

# POPEYE

## Preface

One of the problems with comic features that have run for half a century is keeping it from looking 50 years old.

After perusing the materials that King Features sent to me, it became very obvious to me that Popeye The Sailor has not kept up with the times.

I'm proposing to take Messrs. Segar and Sagendorf's work into the 20th Century and beyond. What an exciting undertaking! I feel proud and challenged to be a small part of Popeye's crew.

## The Story

Popeye, the tug boat captain is 50, is financially comfortable and lives on his island. Unfortunately, he is also bored at the same time. His financial security comes from his royalties earned for endorsements of a major Spinach Company. Additionally, he receives residuals from his old cartoon gigs. He watches the Simpsons, reruns of the Flintstones - and even his old competitor, Mickey Mouse. He still enjoys seeing reruns of his old show.

Unfortunately, boredom has led to consuming too much spinach brew and he is feeling restless.

Olive Oil, born in NYC, is his still faithful wife. She tends their spinach garden and has acquired one of the world's largest seashell collections. The seashells are important to her - almost as important as Popeye. She spends her time roaming the beaches in search of new shells.

Swee Pea, their adopted son is in his early 30's. His name is now ( ), Ge gas a M.S. in Marine Biology, which was his father's secret ambition. He was a Navy pilot, but with the military scaledown, has been retired early. He's having a problem in today's job market, so has decided to continue his studies. He's studying ( ) Astrophysics? to be in tunewith the future.

Bluto, Popeye's old foe, has a big oil business in the U.S. His oil company, Brutus Oil has recently has a huge oil spill. Bluto, the oil tycoon is a ruthless, greedy man. He enjoys his collection of Jags and Rolls Royce's, Las Vegas gambling sprees, and his still obsessed with stealing Olive from Popeye - even after all of these years.

Wimpy the Mooch still hangs around the old island, does garden work and goes with Popyeye on fishing trips.

The Sea Hag runs and owns a Japanese/Norwegian fishing fleet that kills whales, porpoises. He overfishes the waters of the planet.

The Special Day

Popeye goes fishing, and after 2 weeks of catching nothing but plastic bags, tires, styrofoam cups and other junk, finally catches a 3lb. grouper that has propeller scars from speed boats on his back, has a mouthful of hooks, and purple eyes from mercury poisoning. Popeye pulls out the hooks, dresses the fishes wounds and releases the fish back to the water. He then has a stiff shot of Spinach Schnopps, and heads home totally disgusted. While typing up the boat and bickering with Wimpy (whose hungry and unhappy because they have no fish to barbecue), Olive Oil shows up in a tiz. While combing the beaches for shells on the island, her feet were caught in a globs of tar from Bluto's oil spill. Also went she went surfing, she got tangled in drift netting, and stung by a discarded syringe that washed up on the beach.

At this point, Popeye can stand it no more. He goes back to the continental U.S. to search for a solution to what is happening to the world outside that is invading and poisoning his paradise. He returns to the old docks where he was atugboat captain in NY - the waters are wretched and stink - garbage floats all over the harbor. Everyone is concerned only with money - just making money. Disgusted, he goes to New Orleans where he was once a shrimp boat captain. He finds the place overrun by offshore drilling, canal corrosion, pollution and the shrimping industry is

is devastated. He goes to Los Angeles, where he was once a tuna boat captain - and finds that fishing is also lousy because the waters are overfished. But, tuna mean money - and that's all people care for. In Alaska he finds out about the Exxon Valdez. In Nova Scotia he finds no cod, no pike on the Mississippi, just barge traffic and pollution. He sees Jacques Cousteau on TV begging humanity to stop the insanity.

He reads about Diane Fosse begging humanity to stop the insanity in Africa. He watches Carl Sagan, Peter Moyers, the Greenspace people - all the conservationist gurus repeat the same theme....and realizes how grave is the destiny of his little paradise. The future of the whole planet is at stake. Popeye then remembers the story of Noah, and think that he was just a sailor, puts it together and springs into action! He goes home, sells the island, and his rights to the comic book and TV shows. With the money he launches the operation of "Popeye Ark 2000".

#### Ark 2000

Through his former, special connections and sailor buddies from the Navy, and with the help of VP Gore, Popeye acquires Howard Hugh's Glomar Explorer - the biggest ship on earth. With the help of Professor Holkus Polkus, he also acquires a NASA booster rocket, and starts his genial project -- building the space Ark. It is as old as it is simple - do what Noah did a thousand years

because of the flood waters. Today he'll do it because of a flood of ignorant people.

Once the Glomar Explorer is fitted with all accommodations and mini environments for all creatures on the planet, Popeye casts off to all continents and seas of our planet to get a pair of every creature on board. In this endeavor, his son, Professor Holkus Polkus, Olive and a crew of good-hearted, idealistic college folks join him.

In America he gets two buffalos, 2 bald eagles, 2 chipmunks, 2 manetees, and the last 2 condors in existence. He manages to get pairs of all creatures of the air, land and sea.

In South America he gets 2 jaguars, 2 parrots, and 2 of each creature native to the area.

In Africa .....

Asia....

Australia, Antartica, Europe.....

Back at Cape Canaveral, with the help of Prof. Holkus Polkus, Popeye gets the best NASA engineers and techs to outfit the Glomar

Explorer with a protective, clear plastic bubble over each deck. Also, he mounts 8 shuttle rocket boosters on each side of the giant ship, and sets it upright - bow skyward, ready for launch. Olive Oil has acquired all necessary provisions for the long journey ahead.

Popeye's plan is heavily ridiculed. Religious leaders believe the coming messiah is the answer, business leaders think investments, production and pollution is the answer. Professors believe that degrees and education will change the future. They all ridicule his plan to escape with the pairs of animals. Popeye replies to their cynicism in an extraordinary 2 hour telecast underwritten by Texas billionaire, Ross Perot. He announces his bold, but simple plan....to set off with the pairs of creatures into spaceto find a safe and comfortable place to assure the continuation of their survival, to save them from extinction. He gives a detailed tour of the ark, and Olive Oil launches the ship with a bottle of champagne.

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Lift Off!

Popeye heads for Saturn - the biggest planet in the solar system, and enters its orbit to use as a sling out of the solar system.

Past Pluto, and out where the sun is a grain of salt behind the

Ark, Popeye's spaceship enters a terrible river of space storms never known to man or science before. It is a spatial golfstream of whitewater rivers that flow between solar systems and galaxies.

Prof.H-K has told Popeye about these storms before over Spinach Schnopps before, but no one took him seriously. At this point, Popeye's Ark is travelling at great cosmic distances, and travels in one week to places that comets and pulsars travel in 100 billion light years.

Solar systems flash by like small villages on the shores of tumultuous rivers. Popeye and his crew stir close to the shores and look for a friendly planet, a place the same size and composition and distance from the Sun as the Planet Earth. Soon enough there it is! The 99th system in the cosmic river shows the promised land. Popeye, looking through his cosmic binoculars exclaims "Blow me down". It's blue with water as continents and cloudss, and green and it's living. They steer the great ark and enter the planet's solar system.

On this planet they land the ship in one of its 10 seas and are surrounded by strange boats. Everything stinks terribly - water, the air. Popeye and the crew are taken to meet the leader, a big fellow with 3 eyes, a huge mouth and no nose. Popeye notices no one has noses, or a sense of smell! The planet is Odorsphera.

Popeye tells him his quandary and of his intentions - to find a planet to populate with the animals to save them and let them flourish. The leader is moved but after seeing the crew and the animals, tells Popeye that people/animals with noses suffer and die from unknown causes, so they kill them before they go insane. So, in order for them to stay on the planet, they'd have to have their noses cut off! Popeye decides to go on with his journey, and is given a pair of 3-eyed tarantillas to take along. He refuels, resupplies, and launches off out of their system down the great cosmic river.

He finds another planet - lands. The king is a spotted fellow on the front, striped on his back. All people are either spotted or striped - obviously Popeye and his crew are neither.

Prejudice against others on this planet.

Next planet - red planet - everything red.



Alternative planet - unisex - gay - do not want pars of heterosexuals. Jeremy, explore this one.

Canibalia - animals extinct - higher mental beings use lower mental beings as servants and protein supply.

Another planet - high society of animals - eagles - that distrust people and won't allow them on the planet.

Other planets????? No water planet, 3 moon planet, female planet, planet with 2 suns - never nighttime.

Jeremy, go crazy with these.

Popeye has had it. He's been travelling too long - the ship needs repairs - animals are multiplying.

Somehow incorporate Bluto and Sea Hag in the ship's adventures.

Popeye could go on visiting planets - 100's of them, kings, solar system and probably never find a place like home. He decides to leave the cosmic river and return on a cosmic shortcut throug the Pavronian system of interstellar gaseous storms, and ride them back

to our solar system, and planet earth. He does and returns many years later. He lands the big Ark in the waters off Cape Canaveral, his port of call. By now - big mining extraterrestrial workships to to the moon and marsto mine for precious ore. The sky is polluted, the sea is oily, and cloudy. Everything smells like Odorsphera. He finds only people, but ~~no~~<sup>NO</sup> animals. Most

people are dead from the pollution and the resulting diseases. *or are  
are eating each other from lack of food*

Fortunately, there are a few wise people who allow Popeye's animals to replenish themselves and share the earth once more. He releases them into their natural habitats, and there is great joy!

*Son. of Pops. . .*