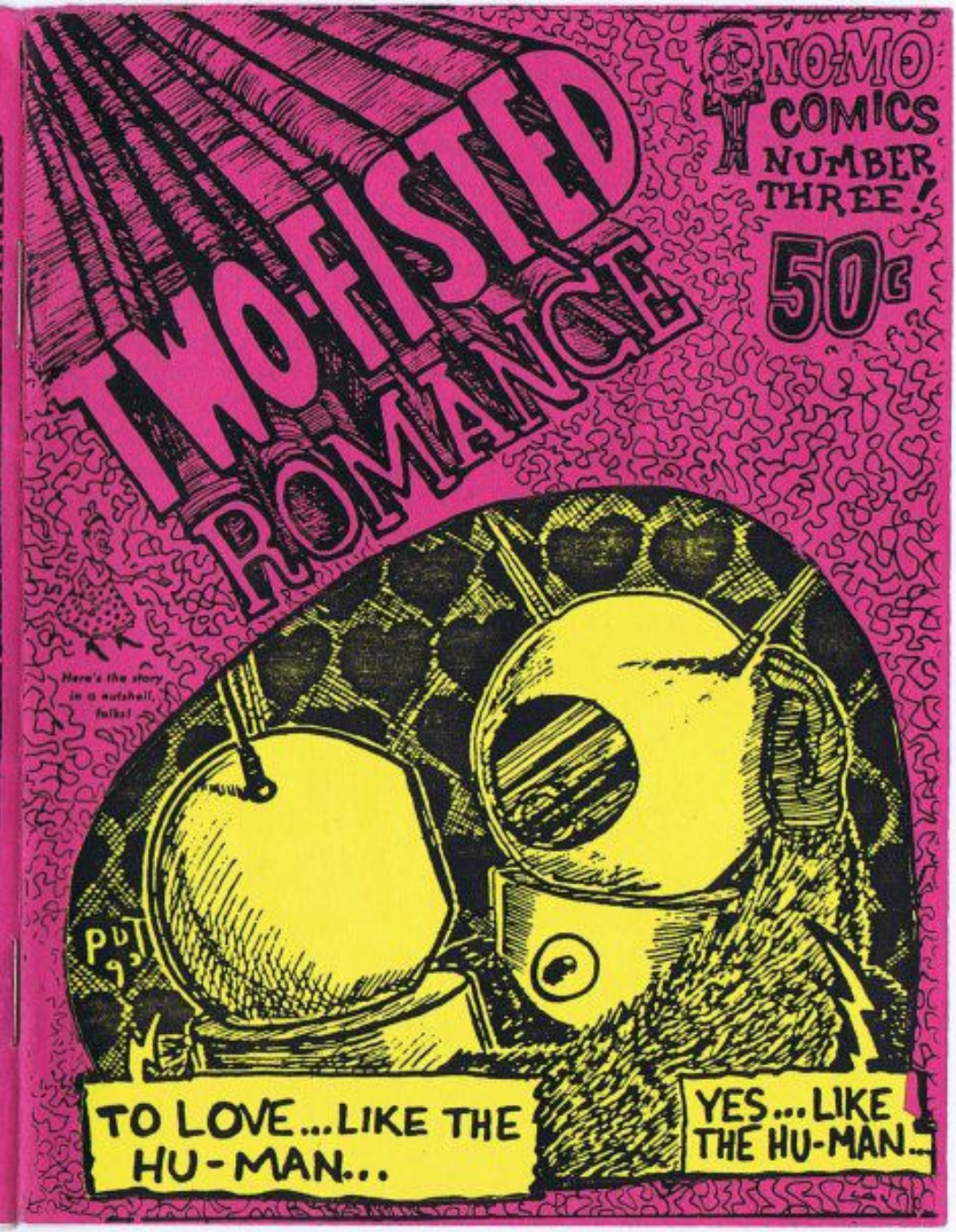

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letters

Seeing as how this is coming out right on the heels of the previous one (more or less), I really don't have any new letters to print. As a matter of fact, I don't even have any **old** letters to print. It seems like lately my mail-order business has ceased to exist, and the only comments I've gotten were from friends and acquaintances on the street. That's fine and everything, but I want PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. Come on... get those cards and letters rolling in — you'll at least get a postcard, and you might get just about anything. And as far as the mail-order stuff goes, everything is available for trades — minicomics, fanzines, toy soldiers, stickers, postcards whatever. I like getting mail.

Other business... I'd like to thank my guest stars this issue: **Shannon Stewart**, who worked on the first page of "Not Free to Love" (he drew the Gill Man and inked the second panel); **Jeff Matthews**, guitarist for the fabulous Woggles, who contributed the scary inside back cover; and lastly, my imaginary playmate, Dr. Haydn Sikh, with his back-cover invitation for a lawsuit.



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SCRIPT: DR. HAYDN SIKH


LATER, AFTER THE GUYS WERE GONE...
DON'T TAKE MIKE SERIOUSLY, CLAIRE, THESE LAW STUDENTS ARE ALL BROKE, THEY'RE TOO SMART TO BECOME EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED, AND MOST OF THEM ARE CHARMING.
HE SOUNDED SO SERIOUS.
HE SEEMED SO SINCERE ABOUT ME! HE EVEN TOLD ME HE KNEW WHERE THERE'S A TWO ROOM EFFICIENCY APARTMENT WE COULD AFFORD!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL!
THAT WOULD BE IDEAL... FOR MAN! YOU'D PAY HALF THE RENT, BUY MOST OF THE GROCERIES, THEN COOK, CLEAN AND IRON HIS SHIRTS!
THAT'S RIGHT... BUT ANY WIFE HAS TO DO ALL THAT, DOESN'T SHE?
WIFE? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A PROPOSAL!
THEY WERE RIGHT. MIKE UNLICK HADN'T MENTIONED MARRIAGE AND WHEN I DID, HE...
MIKE? WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT APARTMENT... DID YOU HAVE A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP IN MIND?
BITE YOUR TONGUE WOMAN! IT'LL BE YEARS BEFORE I CAN MAKE PLANS LIKE THAT! WHERE'S MY SHIRT?

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HERE, LEGAL BEAGLE. PUT IT ON AND GET OUT OF MY LIFE!
WHAT ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT?
ARF ARF
JUST FIND A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD LAUNDRY FOR YOUR NEXT. WASH AND SOME OTHER GIRL TO SWEET TALK! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU.
DIANNE WAS DATING A DIVORCED MAN WHO SWORE HE'D NEVER MARRY AGAIN. MAGGI HAD A HALF DOZEN BOY FRIENDS...AND I FELT LIKE THE SLEEPING PRINCESS.
I'M A REAL COUNTRY GIRL. DIANNE AND MAGGI THINK I'M A REAL PRUDE!
Imagine that this is a picture of a pretty girl
petty darned conceptual huh?
...SO I THINK YOU AND MAGGI WILL BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A DIFFERENT ROOMIE! I'LL MOVE BY THE END OF THE WEEK!
MELODY CANDY
I KNOW I'M A SQUARE! I'LL TRY TO FIND ANOTHER GIRL TO...
HE DON'T WANT YOU TO MOVE, HONEY! MAGGI AND I THINK YOU'RE REALLY GREAT!


SO I STAYED... AND MY FRIEND, THE LAW STUDENT DROPPED IN OCCASIONALLY, NOT TO DATE ME... BUT AS A FRIEND OF MAGGI AND DIANNE, HE WAS WELCOME.
EITHER MOVE OR SET THE TABLE, LAWYER. THERE'LL BE FOUR OF US IF YOU'RE STAYING TO DINNER... AND YOU USUALLY DO!
I'M TAKING MY BAR EXAMS NEXT MONTH... I'VE GOT A GOOD SHOT AT PASSING!
AFTER I'M A LAWYER, I'LL DEFEND YOU FOR NOTHING, CLAIRE. LIKE IF YOU BURN A SHIRT WHILE YOU'RE IRONING OR...
NO FAVORS, MIKE...
EXCEPT STAY OUT OF MY LIFE! I DON'T NEED COLLEGE CASANOVAS USING ME AS PART OF THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM!
I STUDIED... I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH ELSE TO DO... AND MY FOLKS WERE DELIGHTED AT MY GRADES! AT THE END OF SPRING SEMESTER, I WENT HOME...
YOU'RE NOT MAJORING IN HOME ECONOMICS. BUT YOU'VE CERTAINLY LEARNED HOW TO PRESS A SHIRT!
A LAW STUDENT I KNEW BROUGHT HIS LAUNDRY TO OUR APARTMENT. I USUALLY WOUND UP IRONING HIS SHIRTS!
WAS THAT MIKE UNLUCK? HOW DID HE TURN OUT?
HE'S A LAWYER NOW... I'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.


DING DONG
WHO IS... OH, NO!
DIDN'T YOU FINISH THAT SHIRT YET?
SPEAKING OF THE DEVIL— DAD, THIS IS MIKE UHLICK, THE FAMOUS LAWYER.
VERY KIND OF YOU, CLAIRE. GLAD TO MEET YOU, MR. HELLMAN.
WE'VE HEARD OF YOU, MIKE.
HAVE COFFEE AND CAKE, MIKE? JUST TO WARM YOU UP FOR DINNER?
YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A BUM! I'LL BET YOU BAKED THAT CAKE, CLAIRE!
MY PARENTS THOUGHT MIKE WAS GREAT... IT BURNED ME UP!
HE GIVES ME A SWIFT PAIN!
YOUR MOM INVITED ME TO STAY OVERNIGHT, CLAIRE. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.
OH, I DON'T MIND A BIT...
TAKE YOUR ARM AWAY OR I'LL REALLY GET MAD, MIKE!
CLAIRE, WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE AND TALK TONIGHT...


LATER
YOU KNOW THE ROAD, CLAIRE... TELL ME A QUIET PLACE TO PARK!
TURN RIGHT AND GO UP THE HILL, MIKE.
NOW, MIKE... WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE, CLAIRE!
WHAT? DO YOU MEAN...? WHY...
I WAS AFRAID I'D FLUNK THE BAR EXAMS... I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL I COULD ASK YOU TO MARRY ME!
I LOVE YOU, CLAIRE... WILL YOU MARRY ME?
OH, YES, MIKE!
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU SAID YES, DARLING... I BROUGHT ABOUT SIX SHIRTS WITH ME THAT NEED WASHING AND IRONING!
I'LL DO THEM, MIKE... SIX OR SIX HUNDRED... JUST SO YOU HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS!
end

THE TWO-FISTED METHOD... REVEALED!





3 Versions of the same panel, from "DOORMAT FOR LOVE," in the first issue.



Seeing as how I'm sick and tired of answering the same questions over and over, here's the poop on my work method: ① Dr. Haydn Sikh (that's a pen name, of course... his real name is Ennui Wousseau) selects an old romance story he likes that's in the public domain, Xeroxes it, and tries to pass it off as his own work. I then proceed to toss off various interpretations of the work before me until I've destroyed any sense of continuity or rationality. When I'm satisfied that no one will be able to make head nor tails of it, I draw it up at 9 x 13 inches on bristol board. I draw nearly everything myself, with some use of collage (some folks think it's all collage, which gets my goat). Then, it next goes to you, the reader, and you're stuck with it.

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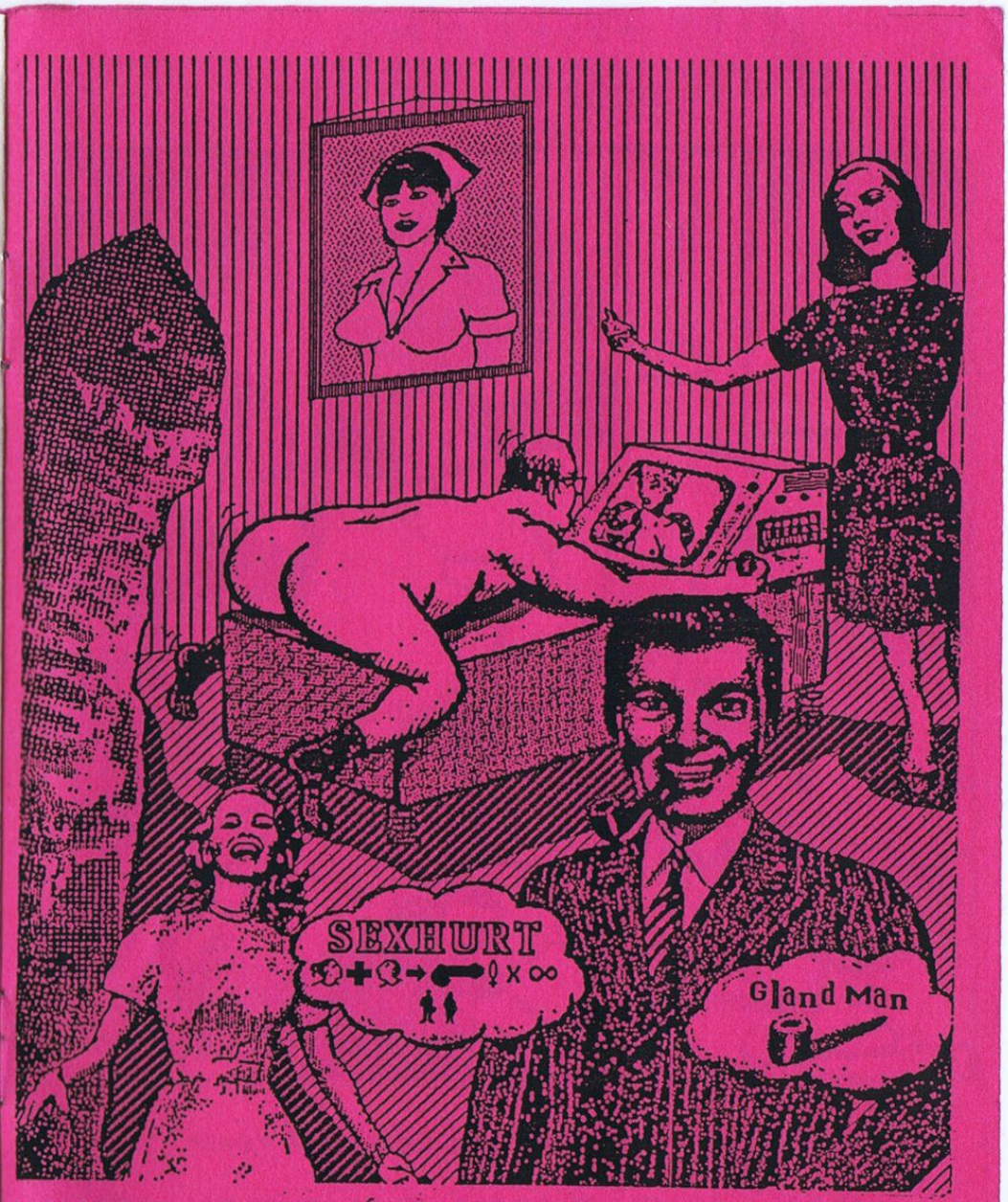
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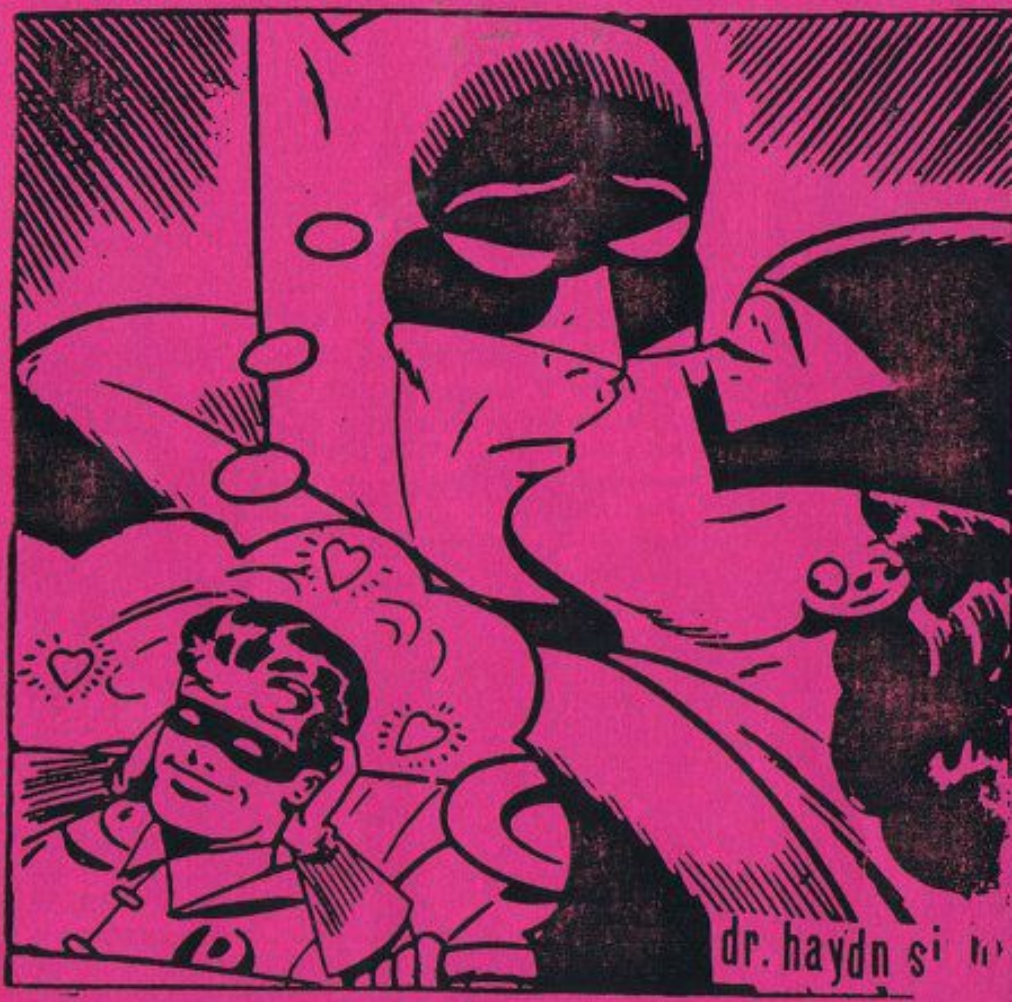
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