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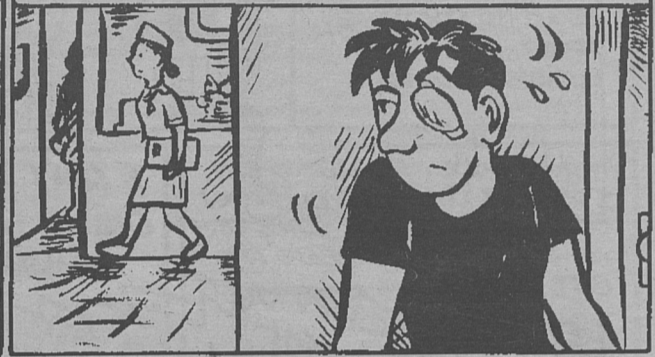
YOU KNOW THAT FEELING OF "IF I WISH HARD ENOUGH, MAYBE I CAN CHANGE REALITY"? I TRIED LIKE HELL TO WISH THAT GUN OF CAL'S AWAY.



I ESPECIALLY WANTED TO BLOT OUT HIS PLANS TO USE THE DAMN THING TO AVENGE THE ATTACK ON ME. MY GUT TOLD ME THAT IT WOULD ONLY LEAD TO EVEN MORE DISASTER.



I HAD ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT ALREADY: SPECIFICALLY, SNEAKING OUT OF THE HOSPITAL ONCE I WAS STRONG ENOUGH... CUZ, LIKE, OF MY ALLERGIES TO CRUSHING FINANCIAL DEBT. I WAS ONE OF THOSE UNINSURED STATISTICS POLITICIANS FRET ABOUT BUT NEVER ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT.



THE WHOLE SCARY WALK HOME I KEPT EXPECTING TO RUN INTO ATOM, WHO WOULD OF COURSE FINISH ME OFF IN MY WEAKENED CONDITION.



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE SIGHT OF THE SHITHOLE BUILDING I LIVED IN WAS TOTALLY BEAUTIFUL TO ME.



BUT WHEN I WALKED INTO MY APARTMENT IT GOT SLAMMED HOME TO ME ALL OVER AGAIN THAT I WAS A MARKED MAN. FUNNY THING THOUGH: GUESS WHAT THE FIRST THING I THOUGHT WAS?



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## Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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FROM GULF TO STORMY GULF, THE AMERICAN EMPIRE IS IN A SHAMBLES.

WELL, ONE UPSIDE. WHO EVER THOUGHT WE'D HEAR NETWORK TV DISCUSSING THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND CLASS?

THE TRAGEDY OF HURRICANE KATRINA HAS REVEALED LEVELS OF POVERTY AND RACIAL INEQUALITY...

WHO KNEW?

YEAH. PLUS, THE REPUBLICAN JESUS- AND-FREE-MARKET JUGGERNAUT HAS COME TO AN END. TURNS OUT PEOPLE REALLY DO WANT GOVERNMENT.

FEMA'S FLAMING STUCK UPS

YEAH, WELL, THE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT HAVE A CHOICE, UNLESS THEY CAN PONY UP FOR THEIR OWN BLACKWATER MERCENARIES, TO DEFEND THEMSELVES FROM THE ONES HIRED BY "HOMELAND SECURITY."

MEANWHILE, AT MO AND SYDNEY'S...

MO, IT WAS JUST A FLING. THE FACT THAT I DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT PROVES IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME!

DON'T DO THAT. DON'T DISTORT LANGUAGE TO YOUR TWISTED ENDS LIKE ONE OF THESE SOUL-LESS BUSH MINIONS.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU DON'T HAVE A HEADLIGHT ON YOUR BIKE!

WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS FINGER-POINTING AND BLAME-GAMING. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS SOLVE PROBLEMS.

GREAT. MAYBE FEMA WILL MOW ME DOWN WITH AN AMBULANCE.

AND AT CLARICE AND TONI'S...

CLARICE, I HAVE NO EXCUSES. BUT REMEMBER, WE TALKED ABOUT OPENING UP THE RELATIONSHIP. \*

WELL, PART OF THAT LITTLE PLAN, AS I RECALL, WAS TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED!

HURRICANE RITA EVACUATION: HAVOC IN HOUSTON

IT WAS JUST THAT ONE TIME! IT DIDN'T SEEM WORTH BRINGING UP!

THIS IS SUCH BULL-#\*#! I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE. I'LL TELL RAFFI I'M GOING BACK TO WORK.

BACK AT GINGER'S PLACE...

HELL, WHY NOT TURN THE WHOLE SOUTH INTO A "GONE WITH THE WIND" THEME PARK?! THEY CAN HIRE EVACUEES TO PLAY THE SLAVES! AT LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE, OF COURSE!

NO-BID CONTRACTS TO HALLIBURTON... SUSPENSION OF WAGE STANDARDS...

HABIT, WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER? I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

NO, EVERYONE'S OFF AT THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. I NEVER GET THE HOUSE TO MYSELF. I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE.

DING-DONG

ARE WE SAFE? HOMELAND CHIEF

WHO'S THAT?

UH... SPEAKING OF EVACUEES...