COMPUTER COMICS presents

THE BATTLE OF THE MILLENNIUM

THE TITANIC STRUGGLE THAT ROCKED COMPUTERLAND

MTS VERSUS TP

SUPERFRANK VS. SVENLANY

BROUGHT TO YOU IN LIVING BLOOD RED BY JIM SIMMONS
LET'S BACK UP A LITTLE IN OUR STORY OF SUPERFRANK...

GENTLEMEN, I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT WE SHOULD GO MTS (MICHIGAN TAKEOVER SYSTEM)!

MTS?! ER, I MEAN MTS! WHY, WHAT A COINCIDENCE, KING FRANK! WE WERE JUST THINKING THE SAME THING! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BRINX?

EXCELLENT IDEA! I MOVE WE MAKE IT UNANIMOUS!

ULP!

SMUG DISINTEREST

MR. WIZARD

THE BRINX

THE PROFESSOR

RODGER THE DODGER

RODGER THE DODGER RETURNS TO AJS (AGITATORS FOR A DETACHED SYSTEM) — HE CONFERSES WITH SVENLANY...

KING FRANK SAID WE'RE GOING MTS! OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T CONCERN US AT ALL...

MTS!

SVENLANY QUICKLY RETREATS TO HIS PRIVATE LIBRARY...

TP (TREACHERY PROCESSING)

TP PLANS

BLOWING DUST OFF TP PLANS

...AND HE DISPATCHES HIS THREE STOOGES — LARRY, MOE, AND CURLY...

THIS CALLS FOR ALL-OUT WAR! MOE RABEN, YOU BRING TP UP TO OPERATIONAL STATUS! LARRY CAMPBELL, YOU PUT STUDENT RECORDS ON TP! AND CURLY BLOOM, YOU PUT PAYROLL ON TP!

RIGHT, SVENLANY!

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OFF TO THE HOLY WAR...
Moe Raben brings TP up and gives a seminar...

Now notice that there is a hierarchy of systems here! First there’s Big Driver (or “Big D” as we affectionately call it)! Now Big D’s have little d’s upon their backs to bite ‘em, and little d’s have smaller still, and so ad infinitum! Bo-do-de-oh-do!

Beautiful presentation, Moe! Just beautiful!

Larry Campbell brings up student records TP...

Now, Gracie O’Riley, think oh... is it what an advantage this will be for looking up student records!

...and Curly Bloom brings up payroll TP...

Well, Helen Back, the payroll TP is all ready for you!

In the meantime, Master Bates and Don Cislow got hustling to install MTS...

(“Go west, young man, go west”)

...and Svenlany assured Rodger the dodger of his devotion...

Integrate, Schminegrate! We’ll fight this thing till the last drop of your blood is spilled.

Trouble... Prophetic?...
MR. WIZARD TAKES ACTION...
FELLOWS, LET'S COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER! LET'S ESTABLISH A "SILLY LIASON COMMITTEE"!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! US CONFUSER RELATIONS TYPES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED, TOO! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK I'LL APPOINT MYSELF CHAIRMAN!

Dave Tinkerer

THE FIRST MEETING TAKES PLACE...

GOOD MORNING, MEN! HOW DO THESE THRILLING IDEAS GRAB YOU?

(1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET WEEKLY, (2) THE MEMBERS WILL SERVE STAGGERED TERMS, (3) MEMBERS MUST STAGGER INTO EACH MEETING NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR LATE, (4) THE CHAIRMANSHIP WILL ROTATE,

(5) MEMBERS WILL ROTATE AT A MEAN FREQUENCY OF ONE REVOLUTION PER SECOND, AND (6) OUR SECRETARY WILL TAKE AND DISTRIBUTE MINUTES!

HAVE YOU GOT THAT, FLORENCE?

Let's see... what comes after "GOOD MORNING, MEN!"

AND NOW WE'LL SHOW THOSE BIG GUYS THAT THEY'RE NOT GONNA TELL US WHAT TO DO JUST BECAUSE WE WORK FOR THEM!

RIGHT, THEY'RE ACCOUNTABLE TO US, RIGHT?

YEH! YEH!

LET'S GO GET MACK AND BATES AND MR. WIZARD AND KING FRANK!

LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY?...
Meanwhile, SuperFrank went on his merry way...
I will now press the button which will begin operation of MTS right here in ComputerLand! Down with the Warp system! Up with MTS!

He talks with ADS users...
Now notice these Jim Dandy Line files -- set theoretic notation editor, constat, etc., etc...
Hey, that's great, King Frank! ADS is two years behind in programming our jobs.
We don't even ask them anymore!

The budget office asks Jim Simian for help...
Can this job be done on MTS?
Yeh...
Bob Disbursement

Rodger the dodger, do you mind if I program this guy's job?
We don't know anything about this job, we never heard of it, we disown it, it better not cost us anything, etc, etc...

Magpie Canty experiments with MTS to help old mother Hubbard...
Oh boy! This is just like being a liberated secretary!
Clickety-clack

MTS! Bah, humbug! No file security! No class! etc., etc.
Why aren't you using TP?

How to attract an audience...
Meanwhile, some members of the Silly Liaison Committee are active...

Hey, fellas, look at this good old intercom set I just found in the basement!

Hey, great! We'll show Flash Mack that we can replace all those expensive terminals with this!

Right! This solution is clearly: (a) improved service at (b) reduced cost, just like King Frank authorized! We'll really score lots of points in King Frank's book this way!

Rene gets to work on installing the intercom...

Your friendly neighborhood mechanic here...

...and here...

...and here!

The next day, Mr. Wizard interviews Rene about the intercom system...

Well, how did it go, Rene?

I'll bet he was really impressed, eh?

Well, let's just say he didn't take it too well...

Chew on that for awhile...
NEXT DAY, MASTER BATES AND DON CIS-LOW ARE IN THE COMPUTER ROOM TESTING THE VIRTUE MACHINE. A FREQUENT VISITOR ARRIVES...

IS IT READY YET, IS IT READY YET, IS IT READY YET, IS IT READY YET, IS IT... BUZZ OFF.

...AND ANOTHER FREQUENT VISITOR...

WELL, KING FRANK, FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

LOOKS LIKE A FULL HOUSE...

YOU KNOW, FELLOWS, THIS REMINDS ME OF A STORY! IT SEEMS THAT AT ONE TIME THERE WAS THIS NEAR-SIGHTED PROFESSOR GIVING A LECTURE...

...WELL HE WAS TALKING TO THIS AUDITORIUM FULL OF PEOPLE, YOU SEE, AND HE COULDN'T SEE BEYOND THE FIRST ROW...

OH HO HO HAW!

...WELL WHEN HE FINISHED HIS LECTURE, HE ASKED FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE! WAIT, MR. WIZARD, I HAVEN'T COME TO THE PUNCH LINE YET...

OH! HAR! HAR! OH, KING FRANK, YOU KILL ME!

THEN UPON HEARING NO QUESTIONS, THE PROFESSOR SAID, "I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE, I CAN HEAR YOU BREATHING!"

OH HAW HAW!

COMING ALL UNGUED...
WHEN MR. WIZARD HAS PULLED HIMSELF TOGETHER...
WELL, WE'VE GOT THE VIRTUE MACHINE UP AGAIN FOR AWHILE!
GREAT! I'LL TELL SVENLANY THE GOOD NEWS!

WELL, SVENLANY, THE VIRTUE MACHINE IS UP AGAIN! GIVE IT A GOOD WORKOUT!

DON'T WORRY, KING FRANK! WE'LL DO THAT!

IMMEDIATELY, SVENLANY PUTS HIS PROGRAMMERS TO WORK AT TERMINALS...
ALRIGHT NOW, LET'S MAKE THOSE TERMINALS HUM ON TOP! RUN INQUIRIES, RANDOM NUMBERS, INFINITE LOOPS, CROSSWORD PUZZLES, ANYTHING! RUN, RUN, RUN!

CLICKETY-CLACK

CLICKETY-CLACK

MEANWHILE, AT THE CASHIER'S OFFICE...
I'M SORRY, THE COMPUTER JUST DOESN'T ANSWER!

I DON'T GET ANY REPLY, MISTER.
I WAS A YOUNG MAN WHEN I GOT HERE...

SOME WORKOUT!
ALL RIGHT, STOOGES! NOW LET'S PUT THE VIRTUE MACHINE OUT OF BUSINESS FOR GOOD!

SVENLAN, WE'LL WRECK...

THE COBOL PROCESSOR!

NEXT DAY...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, THERE'S A BUG IN THE COBOL PROCESSOR!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SHUT THE VIRTUE MACHINE DOWN FOR REPAIRS...

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SLC...

HEY, GANG! HERE'S OUR LONG AWAITED DIRECTIVE FROM KING FRANK! HE SAYS WE CAN IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS!

JUST THE INSTRUCTIONS WE NEEDED!

ONE MICROSECOND LATER...

AND HERE'S MR. WIZARD'S DIRECTIVE! HE SAYS WE CAN'T IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS!

WHAT THE HAY!

BACK TO THE FUNNY FARM!

A CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ARRANGED BY OPERATIONS...

SURE, WE'LL COME TO THE COMPUTERLAND CHRISTMAS PARTY — — ER, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CAN'T MAKE IT!

BARBARA HUMM

...BUT ONE ADSER SHOWS UP...

AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS, SONNY BOY?

WELL, MY OWN MODEL 65 WOULD BE NICE...

SANTA CLAUS GIVETH, AND SANTA CLAUS TAKETH AWAY...
WHEN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT HAS WORN OFF, THE BATTLES RESUME IN EARNEST. THE SILLY LIAISON COMMITTEE MARCHES ON KING FRANK'S QUARTERS...

LET'S GET KING FRANK!

AND FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION, SVENLANY AND HIS STOOGES MARCH...

ONWARD, MEN!

RAVE!

HEP!

HEP!

HEP!

HEP!

PUFF!

SHORTLY, IN KING FRANK'S OFFICE...

MTS--@!!*--VIRTUE MACHINE

@#!!--INTEGRATE, MISCEGENATE

AARGH!

I'M CERTAINLY GLAD WE'RE TALKING THIS OUT, SVENLANY!

SVENLANY IS QUIETLY USHERED OUT...

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO HOSE SVENLANY DOWN AGAIN BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!

STEAM

WELL, THE TIME HAS COME FOR A LITTLE REORGANIZATION OF MY KINGDOM HERE IN COMPUTERLAND! I KNOW JUST WHAT I'LL DO AS A FIRST STEP...

COMPUTER COMICS KNOWS ALL, SEES ALL, TELLS ALL IN THE NEXT ISSUE! FOR A PREVIEW, JUST TURN THE PAGE... THE END

MERRY Berman

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FAN POSTER OF THE MONTH

RODGER THE DODGER BEING RUN OUT OF COMPUTERLAND ON A RAIL