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NEEDING TO TALK, NATHAN ACCEPTS DAN GIBSON'S OFFER TO MEET HIM AT EMPIRE BAR FOR A DRINK...

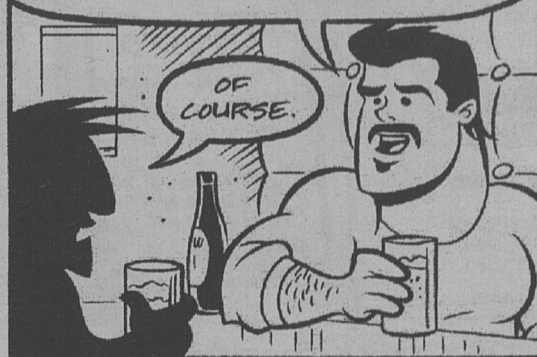
...AND MY DAD BASICALLY STOPPED TALKIN' ALTOGETHER ABOUT A YEAR AFTER HE WAS DIAGNOSED.



STOPPED TALKING, HUH? MAYBE MY MOM'S ALZHEIMERS WILL HAVE AN UPSIDE TO IT, AFTER ALL.



THAT'S OKAY, MAN... PLENTY O'-TIMES I WANTED TO STUFF A CATCHER'S MITT IN MY DAD'S MOUTH WHEN I WAS A KID... BUT BOTTOM LINE? I LOVE HIM AND WANNA DO WHATEVER I CAN FOR HIM NOW.



JESUS... I NEVER GO TO PLACES LIKE THIS... Y'KNOW WHAT THEY PUT EVERYDAY SCHMUCKS LIKE ME THROUGH TO GET PAST THE VELVET ROPE AND INTO THE LAND OF THE RICH AND FABULOUS?



HA HA HA YEAH, THE EMPIRE REALLY PROTECTS OUR PRIVACY.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU, DUDE, EVEN THOUGH WE MET TO TALK ABOUT OUR FOLKS' ILLNESS-- I'M REAL COMFORTABLE WITH YOU... YOU'RE A COOL GUY.



OH-- THANKS...

THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE I CAN TALK TO LIKE THIS... MOST OF MY OLD FRIENDS AND FAMILY JUST HIT ON ME FOR MONEY. BESIDES, BRO, YOU'RE FUCKIN' HILARIOUS. YOU SHOULD JOIN ME AND MY BUDDS WHEN WE GO DRINKIN' AT **KNOCKERZ** SOME NIGHT!

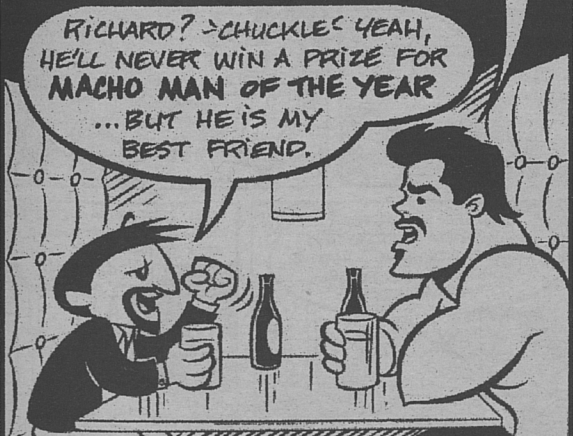


UH... DAN... YOU KNOW I'M GAY, RIGHT?

HAVING OVERSIZED SILICONE TITS SHOVED IN MY FACE ISN'T EXACTLY MY THING.

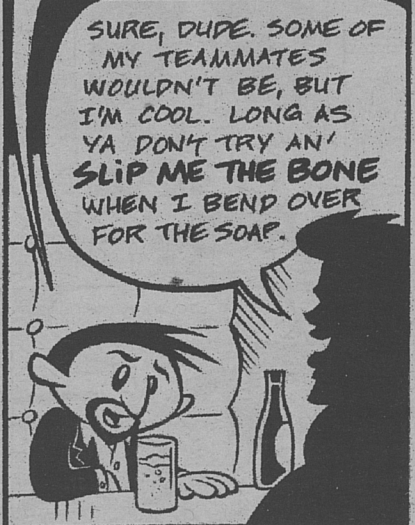


OH... REALLY? I KINDA WONDERED ABOUT THAT, WHEN I MET YOUR BUDDY AFTER THE GAME.



RICHARD? -CHUCKLES- YEAH, HE'LL NEVER WIN A PRIZE FOR MACHO MAN OF THE YEAR ... BUT HE IS MY BEST FRIEND.

ARE YOU COOL WITH THIS?



SURE, DUDE. SOME OF MY TEAMMATES WOULDN'T BE, BUT I'M COOL. LONG AS YA DON'T TRY AN' SLIP ME THE BONE WHEN I BEND OVER FOR THE SOAP.

DEAL. TELL YOU WHAT: WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT WITH ME TO JERSEY SOMETIME, SO I CAN SHOW YOU HOW I'VE GOT MY DAD'S HOME HEALTHCARE SET UP.



SURE. 'COURSE I'LL HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT DRESS TO WEAR... **KIDDING!**



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