

Glider Girl

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THE STORY: Lorraine Stuart has replaced Pat as passenger on the transcontinental glider flight. To do so, she has forged Captain Carr's name to an order commanding Pat to return to Elmira. Lorraine calls a surprised Jimmy Carr to tell him she has arrived in Chicago. She admits that she has forged his name, passing her transgression off lightly, as if it were of no importance. Shocked, worried about Pat Friday, young Jimmy Carr is in a dilemma. There is no argument he can summon, and he hesitates to remind his fiancée.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

CHAPTER XIV

PAT'S lovely mouth was round with astonishment. She gazed up into the pilot's eyes.

"Ed!" she almost gasped, incredulous.

"It sure is!" he reiterated. "It's forged as sure as Hitler's a viper. Now you take and compare these signatures, Miss Pat." He held the two Army orders down for her to see. "They both have James Carr's name on them, and they're both correct as to form. But this one you got from Miss Stuart, it ain't Jim Carr's handwriting."

"But, Ed! Forgery is—is awful!"

"It certainly is. It rates as a felony. When I was on the Atlanta police, we always figured that."

"But who could have done it, Ed? Who would have forged Jimmy's name this way?"

Neither spoke, then, for several seconds. They just stared at one another. Each already knew the answer, and each knew that the other knew.

"I don't like it," Ed Bryan said. "I don't like it at all! Miss Pat, you know me. I try to live and do right, and I try to be a good fellow, but—"

"Ed, this is awful!"

"Ma'am."

"This is awful, I say. It's worse than—than—it's not just being a good fellow or anything like that. Tell me, you say you got the order by telephone?"

"Yes, ma'am. That Stuart woman phoned me. Then she came barging up to me pretty soon after noon. She had the devil in her eye, too. But she put up an easy tale, and said hurry, hurry. She had the plane in her hand even then, but tell you the truth, I hardly got more'n a glance at it. I knew she and Captain Carr were engaged, you see."

"Yes, of course."

"She's got a way about her. You know that."

"Hasn't she, though! Ed, what are we—well, my stars, this could get you into an embarrassing mess, yourself! Taking a plane off to Chicago and back, without—but listen, Ed. You won't have to suffer. I'll stand up for you! I'll make Jimmy Carr see that you—"

Wind across the airport here at Elmira was whipping at them now. This was in the black hours of morning. Mechanics had come to take charge of the plane Bryan and Patsy had used, so they walked away, thinking. He would get a car to take her home.

"I don't like it," Ed murmured, as if to himself.

Pat's thoughts were in a broader vein. Her first reaction had been one of biting anger, and as she walked now with big Ed Bryan bracing her against the wind, she thought back over that Chicago episode.

"Pulling a gun trick... going overboard with melodrama... what a low, sneaking way to—"

Ed cut into her thoughts. "I don't like it," he repeated. "Be confounded if I like it at all!"

"Ed, Army regulations and routine are important. We have to be finicky about them, if we are loyal at all."

"That's what I mean. And forging an order like that!"

"But, Ed—friendship is—well, you must help me think this through. I don't want to go as overboard as she did."

"No, no, that's so. And yet—"

"It all backs up to a mistake, I imagine. Lorraine was supposed to take that soaring trip with him, but she wasn't there at 11 o'clock. She must have been detained."

"The trip got off all right," Ed said.

"But she wasn't on it. And she had to catch up. So she did something desperate. In a way I—I don't blame her."

"I don't like it. Forging an order on me. Taking advantage of me that way. It makes a sucker out of me, and it makes one of the captain. The colonel would be justified in selling us both down the river with chains on our necks."

"I see your point. But she's Jimmy's fiancée."

"Worse luck for him, if you ask me!"

"You mustn't feel like that. She—she's probably very nice, and—"

"Miss Pat, you ain't kidding nobody. You don't get by with that."

"Why, Ed! Whatever do you mean?"

BIG Ed sighed. "Nothing. Except you're too nice for your own good."

"I don't understand you."

"It ain't none of my business. That part. What is my business, is getting made a fool of. It makes me grind inside to be took by a forged order thataway. If she had come to me plainly and said she wanted help catching up with the captain, then I'd of—"

"You mustn't hold any ill will, Ed."

They had reached her home now, and she bade him good night, promising to meet him at noon at headquarters building, to talk further.

But she didn't go right to bed. For half an hour she sat thinking. And the sum of it was a decision characteristic of Pat.

"Only thing for me to do," she told herself, "is to remember that I love Jimmy Carr, and act whatever I can to protect him. That means—means that I must cover

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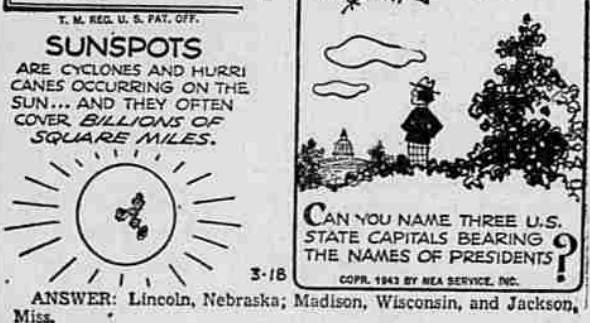
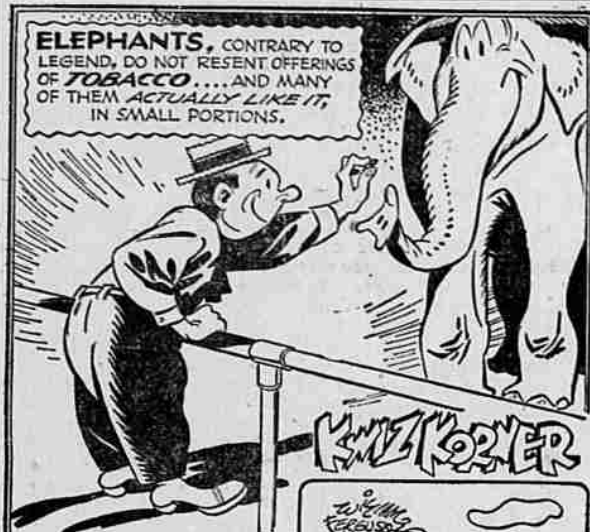
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1. Affectionate name of pictured former U. S. president

15. Come back

17. Captive

18. Symbol for aluminum

19. Discern

20. Good (Scott.)

21. Symbol for tellurium

22. Greek letter

24. Dutch (abbr.)

25. Hops' kiln

26. Negative

28. Rough lava

29. Spain (abbr.)

30. Mental faculties

32. Feign

35. Entreaty

36. Important metal

37. Mountain (South Africa)

38. Applicant for 63 He was the admission

40. Compass point

41. Ocean

43. Street (abbr.)

44. Mine shaft

45. Snare

46. Chinese

47. Bronze coin

49. Aroma

50. Hearing organ

52. Any

53. Bucket

55. Protuberance

57. International language

58. Remembrance

61. Genus of bluebirds

63. He was the admission

64. Sleeping vision

66. Notary public

67. Snaky fishes

23. Resident

25. Produce an effect

27. Siouan Indian

28. Annexes

29. Awakens

30. War Production Board (abbr.)

31. Island (Fr.)

33. Not (Latin)

34. Dinitro

36. Gaseous elements

41. Construct

42. Type of moth

44. Fish

45. Heavy blow (slang)

46. Indo-European language

48. Incursion

50. Operative

51. Wander

53. Dance step

54. Sheltered side

56. Kind of fish

59. Symbol for cerium

60. Debit note (abbr.)

62. French article

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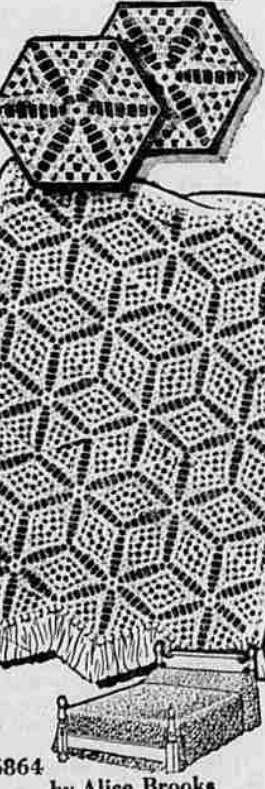
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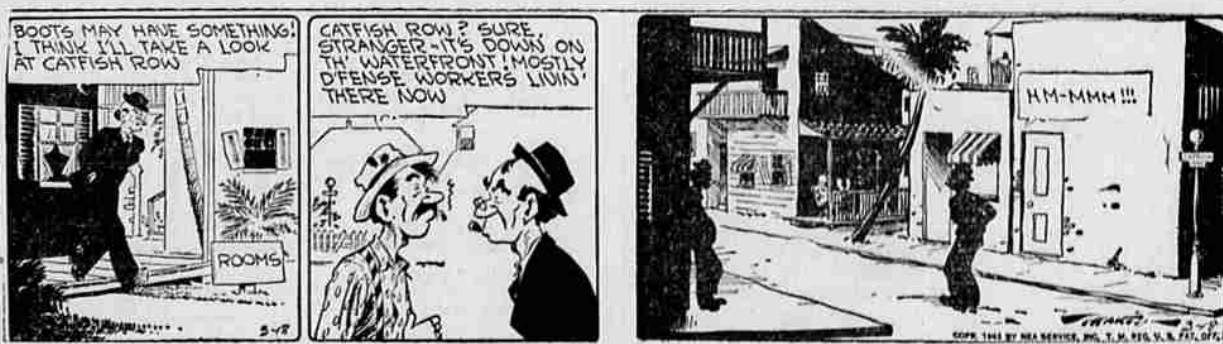
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