

THE CENTER FOR CARTOON STUDIES



<p>IN 1936 A TRAIN RATTLES ALONG THROUGH THE NIGHT.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>FINALLY COMING TO A HALT IN WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.</p> <p>SSSSS</p> <p>2</p>	<p>A SHADY FIGURE HOPS OUT OF A BOXCAR.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>HE LOOKS AROUND...</p> <p>4</p>	<p>AND EXCLAIMS:</p> <p>THIS LOOKS LIKE A SWEET SPOT FOR A CARTOONING SCHOOL!</p> <p>5</p>	<p>YES, WE ALL KNOW THIS STORY. IT WAS, OF COURSE, "INKY" SOLOMON.</p> <p>6</p>
<p>CREATOR OF THE BELOVED COMIC STRIP "FREIGHTCAR FRITZY."</p> <p>7</p>	<p>PERHAPS YOU RECALL THE POPULAR SONG OF THE SAME NAME.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>OUR FOUNDER "INKY" SOLOMON</p>		<p>ANYHOW, THIS BEING THE '30'S, INKY WAS DOWN ON HIS LUCK.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>SO, A LITTLE FUNDRAISING WAS IN ORDER.</p> <p>CLANG CLANG</p> <p>10</p>
<p>AS EVERYONE LOVES COMICS -- HE WAS LOADED IN NO TIME.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>AND SO THE DOORS PROUDLY OPENED AT "THE CENTER FOR CARTOON STUDIES AND RELATED EPHEMERA."</p> <p>CARTOON</p> <p>12</p>			<p>THE YOUNG FOLKS CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR...</p> <p>13</p>	<p>ONCE THEY'D HEARD THAT INKY HAD SETTLED DOWN.</p> <p>14</p>
<p>FOR 20 YEARS THE PLACE WAS A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY.</p> <p>15</p>	<p>TURNING OUT SCORES OF FAMOUS ALUMNI.</p> <p>16</p>			<p>LIKE "ACK" OLSEN, CREATOR OF CAPT. MELANCHOLIA.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>OR WAYNE PURDIE OF "HIPPY HUDSON" FAME.</p> <p>18</p>
<p>STILL, NOTHING LASTS FOREVER. IN 1958 THE SCHOOL CLOSED.</p> <p>19</p>	<p>AND INKY VANISHED! WHY? DETAILS ARE SCARCE.</p> <p>??</p> <p>20</p>			<p>BUT HERE'S WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS.</p> <p>21</p>	<p>A YOUNG CARTOONIST HIKING THE HILLS OF VERMONT.</p> <p>22</p>
<p>HE STUMBLES ON A HIDDEN CAVE ENTRANCE.</p> <p>23</p>	<p>LEADING TO A SUB-TERRAINIAN WORLD.</p> <p>24</p>			<p>AND AN ANCIENT OLD MAN.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>"INKY SOLOMON!"</p> <p>26</p>