



LIL ABNER

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WE DONE QUIT TH' FEARLESS FOSDICK FAN CLUB FOSDICK IS A IDIOT!!

AM IS - GULP! - FAITHFUL TO FOSDICK!! - AH KEEPS A HOPEIN THAT S SOMEDAY HE WILL OUTSMART THAT CROOKED PARROT, SIDNEY - BUT OH - SOB! NOT TODAY!!

LOOK AT THE GUY WHO PREACHES HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY!! - LOST HIS JOB!! - LOST HIS GIRL!! - AND LOOK AT ME - A BIG SHOT!!

FEARLESS FOSDICK

HOLD IT, BOYS!! I SEE AN OLD PAL, "NOBLE-NOSE" NOONAN -

CHUCKLE!! - HE'S THE CLEANEST-LIVING PARROT IN THE CITY!! HE POSITIVELY REFUSES TO USE PROFANITY!! - AND SO - HA! HA!! - WHAT HAPPENS? HE'S REDUCED IN PRICE!!

BEAT IT!! - I CAN'T USE ANY MORE PARROTS. I CAN'T SELL THE ONE I'VE GOT!!

I CAN BUY AND SELL YOU, YOU JERK!! - HIRE'S A TEN-SPOT!! GET LOST!! - I WANT TO TALK TO MY PAL - ALONE!!

LITTLE SIDNEY!!

HI YA NOBLE NOSE!! HAVE A DOLLAR CIGAR!!

AH!! - YOU MUST HAVE MADE GOOD, SIDNEY - TO AFFORD SUCH LUXURIES!! SO YOU DID REMEMBER MY ADVICE TO BE HONEST, TO BE CLEAN, NEVER TO USE PROFANITY -

SURE I DID -

- AND SO FOR YEARS, I STARVED, YA JERK!! BUT - THEN I TURNED CROOKED - AND, LOOK AT ME NOW!!

I'M LIVING IN A SOLID-GOLD BIRD CAGE - I EAT IMPORTED BIRDSEED - I GOT A GANG OF HUMANS TO DO MY DIRTY WORK - A BEAUTIFUL GIRL FRIEND!!

OH, SIDNEY, WHAT EMBITTERED YOU?

FOSDICK, THAT'S WHAT!! - I GAVE THAT STUPID FLAT FOOT THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE AND THEN HE CUT ME DOWN TO 2 BIRDSEED A DAY, SO I DECIDED TO CUT HIM DOWN -

HE'S BROKE, NOW-FRIENDLESS - BUT I'M NOT THROUGH WITH HIM YET!! - I WON'T LET UP ON FOSDICK UNTIL HE'S - HA! HA!! - IN THE GUTTER!!

I WARN YOU, SIDNEY!! EVEN A WORM WILL TURN!! - EVEN A FOSDICK WILL TURN!!

BUT SIDNEY LAUGHS AT THE WARNING -