

HIGH AS A KITE ABOVE THE GREY TOWERS OF HEXVILLE GLIDES A PROUD FIGURE-

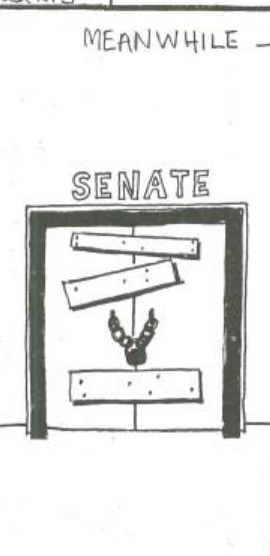
# SUPER SLOW



IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE? NO - IT'S SUPERSLOW! SUPERSLOW, NORMALLY DISGUISED AS MILD-MANNERED CLERK CANT, BUT ABLE, BY POUNDING A CITIZEN ON THE GROUND AND WHISPERING THE MAGIC WORD 'SHALOM' (STOUT HEART AND LIMBS OF METAL), TO CHANGE HIS FORM, BUT NOT HIS CONTENT. SUPERSLOW - FASTER THAN A SPEEDING CRIPPLE: MORE POWERFUL THAN A MIGHTY EGG: ABLE TO LEAP DWARF STUDENTS



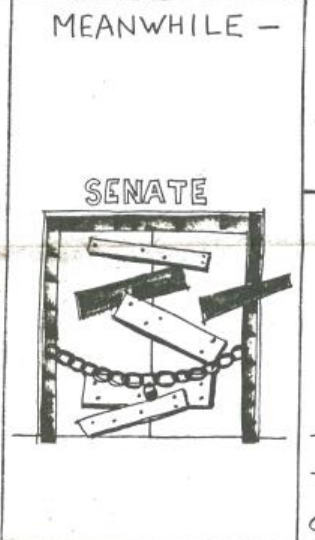
AT A DOUBLE BOUND! DOWN IN THE VALLEY, A GOOD MINUTE'S MARCH FROM CANT'S ISLAND FORTRESS, LURK THE ENEMY - SPEEDY GOMEZ, KNOWN TO T.V. AS 'A STUDENT', AND HIS ASSOCIATES HONEST ARE TREASON AND RUBEN SHALBERSHAT. TO AID CANT IN HIS CEASELESS BATTLE AGAINST THIS INTERNATIONAL HISPANO-JEWISH COMMUNIST (OR DO I MEAN AN-ARCHIST?) CONSPIRACY COME ST. IVES, THE GO-BETWEEN WHOSE TWO FACES GIVE HIM ENTREE EVERYWHERE, AND FAITHFUL ROY, THE BUTLER - - -



SENATE MEETS BEHIND LOCKED DOORS THEY DECIDE TO ELECT A SENATE. TO CARRY NEWS TO THE MASSES OF THIS IMPORTANT DECISION THEY MAKE USE OF A NEW FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE C.H.A.R.L.E.S. - THE C.H.A.R.L.E.S. HAS THE POWER TO APPEAR IN EVERY ROOM IN HEXVILLE SIMULTANEOUSLY REPEATING VERBATIM THE MOST SECRET INFORMATION. SHHHHSH!



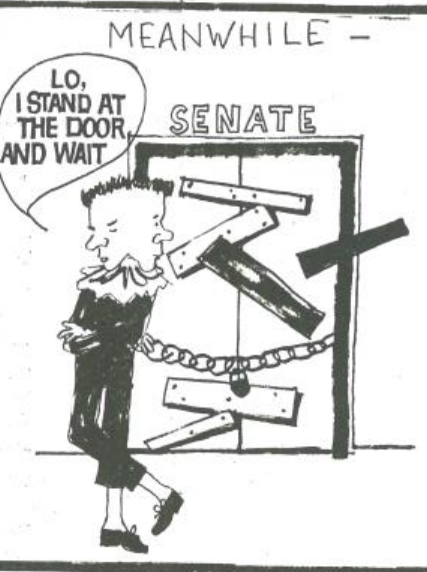
THE UNREST AT HEXVILLE BEGAN WITH THE VISIT, SOME MONTHS AGO, OF THE SINISTER BOWEL. DRIVEN OUT OF THE CITY BY A MINORITY MOB (KNOWN AS 'THE MAJORITY'), ONE OF BOWEL'S FOLLOWERS RETALIATED BY HURLING A CAR AT AN IRON BAR BEING DRIVEN BY A CITIZEN. IN SPITE OF EFFORTS BY MUCKINPYGE, THE JAMES DEAN OF STUDENTS, TO BRING PEACE TO HEXVILLE, THE REVOLT GREW - - -



HIS SOPHISTICATED SKILLS BEING INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A NOSTRUM FOR THE OUTBREAK OF MUSTARD THAT SWEEPS THE VALLEY THE AUTHORITIES SEND FOR CONSTABLE, AN OUT-OF-TOWN CLEAN-UP EXPERT - - -



CONSTABLE IS POWERLESS - AND NOTHING REMAINS FOR CANT BUT TO BANISH ANY THREE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CITY. THE CHOICE IS MADE BY CITY TECHNICIANS USING A SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER-SELECTOR PROCESS KNOWN AS THE BLACK LIST - - -



QUESTIONING CANT'S DECISION, A 1,100 MINORITY SEIZE HEXVILLE AND DECLARE IT A UNIVERSITY - STAGGERED BY THIS EFFRONTERY, DO-DO DAVE, ONE OF CANT'S HENCHMEN, FLIES TO STANFORD (CAL) WITH A SUITCASE CONTAINING THE MOST PRIZED POSSESSION OF THE CITY - - -



BUT, FAITHFUL READER, WHO IS THIS DARK NEW FIGURE? TO REPLACE MUCKINPYGE WHO, HIS SOFT ANSWERS HAVING FAILED TO TURN AWAY SUBVERSIVE WRATH, RETIRES TO RURAL ETHICS; NUMBERMAN ENTERS OUR STORY - - -



NOW THE CITIZENS OF HEXVILLE WAKE AGAIN AFTER THEIR LONG SUMMER HIBERNATION. SUPERSLOW, IN HIS GUISE AS CLERK CANT, MOVES DOWN TO THE VALLEY. NUMBERMAN IS INTENT ON SPLITTING THE SCREWING MASSES. NEW PEOPLE ARRIVE, AMONG THEM BEAUTIFUL MARY WARNER, WHOSE PROGRESS IS WATCHED OVER BY THE EVER-FAITHFUL CONSTABLE. WILL ST. IVES MAKE IT THROUGH THE LOCKED DOORS? WILL MARY WARNER MAKE IT WITH SUPER-SLOW? WILL NUMBERMAN SUCCEED IN SEGREGATING HEXVILLE? ONLY TIME WILL TELL. NOW READ ON...