

ANNIE

"SOLITUDE IS VERY SAD,
TOO MUCH COMPANY TWICE AS BAD."
"I AM NEVER LESS ALONE
THAN WHEN ALONE." SCIPIO AFRICANUS.

WITH ALL TH' EXCITEMENT 'ROUND HERE LATELY, I'VE HARDLY NOTICED JUNIOR EKE SNEEZER, THAT IS -- OR LITTLE CINDY -- WONDER WHERE THEY ARE --

SNEEZER? OH, HE WENT OUT EARLY TO PLAY BASEBALL -- IT'LL BE LIKE THAT NOW ALL SUMMER --

HE'S A SWELL SHORTSTOP, THEY SAY -- BUT WHERE'S CINDY?

OH, CINDY'S OUT PLAYING SOMEWHERE, TOO -- GOES OFF EVERY DAY IN HER LITTLE WAGON -- WITH HER LITTLE FRIENDS, I SUPPOSE --

OH, SURE -- I'LL FIND HER, MRS. EKE --

MRS. EKE "SUPPOSES" SO CINDY'S OUT "IN HER LITTLE WAGON" -- YEAH -- WITH WHAT "LITTLE FRIENDS" --?

WELL, SPRING'S REALLY HERE, SANDY! KIDS PLAYIN' JACKS -- ROLLER SKATIN' -- RUNNIN' 'ROUND LIKE CRAZY -- HM-M -- DON'T SEE CINDY WITH 'EM --

SH-H -- THERE SHE IS -- DOWN TH' PATH BY TH' CREEK -- JUST LOOKIN' UP INTO TH' TREES -- SORTA DREAMIN', SEEMS AS HOW --

HI, CINDY -- SURE IS PRETTY IN TH' WOODS -- BUT WHAT Y'DOIN' DOWN HERE ALL ALONE?

ALONE? OH, I'M NOT ALONE, ANNIE -- I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE BIRDS -- HUNDREDS OF 'EM -- THEY'RE BUILDIN' NESTS -- SEE?

YEAH! LIKE FOLKS BUILDIN' HOUSES -- WOW! ARE THEY BUSY!

TO FLY! IT MUST BE WONDERFUL! AND THE RABBITS AND SQUIRRELS -- ALL THE ANIMALS --

LAST YEAR I FOUND A BABY SQUIRREL WITH A BROKEN LEG -- I DOCTORED IT -- SPLINTS -- THEY SAY IF YOU TOUCH LITTLE SQUIRRELS, THEY DIE -- MINE DIDN'T -- HE GOT ALL WELL --

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SEE! THAT'S MY SQUIRREL -- SEE HOW TAME HE IS? HE REMEMBERS ME -- HE'S SO HAPPY HE CAN RUN AGAIN --

I -- I'M HAPPY FOR HIM, TOO -- I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE HE'S ALL RIGHT -- SHALL WE GO BACK HOME NOW?

SURE -- WANT ME TO PULL YOU CINDY?

OH, NO, THANKS! THIS WAGON'S JUST LIKE A SWELL CAR -- A RACIN' CAR -- IF I JUST MAKE BELIEVE A LITTLE --

HAROLD GRAY

Maw Green

HA! IT'S DR. BONE, TH' IMMINENT BRAIN SPECIALIST --

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OH, THANK YE, DOCTOR! THIN YE'RE SURE OI HAVEN'T A INFERIORITY COMPLEX, AETHER ALL?

OH, I'LL GIVE HIM ME SYMPTOMS, AND GET A FREE DIAGNOSIS --

DEFINITELY NO COMPLEX, MRS. GREEN --

YOU'RE SIMPLY INFERIOR --

HAROLD GRAY

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