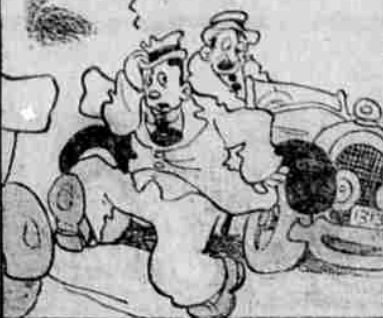


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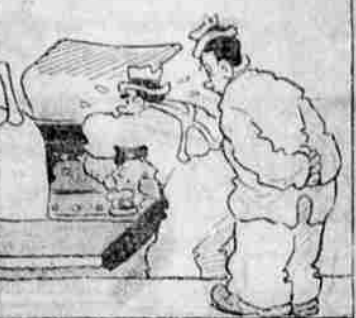
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AND I HAVE SO MUCH TO DO - I HAVE



I WISH I HAD STARTED EARLIER, I DO



THE NEBB'S

Rudy, The Colorful Matador

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HERE'S A PICTURE OF A BULL FIGHT IN THIS BOOK - DID YOU EVER SEE A BULL-FIGHT, DADDY?

DID I EVER SEE ONE? - I TOOK PART IN ONE - I GUESS I NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT...

...WHEN I WAS A BOY IN THE NAVY, WE LANDED AT BARCELONA SPAIN - I GOT SHORE LEAVE AND FOUND THE TOWN IN GREAT EXCITEMENT OVER A BULLFIGHT - THE GREAT MATADOR, BULLERO, WAS BILLED FOR THE OCCASION -

SO I WENT DOWN AND GOT MYSELF A RINGSIDE SEAT - AFTER A COUPLE OF PRELIMINARY BULL FIGHTS, ON CAME SENOR BULLERO, AND THEY LET OUT THE FIERCEST BULL I EVER SAW.

THE BULL CHARGED SENOR BULLERO AND HE GRACEFULLY SIDE-STEPPED HIM, ALLOWING THE BULL TO HIT THE SIDE OF THE ARENA - THE IMPACT CRUSHED THE BOARDS LIKE PAPER -

THIS BULL WAS SO FIERCE AND FAST THAT SENOR BULLERO COULDN'T GET SET TO STAB HIM - HE BROKE 3 SWORDS TRYING - FINALLY THE BULL PICKED HIM UP WITH HIS HORNS AND THREW HIM CLEAN OUT OF THE ARENA -

I GOT UP AND ANNOUNCED IN SPANISH (I COULD SPEAK SPANISH THEN) THAT IF THEY WOULD GIVE ME A MATADOR OUTFIT, I WOULD SUBDUCE THAT BULL - SO THEY DRESSED ME UP AND PUSHED ME IN THE ARENA, EXPECTING TO SEE A LOT OF FUN -

BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I HAD THE RESPECT AND APPLAUSE OF THE CROWD - WHEN THE BULL CHARGED ME, I SIDE-STEPPED - GRABBED HIM BY THE HORNS AND SWUNG ON TO HIS BACK -

I SHOWED THEM THE WAY WE HANDLED BULLS OUT WEST WHEN I WAS A COWBOY - I TWISTED HIS NECK AND THREW HIM COMPLETELY OVER -

THEN I GAVE THEM A SAMPLE OF ROUGH RIDING - I RODE THE BULL AROUND UNTIL HE WAS TIRED OUT -

THEN I SLIPPED OFF AND GRABBED A HOLD OF HIS TAIL, AND SWUNG HIM AROUND UNTIL HE WAS DIZZY -

HE WAS SO DIZZY HE COULDN'T STAND AND LEANED AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE ARENA - THEN I WALKED RIGHT UP TO HIM AND PETTED HIM -

THE HARM WAS ALL OUT OF HIM BY THIS TIME - THEN I LED, OR RATHER HALF CARRIED HIM TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA TO RECEIVE THE APPLAUSE OF THE AUDIENCE, AND THEY SEEMED TO APPRECIATE THE AMERICAN STYLE OF BULL-FIGHTING -

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE OLD COW THOUGHT YOU WERE HER CALF AND WANTED TO KISS YOU, AND YOU CLIMBED A TREE AND STAYED THERE UNTIL THE LITTLE FARMER GIRL CAME OUT AND DROVE HER IN AT MILKING TIME?

