



Transcript for Strip

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Panel 1: Theo (white tiger) and Cora (human) are still in Theo's room. The light through the window is getting dimmer; night is beginning to fall. Theo asks, "Cora, did you ever see the old TV show *Beauty and the Beast*? The original? Excitedly, Cora agrees, "The best. Ron Perlman as Vincent, prime-time's first furry."

Panel 2: Nodding slightly, the tiger says, "In the episode 'Orphans,' when Catherine loses her father, she and Vincent talk about where their relationship is going. It's mostly the same conversation we're having."

Panel 3: He continues, "Vincent said, 'We are something that has never been. We must go with care.' They knew that they had to proceed slowly."

Panel 4: With a gentle smirk, Cora points out, "The word 'proceed' implies some sort of forward motion." Theo, arms crossed, observes, "Yes, but you're talking fast-forward."

I'm still a fan of that romantic series (most of it, anyway). This episode came to mind as I was creating the strip back in 2010, and I made notes to remember it for when the strip would finally come to life. Vincent's speech is much longer, but I thought it best to keep it short for the strip. Another note: This episode, the 12th of the second season, has Vincent and Catherine's first kiss. At least Theo and Cora didn't have to wait that long.

