

# TO HELL WITH YOU, MATT GROENING

IN  
MEMORIAM  
TO THAT COMIC  
STRIP WITH THE  
SCRIBBLY  
DRAWINGS,  
SOME RABBITS,  
AND THOSE  
FEZ WEARING  
GUYS.

PATRICK  
MCDONNELL

ALISON  
BECHDEL

ART  
SPIEGELMAN

JAMES  
STURM

TONY  
MILLIONAIRE

BOBBY  
LONDON

JIM  
BORGMAN  
AND  
JERRY  
SCOTT

TOM  
GAMMILL

SERGIO  
ARAGONES

CAROL  
LAY

R.  
SIKORYAK

JEN  
SORENSEN

RUBEN  
BOLLING

TOM  
TOMORROW

IVAN  
BRUNETTI

PETER  
KUPER

JEFFREY  
BROWN

SAMMY  
HARKHAM

JORDAN  
CRANE

## LIFE IN HECK

MATT IS  
SO GAY.

THAT'S  
OFFENSIVE.  
I TAKE  
UMBRAGE.

I MEANT GAY  
AS IN EXQUISITE.  
ENLIGHTENED, DROLL,  
SUBLIME AND POTENT.

NOT GAY  
LIKE YOU.

YOU BOYS  
GOTTA STOP  
MATT FROM  
RETIERING  
YER STRIP.

A FEW MORE YEARS  
AND A SYNDICATE  
MIGHT PICK YOU UP.  
MAYBE EVEN  
MAKE IT A  
DAILY!

ANY OTHER  
ADVICE FOR  
THE BOSS?

HE OUGHTA PATCH  
THINGS UP WITH  
HIS FIRST WIFE SO  
THEY CAN GET  
BACK TOGETHER.

(CLOSING UP  
HIS WOUNDS  
SINCE HE'S  
SPOKE)

...so any questions about  
weekly comic strips?

Yes, you in  
the back.

Could a comic called  
"Life in Hell" go to  
heaven after it dies?

First it would have to be  
a truly superlative strip.

Ultimately though, it  
would be up to God.

THANKS,  
GOD!

---AND THANKS  
TOU, MATT  
JAMES

1. SIN...

CHECK!

2. DIE...

CHECK!

DAMN THING  
WON'T WORK!

WE CAN  
HELP YOU

WELCOME TO A  
WORLD DEVOID OF LIFE!

CRASH!

AT LEAST I  
HAVE MY  
FEZ BACK!

I AM  
QUITTING  
LIFE IN  
HELL.

DUDE,  
THAT'S AN  
OPTION?

NICE RUN, MATT!  
JERRY GOODMAN  
UMBREGMAN

THERE WOULD BE  
NO "SIMPSON'S"  
WITHOUT "LIFE  
IN HELL."  
MATT  
CHANGED  
THE  
WORLD  
OF  
TELEVISION  
COMEDY.

WAY TO SUCK UP TO  
THE BOSS,  
GAMMILL!

Felicitades  
MATT!  
Anyone

TRANSMUTATION  
TIME!

HEY, WHERE'D  
YOU GO?

IT'S ALL OVER.  
I'M SHOCKED,  
HEARTBROKEN,  
INCONSOLABLE.

THERE'S  
NOTHING LEFT.

=CLICK=

THIS IS PRETTY  
GOOD, THOUGH.

ACME FEATURES HUT

I'M  
FINALLY  
FREE!

I CAN GO  
ANYWHERE  
AND DO  
ANYTHING!

UM, CAN  
I CRASH ON  
YOUR COUCH?

SORENSEN

AFTER 32 YEARS,  
YOU'RE WRAPPING  
UP YOUR COMIC  
STRIP?

WOW, IT WAS PURE  
GENIUS, AND  
INCALCULABLY  
INFLUENTIAL!

YOU ARE THE GUY  
WHO DOES  
"MARMADUKE,"  
RIGHT?

THANKS  
FOR THE  
BRILLIANCE!  
YOUR FAN,  
RUBEN  
BOLLING

IN 1983 I WAS WORKING  
CRAPPY OFFICE JOBS IN CHICAGO.  
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I  
CAN LAST IN THIS PLACE!

I DON'T KNOW HOW  
LONG YOU CAN LAST  
IN THIS PLACE EITHER.

BUT I DISCOVERED A BRILLIANT  
COMIC IN THE LOCAL ALT-WEEKLY.  
WHY--THESE ALIENATED RABBITS  
SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE RAGE  
AND FRUSTRATION OF MY LIFE!

I AM NOT ALONE  
IF YOU DON'T

IT'S NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY  
THAT "LIFE IN HELL" CHANGED  
MY LIFE.

THANKS FOR LEADING THE WAY,  
MATT--AND SHOWING THE REST  
OF US HOW TO DO IT RIGHT.

MY AUTOGRAPHED  
COPY OF "HELL" FROM  
THE 1980S

WORKS WELL

MAYBE "DENNIS  
THE MENACE"  
IS STILL  
HIRING

PINK  
SLIP

DO YOU REMEMBER  
WHAT GENERAL  
MACARTHUR  
SAID?

NO, WHAT?

I WILL MISS  
LIFE IN HELL.

Why are you leaving  
us, Matt? What made  
you do this?

Why would you just  
abandon us like  
this? How can you  
just let us  
go?

We love you too!

Jeffrey Brown

NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT  
DOING A WEEKLY STRIP,  
HOW YOU GONNA MAKE  
A LIVING? UGH.

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THE CENTER FOR CARTOON STUDIES



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IF IT  
WASN'T  
FOR THAT  
STRIP...

HOLY COW!  
THIS IS  
SOLID GOLD

THIS IS WHAT  
I WANNA DO!  
I'MUNNA GROW  
UP AN' BE A  
CARTOONER!

THANK  
YOU, MATT  
GROENING

IS CHICAGO HELL

WHAT  
HAVE I  
DONE?