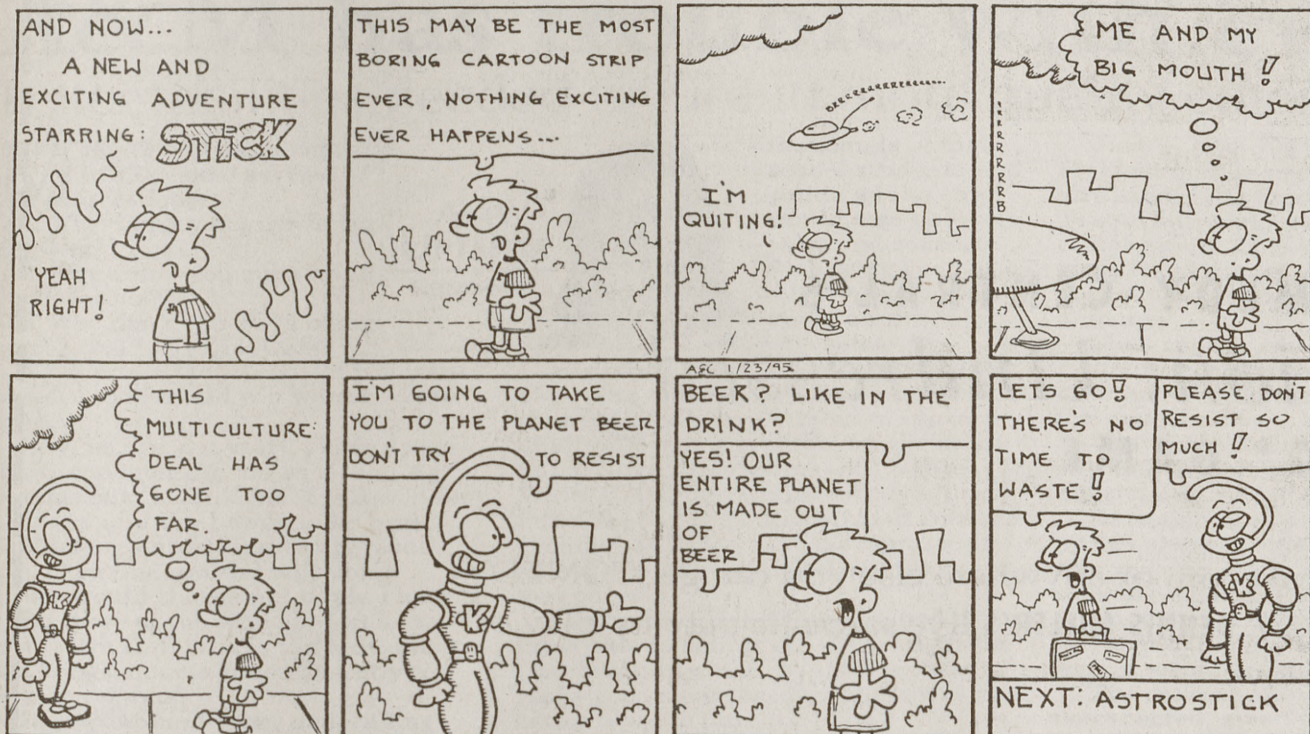


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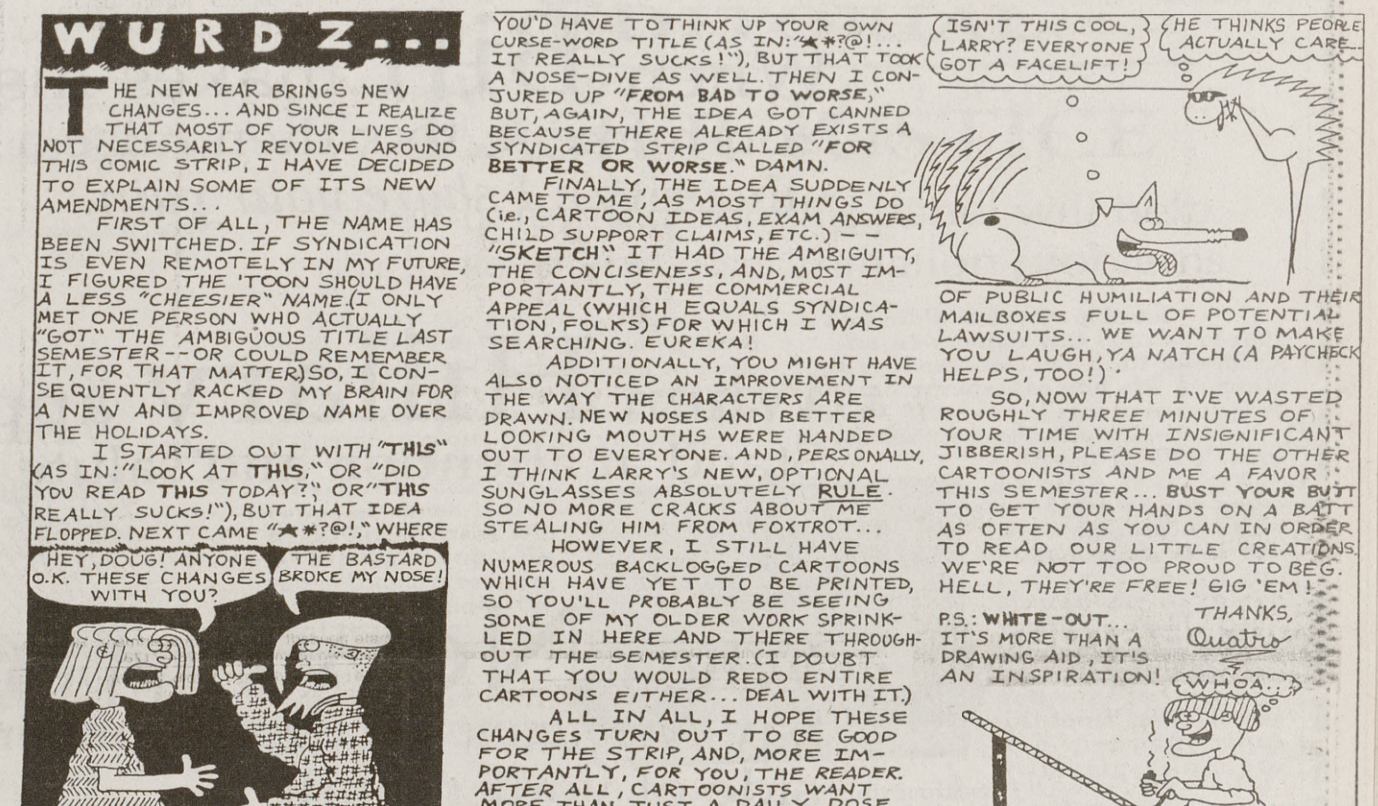
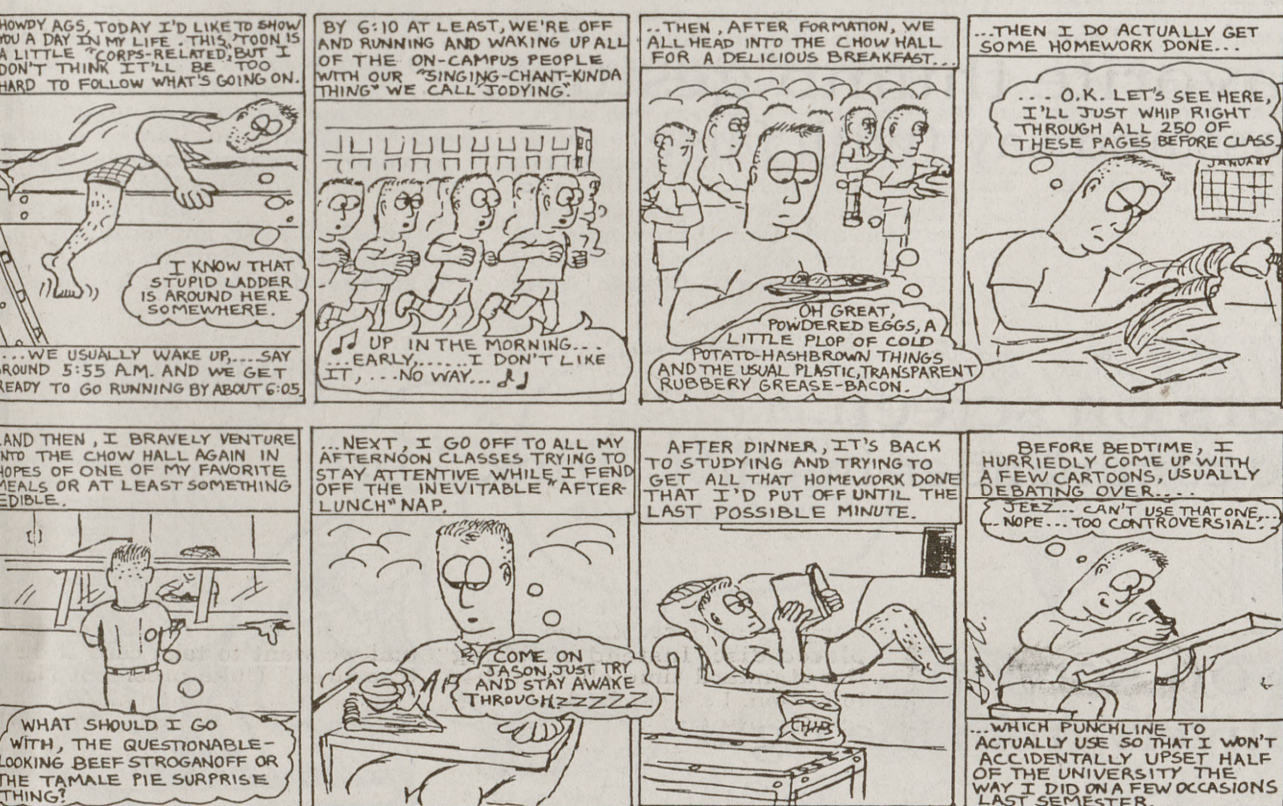
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Ribald royal revelations still continue in British tabloids

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LONDON (AP) — Last weekend, Prince Charles' valet made embarrassing headlines about the royal love life. Now it's Charles' and Diana's former housekeeper taking tidbits to the tabloids. Charles and Diana weren't the only royals starring in Sunday's newspapers: The Duchess of York described her love life with estranged husband Prince Andrew as a failure, according to a former colleague ousted from her job. Respect for royal privacy has crumbled since the formal separation of Charles and Diana in December 1992, as witnessed by a spate of tell-all books and a steady stream of news reports. On Jan. 15, the News of the World quoted Charles' valet, Ken Stronach, as saying the prince neutralized the personal security system in his bedroom at his country estate when his longtime friend Camilla Parker Bowles stayed overnight so she could sneak in. Stronach, who was suspended, admitted taking pictures of Charles' bedroom. But he denied "the majority" of the other allegations in the paper. This weekend, the News of the World said Wendy Berry, former housekeeper at the Highgrove estate where Charles and Diana lived, wants to turn her nine-year diary into "a scandal-filled book — on offer to the highest bidder." Berry lost her job when Charles cut back on staff after the marriage broke up. Without saying how it acquired them, the newspaper quoted what it said were excerpts from the diary about Diana's relationship with former army Capt. James Hewitt and Charles' with Mrs. Parker Bowles, who divorced her husband last week. Hewitt claimed in a book last year that he had a five-year affair with the princess. Berry, who worked at Highgrove from 1985 until 1993, was quoted as saying the princess' riding instructor would stay at the estate when Charles was away. Once, Diana's bed appeared "virtually untouched," while Hewitt's "looked like a battlefield," Berry was quoted as writing. Charles stopped talking about his desire to be king two years ago, Swiss ski instructor Bruno Sprecher was quoted in the Sunday Express as saying. "Now he never mentions it. He feels he will never take the throne." The Sunday Mirror quoted Theo Ellert, who co-founded the Children in Crisis charity with the Duchess of York, as saying the duchess would not rekindle her marriage to Prince Andrew. The couple separated in March 1992. "I think she felt she could never go to bed with him again, that their sex life had not been good from the beginning and couldn't be saved now," Mrs. Ellert was quoted as saying. Mrs. Ellert, who was ousted as chief executive of the charity, said the duchess told her that her American financial adviser, John Bryan, was a "very good" lover, the paper said.

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