

ABOUT BURTON

ACT ONE

Scene One

A logging road in the woods.
BURTON and SUPERMAN enter wheeling bikes – Burton an old three-speed and Superman, a monkey bike with a banana seat. Burton removes a garbage bag from his pocket and throws it towards Superman, who picks it up and opens it up. Burton pulls a rolled magazine from his bike pouch, sits on a fallen tree, opens it and smooths out the creases.

SUPERMAN

Sports Illustrated? Can I have it when you're done?

BURTON

Nope.

SUPERMAN

Is it the swimsuit issue? Lemme see the cover.

BURTON

Maybe and no.

(he relents and flashes the cover)

Frank hasn't seen it yet.

SUPERMAN

I thought you didn't like your Dad.

BURTON

It's his magazine. It just came. I took it out of the mailbox.

(Burton watches a bug land. Burton swats it with the magazine.)

SUPERMAN

You gonna give it back to him all yecky with bug guts?

BURTON

Mind your business, Superman! Get to work or I'll have to fire you.

(SUPERMAN starts to pick up empty beer cans off the ground. He holds up a six-pack still in its plastic ring and grins.)