

SI I HOLD A GOOD ONE THE OTHER DAY A FELLER SAYS TO ME, "DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HOLD-UP IN SMITH'S BACK YARD?" I SAYS "NO, TELL ME ABOUT IT." HE SAYS "TWO CLOTHES PINS HELD UP A SHOIT!"

HAR, HAR, I MUST TELL THAT TO MIRANDY!

SI IS A GOOD SCOUT BUT HE'S SHY ON BRAINS.

YEAH, AND HOOLIGAN'S TOP FLOOR IS UNFURNISHED.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS
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Down on the Farm

I'M WILLING TO PAY EIGHT DOLLARS FOR A WATCH DOG, ZERI, BUT HOW DO I KNOW THIS ONE IS ANY GOOD?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO, SI. YOU CAN KEEP HIM FOR TWO DAYS ON TRIAL. HELL FLY AT ANY STRANGER THAT COMES ON YOUR PLACE. HE WON'T TOUCH YOU 'CAUSE HE'S SEEN YOUR CLOTHES.

I'LL TRY THAT DOG OUT—LO, THAT YOU HAPPY? THIS IS SI. COME UP TO MY HOUSE TO NIGHT. I WANT TO SEE YOU ON AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

I WONDER WHAT ON OITH SI WANTS TO SEE ME ABOUT SO LATE.

OUCH!

G-R-R

HE'S A GOOD WATCH DOG ALL RIGHT!

HELP!

G-R-R

HE'S WORTH EIGHT DOLLARS!

GOOD DOGGIE! DON'T YOU KNOW ME?

G-R-R

FOR A MAN OF HIS AGE SI SOTTNLY HAS GOT SPEED

TAKE HIM OFF!

G-R-R

SI WHY DONT YOUSE THROW THAT GOWN OVER HIS HEAD AND RUN FOR THE HOUSE?

SHUT UP! IF I HAD A CLUB I'D LICK HIM AND THEN I'D LICK YOU!

G-R-R!

WE'VE BEEN TREED ALL NIGHT!

YOU, HOO, ZERI, CAN WE COME DOWN?

HELLO, SI, I CAME AROUND TO SEE HOW YOU LIKE THE DOG. THIS IS YOUR OWN FAULT. YOU HAD NO BUSINESS TO PUT ON THAT DRESSING GOWN. HE NEVER SAW IT BEFORE.

G-R-R

YOUSE BETTER TIE HIM UP. HE MIGHT HOIT SOMEBODY

NOW YOU KNOW THESE GENTS, DON'T MAKE ANY MORE MISTAKES! GET ME!

I'LL TAKE HIM, ZERI. HERE'S YOUR EIGHT DOLLARS.

WHAT WAS THAT IMPORTANT MATTER YOUSE WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT, SI?

I FORGET. COME UP TO THE HOUSE AND GET SOME BREAKFAST

WHERE WERE YOU AND HOOLIGAN LAST NIGHT? PLAYING CARDS IN THE BARN, I SUPPOSE!

WE WAS TRYING OUT THAT WATCH DOG. HE'S A BOID!

I PAID EIGHT DOLLARS FOR HIM!