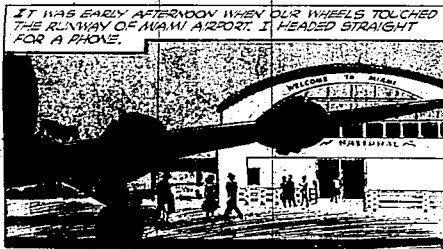






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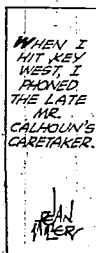
IT WAS EARLY AFTERNOON WHEN OUR WHEELS TOUCHED THE RUNWAY OF MIAMI AIRPORT. I HEADED STRAIGHT FOR A PHONE.



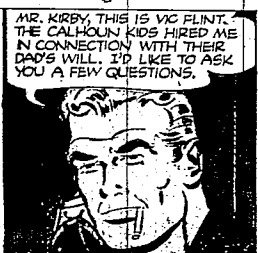
I CALLED THE FBI... NOTHING NEW ON HARVEY OR CAROL CALHOUN. HUH? OKAY, THANKS.



KEY WEST... ROUND TRIP, PLEASE.



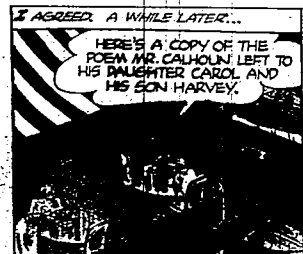
WHEN I HIT KEY WEST, I PHONED THE LATE MR. CALHOUN'S CARETAKER.



MR. KIRBY, THIS IS VIC FLINT. THE CALHOUNS HIRE ME IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DAD'S WILL. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.

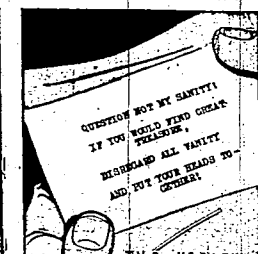


I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIND THE LITTLE ISLAND MR. CALHOUN LEFT ME. SUPPOSE I MEET YOU ON THE MAINLAND.



I AGREED. A WHILE LATER...

HERE'S A COPY OF THE POEM MR. CALHOUN LEFT TO HIS DAUGHTER CAROL AND HIS SON HARVEY.



QUESTIONS NOT BY SANITY!  
IF YOU WOULD FEED GREAT  
TROLLS...  
REMEMBER ALL VANITY  
AND PUT YOUR HEADS TO  
GETTER!



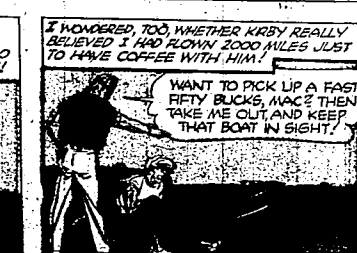
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT ANY MORE THAN HOW CAROL AND HARVEY COULD JUST UP AND VANISH INTO THIN AIR.



BORRY I COULDN'T BE OF MORE HELP. I'D INVITE YOU OVER, BUT WELL, I'M BUSY PAINTING. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.



AS HE LEFT, I FOUND MYSELF WONDERING HOW HE KEPT HIS FINGERNAILS AND CUTICLES SO IMMACULATE WHILE PAINTING!



I WONDERED, TOO, WHETHER KIRBY REALLY BELIEVED I HAD FLOWN 2000 MILES JUST TO HAVE COFFEE WITH HIM!

WANT TO PICK UP A FAST FIFTY BUCKS, MAC? THEN TAKE ME OUT, AND KEEP THAT BOAT IN SIGHT.



YOU SEE TH' QUEEN? WHERE'D SHE GO?

YEZZIR, YOUR HIGHNESS... SHE WENT THAT WAY!



SHE SAID SHE'D BE RIGHT BACK, THOUGH... SHE WENT TSET SUMPIN FOR YOUR DINNER.

YEH?



YAT'S RIGHT, SIR... SUMPIN EXTRA SUPER-DOOPLE-OOPER, SHE SAID!... BOY, ARE YOU LUCKY!



SUMPIN SCOOPER-DOOPLE-OOPER, B? HMMPP! IT BETTER BE!



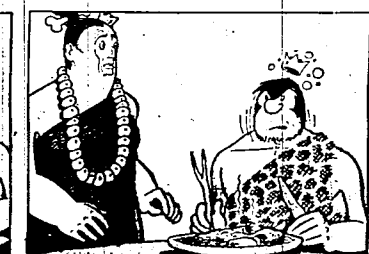
HERE YARE, DEAR... YOUR VERY MOST FAVORITE DINNER.

YEH?



ONLY THIS TIME I TRIED A NEW SALUCE WITH IT!

UMMM?

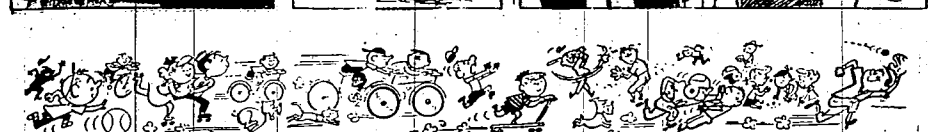


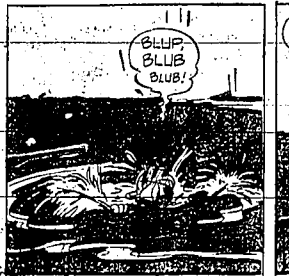
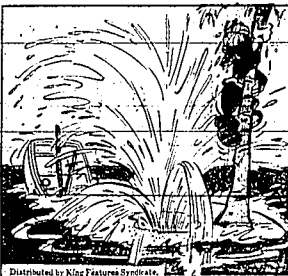
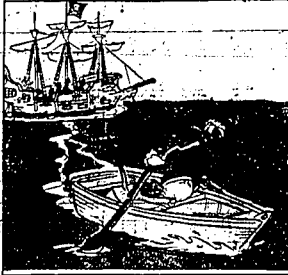
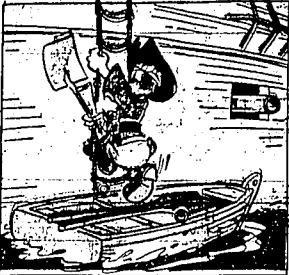
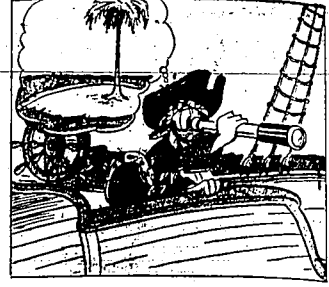
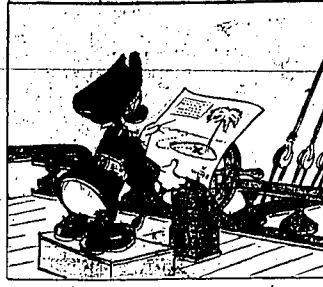
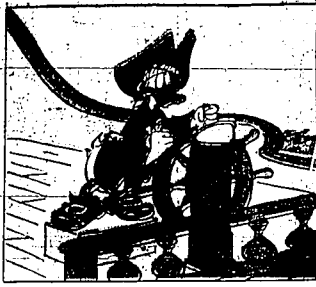
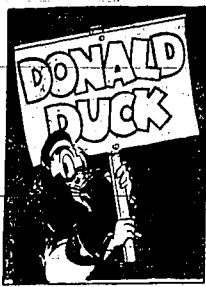
GOONNESS! MUST BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE SUCH A MASTERFUL HUSBAND!

OH, MY, SIGH!

HE REALLY WALLOPED YOU, EH?

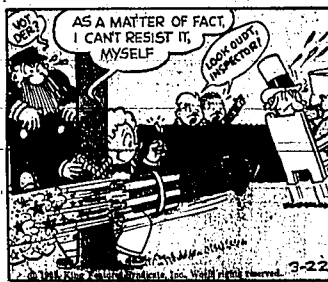
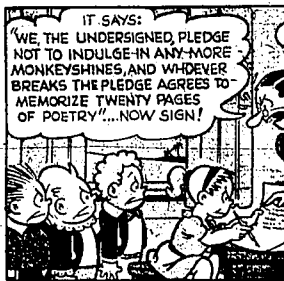
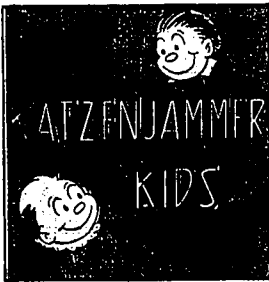
NAW! TH' BIG LUG SPENT TH' DAY SHOWIN' ME HOW TO COOK!





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