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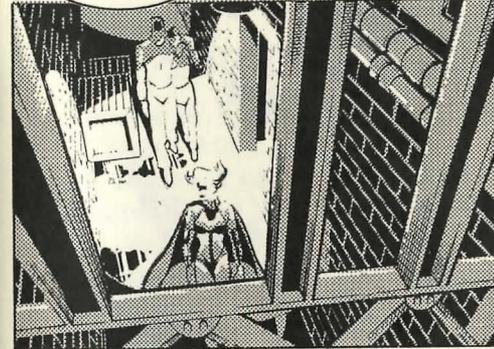
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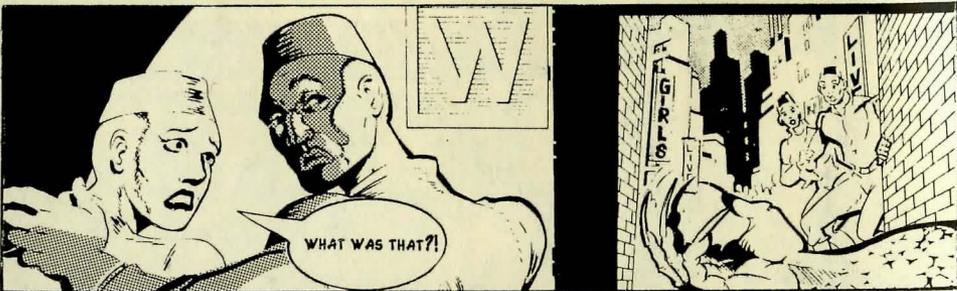


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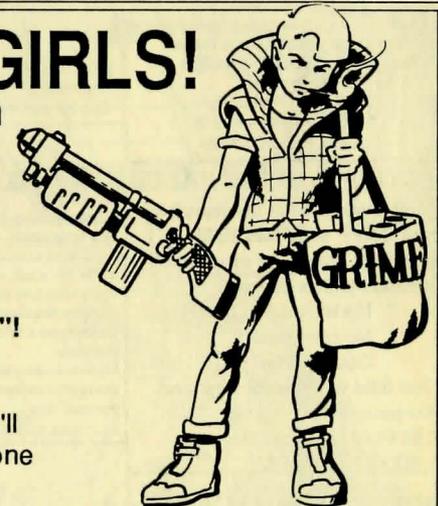
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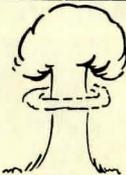
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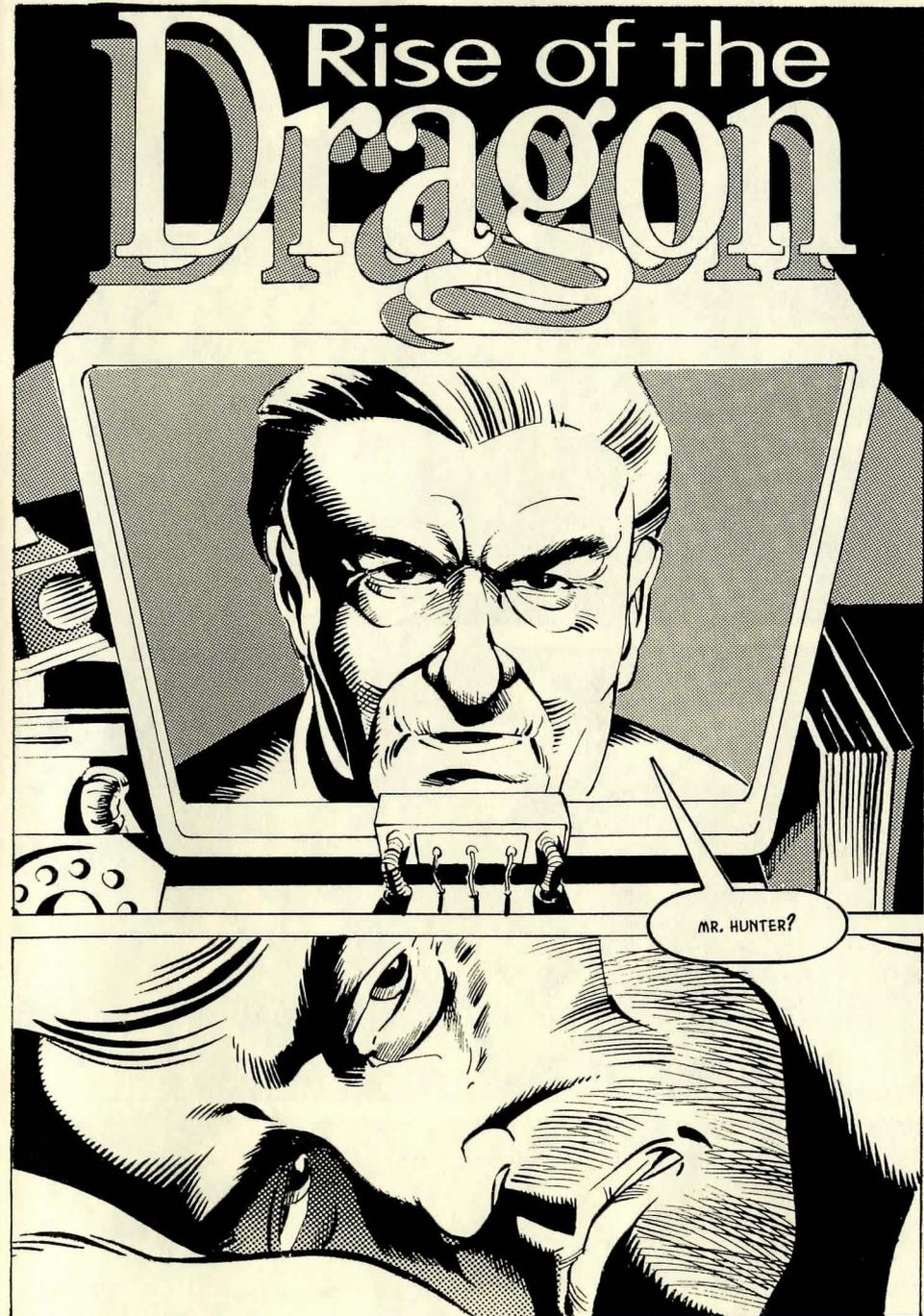
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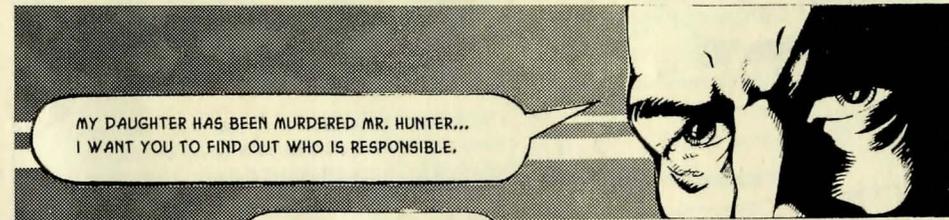
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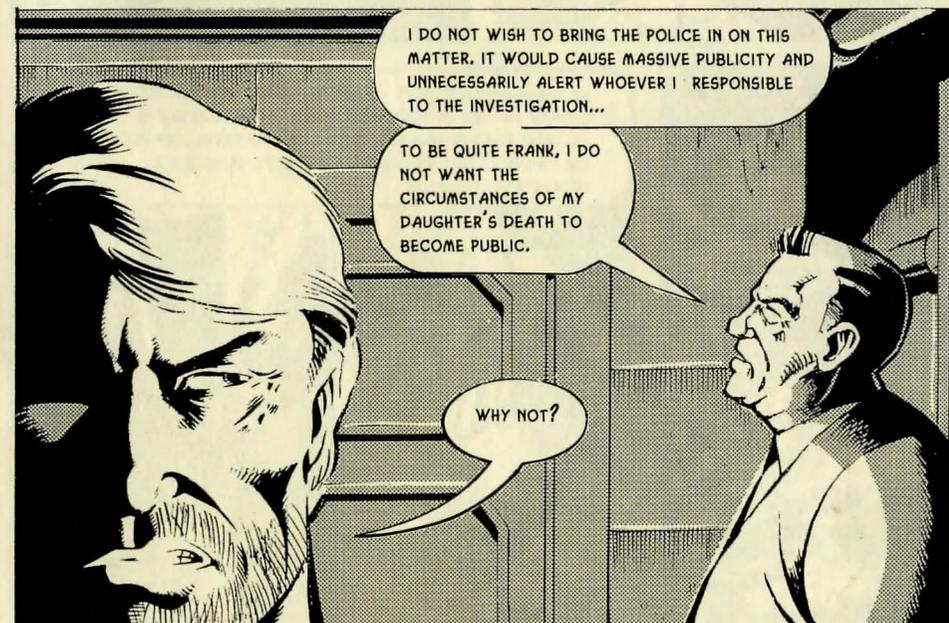


MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN MURDERED MR. HUNTER... I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.



I'M SORRY MR. MAYOR... BUT I'M NOT A COP ANYMORE.

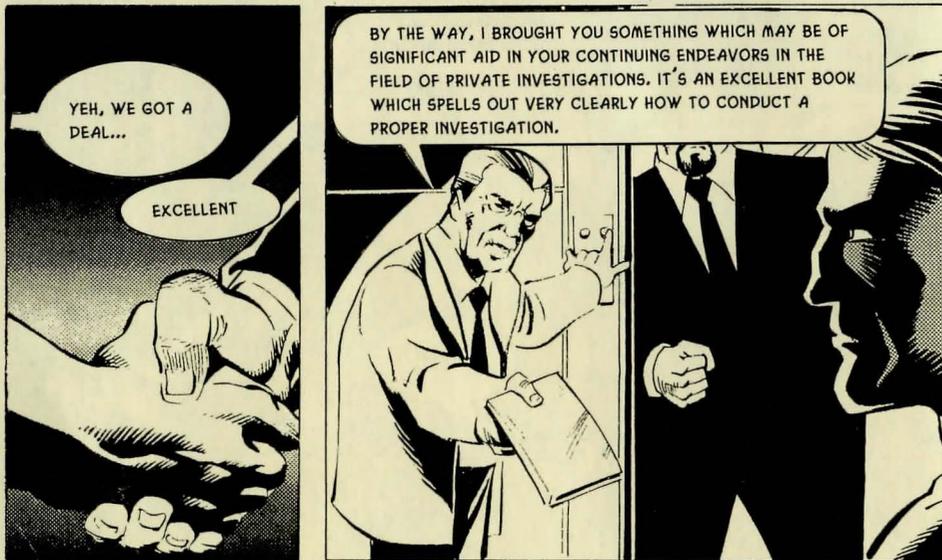
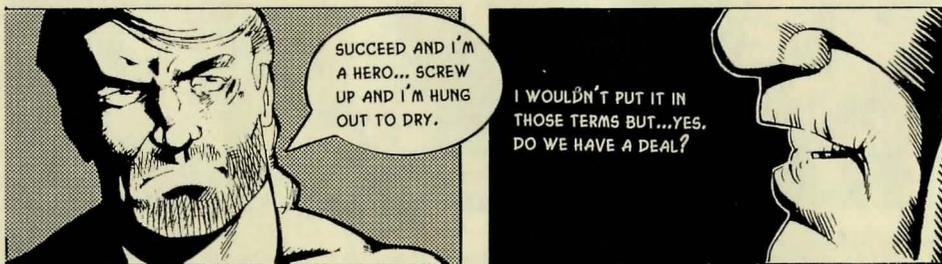
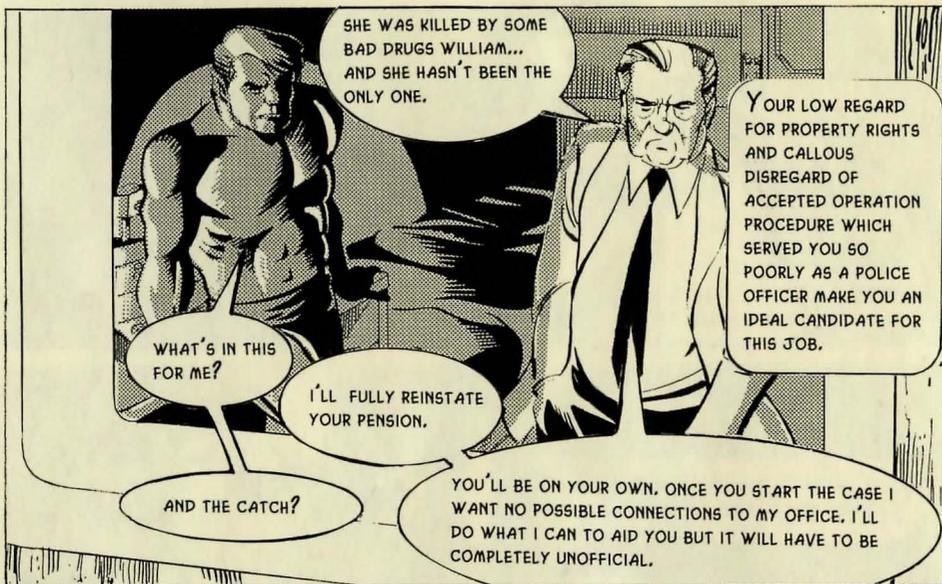
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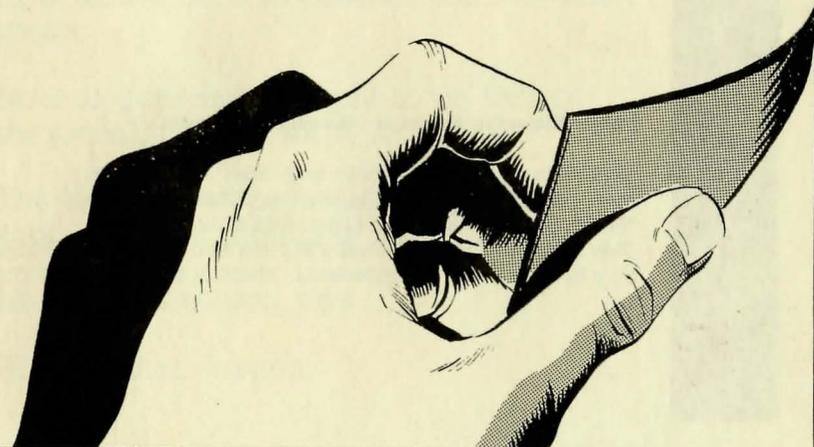
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Chapter 1

Step one:

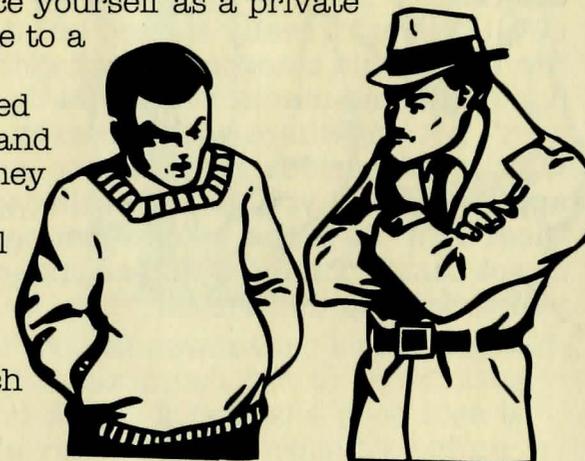
Find someone to interrogate.

Step two:

Find a field (just kidding but we couldn't resist). Ahem.

Step two:

Try to start a friendly conversation with them. Hint: it isn't usually a good idea to introduce yourself as a private detective to a



client's estranged spouse and ask if they have a criminal record.

If you use an approach and it doesn't

work, try something else. Common sense is your best guide here.

Step three:

Cleverly maneuver the conversation to your area of inquiry.

Say the person you're talking to says something like "We've sure had some weather lately, haven't we?" You could reply, "Boy, we sure have. By the way, you haven't seen a suspicious man in a raincoat lurking about in this neighborhood lately have you?" It's so simple even a child can do it.

Step four:

Try to leave things on a positive note. Say polite things like "Have a nice day" or "Wasn't that special" or "Don't worry, the scar is hardly noticeable." You never know when you might want to talk to someone again.

Step five:

When all else fails: lie like a dog.

Step six:

(Well this isn't really a step, but it kind of fits under this category, so what the heck.) Sometimes no matter what you do, you won't get anywhere with a person. Then it's time to seriously reconsider your past approach. Did you do something to tick them off? Or is the person just a complete closet case? Time and experience will teach you to tell the difference.

Chapter 2

A *private dick* (that's trade jargon for private investigator) must always keep his eyes open. This helps him avoid the embarrassment of bumping into things

and also allows him to *case a joint* (more PI jargon - it means reconnoiter a location) before charging in half-cocked. Not that the direct



immediate frontal assault isn't exciting and macho, it just not much fun to be exciting, macho, and dead. It is also a good idea to look over a room very thoroughly before you try and pick up or otherwise mess with anything in it. Examining rooms and objects carefully may yield helpful clues and will hopefully have the added benefit of preventing you from becoming a *dead duck*. As my Most Aged and Venerable Grandpa Chin used to say "Rrook beforre you rou reap."

Chapter 3

Repairing Someone Else's VidPhone:

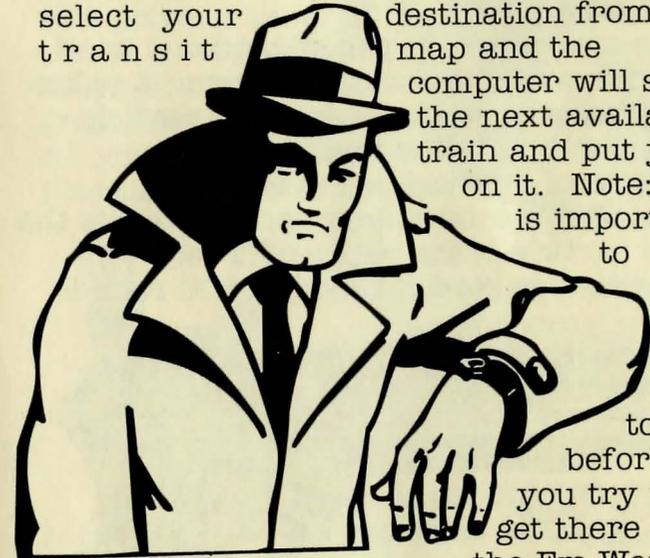
There are times in every dicks life when he must do something really unscrupulous. Fortunately, listening in on someone else's private VidPhone conversation does not qualify as unscrupulous, as long as you're on a case and not just doing it to get your jollies. With the proper equipment you can splice into another person's VidPhone trunk and monitor their calls from the comfort of your own home. All you need is a wire tester kit, three leads (included in most kits), and a lot of guts. VidPhone work is not for the timid; there's a very real potential to become a crispy critter. Just remember, red goes to the battery (positive), blue goes to the ground and yellow is the hot wire. Or is that blue, positive, red ground...? Oh well, never mind. Once you connect all three wires correctly a green light will show on the tester. Note: It's a very bad sign when tester light starts flashing red. If you don't disconnect the tester lead from the wire terminal within about 15 seconds the circuit will overload and send several thousand volts of electricity shooting through your body.



Chapter 4

The Em-Way made easy

The Em can be a detective's best friend. It is cheap (free is a very good price) and *relatively safe*. All you have to do is select your destination from the map and the



transit computer will stop the next available train and put you on it. Note: it is important to know where you want to go before you try to get there on the Em-Way.

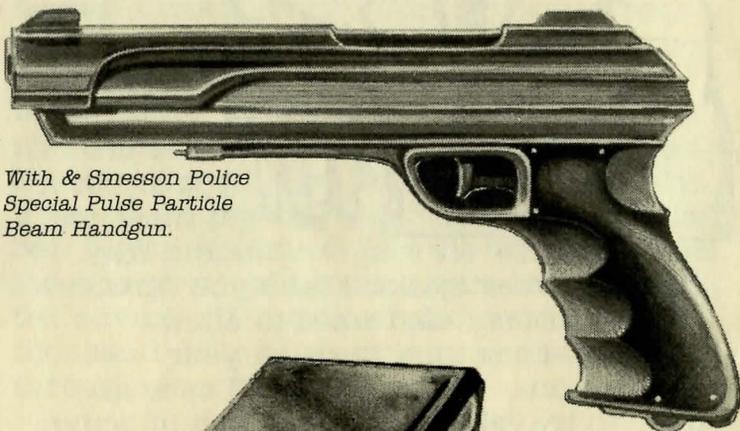
As your investigations take you further afield you may also want to allow yourself more time to reach your destinations. It can take well over an hour to travel across the length of some large cities.

Chapter 5

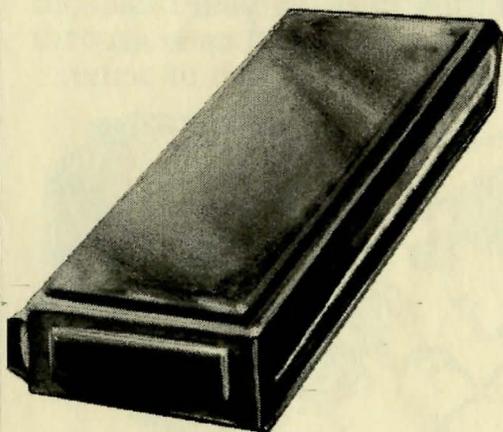
Things no PI worth his salt-substitute should be without.

Handgun:

There are several types of personal hand weapons available; we recommend a police or military issue pistol or pulse particle-beam handgun. The most desirable attribute of any weapon is reliability, therefore we tend to lean more towards the pulse particle-beam weapon as its powerpack is good for over 1,000 rounds.



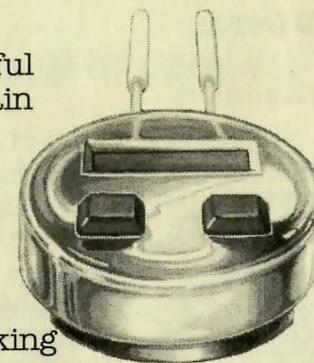
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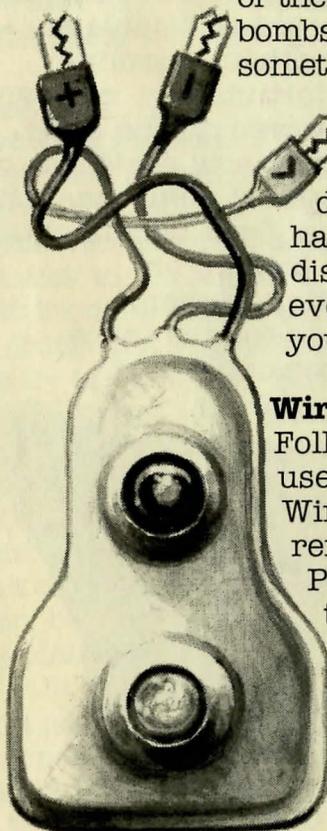
Bombs:

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TNT Flake Bombs

of these bombs onto something you want to blow up and stand back. Bombs typically work well to open doors and locks but have the distinct disadvantage of alerting everyone in the area to your presence.



ACME Wire Test Kit

Wire tester:

Following are a few useful techniques for Wiretester use. Always remember that the Postive (+) Lead goes to the red wire, the Negative (-) lead goes to the blue wire and Terminal Connection (>) goes to the tapped line.

If a schematic of the system are available, it is recommended that you examine the wiring layout carefully before attempting to breach a line.

ID Card:

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Personal I.D. Card

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Aerosol personal protect device.

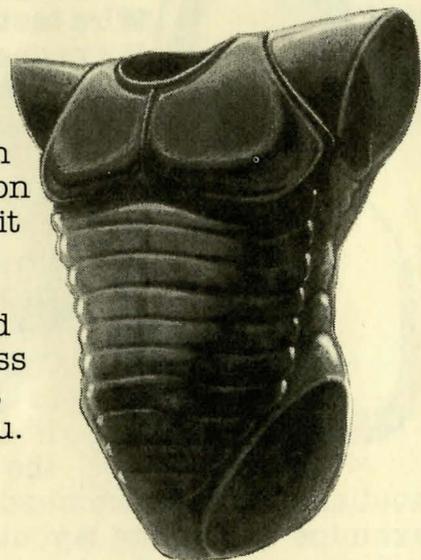


NaPent APPD

Manufactured under such brand names as NaPent, ThugStop, NoMug, etc. It is supposed to disable an attacker without harming them. Unfortunately, it doesn't work very well on the large angry men it was designed to be used against. But what the heck, it's a great way to catch a buzz or pick up on unsuspecting women. Typically there are three charges per can.

Body Armor:

It's a good idea to wear body armor if you can get your hands on some. Wearing it significantly decreases the likelihood of lead poisoning. Unless somebody gets a head shot on you.



Lead Stopper Mark III Flak Vest.

Chapter 6

How to get people to do things they probably wouldn't do on their own.

Occasionally, people can be encouraged to be more helpful if offered inducement. The best thing to use is a black-market candy bar, if you can find one. Note: try to make sure that the person you give it to really has some information or can do something to help you. Otherwise, they may just take your candy bar and say "Thanks dude." Nobody, in their right mind will turn down free chocolate.

Chapter 7

Health & Fitness.

A private investigator must have eyes like a hawk, the reflexes of a puma, and the digestive system of a pachyderm if he expects to get ahead in his chosen profession. Nutritionists tell us that we should eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, lots of fiber, and get plenty of exercise. But who really wants to eat that junk. We recommend taking all your meals in restaurants named after a person with three or less letters in their first name: e.g. 'Eat at Joe's', Ted's Tex-Mex Truck-stop, Mad Max's BBQ, Tiny Tim's 'Tater Trough. These types of restaurants may not be five-star, but at least you can be sure of getting a big plate of biscuits and gravy or a good bowl of chili. Remember, private investigation isn't just a job; it's a lifestyle, and you have an image to maintain. As for exercise, that seems to have a way of taking care of itself in this profession. You will be surprised how fast and how far you can run if a large man with an automatic weapon is chasing you.

Chapter 8

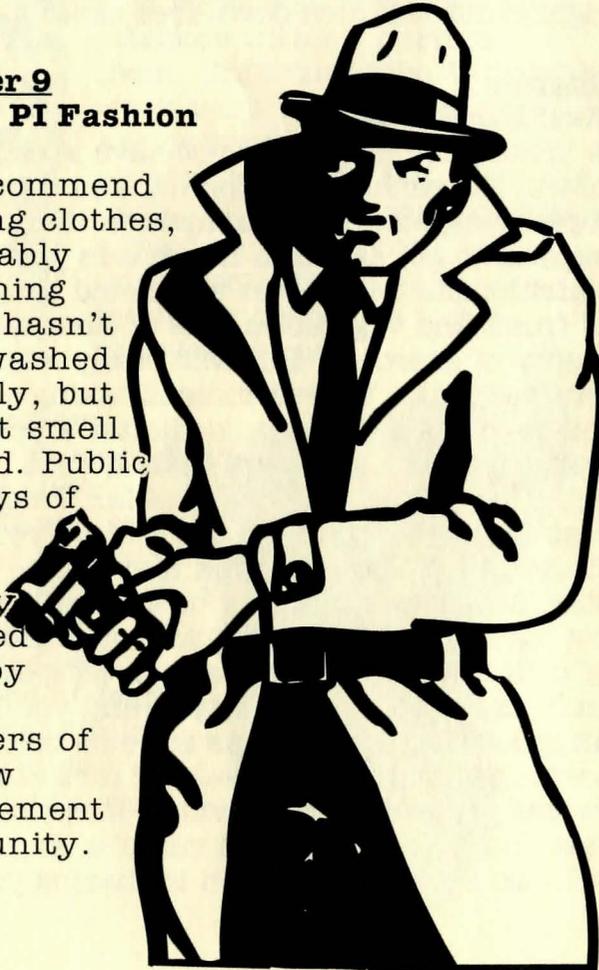
Sleep - A well rested dick is an effective dick.

Remember, you must get plenty of rest if you want to be 100 percent on the job. Sometimes PIs have to put in long hours but make sure you don't work yourself to exhaustion. If you become tired you should try and sleep in your own place. You never know what might happen if you try and take a cat-nap in the park at night.

Chapter 9

Handy PI Fashion tips:

We recommend wearing clothes, preferably something which hasn't been washed recently, but doesn't smell too bad. Public displays of nudity are generally frowned upon by most members of the law enforcement community.



Dead duck. PI jargon - means bite the big one.

'effin. Slang for friggin'

Em-Way. Electromagnetically levitated subway system.

Pachyderm. Think skinned mammal such as an elephant or rhinoceros.

pulse particle-beam handgun. A handgun which fires a burst of highly organized associative particles instead of a lead projectile.

'Relatively safe' Euphemism meaning 20% chance of death or dismemberment.

'Repairing' someone else's VidPhone. Euphemism meaning run a tap and listen in on someone's private life.

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Todd Towers,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Todd, I think you may have us confused with a different magazine, but I suggest you try different software and/or comic books.
-Dave

Dear Dynamix Comix:

What's up with Blade? I mean he's really cool and all, but sometimes he holds his gun with his right hand and sometimes he holds it with his left hand. Is Blade a lefty or is he right-handed? I'm really confused.

Lt. Keith Eays,
Great Falls, MT

Dear Keith, Blade is ambidextrous. 'Nuff said.
-Dave

Dear Dave,

Would you please quit screwing around at that silly Dynamix place and get a real life.

Mother,
Charlottesville, VA

Dear mom, cheap shot...
-Dave

Dear Dynamix Comix:

I really enjoy the characters you have created in this series and hope that you will continue to develop them in future issues. I would especially like to learn more about the relationship between Blade and Karyn, for instance: why is she so uptight? Blade's a really great guy and she should feel lucky to have him around. At times it seems like she really might be ready to leave him for good (if she does, can I get her VidPhone number?) even though she genuinely cares about him. What's her story? Is she the

victim of a bad past love affair?
Just curious.

Bob Robatzek
Tigard, OR

Dear Bob, Karyn and Blade have a long past history that will be brought into clearer focus in future issues. They may break up, but chances are they will get back together again eventually. Stay tuned.
-Dave

Dear Dynamix Comix:

When are we going to see the next issue of Blade Hunter Mysteries? I have thoroughly enjoyed the latest issue of your book and hope to see more soon.

Karen Sumners,
Los Angeles, CA

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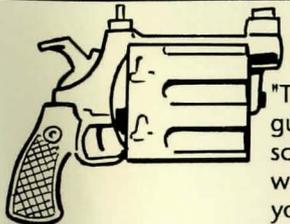
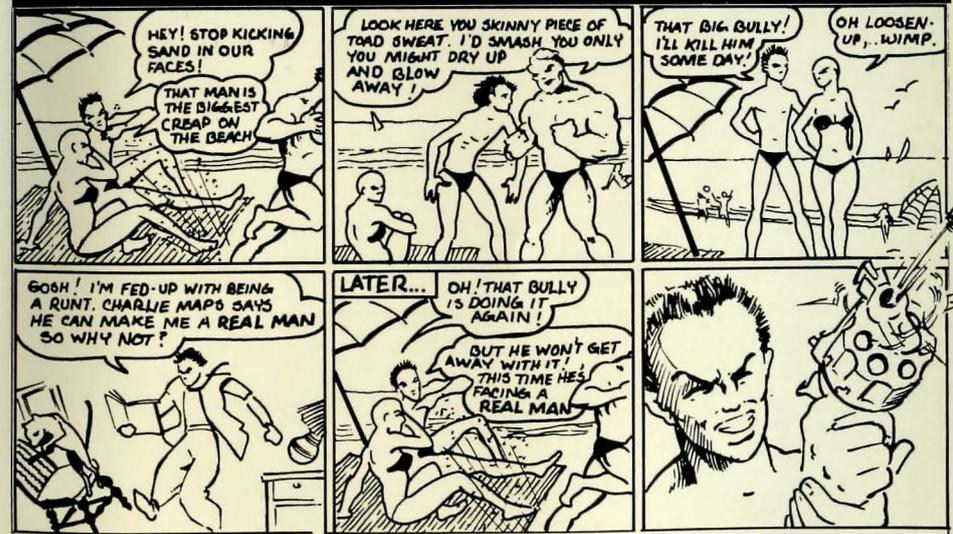
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