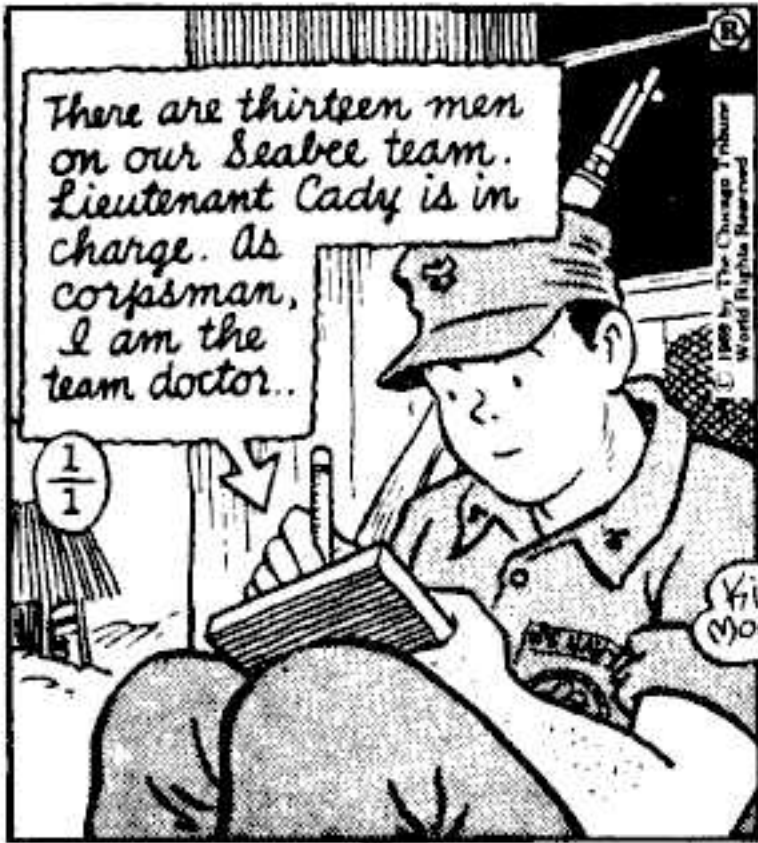


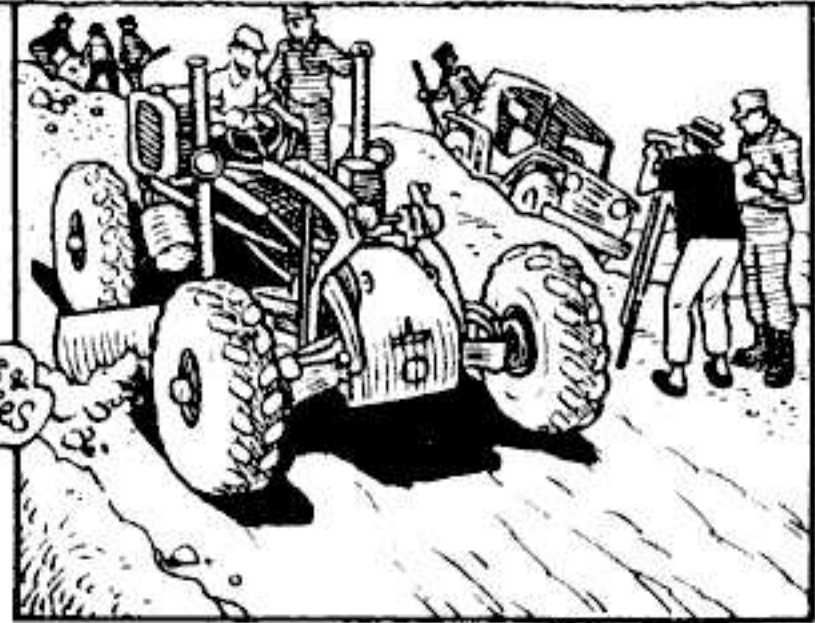
There are thirteen men on our Seabee team. Lieutenant Cady is in charge. As corpsman, I am the team doctor.

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They call us the Navy's "Peace Corps." Our job is to help the village people any way we can. Like teaching them to build roads and bridges.



King & Moores



Today we are rebuilding a bridge that "Charlie" bombed out. It is the only way the farmers can get their produce to the market.

In the mornings I work on the construction projects, but in the afternoons..

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...I hold "sick call" at the village chief's hut. My patients are mostly old men, women and children. I treat everything from burns to beriberi.



King & moores



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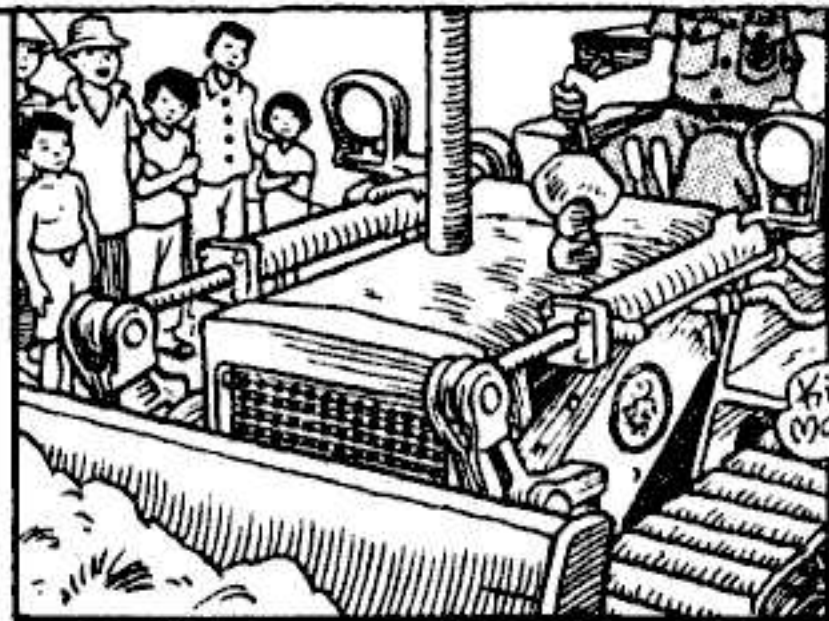
I see forty to fifty a day. They really appreciate the treatment and the free soap and candy bars that I hand out.

"We build -
we fight!
Can do!"
That's our
Seabee motto.
So far, for
our team
anyway, no
fighting,
but...



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I think we are building more than roads
and schools here. We are building in
these people a faith and trust in
America. Sounds corny, doesn't it?



I can only
speak for
myself, but
I have never
felt so needed!
This is the
most satisfying
thing I have
done in my
whole life.

Love,
Chipper



We thank, Bac si.*

He's doing fine!
Let me see him
next week!



That does it for
tonight, Shelly, and
boy, is that ol'
bunk
going to
feel
good!

Forget the bunk,
Wallet! Lieutenant
wants to see
you!



What's
up?

Like boat rides! Looks
like you and me are
takin' one, buddy!



Xing &
Moore's

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Dinh Loa, sir? The village up the river?

Right, Wallet! Charlie tossed a few mortars in there last night!

There are casualties! The medical officer is on his way but they need help now!

You men get up there and see what you can do!

Nguyen's waiting for you in the yacht! Good luck!

Thank you, sir!



Will this floating orange crate make it to Dinh Loa, Ngyen?

We make! Ngyen number one river jockey!



It's creepy, Wallet! Charlie's back in there! I can feel his beady eyes!

Let's change the subject, Shelly!



Scared?

When there's time to be...like now!

Kinda moofes



Venerable chief,
meet number
one doc!

Where
are the
casualties?

No need
guns! We
friends!

We'll use them on
the mosquitoes! How
many
hurt?

SLAP!

This many!
In hut!

Bring the mosquito
netting, Ngyen, and the
bug bombs!

Got 'um!



None of them is serious! Just cuts and bruises! Real lucky!

Everything number one, Chief!

Tot lam!®

Very nice.



How goes it, Wallet?

Nothing I can't handle, Shelly!

Red pill, bac si?

King & Moore's



Get on the "talkie" and tell the base we won't need the medical officer!

Chung ta di bay gio! Rain come! Maybe monsoon!

Must go!



They're doing fine, Chief! I'll come back tomorrow!

Much thanks, bac si!

"Doctor."

Hurry! Come storm! Make river like devil!

Bac si! bac si!

Xin, bac si! Giup toi! Ba bi binh!

What's she saying, Nguyen?

Give her a candy bar, Wallet, and let's chum didi! Chop! Chop!



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How much farther, Ngyen?

She say sister in hut up there!

If this girl's sister is so sick why didn't the village chief tell us about her? He must have known!

Not know! He not stay around to ask!

Not like! Maybe trap?

Take the box, Ngyen! I'd better have two hands on my gun!

King's Moors







Bad, bac si?

Not good, Ngyen!

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King & Moore's



Go get Shelly! Tell him to contact the base! We'll need the doc!

Not safe you stay here alone!



She Viet Cong! Her Charlie friends close by, you bet!

Hurry! You're wasting time! Chum didi!

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Can you help her?

I'll do what I can till the doc comes!

King & Moore's

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You speak English!

Why are you doing this? You know she is Viet Cong!

Do you think your heroics will make her love America?

I'll think about that sometime when I'm not so busy!

How long since this happened?

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I don't know! We found her last night! The Cong left her to die!

Did you get through to the doc, Shelly?


No, but I talked to the lieutenant!

The doc can't get here in this storm! He says to do what you can and get back to the base!

Without help this girl will have had it by morning!

King & Moore

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Without the doc, Shelly, that girl may not last the night!

I'm tellin' it like it is! Doc can't make it!



If we don't hurry we won't make it back to the base ourselves!

See if you can get through to the base again!



We've got our orders, Wallet! What good will it do?

I don't know, but I don't think I can leave the girl here to die!

It's Doc! I finally got through to him!

Yes, sir, Commander! This is Hospitalman Wallet!

Leg wound, sir! ...Badly infected! Looks ten hours old ...maybe more!

Pulse is fast and weak! Temperature, 103°! I've given her ten milligrams of morphine!

No, sir! I've never done anything like this before! ...I understand!I can try!

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King & Moore

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What did the doc say, Wallet?

Set the "talkie" up by her bed, Shelly!

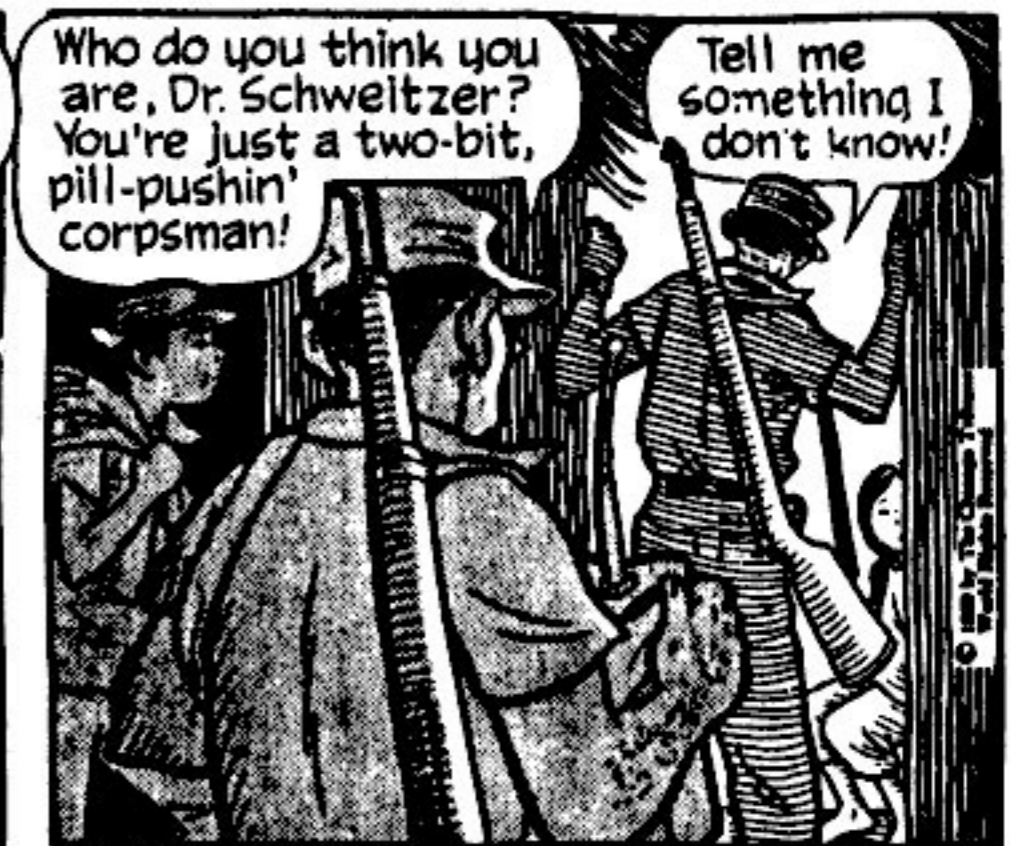
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He's going to tell me what to do!

Don't be a nut, Wallet! You can't operate on that girl!

King & Moore's



Who do you think you are, Dr. Schweitzer? You're just a two-bit, pill-pushin' corpsman!

Tell me something I don't know!

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Need more water
boil, Bac si?

This
should
do it,
Ngyen!

Is the doc on
there,
Shelly?

He's ready
when you are,
Wallet!

Okay! Put
the "cans"
on me and hang
the mike on
the pole!

King
Moore's








I have finished the debridement, sir!

King & Moore

Condition is good so far, Doc! This is a very brave girl!

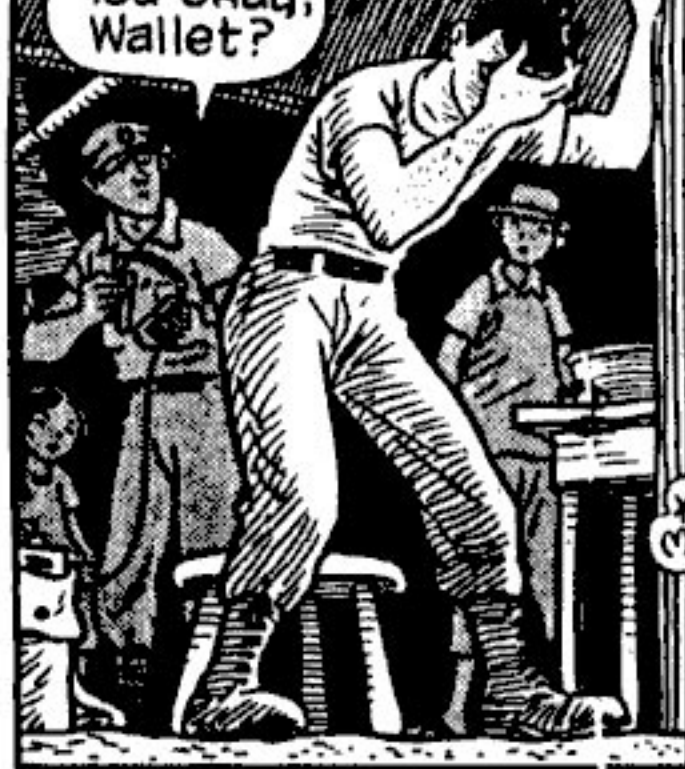
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She's getting IV fluids, sir, and I've given her penicillin and tetanus toxoid...

... then that [®] does it. Thank you, Doc!



You okay, Wallet?

King & Moores



Bac si bi binh it thoi.*

*Doctor is just a little sick.

Temperature is still 103°, and her pulse hasn't changed!

No worse, anyway!

Do you think you did it right, Wallet?

I don't know, Shelly!

I'll tell you one thing! I never thought I could do it! Even after I started, I didn't think I could!

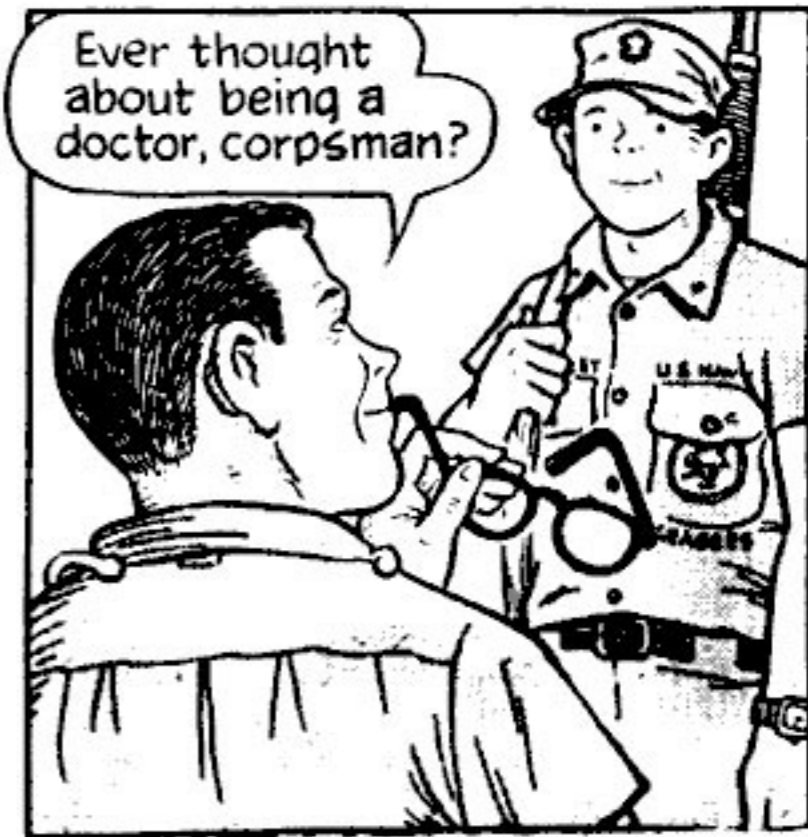
A guy can do a lot of things...if he has to!

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King & Moore

U.S. NAVY

SHELLY



Yes, ma'am, she is a prisoner! They're taking her to the base hospital!

The Cong[®] forced her to join them! She has done harm to no one!

I do not understand you Americans! You go to all this trouble to save her... then shoot her!

They won't do that! Is she your daughter?

Granddaughter. I have a grandson with the South Vietnamese Army!

It's a rough war!



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Doc says you did a good job on the girl, Wallet!

Bac si number one sawbones!

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...Corpsman Chipper Wallet for meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty...

Kinda moores

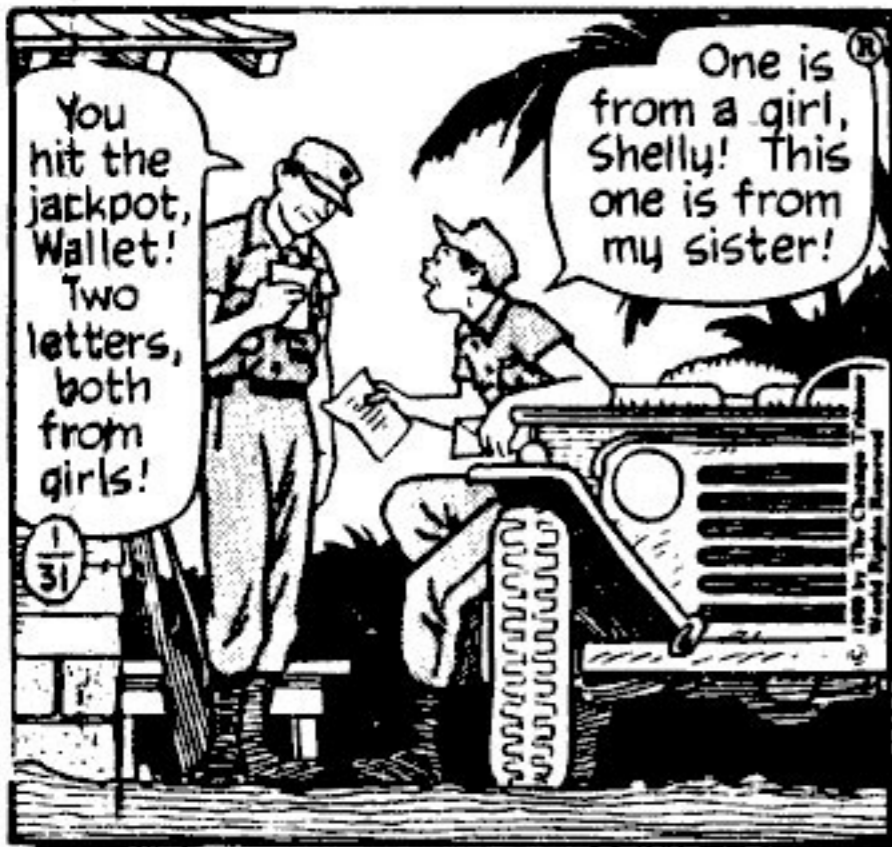


Maybe they'll give you a medal or something!

Huh?

Ha! Who are you trying to kid? It's all in a day's work!

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You hit the jackpot, Wallet! Two letters, both from girls!

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One is from a girl, Shelly! This one is from my sister!

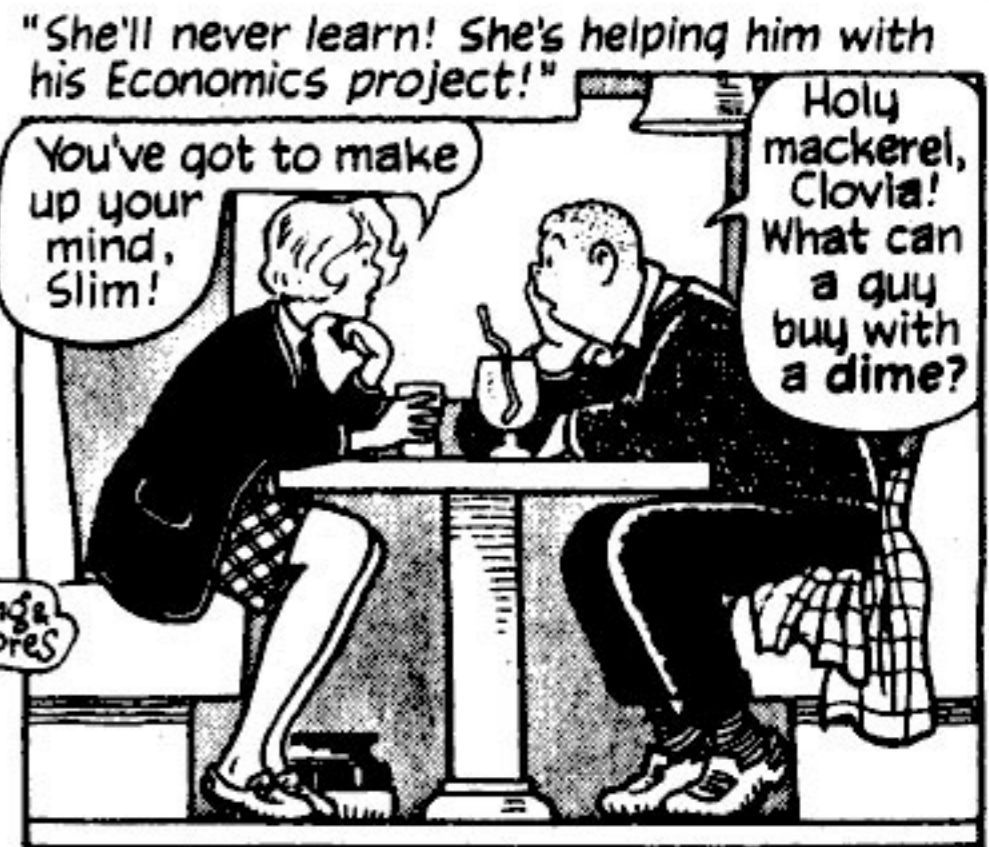
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Clovia? She's in junior college! Right?

It's all about her screwball boyfriend, Slim Skinner!

King & Moores



"She'll never learn! She's helping him with his Economics project!"

You've got to make up your mind, Slim!

Holy mackerel, Clovia! What can a guy buy with a dime?

You won't get your Economics project started sitting here moping, Slim!

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Some project! I've got to take this stupid dime...

...and build it up to ten dollars in a month's time!

You have to invest it in something you can sell for a profit!

Then you buy something else with the money and sell that!

Sure, Clovia, but what can you buy for a dime? All I can think of is a candy bar!

King & Moors

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How is your Economics project coming, Slim?

I still haven't invested my dime, Mr. Wallet!

You'd better hurry! You've got less than a month to build it up to ten dollars!

There's hardly anything you can buy for a dime!

What would you do, Mr. Wallet?

Slim, if I knew how to make ten dollars out of a dime, I'd go into the business!

King & Moores

Skeezix, you promised you'd clean up the basement! Look at it!

2/4

I've been waiting for the paper drive!

They missed us! We'll have to get rid of it some other way!

Hm...

King & Moores

Oh, Slim! I've thought of a way to spend your dime!



You'll sell me these old papers for a dime?

Right, Slim, and at no extra cost you get these two boxes!

Full of valuable articles! Ice skates, slightly rusted fan, catcher's mitt...

And I get the whole works, Mr. Wallet?

For one thin dime!

In other words, you want your basement cleaned out and I pay you ten cents for the privilege!



King & Moores

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So I get all this junk for a dime! What do I do with it?

Don't call it junk, Slim!

2/6

King & Moores

The papers alone will bring a couple of bucks at the pulp mill!



It's a start toward building your dime into ten dollars!



Okay, Mr. Wallet! It's a deal!



Just one condition, Slim! I want all of this junk out of here by Saturday!



I bought the papers for a dime, and I can sell them at the mill for two dollars...if I can get them there!

Can't you borrow your dad's car, Slim?

Clovia, I happen to belong to a certain much despised group!

Male driver under 26, who has had one measly accident and a traffic ticket!

I can drive his car if I pay the \$158.20 extra insurance...which would eat into my \$1.90 profit on the papers!

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King & Moore's

Clovia, I will not let Slim use our car to take those papers to the mill!

2/8

He can't get anybody to help him, Pop! I'll do the driving!

It's an Economics project! It wouldn't be fair to help him!

He has to build his dime into ten dollars all by himself!

Kinda' noobies

Brother! That kid can really look pathetic!



Pop's weakening, Slim! If you can hold out just a little longer!

We may not need his car, Clovia! Look!

2/10

King & Moores

Hi, Joel, ol' pal, ol' chum!

You got a problem, Slim, boy?

I've got all these dandy papers that I want to sell at the pulp mill!

Pulp mill's closed!







Thank you, Nina, but I thought we weren't going to mention my birthday! After all, when a man gets to be 47...

48, Skeezi!

2/14

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What's that caterwauling outside?

It's Fracas from next door!

King & Moores

Your old newspapers blew over into my yard, Wallet! What do you think this is, your birthday?

I trade you the papers for this pile of junk, Joel?

They's some right fine tradin' stock here, Slim!

An' seein' it's you, I'm throwin' in this here dandy ol' carb'retor!

Ick!

I think you'd better take the 75¢ cash, Slim!

You be thinkin' on it! Customer comin'!

Kinda moofes



Shoulda' grabbed 'er when you could, Mr. Avery!
I done sold th' carb'retor t' Slim!

He bought that rusty piece of junk?

It isn't worth two cents!

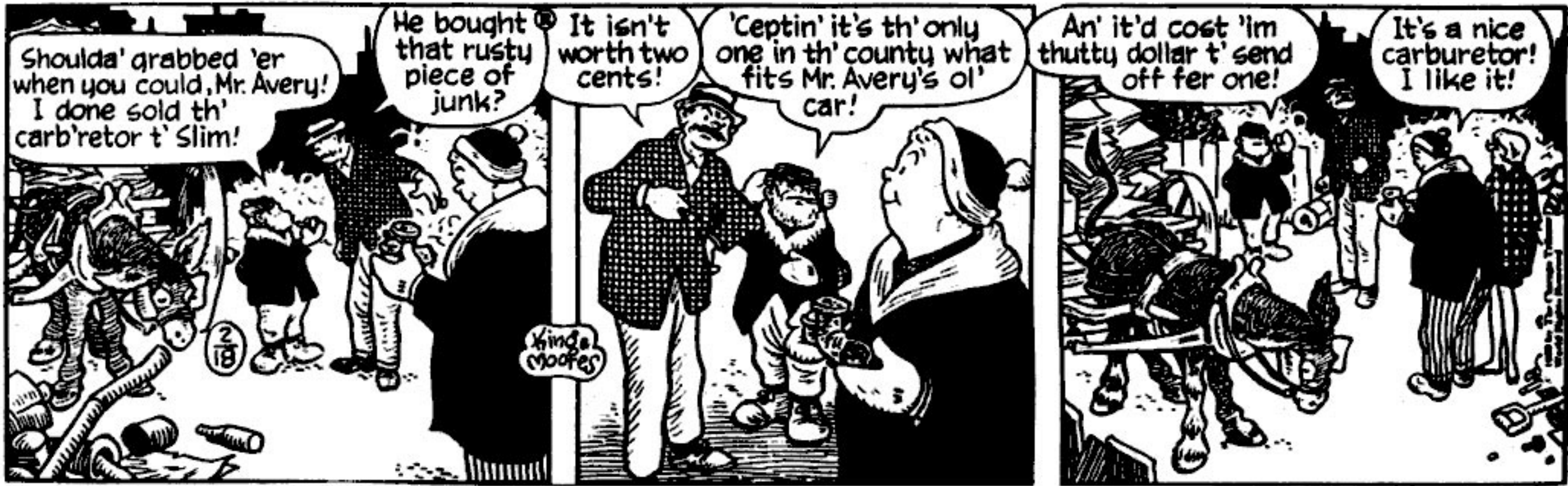
'Ceptin' it's th' only one in th' county what fits Mr. Avery's ol' car!

An' it'd cost 'im thutty dollar t' send off fer one!

It's a nice carburetor!
I like it!

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18

Kinda moofes







You done right good sellin' that shovel t' Mr. Avery fer thutty cents, Slim!

2/21

Hated to do it to him, but in the world of business one has to be ruthless!

By the way, what are you paying me for these boxes of stuff?

I thought they wuz included with th' paper!

Valuable things like this? No, sir! Look at these skates! Like new! And this fan still works!

Look like I done created a monster!

King a moores

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You mean you are actually going to make me pay for Pop's hub cap, Slim Skinner?

Business is business!

Okay! If a dollar means more to you than I do!

But, gee whiz, Clovia...

You doin' right good, Slim, boy! You got four dollar, an' all this here valu'ble tradin' stock!

Course you done lost yer girl, but what's a little thing like that to us big business tycoons?

Kinga Moofer

2/24

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You done run your dime up t' four dollar, Slim, an' you got all this stuff t' sell!

2/25

Selling isn't my bag!

You can't quit jes' 'cause yer girl done left you!

I sold my soul for a piece of green paper!

King & Moores

Git on with it, boy! Show 'er you ain't no quitter - even if you is a chis'ler!

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Clovia will never speak to me again, and all because I was greedy for a buck!

2/26

Hi, Slim!

Hello, Nubbin.

What are you going to do with all this stuff - sell it?

Kinda mooves

It's just junk! None of it's any good!

Boy! This sack is heavy! What's in it?

Ball bearings!



I'm through with Slim Skinner, Pop! He's a conniving, unprincipled clod!

We're not asking you to make up with him, Clovia!

Chipper's lucky catcher's mitt was in that junk I sold Slim!

Chip wants us to send it to him in Viet Nam!

They're organizing a team or something!

We want you to try to get it back, Clovia!

Why me? You're the one who sold it to him!

2/27

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Kings & Moores

Hi, Nubbin! Have you seen Slim?

2/28

He's over on Main Street giving stuff away, Clovia!

Giving it away?

Well...practically! I got this bag of a hundred ball bearings for only a dollar!

They're rusty, but he says if I shine them up I can sell them for a nickel apiece easy!

King & Moores



Have you seen Slim, Grandpa?

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He's down the street, Clovia! He just sold me this umbrella!

He wanted to give it to me but we finally settled on a dollar!

Did you happen to notice if he still had an old beat-up catcher's mitt?

Oh, yes! His most valued possession! He said he wouldn't part with that for anything!

Thanks!

Kind
noots



If you want that old bicycle tire you can have it, Dr. Fuddle!

I feel that reimbursement of some sort is obligatory, Slim!

I shouldn't wish to take advantage of your generous nature! Say a dollar?

Sounds okay!

King's Mutt

Generous nature! Ha! I'll bet Pop will have to hock the furniture to get Chipper's lucky catcher's mitt back!

Well, Slim,
you've run
your dime
up to seven
dollars!
Very
good!

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Clovia!
I didn't
think I'd ever
see you
again!

I'm sorry about
the hub cap! You
can have your
dollar
back!

Oh, no! I couldn't
take advantage
of your
generous
nature!

But if you'd
like to give
me this
grubby
old mitt..

Golly, Clovia! I'd do
anything for you...but,
gosh, this happens to
be my
very best
item!

Kinda
moore!

Slim, if you are my friend, you will give me that grubby old mitt!

3/5

Why do you want it? You don't play baseball anymore!

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Never mind why! I'm asking you in a nice way...

I'm very fond of this mitt!

I'll give you all my other stuff, Clovia! Telescope, chisel, lamp...

King & Moore's

Slim Skinner, I am losing my temper!



I don't want this junk, Slim Skinner! I want the mitt!

But, Clovia, I told you...

Killing mores

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I did something wrong again!

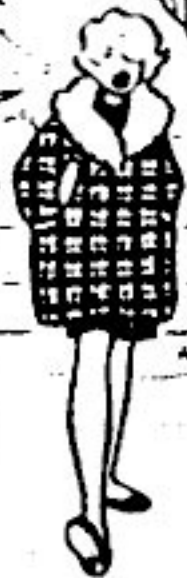
Hello, Fenwick!

Slim! Just the guy I'm looking for!



Slim Skinner is a stupid, stubborn, bull-headed oaf!

3/7



Calm down, Clovia! Your father has the mitt!

He's getting it ready to send to Chipper right now!

What did Pop do-trade him the house and garage for it?

No, dear, and keep your voice down! Slim is in the basement!

King's Moors

Get out of my house, you flink!



How much did you stick Pop for Chip's mitt, Slim?

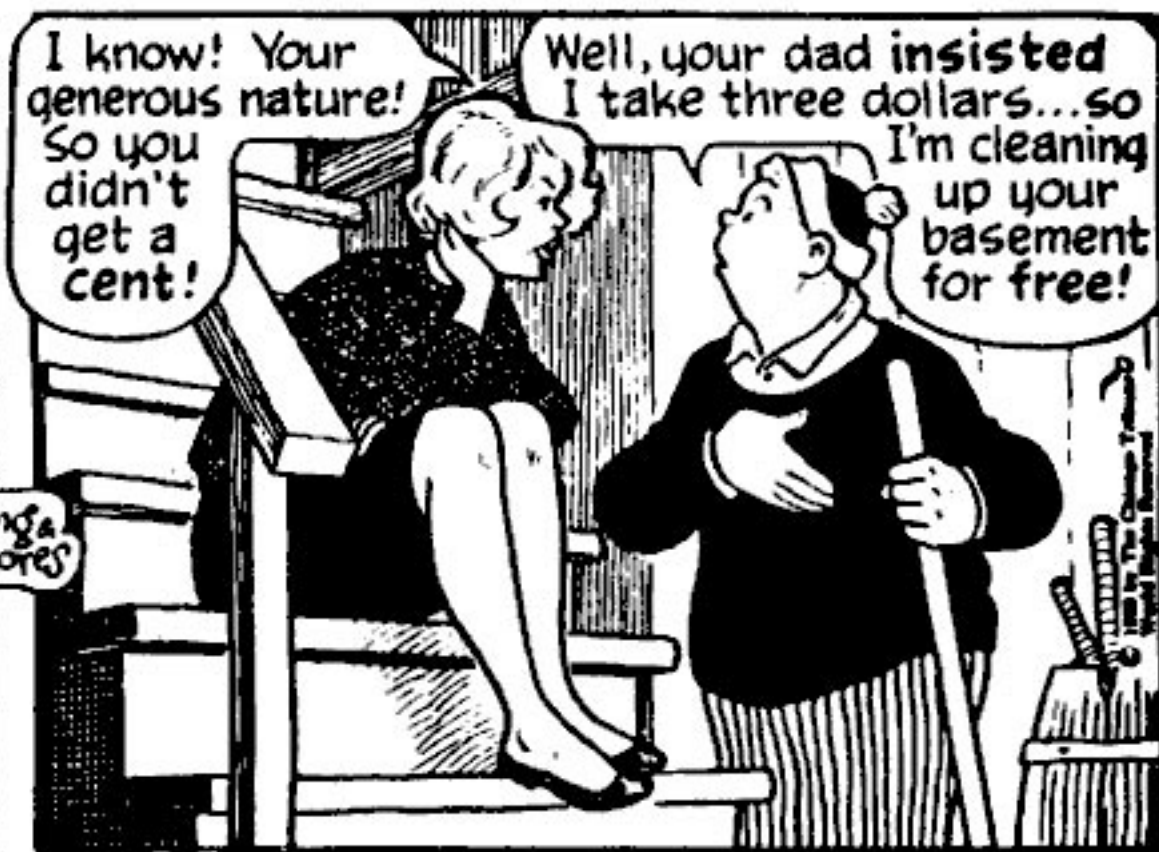
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I gave it to him for nothing, Clovia!



When Fen explained that it was Chipper's and he wanted it in Viet Nam... golly!

King & Moores



I know! Your generous nature! So you didn't get a cent!

Well, your dad insisted I take three dollars... so I'm cleaning up your basement for free!

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You won't be eating at home tonight, Clovia?

No, Mom! Slim is taking me out to dinner and a show!

I thought you were never going to speak to Slim again!

He has the ten dollars he built up from a dime for his Economics project!

I'll go out and help him spend it! Then I'll decide if I want to speak to him again!

King & Moores

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11

There! I've paid the last of the Christmas bills!

How are we fixed for money, Skee-zix?

We simply have to do something about fixing up this house!

It will have to wait, Nina!

It can't wait forever! First it was Chipper's college! Last year it was garage equipment! What now?

Did you ever hear of a surtax?

King & Moores

INCOME TAX



Surtax or no surtax, we've got to do something about this house! It's falling apart!

3/12

I think it looks pretty good!

If you don't mind looking at peeling paint, rusted gutters, drippy faucets...

What's wrong with this door?

It sticks like everything else around here!

Small matter! I'll fix it when I get home tonight! Remind me!

King Moores

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Won't take long to fix that back door! Where's the screw-driver?

3
13

In the kitchen drawer next to the sink!

It's stuck!

I know, dear!

CRASH!

Thank you, Skee-zix! I haven't been able to get that drawer open for months!

Kinda Moores

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What are you doing, Wallet?

Boarding up this door until I get the glass for it!



As any fool can plainly see... even you, Fracas!

No use getting sore! Just because your house is falling apart!

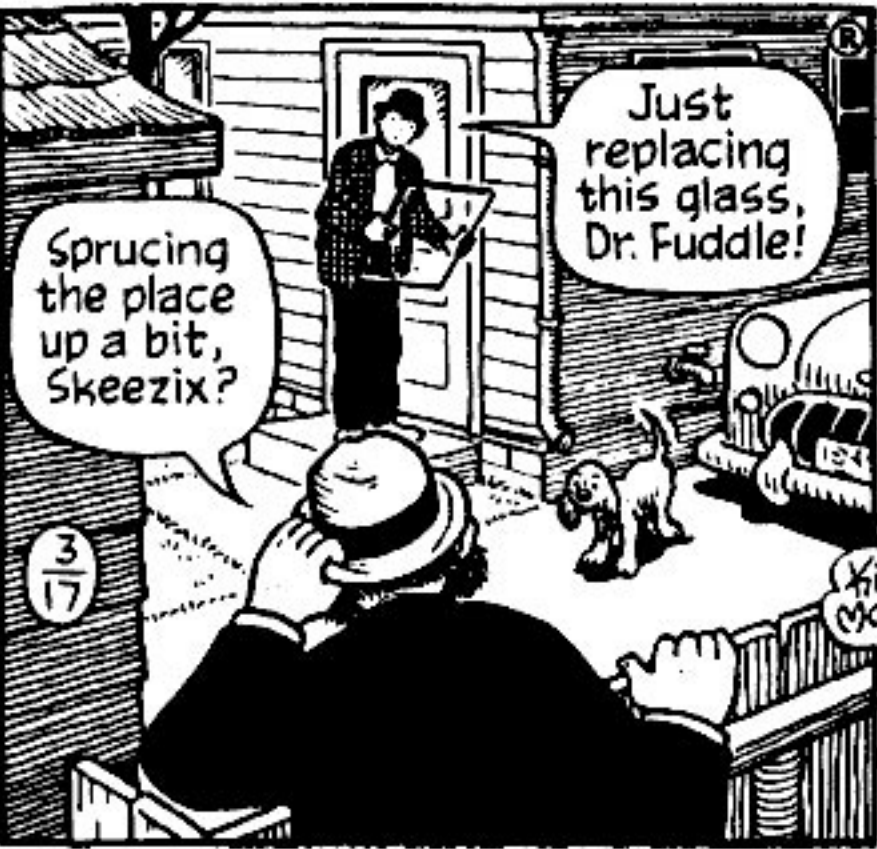
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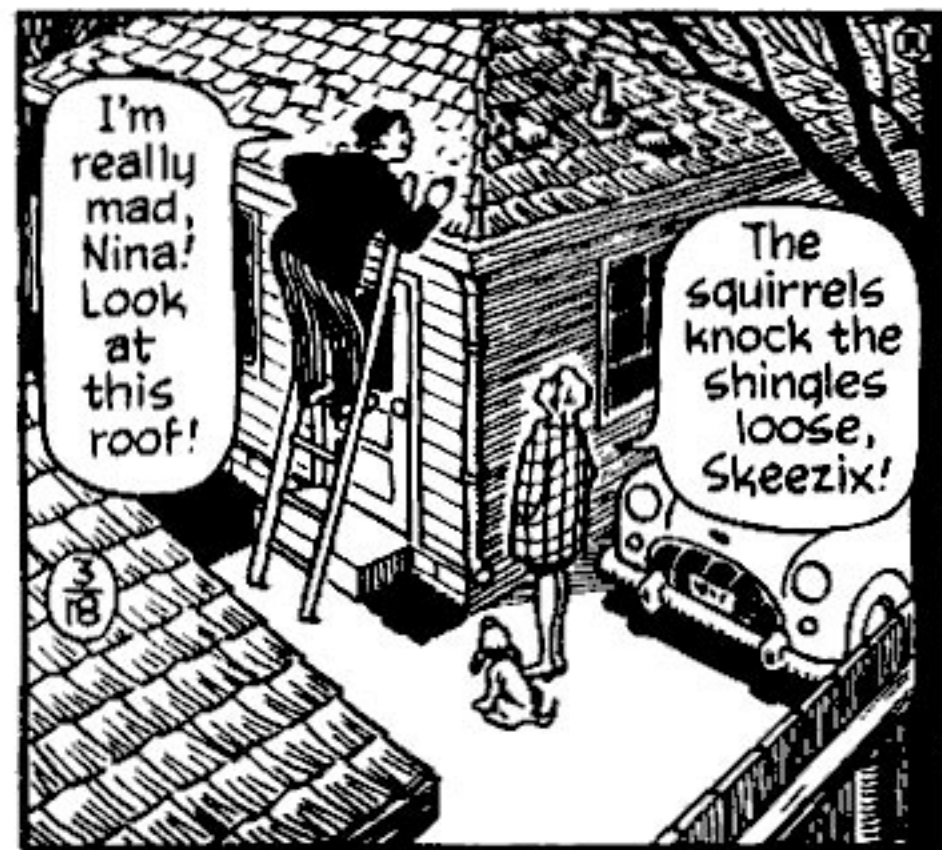


My house is not falling apart and I'm sick of people telling me it is!

Oh, so others have noticed?

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I'll admit, Nina, there are things around here that need fixing, but...

3/19

What's wrong with the water? I've got the tap wide open!

Are you running water in the kitchen, Clovia?

Sorry, Mom! I'll turn it off!

Yes, Skeezi, you were saying..?



King & Moores



You win, Nina! We're going to fix up the house!

3/20

I don't believe it!

King & Moors

It will cost a lot, Skeezix! What about the money?

I stopped by the bank and arranged a loan!

Oh, boy!

Do we have to spend it all on the house? I need a spring coat and...

All on the house!

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It won't take all that money to fix up the house, Skee-zix! I can do some of it myself!

We're going to do it right, Nina!

You said you liked the job I did on the bathroom!

It was nice, Nina...

...but Mr. Clarke at the bank has recommended a contractor! He'll be out tomorrow!

It wasn't my fault the cheap wallpaper you bought came unstuck!

King & Moores

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12



The old house may be on its last legs, but at least we can keep it clean!

3
22

RING

Hi, miss! Are the old folks at home?

If you mean my father and mother—no!

And whatever you're selling, we don't want it!

KING & MOORE'S

Cyrus Delly! Smack Builders! I'm here about the redoin'!

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Did Mr. Delly, the contractor, come while we were out, Clovia?

He came and went!

Did he say when he would be back?

No, and I didn't ask!

Clovia, you weren't rude to him, were you?

Good contractors like Mr. Delly are very hard to find!

This one won't be! Just follow his big ugly muddy tracks!

Kinda moores

That price includes the works, Mr. Wallet! Your house will shine like a new dime!

Thanks, Mr. Delly! I'll call you!

3
25

Isn't this kind of high?

Paint inside and out, Nina! Gutters, roof, and he found dry rot under the bathtub!

He doesn't appear too responsible, Skeezix!

The bank says he's good! Anyway he's the only contractor I can find who'll bid on the job!

Kinda moores

VEROOM!

3
26

You gave the job to Mr. Delly, Skeezix?

Yes, Nina!
He's supposed to start work in a day or so!

There's someone out there now!

Probably Mr. Delly! He said he'd be dropping off some materials this morning!

THUMP!
PLUNK!

King & Moores

Right in the middle of the ol' driveway!

VEROOON!

Your contractor dumped this stuff here and veroomed away!

3
27

I can't even get my car out of the garage!

I'll walk to work!
Call Mr. Delly! Tell him to get right back here!

You call him, Skeezix!
You hired him!

It was your idea to fix up the house!
You call him!

Kinda nootes

Sorry about this, Mrs. Wallet!
Didn't figure anybody used
that old car!

It happens to
be the only car
we own,
Mr. Delly!

I'm going to be
late for school,
Mom!

We can't have
that! Hop into
the truck!

Are you sure you
can afford this!
I realize your time
is very valuable!

I'll add it
to your old
man's bill!



Slow it down a bit! I'd rather be late than never!

What happens if you're late?

Does teacher make you sit in the corner?

Hey! Where are you going?

This is the high school! I go to junior college!

How about that?

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King & Moores

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SCRAPE
SCRAPE

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SCRAPE!
SCRUNCH!



Kind & Modest

What...?
Get away from
my window!

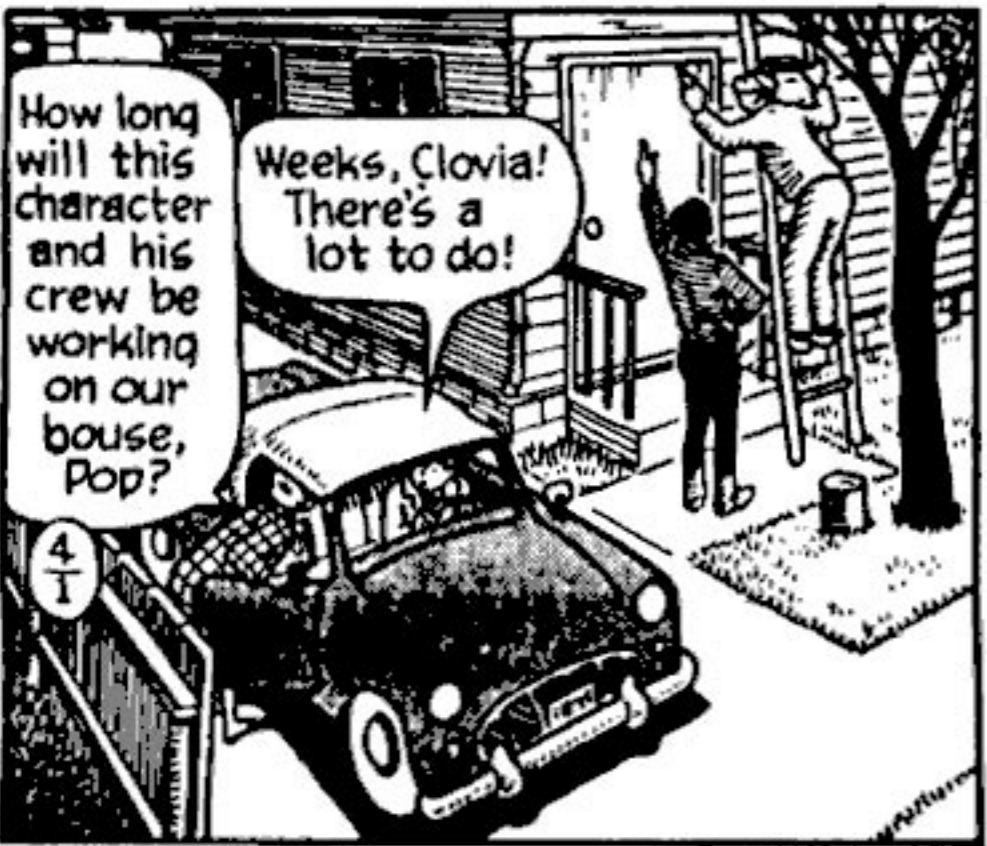


Time to
get up,
little
girl!
You'll
be late
for
college!

How long will this character and his crew be working on our bouse, Pop?

Weeks, Clovia! There's a lot to do!

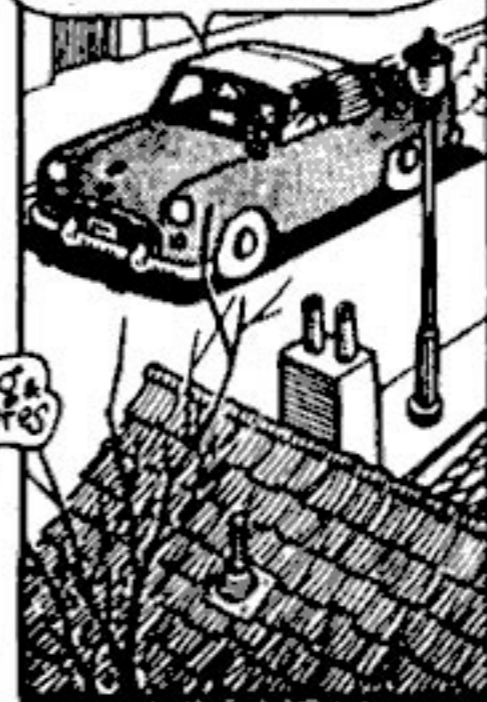
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He didn't have to pick my bedroom window to scrape at seven this morning!



He's deliberately trying to annoy me!



King & moore's

He treats me like a twelve-year-old!

Then maybe you'd better stop acting like one!



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© Clovia, would you like to take this basket down to the basement for me?

King's mooves



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That oaf of a contractor is working down there!



I know!



And what a pity, if after all this primping, he didn't get a chance to look at you!





It's just a slight sprain, but I'd keep her off of it for a few days!

4/5



I'll do my best, Doc!

King & Moores

Fixing the place up a bit I see, Nina!

Not before it needs it!



Don't spend too much money on it!



The way the town is moving out this way, it could be flattened out for a parking lot in a few years!



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It was nice of you to bring my school assignments by, Slim!

4/7

It's okay, Clovia! Oh... almost forgot!

How sweet! What are they?

Flowers! Guess I shouldn't have put them in my pocket!

King & Moores

How is the little lady with the sprained ankle? May I see her, Mrs. Wallet?

Of course, Mr. Delly! Go right on in!

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The roses are beautiful, Mr. Dally, but you shouldn't have done it!

It's the least I could do! After all, it was my fault!

That I fell on the basement steps? How do you mean?

If I hadn't been working down there...

...you wouldn't have trumped up an excuse to come down to see me!



King & Moore



'Fess up! You like me a little, don't you?

Mr. Delly, I have no feeling about you whatsoever!

Except that you are the most conceited, self-centered, egotistical person I've ever met!

King & Moore's

See? You do have feelings about me!

I have feelings about worms, too!

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Look who's up
and hobbling
about!

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Mr. Delly,
I am coming
into the
kitchen
to get a
drink of
water!

I'm sure you think it is just
an excuse I trumped up so
I could come in to see you!

King &
Moore's

But
the fact
is, I
happen
to be
thirsty!

There's water
and a glass in
the bathroom!

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You're worked up over nothing, Slim! Just because the guy is giving Clovia a rush...

He barged into her room, Fen, looking like a Rose Bowl float!

And me with four wilted daisies!

What chance do I have? He's successful! Rich! Owns three trucks and a snappy sports job!

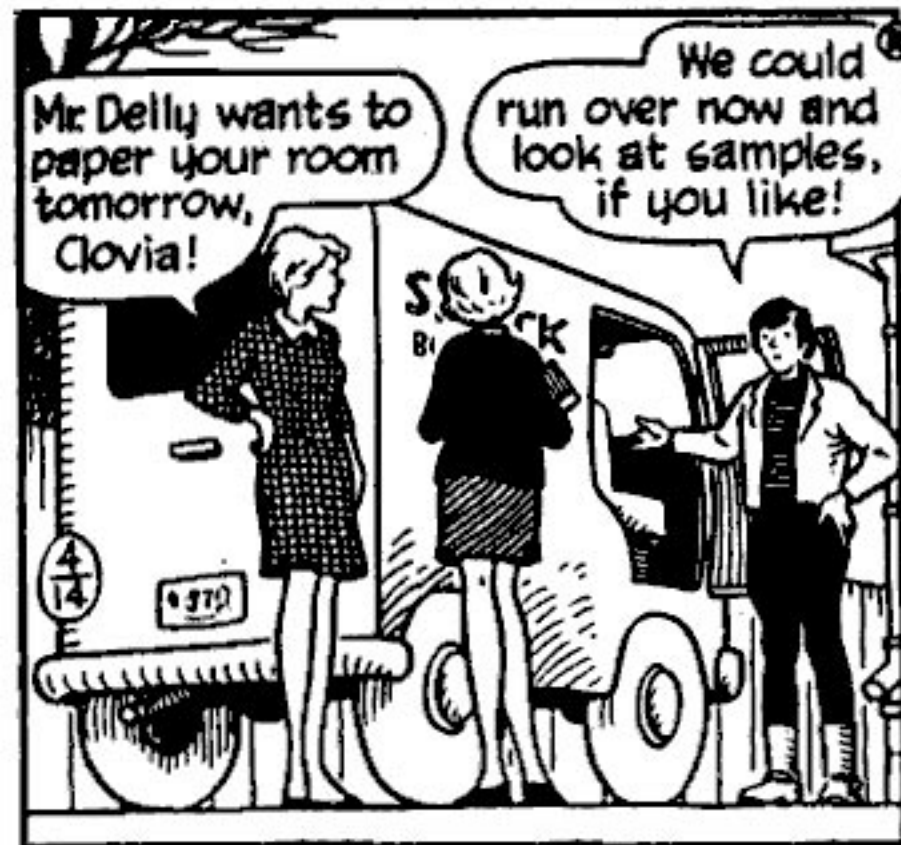
You can't give up, Slim! Get in there and fight!

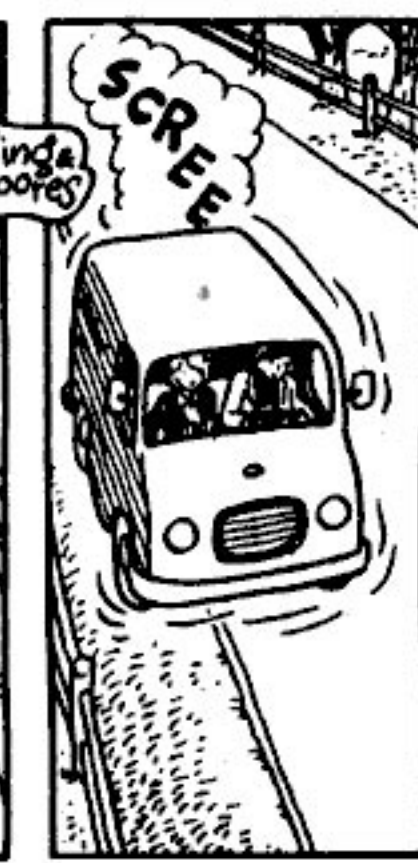
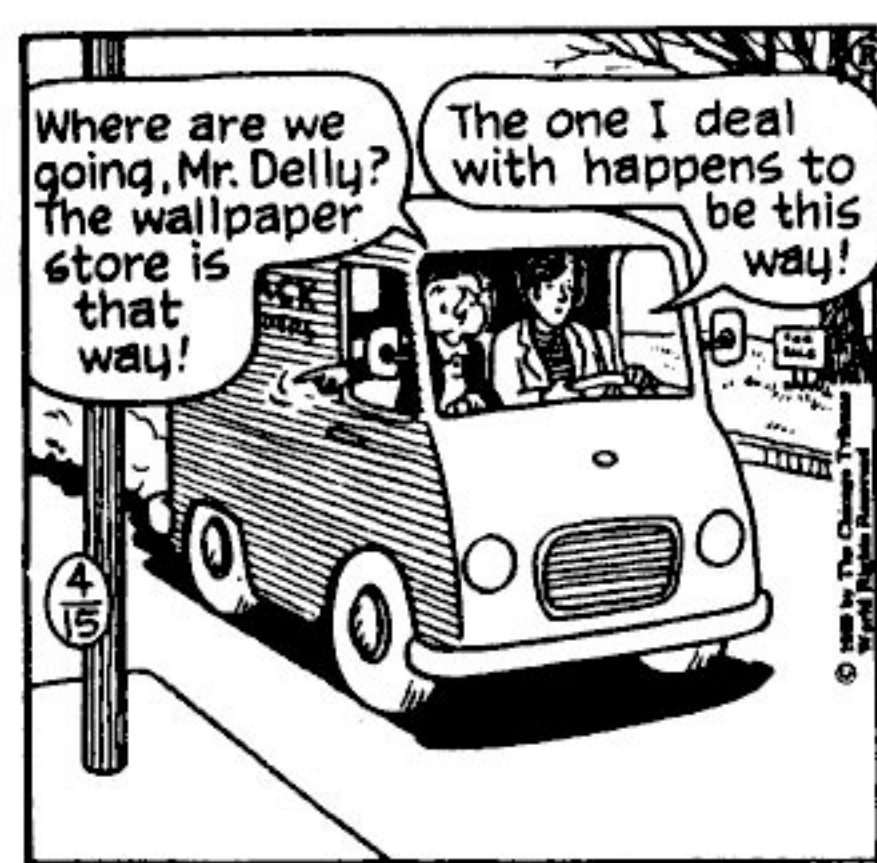
That's another thing! He can lick me!

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King & Moores

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And I'm sorry
if I misunderstood
your intentions...



...but you can relax!
You are quite safe
with me!



So punch the starter and let's
go pick out my wallpaper!



Thank you, Mr. Delly, for
telling me how irresistible you
are! I wasn't aware of it!



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Your charms are wasted on me, Mr. Delly! Start the motor!

Okay, but I think you like me, so why put on the big act?

If you like someone, you should tell him so!

I like you! I like the way your eyes sparkle when you're mad...!

If you really want to see a sparkle, tell me we're out of gas!

I like...

King & Moores

URGA
URGA
URGA

URGA



I don't much like Clovia running off with Mr. Delly like that, Nina!

4
19

They just went to pick out wallpaper, Skee-zix!

And in broad daylight!

It's pretty obvious she has a crush on the guy!

I really don't think there's anything to worry about!

I hope not! I can't picture myself with a shaggy-haired son-in-law!

King & Moore's







Mr. Delly!
Where did
you go?



Kinda
moofes!

He was right
behind me!



He couldn't have
vanished into
thin
air!



Oh, no!
A
sink-
hole!



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Mr. Delly!

Kinga moores



Please, Mr. Delly!
Answer me!



Poor Mr. Delly.



Help, somebody!

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Help,
somebody!
Please!



My friend
has fallen
down a
hole!

CREAK!

kinda
moofes



Hey!
Anybody
home?

CREAK!



Please! I don't
know what to do!

Clovia was supposed to meet me here at five, Mrs. Wallet, and...

4
28

She should turn up soon, Slim!

She went to pick out wallpaper with Mr. Delly! I guess it's taking longer than they expected!

Yeah! I guess so!

Bad news, Slim?

Bring me two thick malts, Judy, and a zillion doughnuts!

King & Moores

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That was Slim, Nina?

Clovia hasn't shown up at the Donut Shop!

Yes, she and Mr. Delly are taking a long time to pick out her wallpaper!

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Clovia is very picky, Skee-zix!

They left at two! It's six, now!

What are you going to do?

Start calling wallpaper stores! What else?

Kinda noofes

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There's nobody at the house, Mr. Delly!

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Nobody around for miles! I don't know what to do!

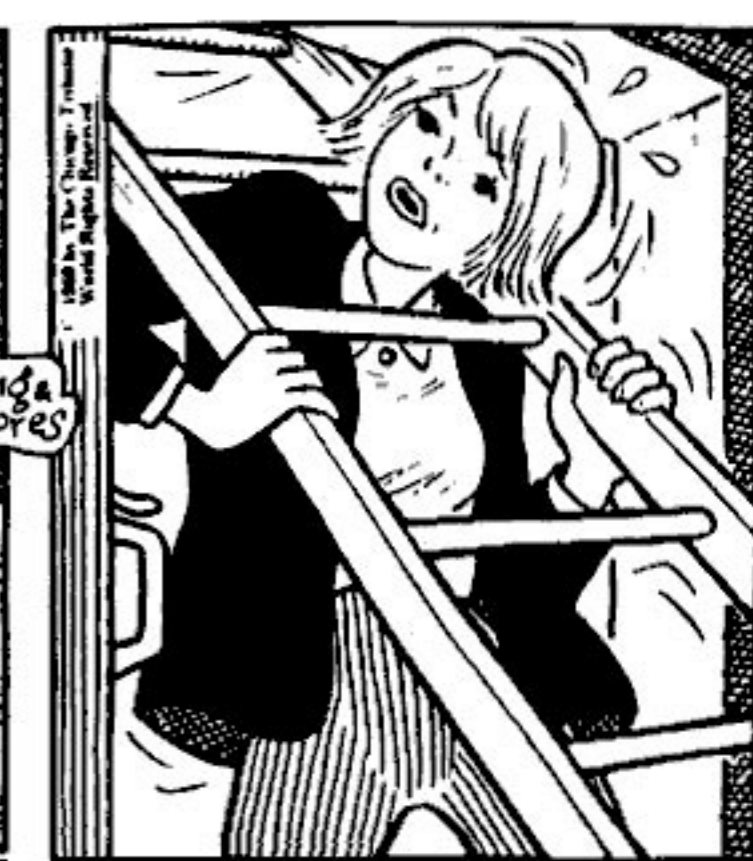


What's the use? He can't hear me! Nobody can hear me!

King & Moore



A rope! I need a rope! Maybe at the house!





Mr. Delly! I thought you were down in the hole!

I was!

I called! You didn't answer!

All these sink holes empty into the creek!

Any idiot could figure I'd crawl over and come out at the creek!

I had trouble getting out! I yelled myself hoarse, but you were off fetching that silly ladder!

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Hi, Slim! Sorry!

That's okay, Clovia! You're only an hour and a half late!

King & Moores



Did you pick out your wallpaper?

The store was closed! Don't you want to know what happened?



Not unless you want to tell me!

Slim Skinner, I like you! I think if you like a person, you should tell him so!

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Mr. Delly makes a girl appreciate a nice guy like you, Slim!

Gosh, Clovia, You're just saying that!

5/6

King & Moores

Closing time, Rufus!

Yes'm, Mister Gideon!

Closing, Rufus?

Yes'm! Better git while you can still see th' door! Mister G's mighty quick with th' light switch!



Don't just stand there, Rufus! It's quitting time! Go on home!

I ain't got nuthin' pressin' t' do, Mister Gideon!

If I could stick aroun' an' he'p...

Thank you, but there's nothing more for you to do here! Good night!

Yes'm!

Ain't nuthin' for me t' do in my lonely ol' hole of a room neither!



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Hi, fellas!
Workin' late?

Hi, Rufus!

How's
it going?
Hand me
the nut,
Hack!



Nice
evenin'!

Hold the
bolt!

Got
it!



Have a doughnut-
choc'lit-coated?

Not
now!

King &
Moore's



Well, I'll be
moseyin'!

Glad to see you,
Rufus!

Drop in
anytime!



Hi, fellas! Long time no see!

POOL

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10



Evenin', Mister Wilmer!

King & Moores



Rufus, don't you know enough not to yell at a man when he's shooting?



Good idea!

Sorry! Well, I'll be moseyin'!

Hi, Mister Walt,
Mister Doc!

Good to see
you, Rufus!

How
are
you
doing?

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Well, I'se..

FE

Ev'rybody want t'
know how good ol'
Rufus is doin'...

...but nobody stick
aroun' long enough
t' find out!

Kinga
Mooges

"Hi, Rufus!"
"Good t' see
y', Rufus!"

5/13



Ev'rybody like
good ol' Rufus...



...but not
very much!



Go away, kitty! Can't
you see it's jes' me?
Don't tetch me! I'se
pizen!

Meow!



What for you hangin' aroun' ol' Rufus? Don't you know I is no count?

Meow!

5/14

Have some doughnut, choc'lit-coated?

King & Moores

Poor kitty! He starved!

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Looky there! He kissin' me! He like me!

Hey! That tongue's rough! You lickin' ol' Rufus clean raw!

5/15

Kinda Moores

Want more doughnut? We got all kind!

You don't like lemon? How 'bout cokey-nut?

Meow!

I bet you thirsty! Come on! We go get you some milk!

Rufus is
your fr'en',
kitty!
We goin'
t' git
you some
milk!

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Why for you fidgetin'?

Oh!

Meow!

Sorry!

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Moore's



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That's Mayor Bobble, kitty, with th' see-gar! He don't figger I is much count!

5/19



But someday folks goin' t' take notice of ol' Rufus!



Ain't tol' nobody, but I been sendin' in on all them lucky number contests!



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Gonna win me a big red car, an' I'se gonna buy you a solid gold collar!



Evenin', Miss Elva!

Hello, Rufus!

(Things start)

Where did you get the cute kitty?

He jes' turn up!

Ain't he the darlin'est thing?

Yes'm!

You bring me luck, kitty! Fust time Miss Elva ever say more'n two words t' me!

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This here box look 'bout right for you, kitty!



We put a pillow in it an' fix you up nex' t' th' teevee!



You gonna be snug as a bug!



Rufus!

Oh, oh, kitty! Bad news! We done come down th' wrong street!



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I got th' rent money here some'eres, Mr. Pert!

Maybe[®] if you put the cat and the box down...

Yes'm!

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SOUP

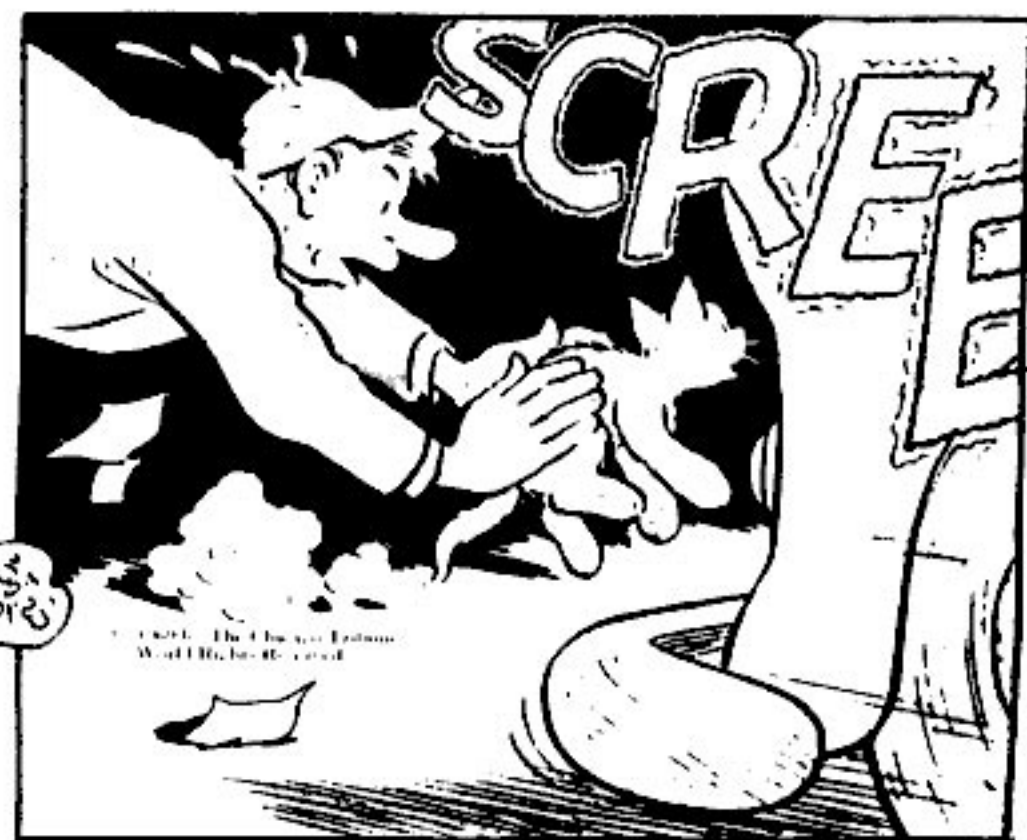
How 'bout that? In my cap!

\$8.27, Rufus!

Wink n' moose

Twen'y fo', twen'y five, twen'y six...

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Kitty, who, Rufus?

Kitty!
Kitty!

Tell us!
We'll find her!



We can't get through to him, Doc!

Rufus can lick this thing, Judy, but he's lost the will to live!

King's Modes



We've got to find this girl Kitty! It's his only hope!

Terrible thing!
Happened
right
here!
How is
Rufus?

He's
still in a coma, Mr.
Pert!

He keeps
calling for a
girl named
Kitty!

Has he ever
mentioned her
to you?

I know nothing
whatsoever about
Rufus's private
affairs!

Except the exact
day, hour, minute
and second that his
rent is due!

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Moofes

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I had a kitten like you! Her name was Kittypoo! She passed away!

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It's been about a year now! Let's see! I made a note...

8:32 P.M., May 30... why, bless my soul! A year ago almost to the very second!

Kinda Moores

It's a sign! You've come to take her place! It's... it's... like Kittypoo has come back!

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Are you sure, Joel, that Rufus has no girl friend named Kitty?

Right sure, Mister Doc!

Unless he met her in th' last coupla' days!

But Rufus warn't never much for girls!

He were a mite more partial t' cats an' dogs!

Let's not speak in the past tense, Joel!Did you say cats?

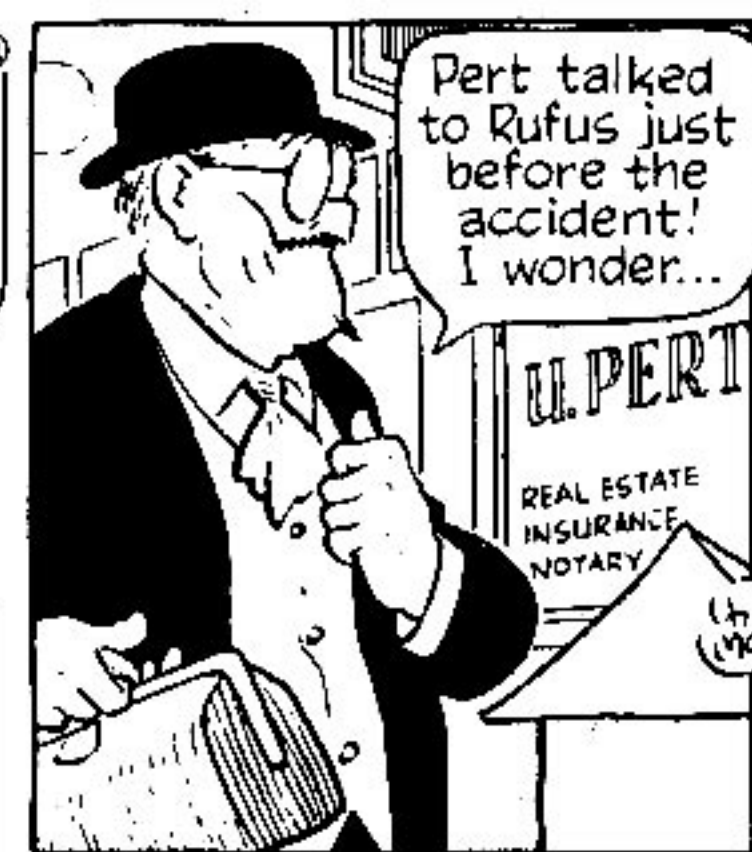
Kitty!

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Moore's

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I believe Rufus was carrying a cat, but I...

What kind?

I hardly saw it! You know kittens—they all look alike!

A kitten? What color? Anything like this one?

A little!

Pert, we must find that kitten! If you see him, let me know at once!

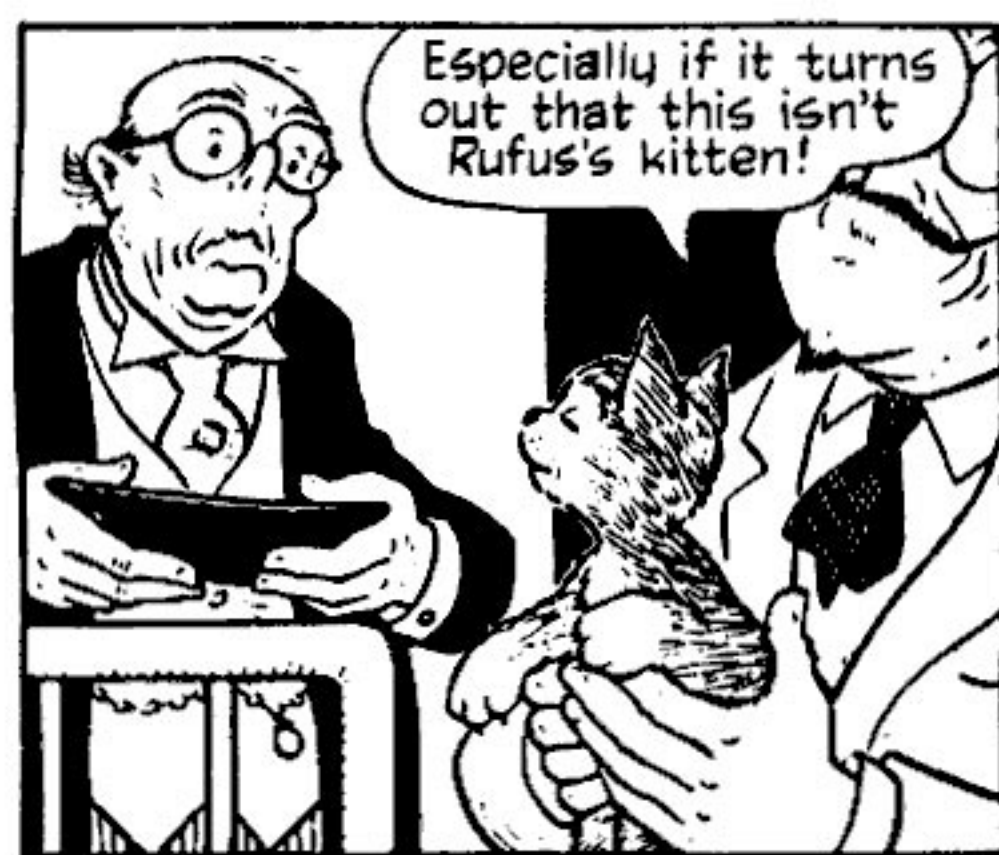
Rufus's life may depend on it!

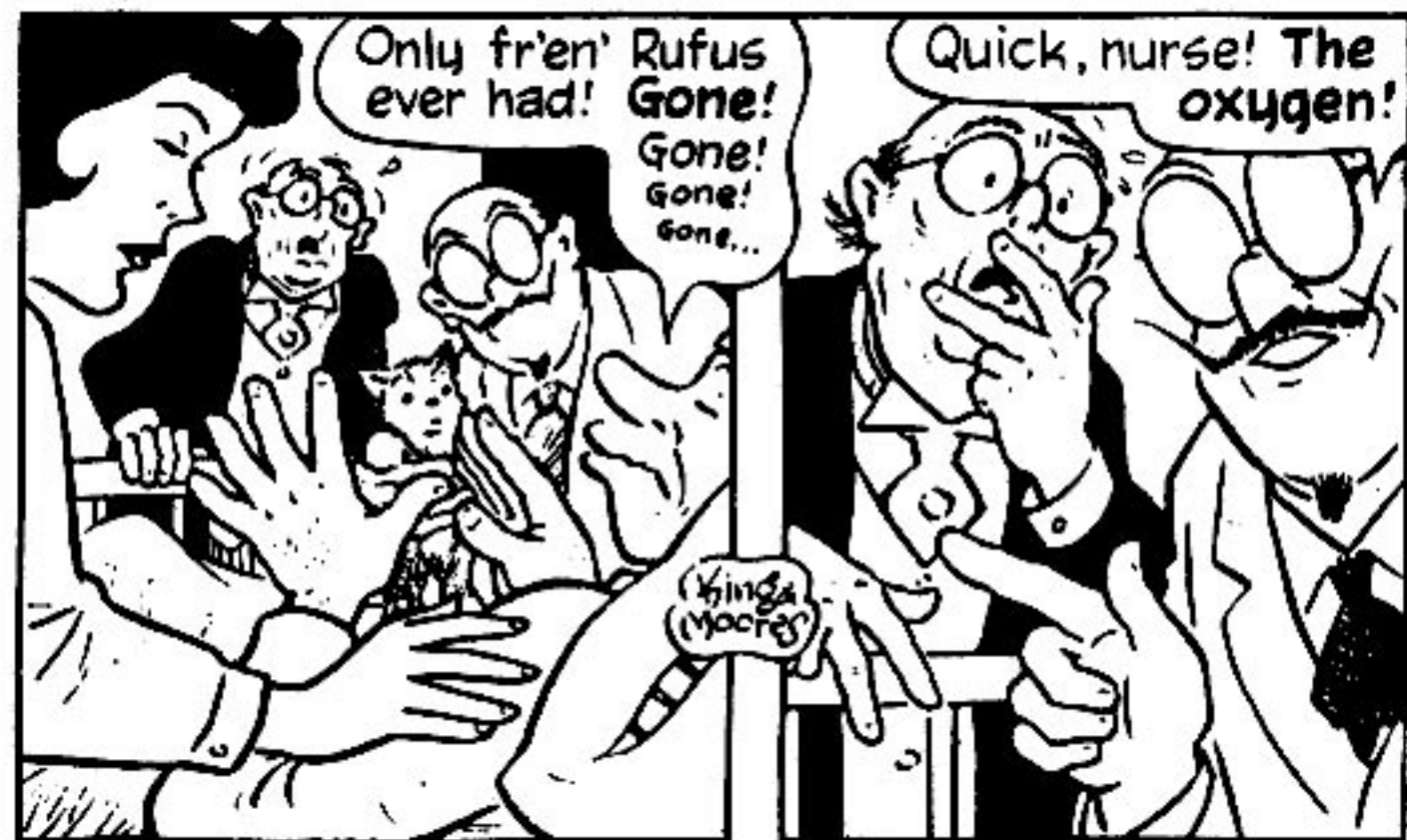
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We're so glad you're better, Rufus!

Don't worry about the bills!

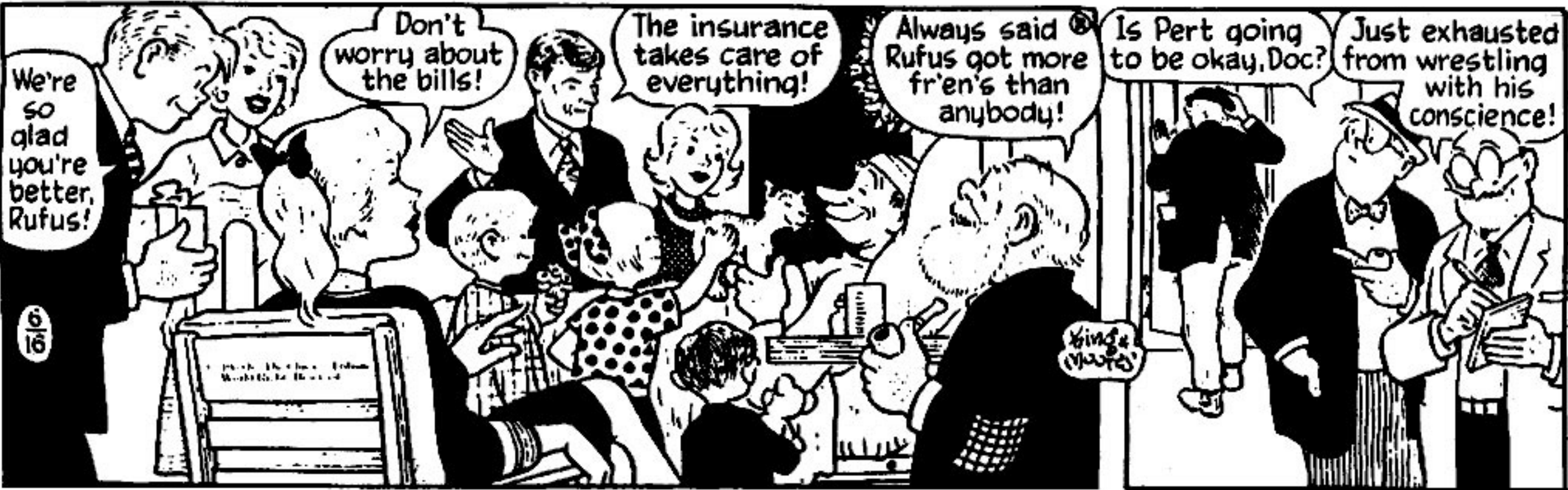
The insurance takes care of everything!

Always said Rufus got more fr'en's than anybody!

Is Pert going to be okay, Doc?

Just exhausted from wrestling with his conscience!

Kind regards!





Go away, cat!
Shoo! Why
do you keep
tagging me
about?



King &
Moore's

Purr-
meow!



Oh, well! A
cat's a cat!



Besides, I have six pussy-
snacks left
over that
mustn't go
to waste!





Quit grumbling, Walt!
We couldn't miss
Clovia's graduation!

It's[®]
those long-
winded
speakers!

They always start
out the same way! "I'm
going to be brief!"

Why raise false
hopes? Can't they
say it like it is?

"I'm going to yak here for hours
so sit back in your hard squeaky
uncomfortable chairs and
resign yourselves!"

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Kind
moores

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I should like to say
that this will be brief... but
it won't! I have much to say,
so sit back and resign
yourselves!



HA HA

Why are
we laughing,
Clovia?

Shh,
Slim!

EXIT

HA
HA

Kind
of
moofes

There you are, Walt!
Your honest man!

I like him
already!



Sure, Sarge!
I remember
Melba!
What
about
her?

She's coming to
town just to
see little ol'
me!

The last two weeks
in July! I'll take
my vacation then!
We'll have a ball!

The last two
weeks of
July?

That's
when
I go
on my
fishing
trip!

We can't both be gone at the
same time, Hack ol' buddy!
You'll have to jiggle
your dates!

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Moore's

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I'm not giving up my fishing trip! The last two weeks in July are mine!

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Your fish will wait, Hack! Melba won't!

I'm clearing it with Skeezix right now!

Sez you!

Kinda moose

Where's Skeezix?

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Where do you get off, Tabb, telling us when we can take off?

6/26

Yeah!

You can take off any time you very well please!

So long as it isn't the last two weeks in July!

Oh, no, you don't!

Oh, no, you both don't!

Kinda moofes

Okay! Knock it off! Do your fighting off hours! I'll have no bloodshed on company time!

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You all want to take your vacations the last two weeks in July?

My girl...

My fishing trip!

I've made plans!

You're acting like a bunch of kids! You've got the whole summer!

Flip a coin! Work it out any way you like! But leave me the first two weeks in August! They're mine!

6/27

King & Moores

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Flip the coins!
Odd man gets
the last
two weeks
in July!

Wait! What
about Bix?

When you taking
your vacation,
Bix?

Next
winter,
Hack!

What can you
do in the
winter?

Go south!
Swim! Lie
in the sun!
Fish!

What kind
of fish?

Are you going
to flip or
not, Hack?

King &
Moore's

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Did you and the boys get the vacation mess ironed out, Tabb?

6/30

Yes, Mr. Wallet!

Hack decided to take his vacation next winter!

So Sarge and I flipped for it and I won!

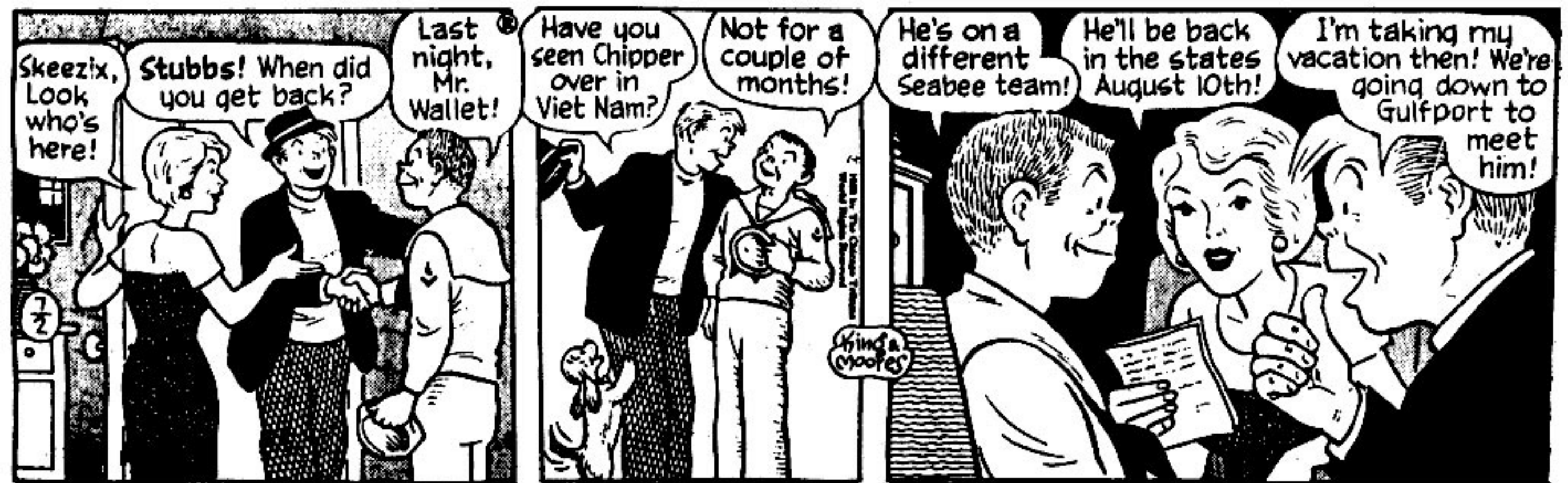
So you get the last two weeks in July?

No! Sarge does! I couldn't stand to see a grown man cry!

Wind & Moors

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Skeezix,
Look
who's
here!

Stubbs! When did
you get back?

Last
night,
Mr.
Wallet!

Have you
seen Chipper
over in
Viet Nam?

Not for a
couple of
months!

He's on a
different
Seabee team!

He'll be back
in the states
August 10th!

I'm taking my
vacation then! We're
going down to
Gulfport to
meet
him!

Kinda
moofes

Eight months in Viet Nam! I'll bet you're glad to be home, Stubbs!

7/3

Biggest thrill of my life when that bird set down on good ol' U.S. soil!

There were thousands to cheer us! A brass band! And we stepped off onto a red carpet that thick!

Made us feel like heroes or something!

Imagine that!

In a month we'll be watching Chipper's plane come in!

Kinda moopes

Only 37 days till Chipper comes home, Skee-zix!

7/4

RING!
The door! I'll get it!



A telegram, Nina!



Kinda moofes!

It's from Chipper! He will arrive at Gulfport July 21st instead of August 10th!



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Chipper arrives
in Gulfport July 21
instead of
August 10!

Skeezix,
that's only 16
days from now!

Ya-hoo! In two
weeks we're
going to meet
our son!

We're...
Oh, no!

Skeezix!
What's
wrong?

We can't go!
I promised Sarge
his vacation
then!

Small matter!
Have
him
change
it!

Kinga
Moopes



Our son is coming back from Viet Nam and we can't go to meet him...

7/7

..be-because of Sarge's vacation?

Sarge and I can't be away from the garage at the same time, Nina!

Then Sarge can just very well change his vacation!

You don't understand! I promised! I even put it in writing!

King & Moore's

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So we can't meet Chipper in Gulfport! We'll meet him here a few hours later!

It isn't the same, Skeezix!

7/8



Nina, he'll be home for a whole month!

Home? He'll be running off to see Sara!

Kiss & Moores



The only chance we'll have to talk to him will be on the drive up here from Gulfport!

Skeezix, explain to Sarge about Chipper! I'm sure he would change his vacation time!

7/9

He's a nice guy and a loyal employee!

I'm sure he would too, Nina! That's exactly why I'm not even going to mention it!

A promise is a promise! We can't make the trip to Gulfport! So forget it!

Skeezix Wallet, you're pigheaded!

King & Moores

Good morning, Sarge!

What's good about it, you oaf?

What's bad about it?

Everything! I'm fed! I've had it!

King & Moore's

WHAP!

Don't take it out on your lunch pail! It didn't do anything!

Here! Read this!



I am not asking Sarge to change his vacation! That's final!

7/12



It can't hurt to ask him, Skeezi!

Maybe he's had a change of plans, too! Maybe he wants to trade and is afraid to ask!



Nina, of all the idiotic, improbable notions I ever heard of...



...that is the most idiotic and improbable!



King & Moore

You're not going to meet Chipper on the 21st, Nina? Why?

It conflicts with Sarge's vacation time, Walt!

7/14

Sarge's girl friend, Melba, will be in town then!

And this is more important than you and Skeezix going to Gulfport?

Skeezix promised, and you know him! A promise is a promise!

Well... he's right, of course!

King & Moore

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Nina, hang up! You know better than to call Sarge about this!

Mr. Wallet, I've buzzed Sarge!

7/16

Since Sarge's friend, Melba, is going to be here next week, I thought I'd invite them to dinner!

King & Moores

Good heavens, Skeezix! Did you think I was going to try to get Sarge to trade vacations?



You and Melba can't make it for dinner next week? Why, Sarge?

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Melba[®] isn't coming to town until next month!

But what about your vacation?

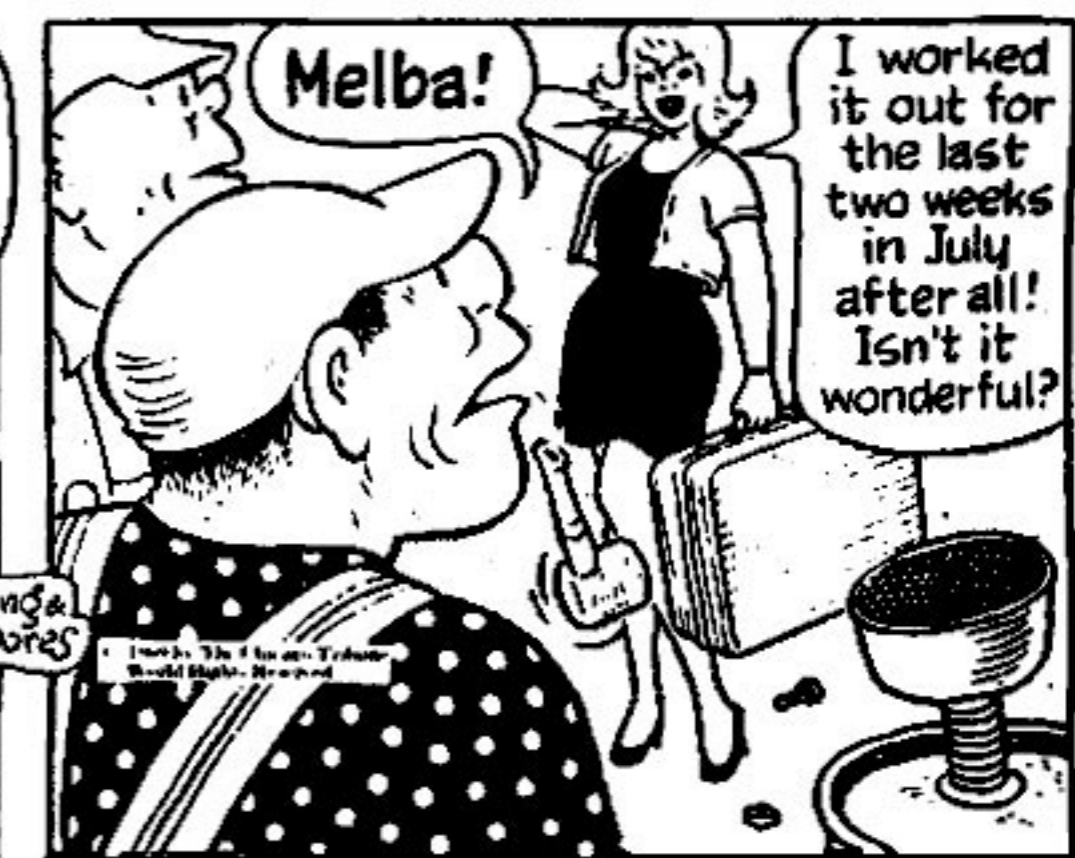
I'm stuck with it!

Oh, no, you're not! We'll trade!

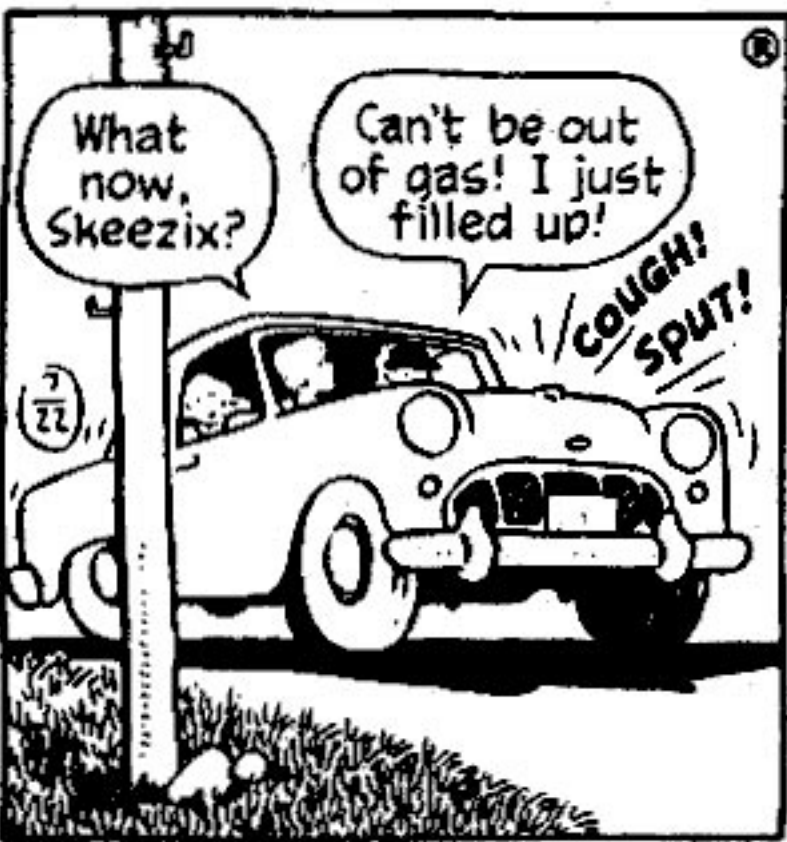
Easy, boss! You'll smear his lipstick!

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You run a garage, Skeezi, and you can't fix a silly gas line?

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I need a part, Nina!

Chipper's plane is due in a few hours!

And we're still twenty miles from the base!

King's
Moors

Dumb old car!

Someone's stopping!

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The car won't go and we have to meet our son at the Seabee base!

I need a part! If you could get me to a garage...

I need a part!

Won't be time! The flight is on schedule!

We'll tow you to the base!

I can't let you do this!

No trouble!

We're on our way to meet the plane, too!

Xinda moores

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Your son is coming home from Viet Nam, too?

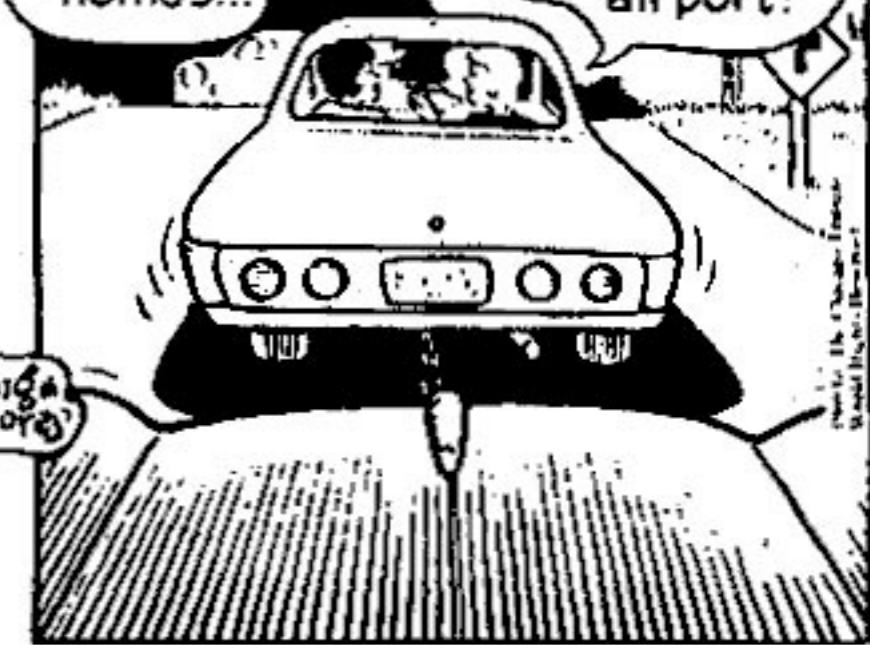
No, we belong to the Welcome Home Seabee Club! Hundreds of us meet every flight!

It's the least we can do after what they've done!

We serve refreshments...

...give the boys free phone calls to their homes...

...and tow broken-down parents to the airport!



Kinga Moore

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Still 300 miles to go! We'll hole up here tonight!

MOTEL

Can you slip me a couple of bucks, Pop? Have to call Sara!

Same old Chipper! Eight months in Viet Nam hasn't changed him!

Doesn't the Navy pay him?

\$214.20 a month, but he doesn't like to spend it! Socks it away! \$1200 already!

Better than I can do in the garage business!



Did you talk to Sara, Chipper? How is she?

7
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Fine, Pop! Where do I sack up?

You and I will have this room! Ready to eat?

Soon as I shuck these "greens"! I hope you brought my "civvies"!

You've lost weight, Chip!

Just baby fat! I weigh more than I did!

King's Notes

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Skeezix,
feel
Chipper's
muscles!

Ha! Bet I
could still take him
Indian
wrestling!

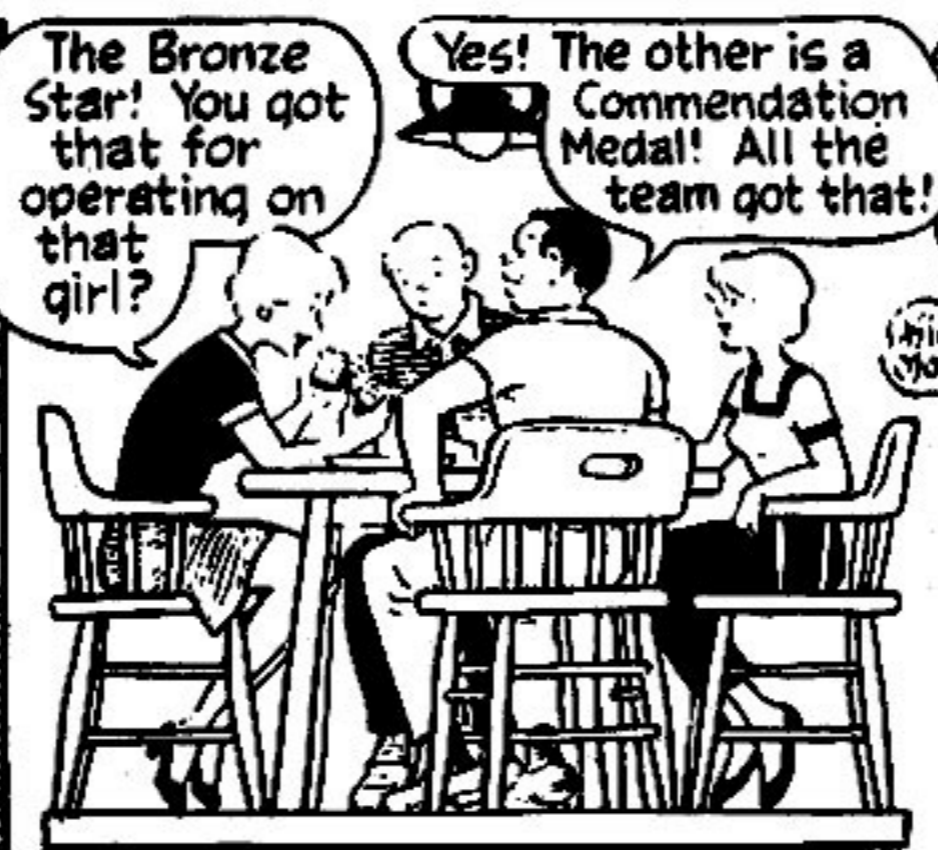
Want
to try,
Pop?

7/31
Chipper's
muscles

He just
came back
from
Viet Nam!

How nice
for you!

From the "Skeezix" column
by Bill Wright. He writes!





Skeezix, I told you this old wreck wouldn't make it home!

It got us to the city limits, Nina!

KA'POOP!

The car thinks it is home! Look! The city dump!

You hear a ruckus out yonder, Rufus?

Jes' sum'body broke down up on th' whizway, Joel!

King & Moores



It's Mister Skeezix!

An' Chipper, back from th' war!

Hi, Joel!

I've got car trouble, Joel!

King's Moores



Is there a phone close?

A mile! But you don't need't! I'll tow you!




An' they won't be no charge! Glad t' do my bit for a returnin' hero!

Illustration by ...




Just tell me
where the nearest
phone is.
Joel! I
don't want
you to
tow me!

It won't
be no
trouble,
Mister
Skeezix!



Like t' do
my part for
th' returnin'
hero!



Can't you stop
them, Skeezix?

It's late, Nina!
Maybe nobody
will see us!

What a
scooper!

Joel is going to tow us all the way to the garage, Mom?

Afraid so, Clovia!

I told him to stick to side streets!

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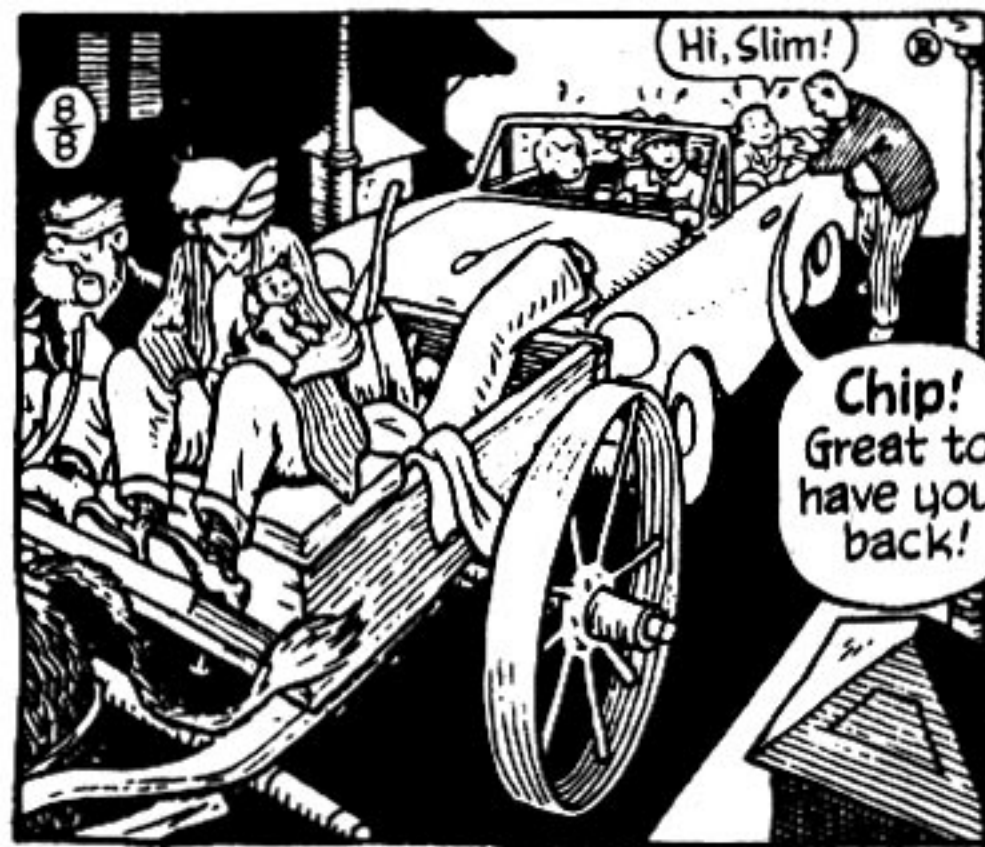
Oh, dear!
There's Slim!

Scrunch down!
Maybe he won't see us!

Hey, Slim, boy!
Look who's back from th' war!

Kinda woots!

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Yeah, Chip!

Welcome home!



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What can we do, Skee-zix?

Just sit! The garage is still four blocks away!



King Moores

Returnin' hero, Sam!
Join th' parade!





YEA, CHIPPER

Brother!

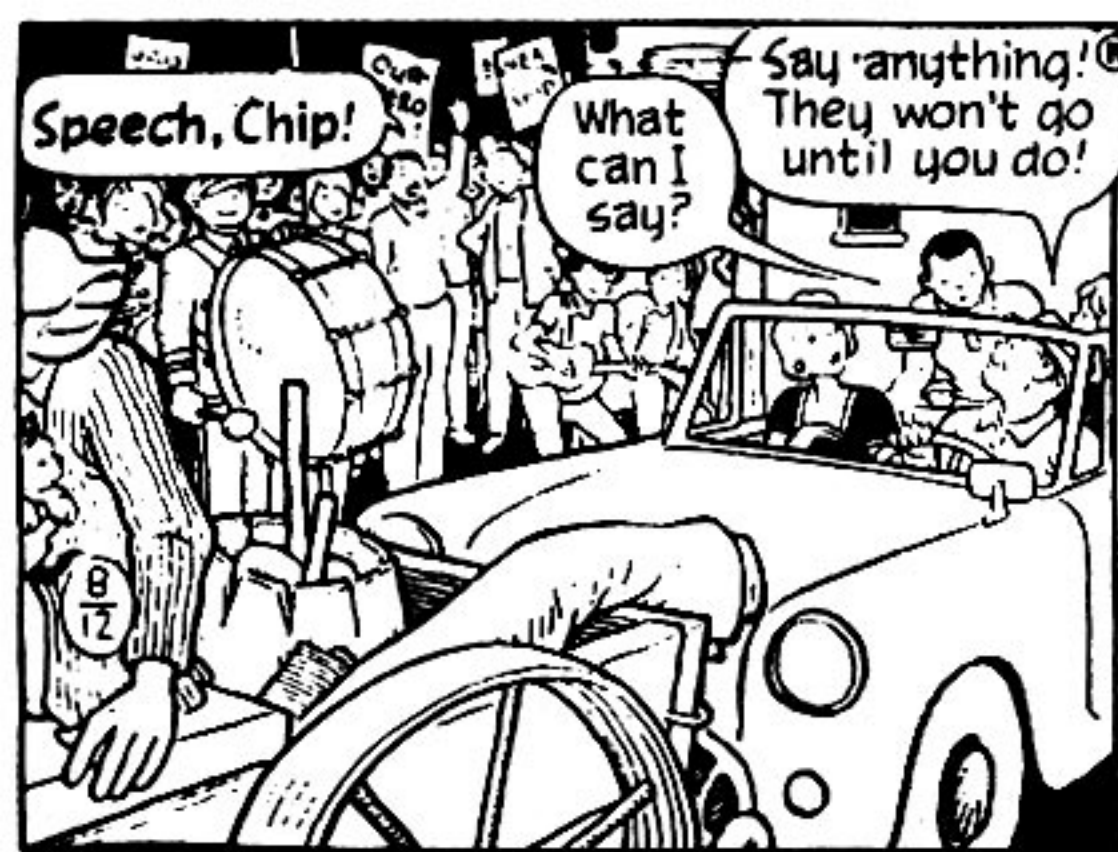
Slim started this! When I get hold of him!

Only two blocks to the garage!

I don't know what it's about, but you'd better get help here quick!

thing & (no)res

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Walt is coming to pick us up, Skee-zix?

A man in a suit is talking to a woman who is sitting in a car. The car has a license plate that says "180/14". The man is looking at the car, and the woman is looking back at him.

Yes, Nina, and I'll get Hack on this car first thing tomorrow!


Kill's moofes



You should have let Joel tow it back to the dump!

A man is sitting on a bench, looking towards a woman who is standing next to him. The woman is looking back at him.

Psst, Chip!



Yes, Slim?

A man in a suit is talking to a woman who is sitting at a table. The man is looking at the woman, and the woman is looking back at him.

There's a gal out here in a little trouble! Could you give us a hand?



She put her foot through the grating, Chipper, and we can't get it out!

8/15

What's he doing here? I told you to get a doctor!

I might be able to help!

Take your hands off me, you oaf! They're filthy!

Where you going, Chip?

To wash my hands. She's right! Be right back!

Kinga Moore



OW!

Swollen! Only one thing to do!

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8/16



Operate! I'll get my equipment!

What? You butcher! No! Help!

King's Moore's



I know you're good, Chip... but hadn't we better get a doc?

I'm not going to operate on her foot, Slim! On the grating!

Wouldn't a blowtorch be better, Chip?

No, Slim! That grating is cast iron! This will do it with one whack!

Get that thing away from me!

Relax! You won't feel a thing!

Hold her leg, Slim!

I think I'd better do that!

Suit yourself!

8/18

GASOLIN

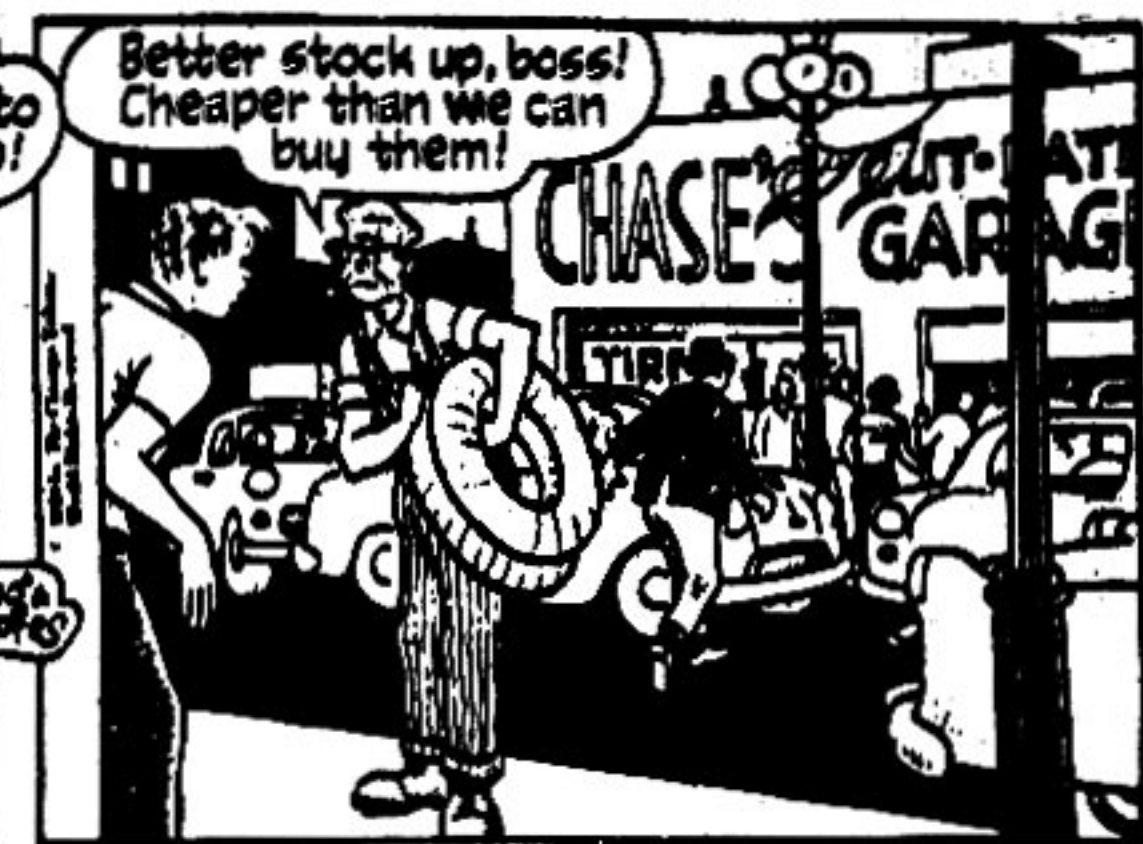
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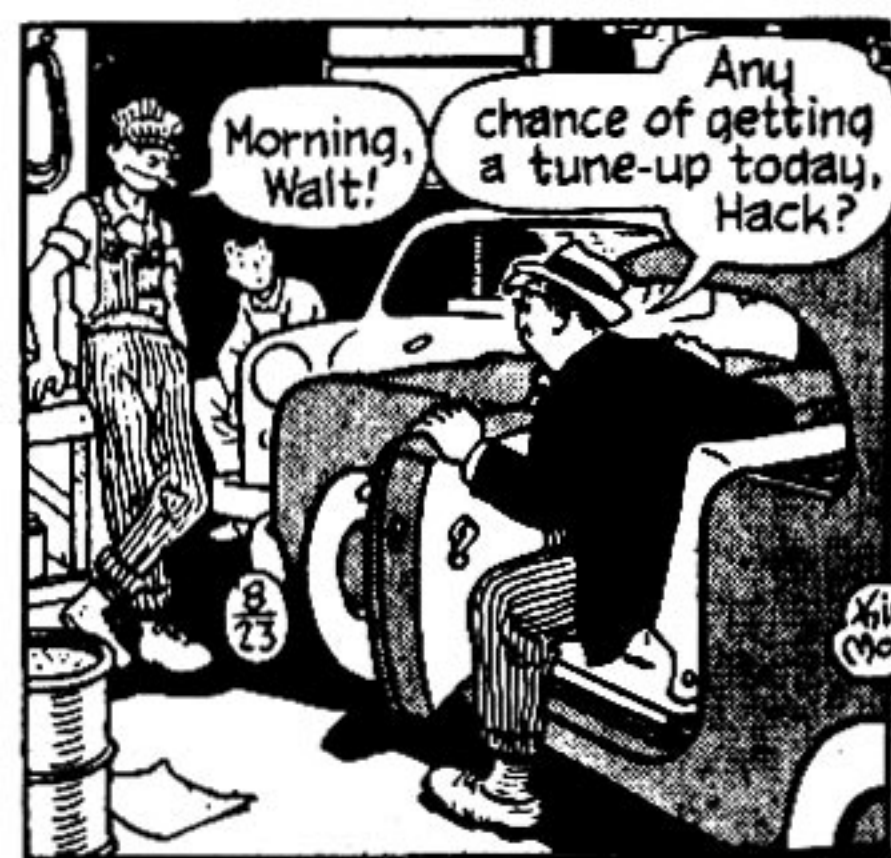
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Just like
Pert to
rent that
building
across
the street
to a
cut-rate
garage!

The man
is killing
me, Uncle
Walt!

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You look pretty
busy in here
this morning,
Skeezix!

Oh, yes!
We're really
cracking!

King &
Moofes


Miss Tabb's car, Hack's
truck, Sarge's car, your
car, my car, and
Dr. Fuddle's bicycle!



May I help you, sir?

I'm Mr. Wallet!
Mr. Chase expects me!

Kinda moores



This way, please!



What a way to run a garage!

Good of you to drop by, Mr. Wallet! What can I do for you?

Just want to welcome you to the neighborhood, Mr. Chase!

Nicely said, but I doubt that is why you came!

You wanted to get a close look at the beast!

Well, here I am, Mr. Wallet! Just a businessman like yourself...out to earn a buck!

Kinda moofes

Do you mind if I speak very frankly, Mr. Wallet?

Please do, Mr. Chase!

8/28



You're a nice guy, nice wife and kids! I don't like to see you get hurt...

...but I've a strong feeling there isn't room on this street for two garages!

I'm inclined to agree with you!



Kinda moofes

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How did your meeting go with Mr. Chase, Skee-zix?

Never met a more friendly, kindhearted man, Nina!

And thoughtful, too! He's worried about what will happen to you and the kids...

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...after he's put me out of business!

Kinda Moores

The situation at the garage isn't good, Chipper!

If I can do anything to help while I'm home on leave, Pop...

We thought you'd be going up to see Sara!

No, that's sort of off!

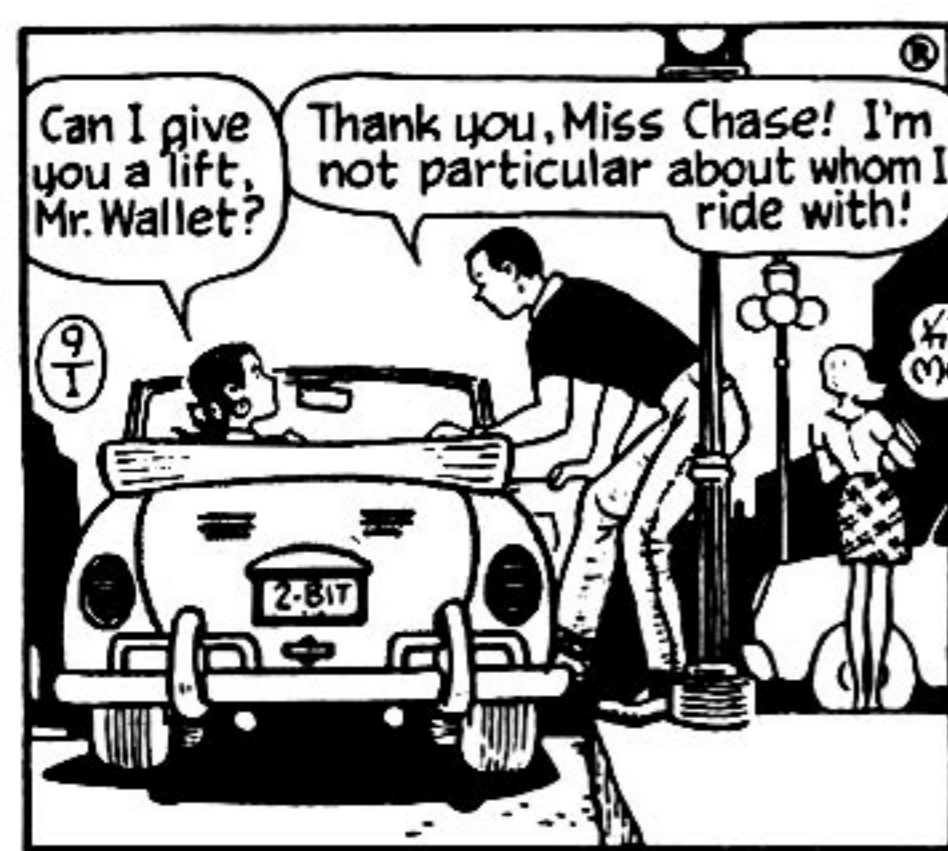
I'm sorry! I like Sara! What happened?

It's not much good... making love by mail!

8/30

King & Moores

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Is this why you picked me up- so you could pump me about Pop's garage?

I just asked how business was!

Don't worry about Pop! He'll do okay!

With that antiquated run-down old livery stable he calls a garage?

My father will have him run out of business inside of a month!

Kinda moofes

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Pop's "antiquated old livery stable" will be around when your old man's garage is dust!

9/3

Have you been in our garage, Mr. Wallet?

No, thanks!

Come on! I'll give you the tour!

Well! Isn't that your neighbor, Mr. Fracas? What's he doing in here?

Making an enemy, I'd say!

Kinda Moofer

CHASERS

And the accessories salesroom is in here!

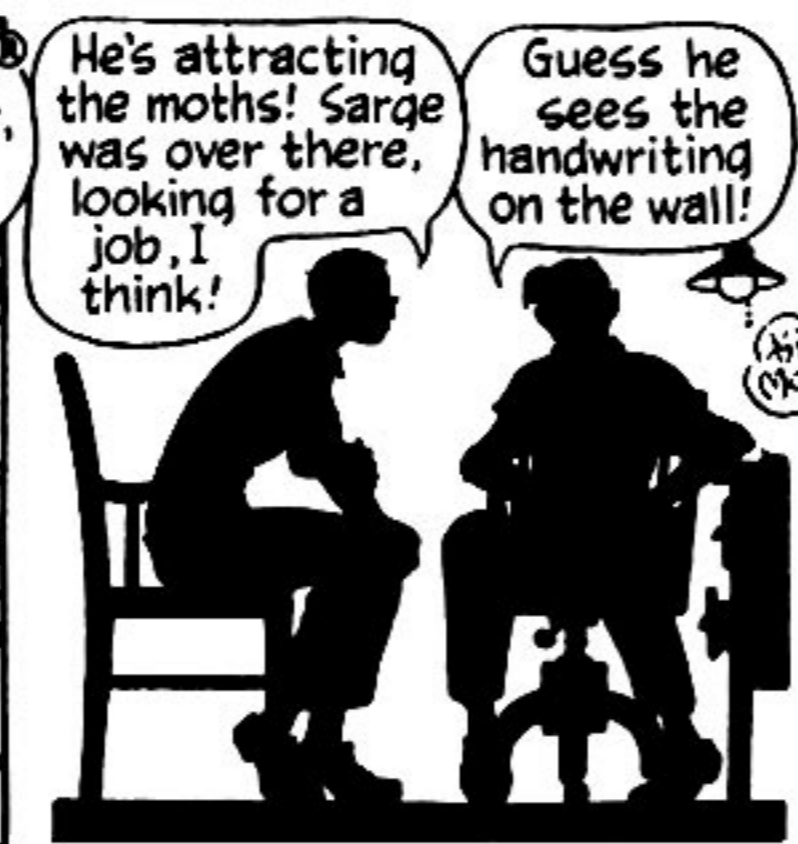
CHASE'S

LOW

The employment office is upstairs, Sarge!

Kinda mooves

Aw, come off it, Chip! I was just in here looking around!



Chase's garage makes this look like a dump!

Just because something is shiny and new doesn't mean it's better, Pop!

He has newer equipment, Chipper!

Yes, but you have something he can never match!

Twenty-five years of honest, devoted service to the community!

Of course...a little paint around here wouldn't hurt!



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King & Moore's

Hi! I was afraid you might not show!

Slim said you wanted to meet me here...and here I am!

But why all the hush-hush?

If Father knew I was meeting you he'd disown me!

I didn't realize I was that undesirable!

Your desirability has nothing to do with it! This is business!

King & Moore's

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Father is going to make your dad an offer for Gasline Alley Garage!

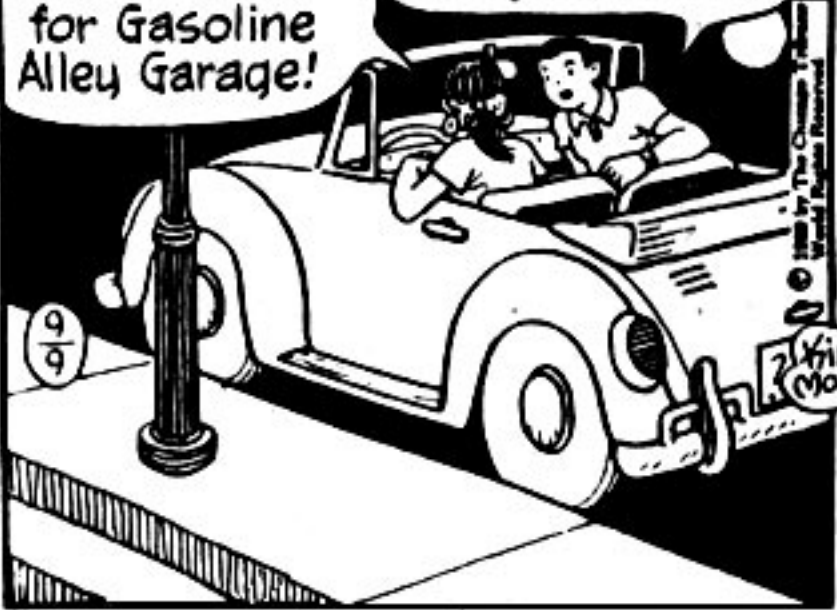
You brought me here to tell me a stupid thing like that?

Forget it! See you around!

All right! All right! Calm down!

I just wanted you to know that the offer will be for half what he is really willing to pay!

The garage is Pop's life! He won't sell for any price!







Howdy, folks!

Nice evenin',
Mister Chipper!

Kings &
Moores



Look like Chipper done
fratalizin' with the
competition, Joel!

Hesh up,
Rufus, an'
mind your
business!

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I see, Pert! An offer from Mr. Chase to buy Gasoline Alley Garage!

And I must say, a most generous one, under the circumstances, Mr. Wallet!

I'll tell you what you do, Pert...!

Take this back to Mr. Chase and tell him to...

...check with me some cold snowy day in July!

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Kinda Moores

RIP!
RIP!
RIP!

RIP!
RIP!
RIP!

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Chase's offer on the garage was for a fourth of what it's worth!

Merry says her father will pay twice that...if he has to!

Ha! Still half what it's worth!

You can't even consider it, SkeeziX!

Right! I can't! But do you know something?

I have this crazy uncontrollable urge to grab the money and get out!

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King & Moore's

I can't understand Chipper, running around with Merry Chase!



I guess he likes her!



But, Skee-zix, her father is doing his best to run you out of business!



The kid has only a little leave left, Nina!

And he'll be going back to Viet Nam in a few months!



I'm not about to tell him what he should or shouldn't do!



9/15

King & Moore

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Father will make his final offer on the garage next week! I hope your dad accepts it!

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Why, Merry? It will be for half what it's worth!

You don't know my father! It could be worthless in a few months!

That bad, you think?

I don't want your father to get hurt! Tell him to get out while he can!

You don't want him hurt! Just want him to sell for half price!

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King & Moore's

Father will put your dad out of business if he doesn't accept the offer! Believe me, Chipper!

Relax, Merry! You're wasting your time working on me!

Nobody's going to tell Pop what to do!

I'm just a sailor boy home on leave! I'm here to get away from the fighting!

Let the old folks wage their war! I'm for going out and having some fun!



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King & Moore's



It's war, Nina! I've turned down Chase's final offer!

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CHASE'S SALES

Look at the evening paper, Skeezix! A two-page ad!

These prices! He's really out to get me!

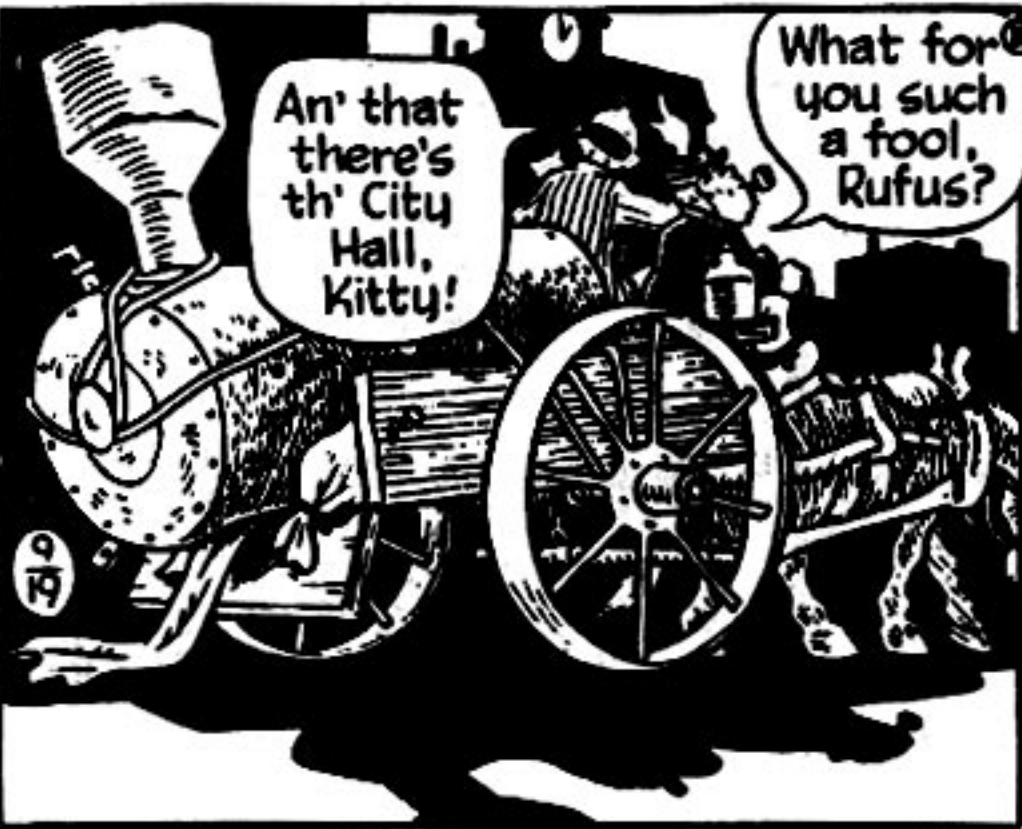
Relax tonight! The massacre doesn't start till morning!

King & Moores

Kitty like to ride, Joel! Listen to 'im purr!

Quit messin' with that fool cat, Rufus, an' mind th' rope!

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An' that there's th' City Hall, Kitty!

What for you such a fool, Rufus?

That cat can't tell a City Hall from a cow shed!

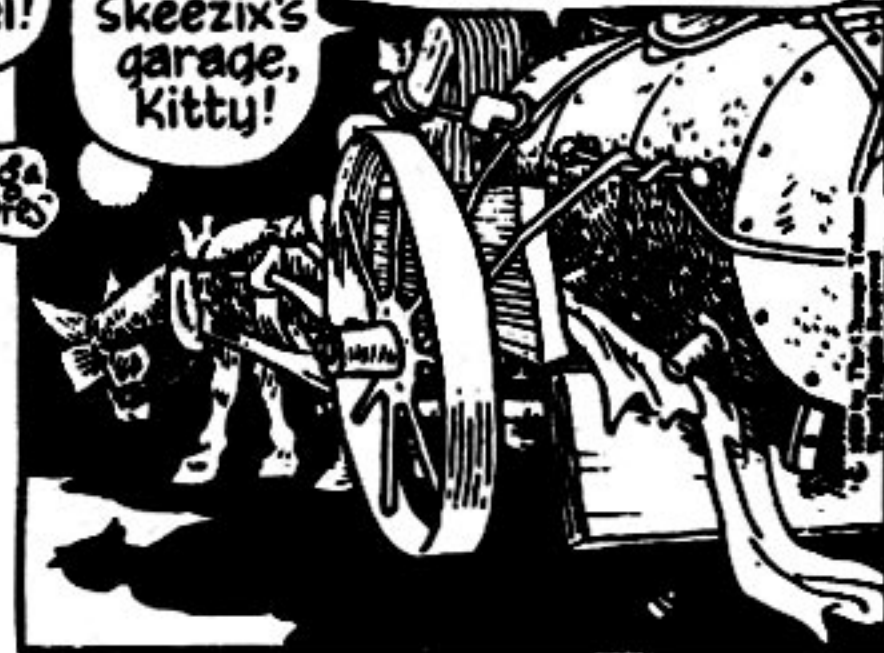
Kitty like to know what things is, Joel!

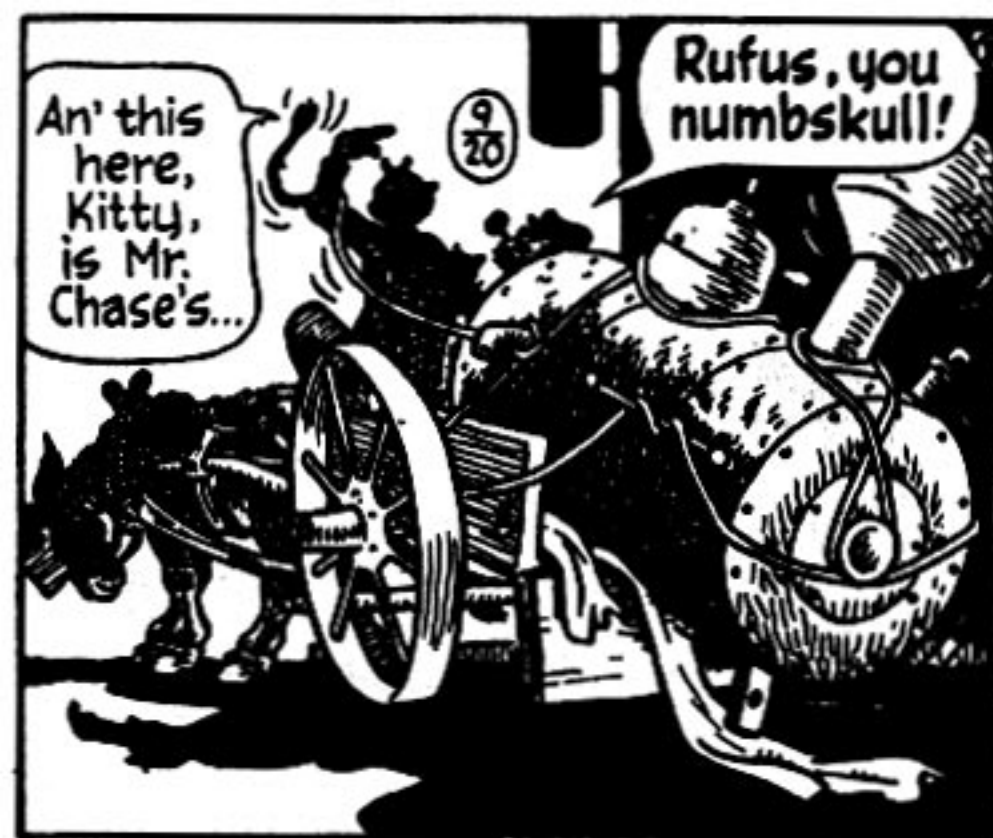
An' up yonder is Mister Skeezi's garage, Kitty!

Over yonder is gonna be your haid...if you lets loose that rope!



Kinda moore!





I'se sorry 'bout lettin' loose th' rope, Joel!

It's that fool cat!

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I tol' you not t' bring 'im, Rufus!

Kitty git lonesome settin' home alone!

Hing & Moores

No damage! Jes' a slight dent in Mr. Chase's cut-rate garage door!

© 1940 by The Garage Truck World Magazine Company



Mr. Chase ain't goin' t' like havin' his door bashed in, Joel!



Tain't no big thing, Rufus! We got all night t' set 'er straight!

Yidin' a' (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)



But fust things fust! Got t' h'ist this here b'iler back on th' cart!



Hard t' see in th' dark!

If you'd put that fool cat down!

Kitty's he'pin', Joel!

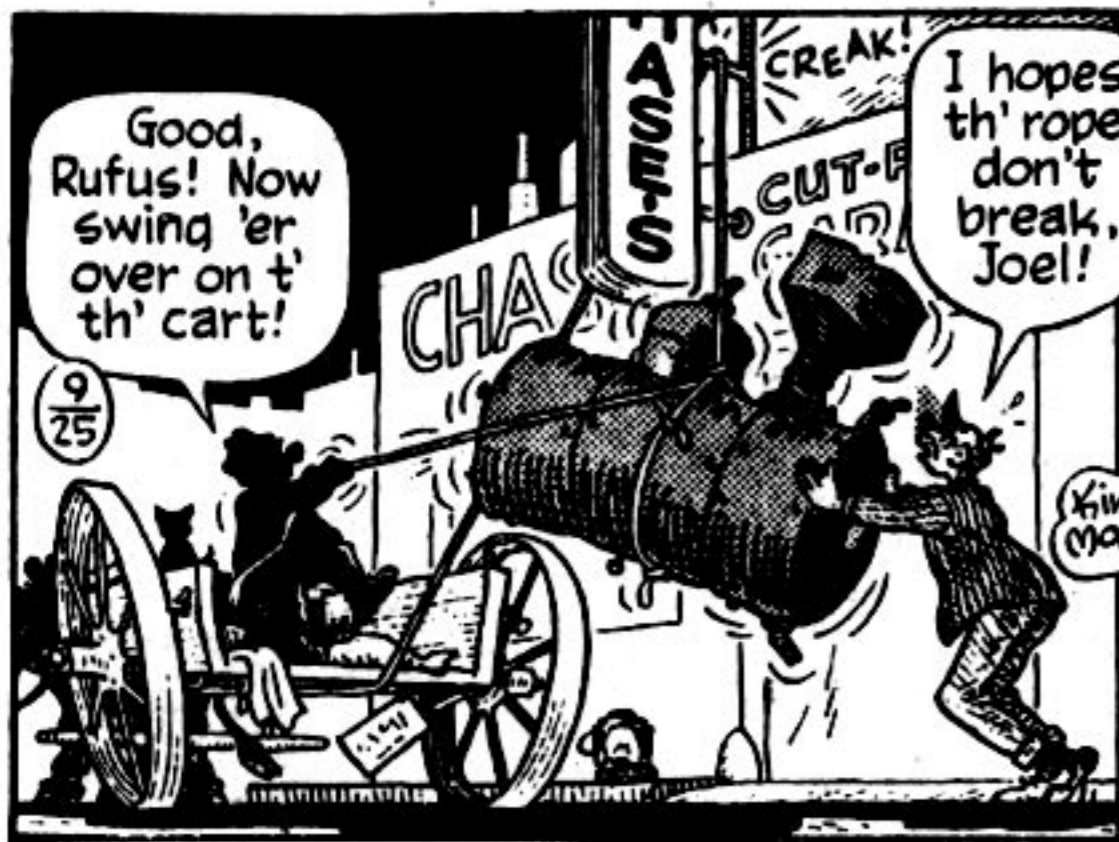


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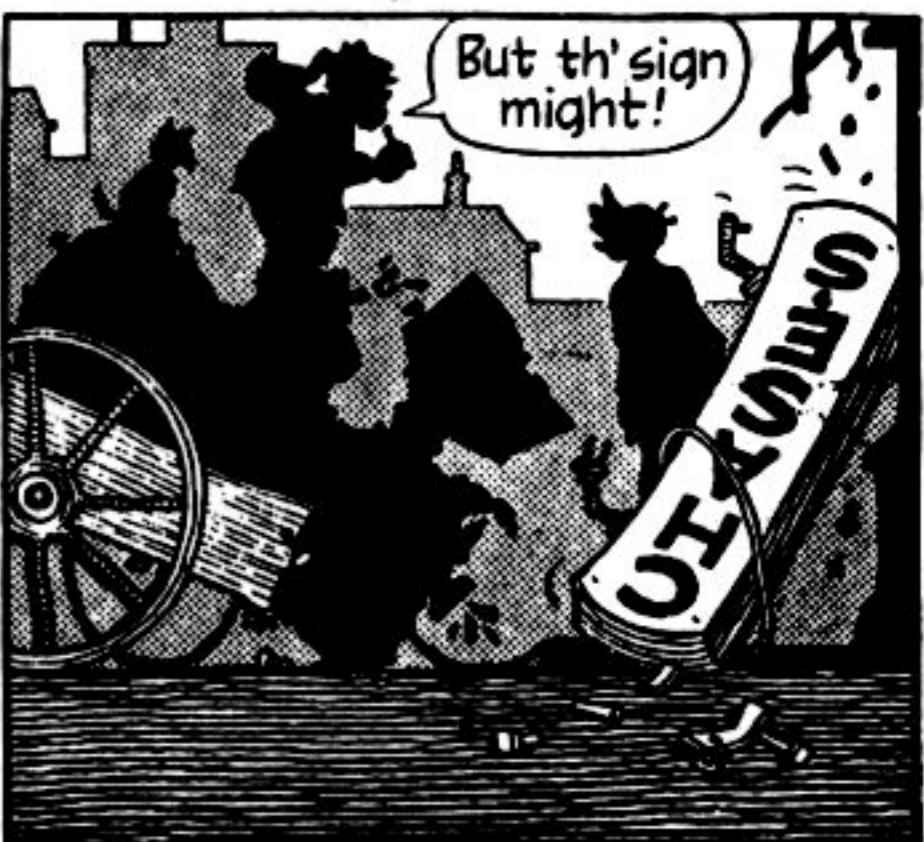
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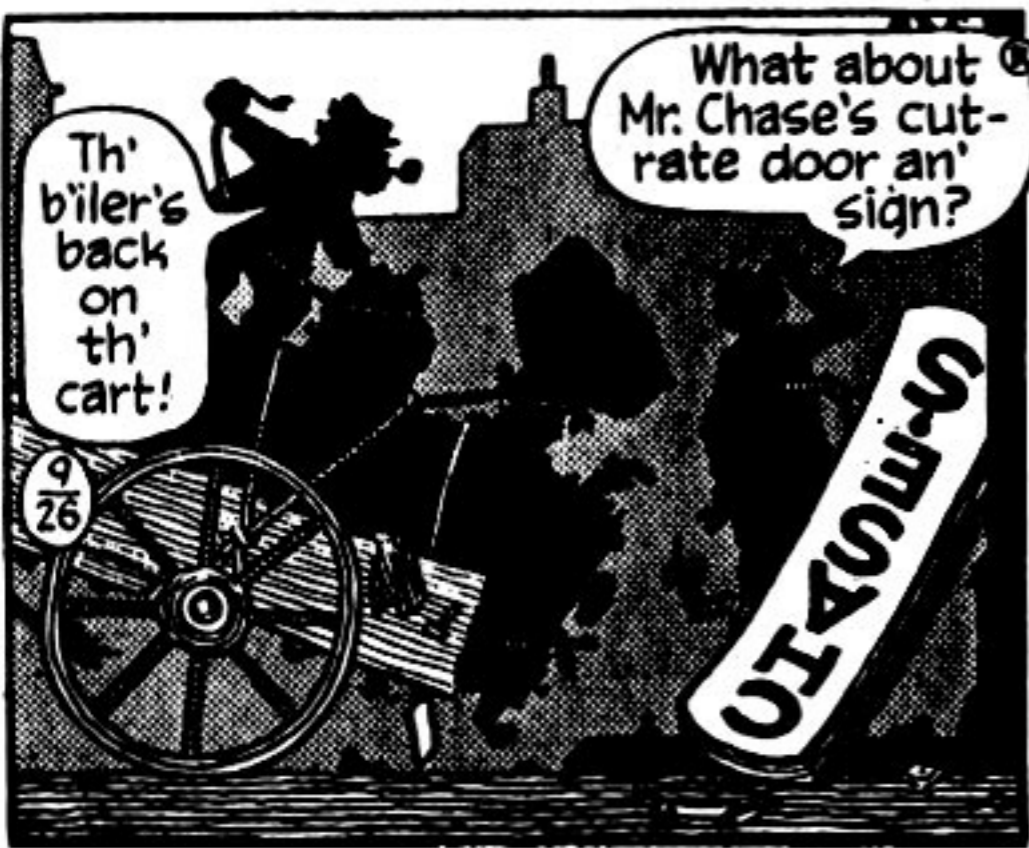




Keep
RUSH!

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What about Mr. Chase's cut-rate door an' sign?

Th' b'iler's back on th' cart!

S-MOON-TIN

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We'll set 'em right, Rufus! Fetch th' jug an' m' sledge!



Kitty done spill th' jug, Joel! What kin I do?

Suit y'self! Jes' mind whar you flings th' fool carcass!

Kings moores

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Pick up them scraps, Rufus!
Don't want to leave no mess
for Mr. Chase!

No,
sir!

Fella goin' t' do a job,
he oughta do it right,
I always
says!

Kinga
mootes

Right you
is, Rufus!

SALES
CUT-RAT
GAR-RAT
STOP

From The Green
World Rights Project

Have you looked over at Chase's this morning, Boss?

I'm afraid to, Sarge!

With this two-page ad I'm sure he's mobbed!

He's mobbed all right!

King & Moores



But he can't get his door open!

Somebody will pay!

His sign upside down!
The door bashed in so
it won't open! Oh, man!

Who do
you suppose
did it?

I didn't
do it!

I have a sneaky idea
who did...but I wouldn't
breathe it to a soul!

King
moores

Perhaps you would like to breathe
it to me, Mr. Wallet!

Mr. Chase!

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TAB

HACK

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We were just kidding around, Mr. Chase!

Yeah!

We're really very sorry about your door and sign!

Mr. Wallet, either you did this dastardly thing or you know who did!

I'll get to the bottom of it!

And tell that kid of yours if he comes near my daughter again I'll wring his neck!

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Kinda noofes

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Best day we've had at the garage for years!

Chase's ad drew them from miles around!

It took them till noon to get his door unfouled!

Not much profit! I had to meet his prices!

Yeah, but we picked up a mess of new satisfied customers!



By that time most of his fish were in our pan!

WITNESS



King & Moores

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Who did mess up Chase's garage, Skee-zix?

10/3

I don't know, Hack, but Chase seems to suspect Chipper!

Where is Chipper?

He's in the shop, Miss Chase!

Xing & Moo-fes

Thanks a lot!

WHAP!

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Merry Chase slapped you, Chipper? Why?

She thinks he's responsible for the damage to her dad's garage, Nina!

And you didn't try to explain?

Why bother, Mom?

Probably for the best! My leave is up Monday...

...and I was starting to like the girl!

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King
moore's

It seems like we spend half our lives taking Chipper to the airport!

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Got everything?

I hope so, Pop!

King & Moores

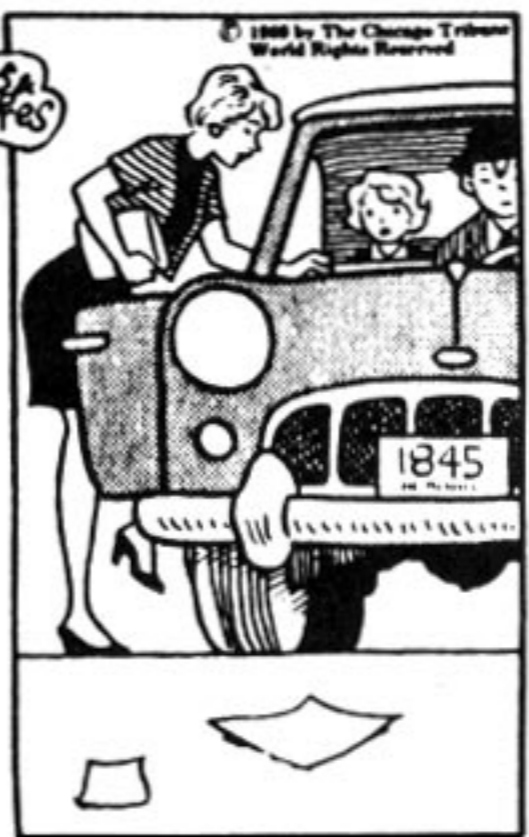
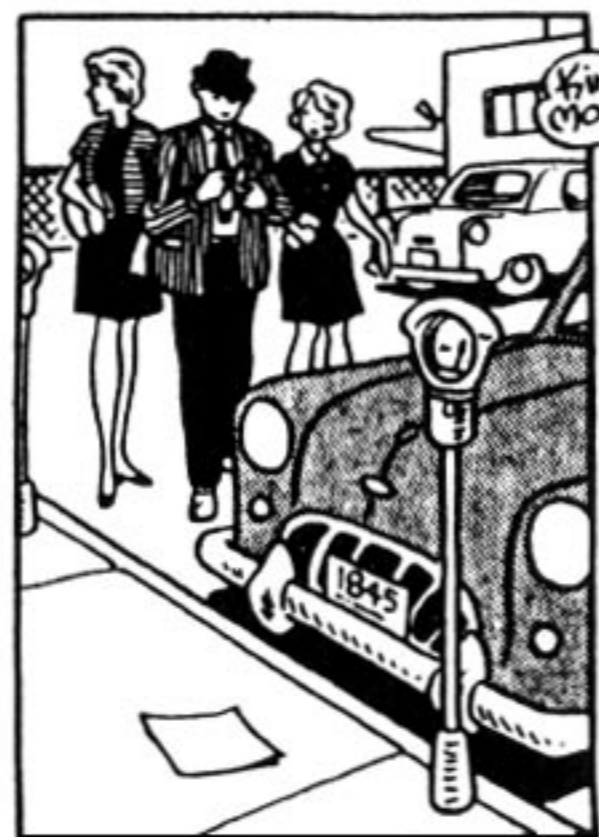
Chipper!

I'm sorry! I was upset! I didn't know what I was doing!

It's okay, Merry! I guess none of us really knows what he's doing!

Illustrated by The Osborne Family

It's unlucky to watch the plane
out of sight, Skee-zix!



The house seems so empty with Chip gone!

10/8

It's as if he hadn't been here at all!

Left his room clean! Didn't even leave me a dirty old sock to pick up!

The Seabees have trained him well!

King & Moores

What do we do with all the leftover milk?

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Kinda' lonesome
with
Chipper
gone,
Skeezix?

You can
say that again,
Pudge! Where's
Corky?

Picking up Nubbin
from football
practice!

Nubbin,
my frail
little
nephew,
playing
football?

I saw Hope
yesterday! She
didn't say a
thing
about
it!

She thinks if she
ignores it, it will
go away!

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King & Moores Diner

King & Moores

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Did you make any touchdowns, Nub?

It was just practice, Eve!

Hi, Hope!

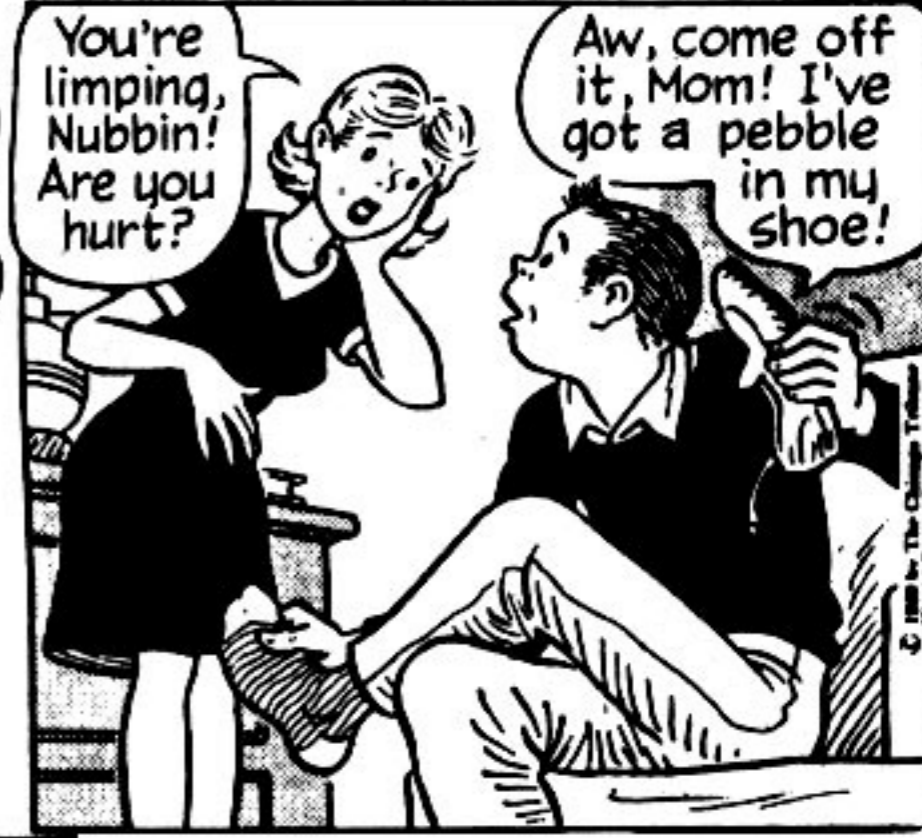
Anyway, how many times do I have to tell you? I'm on defense!

"De fence"? Ha! Slim says you're on "de bench"!

Yeah!

You're limping, Nubbin! Are you hurt?

Aw, come off it, Mom! I've got a pebble in my shoe!



Eve, have you done anything with the dirty clothes? They were right here!

I'm not supposed to tell!

You know where they are?

I'll tell if you won't tell I told!

Coach says Nubbin needs more tacklin' practice!

Kinda moofes

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So Nubbin is out for football? That's great, Corky!

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He's really giving it the old try, Skeezix!

He was up at dawn this morning jogging in the park!

Corky's Diner

That's the way with kids! Always trying to be the best on the team!

That's not exactly the way it is with Nubbin!

He's trying to keep from being the worst!

Kinda moofes

It's just a cleat scrape, Mom!

10/14

Why you punish yourself like this every night, I'll never understand!

King & Moore's

You never get to play! When was the last time you left the bench?



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Coach sent him onto the field last week! Remember?

Yeah! To shag off that stray dog!



It's the fourth quarter, Corky! I don't think Nubbin is going to get to play!

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There's still a chance, Hope!

After all, we're ahead by thirty points!

Maybe when it gets to be a hundred!

One thing! He sure is easy to spot, Eve!

King & Moores

Yeah! Ol' 31! The cleanest jersey on the bench!

Illustrated by The Chicago Tribune World-News Service

"35" is coming out!

And Coach is motioning to Nubbin!

Yes, sir, Coach?

Quick! I need your jersey! Mine's ripped!

Is Nubbin going in, Corky?

They're all huddled around! I can't see!

Ying a maufes

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Coach motioned to Nubbin!

I think he's going in, but I can't see, Hope!

There goes ol' 31!

Nubbin's going into the game!

Go get 'em, brother!

King & Moors

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Watch it, Nubbin!
It's a pass!

King & Moores

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Plunk!

Interception!

Yahoo! Nub's got it!

He's running for
a touchdown!



Fine paper, Nubbin! I wish your football was as good as your History!

I've been thinking of quitting the team, Coach!

Don't! I think I'll try you at Miller's flanker spot this week!

Is Miller hurt?

Flunking! I wish Miller's History was as good as his football!

King & Moore's

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Nub is going to be flunker on the football team, Gran'pa!

What's a flunker?

Not flunker, Adam! Flunker!

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What's a flanker?

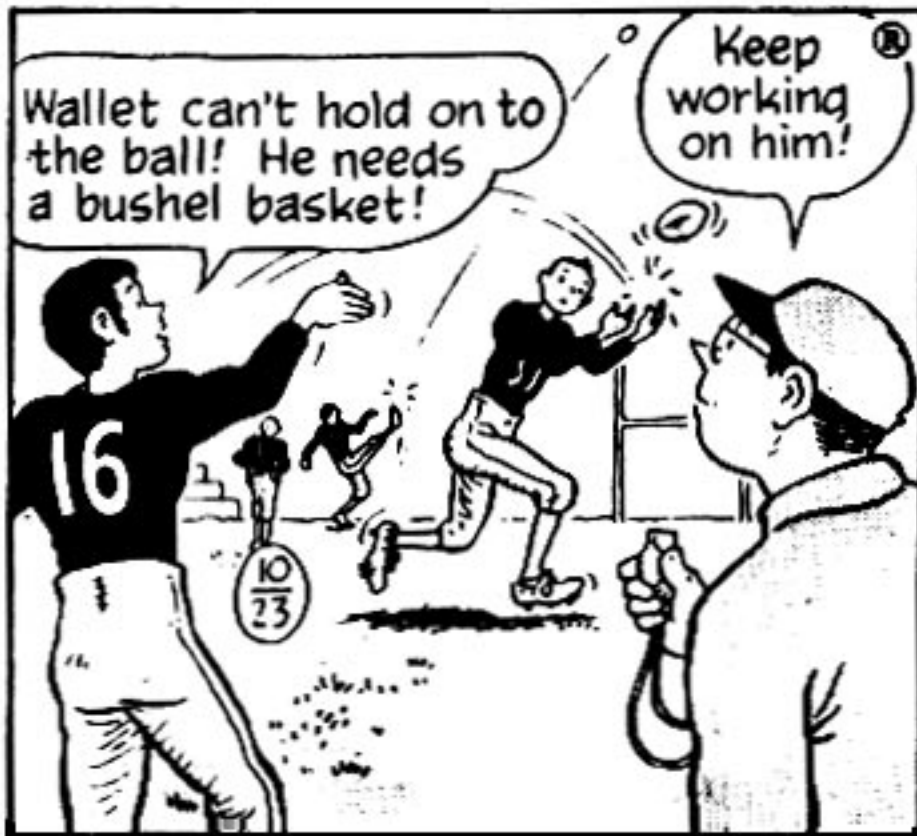
He's the guy that runs down and catches passes!

A very important position! Nubbin must be good!

Not very! He only got to be flanker 'cause the regular flanker flunked!

Yeah!

King & Moore's





Who kicked this ball?

I did, Mr. Wilson!
I'm sorry, I...



Before it hit me,
it traveled forty
yards and split the
uprights!



You said we didn't
have a place-kicker!
We've lost two games
because we didn't have
a kicker!



We just discovered
Wallet's unusual
talent!

Good! See
that you
use it!



Nubbin is practicing late again, Corky?

Coach is working on his place-kicking, Pop!

Resign yourself, Wallet! We stay here until you get one off the ground!



If I could just remember how I kicked that one last week!



Can't we quit now, Coach! I won't be able to sit down for a week!

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Which one is Nubbin, Mister Corky?

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Number 31, Rufus! He's sitting on the bench!

He got a good seat! Do he play?

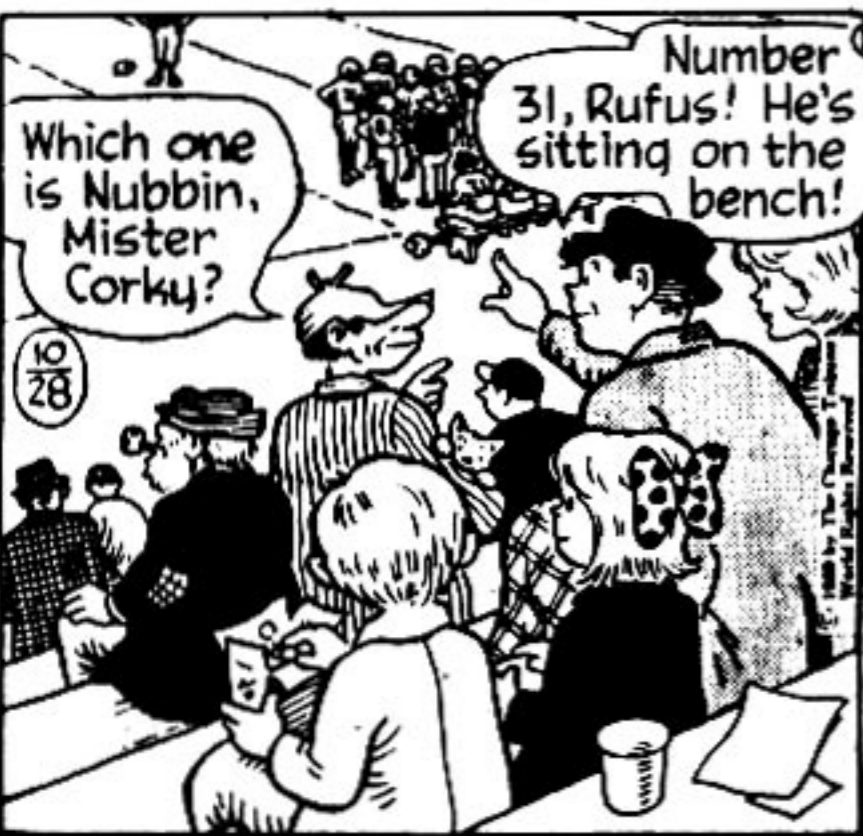
He'll go in if they try a field goal! He's the place-kicker!

The what-kicker?

Place-kicker, Rufus, you ninny!

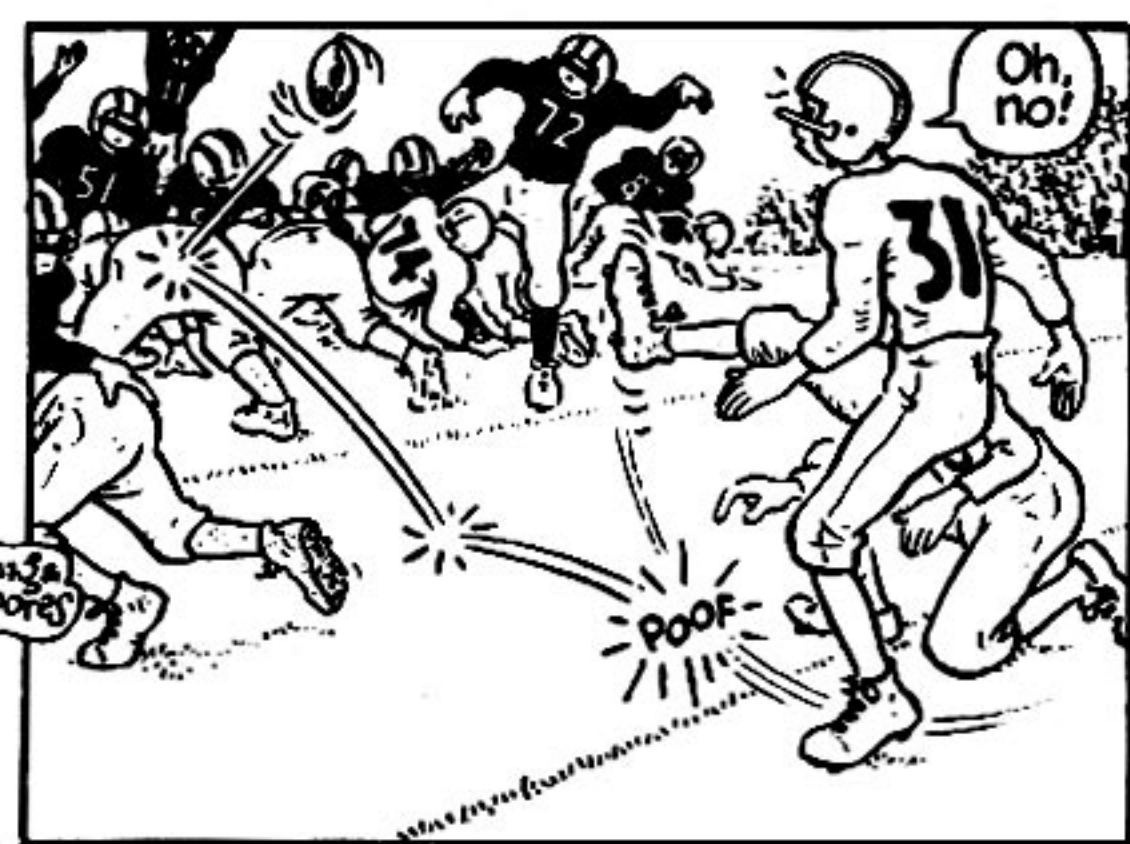
What kind o' place do he kick, Mister Corky?

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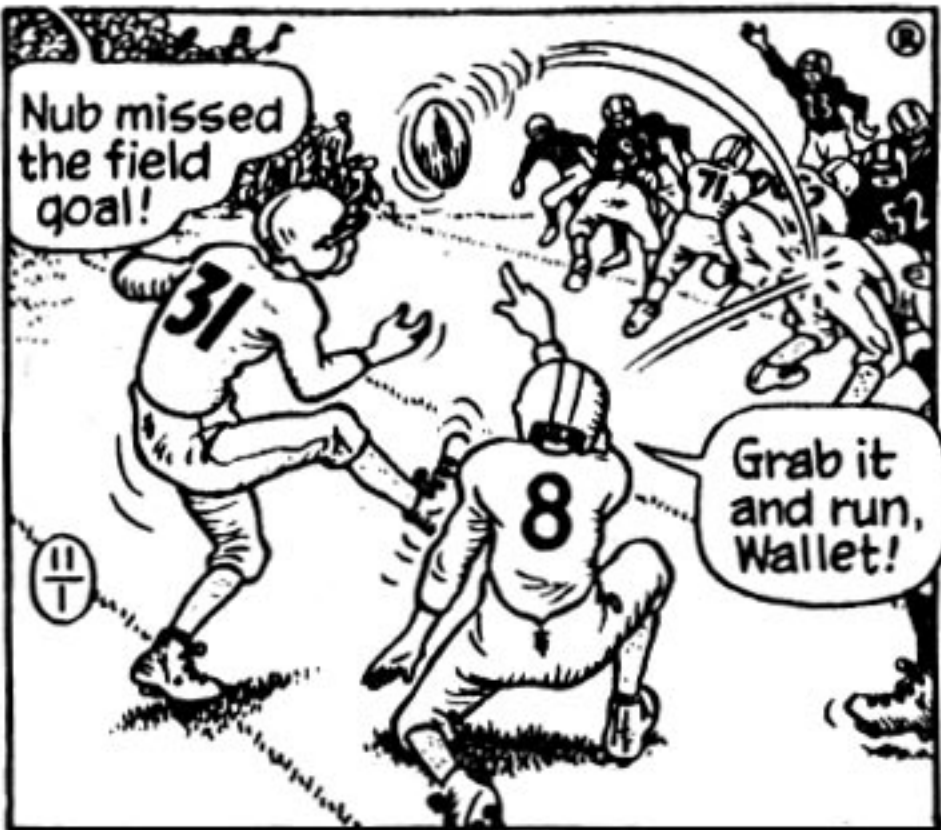






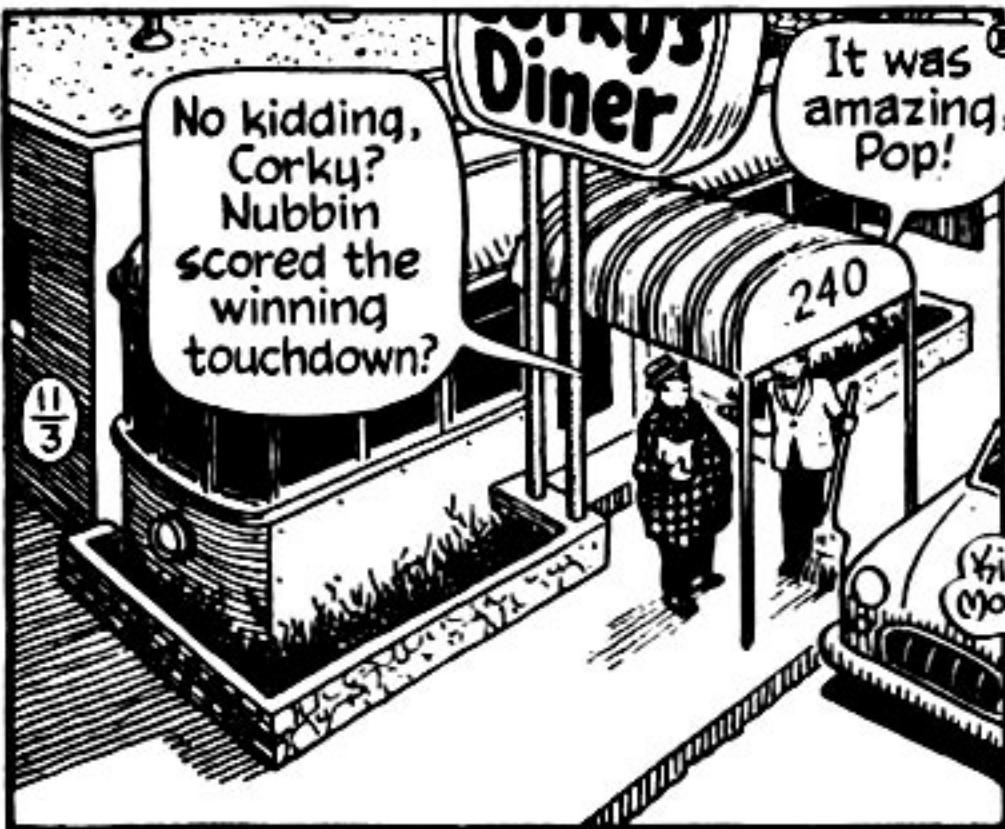


Nub missed the field goal!



Grab it and run, Wallet!





You go around picking up old cans that people toss out of their cars?

11/4

Every day I pick up a sackful, Corky!

If everybody did this, we'd soon have a clean city!

It'd be even cleaner if people didn't toss them out in the first place!

Be realistic! We will always have "tosser-outers"! What we need is more "picker-uppers"!

Good luck on that one, Pop!

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How many cans today, Walt?

Phyllis! Twenty, One on our own front yard!

You may be beautifying the city, but I don't like what you're doing to our back yard!

I thought the trash men came today!

They only take what's in the cans!

I'll have Joel come by with his wagon!

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Look, Grandma!
We're picking up
cans just like
Grandpa!

How nice, Eve!

We got
a bunch!
Where can
we put
them?

There in the trash
can will be fine,
Adam!

Tell
Grandpa
what we
did!

I will! I'm sure he
will be delighted...

...but I'm not too
sure that I am!



Well! Adam and Eve! Been over to see Grandma?

11/8

We've been picking up cans like you do, Grandpa!

We're going to pick up every day on our way home from school!

That's the stuff! And tell the other kids to do the same!

Nub would, I bet!

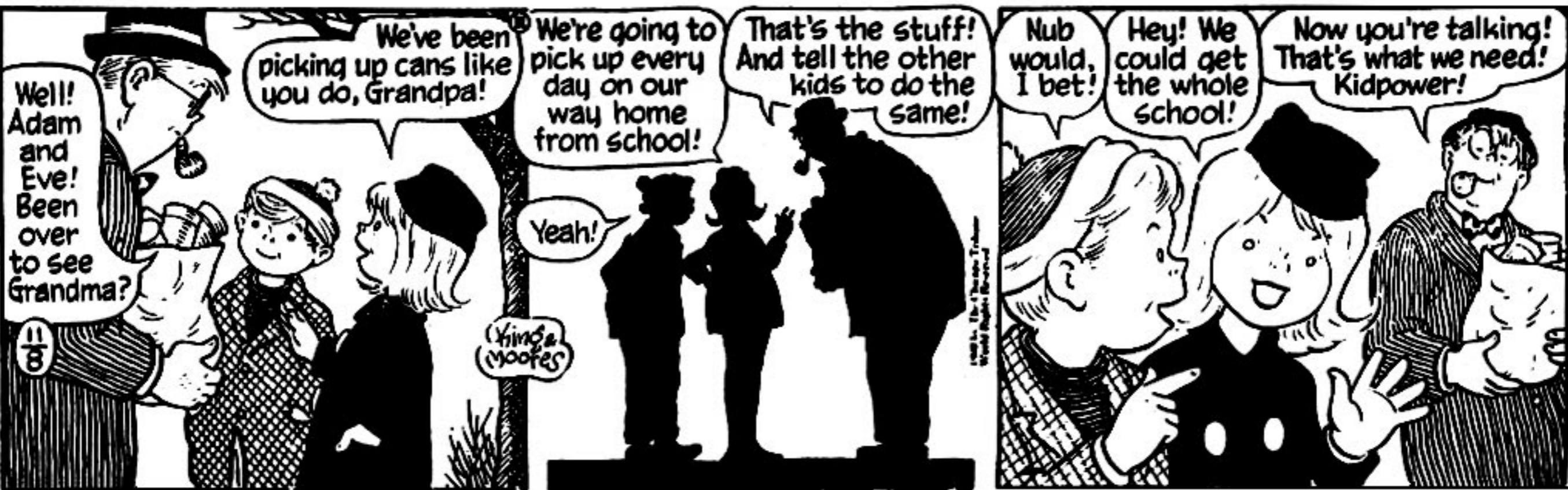
Hey! We could get the whole school!

Now you're talking! That's what we need! Kidpower!

Yeah!

Kids & Moores

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How's the one-man clean-up campaign coming, Uncle Walt?

No longer "one-man", Skeezix!



The twins' school chums are helping! There go some with a load now!

Where are they taking the stuff?



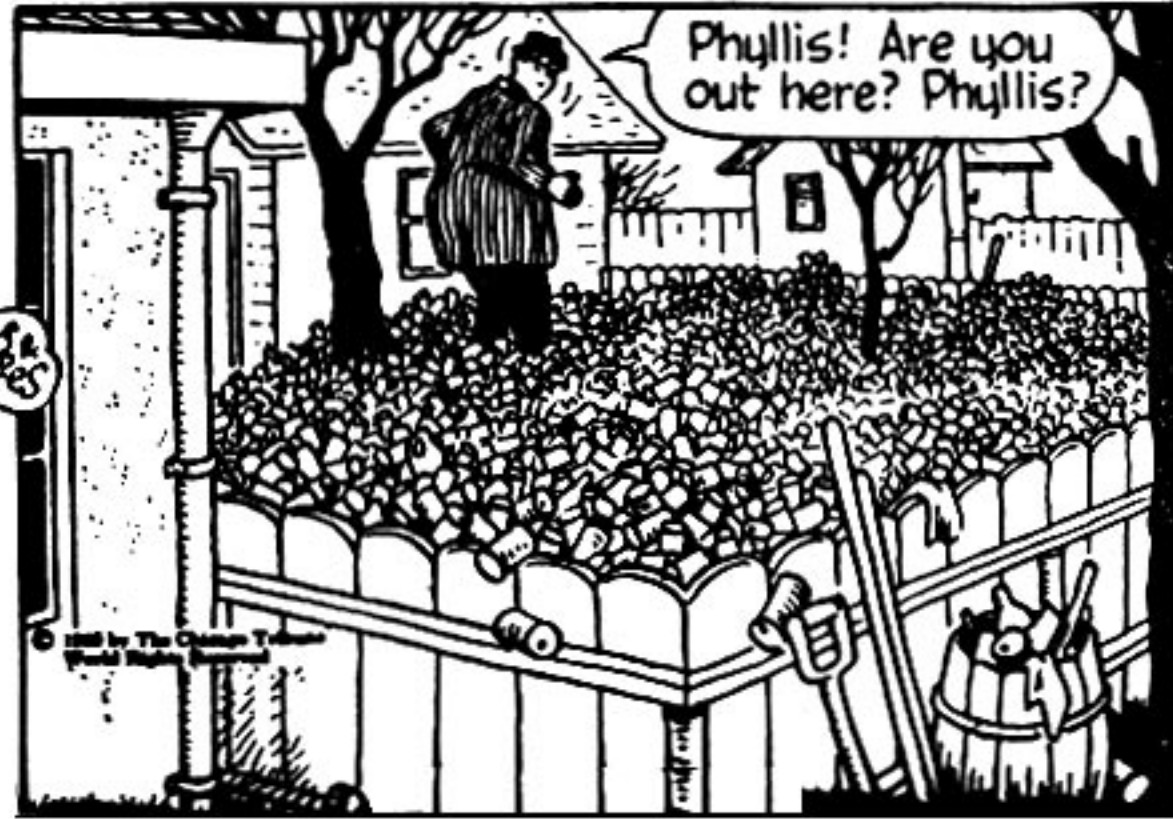
I hadn't thought! To the dump, I suppose!

I've only lived in this town for 48 years, but I think the dump is back the other way!









What's the big idea, Avery? Dumping cans into my yard!

Some of them spilled over onto my side, Walt!

These are your cans! I can tell! It's that cheap brand of oil you use!

Your yard's just a big junk pile anyway!

You should talk! Yours has been nothing but a junk heap for years!

11/14

Kinda moores

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The man
threw
cans
at me,
Emily!
I could
have
been
injured!

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Walt
was
upset,
Avery!

He's
been your
neighbor
and
friend
for fifty
years!
Surely...

He's no friend of
mine! He called our
yard a junk heap!

Avery was throwing
his old oil
cans into
our yard!

And you felt
they might
contaminate
your beer
cans?

Kind &
Neat

I've called everybody in town, Walt! Nobody can pick up these cans till Wednesday!

Did you tell them it was an emergency, Phyllis?

It's only an emergency to us, not to them!

What are you doing?

Clearing a path out to the trash can!

I might have!





Good job on the can-pickup campaign, Walt!

Yes... thank you, Wilmer!

WILMER
BOBBLE
MAYOR

But cans are small potatoes! I'm thinking about the real eyesores in this town!

The old junk cars that people leave sitting around in their yards!

You and Avery fighting again?

King & Moores

Old junk cars sitting around in people's yards are the worst eyesores in town, Wilmer!

The city can't do a thing about them, Walt!

As long as they're on private property we can't touch them! That's the law!

Then the law ought to be changed!

Sorry, Walt! Can't change the law!

Then....people ought to be changed!

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King's
moofer

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According to the city ordinances Avery is operating a junkyard?

Exactly, Phyllis!

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"Any place of storage where are displayed to vision from a public street two or more vehicles unfit for reconditioning:"



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"..or a collection of parts equal to the bulk of two or more vehicles?"

So?



The fine for operating a junkyard without a license is \$50 a day!



Walt, you can't be serious about making a complaint against Avery!

You'd better believe it, Phyllis!

His yard qualifies as a junkyard! Says so here in the city ordinances!

He's been operating it for fifty years without a license!

At fifty dollars a day he owes the city \$913,100 in fines!

11/26

KIND & MOOFES

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The authorities will be out next week, Phyllis! Avery's junk-yard is doomed!

Keep your voice down, Walt! He's out by the fence!

Hey! What are you doing?

Since we are no longer friends, I am returning this junk you left at my house...

...before you accuse me of stealing it!

11/27

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What do you mean, my junk? Half of these pictures are yours!

I sorted them out! None of them are mine!

You took this one at Grand Lake! I remember! It was on our '48 trip!

It's Jackson Lake and you took it on our '52 trip!

King & Moores

No! You'd just bagged that big trout and we were on our way back..

No, Walt! It was right after you fell into the stream with our lunch!



I'll be darned!
One from our
first trip!

Camped[®]
in a school yard!
Didn't want to spend
the buck for a tourist
cabin!

Remember those
small-town cafes,
Avery? What food!
Thick juicy ham
and hot
cakes!

A big platter-
ful and all
for only four
bits! I can
taste it now!

King &
Moore

But the mud! When
it rained we had to
get out and push
up the hills!

The kids today
don't know what
real traveling
is, Walt!

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Yes, Phyllis! Avery and I have made up! I shouldn't have lost my temper!

What about Avery's "junk-yard"?

Didn't you file a complaint, Walt?

I'll call Wilmer and tell him to forget it!

Yes...but... I see...

Well?

Too late! The wheels of justice have ground into motion! The men are on their way out!

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You actually filed a complaint against me, Walt? Me? Your best friend?

I'm sorry, Avery! I lost my temper!

12 1/2

We have our little arguments, sure...but to do a thing like this...

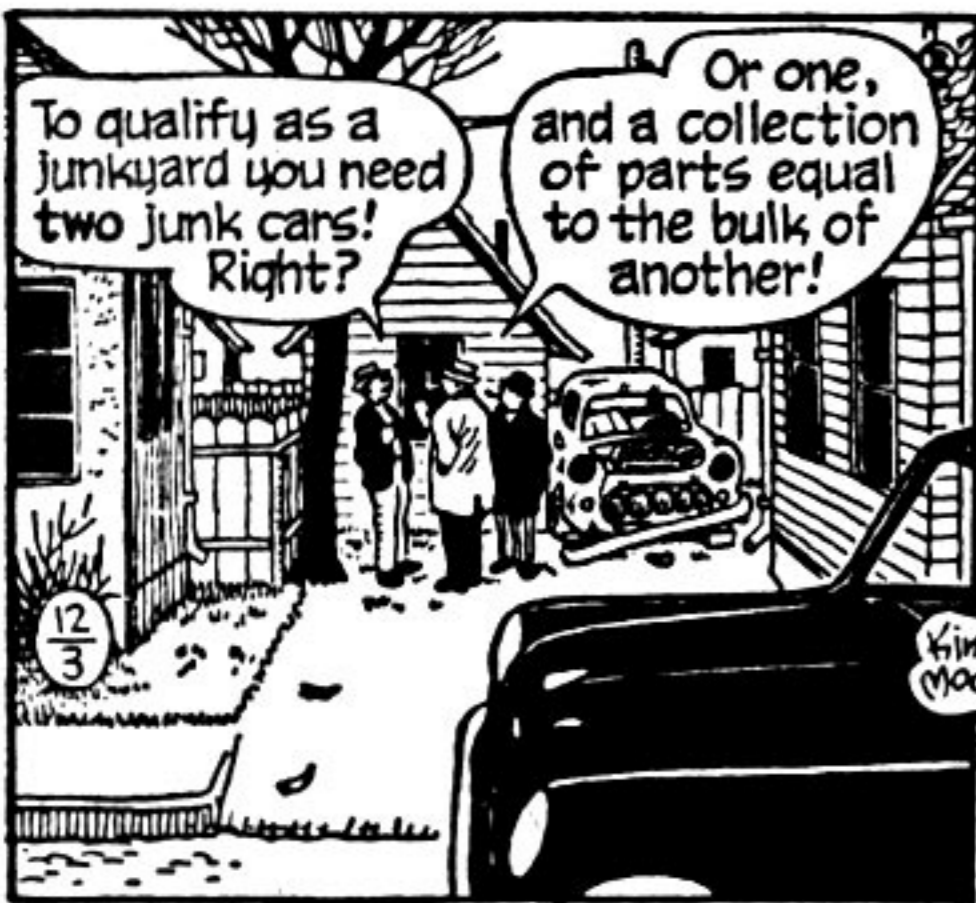
I tried to stop them! It was too late!

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Hauled into court as a junk dealer by my own friend and neighbor!

Avery, we've got to do something and do it fast! The men are on their way!

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It was the only thing we could do, Phyllis!



Okay, but Avery's pile of junk had better be out of my sight by tonight!



Ha! What pile of junk?



You mean Avery cleaned it up during the night, Walt?



Oh!



New fallen snow! There's nothing more beautiful, Phyllis!

If you're looking at it from inside a nice warm house!

King & Moore's

12/5



Rufus, do you want the stove or don't you?

It ain't 'zactly what I had in mind, Joel!

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She ain't costin' you a nickel an' I'm totin' 'er for free!

Th' price is right, but if it don't work, it still ain't no big bargain!

I jes' rents from Mr. Pert! Mebbe he ain't gonna like us puttin' in this thing!

12/6

You tol' him your ol' stove don't work, didn't you, Rufus?

He say for th' kinda' rent I pay he can't fix nothin'!

There you is! A man can't freeze!

Th' way I looks at it you is improvin' his propi'ty!

Yes'm, Joel!

Kinda' moofes

Th' idea
is t'
get th'
stove
up th'
stairs,
Rufus!

8/12

Yeah, Joel,
but we got
to be
careful!

I only rents!
This here is
Mr. Pert's
propi'ty!

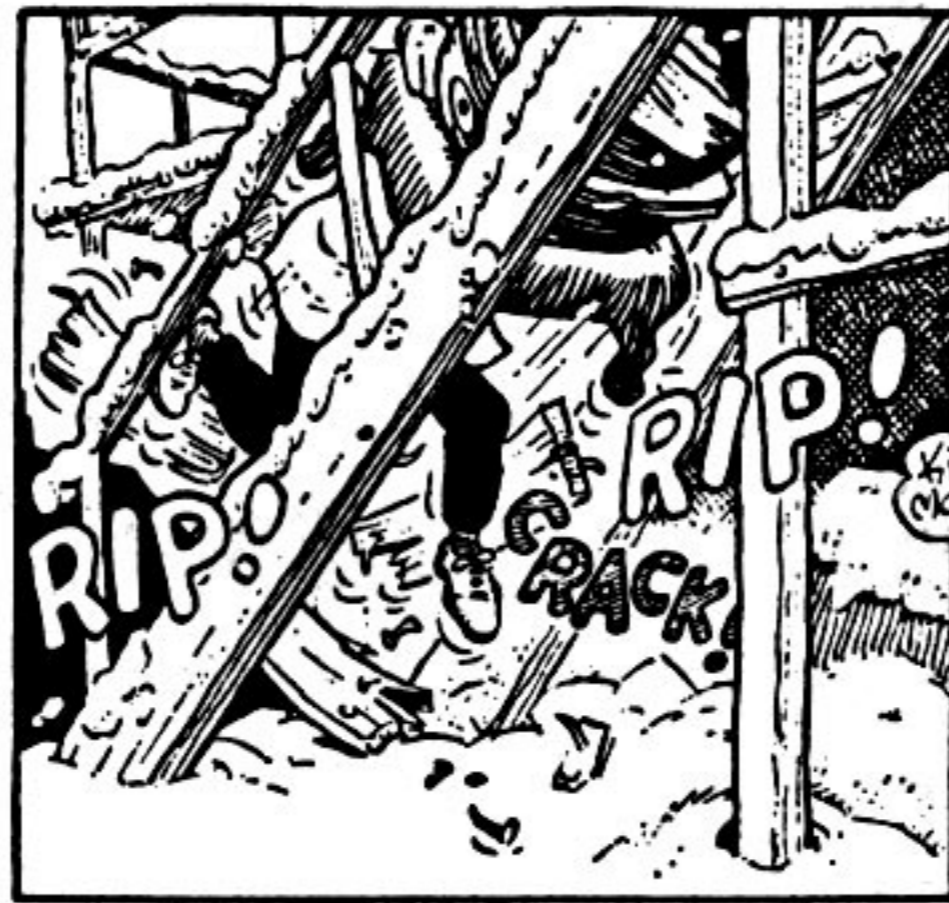
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want a
warm
house
or don't
you?

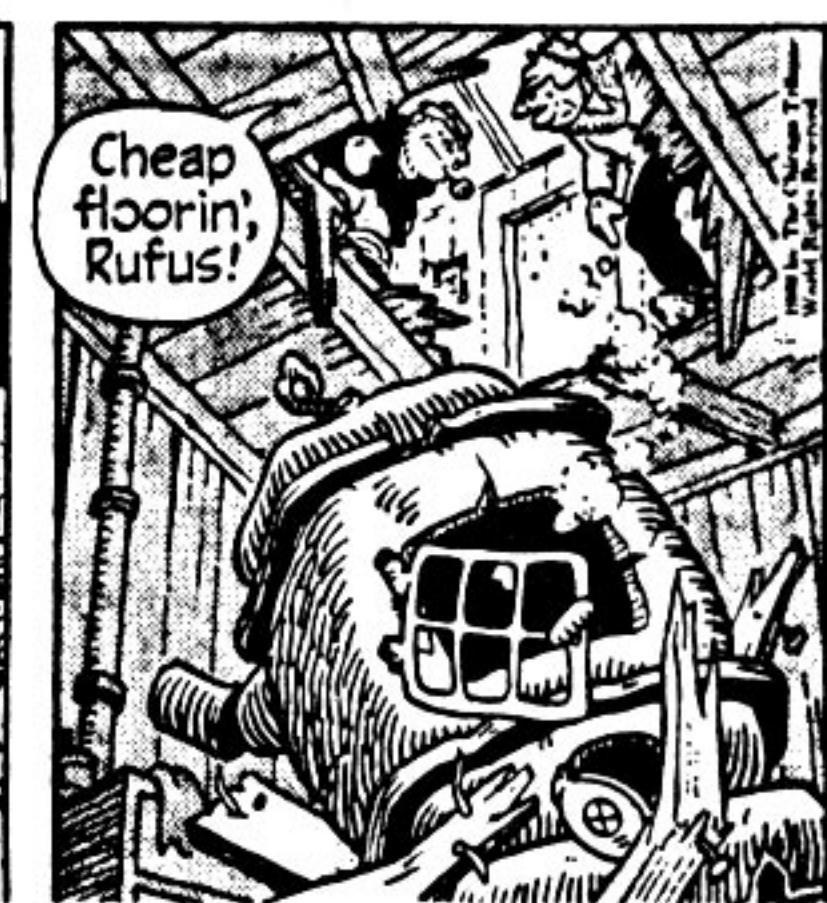
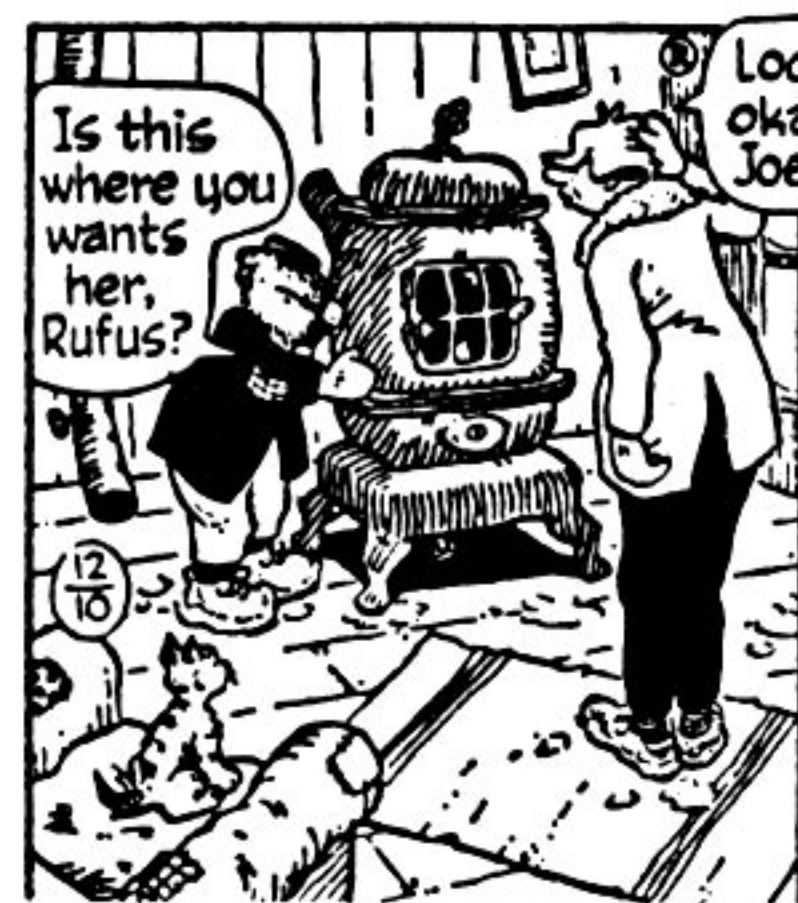
Mebbe
we could
tote'er up
by hand!

She's a
sight heavy
for totin'!
Hand me
up th'
sledge!

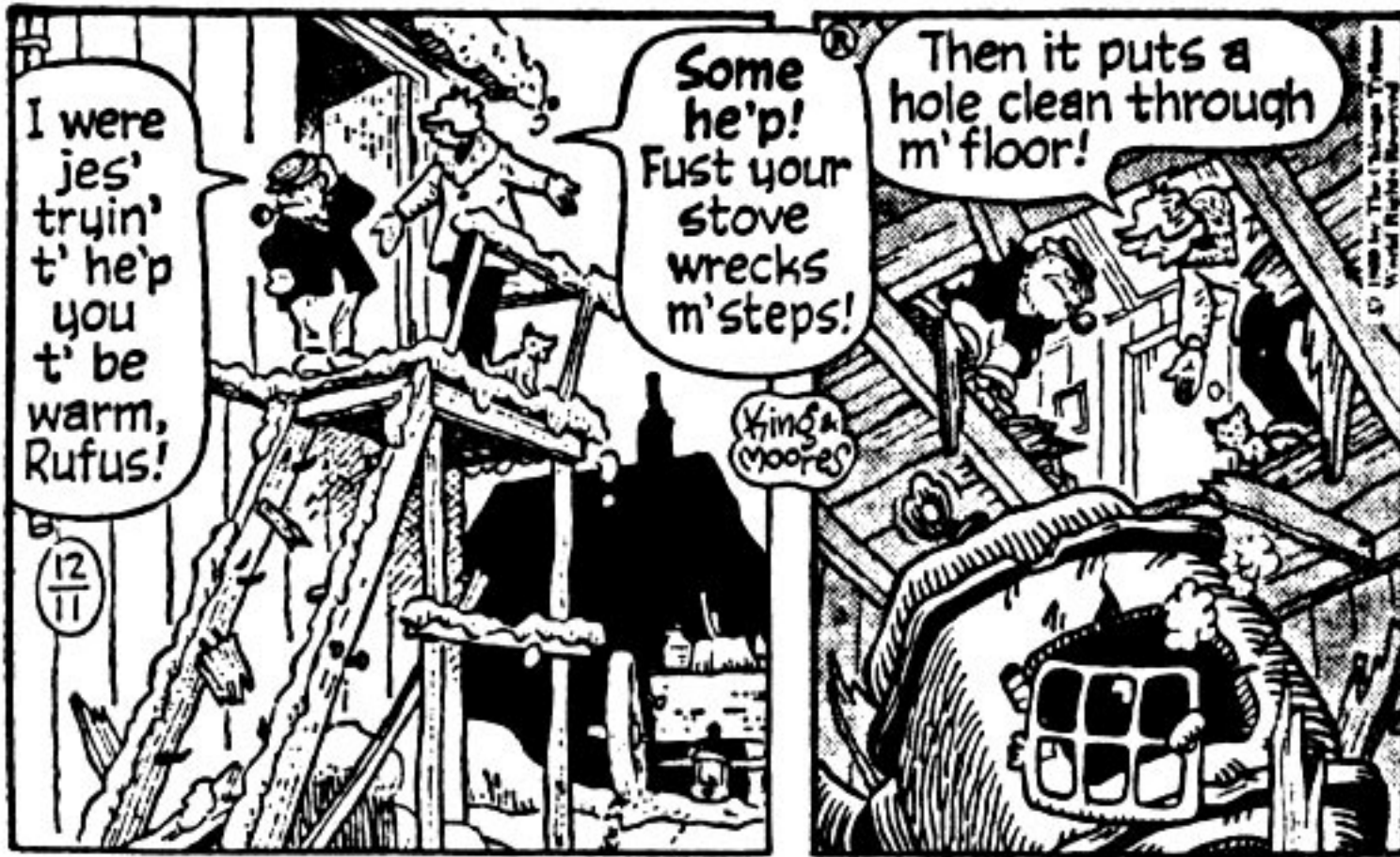
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I were jes' tryin' t' he'p you t' be warm, Rufus!

Some he'p! Fust your stove wrecks m'steps!

Then it puts a hole clean through m' floor!

King & Moore



You done ruined Mr. Pert's propi'ty!



What kin we do?

I specks th' thing t' do, Rufus, is t' fix up your ol' stove!

What good's fixin' m' ol' stove when I got a hole in m' floor?

12/12

They's some tin on th' cart, Rufus! Fetch 't!

thinkin' mooses

Fetch 't! All I does is fetch!

Oh..an', Rufus...

WUP!

...mind th' stairs!

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Your rent was due Saturday, Rufus!

Yes'm, but I couldn't get in on account of th' snow!

15/12



I'll waive late charges this time but don't let it happen again!



Thank you, Mr. Pert, an' merry Christmas!

KING & MOORES



Christmas! Hmph! Just another day when the banks are closed!

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Christmas!
Fools! Idiots!
Squandering
their savings
on trinkets
and toys!

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LOANS
REAL ESTATE

Up to their
eyeballs
in debt...

...plunging headlong
toward financial
ruin!

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Mootes

So why
do they all
look so
happy?

DEED



No, Kitty! I tol' you! Don't walk on th' hole in th' floor!

12
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Yoo-hoo, Rufus!
Are you home?

I'm coming up!

Mr. Pert!

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Yes'm, Mr. Pert, but...



...mind th' steps.

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Is you
all right,
Mr. Pert?
Anythin'
busted?

12
19

I'm fine,
Rufus!
Fine!
Just
quit
pawing
me!

Why didn't you
tell me your steps
were in such
frightful shape?

Hates
t' bother
you 'bout
little
stuff!

Let me
he'p you
t' th'
chair!

Don't push me,
Rufus! I can
find my way
to the chair!
I'm not
senile!

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Moore's

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I'm glad you like your present, Rufus! I must go now!

Yes'm! I'll see you out!

12
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I don't need any help! Just let me by!

But...

King & Moore's




Rufus... Rufus? Oh, dear! What have I done?



My fault! All my fault!
I knew this shack was a
crumbling
trap!

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Poor Rufus! He
never asked for much!
A few measly repairs!

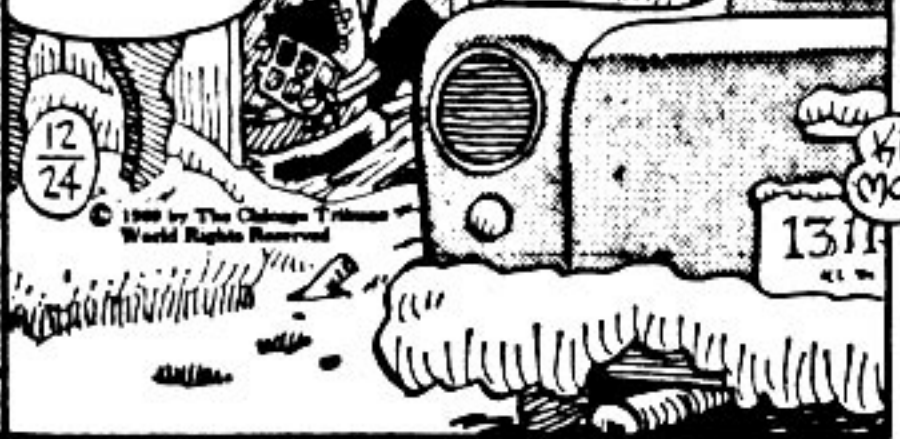


I've been a
miserable
money-
grabbing
old miser!



But I'll make
it up to you,
Rufus! Rufus?
Don't just
lie there!
... Say
something!

Speak to me, Rufus!
I'll do anything! New
floor, new stairs,
new stove,
... even
inside
plumbing!



12
24

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What
happened,
Pert?

He fell
through
the floor!



He's coming around!
Just a bump on
the head!

Hi,
Mister
Walt!



Poor lad! Er...I
don't suppose he
heard a word
I said!

No, Pert,
...but
I did!



It's a surprise to see Mr. Pert here for Christmas dinner, Judy!

When Pop went to pick up Rufus, Pert was there, Hope, so he invited him, too!

I hear you're going to fix up Rufus's house, Mr. Pert!

Yes, Skee-zix! He's putting in a new floor, new stairs, new stove...and even inside plumbing!

How nice!

Er...a...I'll have more turkey, Mrs. Wallet! It's delicious!

Kind & moofes!

Did you see Pert squirm, Phyllis, when I mentioned the repairs he promised Rufus?

12/26

That wasn't very nice, Walt! He was our guest!

It didn't spoil his appetite! He ate like he hadn't had a free meal for months!

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And what do you want to bet he never spends a penny to fix up Rufus's shack?

Oh, dear! A card from the Hayeses, and we didn't send them one!

Mary Chris

12/27

I hear you're having trouble getting workmen to repair Rufus's shack, Pert!

I've called everywhere, Walt! Can't get a carpenter! Can't get a plumber!

Nobody wants to work these days! Impossible situation!

I have good news for you, Pert!

I exerted a little influence! A plumber and carpenter will be there Monday!

Along with a load of lumber...and you get it at discount prices! Isn't it wonderful?

A...er... but...

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They're starting on Rufus's shack! Uncle Walt really put the pressure on Pert!

12/29

May I be excused?

Are you ill? You hardly ate a thing, Clovia!

I feel all right, Mom! I'm just not hungry!

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Can you meet me at the Donut Shop, Ruthie? I simply have to talk to somebody!

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Presley has asked you to go to the rock concert? Who's Presley, Clovia?

Just the most attractive person I have ever known, Ruthie!

I've never met anybody like him! He's so...oh, Ruthie, for the first time in my life I am completely and absolutely snowed!

I thought you were going steady with Slim!

That's my problem! I've got to break the news to him...but gently!



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12/31
You're breaking up with Slim, Clovia...after all these years?

Don't get me wrong, Ruthie! I'm crazy about good ol' Slim!

But Presley...he's something else! You have to know him to believe him!

A real brain! So neat and well-dressed! And considerate!

Always doing the right thing! He's not a bit like Slim!