





BURNIN' FRED

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Once upon a time in the most rocking part of America lived a young man named Burnin' Fred. Burnin' Fred was the hottest guitarist you ever did hear. His fingers were about three feet wide and he was meaner than a darn pop tart swallowin' bean stalks in Nebraska. Why, he could effortlessly outplay anyone with his industrial strength excursions on his "axe." Burnin' Fred was right proud of his accomplishments. He often whistled away the hours by taking advantage of people who admired his musical abilities so goddamned much. Fred was especially popular with the women folk.

"Gosh, Fred," the pretty ladies would gush. "You play so wonderful. Would you let us do something--ANYTHING--for you?"

Once he had the women in the palm of his hand, Fred would usually pawn off some of his less favorite tasks on them. He would sweet talk them into doing his grocery shopping, taking his garbage out, or mending his clothes when they were all tattered and worn.

No matter how hard he tried, Fred just couldn't help taking advantage of his fans. He knew no other way of life. He couldn't care less that there were other people on the earth. After all, HE existed and that was ALL THAT MATTERED.

One terribly depressing morning Burnin' Fred woke up and found he was in very bad financial shape. He thought he had lots of money oozing out of his wallet but in actuality he had none whatsoever. Fred got mighty scared and trembled in his bed. He sat up and phoned his newest girlfriend, Brenda.

"Hey Brendal" cooed Fred. "I'm in mighty bad financial trouble. If you'll loan me a hundred bucks I'll get you into my show on Friday for nuthin'. And I feel kinda...horny, too."

"Oh Burnin' Fred!" Brenda exclaimed with easily -led delight. "Of course I'll do whatever you say! I'm actually quite stupid."

Fred phoned his other easily-manipulated girlfriends and obtained their pledges. In a very short time he was again rolling in cash. Plus he was guaranteed of a full house at his upcoming concert!

Fred spent the next few days paying off debts with the money he had taken from his followers. He laughed and laughed at how they would do whatever he wanted like mindless fools. He stroked his chest and felt his muscles ripple.

"One day I will have them all in my power," Fred thought to himself. "I am very fortunate that no one sees through my clever little disguise."

Several days passed and finally the BIG NIGHT arrived. Burnin' Fred's show was to take place at the biggest, hottest rock club in the city. Long before the doors opened, Fred's admirers were huddled outside the club in anticipation of his arrival. They passed their time and joints by gossiping about his latest romantic endeavors and what clothing he might be wearing that evening. Finally, after hours and hours of waiting, the doors opened and the crowd poured in. A tall man walked onto the stage and announced Burnin' Fred's arrival.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," the thin man announced. "Here's the person you've all been paying and waiting to see...BURNIN' FREDIII"

Fred and his band burst onto the stage like wildfire. They played the fastest, tightest, most ridiculous set of music they had ever played in their lives. After 20 songs in a row, the band left as quickly as they had arrived. All the Burnin' Fred leeches stormed the stage demanding more.

"We want more, more, MOREI" they yelled.

Burnin' Fred did come out for an encore. He played his most famous hit, "She Gave Me What I Wanted So I Took It and Left." Fred was so enthusiastic that near the end of the song he thrust one of the tuning keys of his guitar into his left eye socket and carved his eye out in front of everyone. The crowd was shocked initially and backed away, fearing their prized idol might have lost his marbles. Undoubtedly, Burnin' Fred was acting EXTREMELY peculiar. Why, not only was he destroying his eyesight but he was LAUGHING while he was doing it! In fact, he was acting as if the whole ordeal were a GREAT BIG JOKE.

"It doesn't REALLY hurt!" Fred declared as his clothes turned crimson red. "Why don't ya'll come up here and dance for a while? You're getting entertained, aintcha???"

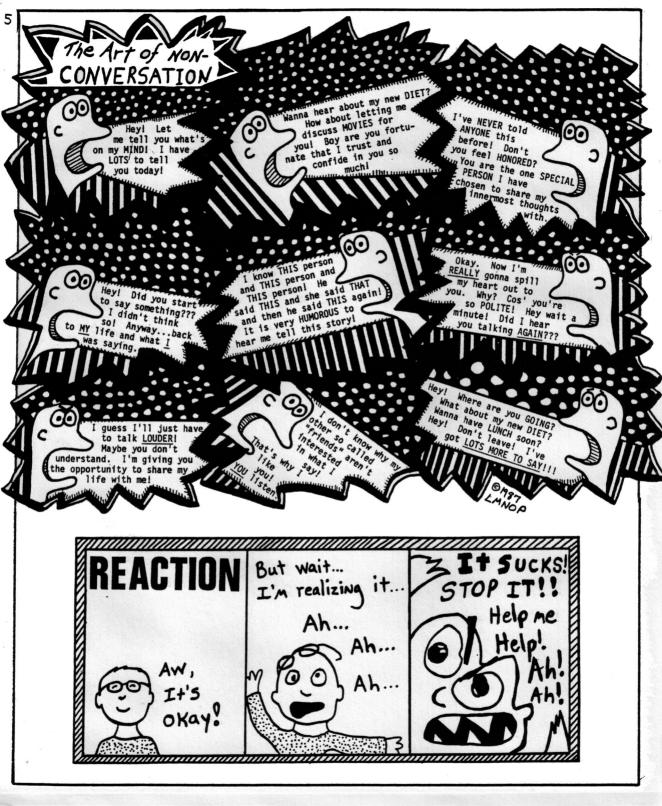
That was all the audience needed. They forgave their hero for his unique behavior and again stormed the stage. One particularly beautiful and terribly young fan pushed her way to the front and caught Fred's remaining eye (the right one, of course).

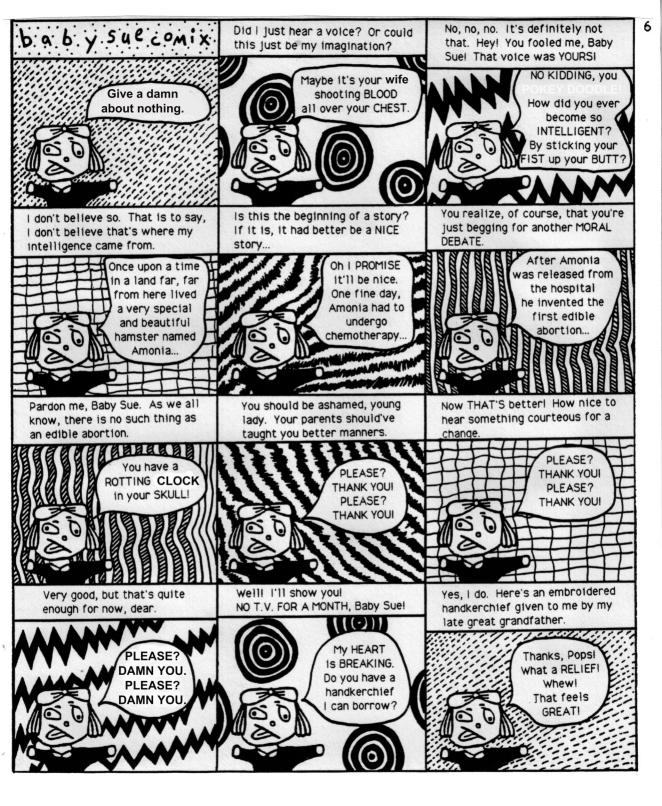
"Howdy, missy!" Fred teased with his suggested nakedness. "Wanna get to know each other better?"

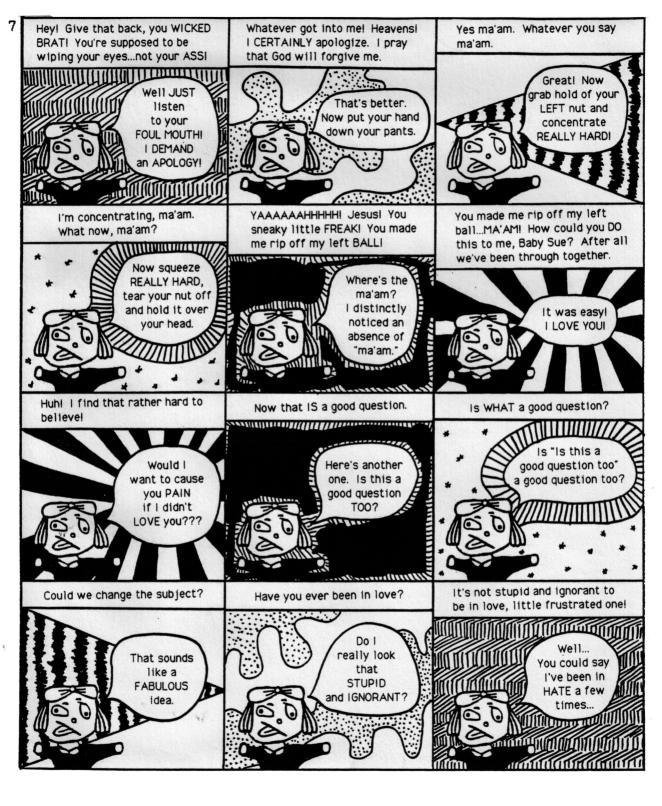
The young girl said nothing but jumped on the stage and kicked Fred squarely in the balls with all her might. As he fell to the floor unconscious, the girl placed her lips over his right eye socket and proudly sucked Fred's brain out of his skull. Everyone in the audience was stunned. The club crumbled to the ground. Screams of horror and insanity echoed in the concert hall.

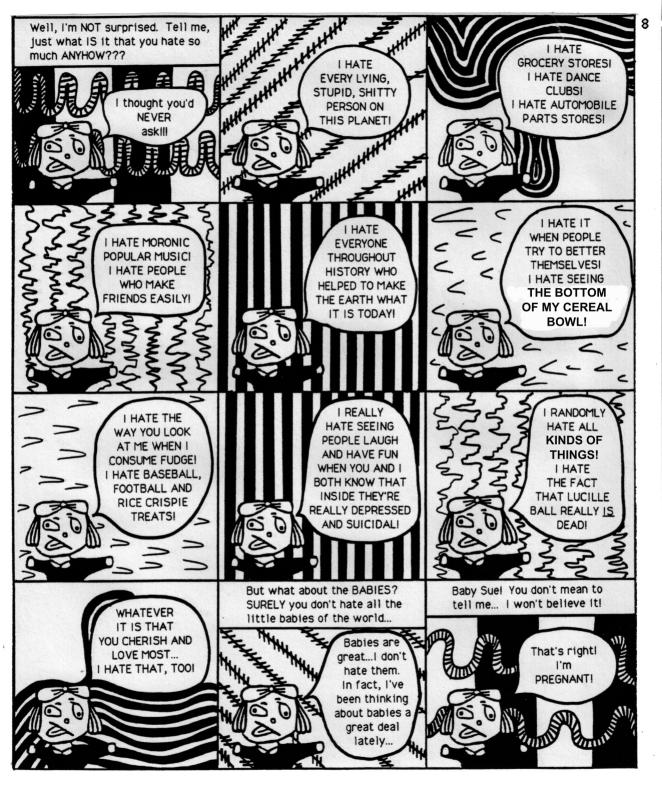
"We should all sew a quilt together," the young girl chanted as she spit partially digested brains across the stage. "If we all really put our minds to it we might win a prize at the next COUNTY FAIR!"

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CAVE GIRLS MAKE PLENTY ENJOY IN STORY YOU READ

In the back of a damp, dark cave lived a WONDERFULLY SILLY old woman named TINA. She was the OLDEST of all the women who lived in the cave but looked the youngest. Tina was loved by all the CAVE GIRLS because she took care of them, fed them, and mended their clothes.

When Tina wasn't preparing meals for the cave girls she was usually licking them clean—an act she adopted from her KITTEN. The cave girls loved being licked clean by Tina and often gave her HEFTY TIPS for her efforts.

One fine day Tina's tongue FELL OFF. She SCREAMED as gallons of blood surged from her mouth. Three of the cave girls (Scabina, Yomitty and Excretia) sprang from their beds to see what was the matter.

"Just look at wonderful Tina," Vomitty sighed. "She's DYING."

"Yes," Scabina agreed. "Her tongue is on the cave floor. It is starting to ROT and SMELL."

"All hurt Tina NOW!" Excretia screamed too loudly. Tina smiled pleasantly. She stopped bleeding momentarily to flirt with the girls and then resumed her non-stop TORTURE PARADE.

Scabina stuck the tip of her high-heeled shoes into Tina's eyes and BLINDED her. Excretia removed Tina's dress and set it on FIRE. She threw the burning dress on Tina's head and it burned her hair off. Yomitty vomitted all over Tina's turnmy. Tina LAUGHED because the vomit TICKED...It had prickly FUN all in it.

"Laughy, laughy," Tina giggled. "Why don't you women throw FUCKS at me real quickly?"

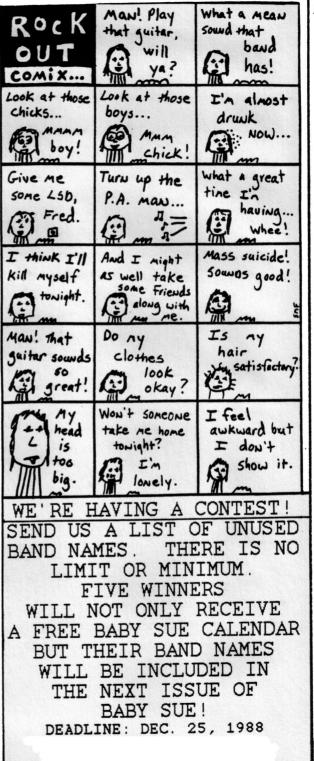
The three cave women gathered many fucks and zoomed them cautiously at the walls of HELL. Many pieces of them burned and blurred into vision. Terrible good swept the bags up and pumped a SEX DUMMY with penis think. Drug lights flashed into damn fucks nicely.

Everything worked out just fine. Tina ran to the kitchen and began preparing DINNER.

"What's for din-din?" Yomitty asked RUDELY.

"All of your boyfriends are DEAD and I'm GLAD!" Tina cooed. "We'll all be dead soon and everyone in this city is NUDE all of a SUDDEN."





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Gods of the Underground... THE RUDY SCHWARTZ PROJECT

If you're even remotely interested in underground cassette culture in the United States, you should know about the **Rudy Schwartz Project**. Light years ahead of its time, the band/project is actually Joe Newman, a one-man whirlwind of ideas and sounds. Describing the Rudy Schwartz Project's music is difficult because it spans such a wide spectrum of sounds from so many different eras. Newman has thus far released four cassettes, all recorded in his home studio (<u>Plastic</u> <u>Containers Retain Odors</u>, <u>Moslem Beach Party</u>, <u>Bowling for Appliances</u> and the latest, <u>Salmon Dave</u>). All four cassettes are masterpieces and a must for anyone looking for something <u>really</u> out there.

The song titles pretty much sum up where this man's head is at: "Nice Lawn, Asshole", "Feminism as a Crutch", "Asparagus Makes Your Urine Smell Funny", "Kill For God." This music is not recommended for the sheltered, easily-offended, or conservative listener. The Rudy Schwartz Project demands attention and an open mind, unlike the vast majority of boring music you hear on commercial radio of late. In fact, these cassettes represent a good example of why you should listen to underground artists who are not interested in impressing, deceiving or trying to write the next big hit--you might actually hear something you haven't heard before. In Newman's own words, "If anybody is shocked, offended, or just puzzled about my music, it indicates that they lead a sheltered life, and are probably in for a rude awakening when this synthetic Republican-induced "economic prosperity" collapses around their Barbie and Ken lifestyles."

True, there is a lot of anger, bitterness and sarcasm in most of the songs. The music is actually more shocking and violent than I've ever heard from a punk or hardcore band--and better. Newman is a songwriter with brains. Some of the instrumental pieces show a classical influence. Lyrics range from thought provoking to bizarre to hilarious. My favorite line (taken from "Kill For God" from the <u>Moslem Beach Party</u> tape):

Loed a car with dynamite and drive into a synagogue Without any brakes. Nothing could be finer than impaling your intestines On a big rusty stake.

Sound ludicrous? Yes, at first it does. But the most interesting aspect of the Rudy Schwartz and what I feel makes the music so important is it can be listened to over and over without getting old or tiring. Even songs that at first appear to be totally sarcastic ("Kill For God" is a good example) actually have wonderful melodies that stick in your head like glue.

Newman's influences seem to be the Butthole Surfers, Frank Zappa, cartoon music (especially Max Fleisher), sixties do-whop, Wild Man Fisher, the Bonzo Dog Band, Ernest Borgnine and John Cage. Eclectic is putting it mildly!

Lastly and most importantly, the Rudy Schwartz Project keeps getting better. The sound quality of each tape is better than the last and the themes and songs continue to challenge the listener. The two newest tapes (<u>Bowling For Appliances</u> and <u>Salmon Dave</u>) feature some great arwork by a clever artist named Roy Tompkins.

I don't know of any distributors that currently carry these cassettes so you should probably order direct (most cassette artists have a hard time with distribution).

> The Rudy Schwartz Project c/o Joe Newman



