



LIL ABNER

by AL CAPP



THE MANAGERS OF "GORGEOUS MORRIS," THE WRESTLING CHAMP—AND "KIRK DAWGFACE," THE FIGHT CHAMP—HAVE PRACTICALLY DEFEATED YOUNG YOKUM ALREADY!!

CHUCKLE!!—NOT ONLY DID WE TRICK HIM INTO SIGNING TO MEET BOTH OUR BOYS IN THE SAME RING—AT THE SAME TIME—BUT, HE IS AT THIS MOMENT—AT THE MERCY OF THE KILLER!!

(—HMM!!—I'M GETTING A THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY TO SEE THAT HE'S AS LIMP AS A DISHRAG BY THE TIME THE FIGHT ROLLS AROUND!! IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!!

(—GOTTA TRAIN ON THIS, BECUZ (GULP!) NOBODY HOOMIN WILL RASSLE WIF ME!!—)

OH!!—WHAT A BUILT!!

THIS IS A ONUSUALLY STUBBORN OAK!! HAD T'USE NEARLY ALL MAH STREN'TH!!

NOW—FO' A LI'L PUNCHIN' TRAININ'

GULP!!—AH SHORE HAIN'T IN CONDISHUN—AS ANY FOOL KIN PLAINLY SEE!!

NO TWO WAYS 'BOUT IT!!—AH GOTTA TRAIN HARDER—MEANIN' AH GOTTA EAT TWICE AS MUCH AN' TWICE AS OFTEN—AN' SLEEP TWICE AS LONG AN' TWICE AS OFTEN!!

(—HE WALKED RIGHT BY ME!!—MEN NEVER DO THAT—THEY STOP AND GASP!!—THEY WHISTLE—THEY OFFER TO LEAVE HOME FOR ME!!—)

—EVIDENTLY BEAUTY DOESN'T INTRIGUE HIM!!—MAYBE TROUBLE WILL!!—AND, HERE COMES TROUBLE!!

YOU BEAST!! HELP!!

OUCH!!—AH DON'T NEED NO HELP MA'M—AH WAS JEST WALKIN' ALONG—MINDIN' MAH OWN BUSINESS!!

??—SWEETPANTS MCGOON!!—TH' FATHER OF 25 OR 30 CHILLUN—INSULTIN' A YOUNG LADY!!

IT WAS SO SWEET OF YOU TO MASSACRE THAT MASHER!! A GIRL LIKE ME OUGHT TO HAVE A BOY LIKE YOU AROUND ALL THE TIME TO PROTECT HER!!

ANYONE WHICH NEEDS ME KIN HAVE ME—THASS TH' CODE O' TH' HILLS!!

**HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!**

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