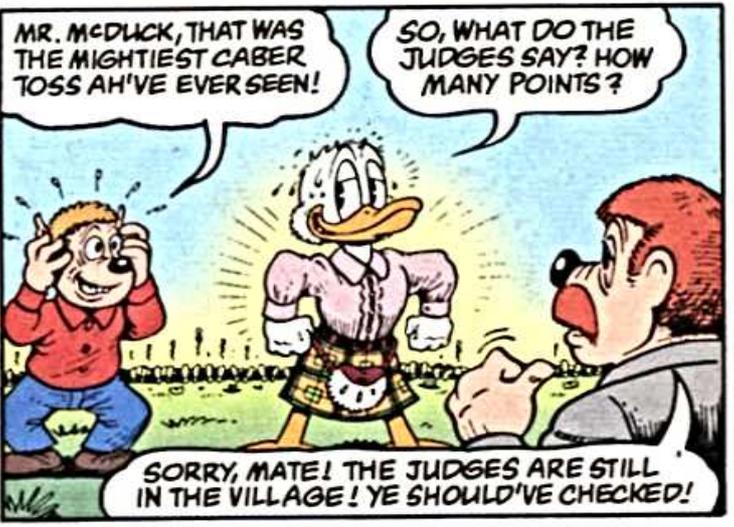
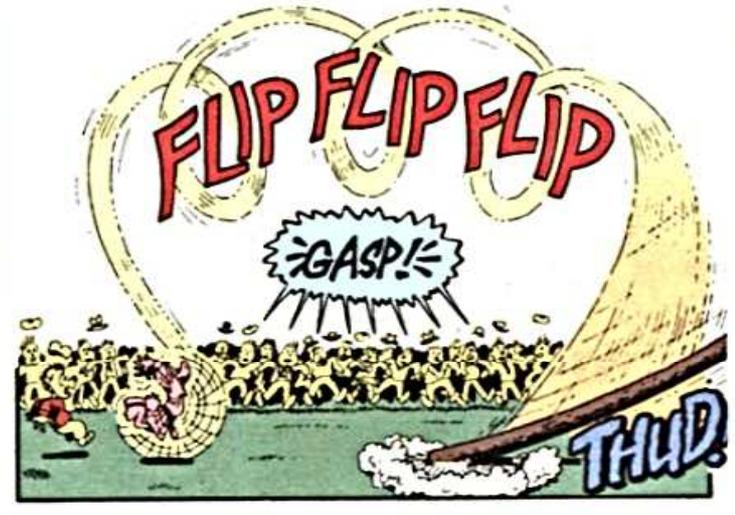
THE CABER MUST MAKE ONE COMPLETE FLIP!

WHAT? JUST ONE?!



WHEN WE DID THIS SORT OF THING IN THE TRANSVAAL, THE STREAMS HAD HORDES OF CROCODILES ON EITHER SIDE! ONE FLIP WASN'T ENOUGH!

GRUNT!



MR. MCDUCK, THAT WAS THE MIGHTIEST CABER TOSS AH'VE EVER SEEN!

SO, WHAT DO THE JUDGES SAY? HOW MANY POINTS?

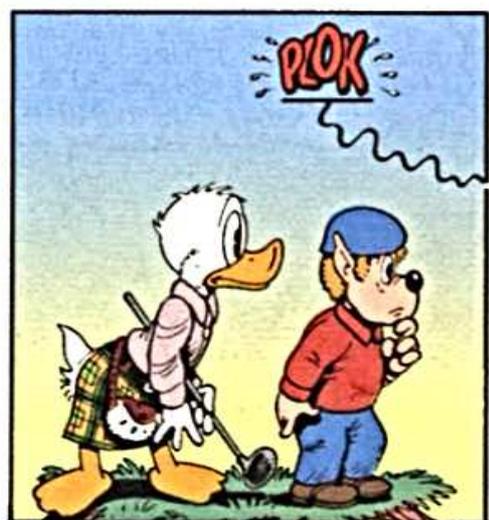
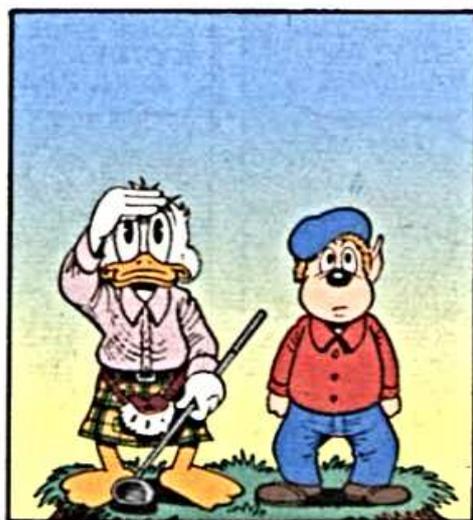
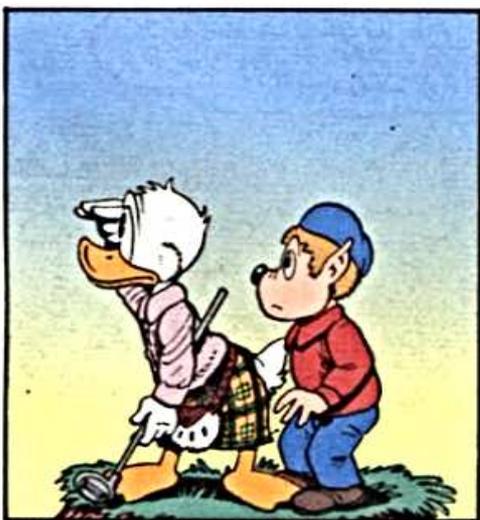
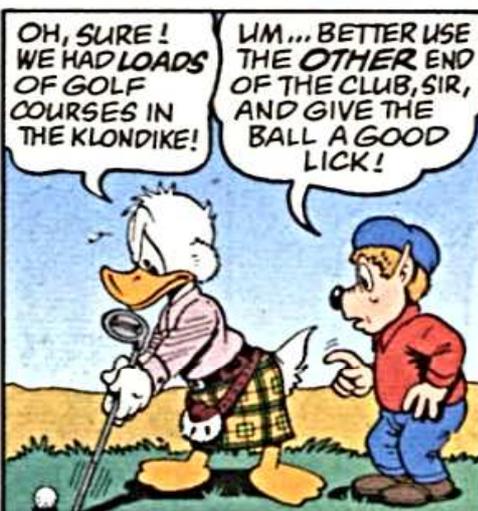
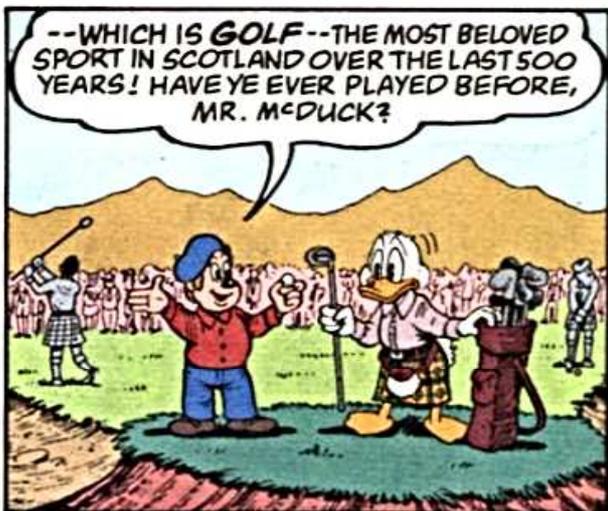
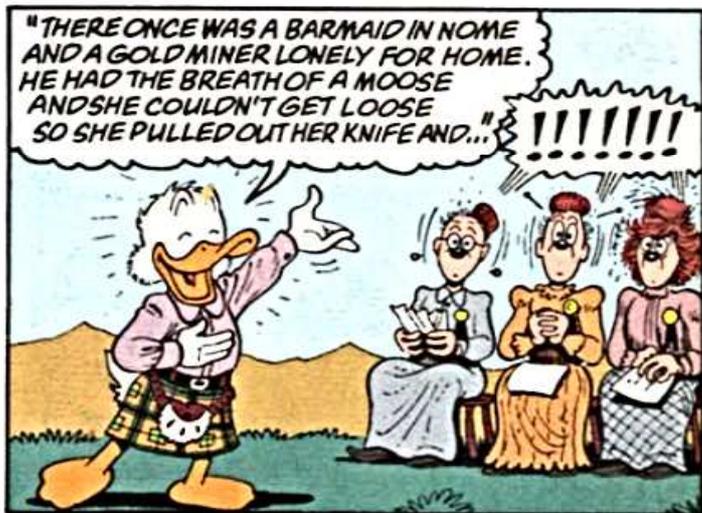
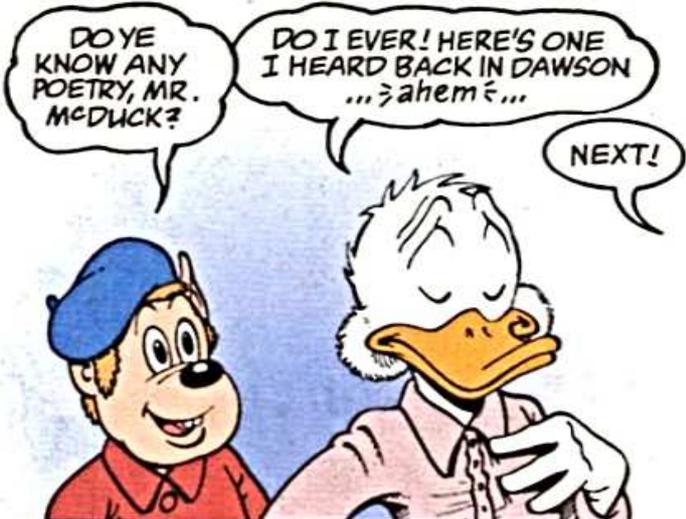
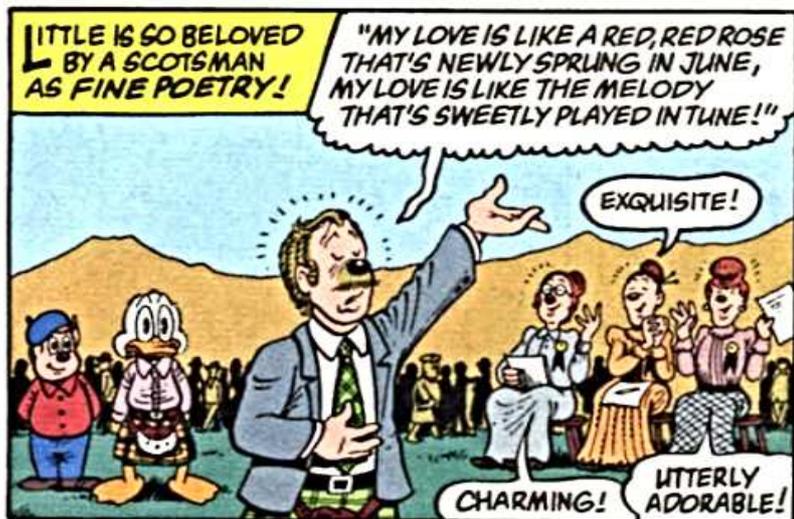
SORRY, MATE! THE JUDGES ARE STILL IN THE VILLAGE! YE SHOULD'VE CHECKED!

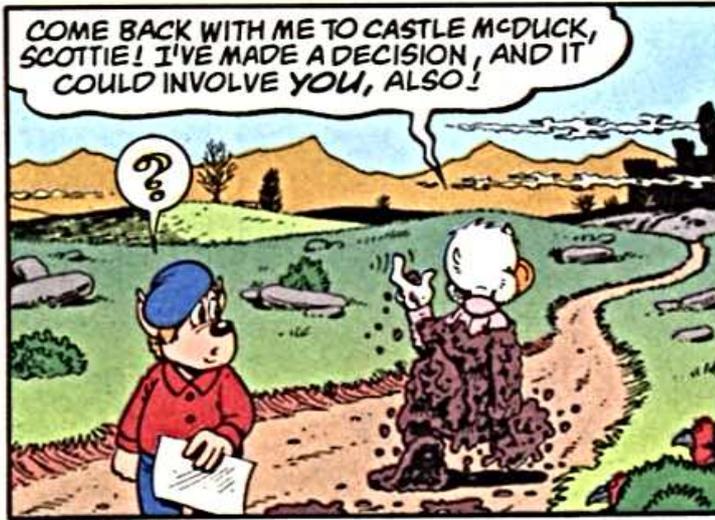
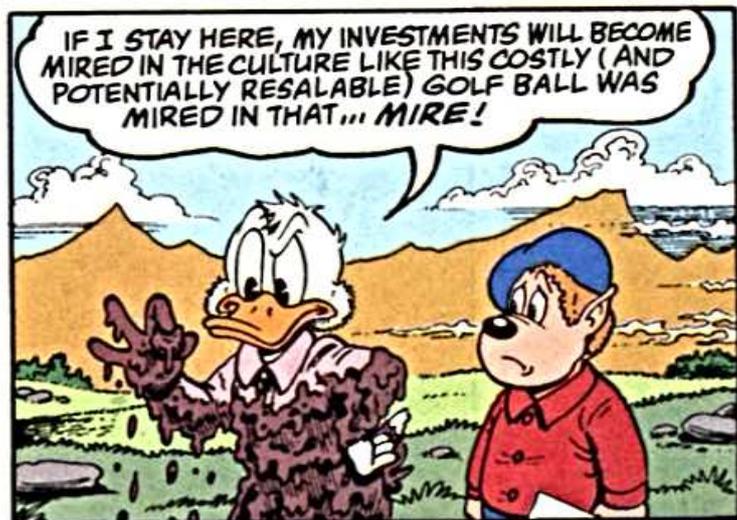
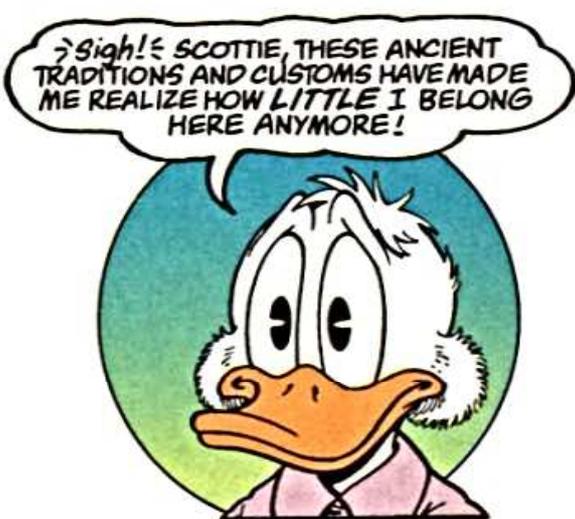
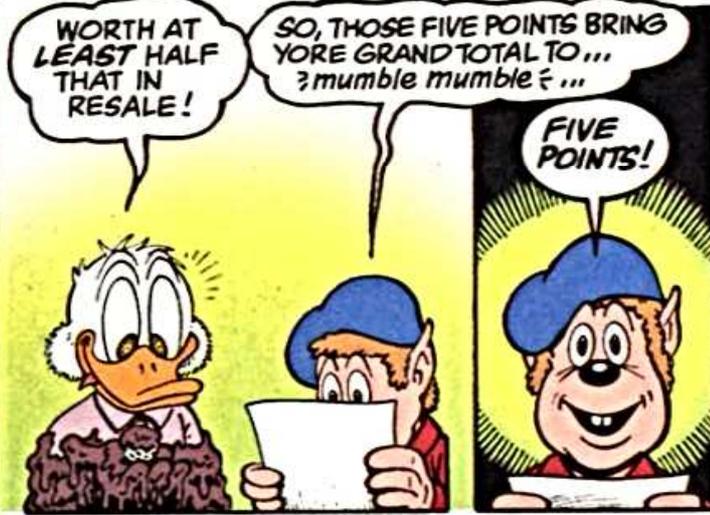
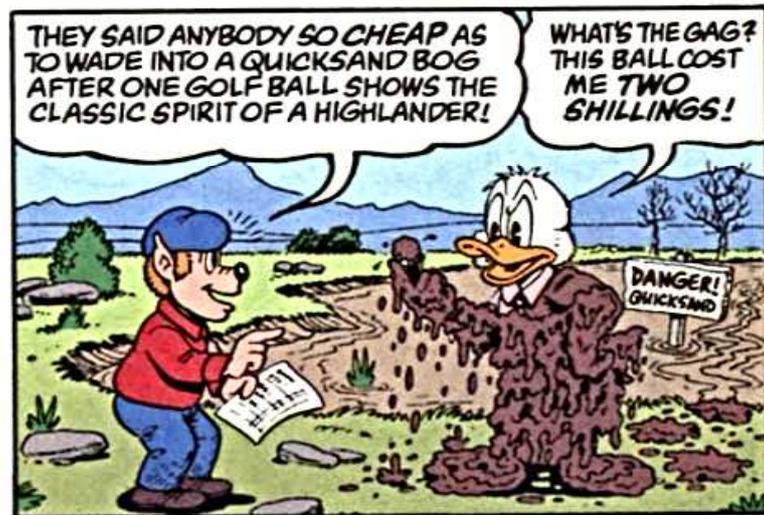
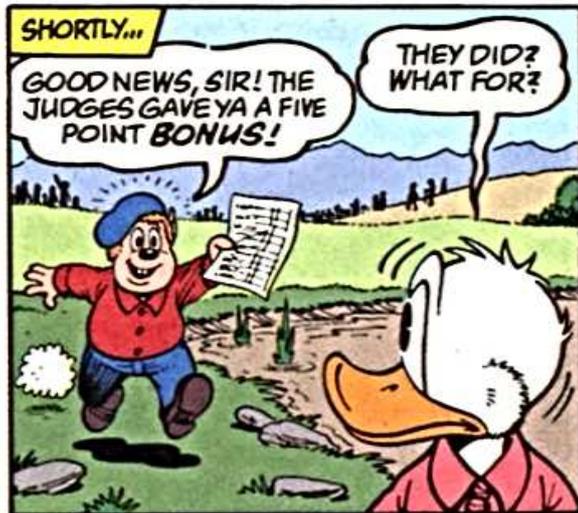
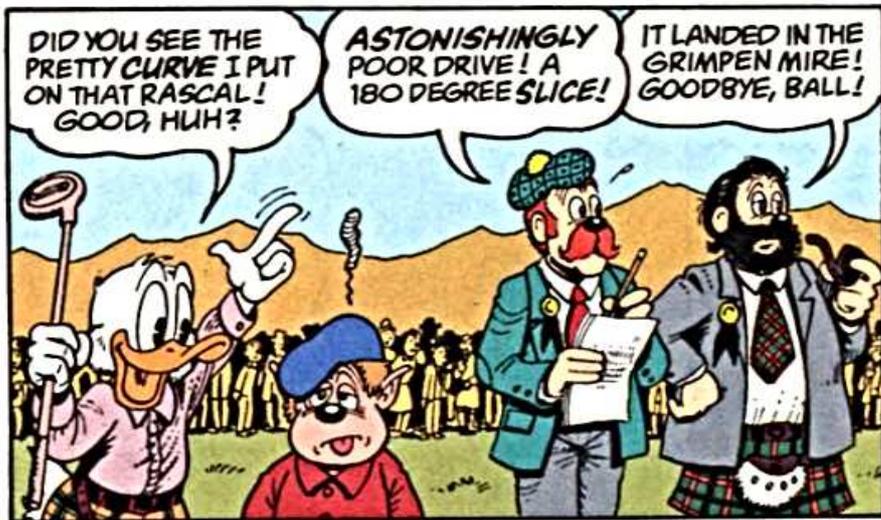


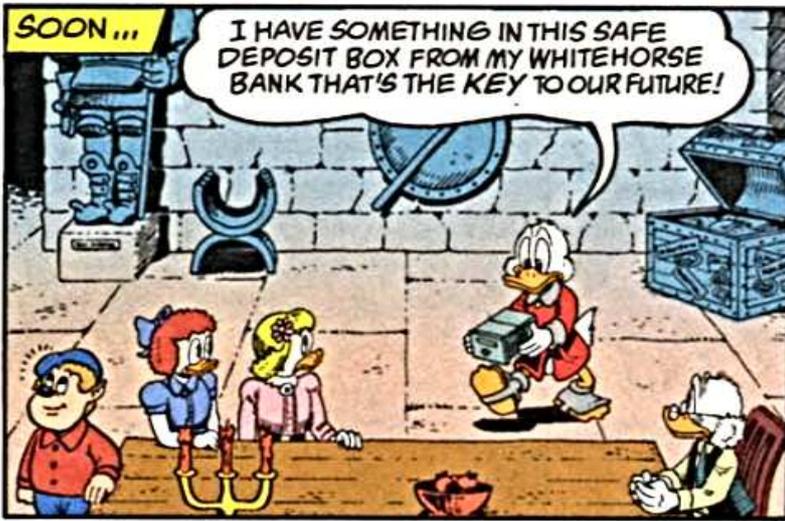
WHAT? THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN WARM YET?

THEY GOT TO TOASTIN' BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE AND GOT A WEE BIT TOO WARM!

TIME FOR THE NEXT GAME!

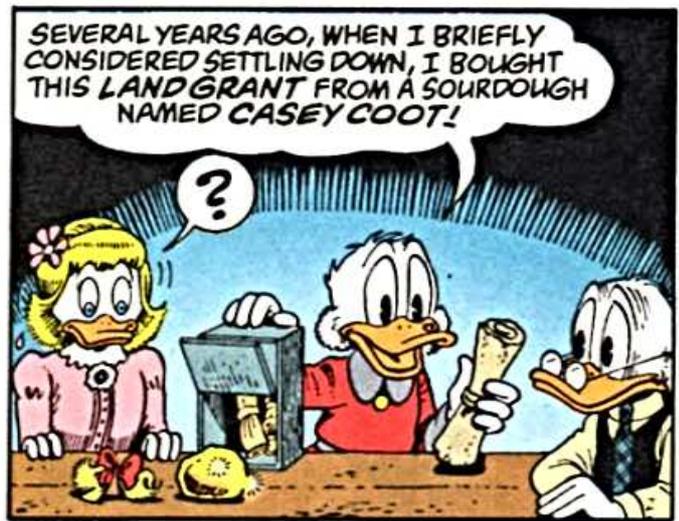






SOON ...

I HAVE SOMETHING IN THIS SAFE DEPOSIT BOX FROM MY WHITEHORSE BANK THAT'S THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE!



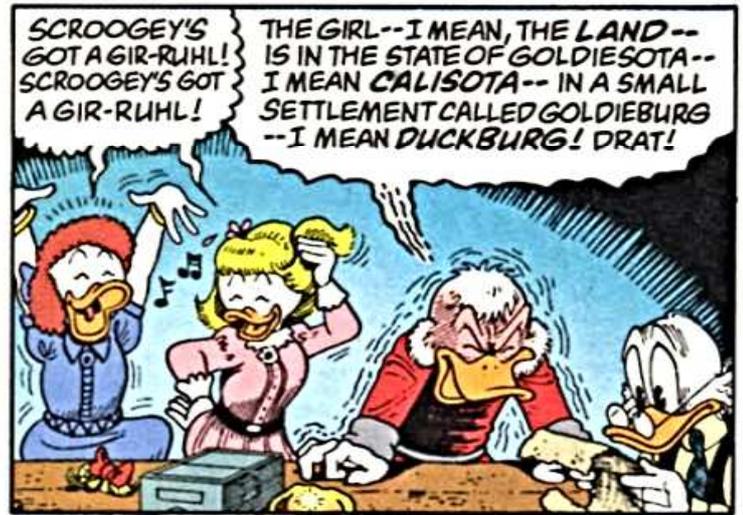
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHEN I BRIEFLY CONSIDERED SETTLING DOWN, I BOUGHT THIS LAND GRANT FROM A SOURDOUGH NAMED CASEY COOT!



WHAT'S THIS LOCK OF HAIR, SCROOGEY?

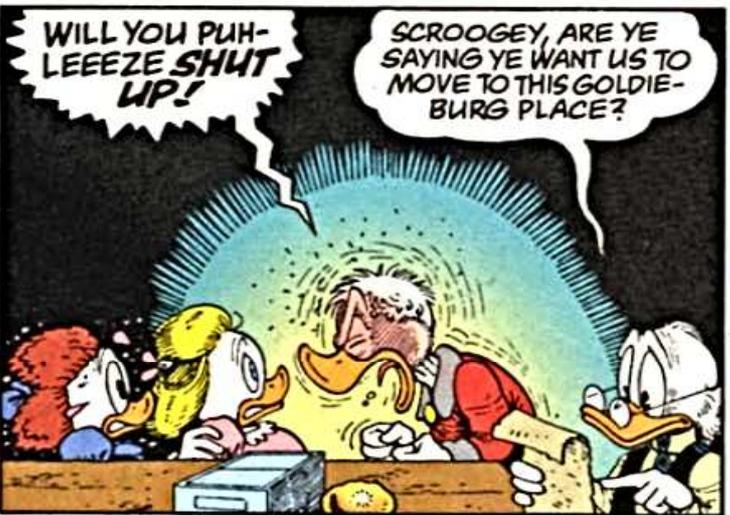
NOTHING!

THIS PAPER MAKES ME THE OWNER OF A TEN-ACRE HILL IN AMERICA!



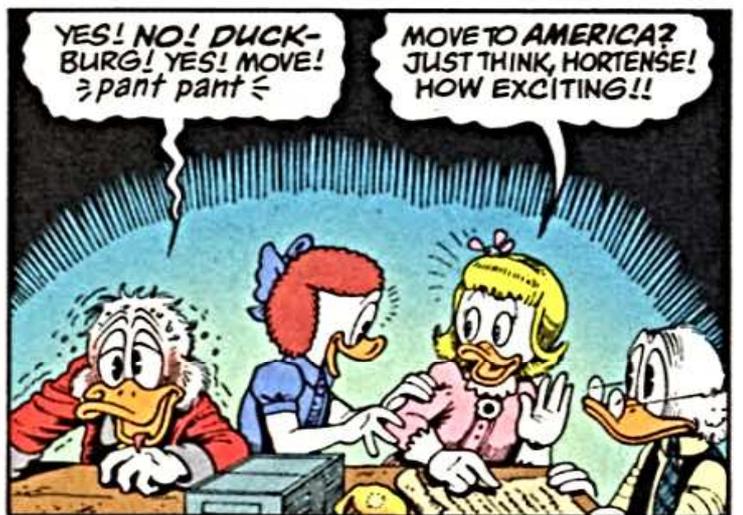
SCROOGEY'S GOT A GIR-RUHL! SCROOGEY'S GOT A GIR-RUHL!

THE GIRL--I MEAN, THE LAND-- IS IN THE STATE OF GOLDIESOTA-- I MEAN CALISOTA-- IN A SMALL SETTLEMENT CALLED GOLDIEBURG --I MEAN DUCKBURG! DRAT!



WILL YOU PUH-LEEZE SHUT UP!

SCROOGEY, ARE YE SAYING YE WANT US TO MOVE TO THIS GOLDIEBURG PLACE?



YES! NO! DUCKBURG! YES! MOVE! *ant pant ant*

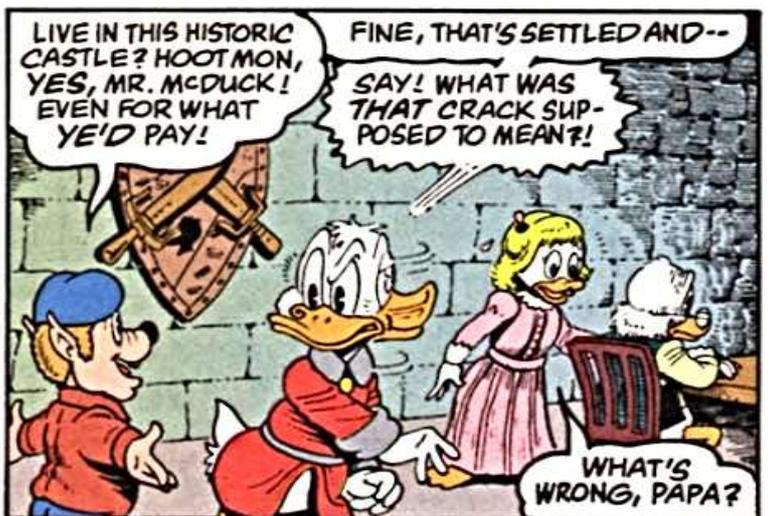
MOVE TO AMERICA? JUST THINK, HORTENSE! HOW EXCITING!!



COWBOYS AND INDIANS AND COWBOYS AND SKYSCRAPERS!

AND COWBOYS!

SCOTTIE, YOU'RE AN HONEST LAD-- COULD I HIRE YOU TO BE CARETAKER OF OUR FAMILY ESTATE?

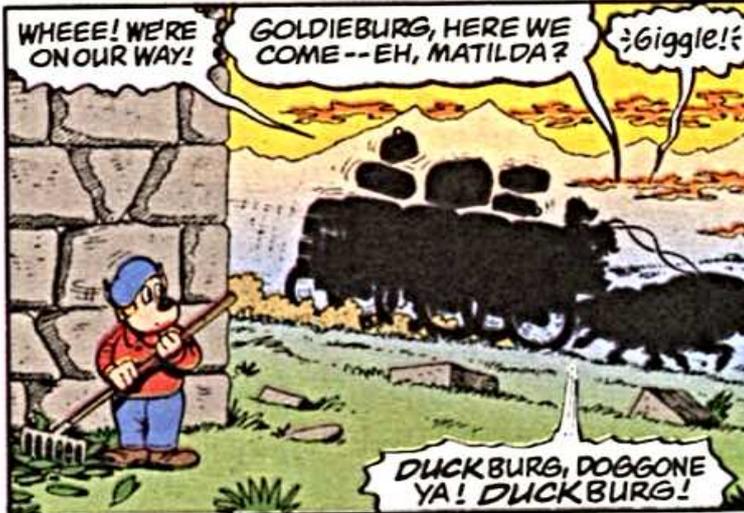
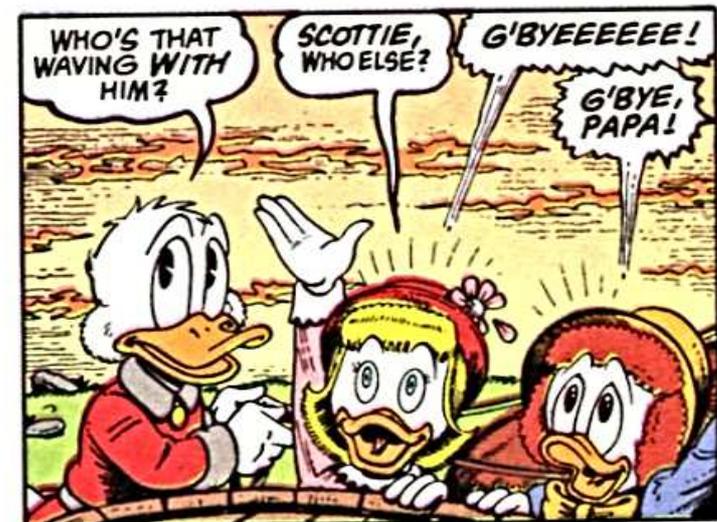
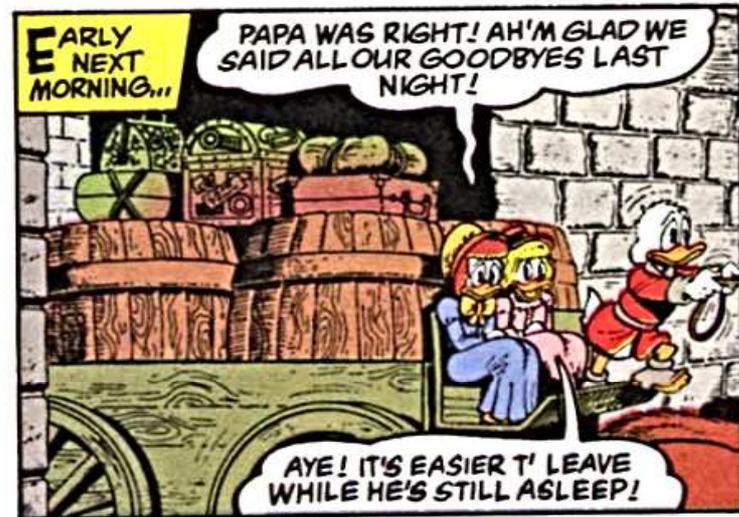
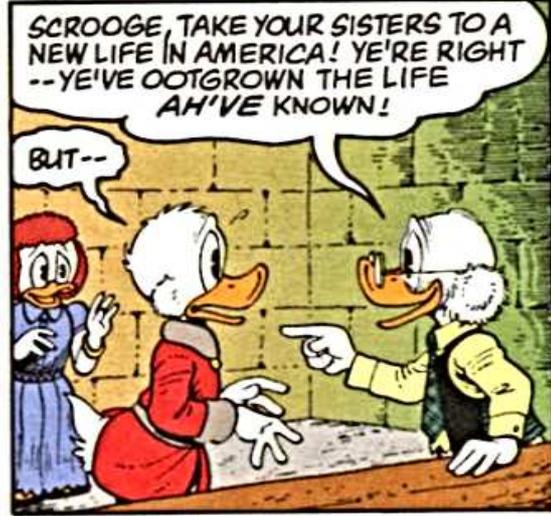
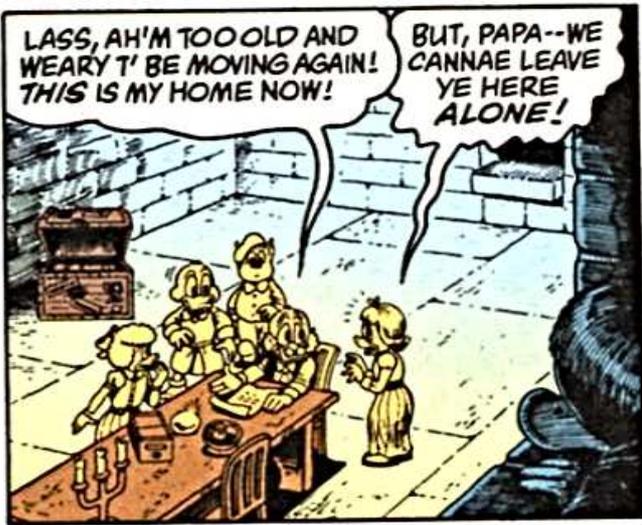


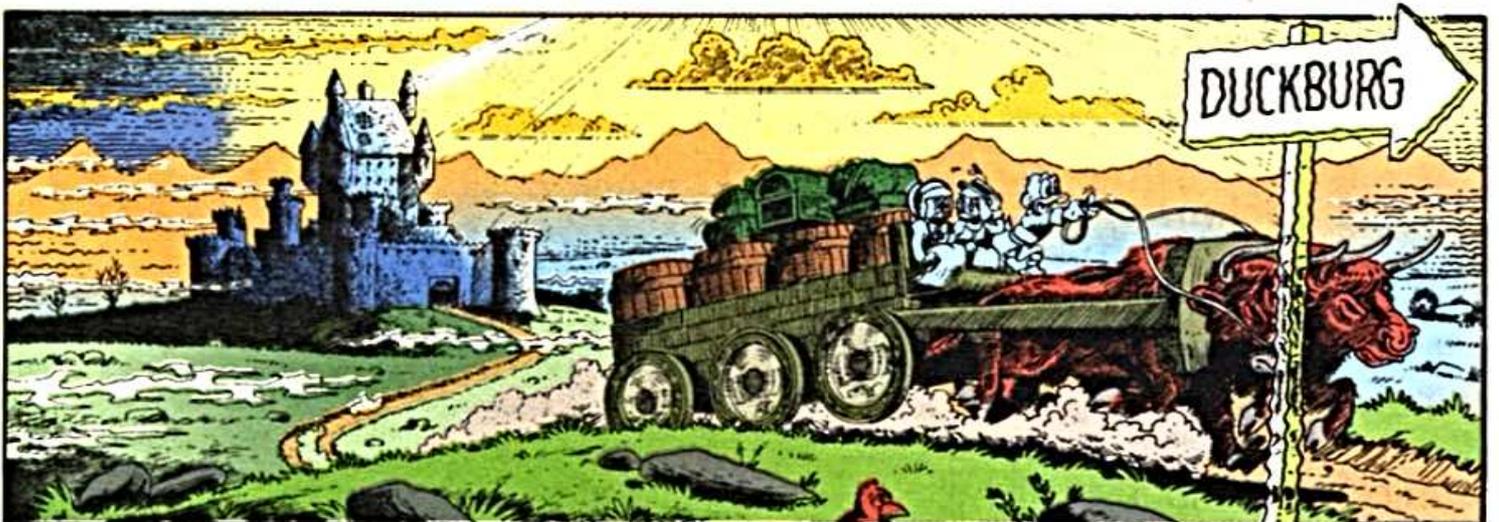
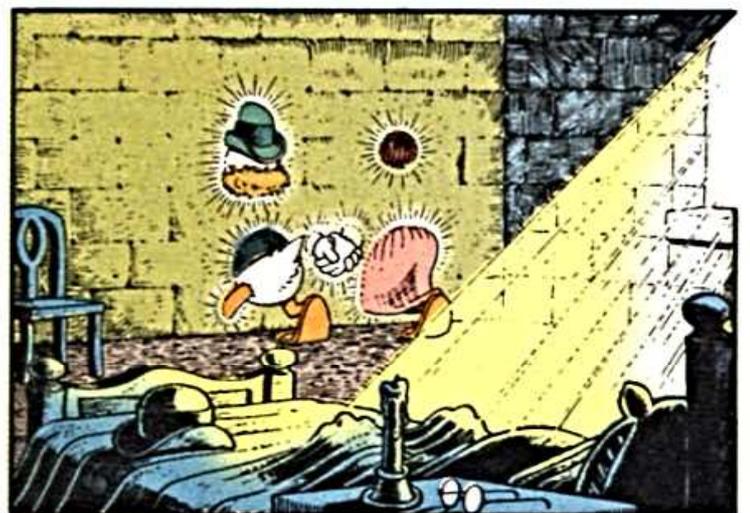
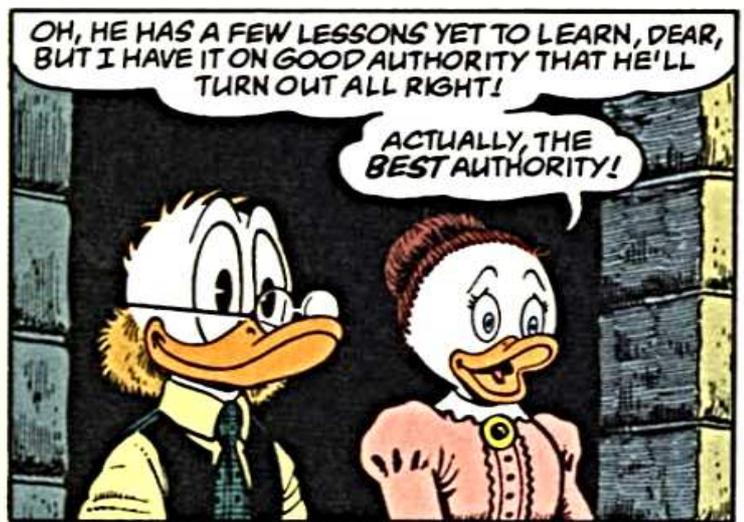
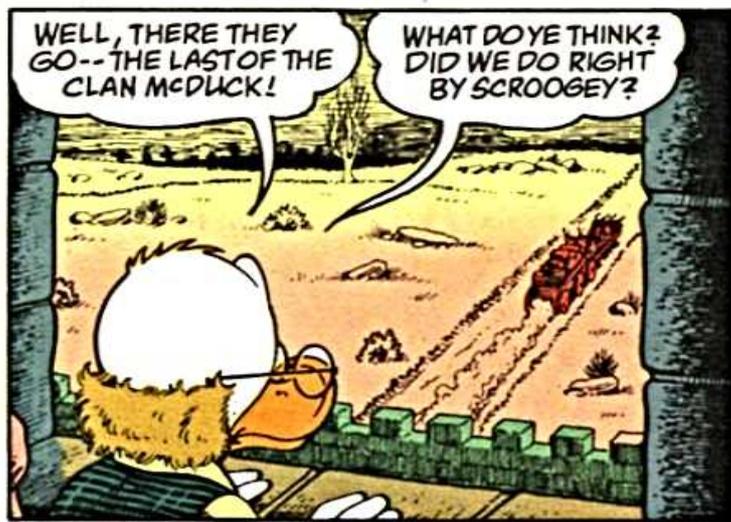
LIVE IN THIS HISTORIC CASTLE? HOOT MON, YES, MR. MCDUCK! EVEN FOR WHAT YE'D PAY!

FINE, THAT'S SETTLED AND--

SAY! WHAT WAS THAT CRACK SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

WHAT'S WRONG, PAPA?





TO BE CONTINUED...