

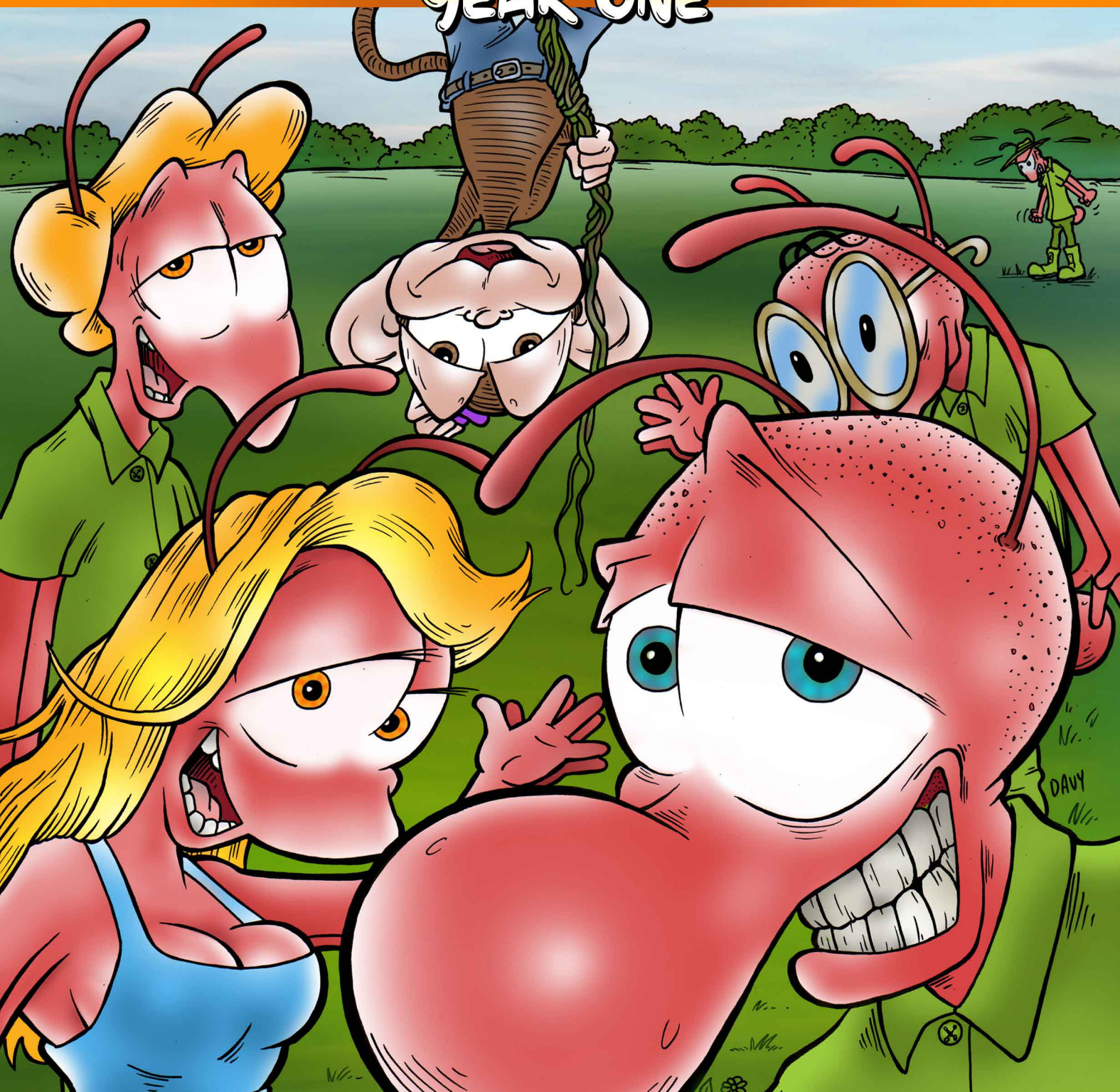


# Charmy's ARMY

**52**  
COMIC  
STRIPS

AS SEEN IN  
WEEKLY  
NEWSPAPERS  
ACROSS THE  
UNITED STATES

YEAR ONE



DAVY



# Charmy's ARMY YEAR ONE

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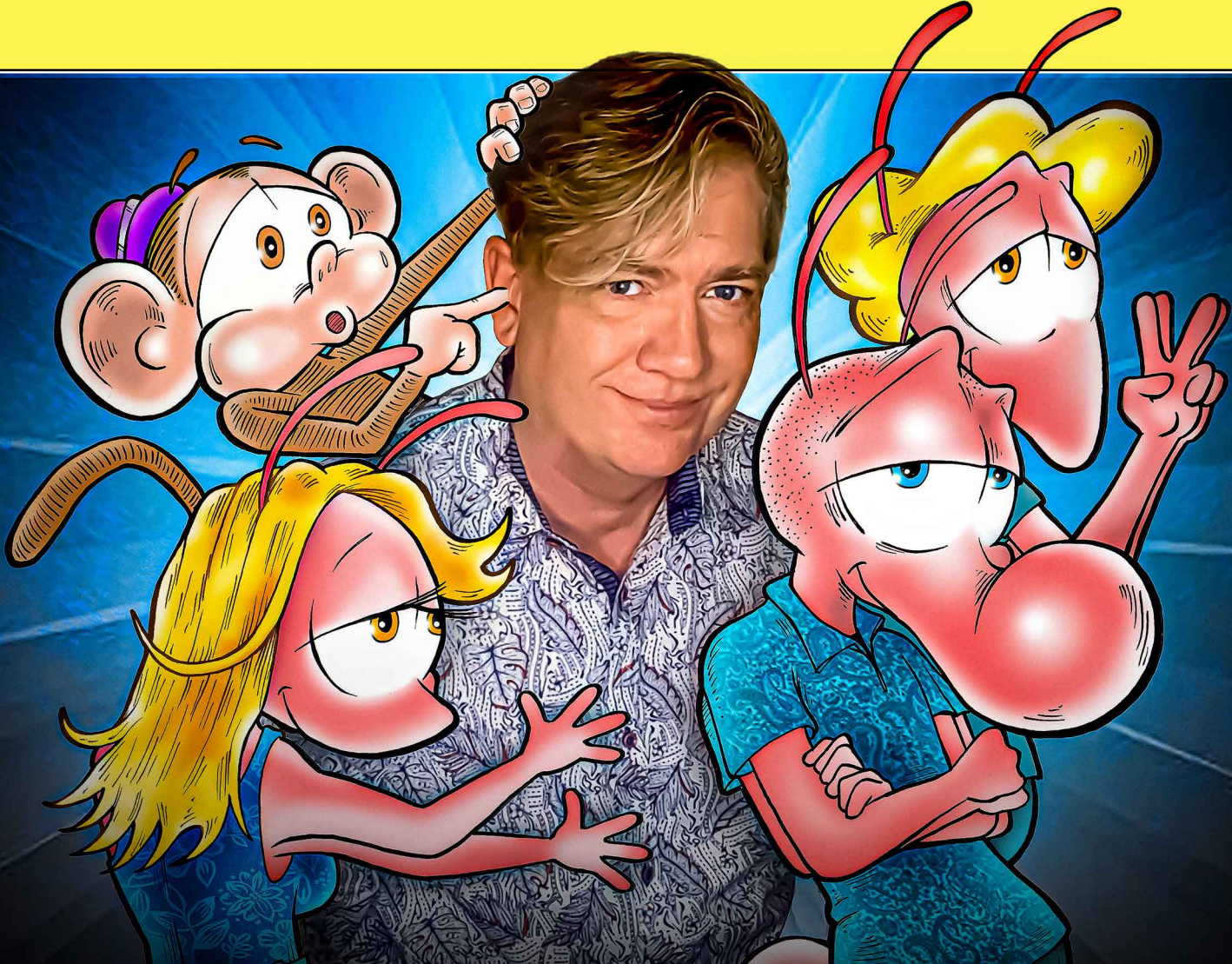
**PENN SCRIBER, LUCY SKETCHUM, RICH BLACK,  
HUGH TONE, ALFA BETZ, AND SKIP DATWON  
ARE NICKNAMES FOR DAVY JONES. DAVY JUST DID  
NOT WANT TO SOUND LIKE HE WAS BRAGGING.**

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**This book is dedicated to my wife Debbie and to my two sons Zachary and Travis who have supported my silly little dream for the past 25 years, believing in me and my art even when I did not believe in myself.**





# YEAR ONE

The madness all began in the Weekly Bulletin, a Texas newspaper covering Brazoria County. Immediately, Davy began booking comic con appearances all over his home state of Texas with dreams of building a cult following. Four years later, Charmy's Army and Davy have become staples at comic cons across Texas.

The 52 comic strips in this treasury collection showcase the debut of a comic strip which was originally created with one twisted goal in mind... Davy wanted to create a terrible piece of garbage that no one would ever understand, much less read.

**WAIT WHAT?!?** Yes, Charmy's Army was developed with the intention of creating the most unreadable batch of stories and worse casting of characters to serve as a personal cleanse of bad ideas infused within Davy's frontal cortex.



So, here is the deal. After dreaming of fame and fortune for decades and failing with one comic strip after another, Davy was about to give up on his destiny. No matter how hard Davy tried, his ideas fell flat with readers. All hope seemed lost.

Davy sat in a nasty Chinese food restaurant down the road from a toy company he worked at in Houston. The food was as cold as his dreams. The dining area was a scrambled mess. What confused Davy was the fact that the place was packed. As crazy as it sounds, that is when he decided to aim low, dream a daydream, and shoot at the ankles. It was time to create the worst comic strip ever created by a want-to-be amateur cartoonist.

Here was the plan. Davy actually believed that if he were to create the most forgettable load of compost ever conceived, Davy would purge his brain of all bad ideas. Once the bad ideas were exercised, he would only have brilliant ideas left, giving him the ultimate opportunity to create the most brilliant comic strip experienced since Buster Brown graced newsprint.

Always carrying a notepad, Davy began madly doodling character sketches. He figured the restaurant was so gross that it was infested by hordes of cockroaches. This inspired Davy to sketch up a bunch of cockroaches. The one sketch that stood out was a bottle nosed, googly eyed character. Davy remarked, "Well isn't he charming!", and Charmy was born.

Cockroaches were so disgusting, but Davy knew he could top this with something even more vile. After adding a big, round bubble on Charmy's butt, the character became an ant. This naughty little appendage added to the butts of each character would leave readers totally grossed out and turning away instantly.

Since they were ants, it was a no-brainer that they should obviously be army ants. A writer really cannot go anywhere with a military life concept since Beetle Bailey has been there and done that. Davy would be pigeon holed into a world he could not mold. There was nothing he could do that hasn't already been tried.

Next, Davy wrote jokes that were just terrible. Davy had the characters hang out in a bar and drink. No newspaper will touch a bunch of rude cartoon characters getting drunk in a bar. The addition of a curly haired character named Weaver, as in a "weaver ant", would give Charmy a stooge to listen to Charmy's terrible jokes. The jokes were so bad! There was no way anyone would ever want to read more than a strip or two.

Then the stupid strip actually caught on with a small audience. Posts were being shared all over social media, so Davy decided to teach people a lesson by making the comic strip even more stupid. He added a monkey, who no one could understand, as a moronic element that would drive these readers away. Now Davy's cartoon made no freaking sense at all.



Davy was extremely happy. There was no way this comic strip could get any worse. The bad ideas were gone and the detoxing of venomous sludge from Davy's creativity was completed. The time was nigh to create a comic strip destined to captivate millions. Davy was all set and ready to step into the role of a published, professional cartoonist, fulfilling his lifelong dream.

There was but one small problem. The stupid monkey was a huge hit. Do people love asinine, odd nonsense? Who in the world could actually read this horrible work Davy was cranking out? What could he do to make this a complete mess? Maybe add himself into the mix? Done!

Davy began appearing in his comic strip from time to time, totally screwing up any believability. The fourth wall was tore down. Cartoonists know better than this. You never let the fans know that the game is rigged. You never let the reader know that the characters are aware of being watched. There is nothing more Davy could do now. The strip was ready to tank.

And people continued to eat up Charmy's Army.

Davy gave up on trying to make the worse comic strip ever conceived. He decided to actually make a positive effort and fix everything that he had broke. Frenchy had made a few cameos in the past and was brought up to the main cast. Her imperative role was that of an interpreter. She would serve as the sole being who actually understands what the monkey is screaming.

A few characters were added for story depth. Davy added a drill sergeant to lead and torture the troop. Turtle was added as a misguided fool seeking the acumen of Frenchy's affection. The fort was given the name of Fort Hill, making this hot mess feel like a professional organized, highly polished work of art.

And readers agreed. The comic strip continued to expand its audience. Davy decided to contact three newspapers and see what some editors thought. One would surprise Davy and pick up Charmy's Army. The Weekly Bulletin catapulted Davy's dream to the stars.

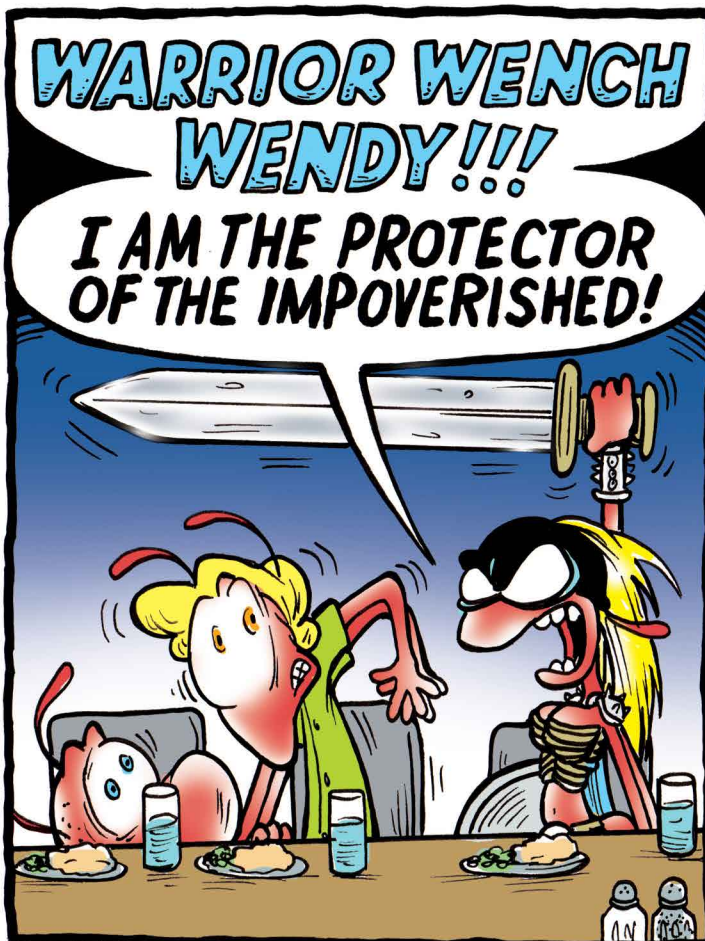
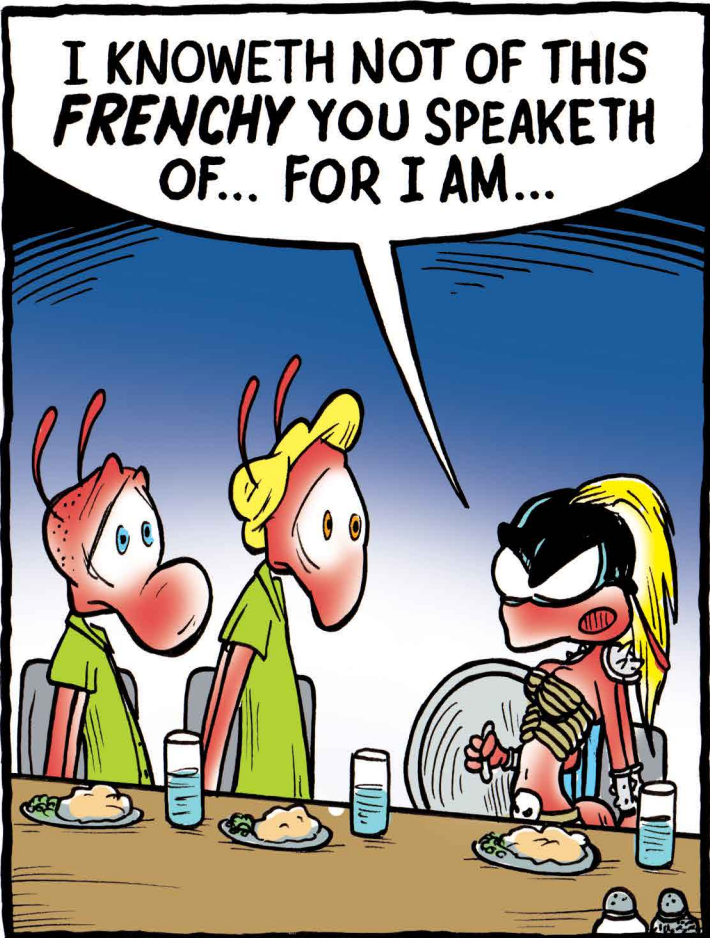
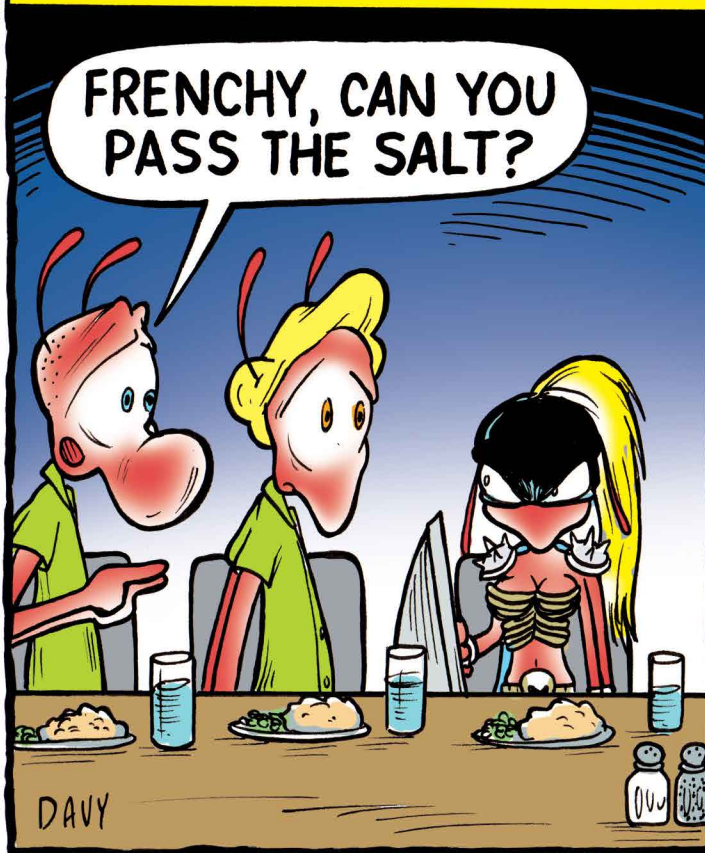
So what happened here? Why did a terrible idea become so popular? By creating a world where nothing made sense, Davy created a concept so incredibly original that it attracted the attention of readers wanting a comic strip carved from a different piece of wood. Readers from around the world were craving something unseen.

Davy's characters are growing and developing year after year as Davy pushes them to become legendary characters people can relate to. What was once a twisted mission to jump start a dream had become a journey.

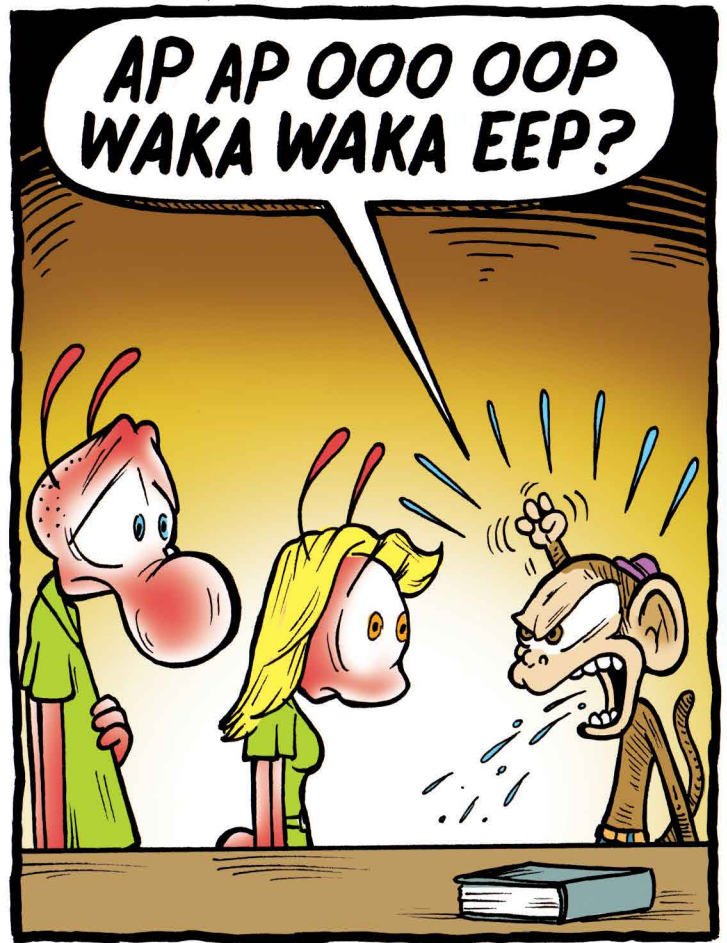
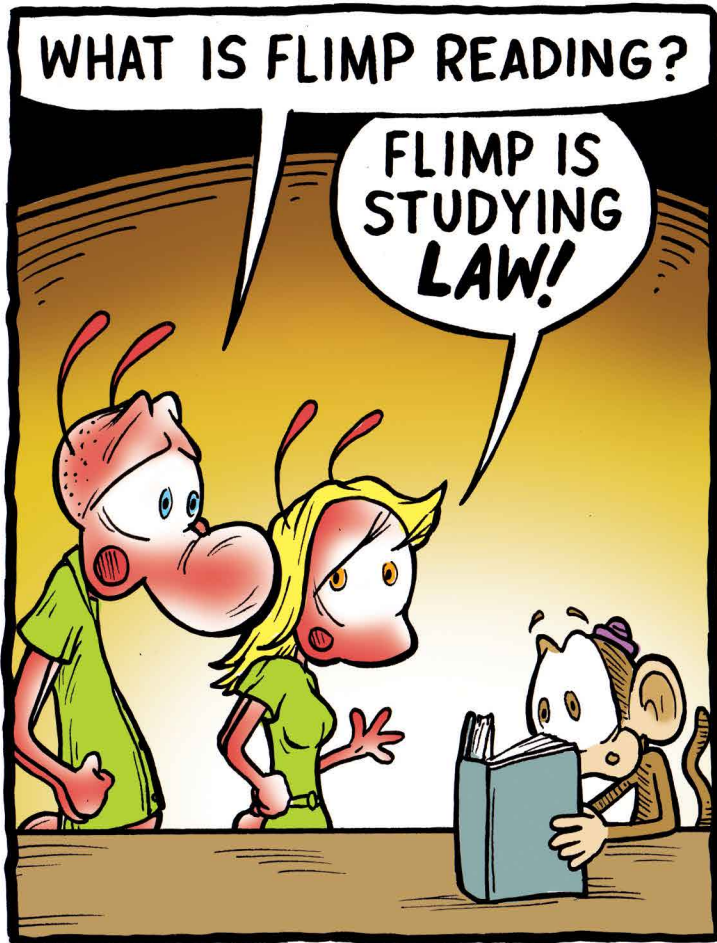
Please enjoy Year One, a collection of comic strips from cartoonist Davy Jones. This serves as proof that any idea could be the one that changes lives, establishes careers, and turns dreams into reality. Davy thanks God every single day for this stupid work of farce.



ONE DAY IN THE MESS HALL.

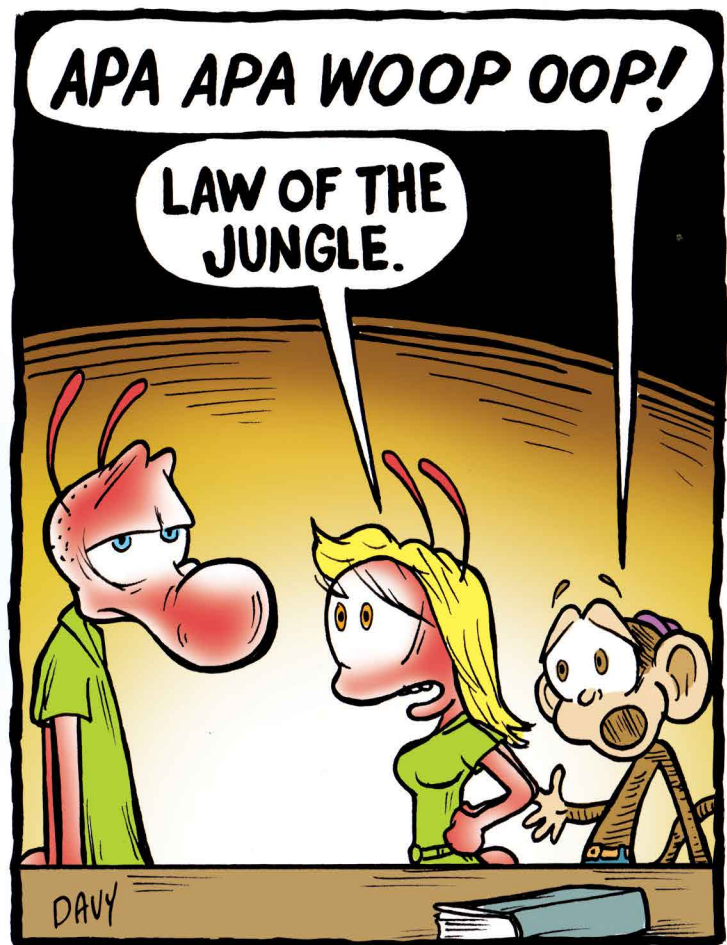
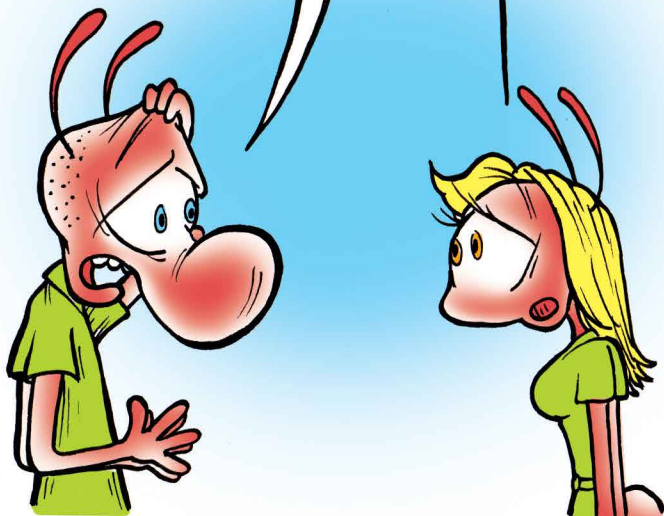






FLIMP QUESTIONS WHY IT'S NOT ILLEGAL TO STEAL EGGS IF YOU ARE DISGUISED AS A *WATER BUFFALO*.

WHAT KIND OF LAW IS THAT?





WELCOME TO BURGER HUT.  
MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?



ONE **BIG MAC**  
TO GO PLEASE.

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I CAN'T DO THAT SIR.

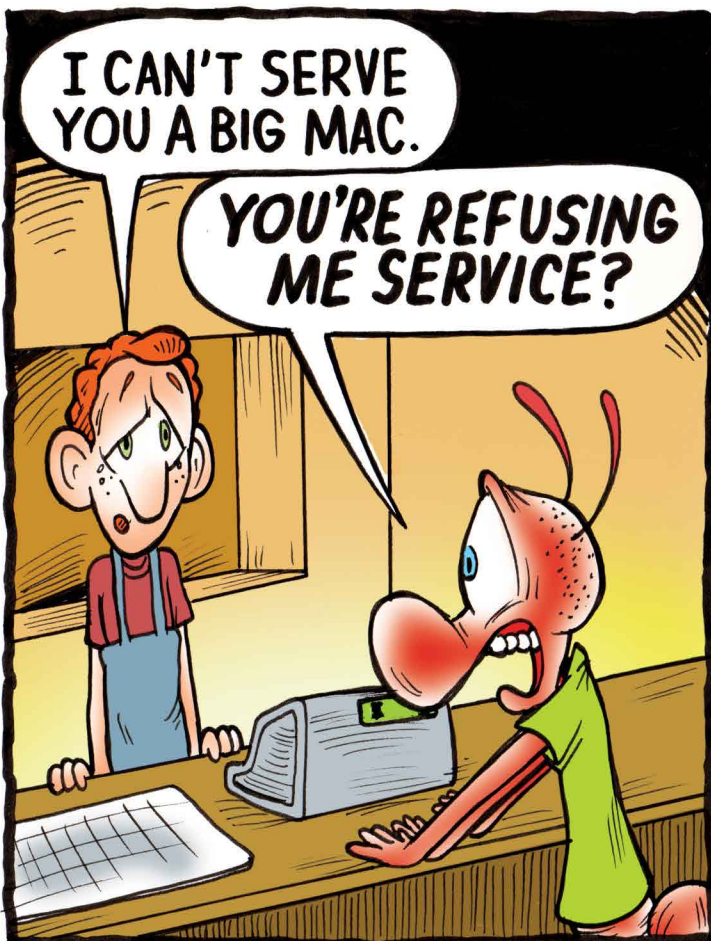
OKAY. I WILL  
EAT IT HERE.

NO, YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.



I CAN'T SERVE  
YOU A BIG MAC.

YOU'RE REFUSING  
ME SERVICE?



WE'RE JUST FRESH OUT  
OF BIG MACS. HOW ABOUT  
A NICE CHEESEBURGER?

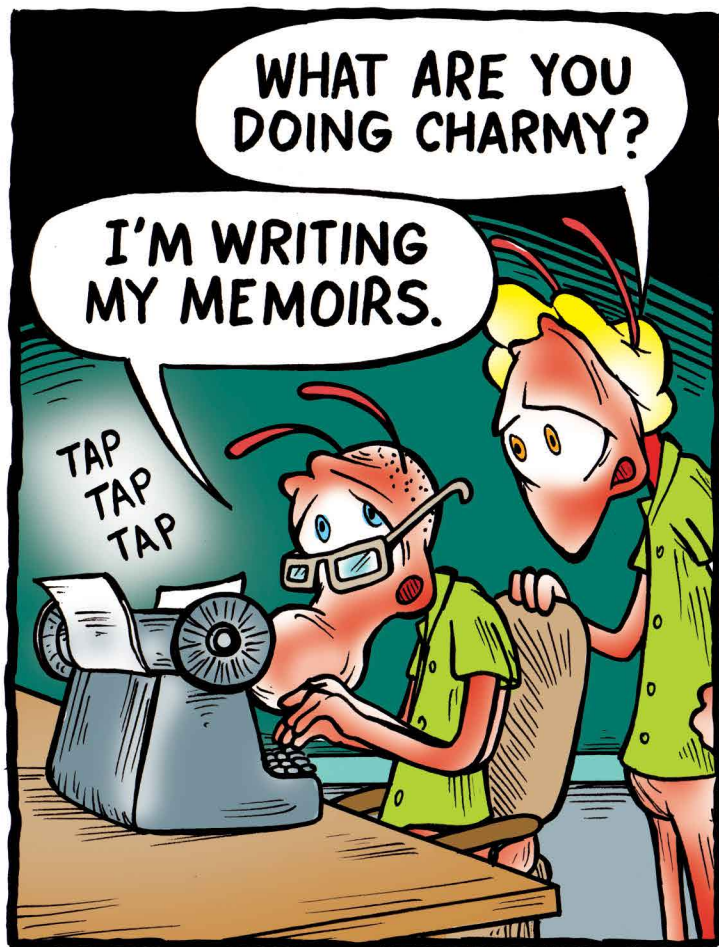
ONLY IF YOU ADD  
YOUR SPECIAL SAUCE.

OH, I'LL MAKE  
IT **SPECIAL**.



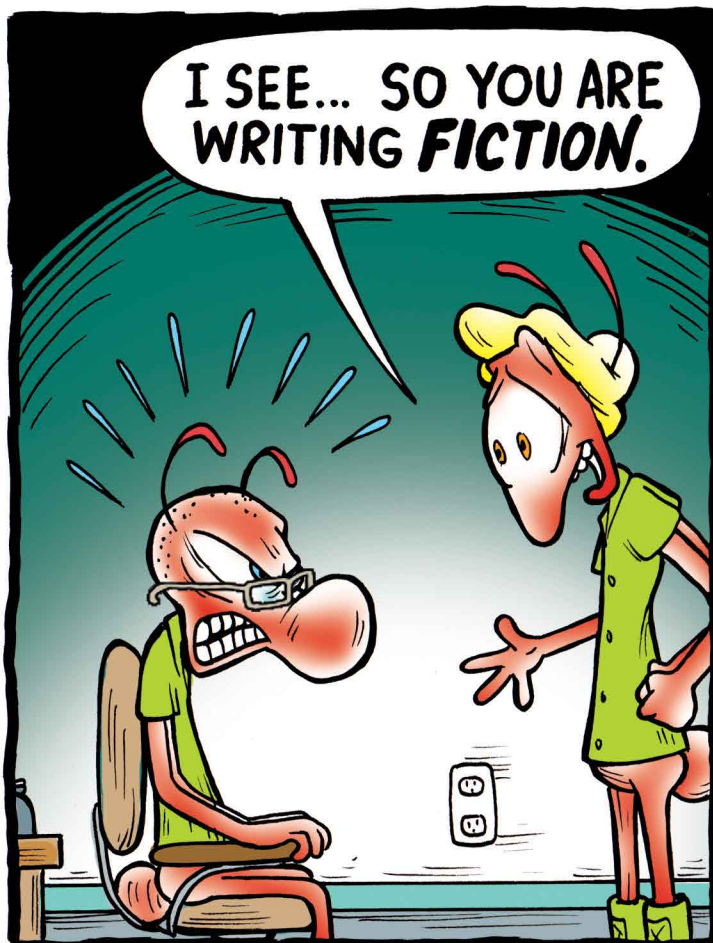
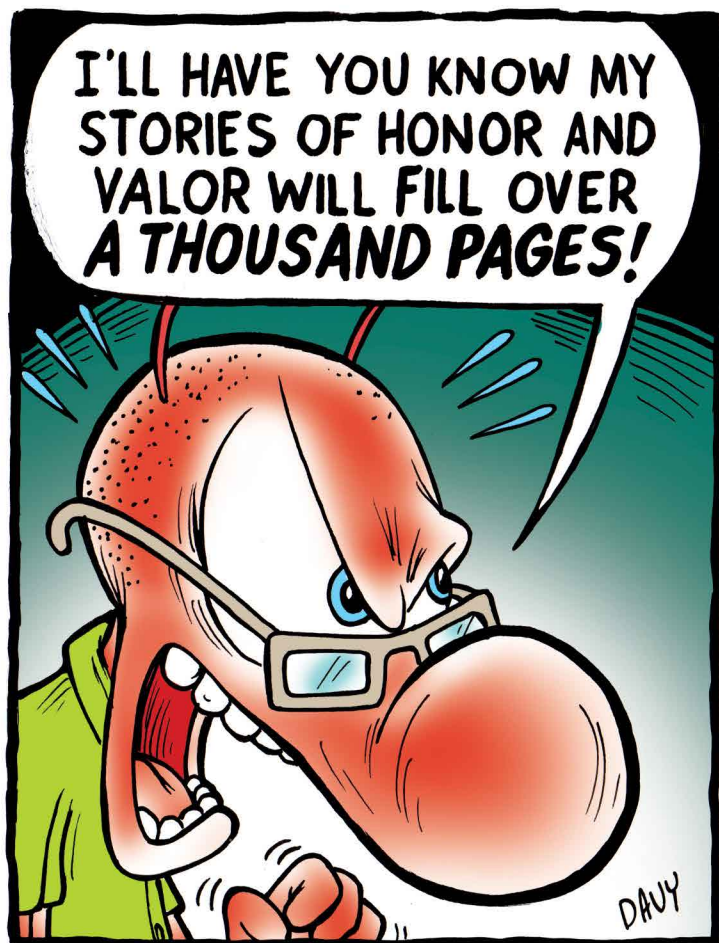
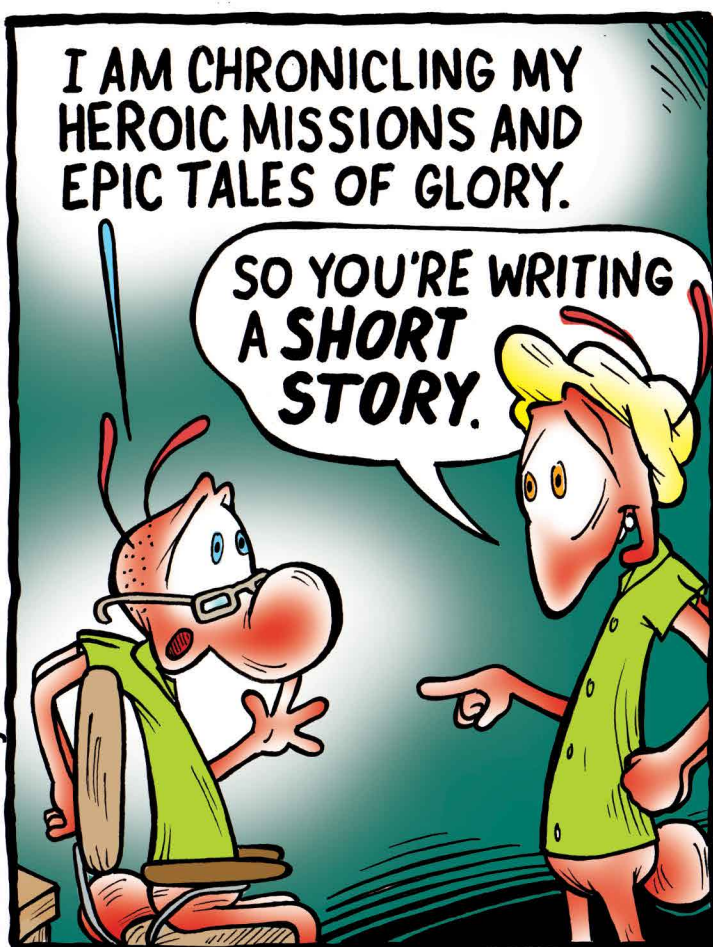
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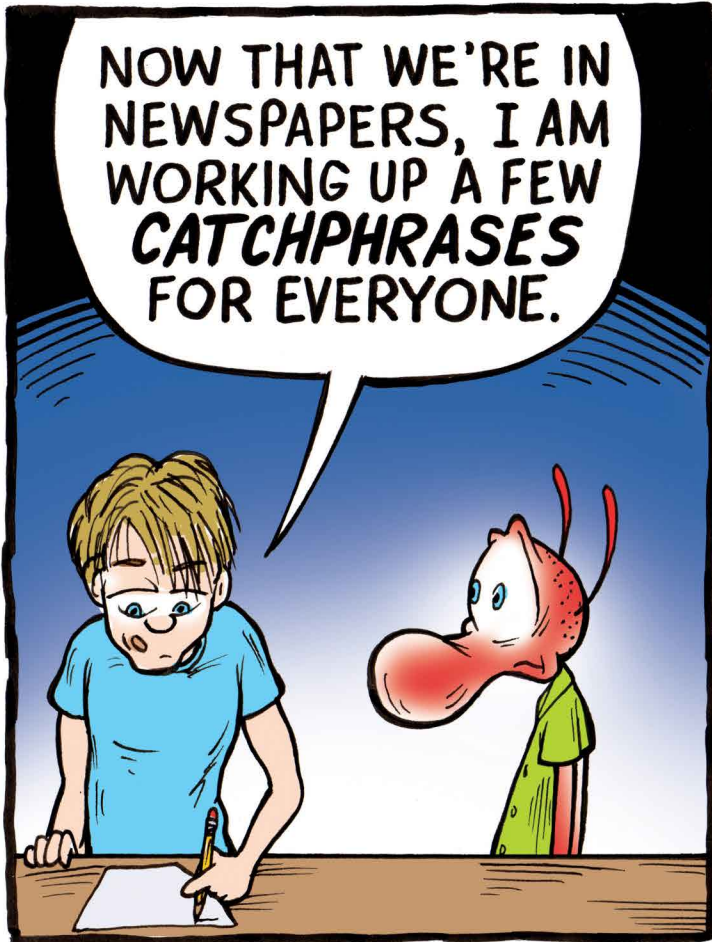


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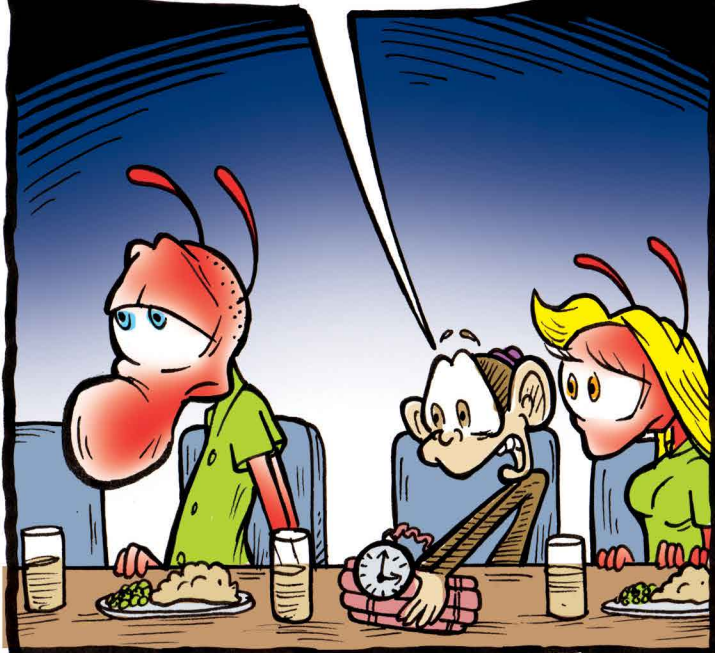






OVER AT THE MESS HALL...

EE EE OOPA OOP  
ACKA APA OOPA!



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YES FLIMP. I GUESS THIS  
WOULD BE A GOOD SPOT TO  
DEFUSE THAT HIGHLY  
EXPLOSIVE BOMB.



**AURGH!!!**



APA APA EE EE OOPA  
OO OO AKA AKA AP!



YEP, THAT'S ONE  
WAY TO EAT YOUR  
BANANA IN PRIVATE.

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ONE DAY IN THE REC ROOM.

CHARMY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M INVENTING A SANDWICH.

I FIGURE IF I WANT TO GET A SANDWICH NAMED AFTER ME, I'LL JUST HAVE TO INVENT ONE.

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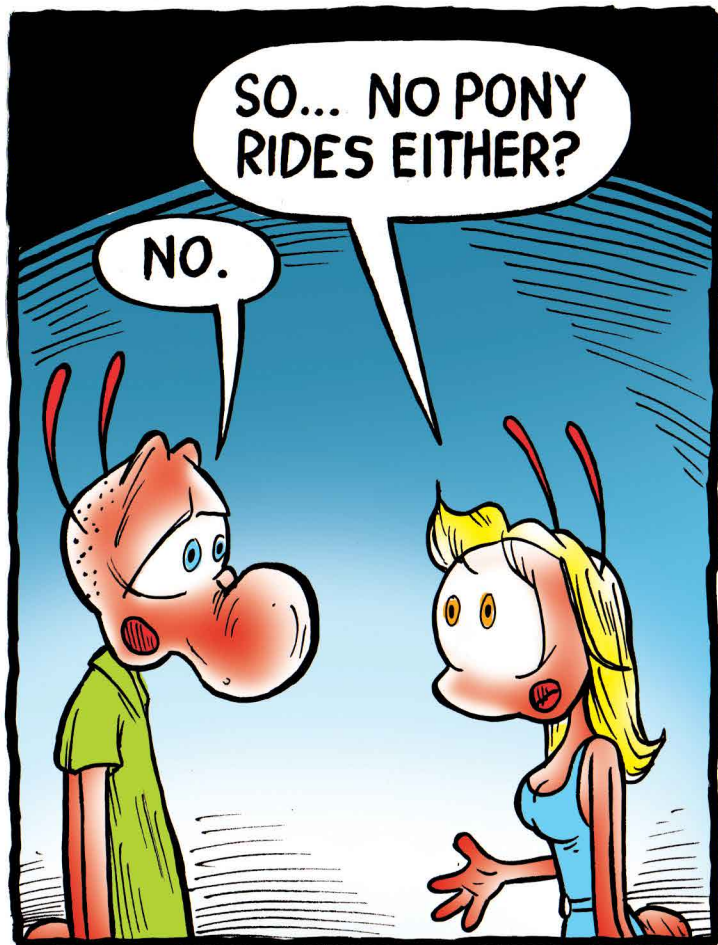
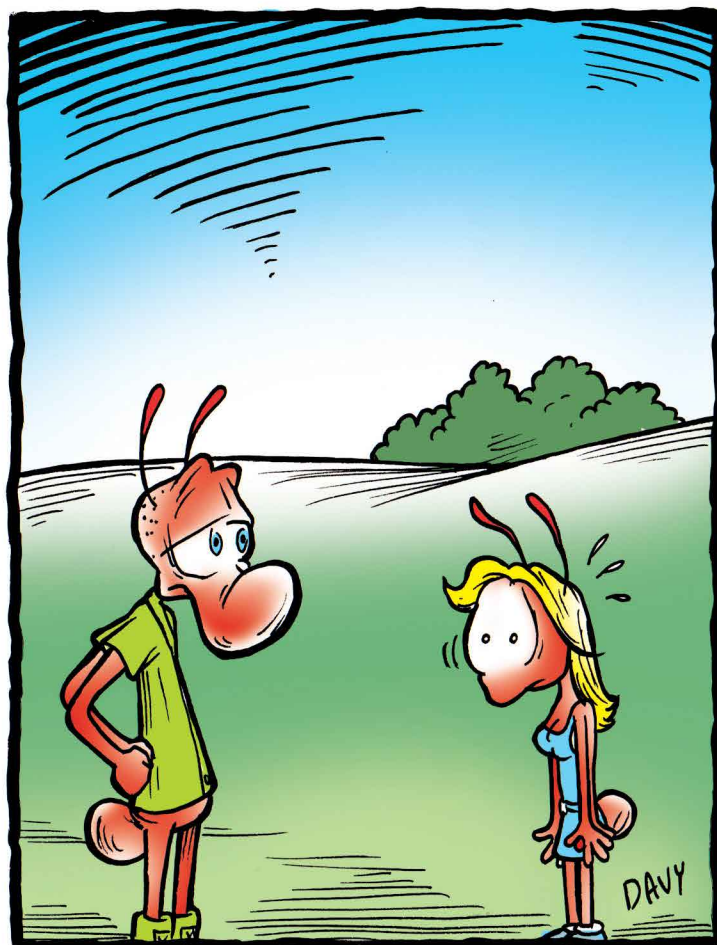
THERE IS ALREADY A SANDWICH NAMED AFTER YOU.

REALLY?

YEP. IT'S THE ONE THAT'S FULL OF BALONEY!

GRRRRRR

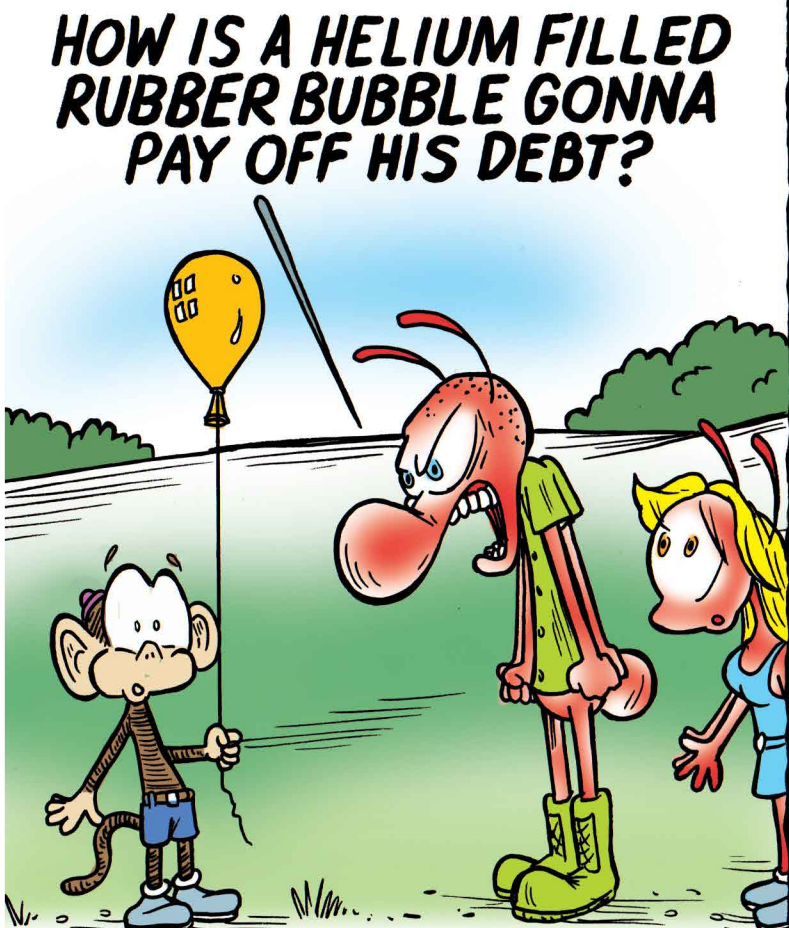
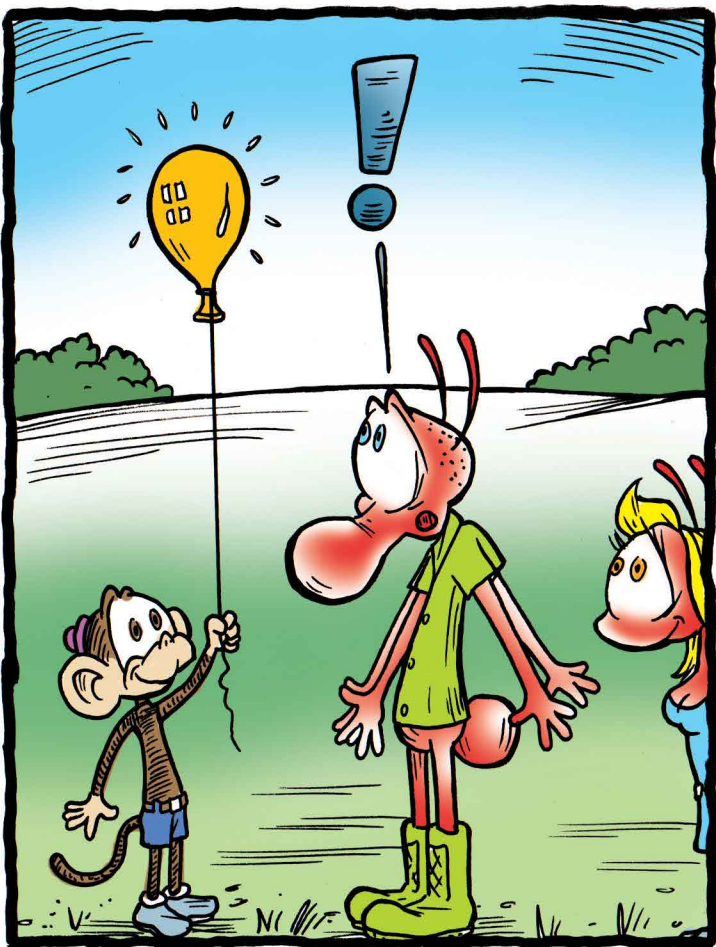




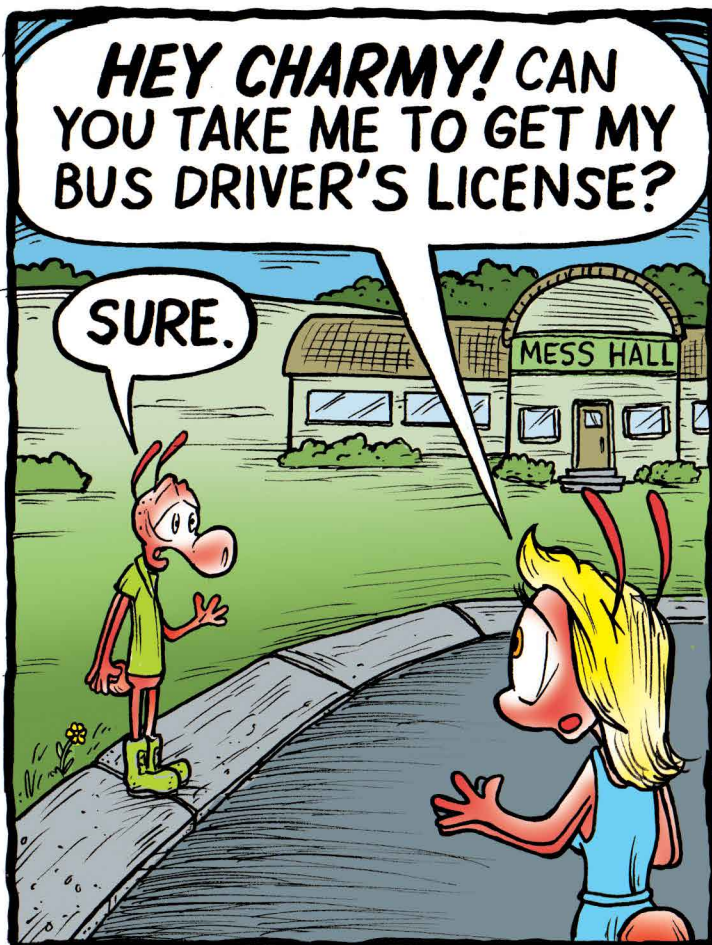








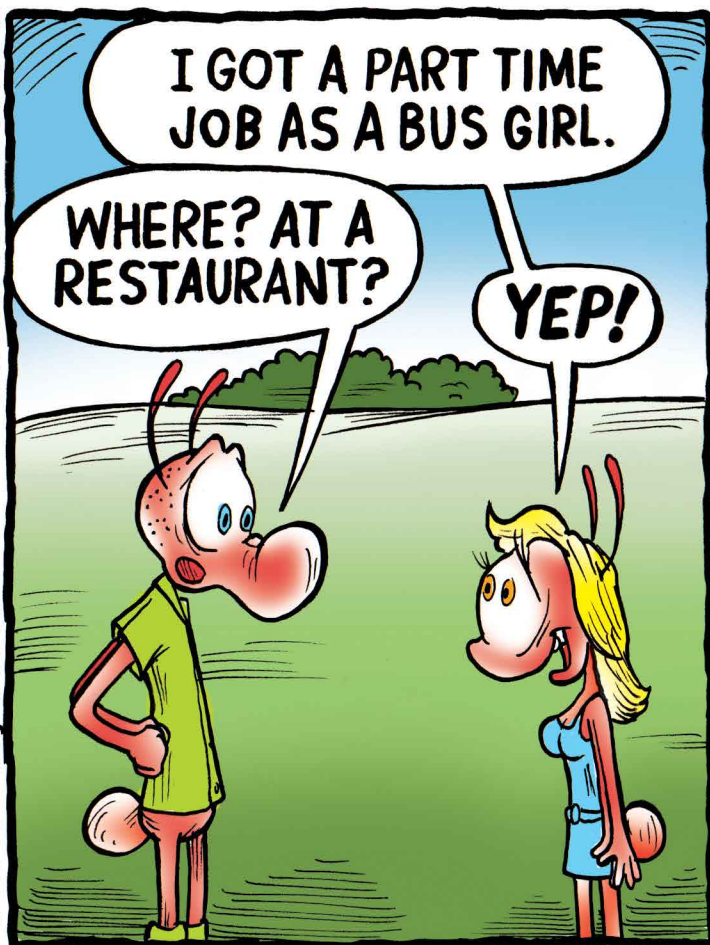




HEY CHARMY! CAN YOU TAKE ME TO GET MY BUS DRIVER'S LICENSE?

SURE.

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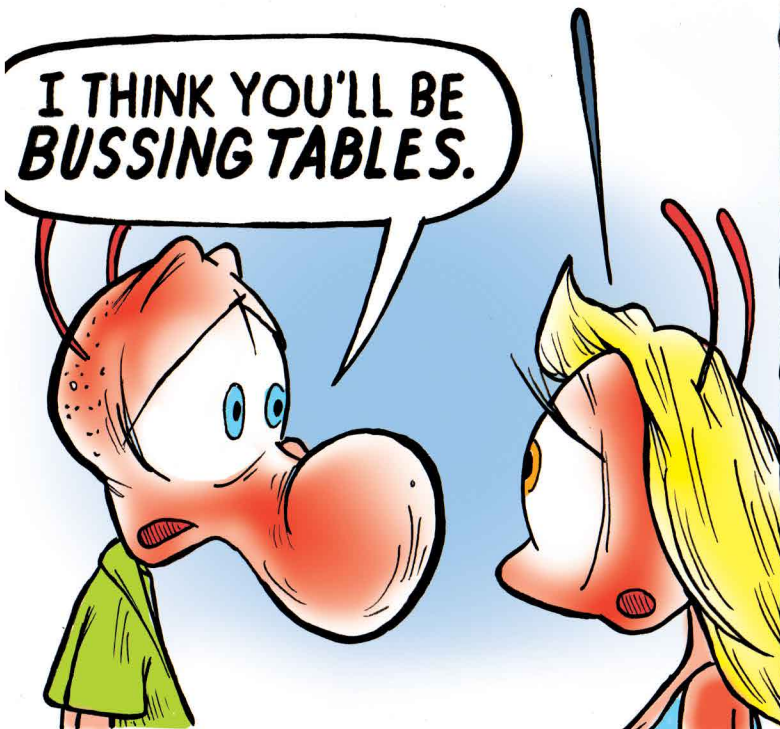
I GOT A PART TIME JOB AS A BUS GIRL.

WHERE? AT A RESTAURANT?

YEP!

I GUESS THEY HAVE SO MUCH BUSINESS THAT THEY HAVE TO BUS EVERYONE IN.

I THINK YOU'LL BE BUSSING TABLES.



DON'T BE SILLY.

I AM SURE THEY HAVE PLENTY OF EXTRA TABLES THERE ALREADY.



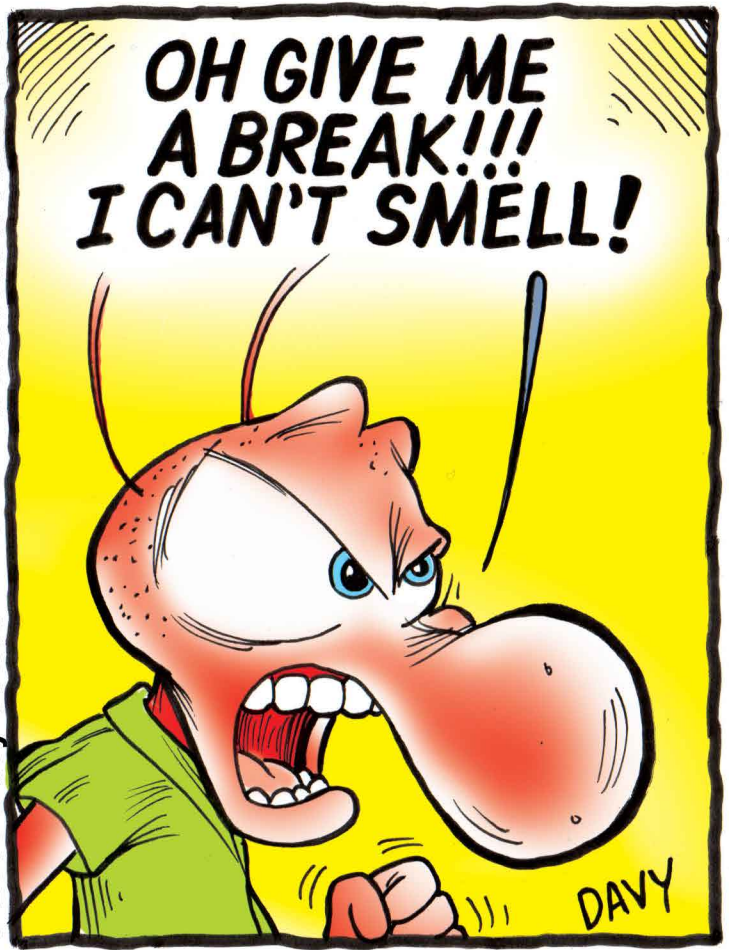
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ONE DAY IN THE REC ROOM.

WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU LEMONS... MAKE SOME **LEMONADE!!!**

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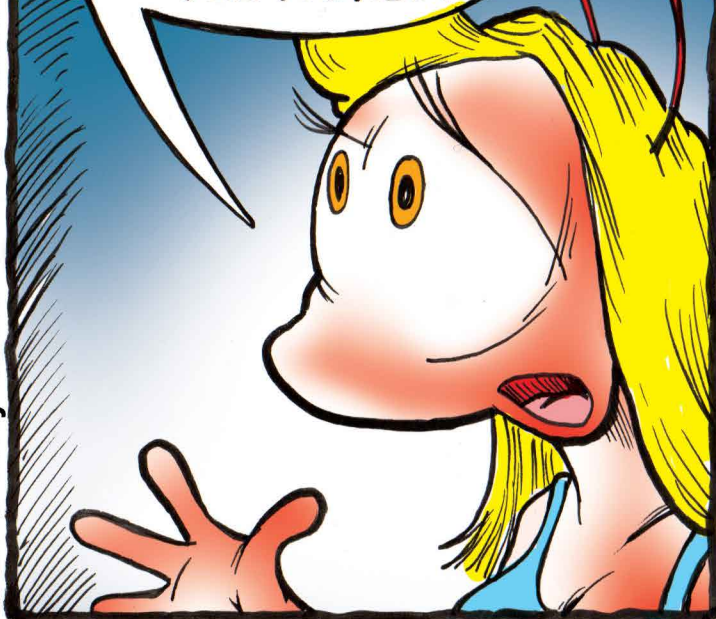


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WELL, I HAVE ENOUGH LEMONS TO MAKE **LEMONADE** FOR ALL THE ARMIES IN THE WORLD.

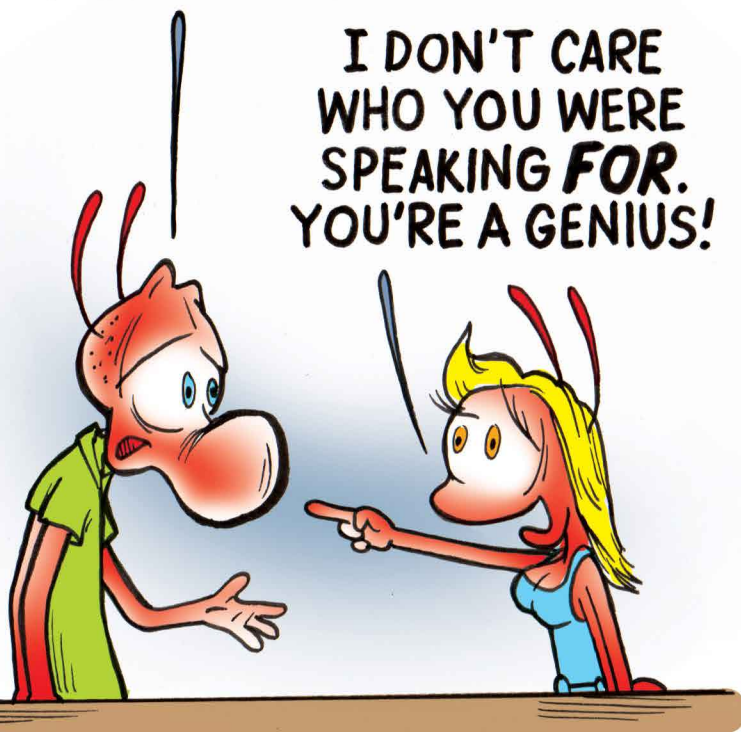


YOU KNOW WHAT CHARMY? I'M GONNA OPEN UP A LEMONADE STAND AND **PROFIT** FROM MY MISFORTUNE!



UM... YOU DO KNOW I WAS SPEAKING METAPHORICALLY.

I DON'T CARE WHO YOU WERE SPEAKING **FOR**. YOU'RE A GENIUS!

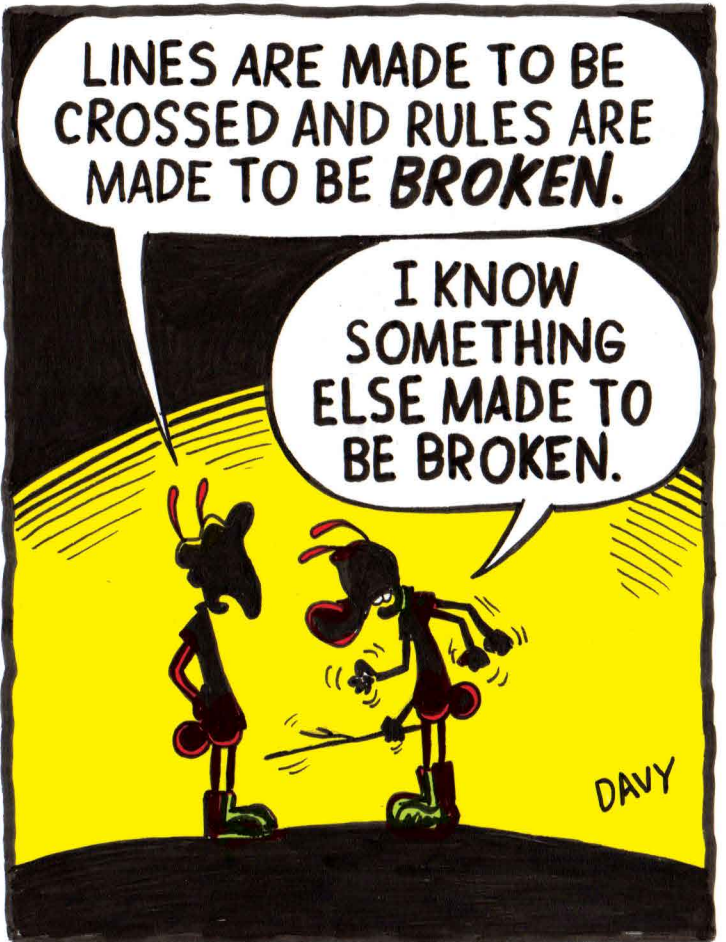
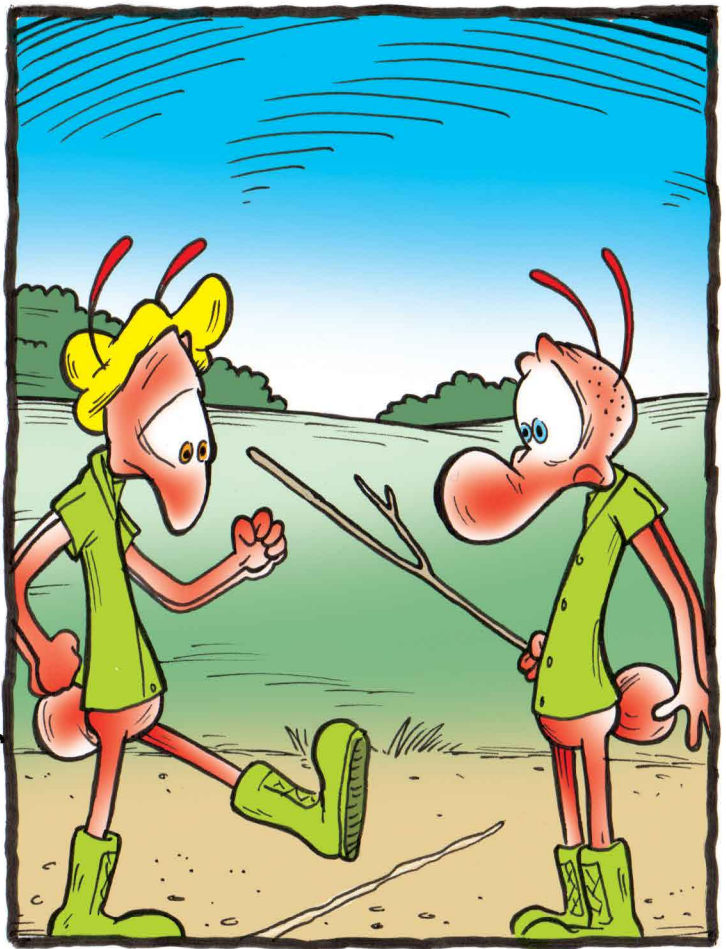




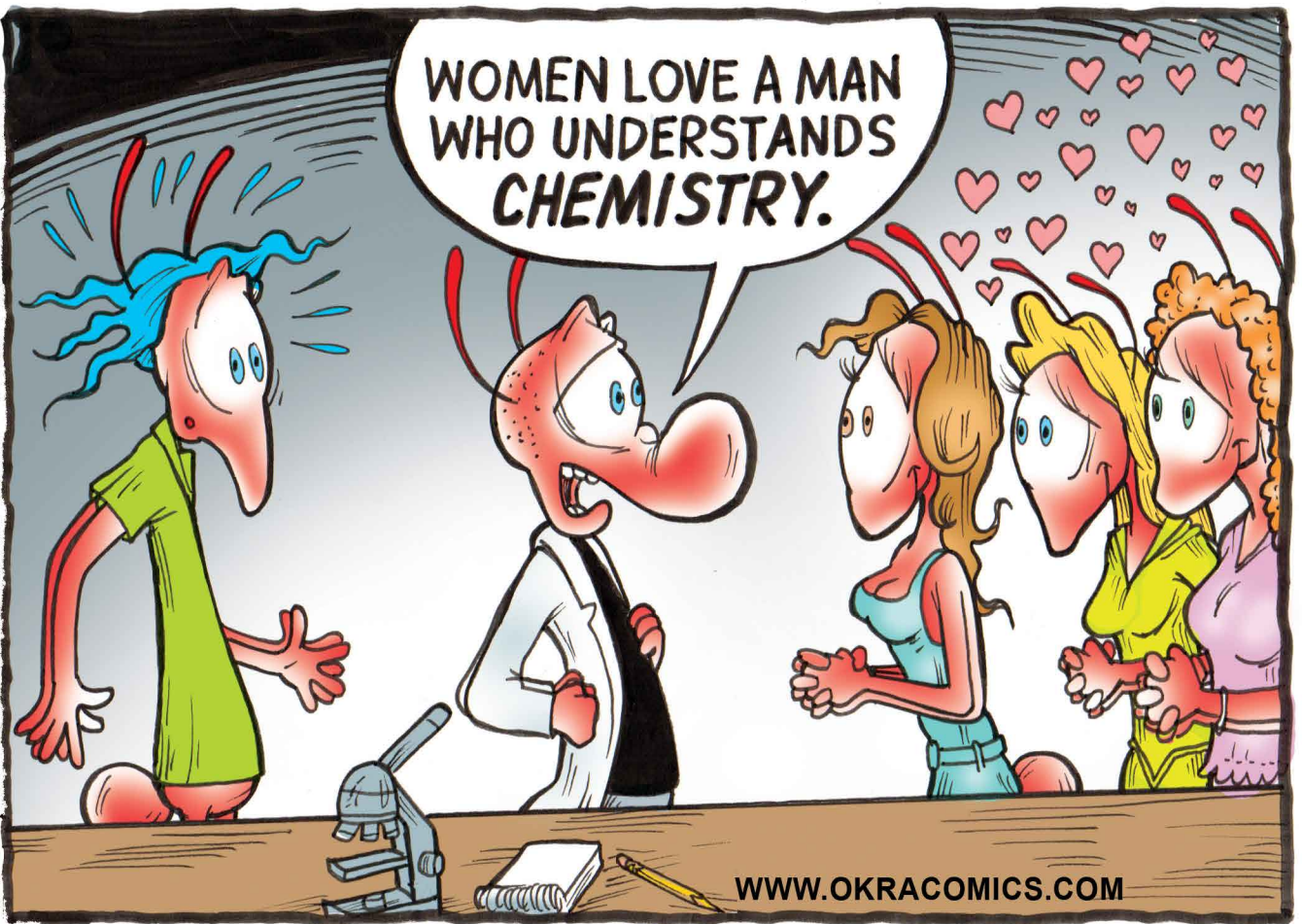
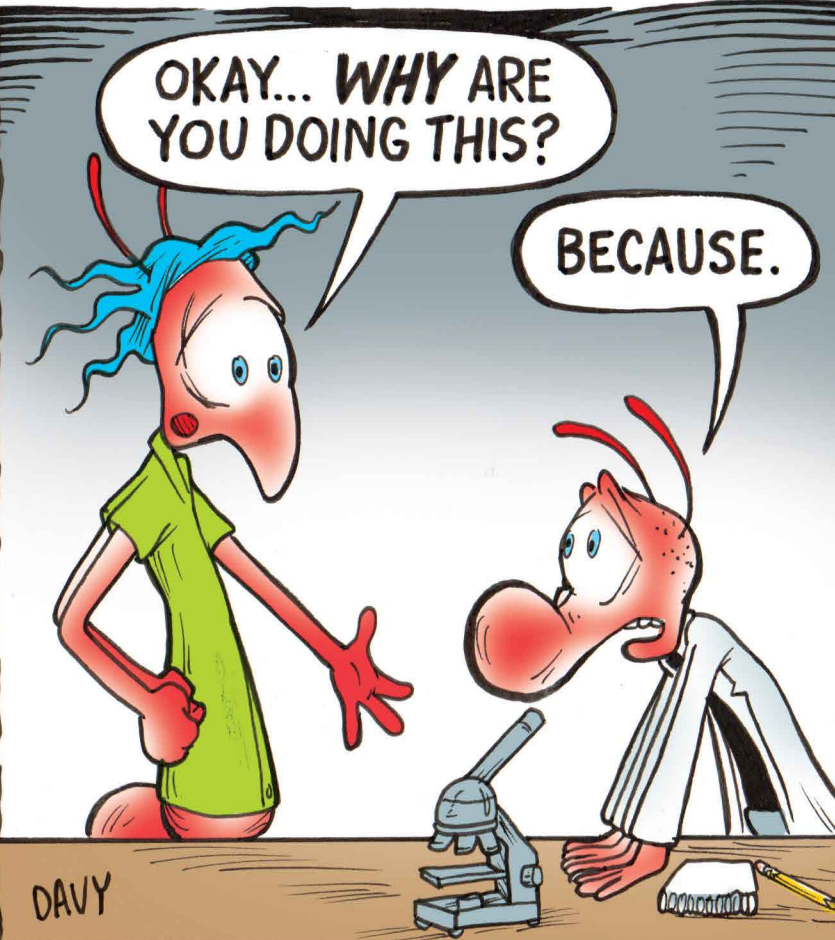
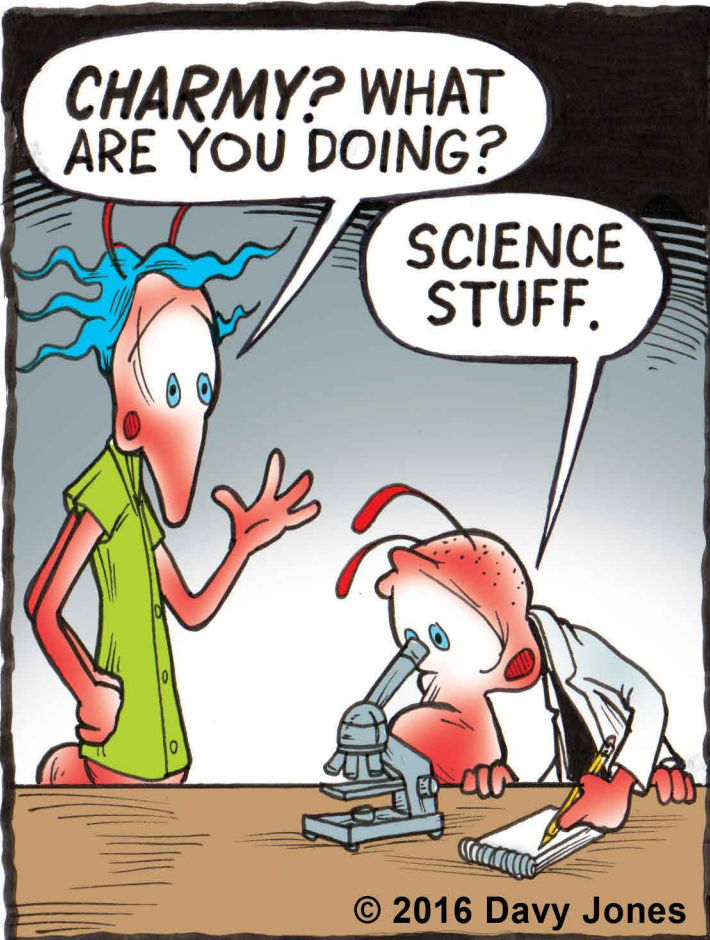


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ONCE UPON A TUESDAY...

WHY IS IT THAT EVERY TUESDAY YOU GIVE ME THE *COLD SHOULDER*?

EXCUSE ME?

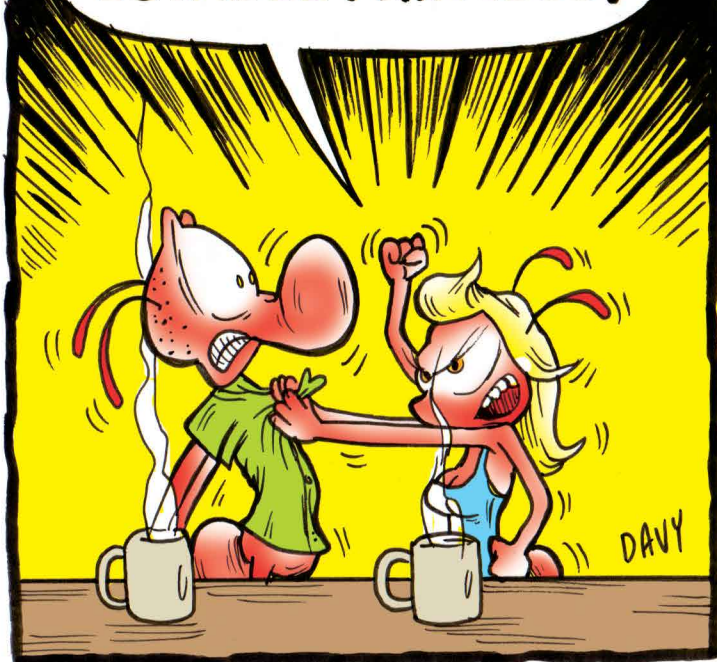


WELL, EVERY TUESDAY YOU BECOME IRRITABLE.

**IRRITABLE?!?**



WHEN HAVE I EVER BECOME IRRITABLE? I AM A FREAKING LOVABLE PRINCESS!



YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO TALK WITH FRENCHY ON A TUESDAY.

I'M ASKING DAVY FOR *HAZARD PAY*!



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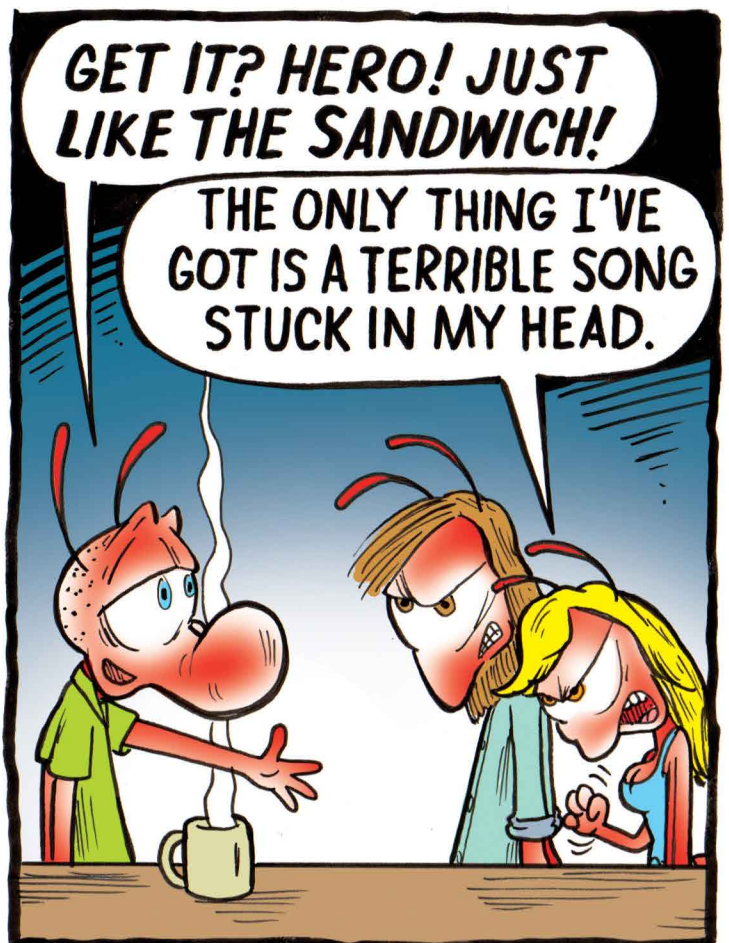




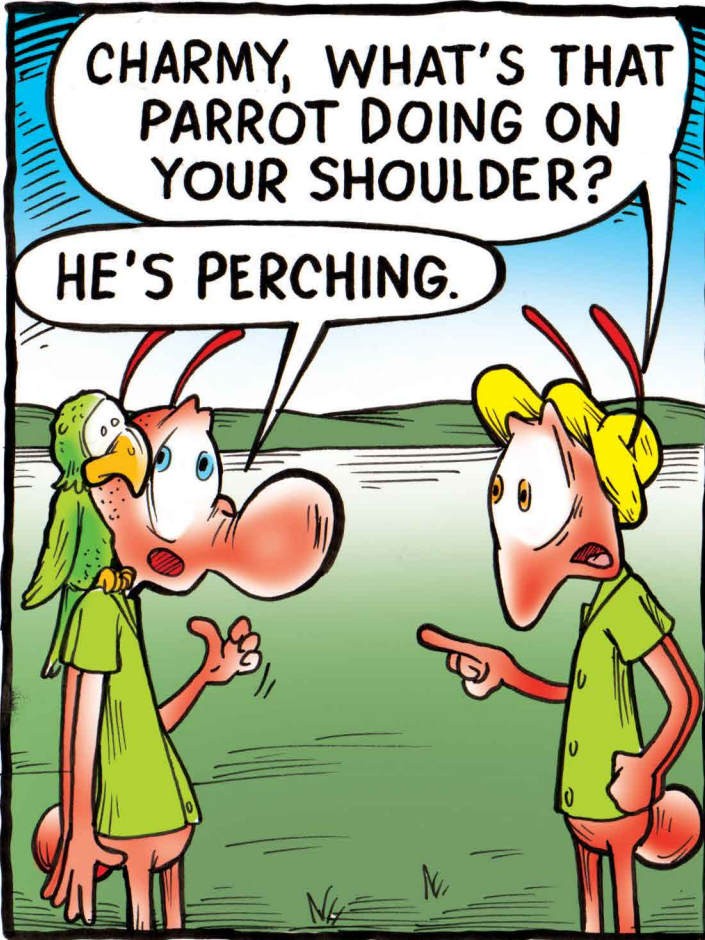
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**GROSS!** IT LOOKS LIKE POLLY HAD YOUR BACK SEVERAL TIMES TODAY!





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ONE DAY IN THE REC ROOM.

IT SAYS HERE THAT SOME OLYMPIC ATHLETES GET TEN TO TWELVE HOURS OF SLEEP EVERY NIGHT.



SOME MAY REQUIRE MORE. SLEEP IS THE **KEY** TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS.

WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT!



IN THAT CASE, CHARMY SHOULD WIN A **GOLD MEDAL!**

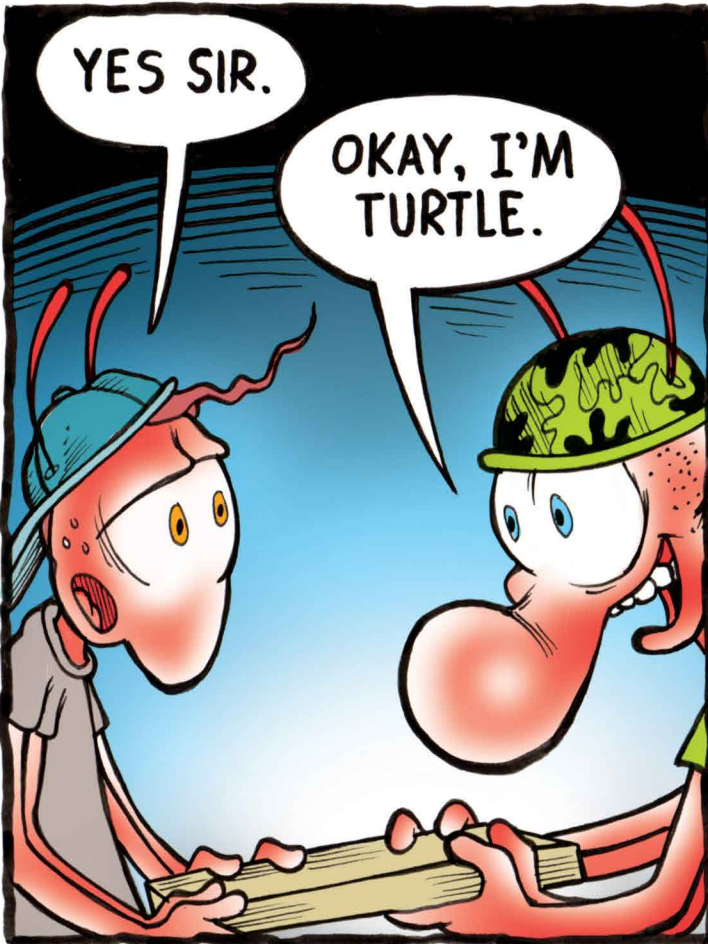






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**HEY!** HOW ABOUT A TIP?







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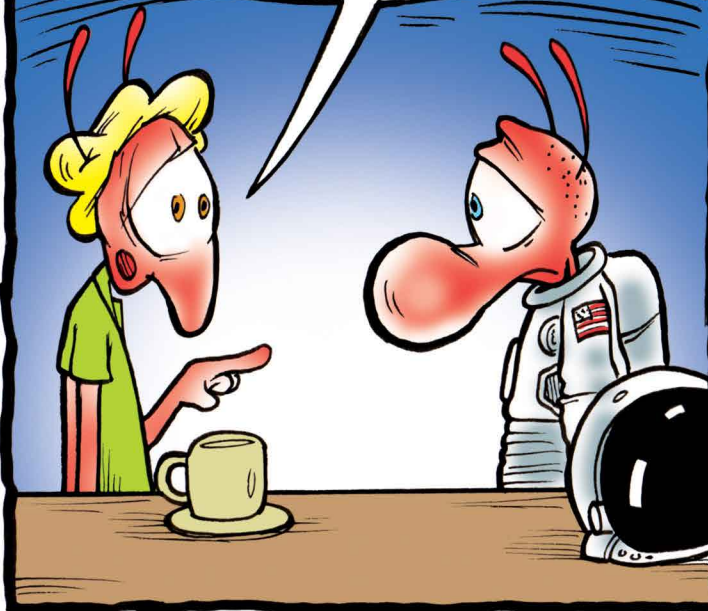
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OVER AT THE COFFEE SHOP...

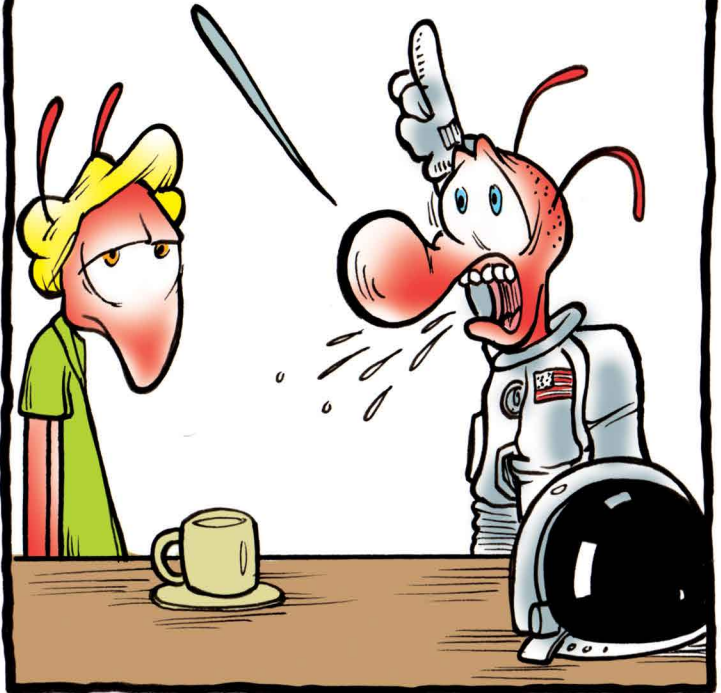
CHARMY, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE AN **ASTRONAUT?**



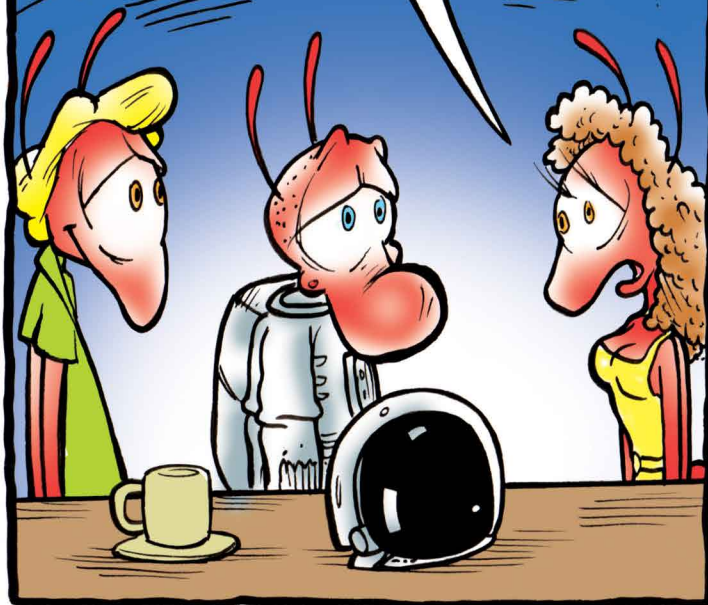
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BECAUSE WOMEN THINK THAT ASTRONAUTS ARE **OUT OF THIS WORLD!**



MAYBE... BUT I THINK YOU ARE COMPLETELY **OUT OF YOUR MIND!**



**HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!**





**LUKE SPARKS IS SO DREAMY!**



I BET IF LUKE DIDN'T HAVE ALL OF THAT FAME, MONEY AND GOOD LOOKS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN HIM AT ALL!



WOW! TURTLE, YOU ARE SO RIGHT!

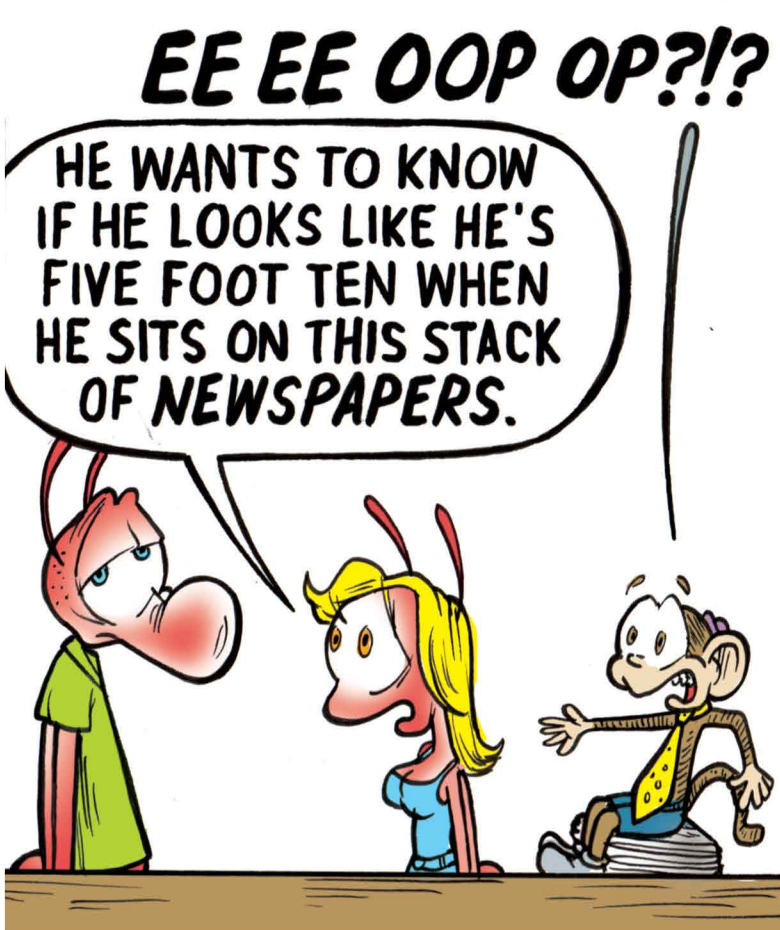


THANK GOODNESS FOR RYAN MCGEE! HE DOESN'T NEED ANY OF THAT STUFF!!!



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WHAT'S WRONG WITH FRENCHY? TODAY ISN'T TUESDAY.

AURGH!



SHE'S PLAYING THAT POKÉMON GO GAME. SHE IS OBSESSED.

COME BACK BULBASAUR! GRRRRRRR...



NO!!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST LOST MY BULBASAUR!



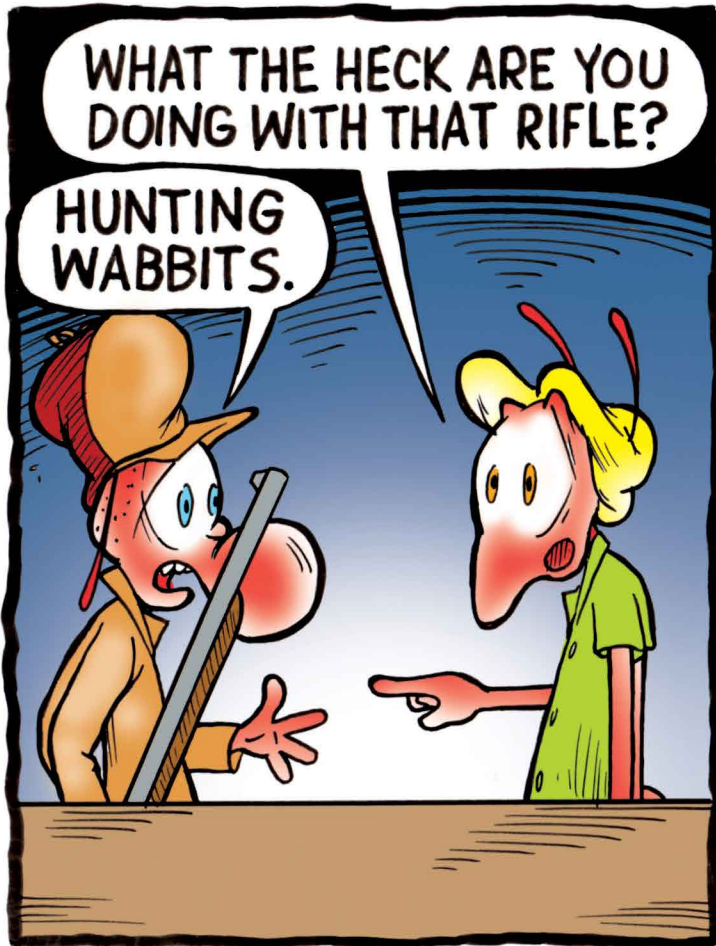
I THINK SHE'S LOST HER POKÉ MIND.

AGREED.



GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL. GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL.

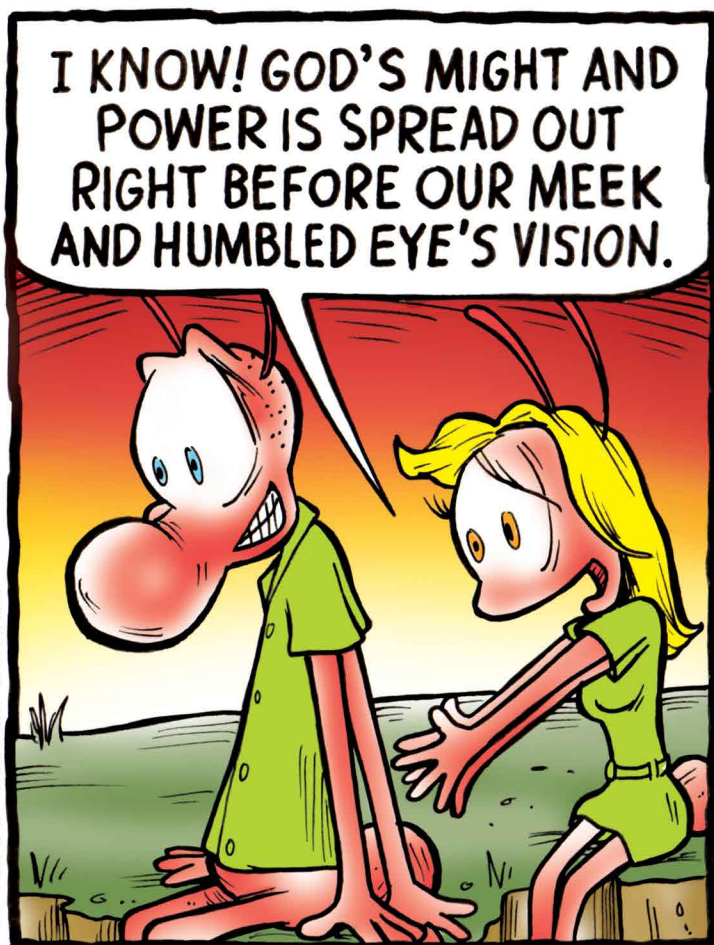
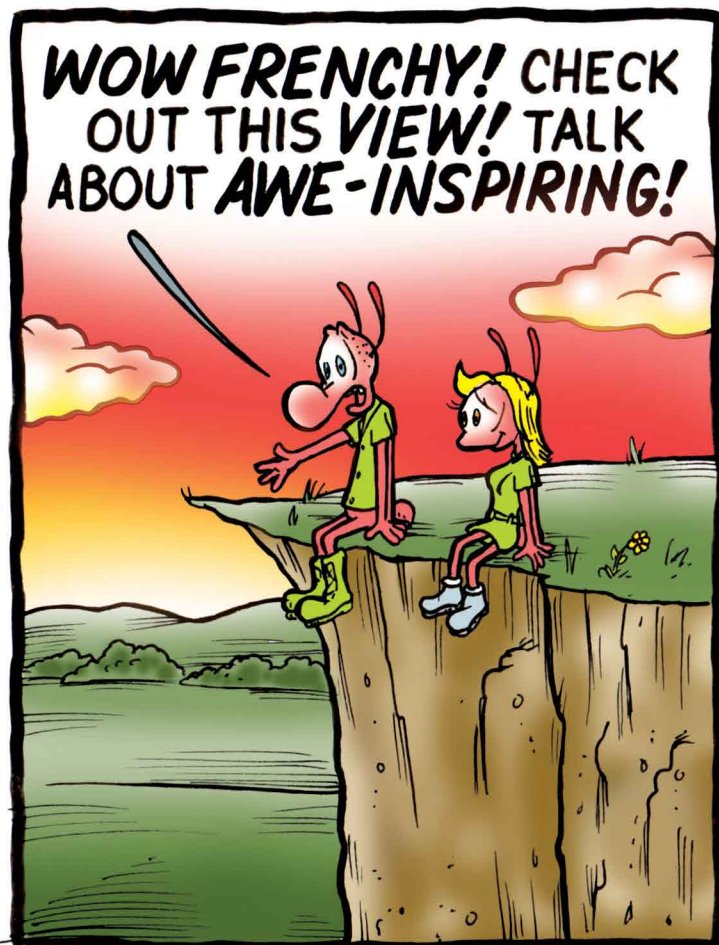




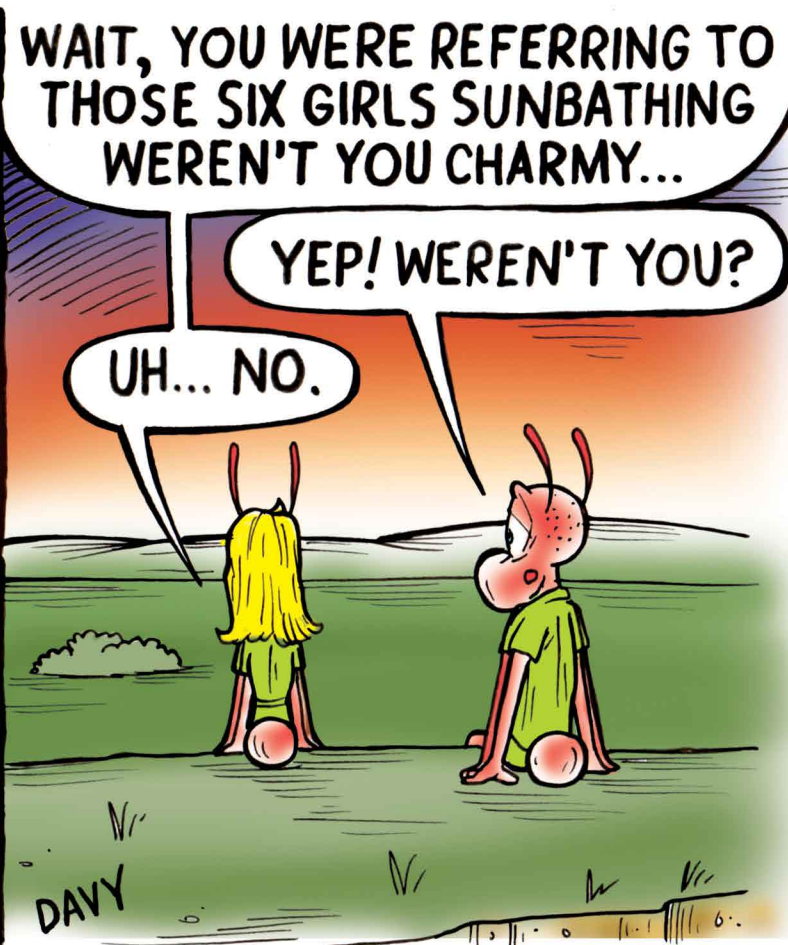
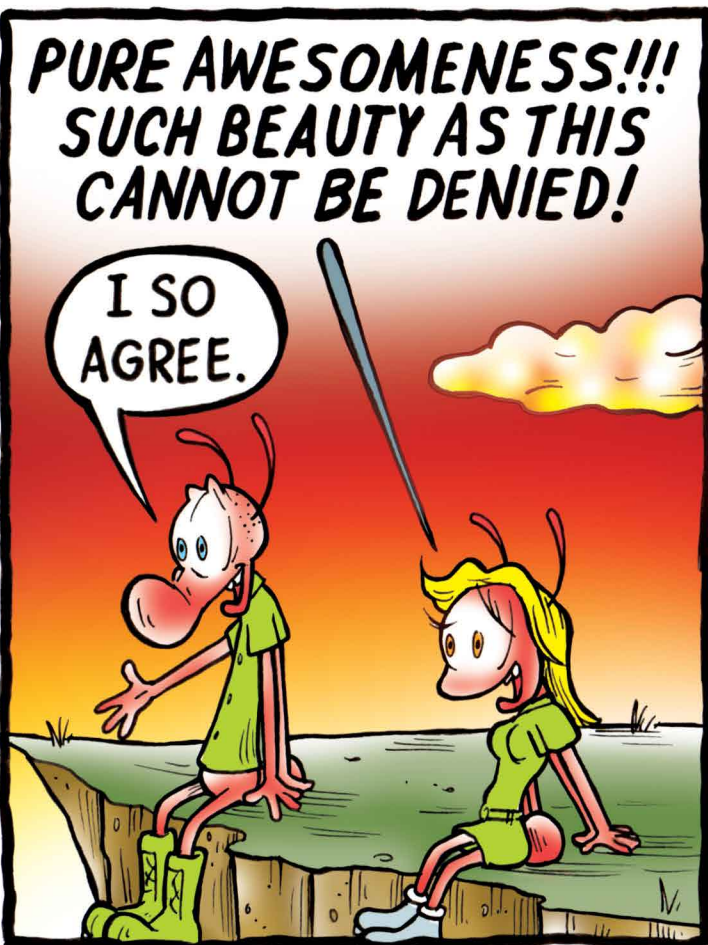
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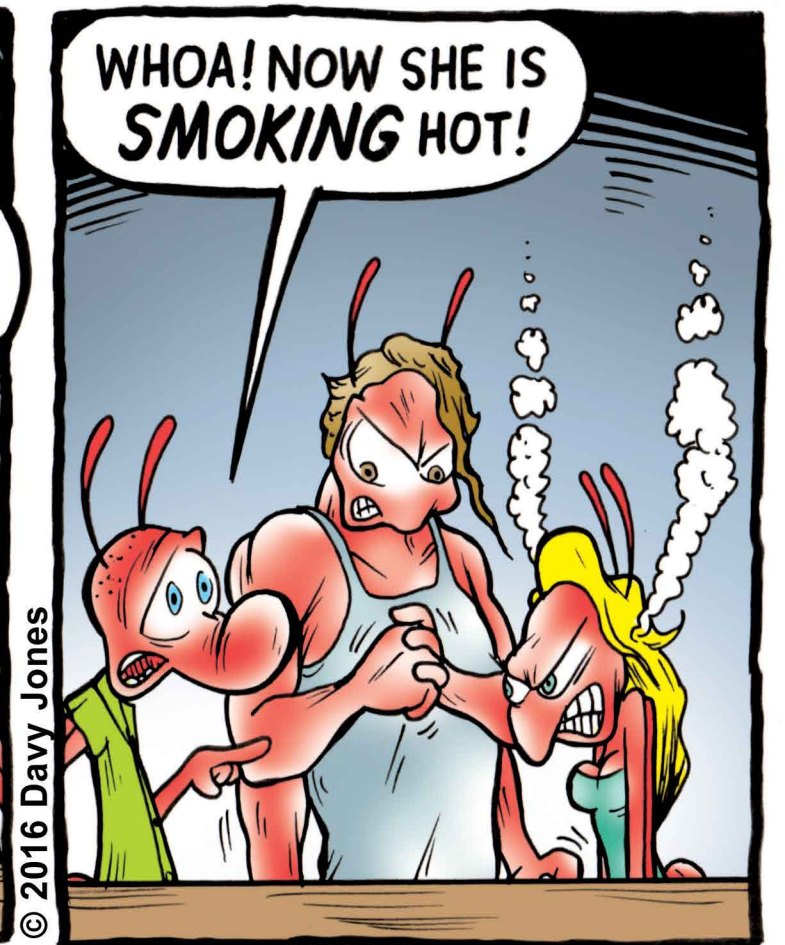
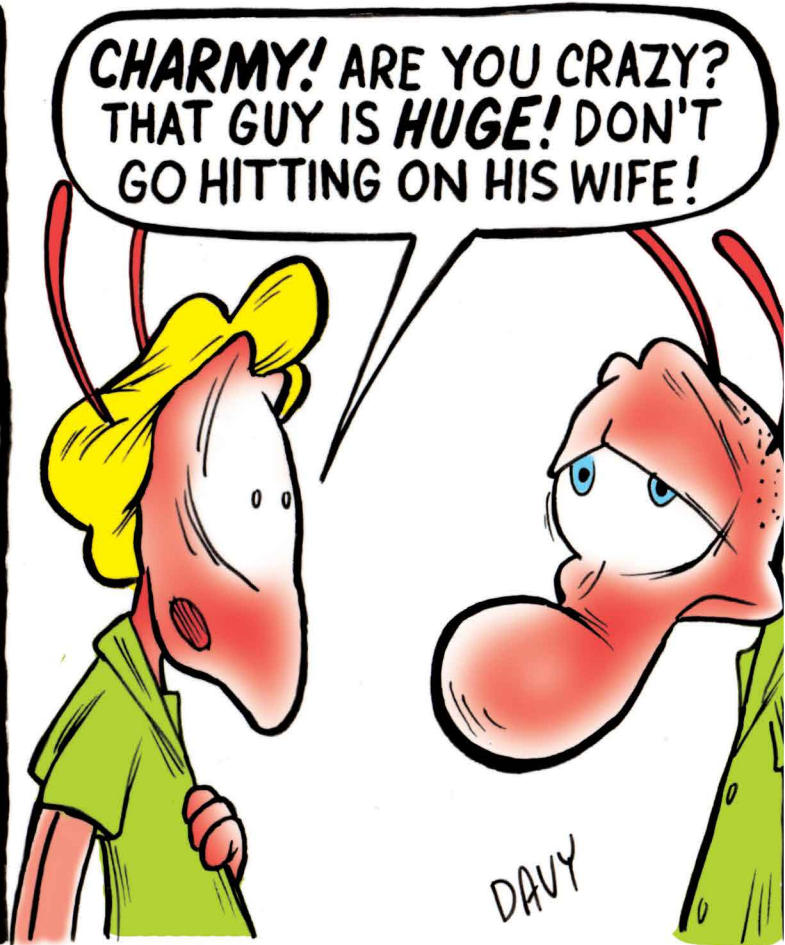






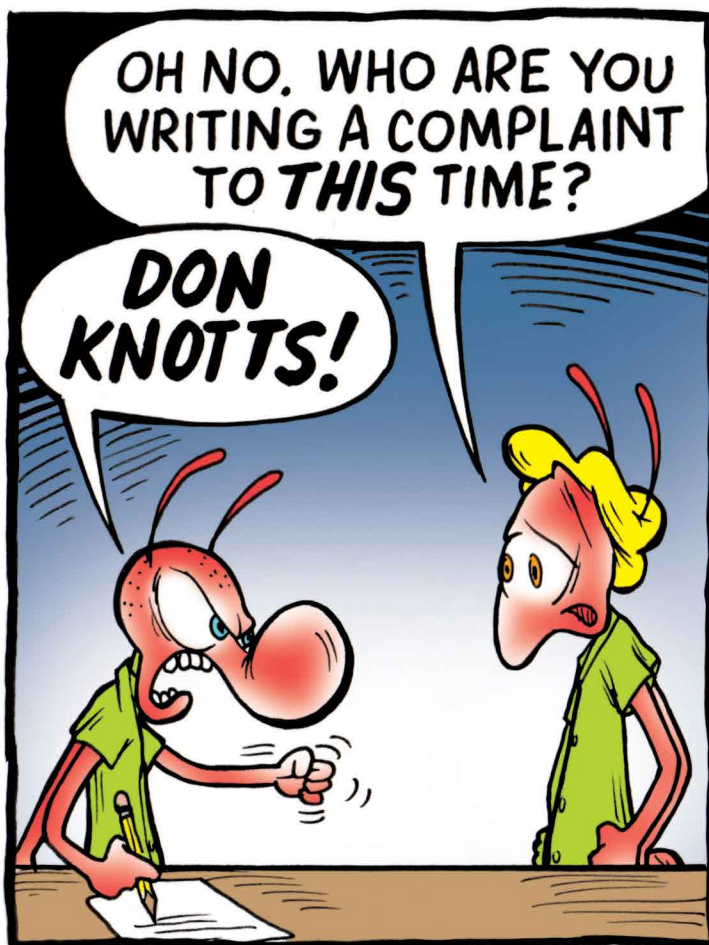
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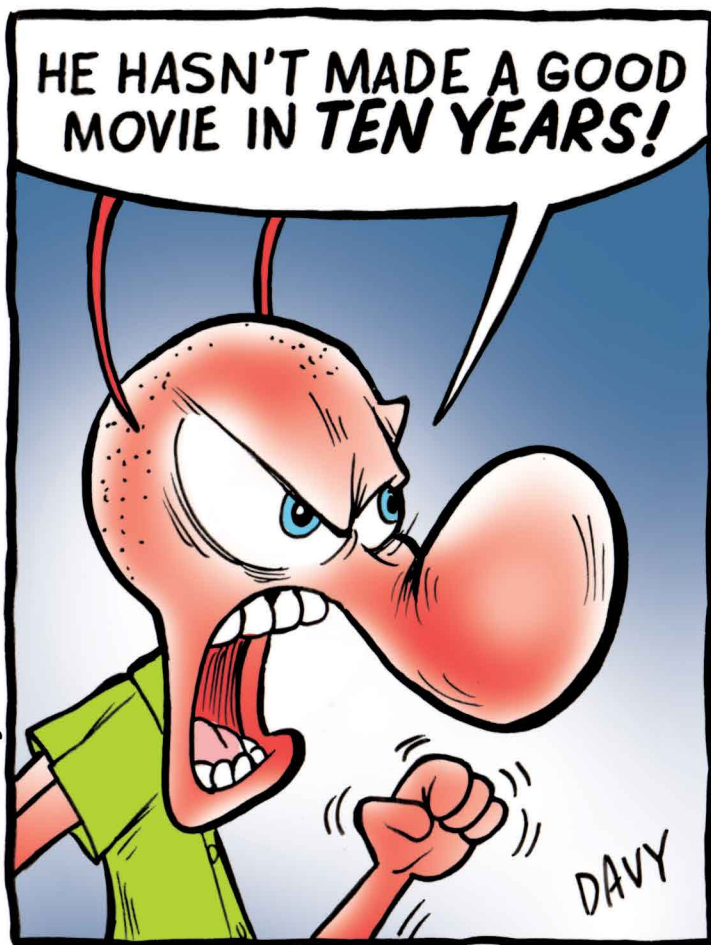
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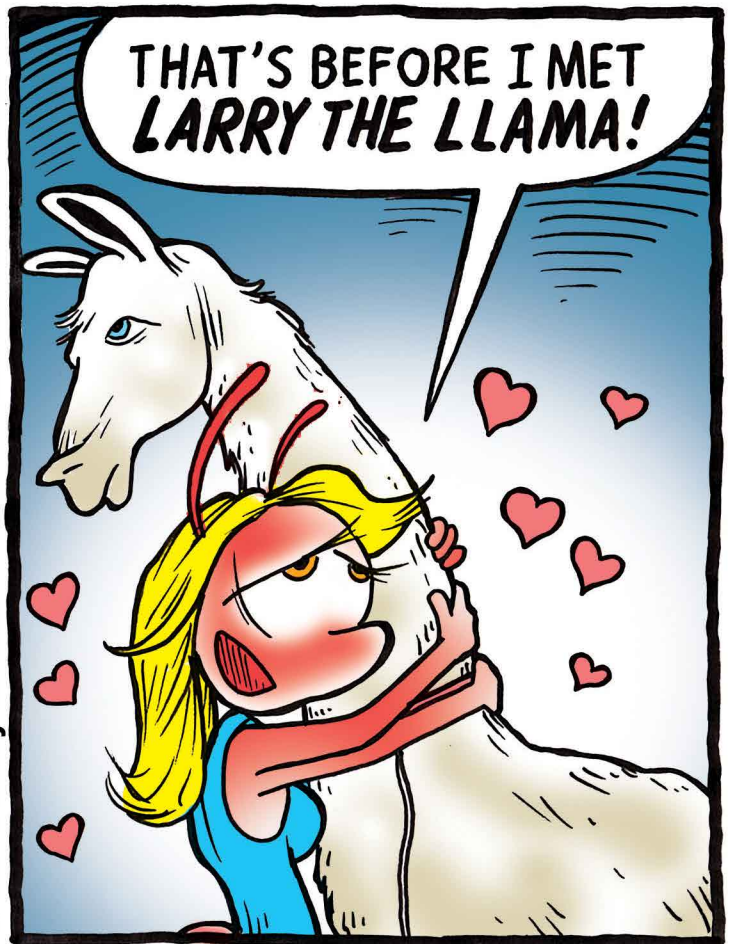




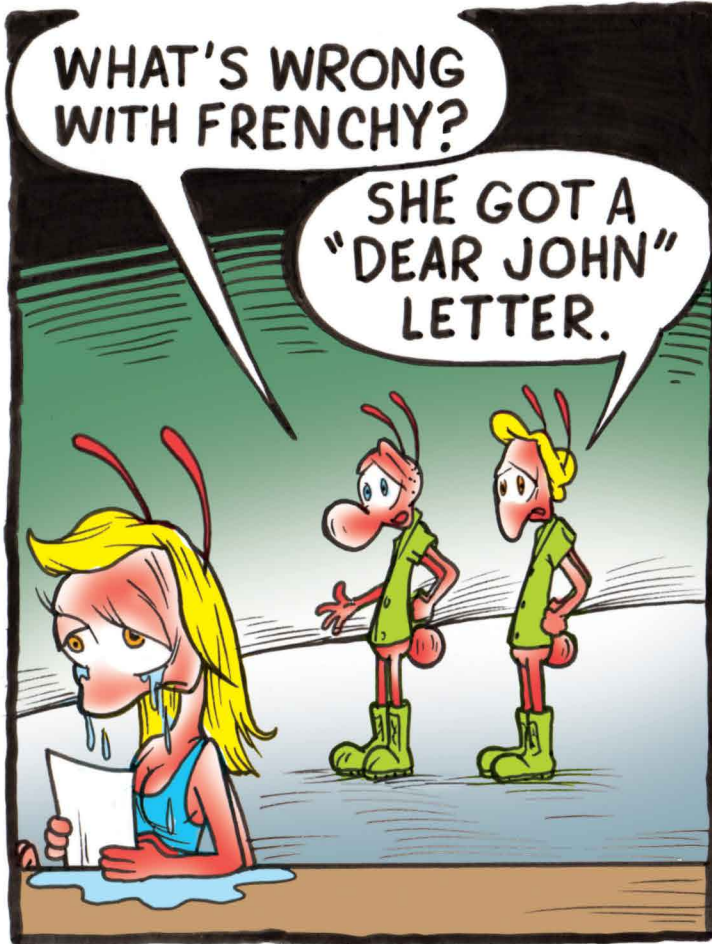


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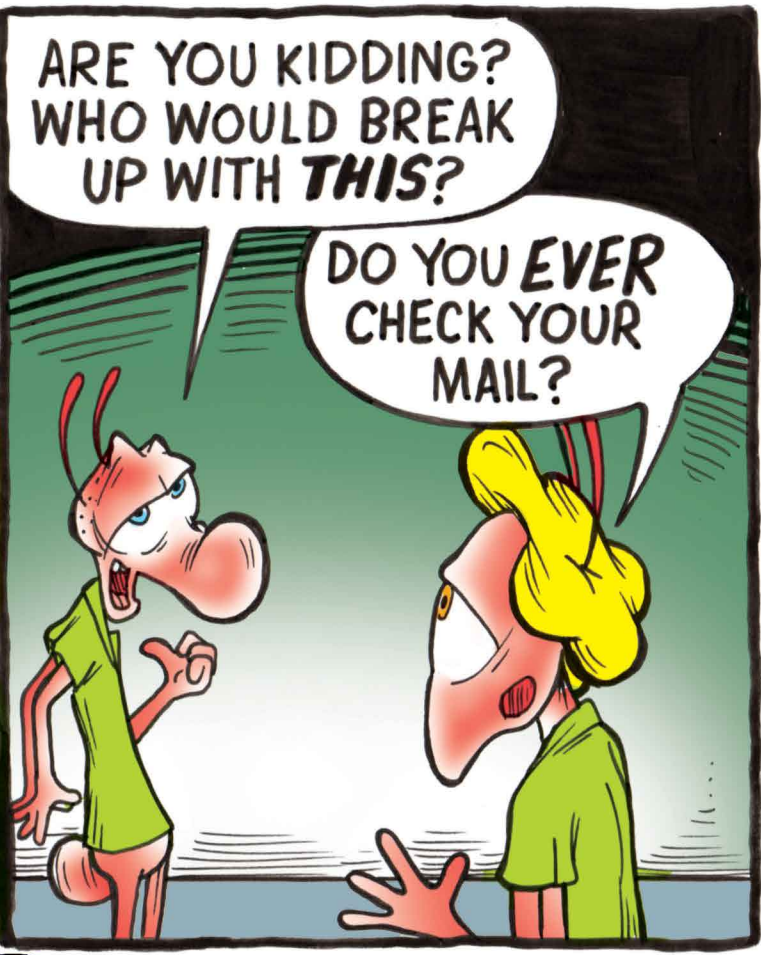






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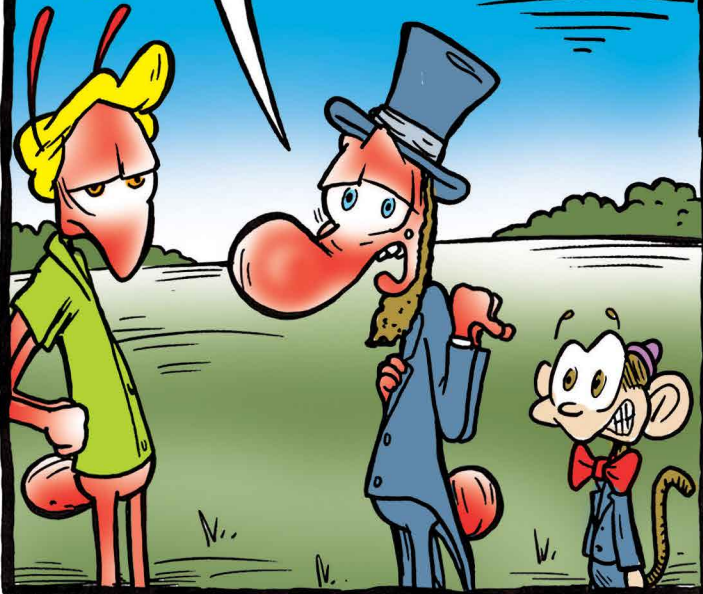


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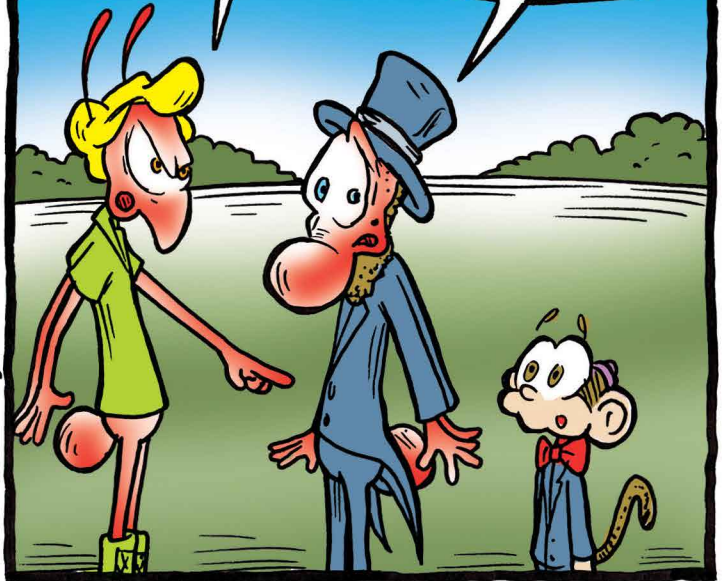
## CHARMY RUNS FOR MAYOR.

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY RUNNING MATE, **FLIMP THE CHIMP!**



MAYORS DON'T HAVE RUNNING MATES.

OH, SURE THEY DO.



HEY FLIMP, HERE'S A LIST OF **ERRANDS**. RUN AND PICK UP MY DRY CLEANING AND MY GROCERIES.



THAT IS NOT EVEN WHAT A RUNNING MATE DOES.

SURE IT IS...





SIR, I DON'T THINK YOU CAN BRING THAT **DOG** INTO THIS COFFEE SHOP.



**HEY! MY GIRLFRIEND IS NOT A DOG!!!**

I WAS REFERRING TO THE DOG IN HER PURSE.



**WHAT?!? SO YOU'RE DEFENDING ME BECAUSE DEEP DOWN INSIDE YOU DON'T BELIEVE I AM PRETTY. RIGHT?**



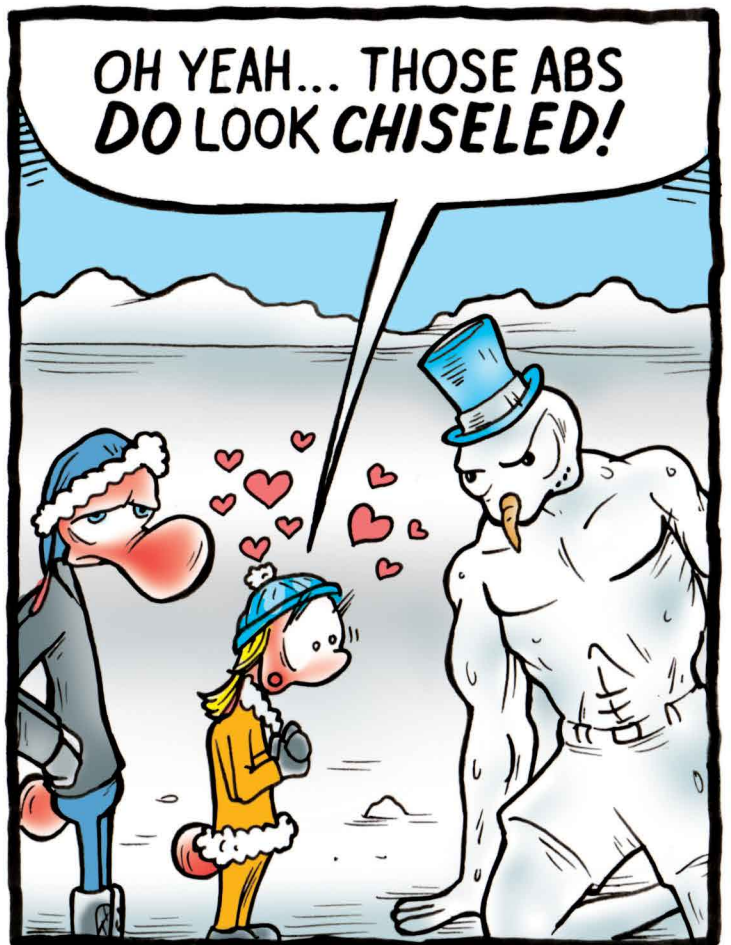
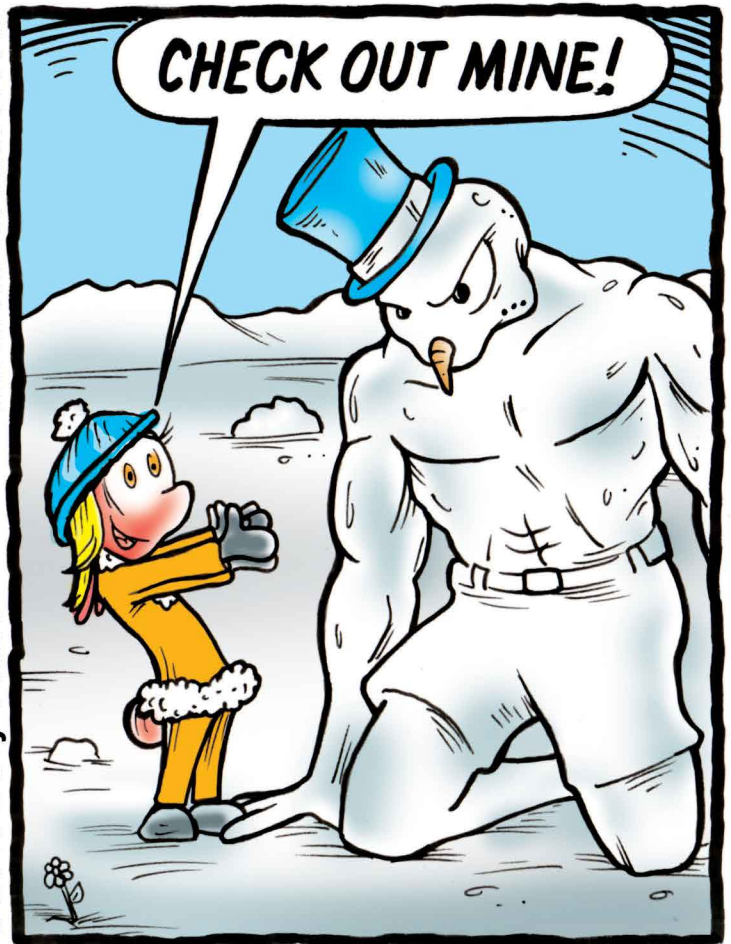
**WHOA! SHE SURE GOT MAD AT YOU!**

OH, DON'T WORRY. HER BARK IS WORSE THAN HER BITE.



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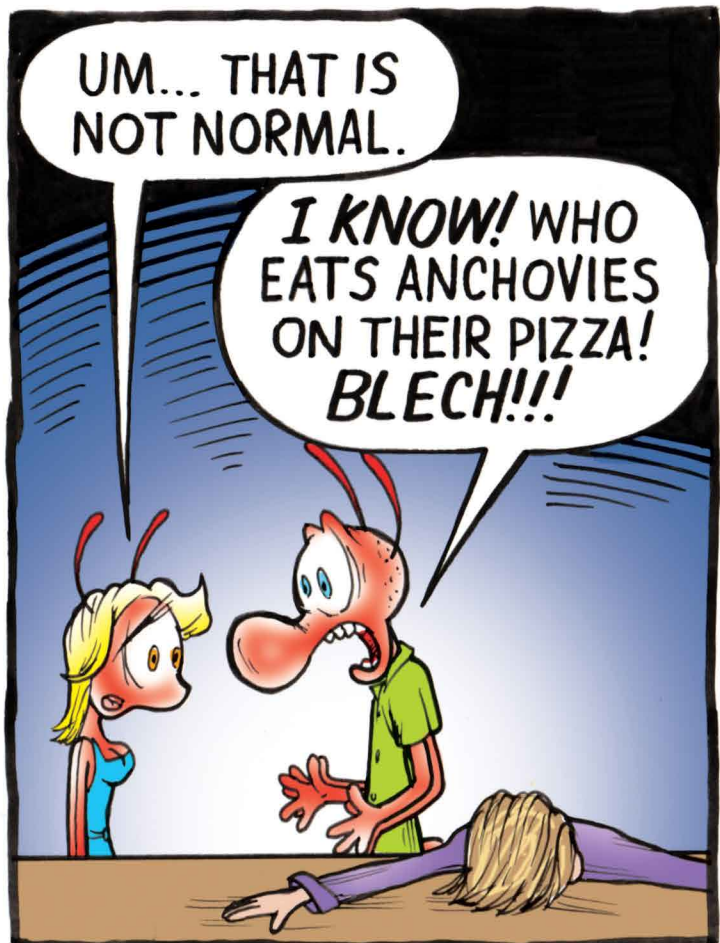
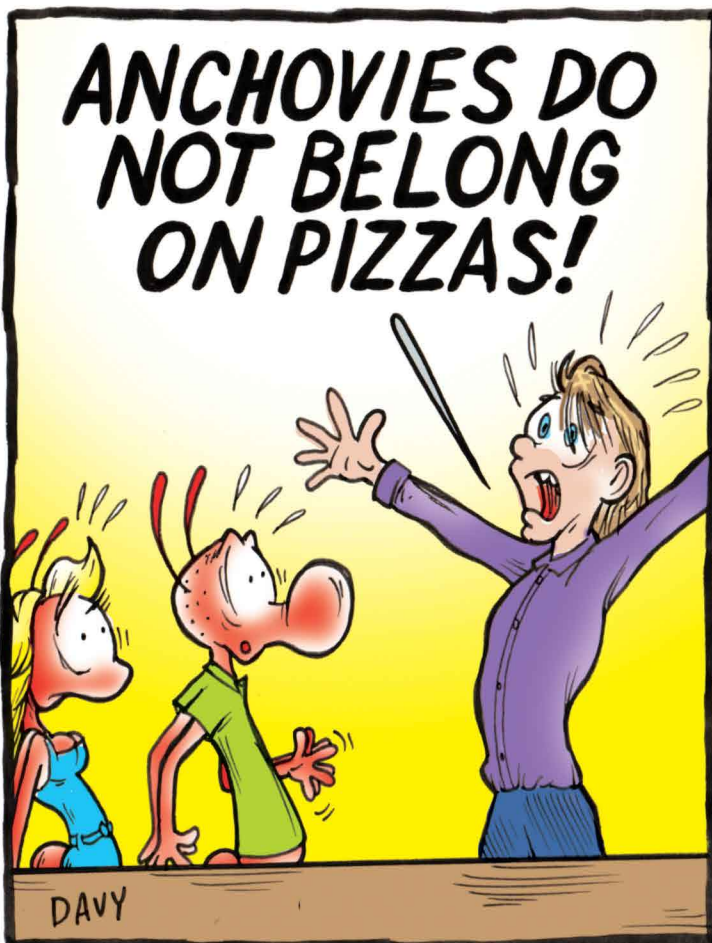






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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
GIVE ME A BIG OL'  
KISS FRENCHY!!!**



**UM, CHARMY, MEET MY  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.**



**YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION  
IS TO HAVE A *BODYGUARD*?  
THAT DOES NOT MAKE  
A *LICK OF SENSE!***



**ARE YOU SAYING I DON'T  
MAKE SENSE? ARE YOU  
CALLING ME STUPID?!?**

**THIS IS GOING TO  
BE A *BAD YEAR*.**



**HAPPY 2017!**





I'VE SET MY GOALS FOR THIS YEAR AND NOW I AM REACHING FOR THE STARS!



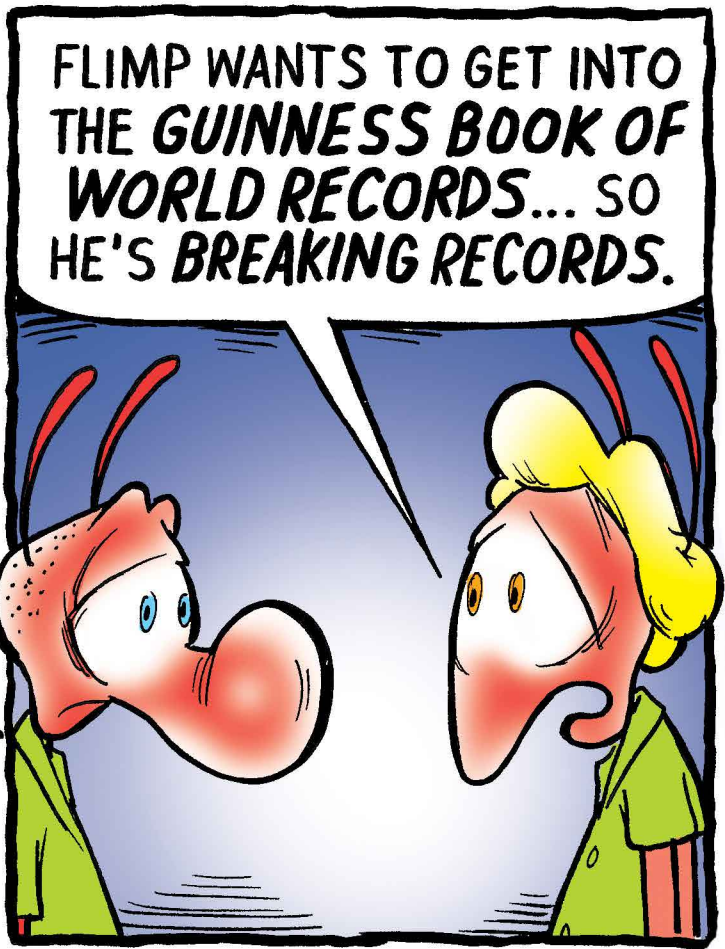
FRENCHY, LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO STICK YOUR LANDING.



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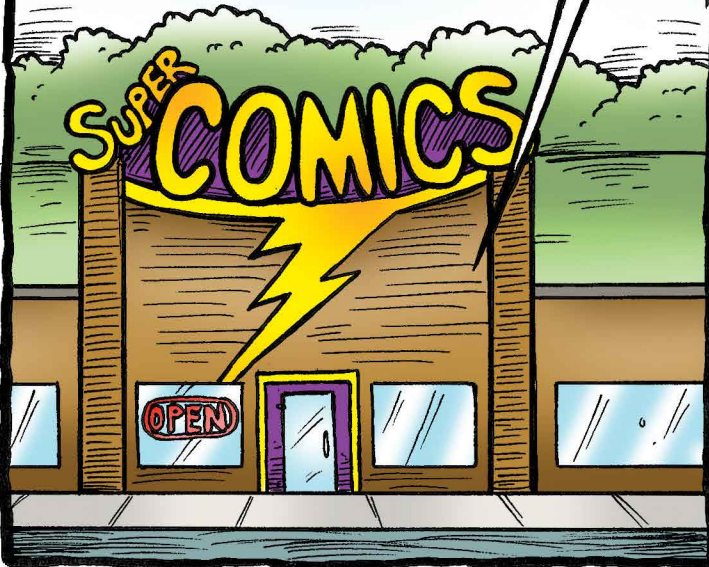






AT THE COMIC BOOK STORE.

WHOA!  
HIGH VOLTAGE  
NUMBER ONE!

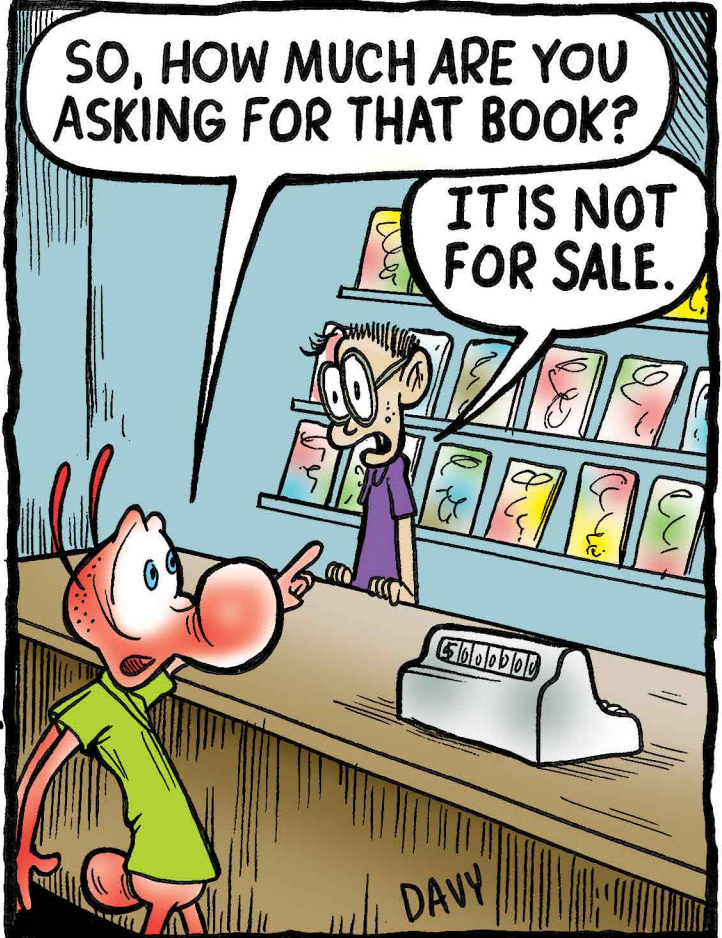


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SO, HOW MUCH ARE YOU ASKING FOR THAT BOOK?

IT IS NOT FOR SALE.



OH COME ON!  
EVERYTHING IN  
LIFE HAS A PRICE.

YOU CAN'T  
PUT A PRICE  
ON LOVE.

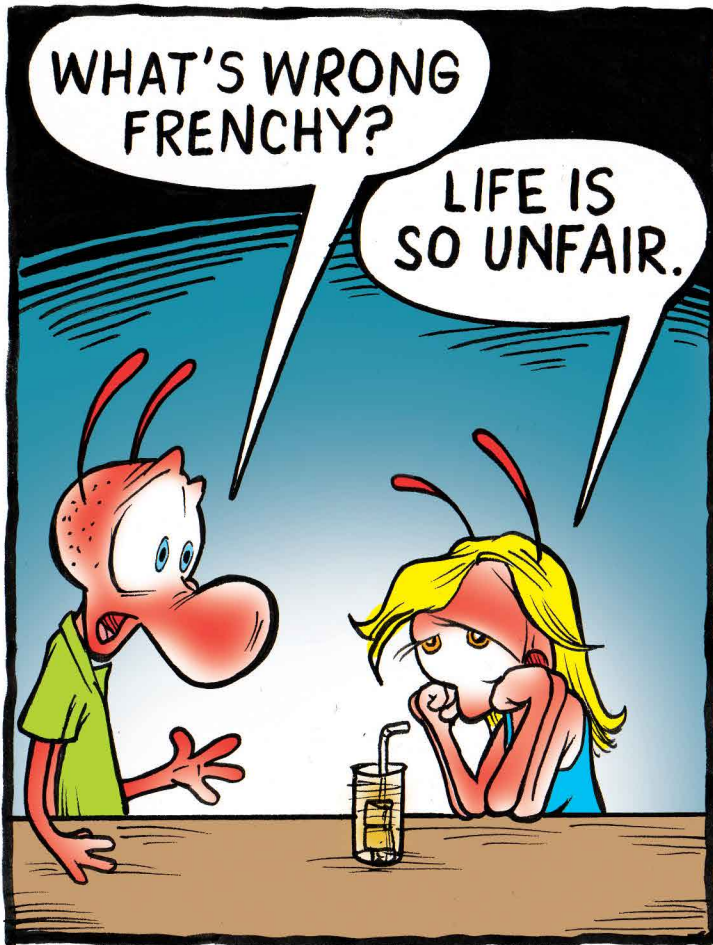


DINNER IS FIFTY BUCKS,  
MOVIE IS THIRTY BUCKS,  
DRINKS ARE FORTY...

WOW. LOVE  
COMES AT  
SUCH A COST!











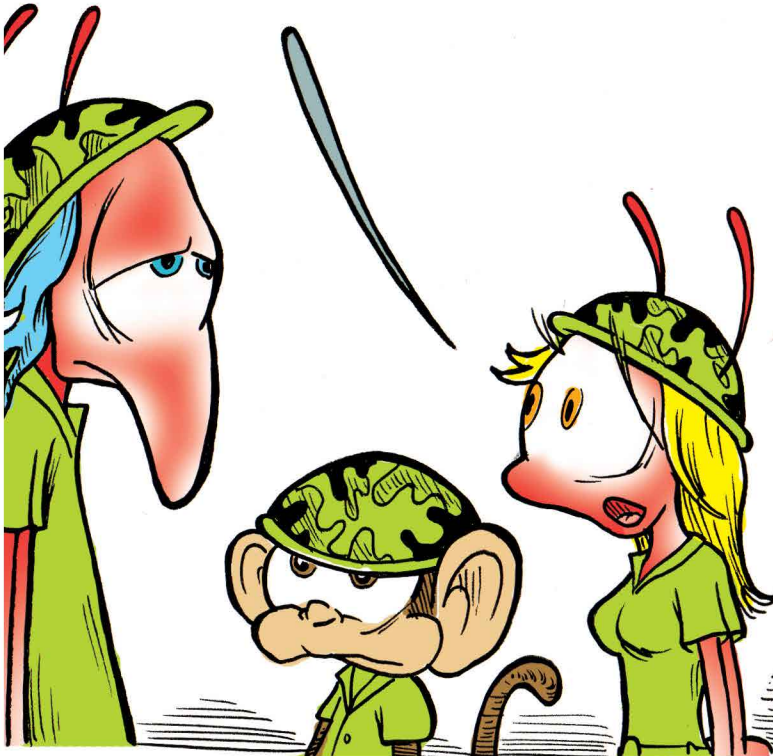
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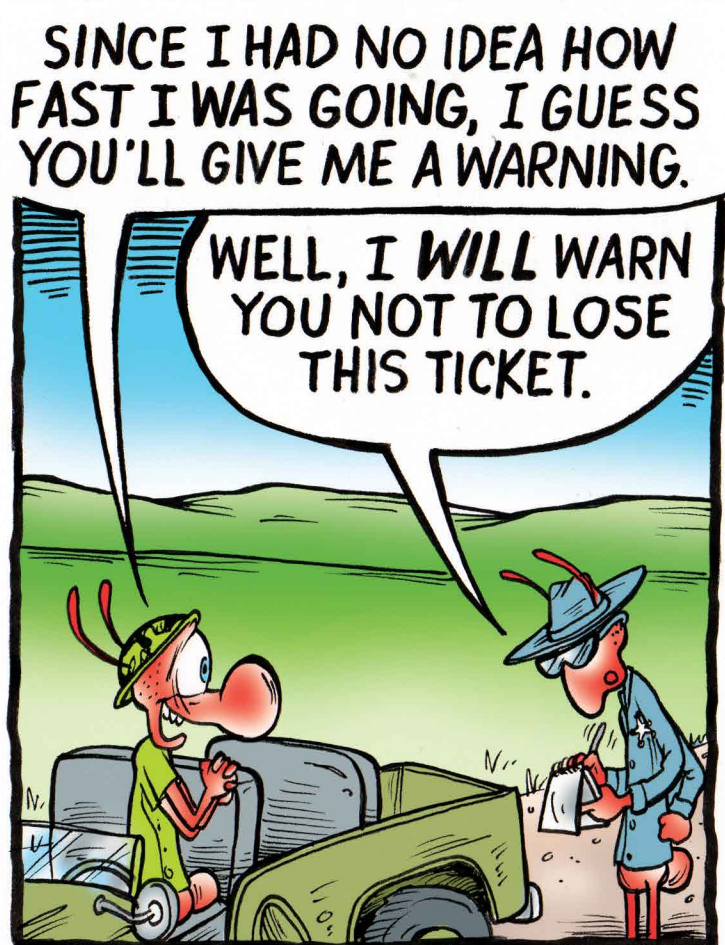


IT COULD BE ANYTHING. MAYBE THEY WANT HIGHER WAGES... OR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS...

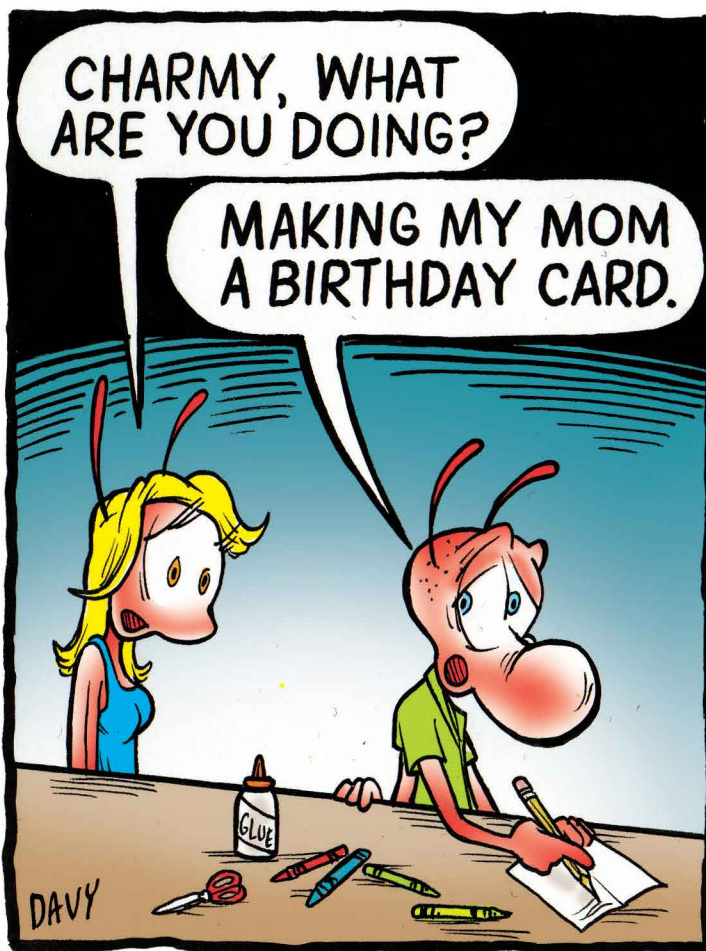
OR THEY COULD BE CHEERING FOR CHARMY TO KNOCK OVER ALL OF THE BOWLING PINS.











CHARMY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MAKING MY MOM A BIRTHDAY CARD.

DAVY

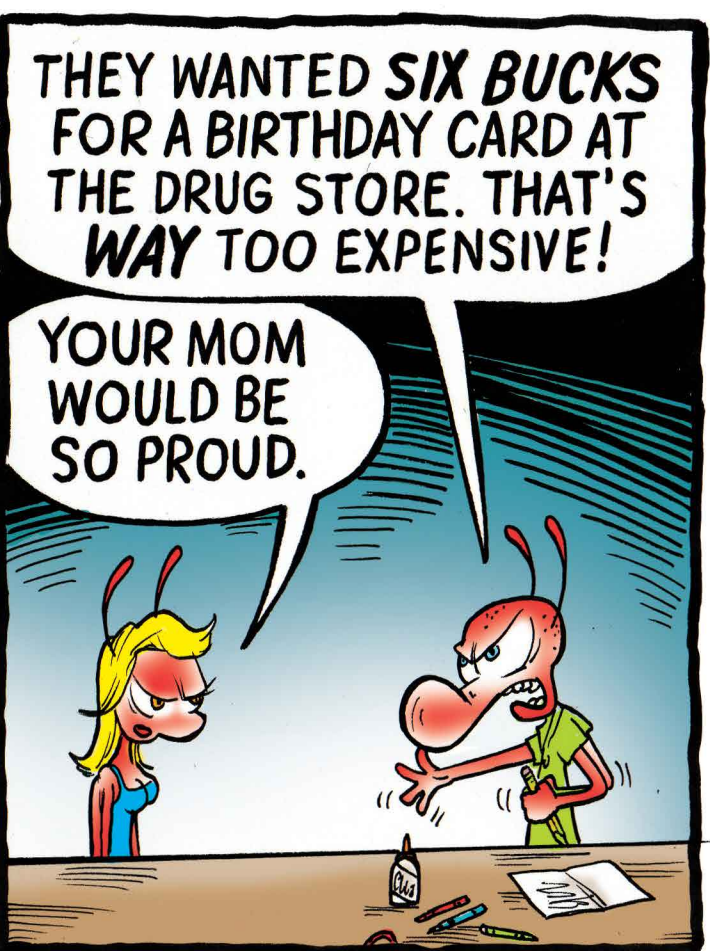
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WOW! JUST WHEN I THINK THAT YOU ARE SELFISH AND TOTALLY SELF-ABSORBED...



...YOU DO SOMETHING SO SWEET AND HONORABLE!



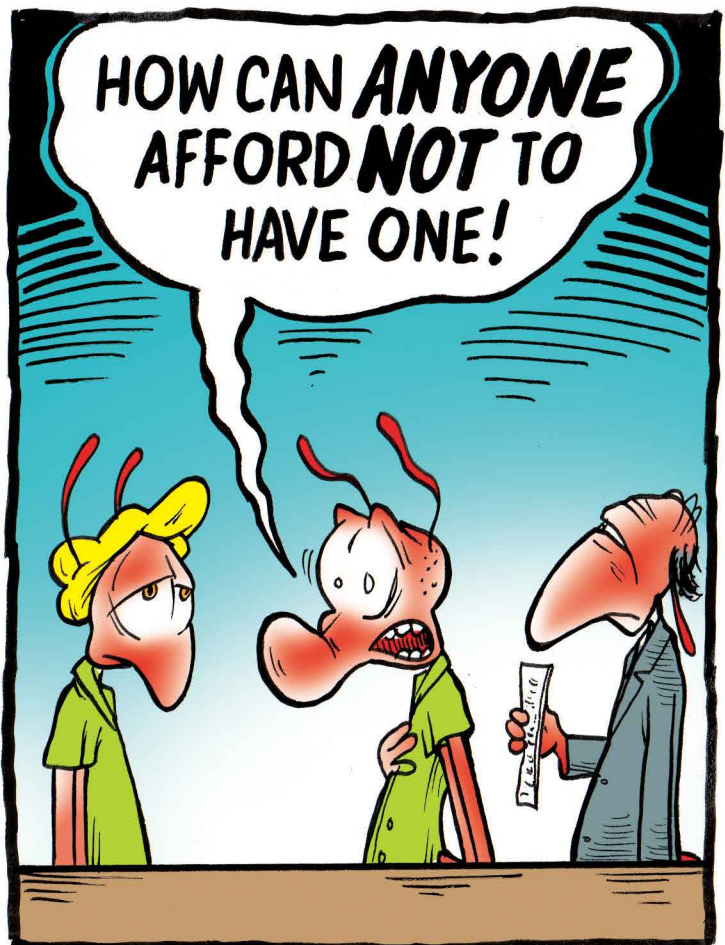
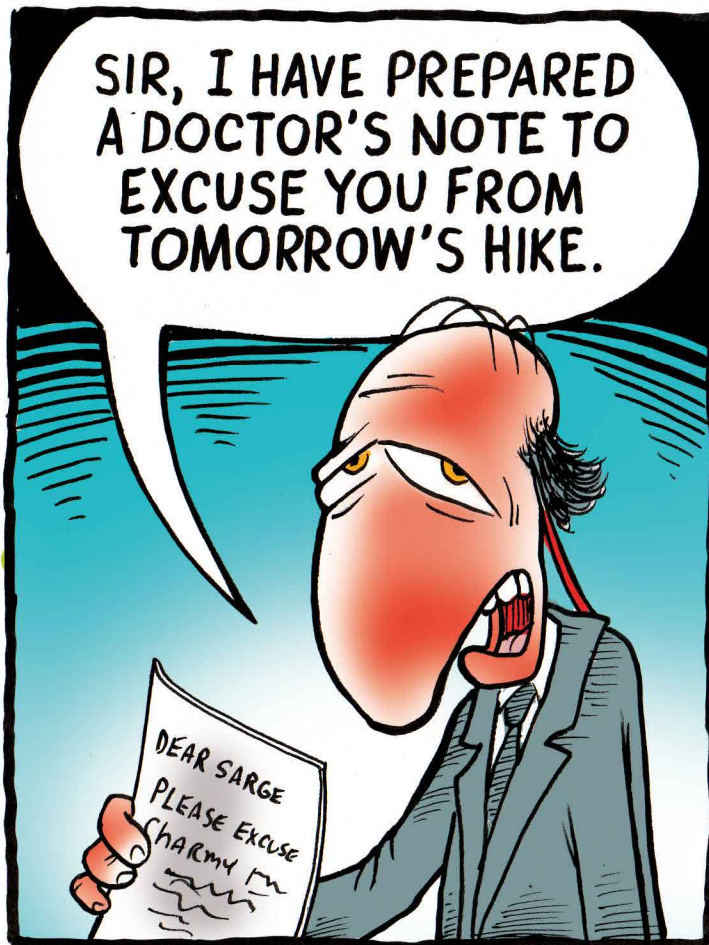
THEY WANTED **SIX BUCKS** FOR A BIRTHDAY CARD AT THE DRUG STORE. THAT'S WAY TOO EXPENSIVE!

YOUR MOM WOULD BE SO PROUD.

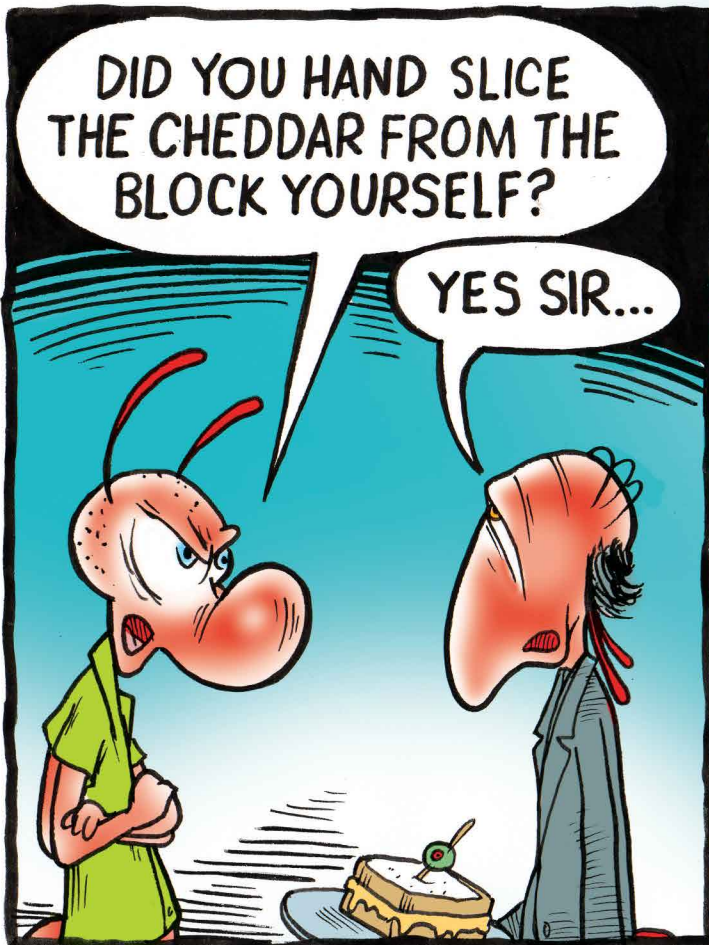
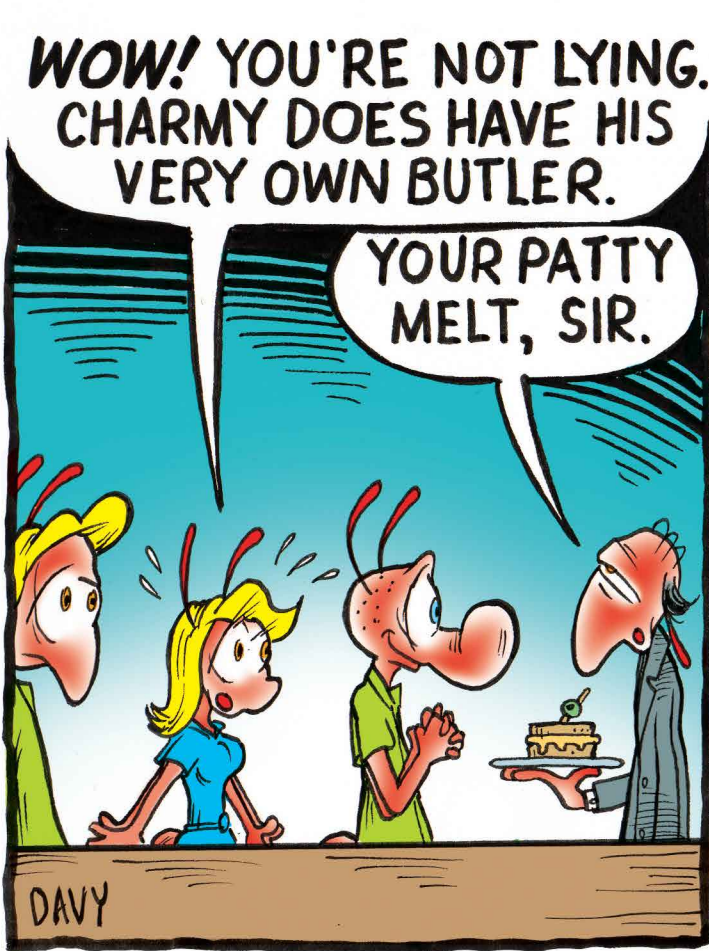




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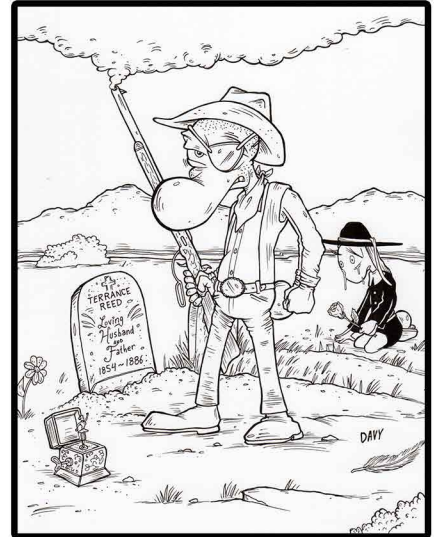
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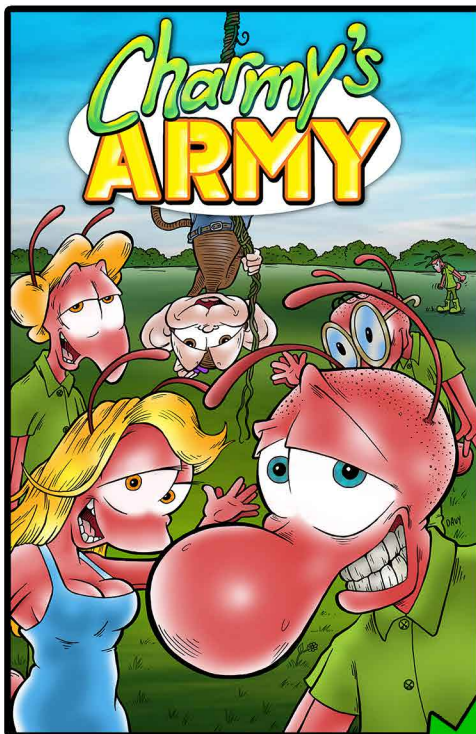
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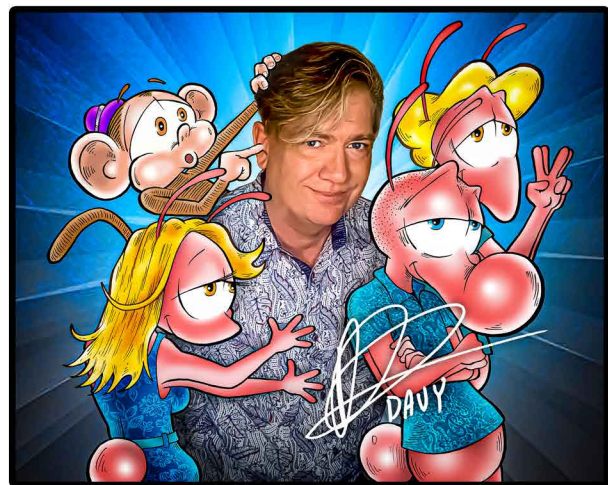
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## Flimp the Chimp

Every good strip has a monkey. First there was... um... well there was that strip about the.... um.... Okay, I am sailing uncharted oceans here. A troop of army ants and a monkey makes no sense, right? Not sure what I was thinking but it is too late now. The fans love Flimp and only Frenchy understands him. Mark my words, Flimp will be leading our strip as we swing into syndication.

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