

# IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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I BOUGHT ALL NEW FURNITURE FOR THE LIVING ROOM, AND A NEW DINING ROOM SET, TOO! I GAVE OUR OLD FURNITURE TO A FRIEND. I WANT TO GET THINGS IN PLACE BEFORE MAMA COMES IN!

HEAVENS! THIS ISN'T OUR FURNITURE - I MUST BE IN THE WRONG HOUSE, OR I'M DREAMING! ONE OF THE TWO!

YES, I HAD THE NEW FURNITURE MOVED IN AND THE OLD MOVED AWAY WHILE YOU WERE OUT, MAMA! I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU!

PAPA! YOU'RE A DARLING!

I'M SO HAPPY! FOR YEARS I'VE WISHED FOR NEW FURNITURE. IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.

PAPA! GET UP FROM THAT PRETTY CHAIR!

WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SQUASHED THIS NICE NEW CUSHION. I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SIT IN THIS HORREOUS CHAIR.

I'LL SIT ON THE SOFA, INSTEAD.

GET UP FROM THERE! GET OUT OF THE ROOM ENTIRELY! I WON'T LET YOU MUSS UP MY NEW FURNITURE.

WHAT'S THE USE OF HAVING SOME COMFORTABLE CHAIRS IF WE NEVER SIT ON THEM?

I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE ANYBODY SIT IN MY NEW CHAIRS, PAPA! I SHOULD THINK YOU'D APPRECIATE THE WAY I TAKE CARE OF THINGS!

-AND CLEAR OUT OF THIS DINING ROOM, TOO! I JUST GOT THROUGH DUSTING! I WON'T HAVE IT!

WHAT A CHUMP I WAS THAT I DIDN'T KEEP ONE OF THE OLD EASY CHAIRS FOR MYSELF! \* @ ! ! ? ! !



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# Toots and Casper

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THIS TELEGRAM IS FROM MY BROTHER. I WONDER HOW HE FOUND OUT MY ADDRESS? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR YEARS AND YEARS. HE SAYS HE'S COMING TO VISIT ME SOON. I WISH HE WOULDN'T! I KNOW HE'LL BE A WORRY TO ME. HE ALWAYS WAS A PROBLEM.

ELSIE SEEMS TO BE UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING LATELY, CASPER.

SHE SHOULDN'T BE, TOOTS. SHE'S MARRIED TO A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE! IF I HAD AS MUCH MONEY TO SPEND AS SHE HAS I'D BE LAUGHING THE REST OF MY LIFE.

POOR DICK! HE ALWAYS WAS SO IRRESPONSIBLE. HE GOT IN WITH BAD COMPANY AND WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE. HE'S THE BLACK SHEEP IN MY FAMILY, BUT I LOVE HIM JUST THE SAME! MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM IT'S FOR THE BEST THAT I WIRE HIM NOT TO COME! EVERETT WOULDN'T APPROVE OF HIM!

"DEAR DICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME HERE. WILL EXPLAIN LATER. LOVE, ELSIE."

THAT'S ALL, OPERATOR! RUSH THIS TELEGRAM THROUGH AT ONCE, PLEASE.

ABNER AND I ARE GOING TO STROLL ABOUT PRAIRIE JUNCTION FOR THE EXERCISE. DO YOU CARE TO JOIN US, UNCLE EVERETT?

SOME OTHER TIME, CASPER! YOU TWO ARE ALL RIGHT, BUT I PREFER ELSIE'S COMPANY.

THE DAMES SEEM TO BE ON YOUR TRAIL EVER SINCE I CIRCULATED THE NEWS THAT YOU'RE WORTH \$300,000.

MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING, CASPER. IF IT WAS, TOOTS WOULDN'T HAVE PICKED OUT A SHRIMP LIKE YOU FOR A HUSBAND.

ABNER, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KNOW YOU WERE IN TOWN? I'VE THOUGHT OF YOU SO MUCH.

SOMEBODY TOLD ME YOU MARRIED ZEKE TWITTER, MATTIE? HOW IS HE?

NO, IT WAS GLADYS WHO MARRIED ZEKE. I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THESE YEARS FOR YOU, ABNER. HA-HA!

DON'T FORGET OUR DATE FOR THE MOVIE TONIGHT, ABNER.

I'LL CALL FOR YOU IN MY NEW CAR TOMORROW, ABNER, AND WE'LL TAKE A SPIN!

I'M EXPECTING YOU TUESDAY, ABNER.

BY JOVE, I'D BETTER MAKE A NOTE OF MY DATES, OR I'LL FORGET SOME OF THEM!

I'LL BET MATTIE HAS SET HER CAP FOR YOU, UNCLE. BUT DON'T LET HER RUSH YOU TO THE ALTAR! YOU'VE ONLY KNOWN HER FOR THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN HASTY MARRIAGES.

DON'T LET ALL PUFFED UP! THOSE DAMES ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR MONEY!

WELL, AS I SAID BEFORE, CASPER, I LIKE TO LISTEN TO THE SWEET NOTHING'S THEY WHISPER TO ME EVEN IF THEY DON'T MEAN IT! YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME NOW! I'M GONNA GET A SHAVE.

I DIDN'T EXPECT AN ANSWER FROM MY BROTHER SO SOON! TELEGRAM FOR MRS. EVERETT J. CHUCKLE!

IT'S MY TELEGRAM BACK UNDELIVERED! MY BROTHER HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR HERE.

THE SPEEDING TRAIN BRINGING ELSIE'S BROTHER SEEMS TO ECHO WEIRD FOREBODING... A SINISTER SHADOW SEEMS TO BE GLOWING CREEPING UPON THE HAPPY HOME OF EVERETT AND ELSIE

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