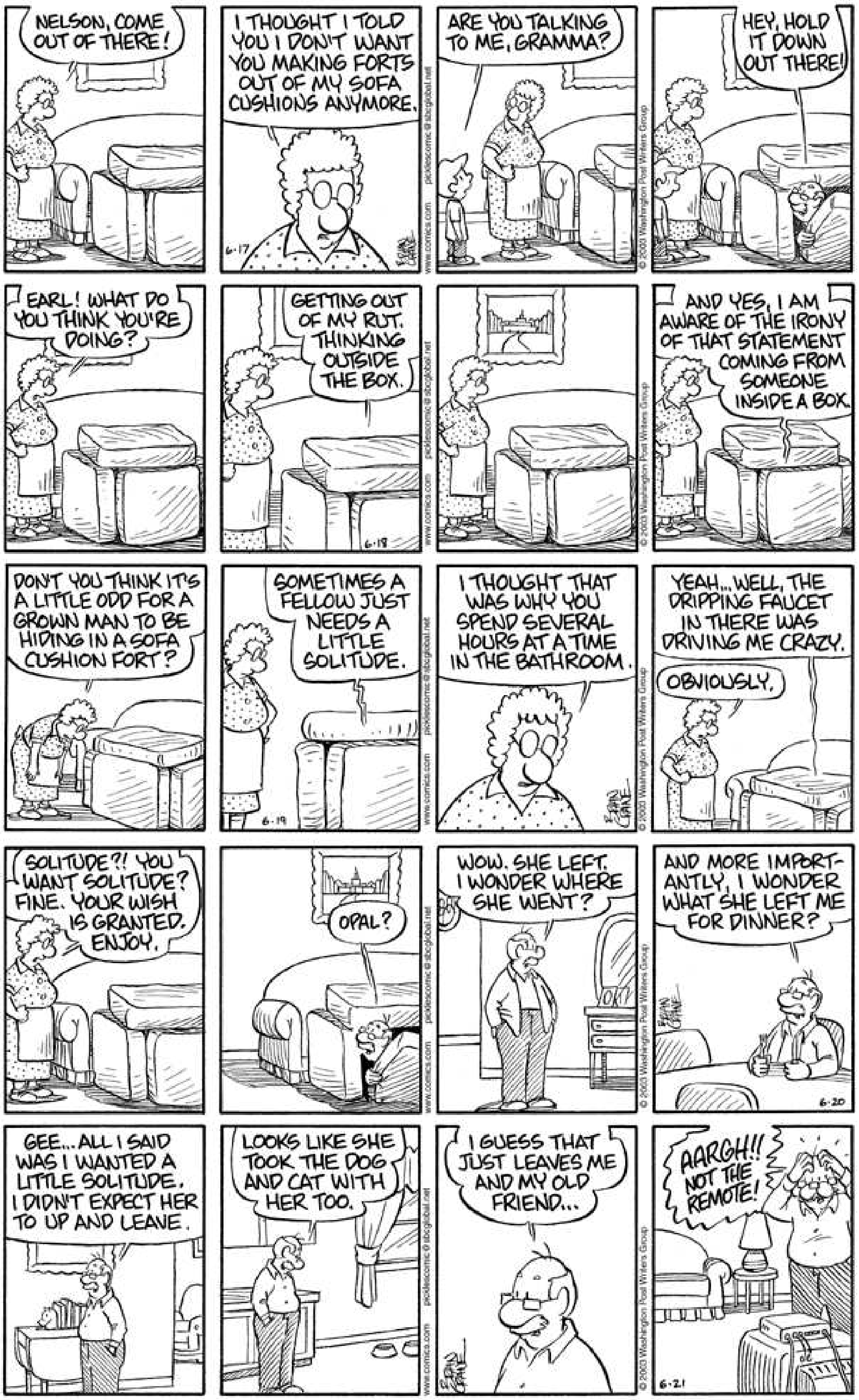
NELSON, COME OUT OF THERE!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT YOU MAKING FORTS OUT OF MY SOFA CUSHIONS ANYMORE.
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME, GRAMMA?
HEY, HOLD IT DOWN OUT THERE!
EARL! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
GETTING OUT OF MY RUT. THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX.
AND YES, I AM AWARE OF THE IRONY OF THAT STATEMENT COMING FROM SOMEONE INSIDE A BOX.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE ODD FOR A GROWN MAN TO BE HIDING IN A SOFA CUSHION FORT?
SOMETIMES A FELLOW JUST NEEDS A LITTLE SOLITUDE.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS WHY YOU SPEND SEVERAL HOURS AT A TIME IN THE BATHROOM.
YEAH... WELL, THE DRIPPING FAUCET IN THERE WAS DRIVING ME CRAZY.
OBVIOUSLY.
SOLITUDE?! YOU WANT SOLITUDE? FINE. YOUR WISH IS GRANTED. ENJOY.
OPAL?
WOW. SHE LEFT. I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT?
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WONDER WHAT SHE LEFT ME FOR DINNER?
GEE... ALL I SAID WAS I WANTED A LITTLE SOLITUDE. I DIDN'T EXPECT HER TO UP AND LEAVE.
LOOKS LIKE SHE TOOK THE DOG AND CAT WITH HER TOO.
I GUESS THAT JUST LEAVES ME AND MY OLD FRIEND...
AARGH!! NOT THE REMOTE!


AAH... PEACE AND QUIET! SOMETIMES A MAN JUST NEEDS A LITTLE TIME TO BE ALONE WITH HIS THOUGHTS.
YOU'RE NOT PULLING YOUR WEIGHT, YOU KNOW!
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IT SURE IS QUIET HERE WITH EVERYONE GONE.
R-I-I-N-G!
WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING? I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LONG DISTANCE SERVICE!!
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DAN, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
WHACK! WHACK! WHACK! WHACK!
THAT'S YOUR MOTHER CHOPPING VEGETABLES IN THE KITCHEN. SHE'S HAVING DINNER WITH US.
OH?
WHACK WHACK WHACK WHACK
6-25
YEAH, APPARENTLY SHE AND YOUR DAD HAD A LITTLE SPAT, SO SHE CAME OVER HERE.
WHACK WHACK WHACK WHACK WHACK WHACK
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T LET HER GO IN OUR KITCHEN WHEN SHE'S MAD AT DAD.
NOW YOU TELL ME.
WHACK! WHACK! WHACK! WHACK!
MOTHER, WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET WITH DAD?
HE SAID HE WANTED SOME "SOLITUDE."
WELL, MAYBE IT'S JUST THAT YOU AND DAD SPEND SO MUCH TIME TOGETHER THAT YOU GET ON EACH OTHER'S NERVES.
MAYBE A LITTLE TIME APART IS A GOOD THING. IT'S LIKE THEY SAY... ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER.
6-26
I THINK THAT'S TRUE. I KNOW WE'RE GENERALLY FONDER OF YOU WHEN YOU'RE ABSENT.
OPAL, YOU'RE BACK!
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO, HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH "SOLITUDE?"
OH, YES.
THE FIRST FEW DAYS IT WAS KIND OF NICE BEING ALL ALONE, BUT BY THE END OF THE WEEK IT WAS GETTING PRETTY OLD.
6-27
I'VE ONLY BEEN GONE SIX HOURS.