

# BOMBSIGHT

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The Quarterly Newsletter of the IPMS Hamilton Modellers Club

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Land Rover Series III  
Long Wheelbase  
by Paul Charles

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## INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TREAD HEADS

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By Duncan Young  
IPMS Hamilton



My three year old son, who has recently started back to preschool, arrived home the Friday before last with a card and small packet labelled 'To Dad'. We decided to tuck them away and wait until Sunday, Father's day, to open them together. The card, which had been decorated with some fine preschool calligraphy, contained a series of pre-typed questions that had responses filled out with an easy to read teacher's script. The first two responses said it all:

Q1: *My dad's favorite thing to do is:*

A1: *Builds tanks with me.*

Q2: *I love it when my dad:*

A2: *Builds tanks with me.*

I may not have finished a kit this year (yet) nor even one last year (really ?? - I know), but it is clear that the little time my son and I have spent together in the new basement model room has paid dividends - there is clearly another up and coming *Tread Head* in this house!

Perhaps this issue of *Bombsight* might inspire someone you know, young or old, to take up this fantastic hobby. Included are contributions from fellow members Paul Charles and Ken Woodruff, a summary of how the Moosaroo Cup 2 contest came together by Iain Fraser, part 2 of the North African campaign timeline by yours truly, and a wonderful piece of adapted prose by teacher and modeler extraordinaire Stephen Obermyer. Pass it on!

# CLUB NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Monthly Meetings & NEW Wednesday Build Nights:** The club continues to meet virtually on the last Wednesday evening of the month. The Zoom meeting usually goes live shortly after 7:00 pm and we get down to 'business' shortly after 7:30 with club updates and a virtual show and share of recently completed projects, in-progress work, and the latest kits to be added to the stash.

If you are not able to make the monthly meeting or are just looking for another opportunity to connect with your fellow club members, why not hit up one of the bi-weekly virtual build nights! Held on the off Wednesdays from the regular club meeting, the virtual build nights are an enjoyable evening of talking shop and making some progress on whatever project is taking up space on your bench.

- Upcoming Monthly Meetings: July 28, August 25, September 29

- Upcoming Build Nights: July 14, August 11, September 15

- **Ongoing Club Group Builds:** How are your club group build projects coming? What do you mean you haven't heard about the ongoing club group builds!?! IPMS Hamilton currently has two club group builds ongoing:
  - **Opposing Forces:** Build two kits that represent, you guessed it, opposing forces. Need some inspiration? - fire and ice, cold war foes, Empire vs. the Republic, etc. Ongoing since February 2020 this group build will continue until we can meet again in person (hopefully only a few months away now)
  - **Cabin Fever:** Lock-down have you getting a little unsettled? Looking forward to summer? A bit of cabin fever perhaps? This group build aims to see you tackle the most elaborate paint job that you can handle. Go crazy! Just kicking off, this group build has an approximate end date of fall 2021.
- **HeritageCon Update:** All signs are pointing to the return of HeritageCon in 2022! Continue to watch this publication and other IPMS Hamilton channels for updates.
- **Would you like to help out with the newsletter?:** Do you have an idea for newsletter topic? Why not write it down, collect a few photographs, and send it over! Would you like to help out with editing, formatting, and publishing? Have a suggestion on how to improve the newsletter?

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# BOOK REVIEW

## CH-148 CYCLONE PROFILE

By: Ken Woodruff

Written information on Canada's Cyclone helicopter is hard to find. Thankfully Kestrel Publications Profile # 10: "The Sikorsky CH - 148 Cyclone in Royal Canadian Airforce Service" published in 2020 has filled this gap in a very competent manner.

Their Cyclone Profile provides 50 pages of coverage on:

- The Sikorsky S 92 development, design history and operational use
- Other S 92 variants
- CH 148 Cyclone origins, design, delays, upgrades and operational history
- Cyclone squadrons/unit histories
- Incidents
- Colour schemes
- The Cyclone's complex and sophisticated cockpit, ASW sensor arrays, self defense suite and armament
- In service photographs.

Despite the extensive coverage, I found the text easy to read, informative and comprehensive. If you are interested in helicopters, the RCAF I highly recommend this book.

It is available on the publisher's website for \$35 for the print version and \$25 for the digital version. I also recommend a visit to their site. They offer 17 different "Profiles" on RCAF planes from the Westland Wapiti to the Ch 149 Cormorant and many other Canadian oriented aviation books as well.

[www.kestrelpublications.com](http://www.kestrelpublications.com)



The  
SIKORSKY CH-148 CYCLONE  
in  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE  
Service



*Kestrel Aerospace Publications*



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KAP Profile # 10

**The Sikorsky CH-148 Cyclone  
in RCAF Service  
(source Kestrel Publications)**



**Call-sign Kingfisher (2019)  
(source Combat Camera)**

Check out the Department of Defence's Combat Camera Database for more high-quality photos of the CH-148 Cyclone and other great CAF photos.

<http://www.combatcamera.forces.gc.ca/>

# LAND ROVER SERIES III

## LONG WHEELBASE STATION WAGON

### REVELL KIT NO. 07047 (1:24)

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By: Paul Charles

As an adult I had built only two plastic kits before the pandemic came upon us. One was the Matchbox/Revell (I ended up with one kit of each) WWII Corvette Snowberry and the other was the Revell "Original Mini Cooper". Once the pandemic hit I knew I needed something to keep me busy and I also knew I simply didn't have room for any more 30-40" boat models so I turned to plastic car kits. To date, since March 2020 I have built fourteen of them and enjoyed it immensely.

I fairly quickly came to understand that there were different qualities offered in different kits and that a lot of kit bashing would be necessary to get a good result out of a poor kit. The Corvette had been OK but needed a lot of tweaking to make things fit and the Mini was pretty good but suffered the same issues. I moved on to a couple of Tamiya and Aoshima kits and swore off Revell forever until I saw the Land Rover at Panther Hobbies in Mississauga. It looked intriguing and it is a vehicle I have always liked so I jumped in. And I sure am glad I did!

This Land Rover kit was first released - completely new tooling and all - in 2019 and it shows as you pull every sprue out of the box. The detail is perfect, the instructions are well done (in colour) and the options for countries are wonderful. The engine is well detailed and the decals went down well and were perfectly realistic.

I wanted to match the paint on the box as it was what I pictured as true to the vehicle and with a bit of messing about with Tamiya acrylics I came as close as I could tell to the right colour and even had mixed enough to do the whole job. The only problem I had with the build was an error I made in the engine compartment as I missed an alternative placing of a part due to the drive side I had chosen. Not too bad a change to make and I can see it while perhaps not many would.

The kit has 184 parts and is rated as Level 3 which I think might be a little low given the complexity but it is a kit I would recommend to any builder. A good weathering job on it would be fantastic.

Best \$60 you could spend for that entertainment and satisfaction.



Revell Kit No. 07047 Boxart



**Front View**



**Drivers Side View**



**Rear View**



**Passenger Side View**



**The Real Deal**

# NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

## PART 2: 1942-1943

By: Duncan Young

At the end of 1941 British forces were quickly running out of momentum. The Siege of Tobruk had been lifted, but the Allied supply lines now stretched all the way back to Egypt. Rommel and the Afrika Korps would counter attack at the end of January and so would begin a steady retreat for the next five (5) months until British forces finally halted the Afrika Korps well into Egypt at a coastal railway station known as El-Alamein.

Part 2 of the North African Campaign timeline picks up at the beginning of 1942 and continues to the fall of Tunisia approximately 17 months later. Over the span of that time new equipment was fielded by both the Allies and Axis forces; decorated fighter aces fell from the sky; U.S. forces got into the fight; thundering Tiger tanks roamed the desert; and a Field Marshall falls from grace while another rose to fame.

All of the photos have been sourced from the Imperial War Museum's online photo archive (<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/photographs>) unless noted otherwise.

Check out the links below for a collection of North African campaign maps:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/launch\\_ani\\_north\\_africa\\_campaign.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/launch_ani_north_africa_campaign.shtml)

<http://www.desertrats.org.uk/assoc/northafricanmappage.htm>



**Major General Bernard Montgomery  
November 1942**

### May - June 1943

After a quiet winter, Axis and Allied forces would re-engage in the Spring of 1943 along the Gazala Line in Libya. Axis forces would finally break through at the beginning of June. Over the next month, British forces would lose almost all the ground gained in late 1942 as they were steadily forced back along the coast road in full retreat. Tobruk would fall on June 21 and Axis forces would cross back into Egypt at the end of the month. Axis forces would finally be stopped by the Eighth Army just west of El-Alamein.

**Photo to Right:**

**HMS Formidable & HMS Nelson  
as seen from HMS Rodney  
during operations in the Mediterranean Sea**

### January 21, 1942

Axis forces launch Operation Theseus in late January against tired and overextended British forces. By early February, British forces would be pushed back to the Gazala Line only a few miles from Tobruk. Losses were heavy on both sides.



**Wreckage of Hans-Joachim Marseille's BF 109  
The "Star of Afrika" Somewhere in Egypt**





**British Crusader Tanks Waiting to Launch an Attack during the Battle of El-Alamein**

**August 30 - September 5, 1942**

Major General Bernard Montgomery assumes command of the British Eighth Army in August 1942. Soon thereafter, Rommel would launch a last ditch attack to rout British forces and drive on Cairo. Once again, Allied intelligence would pass on advance notice of the coming attack. The Battle of Alam el Halfa would see British anti-tank guns and tanks hold back repeated attacks by German and Italian armour. Rommel would withdraw his forces on September 5.



**A Mixed Group of Valentine and Crusader Tanks somewhere in Tunisia**

**November 2 - 11, 1942**

The Eighth Army continued its drive with the launch of Operation Supercharge on November 2. Montgomery's objective was to force Rommel to engage in the open and further deplete his resources. Two days later the rout was on and Axis forces were forced into full scale retreat.

**July 1 - 27, 1942**

The British Eighth Army would hold the line at El-Alamein over the month of July 1942. Intelligence passed on by Ultra, the Allies' decryption of Axis radio messages, would allow British forces to pre-emptively attack German and Italian forces on more than one occasion.



**The M3 Grant Would be One of Many New Tanks to be Fielded in North Africa**

**October 23 - November 1 1942**

Operation Lightfoot, or what would become known as the Second Battle of El-Alamein, would launch at 21:40 on October 23. Following a short artillery barrage, infantry would cross the start line with the goal of opening up travel lanes through the mine fields that separated the opposing forces. The next week would see a steady advance by Allied forces. Rommel (recently returned to the theater of operations) and the Afrika Korps would see their strength quickly eroded away due to a lack of healthy reinforcements, replacement equipment, and basic supplies.



**A Tiger I Deployed to Tunisia to Bolster Faltering Axis Forces**



**U.S. Troops Move through the Kasserine Pass in February 1943**

**February 1943**

The Kasserine Pass, an approximately 3 km gap in the Atlas Mountains of central Tunisia, was the the location of a series of battles between the Afrika Korps and primarily U.S. forces. U.S. forces incurred a series of early defeats that would see a change of leadership with Major General Patton taking command of the U.S. II Corps in early March 1943. Patton would not get his chance to take on Rommel directly as he had already withdrawn the majority of his forces to defend he Mareth Line in late February.



**No. 417 Squadron RCAF  
Flying in Formation over Tunisia**

**Spring 1943**

Throughout the Spring of 1943 Axis forces would continue to be squeezed by Allied forces across multiple fronts. The U.S. II Corps under the command of Major-General Patton would advance along the coast from the west. The British First Army under the command of Lieutenant-General Anderson would advance from the south west. And, the British Eighth Army, under the command of Major-General Montgomery would advance from the south. By the beginning of May, Tunis would fall and the entirety of Axis forces in North Africa would either surrender or be withdrawn.

Operation Husky- the Allied invasion of Sicily - would launch less than two months later...

**November 8 - 16, 1942**

The Allied invasion of French North Africa, codenamed Operation Torch, was launched on November 8th. Primarily U.S. forces would land across three beachheads in Morocco and Algeria, respectively. It would not be long before French colonial forces would surrender or switch allegiances. Allied forces would amass strength over the following months before launching the final push against Axis forces squeezed back into Tunisia.



**German Half-tracks (including a captured US M3) Stop to Receive Orders from Rommel somewhere in Tunisia, Winter 1943**



**Ground Crew Servicing Spitfires  
of No. 417 Squadron RCAF**



**Planning for the Launch of Operation  
Husky...and the Rest is History**



# THE MOOSAROO IS BACK!

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By: Iain Fraser

A couple of years ago there were just two scale modeling podcasts. On the Bench (OTB) with Dave Goldfinch, out of Australia, and Scale Model Podcast (SMP) with Stuart Clark from London Ontario, who pioneered this new media for scale modelers. With only two podcasts, you might think there would be some sort of rivalry for listenership. But this was not the case. These two podcasts actually were mutually supportive of each other, and their relationship was friendly. These two podcasts, although both about scale modeling, had very different approaches and flavours.

Somewhere back in time, Stuart and Dave decided to have a bit of fun, and challenged each other to a build contest. Somewhere in the book of records it would have been recorded who challenged who but that really has no impact on these ramblings. The fact was that the Moosaroo was born. The problem with their initial challenge was that at the time they hadn't fully worked out who was going to decide the winner. As it later turned out, Mr. Goldfinch would be vacationing in Canada, and would bring the Australian entry with him. This was not a simple feat considering the over 16,000-kilometer distance to be covered. Stuart and Dave also decided to have a joint podcast recorded while Dave was in Canada. Enter our illustrious leader Allan Murrell, who suggested and helped arrange to have the podcast recorded at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum (CWHM).

Some of the IPMS Hamilton membership may remember being invited to listen in on the podcast while it was being recorded here at CWHM in the Dome. Sometime leading up to the podcast, I made the mistake of answering a phone call from Allan. He thought it would be fun if I helped judge the contest. Foolishly I agreed. The models were presented, a Gundam figure made by Ian Keizers of OTB, and a muscle car made by Anthony Goodman of SMP. The podcast recording went well, and there was even some audience giveaways courtesy of Anthony Goodman and Goodman Models. It was finally announced that On the Bench podcast won the first Moosaroo Challenge.

During the podcast, Dave and Stuart decided to do it again the next year - enter Moosaroo II. Initially, there were no set plans for the second challenge, other than Stuart would represent SMP and Dave gleefully threw Julian under the bus to build for OTB. That's when I should have kept my mouth shut again! I suggested to Allan that IPMS Hamilton sponsor Moosaroo II. After all, it would be a nice bit of P.R. for IPMS Hamilton, CWHM and Heritagecon. Allan agreed and presented the idea to the broadcasters. And the motion was carried. That is how IPMS Hamilton ended up knee deep in this friendly podcast rivalry.

Through Allen's contacts, IPMS Hamilton secured two new released Miniart kits from Lightspeed Global Distributing. These kits were sent to the respective podcast contestants with the instructions to simply build them. There were no restrictions on what they could or couldn't do with the kits. The initial thoughts were that the completed models would again be presented at the CWHM during Heritagecon. The plan was well underway until this COVID-19 thing decided to mess up everything.

# THE MOOSAROO IS BACK! CONT'D

By: Iain Fraser

After a bit of thought, scratching of heads, and possibly drinking a bit, it was decided that the competition would be judged virtually. The competitors would send high-resolution pictures to IPMS Hamilton and a crack team of skilled and infamous judges would review them and determine the winner. The respective models were completed and the images submitted to the judging team. After careful and thoughtful review of these images, using a 52 inch High Definition monitor, once again On The Bench from Australia was announced as the winner of the Moosaroo Challenge.

In the time between the first Moosaroo challenge and the completion of the second, four more scale modeling podcasts have come on to the scene; Plastic Model Mojo, Plastic Posse Podcast, and Model Geeks Podcast all from the United States joined Just Making Conversation podcast from the UK. Each of these podcasts also have a unique take on the modeling hobby. These new podcasts have also been encouraged and supported by the original two. In fact all of the podcasters have become friends. With this community growing, Dave decided to throw down the gauntlet and to extend an invitation to all the podcasters to participate in the Moosaroo Challenge or Moosaroo III. Quite unsurprisingly all have accepted.

Once again, IPMS Hamilton has been asked to support the Moosaroo Challenge. We were given pretty much free reign as to what the challenge would be. Allan and I are currently working on what this year's challenge will be, and how we will officiate it. As we figure out the details we will keep everybody updated.

In the meantime, I highly recommend to the membership that if you are not already listening to these scale modeling podcasts, that you do give them a listen. Each one of the podcasts have unique personalities, viewpoints, and experience levels that are able to reach a wide selection of the scale modeling public. They can be informative, relaxing, and even therapeutic. All six of these podcasts are available from a multitude of podcast content providers or the internet. I would highly recommend listening.

## THE KITS!

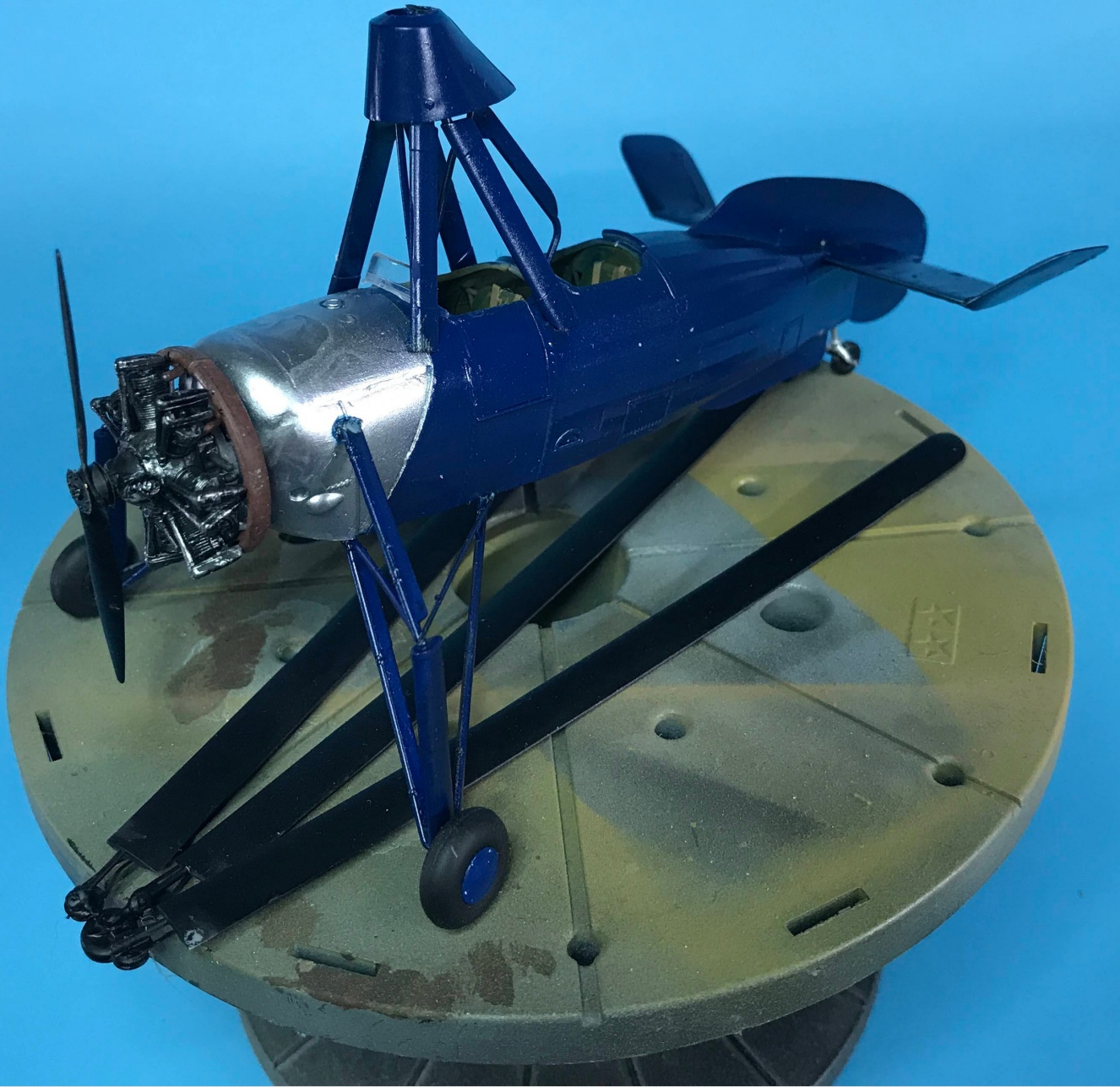


Avro Cierva C.30A



FL 282 V-16 Kolibri "Humming Bird"

SCALE MODEL PODCAST ENTRY  
BY STUART CLARK



ON THE BENCH ENTRY  
BY JULIAN HOSMER  
2021 MOOSAROO CUP WINNER!



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## COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE

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Here's what we are planning for Issue 3:

- The latest club news and updates
- All You Need to Know about Gundam
- Moosaroo Cup 3 Kit Reveal

Look for the next issue to drop on or about October 1.



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# LITTLE PART (WITH APOLOGIES TO THE BARD)

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By: Stephen Obermeyer

Little part, Little part, wherefore art thou  
Little part?

Deny not thy searcher and refuse not thy  
glue

Or if thou wilt not, be but sworn at again  
And I'll no longer a modeller be.

Little Part:

[Aside] Shall I hear more, or appear at  
this?

Modeller:

'Twas the sprue cutter that is our enemy.  
Separated thee from sprue and flung thee  
To disappear as if into air thin.

To hide. Unable to be substituted by  
any other part belonging to my  
kit or on another sprue? What am I,  
the modeller, to do? Could any other  
part be made to fit? To replace this one?  
My model cannot obtain perfection  
without thee little part! Reveal thyself.  
And let thy infinitesimal piece  
intact be found.

Carpet Monster:

Bwha ha ha ha.

Lord what fools these mortals be

*Liberally lifted directly from Romeo and  
Juliet Act 2, Scene 2, line 33-49*

*And a line from Puck in A Midsomer's  
Nights Dream.*