



## Transcript for Strip

046 — 601

Panel 1: At the offices of Also Ran Temporaries, Caedmon (our badger, although we see him in human form, since the interviewer is looking at him) is getting his orientation to get a temporary work assignment. The interviewer asks, “Have you worked as a temp before?” Caedmon replies, “No, this is an entirely new experience for me. I suspect I’ll learn much.”

Panel 2: The interviewer tells him, “Well, to place you, we’ll need either your work background or the scores on tests that we gave you, so that we know what you’re capable of doing.”

Panel 3: We see Caedmon in his badger form as we hear his thoughts: *Dangerous wording on your part.* The interviewer, looking at her notes, says, “I think we gave you the whole battery of tests. Word processing, spreadsheet, database...”

Panel 4: The badger grins wickedly, thinking, *...and I broke your computer.* Startled, the interviewer cries, “Why do all the test scores say 601?”

(This joke refers back to the 1971 film *The Andromeda Strain*. As the scientists watch while the computer’s extrapolation of the growth of the organism causes the computer to break down, displaying “601” on the screen — too much information coming in too fast.)

