

Funny Pages

Deirdre Callahan - A CHILD SO INCREDIBLY UGLY THAT THOSE WHO VIEW HER KILL THEMSELVES OR HAVE THE CORNEAS OF THEIR EYES BURNED OUT.

THE STORY: EARLIER IN THE DAY AT THE CITY DUMP, TRUCK DRIVER GUIDO SANTANGELO SAW DEIRDRE'S HIDEOUS FACE! AT SUPPER JUST BEFORE GOING TO THE CORMIR BAR HE DESCRIBES THE FACE TO HIS WIFE. UNBERNOWNST TO HIM SHE STABS HERSELF TO RELIEVE HER AGONY. THE POLICE AWAIT HIM WHEN HE RETURNS HOME.



CAPT. DOYLE TRIES SUBTERFUGE - WE GOT A WITNESS WHO HEARD YOU AND YOUR WIFE FIGHTIN' OVER ANOTHER WOMAN, SANTANGELO!



CAPT. DOYLE TRIES ANOTHER TACK

DID I SAY 'ANOTHER WOMAN'? I MEANT 'MONEY' - THIS WITNESS HEARD YOU AND YOUR WIFE FIGHTIN' OVER MONEY!



SCAMMULY ALL TAKES OVER

RELIGION! YOU AND HER ARGUED OVER RELIGION! YOU'RE A CATHOLIC AND SHE WAS A JEHOVAH WITNESS! THAT'S IT, SANTANGELO, RIGHT?



POLITICS! YOU'RE A LIBERAL AND SHE WAS CONSERVATIVE - AIN'T THAT RIGHT, SANTANGELO? SHE CALLED YOU A COMMIE AND YOU PICKED UP THE BREAD KNIFE AND STABBED HER RIGHT IN THE BREAD BASKET!



CHESS! YOU HAD A FIGHT OVER A GAME OF CHESS!
 VACATION PLANS! YOU FOUGHT WITH HER OVER WHERE TO GO ON YOUR VACATION!
 MUSIC! THAT'S IT! SHE LIKED COUNTRY-WESTERN AND YOU HATE IT!
 FOOD? YOU ARGUED OVER WHAT TO EAT FOR SUPPER!



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CITY DUMP (UNAWARE OF THE DRAMA UNFOLDING AT GUIDO'S APARTMENT) BLIND BOB IS TELLING BIRNIE ABOUT SOME OF THE EXCITING FINDS HE HAS MADE AT THE DUMP IN HIS MANY YEARS OF SCAVENGING.



...IT WAS A HOT DAY IN 1954 - I WAS POKIN' AROUND WITH MY CANE WHEN I HITS SOMETHIN' SOFT - I REACHES DOWN AND PICKS IT UP. IT WAS A MAN'S ARM, CUT OFF AT THE ELBOW. I FEELS THE WRIST AND, 'FIDDLESTICKS!' NO WATCH! THEN I FEELS THE FINGERS AND, 'HOORAY!', A RING! WELL, I REMOVED THE RING AND THROWS THE ARM AWAY. THE NEXT DAY I SOLD THE RING FOR \$13.00! I REMEMBER ANOTHER TIME - AROUND EASTER, I THINK.....

TOO HIDEOUS FOR PUBLICATION

AND THE QUESTION REMAINS: HOW WAS GUIDO ABLE TO LOOK AT DEIRDRE AND SUFFER NO ILL EFFECTS? © 1982