THE Y FILES
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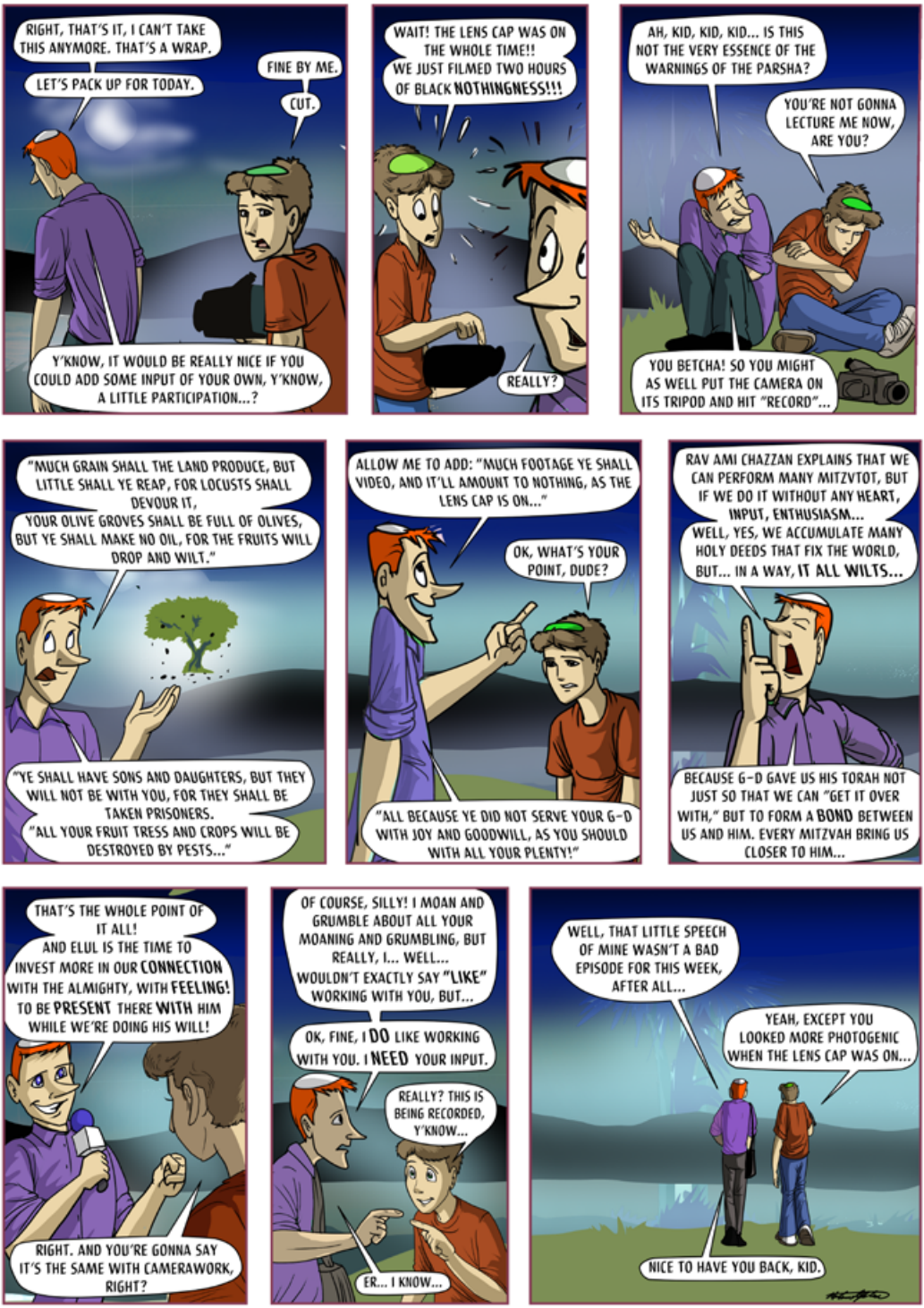
RIGHT, THAT'S IT, I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE. THAT'S A WRAP.
LET'S PACK UP FOR TODAY.
FINE BY ME.
CUT.
Y'KNOW, IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE IF YOU COULD ADD SOME INPUT OF YOUR OWN, Y'KNOW, A LITTLE PARTICIPATION...?
WAIT! THE LENS CAP WAS ON THE WHOLE TIME!! WE JUST FILMED TWO HOURS OF BLACK NOTHINGNESS!!!
REALLY?
AH, KID, KID, KID... IS THIS NOT THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE WARNINGS OF THE PARSHA?
YOU'RE NOT GONNA LECTURE ME NOW, ARE YOU?
YOU BETCHA! SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL PUT THE CAMERA ON ITS TRIPOD AND HIT "RECORD"...
"MUCH GRAIN SHALL THE LAND PRODUCE, BUT LITTLE SHALL YE REAP, FOR LOCUSTS SHALL DEVOUR IT, YOUR OLIVE GROVES SHALL BE FULL OF OLIVES, BUT YE SHALL MAKE NO OIL, FOR THE FRUITS WILL DROP AND WILT."
"YE SHALL HAVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE WITH YOU, FOR THEY SHALL BE TAKEN PRISONERS. "ALL YOUR FRUIT TRESS AND CROPS WILL BE DESTROYED BY PESTS..."
ALLOW ME TO ADD: "MUCH FOOTAGE YE SHALL VIDEO, AND IT'LL AMOUNT TO NOTHING, AS THE LENS CAP IS ON..."
OK, WHAT'S YOUR POINT, DUDE?
"ALL BECAUSE YE DID NOT SERVE YOUR G-D WITH JOY AND GOODWILL, AS YOU SHOULD WITH ALL YOUR PLENTY!"
RAV AMI CHAZZAN EXPLAINS THAT WE CAN PERFORM MANY MITZVTOT, BUT IF WE DO IT WITHOUT ANY HEART, INPUT, ENTHUSIASM... WELL, YES, WE ACCUMULATE MANY HOLY DEEDS THAT FIX THE WORLD, BUT... IN A WAY, IT ALL WILTS...
BECAUSE G-D GAVE US HIS TORAH NOT JUST SO THAT WE CAN "GET IT OVER WITH," BUT TO FORM A BOND BETWEEN US AND HIM. EVERY MITZVAH BRING US CLOSER TO HIM...
THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF IT ALL! AND ELUL IS THE TIME TO INVEST MORE IN OUR CONNECTION WITH THE ALMIGHTY, WITH FEELING! TO BE PRESENT THERE WITH HIM WHILE WE'RE DOING HIS WILL!
RIGHT. AND YOU'RE GONNA SAY IT'S THE SAME WITH CAMERAWORK, RIGHT?
OF COURSE, SILLY! I MOAN AND GRUMBLE ABOUT ALL YOUR MOANING AND GRUMBLING, BUT REALLY, I... WELL... WOULDN'T EXACTLY SAY "LIKE" WORKING WITH YOU, BUT...
OK, FINE, I DO LIKE WORKING WITH YOU. I NEED YOUR INPUT.
REALLY? THIS IS BEING RECORDED, Y'KNOW...
ER... I KNOW...
WELL, THAT LITTLE SPEECH OF MINE WASN'T A BAD EPISODE FOR THIS WEEK, AFTER ALL...
YEAH, EXCEPT YOU LOOKED MORE PHOTOGENIC WHEN THE LENS CAP WAS ON...
NICE TO HAVE YOU BACK, KID.