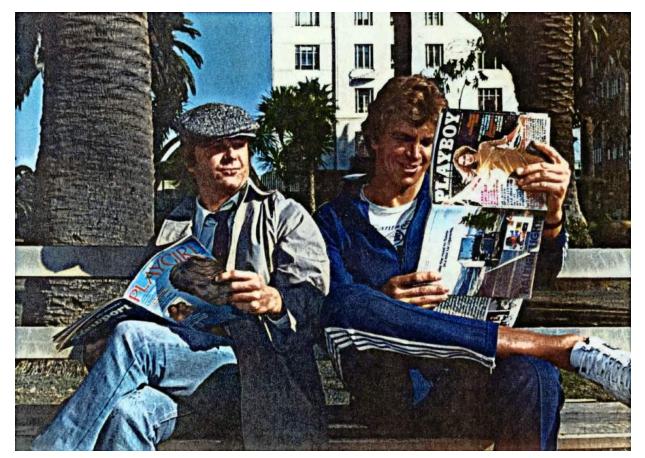
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"BEACH BUNNIES IN CHAINS"

EXT. BEACH - MORNING

A couple (MOTHER and FATHER) in their mid-twenties lay on the beach, tanning themselves in the warm August sun. Their LITTLE BOY plays in the sand beside them. The Little Boy puts down his toy shovel and looks up at his mother.

LITTLE BOY

Mom?

His Mother answers without looking up.

MOTHER

Yes?

LITTLE BOY I have to go to the bathroom.

MOTHER So? Go in the water.

LITTLE BOY

In the water?

MOTHER (nods head 'yes') Uh-huh...

The Little Boy stands slowly and starts uncertainly toward the water. He walks to the water's edge.

EXT. BEACH - ANGLE ON THE PARENTS

They lay, eyes closed, on their towels.

MOTHER He's getting to be a big boy now.

FATHER Yes, a big boy.

Father looks down toward the water.

EXT. BEACH - FATHER'S POV

We see the Little Boy from behind as he stands in the water, his swim trunks down around his ankles.

EXT. BEACH - ANGLE ON THE PARENTS

as the Father lets out a yell, jumps up and runs toward the water. Mother looks up, surprised.

EXT. BEACH - WIDE ANGLE

The Father runs up to his son. He quickly pulls the Little Boy's trunks back on, all the while glancing around with an embarrassed look on his face. The father then leads the son back to the beach.

Just then, a man with a huge cassette-radio plugged into a battery pack on his belt runs into the water -- where he is electrocuted with a loud 'ZAP' by the radio.

The haunting 'Love Theme from Beach Bunnies in Chains' starts on the soundtrack.

The TITLES ROLL.

CUT TO:

EXT. BOARDWALK

We see a group of colorfully dressed roller-skaters boogie on down the boardwalk. Followed by a brightly-dressed couple swinging around in wheelchairs.

CUT TO:

EXT. VOLLEYBALL COURT

A volleyball game is starting up. On one side of the net stand a group of tall musclemen-types. On the other side of the net stand a group of weak, sickbedtypes. The sickbed team serves the ball. The Musclemen set it up to their tallest teammate, who spikes it hard over the net. It isn't returned. The Musclemen jump around happily, slapping each other everso-athletically on the rear. We PULL BACK to reveal a small man on the sickbed team laying in the sand, the volleyball embedded in his stomach. His teammates cower over to one side, in obvious fear of the opposing team.

CUT TO:

EXT. PIER

A line of old men sit fishing off the side of the pier. A group of teenage boys run up. The first boy dives from the edge of the pier into the water. The second boy jumps from the pier. The third boy dives. A beat. Suddenly the old men's fishing poles all flex downward.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH

A group of kids toss around a large inflatable beach ball. A few yards away a woman wearing a pointy-breasted bikini sunbathes. The ball gets away from the kids and arcs toward the woman. It hits her squarely on the chest -and pops.

CUT TO:

EXT. ICE CREAM STAND

A couple of girls in scanty bikinis stand in front of the ice cream stand. The VENDER scoops out a cone for SUSIE MARTIN, a pretty blonde, and her friend, JANET PIERCE. He holds the cone out to her.

VENDER

That O.K.?

SUSIE Could you put a little more sand on it?

The Vender reaches back, scoops some sand out of a container and sprinkles it on the cone. Hands it to Susie.

VENDER

There ya go.

SUSIE

Thanks.

The two girls move off toward the beach.

CUT TO:

FADE IN --

EXT. ON THE SAND - DAY

Midday. Hot. The heat shimmers off the sand in waves, distorting the mind of anyone foolish enough to travel this wasteland. Two men, parched and burned for days, possibly weeks, under the killer sun stumble into view. They are soldiers. American. Dressed in the gear of World War II infantrymen on duty in North Africa. They travel in silence, sweat forming rivers on their bodies, slowly draining away their lives.

After a moment they stop, slumping to the sand in mute exhaustion. One of the soldiers, a CAPTAIN, takes his canteen in hand. Hesitating a moment, he finally tilts back his head, emptying the last mouthful of blood warm water into his rapidly dehydrating body. Precious drops run down his chin, mingling with his sweat. He grimaces. Flings the canteen away in frustration.

CAPTAIN

(angrily) We're dead men.

The other soldier, a SERGEANT, looks up wearily. Though drained by the ordeal his voice is remarkably firm.

SERGEANT

No.

The Captain looks up, hatred flashing in his eyes. There is an ugly, sarcastic tone to his voice.

CAPTAIN

What do you mean 'no'? We've been stumbling around this god forsaken hellhole for --(squints up at the sun) -- who knows how long. We're dying. We're out of food, out of water...out of time.

SERGEANT

You can't think like that. We gotta keep moving. Our salvation could be waiting just over the next hill.

The Captain stares at the Sergeant a long moment. There is a * softening in his expression. He looks to the next rise in the sand. Speaks quietly, almost to himself. Wanting to believe.

CAPTAIN

Over the next hill...

The Sergeant seizes the opportunity. He stands. Moves to the Captain, helping the officer to his shaky feet.

SERGEANT Yes, over that hill. Over the next hill waits our salvation!

The two fatigued soldiers stumble in the direction of the closest sand dune. They grasp onto each other for support as they move faster and faster to the top of the dune. The only thing keeping them up being the dim hope of some obscure 'salvation' waiting for them on the other side.

Finally, matted with sand and choked by dust, the troopers reach the top of the dune. They sink to their knees, all energy spent by the climb up the sandy slope. The Sergeant scans the horizon for any sign of life.

CUT TO:

EXT. SERGEANT'S POV

Through the waves of heat radiating off the sand we see what appears to be a large group of people in the distance. Even more peculiar, they seem to be -- dancing.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE SERGEANT

looks out across the sand. He seems confused.

SERGEANT

What the hell --

A voice cuts sharply through the air. It is harsh and angry.

DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Cut!

We PULL BACK to show a small man with a cheesy toupee and equally cheesy personality move toward the 'soldiers'.

Behind him, a small group of technicians stand around a 35mm * movie camera, the Pacific Ocean can be seen breaking against the shoreline in the b.g. The two actors brush themselves off as the DIRECTOR approaches. The atmosphere is tense.

DIRECTOR (CONT'D) What is it now, Lyle? I'd like to get this shot before Judgement Day, y'know.

The Sergeant points accusingly in the direction of the group of people dancing on the sand. He speaks in the voice of a spoiled child, not at all the gruff, manly soldier.

> SERGEANT (whining) Who are those people? They're not supposed to be here!

The director turns, peering out over the glare in the sand.

CUT TO:

EXT. DIRECTOR'S POV

Through heat distortion we see a group of people, still dancing, in the distance.

DIRECTOR (0.S.) Who are those quys?

CUT TO:

EXT. CLOSE-UP

on a woman's chest. Her breasts jiggle madly as she dances, concealed by the thinnest of t-shirts bearing the silk-screened inscription, 'THE GANG'.

The girl moves away to reveal 'The Gang' -- a group of teenagers who have given up their nice, middle-class lifestyles (but not their nice, middle-class allowances) to literally live on the beach. The kids all run and jump around, throwing frisbees and footballs, eating and drinking to excess, and playing loud rock music over portable radios. They dance with an energy and intensity reserved almost exclusively for the very young and mentally ill.

CUT TO:

EXT. VARIOUS ANGLES - MONTAGE

As The Gang frolic we are treated to a quick montage of their activities. We see:

A. Five or six kids sit in a grounded rubber raft, playfully paddling in the sand and laughing like loons.

B. A dachshund sits on a blanket wearing a 'Gang' t-shirt.

C. A young man (HOPPITY JONES) does a series of backflips into the water.

D. A kid tosses a frisbee to his girlfriend, who runs and catches it with her teeth.

E. A young man with a guitar (BIFF SASWAY) leads a line of kids skipping and singing along the beach.

F. A tanned, beautiful couple sit on a beach towel spreading suntan lotion on one another. On the towel next to them sits a pale, acne-ridden couple smearing Clearasil on one another.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE DIRECTOR AND SOLDIERS

on the sand dune. The Director peers at The Gang through a pair of binoculars. He lowers them.

DIRECTOR Looks like someone's shooting a soft drink commercial...

CUT TO:

EXT. THE GANG

continue their frisky antics. with trusty guitar in hand, Biff calls out to his friends.

BIFF

Alright -- everyone in their places for the big dance number!

With a loud, glass-shattering squeal, the kids in the dance number jump up. They run, giggling and screeching, to their places. Biff turns to the CAMERA. Smiles.

BIFF (CONT'D) Isn't youthful enthusiasm disgusting?

CUT TO:

EXT. A YOUNG MAN

wearing flashy, flammable western clothing moves uncomfortably along the beach. He is GREGORY ASHBROOK, the richest kid in this movie. The youngest and snottiest member of an oil-rich Texan family, Ashbrook has decided to make an attempt, however feeble, to mingle with The Gang. Spotting a busty girl with great mingling potential, Ashbrook sidles up to her. Uses his smoothest line.

> ASHBROOK Hey babe, how'd you like to take a trip to the moon on gossamer wings?

The BUSTY GIRL looks him over.

BUSTY GIRL Anything'd be better than being with you.

Ashbrook's face drops a mile.

CUT TO:

EXT. TWO GIRLS

sit on beach towels, talking and enjoying the day. They are oblivious to anything going on around them as they concentrate on painting their toenails, cotton balls stuck between their toes to prevent smearing. One of the girls, SUSIE MARTIN, is an attractive blonde who looks as though she was created specifically to sit on the beach and give pubescent boys enough fantasies and complexes to get them comfortably through middle-age.

Her friend is JANET PIERCE, a brunette with skin the consistency of rawhide from a summer of falling asleep while sunbathing. Though not unattractive, Janet is clearly not the queen-of-the-beach that Susie is. But don't tell her that.

> JANET So how'd your date with Trent go?

SUSIE Okay, I guess. He took me to a real nice restaurant.

JANET

Oh yeah?

SUSIE

Yeah, it was pretty good. They had actual silverware and everything. The waiter wasn't even wearing a paper hat.

JANET

Sounds great.

SUSIE Woulda been if he hadn't made me pay.

CUT TO:

EXT. WIDE ANGLE

The Gang rehearse their song and dance number in preparation for the Teentown Talent Contest. A chorus line of gyrating teens dance wildly behind Biff as he and his band play a fast, rockin' tune featuring 'Wipe Out' inspired drum-work.

> BIFF (sings) Hi! We're The Gang -We live on the beach -We play and we swim -And we sing and we screech -We're carefree and happy -And all of those things -We all have nice tans -And everyone sings -Not a pimple in sight -We have regular sex -We live on the beach -

While our folks send us checks -

We are living what you long to be -Happy and horny and highly carefree! 9.

EXT. GREGORY ASHBROOK

slinks up to a girl with corn-rowed hair who is obviously trying her best to look like Bo Derek. Not too successfully. The girl bops up and down in time to the music.

> ASHBROOK Nice corn row.

BO CLONE Next year I'm planting beans.

ASHBROOK Would you like to dance with me.

BO CLONE Not for a hundred dollars.

Ashbrook reaches into his pocket. Produces an impressive wad of cash.

ASHBROOK Two hundred?

CUT TO:

EXT. JANET AND SUSIE

still sitting on their beach towels. But now they sit underneath large, beauty-parlor-type hair dryers. Susie casually files her nails while Janet flips through a copy of 'Bulge' magazine (featuring a cover story on the 'Boys of the Olympic Swim Team'). They shout to one another over the roar of the hair dryers.

> JANET I'm getting tired of the guys around here. They're all so... (opens the centerfold - it unfolds an extra time) ...immature.

SUSIE What I need is a real man. Someone big, cute and cuddly that I can dominate completely.

Janet nods her head in agreement.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE GANG

continue their dance number -- a bizarre mixture of the Twist, Calypso and quaaludes.

CUT TO:

EXT. WIDE ANGLE

from the ocean as The Gang dance on the beach. The music blares in the distance. In the foreground we see two dolphins standing up out of the water, swaying back and forth in time to the music.

CUT TO:

EXT. BOARDWALK

Next to the usual assortment of hot dog and ice cream stands, a line of women hang around in front of a 'RENT-A-TROLLOP' booth. The women have all seen better days -- most looking like they were turned down for parts in a John Waters film because of their odd appearance. We see a woman dressed like Carmen Miranda, a Las Vegas chorus girl (the feathers on her costume molting), a pantomime horse, a nun, an old woman with a walker, and a little dancing dog in a tutu.

Gregory Ashbrook approaches the girls. Pauses in front of the booth. Before he can say anything the women all shout out in unison:

RENTAL GIRLS

No!

CUT TO:

EXT. JANET AND SUSIE

Their nail polish dry, the girls nonchalantly remove the cotton balls from between their toes and stuff them into their bikini tops as they talk.

JANET We've gotta find some new boys.

SUSIE Maybe we should branch out.

JANET You mean leave The Gang?

Susie glances toward the wildly dancing teens.

SUSIE Yeah. Their choreography sucks.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE GANG

flail around dangerously. Biff calls out:

BIFF Hey everybody -- do the Beach Bunny!

The Gang immediately start to 'do the Beach Bunny' -- a dance in which the participants make bunny ears behind their head with their fingers, use the other hand for a tail and hop around like fools.

WIPE TO:

EXT. ANOTHER SECTION OF THE BEACH - LATER

Janet and Susie stroll along the beach, on the prowl for muscular, gullible-looking men. They move past a line of people buried in the sand. Most are middle-aged men, doing their best to humor their bored children. No one is visible in the last hump, where a surfboard has been partially buried in the sand, resembling a tombstone.

> JANET I like to make 'em think it's my first time. Like they're deflowering me or something.

SUSIE I know. Makes them feel dominant.

The girls giggle nastily. Suddenly Janet stops dead in her tracks, her eyes wide. Or vice-versa. She points to the water.

JANET Oh my God, will you look at that...

Susie follows her gaze.

CUT TO:

A tall, handsome man rides a Jet-Ski through the waves. He is a dashing figure astride the powerful machine.

CUT TO:

EXT. ANGLE ON SUSIE AND JANET

They continue to watch the man ride the wild surf.

JANET Now that's a man.

SUSIE

I guess...

JANET You guess? What's wrong with him?

SUSIE I don't know. I just don't feel that motherly instinct over him.

CUT TO:

EXT. WIDE ANGLE

as the man on the Jet-Ski heads toward the beach. He comes in too fast, hitting the sand with a tremendous impact -- causing him to be propelled over the handlebars. He flies through the air, landing with a splat against a...

CUT TO:

EXT. LIFEGUARD STATION

The lifeguard on duty is HUNK O'NEAL, an amiable, blondehaired Adonis of a man. Hunk looks down at the crumpled Jet Skier a few feet below him, calling out through a red bullhorn.

> HUNK Hey, no roughhousing on the beach!

Having done his duty he returns to his reading: a paperback titled 'Abandon That Hum-Drum Job',

CUT TO:

The two girls look in the direction of the lifeguard station.

JANET That lifeguard's pretty goodlooking.

SUSIE Yeah. We'd make a cute couple.

JANET Then why don't you go up an introduce yourself?

SUSIE No, that's not complicated enough. I have a harder idea...

WIPE TO:

EXT. BEACH - A LITTLE LATER

Susie runs down the sand to the water, where she dives in and starts swimming away from the beach. Miraculously without getting her hair wet.

Janet stands on the shore, shielding her eyes with one hand as she watches her friend swim out past the breakers.

CUT TO:

EXT. OCEAN

Having reached deep water, Susie stops swimming. She treads water for a moment, getting her bearings. Then, taking a deep breath, she begins thrashing around, giving a bad imitation of a drowning swimmer. Miraculously without getting her hair wet.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH

Seeing Susie's signal, Janet calmly saunters on over to the lifeguard tower where Hunk is stationed, clears her throat, and begins to scream at the top of her lungs.

JANET Help! Somebody help! My friend is drowning! Sinking like a stone! (MORE) JANET (CONT'D) Oh heavens above, is there no one to save her?

Hunk looks up from his book. Glances down to the pseudohysterical girl.

> HUNK You there, something wrong?

JANET Yes! My best friend is drowning!

Hunk looks somewhat uncomfortable.

HUNK Drowning? You mean in the water?

JANET (pointing to the ocean) Yes!

Setting aside his book, Hunk stands, grabbing a pair of binoculars. He raises them.

CUT TO:

EXT. HUNK'S POV

through the binoculars as he scans he horizon. We see the dorsal fin of a huge shark cut through the water toward an unsuspecting man. ...scanning... A woman fights off the tentacled arms of an octopus. ...scanning... We finally focus on Susie, still splashing around in the water. We hear Janet's voice.

> JANET (O.S.) Do you see her?

HUNK (0.S.) She looks alright to me -splashing around and having a good time...

Susie disappears under the water.

HUNK (O.S.) (CONT'D) ...oops, there she goes...

Susie surfaces again. Her hair miraculously dry.

EXT. HUNK

continues to peer through the binoculars, giving a running commentary on Susie's position.

HUNK ...wait, she's up again...she'll make it...oh, there she's gone under again...no, there she is, she's okay...hold on, there she goes...no, wait --

Adjusting her make-up in a hand mirror, Janet calls up to Hunk.

JANET

Are you gonna save her or what?

Realizing that duty is calling at the top of its lungs, Hunk reluctantly sets aside the binoculars and pulls on a pair of swim flippers. Jumping down from the tower he grabs a Donald Duck life preserver hanging on a hook. Quickly puts it around his own waist.

His jaw firmly set, determination on his face, Hunk snaps on his faithful nose plug and heads toward the water. He dives awkwardly into the surf and begins dog-paddling slowly out to the 'drowning' girl.

CUT TO:

EXT. JANET

leans against the lifeguard station watching Hunk lurch through the water toward her friend. Suddenly and shockingly a hand looms up behind her, clamping down hard over her mouth before she can scream. She is yanked quickly out of frame.

CUT TO:

EXT. OCEAN

Susie continues to splash around in the water. Growing tired, she begins to wonder where her Prince Charming could be. She stops thrashing long enough to see...

...Hunk dog-paddling slowly and painfully to the rescue, kept afloat only by the grace of God and his Donald Duck swim toy. It truly is a pitiful sight.

Overcome by feelings of mercy, pity, monotony and fatigue, Susie begins swimming to Hunk's aid. She reaches him just as his last bit of strength peters out. He is breathing heavily as Susie pulls him toward shore.

SUSIE C'mon, killer.

HUNK Just relax and everything will be okay. We'll be on shore in a minute. You know you really shouldn't swim out this far -- it's dangerous.

SUSIE

For who?

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH

Her hair miraculously dry, Susie drags a thoroughly waterlogged Hunk unceremoniously onto the beach. Looking like the original drowned rat, Hunk continues to run through his lifeguard spiel.

> HUNK ...water sports can be dangerous...watch out for riptides...don't feed the sharks...

Susie dumps him onto the sand.

SUSIE There ya' go, Aquaman.

Hunk looks up, flashing his most charming smile.

HUNK

Hiya.

Susie stares at him coldly.

SUSIE You've got a piece of kelp on your tooth.

HUNK

Oh great...

Embarrassed, Hunk scrambles to his feet, wiping the smudge of seaweed from his front tooth. Susie stands watching him, her hands on her hips.

SUSIE (accusingly) A lifeguard who can't swim.

Hunk looks down, embarrassed, shuffling his flippers in the sand.

HUNK (mumbles) Well, you know...um...

SUSIE

How'd you ever get hired?

Really embarrassed now, Hunk trips and falls over his words.

HUNK I, uh, they thought I looked good sitting in the, uh...the...um...

A beat. Hunk can't quite find the word he's looking for. Finally, he gives up and points to the lifeguard station. Susie attempts to fill in the blank.

SUSIEthe tower?

Hunk puts his finger on the tip of his nose.

HUNK

Bingo.

Susie softens. Smiles.

SUSIE Well, they were right about that. I'm Susie Martin. My friends call me Susie.

She offers her hand in greeting. They shake.

HUNK Hunk O'Neal. My friends call me a variety of things.

SUSIE I guess you already met my friend Janet.

HUNK The girl with the great pair of lungs, yeah. Susie glances around, looking for Janet. Can't seem to locate her.

SUSIE I wonder where she went?

HUNK Last I saw her she was over by the whatcha'-ma-call... lifeguard station.

A tumbleweed blows past them, across the sand. Susie starts toward where she and Janet left their beach towels and beauty aids.

SUSIE

She's not there now.

Hunk follows. As they walk along the beach they pass a group of adventurers, all wearing khaki hunting clothes with pith helmets, sunk waist-deep in what an old crooked sign identifies as 'Quicksand'. The men are currently trying to fling a lasso over a well-endowed sunbather's breasts to pull themselves out.

Susie speaks worriedly.

SUSIE (CONT'D) She said she'd wait for me.

HUNK She probably just went for a swim.

SUSIE No, she hates the water.

HUNK Maybe she went for a walk on the beach.

SUSIE No, she hates the sand.

They reach the blankets. Janet's towel and cosmetic case are still there, but their owner is nowhere to be seen. Susie begins rummaging through Janet's belongings.

> HUNK Sounds like a fun girl. What does she come to the beach for?

> > SUSIE

The boys.

HUNK Then she probably went off with some guy.

Susie finds what she's been looking for. Takes it out of the cosmetic case.

SUSIE No, she left without her diaphragm.

She takes the diaphragm out of its 'Happy Face' container and holds it up, a Chris Evert signature model showing her slapping a serve back with a powerful backhand.

> HUNK I'm sure she's around somewhere. Girls don't just disappear off the beach, y'know.

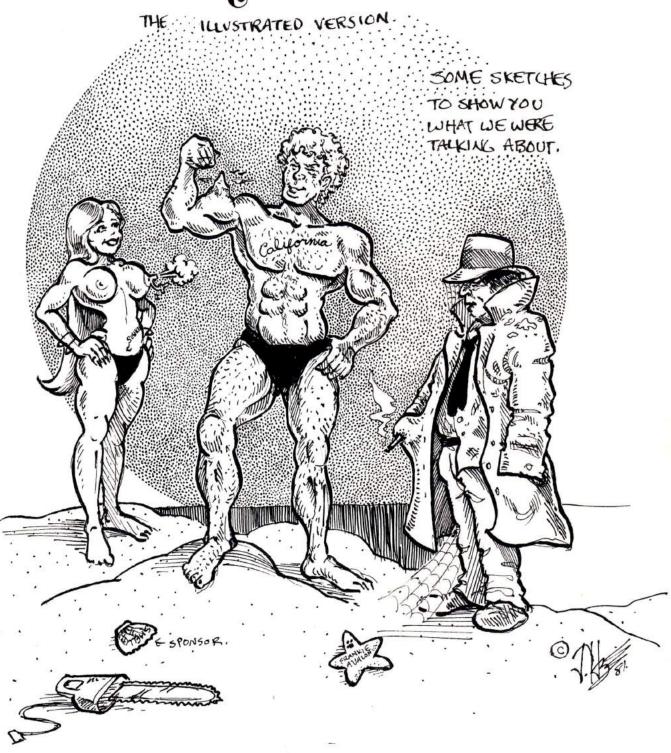
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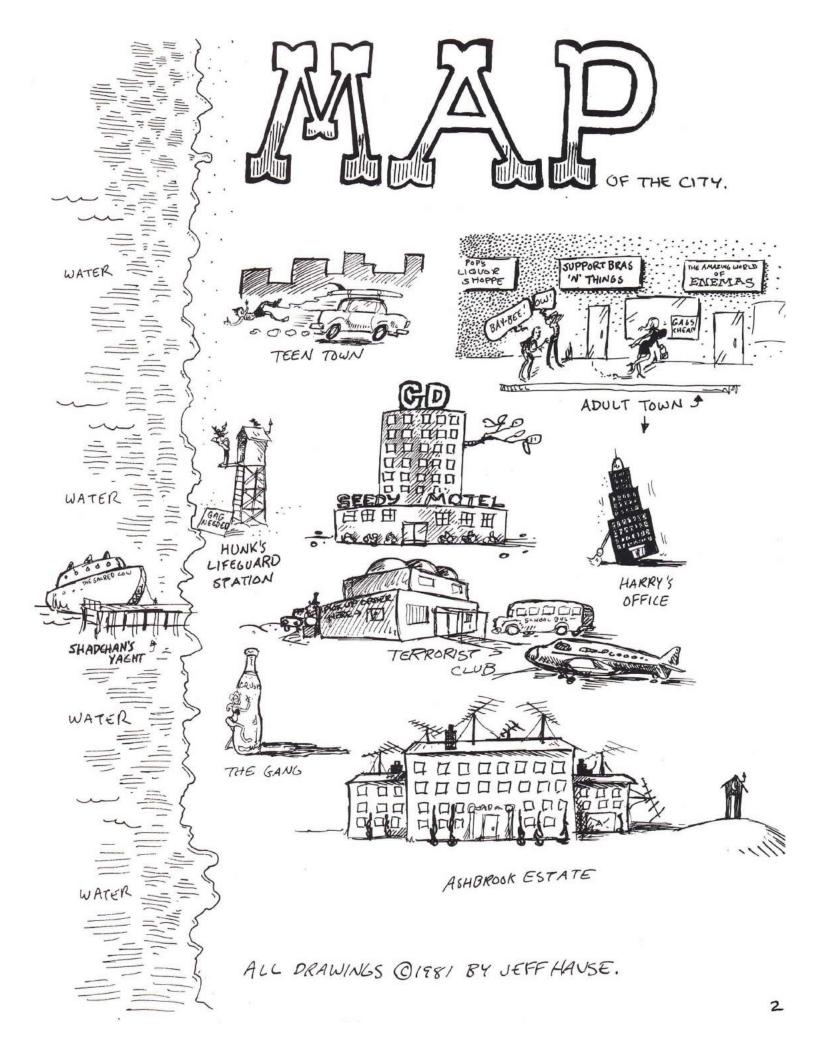
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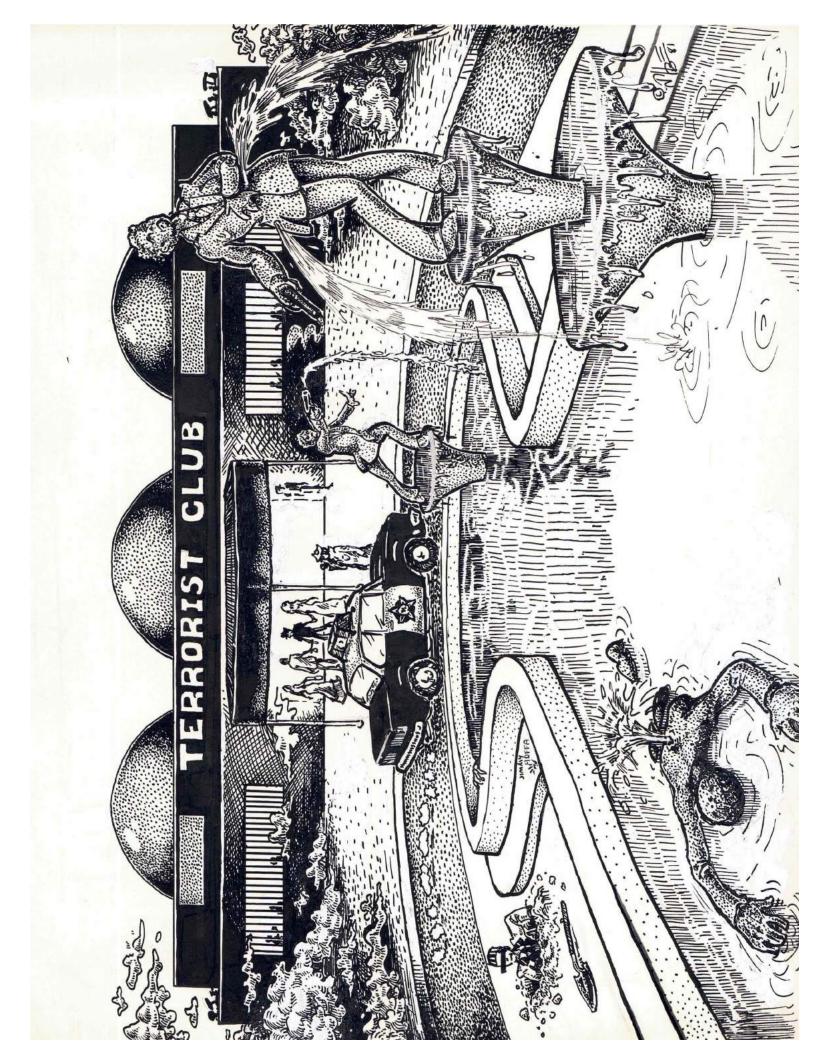
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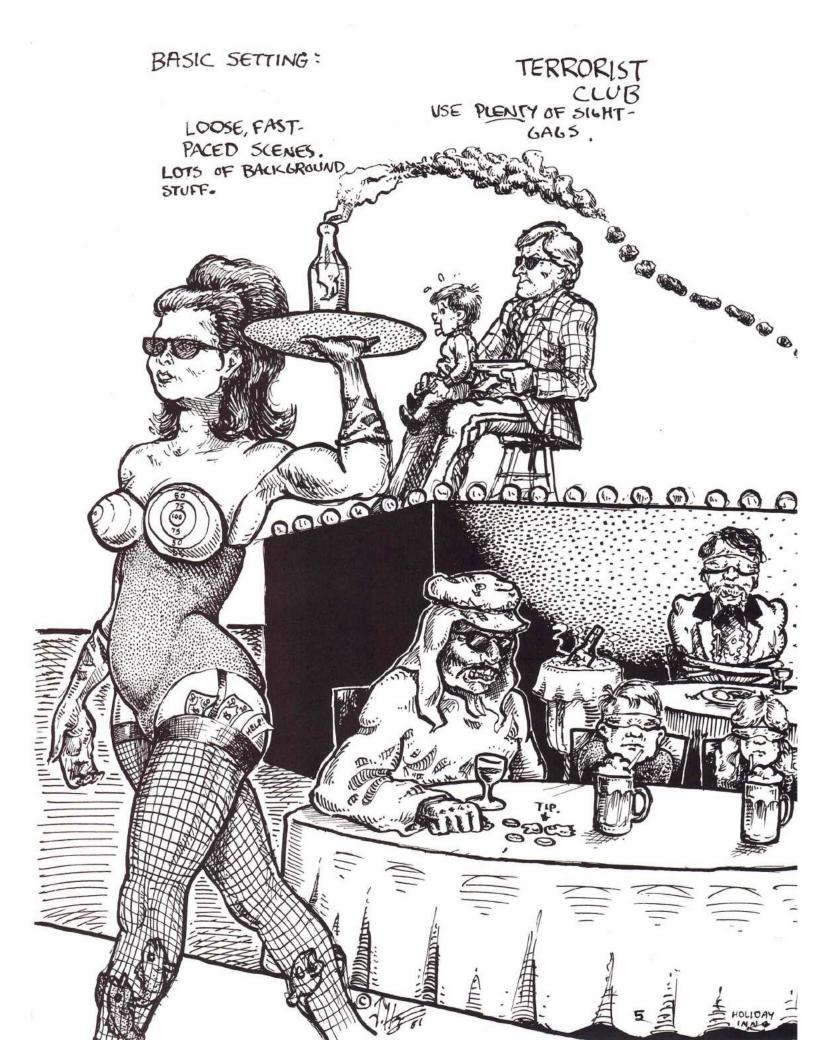


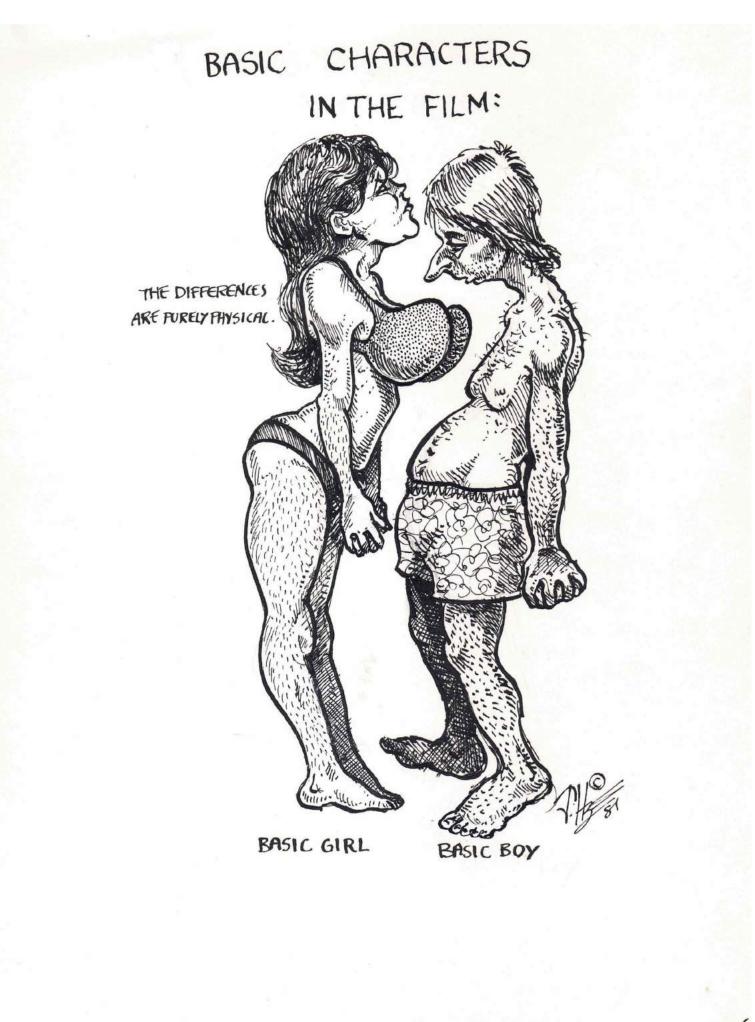
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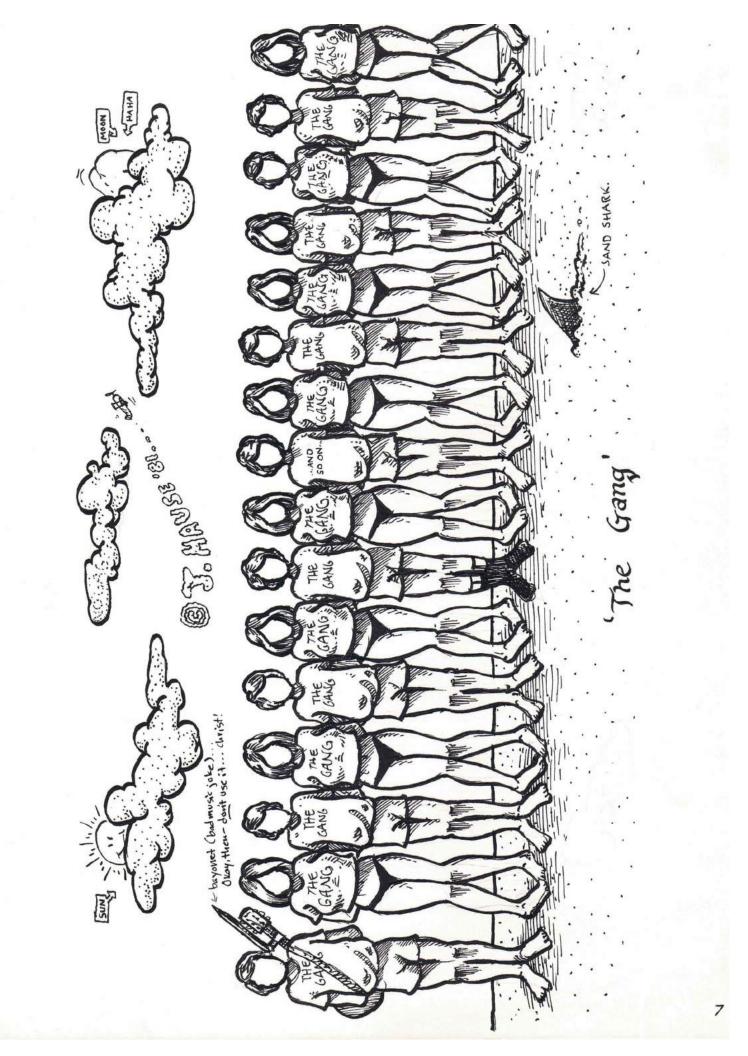


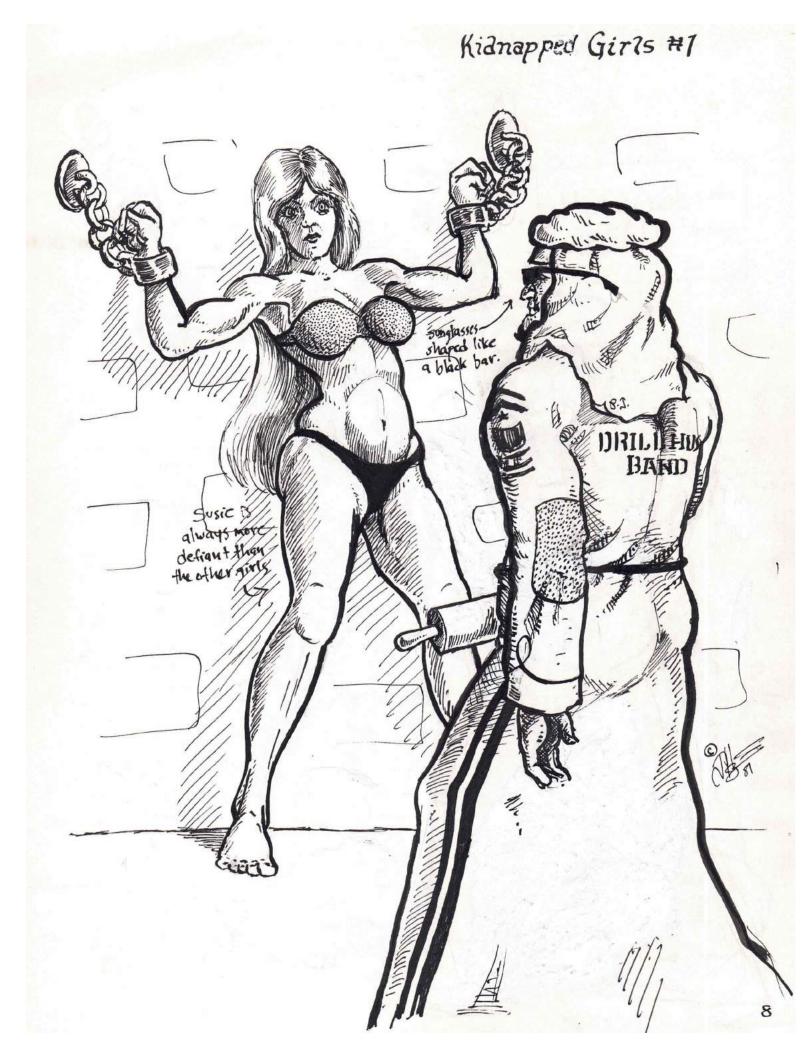


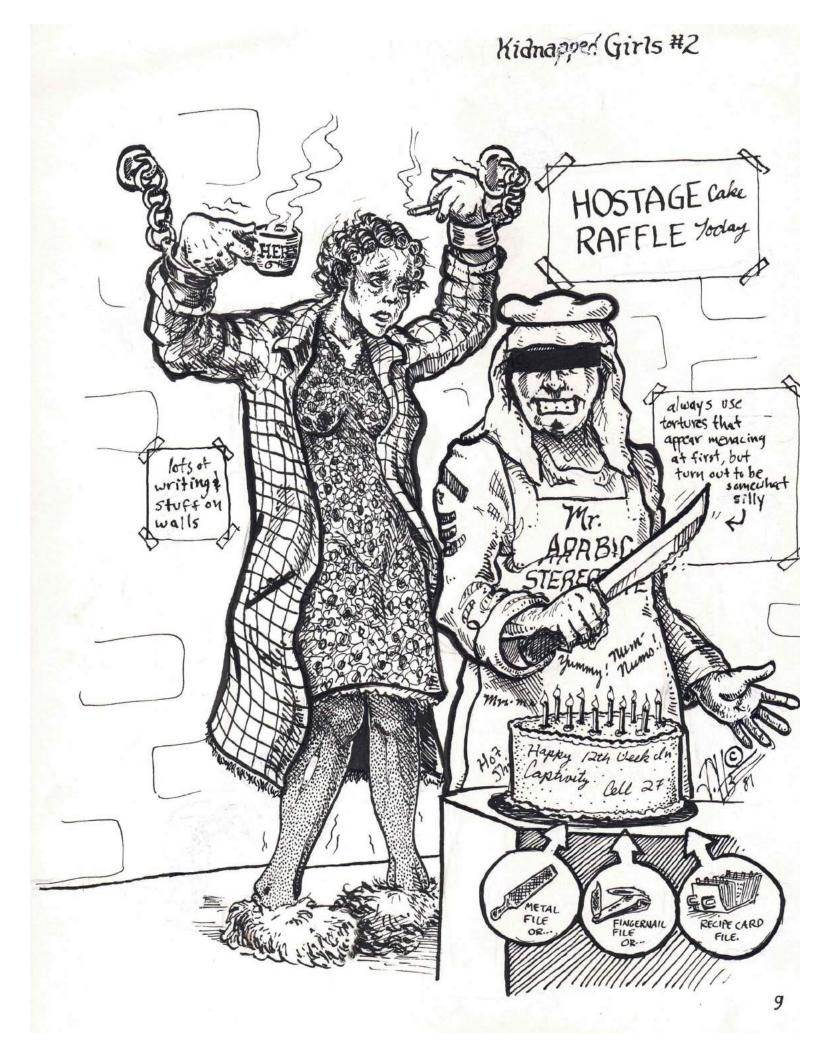




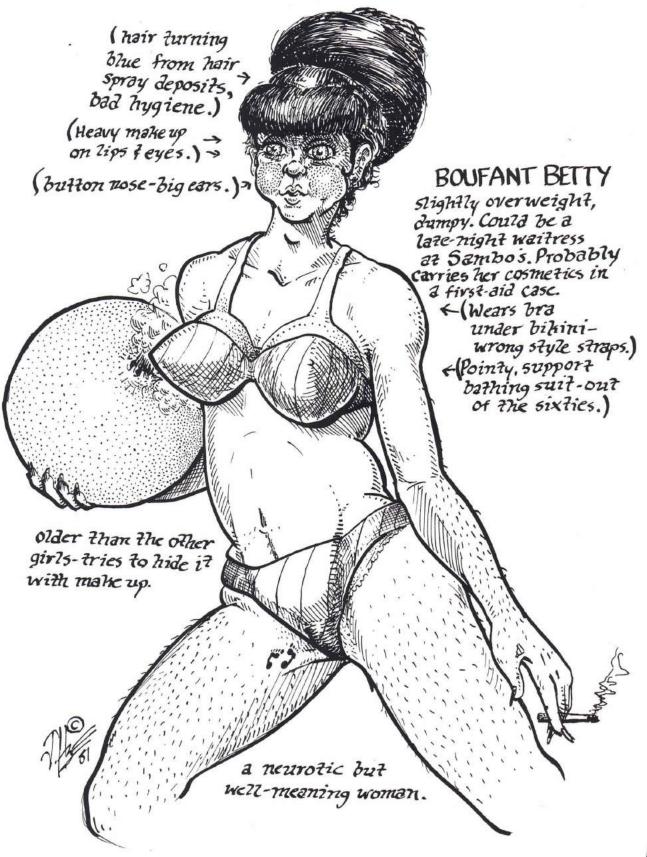




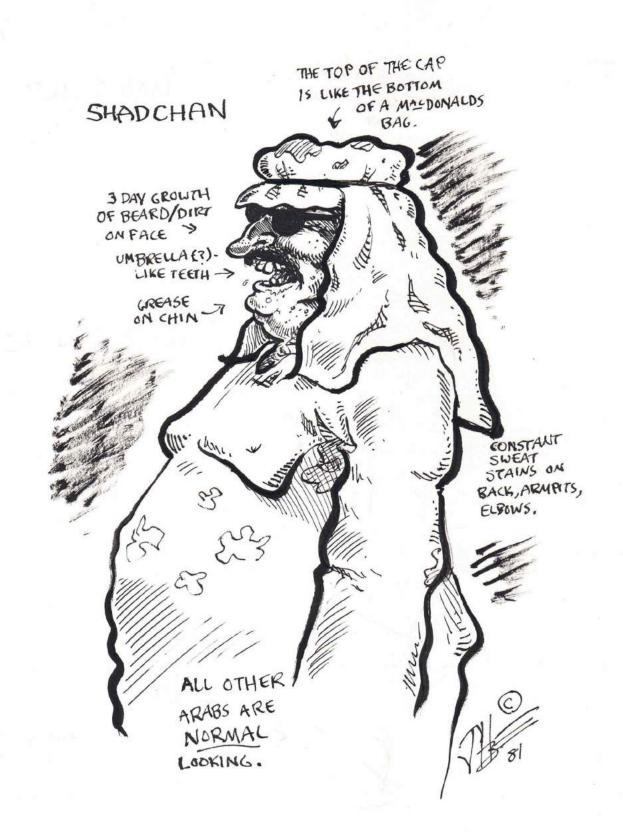




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