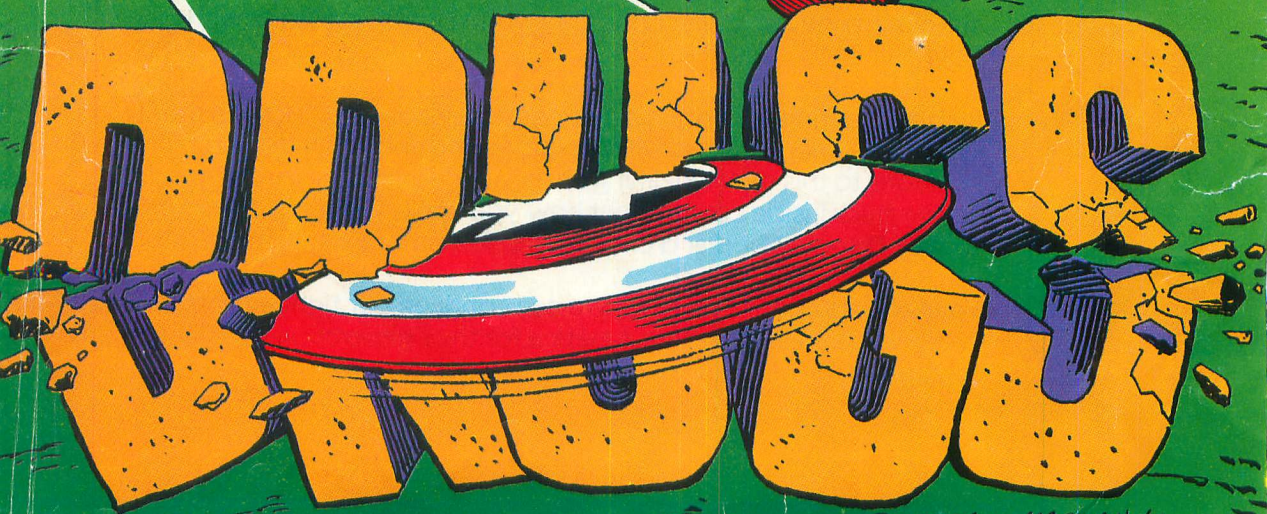




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CAPTAIN AMERICA

GOES TO WAR
AGAINST--



ROMITA + MARZAN JR.

Venture



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Dear Fans,

In all of Captain America's battles over the years, he may have never faced one as tough as this. Too many kids in Chicago are throwing their lives away because of drugs. That is why Captain America has joined forces in Chicago with Venture Stores, Gitano and the office of Mayor Richard M. Daley to help you learn about the tragedy of drugs before it's too late.

Approximately two-thirds of America's adolescents have used drugs in some way before their eighteenth birthday. In Chicago alone, nearly 100,000 kids between the ages of 10 and 17 require some kind of help and treatment for alcohol or drug abuse.

The Venture/Gitano Captain America "Say No To Drugs" campaign will help you help yourself. With the additional help of the Chicago Public School System and the Chicago Parks & Recreation Department, our goal is to help all of you to become role models and leaders in your community, instead of another statistic.

As an added bonus for joining our team and saying no to drugs, you will find inside this issue of Marvel Comics, more than \$50 worth of coupons redeemable for our co-sponsors' products at any of Venture's 38 Chicagoland stores.

By joining with Captain America, maybe you can help someone you know to say no to the evil of drugs before they start. It's a battle so big, that even Captain America needs your help. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Julian Seeherman
Chairman & CEO,
Venture Stores, Inc.

Richard M. Daley
Mayor,
City of Chicago

Eli Harari
President,
Gitano Mens/Boyswear

Ezra Dabah
President,
E.J. Gitano

Dear Kids and Parents,

Captain America, Venture Stores and Gitano invite you to team-up with us in our war against drugs!

We encourage you to join our battle by sharing Captain America's "War Against Drugs" comic book with classmates, friends and family. As a super hero, he can deliver the "Say No To Drugs" message with magical power.

By participating in Captain America's essay contest, "How To Create A Drug Free America," kids will get the opportunity to think and talk about solutions to this overwhelming crisis facing Chicago's youth. See details on the back inside cover about how you could win a trip for your family to Walt Disney World and one of over 500 other exciting prizes!

Your efforts count. Together, we can continue our fight against drugs in order to create a drug free America for their generation and generations to come.

the spirit of family™

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

HIGH HEAT

SOMEWHERE, HIGH ABOVE
THE EARTH...

AH... THERE HE
IS. THE ONE I TOLD
YOU ABOUT.
THE HUMAN CALLED
"CAPTAIN AMERICA."

I BELIEVE HE
IS ABOUT TO PERFORM
SERIOUS BREAKAGE
UPON SOME OTHER
HUMANS.

WATCH
CAREFULLY.
THIS MAY BE...
EDUCATIONAL.

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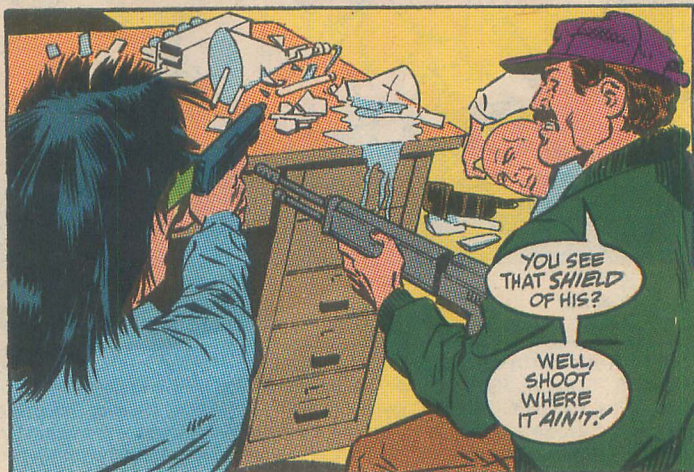
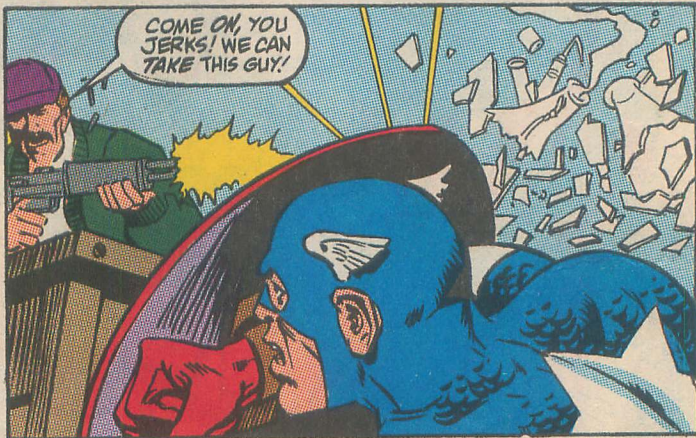
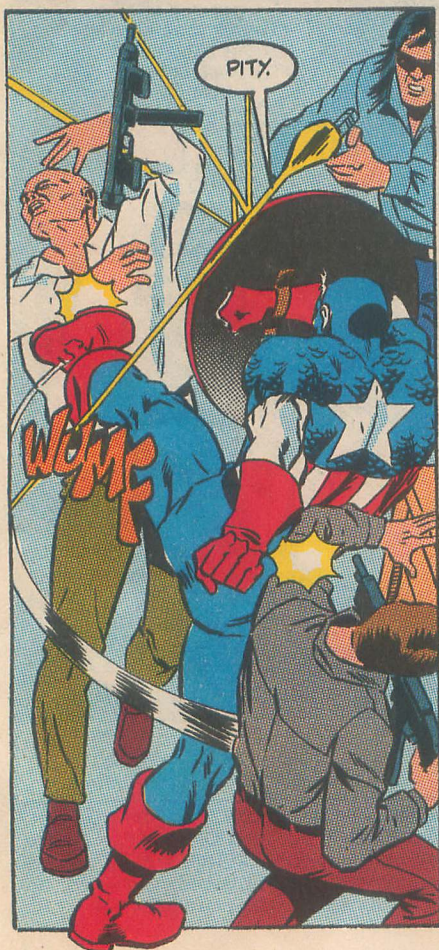
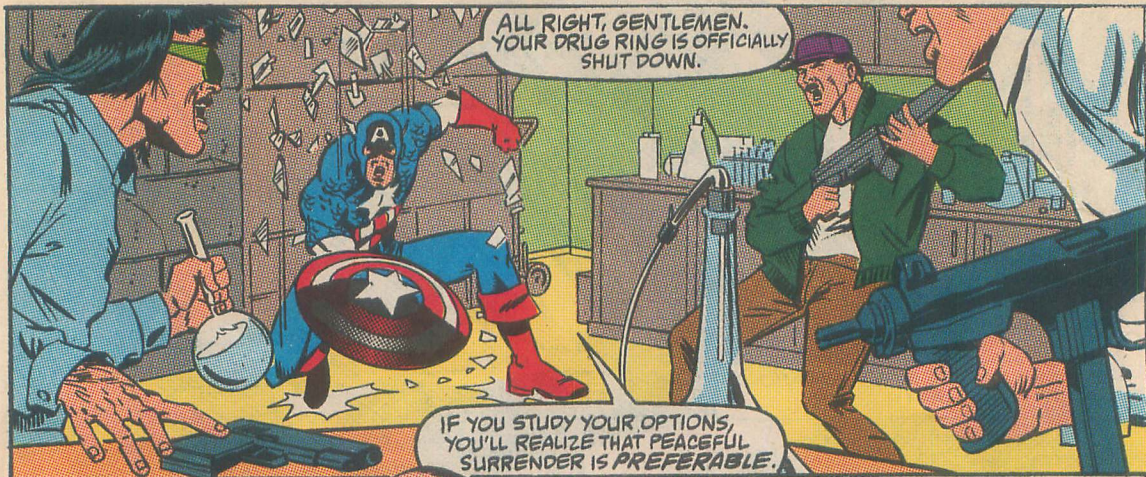
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WILLIAMS**

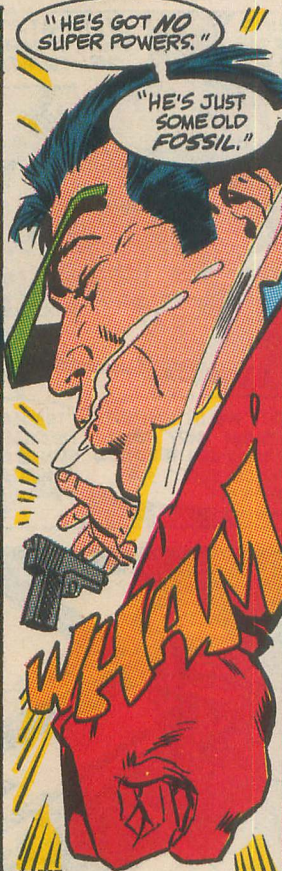
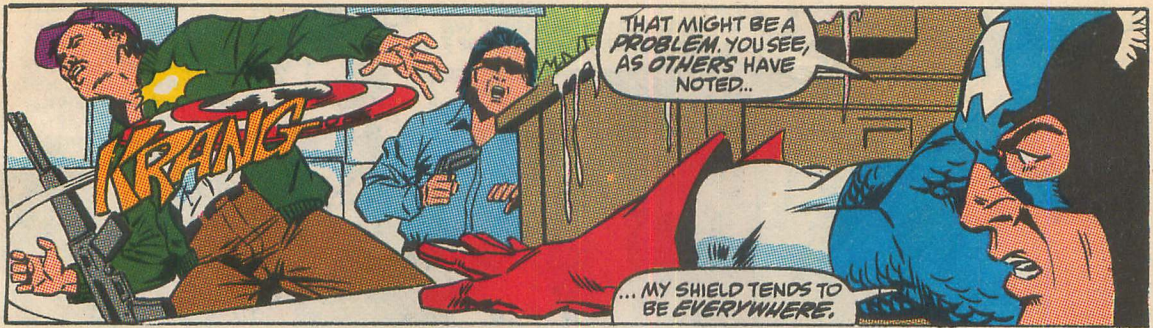
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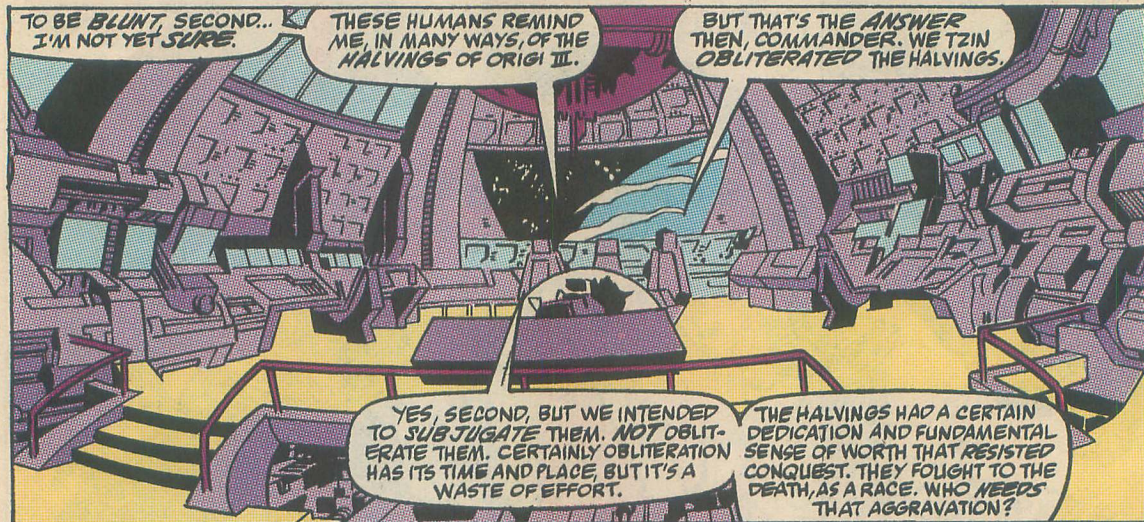






HOW DO YOU SUGGEST WE PROCEED, COMMANDER?

AFTER ALL, WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE EARTH IS A WORTHWHILE CONQUEST FOR THE TZIN. WHAT SHALL OUR REPORT BE?



TO BE BLUNT, SECOND... I'M NOT YET SURE.

THESE HUMANS REMIND ME, IN MANY WAYS, OF THE HALVINGS OF ORIGI III.

BUT THAT'S THE ANSWER THEN, COMMANDER. WE TZIN OBLITERATED THE HALVINGS.

YES, SECOND, BUT WE INTENDED TO SUBJUGATE THEM. NOT OBLITERATE THEM. CERTAINLY OBLITERATION HAS ITS TIME AND PLACE, BUT IT'S A WASTE OF EFFORT.

THE HALVINGS HAD A CERTAIN DEDICATION AND FUNDAMENTAL SENSE OF WORTH THAT RESISTED CONQUEST. THEY FOUGHT TO THE DEATH, AS A RACE. WHO NEEDS THAT AGGRAVATION?



AND I SENSE THOSE SAME QUALITIES IN HUMANS.

THE JOY OF LIFE...

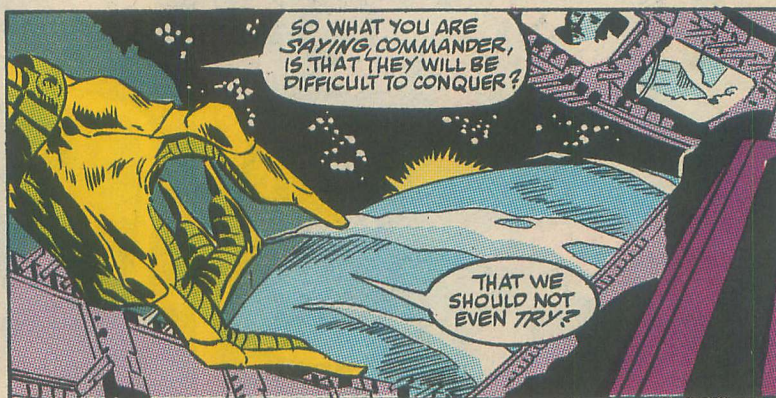
...AND UNDYING HOPE...

AND A DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR BOTH.



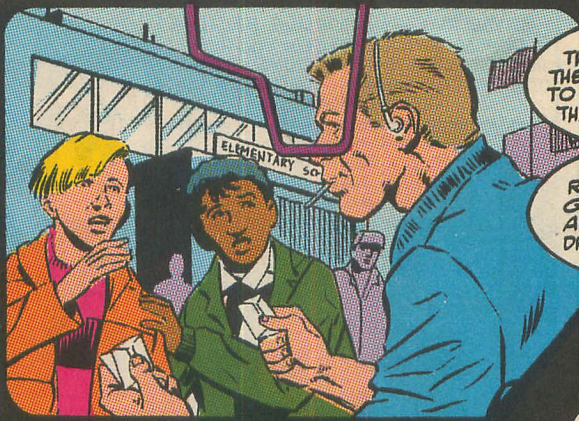
EVEN IF THE TZIN OVERCOME EARTH'S WEAPONRY AND CONQUERS THEM, WE MIGHT NEVER CRUSH THEIR SPIRIT.

EVENTUALLY THE HUMANS WOULD RISE UP... PERHAPS EVEN DESTROY US.



SO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, COMMANDER, IS THAT THEY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CONQUER?

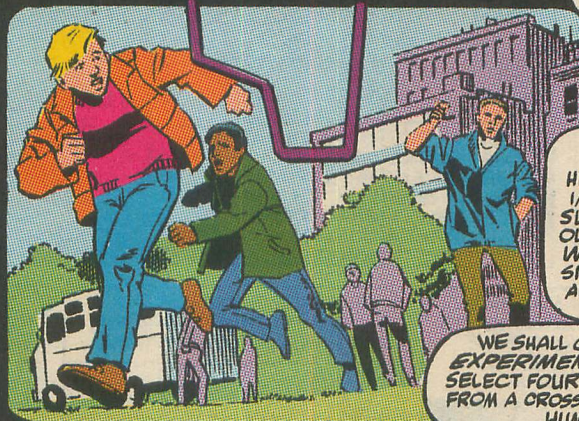
THAT WE SHOULD NOT EVEN TRY?



THEY POLLUTE
THEIR MINDS. SUBJECT
THEMSELVES WILLINGLY
TO ADDICTIVE DRUGS
THAT CAN DESTROY
THEM.

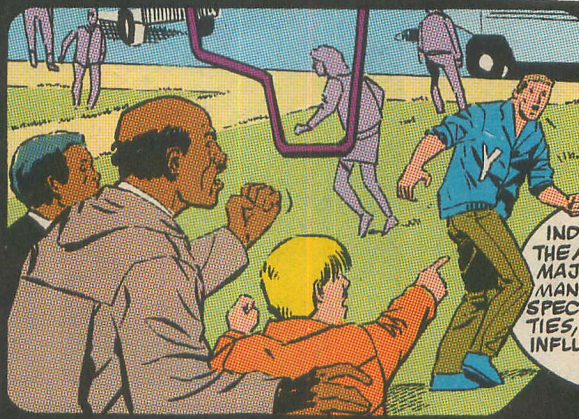
ALTHOUGH THEY CAN
RAISE THEMSELVES TO
GREATNESS, THEY
ARE STILL CAPABLE OF
DRAGGING THEMSELVES
DOWN AGAIN.

BUT LOOK,
COMMANDER.
SOME RESIST.



SOME, SECOND,
BUT NOT ALL.
HUMANITY MAY BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO
SUBJUGATE FROM
OUTSIDE... BUT FROM
WITHIN? IT'S POS-
SIBLE... IF THEY
ARE SUFFICIENTLY
MALLEABLE.

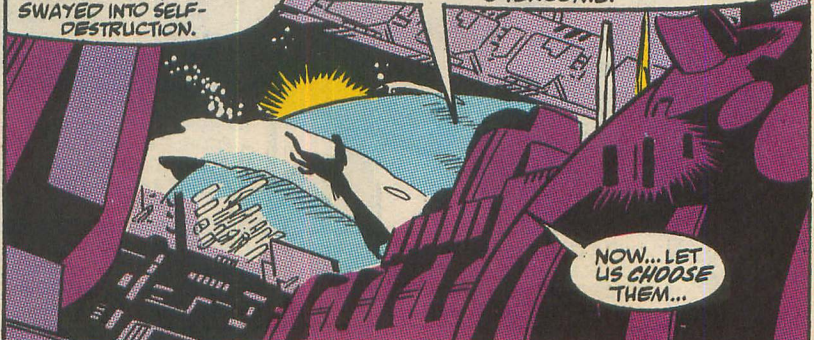
WE SHALL CONDUCT AN
EXPERIMENT. I SHALL
SELECT FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM A CROSS SECTION OF
HUMANITY.



FOUR SPECIAL
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
THE POTENTIAL TO BE
MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO
MANKIND. PEOPLE WITH
SPECIAL SKILLS AND ABIL-
ITIES, WHO COULD BE
INFLUENTIAL IF ALLOWED
TO DEVELOP.

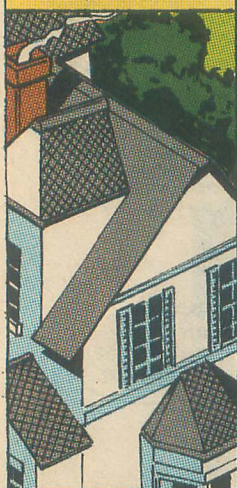
NOW, THOUGH, THEY ARE
YOUNG. THEIR THOUGHTS
PLIABLE. WE SHALL SEE
WHETHER THEY CAN BE
SWAYED INTO SELF-
DESTRUCTION.

IF HALF OF THEM ARE, THAT WILL BE ENOUGH
TO PROVE THAT MANKIND'S RESOLVE IS NOT
THAT STRONG, AND HUMANITY CAN BE
OVERCOME.



NOW... LET
US CHOOSE
THEM...

"DEAR CAPTAIN AMERICA: MY NAME IS KEITH WILSON..



"AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE TEEN BRIGADE, LOOKING OUT FOR ANY TROUBLE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT, FOR A COUPLE MONTHS.

"MAYBE THIS IS OUT OF LINE, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T INVOLVE SUPER-VILLAINS. DOCTOR DOOM ISN'T KNOCKING OVER THE 7-11 OUT HERE IN COLUMBUS OR ANYTHING.

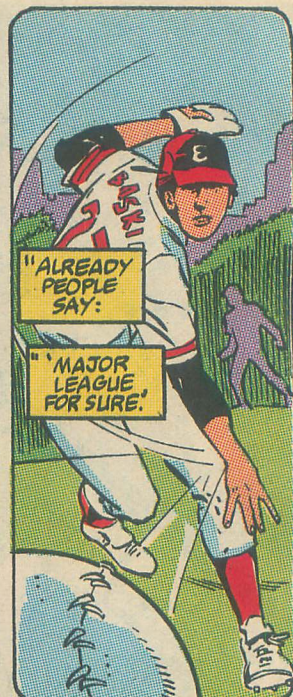


"BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO TURN.

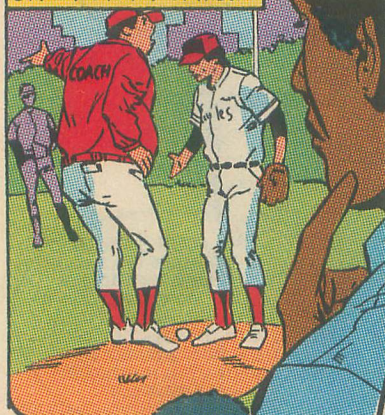
"I PLAY FIRST BASE ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, AND MY BEST FRIEND IS OUR PITCHER, MITCH BASKIN. MITCH IS INCREDIBLE. HIGH 90'S, PIN-POINT ACCURACY.

"ALREADY PEOPLE SAY:

"MAJOR LEAGUE FOR SURE."



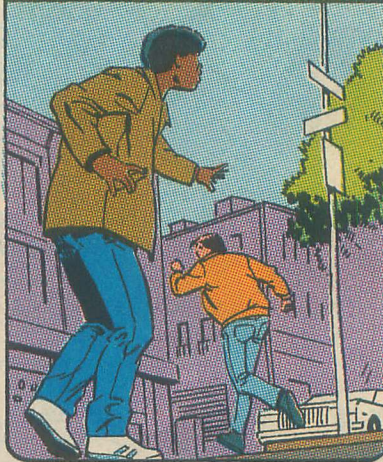
"BUT LATELY, SOMETHING'S WRONG. HIS MIND WANDERS, HE SEEMS OUT OF BREATH. NOT HIMSELF. WE JUST FIGURED HE WAS NERVOUS ABOUT THE UPCOMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME...



"... BUT THEN THE OTHER DAY I SAW HIM TALKING TO SOME GUY, WHO HANDED HIM SOMETHING.



"I CALLED OUT TO MITCH, BUT HE RAN OFF. I DIDN'T NOTICE WHERE THE OTHER GUY GOT OFF TO.

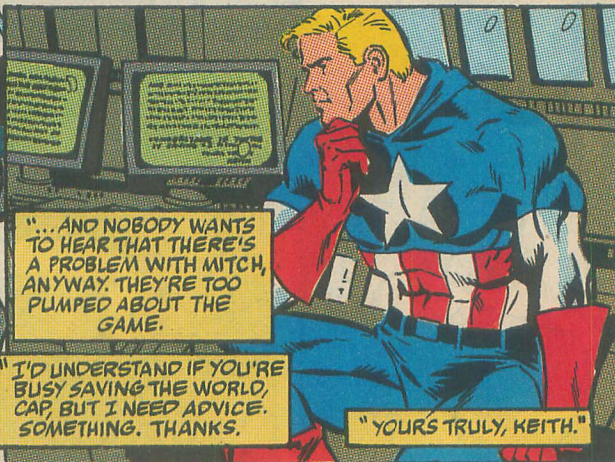


"NOW MITCH WON'T EVEN TALK TO ME.



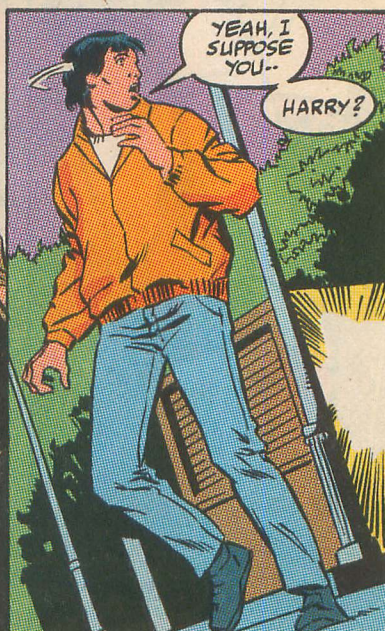
"AND I DON'T WANT TO GET HIM INTO TROUBLE, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY REAL PROOF THAT HE'S INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING BAD...

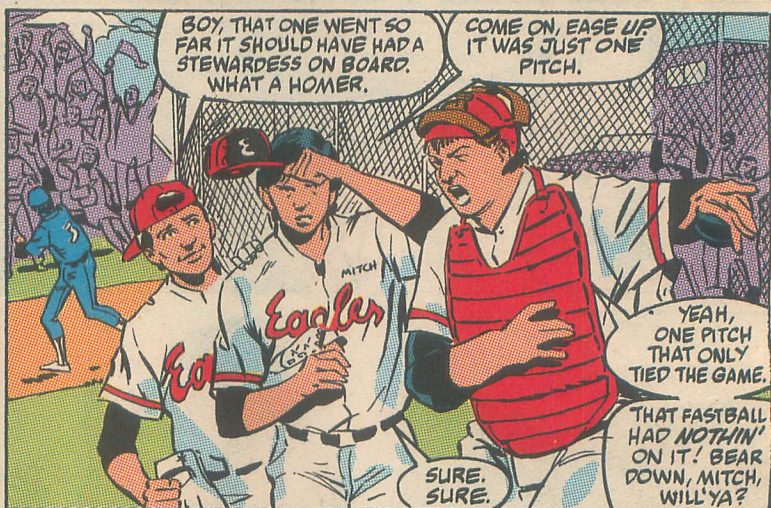
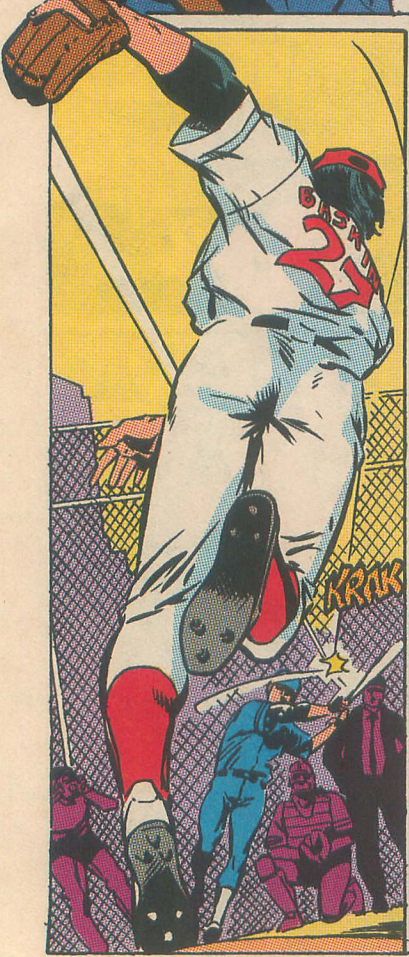
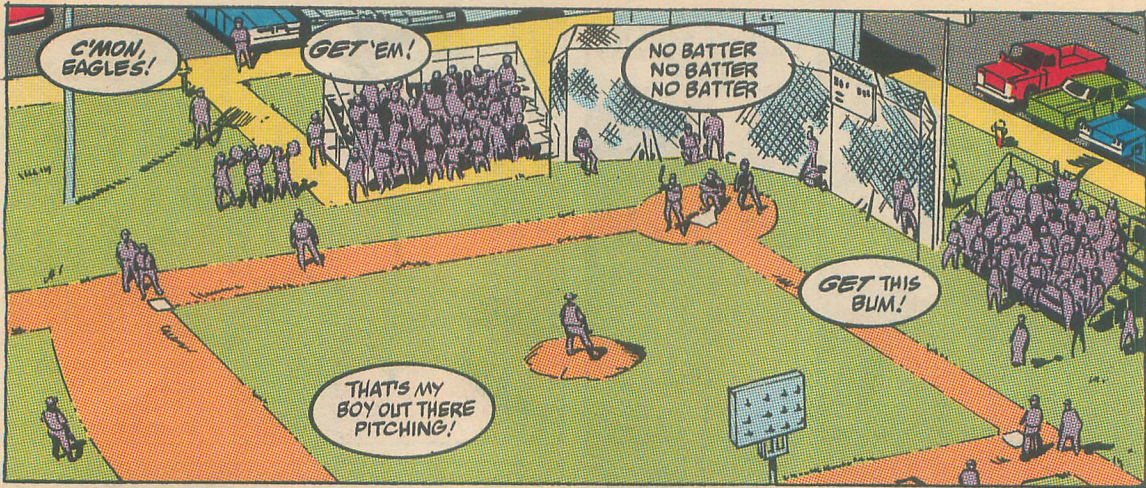
"... AND NOBODY WANTS TO HEAR THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH MITCH, ANYWAY. THEY'RE TOO PUMPED ABOUT THE GAME.



"I'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE BUSY SAVING THE WORLD, CAP, BUT I NEED ADVICE. SOMETHING. THANKS.

"YOURS TRULY, KEITH."





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CAPTAIN AMERICA

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DESTROY
LIVES.

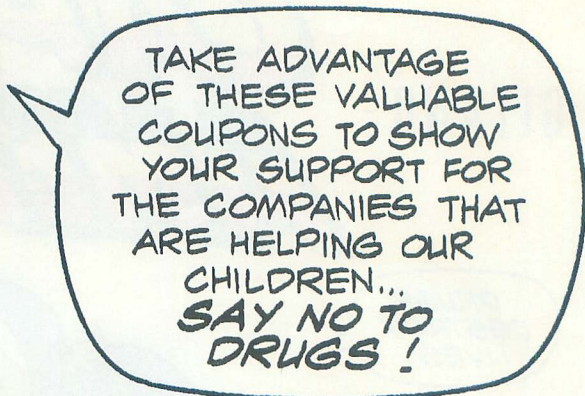
JOIN GITANO, VENTURE
AND ME IN OUR
FIGHT AGAINST
DRUGS!



THESE FINE COMPANIES
HAVE TEAMED UP
WITH VENTURE AND
GITANO TO SUPPORT
OUR EFFORTS TO
HELP KIDS...
SAY NO TO DRUGS!

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The Glidden Company
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Intercraft Industries
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Royal Appliance Mfg. Co.
RCA
Sony
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Valvoline

AND NOW... LOOK INSIDE
FOR VALUABLE COUPONS
WORTH MORE THAN
\$50.00



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50¢ Off Cassette Singles

LEI

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LIVE Entertainment Inc.

Venture

Save 50¢ on the entire stock of cassette singles. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/31/91

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Mall-In Rebate For 50% Off White Sox Tickets



Venture

Buy a case of Valvoline oil and receive a mail-in coupon for up to \$13.00 off the price of (2) White Sox Tickets. This is not the coupon. Look for full details on the Rebate Board in store. Expires: 5/31/91

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\$2.00 Off Scattergories Junior



Venture

Save \$2.00 on the Milton Bradley game of Scattergories Junior (style #4021). *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/31/91

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Mall-In Rebate For FREE Fanny Pack

Kodak

Venture

Get a FREE Fanny Pack (a \$10.95 Value) with any 4 proofs of purchase from Kodak film or batteries. This is not a coupon. Look for Full Details on the Rebate Board in store. Expires: 7/31/91

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50¢ Off Adult Tylenol

TYLENOL

Venture

Save 50¢ on any size (except trial) of Adult Tylenol. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 4/30/91

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\$1.00 Mall-In Rebate On Batteries



Venture

Get a \$1.00 rebate (limit 2) on any 1 package of Energizer AA8, C4, D4 or 9V2 packs. This is not a coupon. Look for full details on the Rebate Board in store. Expires: 4/30/91

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\$5.00 Off Casio Keyboards



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Save \$5.00 on Casio keyboards, Models CA100/CA625/CT650/CT670/CT640 & DH100. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/31/91

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\$1.00 Off GE Flood Lights



Get \$1.00 off GE Miser Outdoor Flood Lights 65 or 120 Watt lights only. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/31/91

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\$5.00 Off Flash Track Skates

Fisher-Price

Save \$5.00 on Flash Track Skates from Fisher-Price. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not Valid with any other coupon. Expires: 4/27/91

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14K Gold Charm for \$2.00

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\$1.00 Off The Captain America Slumber Bag

Coleman®

Save \$1.00 on the purchase price of Coleman's Captain America Slumber Bag. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/1/91

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\$1.00 Off Scotch Video Cassettes

Scotch™
VIDEO AND AUDIO PRODUCTS

Save \$1.00 on any 3-pack Scotch video cassettes or 1 headcleaning cassette. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 6/30/91

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Venture

25¢ Off Clairol Hair Care Products

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Save 25¢ on any size Clairol Condition Shampoo, Treatment, Mousse, Gel or Hair Spray. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/31/91

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50¢ Off Sesame Street Activity Pad

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COMPANY, INC.

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50¢ Off Coke 12-pack

Coke

Save 50¢ on any 12-pack Coke products. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 5/15/91

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50¢ Off Degree Deodorant

Degree

Save 50¢ on Degree Anti-Perspirant/Deodorant (1.75 oz. solid 1.5 oz. roll-on or 4 oz. aerosol). *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 6/30/91

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25¢ Off Orville Redenbacher's

Orville Redenbacher's
Gourmet
POPPING CORN

Save 25¢ on any Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn Products. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 8/1/91

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25¢ Off Colgate Toothpaste Jr.

Colgate

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40¢ Off Crayola Crayons

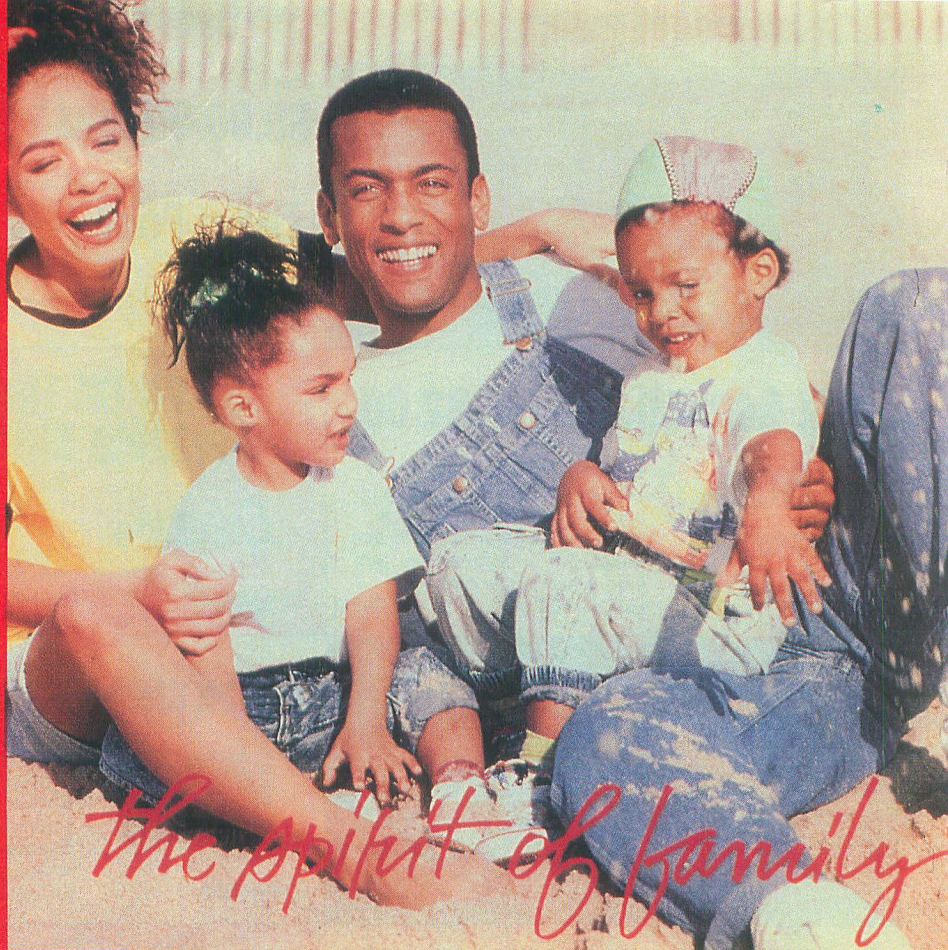
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Save 40¢ on the purchase of two or more of Crayola Crayon 24-pack or larger, 16-pack fluorescent or So Big. *Offer valid at participating Venture Stores. One coupon per item. Not valid with any other coupons. Expires: 6/24/91

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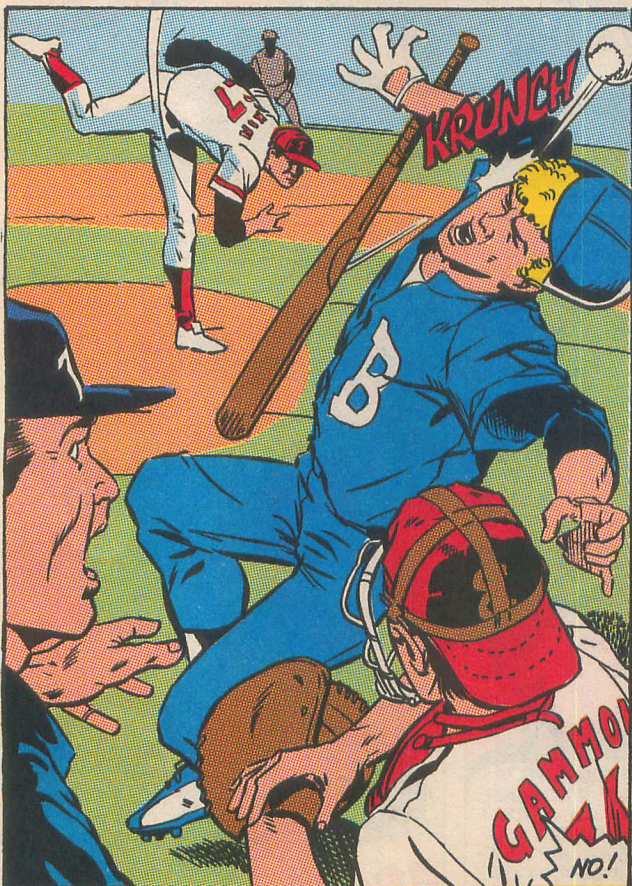
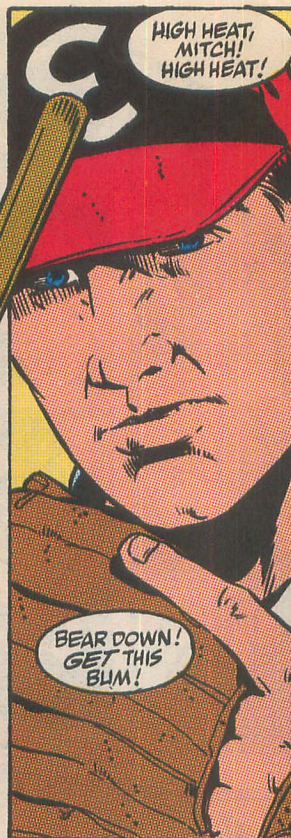
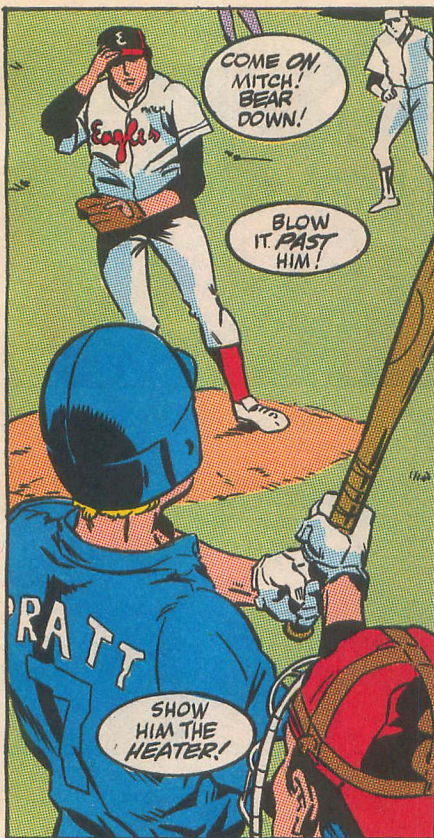
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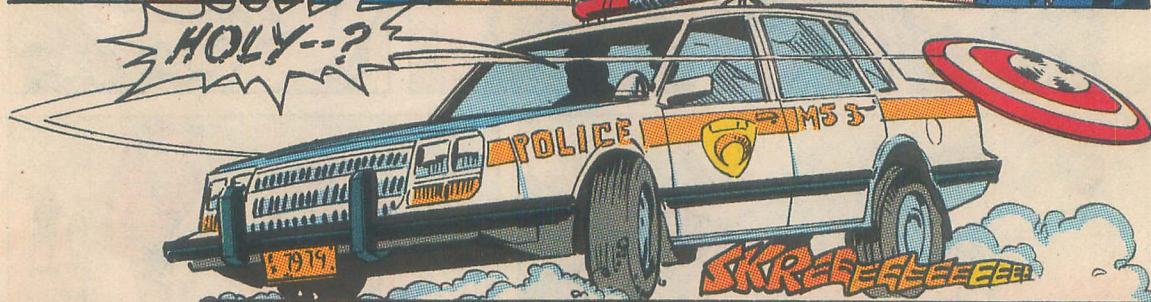


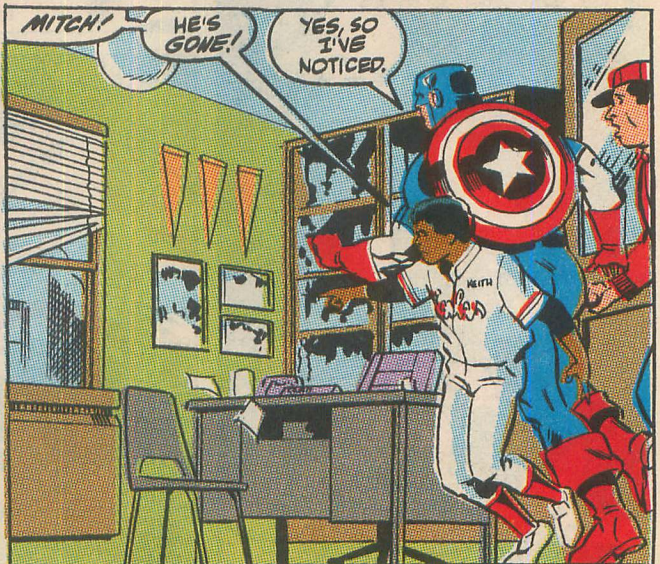
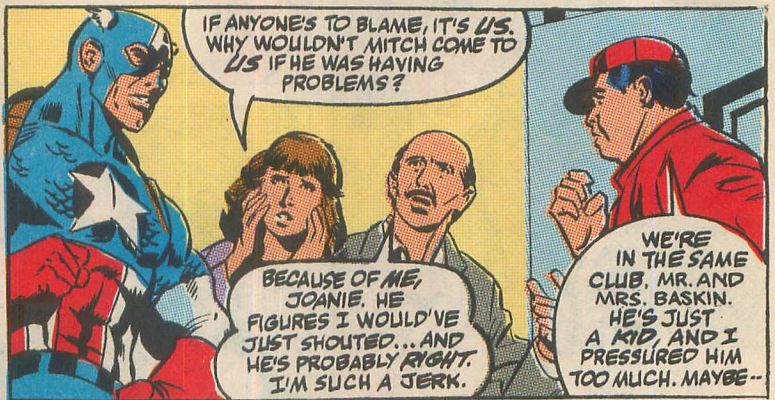
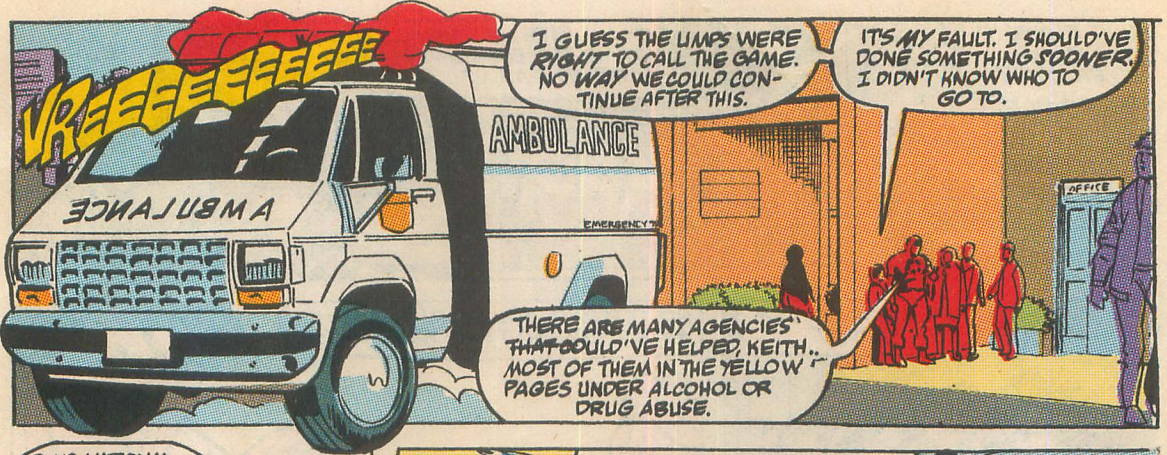
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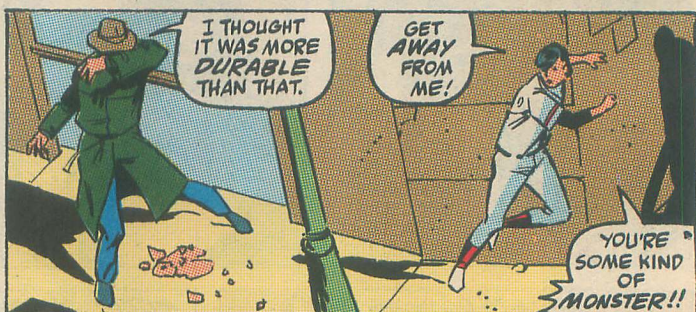
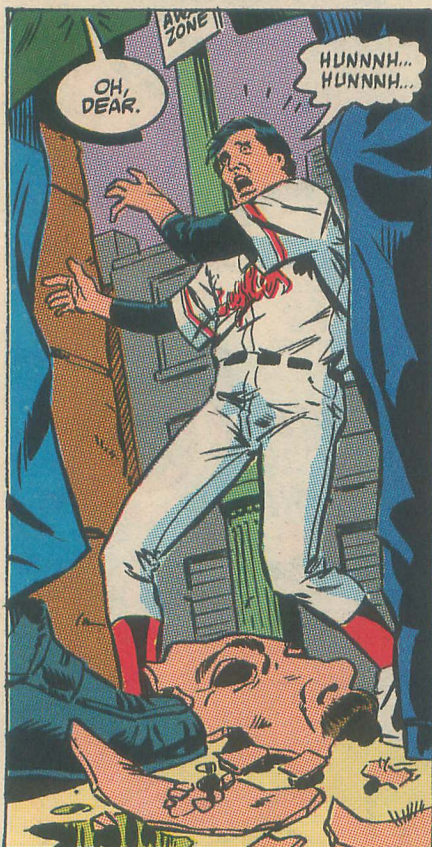
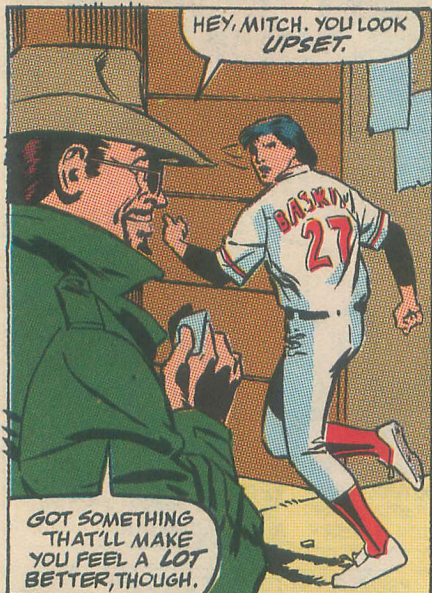
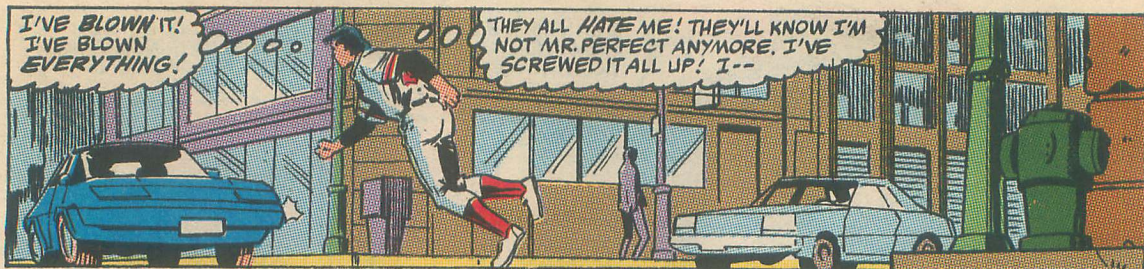


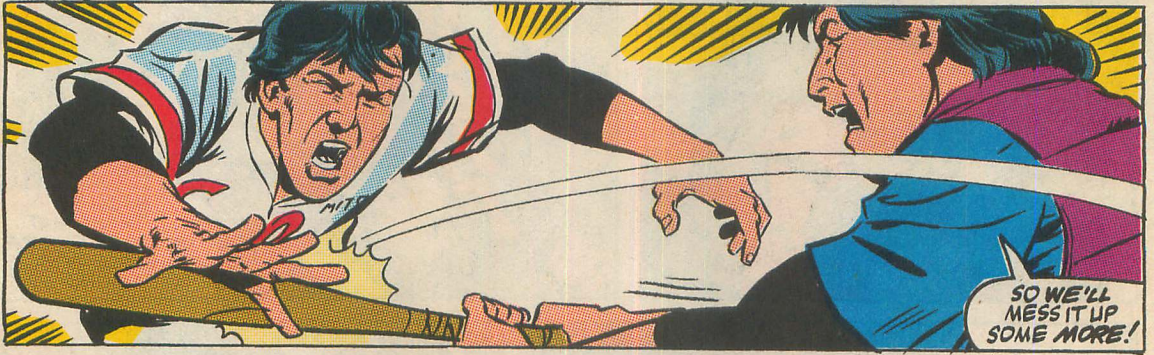
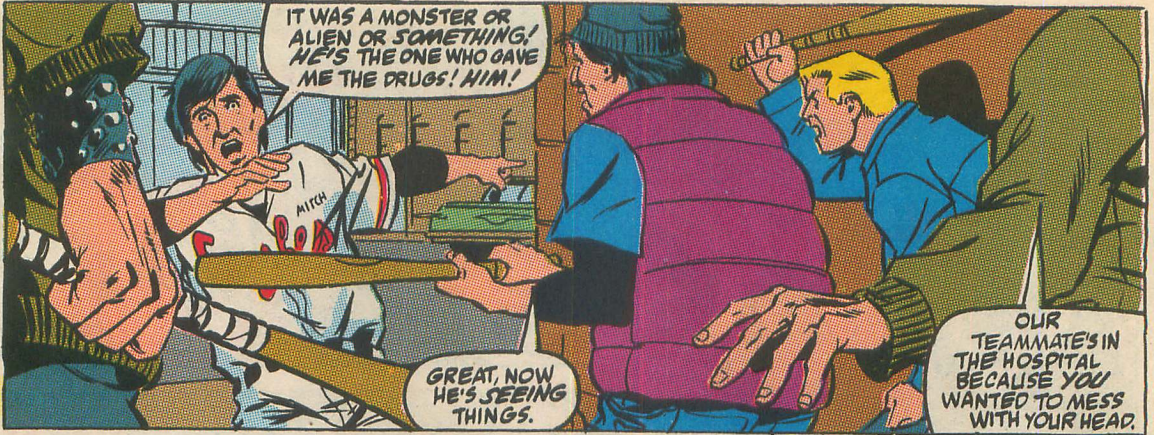
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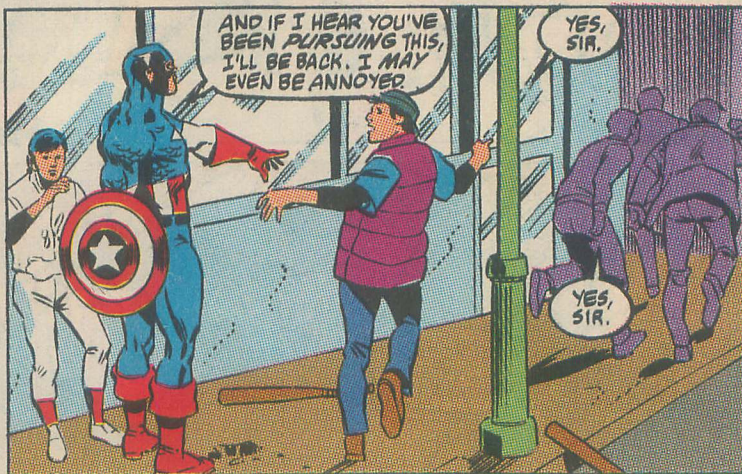
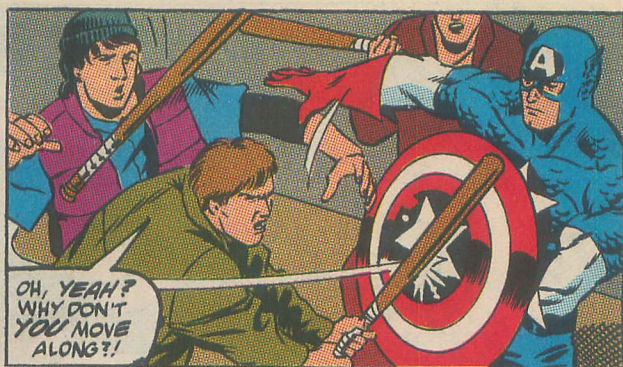












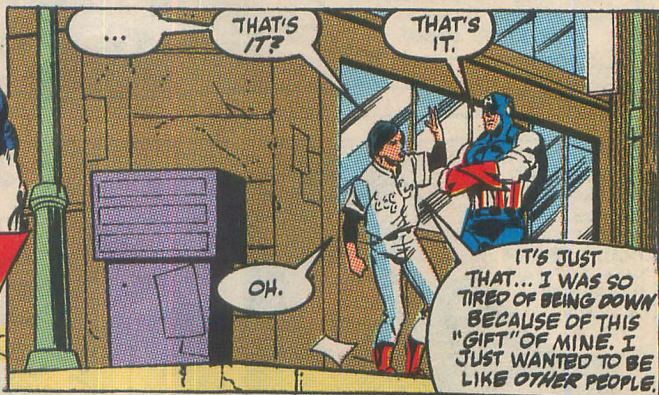
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME THE WHOLE DRUG TALK NOW, RIGHT? GOING TO THROW STATS AT ME, SHOW ME CHARTS. THE WHOLE BIT. WELL, GO AHEAD. I'M READY FOR IT.

ARE YOU SURE? IT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO HEAR.

OH, I'VE HEARD ALL THE BITS, SEEN THE COMMERCIALS. GO AHEAD. GIMME THE WHOLE STUPID SPEECH. GO ON.

OKAY. HERE IT IS:

WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE.



...

THAT'S IT?

OH.

IT'S JUST THAT... I WAS SO TIRED OF BEING DOWN BECAUSE OF THIS "GIFT" OF MINE. I JUST WANTED TO BE LIKE OTHER PEOPLE.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND MITCH? EVERYONE HAS SOME SORT OF GIFT OR TALENT.

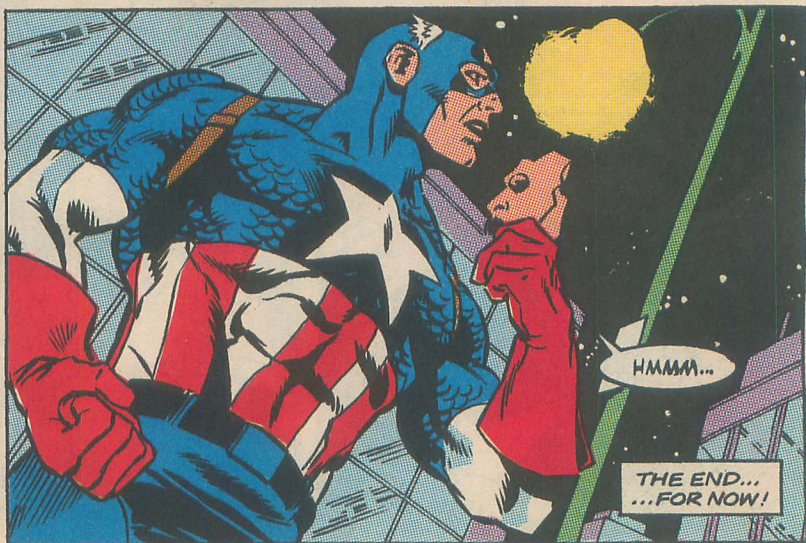
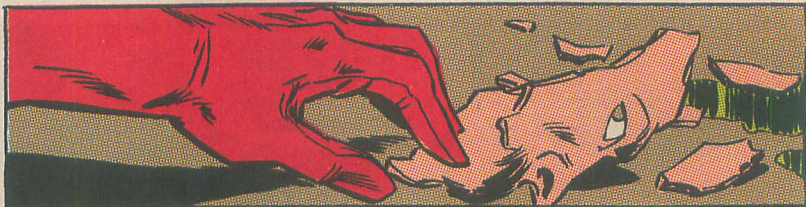
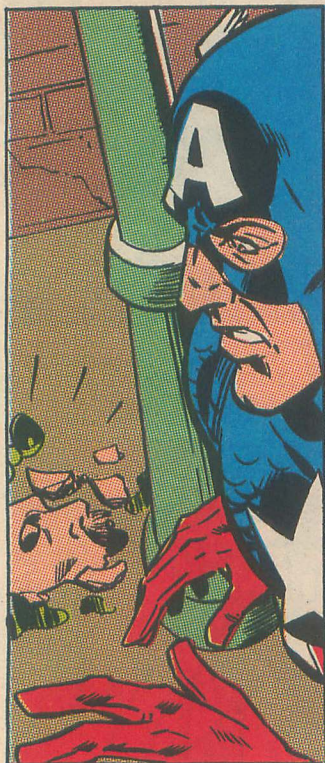
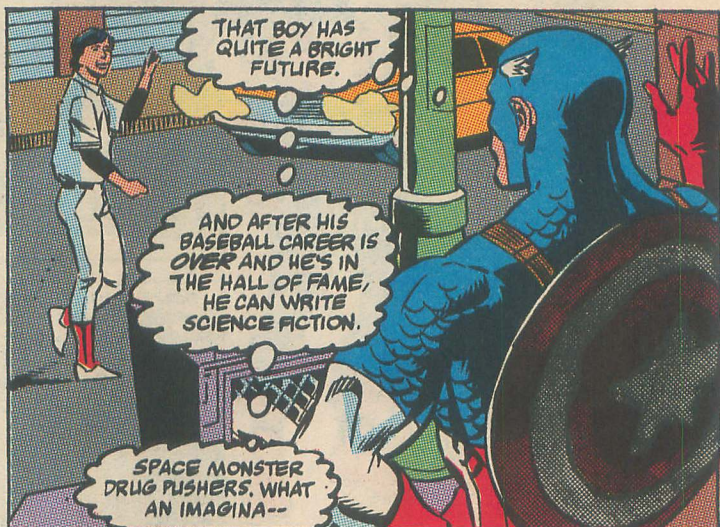
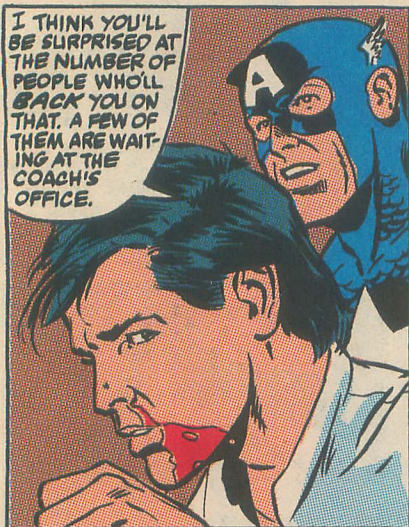
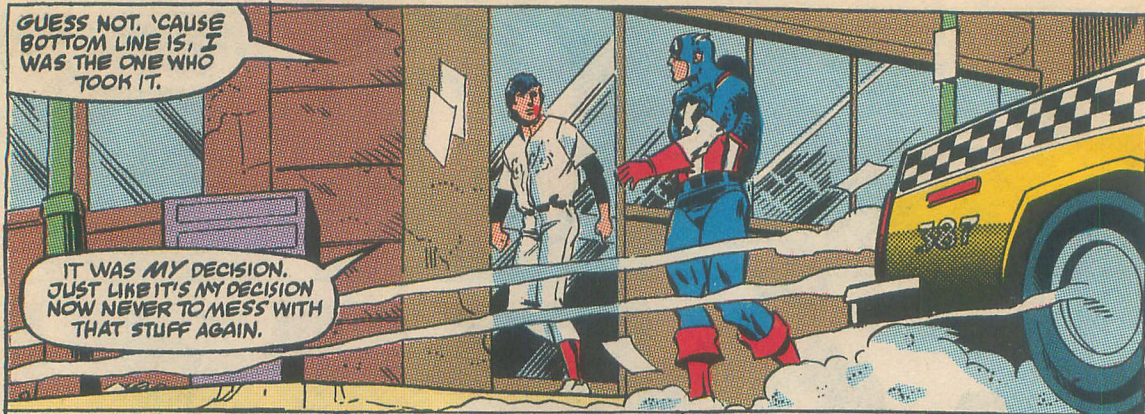
DRUGS JUST DESTROY THE GIFT YOU HAVE. AND AS FOR FEELING DOWN AND UNHAPPY... THAT'S NORMAL.

EVERYBODY FEELS THAT WAY. NO ONE CAN OR SHOULD FEEL HAPPY ALL THE TIME...

THAT WOULDN'T BE NORMAL.

IT WAS AN ALIEN MONSTER THAT GAVE ME THE STUFF, Y'KNOW. BUT YOU PROBABLY DON'T BELIEVE ME.

WHETHER I DO OR DON'T, DOES IT MATTER?



Dear "Say No To Drugs" fans,

You can help Captain America in the war against drugs by sharing some of your ideas on "How To Create A Drug Free America" in this essay contest!

It's easy—just write down your thoughts in 100 words or less and send them in to Captain America "Say No To Drugs" headquarters. You can also submit artwork or drawings as your entry. Entries will be judged according to content and creativity in three age groups: Level I (Ages 5–10), Level II (Ages 11–14), Level III (Ages 15–18).

Idea starters:

- How can you help create a drug free America?
- What to do if someone offers you drugs?
- What to do if a friend or family member is using drugs?
- How to get drugs out of your school?
- Develop your own anti-drug comic book story.

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You may win one of over 500 amazing prizes:

Grand Prize: Trip for a family of four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, a \$2500 retail value.
(One winner will be drawn randomly from top winner in each age group.)

3 First Prize winners in each age category will receive:

- A \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.
- Gitano Wardrobe, a \$250 retail value.
- And a chance to appear in Chicago's "Say No To Drugs" Parade this summer.

7 Second Prize winners in each age group will receive:

- A Nintendo Game Boy & a Spider-Man game cartridge, a \$124 retail value.

10 Third Prize winners in each age group will receive:

- Marvel Masterworks Books, a \$29.95 retail value.

500 Runners-up plus first and second prize winners will be awarded:

- A 6-issue subscription to a Marvel comic book of winner's choice from: Amazing Spider-Man, Captain America, Incredible Hulk, G.I. Joe, Barbie, or X-Men, a \$6 retail value.

All essay entries must have the following information. Please clip or copy and attach to your entry:

CAPTAIN AMERICA ESSAY CONTEST

NAME _____

AGE/GRADE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER _____

YOUR SCHOOL NAME _____

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

Entries must be postmarked May 3, 1991! Please mail your entry to:

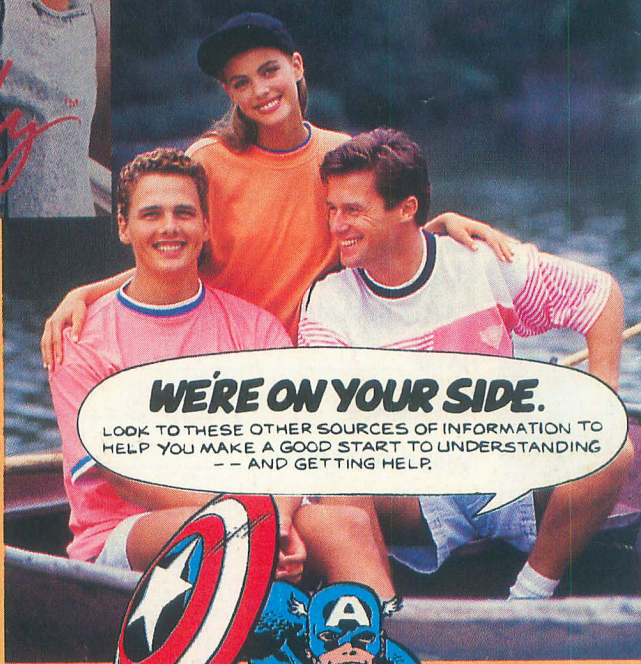
Captain America "Say No To Drugs" Essay Contest, P.O. Box 812900, Chicago, IL 60681-2900

If you would like a copy of the winner's list, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
Winners will be announced on or about June 30, 1991.

No substitutions for prizes as offered. Prizes won by minors will be awarded to parents or legal guardians. Limit one entry per person. Sorry, employees of Venture Stores Inc., Gitano Group Inc., Marvel Entertainment Group Inc., and their immediate family members and all other participating sponsor companies are not eligible to enter contest. Void where prohibited by law.

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Al-Anon 800-356-9996
American Council on
Alcoholism Helpline
800-527-5344
National Council on Alcoholism
800-NCA-CALL

AGENCIES THAT CAN HELP

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Alcohol and Drug Information
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National Institute on Alcohol
Abuse and Alcoholism
(NIAAA) 301-443-2954
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Prevention (OSAP)
301-443-0373
National Institute on Drug
Abuse (NIDA) 301-443-6245
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Prevention and Treatment
202-724-8491
American Council for Drug
Education (ACDE)
301-294-0600

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