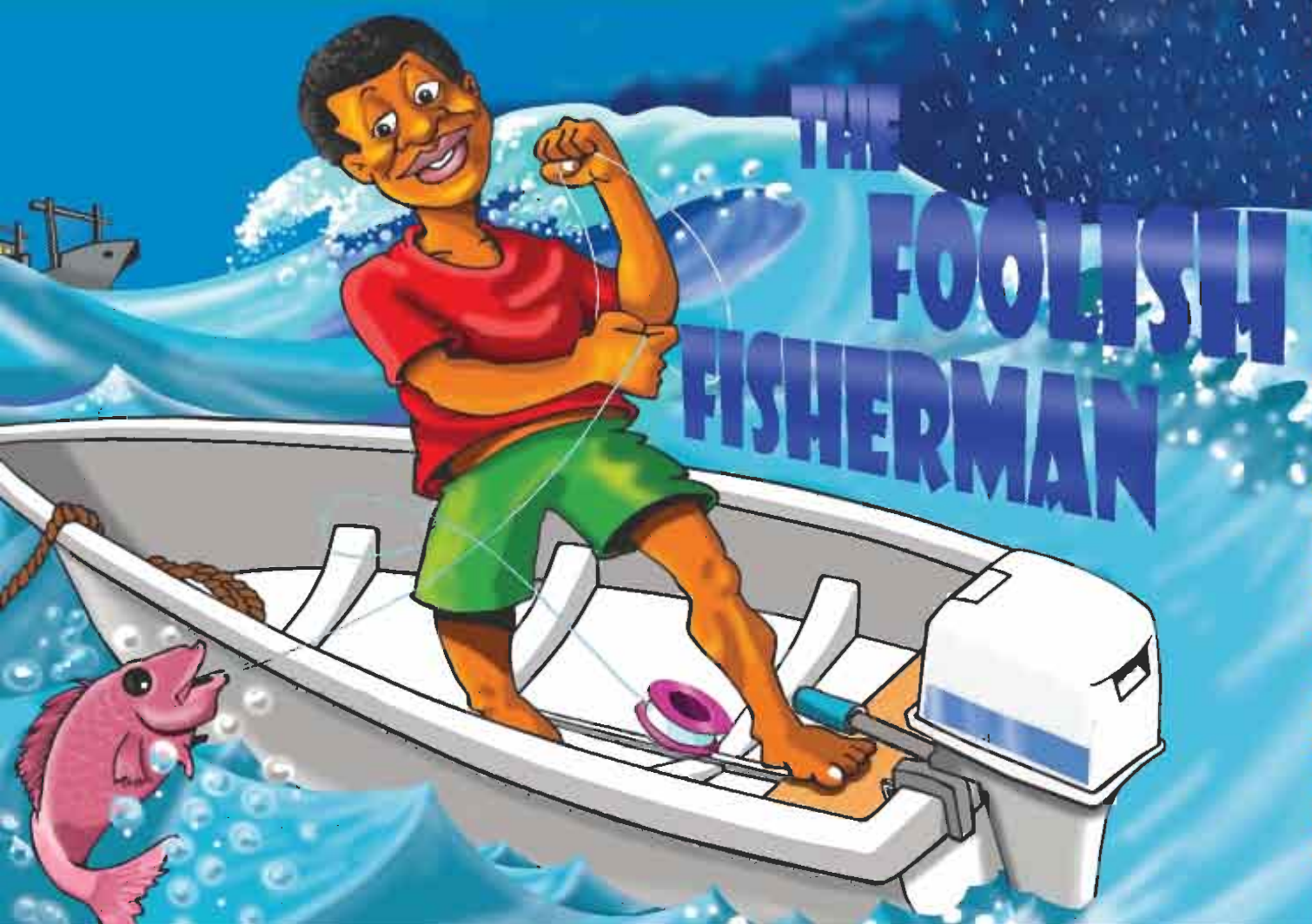


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WELL SAMUEL IF YOU WANT TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING TO YOU AGAIN YOU SHOULD FOLLOW SOME BASIC SEA SAFETY PROCEDURES BEFORE YOU GO OUT ON YOUR BOAT

THIS IS A CHECK LIST OF ALL THE THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE ABOARD OR SHOULD DO BEFORE GOING ON A FISHING TRIP

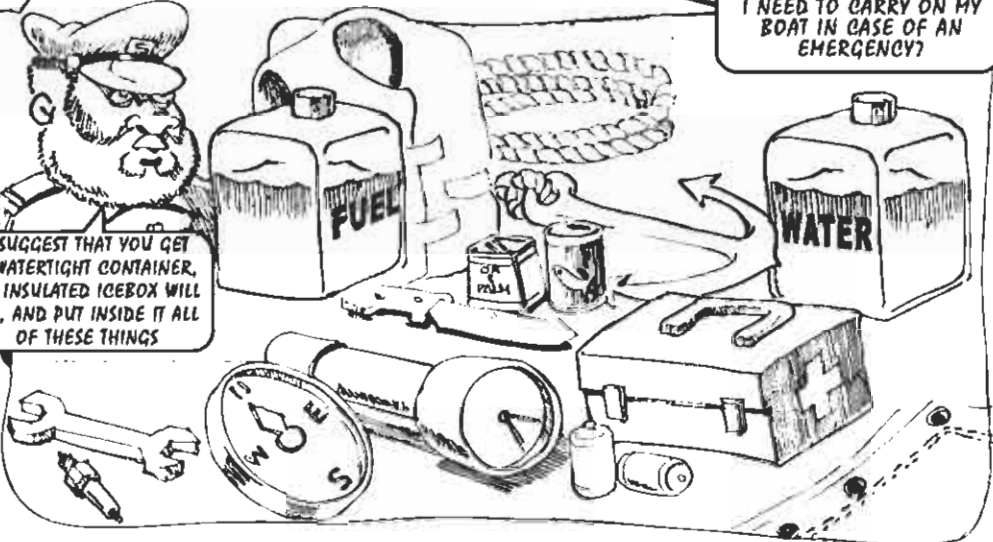
- SAFETY CHECK LIST**
- 1 EXTRA FUEL
 - 2 EXTRA FOOD AND WATER
 - 3 TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS
 - 4 SEA SAFETY EQUIPMENT
 - 5 CHECK WEATHER FORECAST
 - 6 TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING
 - 7 LOAD BOAT PROPERLY
 - 8 CHECK CONDITION OF HULL AND ENGINE

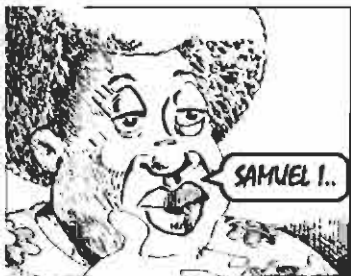
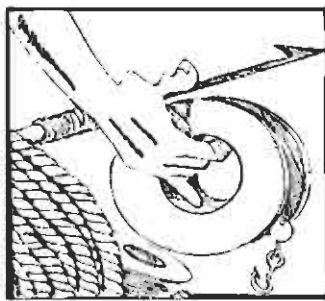


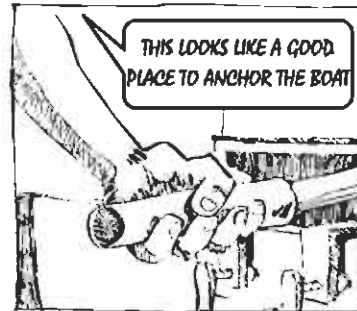
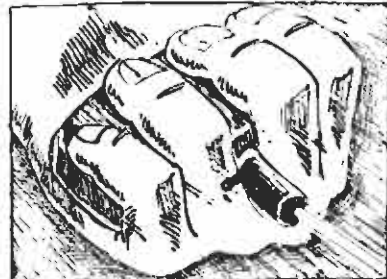
OK, BEFORE I GO OUT FISHING I'LL DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE SUGGESTED BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK I NEED TO CARRY ON MY BOAT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?



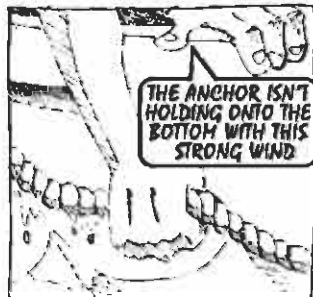
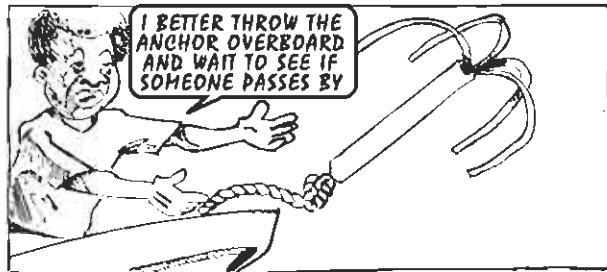
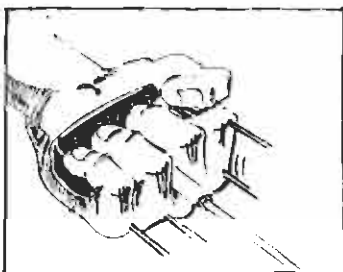
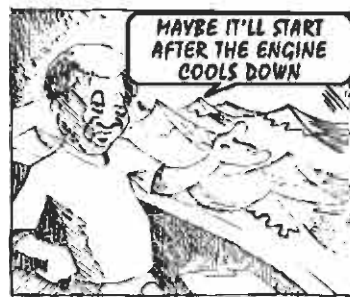
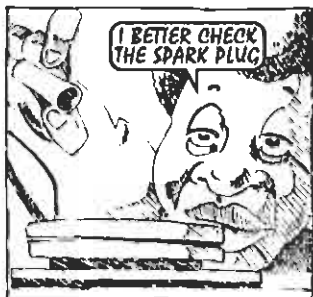
I SUGGEST THAT YOU GET A WATERTIGHT CONTAINER, AN INSULATED ICEBOX WILL DO, AND PUT INSIDE IT ALL OF THESE THINGS











NEXT DAY, BACK IN THE VILLAGE, BRENDA TALKS TO THE DISTRICT FISHERIES OFFICER



EDWIN, I'M REALLY WORRIED SAMUEL RUSHED OFF TO GO FISHING YESTERDAY MORNING AND HE NEVER MADE IT BACK LAST NIGHT



HE NEVER STAYED OUT FISHING OVERNIGHT BEFORE



MAYBE HIS BOAT CAPSIZED IN THE BIG WAVES... IT REALLY BLEW LAST NIGHT

DID HE TELL YOU WHERE HE WAS GOING?



NO HE WAS IN SUCH A HURRY



HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TELL ME ANYTHING



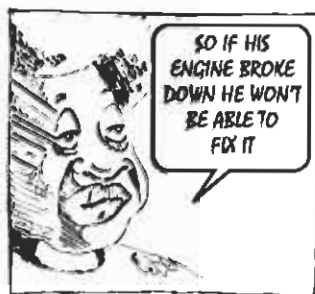
HE HAS SO MANY DIFFERENT FISHING SPOTS



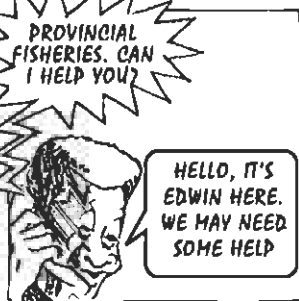
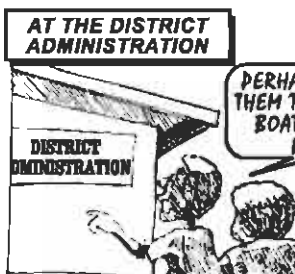
HE COULD BE ANYWHERE

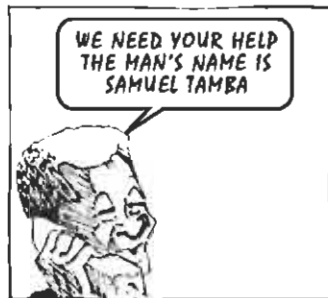


I NOTICED THIS MORNING HE FORGOT TO TAKE HIS TOOL BOX

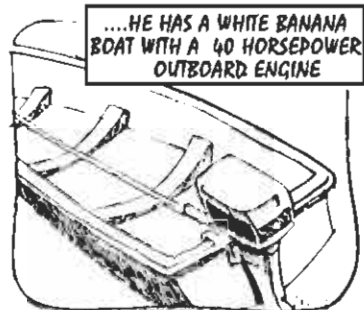


SO IF HIS ENGINE BROKE DOWN HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIX IT





DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT FISHING ?
WHAT TYPE OF BOAT IS HE USING ?
DOES HE HAVE A SPARE ENGINE ?
DOES HE HAVE A VHF RADIO OR AN EPIRB ?



I KNOW HE DOESN'T HAVE A SPARE ENGINE, I DON'T THINK HE HAS A RADIO



I'VE NEVER HEARD OF AN EPIRB OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT... WHAT IS THAT?



WHEN ACTIVATED, IT SENDS OUT A CONTINUOUS RADIO SIGNAL THAT GIVES THE BOAT'S POSITION IN THE OCEAN



SO THAT SEARCH AND RESCUE VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT

APPARENTLY HE FORGOT TO TAKE HIS TOOL BOX FOR THE OUTBOARD ENGINE



SO IF IT BROKE DOWN HE WDN'T BE ABLE TO FIX IT



BOY!... IT WOULD BE GOOD IF HE HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT IM SURE HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE



WE DON'T HAVE A BOAT OF OUR OWN SO WE'LL HAVE TO CHARTER ONE TO SEARCH FOR HIM



I'LL ORGANIZE THAT RIGHT NOW







LUCKY I CAUGHT A FEW FISH BEFORE MY ENGINE BROKE DOWN



AT LEAST I HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT EVEN IF IT HASN'T BEEN COOKED



WHAT AN IDIOT I WAS TO FORGET MY TOOL BOX



I NEVER WOULD BE IN THIS FIX IF I HAD MY TOOLS



I'M REALLY STARTING TO FEEL COLD AND WEARY



IF I HAD A TARDALIN I COULD AT LEAST GET OUT OF THE RAIN AND STAY DRY



HEY I THERE'S A BOAT OVER THERE



HEY!!.. I'M HERE!
I'M HERE!



OH NO!.. IT'S GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION



I'M HERE!!..I'M HERE!!



THEY CAN'T SEE OR HEAR ME, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?!

A LOCAL VESSEL HAS BEEN DIVERTED FROM ITS COURSE TO HELP WITH THE SEARCH



IF WE ONLY KNEW WHERE HE WENT FISHING



WE MIGHT HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF FINDING HIM



I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANY POINT IN SEARCHING ANY LONGER



I FEEL LIKE WE'RE WASTING TIME. HE'S EITHER DROWNED IN THE STORM OR DRIFTED MILES AWAY



LET'S KEEP SEARCHING FOR THE REST OF THE DAY



AND IF WE DON'T FIND HIM THEN WE'LL HEAD BACK HOME



WITH THIS BAD WEATHER HE COULD BE MILES AWAY NOW FOR ALL WE KNOW



SOMETHING FLOATING. STEER THE BOAT AT ABOUT 240 DEGREES



HEY!!.. LOOK OVER THERE I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING

THERE IT IS AGAIN

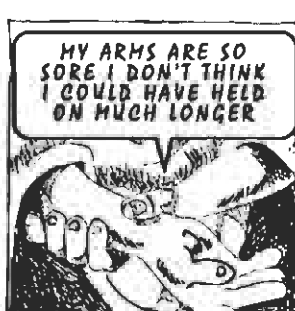


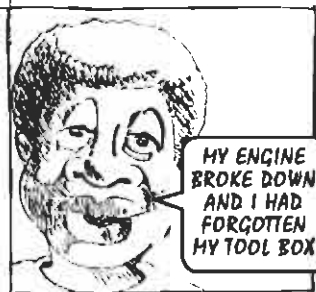
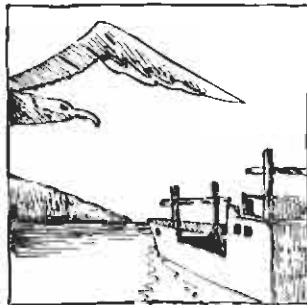
IT MAY BE JUST A LOC BUT YOU NEVER KNOW. IT COULD BE A BOAT

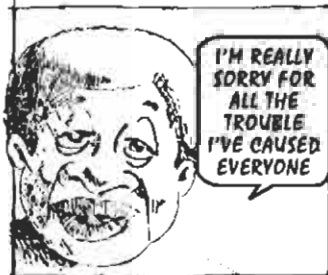


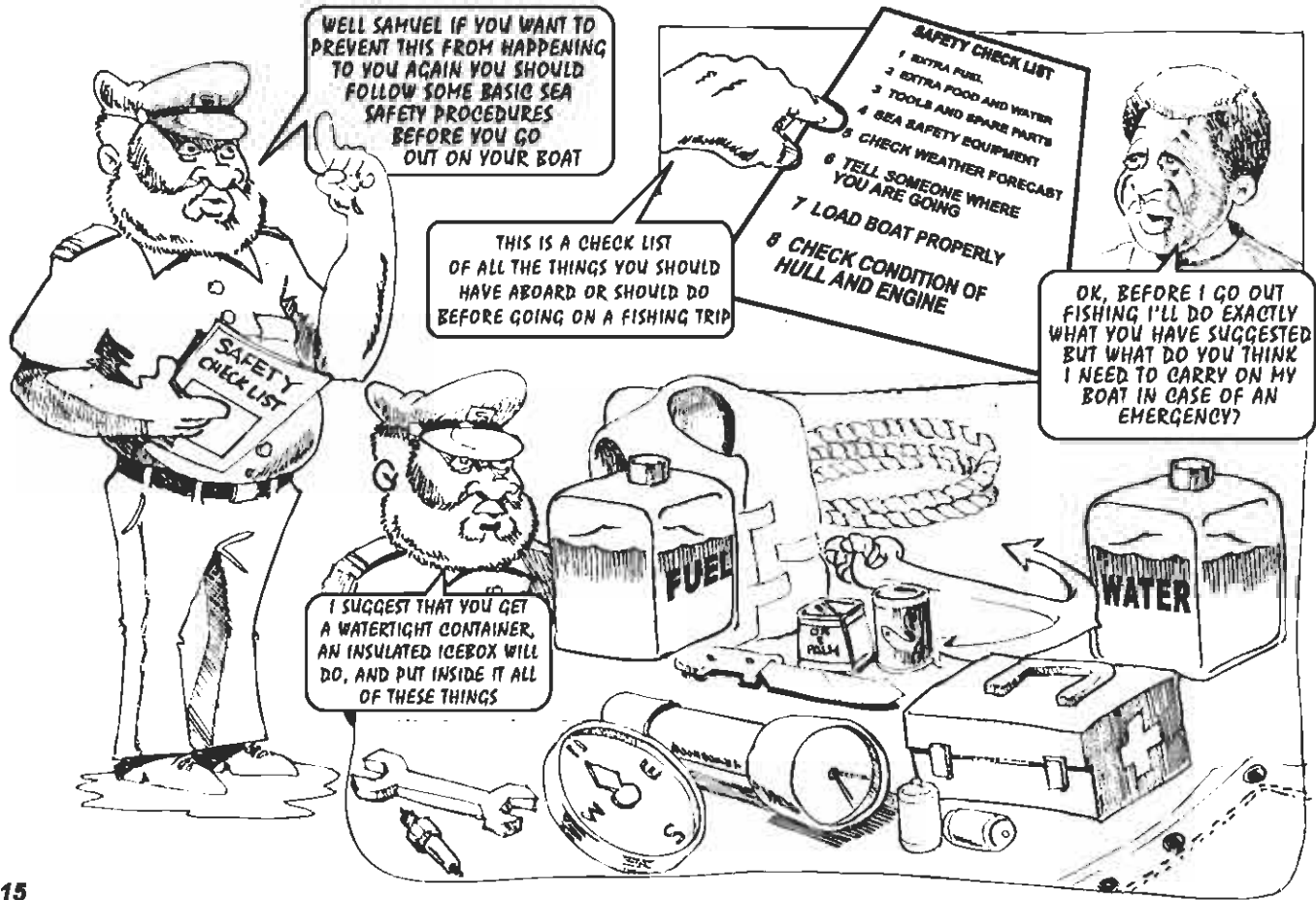
LOOK IT'S A BOAT ALRIGHT SEE THE WHITE HULL

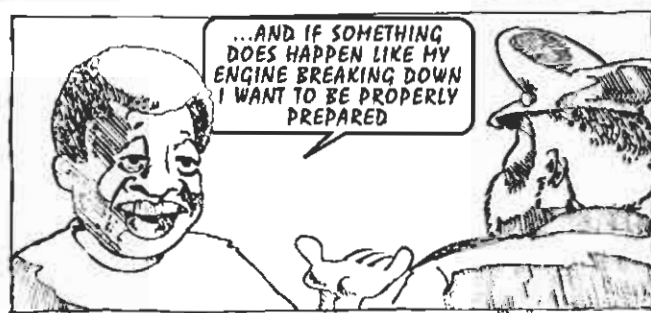
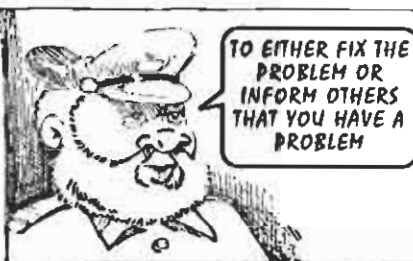
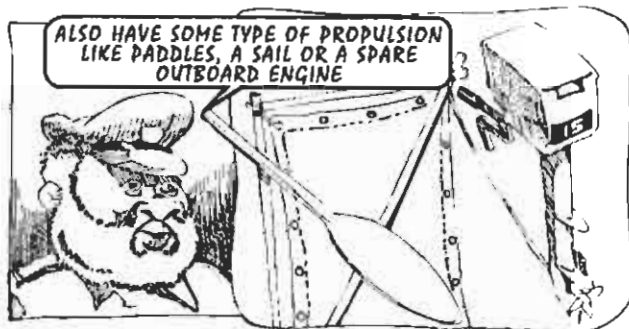


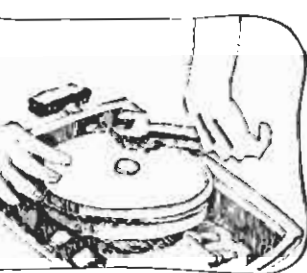
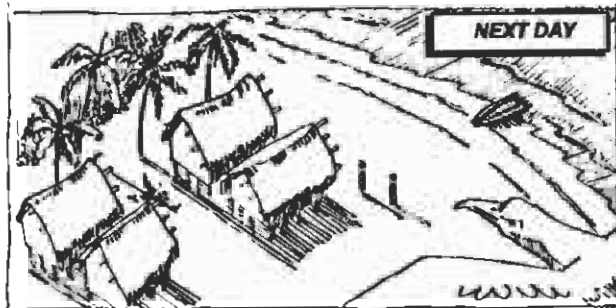


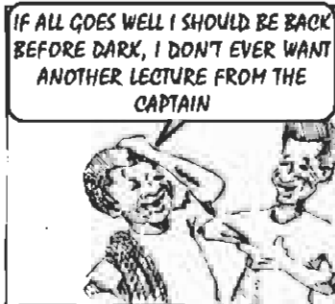
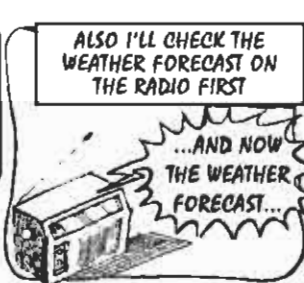
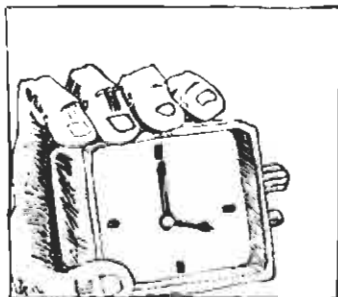














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