AN INTIMATE, EXCITING
BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT

THOSE DAM MEETINGS!
(DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS)

Or

You think we’ve got an ENERGY crisis
in the nation...

Wait until you see the POWER crisis
in Computerland!

Brought to you better late than never
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You will recall that King Frank initiated the M4 meetings... (see Computer Comics No. 9, page 4)

(I hereby initiate M4 (Monday morning managers' meetings)! Let's get together every Monday morning while we're still asleep and make sure that we don't wake each other up!

Later, SuperFrank filled two vacancies...

The SOW (Superiority of Women) Committee demands a ratio of two female managers for every five male managers! Welcome to the club!

That's logical!

It's only fair!

Still later, two systematical managers bug out...

Chuck management!

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Master Bates

Jim Simian

Simian takes a new assignment as a Computerland analyst...

Glad you're with us... nag... feasibility request... nag... commitment request... nag... monthly reports... nag... users... nag... nag...

Wasn't that name "Naggie" Cantry...
BATES' AND SIMIAN'S JOBS ARE POSTED. THE PERSONNEL OFFICE WAITS FOR ALL THE APPLICANTS FROM OUTSIDE COMPUTERLAND...

LATER...

GENTLEMEN, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

LET'S STONEWALL!

I'LL MAKE BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST SELECTION...

HENRY BODZKIN, WELCOME ABOARD!

THANKS, KING FRANK!

I'LL MAKE BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST SELECTION...

WELCOME ABOARD, BIG DADDY HARLAN!

MMMPH....

HENRY BODZKIN STARTS IN TO DO HIS THING...

WRITING A BRIEF MEMO IN XFORMAT

...AND BIG DADDY HARLAN CONTINUES TO DO HIS THING...

1,000,001 BOXES OF PAPER, 1,000,002...

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY ARE THE SAME...
AN ANNOUNCEMENT COMES OVER NATIONAL TELEVISION...

MY FELLOW AMERICANS! WE HAVE AN ENERGY CRISIS—ETC... ETC... ETC...

YOU REMEMBER WHAT'S HIS NAME...

AND IN COMPUTERLAND...

THIS IS SERIOUS! WE MUST DISCUSS THIS AT THE NEXT DAM (DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS) MEETING!

THE MOMENT ARRIVES...

DID YOU ALL HEAR THE LATEST ENERGY JOKE?

(No, tell us about it!)

Well, a guy said to his boss, "I have some bad news and some good news!"

His boss said, "Let me have the bad news first!"

"Well," the guy said, "the bad news is that our robots have been running amuck! The good news is that they chew up politicians and spit up gasoline!"

LET'S SEE! I HEARD ONE "HOO HOO" TOO FEW THERE!

WHO'S MISSING?...

FLASH MACK! WHERE IS HE?

DUNNO...

MUST BE ON HIS WAY!

WHERE IS FLASH?...
WELL, LET'S BEGIN OUR MEETING!
Svenlany, are you ready to report?

CERTAINLY,
KING FRANK!

NOTE PAD

OUR PRODUCTION JOBS RAN WELL
OVER THE WEEKEND!

THAT'S NOT TRUE...

WE BLEW IT
ON SYSTEM A!

I DISAGREE...

WE'RE O.K. ON
SYSTEM B!

NOT SO...

NOW, MAGPIE, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE LATER...

SORRY ABOUT
THAT, KING FRANK!

NOW—BIG DADDY
HARLAN...

WELL, PAPER PRICES HAVE BEEN GOING UP, WE CAN
PRINT 8 LINES TO THE INCH; PAPER PRICES HAVE BEEN GOING UP, IT'S HARD
TO MAKE DELIVERIES. PAPER PRICES HAVE BEEN GOING UP...

WELL, THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH—SUPPOSE THAT A USER IS USING THE EDITOR
AND THEN THE USER DECIDES THAT, IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS EDIT RUN, HE WANTS
TO INQUIRE ABOUT A FILE HE EDITED EARLIER, AND THEN HE WANTS TO MAKE
A QUICK FORTRAN RUN AND A PROJECT ACCOUNT INQUIRY AND, PERHAPS ADD SOME
DISK SPACE TO A PARTICULAR SUB-ACCOUNT (BECAUSE THE STUDENT IS STANDING
BEHIND HIM AND SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT) UNDER NO CONDITIONS SHOULD THE
USER HAVE TO SUFFER A DELAY... ISN'T IT THE CASE THAT IT IS OUR INTENT
THAT COMPUTERLAND SHOULD PROVIDE A REASONABLY PROMPT AND INTERACTIVE
FACILITY FOR... RECEIPT NUMBERS... ARCHIVING...
MEGA PENNIES... ETC... ETC...

HMM... WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT
THAT, BRINX?

WHICH EXTREME DO YOU PREFER?...
How about you, McCarty de Sade? Well, nothing much to report... We got a tape for package X which is full of bugs, we got documentation but no source and no object, we tried to read the tape 23 times, but of course we couldn't...

Gloom!

And now a computer comics exclusive! What King Frank writes on his note pad revealed...

Hmmm...

Recitation grades:
- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

You can take the schoolteacher out of the classroom, but you can't take the classroom out of the schoolteacher...

Suddenly, the lights go out...

Uh-oh! -- the energy crisis has hit!

A blackout!

I wonder if the computer is out!

Quick! Let's head for the computer room! I'll bet Flash Mack is there trying to keep the computer running!

Are you coming, Brinx?

They grope their way through the corridors in darkness toward the computer room...

The computer must still be running!! I can hear terminals going!

Clickety-clack! Clickety-clack!

But how can Flash Mack be keeping the computer going under these conditions?

How...
IN THE COMPUTER ROOM...

LOOK!
FLASH HAS MADE A HUMAN CONDUCTOR OUT OF HIMSELF FROM OUR EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY TO THE COMPUTER!

WHAT A HERO!

I WONDER IF THIS CONDUCTOR WILL PUNCH MY TRANSFER!

WATT A DAM FOOL!

LATER, POWER IS RESTORED, AND FLASH MACK IS CARRIED AWAY FOR SOME REST AND REHABILITATION...

WELL DONE, FLASH!

OMIGOSH! WE FORGOT ABOUT THE BRINX!

HE HASN'T SAID A WORD THROUGH THE WHOLE DAM MEETING!

IS HE STILL ALIVE?

WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CARRY THE BRINX TO THAT GREAT VALHALLA IN THE SKY FOR RETIRED PROGRAMMERS—COMPUTER SCIENCE LAND!

NOW HE BELONGS TO THE AGES...

THE END
Computerland Organization Chart
and Guide to the DAM Meetings

THE COMPUTERLAND ATOM

ONE ATOM OF FLUORINE \( F \) (AN "IRRITATING TOXIC GAS")

THE BIG + (SURROUNDED BY LOTS OF LITTLE -'S)
COMPUTER COMICS PRESENTS
THAT THRILLING SERIAL
THE ADVENTURES OF
Captain Computer
THE WORLD'S DUMBEST SUPER-HERO
VS.
MR. BUG
CHAPTER 2

YOU WILL RECALL THAT MR. BUG IS AN INTELLIGENT COCKROACH WITH A VOICE AMPLIFIER, AND IS THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF EVIL...

HE HO HAA
HE HO
HAHAHAHA

MR. BUG ORDERS ONE OF HIS MANY EVIL STOOGES, THE CRASHER, TO DO A JOB FOR HIM...

YOU BETCHA, MR. BUG!

I WANT YOU TO HUMILIATE THAT BIG BOOB, CAPTAIN COMPUTER!

BOY, THAT MR. BUG IS SURE SOME SMART FELLER!

BASH
CRASH

EVERYONE IS IN TURMOIL...

THE SYSTEM HAS CRASHED!

WHAT'LL WE DO!

HOLY MACRO!

ICM!

BILLY BITSON
THE MAGIC LETTERS ICM BRING THE MAGIC LIGHTNING, TRANSFORMING BILLY INTO CAPTAIN COMPUTER, THE WORLD'S DUMBEST SUPER-HERO...

BOOM

I'LL PATCH UP ALL THESE HOLES THAT THE CRASHER MADE IN THE COMPUTER!

THERE! IT'S WORKING! DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD, BUT IT'S WORKING!

BLINKETY-BLINK

YOU'RE NOT AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK, CAPTAIN COMPUTER!

HOORAY FOR CAPTAIN COMPUTER!

MEANWHILE, IN HIGH CORE...

CURSES! THAT BIG BONEHEAD HAS SURVIVED MY LATEST ATTACK! BUT I WILL ATTACK AGAIN! HAHOO HAW YUK YUK HAAA!

MR. BUG'S HORRIBLE LAUGHTER, UNMATCHED BY ANYONE ON EARTH, CAN ONLY MEAN THAT HE HAS MORE DASTARDLY DEEDS IN STORE TO CONFRONT CAPTAIN COMPUTER—SUPER-DODO! BUT REMEMBER THAT CAPTAIN COMPUTER DERIVES ALL THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM OF THE AMAZING INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING MONOPOLY CORPORATION FROM THE MAGIC LETTERS ICM! HOT STUFF, HUH?...
COMPUTER COMICS' FAN POSTER

BIG DADDY HARLAN AT THE BOWLING ALLEY

SUITABLE FOR FRAMING OR FOR USE AS A SCORESHEET