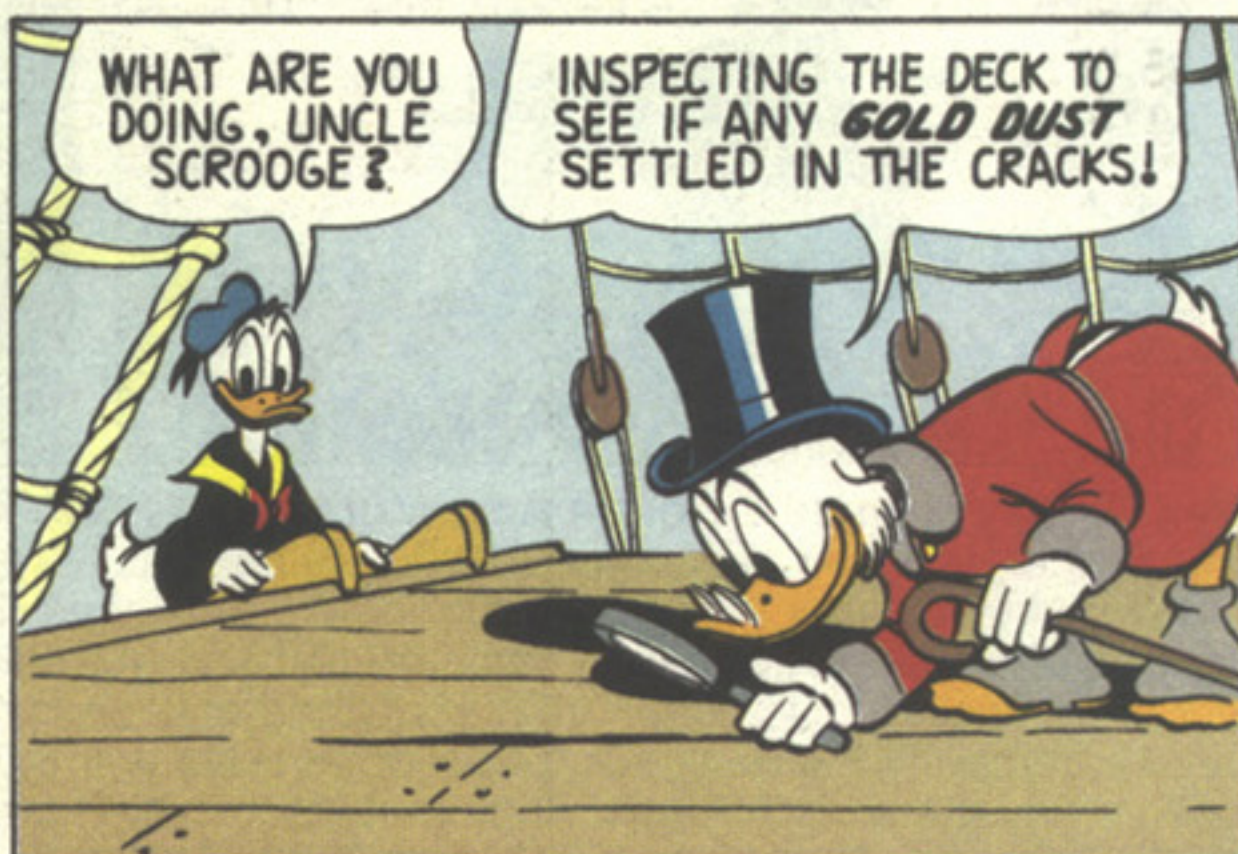
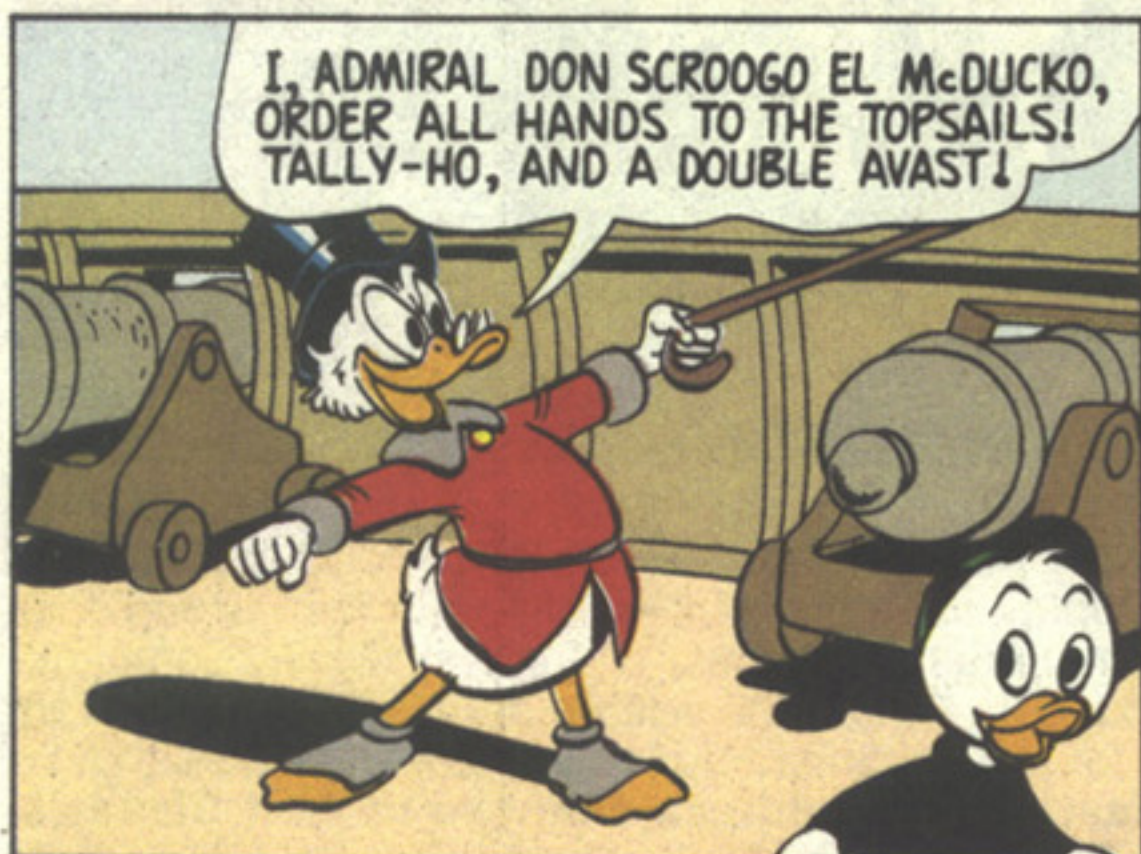
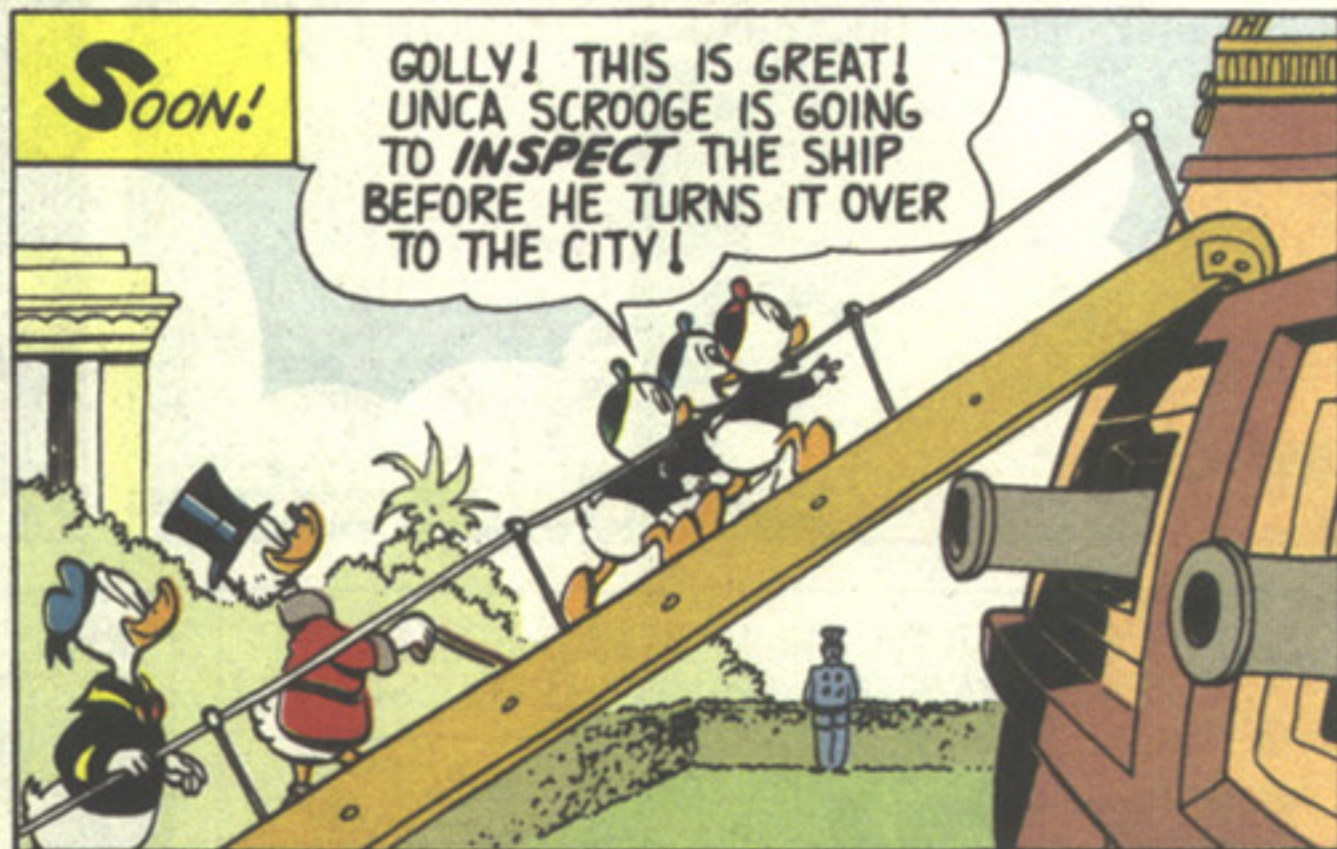
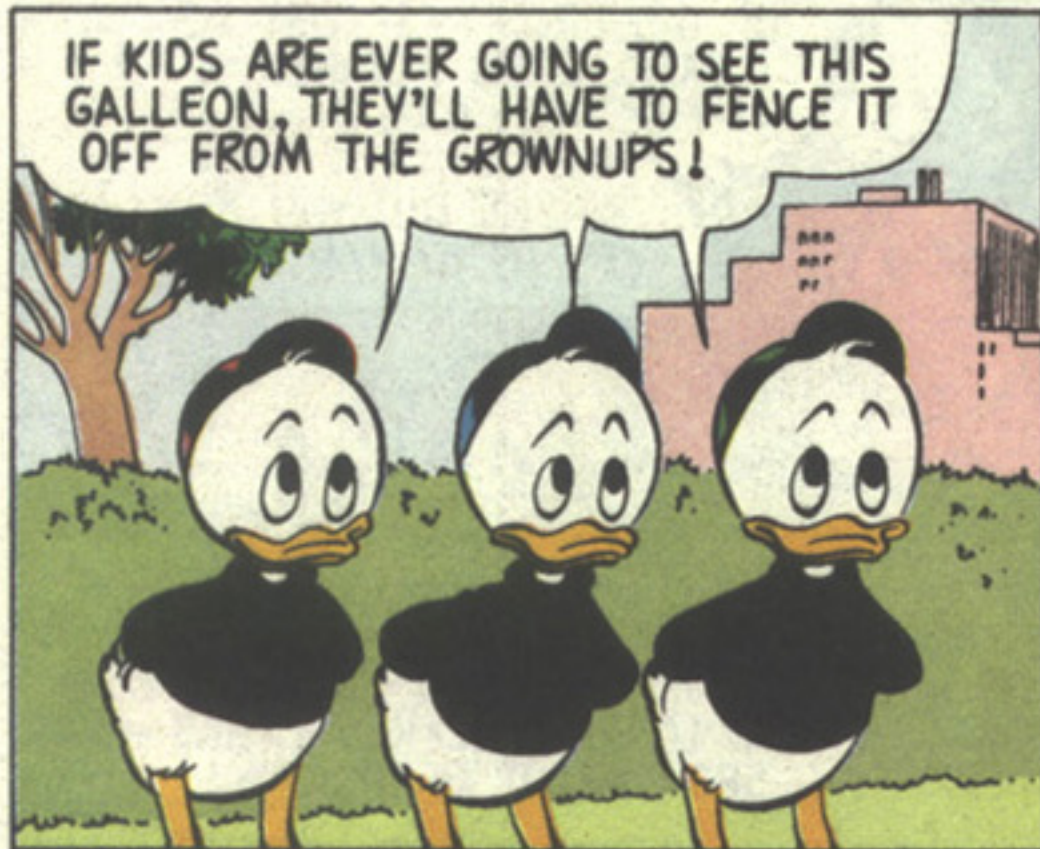
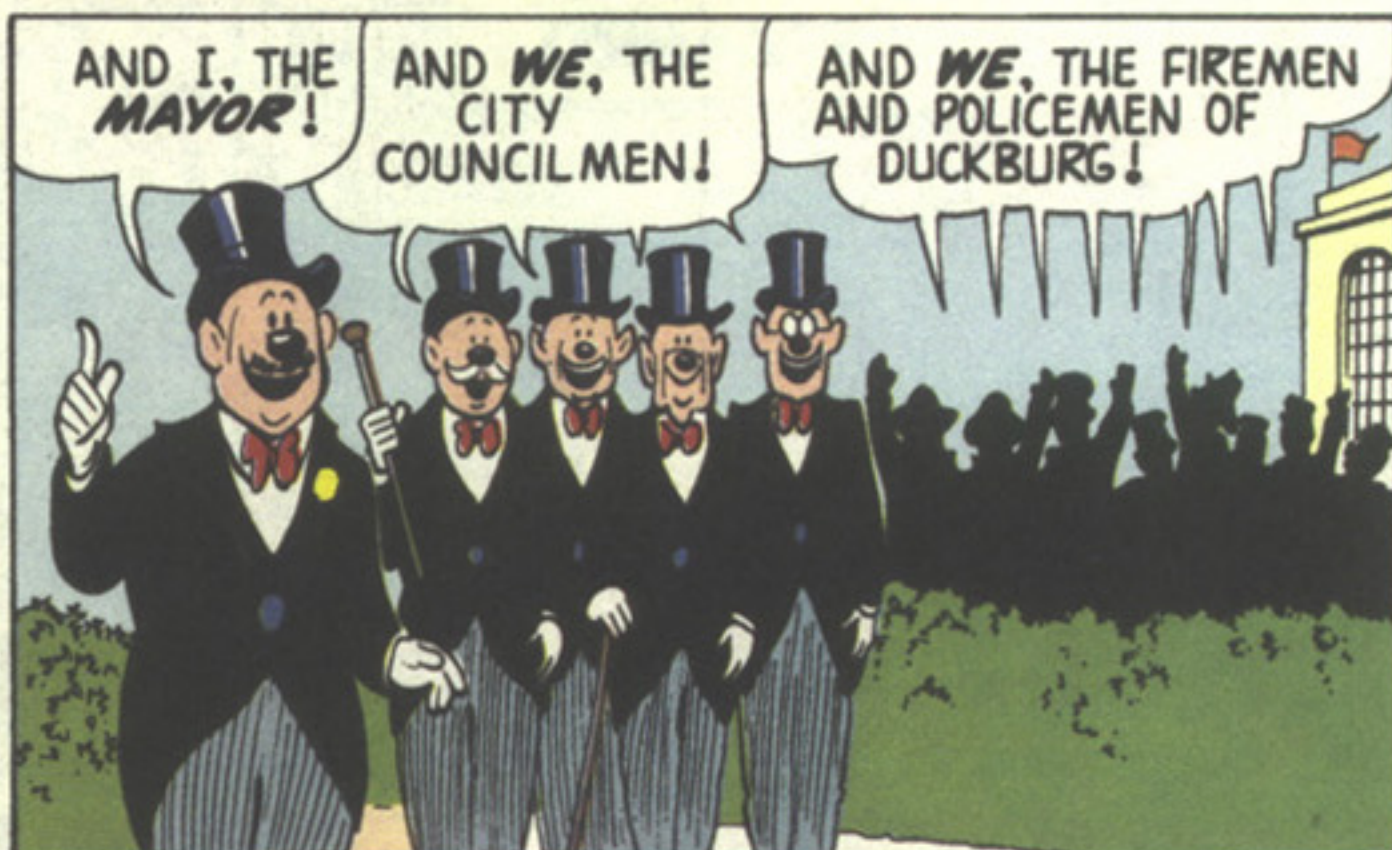
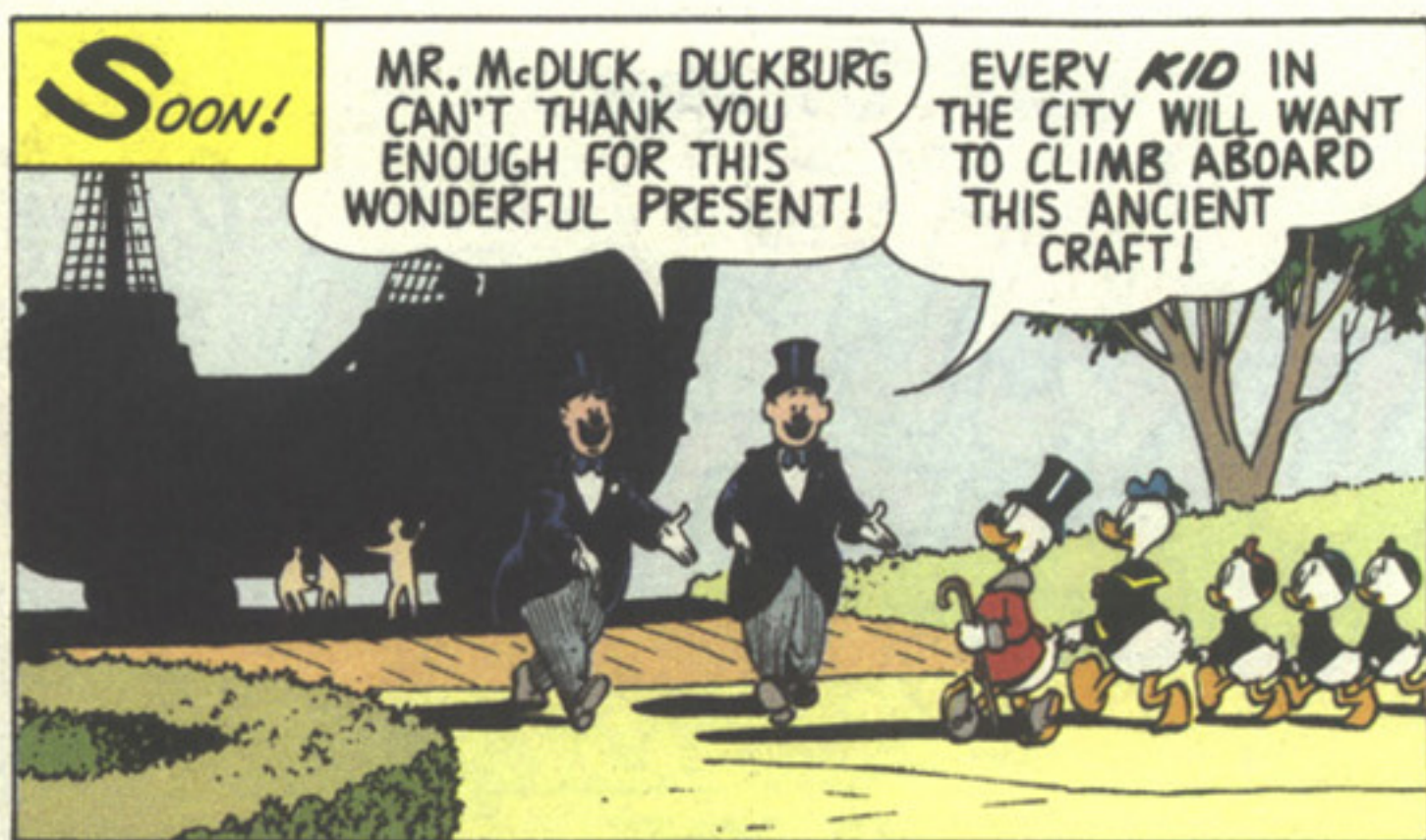
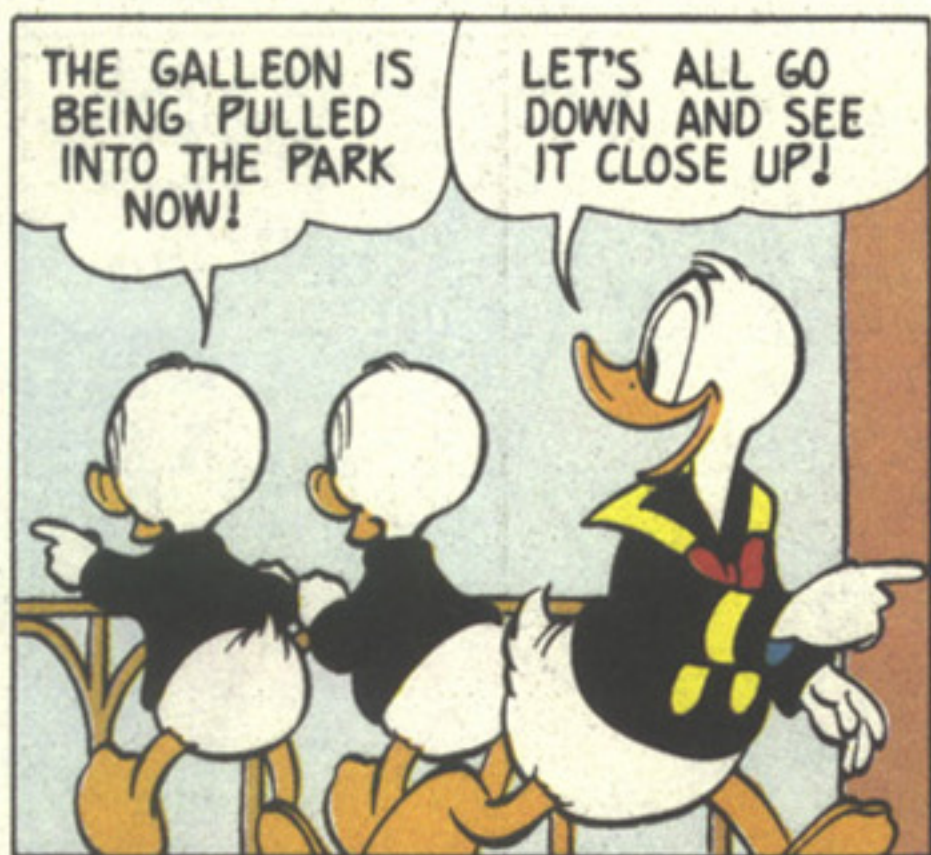
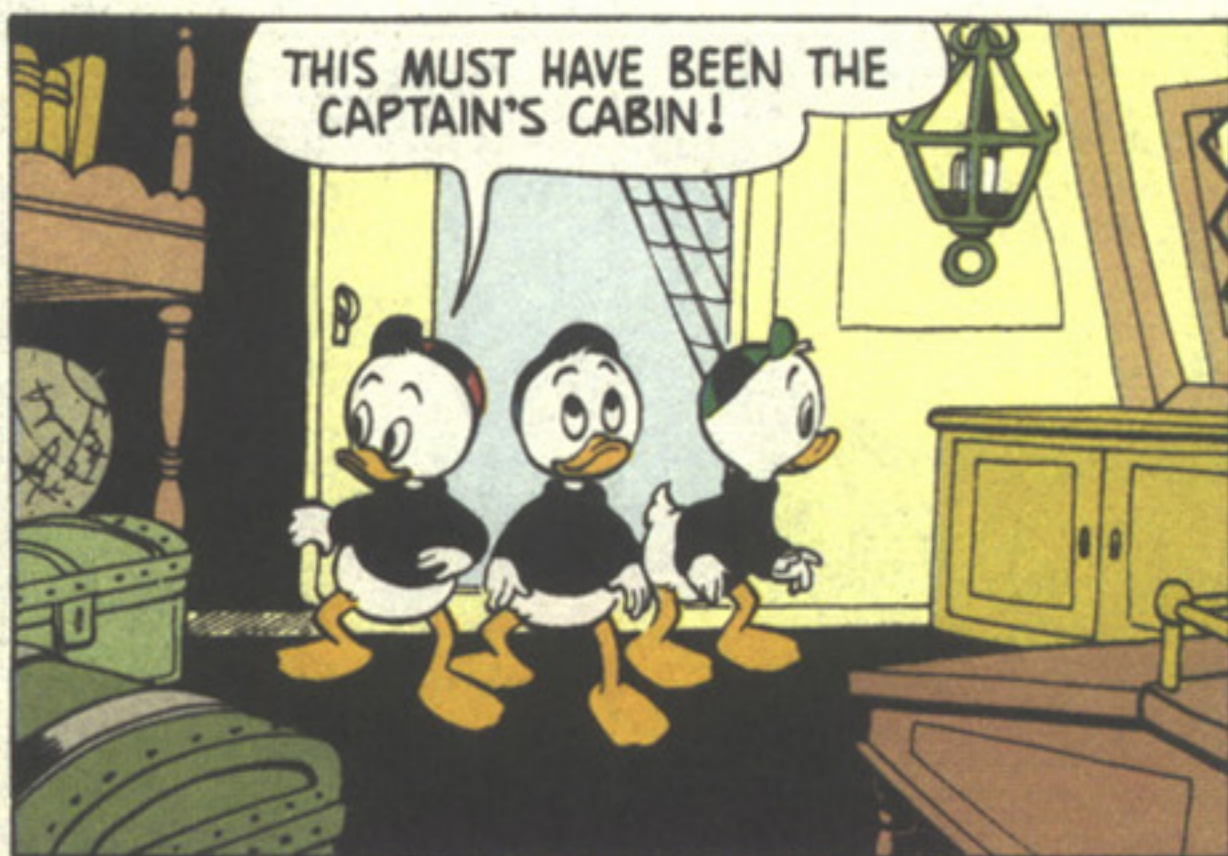


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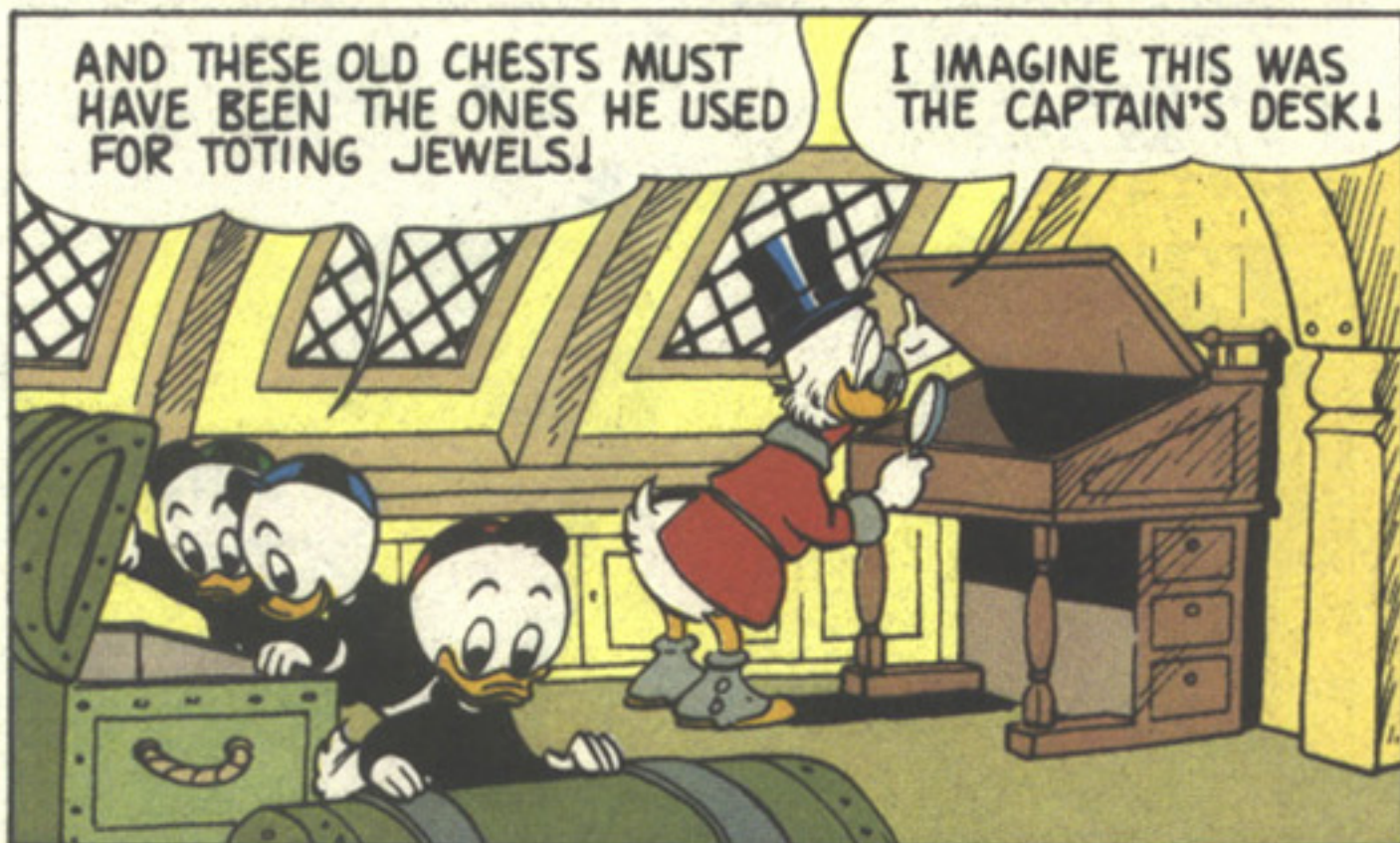




I MIGHT FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING — LIKE A LOST **EMERALD**! THE INCAS, THEY SAY, HAD **MANY** EMERALDS!



THIS MUST HAVE BEEN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN!



AND THESE OLD CHESTS MUST HAVE BEEN THE ONES HE USED FOR TOTING JEWELS!

I IMAGINE THIS WAS THE CAPTAIN'S DESK!

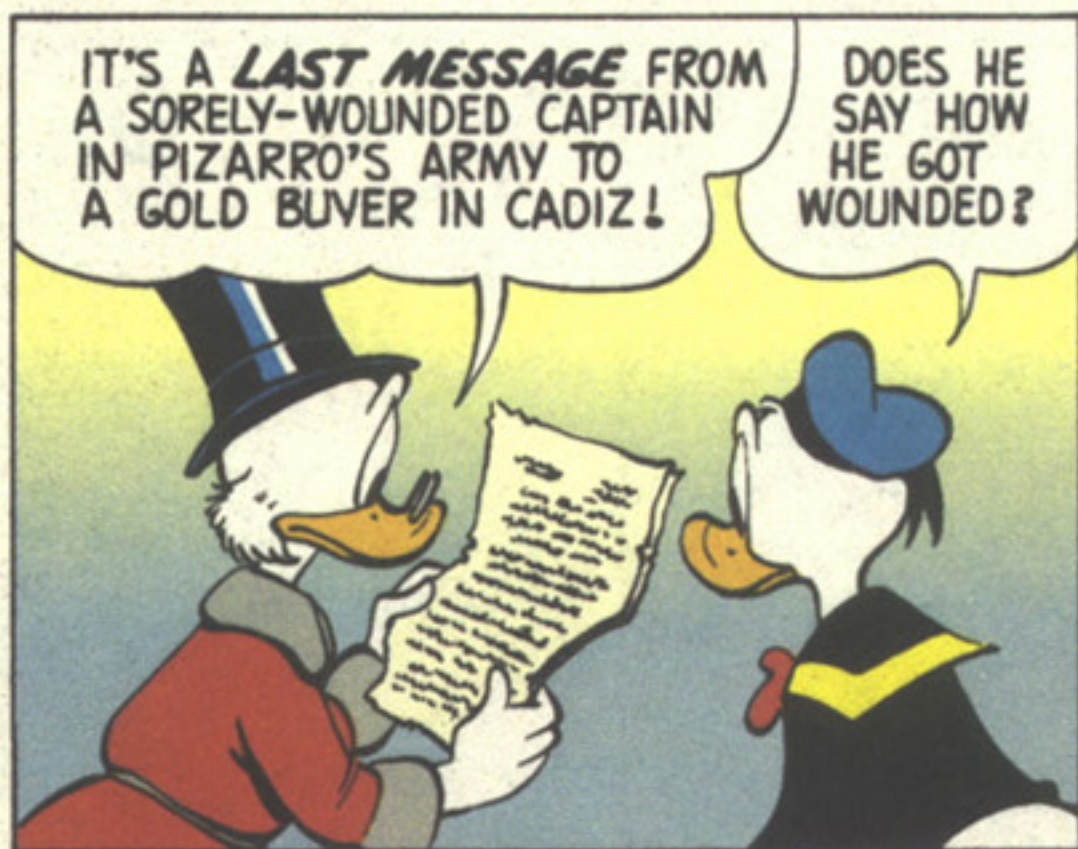


OHO! A **LETTER**! LOST IN A CRACK BEHIND THE DESK FOR ALL THESE CENTURIES!



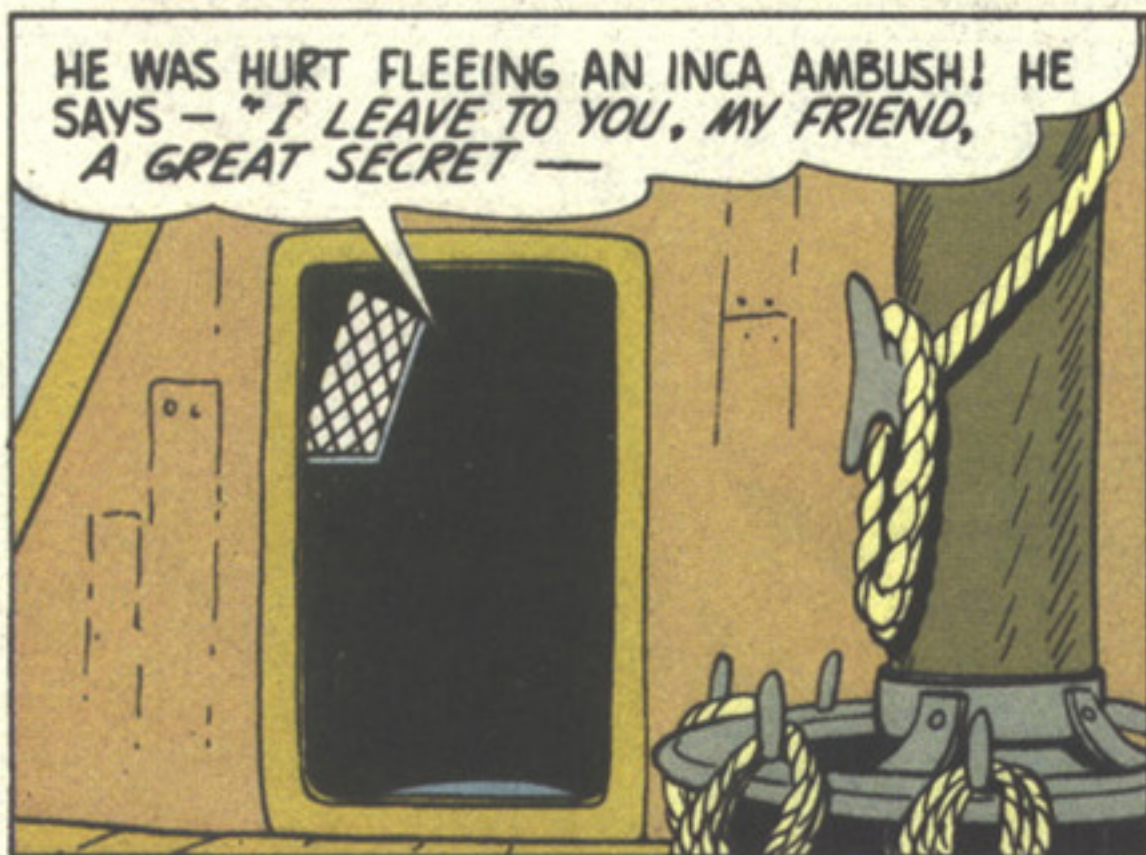
THIS OLD GALLEON MUST HAVE ALSO CARRIED **MAIL**!

YES, AND THIS PIECE OF MAIL WAS **NEVER DELIVERED**!

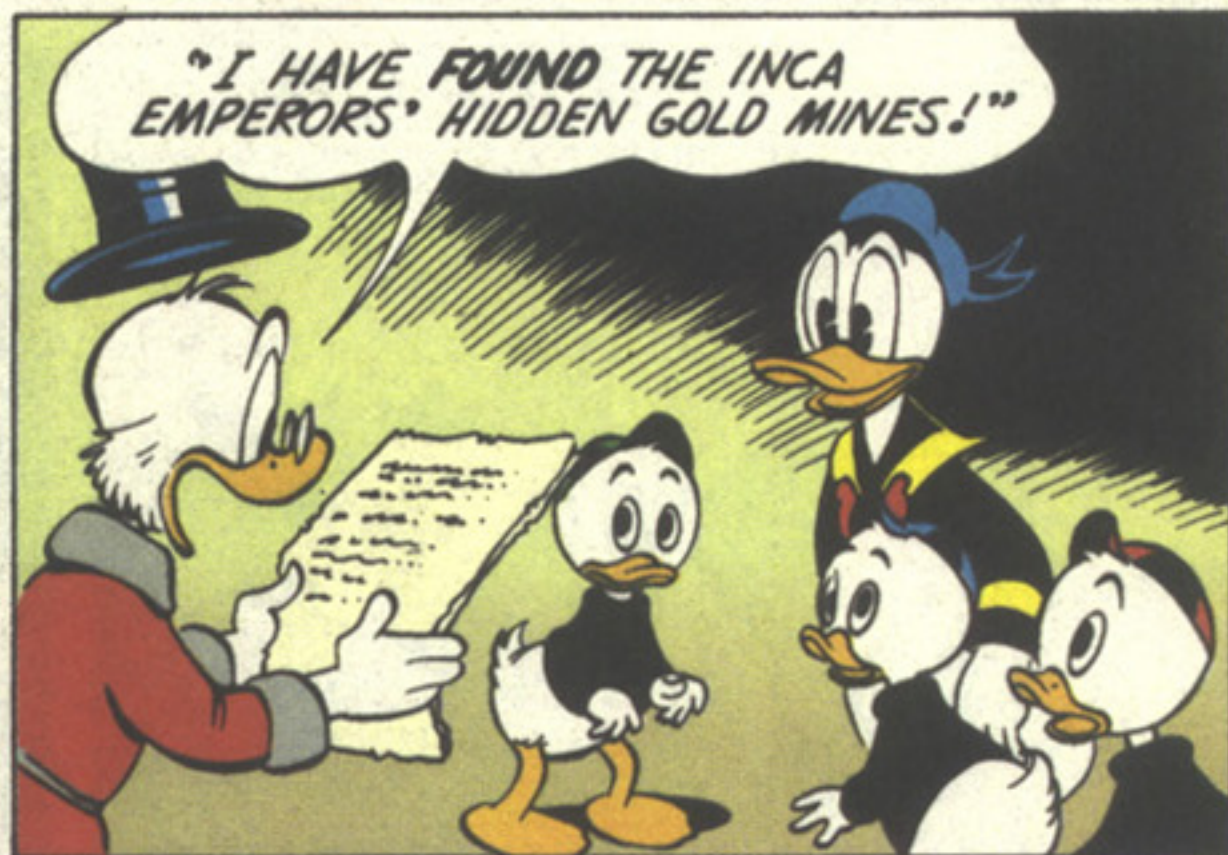


IT'S A **LAST MESSAGE** FROM A SORELY-WOUNDED CAPTAIN IN PIZARRO'S ARMY TO A GOLD BUYER IN CADIZ!

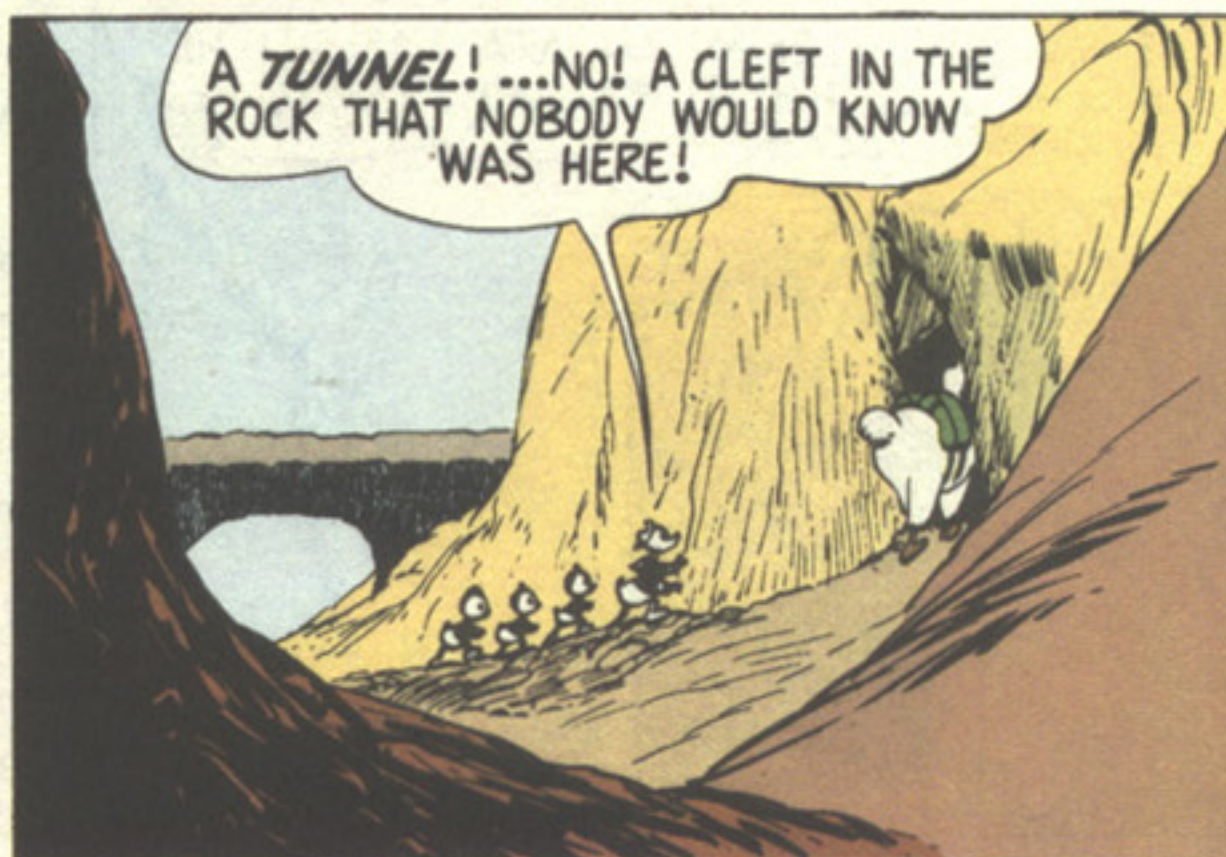
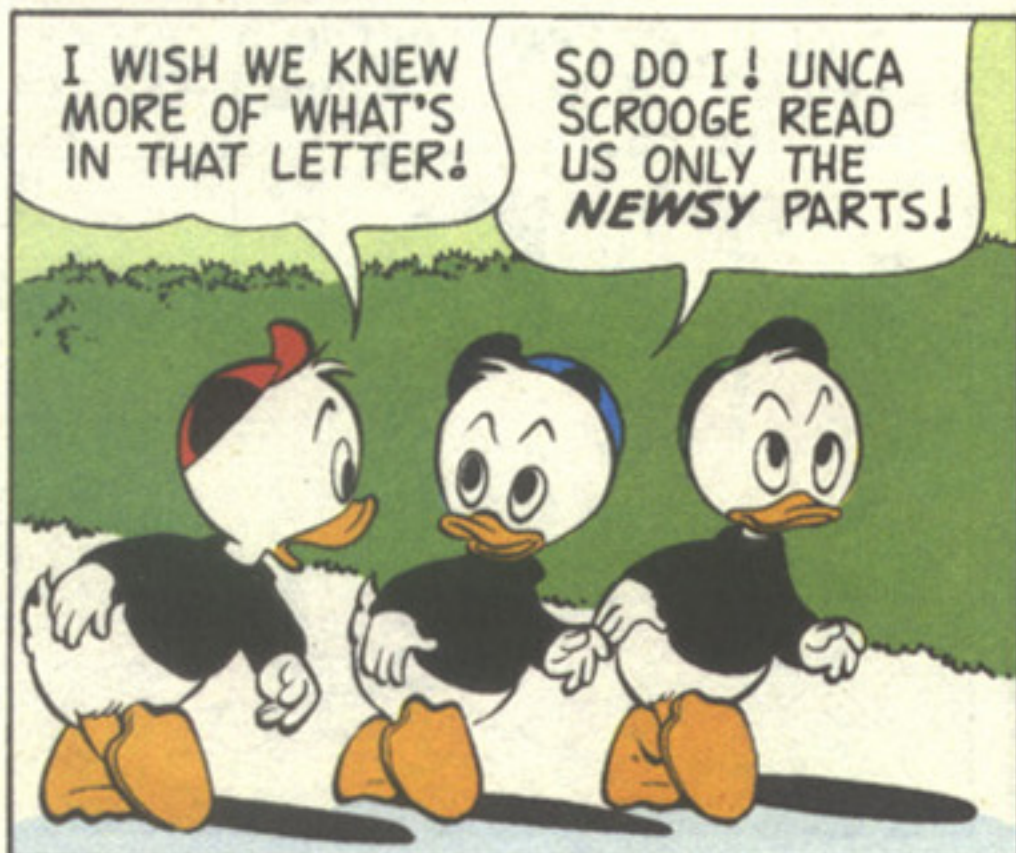
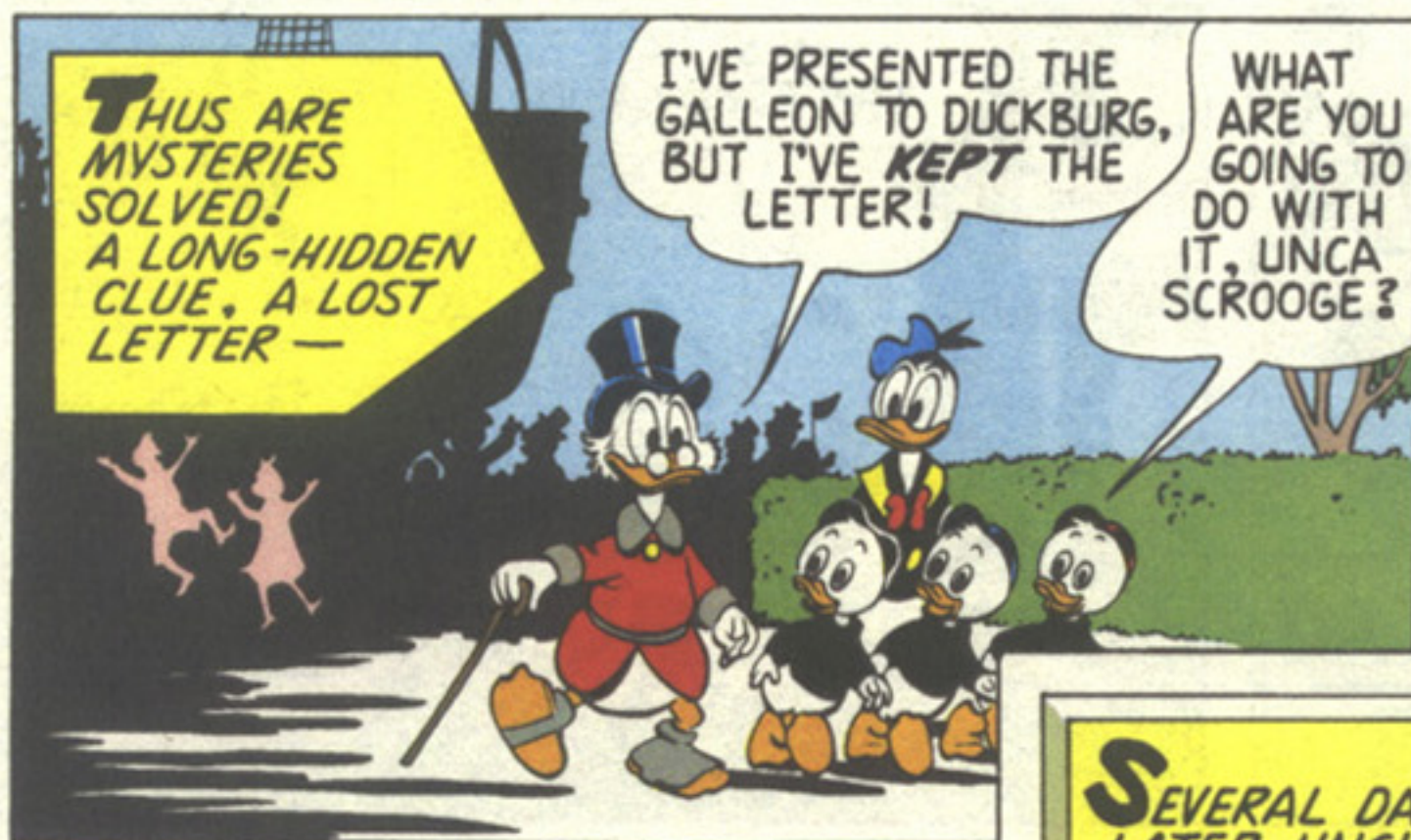
DOES HE SAY HOW HE GOT WOUNDED?



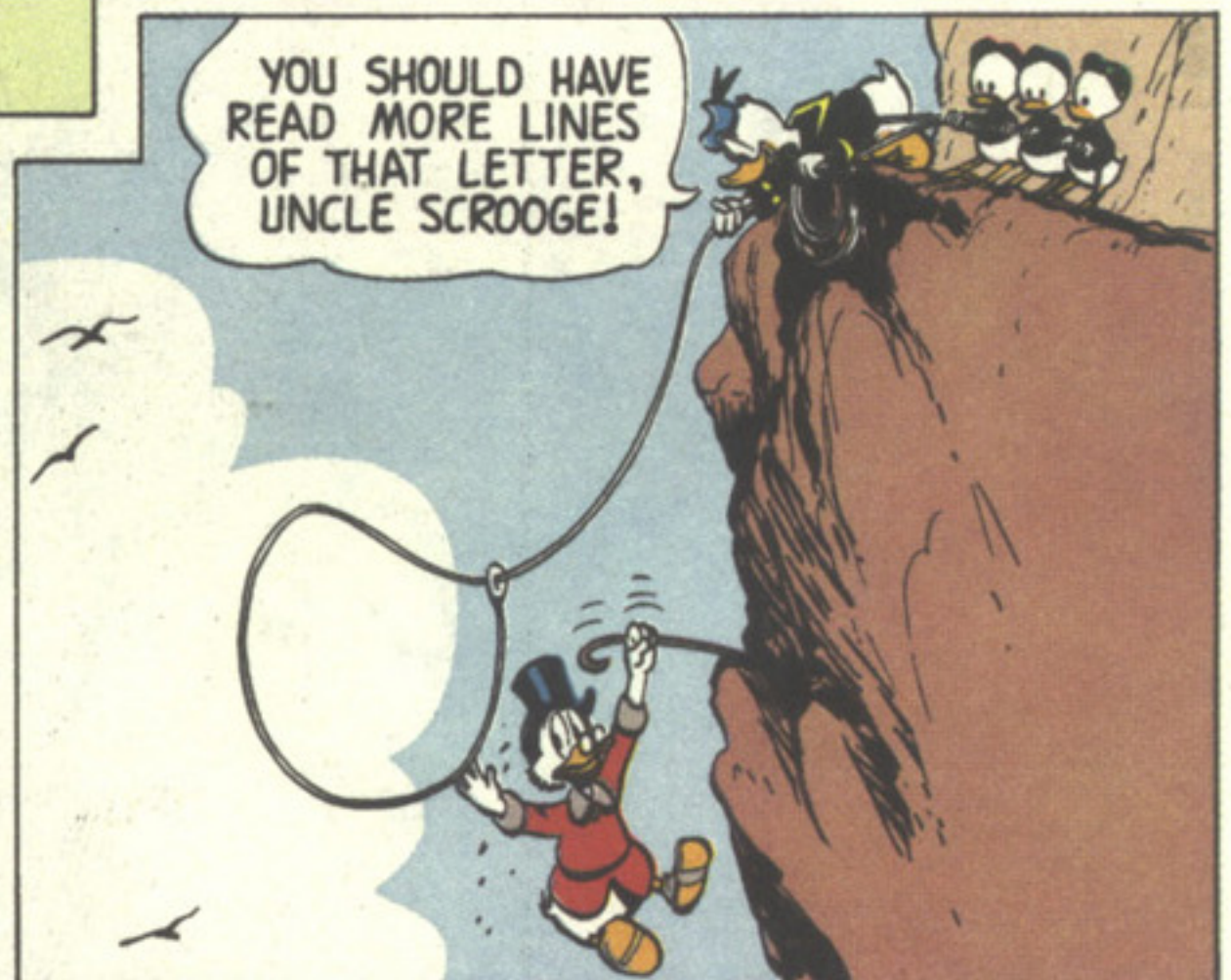
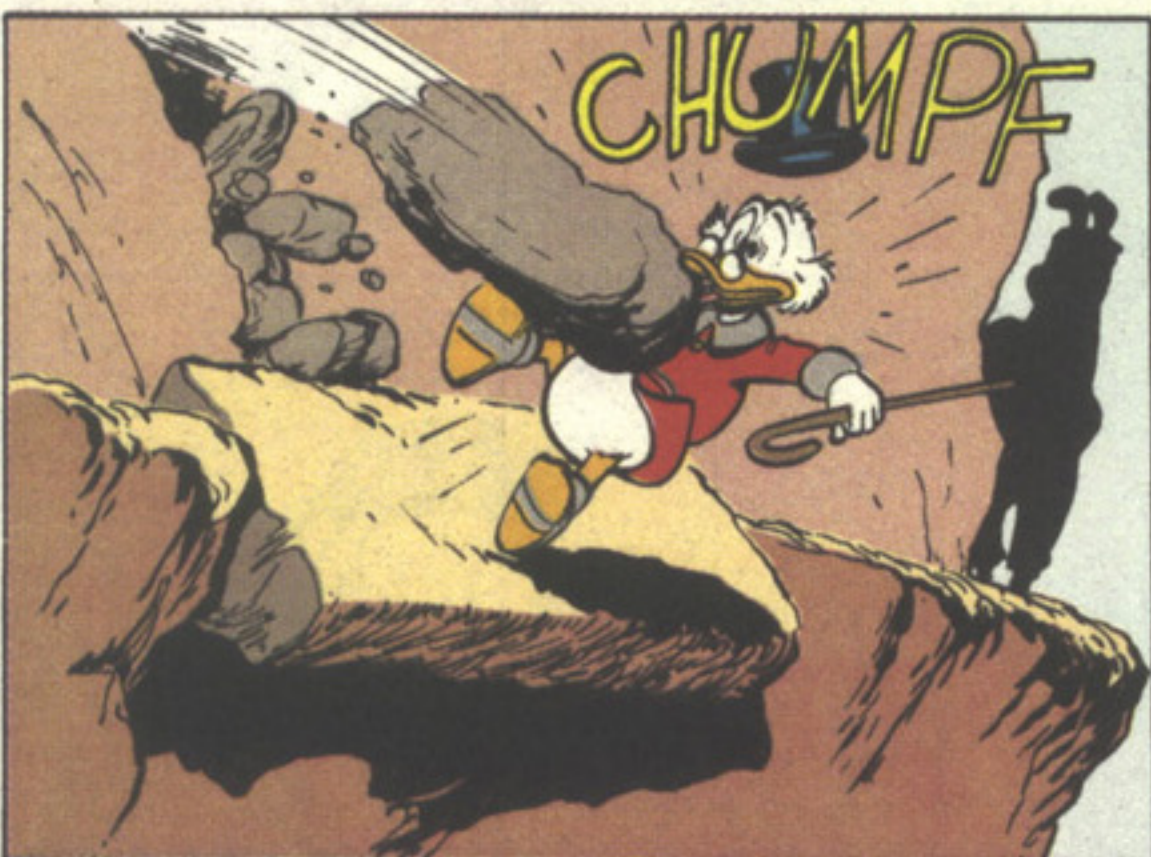
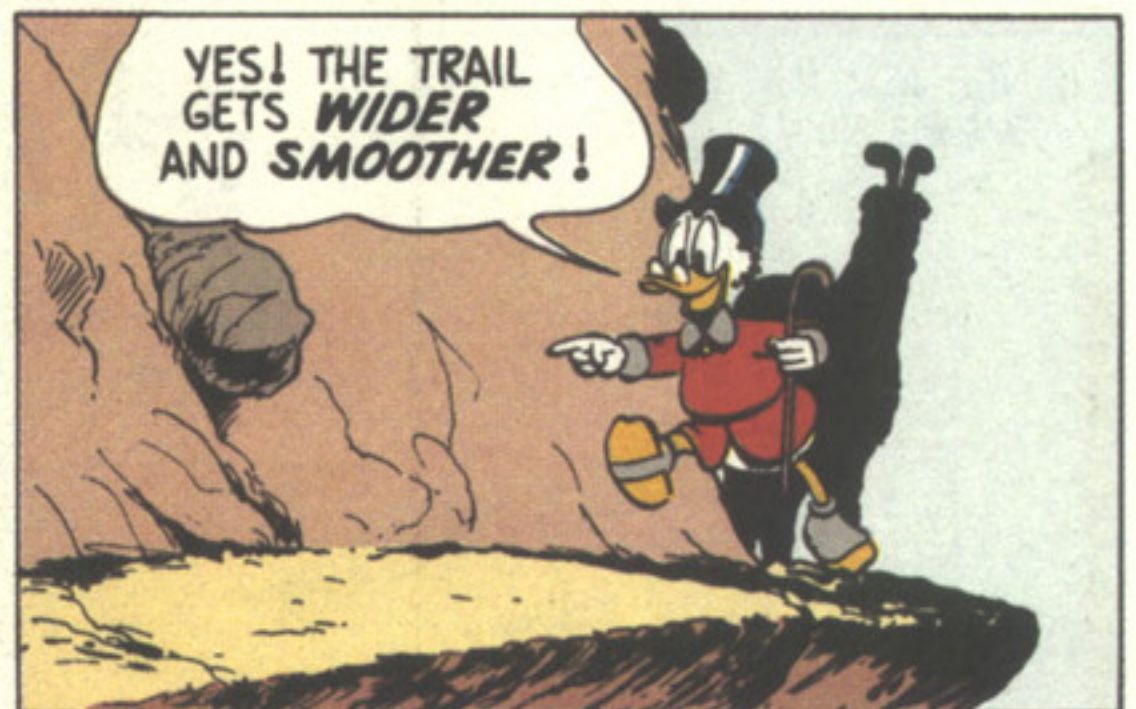
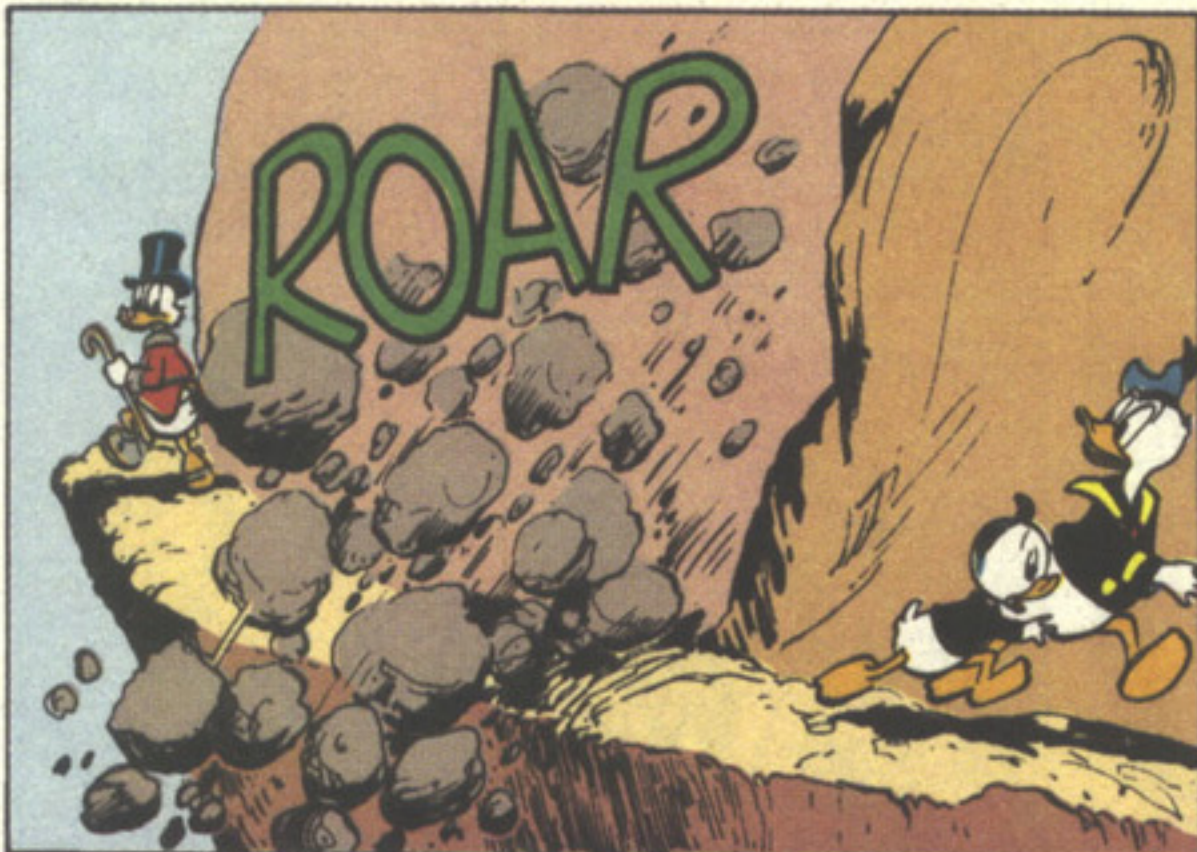
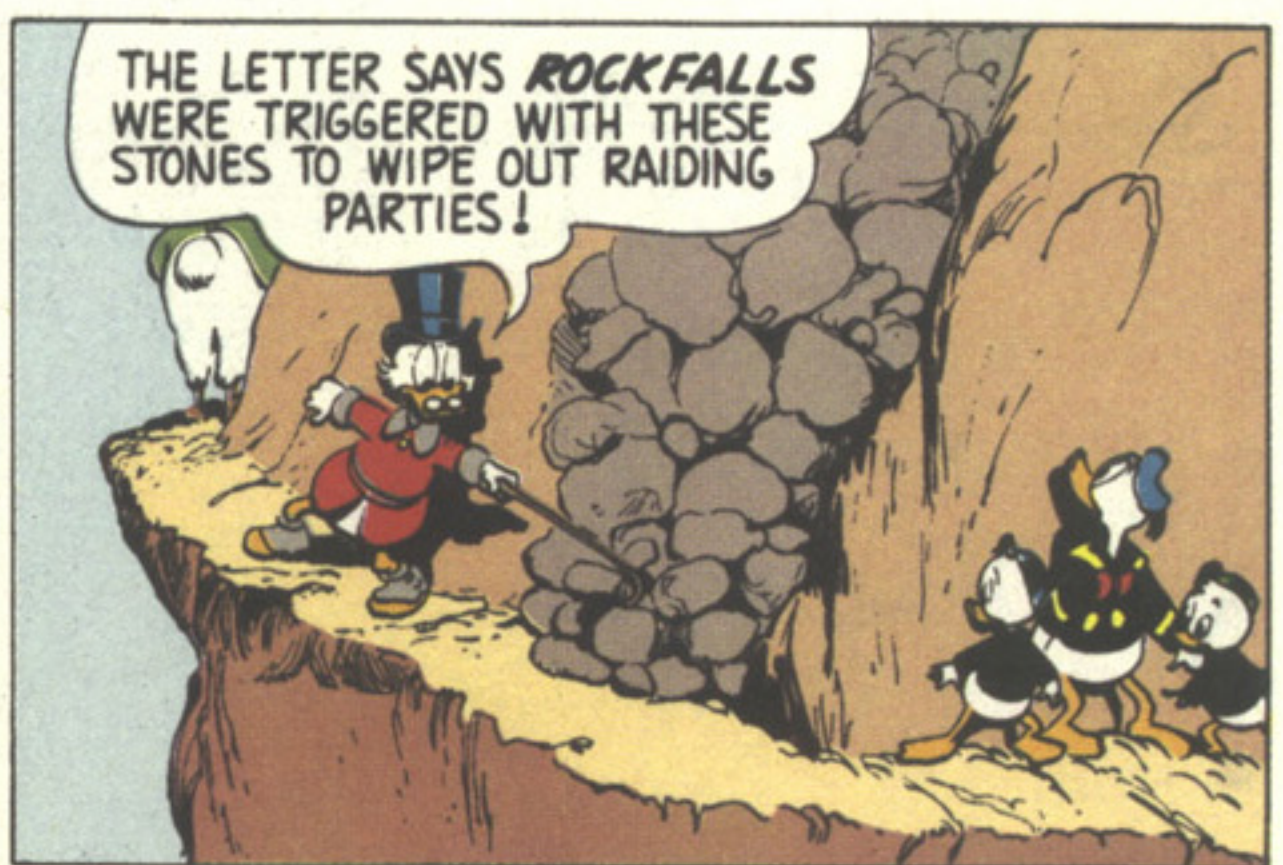
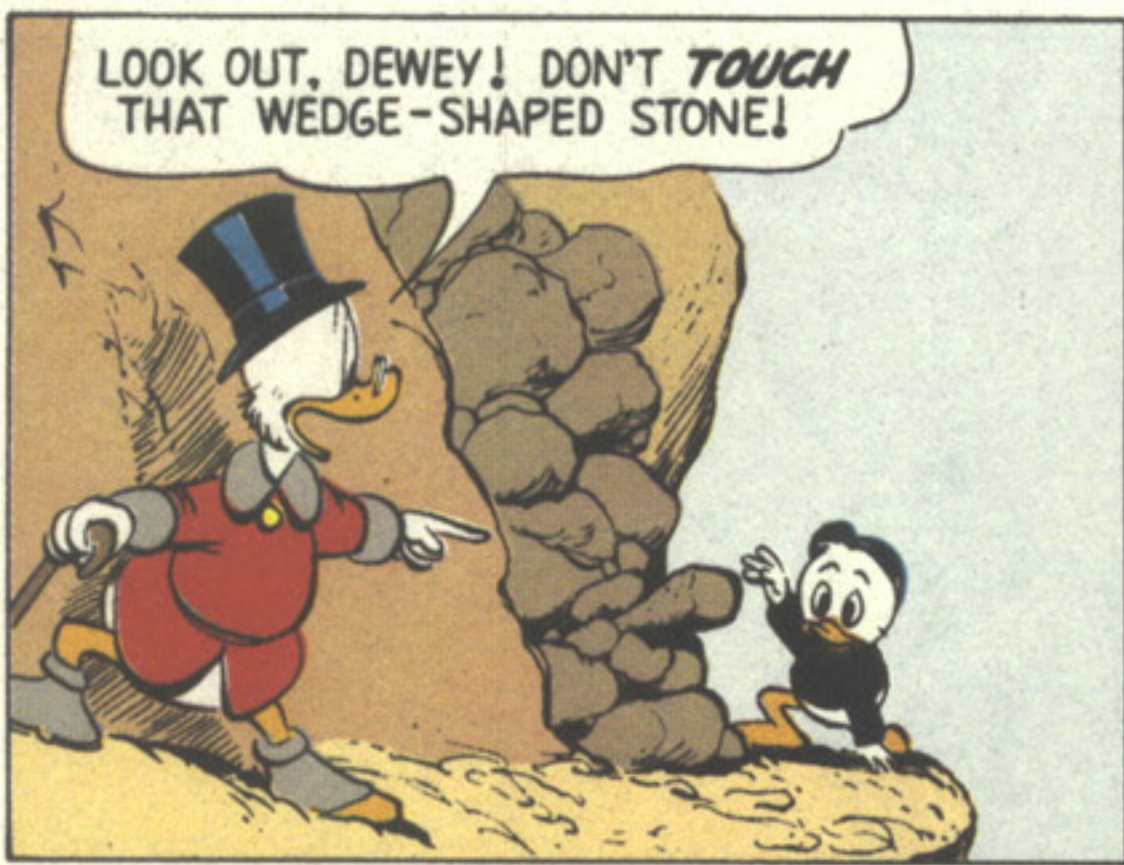
HE WAS HURT FLEEING AN INCA AMBUSH! HE SAYS — "I LEAVE TO YOU, MY FRIEND, A GREAT SECRET —"

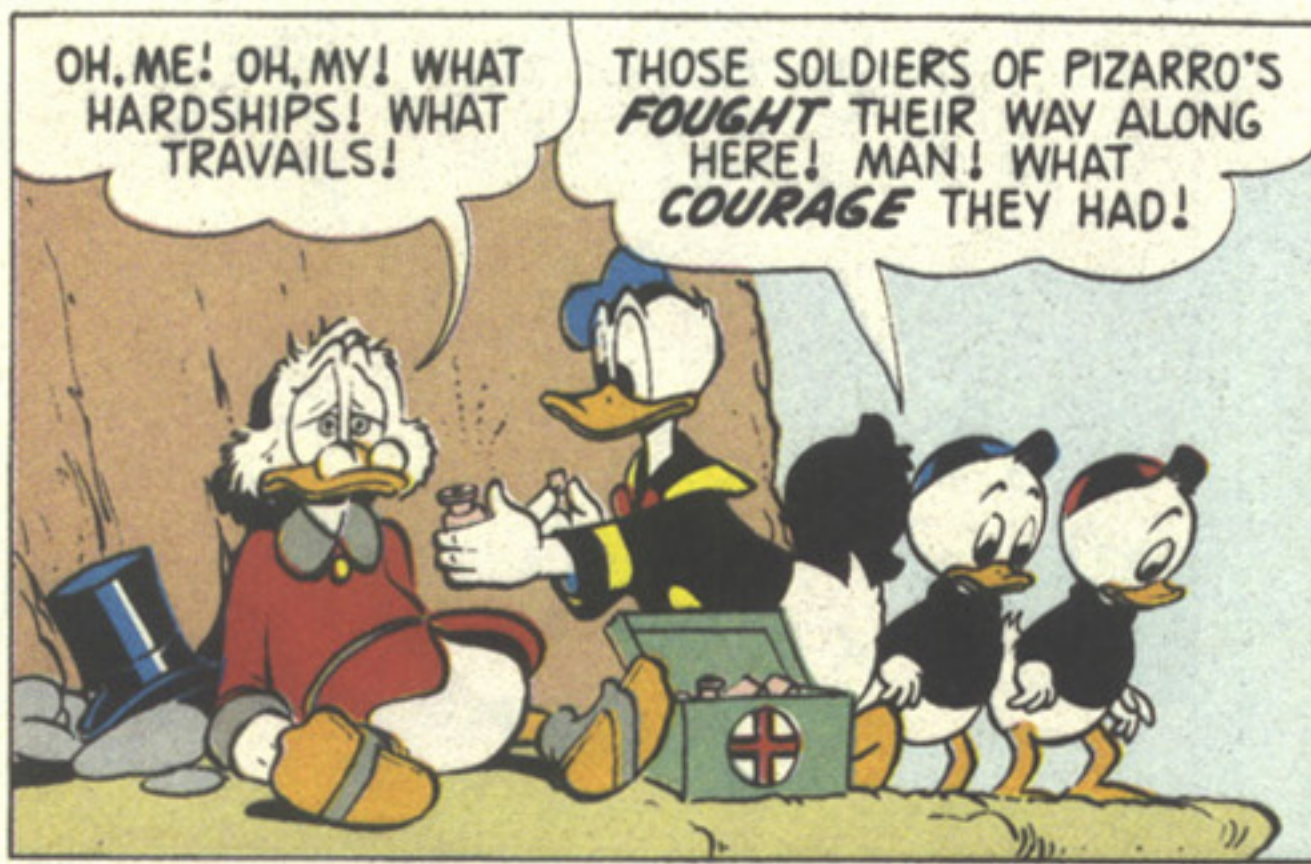


"I HAVE FOUND THE INCA EMPERORS' HIDDEN GOLD MINES!"



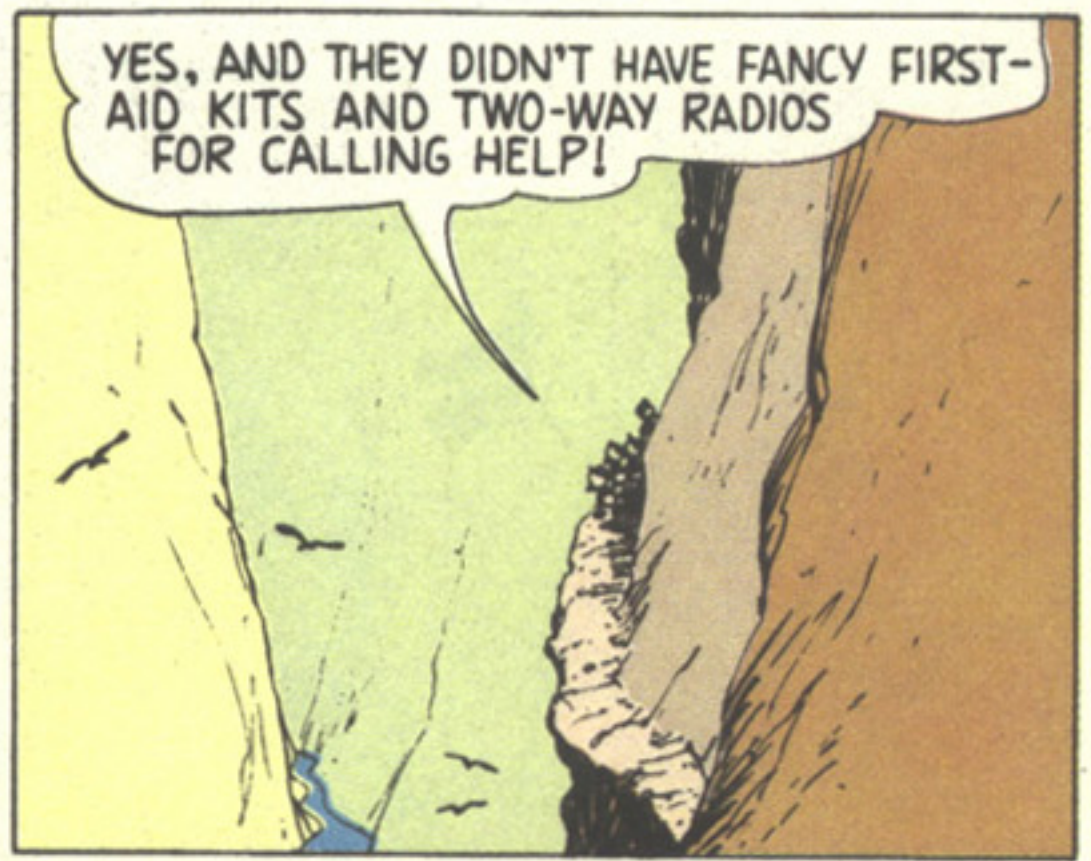




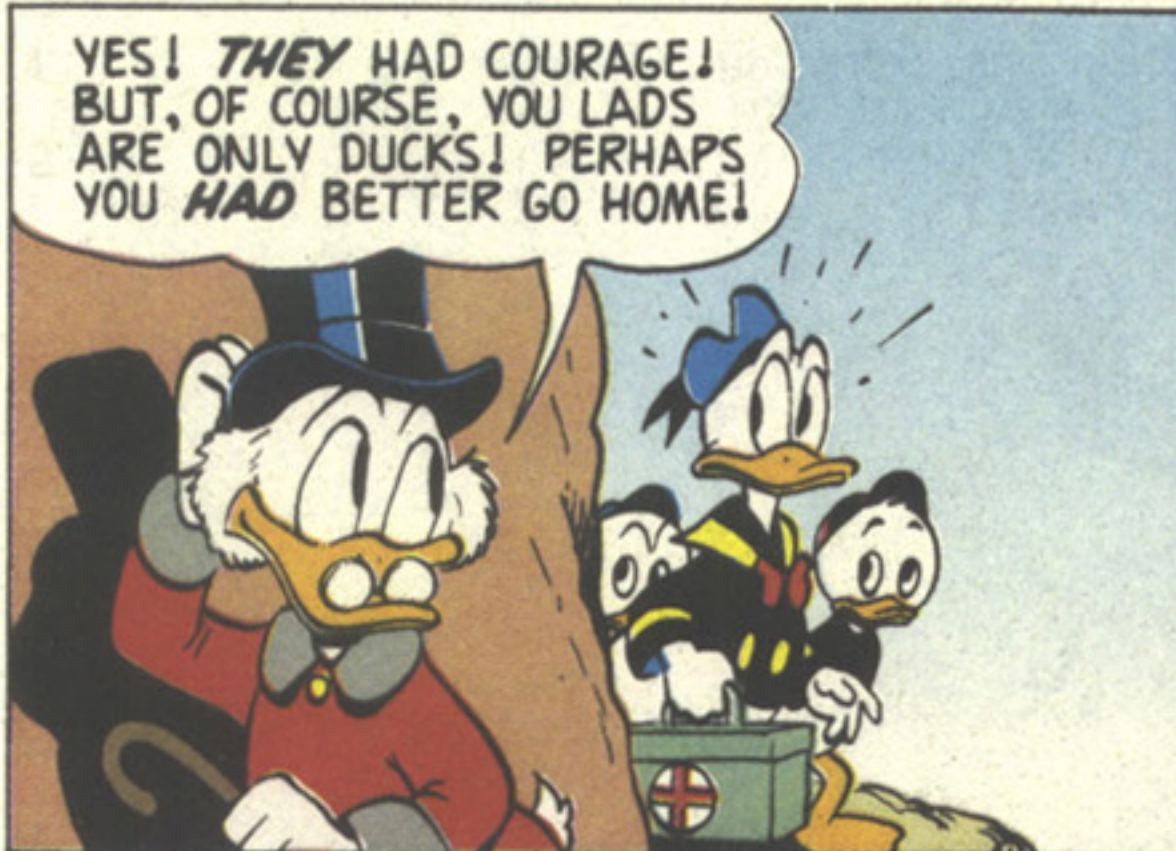


OH, ME! OH, MY! WHAT
HARDSHIPS! WHAT
TRAVAILS!

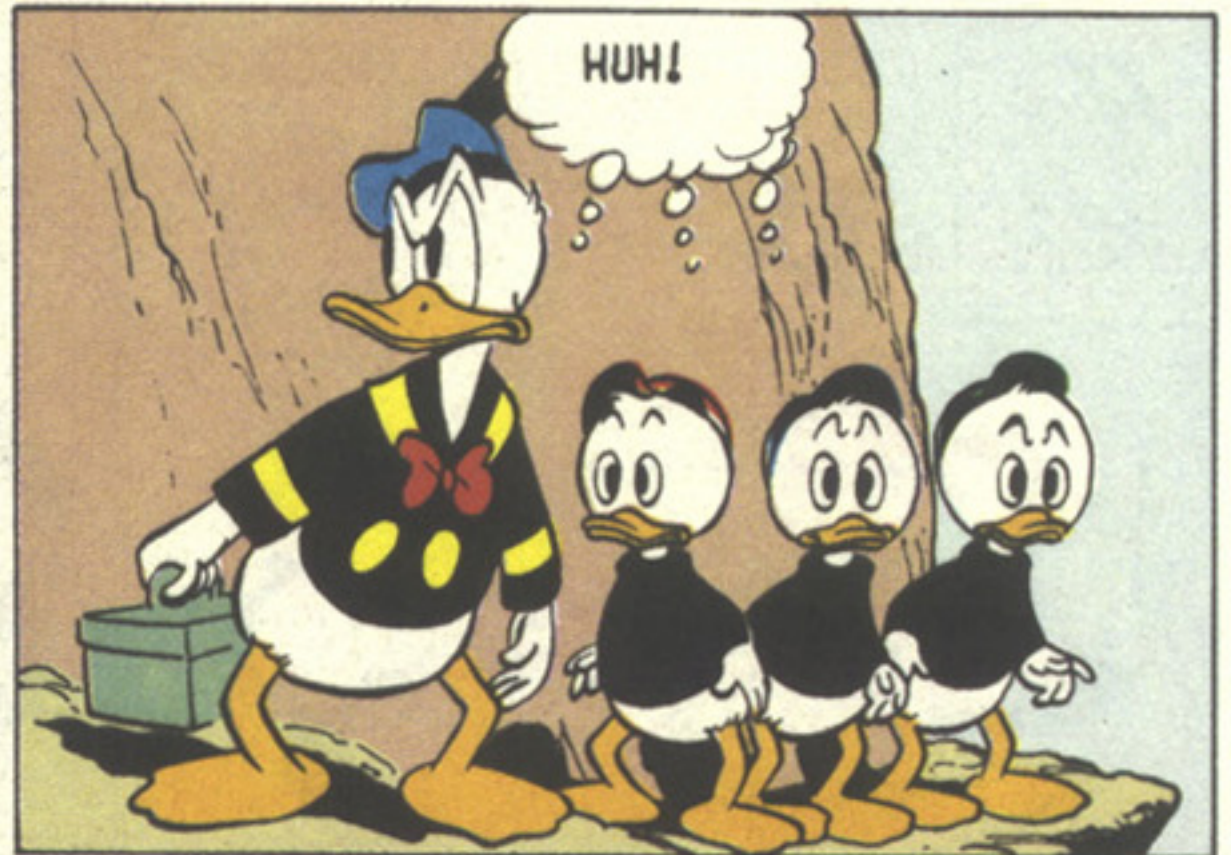
THOSE SOLDIERS OF PIZARRO'S
FOUGHT THEIR WAY ALONG
HERE! MAN! WHAT
COURAGE THEY HAD!



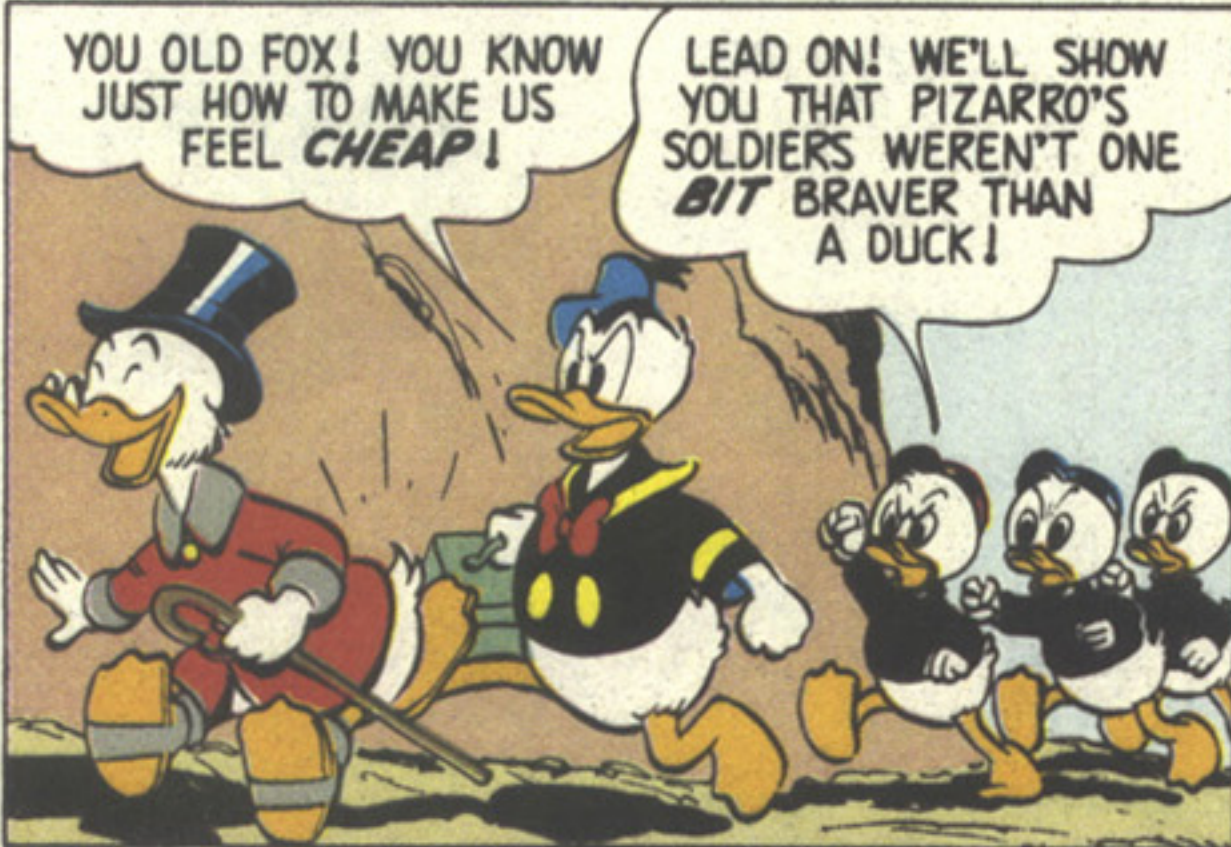
YES, AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE FANCY FIRST-
AID KITS AND TWO-WAY RADIOS
FOR CALLING HELP!



YES! **THEY** HAD COURAGE!
BUT, OF COURSE, YOU LADS
ARE ONLY DUCKS! PERHAPS
YOU **HAD** BETTER GO HOME!

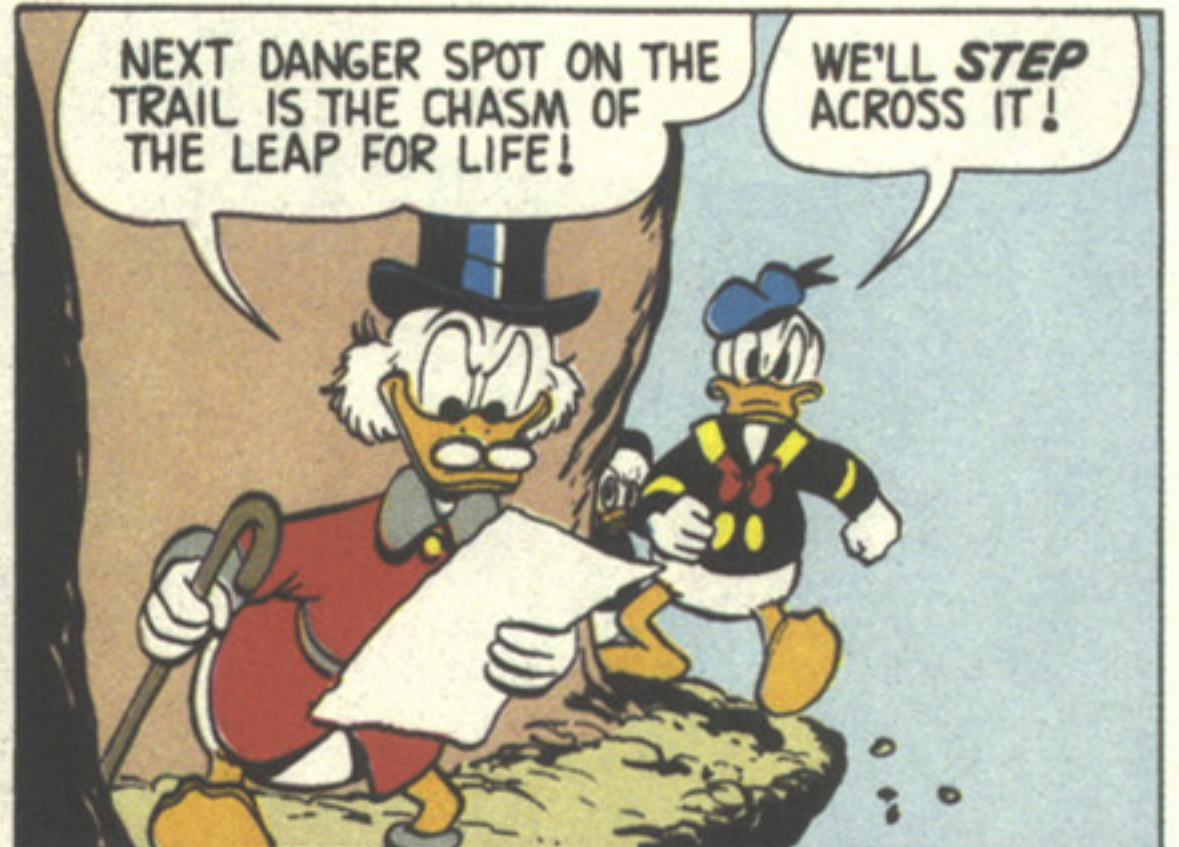


HUH!



YOU OLD FOX! YOU KNOW
JUST HOW TO MAKE US
FEEL **CHEAP**!

LEAD ON! WE'LL SHOW
YOU THAT PIZARRO'S
SOLDIERS WEREN'T ONE
BIT BRAVER THAN
A DUCK!



NEXT DANGER SPOT ON THE
TRAIL IS THE CHASM OF
THE LEAP FOR LIFE!

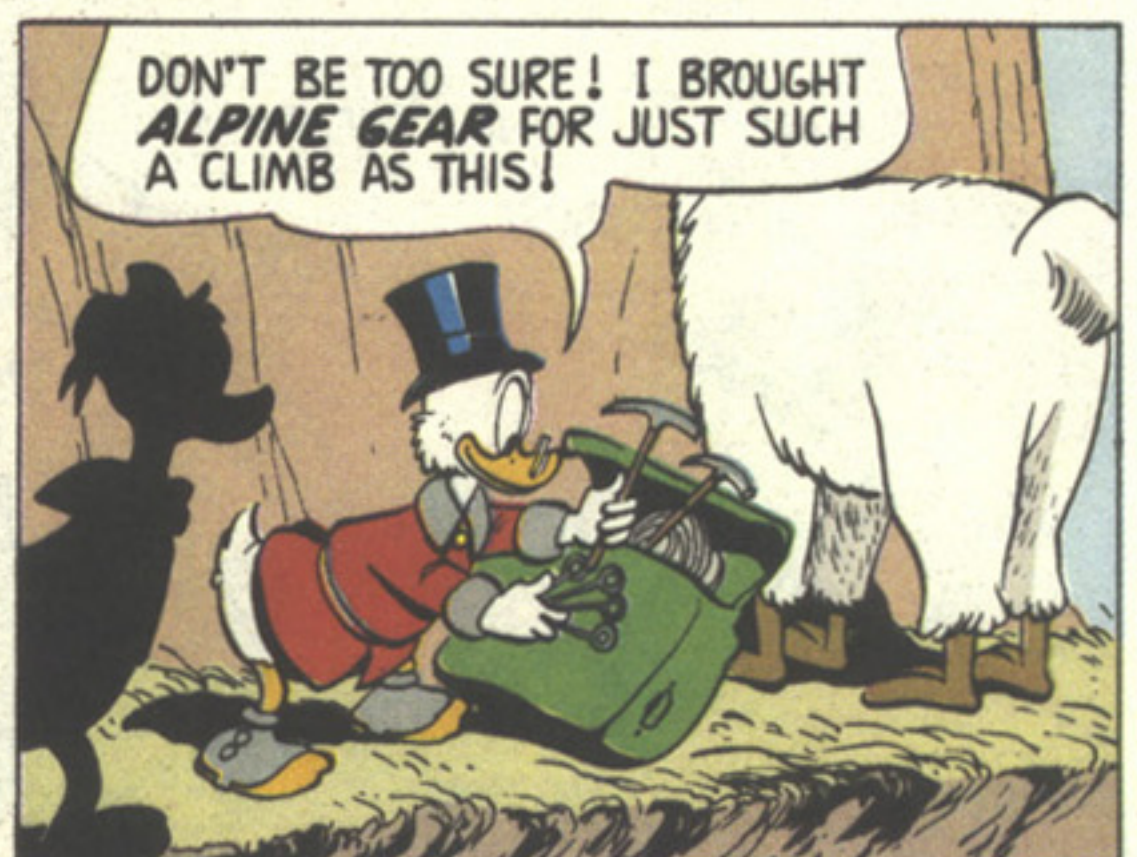
WE'LL **STEP**
ACROSS IT!



MANY PERILS
LATER THE
DUCKS COME
TO A DEAD
END!

THERE ONCE WERE **HANDHOLDS**
CUT IN THE FACE OF THIS
CLIFF, BUT THE INDIANS LONG
AGO CHIPPED THEM OFF!

THAT **STOPS** US!
GOOD!



DON'T BE TOO SURE! I BROUGHT
ALPINE GEAR FOR JUST SUCH
A CLIMB AS THIS!

