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'But he said grace yesterday!' grumbles one monk; another complains that he has run out of things to give up; a third counts the prune-stones at the side of his plate 'Monk, Abbot, Cardinal, Pope. . . .' All the monks in this new collection of drawings help us to explore still further the human predicament.

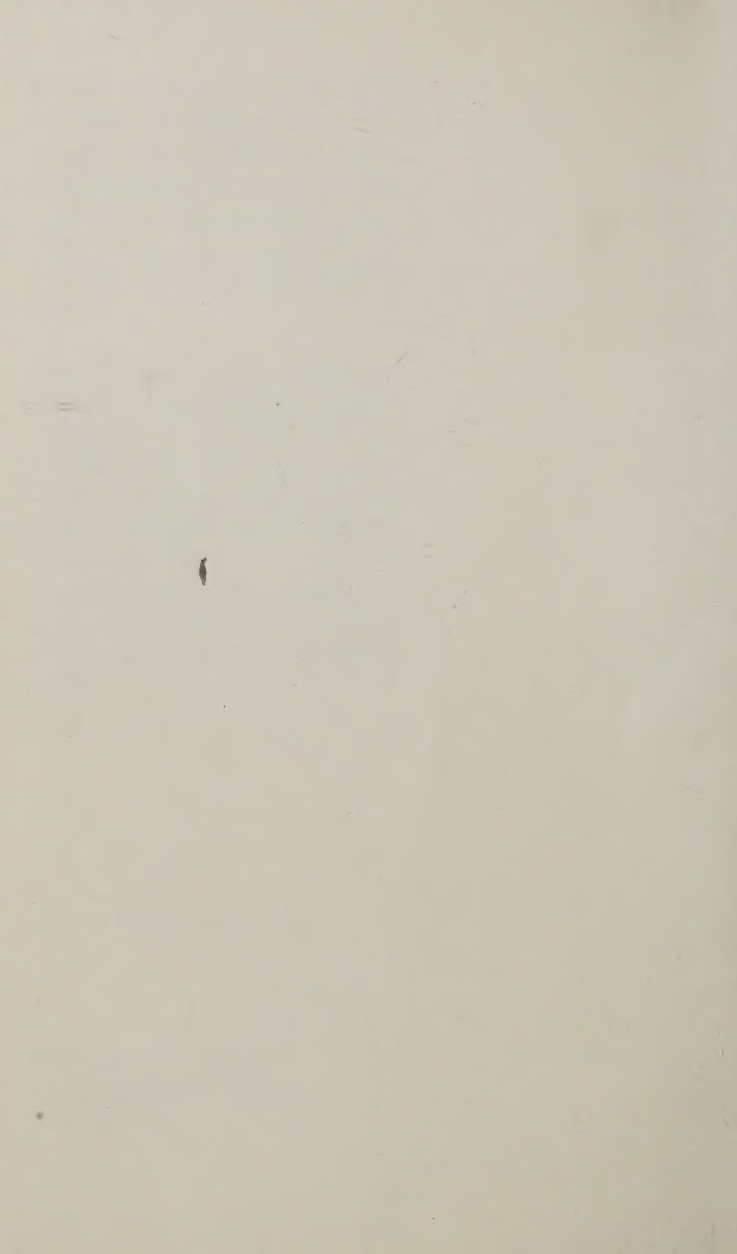
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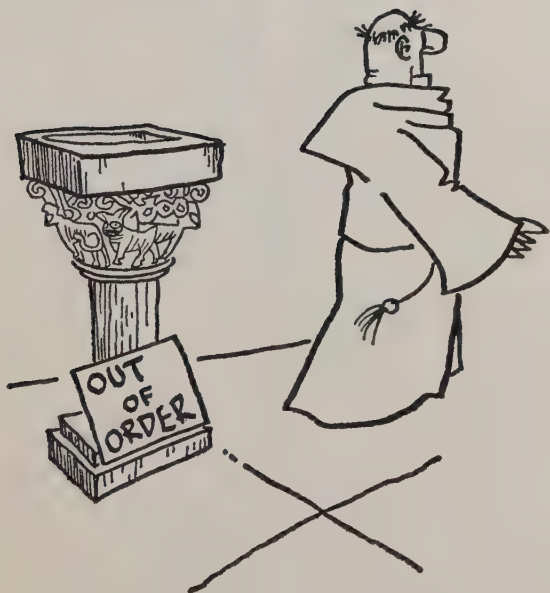


'And just how did that get in here?'





'Please don't argue with me — !'





'Terribly boring silly plot'



'Prayer — and a liberal sprinkling of fertiliser — !'



*'More than anything else in the whole world,
I miss my trousers — !'*



*'How many candles do you reckon I could buy
with £75,000?'*



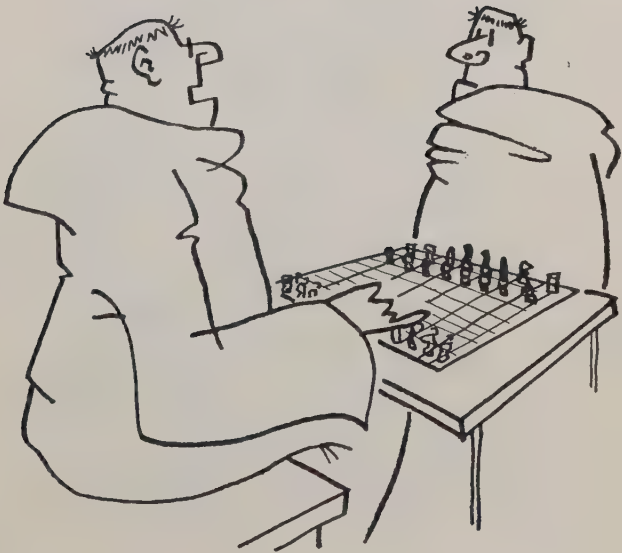
*'Sin of pride or not, if you walk on my clean floor
I'll do you — !'*



'Anyway, what is the Commission of Inland Revenue?'



'Trouble is I enjoy doing without things — !'



'Am I allowed to try to win?'



'All that time wasted — !'



'I'm looking for a drip-dry hair shirt'



'I think you've done it up awfully well — !'



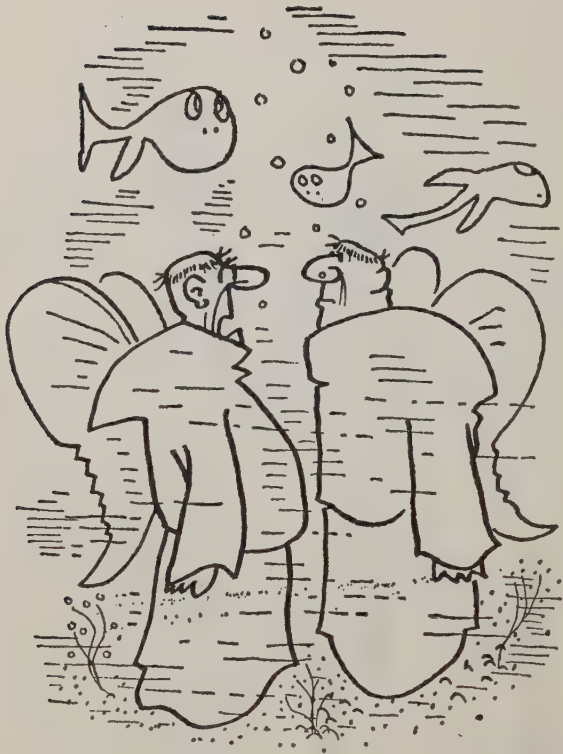
'Never could see anything romantic about that — !'



'Shall I repent first — or will you?'



*'It's on the list — but I'm reading it as a
self-imposed penance — !'*



*'It's all so different from what one was
led to expect — !'*



'Frankly I don't see the connection — !'



'Caspar's angel spotting -- !'



'Monk, Abbot, Cardinal, Pope. . . . !'



*'No, no, my dear chap — you're supposed to
list your own faults — !'*



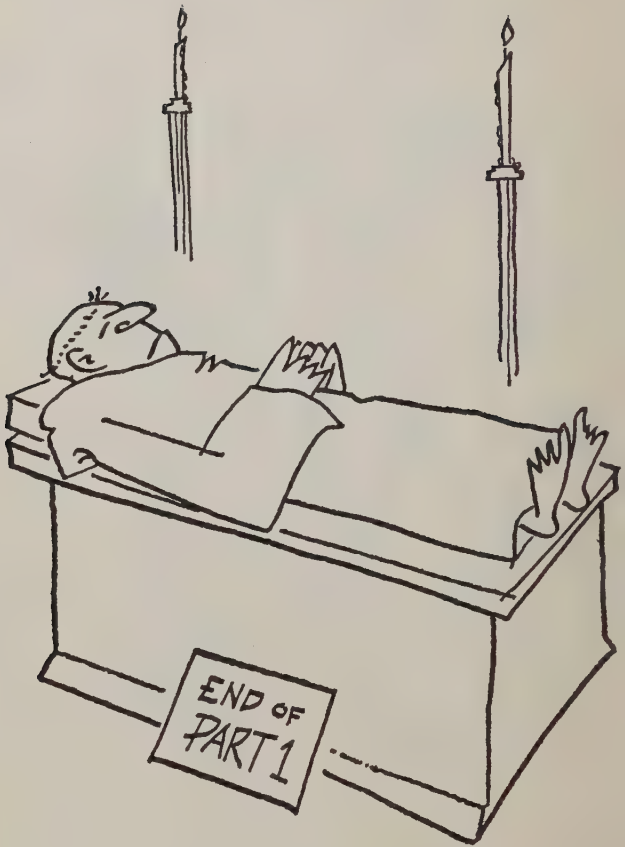
'For Lent I'm giving up carbohydrates — !'



'It didn't work — !'



'I'd stop fasting if they'd change the cook.'



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'He's our oldest relic — !'





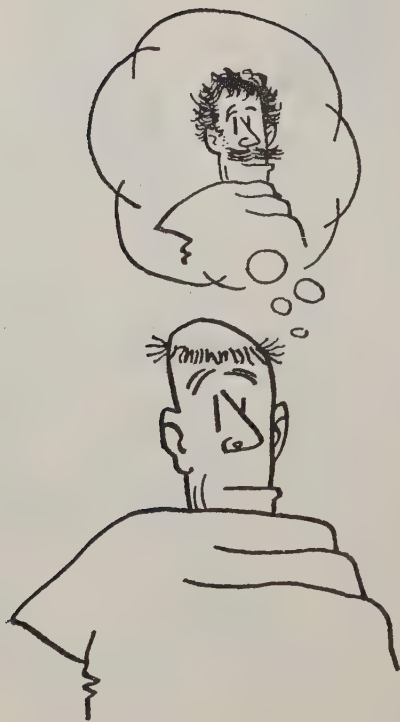
'Do you think I like it up here?'



'And are they actually real pearls on the gate?'



'Okay — it's a miracle — but why be so surprised?'





*'You can't even get a good argument round
here — everybody agrees with you — !'*



'Even my confessor doesn't understand me — !'



'I've run out of things to give up — !'



*'He said I could keep it until such time
as I actually came to like it — !'*



'You'd think one of them would have hit upon the idea of being pious and comfortable — !'

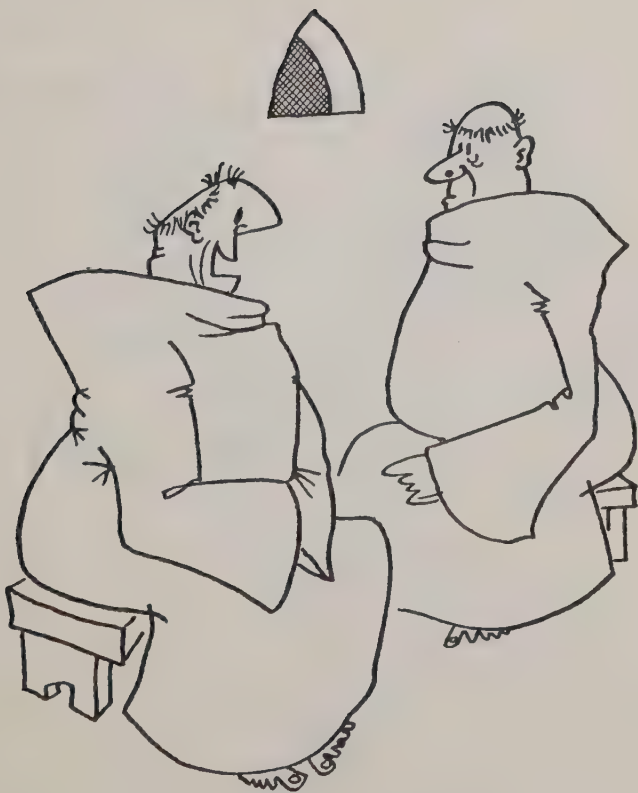


‘All this “get thee behind me Satan” stuff gives me a feeling of being followed — !’





'I've put "Best wishes from all the lads in Cell 11 — !"'



'Sometimes I ask myself what I've done to deserve so much unhappiness — !'





HOT

COLD

HOLY



'Happy birthday, dear Abbot, happy birthday to you — !'



*'If you think I'm going to own up to a broken
Madonna you must believe in miracles — !'*



'Imagine resurrecting through that lot — !'



*'Home rule, Brother O'Reilly, is one of the things
we're supposed to have left behind us — !'*



'He loves me, He loves me not — !'

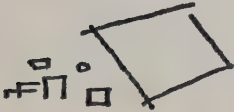


'He's been in there singing hymns for the last hour and a half — !'



'But he said grace yesterday — !'

BUY
HIM A
TIE!





'Now, watch the angel — !'



'Care to see some holy pictures?'



*'It's not only his mind which has been broadened
by years of contemplation — !'*



*'Tie them I did, but bless me if I can
remember what they're for — !'*



*'Somebody's having more than his fair share of
loaves and fishes — !'*



'I keep getting doubts about my doubts!'



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