

# The Story of GERHARD SHNOBBLE



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EFORE WE BEGIN THIS STORY WE WANT TO MAKE ONE POINT VERY CLEAR..

**THIS IS NOT A FUNNY STORY!!**

WE MEAN TO GIVE YOU A SIMPLE ACCOUNT OF GERHARD SHNOBBLE... BEGINNING AT THE POINT WHEN HE FIRST DISCOVERED HE COULD **FLY**.



PLEASE.... NO LAUGHTER....

GERHARD SHNOBBLE WAS BORN IN THE BIG CITY... OF ORDINARY PARENTS... AND GREW UP TO BE AN ORDINARY BOY...



EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE THING...

ONE DAY...

ON HIS EIGHTH BIRTHDAY,

TO BE EXACT...

YOUNG GERHARD

SLIPPED

AND

FELL OFF

A ROOF.

IN MID-AIR HE

TWISTED

AND

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IN AN

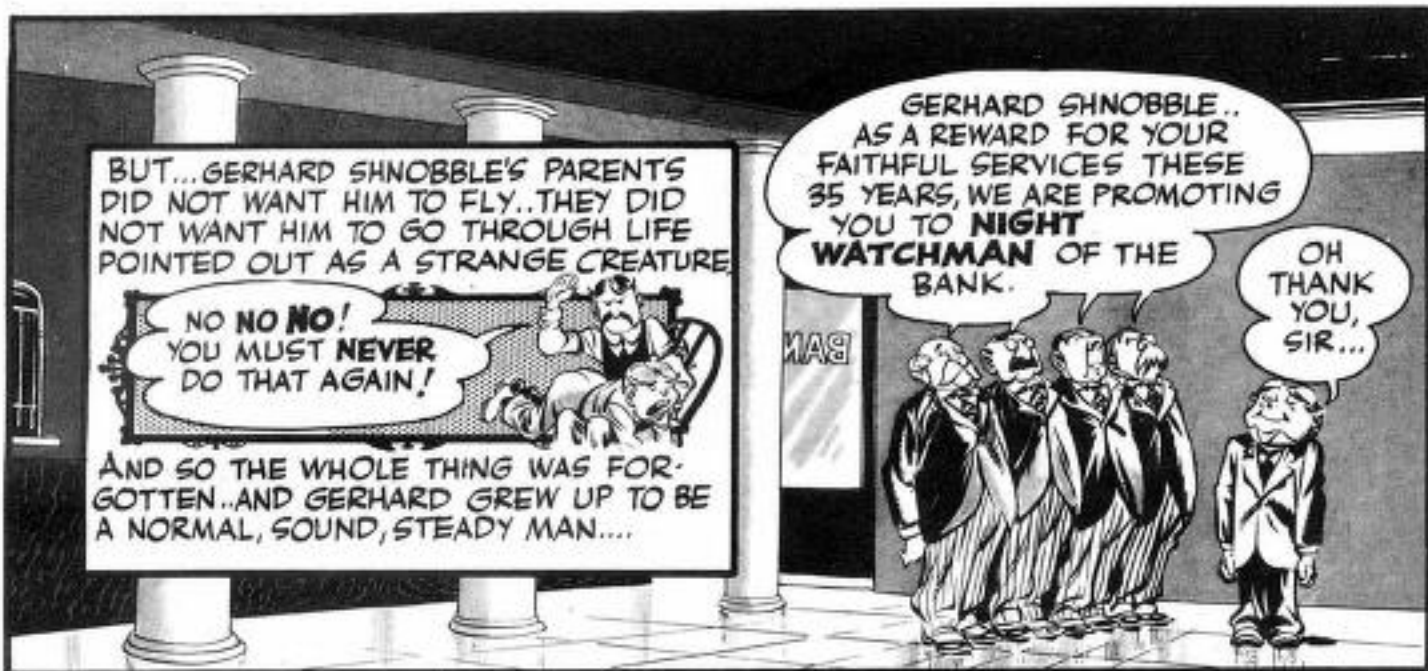
EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF.

SUDDENLY...

HEY, MA... LOOKA ME... I'M FLYIN'!

... INSTEAD OF FALLING, HE FLEW GRACEFULLY TO EARTH.





WHILE GERHARD SHNOBBLE BLUNDERS SADLY THROUGH THE STREETS...



EVERY STREET AND TRAIN DEPOT IS BLOCKED.. THEY CAN'T GET OUT.

THEY **COULD** ESCAPE BY **HELICOPTER**, DOLAN..

HOLY SMOKE, SPIRIT.. YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE.. WE HAD A REPORT THAT A HELICOPTER LANDED ON THE ELECTRIC BUILDING LATE LAST NIGHT!

WELL.. WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GET THERE AT ONCE!!



EEEEEEEE

A FAILURE... THAT'S WHAT I AM.. A **NOBODY** WITH NO TALENT.. IF ONLY I COULD DO SOMETHING BIG.. THAT'D SHOW THEM!



EEOO

DO SOMETHING.. HMF.. IF ONLY.. IF ONLY I COULD.. **YES.. WHY NOT? I CAN FLY..** NOW IT COMES BACK TO ME.. **I CAN FLY!!**



SURROUND THE BUILDING, MEN.. THE SPIRIT IS GOING UP AFTER THEM.

**HOLD THAT ELEVATOR!!**

I'LL SHOW THE WORLD.. I'LL BE FAMOUS.. I'LL FLY.. FLY!

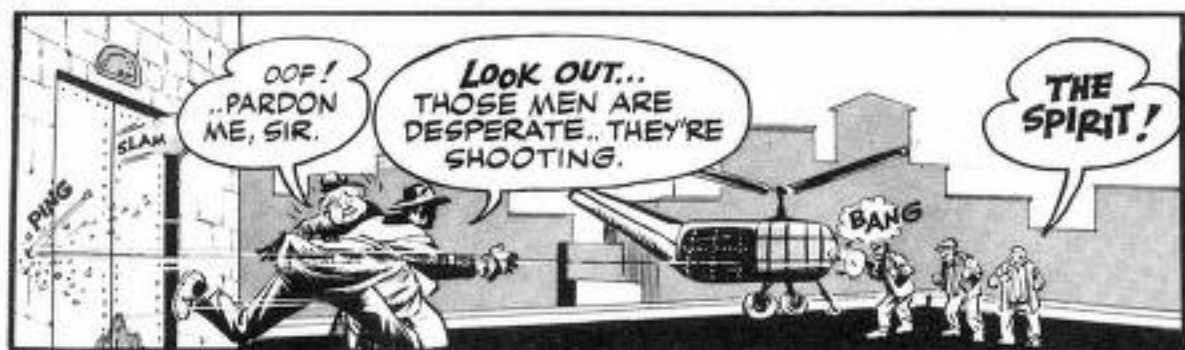
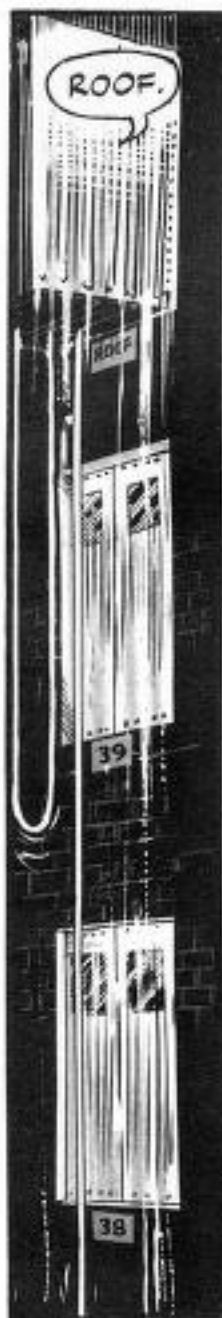


ROOF, PLEASE.

YES... TODAY I'LL DO IT.. TODAY THE WORLD WILL SEE...

YES, SIR.









**AND SO... LIFELESS...**  
GERHARD SHNOBBLE FLUTTERED  
EARTHWARD.

**BUT DO NOT WEEP  
FOR SHNOBBLE...**

**RATHER SHED A TEAR  
FOR ALL MANKIND...**

FOR NOT ONE PERSON IN THE  
ENTIRE CROWD THAT WATCHED  
HIS BODY BEING CARTED AWAY...KNEW  
OR EVEN SUSPECTED THAT  
ON THIS DAY GERHARD SHNOBBLE  
HAD FLOWN.

