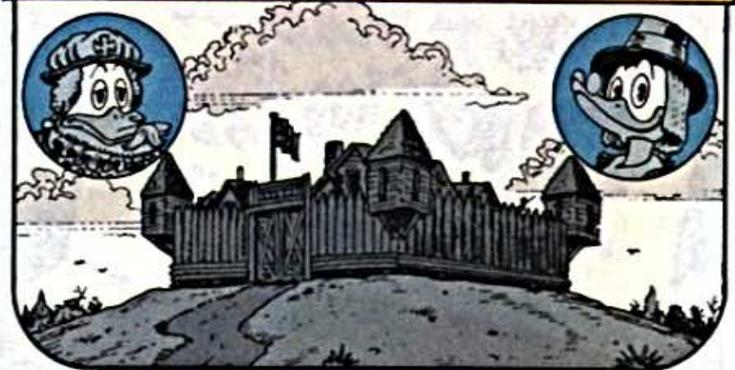


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NEWS ON THE MARCH

"LEGENDARY WAS FORT DRAKEBOROUGH, WHERE SIR FRANCIS DRAKE ESTABLISHED HIS AMERICAN OUTPOST... AND WHERE THE GREAT CORNELIUS COOT FOUNDED DUCKBURG!"



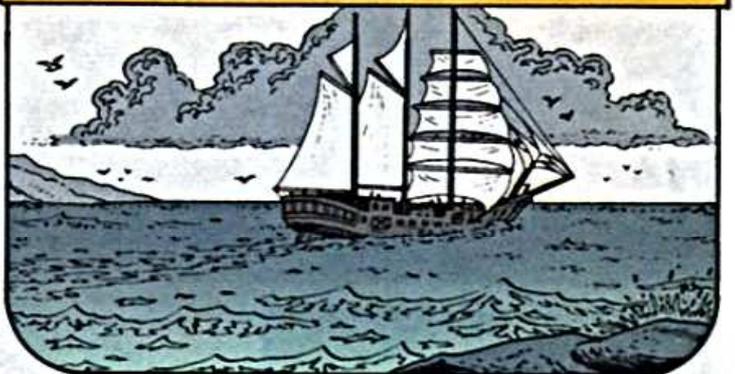
"EQUALLY LEGENDARY IS THE MODERN OWNER OF THAT SITE AND MOST OF THE THRIVING METROPOLIS THAT HAS SPRUNG UP AROUND IT-- THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD AND FIRST CITIZEN OF DUCKBURG..."



"FAMED IN LOCAL LEGEND IS THE ORIGIN OF THE McDUCK FORTUNE! THE McDUCKS, DESCENDANTS OF A ONCE NOBLE SCOTTISH CLAN, HAD FALLEN ON HARD TIMES!"



"YET THE YOUNG McDUCK LAD WAS SOMEHOW INSPIRED TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE! AT THE AGE OF 13 HE SIGNED ON AS A CABIN BOY ON A CATTLE BOAT AND SAILED AWAY FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!"



"FARFLUNG RUMORS SUGGEST THIS RUGGED YOUTH TRAVELED THE WORLD'S WILDEST FRONTIERS, MASTERING MANY SKILLS, YET MEETING WITH FAILURE FOR TWO DECADES!"

"EVIDENCE OF HIS EVENTUAL TRIUMPH HAS RECENTLY BEEN FOUND IN NEWSPAPER FILES OF THE YUKON GOLD RUSH!"



"SCROOGE McDUCK FIRST APPEARED IN LOCAL HISTORY 45 YEARS AGO WHEN HE CAME TO CALISOTA WITH HIS TWO SISTERS AND BUILT ON THE SITE OF FORT DUCKBURG OUR MOST FAMOUS LANDMARK-- THE McDUCK OFFICE BUILDING!"

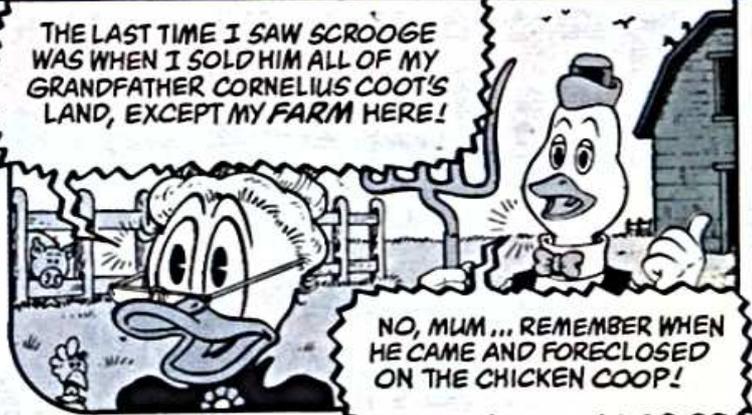


"FEW DETAILS ARE KNOWN OF McDUCK'S ENSUING LIFE! HIS SISTERS, THE ONLY WITNESSES TO HIS RISE TO RICHES, HAVE LONG SINCE DISAPPEARED FROM PUBLIC LIFE! THEY WERE LAST SEEN IN THIS NEWSREEL FOOTAGE TAKEN 17 YEARS AGO!"



"THE FACT THAT McDUCK HAS LONG BEEN RECLUSIVE IS CONFIRMED IN THE MEMORIES OF SOME OF OUR OLDEST CITIZENS..."

THE LAST TIME I SAW SCROOGE WAS WHEN I SOLD HIM ALL OF MY GRANDFATHER CORNELIUS COOT'S LAND, EXCEPT MY FARM HERE!



NO, MUM... REMEMBER WHEN HE CAME AND FORECLOSED ON THE CHICKEN COOP!

"EVEN HIS RELATIVES KNOW LITTLE! DISTANT RELATIVE BY MARRIAGE AND LOCAL BON VIVANT, GLADSTONE GANDER..."

NO, BUT IF I EVER DID MEET THE OLD BOY, I'D ASK TO SEE HIS LUCKY DIME, THE CHARM THAT MADE HIS FORTUNE FOR HIM!



SOME PEOPLE NEED CHARMS FOR LUCK! HA!

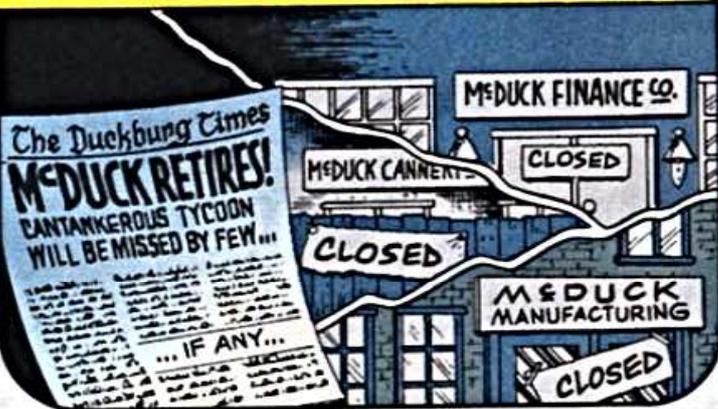
"HIS CLOSEST RELATIVE AND LOCAL TOP BLOWER, DONALD DUCK..."

NO COMMENT! AND IF YOU QUOTE THAT LINE ABOUT "TOUGHER THAN THE TOUGHIES" AND "MAKING IT SQUARE" JUST ONCE MORE, I'LL BLOW MY TOP!



"SEE WHAT WE MEAN?"

"SUDDENLY, FIVE YEARS AGO, THE AGED FINANCIER CLOSED DOWN HIS ENTIRE EMPIRE, CLAIMING THERE WAS NO ONE WORTHY TO INHERIT OR MANAGE HIS FORTUNE!"



"AFTER MOVING TO A PALATIAL MANSION UNCHARACTERISTIC OF HIS FORMER FRUGAL LIFESTYLE, SCROOGE McDUCK CEASED TO BE SEEN IN PUBLIC!"



"YET HIS ABANDONED OFFICE BUILDING ON KILL MOTOR HILL REMAINS A LOCAL LANDMARK! BUT IS IT A WAREHOUSE FILLED WITH DUSTY LEDGERS, AS HAS LONG BEEN ASSUMED?"



MORE ON TOMORROW'S NEWS ON THE MARCH!

SALE!!
THE LATEST MODEL TV SETS!



GEE, UNCA DONALD... WHAT'S UNCA SCROOGE REALLY LIKE?

I'VE ONLY SEEN HIM ONCE, BOYS, WHEN I WAS YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE!

Heh-heh!

THEN WHY DID HE LET US SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE LAST NIGHT AT HIS CABIN ON BEAR MOUNTAIN?

AND WHY DID WE GET THAT MYSTERIOUS INVITATION TO COME TO HIS MANSION FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER?

THE OLD COOT IS PROBABLY GOING GOOFY IN HIS OLD AGE!

GOSH! IS THAT REALLY REALLY FULL OF MONEY?

BOSH! TV FANTASY! NO SINGLE DUCK COULD PACK ALL THOSE LEGENDARY ADVENTURES INTO ONE LIFETIME!

BEAT IT! GO AWAY!

SCRAM

I'LL BET HE'S A CREAMPUFF-- A PAMPERED SISSYBOY! AND IF HE HAS GOT TONS OF MONEY, NO DOUBT HE INHERITED EVERY CENT!

BUT WHY WONDER? I'M SURE HE'LL BORE US TO TEARS WITH HIS LIFE'S STORY OVER DINNER!

YEAH! LET'S GO!

SOON THE DUCKS ARE ON THE VERGE OF AN HISTORIC FIRST MEETING...

ARE YOU OUR GREAT-UNCA SCROOGE?

HAWDLY, SUH, SUH, AND SUH! MR. MCDUCK IS RESTING IN THE STUDY!

DO NOT AWAKEN HIM IF HE'S SLEEPING! HE HAD A BUSY DAY YESTUHDAY, AND HE IS VERY OLD AND FRAIL!

AND ORNERY, EH, JEEVES?

YES, SUH! VEDDY, VEDDY AWNUHRY, SUH!

HE MUST MEAN THE DOOR AT THE END OF THIS HALL.

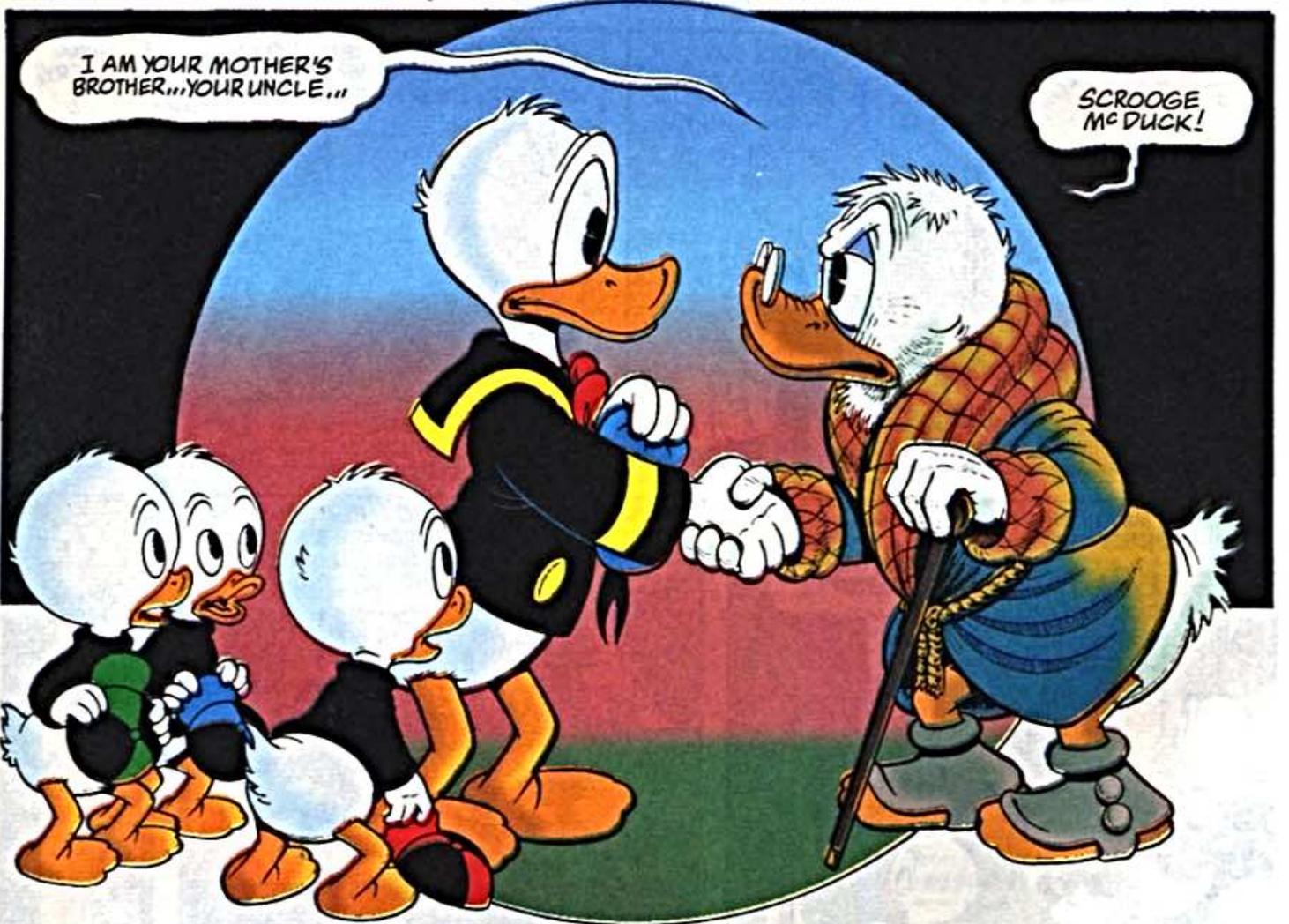
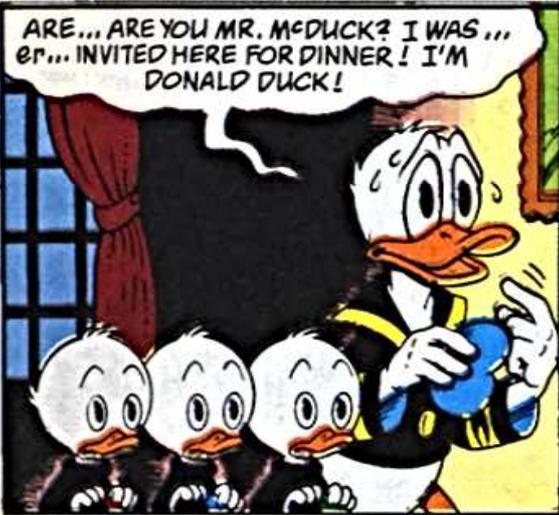
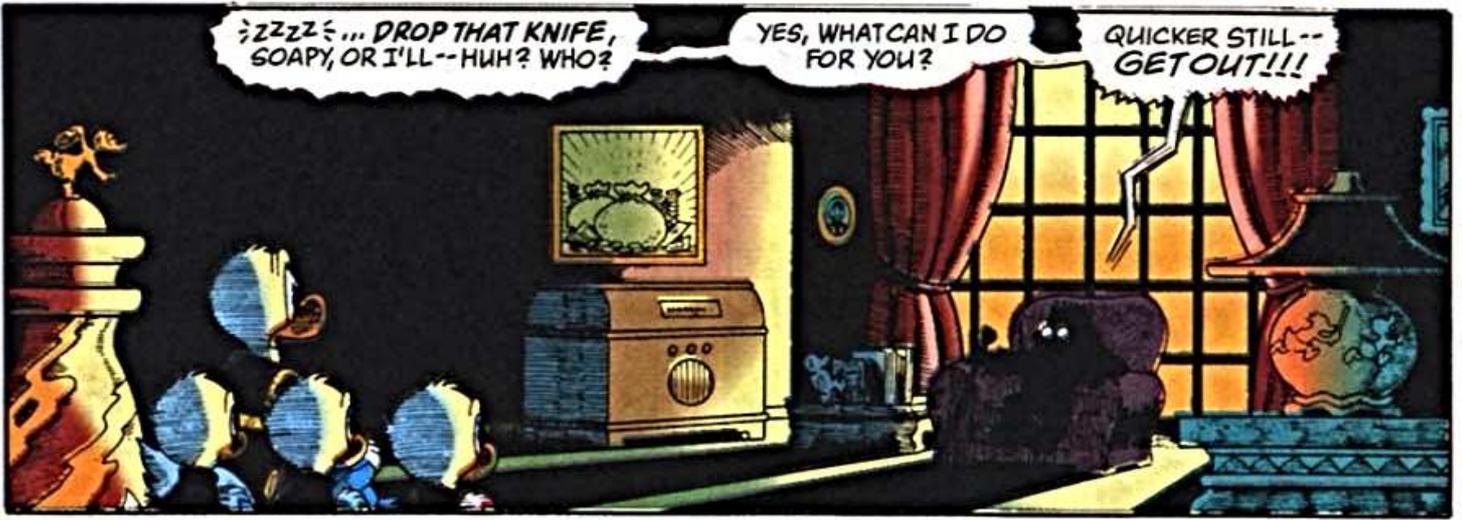
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THESE TROPHIES AND STUFF!

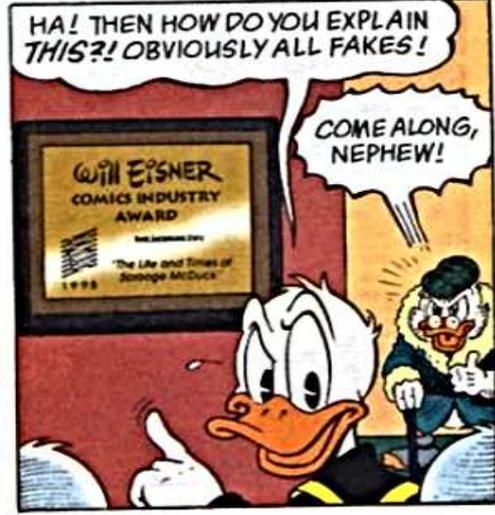
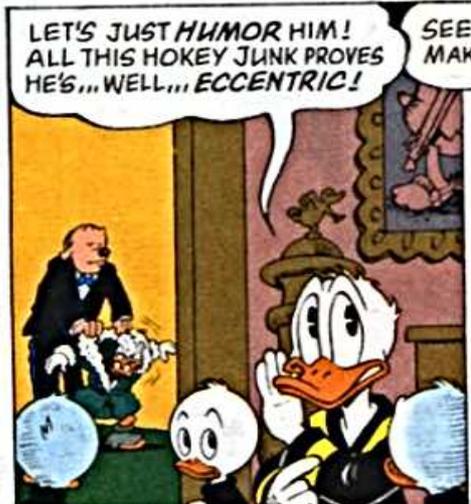
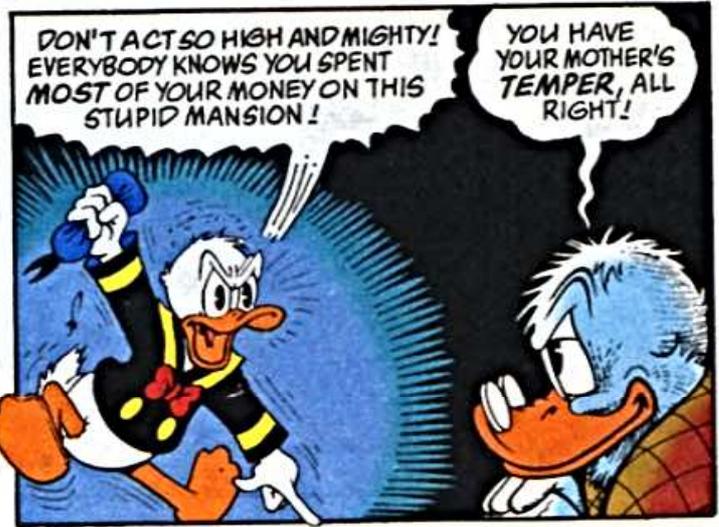
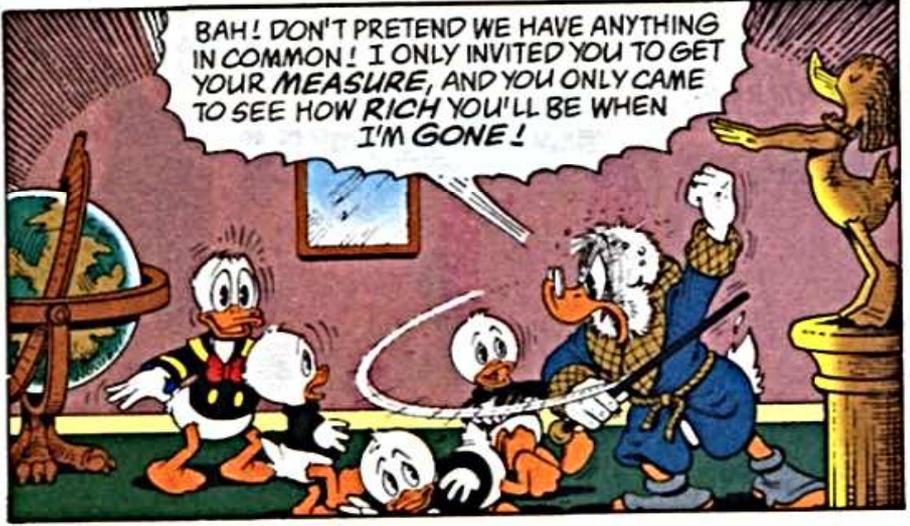
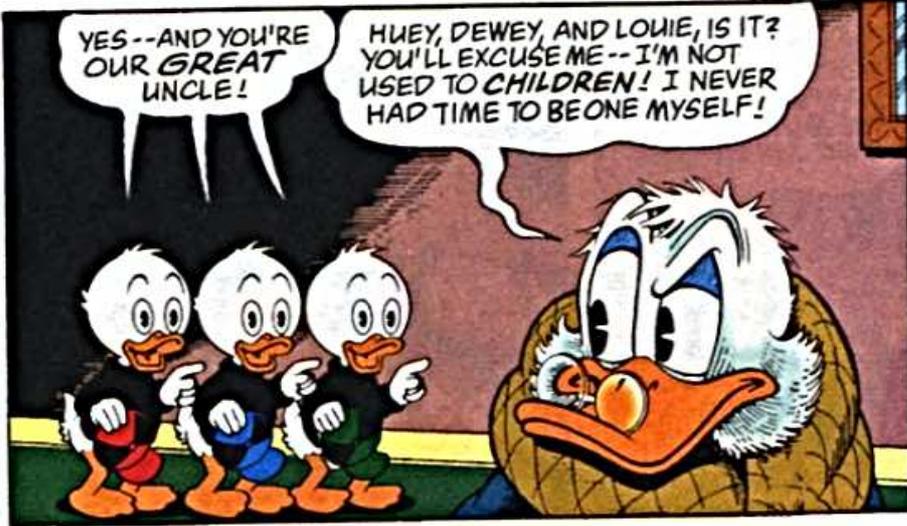
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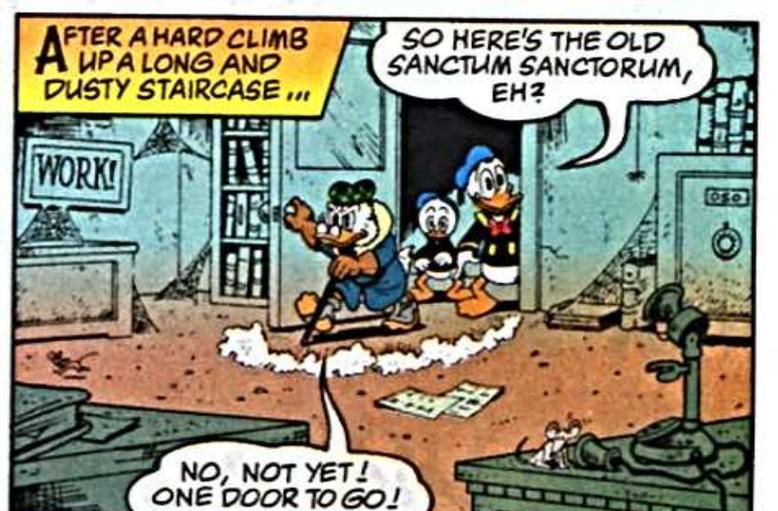
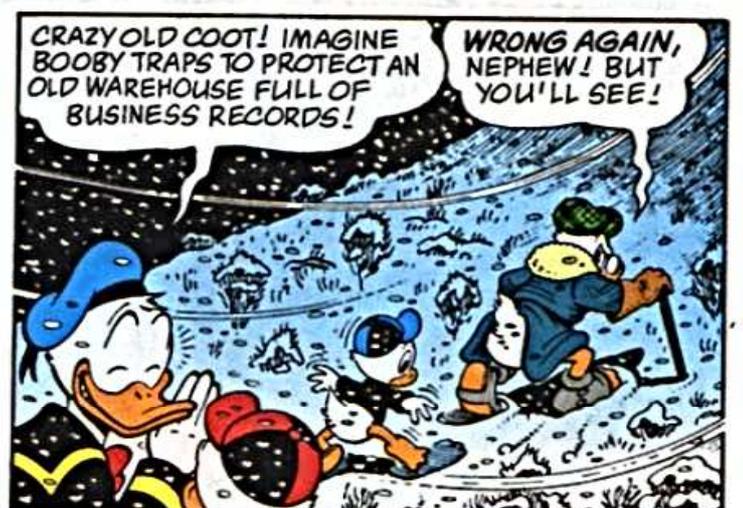
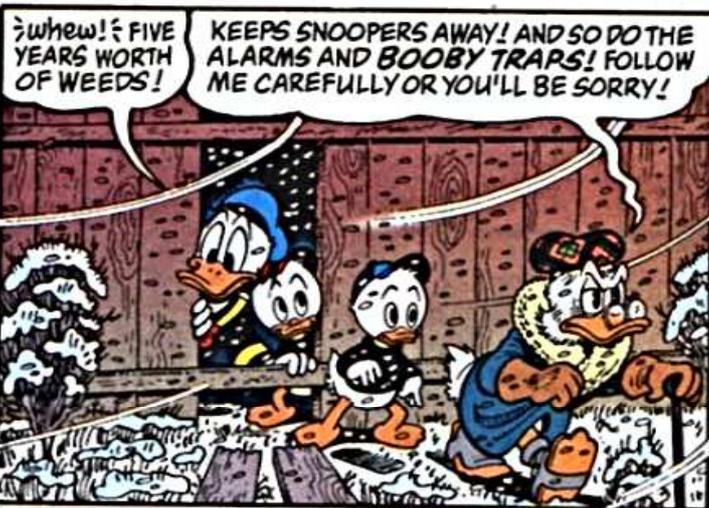
PROBABLY JUNK UNCLE SCROOGE BOUGHT DURING LUXURIOUS WORLD CRUISES!

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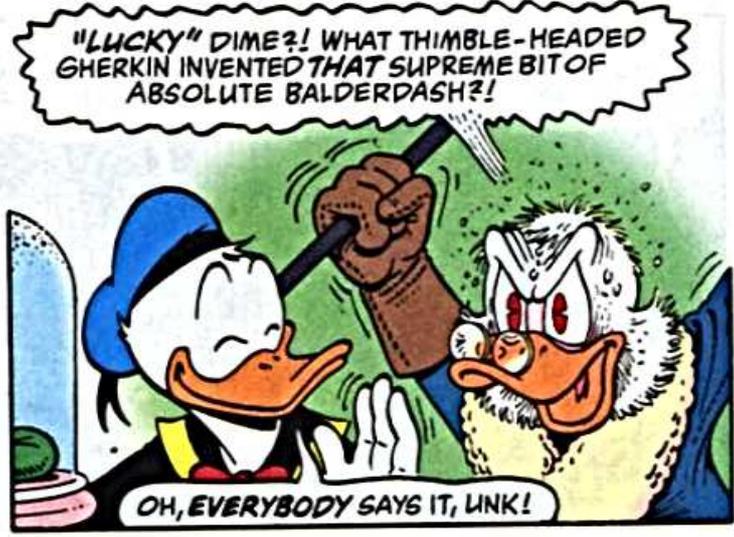






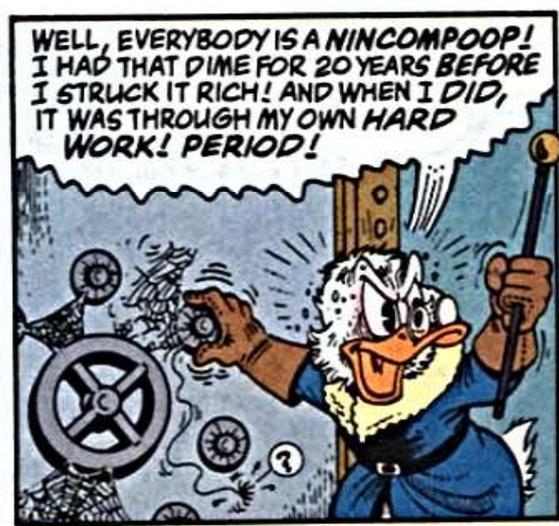
LOOK, KIDS! THIS MUST BE THE FAMOUS LUCKY DIME-- THE CHARM UNCLE SCROOGE USED TO GET HIS ENTIRE FORTUNE!

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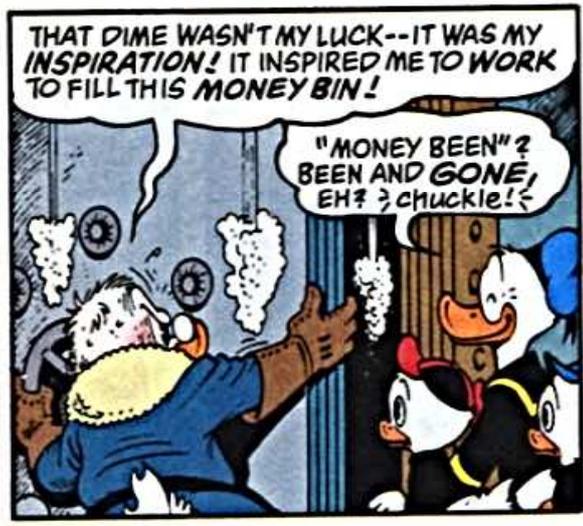


"LUCKY" DIME?! WHAT THIMBLE-HEADED GHERKIN INVENTED THAT SUPREME BIT OF ABSOLUTE BALDERDASH?!

OH, EVERYBODY SAYS IT, LINK!



WELL, EVERYBODY IS A NINCOMPOOP! I HAD THAT DIME FOR 20 YEARS BEFORE I STRUCK IT RICH! AND WHEN I DID, IT WAS THROUGH MY OWN HARD WORK! PERIOD!

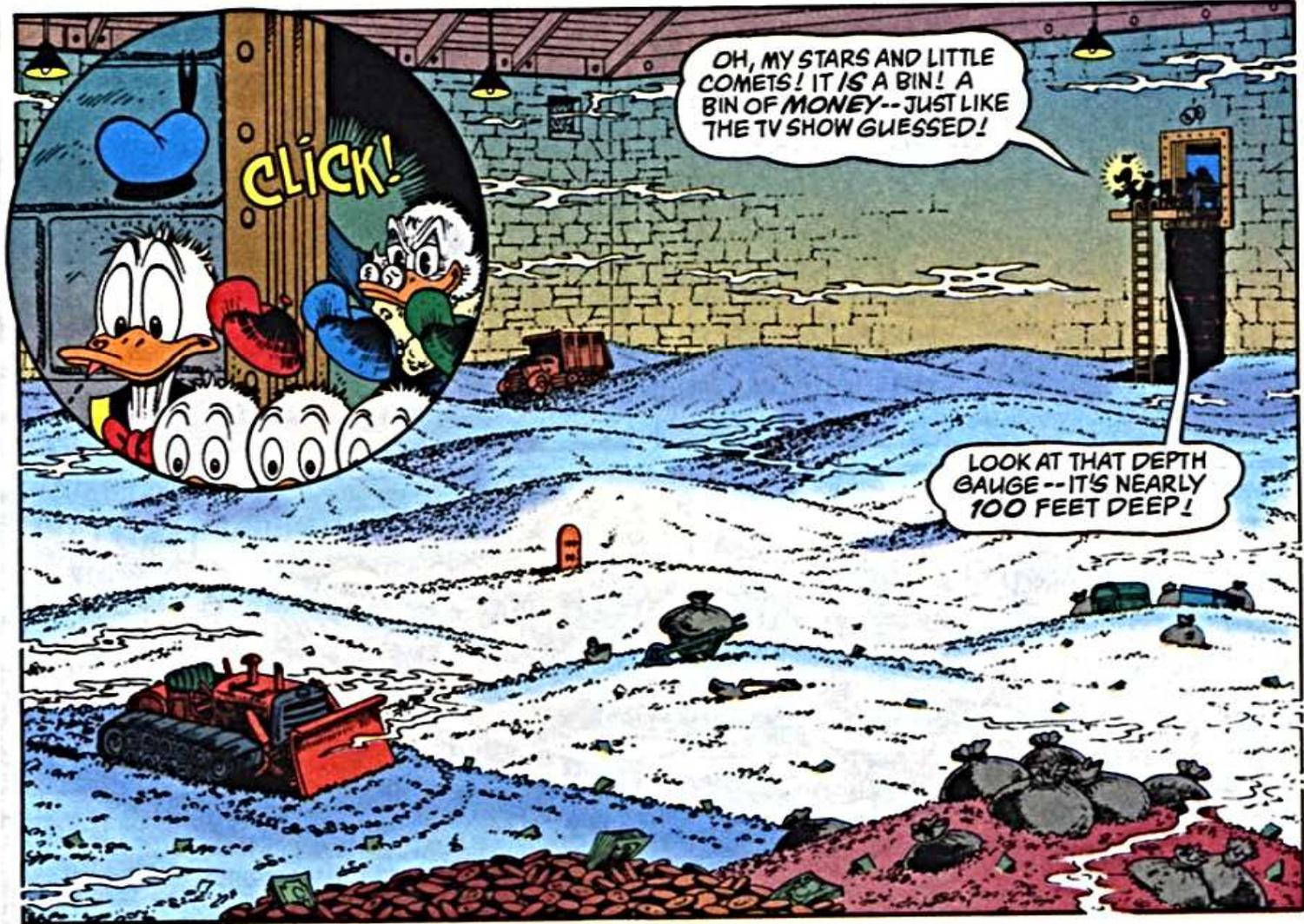


THAT DIME WASN'T MY LUCK--IT WAS MY INSPIRATION! IT INSPIRED ME TO WORK TO FILL THIS MONEY BIN!

"MONEY BEEN" ? BEEN AND GONE, EH? ? chuckle! ?



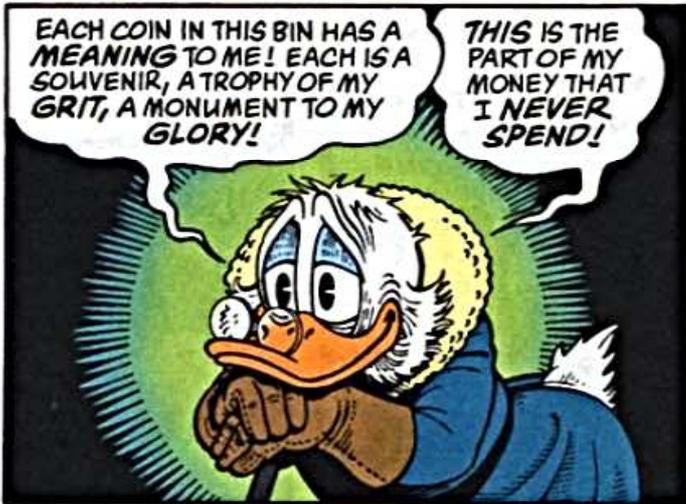
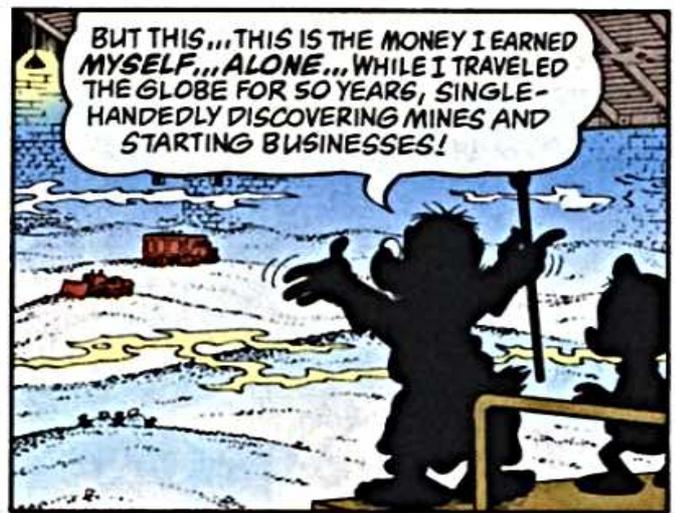
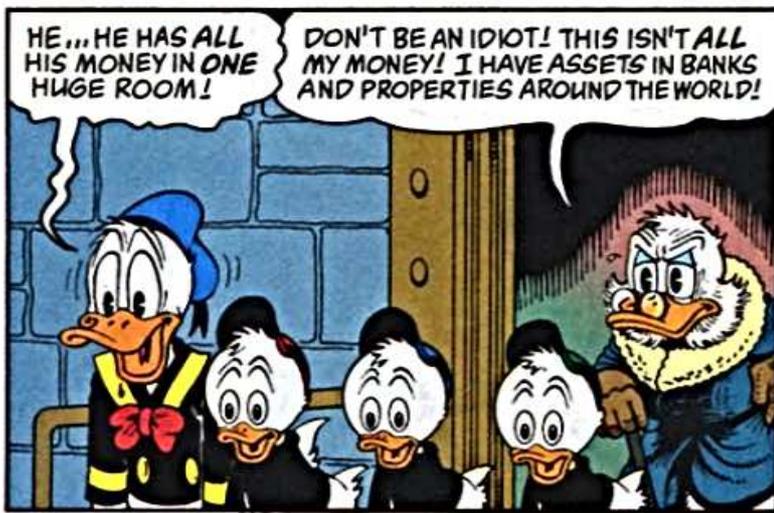
AS USUAL, NEPHEW, YOU'RE WRONG! BUT WAIT TILL I TURN ON THE LIGHTS!



CLICK!

OH, MY STARS AND LITTLE COMETS! IT IS A BIN! A BIN OF MONEY-- JUST LIKE THE TV SHOW GUESSED!

LOOK AT THAT DEPTH GAUGE -- IT'S NEARLY 100 FEET DEEP!





"BEAGLE BOYS" '2 LET'S SEE YOU!

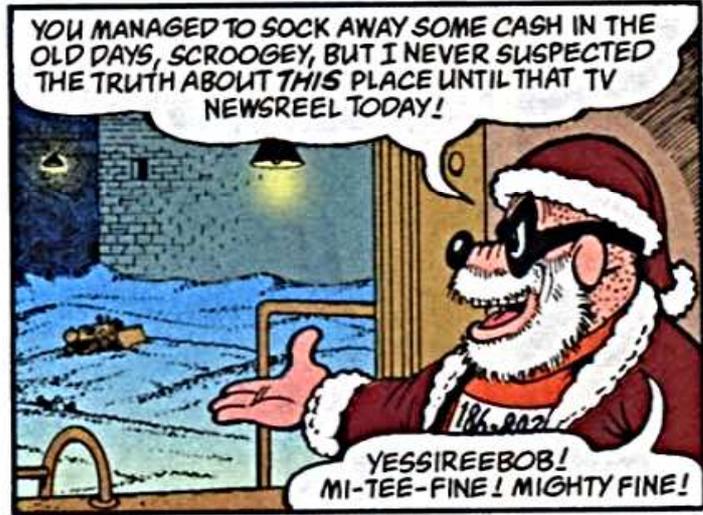
OUCH! MY BEARD'S REAL!

BLACKHEART BEAGLE! LONG TIME NO SEE, OLD FELLOW!



A PLEASURE, SCROOGEY! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY GRANDSONS -- A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF BADDIES!

THAT EXPLAINS WHY THERE'S MORE OF YOU CURS THAN EVER!



YOU MANAGED TO SOCK AWAY SOME CASH IN THE OLD DAYS, SCROOGEY, BUT I NEVER SUSPECTED THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS PLACE UNTIL THAT TV NEWSREEL TODAY!

YESSIREEBOB! MI-TEE-FINE! MIGHTY FINE!



LOCK 'EM ALL IN THAT STORE-ROOM AND LET'S GET BUSY FILLING OUR BAGS!

HEY-- EASY! THAT'S A FRAIL OLD MAN!



LOOK, GRAMPS! MCDUCK'S LUCKY DIME!

MAYBE IT'LL ASSURE US A CLEAN GETAWAY!

AND LOTS OF TRIPS BACK WITH TRUCKS!



"LUCKY DIME"! HOW @##% INSULTING!

C'MON, UNCA SCROOGE! WE GOTTA STOP THEM!



NO, LADS... IT'S NO USE! I'M TOO OLD! TOO OLD AND TOO SICK AND TOO TIRED OF IT ALL!

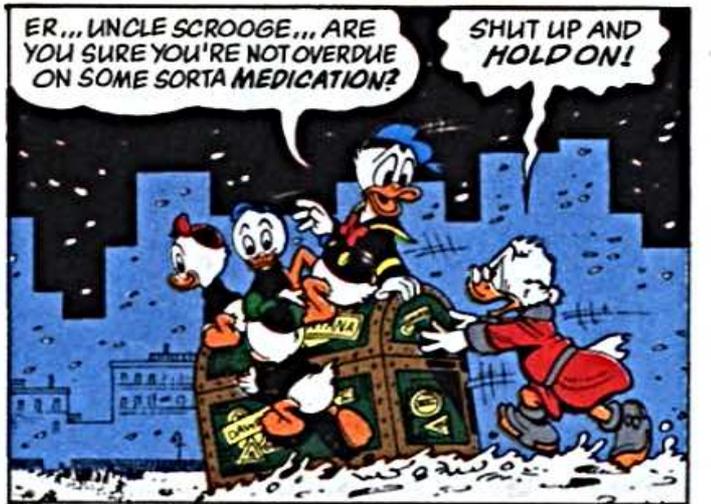
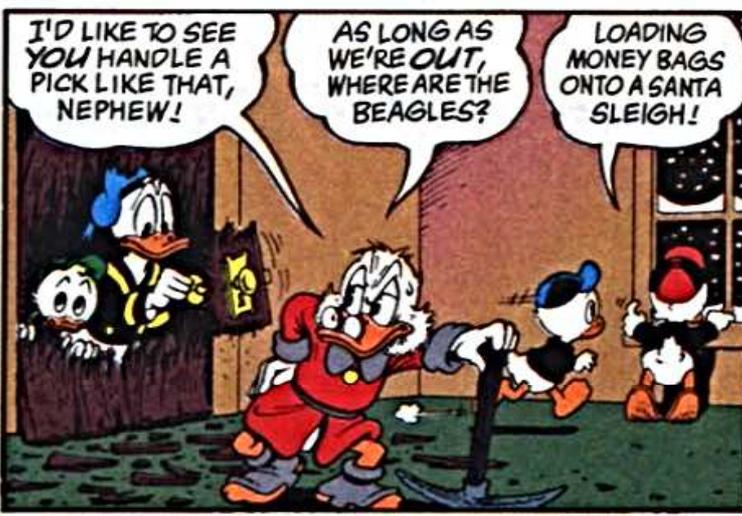
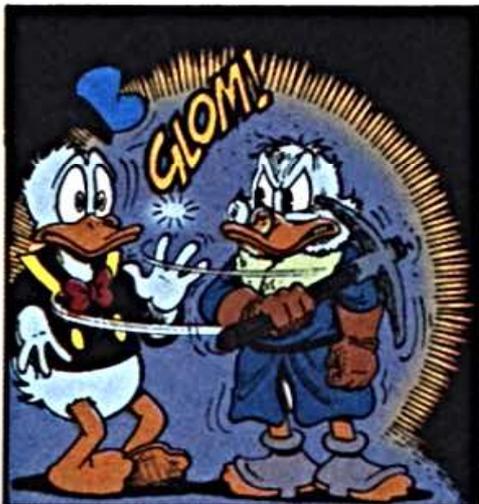
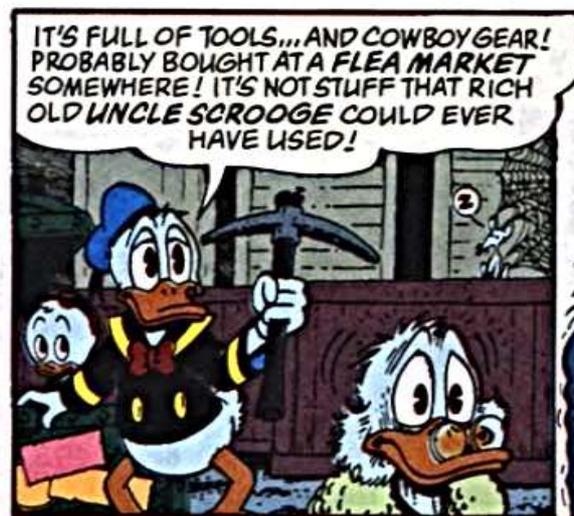
LEAVE THE POOR OLD MAN ALONE! YOU'RE LIABLE TO GIVE HIM THE VAPORS OR SOMETHING!



WE NEED SOMETHING TO BUST DOWN THE DOOR!

WHAT'S IN THIS OLD TRUNK?

NOTHING! JUST RELICS FROM ANOTHER LIFE!

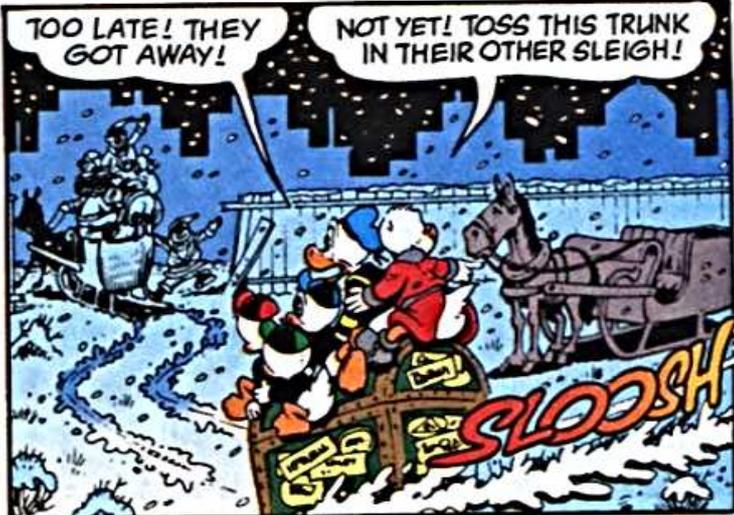




Whew! TIME TO LOAD OUR OTHER SLEIGH!

HEY! SOMEBODY'S COMIN' DOWN THE HILL! MUST BE SOME GUARDS WE DIDN'T SEE!

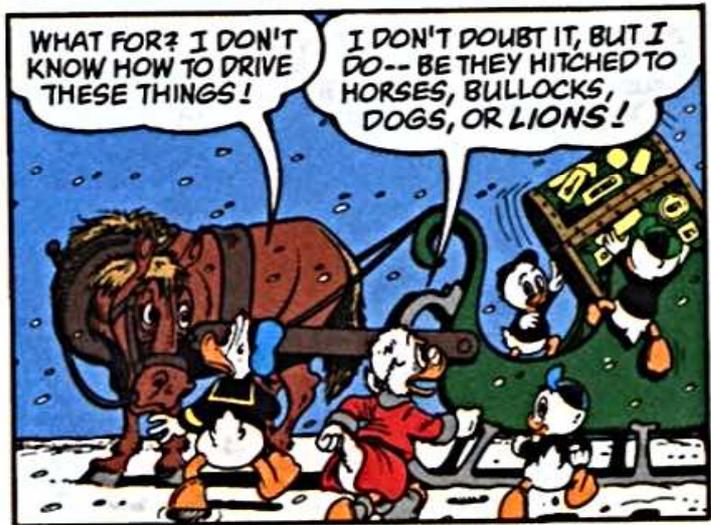
LET'S GIT!



TOO LATE! THEY GOT AWAY!

NOT YET! TOSS THIS TRUNK IN THEIR OTHER SLEIGH!

SLOOSH!



WHAT FOR? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE THESE THINGS!

I DON'T DOUBT IT, BUT I DO-- BE THEY HITCHED TO HORSES, BULLOCKS, DOGS, OR LIONS!



WHEEE!

THIS IS EVEN MORE EXCITING THAN LAST NIGHT'S ROLLER-SKATING BEARS!



THAT WILL BE ALL FOR NOW, JAMES! DOCK YOUR PAY TILL I GET BACK!

AS USUAL, SUH...VEDDY GOOD.

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THIS IS KINDA SAD! THE SCROOGE MCDUCK OF THE OLD DAYS WASN'T SUCH A PUSHOVER! HE MUSTA LOST HIS SPIRIT!

AW-- HE JUST GOT OLD!

WERE YOU SCARED OF HIM IN THOSE DAYS, GRANDPA?



ME?! BLACKHEART BEAGLE FEARS NO DUCK, THEN OR NOW!!

SAY, THOSE AREN'T GUARDS CHASING US! IT'S THOSE DUCKS! IT'S...IT'S SCROOGE!



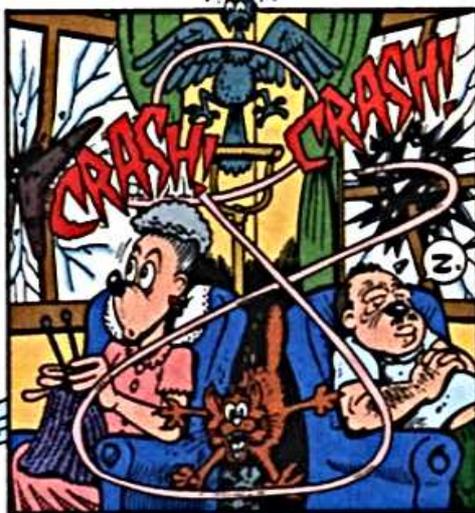
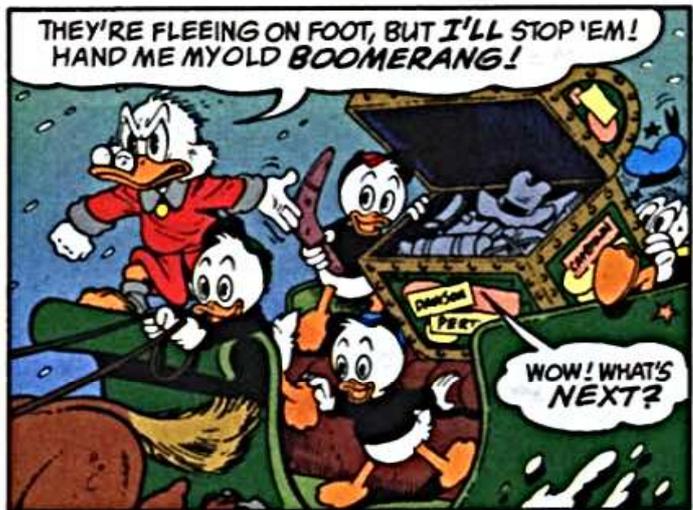
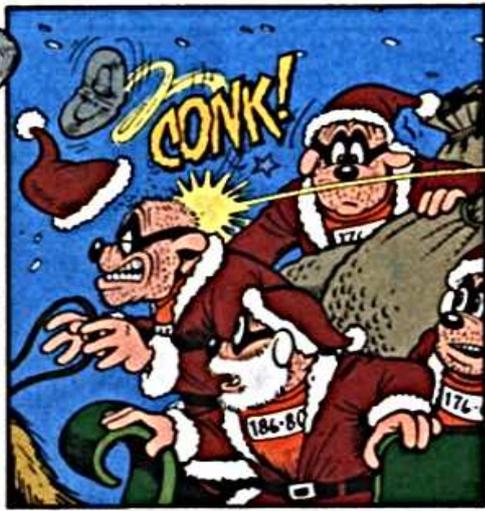
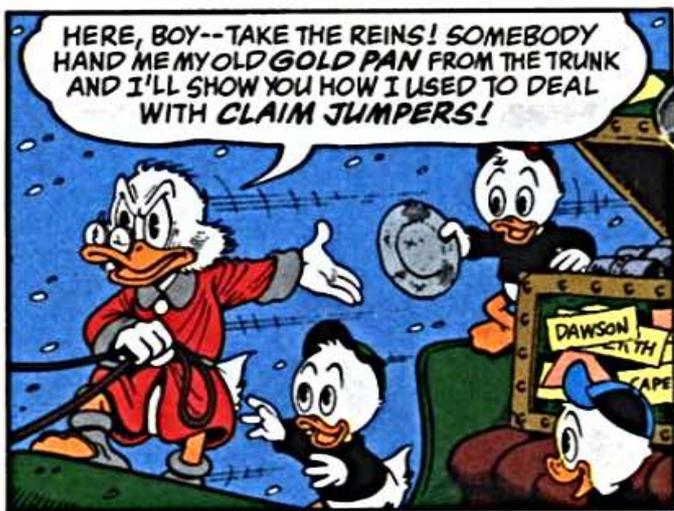
GRANPA? SPEAK TO ME!

LOOKS LIKE VISIONS OF SUGAR-PLUMS ARE DANCING IN HIS HEAD!

HOW 'BOUT SUGAR PRUNES? I LIKE PR--



FASTER! FASTER!

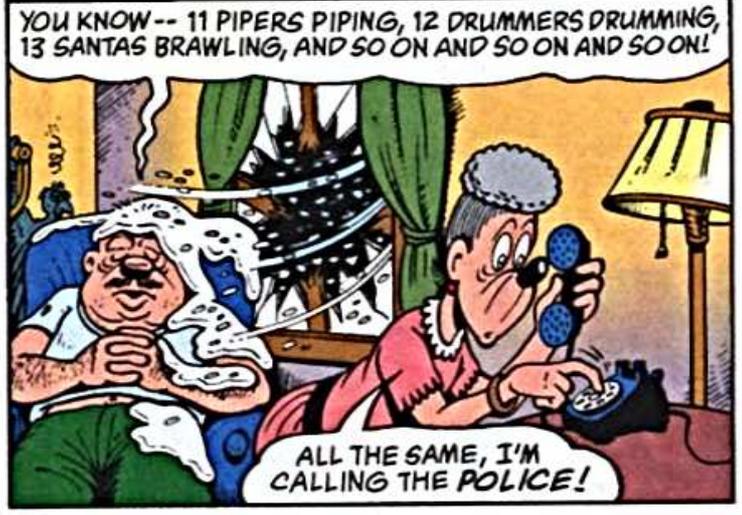




GEORGE-- COME SEE! THERE ARE 13 PEOPLE HAVING A MELEE OUT THERE, AND MOST ARE DRESSED UP AS SANTA CLAUS!

OH, IT'S PROBABLY JUST A PUBLICITY STUNT FROM THAT OLD SONG!

SONG?



YOU KNOW-- 11 PIPERS PIPING, 12 DRUMMERS DRUMMING, 13 SANTAS BRAWLING, AND SO ON AND SO ON AND SO ON!

ALL THE SAME, I'M CALLING THE POLICE!



WE CAN'T GET FAR CARRYING THESE BAGS ON FOOT!

WHERE'S McDUCK'S PRECIOUS LUCKY DIME? I'LL HOLD IT FOR A BILLION BUCKS RANSOME!

176-617 HAD IT!



AH THELL AWN IT! ITH THOTHEN TUH MAH TUNG!

LOOKOUT! HERE COMES SCROOGE AGAIN!



GIMME THAT!

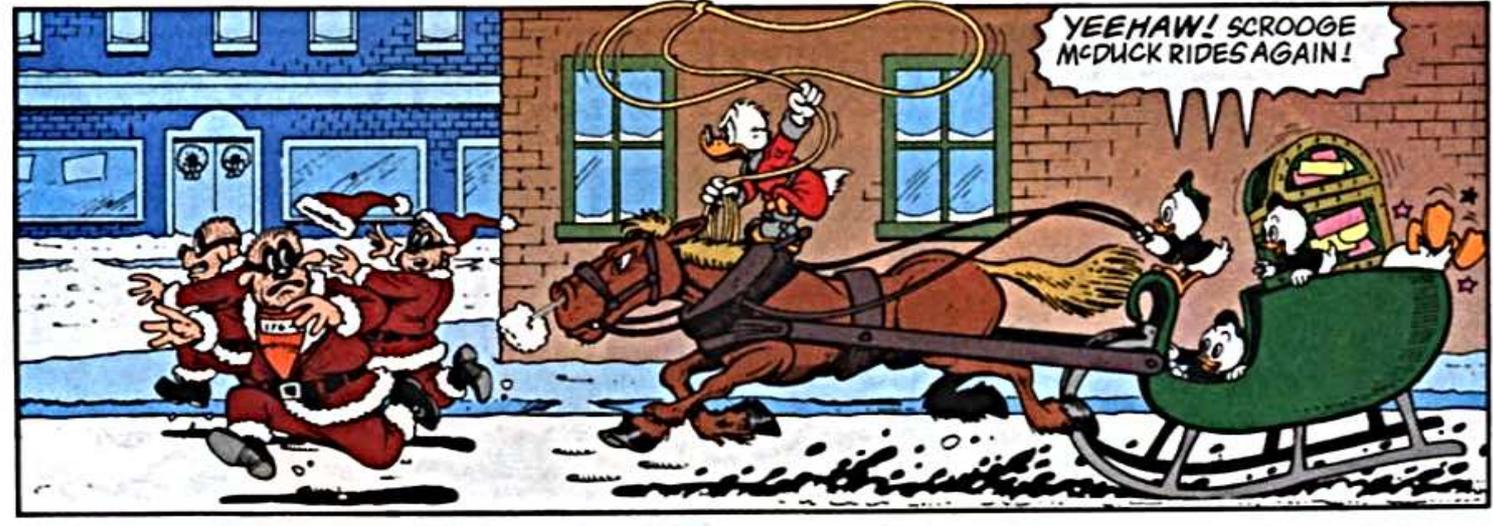
HERE ENDETH THE LESSON, WHIPPER-SNAPPERS! FROM NOW ON YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

HAUGH!

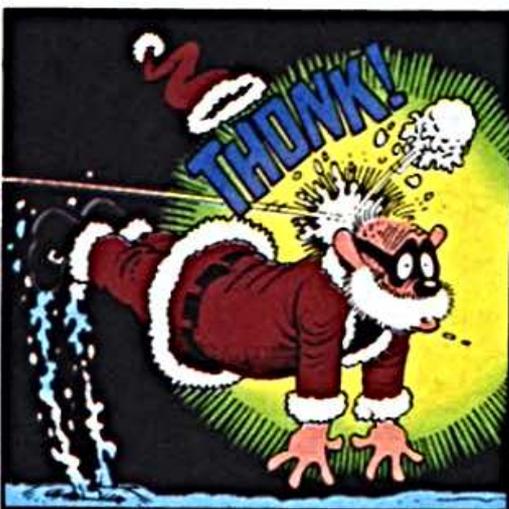
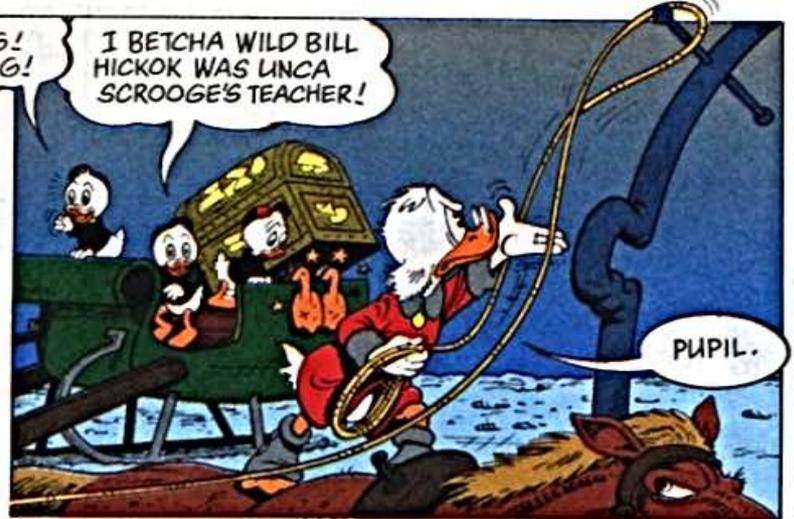
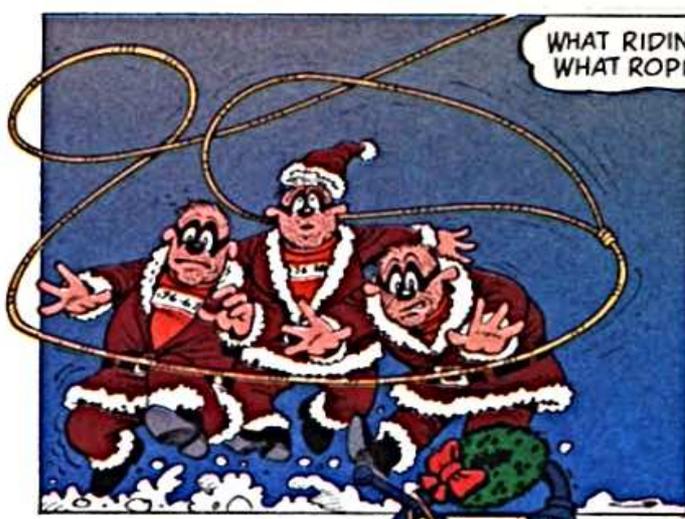


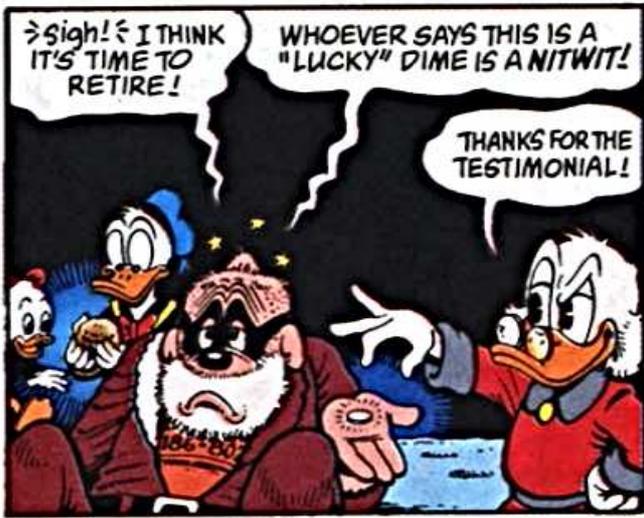
YOU WITH THE RED HAT! HAND ME MY OLD LARIAT!

YES SIR, UNCA SCROOGE!



YEEHAW! SCROOGE McDUCK RIDES AGAIN!





➤Sigh! I THINK IT'S TIME TO RETIRE!

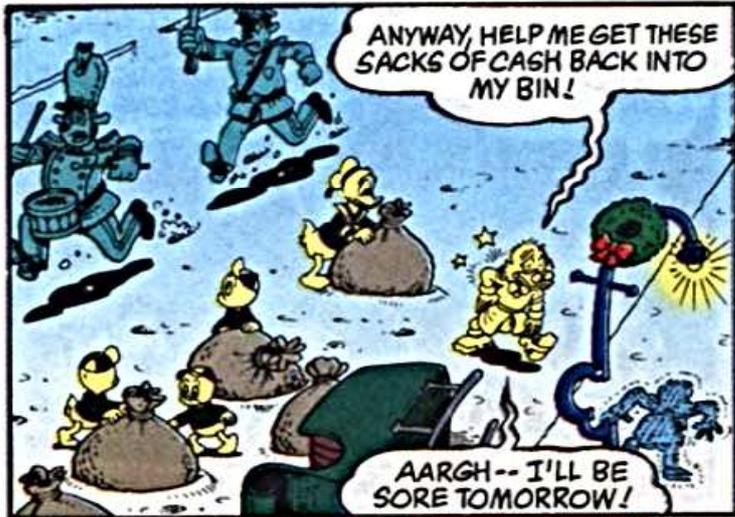
WHOEVER SAYS THIS IS A "LUCKY" DIME IS A NITWIT!

THANKS FOR THE TESTIMONIAL!



THAT WILL BE THE LAST TIME THAT BUNCH BOTHERS YOUR BIN, EH, UNCLE SCROOGE?

NOT IF I KNOW THE BEAGLE CLAN, NEPHEW! NOT BY A LONG SHOT!



ANYWAY, HELP ME GET THESE SACKS OF CASH BACK INTO MY BIN!

AARGH-- I'LL BE SORE TOMORROW!

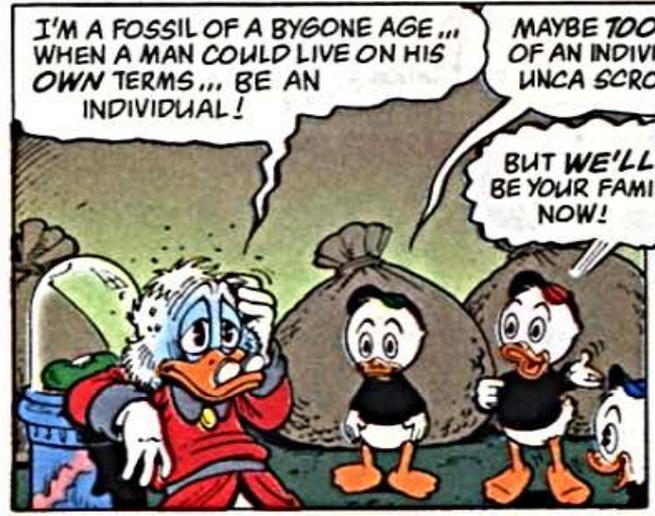


SOON, ALL IS RESTORED TO ORDER...

MAN! THAT WAS A GREAT ADVENTURE!

WHO'D HAVE GUESSED OUR UNCA SCROOGE LEADS SUCH AN EXCITING LIFE!

NO, LADS... NOT ANYMORE...



I'M A FOSSIL OF A BYGONE AGE... WHEN A MAN COULD LIVE ON HIS OWN TERMS... BE AN INDIVIDUAL!

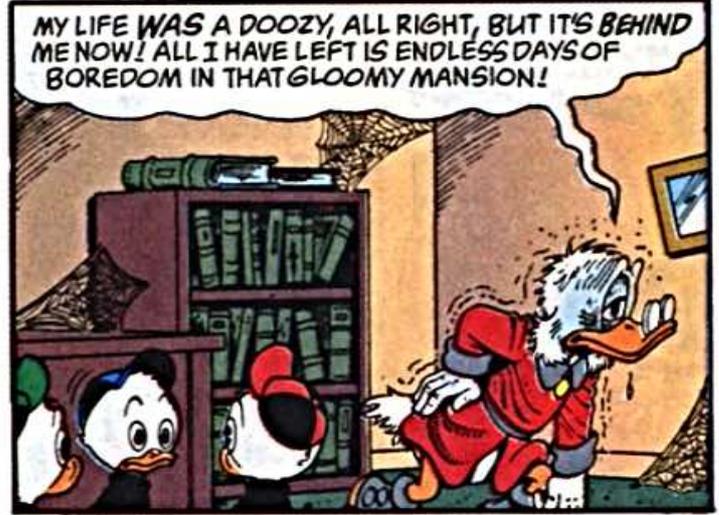
MAYBE TOO MUCH OF AN INDIVIDUAL, UNCA SCROOGE!

BUT WE'LL BE YOUR FAMILY NOW!

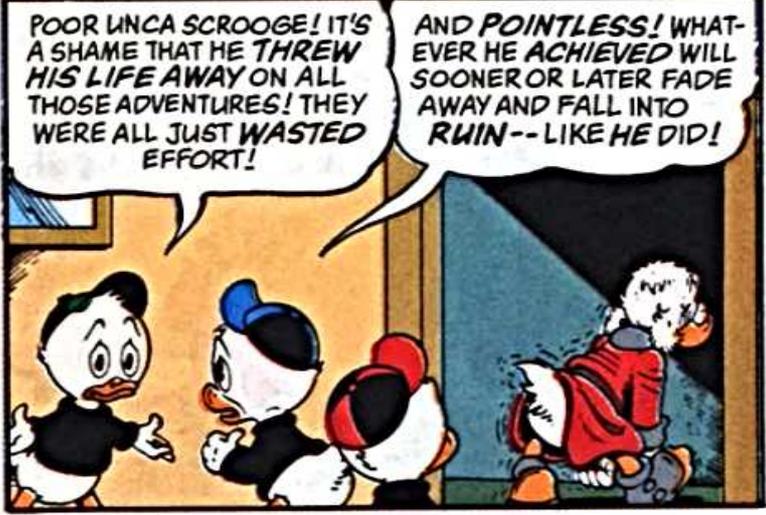


NO... IT'S TOO LATE! THAT'S THE ONE EXPERIENCE I'VE NEVER HAD! YET... THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I... ALMOST...

BUT YOU THRIVE ON NEW EXPERIENCES! JUST LOOK AT THE LIFE YOU'VE LED!

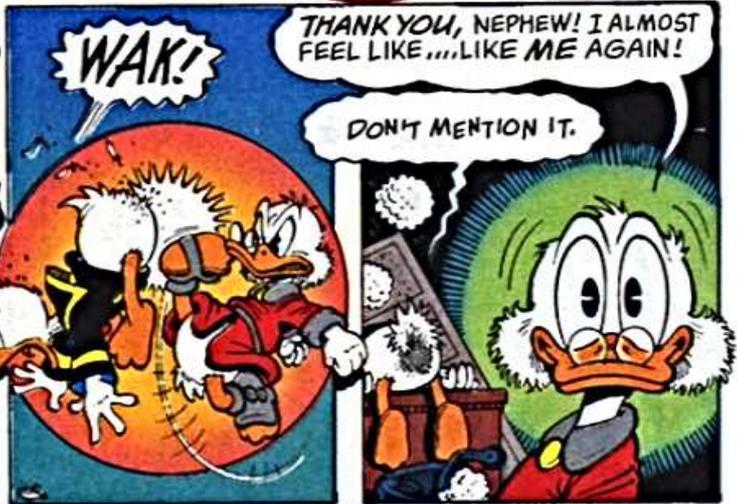
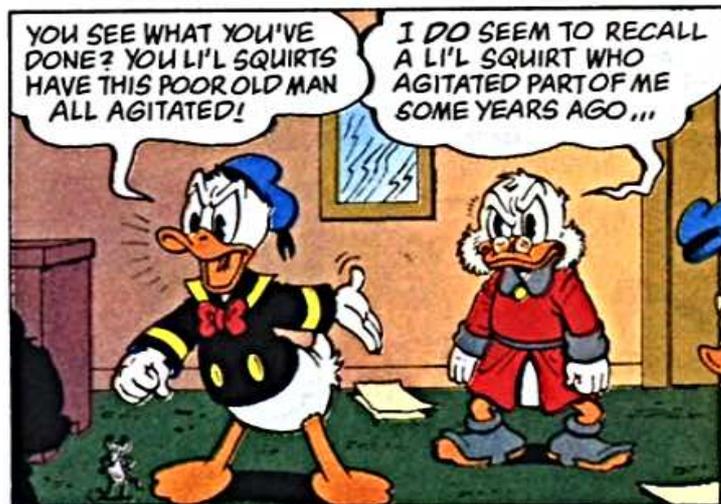
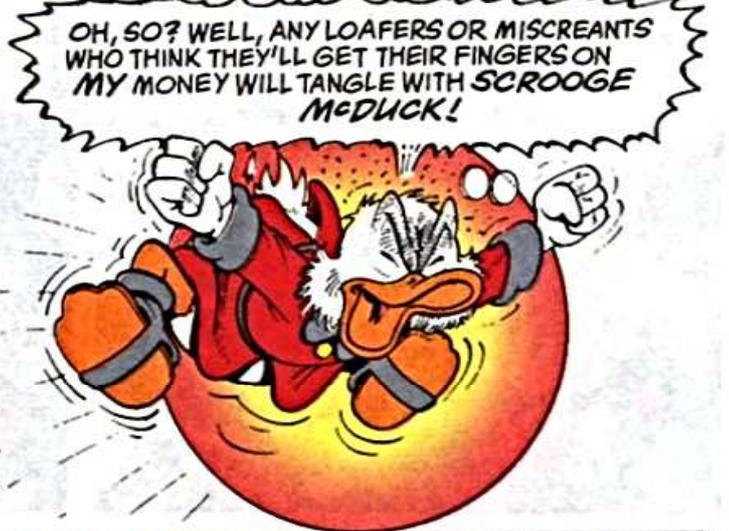
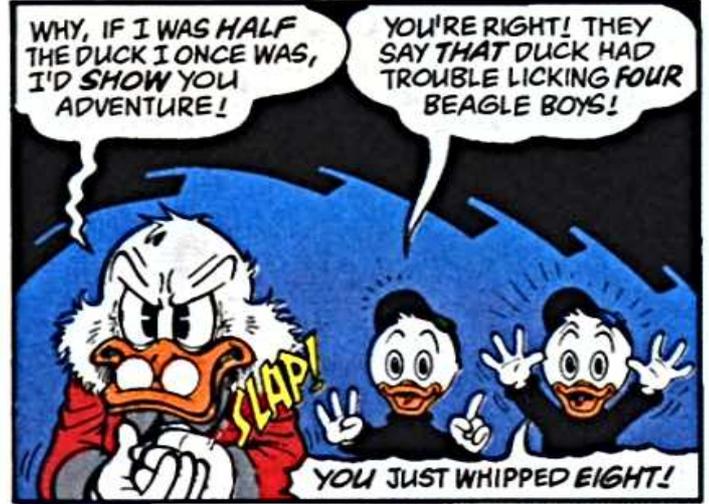
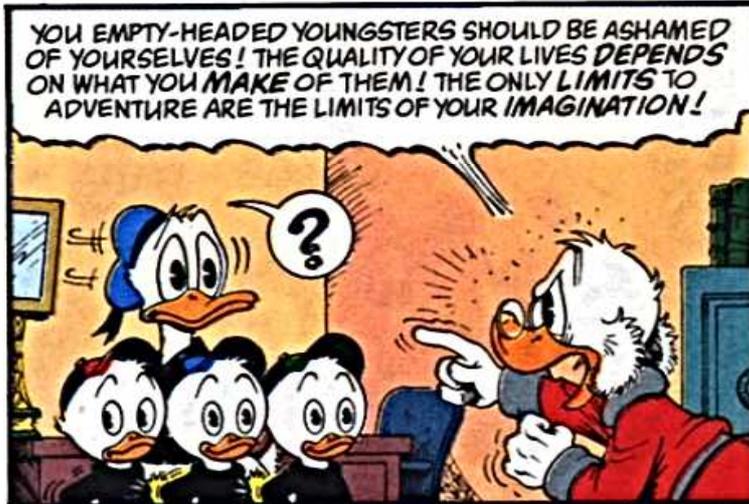
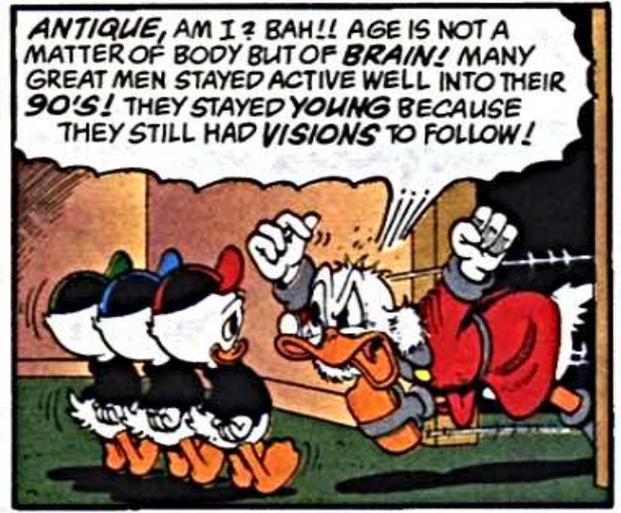
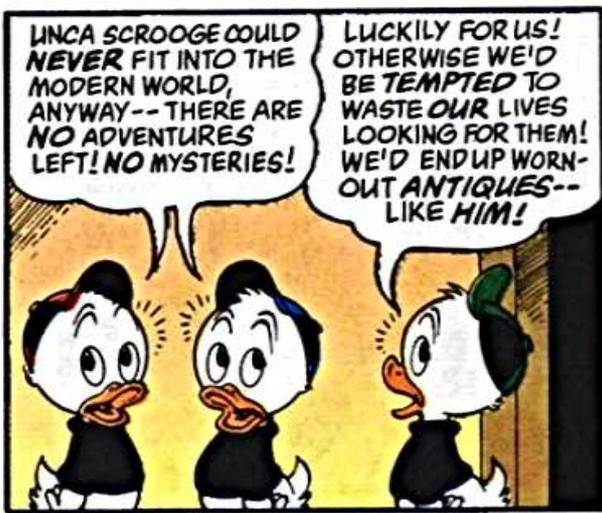


MY LIFE WAS A DOOZY, ALL RIGHT, BUT IT'S BEHIND ME NOW! ALL I HAVE LEFT IS ENDLESS DAYS OF BOREDOM IN THAT GLOOMY MANSION!

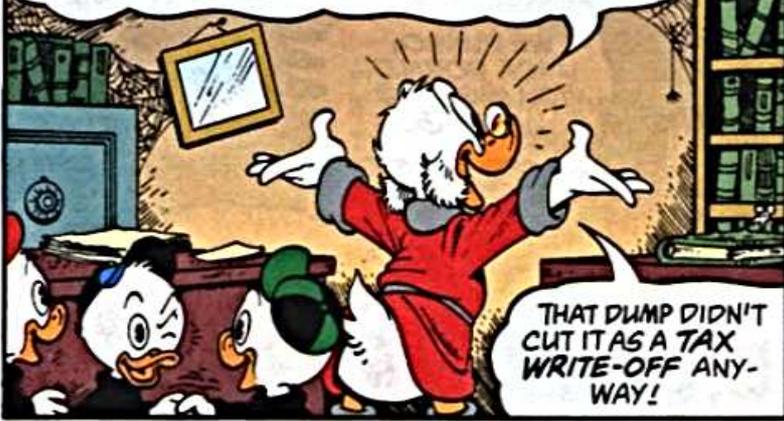


POOR UNCA SCROOGE! IT'S A SHAME THAT HE THREW HIS LIFE AWAY ON ALL THOSE ADVENTURES! THEY WERE ALL JUST WASTED EFFORT!

AND POINTLESS! WHATEVER HE ACHIEVED WILL SOONER OR LATER FADE AWAY AND FALL INTO RUIN-- LIKE HE DID!



BY GAD, I FEEL REJUVENATED! I THINK I'LL REOPEN THIS OFFICE AND GET BACK TO WORK! STARTING WITH SELLING MY STUPID MANSION!



THAT DUMP DIDN'T CUT IT AS A TAX WRITE-OFF ANYWAY!

WHY, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A GOOD 20 YEARS OF WORK LEFT IN ME!

MY GREATEST ADVENTURES ARE YET TO COME!!!



YOU BOYS HAVE INSPIRED ME TO FOLLOW MY VISIONS AGAIN! PERHAPS I'LL REWARD YOU BY TAKING YOU ALONG FROM TIME TO TIME!

SURE, SURE! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BIG DINNER YOU PROMISED US?



IN A MINUTE! FIRST I NEED TO INDULGE IN SOMETHING I'VE DEPRIVED MYSELF OF FOR TOO LONG!

OH MY GOSH! HE'S GONE SENILE! HE'S ENDING IT ALL!



WHAT? WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT?

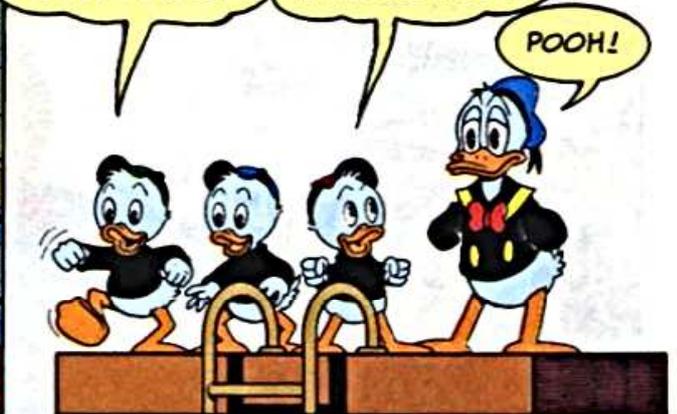
HA! UNCA SCROOGE SEEMS TO HAVE LOTS OF TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVES!



YEAH! I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S NEXT!

WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'LL BE TAKING US, UNCA DONALD?

POOH!



PROBABLY ON A TREK TO SOME DUSTY WAREHOUSE TO LOOK FOR A LONG-LOST LEDGER! HOW DULL CAN YOU GET?

DULL? UNCA SCROOGE? DON'T YOU BELIEVE THE STORIES ABOUT HIS ADVENTURES?



BAH! JUST LOOK AT HIM! HOW DULL CAN A GUY BE? ALL THE THINGS HE COULD DO OR BUY WITH THAT MONEY! WHAT GOOD IS IT IF HE WON'T SPEND IT?



