



Transcript for Strip

049 — Counting the Votes

Panel 1: Caedmon (human form) is reporting to his supervisor at his temporary office assignment with the Parasitic Health Group HMO. The supervisor says, “I’m extremely impressed by the speed with which you came up with all this. We thought that entering the data could take weeks.” Caedmon replies, “Just doing my best for you, sir.”

Panel 2: The supervisor continues, “I’m surprised, though. I had no idea that our clients had such an interesting range of opinions about our services.” Caedmon innocently observes, “That’s the beauty of market research; now you can address these problems directly.”

Panel 3: “Yes, exactly,” the supervisor agrees. “I’m sure that our marketing department can spin the data correctly.” Scowling, Caedmon says, “Yes, I’m sure that they can.”

Panel 4: The supervisor looks down at his notes, seeming confused. “I didn’t know that we’d included questions about supporting a national healthcare program...” As we see Caedmon in his badger form, he smiles, thinking, *As Stalin reminded us, “The votes don’t count; those who count the votes decide everything.”*

