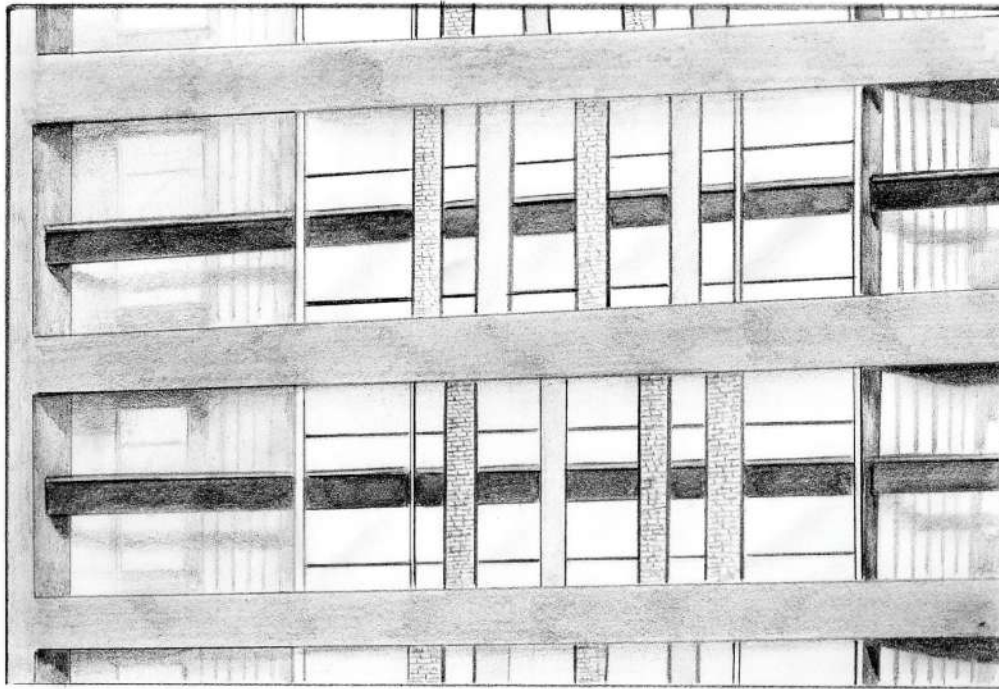


That Shrinking Feeling



ART: DRACOWHIP
STORY: STEEBLEBLAZER
TEXT PHILIP LAWSON



HEY, JOE, I HAVE A QUESTION.

YEAH, BABE?



...DO YOU THINK I'M GETTING WIDE IN THE HIPS.

PLEASE ...YOU'RE PERFECT.

ACTUALLY, THAT MIGHT JUST BE WHAT WE BOTH NEED.

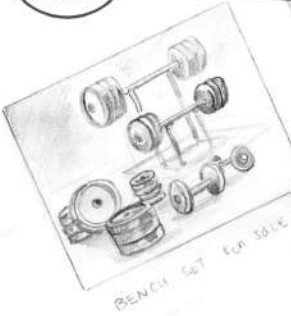
IF YOU'RE IN, THEN I'M IN TOO.

IT'S BETTER THAN PAYING GYM FEES.



HMM... I DON'T KNOW...

...I THINK I COULD GET INTO BETTER SHAPE...



...AND I JUST SAW THIS AD IN THE LOCAL PENNSAVER FOR A CHEAP FREE-WEIGHT SET.

I'LL CALL TO ARRANGE A PICK-UP



HERE'S THE ADDRESS. I ACTUALLY USED TO HANG WITH MY FRIENDS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, BACK WHEN I WAS A KID...

...THERE WAS A GIRL WHO LIVED AROUND HERE NAMED "TINY" TINA THAT WE USED TO TEASE ALL THE TIME.

GEEZ, JOE! BAD BOY! BEHAVE.

WHOA...HI!



HI! I SAW YOU WALKING UP. ARE YOU HERE TO BUY THE WEIGHT SET?

UH, YEAH! I'M CINDY, AND THIS IS JOE.

MY NAME'S TINA. COME ON IN AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE MERCHANDISE. YOU'RE GONNA LOVE IT.



WELL, THERE IT IS. STILL IN PRIME CONDITION. IT MADE ME THE WOMAN I AM TODAY. IF YOU'VE GOT THE CASH, LET'S MAKE A DEAL.

UMM... ACTUALLY.. CRAP! I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT MY WALLET.



SORRY ABOUT THAT. HERE YOU GO.

THEN THE SET IS ALL YOURS...

...AS ARE ALL THE GAINS MADE WITH IT.

HEE-HEE! DEAL.







JUST... ONE... MORE... BOX!

HEY BABE! PUT THOSE IN THE CORNER WITH THE REST OF THE SET.



THANKS FOR CARRYING ALL OF THAT UP HERE, BABY.

WHEW!

YOU'RE AWESOME!

TALK ABOUT A WORKOUT BEFORE YOUR WORKOUT!

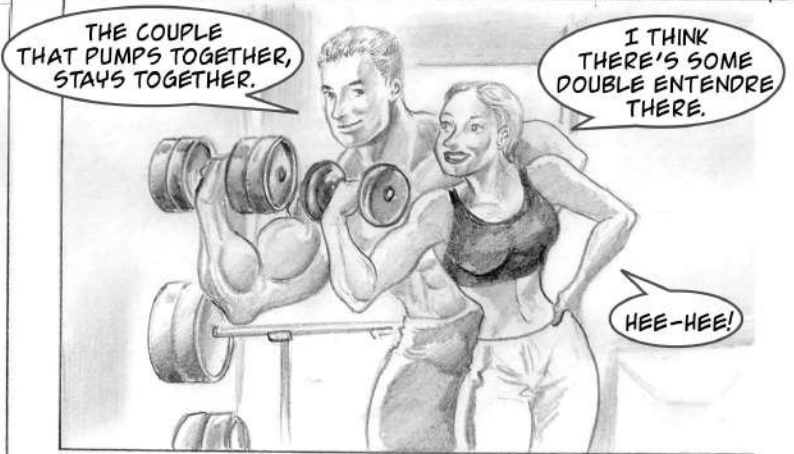


COME HERE, MY STRONG MAN...

...I'LL GIVE YOU A WORKOUT

MMM... I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.

BUT FIRST, LET'S TEST OUT THE GOODS.

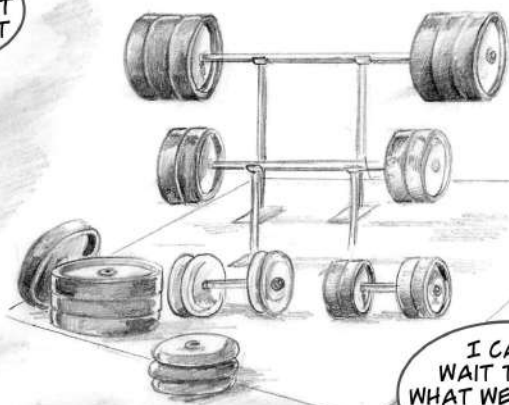


THE COUPLE THAT PUMPS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

I THINK THERE'S SOME DOUBLE ENTENDRE THERE.

HEE-HEE!

THIS MAY BE OUR BEST INVESTMENT YET.



I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT WE'LL LOOK LIKE, IN THE FUTURE.

A WEEK LATER...



39
...UHN
...40

...40, TO THE 45,
HE COULD...GO...
ALL...THE...WAY!

...KEEP
...UHN
GOING!



NEVER
...UHN
...QUIT!

IF YOU
WANT
NAILS
THAT
NEVER
QUIT, TRY
LEE...



MUST
TRAIN...JUST
RIGHT...

...TO
ATTAIN...THE
PERFECT...
BODY.



...PERFECTION!

JUST THE
RIGHT AMOUNT
OF PEANUT
BUTTER
WITH JUST THE
RIGHT AMOUNT
OF JELLY...



HE
PUSHED HIM,
REF!

ANYBODY
CAN SEE THAT
WASN'T A
GOAL!



MUST...KEEP...
PUSHING...

I CAN...
ACHIEVE...ANY
GOAL!



HEY BABE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY PROGRESS SO FAR?

OOOOO!
HERCULES!
HERCULES!



LET ME SQUEEZE THAT BEEFY BODY!

HEH!
GLAD YOU LIKE.



HOWEVER, I COULD ALWAYS USE A WORKOUT PARTNER.



...I THINK JUST BEING AROUND YOU IS GETTING ME IN SHAPE. I'VE GOT ABS I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

OHH... YOU'RE RIGHT! TELL YOU WHAT. NEXT TIME YOU'RE EXERCISING, I'LL JOIN IN TOO. ALTHOUGH...



HA! I DON'T THINK IT WORKS THAT WAY.

HEE-HEE!
OKAY. LET'S HAVE A WORKOUT DATE.

A DAY LATER...



SEE?
ISN'T THIS
BETTER THAN JUST
WATCHING?

YOU WERE
RIGHT. IT'S LIKE I
CAN FEEL MY MUSCLES
GROWING AS I
WORKOUT.

WELL,
THAT'S A BIT
MUCH.

NO, REALLY.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M
ABSORBING MUSCLE
AS WE EXERCISE.



TA-DA!!
STRIKE A
POSE!

I'VE BARELY
STARTED LIFTING
AND I ALREADY FEEL
LIKE I COULD BE ONE
OF THOSE FITNESS
MODELS!

YOU...HUFF
...CERTAINLY...HUFF
...LOOK LIKE
IT.



I ALMOST
FEEL LIKE I'M
GETTING BIGGER
EVEN WHEN I'M
NOT WORKING
OUT.

ALL THE MORE REASON TO KEEP AT IT!



LOOK OUT WORLD, HERE COMES CINDY!

A WEEK LATER...

ARE YOU FEELING THE PUMP?



ACTUALLY, MINE FEELS A LITTLE LIGHT. IT MIGHT BE TIME TO UP MY GAME TO YOUR LEVEL.

WHOA! DON'T GET CRAZY. JUST STICK WITH ME, KID, AND YOU'LL GO PLACES.

HEE-HEE! YES SIR, HUSBAND-TRAINER. WE'LL BE THE FITTEST COUPLE ON THE BLOCK.



DAYUM RIGHT. YOU'RE A NATURAL, BABE. YOUR BODY WAS MEANT FOR WEIGHT-TRAINING.

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! IT COMES SO EASILY TO ME, AND THE RESULTS ARE ALMOST IMMEDIATE.

4 WEEKS LATER...

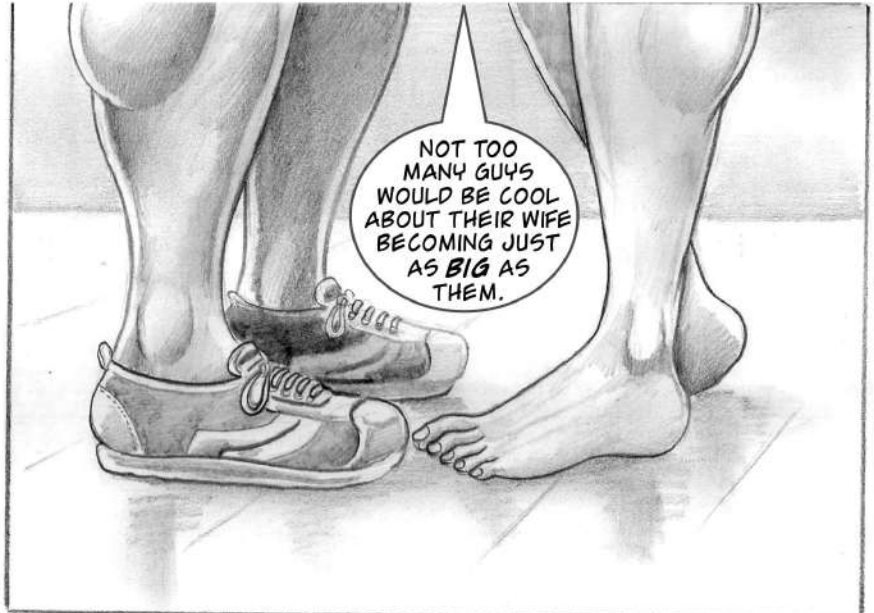
HAPPY TRANSFORMATION TUESDAY, BABY...AND WHAT A CHANGE! I CAN'T BELIEVE THE GAINS YOU'VE MADE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.

I KNOW! I WOULD SAY IT'S ALMOST MAGICAL...IF NOT FOR THE CONSTANT WORKOUTS WE'VE BEEN DOING. HEE-HEE!



MHMMMM!

THANKS FOR BEING SO SUPPORTIVE. MMMM!



NOT TOO MANY GUYS WOULD BE COOL ABOUT THEIR WIFE BECOMING JUST AS BIG AS THEM.



WAIT... WH-WHAT?

HEE-HEE! I'M ALMOST AS TALL AS YOU NOW!

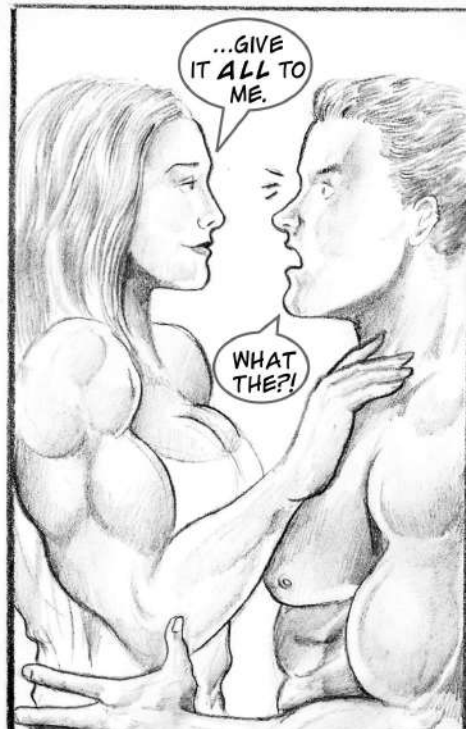
IN FACT, I THINK I MAY ACTUALLY HAVE YOU BEAT IN BICEPS!



N-NO WAY!

YES WAY! I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY, SWEETIE...

...TIME FOR BED.







WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! YOU HAVEN'T ADMIRERD MY PENULTIMATE PECS YET!

MY G-G-GOD!

NOO! GET AWAY!

COME GIVE THEM A SQUEEZE!

AAA!! NOO!!!

OHH! YESSS! THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT SQUISH!!

TIME FOR A CHEAT MEAL!

WAIT! PLEASE! NOOO!

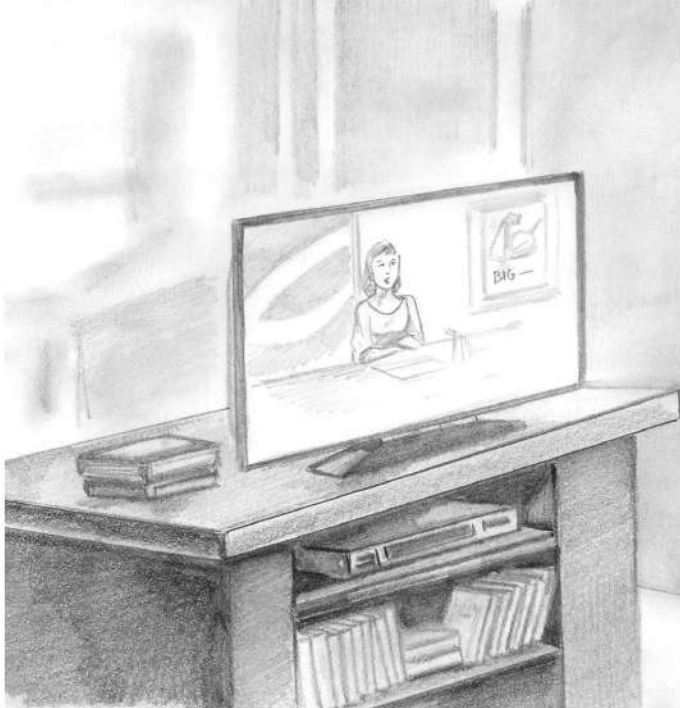
MMM! PROTEIN! AAHHH...

AAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!



...AAAAAAA!!!

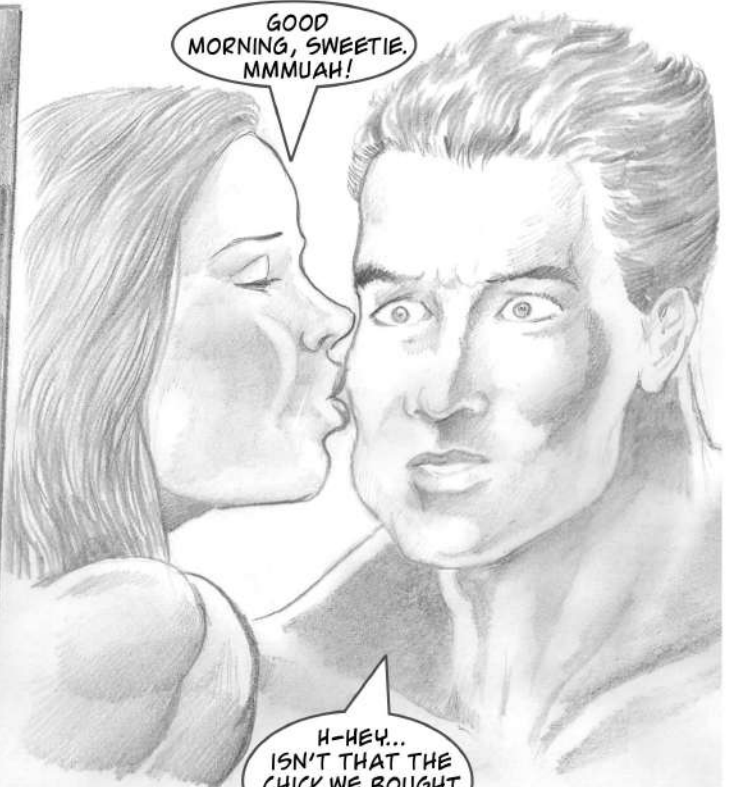
H-HUH- HOLY SHIT!



LAST NIGHT A **WOMAN** WON THE TITLE IN A TRADITIONALLY **MEN'S** BODYBUILDING CONTEST...



GOOD MORNING, SWEETIE. MMMUAH!



...AND HER VICTORY WAS BY **UNANIMOUS** DECISION.



CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY USED TO CALL TINA FEIGH, "**TINY**" TINA?...

H-HEY... ISN'T THAT THE CHICK WE BOUGHT THE WEIGHT SET FROM?

WELL, **NOBODY'S** SAYING THAT NOW.



NO WAY...IT REALLY WAS HER.

I TOLD YOU SHE WAS STRONGER THAN YOU THOUGHT.



GIVE A GIRL CREDIT!

OOF!

MAYBE I'LL WIN THAT CONTEST NEXT TIME!



IN FACT, LET'S HAVE A CONTEST OF OUR OWN!

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

C'MON! LET'S SEE WHO'S THE STRONGEST, RIGHT NOW!

YOU...UHN ...GOTTA BE...UHN ...KIDDING, YOU KNOW UHNN...I'M STRONGER!



WHO'S... STRONGER... NOW?!

I-I'M TIRED. UHNN! I-I JUST WORKED UHN...OUT!



TIRED, HUH? SURE YOU ARE...

...I'LL TIRE YOU OUT.



DING - DONG

HMM? WERE YOU EXPECTING SOMEONE?

UHHH...NO.



HI MISS! WE'RE SELLING HEALTH BARS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL SPORTS TEAM.

WHEW!



I TOTALLY SUPPORT GIRLS' ATHLETICS!

ARE YOU AN ATHLETE?

HEE-HEE!

LATER THAT WEEK...



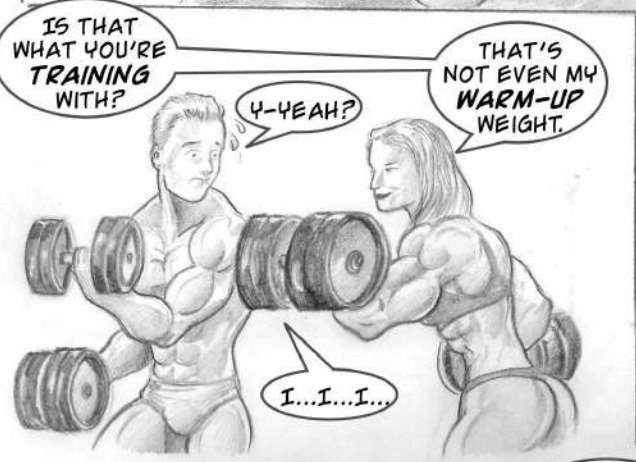
49...
UHNN...SO...
UHNNN!

OOO...

FINALLY!
YOU'RE BACK
LIFTING AGAIN! I
THOUGHT I SCARED
YOU OFF FOR GOOD
AFTER OUR LAST
"TUSSLE".

HEH!
N-NO
WAY.

GOOD.
THEN WE
CAN WORKOUT
TOGETHER
AGAIN!



IS THAT
WHAT YOU'RE
TRAINING
WITH?

4-YEAH?

THAT'S
NOT EVEN MY
WARM-UP
WEIGHT.

I...I...I...



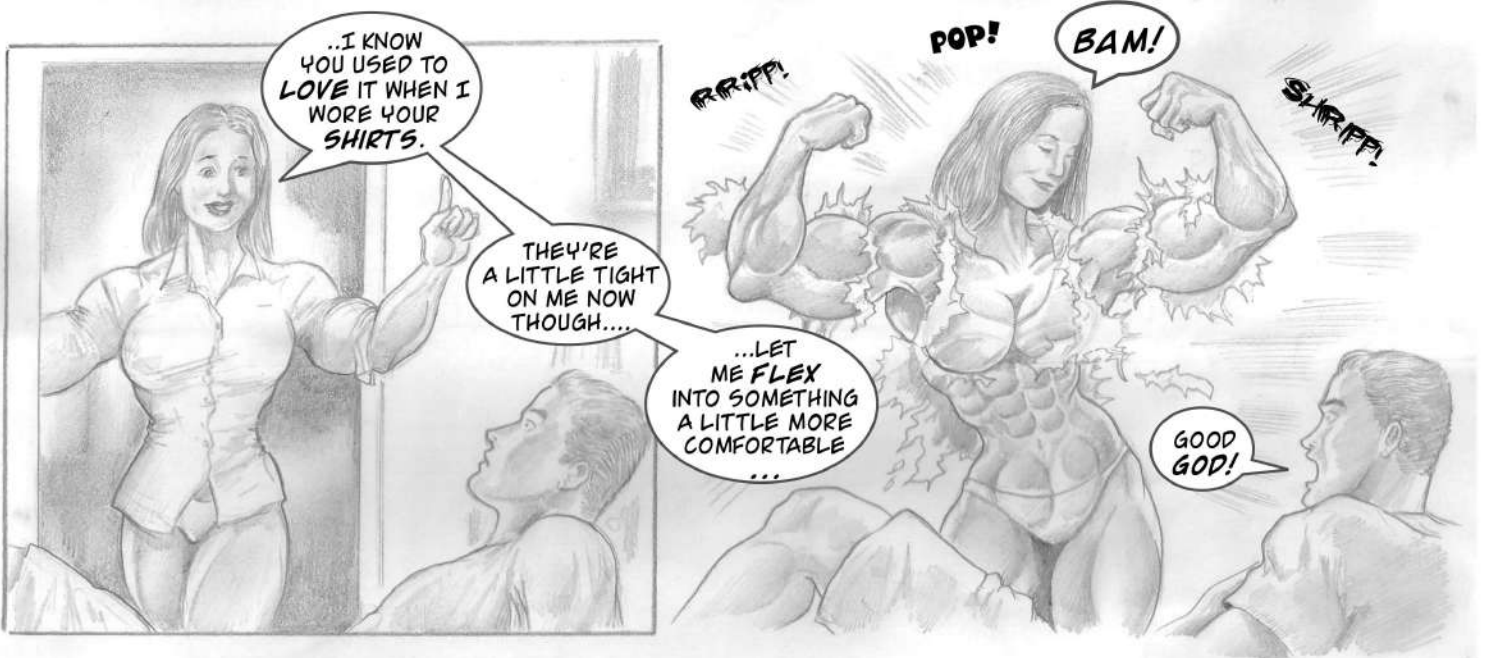
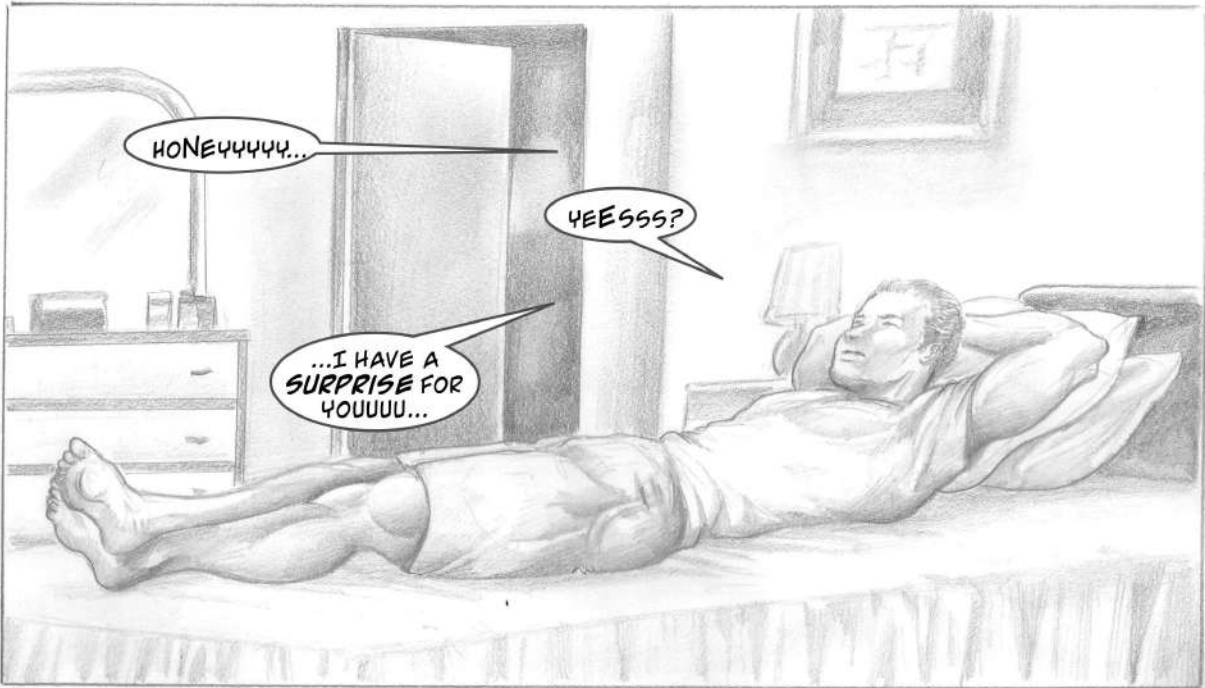
...I'M
...ACTUALLY...UHH
...DONE LIFTING
FOR THE DAY...

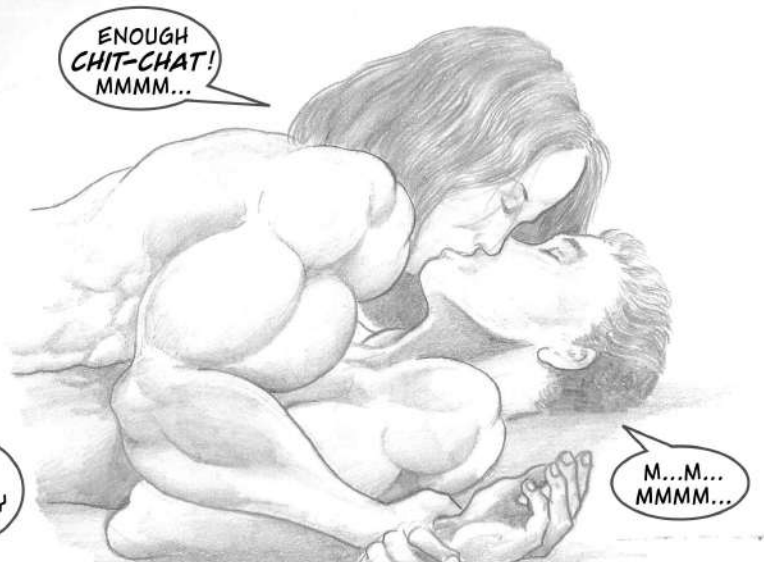
...I GOTTA
GO TAKE A RUN.
I NEED MORE
CARDIO.

WHAAAAT?!
I THOUGHT WE
WERE GONNA GET
PUMPED?!

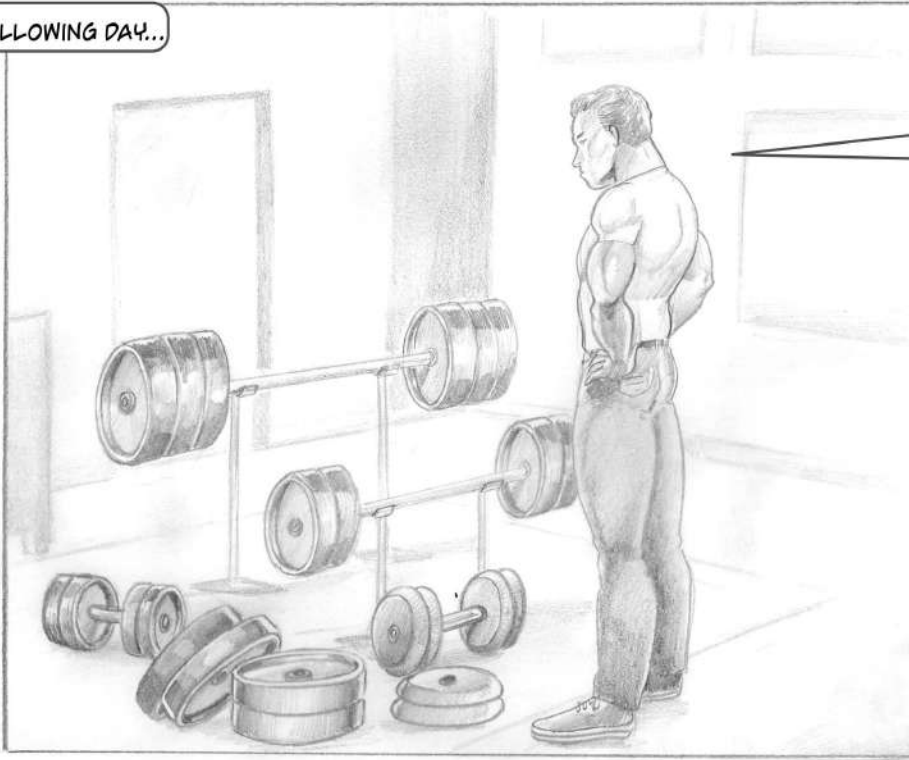
DON'T BE A...A...
PUMP-TEASE!

M-MAYBE
LATER.





THE FOLLOWING DAY...



CINDY IS OBSESSED WITH THIS WEIGHT SET! LAST NIGHT MAY HAVE HAD A "HAPPY ENDING", BUT OTHERWISE....

...OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BECOME... EMASCULATINGLY TOXIC.

I THINK IT'S PAST TIME THAT WE TOOK A BREAK FROM THE WEIGHTS.



HUHN... WHEN THINGS COOL BACK DOWN... UHNN... WITH ME AND CINDY... H-HUFF... I'LL BUY HER A NEW SET.

YEAH... THAT'S THE TICKET.



WOO! THESE ARE HEAVIER THAN I REMEMBER.



UHNNN... GEEZ!... AND IT'S LIKE THEY GET HEAVIER THE MORE I MOVE THEM!



HUFF.. HUFF.. GEEZ!

I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN EVEN GET THESE IN THE CAR!



FINALLY! THE DEED IS DONE.

I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO CINDY.

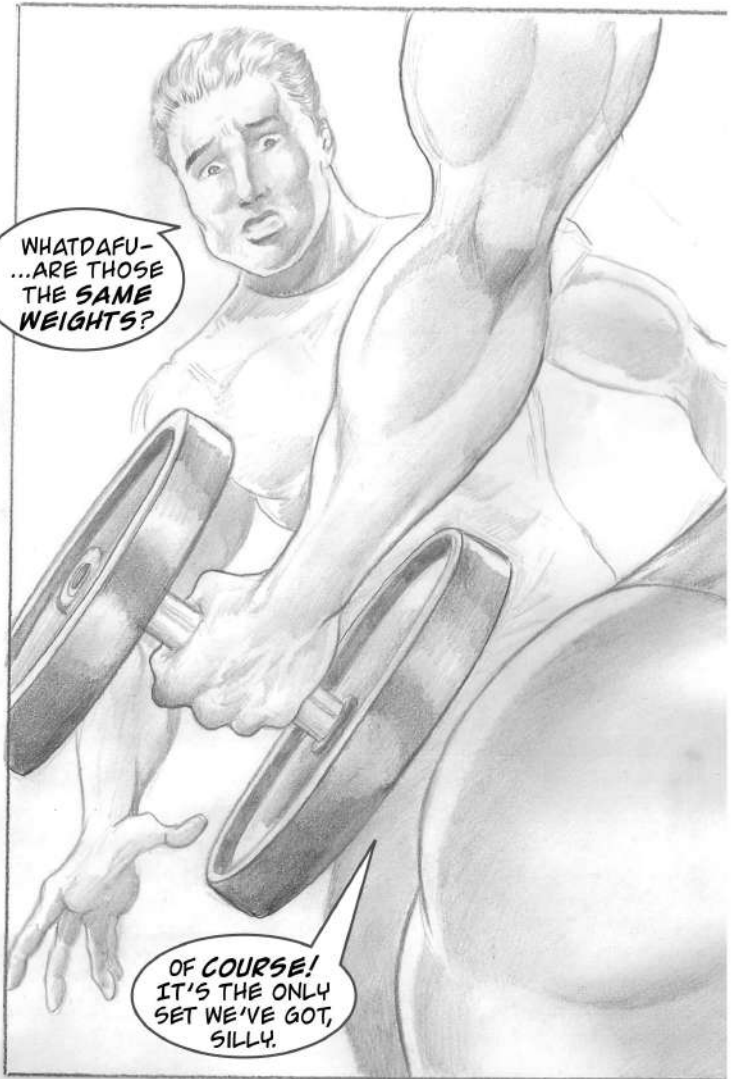
SHE'LL THANK ME LATER.

CITY DUMP



HEY BABE, I'M HOME! NOW LET ME EXPLA-

HI HONEY! I STARTED MY WORKOUT WITHOUT YOU.



WHATDAFU... ARE THOSE THE SAME WEIGHTS?

OF COURSE! IT'S THE ONLY SET WE'VE GOT, SILLY.



I STARTED REPS AS SOON AS I GOT HOME.

CHECK OUT HOW HARD MY ABS ARE.

W-WOW... IMPRESSIVE.



CAN YOU GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR FAMOUS BACK RUBS? I'M SO GLAD YOU GOT ME TRAINING WITH THESE WEIGHTS.

YEAH, HEH...ME TOO.

THE NEXT DAY...



I GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THESE WEIGHTS!

TINA KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT THEM THAT SHE DIDN'T TELL US.

I'LL GET HER TO SPILL THE BEANS, OR TAKE THEM BACK, OR AT LEAST TELL ME HOW TO GET RID OF THEM!



WHA-?... THE DOOR'S AJAR?

HELLO, ANYBODY HOME?

WELL, IT'S NOT "BREAKING AND ENTERING" IF THE DOOR IS ALREADY OPEN, RIGHT?



LOOK AT ALL THESE PORTRAITS. ARE THESE "BEFORE" PICS OF TINA?



...AND WHO'S THAT HUGE GUY SHE'S WITH?

WAIT... I KNOW THAT FACE!



I-IT'S THE SCRAWNY DUDE! IT'S THE SAME FACE!



SCRAWNY DUDE WAS HUGE DUDE!

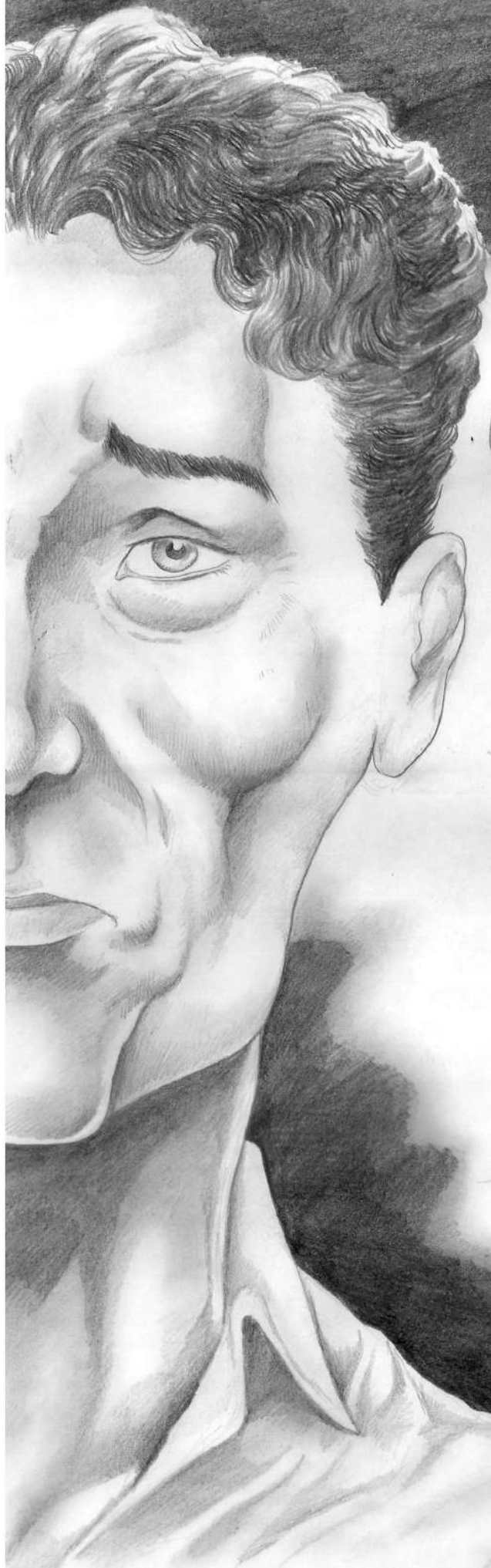




I WANT ANSWERS!!

WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE WEIGHTS TINA SOLD US?!

I WAS ONCE LIKE YOU,
BUT EVEN **BIGGER**...



I WAS AN UP
AND COMING
BODYBUILDER.
I WORKED OUT
AT HOME, USING
SOME BASIC
FREE-WEIGHTS,
AND A GRUELING
EXERCISE
REGIMEN.

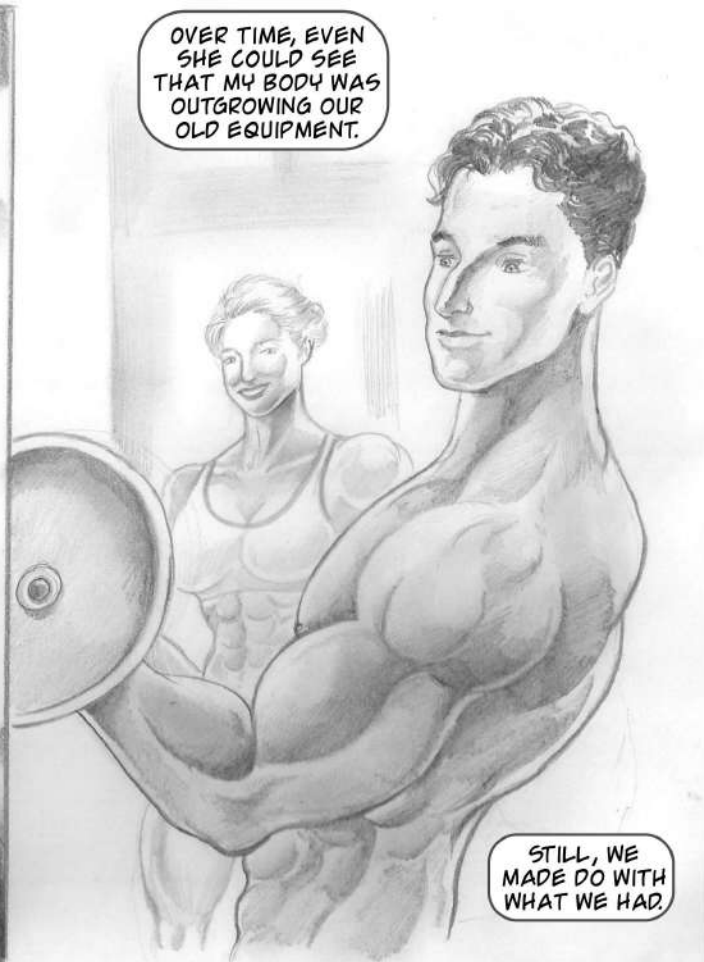
TINA, MY GIRLFRIEND,
FOLLOWED IN MY FOOT-
STEPS; TRAINING WITH
ME, AND SUPPORTING
MY GOALS, EVEN WHEN
TIMES WERE ROUGH.

I WAS HUGE MAN, AND GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY.

WE ONLY OWNED A FEW BARBELLS, BUT I USED THEM CONSTANTLY. TINA JOINED IN TOO.



OVER TIME, EVEN SHE COULD SEE THAT MY BODY WAS OUTGROWING OUR OLD EQUIPMENT.



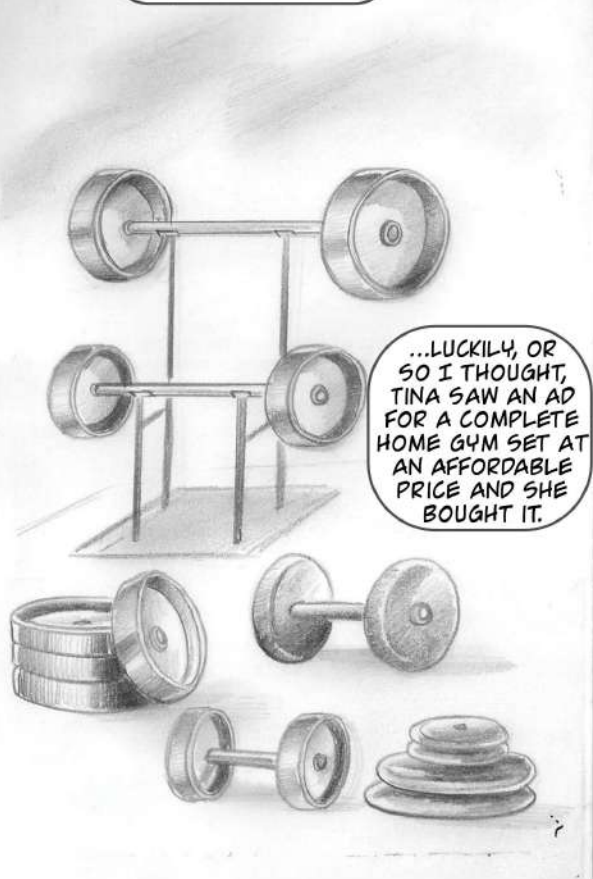
STILL, WE MADE DO WITH WHAT WE HAD.

WE EVEN WON AN AMATEUR FITNESS CONTEST TOGETHER.



WE WERE A GREAT TEAM.

HOWEVER, I WANTED AN ADVANCED WEIGHT SET, TO PUSH MY BODY FARTHER...BUT I JUST COULDN'T AFFORD ONE AT THE TIME...



...LUCKILY, OR SO I THOUGHT, TINA SAW AN AD FOR A COMPLETE HOME GYM SET AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE AND SHE BOUGHT IT.



I NOTICED THE CHANGE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...

...I WORKED OUT JUST AS HARD AS BEFORE...

...BUT **TINA** WAS THE ONLY ONE GETTING BIGGER...AND EVEN WHEN SHE WASN'T WORKING OUT.



PRETTY SOON THE DIFFERENCE BECAME **OBVIOUS**...

...SHE EVEN GREW **TALLER** THAN ME.



HER BODY PUT MINE TO **SHAME**.

HOW COULD I COMPETE ON STAGE, WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN COMPETE WITH MY OWN **GIRLFRIEND**?



SHE BEGAN **TEASING** ME ABOUT IT...

...BUT I WAS **DETERMINED**...

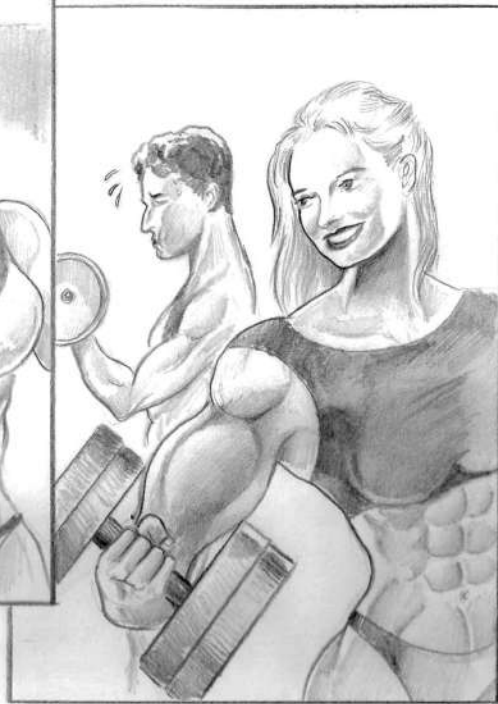
...TO WORK OUT EVEN **HARDER**...

...TO BE WHAT I **ONCE** WAS.

...BUT THE **HARDER** I TRAINED...



...THE **FASTER** I SHRUNK...



...AND THE **QUICKER** TINA GREW!



AFTER ONLY A FEW WEEKS WITH THAT WEIGHT SET, TINA DWARFED ME IN MASS AND HEIGHT.



...AND I COULD BARELY HANDLE OUR **LIGHTEST** BARBELLS.



SHE COULD LIFT **TWICE** THE WEIGHT I **EVER** COULD..

...AND THE BIGGER SHE GOT, THE MORE AGGRESSIVE SHE BECAME.

IN THE BEDROOM, NOW.



I WAS AT HER MERCY

TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, WE STILL WON OUR LAST CONTEST TOGETHER...



YOUR CHAMPIONS, TOM AND TINA!

...BUT IT WAS FOR COUPLES' POSING...

CHECK OUT MINI-ME GETTING CRUSHED BY HIS OWN TROPHY!

OH GOSH!

YOU OKAY THERE, HON?

HAHAA!



HFF-HUFF!



...AND I WASN'T EVEN STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY THE AWARD!

...IT WAS HUMILIATING.



BACK AT HOME...





WEEKS GO BY, AFTER THE "SPANKING INCIDENT"...

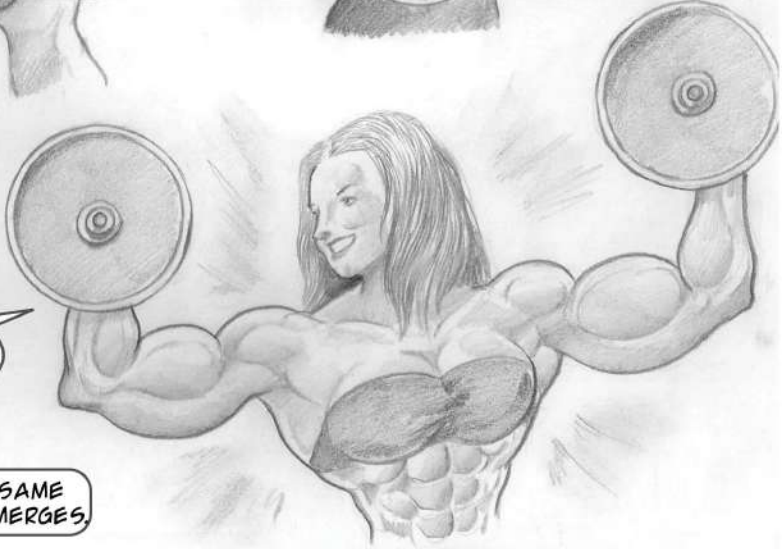
PEOPLE FLOCK TO CINDY, EAGER TO TRAIN WITH HER, ...AND THAT WEIGHT SET...



...I KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT AS THEY ALL WORKOUT TOGETHER...



YEAH! PUMP IT!



...BUT THE SAME PATTERN EMERGES,



I DOCUMENT THE CHANGE, WITH PHOTOS. JUST TO FIND A WAY TO PROVE TO HER THAT I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.





OH GOD!
WHAT DID I DO?!
JOE...I...I'M SO
SORRY!



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT CAME
OVER ME. I CAN'T BELIEVE
I ACTED THAT WAY. IT'S
LIKE I LOST CONTROL.
I JUST...JUST...

IT'S OKAY.
IT WASN'T YOU.
IT'S ONE OF THE
SIDE EFFECTS OF
THAT DAMNED
WEIGHT SET.



YEAH,
REALLY.

R-REALLY?

...WE'VE
GOT EACH
OTHER...
MMM.

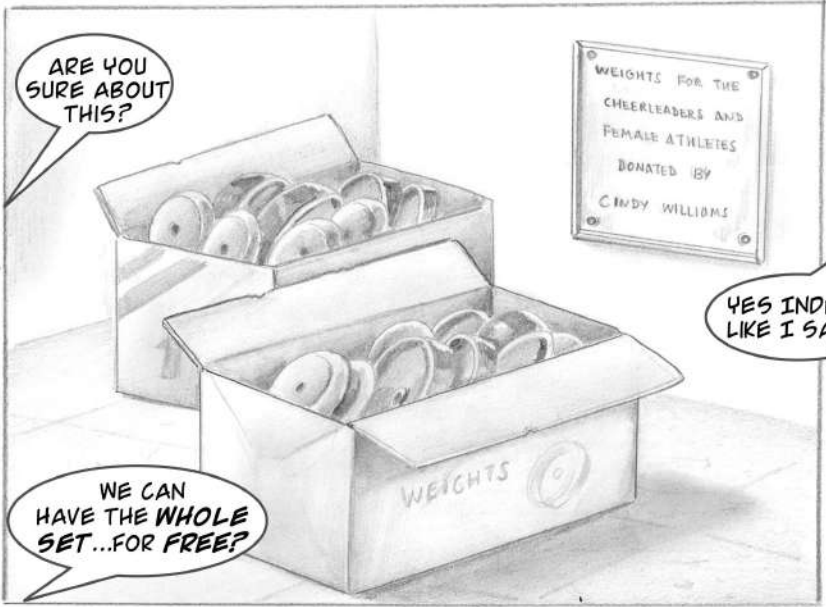
MHMMM.



WELL,
THEN LET'S
GET RID OF THAT
THING! I'M MORE
THAN BUFF ENOUGH
ALREADY!

HAH!
DEFINITELY.
WE DON'T NEED ANY
CRAZY WEIGHT
SET...





ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

WEIGHTS FOR THE CHEERLEADERS AND FEMALE ATHLETES DONATED BY CINDY WILLIAMS

WE CAN HAVE THE WHOLE SET...FOR FREE?



...I TOTALLY SUPPORT GIRLS' ATHLETICS!

ALRIGHT!

YES INDEED. LIKE I SAID...



COME ON IN, GUYS! WANT TO TRY OUT OUR NEW WEIGHT SET?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT AFRAID ARE YOU?

H-HECK NO!

GIRLS RULE!!



WHOA!

HEE-HEE!



UMM...

...ARE YOU SURE THESE THINGS ARE WORKING?

THEY'RE WORKING FOR US!

THE END

MFFMC



MIGHTY FEMALE MUSCLE COMIX