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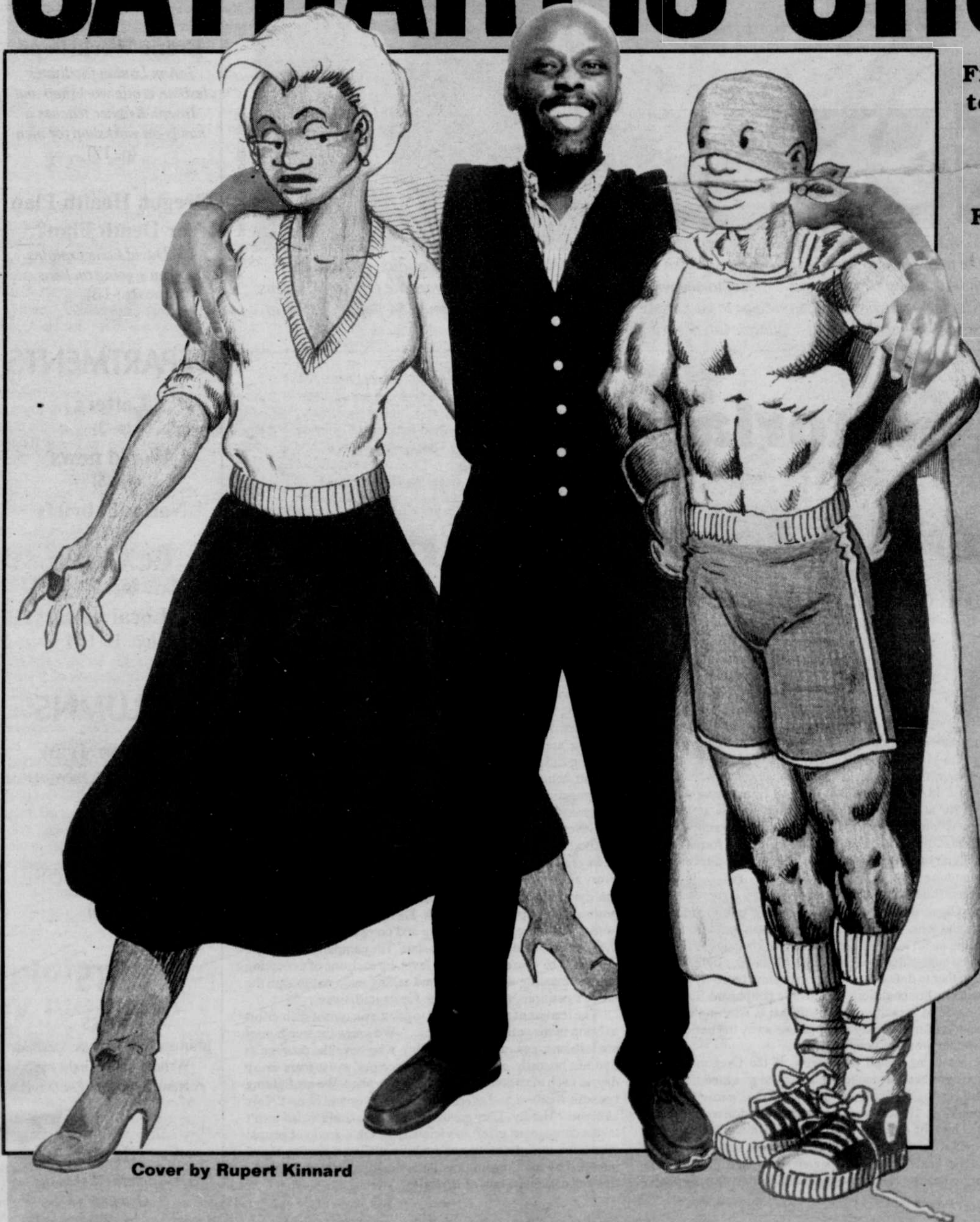
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CATHARTIC CHUMS



Cover by Rupert Kinnard

From the City of Roses to the City by the Bay, former Portlander Rupert Kinnard along with Diva Touché Flambé and the Brown Bomber, explode upon a national consciousness with a newly published collection of Cathartic Comics.

Cartooning has long been a means of illuminating life, lampooning its absurdities and commenting on contemporary politics. Gay male humor, as expressed by comic art, is stuck between the ridiculous and the reprehensible. A notable exception is the work of Professor IB Gittendowne, the alter ego of Rupert Kinnard, whose Cathartic Comics have appeared in the *San Francisco Sentinel*, the *SF Weekly* and *Just Out*. Rupert Kinnard, the Brown Bomber, and the Diva Touché Flambé will garnish the largest exposure yet with the release of an anthology of the strips published by Alyson Publications called *BB and the Diva: A Collection of Cathartic Comics*. Al Cunningham interviews Kinnard in San Francisco where Kinnard is the art director for the national lesbian and gay quarterly magazine, *OutLook*.