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THE STRIP

# The Funny Pages

So, with all 3 of its floors once again occupied, and though recently ready to resign itself to being a 98-year-old has-been whose days were numbered -

and who, incidentally, had already tallied

301 tenants

3 births

2 deaths

29 marriages

178 trysts

14 diaries

171 cats

5 spiritual crises

61 broken dinner plates

22 pregnancies

21 removed radiators

886 screams

217 punches

106,323 breakfasts

28,224 hugs

2,325 scratches

527 keys

21 horses

68,418 organisms

97 winters

4 criminals

6,577 flowers

469 feelings of "being watched"

23 broken bones

11,627 lost childhood memories

32,931 lies

28 grease fires

39 guns

13,117 books

487 nicknames

21,779 toenail clippings

4 prostheses

168 televisions

32 dogs

74,316 newspapers

37 sports trophies

3,312 dreams of dismemberment

2 Heimlich maneuvers

158,854 lighted matches

202,353 gallons

of aspirated water vapor

29 broken hearts

143 vacations

425 begged forgiveness

296 birthday parties

and

3 personal ads

2349 squashed bugs

## Building Stories

PART 3 By Chris Ware

617 dead plants

18 spilled ink bottles

725 roasted turkeys  
14 plucked pheasants  
62 ox tongues

2 Heimlich maneuvers

158,854 lighted matches

202,353 gallons  
of aspirated water vapor

29 broken hearts

3,312

dreams of

dismember-

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this building  
now has to admit  
to feeling a little bit grateful

for the arrival each day

of 24 more hours

yet to come.