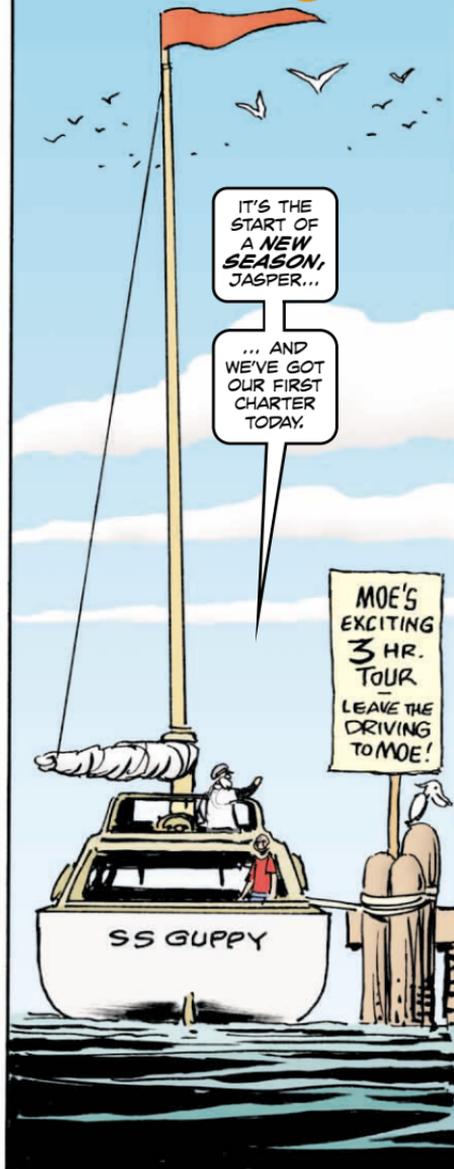


# The Voyage Without PM



IT'S THE START OF A NEW SEASON, JASPER...

... AND WE'VE GOT OUR FIRST CHARTER TODAY.

MOE'S EXCITING 3 HR. TOUR  
LEAVE THE DRIVING TO MOE!

SS GUPPY



THE GUPPY HAS BEEN SITTING FOR THREE MONTHS.

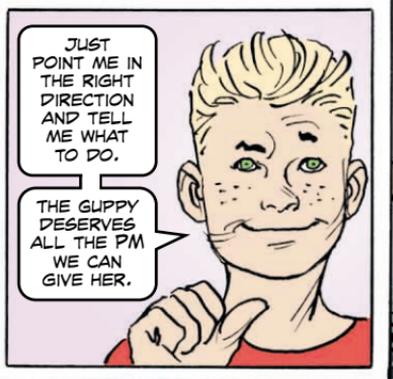
NOW WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE SHE'S SEA-WORTHY.

AYE AYE, CAP'N MOE!



TODAY'S FORECAST SAYS WE COULD RUN INTO SOME BUMPY WEATHER AND WE *DONT* WANT TO GET CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM WITH A SHIP THAT'S NOT SHIP-SHAPE.

AYE AYE, CAP'N MOE!



JUST POINT ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND TELL ME WHAT TO DO.

THE GUPPY DESERVES ALL THE PM WE CAN GIVE HER.

JOE KUBERT



THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR. I WANT YOU TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING HAS BEEN LUBRICATED LIKE IT SHOULD BE...



...THAT THE FILTERS ARE CLEAN, THE BILGE PUMP IS WORKING...



...AND THAT THE SAIL'S IN GOOD SHAPE.



HERE'S A LIST. START WITH LUBING. LAST TIME OUT THE WHEEL TURNED PRETTY HARD. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

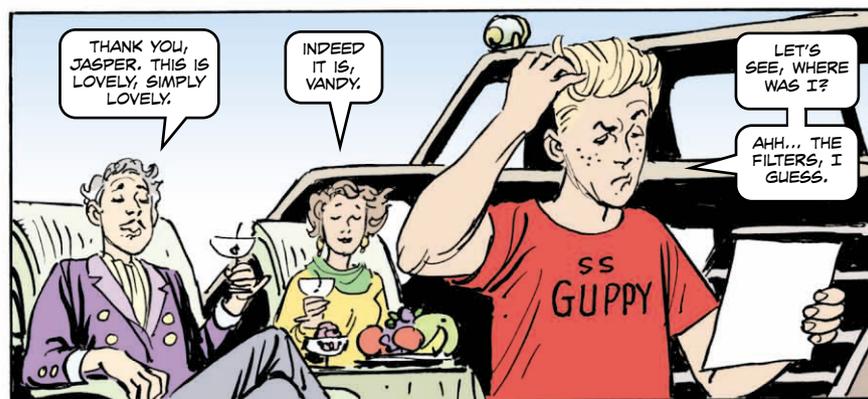
AYE, AYE, CAP'N. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

I SAY, MY GOOD MAN...



I'M VANDERBILT HUNT AND THIS IS MY ATTRACTIVE WIFE GETTY.

OUR CONCIERGE BOOKED US FOR THIS THREE-HOUR PLEASURE EXCURSION.



THANK YOU, JASPER. THIS IS LOVELY, SIMPLY LOVELY.

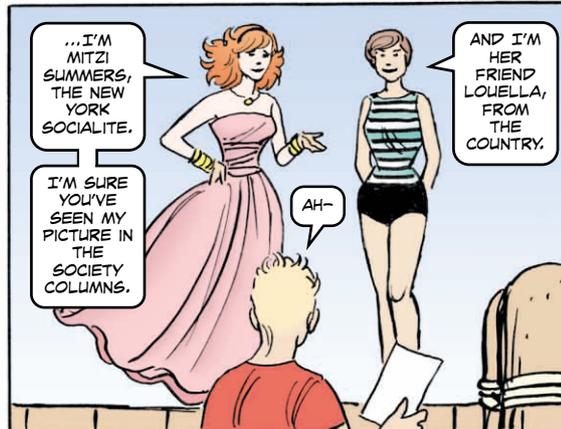
INDEED IT IS, VANDY.

LET'S SEE, WHERE WAS I?

AHH... THE FILTERS, I GUESS.



HELLO, THERE...

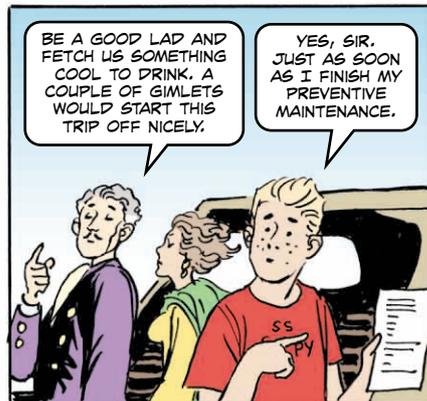


...I'M MITZI SUMMERS, THE NEW YORK SOCIALITE.

AND I'M HER FRIEND LOUELLA, FROM THE COUNTRY.

I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN MY PICTURE IN THE SOCIETY COLUMNS.

AH-



BE A GOOD LAD AND FETCH US SOMETHING COOL TO DRINK. A COUPLE OF GIMLETS WOULD START THIS TRIP OFF NICELY.

YES, SIR. JUST AS SOON AS I FINISH MY PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.



I DO NEED SOMETHING COOL, MR... JASPER, IS IT? I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND A FEW MINUTES FOR US.

OK, OK... TWO GIMLETS COMING UP.



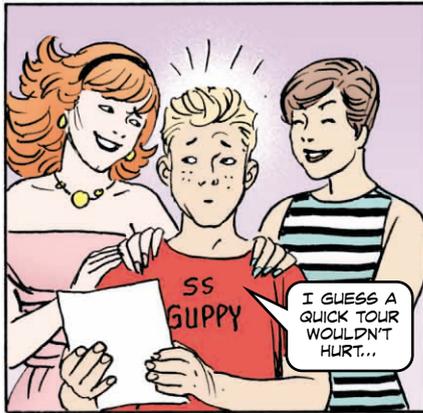
WE'D BE SO GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD GIVE US A QUICK TOUR OF YOUR SHIP!



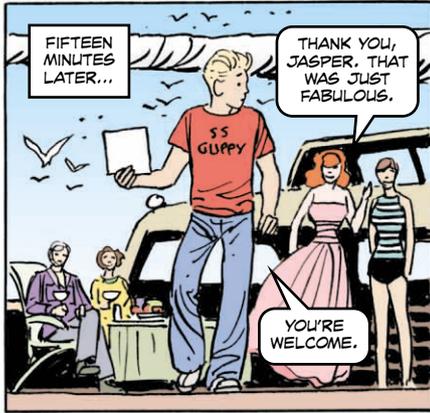
WELL... I... UHH... WAS JUST GOING TO CHECK THE FILTERS.



P-L-E-A-S-E



I GUESS A QUICK TOUR WOULD'NT HURT...



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

THANK YOU, JASPER. THAT WAS JUST FABULOUS.

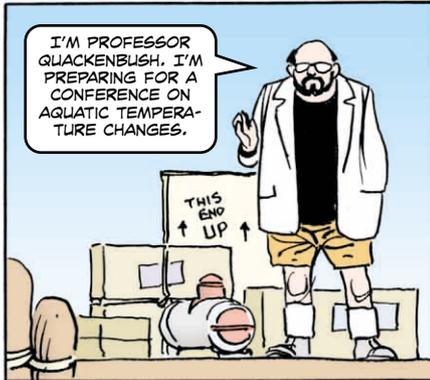
YOU'RE WELCOME.



I'VE GOT TO GET THIS CHECKLIST *DONE*. IT'S ALMOST TIME TO SAIL.

I CAN STILL GIVE THE SAIL AND BILGE PUMP A CHECK...

IS THIS THE SS GUPPY?



I'M PROFESSOR QUACKENBUSH. I'M PREPARING FOR A CONFERENCE ON AQUATIC TEMPERATURE CHANGES.

THIS END UP ↑



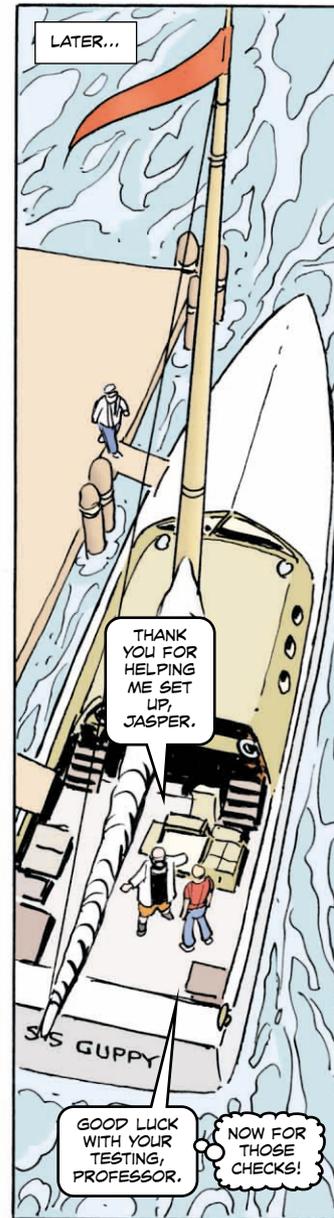
I BROUGHT ALONG INSTRUMENTS TO TAKE MEASUREMENTS DURING THE CRUISE AND I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME SET THEM UP.

WELL, GEE... I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF DOING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.



BUT THIS IS IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE! SURELY YOU DON'T WANT TO HINDER SCIENCE.

G-G-GOSH, NO. I GUESS PM CAN WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.



LATER...

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME SET UP, JASPER.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR TESTING, PROFESSOR.

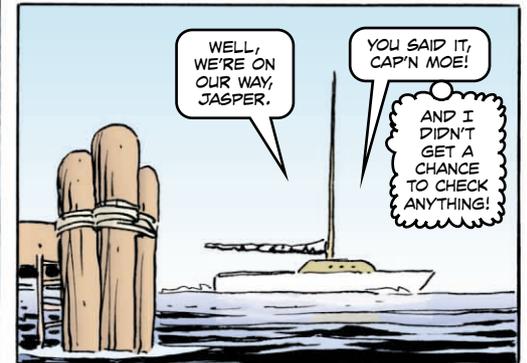
NOW FOR THOSE CHECKS!



DID EVERYTHING CHECK OUT, JASPER?

WELL... UH... YOU SEE...

GOOD! CAST OFF! WE'VE GOT A SCHEDULE TO KEEP!



WELL, WE'RE ON OUR WAY, JASPER.

YOU SAID IT, CAP'N MOE!

AND I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO CHECK ANYTHING!



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THOSE CLOUDS, JASPER.

JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, WE'D BETTER TURN BACK.



I CAN'T... SEEM TO TURN... THIS WHEEL.

YOU DID LUBE IT, DIDN'T YOU?!

UH, NOT QUITE... I-



NEVER MIND!  
I'LL JUST GIVE  
THE GUPPY MORE  
POWER!

**KRMNNN M**  
SPUT-  
SPUTTER-  
SPUT-  
SPUT

UH-OH,  
THAT  
DOESN'T  
SOUND  
GOOD.



WERE  
THE FUEL  
FILTERS OK  
WHEN YOU  
CHECKED  
'EM?

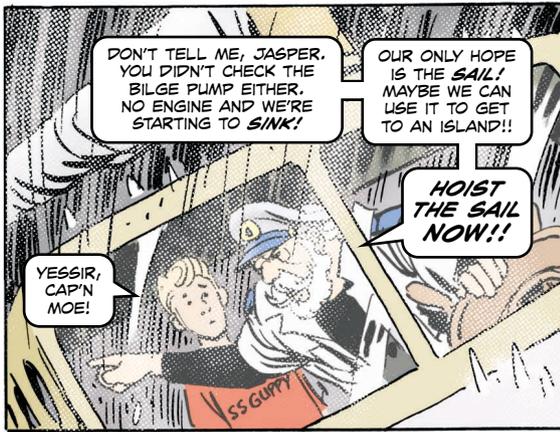
I DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY  
GET A  
CHANCE  
TO CHECK  
THEM!



THE HUNTS  
WANTED  
GIMLETS...  
AND—

AND YOU THOUGHT  
GIMLETS WERE  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN PREVENTIVE  
MAINTENANCE?

GREAT! NOW  
WE'RE TAKING ON  
WATER. LET'S  
HOPE THE BILGE  
PUMP WORKS.

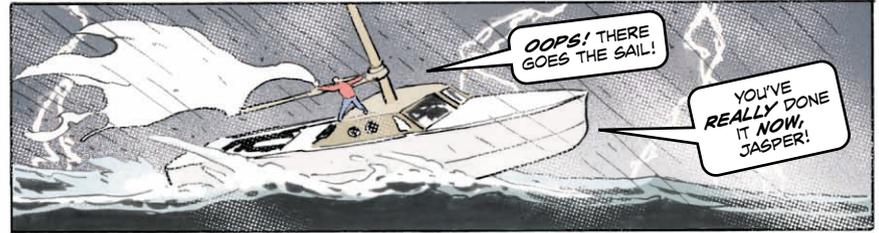


DON'T TELL ME, JASPER.  
YOU DIDN'T CHECK THE  
BILGE PUMP EITHER.  
NO ENGINE AND WE'RE  
STARTING TO SINK!

OUR ONLY HOPE  
IS THE SAIL!  
MAYBE WE CAN  
USE IT TO GET  
TO AN ISLAND!!

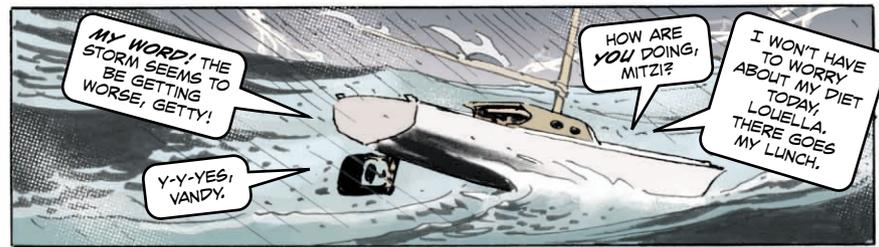
HOIST  
THE SAIL  
NOW!!

YESSIR,  
CAP'N  
MOE!



OOPS! THERE  
GOES THE SAIL!

YOU'VE  
REALLY DONE  
IT NOW,  
JASPER!



MY WORD! THE  
STORM SEEMS TO  
BE GETTING  
WORSE, GETTY!

HOW ARE  
YOU DOING,  
MITZI?

I WON'T HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT MY DIET  
TODAY,  
LOUELLA.  
THERE GOES  
MY LUNCH.

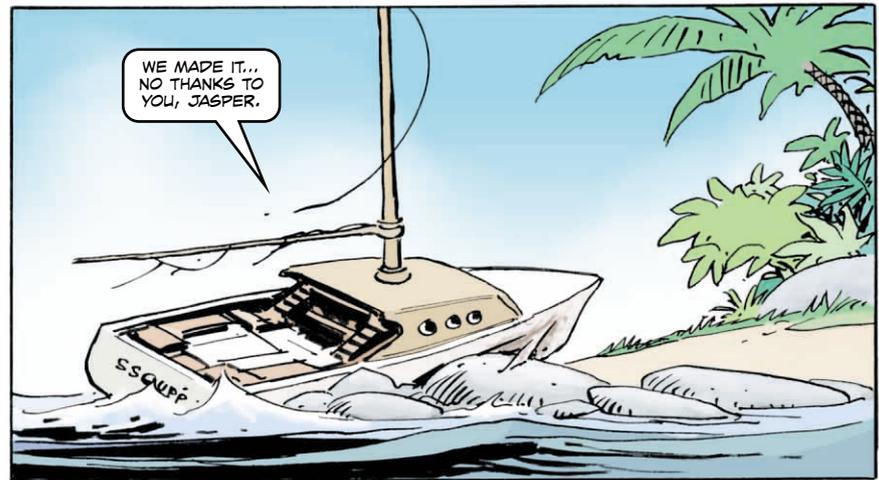
Y-Y-YES!  
VANDY.



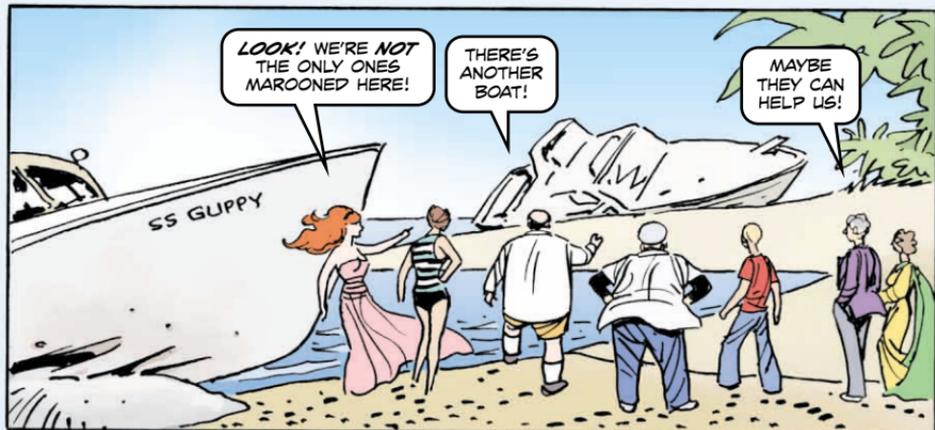
HOURS  
LATER...

MY INSTRUMENTS  
TELL ME THAT THE  
STORM IS ALMOST  
OVER, JASPER.

THAT DOESN'T  
MAKE ME FEEL  
MUCH BETTER,  
PROFESSOR.



WE MADE IT...  
NO THANKS TO  
YOU, JASPER.



WE ABANDONED  
PREVENTIVE  
MAINTENANCE AND  
NOW WE'RE  
MAROONED  
ON THIS  
ISLAND.

JASPER, I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHIP AND THE PASSENGERS.

IF WE HAD LEFT YOU ALONE TO DO YOUR MAINTENANCE, WE WOULDN'T BE MAROONED.

I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THE CAP'N I HADN'T DONE PM. NOW WE'RE STUCK ON THIS UNCHARTED ISLAND.

AS GOD IS MY WITNESS, IF I EVER GET OFF THIS ISLAND I'LL NEVER FORGET PM AGAIN.

