

PILOT EPISODE: BASED ON STRIP NO. 589

VIDEO

All in Teletrip. Visual effects explicitly continuous movement and a comic strip style. Even dissolves and cuts to be drawn on, as in comic strip technique.

Close-up: Ginger, full face.

Titles: GINGER MEGGS

The Comic Strip of
Television

Created by Bancks

Street scene

Ginger & Benny in tree in foreground

The willises moving in

Dissolve effect: children leaving school.

Close up: Min
Murphy's yard

Close-up: mouse runs past

Min frightened

Osmo with mouse toy in hand

Cut effect in Teletrip:

Close up: Ginger

Min explaining

Ginger staring
etc.

AUDIO

Theme Song: "Ginger Meggs"

Narrator (Benny's voice, with variations for character parts):

Ah there, Fellers! This is Benny speaking. Did I tell you about the new kid who moved into Bent Street the other day? Osmo Willis is his name.

Ginge and I saw him when he and his parents moved in. He looked sort of - you know. We didn't think of him after that for a few days and then -

Stab of suspense music, to climax

It's Tuesday after school. Minnie Peters is walking home by herself, going past Murphy's yard. Suddenly she stops dead and yells blue murder nearly.

Min Screams

There's a big black mouse running straight for her! And when she's nearly frightened to death almost, then she suddenly ^{hears} screams of laughter!

(Osmo) Laughter

It was this Osmo Willis behind the fence. And it was just his toy mouse!

Music up

Well, Min walks on, but she's feeling awfully upset, and then she runs into Ginge at Hobson's corner, and she tells him about it.

(Min) "It was that dreadful boy with a horrid toy!" she says. "And he nearly laughed his head off!"

Well Ginge is almost speechless.

(Ginger) "That wall'-eye'd, rinsed-out prawn," he gasps! He did that did he? Just wait here, Min, and I'll have him back in a sec apologising on his knees..."

So off Ginge runs, thinking to himself:

(Ginge) "Oh Brother: zoom-bang! The first thing he'll feel will be that beaut upper-cut of mine."

Ginge hurries down to Murphy's yard but Osmo Willis has gone. A little kid sees Ginge looking and

says he saw Osmo going into the chemist shop, so Ginge rushes on to the chemist.

(Ginger): "Well I hope he ordered sticking plaster and bandages," Ginge fumes on to himself. But when he gets to the chemist he finds that Osmo has left and gone home.

All this chasing after Osmo gets Ginge's terrible temper worked up all the more.

(Ginger): "The wart!" he's thinking, "the prune-faced freak."

But as he gets close to Osmo's house he calms down and realises he needs to be careful - you know, strategy - if he's ever going to coax Osmo out.

So he puts on his innocent face and rings the door bell.

Door bell ringing

Well, after a sec Osmo looks out.

Ginge looks like an angel or something and says:

(Ginger): "Come down Osmo. I've got something for you."

But Osmo says:

(Osmo): "I'm busy just now. I'm writing out invitations to my birthday party next week."

Shock music - to climax

Well, you know Ginge and parties. Osmo asks Ginge in and tells him about the beaut show he's having for 30 kids, and he puts Ginge's name down on the list. Then he asks:

(Osmo): "Now what did you say you wanted to see me about?"

And Ginge says:

(Ginger): "Oh, er, well, I was just passing and, er, thought you might like to come for an ice-cream down at Joe's, Osmo."

Brief gay music

Well, after the ice-cream and everything Ginge goes back to Min's place. He finds her cutting roses in the garden. She seems relieved to see him and says:

(Min): "Oh, I've been afraid you'd lose your temper and do something you'd be sorry for."

Ginge puts on his stern face and says:

(Ginger): "I couldn't get my hands on him, Min. But don't worry, just give me the chance and I'll make him apologise to you."

Min keeps on with the roses for a sec. Then she says sort of softly:

(Min): "Then here's your chance, Ginge."

And Ginge turns round to see Oame Willis walking up the street.

(Oame): "'Bye Meggsy." Oame calls as he passes.
"Thanks again for the ice-cream. See you at my party."

Music to climax

Gosh! Poor Ginge! I don't think Min'll ever speak to him again!

(Min's voice, fading after 5 words, drowned by theme)

"Oh! Ginger Meggs! You deceitful, dreadful boy! If you were half a gentleman..."

End theme