



I BEG YOUR
PARDON!

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Stick 'em up,
please!

P-please don't
shoot!

Nobody follow
me, or else!

Wait!
Stop!

Have a
nice day!

I politely warned you...

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!



THUD!
THUD!
THUD!

NOW have a
nice day!!!

Thud-a-dum-p!
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The Mannerly
Bandit strikes!

Will justice be served?

That's the man!

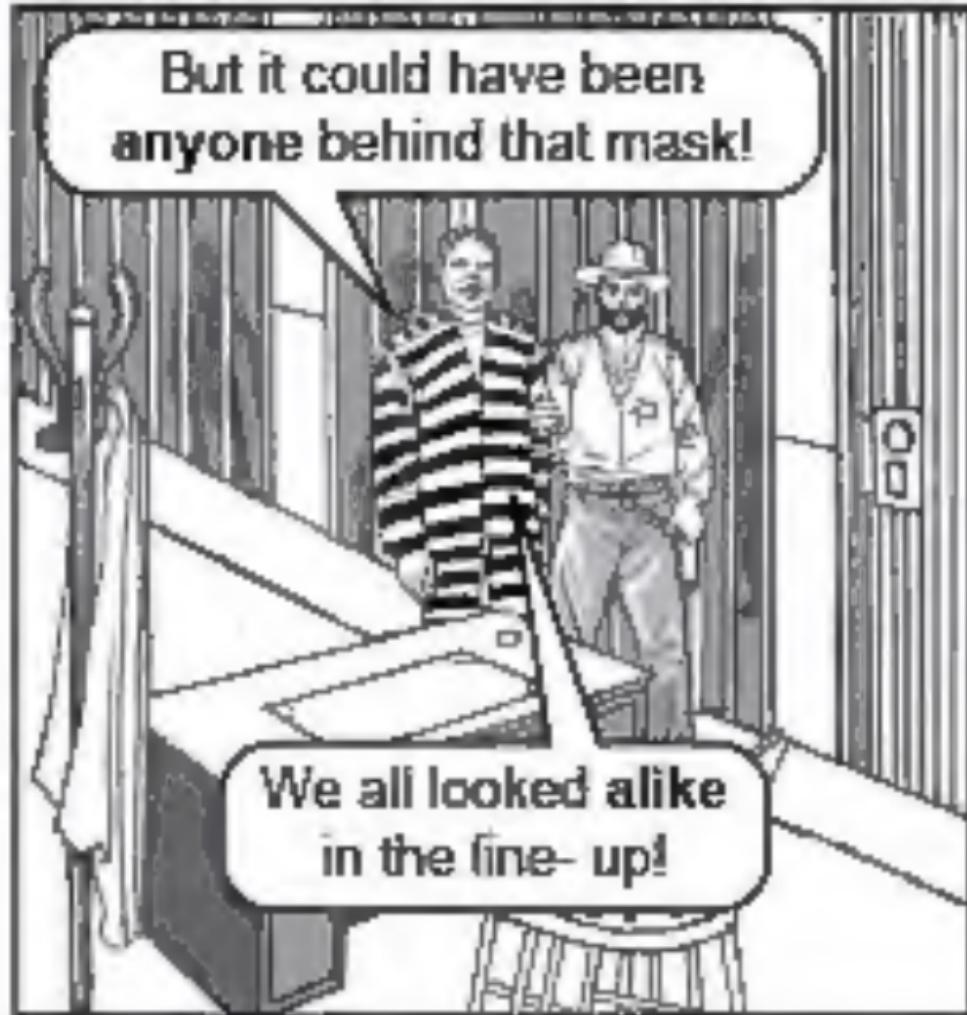
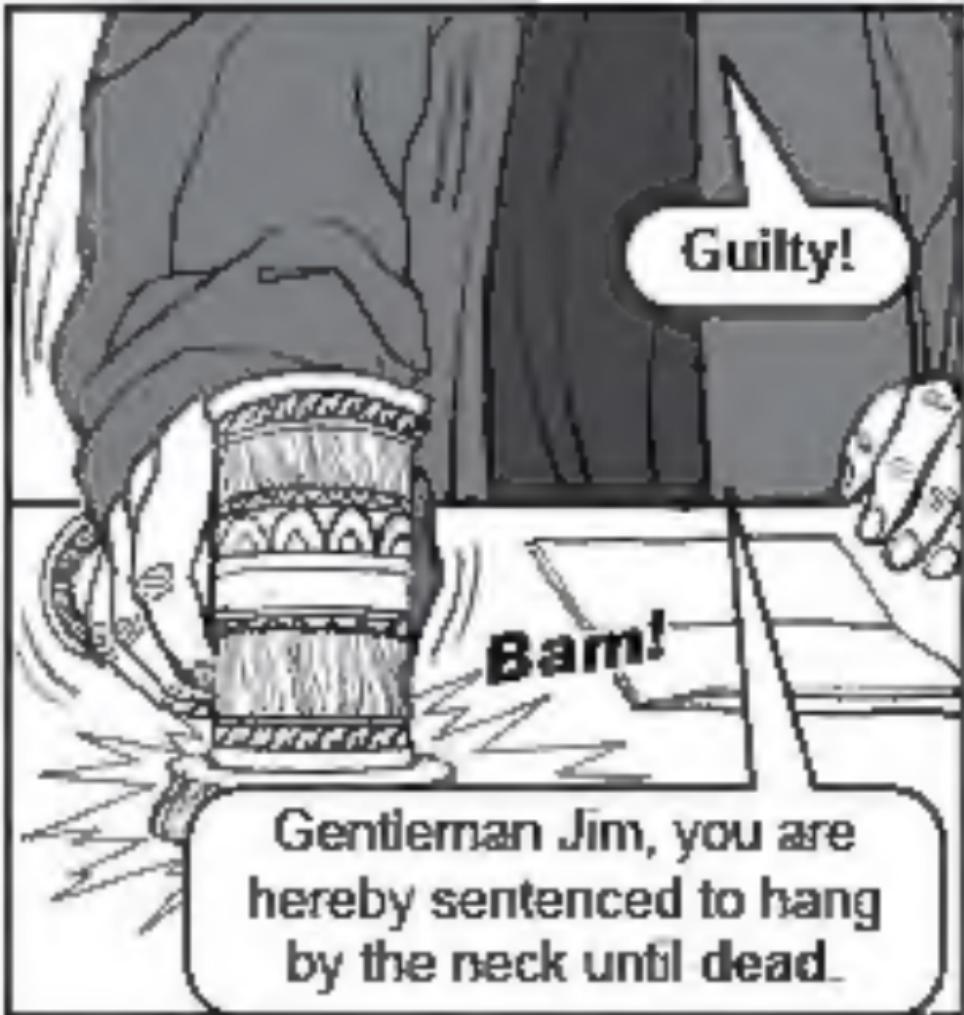
I'd know that face
anywhere!

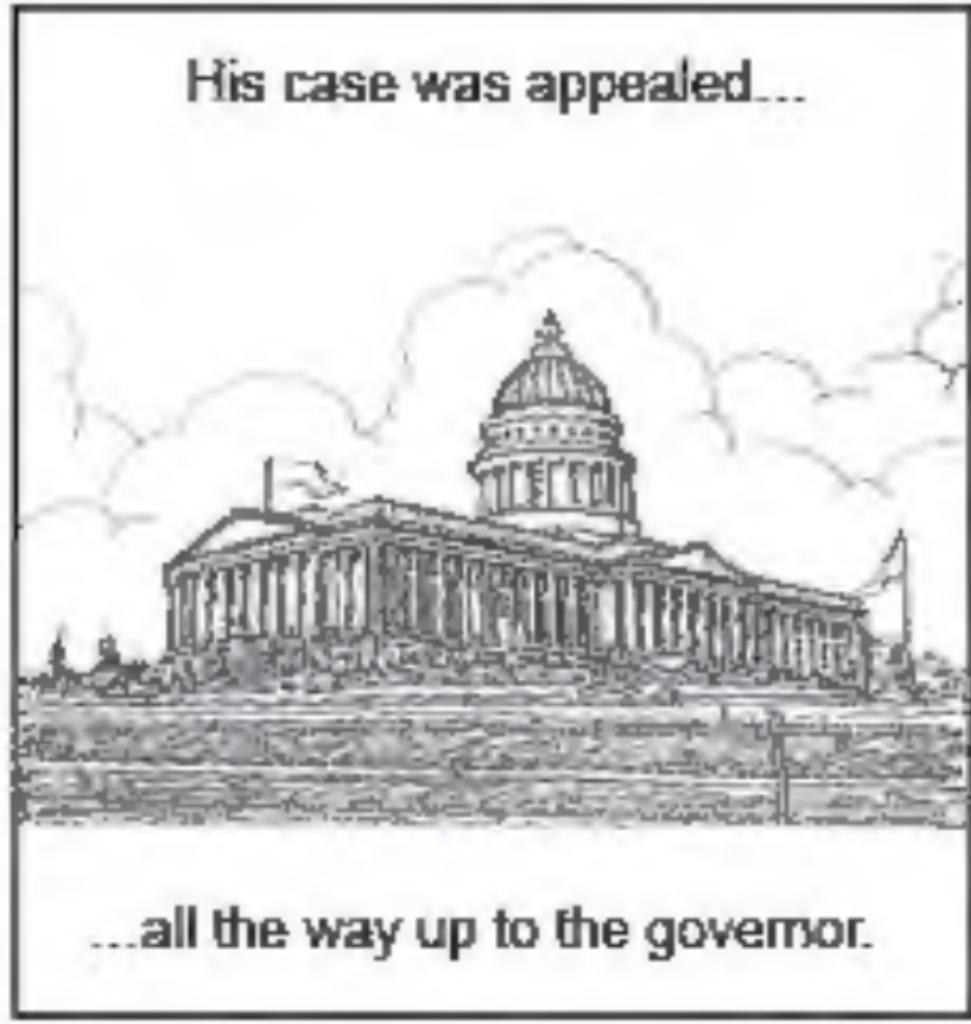
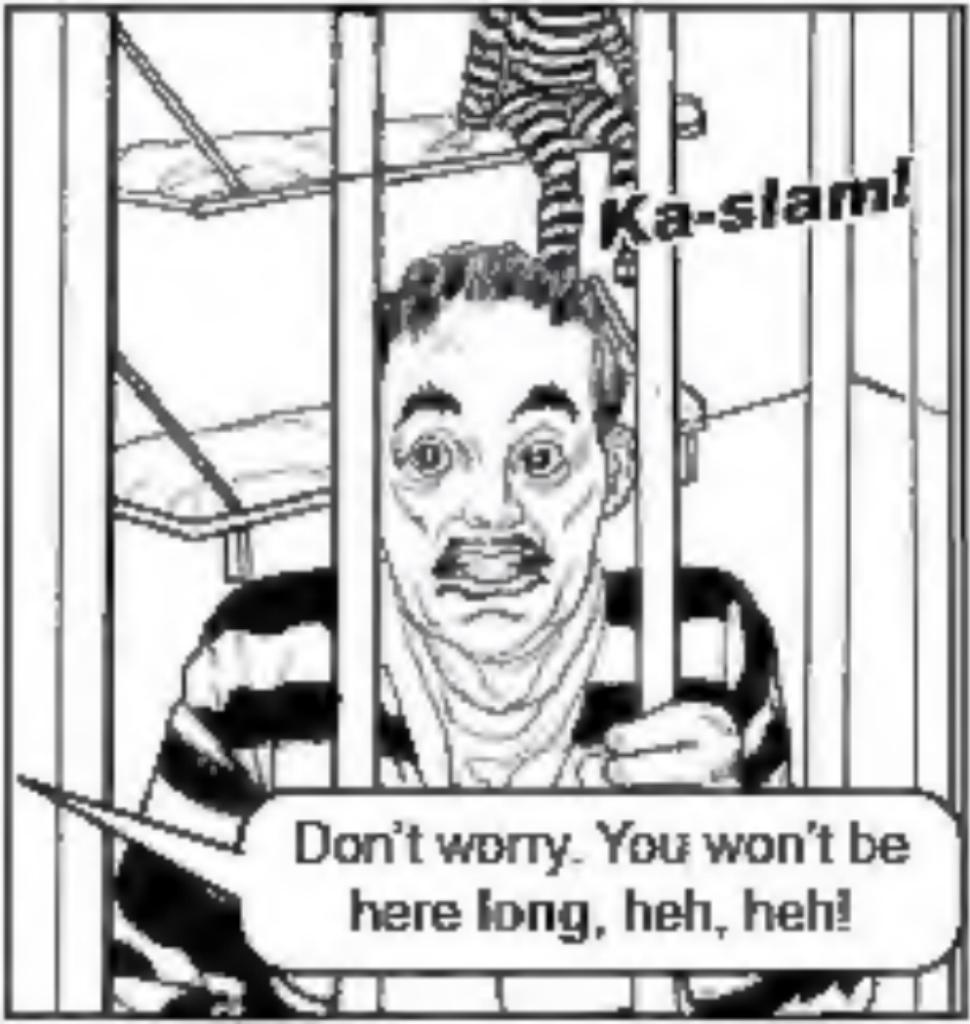


Me?

But I'm
innocent!





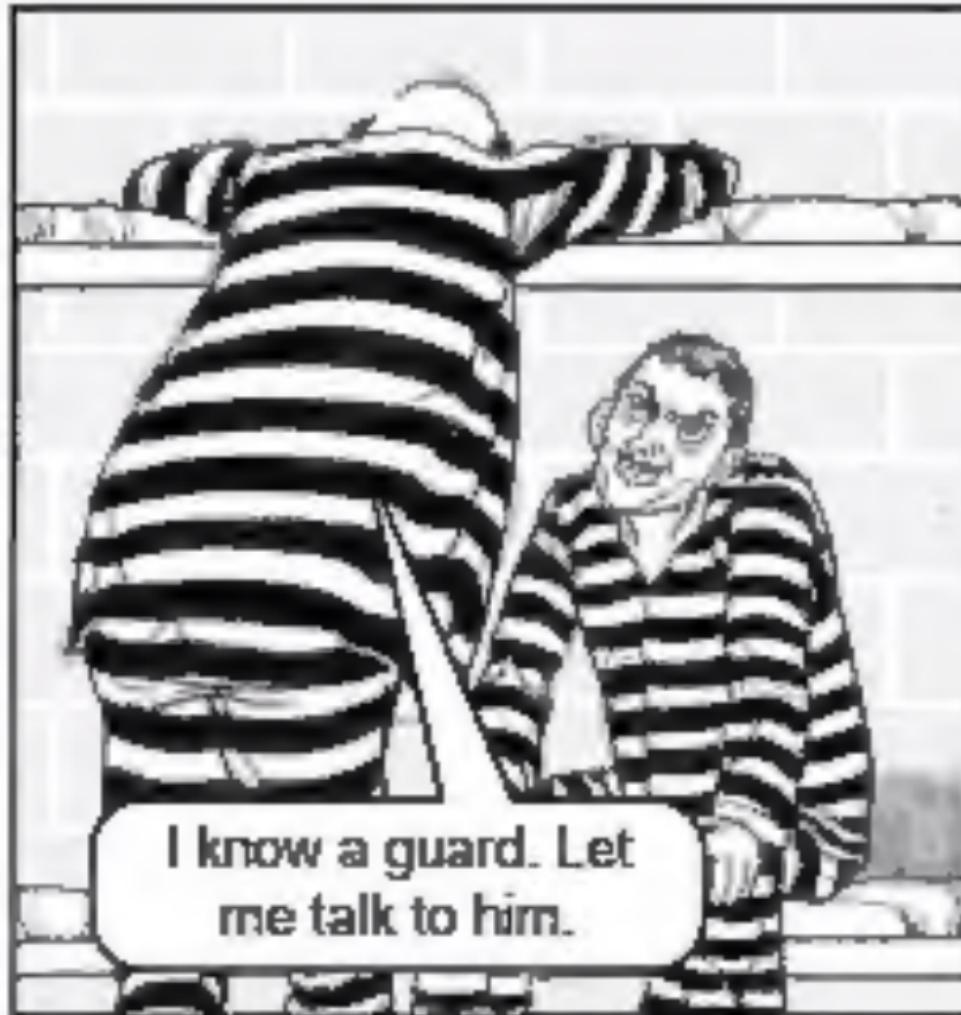


Meanwhile, back in the prison:





Heh, heh, I'll give you a cut of the
loot, if you get me out of here.



I know a guard. Let
me talk to him.

The next night:



Psst! Gentleman Jim!
Get up! It's time.

Haw!

Haw!

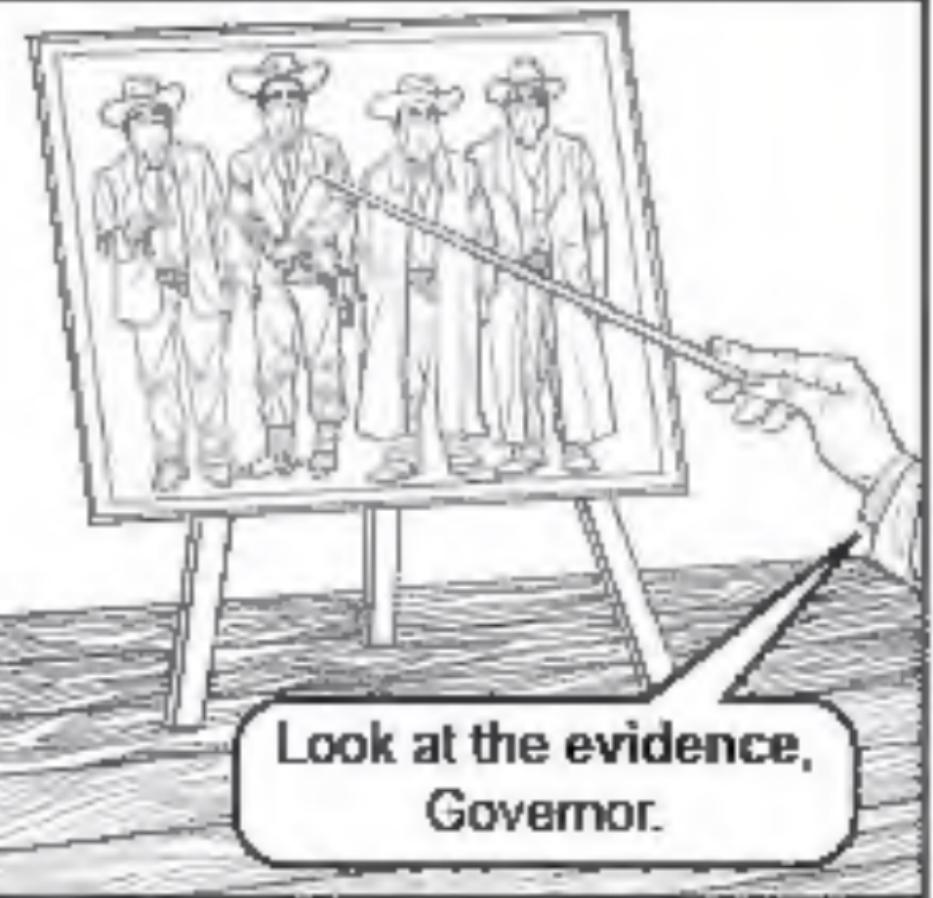
Haw!

Ka-slam!



You'll never get out of here
ALIVE, Gentleman Jim!

Meanwhile at the state house:



They could have sent anyone
to prison with that evidence



They could be hanging an
innocent man!

Here, son, take
this pardon and my
fastest horse

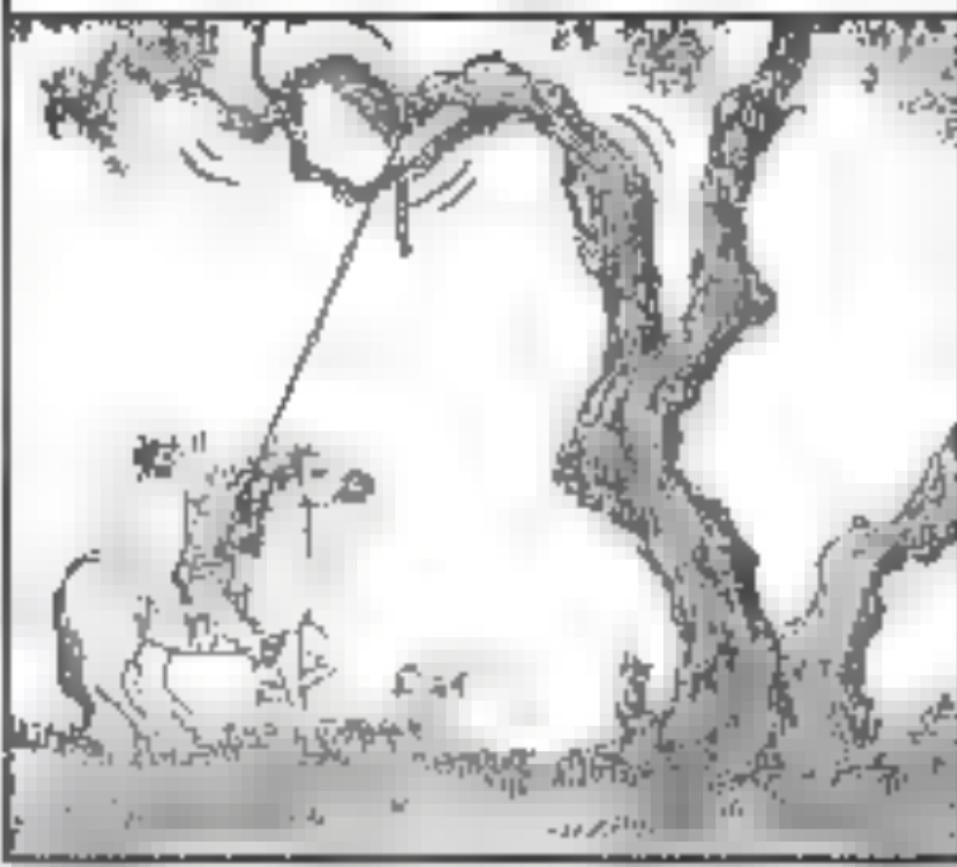


I hope we're not too late!

Faster!! Yah!



The hangman was already testing the gallows





It's here! A full pardon! It's signed
by the Governor! You're free to go!

I have it here in
my hand! See?

I don't believe you.

I'm nobody's fool! I won't
get tricked—again

Just sign your name to the pardon
and you're a *free man!*

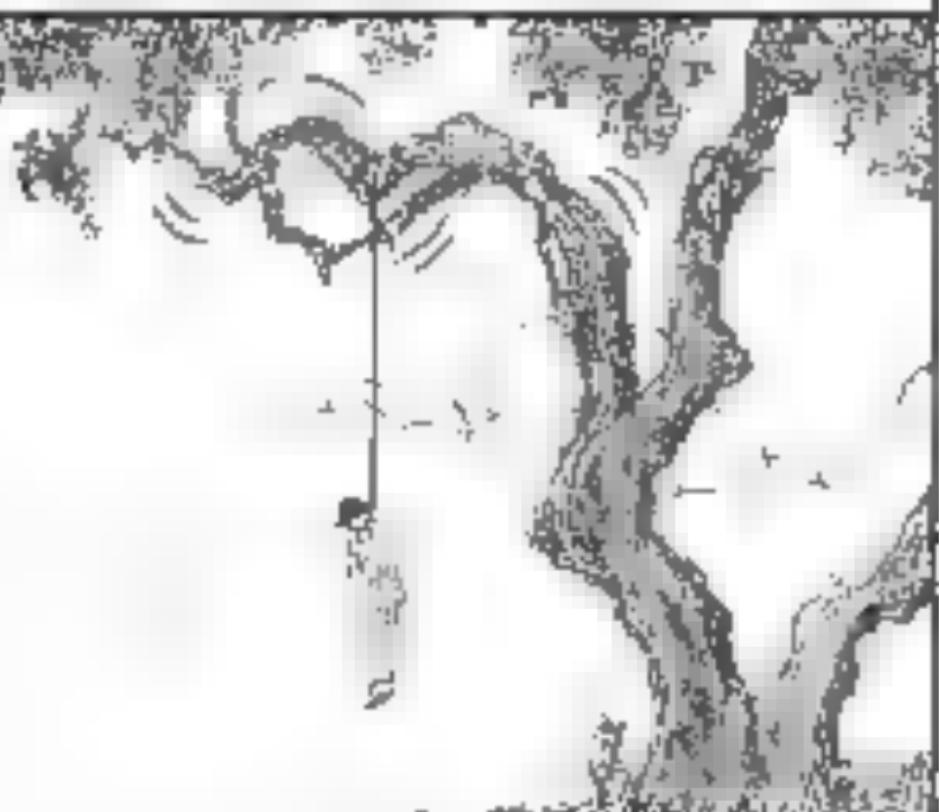
You're lyin'! The Governor
wouldn't do that

He's my daddy! He
wouldn't lie to you!

Look, you **have** to take it.
I can't force it on you.

Then I refuse

And so, later that morning:



And he could have gone free

How foolish He
only died because he
rejected his pardon.

But he got what he
deserved, right?

I've got news for you:

We deserve it, too.

"For there is not a just man upon earth,
that doeth good, and sinneth not."¹⁰



¹⁰Ecclesiastes 7:20

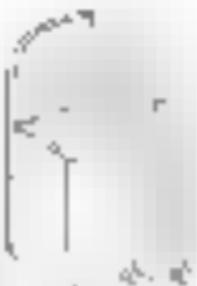
We are all guilty of sin

And God says the penalty of sin
is death "¹¹the soul that sinneth, it
shall die."¹² Sinners don't deserve
to enter heaven

¹¹Ezekiel 18:4

But there is a way in...

" it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment "
Judgment is where we find out where we will live forever



*Hebrews 9:27

God created us to live forever with Him.

But the judgment will show whether we truly wanted to be with Him, or not

Why?
What did
He ever
do for me?

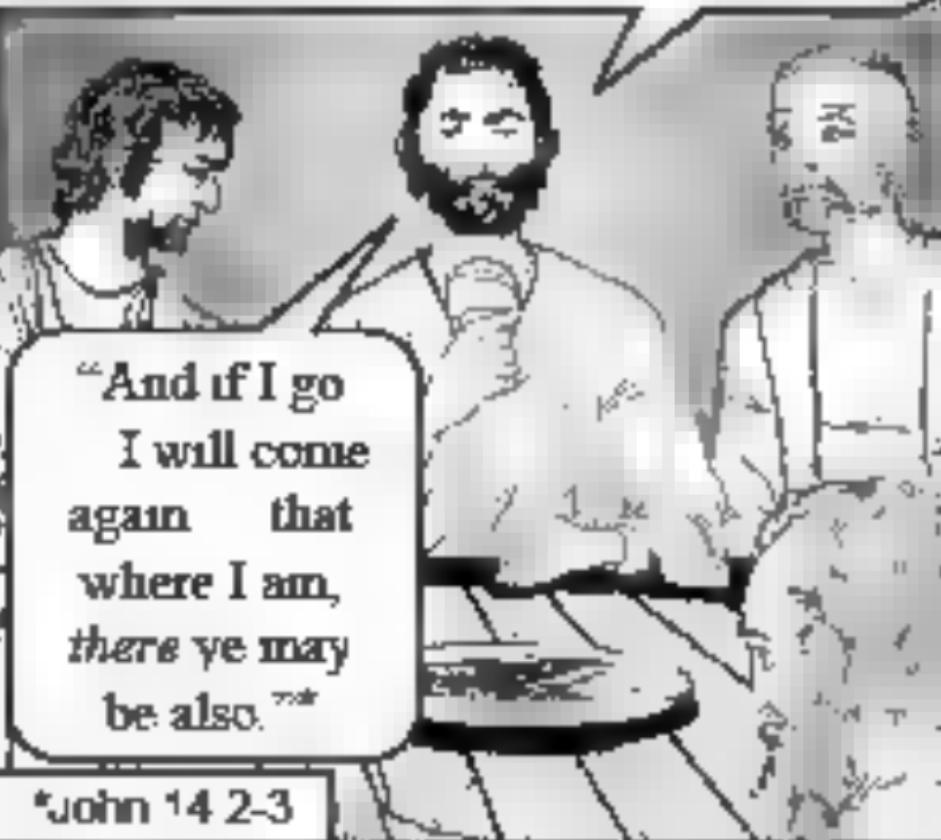
God has a plan. And you're in it!

At the perfect point in history, God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth on a mission:



To make the way clear for us to go to heaven. (John 3:17)

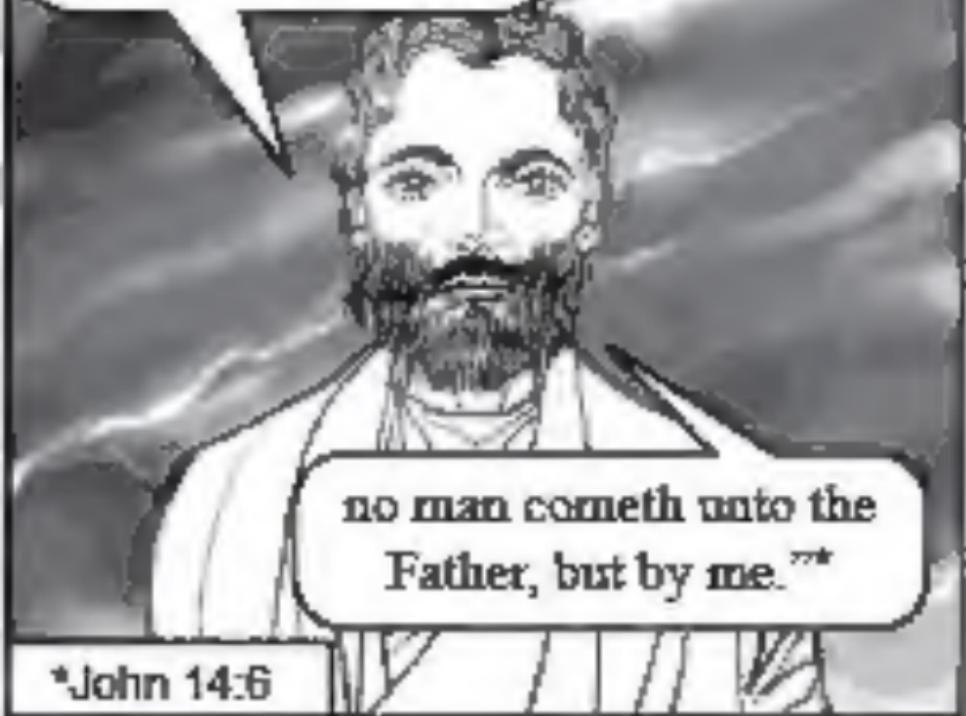
"In my Father's house are many mansions I go to prepare a place for you."



*John 14:2-3

But there is only one way to enter heaven: through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life:



Only the shedding of sinless blood can pay for sin. So Jesus shed His for us.*



*Heb. 9:22; Lev. 17:11

Three days later He rose from the grave.* Jesus has power over sin and death!

*1 Cor. 15:4

Jesus Christ bought our
pardon with His blood!
Will you accept His pardon?

Oh, Lord Jesus,
I don't want
to live in sin
anymore. I
believe You died
for me. Please
forgive me!



I don't deserve your pardon.
Thank You, Lord! I love you!

Or will you reject His love gift? If so,
there's only one other place for you:



You can choose your eternity, now.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, ... and let him return unto the LORD, ... for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7



Don't be a fool like Gentleman Jim. Receive God's pardon, while there is still time!

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you
are a sinner?

YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died
to pay for your sins?

YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you YES NO
and come into your heart?

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

