

COMICS

LIFE IN HELL

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HELL FOR BEGINNERS

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THIS CARTOON FOR NEOPHYTES AND A REMEDIAL COURSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION

WHAT IS "LIFE IN HELL"?
 "LIFE IN HELL" IS A CUTE LITTLE COMIC STRIP FULL OF FUN, MERRIMENT, LAUGHS, AND FRIVOLITY.
 NOT TO MENTION ANGST, ALIENATION, SELF-LOATHING, AND THE MEANINGLESSNESS OF OUR IMPENDING DOOM.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR THEMES OF THIS CARTOON?
 LOVE; SEX, WORK, DEATH, AND RABBITS.

WILL "LIFE IN HELL" OFFEND ME?
 WE'LL DO OUR BEST.
 WANNNA PLAY LEAP FROG?
 OK.

INTRODUCING...
 NAME'S BINKY.
 WOULD YOU MIND NOT STARING AT MY EARS?

HIS ESTRANGED GIRLFRIEND...
 SHEBA HERE.
 I'M PREMENSTRUAL AT THE MOMENT.

THOSE TWO LITTLE FUN GUYS...
 HE'S ARBAR.
 HE'S JEFF.
 WE'RE ARBAR AND JEFF.

BINKY'S ILLEGITIMATE SON...
 I'M BONGO.
 PLEASE QUIT STARING AT MY EAR, PLEASE.

WHO: STAR OF THIS CARTOON.
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: TWO GROTESQUE EARS, BULGY EYES, CONSTANT TWITCHING.
EMOTIONAL STATE: BITTER, DEPRESSED, NORMAL.

WHO: RABBIT ON-THE-GO.
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: BASICALLY, BINKY IN DRAG.
EMOTIONAL STATE: GENERALLY MIFFED, OCCASIONALLY STEAMED.

WHO: BROTHERS, OR LOVERS, OR BOTH.
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: FEZZES, BOTH EYES ON SAME SIDE OF HEAD.
EMOTIONAL STATE: INSCRUTABLE.

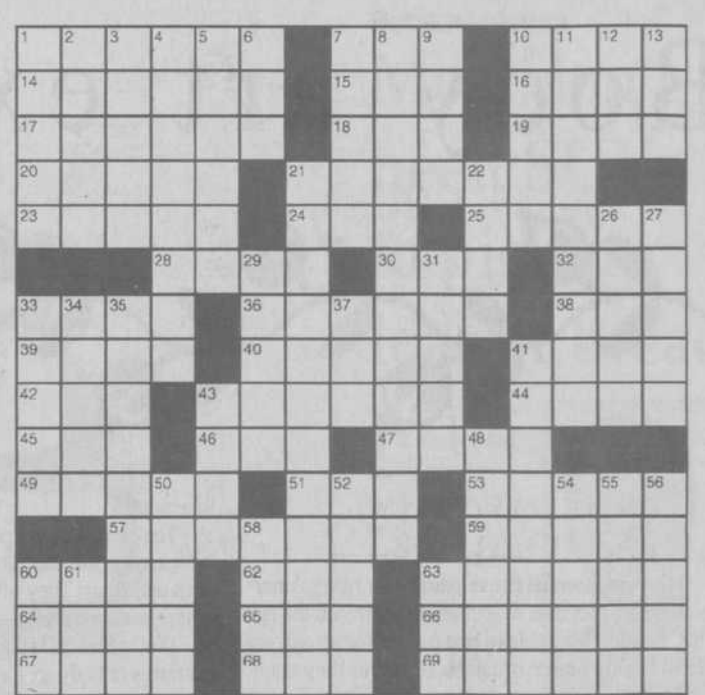
WHO: NO ONE REALLY CARES.
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: TAKE A GUESS.
EMOTIONAL STATE: SQUELCHED.

WILL THE CHARACTERS IN "LIFE IN HELL" EVER ACHIEVE HAPPINESS?
 WHAT A SILLY QUESTION! BINKY AND THE GANG WILL BE AS HAPPY AS YOU ARE.

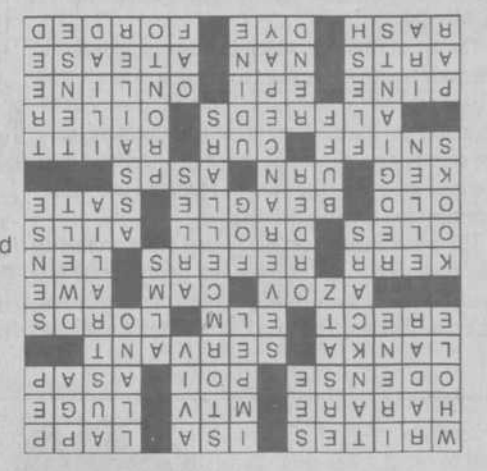
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- ACROSS
- Composes letters
 - O.T. book
 - Northern Scandinavian
 - Zimbabwe's capital
 - Channel for videos
 - Sport sled
 - Danish seaport
 - Hawaiian dish
 - British peers
 - Black Sea arm
 - Machinery part
 - Stupefied state
 - Deborah of film
 - Pertains
 - Actor Cariou
 - Bullring cheers
 - Whimsically comical
 - Feels poorly
 - Past prime
 - Small hound
 - Surfeit
 - Beer barrel
 - Coffee server
 - Small vipers
 - Get a whiff
 - Mongrel
 - John or Bonnie
 - Nobel and Noyes
 - Crude workman?
 - Evergreen
 - Center starter?
 - Web surfing
 - Humanistic disciplines
 - Bobbsey twin
 - Relaxing
 - Skin eruption
 - Use indigo
 - Crossed in the shallows
- DOWN
- Entire
 - "M*A*S*H" clerk
 - Goddess of peace
 - Train units
 - Bogus
 - Visualize
 - Urge to action
 - Bad-weather retreats
 - Tel. Jaffa, Israel
 - Grassy plain
 - Smallest continent
 - Org. of Duval and Singh
 - Vigor
 - Cash upon termination
 - Charity
 - Resided
 - Reason
 - Sequence
 - City in Provence
 - Eccentric characters
 - Burstyn or Barkin
 - Large stars
 - Piccadilly pea soup
 - Attacker
 - Polish
 - Quickly
 - Meat
 - City near Trieste
 - Homeric epic
 - Nerve-racking
 - Trapped in the branches
 - Distress painfully
 - Links standard
 - Gershwin or Levin
 - Big galoot



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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today, you're in the mood for love, maybe because of the close proximity of an attractive person. There seems to be a bit of resistance, however. How can you overcome it? Well, the flowers and candy could work again, but maybe this time you ought to try something different. Listen, listen, listen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Your friends are there for you, whenever you need them. That's a safe bet 'cause you make new friends when you need them, too. Today, you might be there for somebody else. A friend is up against a deadline that might not get met. You can help simply by taking some of the pressure off. Who knows? Miracles could happen.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) This is a good day to draw up your lesson plan. Even if you're not a teacher, it doesn't hurt to know what you're going to do next. A plan helps you get from here to there with grace and ease. Besides, you'll need to present a plan to somebody else to get approval. And another thing, today you'll LOVE writing. You might pop out a short story, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Speaking of being rich, you could come up with a brilliant plan soon. You might even figure out a way to bottle good feelings, or something that causes them. You're most likely more interested in love than business, but do write down an idea that comes to you. If you don't have a notepad with you, a dinner napkin will do fine.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, it might all come together. You'll be thinking about something completely irrelevant when the answer will come to you. The reason everybody's been so hard to manage lately is, well, they're jealous of your talent! And, for some of them, that might be true. They're the ones to watch out for, definitely.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your life should look a little brighter today. You and your mate most likely had a good conversation recently. Sometimes, it's hard for you to talk about what you've been thinking. If you didn't get it all out, try again tonight. Conditions are even more favorable for heart-to-heart conversations.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Finally, everything will make sense. Well, almost everything. Information you didn't have will fill in some of the blanks. A conversation with a friend who's been closer to the top would certainly help. You haven't heard the final story yet, though. Keep listening.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Your boss should be in a pretty good mood today. Want a raise? More benefits? Watch for the right time to bring up the topic. Your hunches should be pretty good today, so rely on them. That ought to work for you in romance, too. The person you're most attracted to now wants to do whatever you want. Just the way you like it!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take a moment to tell that special someone how much you care. Actually, this could be the mailman who never mixes your mail up with the neighbors'. Or it could be someone who always gives you a cheerful "Hi! Howyadoin'?" When you've been through a lot of conflict, like everybody has lately, it's nice to remember what's really important. Just say, "Thanks."

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) That person who's been giving you grief might say something really nice. This is why you should never make once-and-for-all decisions about people if you can possibly avoid it. That doesn't allow them any room to change. If you kind of forget how they've been, it helps them improve. Give that a try today.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You and your mate should spend some quiet time together soon. This weekend may be too hectic. An evening at home's the ticket. If you don't share a home, then a nice restaurant might do. Some things have to be worked out in a private setting. You've heard each other's arguments. Now, it's time for the compromises.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You still have time to work on your wish. It's more likely to come true today anyway. That just points out how you can't take setbacks too seriously. Everything might look dismal one day but turn out fine the next. You're in charge of faith, so you know that. Hope springs eternal, especially for you, now. Share it.

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