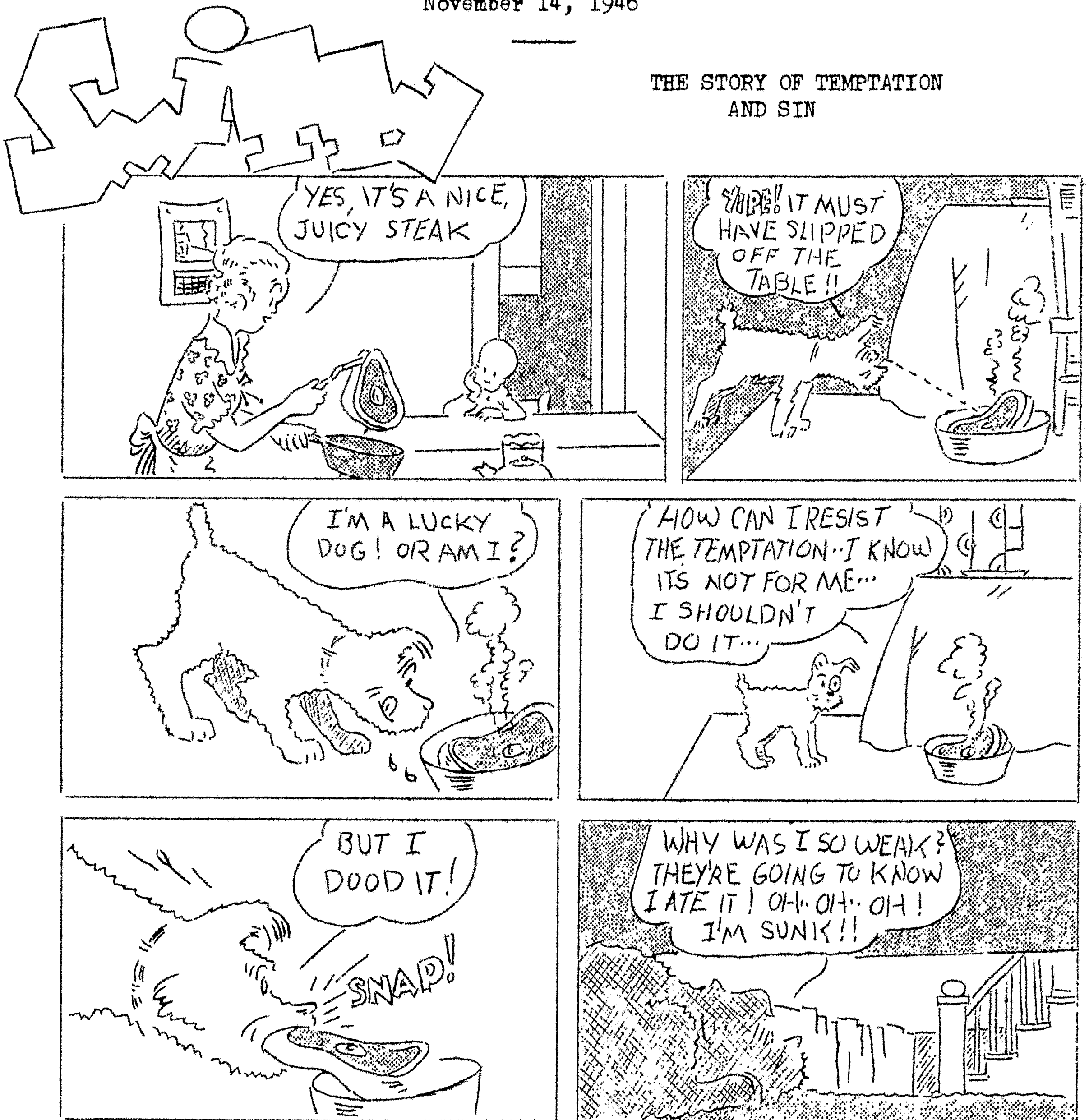


THE STORY OF TEMPTATION
AND SIN



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Isn't this the way it happens to you too? First you are confronted by a person, a place, a thing or a situation that is forbidden by the law of God. You have a good suspicion of danger, but you hesitate and toy with the situation: "Should I leave the occasion, or should I not?" (Here is where Christ enters the case; He gives light to the mind and strengthening grace to the will). Grace clarifies the scene so well that you can hear your conscience shout: "You shouldn't do it." You hesitate and hesitate some more, and then your weakness overwhelms you and you fall.

Where did you make your mistake? Certainly in not fleeing from temptation; never hesitate. Resolve to be more prompt in leaving danger. Are you making the terrible mistake of quitting? You are not sunk. Come back humbly to Christ and He will forgive and forget. Come back, and come back tonight. Christ awaits you in the confessional.