

Steven Appleby

Potato Hills

Steven Appleby's cartoon has been published weekly in *The Guardian* for twelve years to date. Each cartoon is a stand-alone observation, usually in some way pointing up the absurdities and complexities of daily life. About 600 colour cartoons are available for syndication, with one added every week.

"No-one is more talented and original" - Richard Ingrams, *The Spectator*

"I like his cartoons very much, his straggly, cock-eyed approach to the universe"

- Miles Kington, *The Independent*



Steven Appleby is one of Britain's most prolific cartoonists. From the days when his first cartoon about the dysfunctional sci-fi cult hero *Captain Star* appeared in the *New Musical Express*, through to his weekly cartoons in *The Guardian* today, he has reminded and reassured his readers that it is the very normality of life that is inexplicably odd and funny.

His work has appeared in numerous other newspapers and magazines, including *The Observer*, *Harpers & Queens*, *The Tatler*, *GQ*, *Junior*, *Punch*, *The Oldie*, *Erotic Review*, *The New York Times*, *Atlas*, *Primeur*, *ZEITmagazin*, *BZ*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Eltern*, *The Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Telegraph* and many others.

Appleby has produced thousands of cartoons, more than eighteen books, a radio comedy series and an animated television series.

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HUMAN MAGNETISM

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IN THIS MODERN AGE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELDS. WHAT EFFECT ARE THEY HAVING UPON US?
Steven Appleby
WITH Pete Bishop.

SOME MAGNETIC PERSONALITIES INSTANTLY ATTRACT ONE ANOTHER. THE COUPLE BELOW HAVE MET IN THE KITCHEN AT A FANCY DRESS PARTY.

I... LOVE you! And I love you, too!

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT IS AN EXAMPLE OF INSTANT ATTRACTION.

OTHER MAGNETIC PERSONALITIES REPEL:

You're REPULSIVE!!

LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE COUPLE IN THE KITCHEN...

We love each other AND we both came as fridge magnets!

Uncanny!

THE DAY AN ELEPHANT CAME TO TEA...

I've invited Jumbi round, Dad.

HARD AT WORK.

STEVEN APPLEBY

WE HAD TO TIDY UP THE HOUSE.

I HAD TO WIDEN THE FRONT DOOR SO JUMBI COULD COME IN...

I BOUGHT AN EXTRA-STRONG ELEPHANT SOFA...

JUMBI, WHEN HE ARRIVED, TURNED OUT TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND WELL BEHAVED.

WHEN ONE OF THE CHILDREN SPILT JUICE ON HIS TROUSERS HE WAS VERY UNDERSTANDING.

THE CHILDREN LOVED PLAYING WITH JUMBI AND WERE SAD WHEN HE HAD TO GO HOME.

THIS WHOLE STORY IS OBVIOUSLY MADE UP, BUT I LIKE TO BELIEVE IT'S TRUE SINCE, WITHOUT JUMBI, THE WORLD WOULD SEEM RATHER DULL & ORDINARY.

AND SOME VERY BIG CROCKERY.

AND THE BACK DOOR, SO THAT IF IT WAS A NICE DAY WE COULD SIT IN THE GARDEN.

Can I help with the washing up, Mr Appleby?

Why, thank you, Jumbi.

Ha ha! No harm done!

you can borrow a pair of mine.

Okay, Mr Appleby!

Aw!!

'Bye 'bye

Come back soon...

NEW PROPOSALS CONCERNING NATIONAL BOUNDARIES

By Steven Appleby

NATIONAL FRONTIERS HAVE SHIFTED MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS, SO WHY NOT ONCE MORE? THIS TIME FOR AESTHETIC REASONS? COUNTRIES COULD BE RE-DRAWN TO MAKE MAPS LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE...

HERE IS HOW EUROPE COULD LOOK IN AN ATLAS AFTER BORDERS HAVE BEEN RE-NEGOTIATED TO APPEAL TO CHILDREN.

BRITAIN (AFTER COASTLINE RE-CONSTRUCTION)

NORWAY. SWEDEN. FINLAND. POLAND. HUNGARY. AUSTRIA.

FRANCE. GERMANY. ITALY. SPAIN. PORTUGAL.

BACKGROUND IS NEUTRAL TERRITORY

SEA

FINALLY, WOULDN'T THE EARTH LOOK FAR MORE WELCOMING FROM SPACE IF THE CONTINENTS WERE RE-SHAPED TO LOOK LIKE THIS?

OR THIS...

AFRICA. USA. EUROPE.

My, what a friendly-looking planet!

Ho ho! A race with a sense of humour! They've carved their planet to look like a banana!