



***Refugees of Make-Believe* comic strip debuts with the help of public domain characters.**

Refugees of Make-Believe, a webcomic about famous literary characters who come to life in a mall bookstore launches a core group of characters – Ebenezer Scrooge, Alice in Wonderland, Sancho Panza, Li'l Pig from the Three Little Pigs, a living bowl of soup and Picky, the typical problem child usually featured in parenting manuals – into the 21st century.

Outside their books for the first time, each must now navigate the wonders of the modern world from the confines of their bookstore and adjacent mall.

“You have all these incredible characters in the public domain that are only occasionally dusted off and given new life,” says Matthew Labul, creator of the comic strip. “The Shrek movies did a fantastic job with fairy tale characters, and Alice In Wonderland, Scrooge and Sherlock Holmes get periodic movie treatments. A comic strip is different, it would allow audiences to enjoy these characters on a more regular basis.”

Three times a week, Refugees of Make-Believe puts the world’s most beloved literary characters into a new context by bringing them to life them in the modern world. The fact that they are forced to coexist with characters from the books of other genres – fiction and non-fiction – just adds to the fun.

About Matthew Labul

Matthew Labul is an advertising copywriter based out of New York City who is passionate about cartooning. While drawing was always his hobby, it wasn’t until high school that he became determined to become a syndicated cartoonist. At that time, comics like Calvin & Hobbes, Bloom County and The Far Side showed him how original and thought-provoking a strip could be. He graduated from Syracuse University where he published one of his early strips in the college newspaper.

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