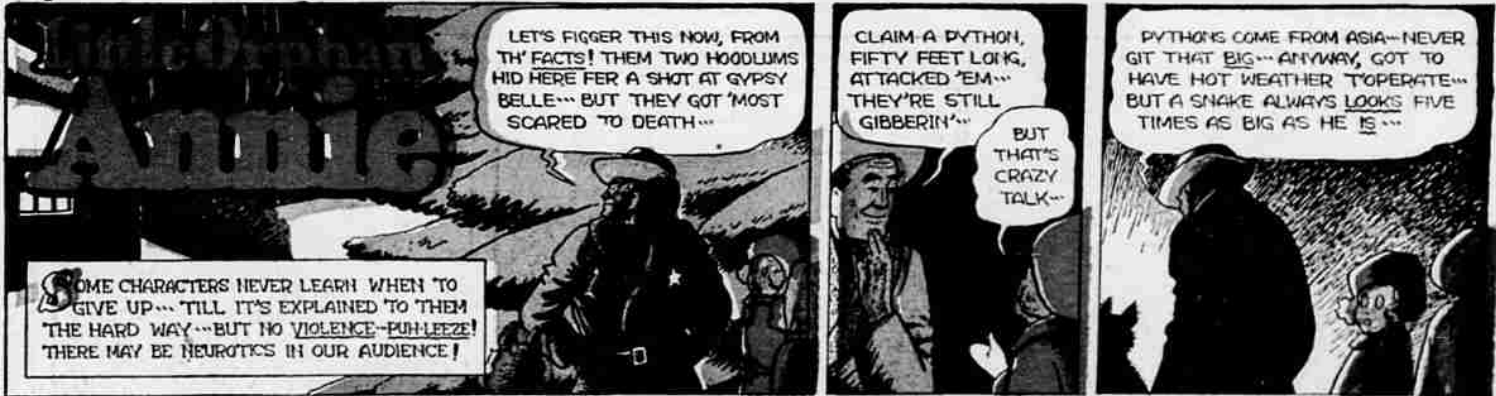


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**Panel 1:** A man in a hat and coat is talking to a group of people. A speech bubble says: "LET'S FIGGER THIS NOW, FROM TH' FACTS! THEM TWO HOODLUMS HID HERE FER A SHOT AT GYPSY BELLE... BUT THEY GOT 'MOST SCARED TO DEATH..."

**Panel 2:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "CLAIM A PYTHON, FIFTY FEET LONG, ATTACKED 'EM... THEY'RE STILL GIBBERIN'..." Another speech bubble says: "BUT THAT'S CRAZY TALK..."

**Panel 3:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "PYTHONS COME FROM ASIA--NEVER GIT THAT BIG--ANYWAY, GOT TO HAVE HOT WEATHER 'TOPERATE... BUT A SNAKE ALWAYS LOOKS FIVE TIMES AS BIG AS HE IS..."

**Text Box:** "SOME CHARACTERS NEVER LEARN WHEN TO GIVE UP... TILL IT'S EXPLAINED TO THEM THE HARD WAY... BUT NO VIOLENCE--PUH-LEEZE! THERE MAY BE NEUROTICS IN OUR AUDIENCE!"



**Panel 4:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "AND A FEW PYTHONS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FOR SHOWS AND SUCH... AND HERE, UNDER THESE PINE NEEDLES, A LOT O' HOT SOAPSTONES! RIGHT HERE, IT'S JUST AS NICE AN' HOT AS ASIA, I RECKON... VERY INTERESTIN'..." Another speech bubble says: "YEAH! YOU SAID IT, SHERIFF!"

**Panel 5:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "HM-M-M... NO CRIME COMMITTED, AS I SEE! ONE FELLER HAD A LITTLE HEART ATTACK... SHOCK! BOTH OF 'EM STILL MIGHTY JUMPY... BUT NOBODY REALLY HURT..." Another speech bubble says: "BUT AREN'T YOU GOIN' TO ASK GYPSY BELLE 'BOUT IT?"

**Panel 6:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "NOPE... WHY SHOULD I? HATE NOSEY COPS, MYSELF! NO EVIDENCE O' ANY CRIME... WANT I SHOULD HAUL YOU GIRLS HOME?" Another speech bubble says: "ER... HIO, THANKS... IT'S ONLY A LITTLE WAY, BY THE SHORT CUT..."



**Panel 7:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "WELL! MAYBE KURT KOLLY ISN'T CURIOUS... BUT I AM... C'MON--WE'RE CALLIN' ON OLD GYPSY BELLE AGAIN..." Another speech bubble says: "GEE, ANNIE! GUESS SHE'S ALL RIGHT, BUT SHE SURE MAKES ME UNEASY..."

**Panel 8:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "HEH-HEH-HEH! SO YE SEEN TH' LIGHT IN MY BACK WINDOW, EH? SAME AS SOME OTHERS... CURIOUS... GOOD TO BE THAT WAY! LEARN SOMETHIN' WHEN YOU'RE CURIOUS!" Another speech bubble says: "G-G-GEE... I--HA-HA! IT'S ALL SO SILLY--B-BUT THERE WAS TALK O' A PYTHON BEIN' AROUND... A BIG ONE!"

**Panel 9:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "HEH-HEH-HEH! WHY A PYTHON COULD FREEZE TO DEATH THIS KIND O' WEATHER..." Another speech bubble says: "ER... O' COURSE... LESS HE HAD PLENTY O' WARM SOAPSTONES TO SIT ON..."



**Panel 10:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "HM-M-M... HEH-HEH! A VERY WISE LITTLE GIRL-- BUT WHERE WOULD EVEN AN OLD WITCH KEEP A PET PYTHON IN THIS LITTLE SHACK, EH? HEH-HEH..." Another speech bubble says: "OH, SURE... YEAH... I GUESS IT WAS JUST A GAG..."

**Panel 11:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "WAH HOO-O-O!"

**Panel 12:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "BESIDES--LITTLE PETEY ISN'T OVER TEN FEET LONG!" Another speech bubble says: "EH? HA-HA! --WHAT'S THAT AGAIN? TEN FEET LONG!"

**Panel 13:** A man is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says: "WAH HOO-O-O!"

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