

NIPPIE

HE'S
OFTEN
WRONG

12-14

WHY ARE YOU SO SURE THAT YOU'LL BE PICKED FOR THE FIRST TEAM THIS YEAR, NIPPIE?

BECAUSE IT'S BETWEEN ME AND "TOOTHPICK" SKELLY AND I'M TWICE AS STRONG AS HIM! HE'S SO SKINNY IT'S A WONDER HE DON'T FALL APART!

NICE WORK, "TOOTHPICK"!

OKAY, BOYS—OFF THE FLOOR—THE FIRST TEAM IS TO HAVE SIGNAL PRACTICE!

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I SEE HERE THAT DETECTIVE BILL BAKER CAUGHT TWO MORE CROOKS SINGLE-HANDED—HE MUST BE A POWERFUL MAN, MICHAEL!

BUT HE ISN'T, UNCLE PHIL! HE'S NOT EVEN AS BIG AS YOU—HE'S JUST AN EXPERT AT ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE FIGHTIN'—THAT'S ALL!

NOT EVEN AS BIG AS ME, EH? SAY—I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM!

WELL, COME ON DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS WITH ME AND I'LL INTRODUCE YA! HE WORKS OUT IN THE GYM EVERY MORNING!

SUPPOSE YOU KNEW THAT A MAN WAS GONNA TAKE A POKE AT YOU—in an argument, we'll say! HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE HIM?

I'LL SHOW YOU ON THIS DUMMY! I'D JUST GRAB THE LAPELS OF HIS COAT WITH BOTH HANDS—LIKE THIS!

—AND THEN YANK HIM FORWARD QUICKLY—LIKE THIS! MY HEAD HITS HIM RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES—AND HE'S KNOCKED COLD BEFORE HE KNOWS IT!

THAT'S THE IDEA! IT'S AN OLD STUNT BUT IT NEVER FAILS!

DROP IN AGAIN AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOME JIU JITSU TRICKS!

YOU'VE SHOWN ME ALL I WANT TO KNOW, MR. BAKER—AND I'M MUCH OBLIGED!

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WELL, HORSEFACE—I WAS HOPIN' I'D FIND YOU HERE—YOU NO-GOOD, FOUR-FLUSHIN', BLABBER-MOUTHED PHONEY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, PHIL—HAVE YOU GONE NUTS?

NUTS ME EYE! YOU'VE BULLIED ME FOR 20 YEARS, HOULIHAN—AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR IT!

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OKAY, BOYS! GET READY TO PICK HIM UP!

CLUNK!

SOMEBODY MUST'VE FED HIM RAW MEAT!

YEAH!

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