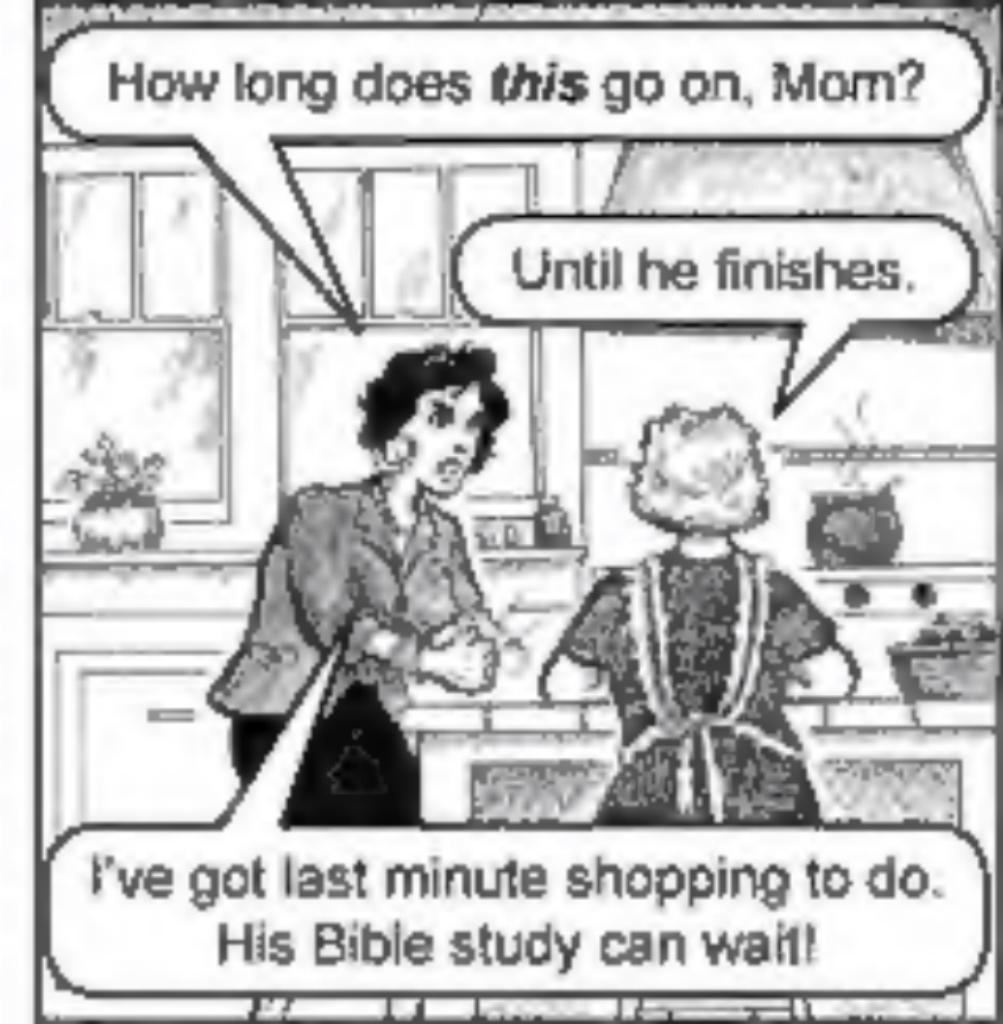




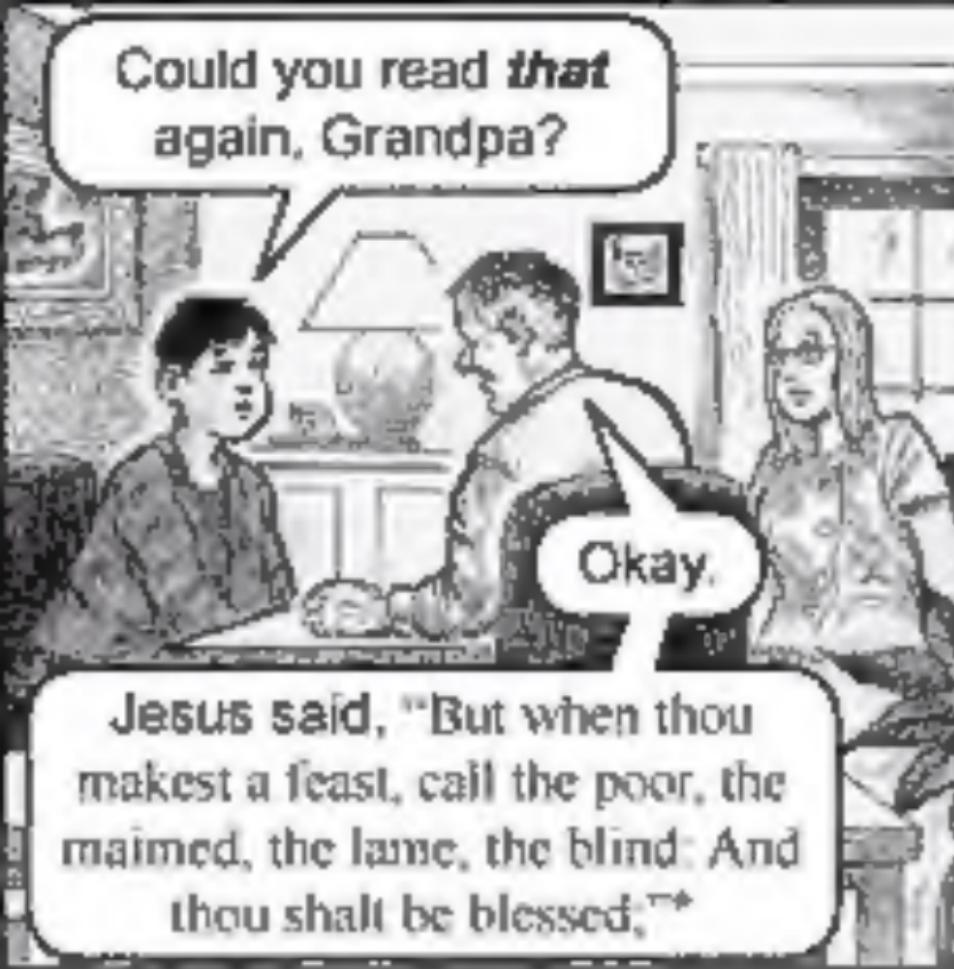
HOLY  
NIGHT

J.T.C.





Could you read *that* again, Grandpa?



Jesus said, "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed."

That's crazy... Don't tell me you would stoop to that!



That's offensive, Dad. Gotta go!

The place will be packed with shoppers... Let's all stay together.



I don't want anyone to get lost. Especially you, Rudy. And go change that jacket, for heaven's sake!

2 hours later

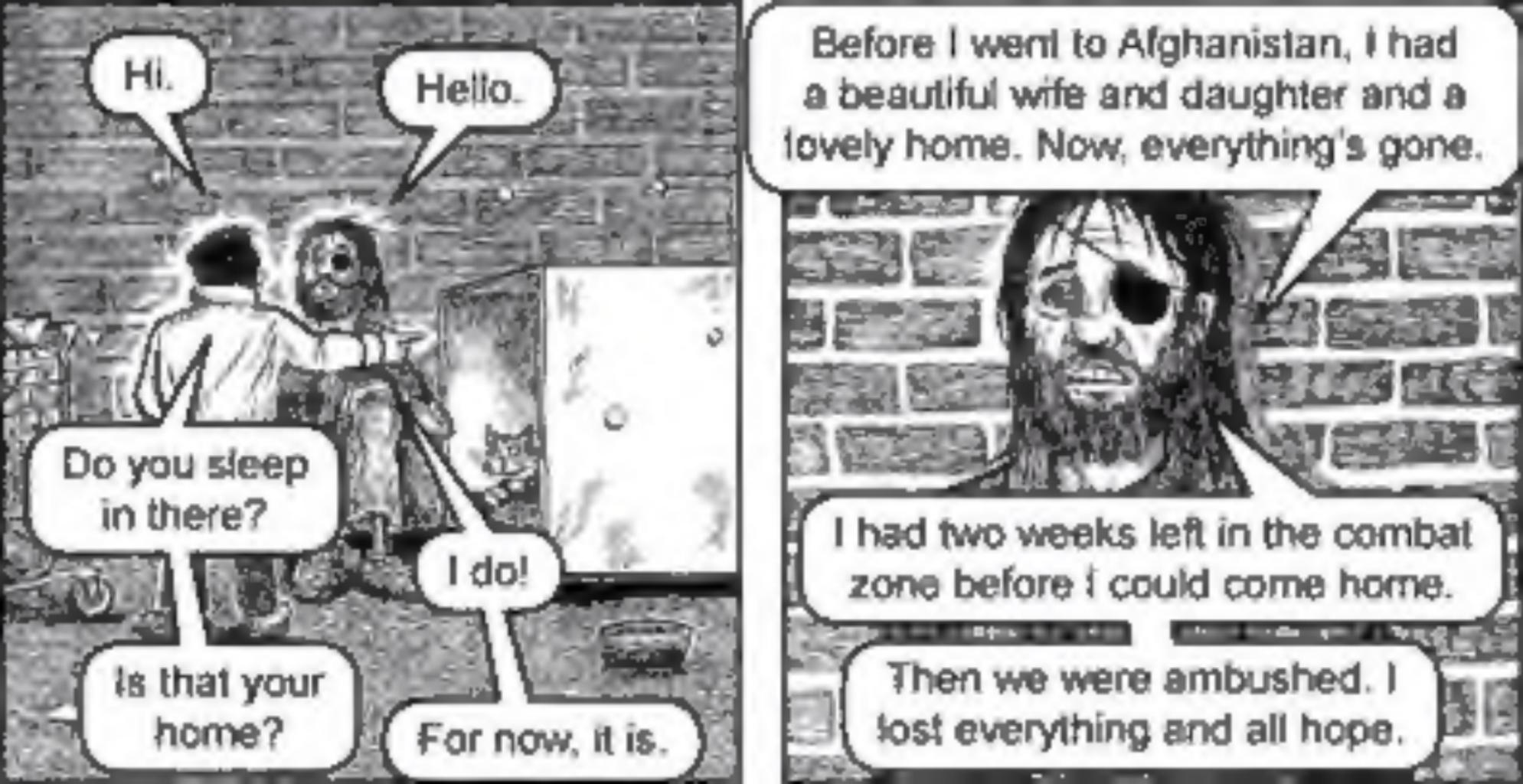
Aunt Holly, it's too hot for me in here.

I'm going outside for a while.

Let me try this one on.

Yes, yes... No, not that one. This one!





Hi.

Hello.

Do you sleep  
in there?

I do!

Is that your  
home?

For now, it is.

Before I went to Afghanistan, I had a beautiful wife and daughter and a lovely home. Now, everything's gone.

I had two weeks left in the combat zone before I could come home.

Then we were ambushed. I lost everything and all hope.

Wow, you must be very poor.



I am, but I collect cans and bottles for recycling, to stay alive.

You're blind, too?

Half. A bomb exploded, taking away both my eye and leg at the same time.



That's awful... I'm Rudy. What's your name?

Harold Jordan.

Would you say you're poor, maimed, lame and blind?

Heh, that's me, Rudy. I'm just a lost, tired veteran with no future.

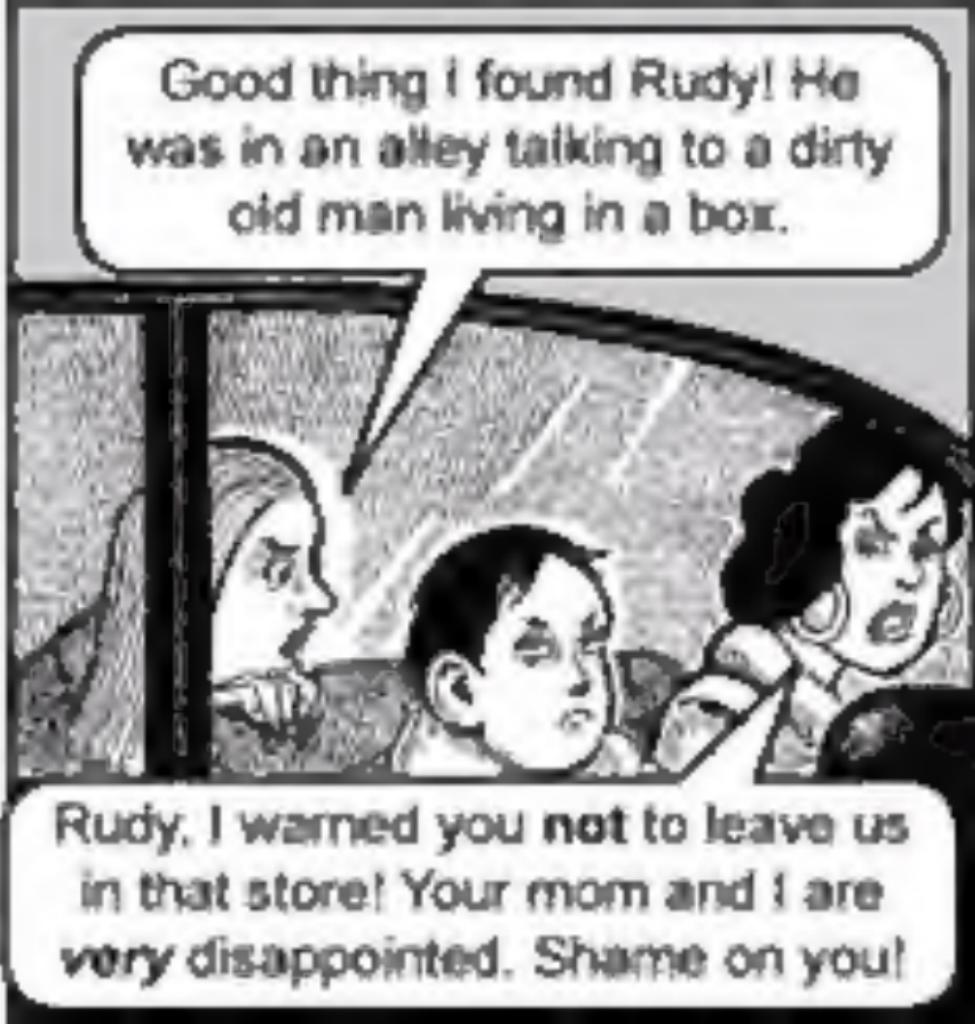


Where's Rudy? I told him  
not to go anywhere.

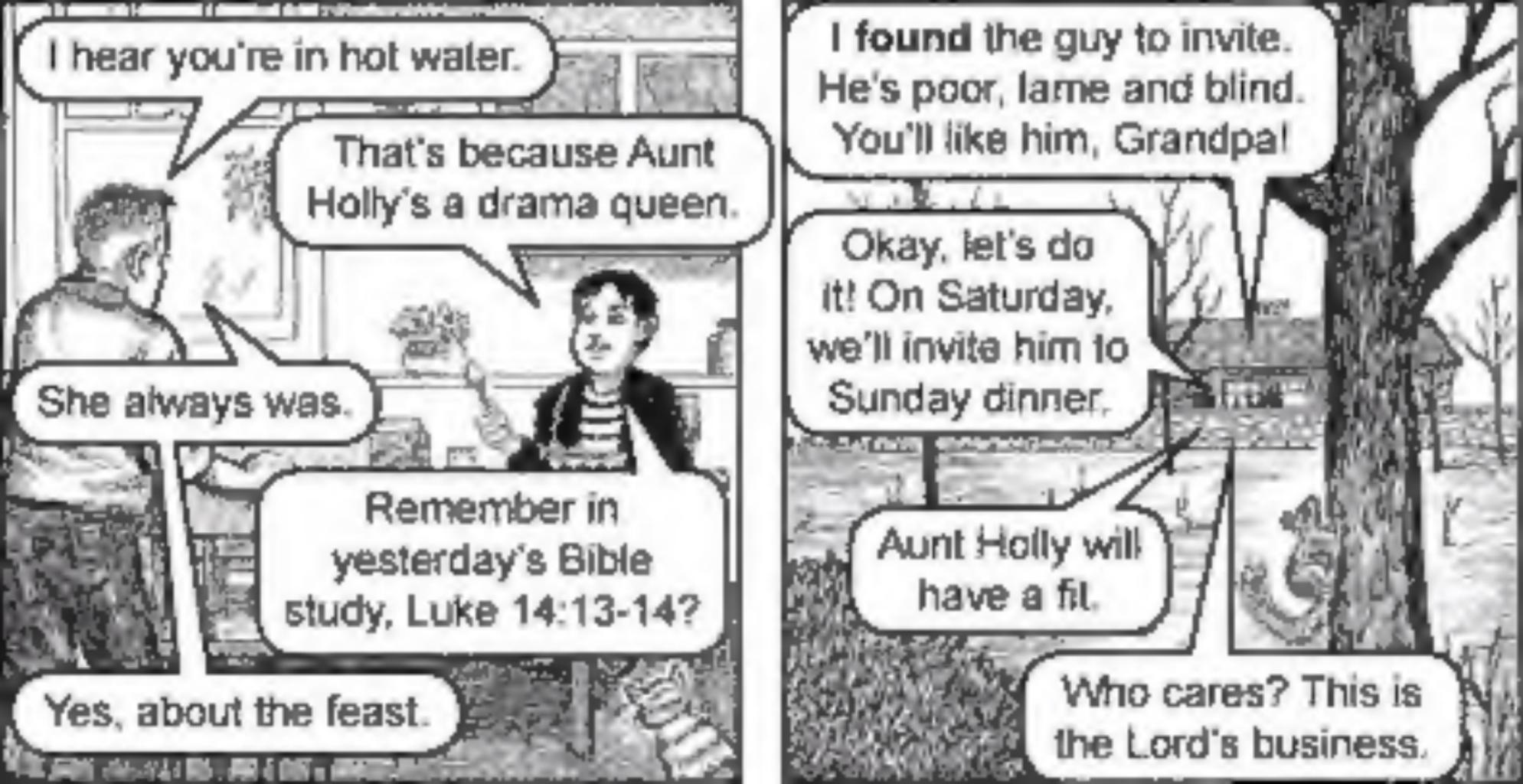
Good thing I found Rudy! He  
was in an alley talking to a dirty  
old man living in a box.



Let's find him. I've  
got to get home.



Rudy, I warned you not to leave us  
in that store! Your mom and I are  
very disappointed. Shame on you!



I hear you're in hot water.

That's because Aunt Holly's a drama queen.

She always was.

Remember in yesterday's Bible study, Luke 14:13-14?

Yes, about the feast.

I found the guy to invite. He's poor, lame and blind. You'll like him, Grandpa!

Okay, let's do it! On Saturday, we'll invite him to Sunday dinner.

Aunt Holly will have a fit.

Who cares? This is the Lord's business.

Saturday

Harold, I'm Rudy's grandpa. You're invited to our Sunday dinner.



Sure you can. I'll fix you up.  
My name's Fred.

What? I  
couldn't  
possibly come  
looking like  
this! I can't  
clean up. I'm  
filthy... I'm...

Nobody's home. First, you get  
a hot shower and a shave.  
I've got clothes that will fit you,  
and you'll stay the night.



What kind of  
people are you?

We're a peculiar people, Harold.\*

"...a peculiar people, zealous  
of good works." Titus 2:14

2 hours later

I don't know how to thank you  
I'm starting to feel human again



Now we  
need to talk

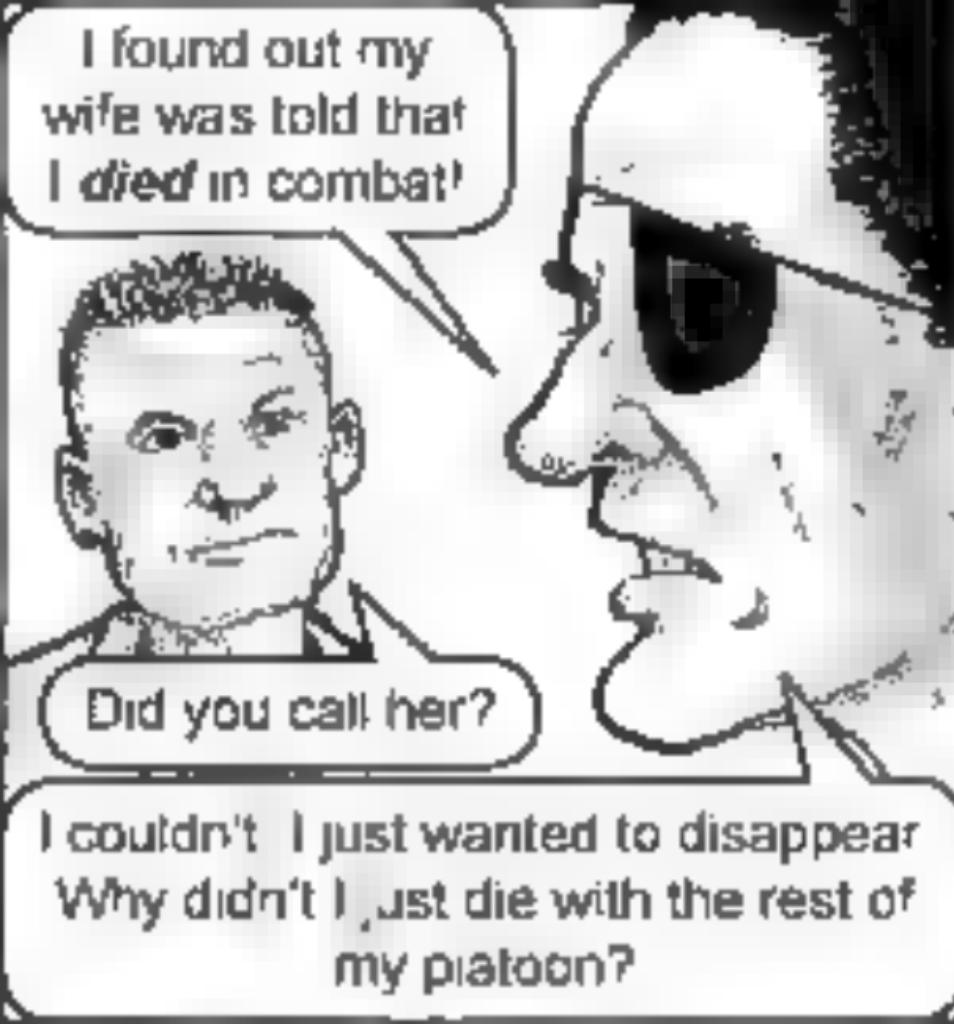
Harold how  
did you get in  
such a mess?



That's bad

In the hospital  
after the surgery  
I went into a  
coma and my  
records got  
mixed up

But that's not  
the worst part



I found out my  
wife was told that  
I died in combat!

Did you call her?

I couldn't. I just wanted to disappear.  
Why didn't I just die with the rest of  
my platoon?



Because God wasn't  
finished with you yet

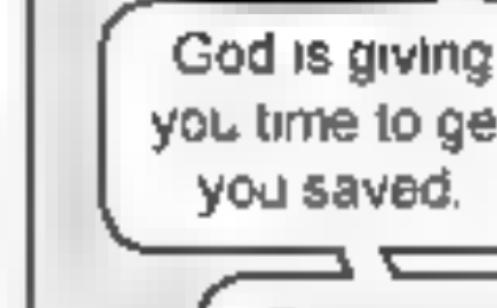
Yet?



God is giving  
you time to get  
you saved.



From what?



From the lake of fire!

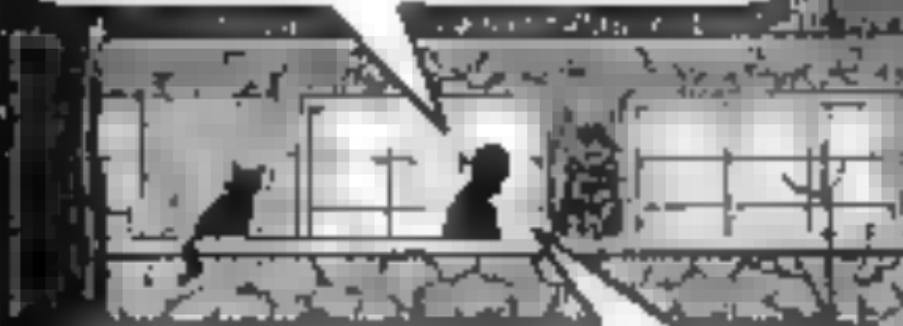
Your soul will live forever!

Your soul is you. Harold  
When your dead body turns  
into dust your soul's still alive



When a saved person dies,  
his soul shoots into heaven.  
But for the unsaved. like you.  
Harold is bad news

You can forget heaven. For  
all have sinned. and come  
short of the glory of God



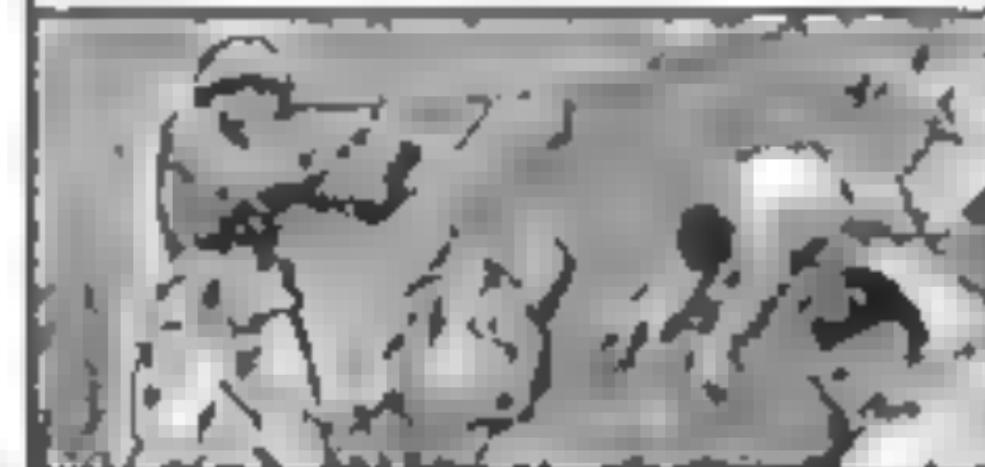
If we're not a child of God  
Jesus isn't our Saviour Your  
soul stinks with sin and you're  
doomed to hell!

In the 1950's that was me  
Harold heading straight to  
the pit. I was a tough Marine  
Always getting into fights



I was a bar and a whoremonger  
the worst of sinners and never  
thought of God

Later I fought as one of the Chosen  
Few in Korea. The Chinese  
overwhelmed us. It was a slaughter



I was wounded frostbitten and  
barely alive. In the hospital I  
suffered flashbacks. Then God  
put a nurse in my life

She was like an angel. She would pray for me every night and she told me that God had spared my life



She gave me the gospel Harold and this is what she said

Jesus Christ is God in the flesh  
He came to be a human sacrifice  
to shed His blood on the cross.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

John 3:16

Only God's holy blood can remove your sins. Harold Jesus came to save your soul from going into hell

Jesus (God the Son) died on that cross then was buried. 3 days later the unthinkable happened. Jesus rose from the dead



His mission was finished. Jesus had opened the doors of heaven for lost sinners like you and me. Harold

That's the gospel (good news) Jesus is God's love gift to all sinners. God's word says Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved \*



When I heard that, I knew that Jesus was my only hope



I fell on my face and asked God to forgive me and for Jesus to be my Saviour and live in my heart

And He did! He took away my guilt my flashbacks and saved my soul



Fred, help me pray! I want God to forgive me too

They prayed Jesus came into Harold's heart, making him a new person. His sins were gone

That same night Harold's  
little girl asked God.

Jesus, since  
Daddy died

Would you please  
send me a new  
daddy? Amen



Sunday

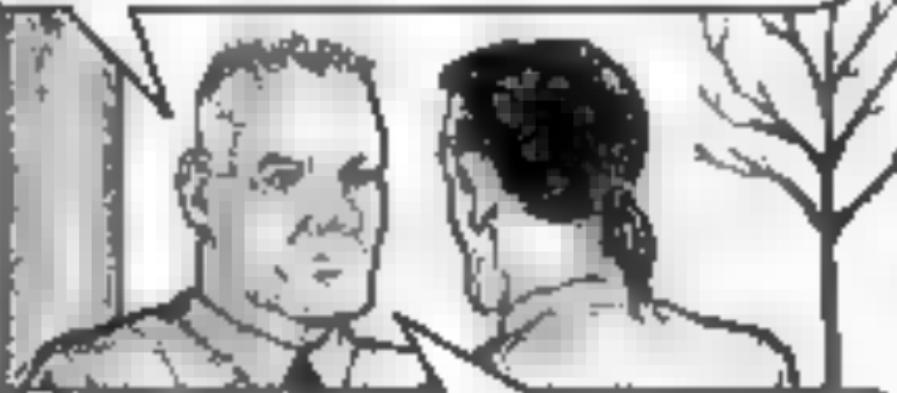
Now Rudy you should  
talk to a man like him,  
not to some



Yes. Aunt Holly

After Sunday dinner Fred gave Harold this bit of news.

I ended my military career as a Lt Colonel I called my friends in the Pentagon about you.



Your records are being corrected  
We have an appointment tomorrow.

Records show there was a name mix-up between one "Hal Jordon Jr" and you



In Afghanistan you broke the back of a deadly ambush, giving you a purple heart and a silver star

What a day, Fred,  
thank you!



God blessed you with a large  
check for back pay. And today,  
I'm buying you a uniform for  
your medals...

...and a plane ticket home.

What do you want for a  
Christmas present, honey?



My daddy!  
(sniff)

I'm sorry, baby. (sob)  
But that would take a  
very big miracle!

Here's my Bible, Harold. You must read it daily to grow in the Lord!



I will, Fred.  
Thank you.

Have a safe flight, Harold. You'll always be in our prayers.

Christmas Eve

DING DONG

Who is it,  
sweetheart?

It's my miracle! It's Daddy,  
standing on our porch.

Harold?

To Harold Jordan it *was* a holy night.

Thank God you're saved, honey!

Now we'll all  
go to heaven,  
Daddy!



Jesus had washed all his sins away  
because he believed the gospel.

Now it's your turn.



Heaven or hell: the choice is yours.

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

Please check the boxes below.

I want to miss hell.

YES  NO

I want my sins forgiven.

YES  NO

I believe the Lord Jesus  
died for my sins.

YES  NO

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

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