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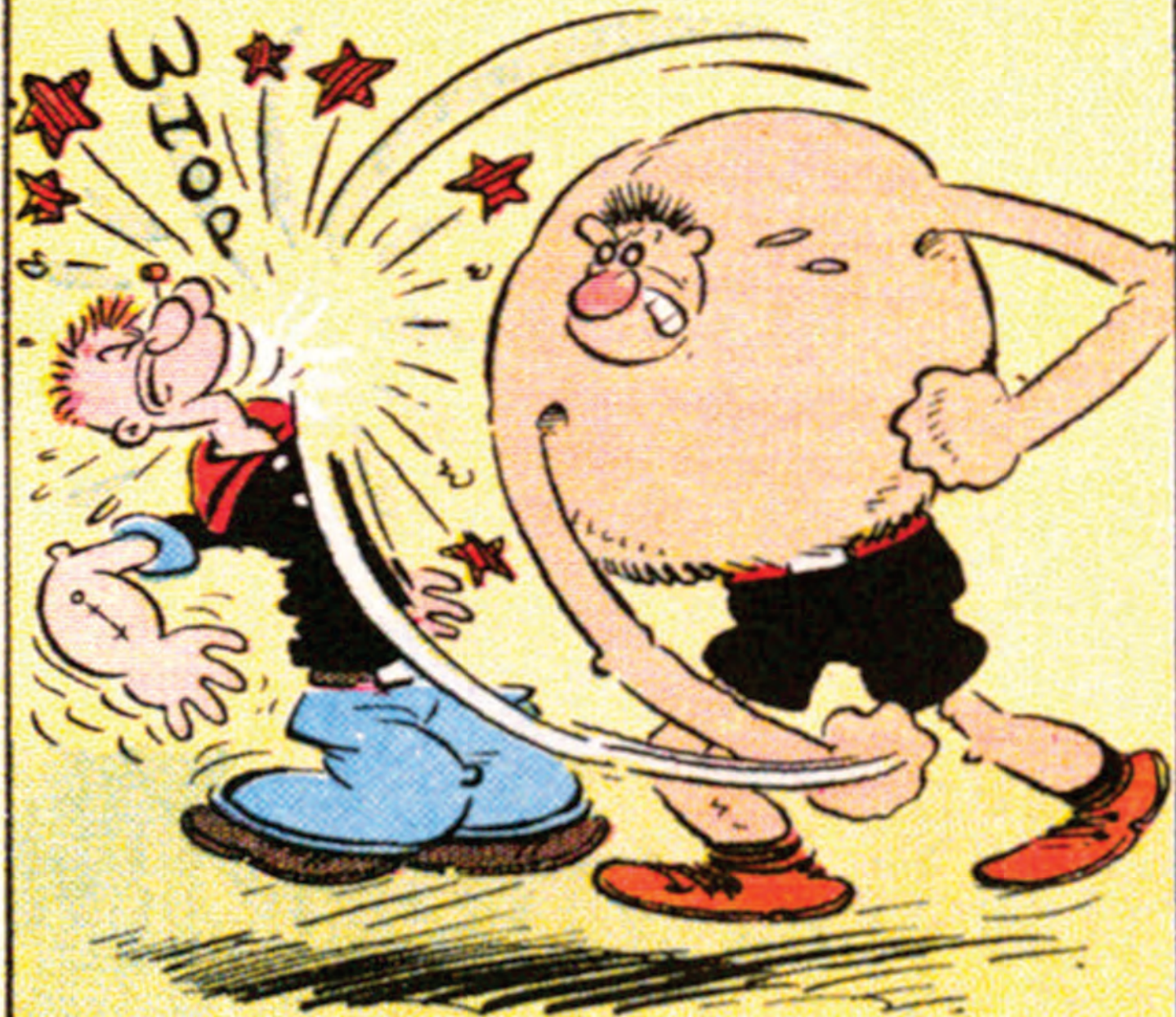
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"LET'S YOU AND HIM FIGHT"

POPEYE

THE SAILOR MAN'S
FANTASTICAL FISTICUFFS

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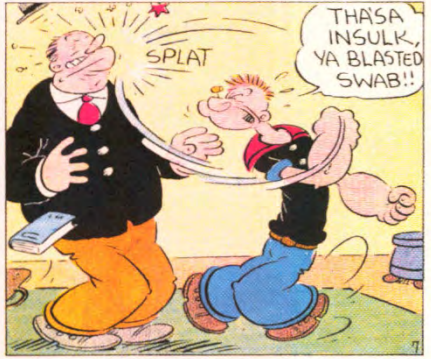


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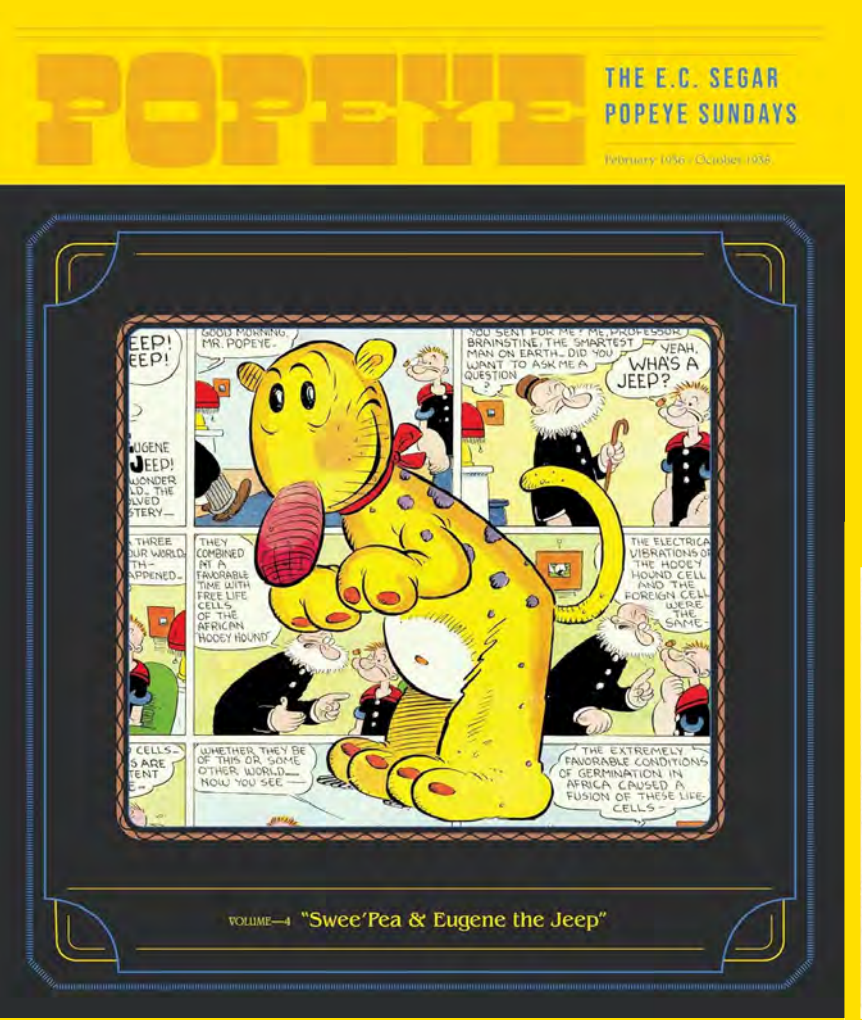
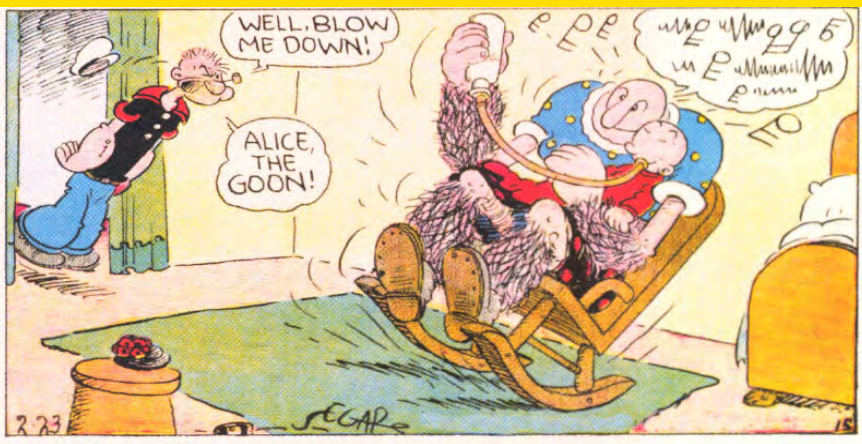
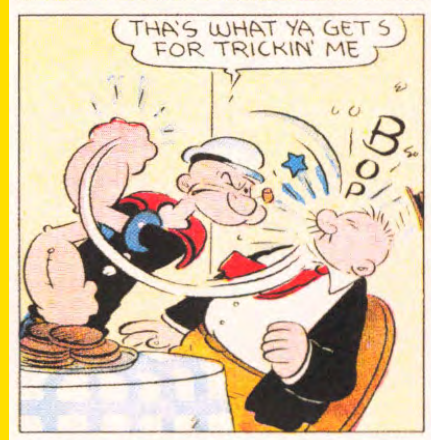


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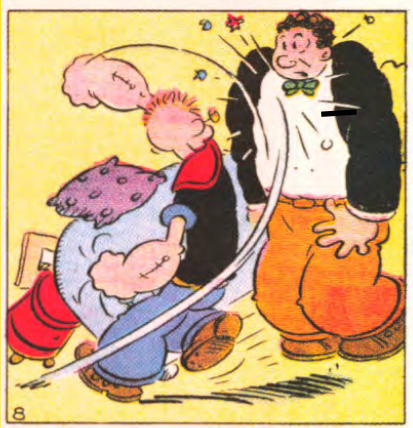
I was tempted to surround the cover of the new Popeye collection with panels showing nothing but people get punched. BOP was E.C. Segar's go-to sound effect for a fist to the kisser, and Volume 4 of this Fantagraphics series is stuffed with same. Popeye rumbles a small army of foes, including a new romantic rival, a bruiser from other space (see cover), and pro boxers, including one who knows the Sailor Man's secret weapon: spinach!



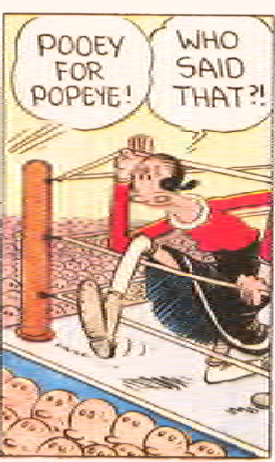
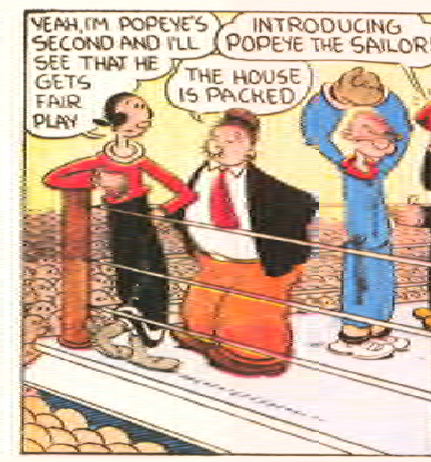
MEET EUGENE THE JEEP...MAGICAL CREATURE WHO JUMPED FROM THE PAGES OF POPEYE INTO THE HEARTS OF AMERICA AND READERS AROUND THE WORLD!



Actually, Popeye got his invulnerability from his encounter with the magical Whiffle Hen, one of many odd creatures haunting Popeye. None enchanted the readers like Eugene the Jeep. A living lie detector that lived on orchids, the Jeep makes his rather casual debut in the middle of the usual hi-jinx involving darling "infink" Sweetpea, dude magnet Olive Oyl and gluttonous grifter Wimpy. It's classic American comics in Sunday color!



VOLUME 2-4 OF THE E.C. SEGAR POPEYE SUNDAYS ARE AVAILABLE VIA LEXPUBLIB.ORG



A 741.5 FLASHBACK



The COLLECTED DOUG WRIGHT CANADA'S MASTER CARTOONIST

Worlds apart from Popeye's proletarian rough and tumble, *Nipper* was a classic kiddie strip set in the suburban neighborhoods of postwar North America. Starring a archetypal bald-headed troublemaker, Doug Wright's pantomime strip was one of the most popular in Canada, appearing in Sunday newspaper magazines. Wright had a gift for portraying the frustrations and rewards of parenting, especially for fathers. His artwork was slick but vital, and, man, could he draw automobiles! His eye for background detail was amazing: see the barber cutting hair in the Santa panel? Originally released in 2009, you can still read this beautiful behemoth today!



What's black and white and red all over? *Nipper*, the classic Canadian comic strip by Doug Wright, that's what!



An **Oversize** hardback exquisitely designed by alternative icon **Seth**, *The Collected Doug Wright: Canada's Master Cartoonist* is available at **Central!**





Supply chain issues have held up a big chunk of new adult comics. However, the kiddie shelf is crammed to bursting with the latest from *Big Nate*, the *Babysitters Club* and *Geronimo Stilton* and his hot sister. There are also stand-alone graphic novels such as **Cindy Chang's** *How to Draw A Secret* from Harper Alley. The youngest daughter in a family of Taiwanese immigrants loves to draw. It's her safe place, one she'll

Current superstar scribe **Chip Zdarsky** has a trio of novels out that all share the same theme: the passing of the torch from one generation to the next. The second volume of his hard-boiled crime series *Newburn* finds the hero facing the final pay-off for his years as an ambassador for evil men. He has his successor all ready to go. But will the mobsters accept her as the new peacemaker before war breaks out.

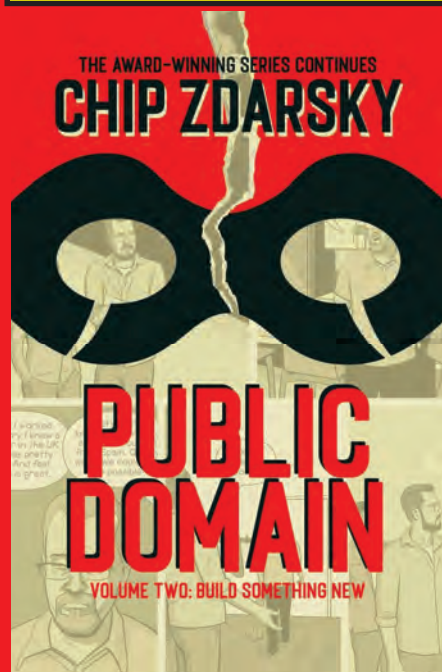


need when her estranged father reconnects with the family and brings a big secret with him. A spin-off from **Kayla Miller's** incredibly popular *Click* series, *Besties* stars Trent and Sawyer, a couple of middle school yutes that get caught up in a big pranking contest put on by their skater idol. But the Besties find themselves outdone at every turn by ginger avenger Natasha. But at what point do the pranks stop being a joke and

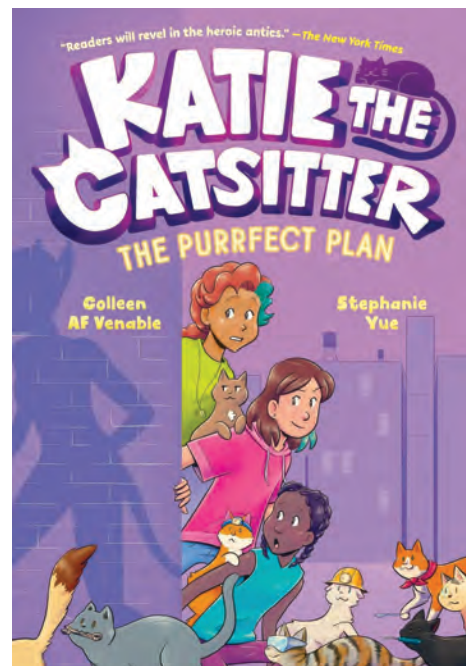


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MEANWHILE



between the gangs and *Newburn* gets bumped? Will she even choose to accept the role? Or is Emily and *Newburn* and everybody they know doomed? **Jacob (Where the Body Was) Phillips** does a bang-up job on art and colors on this crime thriller! Meanwhile, father and sons bang heads over the new version of classic superhero, the *Domain*, in the second volume of *Public Domain* (Image). So



Become an outright *Prank War*? If I ever went to war, I'd want *Katie the Catsitter* on my side. Because she's got an army of highly trained cats on her side. One of the perks of being a superhero's sidekick is access to the abilities of, say, Stevie (oceananographer), Archibald (historian) and Zizzy (indie filmmaker). And Katie and her mentor are going to need every paw on the wheel in this charming thriller by **Venable & Yue!**

Dad cuts a deal with a veteran comic book editor...who has ideas of her own. A realistic look at the funnybook biz, **Zdarsky's** take on the *Lee/Kirby* Controversy includes a riff on Brit creators like **Morrison** and **Gaiman** plus fun and games in San Diego! The future ain't what it used to be. A man out of time, Captain America ought to know. But can even he triumph in a black-hearted USA lost in *Twilight*?

