

Cover-Up Lowdown

More Than Just A Comic Book

PRESS RELEASE

San Francisco--November 22, 1977 marks the 14th anniversary of one of our most puzzling national mysteries as well as the publication date of an unusual comic book which delves specifically into the JFK assassination and other persistent social enigmas as well.

Cover-Up Lowdown, a 48-page pocket-sized comic claims "You Killed Kennedy" and proceeds to prove just that. Additional targets for satire are the unsolved cattle mutilations, gung-ho conspiracy buffs and nuclear power.

Masterminded by Bay-area cartoonists Jay Kinney and Paul Mavrides, the comic devotes half of its pages to documentary cartoon panels detailing true cover-ups and actual conspiracies from recent history. This portion of the comic was syndicated nationwide by the Rip Off Comix Syndicate to the college and alternative press.

Cover-Up Lowdown comics is published by Rip Off Press, Inc. of San Francisco, publishers of Gilbert Shelton's popular Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers and the just-released Zippy Stories by Bill Griffith.

The fictional portion of Cover-Up Lowdown is devoted to two 10-page strips which reveal that reality is a plot. "Passing the Buck" follows a dollar bill on its nefarious journeys 'round the world and is narrated by the pyramid on your dollar. "The Solar Czars of Cornutopia" chronicles Investigative Fallguy, Eye Yi Yi, and his exploits behind the Plastic Curtain in the world's largest shopping mall.

As a special bonus the book's centerspread is a pull-out cut-up flow chart which portrays "The Total World Conspiracy" in staggering and unbelievable detail. Through following the easy instructions the reader can construct the flow chart into an endless mobius strip. This feature is sure to be a hit with compulsives and paranoids everywhere.

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Jay Kinney, 27, has been published in more than 20 comics, including two he edited, Occult Laff-Parade and Young Lust. He plans to be a fireman when he grows up.

Paul Mavrides, 25, has done illustration work for the Arizona New Times and the recently published Assassination Please Almanac by Tom Miller (Regnery). Paul is not a vegetarian.

"Cover-Up Lowdown forgoes offensive sex and features offensive politics instead," Kinney says. "We're continually amazed by the charade which masquerades as daily reality while civilization crumbles. and this is just our way of saying 'What Gives?'"

"There are 539 specific jokes in this comic," adds Mavrides. "I know because I counted them. However there may be a few I missed."

Cover-Up Lowdown is available nationwide at comix outlets for 75¢ or by mail from Rip Off Press Inc, PO Box 14158, San Francisco 94114 for \$1.05 postpaid.

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