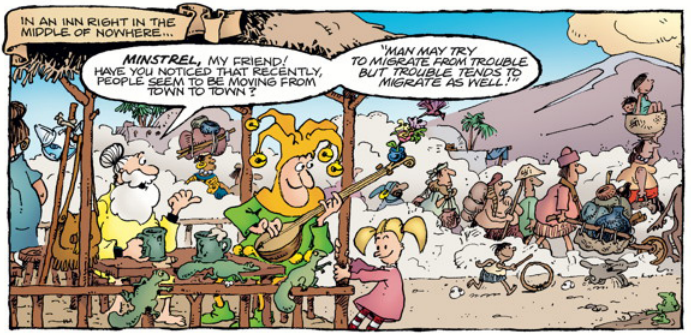
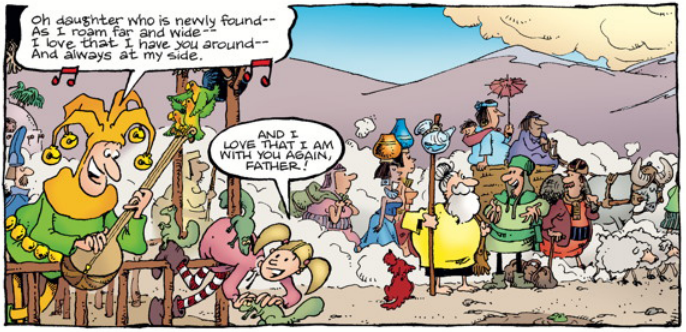

IN AN INN RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE...
MINSTREL, MY FRIEND! HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT RECENTLY, PEOPLE SEEM TO BE MOVING FROM TOWN TO TOWN?
"MAN MAY TRY TO MIGRATE FROM TROUBLE, BUT TROUBLE TENDS TO MIGRATE AS WELL!"

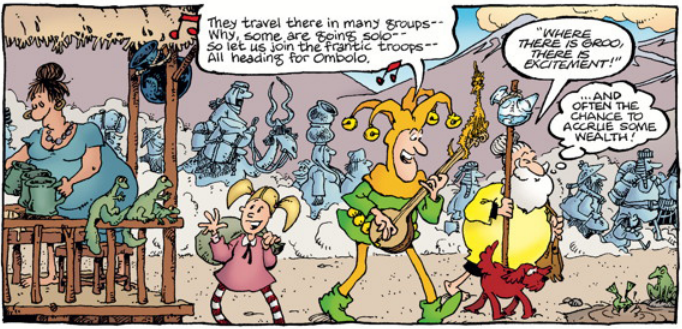
In some I sense an urgency--
To bid their homes adieu--
Perhaps the great emergency--
Is our companion, Groo.

I SHALL ASK IF THIS IS SO!
YOU AND KAYLI WAIT HERE!

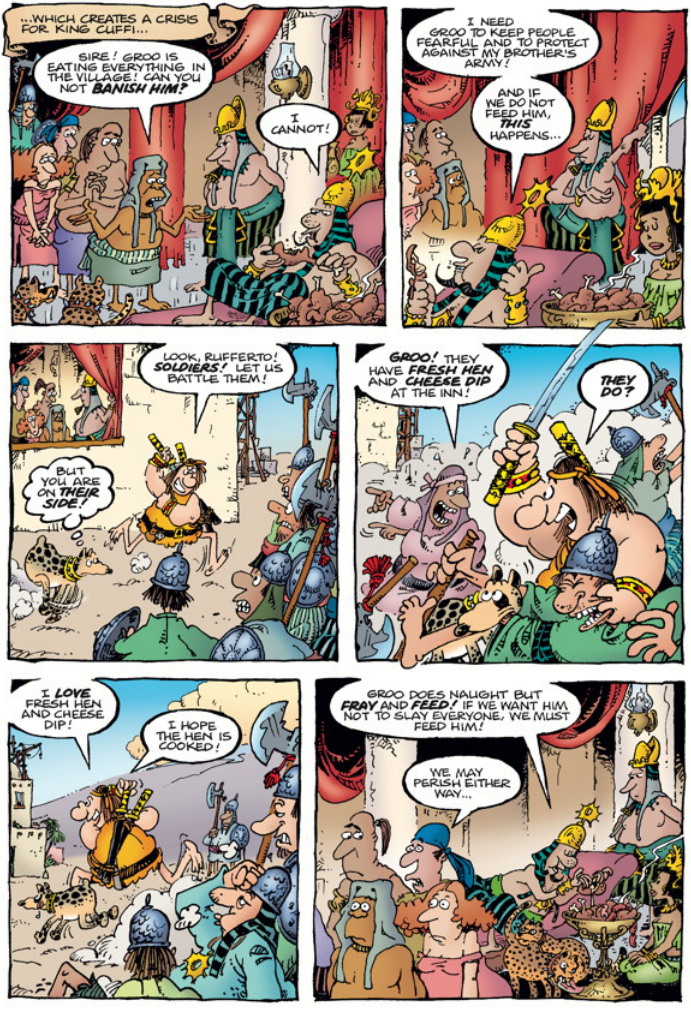

Oh daughter who is newly found--
As I roam far and wide--
I love that I have you around--
And always at my side.
AND I LOVE THAT I AM WITH YOU AGAIN, FATHER!

THEY ARE OFF TO OMBOLO TO VENERATE A NEW, VERY POWERFUL GOD CALLED THE STAR GOD!
THEY SEEK HIS PROTECTION FROM A MENACE!

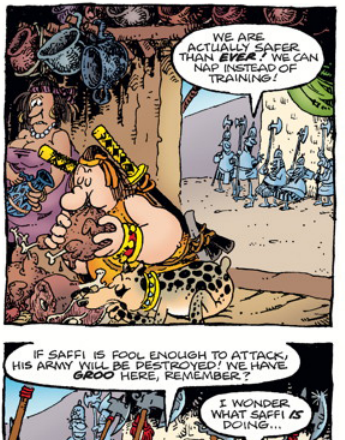
I have a feeling in my gut--
The menace who is there--
Doth wander with a spotted mutt--
And wonder, "Did I err?"
IT IS HE.


They travel there in many groups--
Why, some are going solo--
So let us join the frantic troops--
All heading for Ombolo.
"WHERE THERE IS GROO, THERE IS EXCITEMENT!"
...AND OFTEN THE CHANCE TO ACCRUE SOME WEALTH!

WHILE, IN OMBOLO, GROO HAS DINED...
I AM RUINED! RUINED!
OUT OF BUSINESS
EATS
THAT WAS DELICIOUS, RUFFERTO! TOO BAD THEY RAN OUT OF FOOD!
THEY HAD PLENTY WHEN WE ARRIVED!

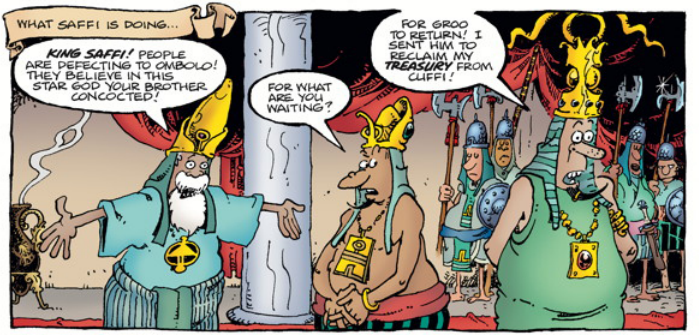

...WHICH CREATES A CRISIS FOR KING CLIFFI...
SIRE! GROO IS EATING EVERYTHING IN THE VILLAGE! CAN YOU NOT BANISH HIM?
I CANNOT!
I NEED GROO TO KEEP PEOPLE FEARFUL AND TO PROTECT AGAINST MY BROTHER'S ARMY!
AND IF WE DO NOT FEED HIM, THIS HAPPENS...
LOOK, RUFFERTO! SOLDIERS! LET US BATTLE THEM!
BUT YOU ARE ON THEIR SIDE!
GROO! THEY HAVE FRESH HEN AND CHEESE DIP AT THE INN!
THEY DO?
I LOVE FRESH HEN AND CHEESE DIP!
I HOPE THE HEN IS COOKED!
GROO DOES NAUGHT BUT FRAY AND FEED! IF WE WANT HIM NOT TO SLAY EVERYONE, WE MUST FEED HIM!
WE MAY PERISH EITHER WAY...

NEVER HAVE I COME SO CLOSE TO DEATH!
AS LONG AS THEY KEEP GROO FED, WE ARE SAFE!


WE ARE ACTUALLY SAFER THAN EVER! WE CAN NAP INSTEAD OF TRAINING!

SHOULD WE NOT BE ON GUARD? WHAT IF KING SAFFI AND HIS FORCES ATTACK?
OUR KING STOLE HIS ENTIRE TREASURY FROM HIS BROTHER!
RELAX...

IF SAFFI IS FOOL ENOUGH TO ATTACK, HIS ARMY WILL BE DESTROYED! WE HAVE GROO HERE, REMEMBER?
I WONDER WHAT SAFFI IS DOING...


WHAT SAFFI IS DOING...
KING SAFFI! PEOPLE ARE DEFECTING TO OMBOLO! THEY BELIEVE IN THIS STAR GOD YOUR BROTHER CONCOCTED!
FOR WHAT ARE YOU WAITING?
FOR GROO TO RETURN! I SENT HIM TO RECLAIM MY TREASURY FROM CUFFI!