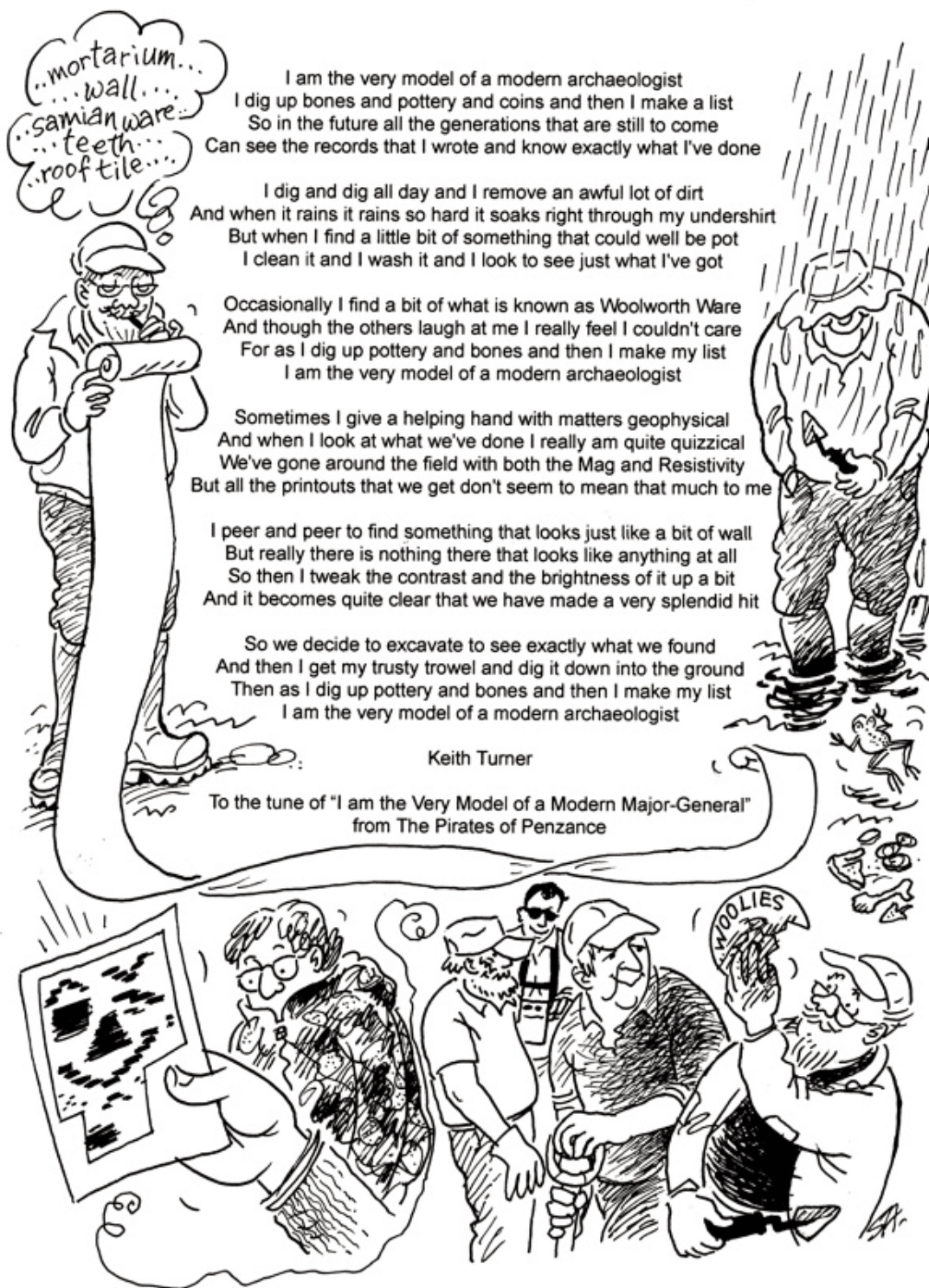


Cartoon and Verse



I am the very model of a modern archaeologist
 I dig up bones and pottery and coins and then I make a list
 So in the future all the generations that are still to come
 Can see the records that I wrote and know exactly what I've done

I dig and dig all day and I remove an awful lot of dirt
 And when it rains it rains so hard it soaks right through my undershirt
 But when I find a little bit of something that could well be pot
 I clean it and I wash it and I look to see just what I've got

Occasionally I find a bit of what is known as Woolworth Ware
 And though the others laugh at me I really feel I couldn't care
 For as I dig up pottery and bones and then I make my list
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Sometimes I give a helping hand with matters geophysical
 And when I look at what we've done I really am quite quizzical
 We've gone around the field with both the Mag and Resistivity
 But all the printouts that we get don't seem to mean that much to me

I peer and peer to find something that looks just like a bit of wall
 But really there is nothing there that looks like anything at all
 So then I tweak the contrast and the brightness of it up a bit
 And it becomes quite clear that we have made a very splendid hit

So we decide to excavate to see exactly what we found
 And then I get my trusty trowel and dig it down into the ground
 Then as I dig up pottery and bones and then I make my list
 I am the very model of a modern archaeologist

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To the tune of "I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General"
 from The Pirates of Penzance

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