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THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE LAND ---

THEY'RE OUT THERE. WAITING. THE GIANTS THAT USED TO STAND WATCH OVER OUR MOTORWAYS. PAPER MACHE' AND CHICKEN WIRE SENTINELS OF THAT METAPHOR CALLED ROUTE 66. MOST HAVE FALLEN. A FEW REMAIN. THIS IS MY CROSS-COUNTRY JOURNAL TO DOCUMENT THE SURVIVORS. RIDING SHOTGUN ARE MY KIDS -- GAWKING IN AWE JUST AS I DID THE FIRST TIME I FELL BENEATH THEIR SHADOWS -- AND REMINDING ME JUST HOW IMPORTANT -- AND FRAGILE -- A GIANT CAN BE.

UP AHEAD, THE SIGNPOST READS, "LAST BINGO PARLOR FOR 100 MILES", "MYSTERY THING OF THE DESERT", "YUP, ANOTHER CAVERN", "YOU'VE JUST ENTERED THE STUCKY'S ZONE".

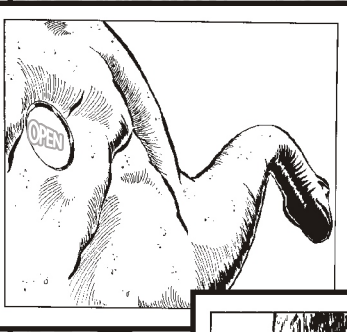
"THE LOST WORLD"

CABAZON, CA. - Not exactly "The Valley Of The Giants", but close enough
An hour and a half East of Los Angeles, or just 14 miles West of Palm Springs
resides a small community of prehistoric reptiles guarding their favorite truck stop.

Erupting from the scorched desert floor
they stand four stories tall and weigh
over several hundred thousand pounds.

Although their mighty maws are silent
these monstrous labors of love consumed
over a decade of a famed artist's life.

They are the hand-sculptured
creations of the late Mr. Claude Bell.



Lovingly restored by the new
proprietors, these dinos
may be a few million
years extinct...
but they're still
open for business!

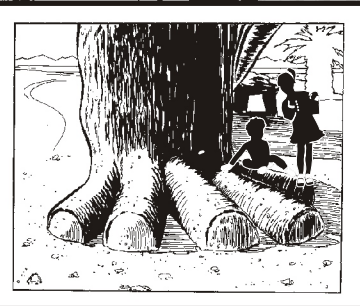
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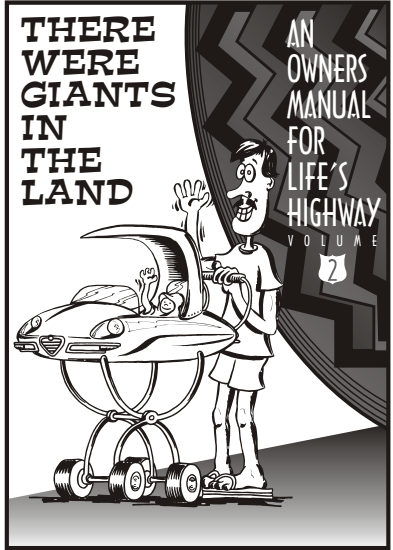
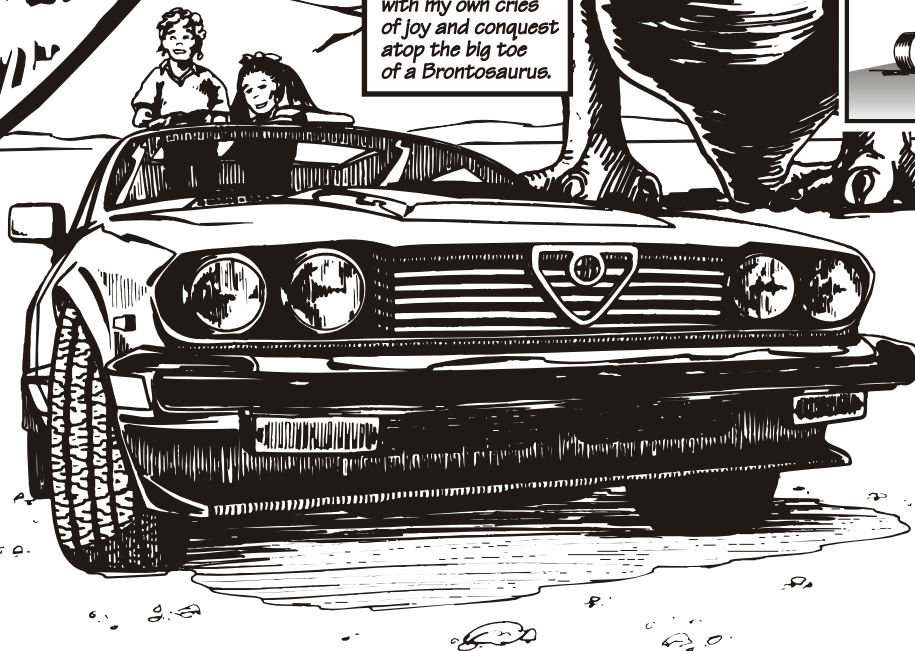
"That Joe Guy" is a member of the National Cartoonist Society and Golden Mug winner.

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Watching the kids climb with delight, I'm amazed at how fresh my own memories are of this place -



When I rewarded an old man's toil with my own cries of joy and conquest atop the big toe of a Brontosaurus.



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