THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
THE PANDA
ASSOCIATION
INCLUDING
the strange case of
the incredible
YELLOW FLU
epidemic

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YOU WILL RECALL THAT, UNTIL KING FRANK BURIED ITS, ADS (AGITATORS FOR A DETACHED SYSTEM) STILL EXISTED...

AND WHAT WOULD ADS BE WITHOUT THE ANALYSTS! IN THIS ISSUE, COMPUTER COMICS WILL SHOW WHY YOU SPELL "ANALYST" STARTING WITH "ANAL"...

YOU'VE MET MAGPIE CANTY, OF COURSE...

CLICKETY-CLACK

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AND THEN THERE'S TONY TRAJECTORY...

ACCOUNTING

ADMISSIONS

GEORGE CROCK-IT...

IDA SQUIRRELS...

ROL SHARPENER...

OFFICE OF STUDENT FUTILE AIDS

STUDENT RECORDS

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MAURY LONGJOHNS...

WILL YA LOOK AT WHAT THAT GUY IS MAKIN'!

PAYROLL LISTING

DESTINED TO BE OUR HERO...
As we look in on the usual habitat of the overpaid underworked analysts (The Lounge) we find them in a militant mood...

Y'know, this is a drag! We're in the top 5% of the payroll, and we're all at the top of our classifications! How can we make even more money?

I'm with you, Maury! We've been oppressed by Vice-President Gull-Em too long! Especially us women!

Hey, I've got it! Let's start a union! We can call it the Panda Association (pompous and arrogant)!

Yeh! And let's enlist the support of the Scat Association (slaves, chattels, and typists)!

Right! We can fool them into thinking that we're going to help the underpaid and overworked employees of Computerland! Meanwhile we can try to get even more money for ourselves!

They enlist the aid of Russ Mopperman and Gene Roamer...

My afro is bigger than yours!

But my hair is prettier!

We'll help you! Oh bless you, kind sir!

...And make promises to the Scat Association...

$300 suit

Beware of strangers bearing gifts...
A petition is circulated...
Here y'ar, sir! Step right up!
Just sign here that you want
to authorize an election on
whether or not there shall
well, be a panda union!
I certainly can't refuse
to let the majority decide!

Later, in a smoke filled room...
Hey, lookit all these signatures we got!
More than we needed!
Maybe we ought to just
declare our existence!
Let's chuck the election!

But the election is held and the majority votes for panda.
Vice-President Gull-Em gets the word and visits Computerland...

Of course you have a contract,
ladies and gentlemen! It's called
the scat non-academic policies
and procedures!

No way!
Throw him out!

You can't do this to us,
Mr. Gull-Em!

The first general panda meeting is held. Svenlany and his three
stooges attempt to throw monkeywrenches into the works...

Aright now!
We'll follow Roberts' rules
of order!

Objection! I need
merit pay to pay my
superior programmers
more than those
inferior analysts!

Objection!
No way this
association will support
individual actions!

Shaddup!

Double object!
Pipe down!

Some people always enjoy
a good fight...
FAIR ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS ARE HELD...

SLATE WITH PRE-DETERMINED OFFICERS

PANDA MEETING

I NOMINATE MAURY LONGJOHNS FOR PRESIDENT!

FAKED SURPRISE

FIVE MINUTES LATER, AFTER MAURY IS ELECTED PRESIDENT...

IN SPITE OF BEING TAKEN BY SURPRISE, I HAPPEN TO HAVE THIS PREPARED SPEECH HERE!

BLAH!

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PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS IS A GOOD SELECTION, DON'T YOU THINK?

YES, AND HE'S GOT GOOD VISIBILITY!

MEETINGS ARE HELD WITH THE UNIVERSITY NEGOTIATORS...

YOU SCRATCH OUR BACKS AND WE'LL SCRATCH YOURS!

THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH!

KEN SMARTIE

AND THE RESULT...

REGGIE O'NOODLE

J. DON MARSHMALLOW

SWEETHEART CONTRACT

THUS ENDED THE FIRST YEAR...
LATER, VICE-PRESIDENT GULL-EM IS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. MAURY LONGJOHNS CALLS A MEETING OF THE PANDA NEGOTIATING BOARD...

WELL, WE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT GULL-EM LAST YEAR! NOW FOR THIS YEAR WE MUST AGAIN BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH...

RIGHT! GOOD THINKING! FAIR AND SQUARE!

WHAT! 20%!
...30%...45%

BACK AT THE BARGAINING TABLE...

HOW ABOUT A PIECE OF THE ACTION FOR US?

GO TAKE... A FLYING... LEAP!

GEORGE RUMORSAN

THE PANDA MEMBERS PICKET MACHIAVELLI HALL...

LATER...

PASS THE WORD! WE'RE ALL GONNA JOIN OUR SCAT COMRADES AND BE SICK ON JANUARY 2ND AND 3RD!

WOW! PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS SURE IS SMART!

RIGHT, AND HE'S SO HANDSOME!

ENTER THE YELLOW FLU...
JANUARY 2ND ARRIVES...

THE BOSSES

ESSENTIAL WORK GOES ON...

SCAB MACK RUNNING THE COMPUTER

SCAB SIMIAN KEYPUNCHING

MARGARET COMMUNE

VIRGINIA HUFF

SCAB BATES DOING THE WORK OF THE ENTIRE SOFTWARE-SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

IS IT READY YET?

SCAB MCCARTY DE SADÉ CHEWING OUT THE WALL

HABIT IS A HARD THING TO BREAK...
JANUARY 4TH ARRIVES...
WELL, IS YOUR FLU OVER?
YES, I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW, THANKS!
MY HEADACHE CLEARED UP OVERNIGHT!
VICE-PRESIDENT RUSHMAN SPEAKS...
PANDA MEMBERS WILL LOSE TWO DAYS PAY, AND SCAT MEMBERS WILL LOSE FOUR DAYS PAY!
JUST THE WAY PANDA PLANNED IT?

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE BARGAINING TABLE...
0%! TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!

PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS SPEAKS TO THE PANDA MEMBERSHIP...
THIS IS A DIFFICULT STRUGGLE! THEY TELL US WE'RE ALL UNDERWORKED AND OVERPAID!
WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY, PRESIDENT MAURY!
RIDICULOUS, RIGHT?

THE MONTHS ROLL BY...

BACK AT THE PANDA CAUCUS...
NOW HERE'S MY PLAN!...
GOOD ONE, MAURY!

HOW CAN PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS BREAK THE DEADLOCK?...
ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN THE WARRING PARTIES...

NOW ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN OUR BARGAINING POSITION MORE FULLY, GENTLEMEN! I HAVE HERE THE COMPUTER TAPE REPRESENTING YOUR PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL DATA! NOW UNLESS WE CAN COME TO TERMS, WE WILL CUT YOUR SALARIES BY 50%, CHANGE YOUR CLASSIFICATION CODES TO JANITORIAL ASSISTANTS, AND REVEAL TO YOUR WIVES THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS YOU HAVE EACH CLAIMED!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE, PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS! PERHAPS WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT!

AND A NUMBERED SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, TOO!

HOW ABOUT 3% FOR YOUR UNION MEMBERS AND A NICE RAKE-OFF FOR YOU AND YOUR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS!

YOU SURE ARE A HARD BARGAINER, PRESIDENT LONGJOHNS!

AND YOU'RE SO TALL, TOO!

THE PANDA MEMBERSHIP RATIFIES THE NEW CONTRACT...

THE NEW CONTRACT BEGINS AND THE MEMBERS CHECK OUT ITS EFFECTS...

HEY, PRESIDENT MAURY, WE CAN'T LIVE ON THIS!

QUIET! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY COUNTING! $1000, $2000, $3000...

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LONG LIVE COMPUTER BLACKMAIL!... THE END
The following form letter is provided for all you angry PANDA Association members who are unhappy with the current contract.

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____________, 19___

King Frank, Ruler
Computerland

Dear King Frank:

My purpose in writing this letter is to give you notice of my resignation from the position of ________________ to be effective ________________.

My _______ years in Computerland have provided me with an invaluable background to continue my _________ in the field of ________________.

I wish to thank you sincerely for having given me the opportunity to __________ and __________ in this stimulating atmosphere. I shall always have the kindest regards for you and everyone in Computerland.

Cordially,

______________
AND NOW FOR ALL YOU READERS FOR WHOM THE PRECEDING STORY WAS TOO INTELLECTUAL

COMPUTER COMICS PRESENTS

A THRILLING NEW SERIAL

THE ADVENTURES OF

Captain Computer

THE WORLD'S DUMBEST SUPER-HERO

VS.

MR. BUG

CHAPTER 1

IN OUR OPENING SCENE, WE FIND BILLY BITSON, MEEK BOY PROGRAMMER...

HEY, WOW, THAT CUTE LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL PROGRAMMER IS IN TROUBLE!

ICM!

HELP!

WHEN BILLY RECITES THE LETTERS ICM, THE MAGIC LIGHTNING GIVES HIM IN ONE BODY ALL THE STRENGTH AND ALL THE WISDOM OF THE ENTIRE HUGE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING MONOPOLY CORPORATION...

BOOM!

...AND HE BECOMES THE MAGNIFICENT AND FABULOUS CAPTAIN COMPUTER—THE WORLD'S DUMBEST SUPER-HERO!

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE LADY, CAPTAIN COMPUTER WILL SAVE YOU!
EGAD, WHAT SHE'S SCREAMING ABOUT IS MY NEFARIOUS ARCH-ENEMY, MR. BUG!

CAPTAIN COMPUTER!
MY OLD FRIEND, THE BIG DUMB CLOD!

MR. BUG IS A BRILLIANT CRIMINAL MIND IN THE BODY OF A COCKROACH. MR. BUG HATES COMPUTERS...

HE HO HA

SUPER TRANSISTORIZED VOICE AMPLIFIER

I'LL STOMP YOU INTO OBLIVION, YOU CREEP!

I'LL ESCAPE INTO MY FILE OF PROGRAM LISTINGS! US PROGRAM BUGS SURE HAVE TO BE ON THE GO!

SPLAT!

HOLY MACRO! MR. BUG HAS ESCAPED AGAIN!

HIDING IN HIS HOME, SOMEWHERE IN HIGH CORE...

I'VE ESCAPED THE CLUTCHES OF CAPTAIN COMPUTER! I LIVE TO STRIKE AGAIN! OH HA HE!

THE STORY OF CAPTAIN COMPUTER, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MEATHEAD, WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF COMPUTER COMICS...

I MAY BE DUMB, BUT I'M POWERFUL!

TO BE CONTINUED...
COMPUTER COMICS' MALE ALMOST-NUDE FOLDOUT

MAURY LONGJOHNS RELAXING IN HIS DEN

SUITABLE FOR FRAMING OR FOR LIGHTING YOUR FIRE