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RAVEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO:
THERE WAS NO LIGHT.
PEOPLE COULDN'T SEE WHAT
WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF
THEM~ IT WAS LIKE THEY
WERE **BLIND!**

SEE! IT'S ME!
RAVEN! CAN'T
YOU SEE?

HUH?

THERE USED TO BE
LIGHT~ BUT THE BIG
CHIEF UP IN THE SKY
WORLD TOOK IT FOR
HIMSELF~ HE PUT IT
IN A BOX...

RAVEN FLEW HIGH + HIGHER UP
INTO THE SKY, TO A HOLE
NEAR THE NORTH STAR...

WHO'S
THAT?!

UHH... NEVER
MIND!

IT'S LIKE
THEY'RE BLIND
OR SOMETHING!
WE NEED SOME
LIGHT DOWN HERE!

BUT NOW
THE PEOPLE
NEED THE LIGHT!

AT LAST! I'VE
REACHED THE
UPPER WORLD!
NOW IF I REMEMBER
THE WAY...



TRICKSTER

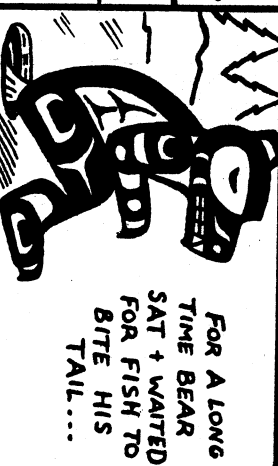
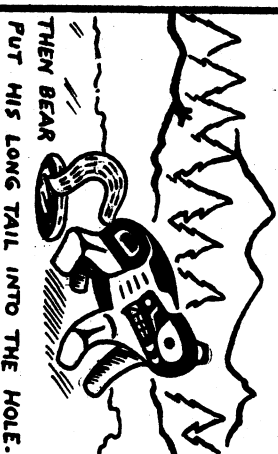
ONE WINTER,
COYOTE WAS
FISHING...
ON A
FROZEN
LAKE...

LONG-TAILED BEAR SAW
ALL THE MANY FISH COYOTE
HAD CAUGHT...

TELL ME, FRIEND:
HOW DID YOU
CATCH
ALL
THOSE
FISH?

SOON COYOTE LEFT, AND
BEAR MADE A HOLE IN THE ICE...

OH BEAR
MY FRIEND! IT
WAS SO EASY!
I PUT MY TAIL
IN A HOLE IN
THE ICE AND
THE FISH JUST
GRABBED HOLD!



AND WAITED + WAITED...
BUT STILL NO FISH...



FINALLY, BEAR HAD ENOUGH!
HE PULLED + PULLED, BUT HIS
TAIL WAS FROZEN IN THE LAKE!



AFTER PULLING + PULLING, BEAR
PULLED HIS TAIL RIGHT OFF!

AND THAT MY FRIEND IS THE END,
THE END!

"FOR THE OWL"

A STORY FROM SIBERIA!

ONE DAY, THE CHIEF OF THE SKY WORLD ASKED OWL:

OF WHOM ARE THERE MORE ON THE EARTH, THE LIVING ~ OR THE DEAD?

OH? SINCE WHEN WAS IT A SUCCESS TO DIE?

THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A SICKNESS INSIDE THEM, I CONSIDER ALREADY DEAD...

THE DEAD OUTNUMBER THE LIVING.

IT IS THIS WAY...

THE TREE WHOSE HEART IS ROTTING, I CONSIDER ALREADY DRIED.

...AND THERE'S THE LITTLE CREEK...

...THE SKY CHIEF'S VILLAGE IS THIS WAY ~~~~~

WHERE THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER COMES TO BATHE...

THEN, RAVEN TRANSFORMED INTO A TREE NEEDLE. HE FELL INTO THE CREEK, AND WAS DRANK UP BY THE SKY CHIEF'S DAUGHTER...

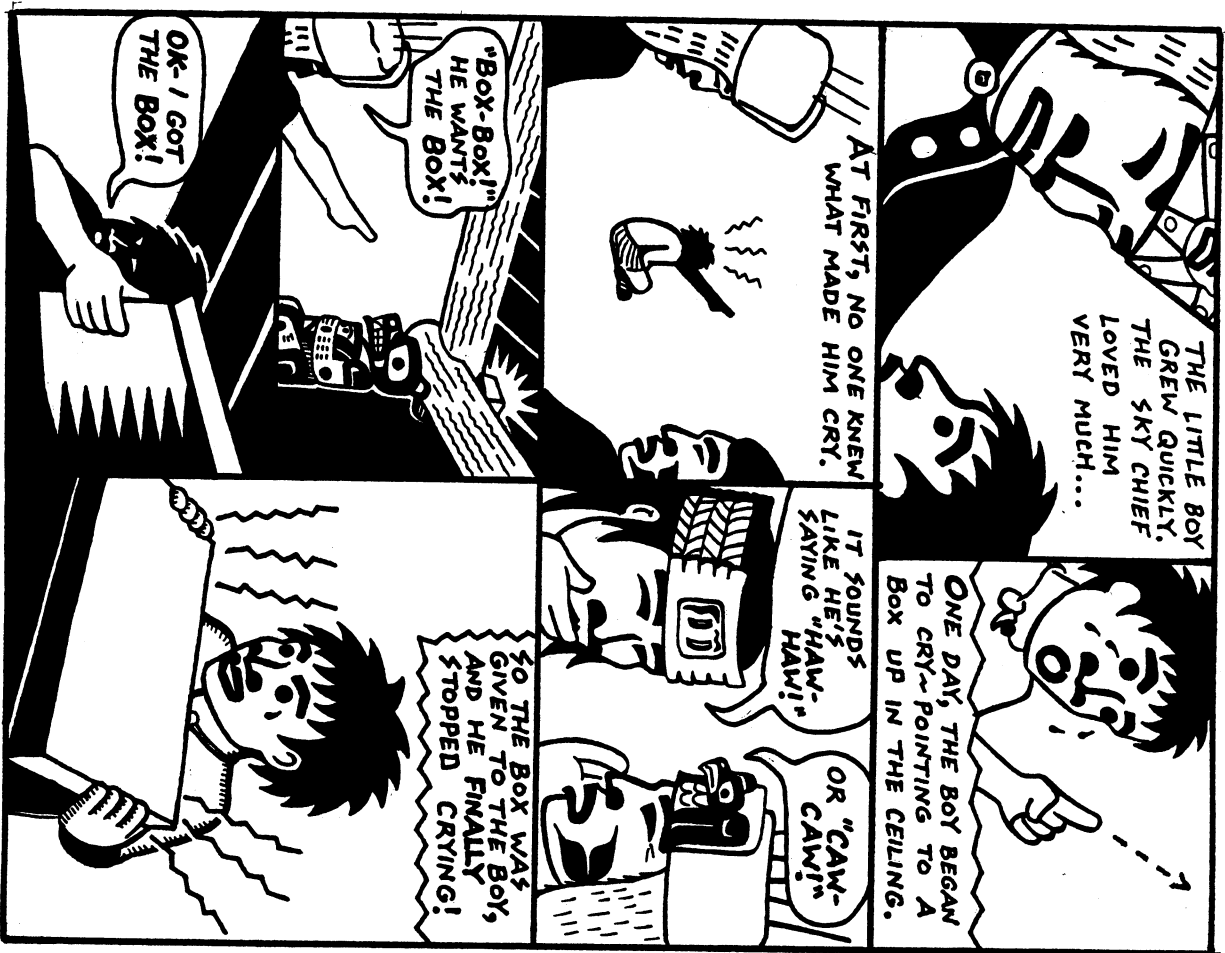
AND ONLY DAYS AFTER THAT, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A STRANGE LITTLE BOY!

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WITHIN DAYS ~ AND MUCH TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE ~ THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER WAS VERY PREGNANT!

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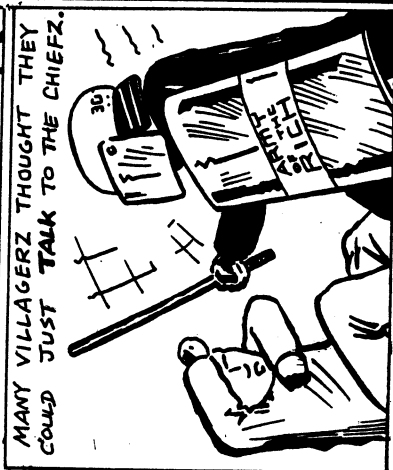
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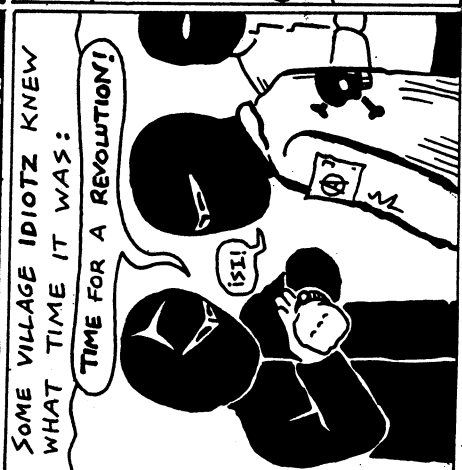
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AFTER 2 DAYZ OF FIGHTING, THE PEOPLE COULDN'T BEAT THEM...

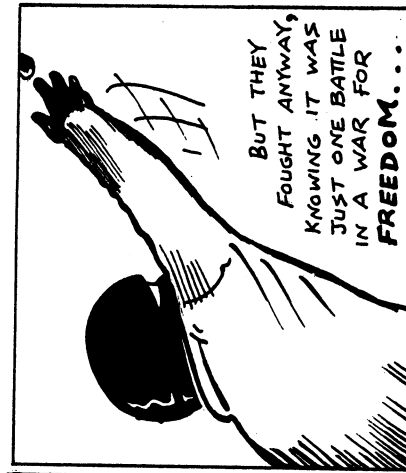


MANY VILLAGERZ THOUGHT THEY COULD JUST TALK TO THE CHIEFZ.



SOME VILLAGE IDIOTZ KNEW WHAT TIME IT WAS:

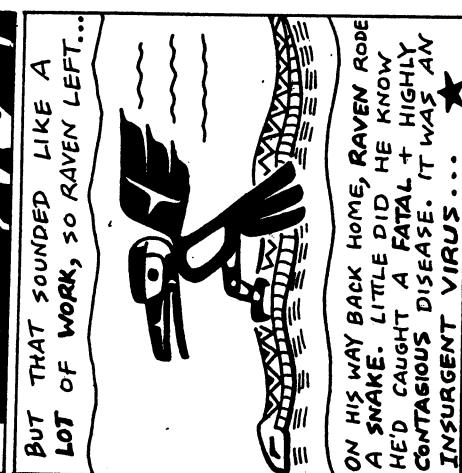
TIME FOR A REVOLUTION!



BUT THEY FOUGHT ANYWAY, KNOWING IT WAS JUST ONE BATTLE IN A WAR FOR FREEDOM...



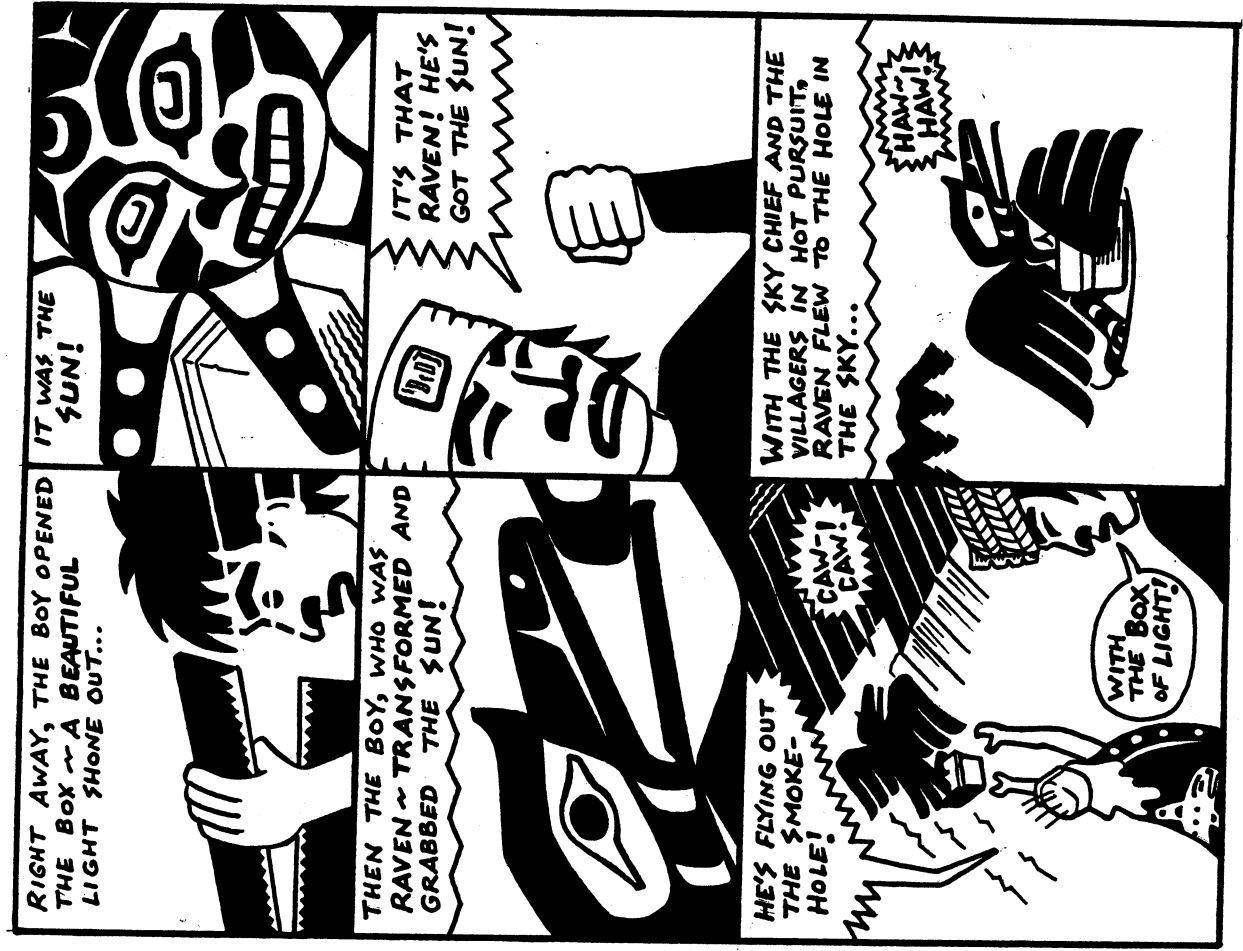
BUT THE CHIEFZ WOULDN'T HEAR ANY OF IT...



BUT THAT SOUNDED LIKE A LOT OF WORK, SO RAVEN LEFT...



ON HIS WAY BACK HOME, RAVEN RODE A SNAKE. LITTLE DID HE KNOW HED CAUGHT A FATAL + HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. IT WAS AN INSURGENT VIRUS...



RIGHT AWAY, THE BOY OPENED THE BOX ~ A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT SHONE OUT...

IT WAS THE \$UN!

THEN THE BOY, WHO WAS RAVEN ~ TRANSFORMED AND GRABBED THE \$UN!

IT'S THAT RAVEN! HE'S GOT THE \$UN!

HE'S FLYING OUT THE \$MOKE-HOLE! CAW! CAW! CAW!

WITH THE \$KY CHIEF AND THE VILLAGERZ IN HOT PURSUIT, RAVEN FLEW TO THE HOLE IN THE \$KY...

HAW! HAW!

WITH THE BOX OF LIGHT!

CARRYING THE BOX OF LIGHT,
RAVEN FLEW DOWN FROM THE
SKY WORLD...



RAVEN WAS HUNGRY AND
THIRSTY AFTER HIS LONG,
LONG JOURNEY UP IN THE SKY.

WHAT?
SHARE
OUR FOOD
WITH A
STRANGER
NEVER!



BUT THE TOADS WEREN'T
IMPRESSED...

LIAR!
YOU'RE
NOT RAVEN,
SCROAK!
SHARE OUR
WATER
WITH A
STRANGE
LIAR-LIAR?
NEVER!



FINALLY LANDING ON EARTH,
RAVEN BECAME HUMAN. HE
SAW SOME TOADS FISHING...



FRIENDS! CAN
YOU SPARE A
FISH TO EAT?!

IT'S ME! RAVEN!
I'VE JUST GOT
BACK FROM
THE SKY WORLD.
I'VE GOT THE
SUN! CAN
YOU SHARE
SOME WATER?!

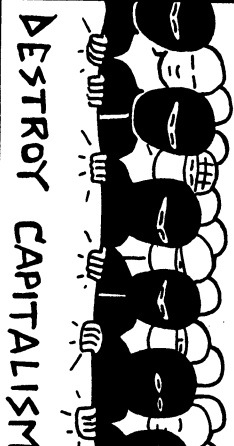


FINALLY, RAVEN HAD ENUF!
HE THREW DOWN THE BOX
OF LIGHT...



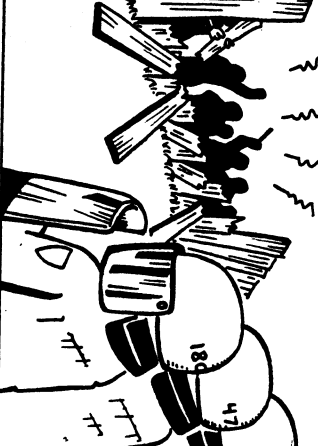
AH! I
DON'T KNOW
WHY I
EVEN TRY
TO HELP
YOU
PEOPLE!

AFTER A FEW DAYS, THE PEOPLE
SET OFF. MANY HAD THEIR FACES
BLACKENED FOR WAR...



DESTROY CAPITALISM

... SO THEY TORE IT DOWN! ON THE
OTHER SIDE WERE THOUSANDS OF
THE CHIEF'S SOLDIERS + GUARDS.



THE CHIEFZ WERE VERY MAD!

A REBELLION?!
CRUSH THEM
LIKE BUGS!



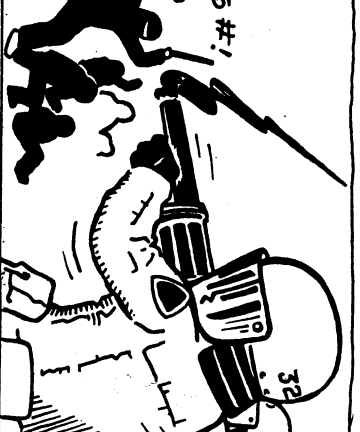
WHEN THEY GOT TO THE CHIEF'S
SUMMIT, THEY FOUND IT ENCRICLED
BY A HUGE FENCE...



WITH STICKS + STONES THEY
ATTACKED!



WHEN THE CHIEF'S SOLDIERS
ATTACKED, THEY HURT A LOT
OF PEOPLE WITH THEIR GUNS...



ONE TIME, RAVEN RODE A DOG FOR FOUR DAYS.



AFTER 4 DAYS, RAVEN ARRIVED IN A BIG VILLAGE.



THEY WANTED TO RAID A BIG POTLACH THE CHIEFZ WERE HAVING IN A NEARBY VILLAGE.

THESE CHIEFZ WANT TO MAKE SLAVEZ OF US ALL, SO WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO DEFEAT THEM!



RAVEN GOES TO A RIOT

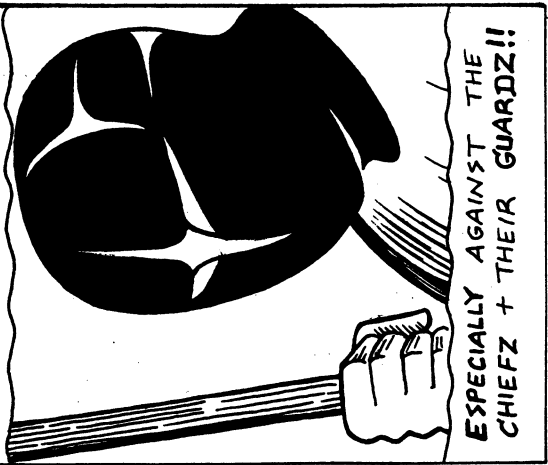
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MANY VILLAGERZ WERE GETTING READY FOR A BIG BATTLE...



RAVEN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD FUN TO GO TO WAR...

ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE CHIEFZ + THEIR GUARDZ!!

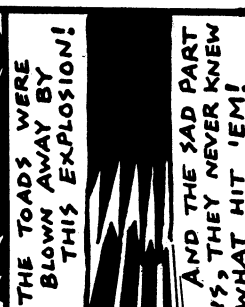


THERE WAS A POWERFUL EXPLOSION AS THE SUN BURST OUT!



THE TOADS WERE BLOWN AWAY BY THIS EXPLOSION!

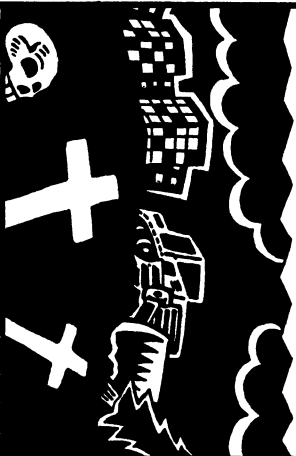
AND THE SAD PART IS, THEY NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM!



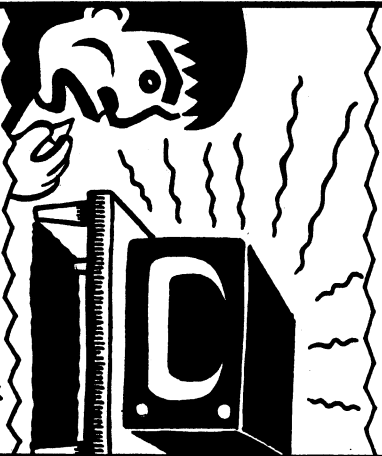
WITH THIS LIGHT THERE CAME
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND-
ING, PEACE AND GOODWILL....



AND TODAY, IT'S VERY DARK.



THEY'RE TRYING TO TRICK
RAVEN: INSTEAD OF KEEPING
THE BOX OF LIGHT...



THEY'VE GIVEN ALMOST EVERY
HOUSE A SPECIAL "BOX OF LIGHT."
THIS BOX MAKES THE PEOPLE
ALOT LIKE THE NEW CHIEFS...

BUT OVER TIME, THE
DARKNESS RETURNED.

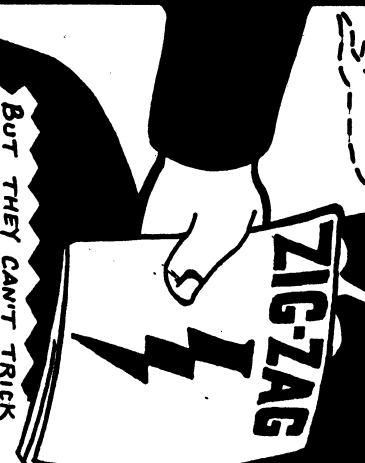


AND THERE ARE NEW CHIEFS,
WHO LIVE HIGH UP IN THE SKY:



ALWAYS-
WANTING-TO
KILL...
AND:
ALWAYS-
NEVER-HAS-
ENOUGH...

KNOWLEDGE
IS THE
KEY TO BE
FREE...

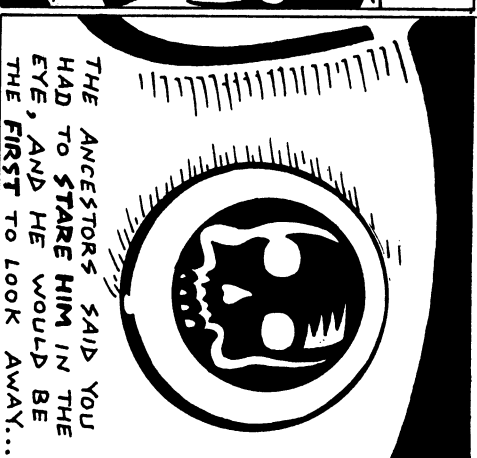


BUT THEY CANT TRICK
THE TRICKSTER! AND EVEN
HIGHER THAN ALL THESE
CHIEFS, THERE IS
THE GREAT SPIRIT!

BAKUS HAS MANY TRICKZ
TO MAKE PEOPLE FOOLISH
JUST LIKE HIM...



AMONG MY ANCESTORS,
BAKUS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
DANCE...

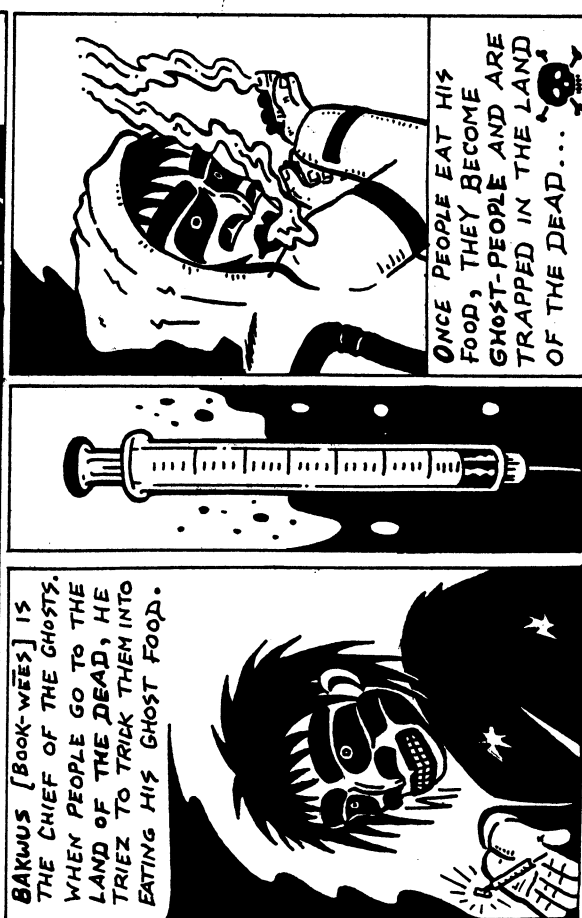
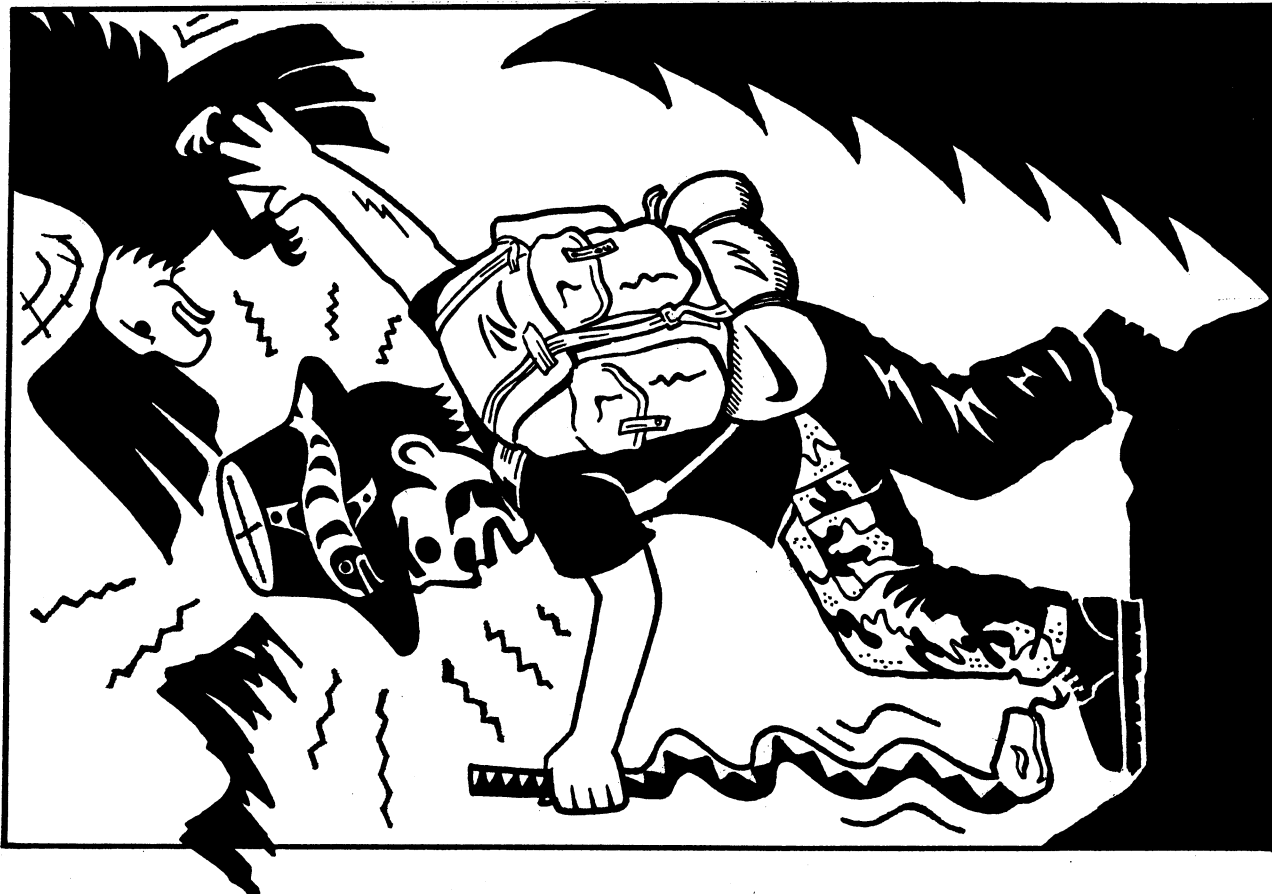


THE ANCESTORS SAID YOU
HAD TO STARE HIM IN THE
EYE, AND HE WOULD BE
THE FIRST TO LOOK AWAY...

ALL HAIL THE NEW CHIEF!



SURVIVAL OF THE WITEST!



BARWUS [BOOK-WEES] IS THE CHIEF OF THE GHOSTS. WHEN PEOPLE GO TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD, HE TRIEZ TO TRICK THEM INTO EATING HIS GHOST FOOD.

ONCE PEOPLE EAT HIS FOOD, THEY BECOME GHOST-PEOPLE AND ARE TRAPPED IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD...

