THE Y FILES
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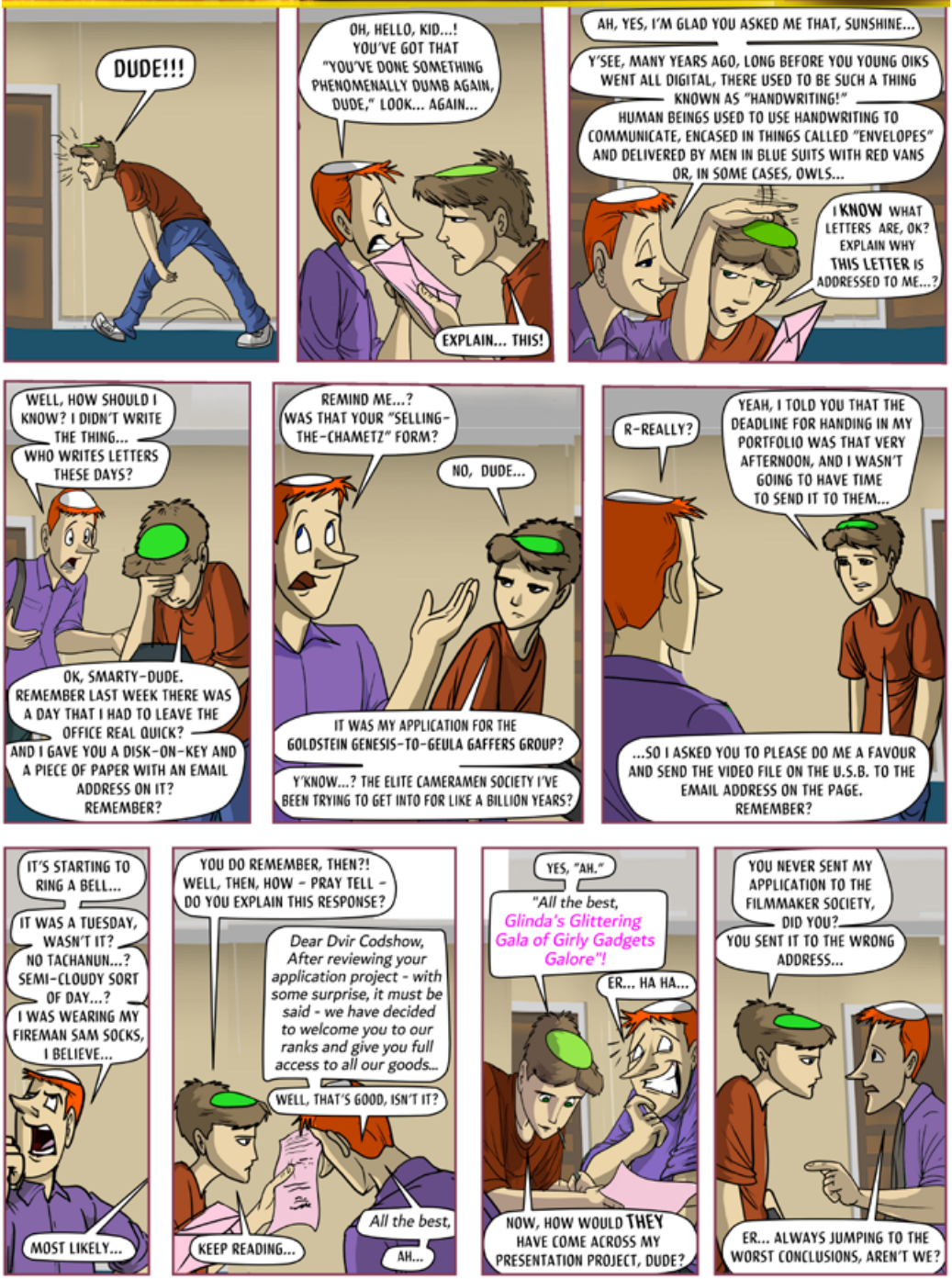

NOW, NOW, LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS LOGICALLY:

MAYBE... MAYBE THERE'S A DEEPER MEANING HERE!

A DEEPER MEANING... FOR THIS TOTALLY UNBEFITTING REWARD...? LIKE WHAT?

OH... ER...

PINCHAS!!

EXCUSE ME?

WELL, PINCHAS ALSO RECEIVED AN AWARD THAT SEEMED TOTALLY UNBEFITTING TO WHAT HE "HANDED IN", DIDN'T HE?

HE PERFORMED AN ACT THAT SEEMED TERRIBLY VIOLENT, KILLING OL' ZIMRI... BUT HE RECEIVED AN AWARD OF EVERLASTING PEACE!! WHY?

...EXCEPT THAT DEEP-DOWN, PINCHAS WASN'T A KILLER, DRIVEN BY HATRED OR BLOODLUST - HE WAS ALL ABOUT PEACE!

HE JUST DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE PUBLIC FROM THE DEVASTATING PLAGUE...

LIKE OUR DEAR SOLDIERS, SOMETIMES IN ORDER TO SAVE INNOCENT LIVES AND ATTAIN ACTUAL PEACE, YOU HAVE TO OBLITERATE EVIL...

BUT HOW WE WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL ANYONE...

SO... MAYBE THOSE CAMERAMEN GUYS RECEIVED YOUR PROJECT, AND THOUGHT "PASSING THIS ON TO THE GLITTER GIRLS IS WHAT NEEDS DOING RIGHT NOW..."?

GENIUS, DUDE... ANY OTHER IDEAS?

OR MAYBE YOUR PROJECT SHOWED SO MUCH CREATIVE INITIATIVE THAT IT INSPIRED THEM TO TAKE CREATIVE INITIATIVE, TOO...

JUST LIKE PINCHAS WAS AWARDED, IN FACT, FOR TAKING INITIATIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE COULD HAVE CLAIMED "WELL, IF MOSHE AND THE ELDERS ARE JUST STANDING AROUND HELPLESSLY, DOING NOTHING, WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE RISK?"

THE "CHOMAT ESH*" SAYS THAT'S WHY HE WAS AWARDED FOR "STANDING UP FOR HIS G-D"! HE ACTED AS THOUGH IT WAS JUST HIM AND G-D, WITHOUT DIVIDING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS!

OHHH... "CHOMAT ESH"... SO, YOU SENT THE EMAIL BUT IT WAS A "FIREWALL" ISSUE... INTERESTING...

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UH... MAYBE? OR PERHAPS - LIKE THE "KTAV SOFER" SAYS - PINCHAS SHOWED LEADERSHIP! BECAUSE A TRUE LEADER THINKS ONLY OF WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIS PEOPLE, NOT HIMSELF! SO HE WAS AWARDED PEACE AS A LEADER...?

UH HUH. YEAH, FASCINATING THEORY, DUDE...

HERE'S ANOTHER THEORY. MAYBE YOU LOST THE PAGE I GAVE YOU WITH THE EMAIL ADDRESS, AND SO YOU GOOGLED "application for some society that begins with a G"... AND YOU SENT IT TO THE FIRST THING THAT CAME UP INSTEAD?

ER... PREPOSTEROUS... THE VERY IDEA...!

...I WOULDN'T HAVE SENT IT JUST TO THE FIRST GOOGLE SEARCH THAT POPPED UP...

OH BOY...

WHICH IS WHY YOU HAVE RESPONSES ALSO FROM "GRAHAM'S GAGA GRASSHOPPERS GUILD" AND FROM THE "GUERNSEY GROUP FOR GERIATRIC GREYHOUNDS" AND THE "GENEVA GATHERING OF GRINNING GLASS GANDALFS"...

OH, AND THE "GOLDSTEIN GENESIS-TO-GEULA GAFFERS..."

THE WHAT?! THEY... THEY RECEIVED IT!

SEEM TO...

I... I GOT IN?!

ER... SORRY, DUDE... AFTER ALL THE EFFORT YOU PUT IN... ALL THOSE ACCUSATIONS WERE...

...A TOTALLY UNBEFITTING REWARD?