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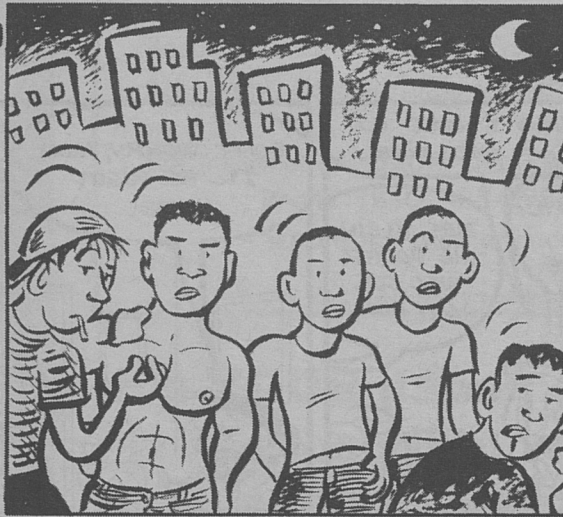
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CAL TOOK ME OVER TO THIS CRAPPY-LOOKING STREET TO MEET THE GANG...THE GANG HE WOULDN'T ADMIT TO BELONGING TO.

ALONSO, MIKE, IKE, NICK RAY, T-BOY, THIS IS NATHAN...YOU KNOW, NATHAN.



THEY WEREN'T DOING MUCH, JUST HANGIN' OUT, ACTING ALL TOUGH.

THE OLDEST ONE, ALONSO, HE NEVER DID TALK TO ME. BUT A COUPLE OF THE OTHER GUYS EVENTUALLY WARMED UP.

YO, YOU SMOKE? YEAH... WAIT, THAT YOUR LAST ONE?



IT'S OK - I GOT LOTS MORE, DON'T WORRY!

NICK RAY GAVE ME THE SKINNY ON EVERYBODY.

WHERE'S THAT ASIAN KID I'VE SEEN WITH YOU GUYS?

GARY? FORGET ABOUT HIM - HE WENT ALL GOTH AND SHIT LAST MONTH. WE WON'T BE SEEING HIM NO MORE!



I STARTED THINKING MAYBE I'D BEEN WRONG ABOUT THESE BOYS... THEY WERE SORTA SWEET... NICK RAY GAVE ME A LOT OF ATTENTION AND CAL DIDN'T LIKE IT.

WE GOTTA GO, NATHAN, HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING.



YEAH LEARN I'M LEARNIN TO KUNG FU

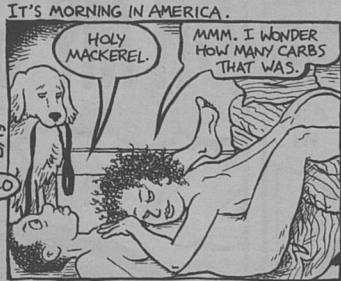
ATOM, THEIR BIG SCARY LEADER, NEVER SHOWED UP. I FOUND OUT LATER THAT WAS STRICTLY INTENTIONAL.

YOU KIDDIN' ME? IF HE SAW YOU HERE WITH ME, WELL... THERE'S NO WAY. THERE'S JUST NO WAY.



Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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IT'S MORNING IN AMERICA.

HOLY MACKEREL. MMM. I WONDER HOW MANY CARBS THAT WAS.



BUT ONLY LITERALLY.

THIS IS AIR AMERICA RADIO NEWS. DEFENSE SECRETARY RUMSFELD HAS APOLOGIZED FOR THE ABU GHRAIB PRISON SCANDAL, SAYING HE IS SORRY THAT THE PHOTOS OF U.S. SOLDIERS 'ABUSING' IRAQI DETAINEES EVER GOT OUT.



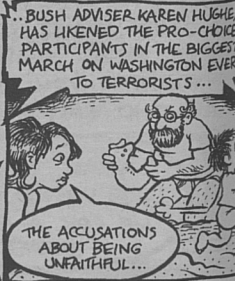
...THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED HIS SWING STATE BUS TOUR TODAY, SAYING 'PEACE AND FREEDOM DEPEND ON THIS ELECTION.'

OH MY GOD. I'M A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL. I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T SEE IT SOONER! THE MIND GAMES...



...THE USE OF ISOLATION...

...AS THE COALITION CRUMBLES IN IRAQ AND BUSH'S SUPPORT FOR ARIEL SHARON IGNITES WIDESPREAD CRITICISM, THE U.S. FINDS ITSELF AWENATED FROM NEARLY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.



...BUSH ADVISER KAREN HUGHES HAS LIKENED THE PRO-CHOICE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BIGGEST MARCH ON WASHINGTON EVER TO TERRORISTS...

THE ACCUSATIONS ABOUT BEING UNFAITHFUL...



A NEW BILL PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE PATRIOT ACT. AND RECENT HIRING GAINS IN THE SHITWORK SECTOR HAVE SHRUNK THE NET JOB LOSS UNDER BUSH TO 1.5 MILLION!

THE OBSESSIVE KEEPING TRACK... PREVENTING THE OTHER PERSON FROM GETTING A JOB...



STUART, WE'RE IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION!



Y'know, JUST BECAUSE WE CAN LISTEN TO LIBERAL TALK RADIO 24/7 DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO.

CLIK! AND BARRING A HORRIFIC ACT OF TERRORISM, THE MARKET WILL KEEP DOING WELL. THIS IS NPR.



GOOD MORNING, FAIR HOUSEMATES! SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME MUCH LATELY. I'VE BEEN, UH, SEEING A WOMAN ABOUT A DOG.



I HOPE WE HAVE PLENTY OF JUICE ALL THAT FLUID BONDING REALLY TAKES IT OUT OF A PERSON.

