Zippy, I'm not entirely sure I understand the hermeneutics of "Waiting for Godot"...

Herman Nudicks?

Yeh... it's the science of interpretation. You know what th' play means...

Oh, I know all about Herman Nudicks! He's got that big & tall store on Sixth Avenue!!

Just who is Godot? And why do we wait for him?

Herman Nudicks stands behind every sale with his personal pledge of quality & service!!

Yes, Zippy, but is anything really "guaranteed" in this bleak and lonely existence?

It is when you shop at Herman Nudicks!
LET'S GO, ZIPPY!!  
TH' BOOK BARN CLOSES AT SEVEN!

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE FIXATED ON?

QUOINS.

I NEVER KNEW THEY HAD A NAME--
---QUOINS!!

EVERY THING HAS A NAME, ZIPPY!

OK, WHAT'S TH' NAME OF TH' LITTLE PLASTIC THINGY AT TH' END OF A SHOELACE?

LITTLE PLASTIC SHOELACE THINGY?

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ZIPPY   "The Curtain Rises" by Bill Griffith

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT LAUNDRY, ZIPPI, WHAT COMES TO MIND?  STRUGGLE. TURMOIL. VIOLENT PASSION!!

FOR ME, LAUNDRY IS QUIET. PLACID. TRANQUIL. YOU HAVE A VERY LIMITED APPRECIATION OF LAUNDRY'S OPERATIC NATURE.

SO...TO YOU, A FULL LOAD CONJURES UP IMAGES OF TH' VALKYRIE, WOTAN & TH' RHINEMAIENDS? BRAVO! WAGNER'S POWERFUL "RINSE CYCLE"!!
Sometimes I wonder about th' modality & representation of images!

—Can th' signifiers & th' absent signifiers be applied at any semiotic level?

And is all experience encoded?

Or is there a distinction between comprehension & interpretation?

Th' epistemological implications are staggering!
ZIPPY "Dutch Treat" by Bill Griffith

WAITING IN LINE TO ORDER A BELGIAN WAFFLE, ZIPPY SUDDENLY BEGINS SPEAKING FLEMISH!

ZOMBIES HEERSEN OVER BELGIE!

"INTRIGUING WAY OF PUTTING IT, IT'S TRUE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE SLEEPWALKING MOST OF THE TIME!"

"ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM!"

Mijn naam is ZIPPY! Ik ben op zakenreis!

Dit is een interessante manier om dat te zeggen. Het is waar dat onze regeringsleden meestal in trance kijken te zijn!

"Prettig kennis te maken! Waarom spreek ik Vlaams?"

AM I SPEAKING FLEMISH? DID YOU KNOW, HOW'S MY ACCENT?

NOT BAD! HAVE YOU EVER VISITED BELGIUM?

"OH, THE SMURFS! I HAVE A THEORY ABOUT THEM. I THINK THEY CAME HERE FROM ANOTHER PLANET--A VERY BLUE PLANET"

NEE, MAAR IK HEB EEN GROOTE VERZAMELING SMURFEN EN IK HOU VAN PEKELHARING EN SPRUITEN!

Niet slecht! Heb je belgie ooit bezocht?

"SMURFEN, SMURFEN! I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT THEM. I THINK THEY CAME FROM ANOTHER PLANET--A VERY BLUE PLANET"

ZIPPY "Tiptoe Through The Two Lips" by Bill Griffith

ZIPPY & BEATRICE (HIS NEWFOUND LINGUISTIC PARTNER) CONVERSE HAPPILY IN FLEMISH...

WILT U DANSEN? WAAR IS HET DICHSTBIZIJNE GOLF-TERREIN?

HET IS DAARGINDS LINKS... U MOET BIJ DE STOPlichtEN LINKS AFSLAAN!

ZIPPY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? I NEED YOU TO GIVE OUT FREE BLUPPER SAMPLES AT THE MALL!

WAAR DOET HET PIJN? WAT VOOR SOORT PIJN IS HET?

IS DIT DE EERSTE KEER DAT U HIER LAST VAN ZONNESTEUK--SWITCH! --WAAROM LACHT U? IS Mijn VLAAMSE ZO SLECHT?

IS IT THE BLUPPER?

OH, JEEZ!! IS IT POSSIBLE? I'VE BEEN HEARING FLEMISH ALL OVER TOWN--IS HET DE BLUPPER?

WHERE DOES IT HURT? WHAT KIND OF PAIN IS IT?

"IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE HAD SUNSTROKE?"

"Waar zijn de smurfen? Wat is mijn vlaamse zo slecht?"

"Smurfen, smurfen! I have an idea about them. I think they came from another planet--a very blue planet"

"WHERE DOES IT HURT? WHAT KIND OF PAIN IS IT?"

"WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? IS MY FLEMISH THAT BAD?"

"IS IT THE BLUPPER?"

"YOUR FRIEND IS MIGHTY. WHAT DOES HE DO FOR A LIVING?"

"IS THERE A SCENIC ROUTE TO THE BULB FIELDS?"
ZIPPY “Inauspicious Beginning” by Bill Griffith

The “BLUPPER” craze has taken an unexpected turn. Yes, an unforeseen side effect of blupper consumption is the sudden compulsion to speak Flemish!!

Today is th’ day I’m finally going to tell her how I feel!

Griffy, alone for weeks in th’ observatory mooning over his “ideal woman”, has remained unblipped...

There’s th’ Brockman building, where she works... I uh... huh? Isn’t that her?

Pas op! Haal snel hulp! Ik ben bezeten!

“Look out! Get help quickly! I’m possessed!”

Help! Hoe spreekt u dit “verzekringmaatschappij”?

Help! How do you pronounce insurance company? ??

uh... I picked them out myself... I hope you don’t think I’m too uh... forward...

“THERE’S SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY NERVOUS SYSTEM!!”

ZIPPY “Voodoo Economics” by Bill Griffith

Back in Belgium, Zippy, S.L. & Vizeen have set up shop in Brugge, West Flanders.

Blupper Depot

Sorry, maar een klant!

Sorry, only one to a customer!

Wow! We kunnen het niet bijhouden!

Wow! We can’t keep up with the orders!

Mmm...

“WOW! WE CAN’T KEEP UP WITH THE ORDERS!”

“Original & now fat-free! It’s blupper, blupper, blupper!”

“AH, FLEMMISH, IT IS A MOST BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE!”

“WHAT DO YOU THINK THEIR SLOGAN MEANS?”

“ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM”!

“ZOMBIES HEERSEN OVER BELGIE”!

WAT WIL HUN SLOGEN ZEGGEN DENK JE?

“EK, IK WEET HET NIET.”

“MY NEIGHBOR HANS SAYS NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE A GREAT CHEW PROFILE, BUT IT DRAMATICALLY INCREASES YOUR VOCABULARY!”

“MEN BUURMAN HANS ZEGT DAT HET NIET ALLEEN GOED SMAKT, MAAR DAT HET OOK JE WoORDEN-SCHAT VERBETERT.”

Oh, uitsm. Het is een mooie taal!

Wat wil hun slogan zeggen denk je?

“Zombies heersen over belgie”!

EK, IK WEET HET NIET.

“Zombies rule Belgium”!

B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B!!!
The Oldest Linguist Joke in the Book

It's a good thing you called on us experts, son. Now what seems to be the problem?

Well, yes and no, and so.

The thing is, was, and yes, not really the whole crown thing, but not as I just said, my mine, I, eye.

What is that, some kinda new syntax?

Read my lips! No new sin taxes either!

I can't even see your lips, son. An' if you is gonna take that attitude, mebbe nobody ever will.