



## Transcript for Strip

### 028 — Xmas with Dick Cheney 1

Panel 1: Passing by Theo's open bedroom door, Sheila (kangaroo) calls out, "Happy Christmas Eve, tiger!" Theo (white tiger), seated at his desk computer, replies, "Hey, Shee, guess where Santa Claus is right now."

Panel 2: Entering the room, Sheila asks, "You pullin' my mystic?" Theo smiles. "Not a bit," he says. "Every year, NORAD tracks Santa's movements from early Christmas Eve. You can follow him all over the world."

Panel 3: We see his computer screen as he points to the map and all the points of light on it. "See?" he says. "It starts off at the North Pole, then follows a course to find just about every major city across the planet... all arriving in the middle of the night at that location."

Panel 4: Now, we see Theo and Sheila together, as the tiger notes, "Look, he's over Iraq by this time." The 'roo chuckles, "I hope your Neo-Cons don't hear about that." Behind them, Caedmon (badger) passes by the doorway, looking at a tablet computer in his forepaws. He grumbles, "Too late."

("Mystic Megs" is Cockney rhyming slang for "legs." Sheila is Australian, but her parents are transplanted Cockneys from England. Mystic Meg was the stage name of Margaret Anne Lake [1942-2023], who was an English astrologer. She was known well enough to make it into the rhyming slang of the country.)

