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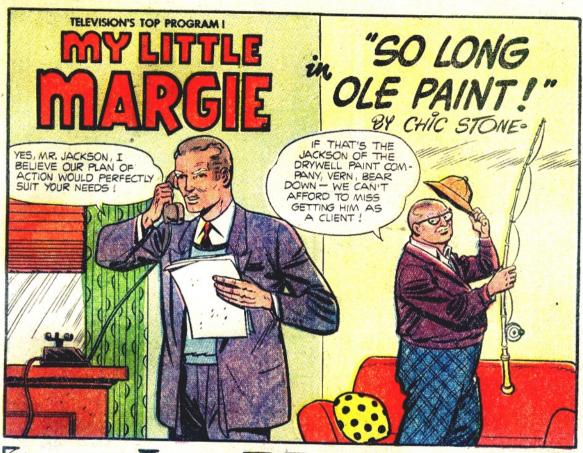
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# Nothing's Plenty For Me

There had been silence in the Albright homestead for more than twelve minutes before Freddie began to realize that the silence was meant as an unspoken reprimand directed toward him. Margie was mad, and he hadn't done a thing. Nothing at all.

"How come you're sore, Margie?" he asked, tentatively and politely, for that's the way to ask a question of an angry woman.

"You know perfectly well why," Margie answered in the way an angry woman will, "It's because we haven't been out on a date other than watching television here at home for more than a month!"

"But, Margie, you know it's because I've been broke!"

"Well, you don't HAVE to be broke — why

"Now, Margie, you know I'm an individualist! I can't do things just because other people do them!"

"So you do NOTHING!"

"Aw, Margie ---"

"I don't mean to be a rag, Freddie, but my allowance won't be due for another week, and I'm afraid I can't go on saving up for our once a month dates!"

"Now you know I'll pay back every cent, Margie, as soon as I find a job that's just right for mel It's not that I mind working—it's THINKING about working that kills me, so I don't do it very often!"

Before Freddie could finish that sentence he found himself holding his pork-pie hat and heading for the door under the pressure of Margie's clutching left hand. She opened the door and in a grand manner waved Freddie outward.

"In that case, I'll do the fhinking about it! And that'll take care of THAT excuse. When I've thought up just the right job for you, I want you to take it — or else our association will come to a screeching, abrupt end! After all, I'm missing all the latest movies, to say

nothing of dances, and dinners, and -"

Freddie's face brightened. "Heck, Margie, that's no problem — in no time at all the movies you've been wanting to see will be on television, and don't you agree there's something romantic about dancing to your records after a good meal you've cooked here at home?"

"GO!" Margie commanded with a dainty finger projected beyond the door, "When t've thought about jobs awhile, you can call me, and we'll pick it up from there!"

"Just so picking things up isn't part of the job," Freddie mumbled on the way out, "I had a job once policing up City Park and I got a phobia about picking things up!"

"Well, that's SOMETHING to be thankful for," Margle sighed, closing the door, "At least pick-ups aren't in his line!"

For the next half hour Margie scoured the want ads, going from Advertising to Xylophone Players, but couldn't come to any conclusion as to just which job seemed to fit Freddle the mast. It's true, she thought, there aren't many jobs a professional, individualistic do-nothing could do since the Do-Nothing political party was abolished in the last century. Perhaps Freddle just was born 75 years too late, she sighed to herself.

It was about time for Vern to come home, but Margie couldn't quite see asking her father's advice about a job for Freddie. The last time she asked him where Freddie could go for a job, Vern told her in rather strong language.

But Mrs. Odetts would know! After all, Mrs. Odetts had had experience with many men in her lifetime, or so she liked to say, and would probably know just the thing that Margie had possibly overlooked.

It was a matter of minutes before Margie was at the front door of the home of Mrs. Odetts, hat in hand and thought in mind, as they say. At the sound of the bell, Mrs. O came out lighting, lighting a candle-filled cake, actually, since she was celebrating the birth-

day of Aaron Burr. Although Aaron, the historical one, had been dead to these many years, as had many historical figures, Mrs. Odetts liked to honor by celebrating their birthdays, Mrs. O' never failed to remember his birthday. She thought somebody should, that's all, whenever she saw the birthdays marked on calendars. A fine woman, was Mrs. O'.

"Helto, Margie, won't you come in and help me make a birthday wish for Aaron Burr? I'm lighting his cake now!"

"Of course," Margie said thoughtfully, eyeing the blazing cake, "and I'd like to ask your advice about something!"

Within moments, Margie was in, the candles were out (after a number of hearty puffs by the two of them), the take was served and Margie had related the problem relating to Freddie, who might someday be her relation by marriage.

"Well," Mrs. Odetts intoned, "doing NOTH-JNG can be quite profitable, as my third husband Clifford once demonstrated very clearly!"

"Really, Mrs. Odelts, aren't you exaggerating a little?"

"Not at all, Margie, not at all. Why once Clifford was telling me about his first job. The boss called him in and told him the business was in a hole, so Clifford spoke right up and advised that they just dig the hole deeper until they hit water, and then sell it for a well!"

"And he did?"

"Not exactly," Mrs. O' twinkled, "they dug deep and came up with oil instead, and it made a real rich mess!"

"And they retired then?" Margie asked with the same twinkle.

"Not at all," Mrs. Odetts continued, "they dug other holes, but still got no water!"

"Kinda left you high and dry, no? Or would it be LOW and dry?" Margie quipped.

"Neither! They finally wound up with so many holes they sorted them into sizes and sold them for doughnuts, posts, knot holes for ball fences, tunnels, loopholes for contracts—"

"Stop!" Margie almost shouted, her head swimming, "Fun is fun and I can't hardly think we haven't been kidding each other, Mrs. Odetts, because surely you can't be serious about NOTHING being worth something!"

"SURRRE I can," said Mrs. O', "And my fourth husband proved it decisively. He actually

went out and sold absolutely NOTHING; they weren't even holes!"

"Oh, c'mon now, Mrs. O' — I think you were kidding me before, but let's not carry this to extremes!" Margie pleaded.

"But it's TRUE!" Mrs. Odetts insisted. "He told me he had sold nothing for a good price and I reacted the same way — then he turned on the radio that night and proved it to me!"

"But how?"

"I remember distinctly — it was at midnight and the announcer said '— and so, before we conclude our day of broadcasting, we are happy to announce that the next eight hours of silence will come to you through the coursesy of the Apex Mattress Company'!"

On the way back to her home, Margie's head was reeling with thoughts of nothing. Now she didn't know what to think, but she knew nothing would soon disturb her if she kept her thoughts concentrated on it much longer. "Nothing can drive you mad!" she thought out loud, and a passerby almost fell off the sidewalk detouring around her.

When she ascended the front stoop of her home, Freddie was waiting, feet propped up on the porch rail, seated on the glider. She sat next to him and slumped a bit.

"Hi, chick," Freddie chirped, "you been giving the good think to what I should be doing?"

"Nothing, Freddie, absolutely nothing believe me. Let's just go for a walk in the park now and I'll discuss it later!"

"Boy, you're SOMETHING," Freddie said admiringly.

"A comforting thought," Margie agreed, "something is such a NICE sounding word!"

"Think NOTHING of it," Freddie said, and slowly Margie's expression began to change. She had heard the word once too often that day.

So we can't blame our little Margie for the next act. We won't say exactly what she did, but it left Freddie sitting despondently on the sidewalk after turning a loop over the parch rail.

"Hey," he yelled, "I didn't do NOTHING!"

The last was the last — straw, that is.
Margie slammed into the house feeling that
things were snapping beneath her pert part.
But we'll hope it's NOTHING (Oops, sarry,
Margie) serious, right, reader?

The End



































































































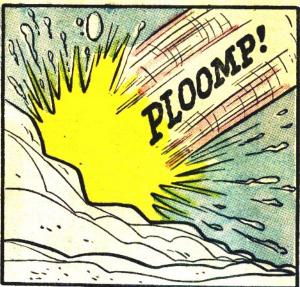




















































































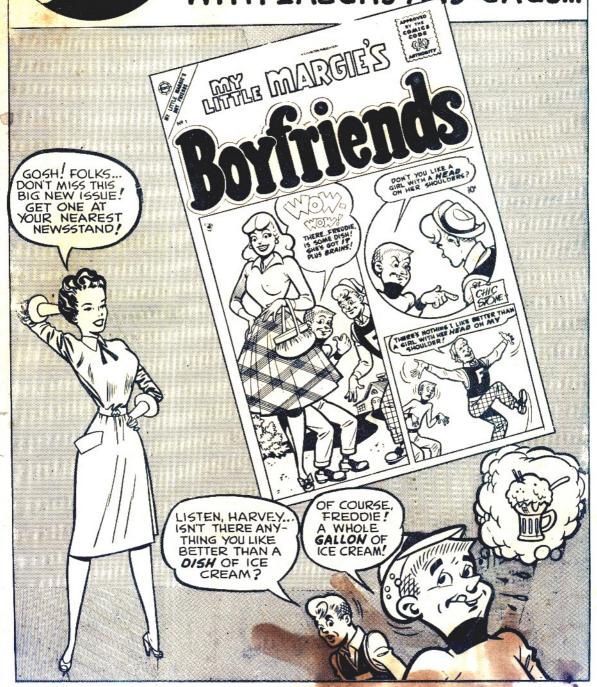








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