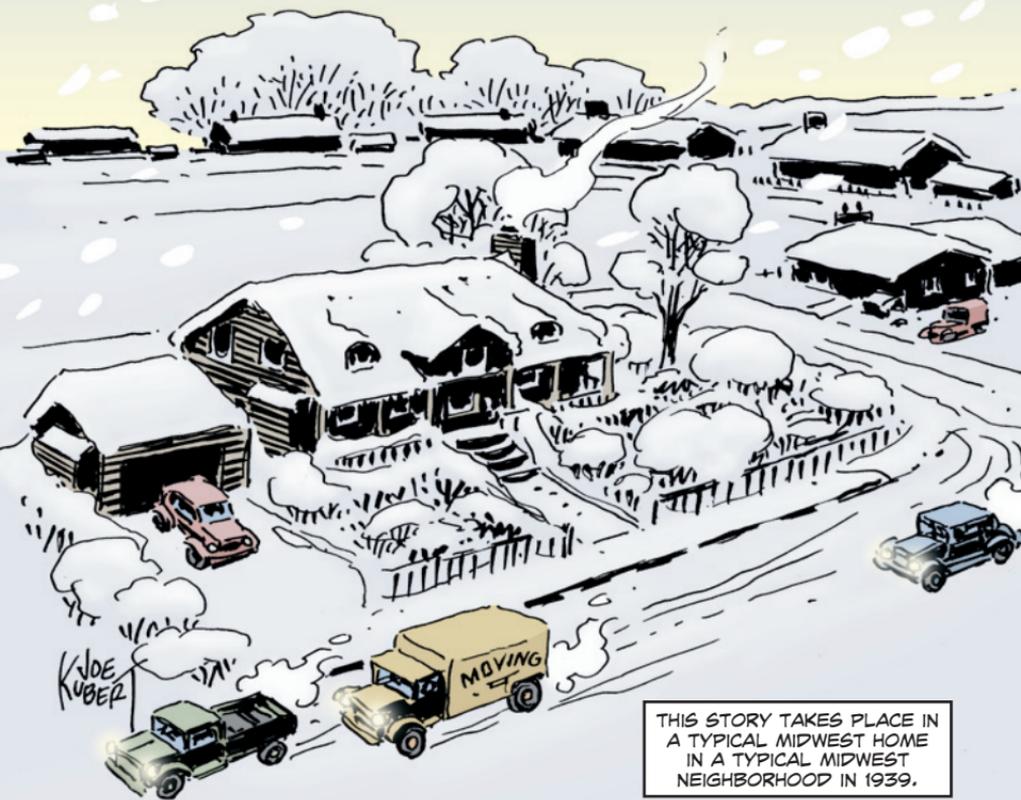


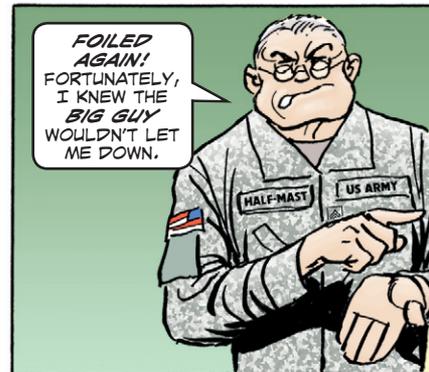
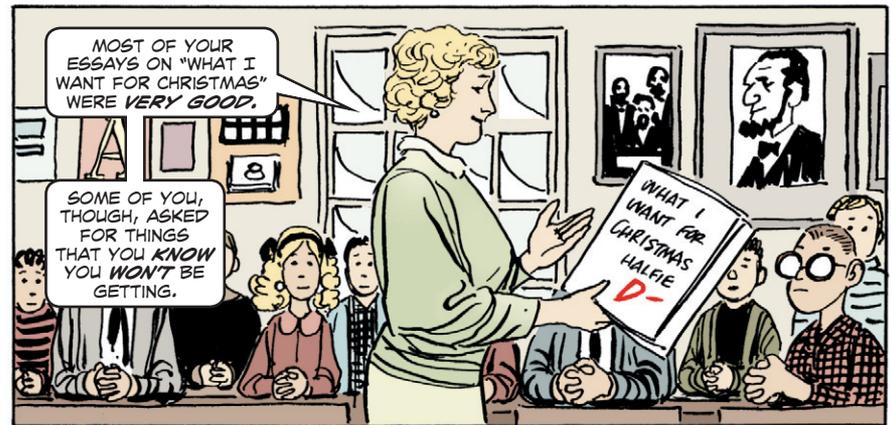
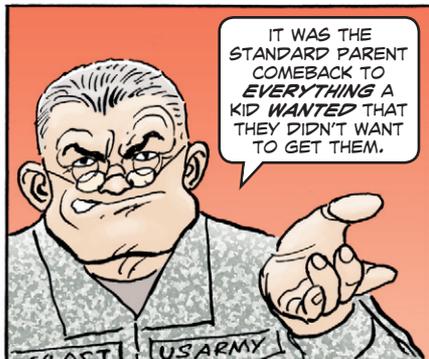
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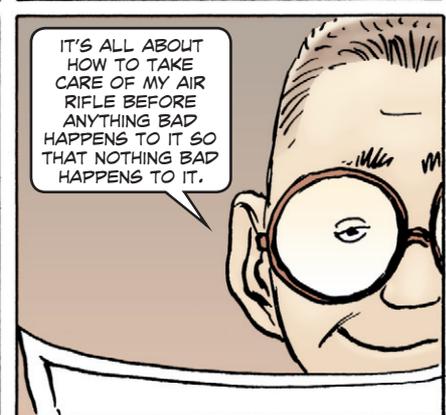
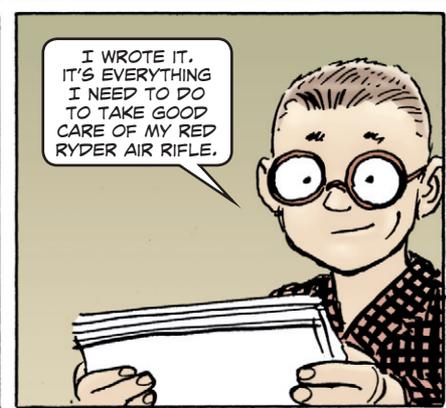
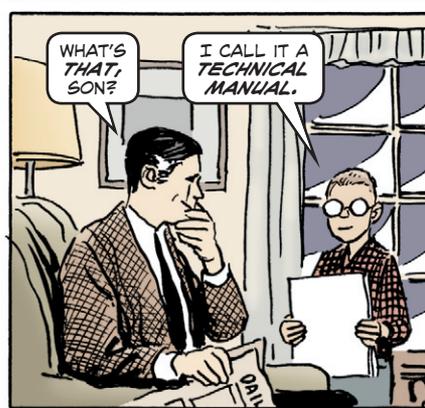
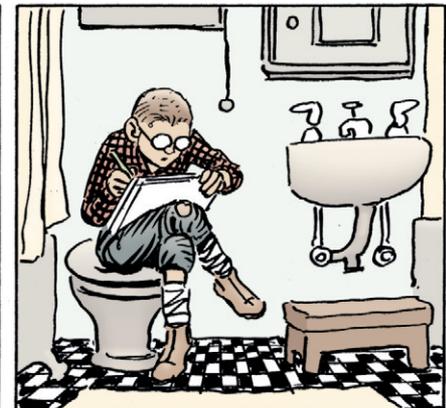
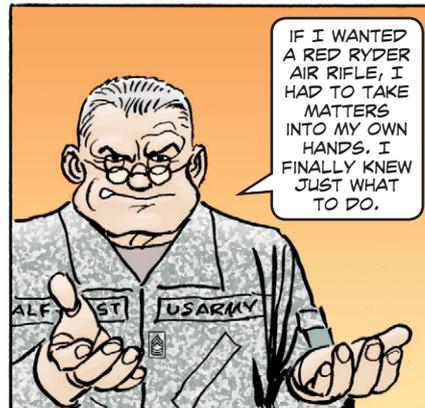


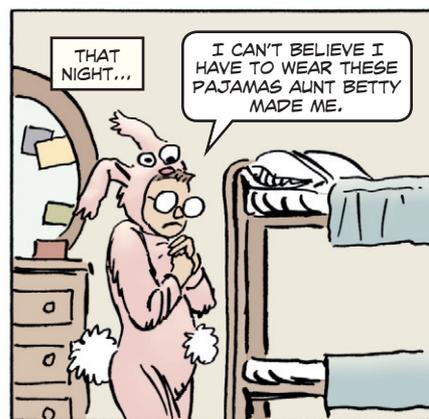
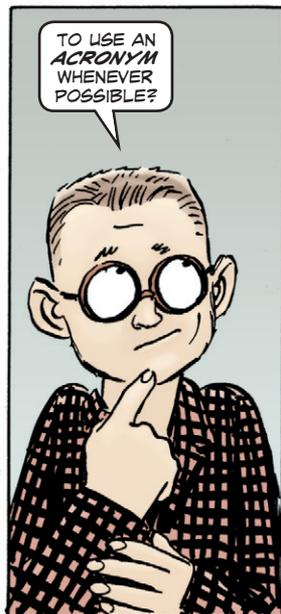
THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN  
A TYPICAL MIDWEST HOME  
IN A TYPICAL MIDWEST  
NEIGHBORHOOD IN 1939.

IN 1966, JEAN SHEPHERD  
PUBLISHED A BOOK OF SHORT  
STORIES ENTITLED, IN *GOD WE  
TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH*. IN  
1983 A COMPILATION FROM THAT  
BOOK BECAME THE HIT HOLIDAY  
MOVIE, *A CHRISTMAS STORY*.  
WHERE DID MR. SHEPHERD GET THE  
IDEA FOR THIS DELIGHTFUL TALE?  
UNTIL NOW, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT  
THE MAIN CHARACTER, RALPHIE,  
WAS BASED ON HIMSELF  
AS A CHILD.

BUT A RECENTLY DISCOVERED FIRST DRAFT  
OF THE STORY FOUND IN A HERMETICALLY  
SEALED OFFICIAL NFL FOOTBALL BOX  
UNDER A PORCH IN HAMMOND, INDIANA,  
REVEALS **ANOTHER** ORIGIN.  
IT SEEMS THAT MR. SHEPHERD WAS WRITING  
ABOUT HIS BEST FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR,  
HALFIE MAST. IT ALSO WAS REVEALED THAT  
THE ORIGINAL STORY WAS A BIT DIFFERENT  
THAN THE ONE PUBLISHED.  
SO HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME ANYWHERE,  
IS THE ORIGINAL, UNEDITED VERSION OF  
*A CHRISTMAS STORY*.







# CHRISTMAS DAY

HEY, HALFIE...  
THROW THE  
FOOTBALL  
TO ME.

I-I CAN'T!  
THE AIR  
LEAKED OUT.



**N**O MATTER WHAT PRESENT IS UNDER THE TREE  
WHETHER FOOTBALL OR RIFLE THAT FIRES A B-B  
THIS ONE THING WE KNOW  
IN RAIN, SLEET OR SNOW  
EQUIPMENT WON'T LAST IF IT'S PM FREE!