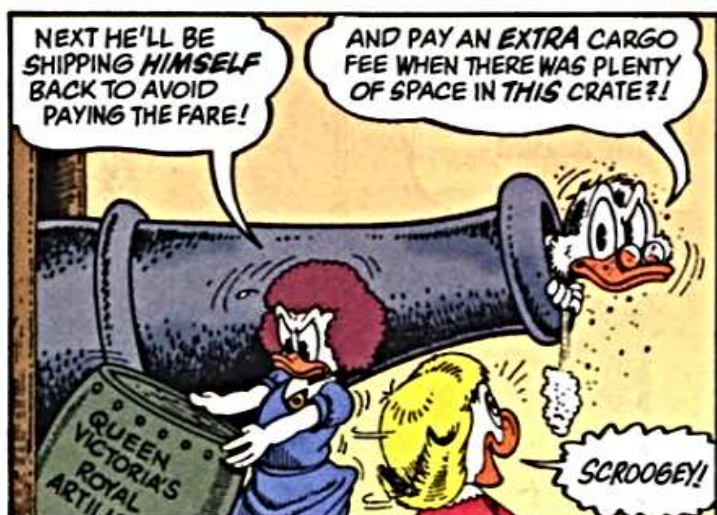
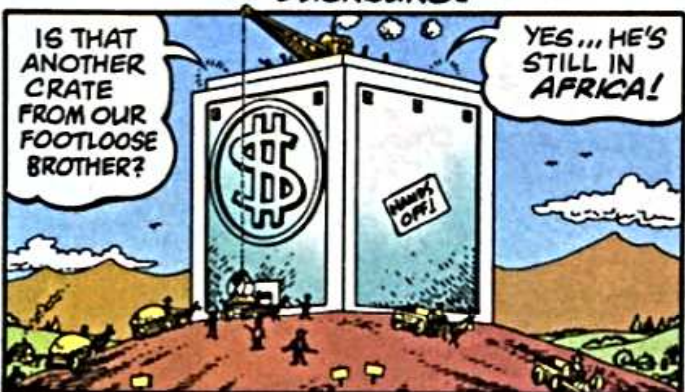
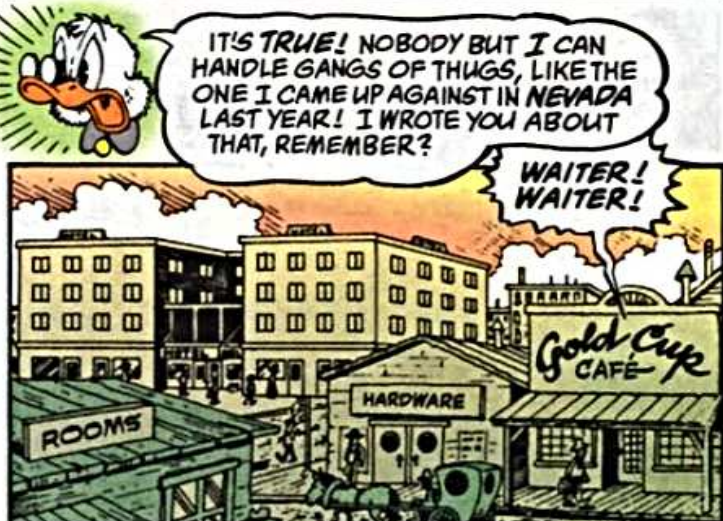
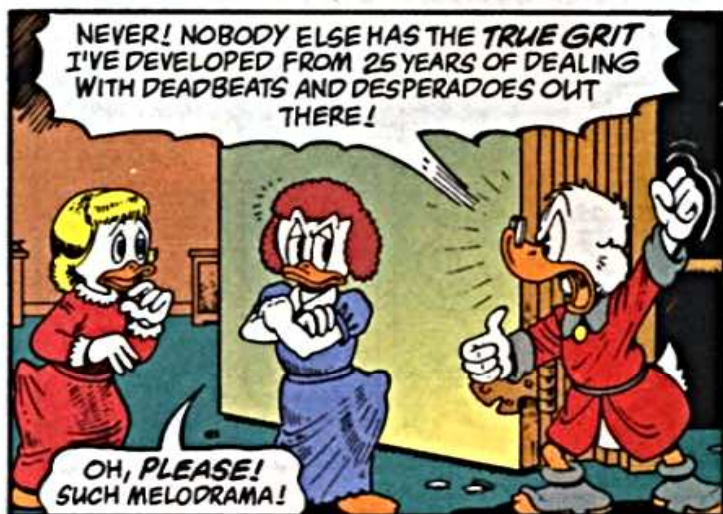
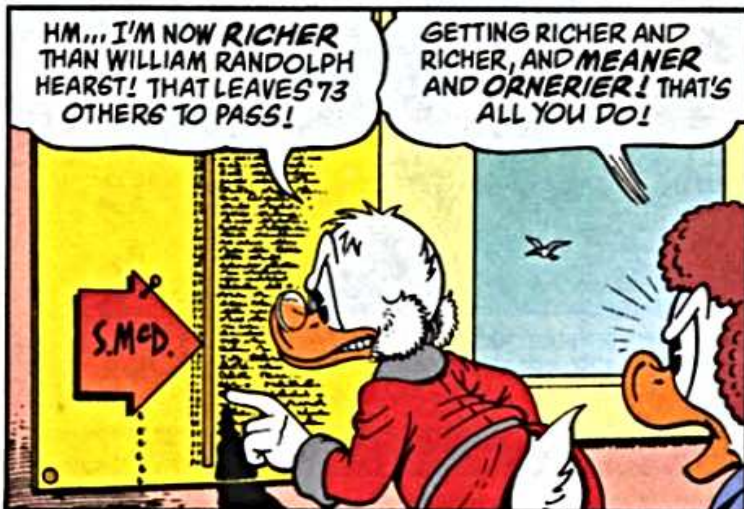
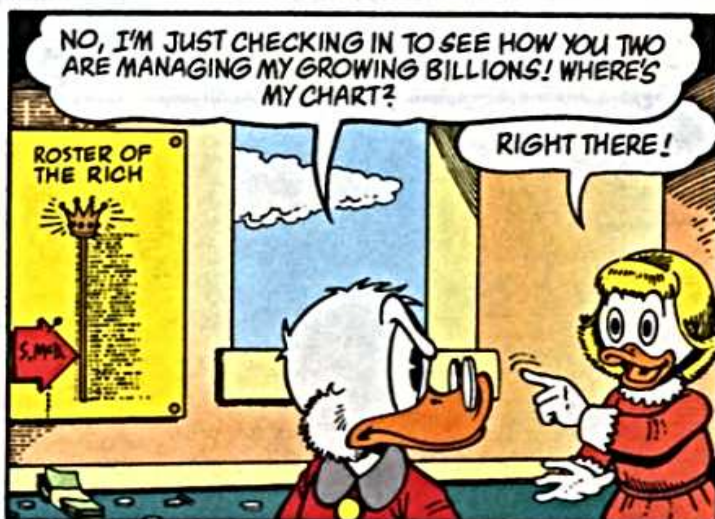
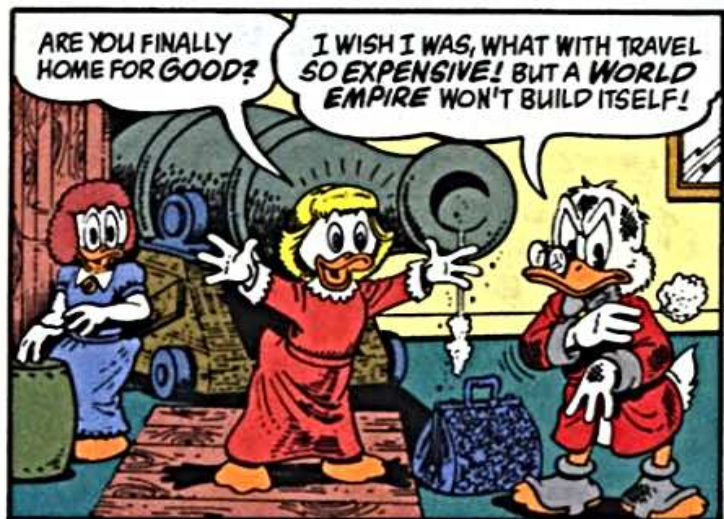


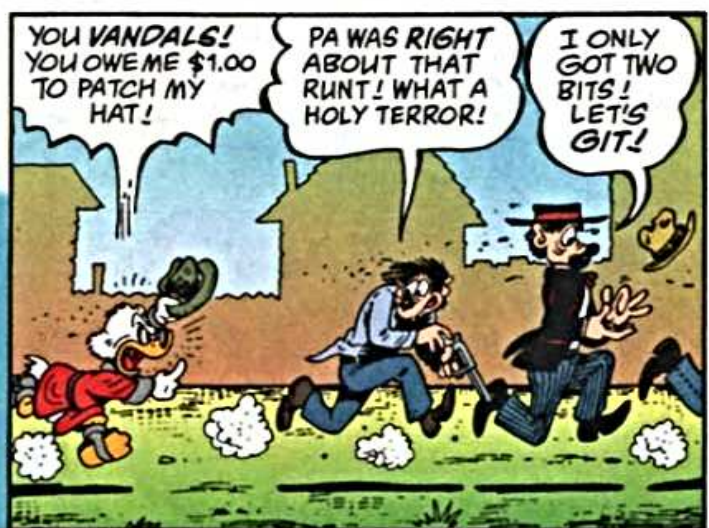
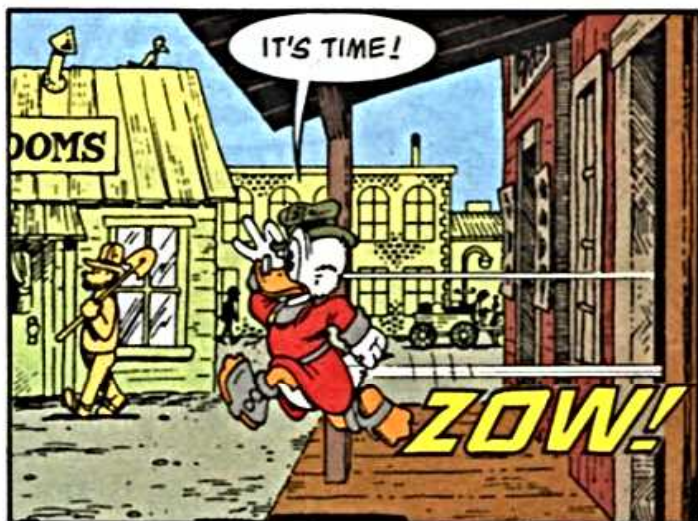
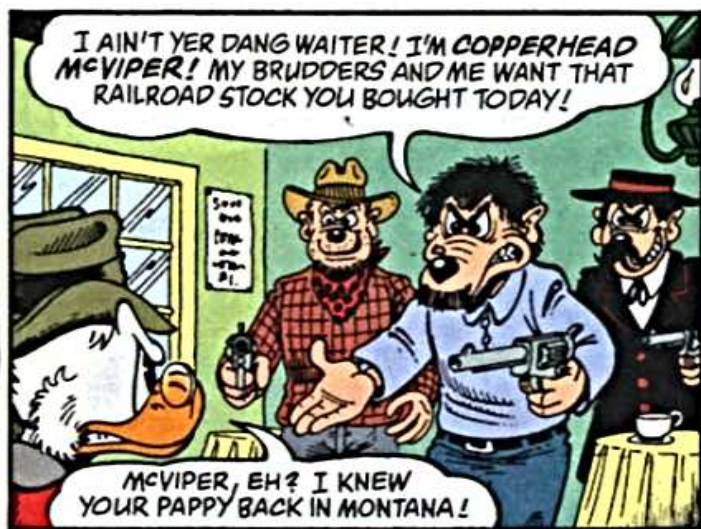
...ALL THE WHILE SENDING BACK A STEADY STREAM OF CASH TO HIS HOME OFFICE, A LARGE SQUARE BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE TINY VILLAGE OF DUCKBURG!



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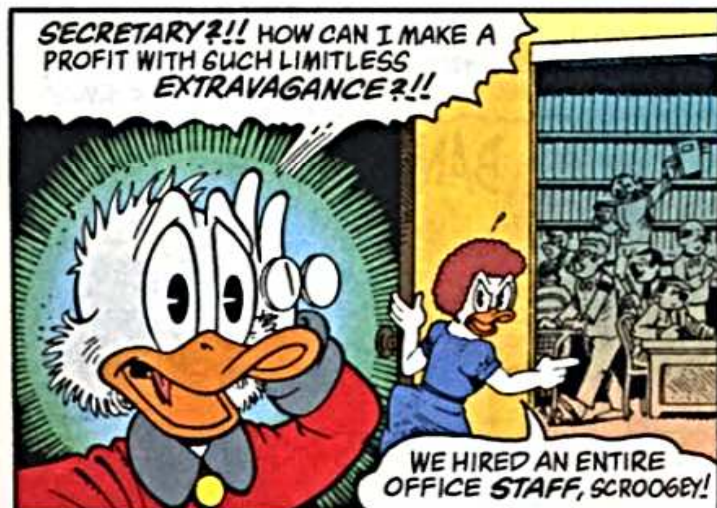
YOU NEVER DID SEND US THOSE SHARES!

OH? WELL, I WAS IN A HURRY TO GET TO THE WORLD'S FAIR IN ST. LOUIS, TO SELL RECORDINGS OF "THE BAGGAGE COACH AHEAD!"



BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU! LIKE F'RINSTANCE, WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!

ER... EMILY QUACKFASTER, MR. MCDUCK! YOUR NEW SECRETARY!



SECRETARY?! HOW CAN I MAKE A PROFIT WITH SUCH LIMITLESS EXTRAVAGANCE?!?

WE HIRED AN ENTIRE OFFICE STAFF, SCROOGEY!



DID YOU EXPECT THE TWO OF US TO RUN THIS STUPID BIN ALL BY OURSELVES?

HE CAN'T HEAR YOU!

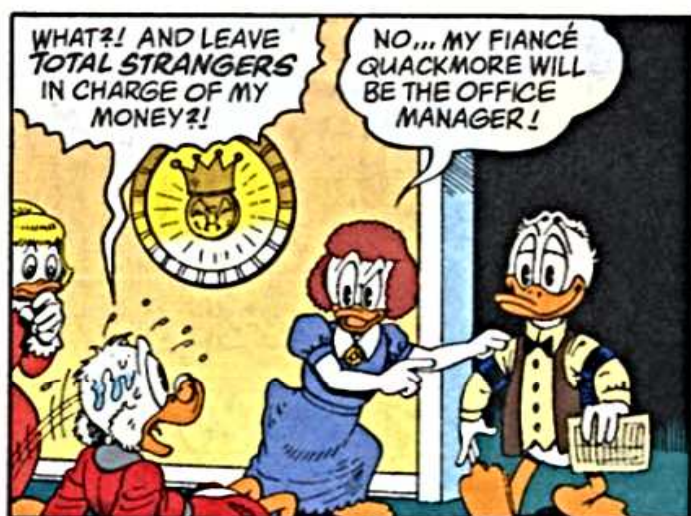
WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE, MR. MCDUCK?



YES, HE WOULD!

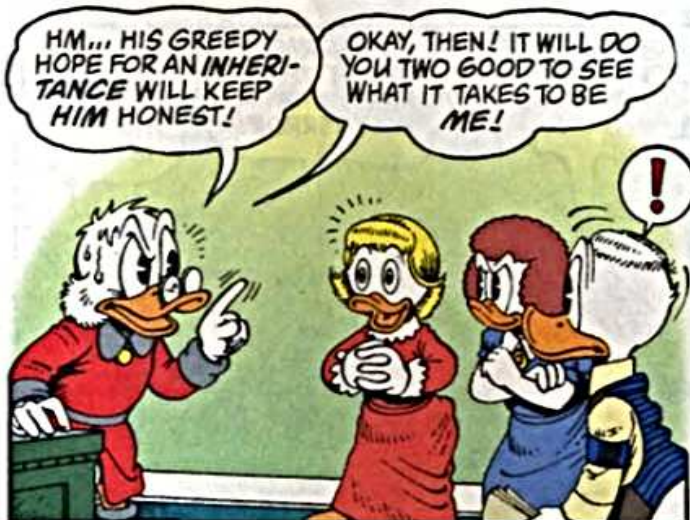
AND I'VE GOT MORE NEWS FOR YOU! WE'RE TIRED OF STAYING IN THIS ONE-HORSE TOWN WHILE YOU TRAIPSE THE GLOBE! NEXT TIME YOU LEAVE, WE'RE COMING WITH YOU!

**SPLASH!**



WHAT?! AND LEAVE TOTAL STRANGERS IN CHARGE OF MY MONEY?!

NO... MY FIANCE QUACKMORE WILL BE THE OFFICE MANAGER!



HM... HIS GREEDY HOPE FOR AN INHERITANCE WILL KEEP HIM HONEST!

OKAY, THEN! IT WILL DO YOU TWO GOOD TO SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE ME!



BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THAT BIN OF CASH, IT'S COMING OUT OF YOUR SALARY, QUACKFASTER!

YESSIR! I ALREADY USED UP THE FIRST WEEK OF IT ON THIS POT OF COFFEE, SIR!



GET PACKED, GIRLS! TOMORROW WE SAIL BACK TO AFRICA!

WITHIN A MONTH, THE LAST THREE MEMBERS OF THE CLAN McDUCK SAILED UP THE CONGO RIVER AND INTO THE UNEXPLORED HEART OF THE UNTAMED CONTINENT...

FAR TO THE SOUTH IS WHERE I RECENTLY DISCOVERED THE "STAR OF THE WORLD" DIAMOND MINE! I BELIEVE THERE ARE EVEN RICHER DIAMOND MINES IN THE INTERIOR!

HOW EXCITING, SCROOGEY! WE MIGHT EVEN DISCOVER THE LOST MINES OF KING SOLOMON!

MAYBE SOMEDAY, BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE HEADING INTO THE MUMBO JUMBO RIVER! YOU'LL SOON SEE WHAT A GENIUS YOUR BIG BROTHER IS!

DAYS LATER, IN A SHADY PART OF DARKEST AFRICA, SCROOGE McDUCK BEGAN A DAY THAT WOULD LIVE IN INFAMY!

...AS A SYMBOL OF OUR TREATY, HERE IS A MINIATURE WAR DRUM!

WHAT SIMILAR TREASURE WILL YOU GIVE THE QWAK QWAK TRIBE FOR OUR KACHOONGA DIAMOND MINE?

I OFFER THIS, CHIEF...

...A MINIATURE PORTRAIT OF THE CHIEF OF MY VILLAGE!

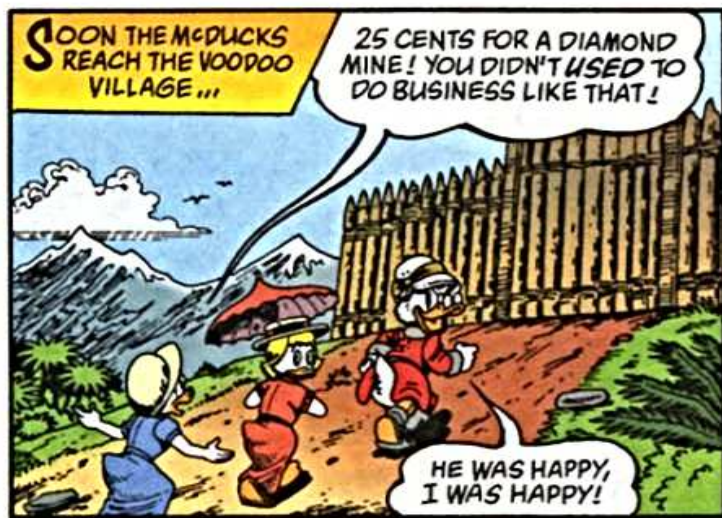
OOO... CHIEF "QUARTER-DOLLAR"! MOST IMPRESSIVE!

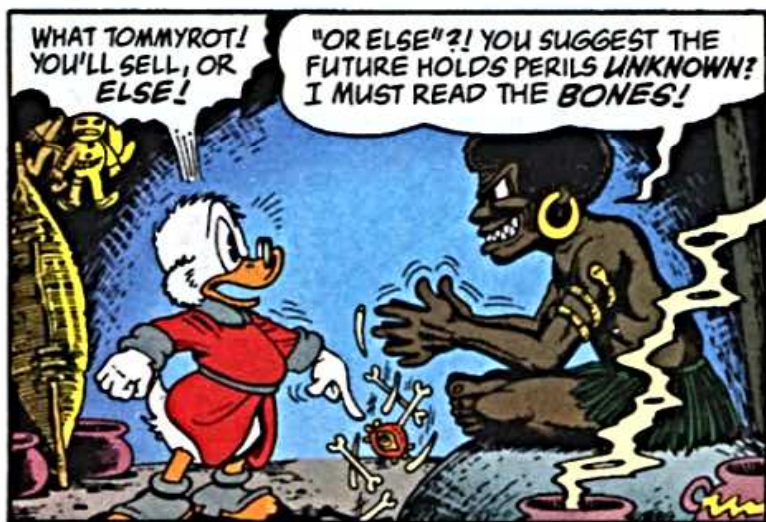
TELL ME, CHIEF BOO-BOO-- ANY OTHER VALUABLE LAND IN THESE PARTS?

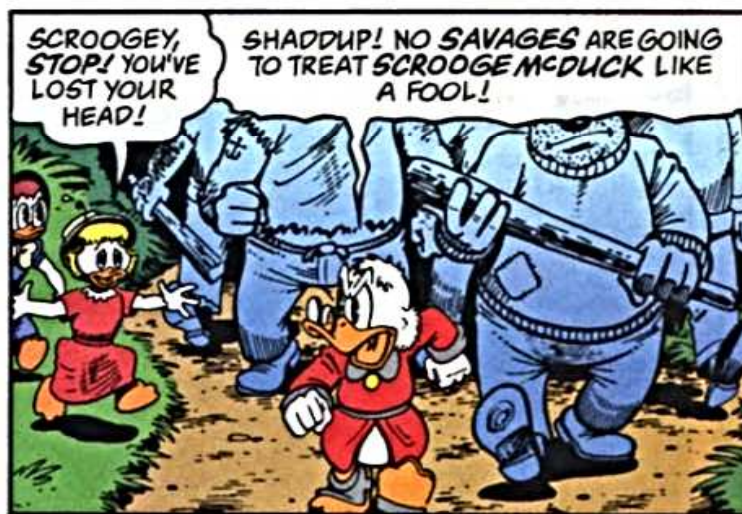
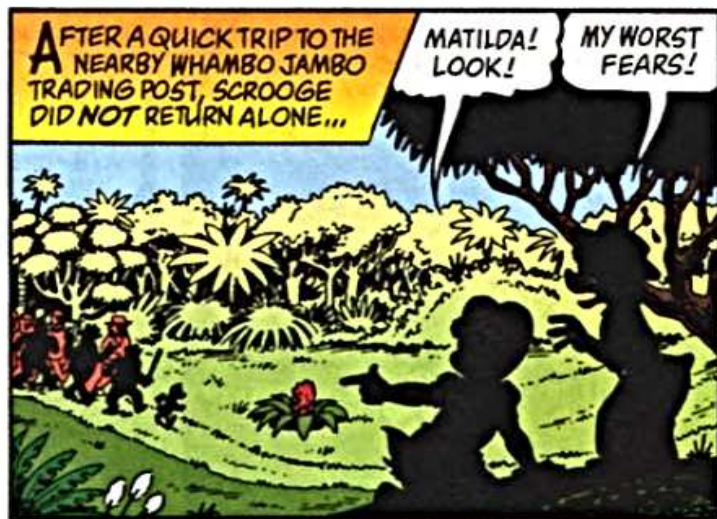
OH, YES, SOME EXCELLENT RUBBER PLANT LAND! BUT THE VOODOO TRIBE BELIEVES IT IS SACRED TO THEIR GODS! THEY WILL NOT SELL...

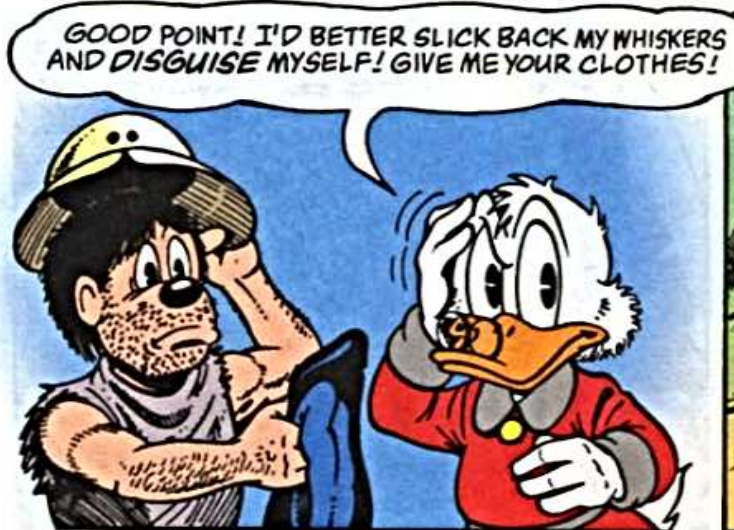
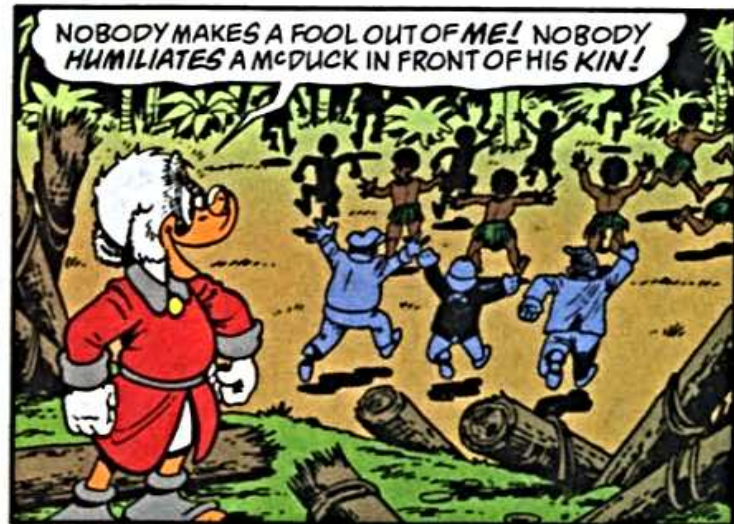
...NOT EVEN FOR SUCH A PRIZE AS THIS!

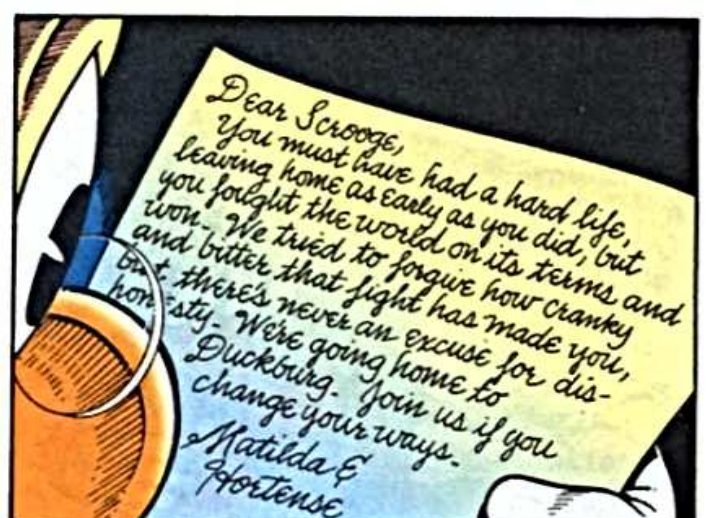
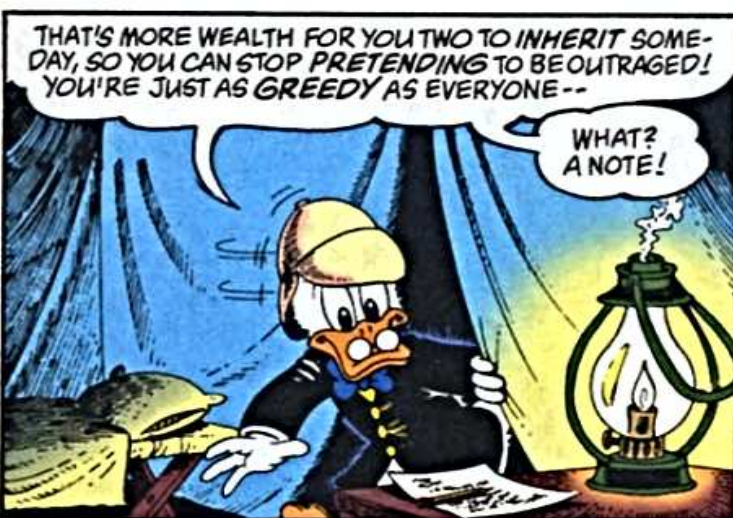
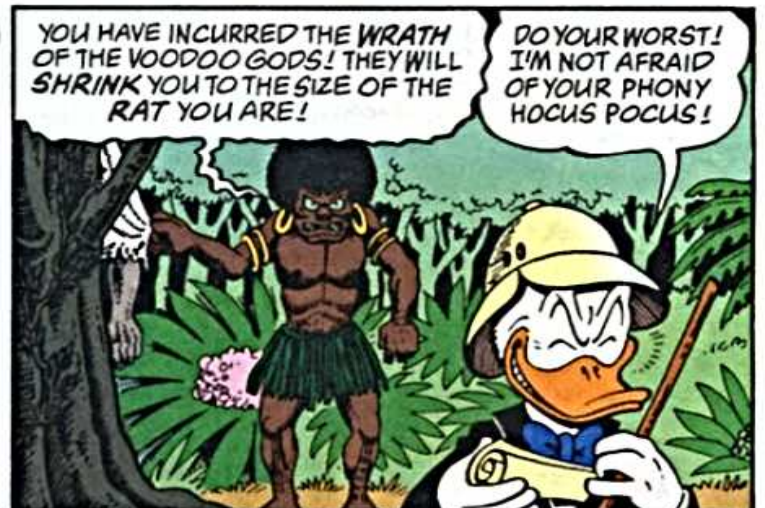
OH, SO? WELL, MAYBE I'LL MAKE THEM AN OFFER THEY CAN'T REFUSE!

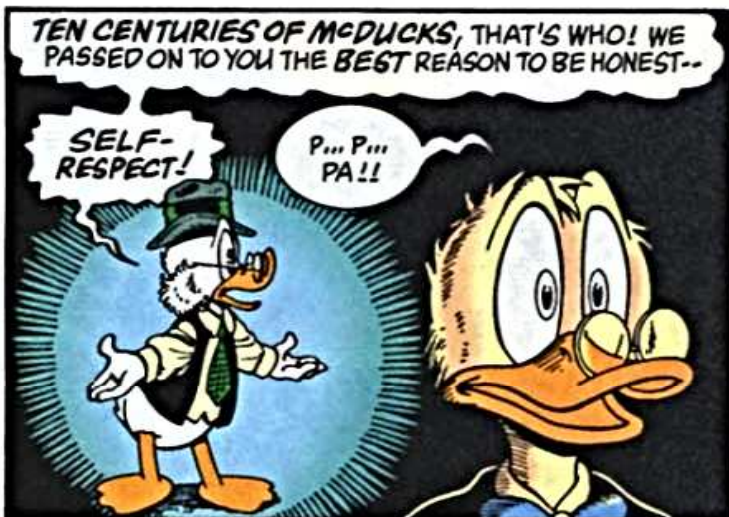
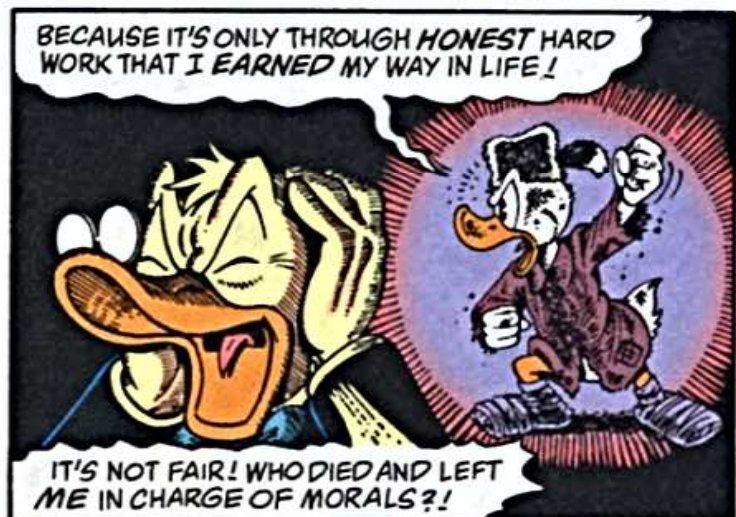
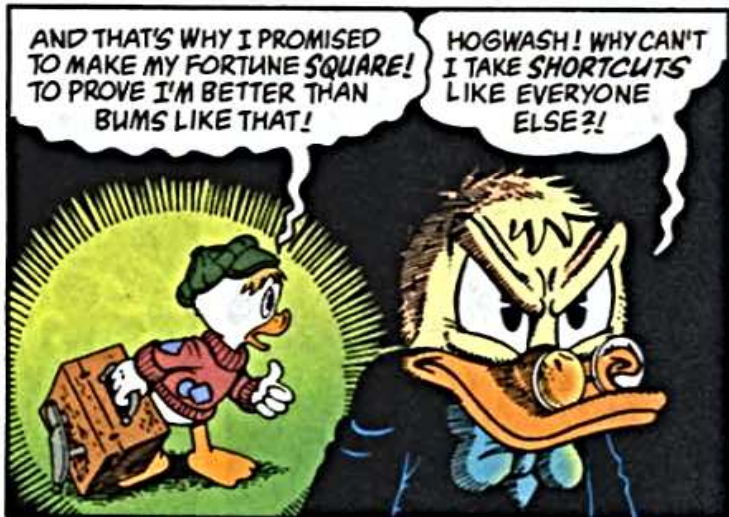


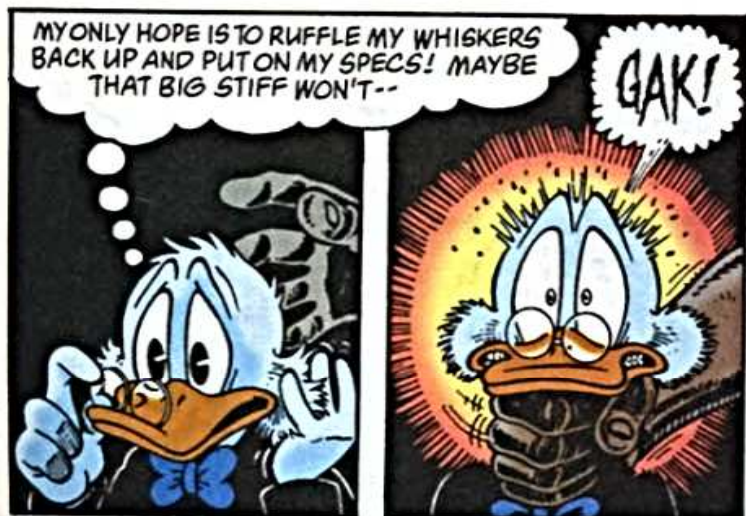












UNABLE TO FIND FOOLA ZOOLA, SCROOGE SET OFF TO PATCH THINGS UP WITH HIS SISTERS...

YES, A HORTENSE AND MATILDA MCDUCK WERE HERE, BUT YOU JUST MISSED THEM! THEY TOOK THE TRAIN TO THE COAST!

THEN GIVE ME A TICKET ON THE NEXT TRAIN!

WHAMBO JAMBO

BUT THAT TRAIN IS HEADING NORTH TO JOIN THE ORIENT EXPRESS IN ISTANBUL! THE NEXT TRAIN TO THE COAST WON'T LEAVE FOR A WEEK!

HMM... THE ORIENT EXPRESS GOES THROUGH CONTINENTAL EUROPE! LOTS OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THERE! I CAN ALWAYS CATCH UP WITH MY SISTERS A LITTLE LATER! HMM...

OF COURSE, BOAT FARES ARE CHEAPER FROM EUROPE!

SOLD! I MAY BE HONEST, BUT I DIDN'T JUST GET STUPID!

OVER THE NEXT YEAR SCROOGE WAS CONTINUALLY SIDE-TRACKED ON HIS WAY HOME! HE SOLD LAWNMOWERS IN THE SAHARA, SALT IN EGYPT, RAINHATS IN ADEN...

...AND SO ON AND SO ON, FROM TURKEY TO HOLLAND! WHILE SELLING WIND TO WINDMILL MAKERS ON THE ZUYDER ZEE, SCROOGE LEARNED OF A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY...

SO, TAKING ONE LAST DETOUR ON HIS WAY TO AMERICA, SCROOGE STOPPED OFF IN GREENLAND FOR A RENDEZVOUS ON THE POLAR ICE CAP...

HALLO! ARE YOU ROBERT PEARY?

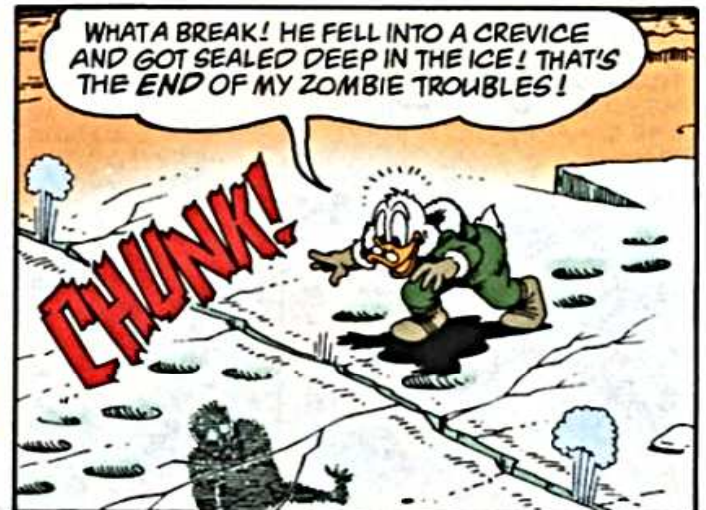
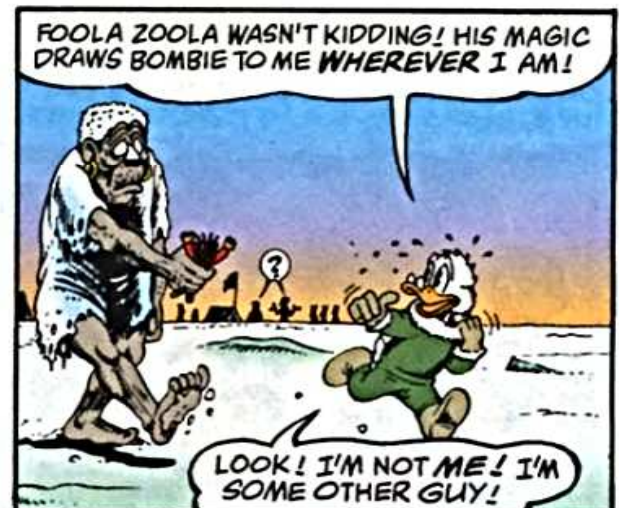
YES! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO SPONSOR YOUR EFFORTS TO REACH THE NORTH POLE!

WHY? DO YOU REPRESENT A UNIVERSITY OR A GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY?

NO! I INTEND TO BUY THE NORTH POLE! EVERY TIME ANYONE LOOKS AT A COMPASS, THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY ME A STIFF ROYALTY!

NOT TO MENTION THE HEFTY SURCHARGE I'LL SLAP ON KIDS' LETTERS TO SANTA!

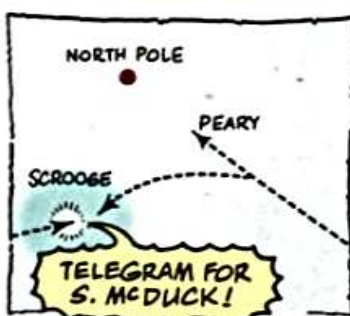


ONCE AGAIN ON HIS WAY TO RECONCILE WITH HIS SISTERS, SCROOGE WAS STOPPED WHEN A MESSAGE REACHED HIM...

WOW! I'VE BEEN GRANTED THE ROYAL AUDIENCE I'VE SOUGHT FOR YEARS! I'VE GOT TO RUSH TO RUSSIA BY THE SHORTEST ROUTE!

SO ONCE AGAIN, SCROOGE'S JOURNEY HOME WAS POSTPONED...

MUSH! MUSH! TO THE WINTER PALACE!



SOME MONTHS LATER, A CERTAIN HABERDASHER IN ST. PETERSBURG MADE AN HISTORIC SALE TO A YOUNG TYCOON ANXIOUS TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION DURING HIS AUDIENCE WITH...



...CZAR NICHOLAS II!



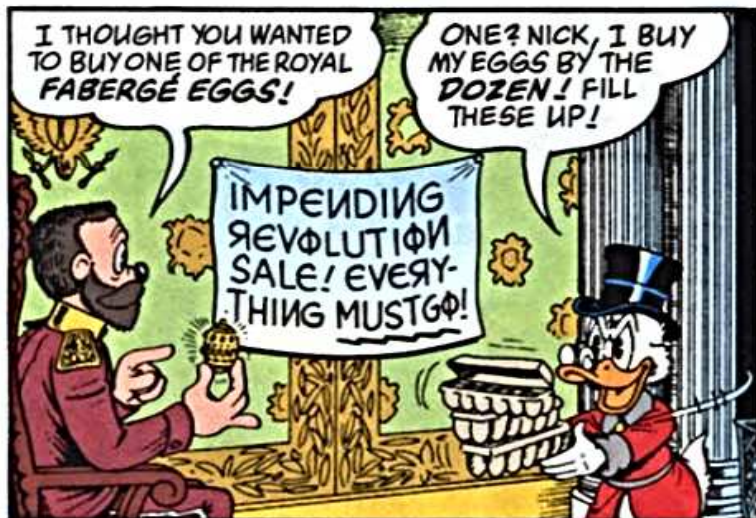
OOG! WHAT AN AWFUL ODOR!

UM... I'VE BEEN IN THE STABLES SELLING CONCERTINAS TO YOUR TROOPS, YOUR HIGHNESS!

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO BUY ONE OF THE ROYAL FABERGÉ EGGS!

ONE? NICK, I BUY MY EGGS BY THE DOZEN! FILL THESE UP!

IMPEENDING REVOLUTION SALE! EVERYTHING MUST GO!



AH... THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE THE LEGENDARY JEWEL THAT INSPIRED THE CREATION OF THE FABERGÉ EGGS!

I'LL BITE! ROLL IT OUT!



ALAS, IT WAS STOLEN WHILE ON TOUR MANY YEARS AGO BY BAZOOKISTAN BANDITS! ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS PAINTING OF THE FAMOUS CANDY-STRIPED RUBY!

VERRRY INTERESTING!



ANOTHER DETOUR! AFTER TWO YEARS OF INVESTIGATING AND INVESTING THROUGHOUT WESTERN ASIA, SCROOGE POSED AS A HORSETRADER IN BAZOOKISTAN AND, FINALLY...

THOSE BANDITS DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD THE MOST VALUABLE GEM ON EARTH! I CAN GO HOME NOW-- MY SISTERS WILL FORGIVE MY DELAY WHEN THEY SEE THIS!



SURE ENOUGH, AN OCEAN LINER LEFT SOUTHAMPTON NOT TOO MUCH LATER, WITH SCROOGE McDUCK ABOARD, BOUND FOR HOME...

MR. McDUCK, I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING YOU ASK! I MUST OWN THE CANDY-STRIPED RUBY!

FORGET IT!



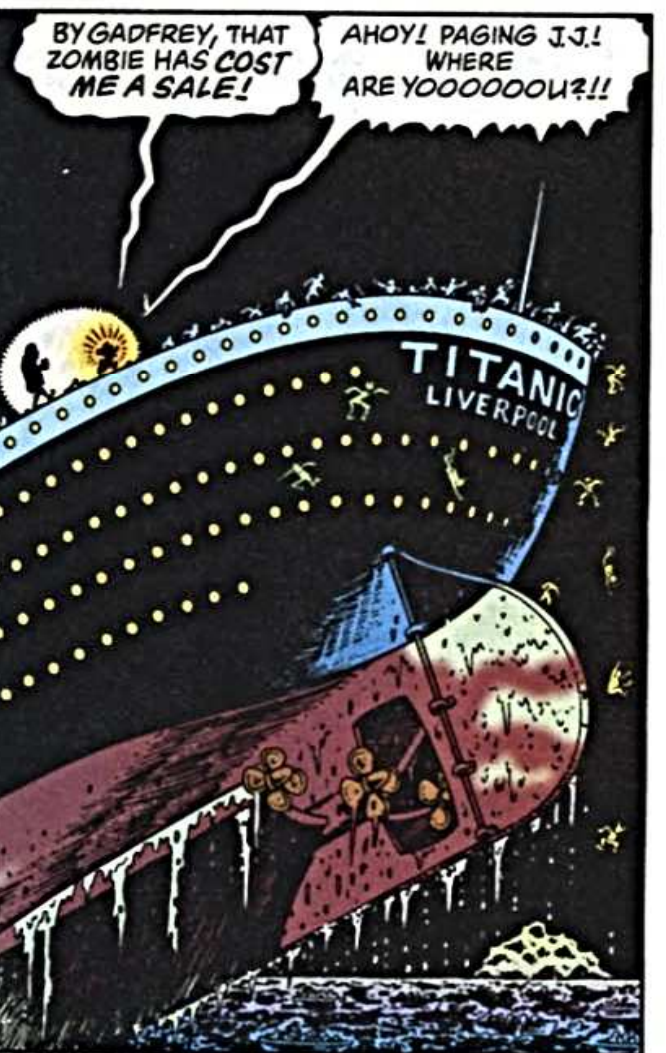
I THINK I'LL HOLD ONTO THIS BAUBLE MYSELF, AS AN INVESTMENT!

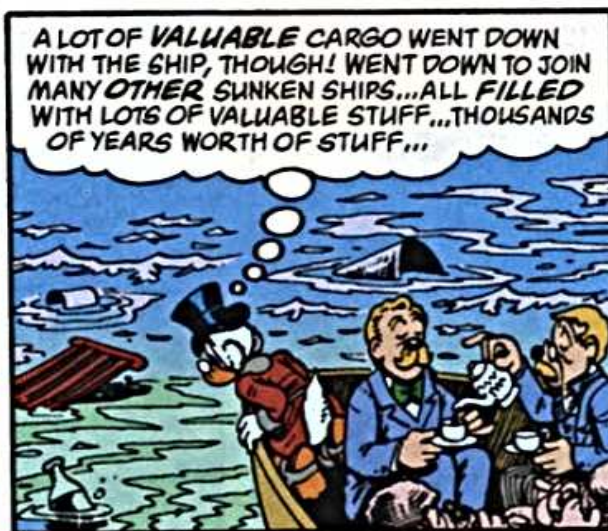


BUT I'LL PAY YOU EVERY CENT MY GRANDFATHER LEFT ME AND--

YOW!







**SO** ONCE AGAIN SCROOGE TOOK A DETOUR AND POSTPONED HIS JOURNEY HOME! HE SPENT A YEAR HUNTING FOR TREASURE ON THE SPANISH MAIN...



...THEN TRAVELLED TO SOUTH AMERICA, WHERE HE SEARCHED FOR SITES FOR RUBBER PLANTATIONS IN GUINEA, FIGHTING 40-FOOT CROCODILES FOR SQUATTER'S RIGHTS!



**AND 40-FOOT CROCODILES ARE REAL GOOD SQUATTERS!**

**WHILE** THERE, SCROOGE HEARD THAT HE HAD MUCH MORE TO FEAR FROM EL DORADO, THE GILDED MAN, THE DREADED RULER OF THE UNEXPLORED RAIN FOREST!



**THE** NATIVES WARNED SCROOGE THAT A TERRIFYING FATE AWAITED THOSE WHO TRESPASSED ON THE DOMAIN OF THE LEGENDARY MAN OF GOLD...



...BUT NOBODY WARNED MR. DORADO THAT HE SHOULD STEER CLEAR OF THE EQUALLY LEGENDARY DUCK-WITHOUT-FEAR--A DUCK WITH JUST OODLES OF GOLD FEVER!



**A**FTER MANY YEARS IN SOUTH AMERICA, SCROOGE BEGAN A SWEEP ACROSS ASIA! HIS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WAS TO GATHER LOADS OF CASH AS HE TRAVELLED AND THEN SHIP IT HOME!



**N**ATURALLY, THIS METHOD WAS NOT WITHOUT RISKS! NEAR BAGHDAD, HE WAS SEIZED BY BANDITS WHO PLANNED TO HIJACK HIS MONEY TRAIN--!



**T**HEY PUSHED HIM OFF A CLIFF, THINKING IT WOULD BE A FITTING END IF HE FELL TO HIS DEATH ONTO ONE OF HIS OWN CASH CARS!



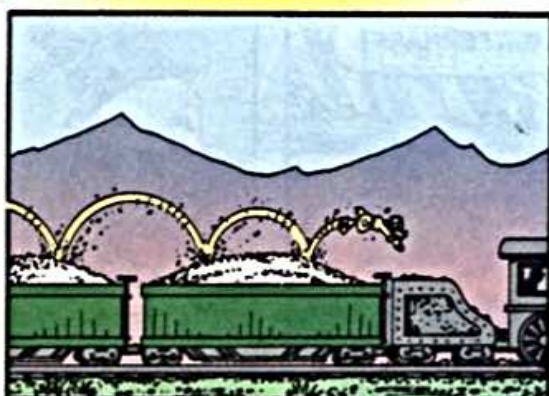
**SCROOGE** THOUGHT "IT'S THE END..."



...BUT HE MIRACULOUSLY FOUND THAT HE COULD DIVE THROUGH THE HARD METAL COINS AS IF THEY WERE LIQUID, AND HE WAS LIKE...



APPARENTLY, HIS YEARS OF BATHING AND BURROWING THROUGH HIS MONEY HAD TAUGHT HIM SOME INSTINCTIVE TRICK...



...THOUGH IT WORKS ONLY IN CASH!

BANDITS! HIT THE THROTTLE!



OTHER PERILS INHERENT IN TRAVELLING THROUGH THE HINTERLANDS WITH SUCH A CARGO SOON PRESENTED THEMSELVES--PERILS SUCH AS THE MONGOLIAN BRIGANDS OF THE GOBI DESERT--!



A LONE MERCHANT PROMISED TO LEAD THEM TO SCROOGE'S MONEY CARAVAN IF THEY WOULD HELP HIM TRANSPORT HIS CARGO OF LICHEE NUTS TO PEKING...



THE MERCHANT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET HIS WAGONS THROUGH THAT RUGGED FRONTIER WITHOUT THOSE FEROCIOUS BRIGANDS' HELP AS GUARDS AND TEAMSTERS...



...BUT WHEN CHINESE SOLDIERS CHASED THE BRIGANDS OFF ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PEKING, THERE WAS NO ONE AROUND TO SEE THE MERCHANT'S TRUE CARGO!



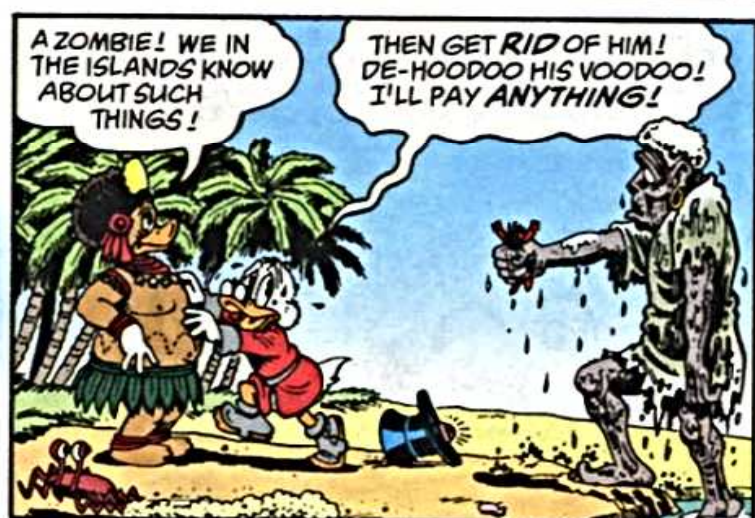
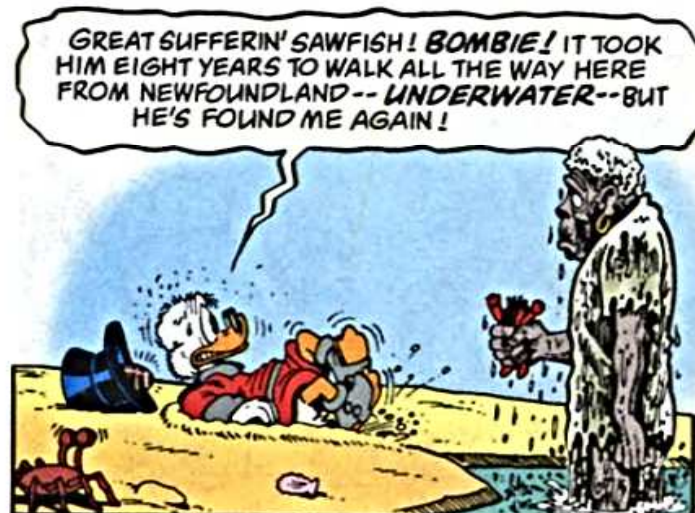
AS THE YEARS PASSED, SCROOGE CONTINUED HIS GLOBAL SWEEP ALONG THE PACIFIC RIM! THERE HE ESTABLISHED A THRIVING PEARL TRADE USING TRAINED CORMORANTS AS DIVERS!



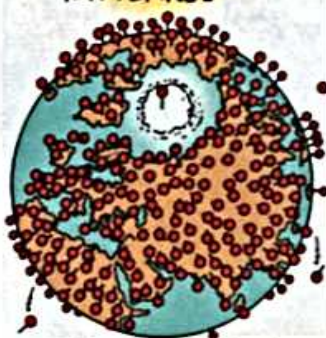
THEN ONE DAY, ON THE TINY ISLAND OF RIPPAN TARO IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC--

I CAN MAKE YOU A GENEROUS OFFER FOR ALL YOUR COCOANUTS, CHIEF!





**F**REE TO CONTINUE HIS GLOBAL CONQUEST, SCROOGE CRISS-CROSSED THE WORLD MANY MORE TIMES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS!



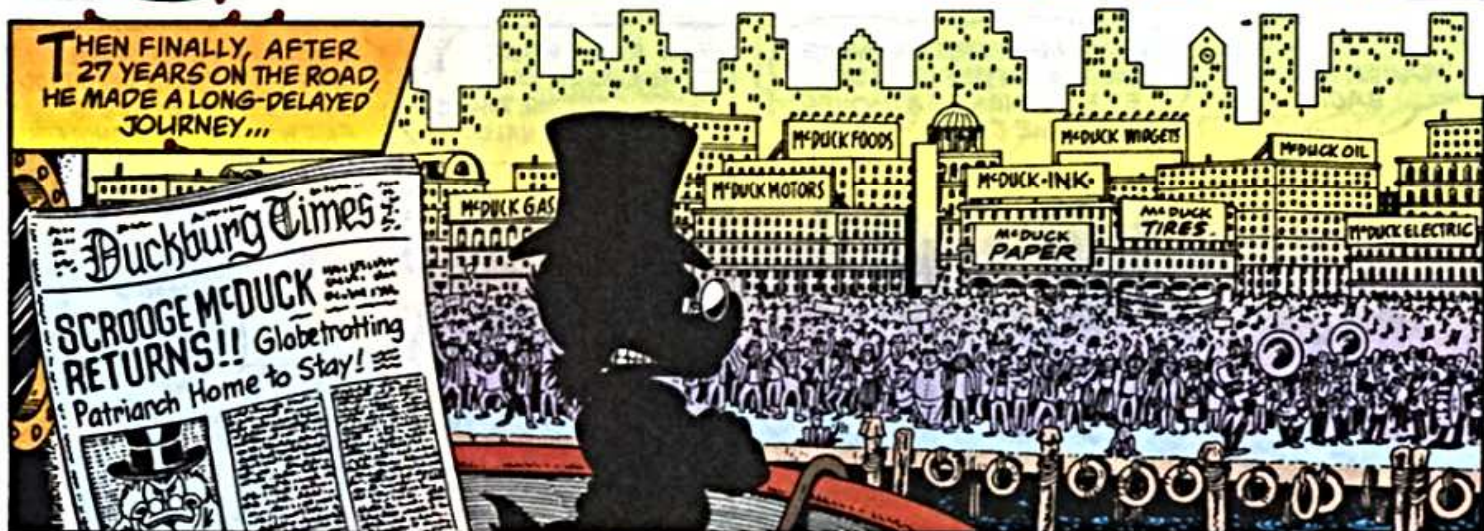
**H**E ARRIVED ON WALL STREET JUST AFTER THE GREAT CRASH AND MANAGED TO CORNER THE MARKET--ON EVERYTHING-- BY PAYING ONLY A PENNY ON THE DOLLAR FOR HARD-HIT COMPANIES!



**H**E TRUSTED NO ONE, CONDUCTING ALL HIS BUSINESS USING HIS TRAINED CORMORANTS AS MESSENGERS, EARNING HIM THE TITLE OF "BIRDMAN OF WALL STREET"!



**T**HEN FINALLY, AFTER 27 YEARS ON THE ROAD, HE MADE A LONG-DELAYED JOURNEY...



**A** NEW DUCKBURG TURNED OUT TO GREET ITS LEADING CITIZEN! NO LONGER A SLEEPY LITTLE SHACKTOWN, IT HAD BECOME A THRIVING AND GLORIOUS CITY, ITS ECONOMY FUELED BY McDUCK INVESTMENTS--!



**B**UT SCROOGE WAS NOT IMPRESSED! HIS HARD-FOUGHT STRUGGLE FOR WEALTH IN A WORLD HE BELIEVED TO BE POPULATED BY DEADBEATS AND LOAFERS HAD TAKEN ITS TOLL...

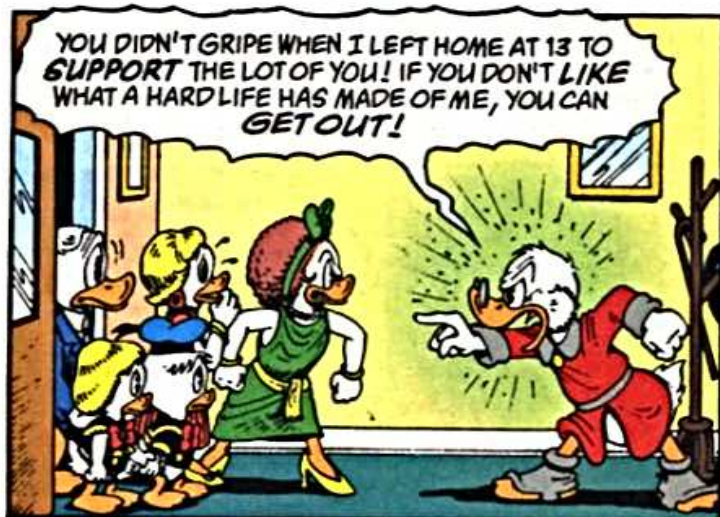
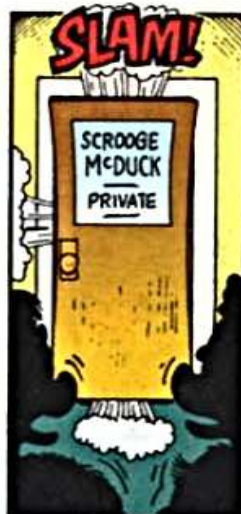
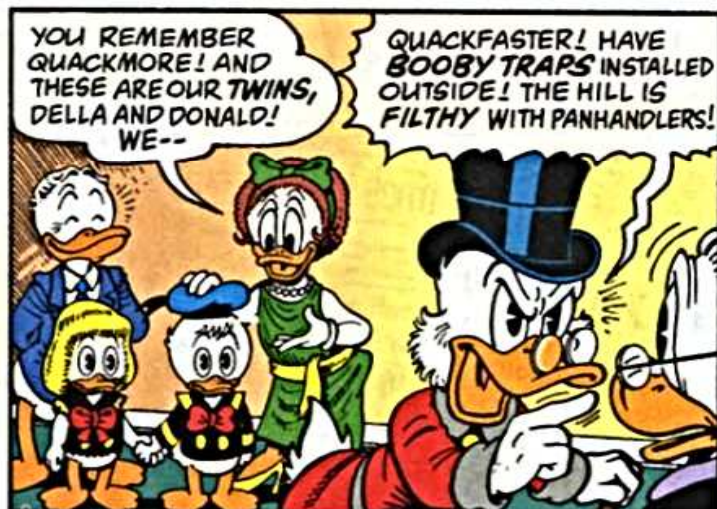
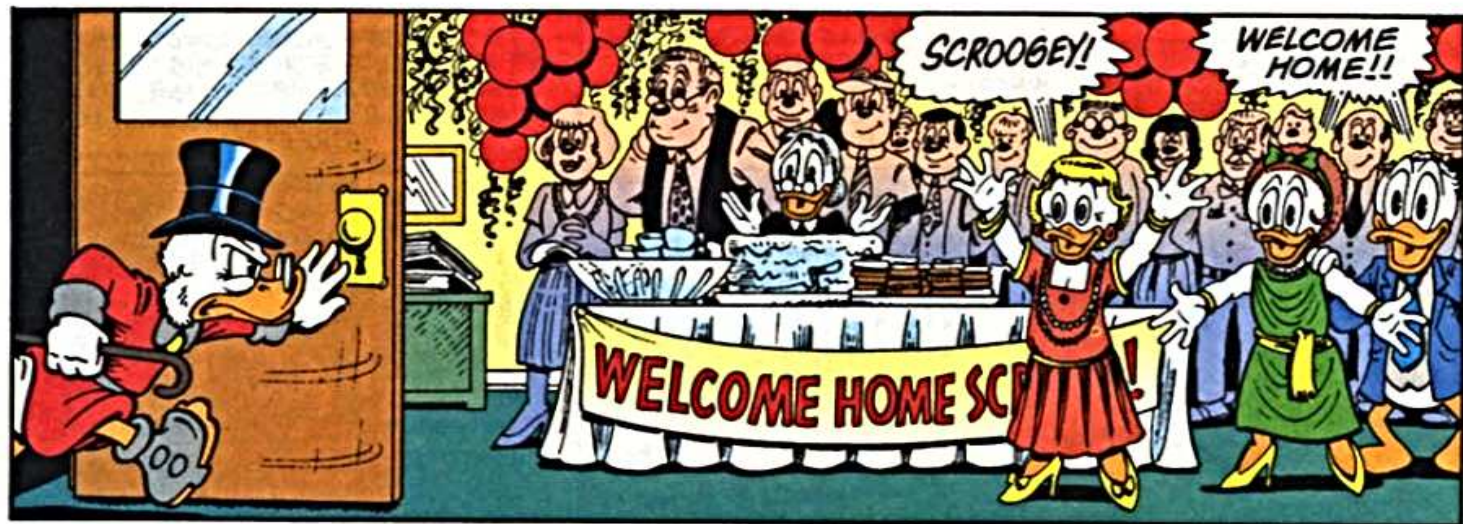


**"H**OME IS THE HUNTER, HOME FROM THE HILL!" BUT THIS HUNTER'S HEART WAS HARDENED TO THE FOREST CREATURES AFTER FIFTY YEARS ON THE HUNT--!

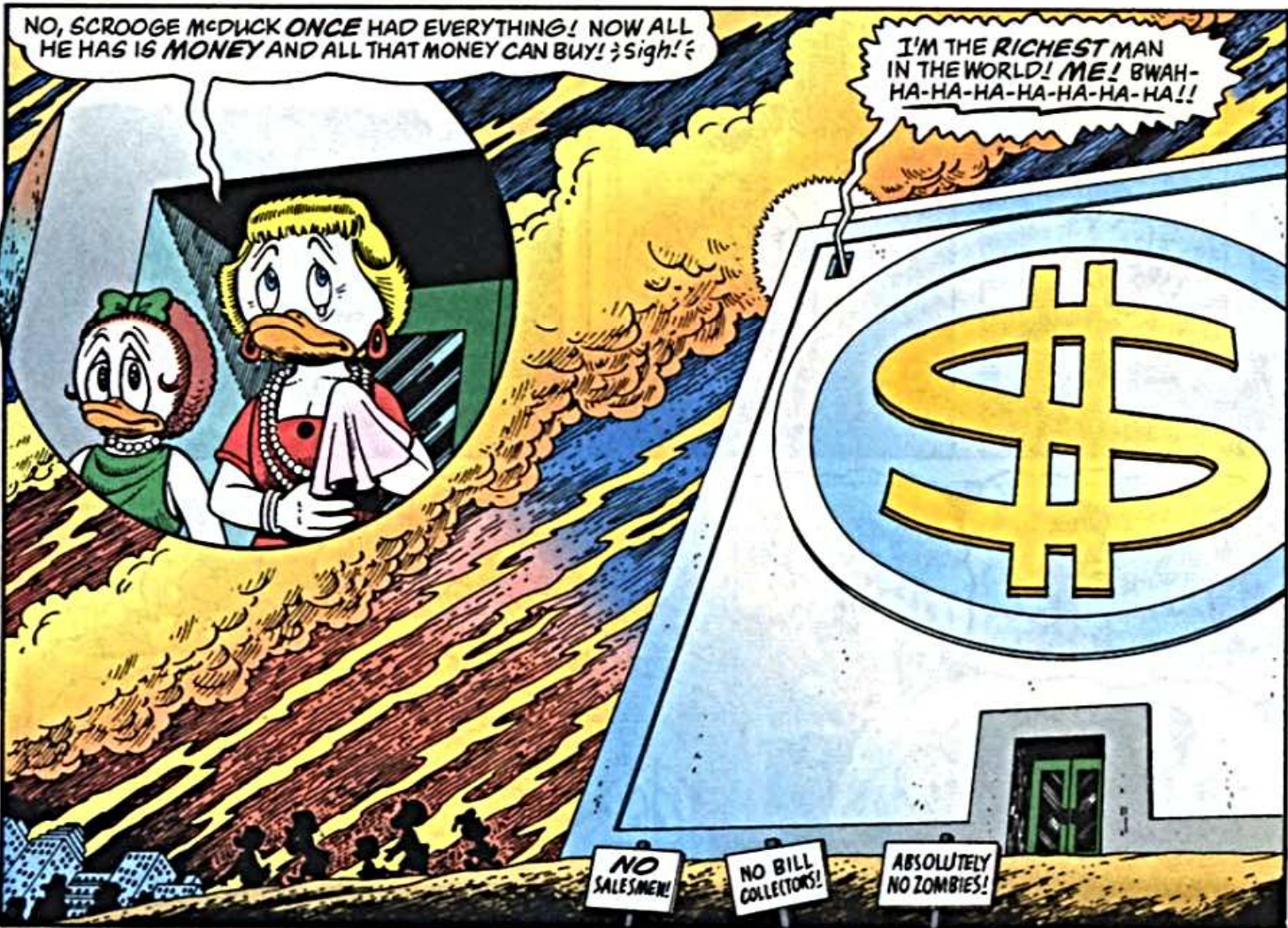
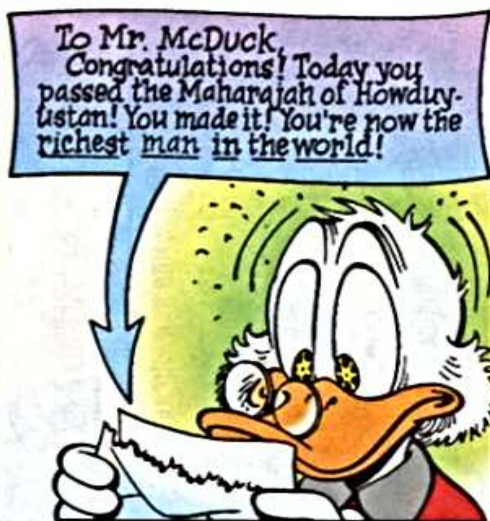


**O**NCE, THE LAD WHO SHINED SHOES FOR FIVE PENCE A PAIR ON THE STREETS OF GLASSGOW WOULD HAVE BEEN MOVED BY PLEAS FOR HELP, BUT THIS WAS ALTOGETHER A DIFFERENT SCROOGE McDUCK!









TO BE CONCLUDED...