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SKETCHES, PAINTINGS  
VARIANT COVERS AND  
RARE COMICS FROM  
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SKETCHBOOK #1









# THE OLD SILO







MR. LESSARD.  
CAN I HELP  
YOU?

WELL, HENRY,  
I'M AFRAID I'M HERE  
WITH BAD NEWS. YOU SEE,  
YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENT  
IS LATE AGAIN.

I THOUGHT IT BEST I COME BY  
MYSELF TO MAKE SURE WE CAN  
RESOLVE THE MATTER PROMPTLY.



IT'S JUST BEEN A BAD YEAR. WHAT  
WITH MARTHA'S MEDICAL BILLS AND  
ALL. IF I CAN JUST GET THIS CROP  
OFF, I KNOW I CAN GET THINGS  
CAUGHT UP...



HENRY, PLEASE. THIS IS THE SIXTH  
MONTH IN A ROW. THE EXCUSES  
JUST DON'T CUT IT ANYMORE, I'M  
AFRAID. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO OFFER  
YOU ONE LAST EXTENSION.



THREE WEEKS,  
HENRY, THAT'S IT.

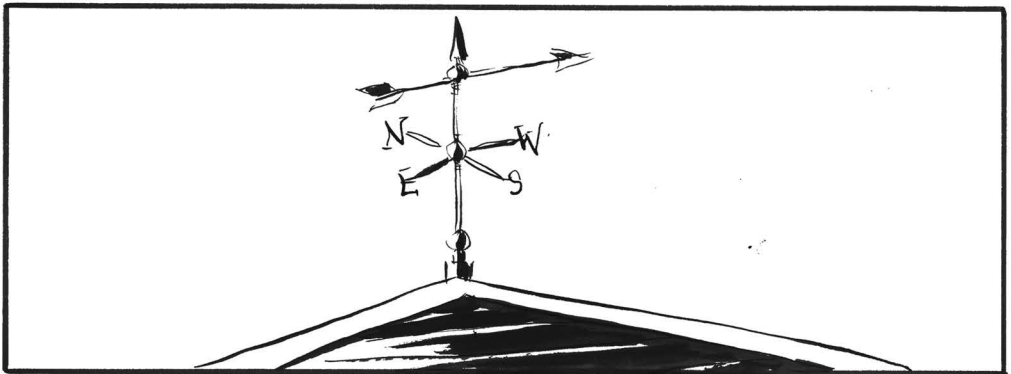
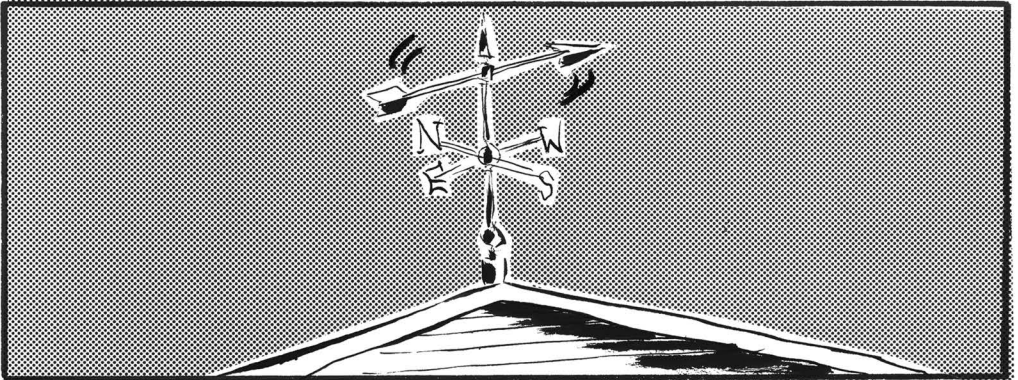
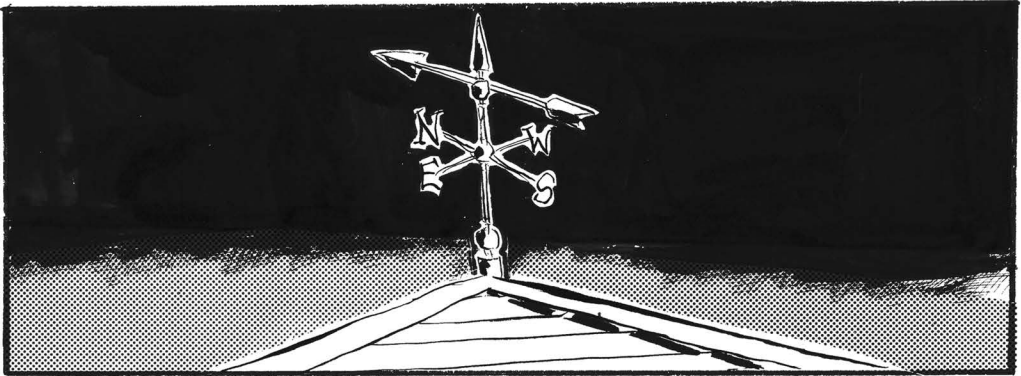
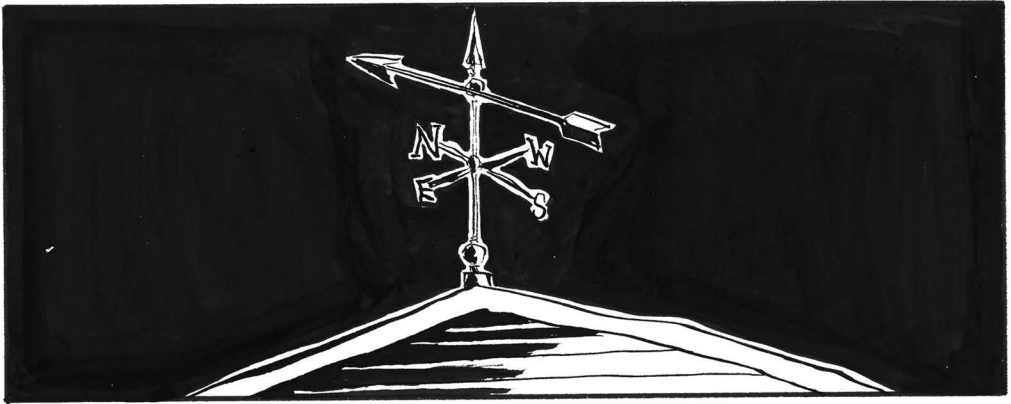


THEN WE'LL HAVE NO  
CHOICE BUT TO  
REPOSSESS THE FARM.





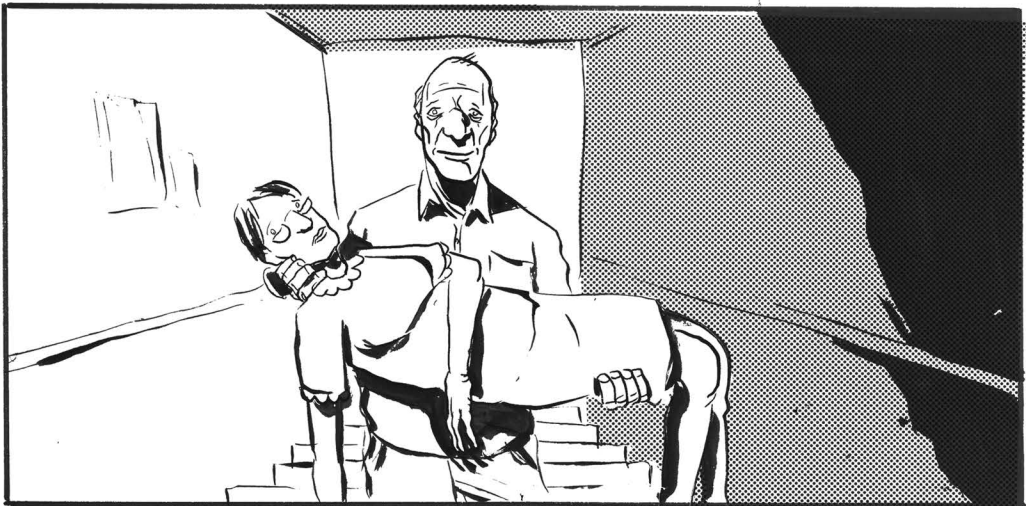


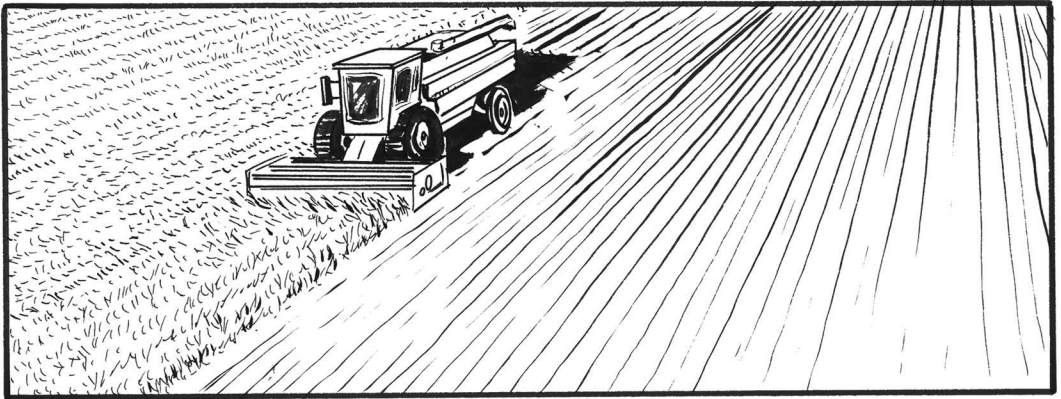


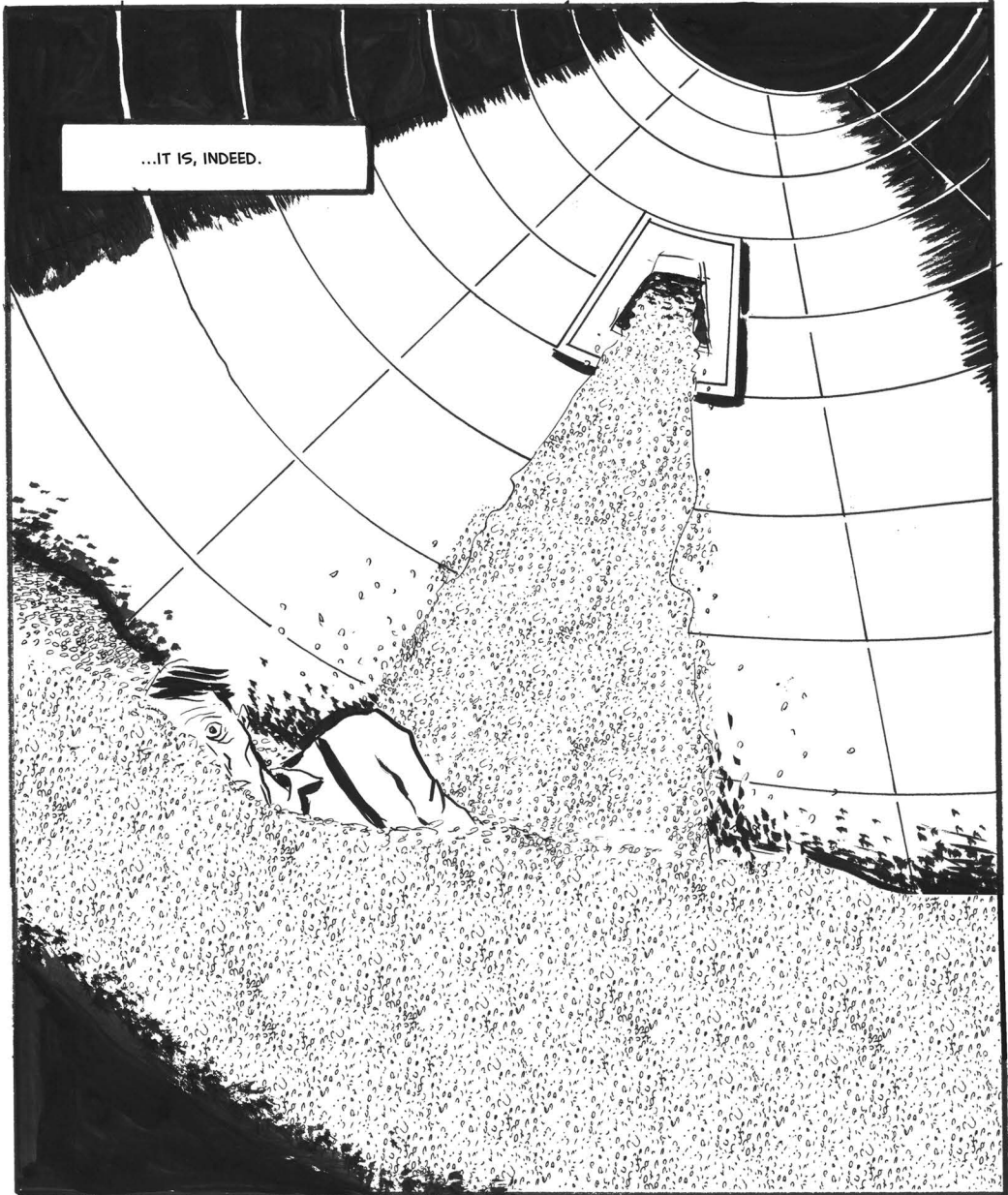
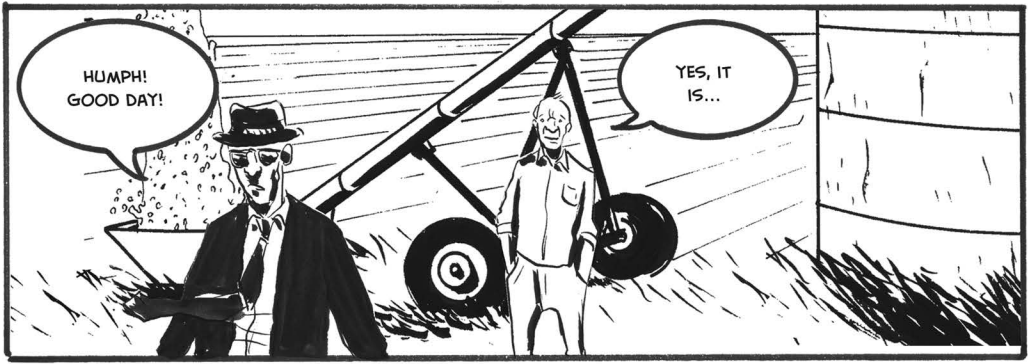




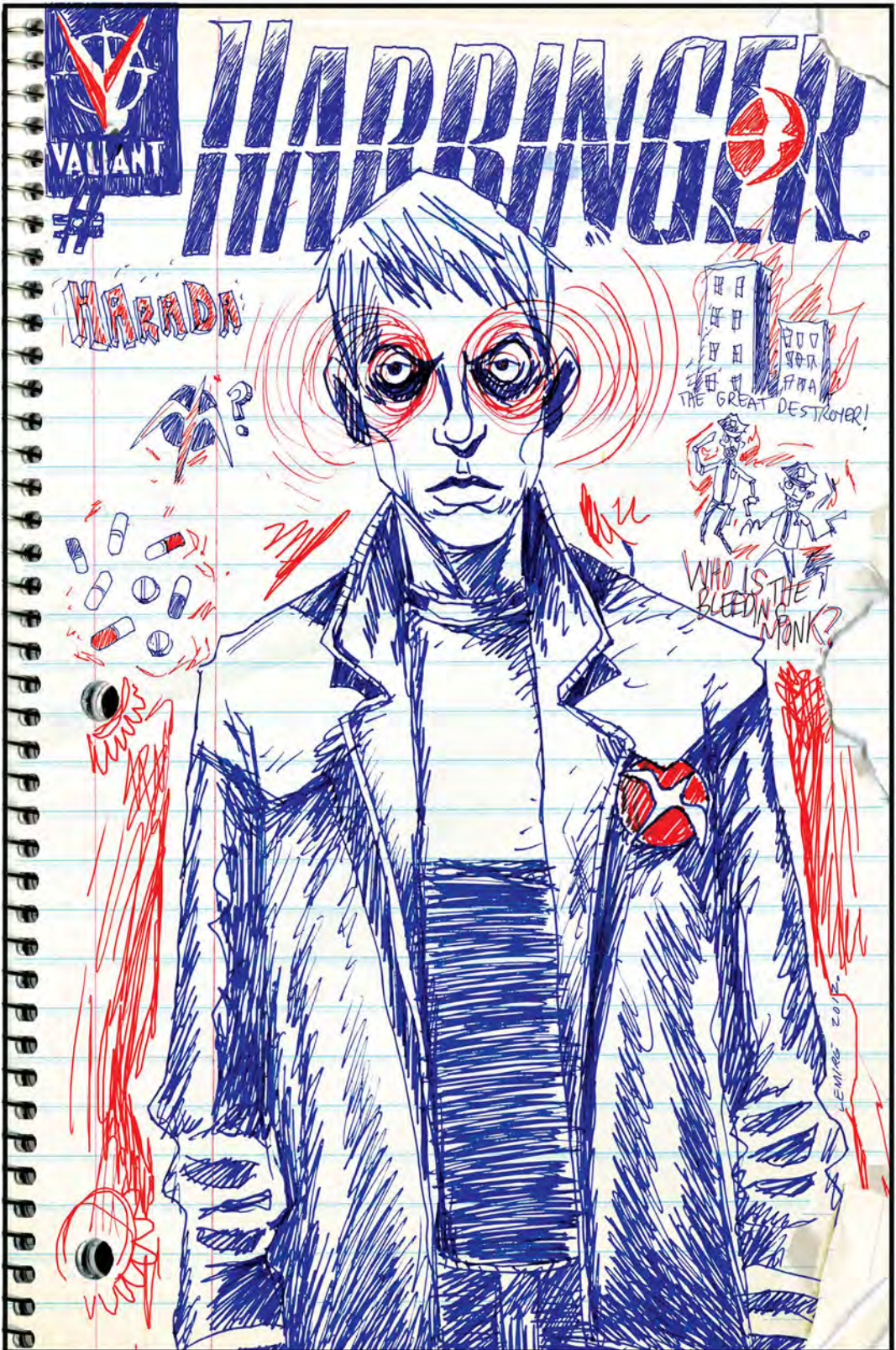












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X-O MANOWAR #0 VARIANT COVER (2014)





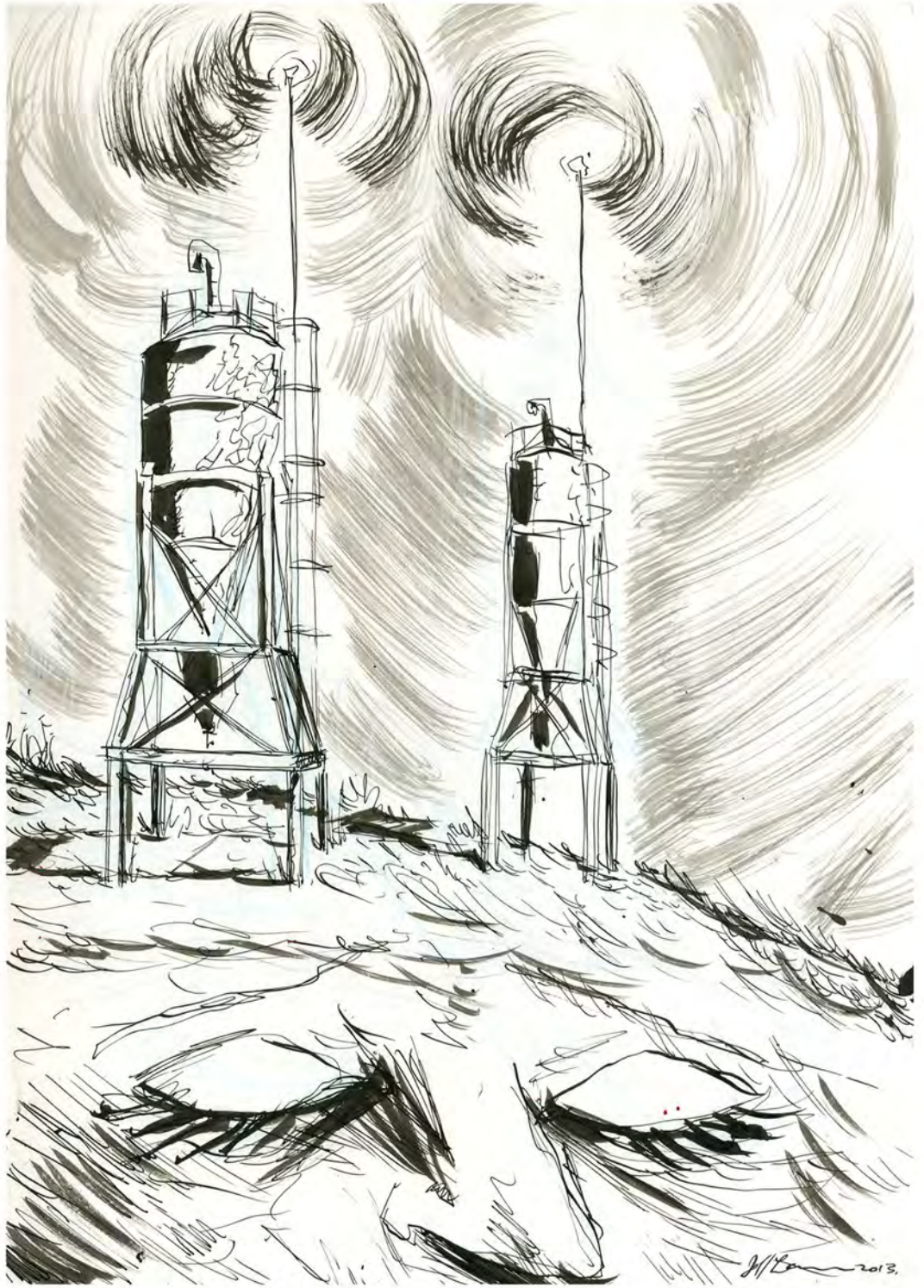
RAI VARIANT COVER (2014)





SHADOWMAN VARIANT COVER (2014)







in the middle of the field, just outside  
the old BLACK BARN. He just stood and  
stared. Then he waved once and walked  
into the BLACK BARN.

I wanted to  
get as far  
I could, but  
I was frozen.  
down my pants.

run. I wanted to  
away from there as  
my legs wouldn't work.  
I felt hot piss run  
then, just like that

I was walking  
BLACK BARN.  
screamed to  
other way  
wouldn't  
passed the  
this old  
and there  
waiting for

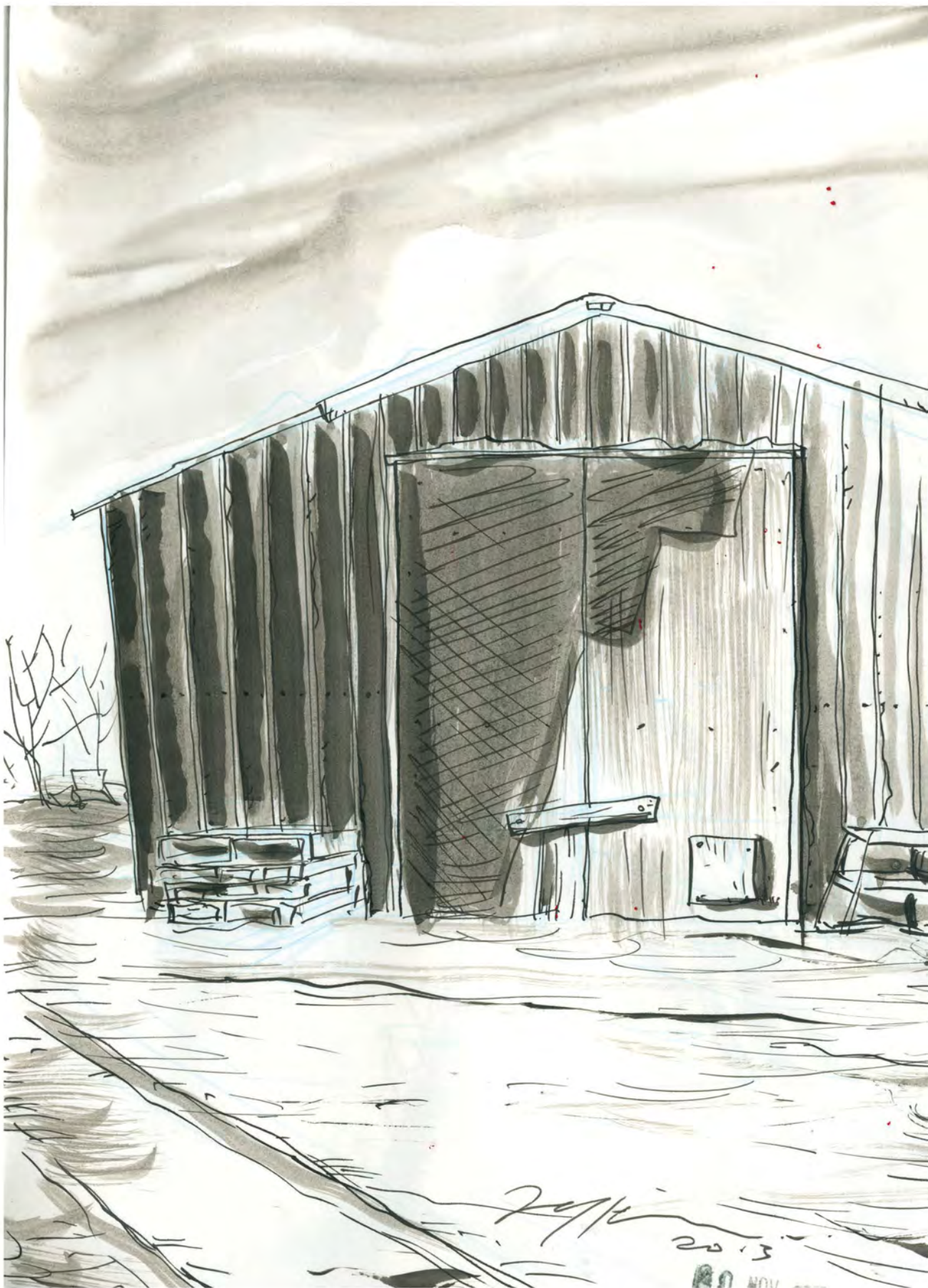


towards the  
everything in me  
stop, to run to  
but my body  
listen... I  
Threshold into  
wooden doors  
he was  
no... NOT THERE













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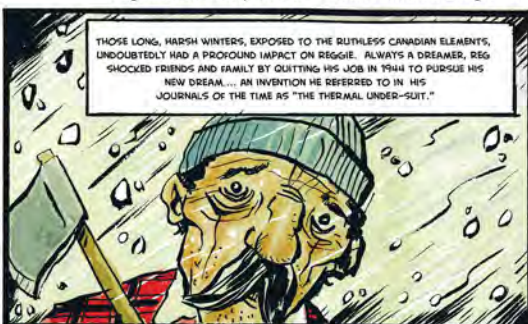
JOHNNY CANUCK KICKSTARTER PIN-UP (2014)



ALWAYS A CURIOUS CHILD, REGINALD ULBIC DUCHAMP WOULD OFTEN SPEND HOURS ON END SITTING IN THE BACK OF HIS FATHER'S TINY SHOE SHOP IN VALCOURT, QUEBEC TOLLING AWAY WITH SCRAPS OF LEATHER. THIS NATURAL CURIOSITY WOULD SERVE HIM WELL, AS HE EXCELLED AT HIS STUDIES, SHOWING GREAT PROMISE IN BOTH MATHEMATICS AND THE SCIENCES.



UNFORTUNATELY, HIS FATHER HENRI GREW ILL AND DIED IN 1936, AND REG HAD TO LEAVE SCHOOL AT AGE FOURTEEN TO EARN A STEADY WAGE FOR HIS MOTHER AND SEVEN YOUNGER SIBLINGS. ALWAYS A ROBUST YOUNG MAN, REGGIE QUICKLY FOUND WORK AS A LUMBERJACK IN THE PROVINCE'S THRIVING FORESTRY INDUSTRY, A JOB HE DID WELL FOR THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS.



THOSE LONG, HARSH WINTERS, EXPOSED TO THE RUTHLESS CANADIAN ELEMENTS, UNDOUBTEDLY HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON REGGIE. ALWAYS A DREAMER, REG SHOCKED FRIENDS AND FAMILY BY QUITTING HIS JOB IN 1944 TO PURSUE HIS NEW DREAM... AN INVENTION HE REFERRED TO IN HIS JOURNALS OF THE TIME AS "THE THERMAL UNDER-SUIT."

REG TOOK A SMALL BANK LOAN AND MOVED-UP IN A TINY MONTREAL LOFT, BEGINNING WORK ON A PROTOTYPE BOOT-SUIT WHICH WOULD PROTECT IT'S WEAVER FROM EVEN THE MOST BRUTAL ARCTIC CONDITIONS. HE WAS CERTAIN THE PATENT WOULD BRING HIM YAKS, AND PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



LARGELY SELF-UGHT IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, REGGIE'S EARLY PROTOTYPES WERE BOTH CRUDE AND DANGEROUS. AND ON AUGUST 5TH, 1945, DISASTER STRUCK. A PRESSURE GAUGE ON REG'S PROTOTYPE BLEW, GIVING REG 107 DEGREE BURNS ON FORTY-PERCENT OF HIS BODY!



FOR THOSE LONG MONTHS HE LAY IN A MONTREAL HOSPITAL BED, PLOTTING AND PLANNING. THEN IT HIT HIM, THE ACCOUNT ITSELF HAD PROVIDED DUCHAMP WITH THE SOLUTION... STEAM WOULD POWER HIS THERMAL SUIT!



DESPITE PROTESTS FROM HIS MOTHER, REGGIE RETURNED TO HIS DORMANT WORKSHOP BENEATH. FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS HE WORKED ON DEVELOPING "THE THERMAL SUIT-MARK 2"



ON FEBRUARY 28, 1948, REGINALD DUCHAMP CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS SPARSLEY ATTENDED BY A SINGLE REPORTER FROM DORVILLE, AND A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY WAITED PATIENTLY FOR NEARLY AN HOUR UNTIL A CHUGGING SOUND EMERGED FROM THE NEARBY FOREST. REG EMERGED FROM THE TREELINE, AND THE STEAM-POWERED "DUCHAMP UNDERSUIT" WAS REVEALED.



WHILE FUNCTIONAL, THE SUIT WAS ALSO SLOW, CUMBERSOME, EXPENSIVE, AND QUITE FRANKLY ABSURD LOOKING. THE DOGS SLED PULLING IT'S COAL FUEL SUPPLY ALONE MADE IT TOTALLY IMRACTICAL. THE REPORTER LAMPOONED REG IN THE LOCAL GAZETTE THE NEXT DAY AND HIS PATENT WAS TURNED DOWN.

DELATED, REG HUNG UP THE THERMAL SUIT FOR GOOD AND RETURNED TO VALCOURT TO REOPEN HIS FATHER'S SHOE SHOP. HE WOULD SPEND THE NEXT 27 YEARS WORKING AS A SIMPLE COBBLER. REG DIED IN 1978 OF LUNG CANCER.



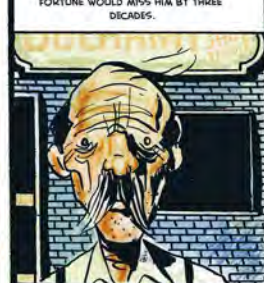
HE WOULDN'T LIVE TO SEE HIS SUIT'S TRUE LEGACY. IN 1988 FAMED DUTCH ARTIST ROBALD VELLACOOP DISCOVERED THE PROTOTYPE DUCHAMP UNDERSUIT IN A MONTREAL FURNISHOP AND INCLUDED IT IN HIS FRACIOUS EXHIBIT OF "FOUND SCULPTURE" AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART IN NEW YORK TO MUCH ACCLAIM.



THE SUIT RECENTLY SOLD AT AUCTION TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PRAGE FOR JUST OVER 2.5 MILLION EUROS.



REGINALD ULBIC DUCHAMP DIED PENNILESS AND ALONE. HIS DREAM OF FAME AND FORTUNE WOULD MISS HIM BY THREE DECADES.

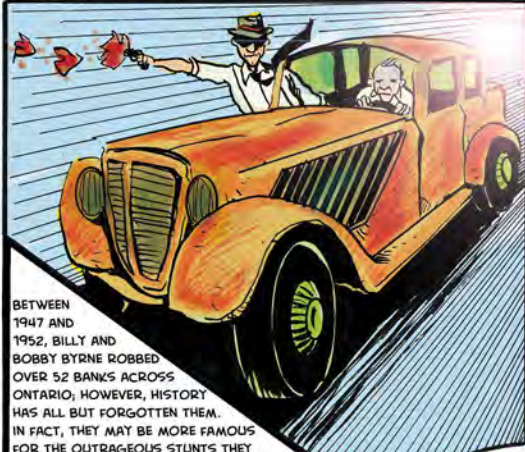






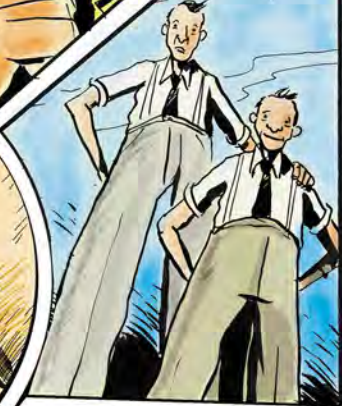
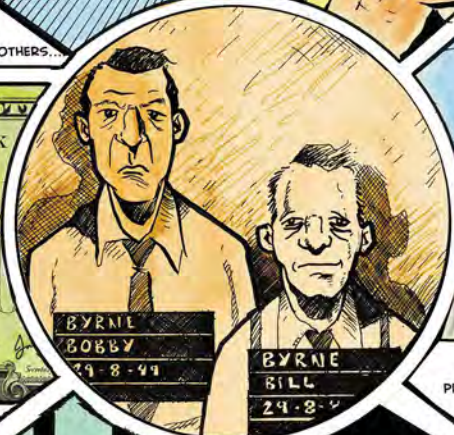
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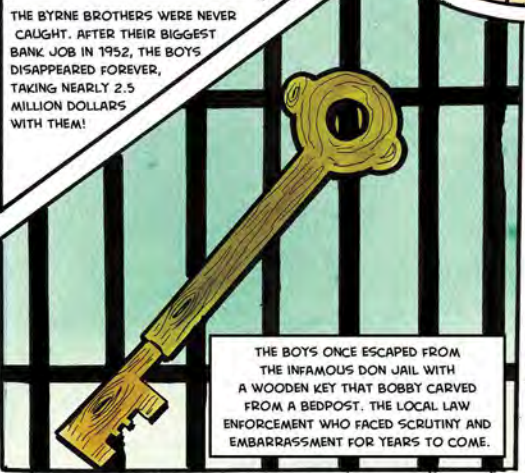


BETWEEN 1947 AND 1952, BILLY AND BOBBY BYRNE ROBBED OVER 52 BANKS ACROSS ONTARIO, HOWEVER, HISTORY HAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN THEM. IN FACT, THEY MAY BE MORE FAMOUS FOR THE OUTRAGEOUS STUNTS THEY PULLED, RATHER THAN THE CRIMES THEMSELVES. HERE NOW ARE FIVE FACTS ABOUT CANADA'S MOST BIZARRE BANK ROBBING BROTHERS...

THE BYRNE BROTHERS WERE OFTEN CITED AS HAVING ROBBED BANKS DRUNK AS SKUNKS! ONE WITNESS TO A BANK OF MONTREAL HEIST IN 1949 CLAIMED, "THE LITTLE FELLER STOPPED ON HIS WAY OUT AND GAVE ME A SWIG OF HIS HOOCH, THEN RAN OFF WHEN THE SIRENS STARTED LEAVING THE FLASK BEHIND!"



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IN 1951, THE BROTHERS PRANCED INTO THE TORONTO DOMINION BANK ON YONGE STREET SPORTING EIGHT-FOOT STILTS. THEY ESCAPED ON FOOT...BILL WOULD LATER COMPLAINED THAT EVEN WITH THE HEIGHT ENHANCEMENT, HE WAS STILL SHORTER THAN HIS OLDER BROTHER.



THE BYRNE BROTHERS WERE NEVER CAUGHT. AFTER THEIR BIGGEST BANK JOB IN 1952, THE BOYS DISAPPEARED FOREVER, TAKING NEARLY 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS WITH THEM!

THE BOYS ONCE ESCAPED FROM THE INFAMOUS DON JAIL WITH A WOODEN KEY THAT BOBBY CARVED FROM A BEDPOST. THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO FACED SCRUTINY AND EMBARRASSMENT FOR YEARS TO COME.



THE BROTHERS BOTH MARRIED THE SAME WOMAN! IN 1948, BOBBY DIVORCED HIS LONG TIME GAL SALLY LANSBURG, WITH WHOM HE HAD THREE SONS. A YEAR LATER BILLY MARRIED SALLY, AND THEY WOULD HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS! THE BIZARRE ARRANGEMENT NEVER SEEMED TO BOTHER THE BOYS.





BROK WINDSOR KICKSTARTER PIN-UP (2014)



BIO-GRAPHICAL by Jeff Lemire  
The Long Lost Sounds of Otis Henry-Lyons



OTIS' FAVORITE INSTRUMENT WAS ALWAYS THE GOOD OL' SIX STRING GUITAR. HE HAD A BEAUTY WHICH HE NAMED "MABEL." OTIS LOVED THAT GUITAR MORE THAN ANY MAN HAD A RIGHT TO, AND TOGETHER THEY MADE SOME OF THE SWEETEST, SADDEST, STRANGEST GODDAMN MUSIC ANYONE HAD EVER HEARD.

**THE OTIS LYONS QUARTET**

NEPTUNE RECORDS

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE LEGENDARY CANADIAN MUSIC MOGUL TOMMY VAN SCHMIDT SCOOPED OTIS UP AND SIGNED HIM TO A THREE RECORD DEAL WITH NEPTUNE RECORDS AT THE TENDER AGE OF NINETEEN.

OTIS' DEBUT LP, "SWEET SOUNDS FROM WAY DOWN", INCLUDED THE UNDERGROUND HIT "FROG BELLY BLUES" WHICH EVEN MADE IT TO NUMBER 68 ON THE AMERICAN BILLBOARD CHARTS IN THE SUMMER OF 1961!

IT WAS ON OCTOBER 12, 1962 THAT OTIS REALLY MADE HIS MARK ON HISTORY. UNDER THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF MAPLE LEAF GARDENS, HE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK ARTIST TO PERFORM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ON HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA.

OH CANADA

THE EXPECTATIONS ON OTIS' FOLLOW-UP RECORD WERE HUGE, BUT HE WOULD NEVER PUT HIS VOICE TO RECORD AGAIN. IN THE WINTER OF '63, WHILE TOURING WESTERN CANADA, OTIS' TOUR BUS HIT A PATCH OF BLACK ICE AND SWERVED OFF OF THE HIGHWAY AND INTO NEARBY BEAR PAW LAKE.



OTIS HENRY-LYONS, HIS DRIVER AND ALL THREE MEMBERS OF HIS BACK-UP BAND, THE LILLY-LIVERED BOYS, WERE KILLED. SADLY, OTIS IS LARGELY FORGOTTEN TODAY, EXCEPT BY A FEW MUSIC HISTORIANS. BUT, TO THIS VERY DAY THERE ARE THOSE WHO SWEAR THAT IF YOU STAND OUT ON OLD BEAR-PAW LAKE IN THE DEAD OF WINTER, AND LISTEN REAL HARD, YOU CAN STILL HEAR THAT STRANGE, SWET VOICE BLOWING IN ON THE WIND.



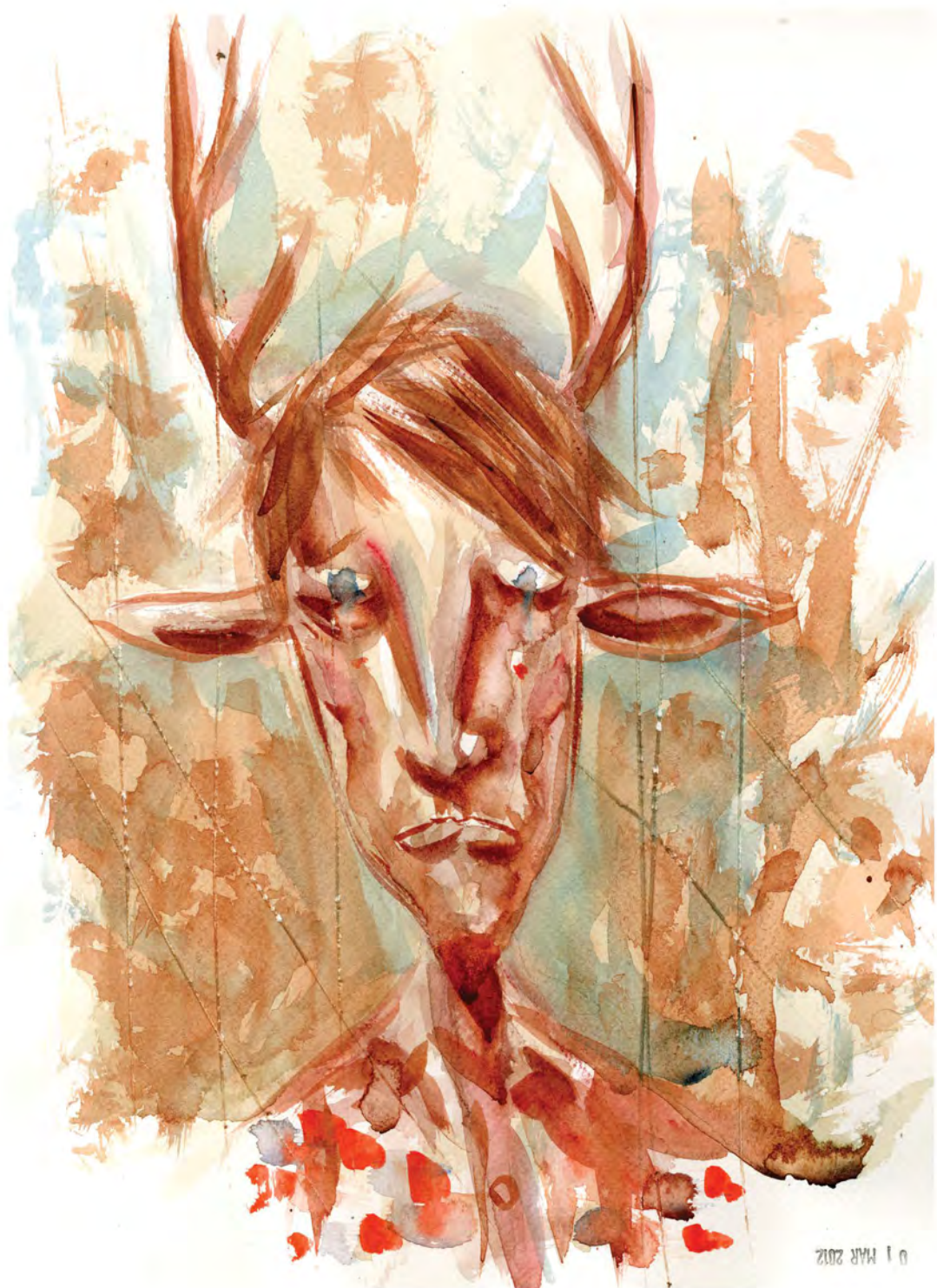






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PUNKS #1 VARIANT COVER (2014)





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CONSTANTINE SKETCH (2009)



ROCKET AND GRROT COMMISSION (2010)







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MR. MIRACLE COMMISSION (2009)





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MOTORCYCLE SAMURAI VARIANT COVER (2014)







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