



Transcript for Strip

281 — Another Packer Moment

Panel 1: In the living room of the house, Theo and Lightfoot appear frantic. Lightfoot cries, “We didn’t come up with a strip for today!” Theo shouts, “Quick, grab something!” A box on the table in front of them is labeled EMERGENCY JOKES. Lightfoot quickly pulls open the lid.

Panel 2: Lightfoot has some papers in his forepaws, and he and Theo are reading from it. “Hey, Theo,” the fox asks, “how did you finally choose a book to read in the bathroom?” The white tiger replies, “Process of elimination.”

Panel 3: Fox and tiger look at each other, clearly not happy with the joke.

Panel 4: Lightfoot has turned away, furiously ripping up the pages. “Paging Peter Packer,” he calls out. “Mr. Packer, white courtesy phone.” Looking at us through the fourth wall, Theo shrugs, saying, “Sorry, folks... no strip today.”

To quote Adam West, in the 1966 *Batman* movie, "Some days, you just can't get rid of a bomb!" This is one way to do it.

For those who may not remember, author Peter Packer wrote (among other things) 25 of the 83 episodes of the original *Lost In Space* television series. One of these was the without-a-doubt worst episode of the series: “The Great Vegetable Rebellion.” Actor Jonathan Harris (“Dr. Smith”) often told the story of his utter shock upon reading the script and demanding that Packer explain himself. Packer was quoted as saying, “I didn’t have another g**damned idea in my head.” Since then, I and other fellow writers have called our own failures to come up with a good story as “Peter Packer moments.”

