

DAILY COMICS FOR

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REALITY CHECK

FAMILY CIRCUS

MY OWNER WAS EATING SUMTHIN' AND SHE DROPPED IT! I LUNGED FOR IT AND GOBBERED IT DOWN-- TURNS OUT IT WAS A-- A-- GULP-- RAISIN!

WOW! YOU HEAR ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPENING TO OTHER DOGS!

By Bil Keane

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"Lakes are just oceans with the waves turned off."

AND NOW EVERY TIME I GO TO CHUNKY CHEESE'S, I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT MY MOM TALKING THE PRINCIPAL!

AND EVEN WORSE, EVERYBODY ACTS LIKE I'M OVERREACTING!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I SAY YOU'RE UNDERREACTING! THERE'S ONLY ONE REASONABLE RESPONSE TO AN OVERSTEP OF THIS MAGNITUDE!

ONE OF US HAS TO DATE PHIL'S MOM.

TAUHID BONDIA

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MY DATE LAST NIGHT WAS A DISASTER

SOUNDS LIKE A 'SWIPE LEFT'

EXACTLY... SHE SWIPED MY WALLET AND LEFT

THE GRIZZWELLS

BILL SCHORR

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NOW I'VE GOTTA SURE WAY I GET INVITED? I MADE A BATCH OF FROZEN MARGARITAS!

HEY! ANYBODY UP FOR SOME MARGARITAS?!

COME ON! SOMEBODY?? ANYBODY??

Wastin' away again in Margaritaville. Searchin' for my lost shaker of...

15 MINUTES LATER...

YOU DRAINK THAT WHOLE PITCHER YOURSELF?!

JIM MEDDICK

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IF RIP HAYWIRE IS ANYTHING LIKE HIS FORMER SELF... WE ARE IN BIG TROUBLE.

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRIED TO STAB HIM IN THE BACK... HE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY OUT.

BRING HIM IN... I WANT TO SEE IF HE'S CHANGED.

YES, MA'AM.

W-WHAT IF HE HAS CHANGED?

BRING LOTS OF BACKUP!

DAN THOMPSON

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IT'S A NICE DAY OUT. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE DAWG OUT FOR A WALK?

DO I HAVE TO?

I'M THE ONE WHO'S MISSING HIS FAVORITE SHOW.

HI & LOIS

MORT WALKER & DIK BROWN

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WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?

IT'S YOUR CITY, DAD! SHOW ME YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS!

LET'S GO TO CENTRAL PARK! WE CAN WALK AND TALK.

OKAY! LETME GO GET READY!

"SIGH" DO I BRING UP THAT I WANT MORE ATTENTION TO ME IN THE FUTURE?

SPEAK YOUR TRUTH EVEN IF IT'S HARD!

FIGHT HIM IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT!

MARK TATULLI

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FRANK & ERNEST - DERMATOLOGISTS

WELL, I SEE YOUR FACE IS FINALLY CLEARING UP, MR. SMITH.

BOB THAVES

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YO, BRUTUS! HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SNACK ON?

I HAVE A BOX OF ANIMAL CRACKERS IN MY DRAWER. WANT SOME?

NO CAN DO-- I'M A VEGETARIAN!

THE BORN LOSER

ART SAMSON

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Feeling Uninspired?

I call it my White Period.

THATABABY

JOHNATHAN LEMON

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OK, THAT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE.

WHAT'S THAT?

LOL STANDS FOR LAUGH OUT LOUD.

UH-HUH.

I THOUGHT IT WAS LITTLE OLD LADY.

LOLA

STEVE DICKINSON & TODD CLARK

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I HAVE A MULTI-PHASED PLAN TO GET OUT OF SPENDING A DAY WITH THE FERRET.

BUT HE WON THE CONTEST! YOU HAVE TO SPEND THE DAY WITH HIM.

SO IT WOULD APPEAR-- BUT HERE, LET'S SEE IF YOU STILL SAY THAT AFTER READING THE OFFICIAL RULES ON THE POSTER I MADE.

"THE ONLY RULE IS THAT THE LUCKY WINNER SPEND A FULL 24 HOURS WITH BUCKY KATT."

SEEMS PRETTY AIRTIGHT.

OK, PHASE TWO: HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE YOUR NAME TO BUCKY KATT?

GET FUZZY

DARBY CONLEY

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WE'RE GOING TO A FUNDRAISER WITH AN OPEN BAR.

WE'RE GOING TO PARTY LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW!

I'M GOING TO PARTY LIKE AN OLDER WOMAN WITH AGE-RELATED ALCOHOL INTOLERANCE WHO HAS TO BE UP EARLY.

THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.

WOO HOO.

DUSTIN

JEFF KELLEY & STEVE PARKER

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I LOVE HER USE OF NEGATIVE SPACE.

BREVITY

DAN THOMPSON

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HARRIET... DROP WHAT YOU'RE DOING...

I WANT YOU TO MEET ME AT OUR NEW FAVORITE PIZZA PLACE!

CRANKSHAFT

TOM BATIUK & CHUCK AYERS

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YOU CAN TRY MAGIC

LIO

MARK TATULLI

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HEY, YOU DUMB COWS, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT --

JUST ENJOYING A NICE, FRESH GLASS OF MILK.

WHY, IS SOMETHING WRONG?

WELL, BUT HOW DID YOU... WHERE DID YOU GET.....

AND THEN CAME THE SCENE I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SCRUB FROM MY BRAIN.

DEFLOCKED

JEFF CORRIVEAU

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WHEN'S HE GONNA NOTICE THE MUSTARD-COVERED DONUT IN HIS--

SNRXXRT!

MUNCH MUNCH

YOU GUYS MADE ME A MUSTARD DONUT? THAT'S SO SWEET!

ADAM AT HOME

BRIAN BASSET

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JEREMY! YOU'RE LATE FOR WORK!

GAAAH!

THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN HAVING A JOB NIGHTMARE...

JEREMY! YOU'RE LATE FOR WORK!

...EXCEPT LIVING ONE.

ZITS

JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN

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Who are you going to be in the theater camp play, Dil?

I'm the Brave Grocery Carthago!

At the moment of greatest peril I ride in and save everybody from the Evil Queen!

"Evil Queen"? Uh-oh...

And in the Pancake Dream Sequence I play a singing pitcher of boysenberry syrup!

He got that part because he's sticky!

CUL DE SAC

RICHARD THOMPSON

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ONCE, HE CAME BACK FROM THE DOCKS WITH A WHOLE FISH! HE SAID IT WAS A TROUT, BUT IT WAS HUGE!

A SEA TROUT.

I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH THE THING!

WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK ME? I'VE ONLY COOKED A THOUSAND OF 'EM!

I MUST ADMIT, I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT.

MAYBE I SHOULD TRY A LITTLE HARDER.

ARLO AND JANIS

JIMMY JOHNSON

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WHAT'S WRONG, MOM? YOU LOOK UPSET.

OH, NELSON GOT HIS CHEWING GUM STUCK IN MY HAIR!

I HEARD THAT PEANUT BUTTER CAN GET IT OUT.

OPAL! WHY IS THERE CURLY WHITE HAIR IN THE PEANUT BUTTER?

PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE

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THREE MORE GRAY HAIRS! WHY??

PROBABLY STRESS.

YOU HAVE THREE SMALL KIDS, YOU'RE TRYING TO FINISH A BOOK...

...AND YOU LIVE WITH AN IMPOSSIBLY HANDSOME HUSBAND!

YEAH, THAT'S THE BIGGIE.

BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

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