

Little Orphan Annie

EIGHT DAYS OF STEADY MOOFIN' AND, BELIEVE ME, I'M GETTIN' ABOUT ENOUGH- WE MUST HAVE COME A LONG WAYS- IT OUGHT TO BE SAFE TO SLOW DOWN NOW-

LOOK, SANDY- A NICE LITTLE CREEK- DOESN'T THAT WATER LOOK CLEAR AND COOL? I FEEL HOT AND DUSTY ALL OVER-

WE'LL GET AWAY FROM TH' ROAD, SO IF ANYBODY DOES COME ALONG, THEY WON'T SEE US-

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THAT BUNDLE, SANDY- AND WARN ME, IF ANYONE COMES-

GEE - IT'S DISGRACEFUL TO LET YER CLOTHES GET AS DIRTY AS THAT, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT-

WHEE! I COULD STAY IN HERE THE REST OF THE DAY - BUT, AS SOON AS TH' SUN DRIES MY CLOTHES, I'LL COME OUT-

O.K. NOW, SANDY- I'LL WATCH THINGS WHILE YOU HAVE YOUR SWIM-

HAMBURGERS AN' MILK AN' PIE - NOT SUCH A SWELL DINNER FOR SOME FOLKS, BUT, AFTER WALKIN' STEADY SINCE DAYLIGHT, IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TO ME-

WELL, SANDY, WE MUST HAVE COME OVER A HUNDRED MILES, SINCE WE JUMPED OFF THAT TRAIN- IT OUGHT TO BE SAFE TO SLOW DOWN NOW AN' START LOOKIN' FOR A NEW HOME-

MIGHT AS WELL REST, 'FORE WE PUSH ON- JUST A FEW MINUTES- HO-HUM!

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Private Life of a Giant Redwood

TELL YOU THE STORY OF MY PRIVATE LIFE? DON'T BOTHER ME- I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO THINK OF-

WHY, YOU POOR, FUTILE HUMAN BEINGS ARE STILL LITTLE MORE THAN STRANGERS TO ME- YOU'VE KNOWN ME A HUNDRED YEARS-

A HUNDRED YEARS IS HARDLY A WEEK-END TO ME- WHY, I WAS OLD THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO-

AND I'LL BE STANDING HERE LONG AFTER YOU ARE GONE, YOU AND YOUR RACE, PERHAPS- WHADDYUH THINK OF THAT?

TOURISTS- PICNIC PARTIES- TIN CANS- BON FIRES- LIKE SO MANY ANTS, ONLY FAR NOISIER AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE-

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MY RELATIVES YOU DESTROYED- NOW WE FEW ARE PROTECTED- WE ARE A CURIOSITY TO YOU- TO US YOU ARE BUT A BRIEF UNPLEASANT, INTERLUDE THAT WILL PASS-

I'M WRONG? PERHAPS- BUT MY GUESS MAY BE AS GOOD AS YOURS- YOUR JUDGMENT IS BASED ON HEARSAY- MY GUESS IS BASED ON THE OBSERVATION OF A LIFE THAT GOES BACK TO THE DAWN OF RECORDED TIME-

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