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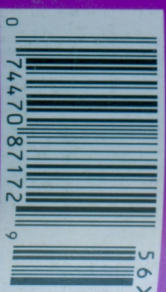
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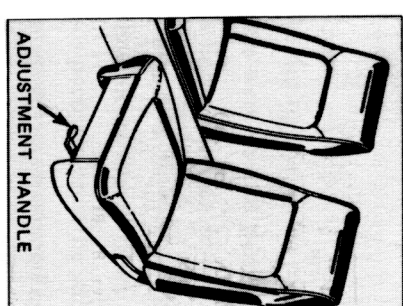
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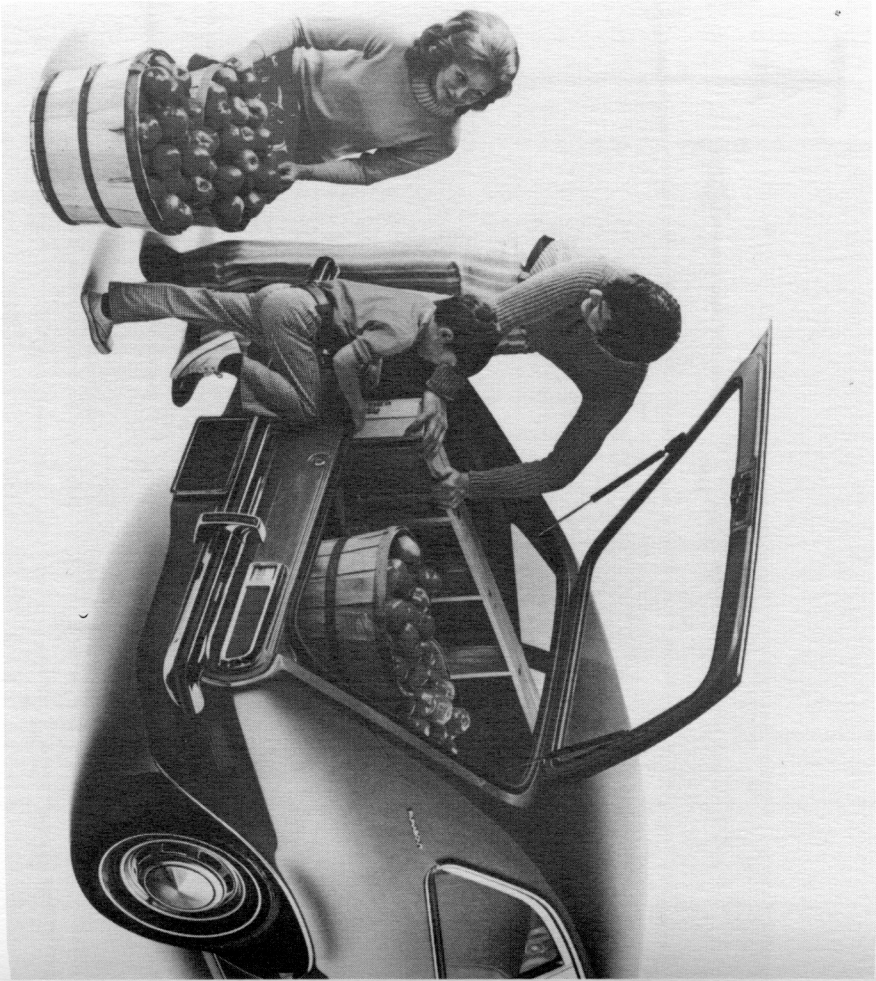
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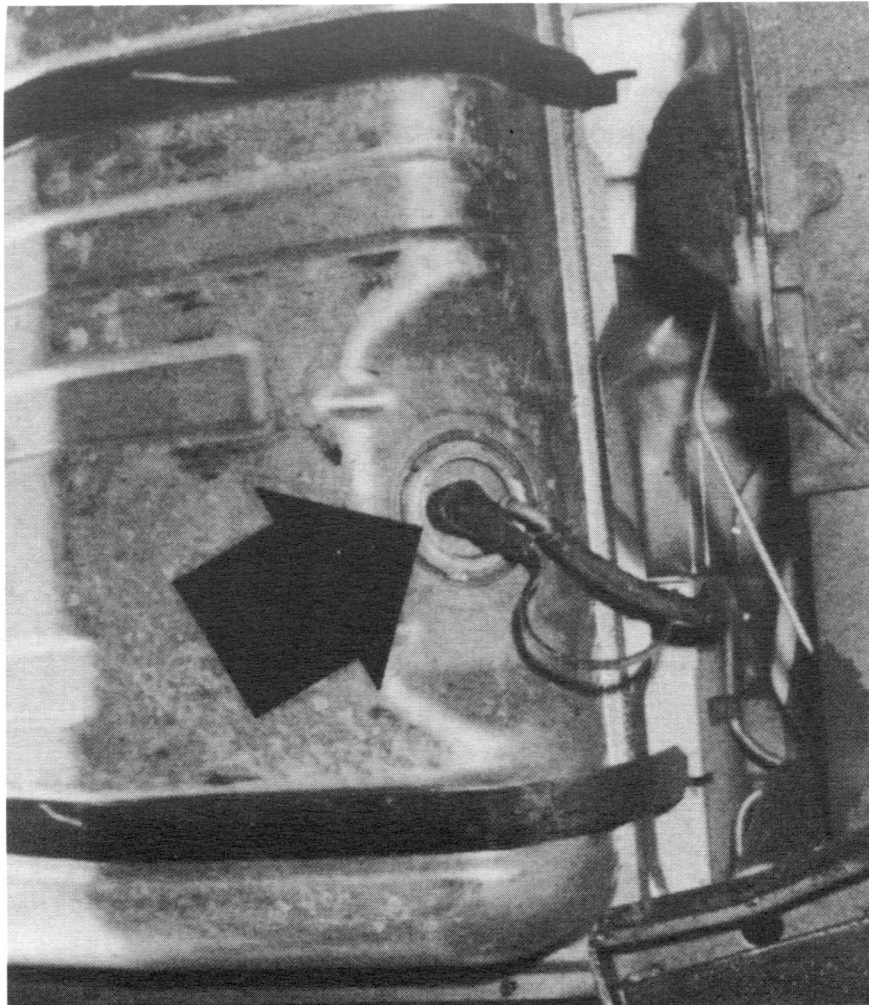
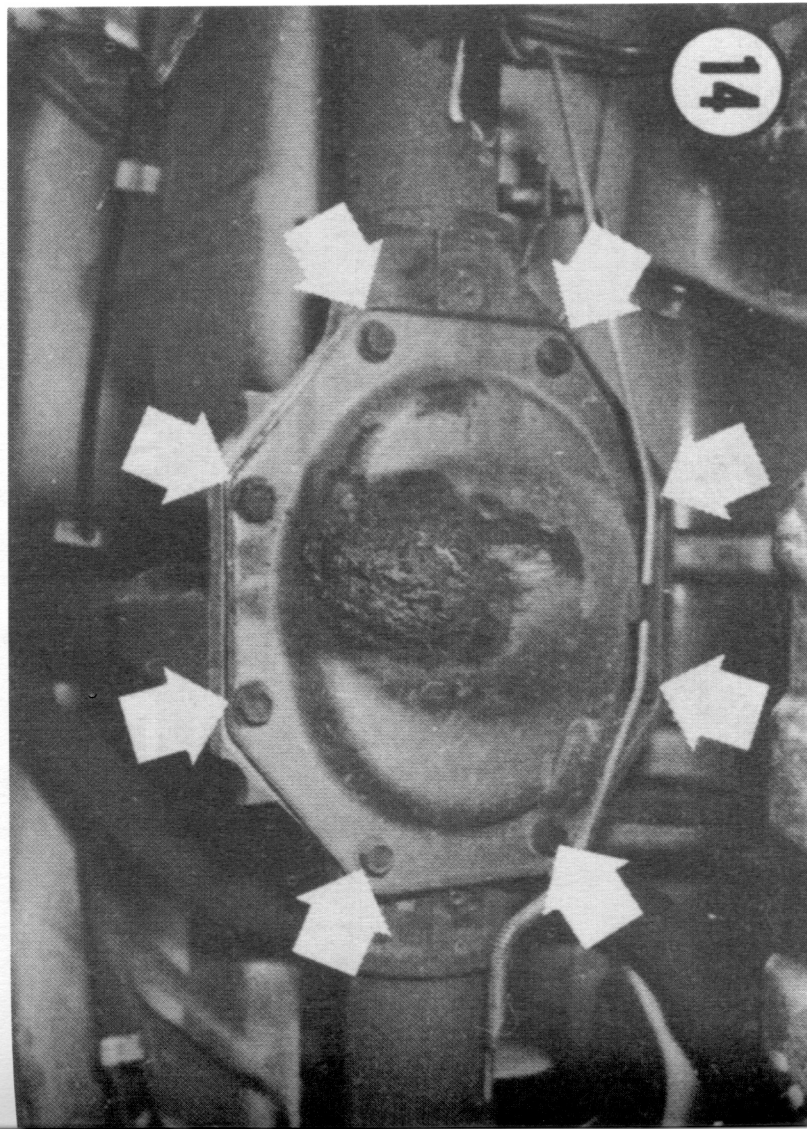
MY BABYSITTERS

Most of my babysitters came of age during the fisting revolution of the late seventies. My brothers the clams were shot in their bungalows on channel 11. During the investigation Eddie & I discovered God's calf massager. Eight feet wide & thirty feet long, surrounded by sand pipers. My dad said he'd fuck anyone who thought he was terrific. Prageeta advises against becoming a man who uses poetry to prove he still has sex. Eddie said pretend you thought it was a neurotic poetry reading. Two of my babysitters took pictures of naked guy poets in order to learn their fluffing techniques. I saw all the pictures when I was nine on a calendar. "As good as Beethoven & Patti Smith in their garterbelts," Mom said. Kevin likes to say "Anselm's fisting cheetos" in his poems a lot, but I meant feasting cheetahs. I want to do boring things with my lover like trying the blender on low. Eddie said he'd have sex with Colorado but not New York. I said I wouldn't steal his lines anymore. Facing the other way on top was too ab-ex: obscurity does not please my lover. I used to think I'd be good at being either a groupie or a therapist. As a poet with lowercase p I get to be both. "The way you keep your eyes to the ground when you wander into traffic totally turns me on" I heard one of my babysitters say. I liked the way they let me stay up in 1982. I learned from another babysitter couple how unimpressive nudity could be. Sometimes I think of my babysitters as a community. Sometimes I'm not sure that becoming cynical about sexual transgression before reaching puberty was such a good thing for my development. The idea of me & Bowie sleeping together was such a gas we laughed for days & he painted my nails. To quit smoking I imagined I was Eleanor of Aquitaine gathering troubadours in the 12th century. Once one of my babysitters told me I shouldn't talk about my babysitters because I'd never be taken seriously if I did. Then he said the first definition of pedophile is one who loves children & I ran and ran. I remember freaking out one babysitter by showing him how the mobile of a flasher that my sister sent us worked. My favorite









Who has ever said "I move to"? My Conscience For Comptroller. Ballottement. Home Shopping Network on every band. Sing for your supposition. Then back to the woodwork with you.

WALL STREET: In "Sticks and Carrots" it's who supplies the string. Representations bang buck bunkum bank on a bonk on the big black brink blinking on and off until Lot dealt all his salt. Not think twice about cutting up the crumb. Multiplication chairs, sofas, scaffolds, shelves, and lamps. Grow growth and growtiplly. A throw below "enough" jokes [or see instead: a step above].

WASTE: Not Want. Combinatory take away. What all the high roads in Man In Equilibrium nth tenth possession couldn't buy. Home for ennumerative viper tumors. Monomaniacs on decay. The Great Mother launders aphids' favorite stainless in the runoff in the basement. Man In Equilibrium coffee lids. No connection. Coke adds souls to landfills. Meant your end of the bargain dented. Never mentioned it again.

DAVID SCHAFER

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Partial View



The Pinto was known as the deadliest car in America when in 1972 a young woman was killed when her Pinto was hit from behind at 26 mph and due to a design flaw with the positioning of the gas tank to the rear differential, the gas tank was ruptured and exploded. The images used are from a 1973 dealer brochure and a repair manual.

