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BOY GENIUS OF THE STONE AGE



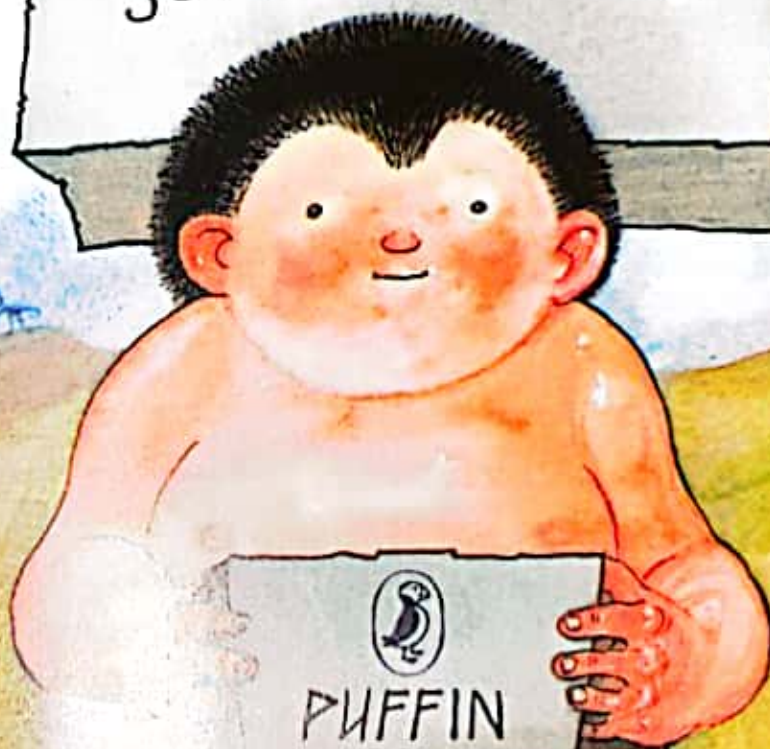
Raymond Briggs



RAYMOND BRIGGS

UG

BOY GENIUS OF THE
STONE AGE
AND HIS SEARCH FOR
SOFT TROUSERS



UG! TIME
TO GET UP!

TIME...
WHY IS IT TIME?
WHAT IS TIME, DAD?

NEVER MIND NOW, SON.
HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED.
YOUR MOTHER'S CALLING.

HURRY UP
YOU TWO!

THESE TROUSERS
ARE TOO SMALL, DAD.

THE WAY YOU
KIDS GROW!

I WISH TROUSERS
WEREN'T MADE OF STONE.
THEY'RE SO UNCOMFORTABLE.
I CAN HARDLY MOVE.

THEY WERE
MADE FOR YOU!
BY ME!
HAND-CARVED
TROUSERS!

WHY CAN'T TROUSERS
BE MADE OF SOMETHING ELSE?
SOMETHING SOFTER...

SOFTER!

LOOK, THERE'S NOTHING
IN THE WORLD EXCEPT
MUD, BUSHES AND STONES,
SO TAKE YOUR PICK -
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TROUSERS MADE OF MUD?
TROUSERS MADE OF BUSHES?

NO, BUT SOMETHING
SOFTER... WARMER...
LESS HARD AND COLD.

LISTEN TO ME, UG.
NOWADAYS **EVERYTHING**
IS MADE OF STONE.
THIS IS WHY NOWADAYS IS CALLED
THE STONE AGE.

DON'T FORGET
TO AIR THE BEDS!



I WON'T TELL YOU AGAIN, YOU TWO!
THE ICE AGE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU ARE!



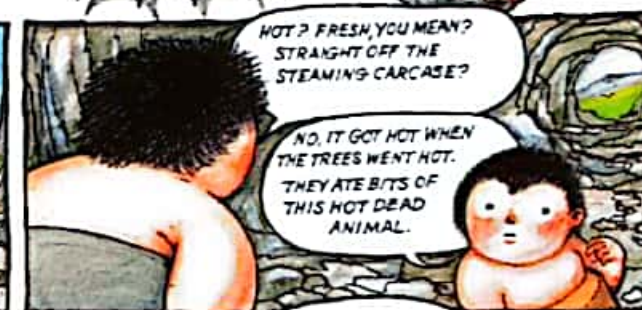
① WRITE: (anachronism) IN THE STONE AGE PEOPLE COULD NOT READ OR WRITE. THIS IS WHY DUG'S SPELLING IS SO POOR.

② IRON: (anachronism) IRON DID NOT EXIST IN THE STONE AGE. IRON WAS INVENTED IN THE IRON AGE WHICH CAME MUCH LATER: 4000000000000 BC TO 3000000000000 BC AND SO GAVE ITS NAME TO THE IRON AGE.

③ BUTTER: (anachronism) THERE WAS NO BUTTER IN THE STONE AGE. BUTTER IS COW'S MILK & ONE SOLID AND YAMIE COWS DID NOT YET EXIST. THEY WERE STILL RUNNING WILD WITH THE PRE-HISTORIC MONSTER BULLS AND SO NO ONE COULD MILK THEM AND MAKE IT INTO BUTTER.



SAME AS ALWAYS - BITS OF DEAD ANIMALS





GO ON!
OFF YOU GO.
JUST GO OUT
AND PLAY!

PLAY?
WHAT NITH?



STONES,
OF COURSE!



KICK THE STONE, UG!
KICK IT!

IT HURTS MY FOOT.
SHOULDN'T IT BE
LIGHTER?
THEN YOU COULD
KICK IT.

YOU'RE
USELESS!

OH, PLOD OFF UG!
YOU'RE SPOILING
THE GAME!



WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER
IF THE STONE BOUNCED?

BOUNCED?
WHAT'S 'BOUNCED'?

WELL...
I DON'T KNOW...
I JUST THOUGHT...

THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE, UG
YOU THINK TOO MUCH.
YOU DON'T LIVE IN
THE REAL WORLD
OH, WELL, PLAYED!



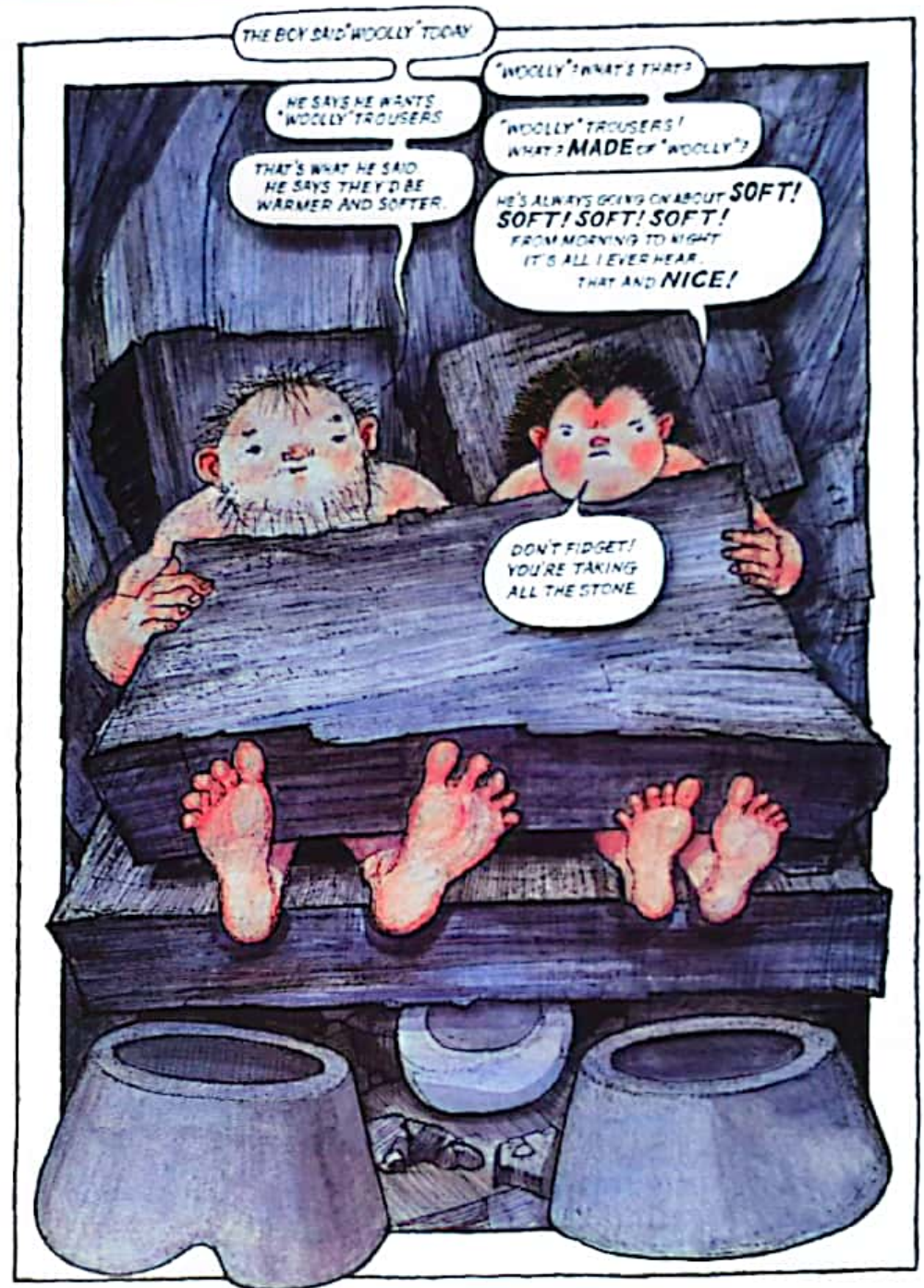
HIT THE STONE, UG!
HIT IT!
THEN RUN TO THE OTHER STONE!

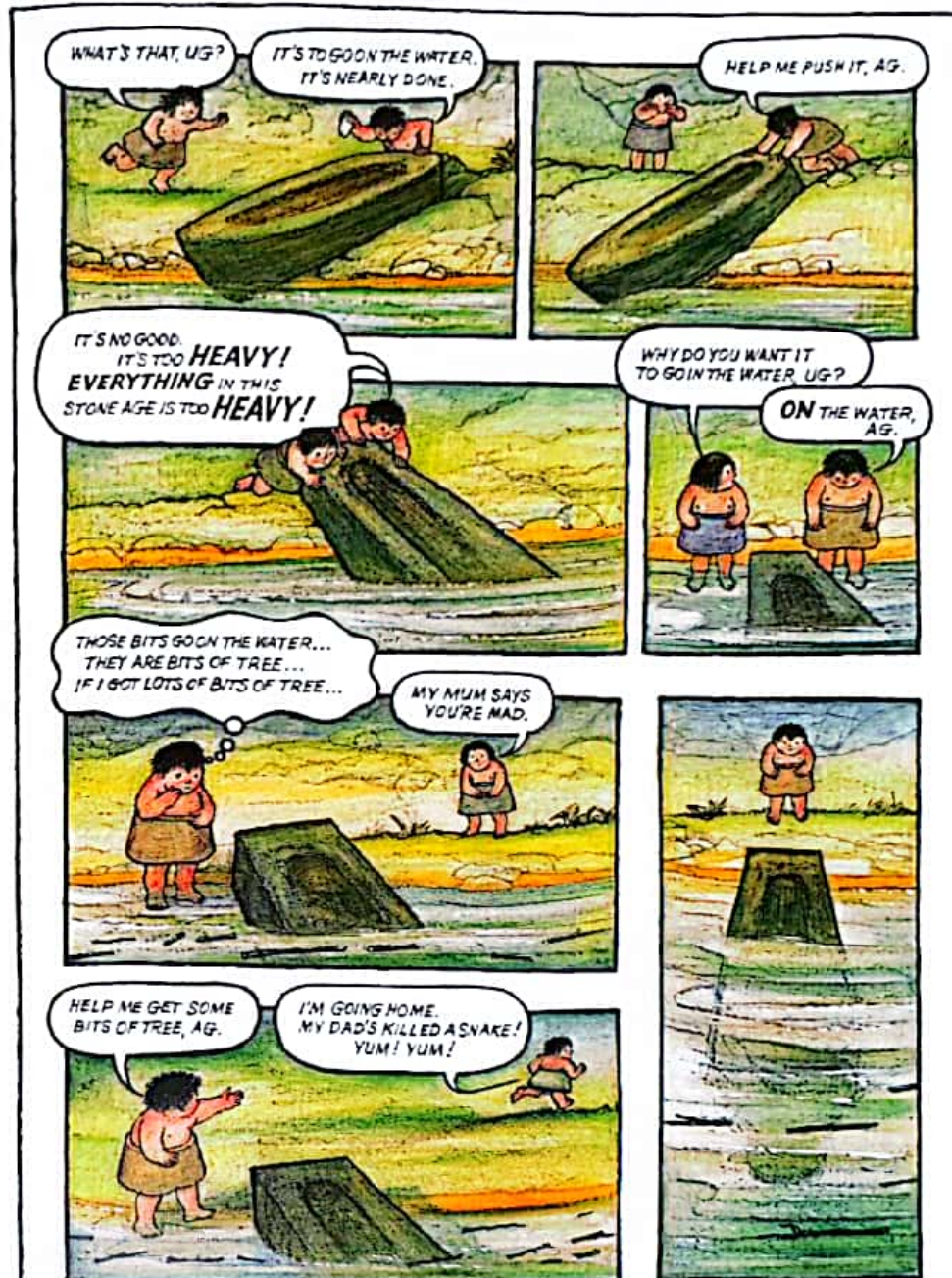
IT BROKE
MY STONE!

THEN YOUR STONE
IS TOO THIN,
ISN'T IT, UG BUG?

YOU'RE A
NEANDERTHAL, UG!

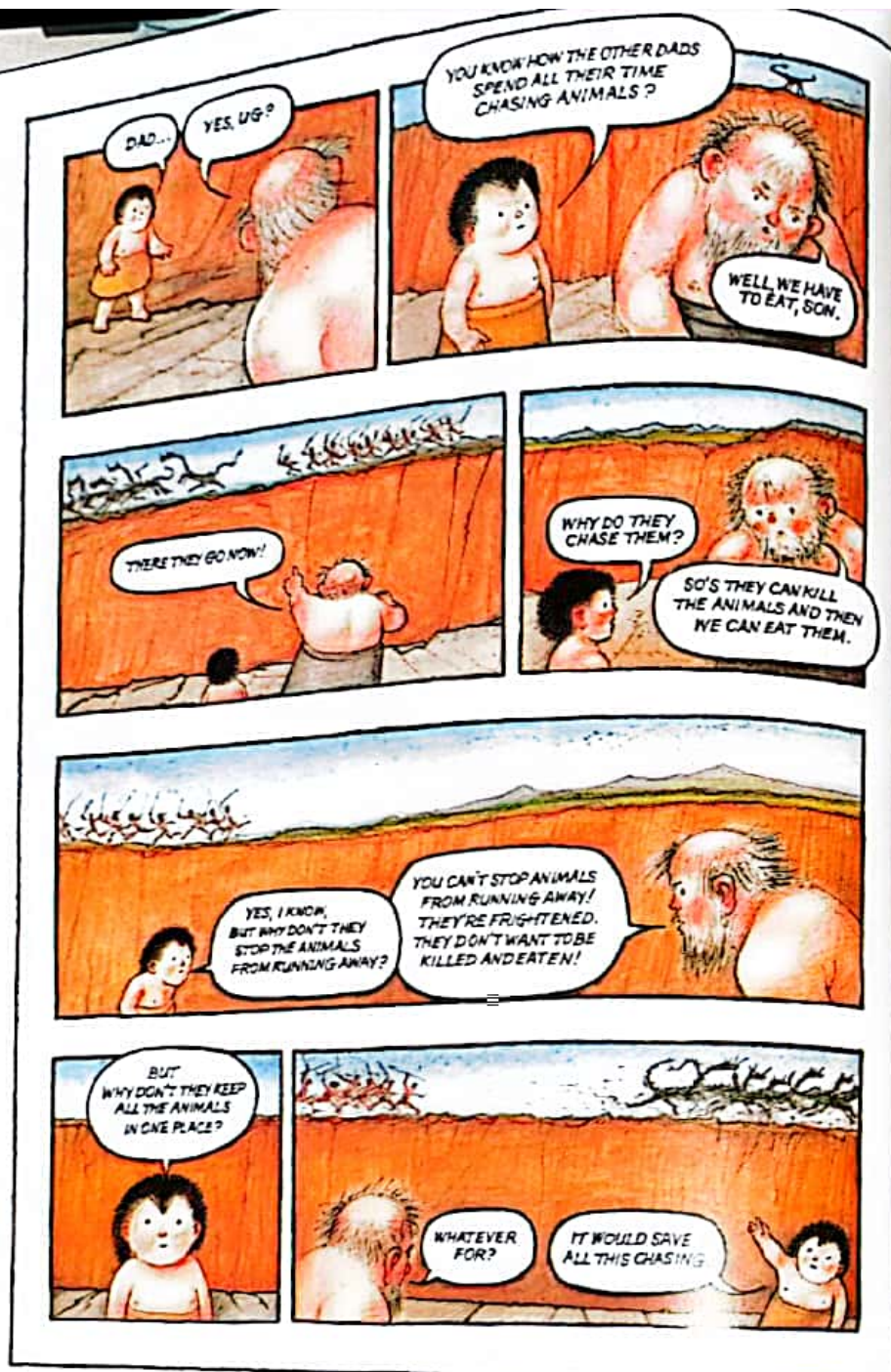


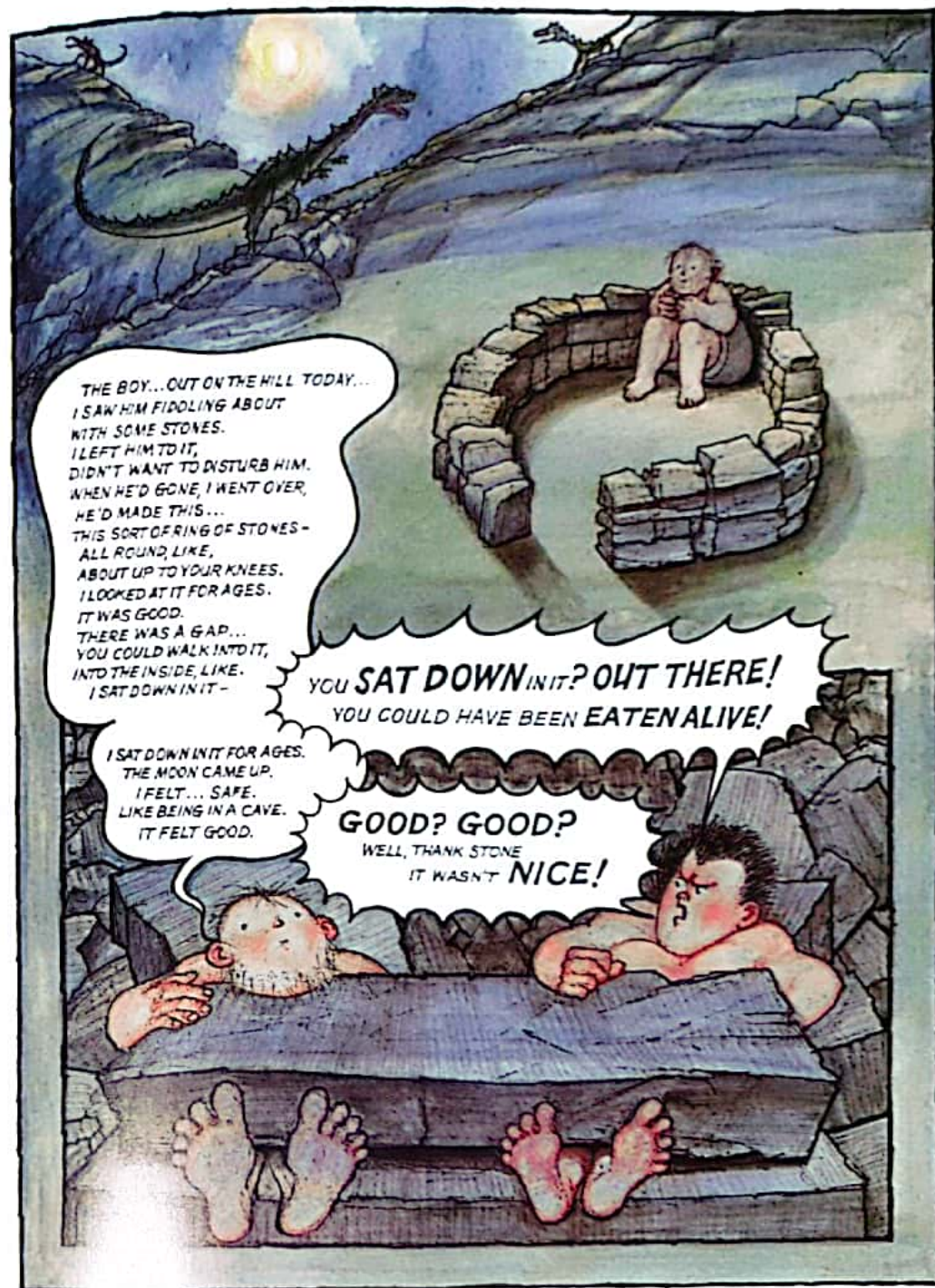
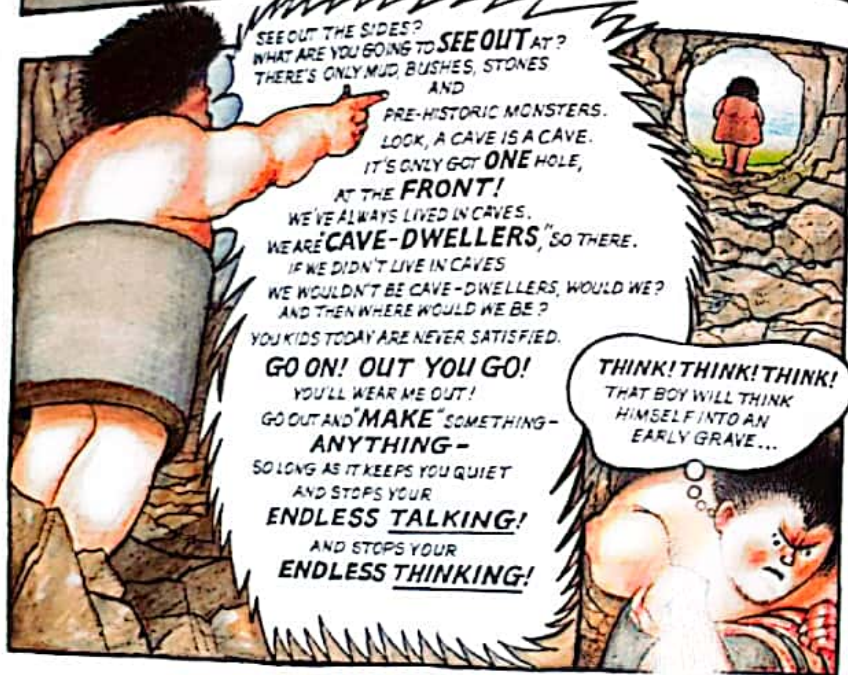
















② WEEK: (anachronism)
THERE WERE NO "WEEKS" IN THE STONE AGE,
NOR WERE THERE "MONTHS" OR "YEARS."
IN THE STONE AGE, TIME STOOD STILL.
THIS IS WHY SO LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE
AND WHY IT TOOK AN AGE TO COME TO AN END.

② LUNCH: (possible anachronism)
IT IS NOT KNOWN FOR CERTAIN
WHAT THE MIDDAY MEAL WAS
CALLED IN THE STONE AGE.

③ SISYPHUS: (anachronism)
SISYPHUS CAME MUCH LATER,
AFTER HISTORY STARTED.
HE WAS A GREEK (OR A ROMAN)
AGES AGO (POSSIBLY EVEN BC).
HE PUSHED STONES UPHILL,
LET THEM ROLL DOWN AGAIN,
THEN PUSHED THEM UP AGAIN,
LET THEM ROLL DOWN, PUSHED
THEM UP AGAIN, LET THEM
ROLL DOWN, THEN PUSHED THEM
UP AGAIN. HE KEPT ON DOING
IT FOR YEARS, OVER AND OVER
AGAIN, FOR YEARS AND YEARS.
HE BECAME FAMOUS FOR IT.



① MINUTE: (anachronism)
NO ONE KNEW ABOUT MINUTES
IN THE STONE AGE.
THERE WERE, OF COURSE,
MANY MILLIONS OF MINUTES
(PROBABLY BILLIONS) IN THE
STONE AGE BUT AT THE TIME
THEY WERE NOT RECOGNISED
AS SUCH. NEVERTHELESS,
THEY WERE THERE ALL THE TIME.



YOU KNOW DUGS,
THIS STONE IS A BIT HARD...
AND COLD!

OH, DON'T YOU START!
HARD AND COLD.
IT'S ALL I EVER HEAR!



MAYBE THE BOY
HAS GOT SOMETHING.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF -

NICE!
YOU'RE SAYING IT NOW!

NICE IF IT WAS A BIT WARMER, DUGS.
A BIT SOFTER...
WHEN I WAS SKINNING THAT BIG CAT,
ITS SKIN FELL OVER MY ANKLES.
ALL OVER MY LEGS.
IT WAS WARM... AND SOFT... AND NICE.

WARM! SOFT! NICE!
LOOK! IF YOU'RE A CAVE DWELLER
IN THE STONE AGE,
YOU'VE GOT TO BE **HARD.**
HARD AS NAILS. (2)
THERE IS NO ROOM FOR **WARM!**
NO ROOM FOR **SOFT!**
AND NO STONING **NICE!**



(2) **NAILS (anachronism)**
IN THE STONE AGE NAILS DID NOT EXIST.
STONE AGE PEOPLE SAW LITTLE POINT
IN NAILS AS THEY HAD NO WOOD.
THEY DID NOT REALISE THE TREES
WERE CHOCK-A-BLOCK WITH IT.
SO THEY DID NOT INVENT THEM.



SO NOW IT'S **BOTH** OF YOU!
FIRST IT'S ALL **WARM, WARM, WARM.**
THEN IT'S ALL **SOFT, SOFT, SOFT.**
NOW IT'S ALL **NICE, NICE, NICE!**

WARM, SOFT, NICE!
PAH!

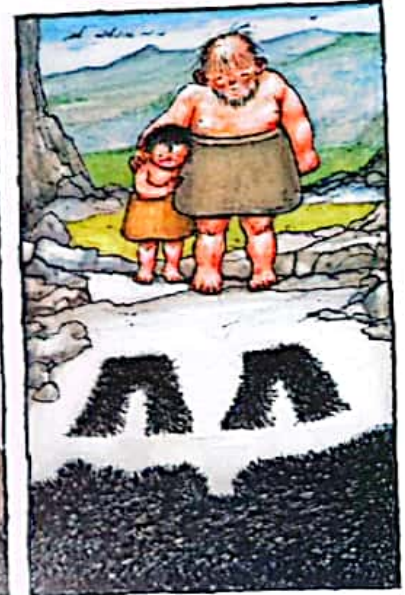
WHAT ARE YOU TWO GOING TO DO
IN THE ICE AGE, EH?
ANSWER ME THAT,
IT'S COMING YOU KNOW,
ANY MINUTE NOW.

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU.
DON'T COME WHINING TO ME
WHEN IT COMES.
IT'LL MAKE THIS STONE AGE
SEEM LIKE A SUMMER HOLIDAY. (2)

YOU'LL HAVE TO BE TOUGH **THEN!**
TOUGH AS OLD BOOTS. (3)

(2) **SUMMER HOLIDAY (anachronism)**
SUMMER HOLIDAYS WERE UNKNOWN
IN THE STONE AGE.
ALTHOUGH NO ONE WENT TO WORK,
THE STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL WAS SO HARD,
DUE TO THE STONY CONDITIONS, THE MUD
AND THE ENORMOUS NUMBER OF BUSHES
THAT THERE WAS LITTLE TIME LEFT
FOR HOLIDAYS. SO THEY WERE UNKNOWN.
FURTHERMORE, THE CLIMATE WAS
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO THE PRESENT
DRY AND "SUMMER" WAS PROBABLY
UNKNOWN DUE TO THE CLIMATE
BEING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

(3) **BOOTS (anachronism)**
BOOTS WERE ALMOST UNKNOWN IN THE
STONE AGE. ANIMALS WITH LEATHERY
SKINS HAD NOT YET EVOLVED, AS ALL
THE ANIMALS WERE STILL PRE-HISTORIC
MONSTERS. SUCH BOOTS AS DID EXIST
WERE MADE OF STONE AND WERE
ALMOST AS UNCOMFORTABLE AS THE
STONE TROUSERS. SO THEY WERE NEVER
USED. CONSEQUENTLY, NO STONE AGE
BOOT HAS EVER BEEN FOUND, AND
OF COURSE, NEVER A PAIR.





I WISH IT WASN'T THE STONE AGE.
I WISH THE STONE AGE WOULD END.
THINGS **MUST** GET BETTER...
IT CAN'T ALWAYS BE LIKE THIS...
PEOPLE **WILL** HAVE NICE,
SOFT, WARM TROUSERS...
ONE DAY ...
PERHAPS ...
IN THE FUTURE...
THINGS **WILL** GET BETTER...
WON'T THEY?

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