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God's Front Porch

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To Those Who Came in Late: This is the story of what happened to Pinky Harrison after he was killed in a foxhole. The scene is Heavenly Bend Junction, half-way point between the Earth and Big Valley. Travelers stay here until they stop looking back to Earth.

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God was not the only one out looking things over. Jehovah water . . ." Again he shook his and the others paced up and down head. and shook their heads. And they met in little groups and talked it fashioned one," Pinky suggested

"Certainly getting nervy bring- was burning inside him. ing their wars so close like this ' Even Buddba, who seldom said look in his eyes. "Like what?" anything, was moved to comment "Like raising the dead" on the state of things. "You know"—in that slow thoughtful

fended "Just like a lot of kids "That's what I'll do," he said then, trying their wings" you thought they just wanted to did last time "

come up and visit us'"

at first they only meant to get fun "Please, sir, send me." out of their airplanes'" Something hovering around wornedly. "Take explaining it as gently as he could him over to the office, put a splint "I just couldn't Pinky I'd like

"That's what I wanted to tell I'll..." you, sir . . there's been a steady Pinky understood now, interlast half hour. Complaints about our daughter back to Martha" thing. He's going to speak about just once." Matt looked into the faces of each City Father wor- Emily found an old carriage in the

bookkeeper. "Just the same I don't like the looks of it. And if you don't believe me, here he The old man met here."

"Eleven in the Square," the Father! Hurry!" soap-boxer called to them. "Hear what Sammy has to say, and Sammy Grass had gathered everything'll be okay." He sing- oute a crowd . . . and was opensonged it as the it were a slogan, ing his speech with lengthy and again and again. "Hear what detailed reminders of the nui-Sammy has to say, and every- sances and disturbances from thing'll be okay'" Then, as he earth which they had had to put came opposite the little band of up with in Heavenly Bend Junc-City Fathers, he grinned and tion, tapped his breast. "Better come over. I got the whole suswer light disturbed Emily. She led the old

afraid you don't have the cure-all moment. for that.

He left them, went home, rum-

He was thoughtfully turning its pages, as Pinky came in "Father, where's the baby?" The old man looked up. saw know me?

how haggard and pale the boy was, but there was, at least, a suddenly annoyed the old man. s . . you've changed your mind. "Stop. please!"

ber." "Of course you would But,

Pinky. I'd like to explain to you first. Timothy--

self for treating bim like that "Oh, now, don't say that, Pinky, Me understands."

"No. I'll never 20 out there.

will change You il establish con- watched God as he sat down betact again with the world down side Timothy, took him in his to be there, close to Martha and held him, trying to still his hear what she says and watch her tremors all the time I tried to look at her all the time I tried to look at her this morning, thru the telescope

. . . but so much smoke and everything . . . "Piaky, sit down a minute." edge of a chair. He didn't want

Awkwardly, Pinky sat on the to talk. He wanted to go out and find the baby.

something you said inst breuing All last night. during that awful noise and destruction, I kept thinking about And momenting Tim said ton. Shout the way people feel Ive eglected them. Pinky, I'm going to try what you suggested. I'm g to try a miracle." was thoughtful for a mo-

spoke again:

been going over this miracle book here . . . see, I always kept track, so I wouldn't repeat myself too often. People are funny, you know-they like variety.'

"All the miracles are in there?" "That's right, son. And this I hat's right, son. And this time I've got to pick the right one. Not just any little old miracle." Now again, he began turning the names. "Louves and School of the little old miracle." pages. "Loaves and fishes . . . that's no good Walking on

"Maybe just a plain good old-A sudden idea had occurred to him,

The old man noted the eager "That is old-fashioned"

"That's why it would be good! way of his- 'a long time ago. Don't you see! They know what when those first test pilots started that means! They'd remember zooming so close—that's when we from the last time." Pinky talked should have seen what was com- on, persuading him, and the more ing, put a stop to it right then " the old man thought about it, the 'How did we know?" God de- more he liked the idea.

finally, closing the notebook and Jehovah darted a lightly-accus- putting it away "I'll send someing look at his fellow-god. "And one back—as a prophet too, like I

"Sir . . ." Pinky stood before Well . . . I still believe that him now, tense and pleasing.

on the ground caught his eve. For once the old man hadn't "Will you look at that'" He been aware of what was on bicked it up tenderly; a small red- | Finky's mind | He'd | been | so breasted bird, with its wing brok- wrapped up with his own concepen "They must have knocked him tion of the idea that he hadn't around plenty Here, Matt." He given Pinky's hope a thought. It turned to the bookkeeper who was hurt him now to have to tell him,

on him . . and the next person to. But you're a full-grown man. that goes out to the Big Valley, he I'm afraid they wouldn't take can give him a lift Little fellow ll much stock in you, because you've get well out there in no time done bad things in your life-not Wait, Matt." The old man had very bad, but you were hitter and happened to glance down the discouraged at times. This should street where there was a group of be somebody as pure as the day people in front of the complaint he was born Besides-" he hesioffice. "What's the matter down tated a moment- "I sent a son last time. This time I think

stream in and out of there for the rupted quietly, "You're sending the noise last night, and nobody Pinky turned away, struggled being able to sleep Things are for control. But he knew the old worse than you realize. And the man was right, perfectly rightworst thing is, Sammy Grass is in and well, it was right for Martha, there, telling all of them to come too. And maybe, for the world.

over to the Square later. He says "Where is she?" he asked he's got the solution to every- quietly. "I'd like to hold her first,

"Out in the Square, I guess riedly. "I wish you'd all do some- attic. took her for a walk." Slowly the old man moved over to the "Why? He s got a right to talk," boy, put his arm around him. Allah said unconcernedly. Allah "Pinky, thanks for taking it like was always the most easygoing of this And there's one more thing e bunch.

I feel I ought to tell you. It'll

"All right." Matt shrugged mean sending Timothy to take her After all, what was he except a back. He knows the way . . . he

The old man got his hat, and comes now. I'll bet he'll even have they started for the door—just as the nerve to ask you people to Emily ran up the walk, calling in frightened voice.

But it was not this which had in my pocket. How about it? Can man and Pinky right past the "Sammy . . . " God faced him Square, where Mrs. Johnson and crowd to a far corner of the squarely, but not unkindly "I'm Rion were already huddled over afraid what we have here, he the large figure of a man lying gently touched his own breast. Limply on a bench. The baby carwhere the heart-ache was. "I m riage stood by, forgotten for a

"We'll see . . . better not miss and shook the figure. "Timothy, it!" Cockily, Sammy and his gang speak to me. Wake up!"

"Don't worry," God told the informed him excitedly. "Not "Just like dead." Mrs. Johnson: others, "I'm thinking up a plan really, but like he'd been frightened, or had a stroke or something!

maged in his desk in the library, tell him what had happened Ho God didn't need Mrs Johnson to located a small black notebook. knew instantly. Timothy hadn't made the Big Valley in time before the air battle last night. "Timothy, please . . . don't you

and he turned and called anguly

Sammy turned to glare at him "I'd like to at least look at a got my permit. Look I can He flashed a paper at him.

"I know, Sammy, that's all right . . but please, just a minute "I know I heard you last night deserted him to see what was go ing on up there by the bench

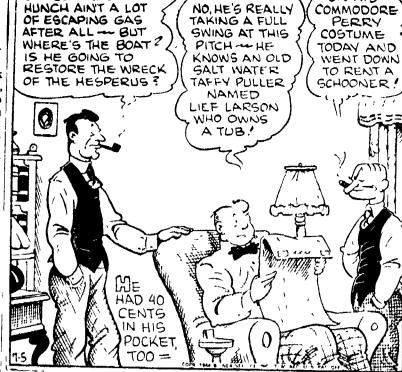
"And with difficulty he Such pathetic fright in them as Timothy's eyes finally opened went on-"I could that kill my be glanced quickly toward the sky. then up 'oward God 'It is over?' "Yes, it's over, Timothy"

"If I could just make it up to he was frembling, and kept match-"You'll have the chance. You'll sir—last war was penny firecracking the sky. "You said it right. be going out to the Big Valley one ers compared to this. The noise!" Pinky's eyes were on Timothy. Because -a longing came into man, struck down, for the first his eyes maybe some day things time in his life, by fear. He arms as the he were a child, firm's

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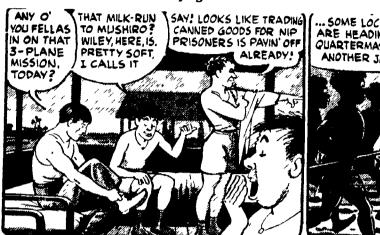


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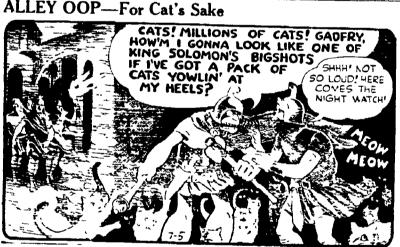
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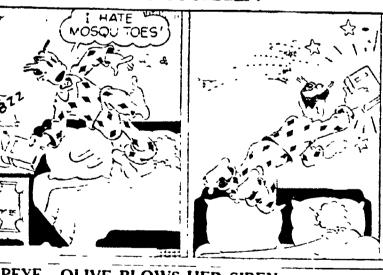








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