

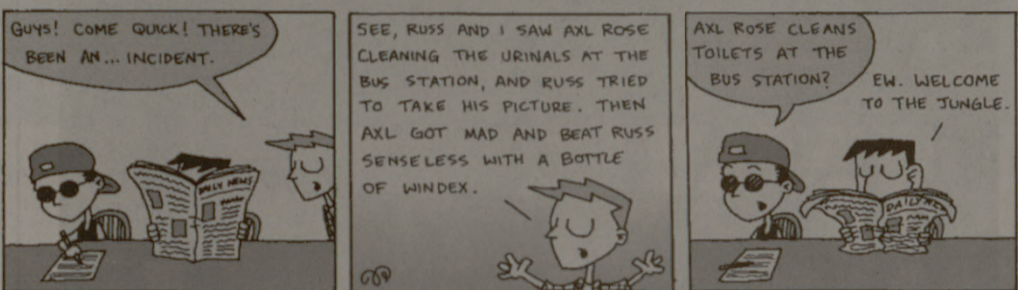
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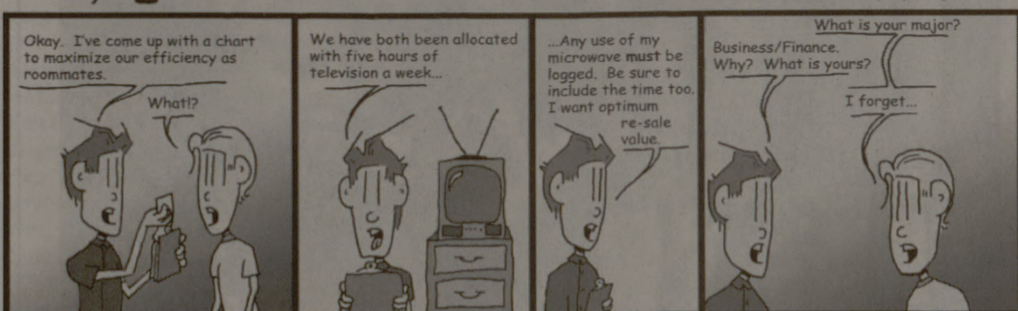
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Lynch signs \$1 million book deal

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NEW YORK — Jessica Lynch has struck a \$1 million deal for a book that will tell the story of her capture and rescue in Iraq. But questions remain over how much she remembers. Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Tuesday that the former prisoner of war who became a national hero will collaborate on "I Am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story" with Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Rick Bragg. The book is scheduled to come out in mid-November, with a first printing of around 500,000 copies. Financial terms were not disclosed, but a source close to the negotiations said Lynch and Bragg will split a \$1 million

advance, with any royalties going to Lynch. The source spoke on condition of anonymity. "Many folks have written, expressing their support for me and for the thousands of other soldiers who serve their country," Lynch said in a statement issued by Knopf. "I feel I owe them all this story, which will be about more than a girl going off to war and fighting alongside her fellow soldiers. It will be a story about growing up in America." Bragg has been granted exclusive access to Lynch and her family. Knopf spokesman Paul Bogaards said any authorized film adaptation would likely have to be based on the book. "I feel a kinship with Jessica and her family, and am thrilled at the prospect of bringing this story to the wider world," Bragg said in the statement. It is unclear how much Lynch will be able to tell Bragg. Doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington have said it is unlikely Lynch will remember the events of her capture. Knopf

spokesman Paul Bogaards, who visited with Lynch last week, said the state of her memory is "excellent," but declined to say what he and Lynch discussed. Bragg also declined comment. Lynch's grandmother, Wynema Lynch, who lives across the street, said she looks forward to reading the book. "We don't talk about what happened to her over there," Mrs. Lynch said. "When she wants to tell me, she will." Nothing has been set for a television interview. Networks consider it likely that TV appearances will be timed to the book's publication in November — which also happens to be a television ratings "sweeps" month. ABC's Diane Sawyer and NBC's Katie Couric are believed to be the most aggressive suitors for a Lynch interview. CBS News has also tried for an interview, but was embarrassed when it was revealed in June that the Viacom-owned network had hinted at publishing and MTV deals. Lynch, 20, received a medical discharge last week.



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