

# CAPTIVE CAPERS

TAKING YOUR FREEDOM  
FOR FUN AND PROFIT!

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HIYA, AL!  
STAYIN' OUTA  
JAIL, I SEE!

DON'T EVEN  
JOKE ABOUT  
THAT!

I HAD  
A NASTY  
ENCOUNTER  
WITH A  
HIGHWAY COP  
THIS  
MORNING!

SOUNDS HARSH! WANNA  
COME UP FOR A COLD ONE?

DON'T  
MIND IF  
I DO!

I'M NOT A CROOK: I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR OF THE  
COPS! HOW THE HELL DID  
"THE LAND OF THE FREE"  
BECOME NUMBER ONE  
IN THE WORLD AT  
LOCKING PEOPLE  
UP?!

THAT'S  
QUITE A  
STORY!



SINCE THE BABY-BOOMER GENERATION SWITCHED OUT GANGBANGIN' FOR GERITOL, CRIME, PREDICTABLY, HAS BEEN GOING DOWN.

LET'S GO DOWNTOWN AN' RAISE A RUCKUS!

NAW, LET'S STAY HOME AN' WATCH TV!

EHH, YER NO FUN ANY-MORE!



BUT WHILE CRIME'S BEEN FALLING FOR 30 YEARS, THE U.S. PRISON POPULATION HAS EXPLODED BY OVER **500%!**

FIVE HUNDRED?

YES!



THAT'S NUTS! HOW CAN THEY RAISE THE PRISONER COUNT SO, SO INSANELY?

CLEARLY, YOUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO LOCK PEOPLE UP FOR INFRACTIONS THAT NO SANE PERSON WOULD CONSIDER A CRIME.

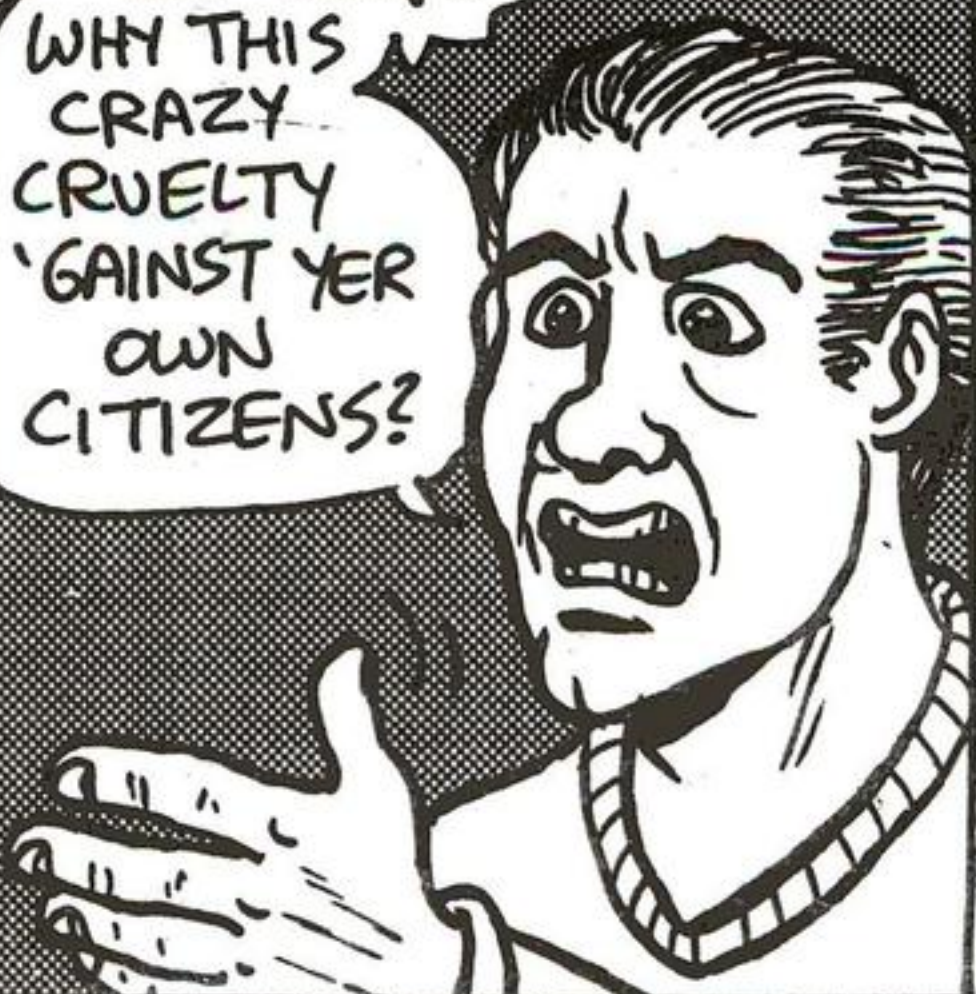
YOU'RE GOIN' TO JAIL FOR LETTING YER KIDS PLAY OUTSIDE! \*



\* NOT A JOKE!

PEOPLE ARE GOING TO JAIL FOR DECADES - EFFECTIVE LIFE SENTENCES - FOR SITTING IN THE SAME CAR AS A BAG OF POT, JUST FOR EXAMPLE.

BUT WHY? WHY THIS CRAZY CRUELTY 'GAINST YER OWN CITIZENS?





FOR MONEY AND POWER,  
OF COURSE - WHAT OTHER  
REASON IS THERE TO DO  
ANYTHING?



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The "corrections" industry leases slave labor for pennies an hour to produce cheap goods that obliterate domestic competition. The number one buyer of slave labor is the Department of Defense. The Federal prison industry produces 100% of all military helmets, ammunition belts, bullet-proof vests, ID tags, shirts, pants, tents, bags and canteens.

Along with war supplies, prison workers supply 98% of the entire market for equipment assembly services: 93% of paints and paint brushes; 92% of stove assembly; 46% of body armor; 36% of home appliances; 30% of headphones/microphones and speakers; and 21% of office furniture. The domestic slave trade is a multi-billion dollar business, authorized by the 13th amendment which exempts prisoners from laws against forced labor. Today, there's more slaves than before slavery was legally abolished in the 1800's!

ALL BUSINESSMEN  
WANT CHEAP LABOR,  
AND YOU CAN'T GET  
MUCH CHEAPER  
THAN SLAVES.

BIG DISCOUNT  
ON OLDER  
SLAVES!



AND THE TAXPAYERS COUGH  
UP THE MEASLY 21 CENTS  
AN HOUR THE PRISONERS  
GET, SO THE PRISON-LABOR  
CORPORATIONS MAKE A  
PROFIT ON BOTH ENDS!





ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM WITH PRIVATE PRISONS ISN'T SO MUCH SLAVERY, AS INSANITY INDUCED BY BOREDOM. I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM A FRIEND OF MINE ON THE "INSIDE" THAT TOUCHES ON THIS.



HERE, READ IT FOR YOURSELF:

the real money for this corporate owned prison is just in warehousing people. They get paid by the State a set amount per prisoner. Every buck they save buying cheap food and cutting corners is extra money in their pockets. I don't imagine the staff of idiots they hire as guards get paid that much. The medical staff seems to only exist to prevent lawsuits. The prison commissary has a monopoly, they charge about twice as much what many of their items cost on the outside.

Unlike the state-run prisons where everyone must work, here (where the money is in warehousing inmates and making them work opens up potential for liability) the slave wage jobs are considered a privilege. There's a lot of competition for a 60 cents per hour job in the chow hall. People who don't have any outside help to send money, especially smokers who must have their overpriced tobacco from the commissary, all apply for these shitty jobs.

THAT'S GRIM, ALRIGHT. WHAT'S HE IN FOR?

LEAVING HIS COMPUTER ON WHILE HE WAS AT WORK.

NO, SERIOUSLY.

I'M DEAD SERIOUS.\* IT'S EVEN WORSE OUT THERE THAN YOU THINK!



\*I'm actually not kidding. See back cover.





SINCE SOME STATES HAVE LEGALIZED MARIJUANA, THE PRISON INDUSTRY, DESPERATE FOR BODIES TO FILL THEIR CELLS, HAS TURNED TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AS THEIR NEXT BIG PROFIT SOURCE.

I THOUGHT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE DEPORTED?

THEY WERE. BUT NOW, THANKS TO SOME FAT BRIBES, THEY'RE INCARCERATED FROM MONTHS TO YEARS BEFORE DEPORTATION.

THE BRIBES WERE WELL PLACED: THIS UNSAVORY PRACTICE HAS SAVED THE PRIVATE PRISON INDUSTRY'S FINANCIAL ASS.

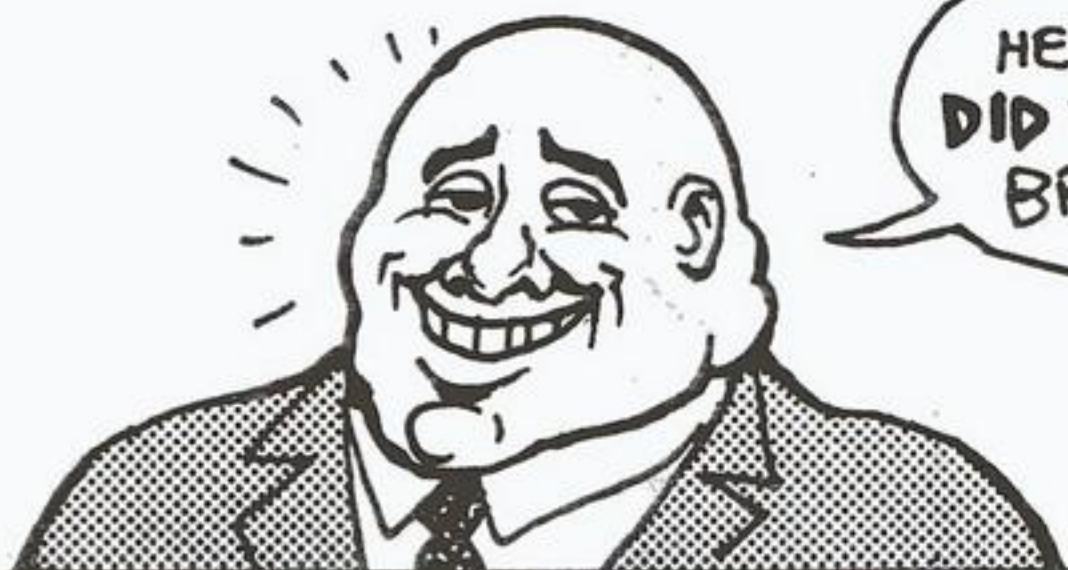


SEE "OPERATION STREAMLINE" !



WHEN THESE FOLKS ARE DEPORTED DIRECTLY TO MEXICO FROM THE PRISONS, THEY'RE "PAID" FOR THEIR LABOR WITH CHECKS THAT **CANNOT BE CASHED IN MEXICO!** AND EVEN THEN, IF THE CHECKS ARE NOT CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS, THEY BECOME WORTHLESS, AND THE CORPORATION KEEPS THE MONEY!

HEY, **TECHNICALLY** WE DID PAY THEM! WE'RE NOT BREAKING THE LAW!

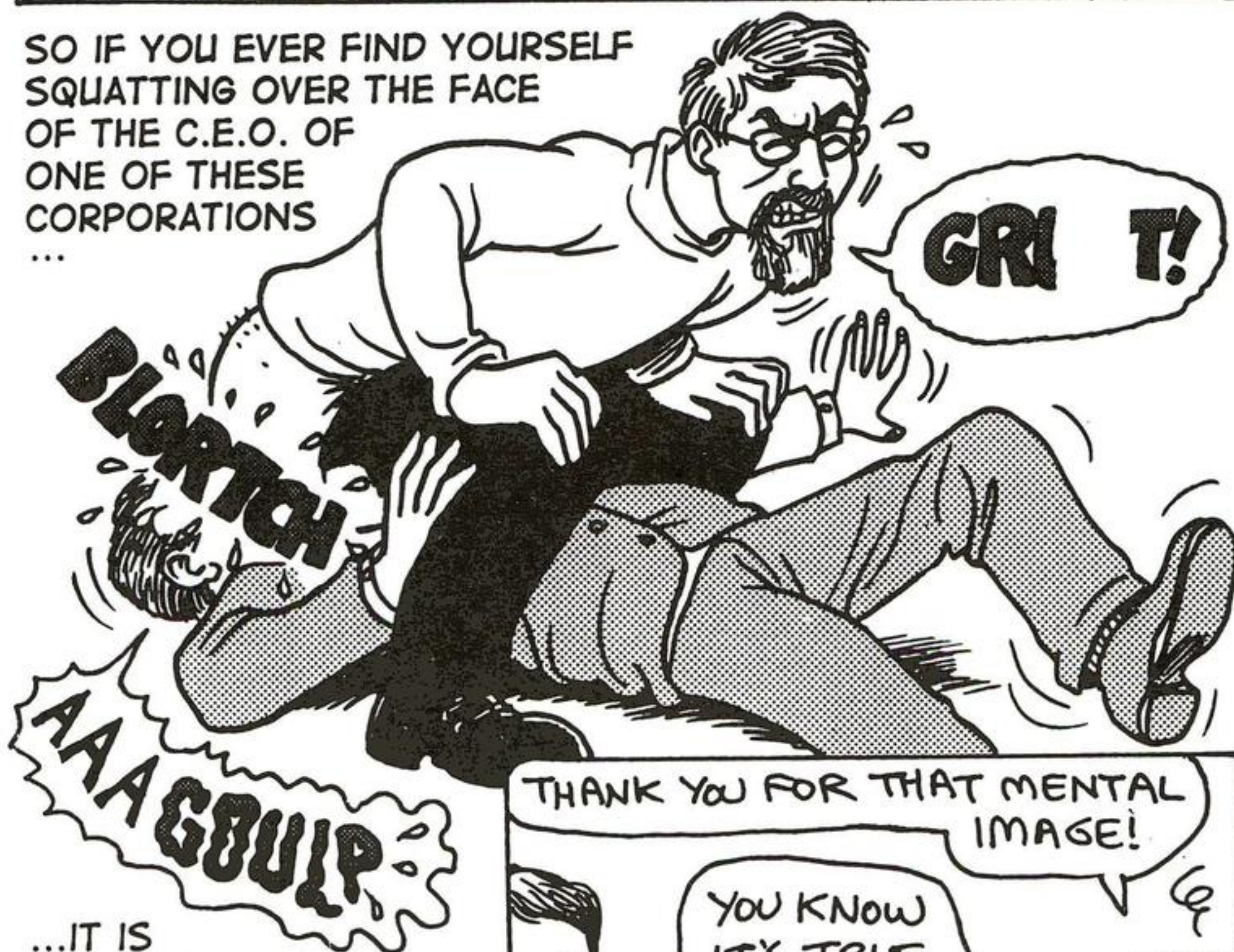




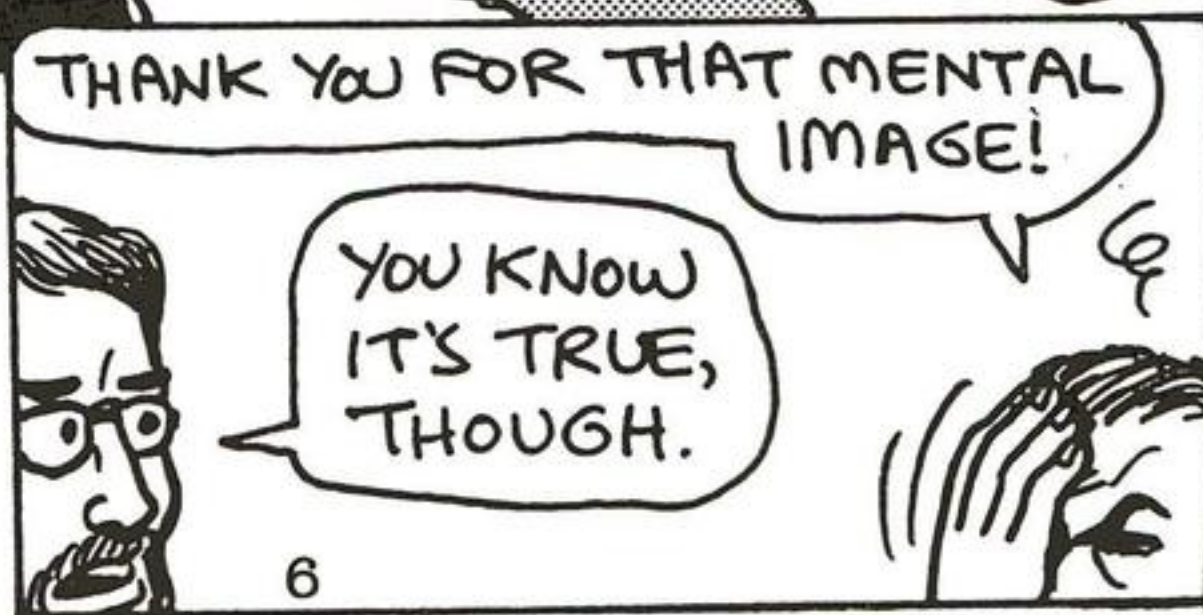
THE COMPANY THAT HANDLES THESE PAYMENTS FOUND SOME OF THE POOREST, MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE ON EARTH - AND CONSPIRED TO ROB THEM OF THE FEW, PITIFUL DOLLARS THEY'D MADE FROM THEIR MONTHS OF SLAVE LABOR. IF THAT IS NOT REPTILIAN *EVIL*, WHAT IS?



SO IF YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF SQUATTING OVER THE FACE OF THE C.E.O. OF ONE OF THESE CORPORATIONS ...



...IT IS YOUR DUTY AS A MORAL HUMAN TO TAKE A STEAMING DUMP INTO HIS EYES AND MOUTH!





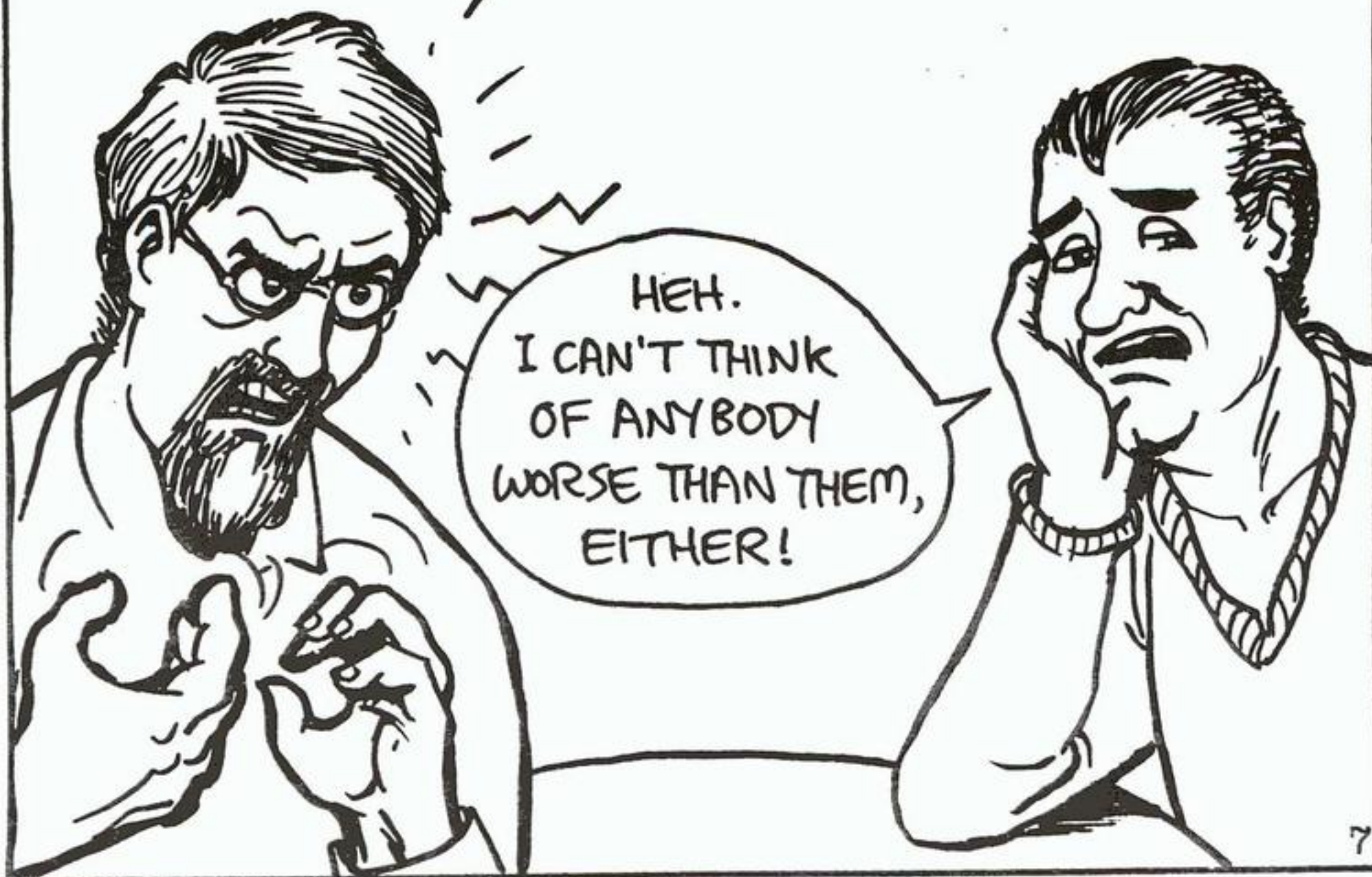
ANYWAY: WITH MORE INDUSTRIES MOVING INTO PRISONS-  
NOT TO MENTION THE EXPANSION OF THE PRIVATE PRISON  
INDUSTRY ITSELF - THE DEMAND FOR PRISONERS/SLAVES  
HAS GONE WAY UP.

KNOCK OFF THIS "JUSTICE"  
BULLSHIT, GIRLIE! I JUST  
BUILT A NEW PRISON, AN'  
IT'S CELLS NEED FILLIN'!



SO THE PRISON INDUSTRY LOBBIES HARD FOR  
CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMON BEHAVIORS, LONGER  
SENTENCES, ETCETERA. ONE OF THE MOST  
ANTI-HUMAN LOBBIES ON THE PLANET.  
WORSE THAN... THAN...

HEH.  
I CAN'T THINK  
OF ANYBODY  
WORSE THAN THEM,  
EITHER!







THE SUPER-RICH AMERICAN RULING CLASS HATES AND FEARS US "COMMON CITIZENS".



TO ASSUAGE THEIR FEARS, THEY SEEK EVER MORE POWER OVER US, SO THEY CAN SUPPOSEDLY NIP ANY ATTEMPT AT REVOLUTION IN THE BUD.



YOU CAN HARDLY HAVE MORE POWER OVER A PERSON THAN LOCKING 'EM IN A CAGE AND USING THEM FOR SLAVE LABOR.

BUT EVEN AFTER A PRISONER HAS WON HIS RELEASE, HE IS NOT "FREE". A PENAL RECORD FOLLOWS YOU YOUR WHOLE LIFE - YOU'RE BARRED FROM ALMOST ALL GOOD-PAYING JOBS, YOUR ABILITY TO TRAVEL OR LEGALLY OWN A GUN IS BUGGERED, ETCETERA EXCREMENTCETERA....

DO A GOOD JOB,  
AN' YOU MIGHT GET  
FED TONIGHT!



LONG'S YER  
ON PAROLE, YER  
ASS IS MINE,  
BOY!

AN' I'M  
KEEPIN'  
YER  
CHAIN  
**REAL**  
SHORT!



IN SHORT, THE STATE HAS MORE POWER OVER EX-CONS THAN IT HAS OVER A CITIZEN WITHOUT A PENAL RECORD, AND POWER IS THE NAME OF THE GAME!







YOU CAN'T RUN A PRISON-  
INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON THE  
BACKS OF A FEW THOUSAND  
MEN. BESIDES, MURDEROUS  
PSYCHOPATHS MAKE LOUSY  
SLAVES. SO TO FULLY STAFF  
THE PRISON FACTORIES, YOU  
HAVE TO CONVICT LARGE  
NUMBERS OF INNOCENTS.



THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
PRISONS INTO A PROFIT AND  
POWER CENTER HAD A HUGE  
OBSTACLE: ALL THE REALLY  
DANGEROUS CRIMINALS IN  
THE U.S. CAN FIT INTO TWO  
OR THREE FEDERAL PRISONS.  
THEY'RE A SMALL PERCENTAGE  
OF THE PRISON POPULATION.



POLICE AND PROSECUTORS  
ARE REWARDED BY HOW MANY  
WARM BODIES THEY FEED INTO  
THE SYSTEM. THEY COULDN'T  
CARE LESS THAT 90% OF 'M  
ARE INNOCENT OF ANYTHING  
RESEMBLING A SERIOUS CRIME.

