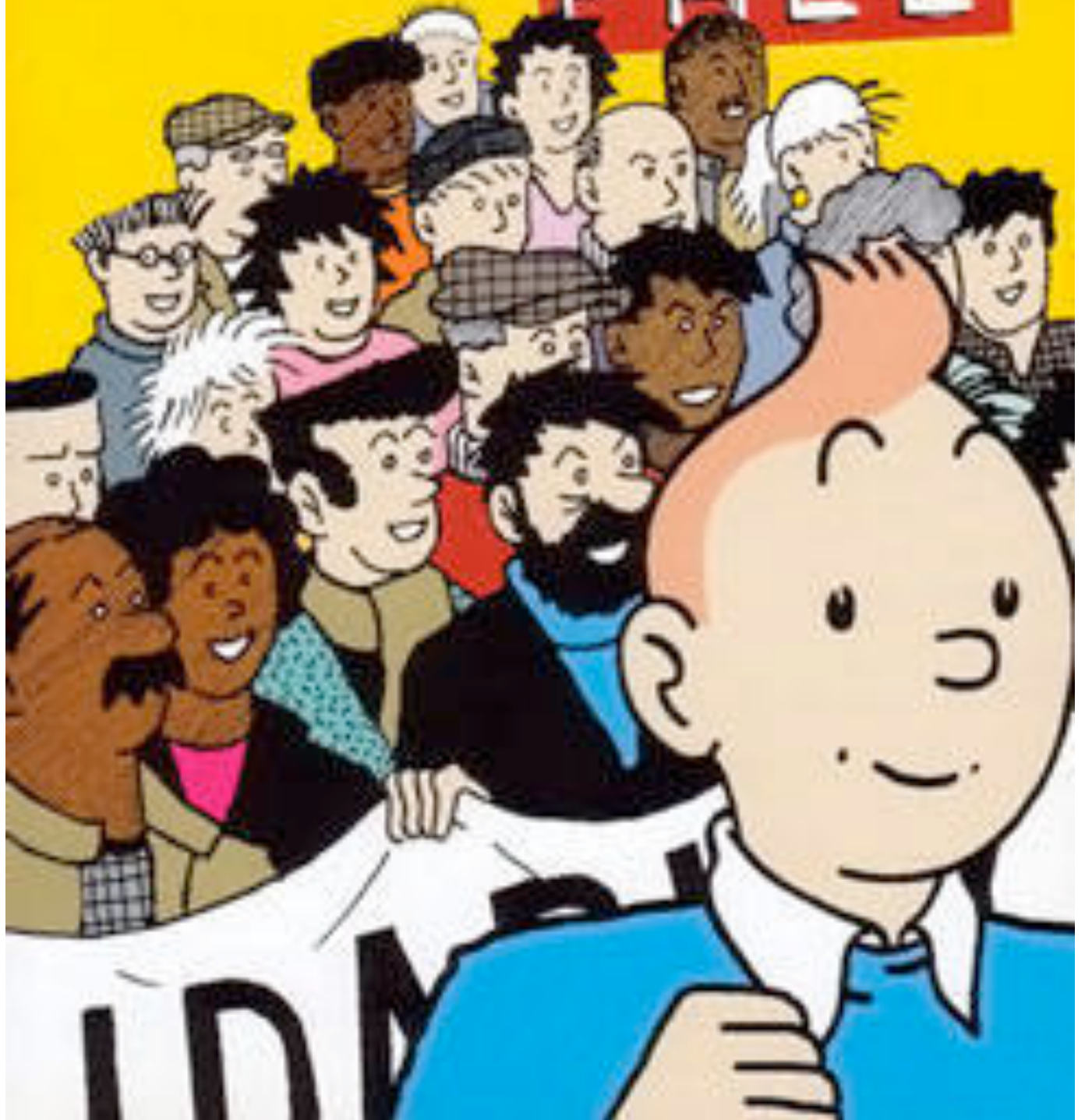




THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

BREAKING

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# CHAPTER • ONE

WE'VE HAD  
ENOUGH!





TINTIN, ME OLD MATE!  
HOW'S IT GOING?

NOT SO BAD,  
UNCLE, NOT  
SO BAD...



MARY, LOOK WHO'S HERE ...  
IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEPHEW!

HIYA TINTIN! YOU OK?  
WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU  
FOR AGES...



WELL THINGS  
AIN'T THAT HOT  
TO TELL THE  
TRUTH ... YOU  
SEE, THEY CUT  
ME DOLE LAST  
WEEK! ...



... THEY SAY IT'S MY  
FAULT I GOT KICKED  
OFF THAT J.T.S. SCHEME  
THING...

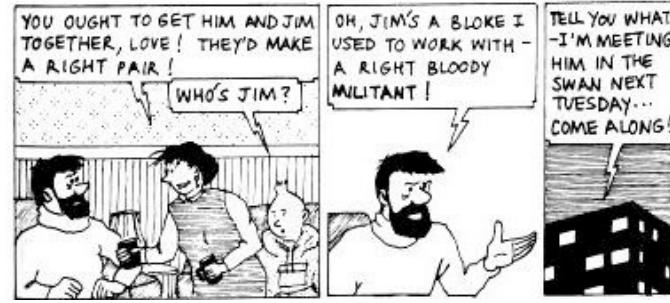
YOUR FAULT!?



FROM WHAT I HEARD, I  
RECKON YOUR BOSS GOT OFF  
LIGHTLY WITH JUST A FEW  
CHIPPED TEETH!



I WENT **BERSERK**  
DOWN AT SOCIAL  
WHEN THEY TOLD  
ME ....



And so, next Tuesday...

YOU MEAN THE UNION SACKED YOU FOR CALLING A STRIKE?!

WELL, NOT EXACTLY 'SACKED'.....

THEY SHUNTED ME OFF TO A COLLEGE FOR TRAINEE UNION OFFICIALS - IT WAS USELESS! FULL OF POT-BELLIED BUREAUCRATS!

SO I LEFT... BUT MEANWHILE THE UNION HAD MADE DAMN SURE I'D NEVER WORK IN THE TRADE AGAIN!

STITCHED UP IN THE NAME OF 'GOOD INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS'!

YEH, MOST OF THESE UNION BLOKES ARE JUST COPS IN FLAT CAPS!

THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR ARSE FROM THEIR ELBOW WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ACTUALLY WORKING...

HARK WHO'S TALKING, YOU IDLE BUGGER!

I MEAN WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID A DAY'S WORK, EH?

I TELL YOU, YOU'RE GONNA GET A BLOODY SHOCK ON MONDAY MORNING!...

WHAT AM I BUILDING ANYWAY?

...KNOWING YOU, YOU WON'T BE BUILDING SOD-ALL, LAD...

IT'S LUXURY FLATS - THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING! ... IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WORK ABOUT THESE DAYS...

AYE, THAT AND BUILDING PRISONS AND COP-SHOPS!

IT MAKES ME BLOODY SICK WORKING THERE!!

BUILDING FLATS WHICH I KNOW I'LL NEVER GET TO LIVE IN...

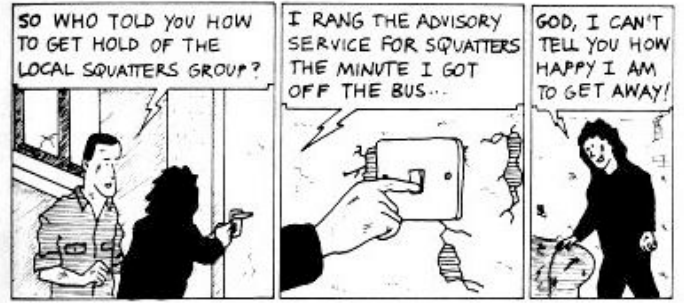
... UNLESS THERE'S A REVOLUTION...

A REVOLUTION? SOME HOPE JIM!

WELL I'M OFF TO THE BAR - DO YOU WANT ANOTHER PINT?

Next Monday...













SWINDLED ALMOST HALF A MILLION...  
... AND TINTIN'S MATE GETS LOCKED UP FOR NICKING FOOD!

**BLOODY SICK!**

... AND TINTIN'S MATE GETS LOCKED UP FOR NICKING FOOD!



I WROTE TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THOSE WINDOWS...  
YEH, I SAW THE LETTER THEY SENT BACK...

"Blah, blah, blah thank you for your letter, but blah, blah, blah..."  
BASICALLY "SOD OFF!"

... IT'S JUST LIKE ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT "DECENTRALISATION" - Y'KNOW, LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES ON THE ESTATE, ALL NICE AND FRIENDLY...



IT'S A LOAD OF OLD BULL - ALL IT MEANS IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WALK AS FAR TO HEAR SOME PEN-PUSHER SAY "NO"!

.... BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THOSE WINDOWS... WHEN WINTER COMES...  
I'LL TRY TO GET SOME NEW FRAMES FROM WORK BUT THEY WON'T BE PERFECT...



-WHAT DO WE PAY OUR RENT FOR?!

THE RIGHT IDEA THEN, EH LOVE... HA HA HA...

STABLE... A REAL HOME...  
WHAT?! LIKE THAT DAMP FLAT OF OURS?!



OH, DON'T ACT STUPID, CAPTAIN... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN... AND THAT FLAT COULD BE NICE...

YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT MARY... IT WAS MUCH BETTER WHEN WE FIRST MOVED THERE...

HELLO MARY!... CAPTAIN!  
HELLO, MRS DAVIS! HOW ARE YOU TODAY?



MY ARTHRITIS AIN'T TOO BAD, BUT ME EYES ARE PLAYING ME UP SOMETHING WICKED TODAY...

I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THAT... CAN WE GET YOU ANY SHOPPING? WE'RE JUST OFF TO THE SUPERMARKET...

NO THANKS, I'VE JUST BEEN DOWN THERE, LOVE... MIND YOU, I HAD A SPOT OF BOTHER...



THIS POSH TYPE, HE JUST PUSHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME... YOU KNOW THE SORT, ALL CREDIT CARDS AND NO MANNERS...



SO I SENT HIM OFF WITH A FLEA IN HIS EAR...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?



I JUST TOLD HIM TO SOD OFF... THEY MAKE ME SO CROSS!



...BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING TO SELL IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!



WELL I KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT MANY MORE DAYS LEFT IN ME...

DON'T TALK SOFT, MRS DAVIS!



...BUT WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ALL THIS LYING DOWN?... WHY CAN'T IT BE US WHO GETS RID OF THEM?



THEY COME HERE WITH THEIR MONEY, TAKING OVER OUR AREA...



BUILDING THEIR POSH OFFICES AND ALL THEIR LUXURY FLATS...



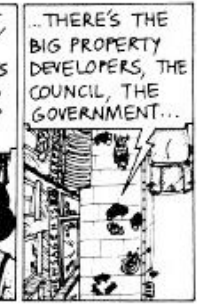
...AND ROARING AROUND IN THEIR FLASH CARS AT ALL HOURS!



I MEAN, IT'S OUR AREA... WE SHOULD JUST KICK THEM OUT!



YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT, BUT HOW? ALL THESE SNOBBY GITTS WHO'VE JUST MOVED IN ARE ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...



...THERE'S THE BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT...



...YEH, I WISH THEY'D ALL SOD OFF AND LEAVE US ALONE...



SOME HOPE! — THEY'RE HERE TO STAY.... FACE FACTS, IT'S US WHO ARE GONNA GET THE BOOT...



THAT'S WHY THE COUNCIL IS RUNNING DOWN OUR ESTATE...



AT LEAST WE CAN TRY... MR ROGERS FROM NUMBER 9 SAID THAT THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION MIGHT JOIN THAT NEW COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP...

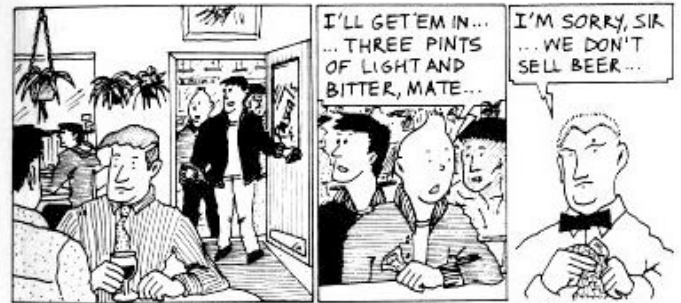


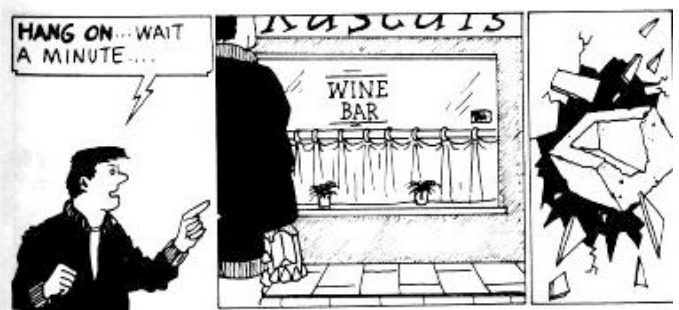
OH GOD, LOOK AT THE TIME... IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THE MATCH, WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON, CAPTAIN...



DON'T WORRY, LOVE, YOU'LL BE IN AND OUT OF THE SHOPS IN NO TIME...



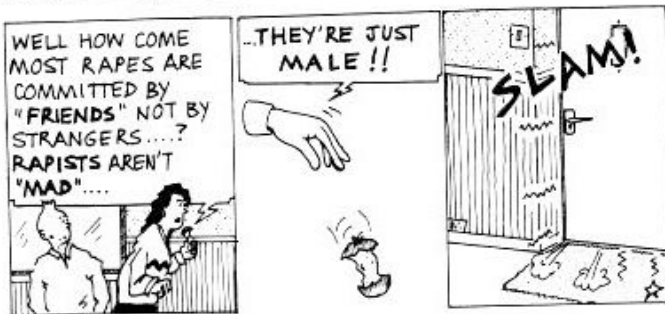












AND DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGISE FOR IT! I'M FED UP OF ALL THAT HASSLE!

AND DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M FROM OUTER SPACE.....! HAVEN'T YOU EVER FANCIED A BLOKE?

I'M NOT A 'QUEER'! I'M A LESBIAN!!

YECCH, NO! I AIN'T A QUEER

OK, BUT THAT STILL DON'T MAKE IT... UMM... Y'KNOW... NATURAL...

"NATURAL"?!... WHAT AND SHOPLIFTING IS?! HA! HA! HA! GIVE US A BREAK TINTIN!... 'NATURAL' HA! HA!

BUT IT AIN'T NATURAL!

SAYS WHO?!

ANYWAY WHAT DOES 'QUEER' MEAN?—YOU AIN'T EXACTLY NORMAL!

YOU WHAT?!

WELL YOU DON'T DO EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD TO DO, DO YOU?—YOU NICK FROM SHOPS, YOU FIDDLE THE DOLE, YOU BUNK OFF WORK...

LOOK, I DON'T KNOCK YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU WANT.... SO WHY DO YOU KNOCK ME?

I'LL TELL YOU WHO SAYS IT AIN'T NATURAL — YOUR TEACHERS, YOUR DAD, YOUR BOSSES... ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'RE ALWAYS MOANING ABOUT...

WISE UP, TINTIN!... IT'S JUST DIVIDE AND RULE... THE SAME AS THEY DO WITH BLACK PEOPLE OR...

OK, OK I GIVE IN!!

SO LET ME GET THIS RIGHT... YOU AND JAN... UMM... ARE... SORT OF... GOING OUT... AND YOU DON'T EVER GO WITH BLOKES... RIGHT!

I MEAN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF I SLEEP WITH JAN? EH?

NELL... ER... NONE, I SUPPOSE...

LOOK, TINTIN, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU..... I LIKE YOU — YOU'RE OK! IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE FRIENDS....

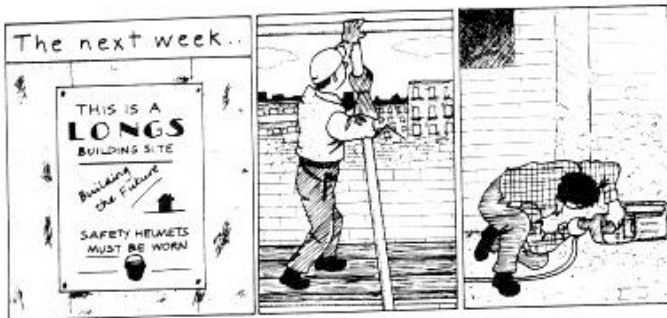
BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ME FOR WHAT I AM, OK?....

IS THAT GONNA BE A PROBLEM BETWEEN US, THEN?

NO... NO, OF COURSE NOT!

....ANYWAY... I ONLY GO FOR BLONDES!!!

OH TINTIN!!



GOD... DEAD?! I WAS CHATTING WITH HIM JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...

I TELL YOU, THIS HAS PUT ME RIGHT OFF WORKING... ME TOO - I JUST WANNA GO HOME AND FORGET TODAY

HEY LADS, SIMMONS IS ON HIS WAY OVER!

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UPSET - WE ALL ARE...

... BUT AS THE SUPERVISOR, MY JOB IS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND FILE A REPORT...

WELL A BLOODY REPORT AIN'T GONNA BRING JOE BACK! ER... NO... BUT IT MAY HELP TO...

WHAT THE HELL'S BEEN GOING ON?!

IT'S JOE... HE'S DEAD... A POLE IT JUST CAME AWAY... I TRIED TO WARN HIM...

...AND HIS BODY?... IN THERE?... GOOD... NOW TELL ME, HAD HE BEEN DRINKING AT ALL...?

LISTEN ... BEFORE YOU GET ANY FURTHER... I AIN'T SATISFIED WITH THIS! GET THE MANAGER OUT HERE!

YEAH, WE WANT TO SEE THE BOSS! YEAH!

ERR... I'M... UMM... WELL... HE'S UNAVAILABLE... UMM... AT THIS MOMENT... UMM...

EH?! WHAT YOU GETTING AT?!? NO, COURSE NOT!

LOOK, ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS ESTABLISH WHAT HAPPENED... I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIS NEXT-OF-KIN, LET ALONE WRITE A REPORT TILL WE KNOW THE FACTS... WHAT ABOUT WITNESSES?

I'LL TELL YOU THE BLOODY FACTS! - A MAN'S LYING DEAD IN THERE COS THIS SITE'S GOT A LOUSY SAFETY RECORD!

IN THAT CASE YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT I'M BLOODY UNAVAILABLE... UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK AS FROM NOW!

YEH WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! THEY'RE ALWAYS SCREWING US AND NOW THEY'RE KILLING US!

WELL THEY AIN'T GETTING AWAY WITH THIS ONE... LET'S STRIKE! YEAH!





ARE YOU DEAF, LAD? THE MEETING'S OVER... LET'S ALL GO HOME AND CALM DOWN...

STUFF THAT! LISTEN, SAFETY'S BEEN CRAP EVER SINCE I STARTED HERE...  
YEAH!

...IT'S OBVIOUS YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT SAFETY BEFORE, SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE NOW?

YOU'RE A BOSSES MAN, JONES... ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

GET A JOB!  
SELL-OUT!  
SOD OFF!

FORGET THE UNION... RIGHT, WHO'S GONNA PICKET TODAY?  
I WILL  
ME TOO!

YOU WANT TO TAKE OUR DISPUTE OFF TO THE UNION HEAD OFFICE — AND YOU'LL JUST SIT ON IT... AND NOTHING WILL GET DONE...

YEH...JOE WAS OUR MATE... I BET YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE WAS!

WE TRUSTED YOU WITH THE OVERTIME BAN THREE YEARS AGO AND YOU SOLD US OUT THEN!

...AND SOME OF US NEED TO GET OVER TO THE OTHER SITES... THERE'S TWO HERE, ONE HERE...

BUT...BUT THAT'S ILLEGAL...IT'S SECONDARY PICKETING!  
OH JUST FUCK OFF, JONES!

I'LL HAVE YOU EXPELLED...THE RULE BOOK CLEARLY STATES...

OH IT AIN'T OUR UNION...IT'S JUST FOR THE BOSSES...  
THAT'S NOT TRUE!...

...YOU CAN RAISE ALL THIS AT THE NEXT BRANCH MEETING...

STUFF YOUR MEETINGS, JONES! WE WANT ACTION!

BURN THE BLOODY RULE BOOK!!

I'VE BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR ELEVEN YEARS, AND I'VE DONE MORE FOR IT THAN YOU'LL EVER DO!

THIS IS OUR STRIKE AND WE'RE TAKING CONTROL OF IT!!

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The next morning..

YORK ROAD



THIS IS  
**LON**  
BUILDING  
*Building the Future*

ALRIGHT LADS? ... WE'VE JUST COME FROM THE LONGS SITE DOWN ON DERBY ROAD...



A MATE OF OURS GOT **KILLED** AT WORK YESTERDAY... **KILLED** BY BAD SAFETY...



SO WE'RE ALL OUT ON STRIKE TILL SOMETHING GETS DONE...



... WE WANT HIGHER WAGES, A CUT IN OUR HOURS, AND COMPENSATION FOR THE FAMILY...

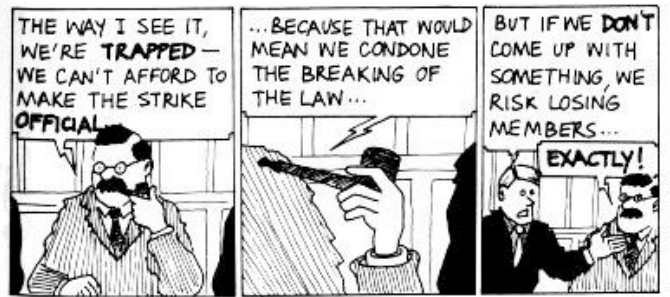


WE CAN'T WIN ON OUR OWN, SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO COME OUT AS WELL... LOOK AT THE SAFETY HERE... IT'S **CRAP!**



... AND I BET YOUR **WAGES** ARE AS CRAP AS OURS... SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? **YEH?...**







IT'S VITAL WE CLEAR IT UP NOW WHILE WE STILL HAVE CREDIBILITY...

WELL I'LL SEE WHAT CONCESSIONS I CAN WIN FROM GEORGE TONIGHT....

I HOPE YOU SUCCEED, ALAN... FOR ALL OUR SAKES, I HOPE YOU SUCCEED...



That evening... THAT'S LOVELY, THANKS..

... WHERE WAS I?... OH YES - I KNOW THAT THINGS ARE TIGHT IN THE TRADE RIGHT NOW, SO THIS STRIKE COULD COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY...

TOO DAMN RIGHT!!



...BUT QUITE FRANKLY THIS ONE WON'T BE SETTLED BY ONE OF OUR NORMAL AGREEMENTS...

I KNOW THAT, ALAN THIS TIME I'M GOING TO GET THOSE BUGGERS UMM... THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH, BUT WE NEED TO WORKOUT.

NO!



IT'S NOT THE 1970s ANY MORE, ALAN - I CALL THE TUNE THESE DAYS, AND I WANT THAT LOT SMASHED!

... I'VE GOT PEOPLE QUEUING UP FOR JOBS ALREADY... AND I'LL TELL YOU THIS....

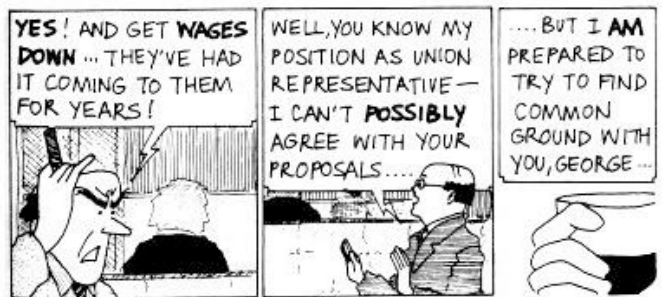
... I WON'T BE PICKING ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR BLOODY UNION EITHER!



I'M SICK OF PAYING YOU BACKHANDERS ALAN, WHEN YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR MEN...

...BUT... BUT GEORGE! THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY PROMISED FULL CO-OPERATION TO ENSURE NORMAL WORKING...

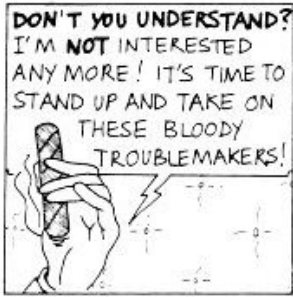
... SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO BREAK THIS STRIKE?



YES! AND GET WAGES DOWN ... THEY'VE HAD IT COMING TO THEM FOR YEARS!

WELL, YOU KNOW MY POSITION AS UNION REPRESENTATIVE - I CAN'T POSSIBLY AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSALS....

.... BUT I AM PREPARED TO TRY TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH YOU, GEORGE...



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I'M NOT INTERESTED ANY MORE! IT'S TIME TO STAND UP AND TAKE ON THESE BLOODY TROUBLEMAKERS!



YES, AND I'LL DO ALL I POSSIBLY CAN TO SETTLE THIS DISPUTE PEACEFULLY AND GET MY MEMBERS BACK TO WORK...



BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU.....



...THAT HEAD OFFICE HOLDS A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL OUR SKILLED MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED....



HMMM...YES, THAT COULD BE USEFUL.... FANCY A BRANDY, ALAN?

NOW YOU'RE TALKING, GEORGE!....



Meanwhile, in another part of the city....

HIYA MARY.... HOW'S IT GOING?....



... OH, NOT SO BAD!... HOW'S YOU?



I'M FINE... WHAT'S ALL THIS I HEAR ABOUT A STRIKE....?



WELL, A BLOKE GOT KILLED LAST WEEK...



CAPTAIN SAYS THE SAFETY'S AWFUL - THE WORST SITE HE'S EVER WORKED ON...



...AND THE PAY'S NEVER BEEN MUCH GOOD, SO THEY'RE DEMANDING A RISE AS WELL!



THAT'S GREAT... I DUNNO... IF IT CARRIES ON, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY TIGHT...



IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE ENDS MEET BEFORE... AND SHARON'S GOING TO NEED A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SOON...



....WELL IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO....

THANKS LOVE



TELL YOU WHAT - DES IS COMING ROUND LATER - HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN CLAIM FROM THE DHSS....



HELLO LOVE! YOU ALRIGHT? I'M BLOODY EXHAUSTED!



HOW DID IT GO TODAY?  
THE VICTORIA ROAD  
SITE WALKED OUT...

TWO OTHER  
SITES WILL  
PROBABLY  
COME OUT AS  
FROM MONDAY

...AYE AND THERE'S  
A MASS MEETING  
TOMORROW NIGHT  
FOR ALL THE  
STRIKERS...



GREAT! I'LL SEE IF  
JULIE CAN BABYSIT...  
EH? WHAT FOR?

SO I CAN GO TO  
THE MEETING OF  
COURSE ... YOU DON'T  
REALLY THINK I'M  
GOING TO SIT HERE...

...AND LET YOU  
LOT RUN OFF TO  
MAKE ALL THE  
DECISIONS, DO  
YOU ...?



...I MEAN, IF I'M  
GOING TO CARRY ON  
FEEDING YOU OUT  
OF MY WAGES...

...THEN I'VE GOT  
A RIGHT TO  
KNOW WHAT'S  
GOING ON !!

...WELL... YOU SEE...  
IT'S NOT REALLY  
LIKE THAT, LOVE...



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM  
MARY - OF COURSE  
YOU CAN COME! WE  
NEED EVERYONE WE  
CAN GET!

LOOK AT IT THIS  
WAY, CAPTAIN -  
I DON'T WORK  
IN THE TRADE  
ANY MORE AND  
YOU DON'T MIND  
ME  
TAGGING  
ALONG...

DOES THAT MEAN  
I CAN COME?  
YEH! WHY  
NOT?!



HELLO EVERYBODY...  
YOU LEFT THE DOOR  
OPEN...

HIYA DES - I CAME  
ROUND HERE TO GET  
THE LATEST ON THIS  
STRIKE ... WHAT YOU  
DOING TOMORROW  
NIGHT?

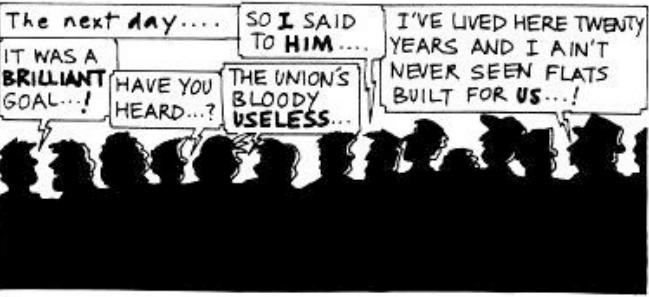
NOTHING MUCH...  
WHY?  
THERE'S A  
BIG MEETING...



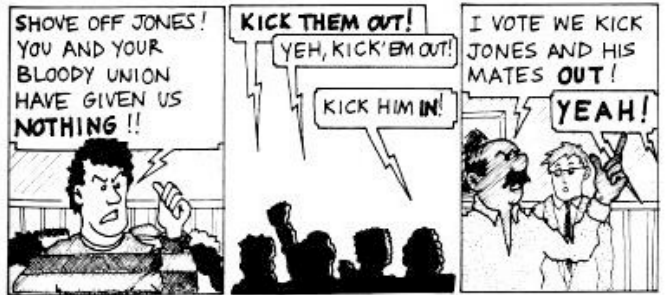
...TO DECIDE WHERE  
THE STRIKE GOES  
FROM HERE AND  
HOW TO BUILD UP  
SUPPORT...

BRILLIANT! I'LL  
PUT THE WORD  
ROUND .... WHAT  
TIME AND WHERE?

HANG ON A  
MINUTE !!













A few days later...

NO-ONE'S REALLY WATCHING THIS, ARE THEY?...

YOU KNOW, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO A COLLECTION ROUND HERE...



WHAT? ON THE ESTATE?

YEH, WHY NOT? IT AFFECTS US ALL...



EH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?...



WELL, QUITE A LOT OF PEOPLE ROUND HERE ARE INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE...



AND EVERYONE HATES LONGS ANYWAY....



BECAUSE THEY'RE TEARING THIS AREA DOWN TO PUT UP THEIR FLATS...



... BUT.. ER... IT'S A STRIKE... AND.. ER...



BUT WHAT?! DON'T BE SO STUPID!!



BUT... IT'S... LIKE... A STRIKE... AND... ... AND EVERYONE HATES STRIKERS?



YEAH, THAT'S IT! BUT THAT'S BULLSHIT - STRAIGHT OUT OF 'THE SUN'!!



YEH, JIM'S RIGHT - LOADS OF PEOPLE DO SUPPORT STRIKES - LOOK AT THE MINERS...



YEH AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!



BUT THEY ONLY LOST BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH REAL WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY!!



IF WE COLLECT ON THIS ESTATE, YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW MUCH SUPPORT YOU DO GET...



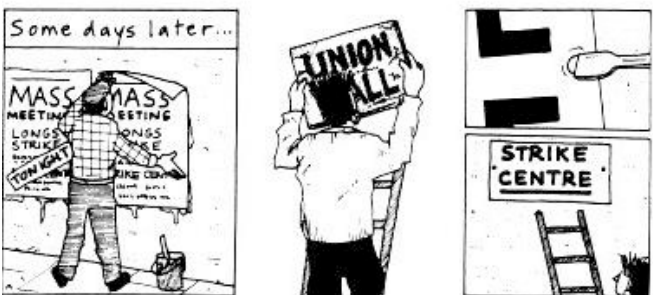
I DUNNO... FOR GOD'S SAKE, CAPTAIN, HAVE SOME FAITH IN YOUR CLASS!!

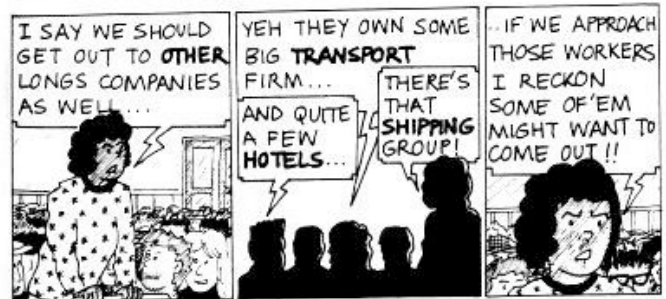


SSSH!! YOU'LL WAKE SHARON! ...ANYWAY I THINK A COLLECTION IS A GREAT IDEA!

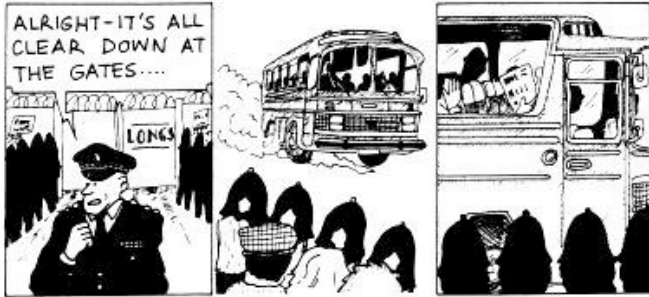












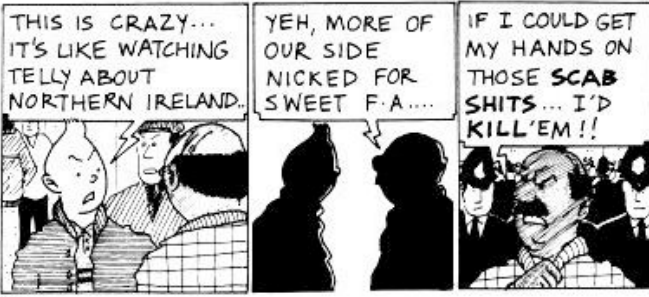
ALRIGHT-IT'S ALL CLEAR DOWN AT THE GATES....



YOU SCABBY BASTARDS!!

GET HIM!

LET HIM GO!  
PIGS! BASTARDS



THIS IS CRAZY... IT'S LIKE WATCHING TELLY ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND.

YEH, MORE OF OUR SIDE NICKED FOR SWEET F.A....

IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON THOSE SCAB SHITS... I'D KILL 'EM!!



HANG ON FRANK! ...WE'RE WELL OUTNUMBERED HERE...

TINTIN'S RIGHT... WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHERE THE COACH PICKS UP...

...HEY, I'VE GOT A GOOD ZOOM LENS ON MY CAMERA ...



WITH PHOTOS WE CAN START PUTTING NAMES TO FACES...

BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TO STOP THEM GETTING IN HERE...

THIS IS THE SITE THAT STARTED IT ALL OFF...

...AND I RECKON LONGS ARE BANKING ON THE STRIKE BEING BROKEN HERE FIRST...



YEH, WE'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF SCABS ON ANY OTHER SITES YET

BUT IF WE DON'T STOP 'EM SOON, PEOPLE WILL START LOSING INTEREST...

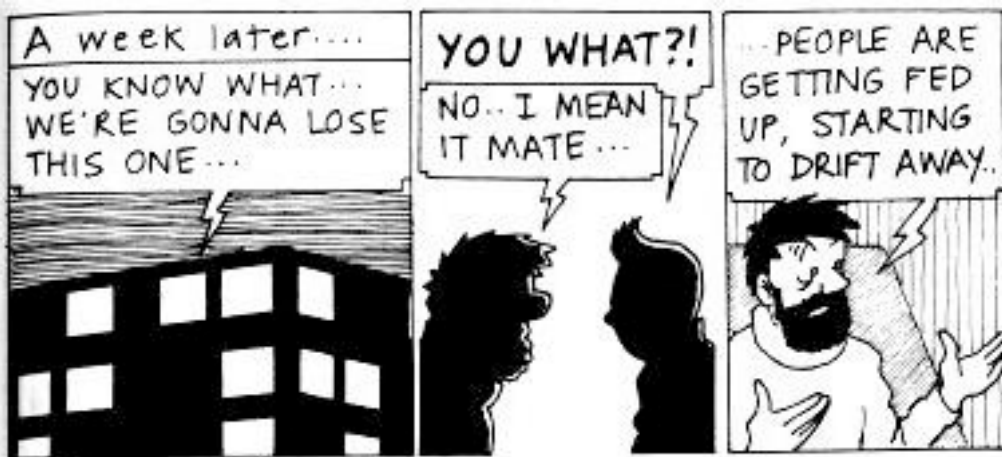
...BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT DES, WHEN THEY'RE SURROUNDED BY HUNDREDS OF PIGS?!

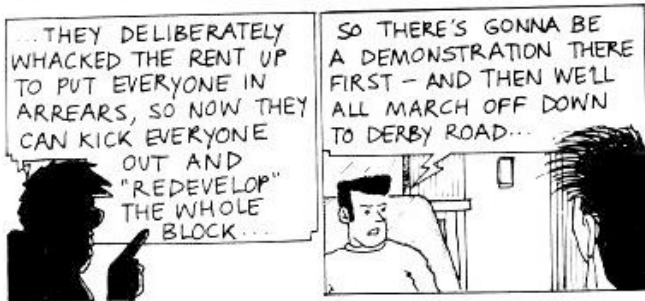




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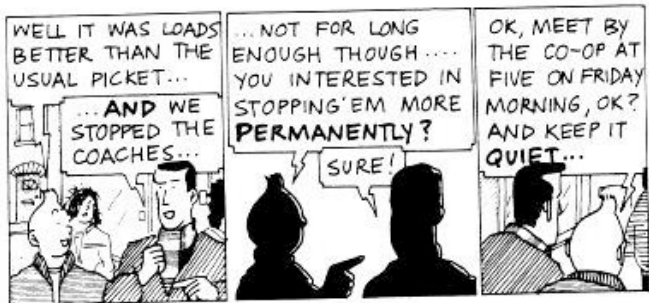


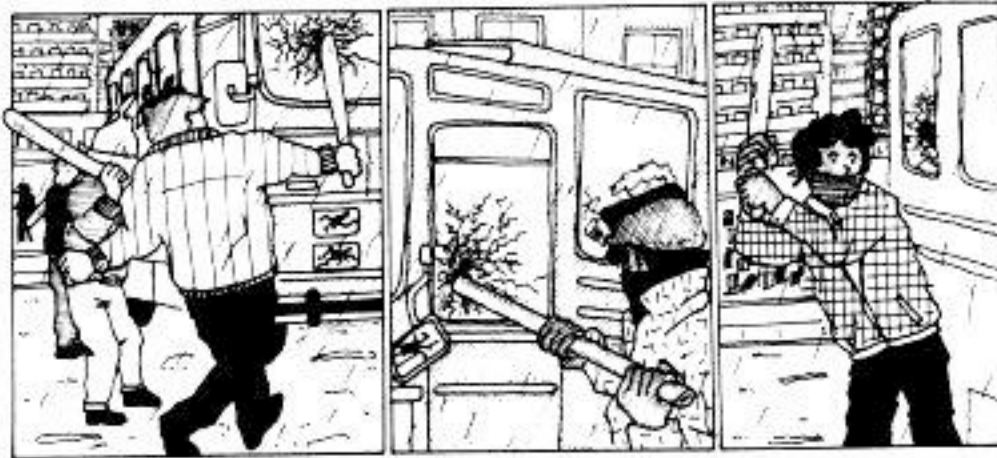














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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROAD

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

THIS STRIKE INVOLVES US ALL. IT INVOLVES THE WORKERS SACKED AT DERBY ROAD. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS ON OTHER SITES WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH THE SACK. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS IN OTHER LONGS COMPANIES, LIKE TRANSPORT & SHIPPING, WHO WILL BE NEXT FOR THE CHOP. IT INVOLVES ALL WORKERS EVERYWHERE WHO WILL BE SQUEEZED EVEN MORE IF THIS STRIKE FAILS. IT INVOLVES EVERYONE IN THIS AREA WHO IS FED UP OF SEEING LONGS BUILD LUXURY FLATS FOR THE RICH, WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS CLOSED FOR LACK OF MONEY... IT IS A STRIKE WE CAN WIN IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

■ At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and FIGHT! The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... BUT WE WON'T GO AWAY! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

## ALAN JONES - GO TO HELL!

■ We want nothing from the union and their corrupt management deals. Three years ago, when the overtime ban was on, we made the mistake of trusting the likes of Alan Jones, and they sold us down the river. We won't get fooled again. We know that the heart of this strike isn't the union. It's the pickets, it's the women's support group, it's the Strike Centre, it's the street collections, it's the support we get from the community. If we stand together and fight together, how can we lose?

## SCABS

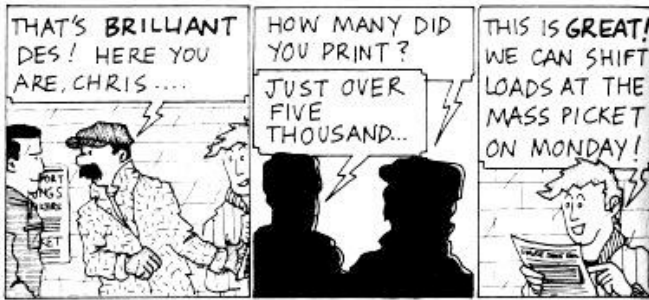
■ There are still scabs going into Derby Road. We've printed a list of their names and addresses overleaf. Why not give them a ring and let them know what you think of scum who will sell their mates for thirty pieces of silver?

## PICKETS

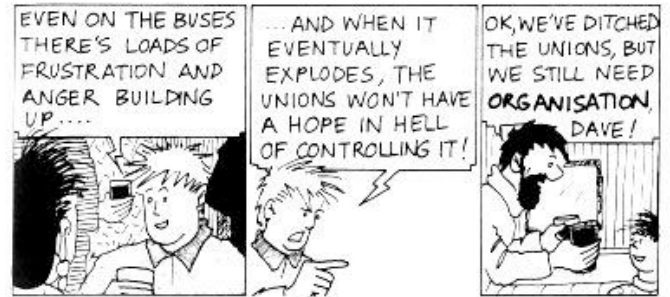
■ There is a picket of the Derby Road site every day at 6am and 5pm. Other pickets of the day are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall to the Strike Centre.

■ We have heard that several members of the National Front have been seen on the Derby Road picket line. We have only one message for them: PISS OFF! And if you know what's good for you, you won't show your faces round here again...

■ STOP PRESS... TUESDAY'S MASS PICKET OF DERBY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS... WE TOOK THE GATE EASILY... POOR PLOD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM... THE SCABS GOT TURNED BACK... LET'S DO IT EVEN BETTER ON WEDNESDAY!







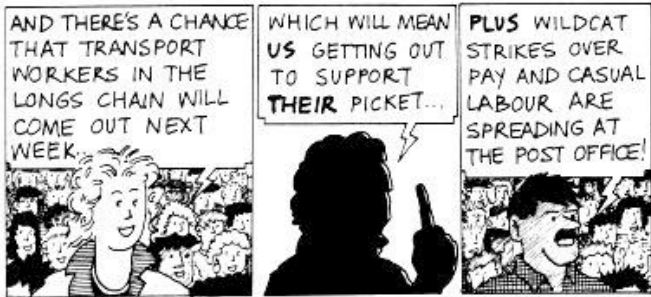












AND THERE'S A CHANCE THAT TRANSPORT WORKERS IN THE LONGS CHAIN WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK.

WHICH WILL MEAN US GETTING OUT TO SUPPORT THEIR PICKET...

PLUS WILDCAT STRIKES OVER PAY AND CASUAL LABOUR ARE SPREADING AT THE POST OFFICE!



AND AT LAST WE'VE SORTED OUT A WAY OF GETTING ALL STRIKERS TOGETHER.

...AN ORGANISATION CALLED **REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION** HAS BEEN SET UP - AND IT'S OPEN TO ANYBODY!!

MY GOD, ALAN, IT'S REALLY SPREADING...



IT'S AMAZING.. WE'RE REALLY BEGINNING TO WIN..!

WE'VE STILL GOT LOTS OF MONEY COMING IN, BUT ALL THE NEW STRIKERS WILL NEED MONEY...

..WE NEED TO STEP UP COLLECTIONS - IT'S NOT JUST LONGS ANY MORE - IT'S GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY!



WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE...AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...

..WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...

THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...



WE'LL HOPEFULLY NO-ONE WILL DIE...

...EXCEPT SCABS!

...AND THE BOSSES!!

..BUT WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF HARD GRAFT TO DO... DES HAS PRINTED UP SOME POSTERS..

...THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20<sup>th</sup>...

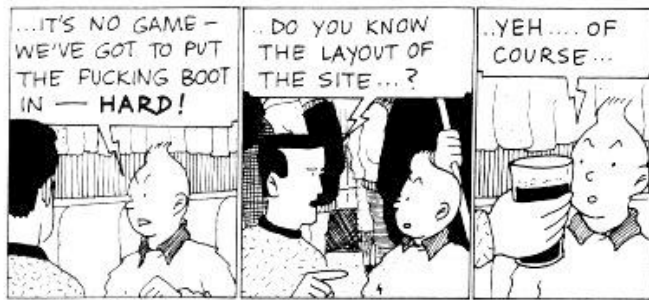


..SO CAN YOU ALL TAKE SOME AND GET'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...

PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?

YEH... LET'S GO...





...IT'S NO GAME - WE'VE GOT TO PUT THE FUCKING BOOT IN - **HARD!**

.. DO YOU KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THE SITE...?

..YEH... OF COURSE...



...WELL THEN...?

...WELL WHAT?

DO YOU WANNA DO IT?



...WHAT, **BURN IT?**  
YEAH...

**YEAH! WHY NOT!**  
THOSE **BASTARDS** DESERVE IT!

OK, LET'S GO OUTSIDE - I DON'T LIKE TALKING IN PUBS...



A few nights later...  
YOU KNOW, I'M SURE WE GOT FOLLOWED HOME TONIGHT...

.. I BET THEY'RE DRAWING UP LISTS OF PEOPLE RIGHT NOW...

..THEY'VE HAD LISTS FOR YEARS, LOVE...



... I MEAN, THEY'VE BEEN PRACTISING IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THIS SORT OF THING....

ARE YOU OK, LOVE?.....



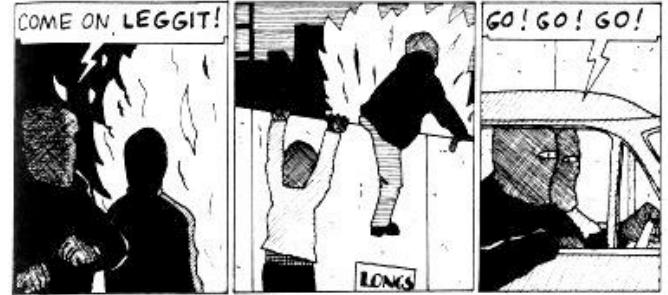
... OH... I JUST KEEP THINKING ABOUT **CHARLIE**... IT'S HIS FIRST NIGHT IN PRISON.

**TWELVE MONTHS!** AND HE NEVER TOUCHED THAT COPPER...

SO THE COPS **LIE** TO PUT PICKETS IN PRISON - **WHAT'S NEW?!**









The next day...  
... ARE TREATING IT AS ARSON... BUS WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO...

HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT...?

EH?... DID YOU SAY SOMETHING JIM?



THERE WAS A FIRE AT DERBY ROAD LAST NIGHT - THE COPS SAY IT'S ARSON....

FUCKING HELL...!  
OH SHIT!!

WHAT'S UP, FRANK? YOU DON'T SEEM TOO HAPPY....



CAN'T YOU SEE?! THEY'LL USE IT AGAINST US... THEY'LL BE CALLING US TERRORISTS NOW!...

OH THEY CALL US EVERYTHING ELSE FRANK - ONE MORE WORD AIN'T GONNA MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE....

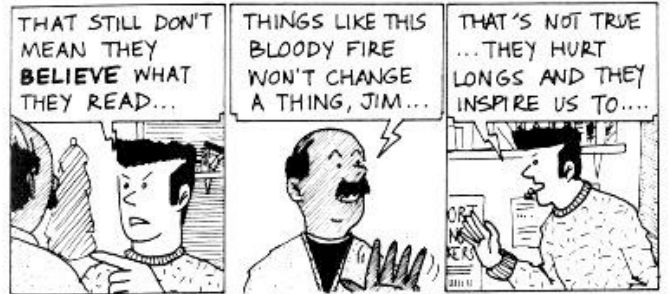
THAT'S NOT THE POINT, CAROLE...  
YES IT BLOODY IS!



SINCE WHEN DID WE CARE WHAT THE PAPERS SAY?!

CAROLE'S RIGHT - IF YOU BELIEVED THE PRESS YOU WOULDN'T BE ON STRIKE NOW...

OK BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THEM - MOST PEOPLE STILL READ 'THE SUN'... NOT 'STRIKE'!



THAT STILL DON'T MEAN THEY BELIEVE WHAT THEY READ...

THINGS LIKE THIS BLOODY FIRE WON'T CHANGE A THING, JIM...

THAT'S NOT TRUE... THEY HURT LONGS AND THEY INSPIRE US TO....



YEH, BUT IT AIN'T A SUBSTITUTE FOR WORKERS TAKING ACTION...  
WELL WHO SAID IT WAS?

LOOK, FRANK, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, IT'S A BLOODY GOOD LAUGH...

... IT'S HIT LONGS IN THE POCKET AND IT'S GIVEN ME SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!





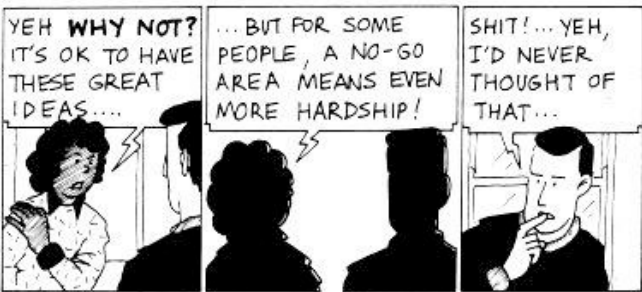


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OH GOD... I FEEL TERRIBLE...

COME ON SHARON, BACK TO BED...

OH SHIT... IT HURTS SO MUCH...

DADDY! WHAT'S WRONG...?

DADDY! IT'S ALRIGHT.. BACK TO BED...

I CAN'T HANDLE THIS...



COME ON LOVE... YOU'LL BE OK!

IT'S TOO MUCH... I COULDN'T BEAR THEM DOING THIS TO YOU OR SHARON

DON'T WORRY.. NO-ONE'S GONNA TOUCH US...

NO...NO!



OH GOD... NO MONEY, NO JOB AND NOW THIS - IT'S TOO MUCH!

LOOK, LOVE, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER ..... TO THE END!!

..WE NEVER SEE EACH OTHER... ALL WE GET IS STRIKE, STRIKE BLOODY STRIKE!



LISTEN LOVE - WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE... GOT NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE - WE'VE GOT TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END!

BUT.. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO, SO MANY DEMANDS...

.. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT - WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THE CENTRE...

YEH, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A FEW DAYS AWAY...

WE'LL GO STAY WITH MY SISTER - SHE'D LOVE TO SEE US...

OH, THAT WOULD BE NICE... THAT WOULD BE REALLY NICE....



The day of the demonstration.... COME ON, IT'S GONE TWO O'CLOCK...

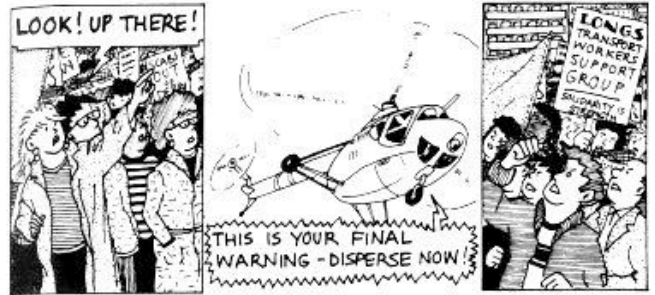
DON'T WORRY - IT WON'T START ON TIME...

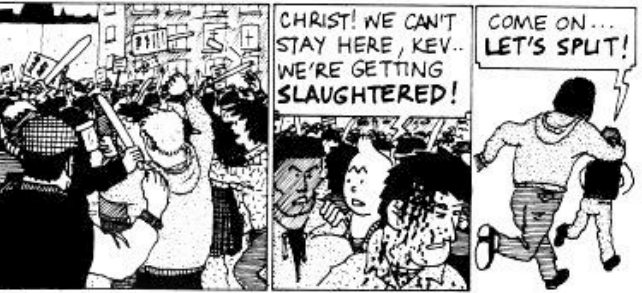
..IT'S REALLY QUIET - I HOPE PEOPLE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT....

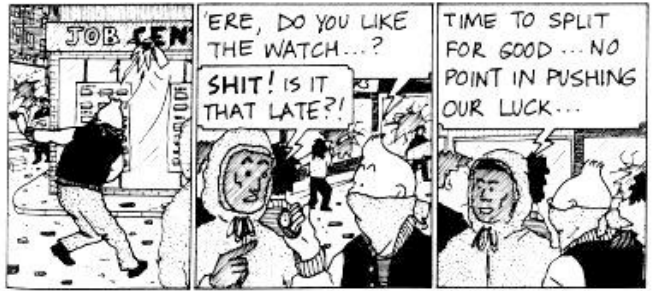
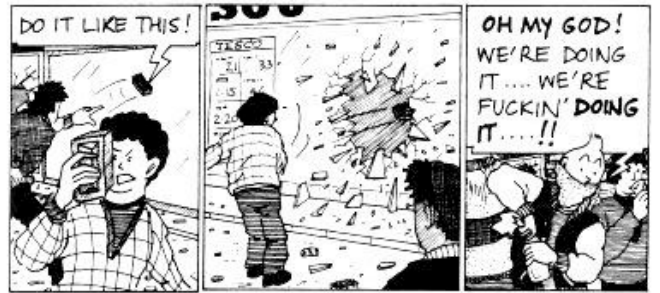
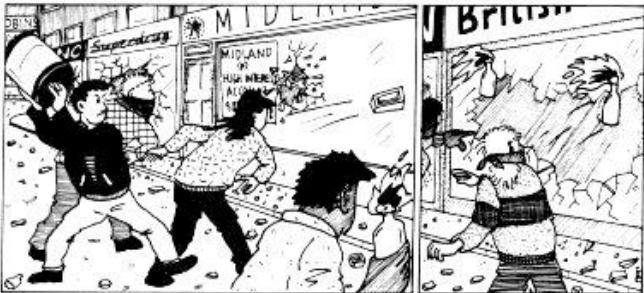
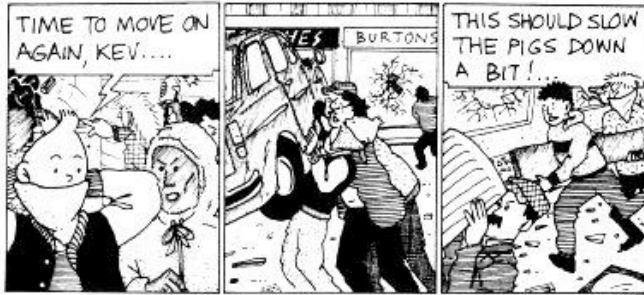


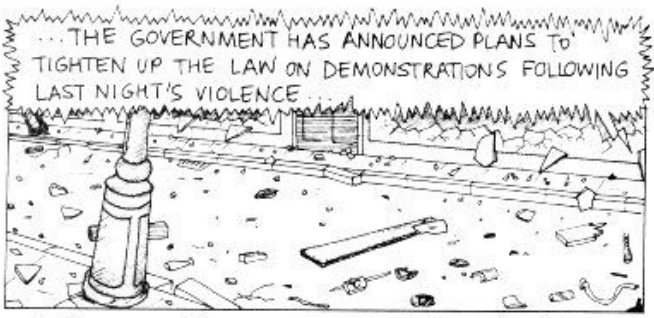




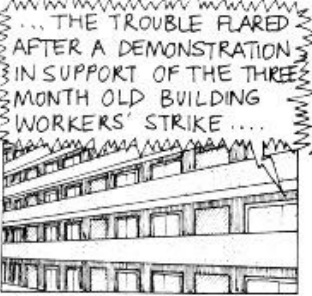




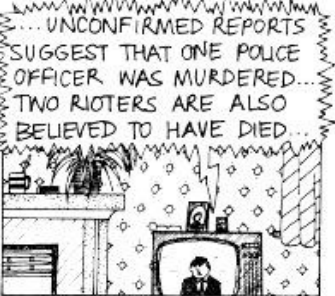




...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TIGHTEN UP THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE...



...THE TROUBLE FLARED AFTER A DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE MONTH OLD BUILDING WORKERS' STRIKE...



...UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SUGGEST THAT ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS MURDERED... TWO RIOTERS ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED...



...DOZENS OF BUILDINGS WERE ATTACKED, INCLUDING THE POLICE STATION, SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES AND A NUMBER OF SHOPS...



...POLICE ARRESTED 39 PEOPLE. MOST HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES..... THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF TROUBLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY...



Elsewhere....

HEY, HAVE YOU READ THIS...?

...IT'S THE EDITORIAL - LISTEN TO THIS!

NO...WHAT?

"Enough is enough. We Britons are rightly proud of our reputation as a tolerant race..."

...But when democracy is threatened by picket-line thugs and grinning rioters, the balance has swung too far. It is time to make a stand against the tactics of the bully-boy...."

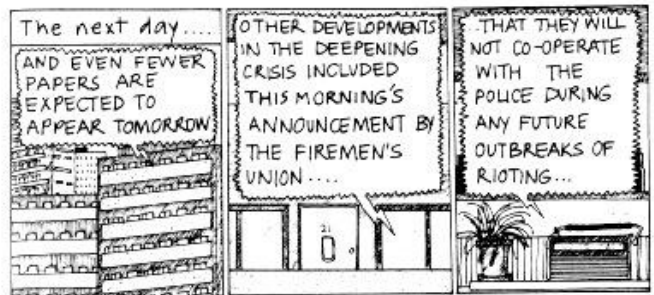


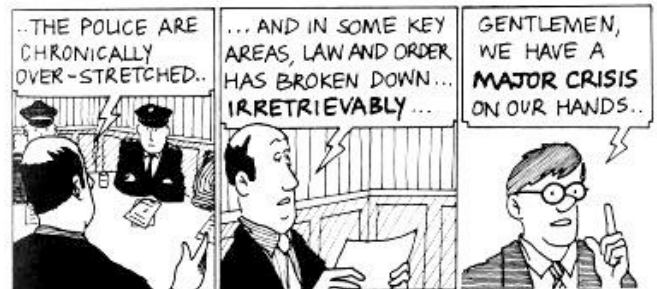
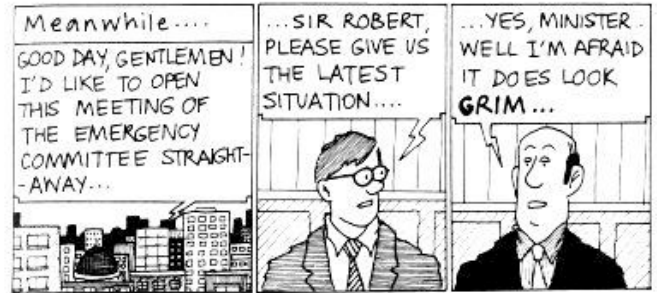
...As we fought Hitler, so we must fight the new Fascists of the Left...

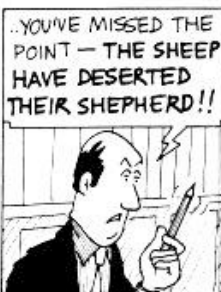
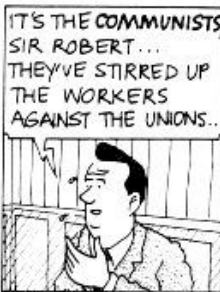
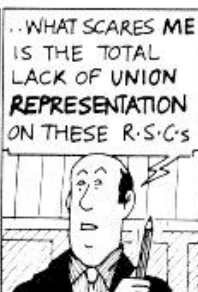
...whose aim is the creation of a Soviet style dictatorship here in Britain. This Government has failed the British people...."

...We need to see tough new laws... AND IT JUST CARRIES ON LIKE THAT.....!!























ME SISTER PHONED LAST NIGHT ... SHE SAID THE ARMY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIVERPOOL...



..TO "RESTORE ORDER" — WHATEVER THAT MEANS!



...IT'S THEIR STINKING ORDER, THEIR RIGHT TO SCREW US .. THEY CAN STUFF IT!!



WE'VE HAD A GUMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ...AND WE WANT MORE!



SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH  
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