



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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I WANT TO SHOW YOU THESE SAMPLE PHOTOS, SIR!

JUST LEAVE THEM ON MY DESK AND I'LL LOOK AT THEM LATER! I'VE GOT TO SKIP OUT FOR A WHILE!

THAT FELLOW IS A PHOTOGRAPHER! I'VE BEEN TALKING TO HIM ABOUT HAVING SOME PHOTOS TAKEN OF MY WIFE, BUT, OF COURSE, I WANT TO SEE SOME SAMPLES OF HIS WORK BEFORE GIVING HIM THE ORDER!

THESE UNIFORMS AND CAPS ARE FOR THE OFFICER BEARING DOLL OF LAST WEEK!

HERE IS THE NEW CUT-OUT DOLL OF 'ELSE' AS WE LAST SAW HER.

WATCH FOR 'ELSE'S' CLOTHES IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER!

TO USE: BEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE.

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I'M SURE HE'LL GIVE ME THE ORDER TO PHOTOGRAPH HIS WIFE WHEN HE SEES THESE PHOTOS I'VE TAKEN OF OTHER GIRLS!

PAPA HAS ALWAYS SAID HE DOESN'T WANT ME HANGING AROUND HIS OFFICE, BUT IT WON'T HURT TO DROP IN AND SURPRISE HIM THIS ONCE!

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OH, WHAT A BLIND CHUMP I'VE BEEN! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN HE HAD A REASON FOR NOT WANTING ME TO VISIT HIS OFFICE!

OH, HELLO, SWEETHEART! THIS IS A SURPRISE!

SWEETHEART? MY, YOU CAN SAY THE NICEST THINGS, CAN'T YOU?

I GUESS YOU'VE HAD PLENTY OF PRACTICE IN HANDING OUT ENDEARING WORDS— YOU SCOUNDREL!

Toots and Casper

HAVE YOU SET THE DATE FOR YOUR WEDDING, UNCLE ABNER? DON'T HOLD OUT ON ME! STELLA CLINKER IS TO BE YOUR WIFE, BUT THAT WILL MAKE HER MY AUNT AND I'M ENTITLED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

WE'LL DECIDE ON THE EXACT DATE SHORTLY CASPER, AND I WANT YOU TO BE THE BEST MAN! I NEVER KNEW ANYONE COULD BE AS HAPPY AS I AM NOW!

SEE THE WISTFUL LOOK IN ELLEN FERGUSON'S EYES AS SHE WATCHES ABNER? NO ONE KNOWS IT—IT'S A SECRET THAT'S LOCKED IN HER HEART— BUT SHE LOVES ABNER, TOO! SHE'S LIKED HIM SINCE THEY WERE SCHOOL-MADES LONG AGO— AND LATELY THEIR CLOSER ASSOCIATION, HER FONDNESS FOR HIM HAS DEVELOPED INTO LOVE! AND NOW SHE'S WONDERING WHETHER— NO WONDER THAT TEARS OCCASIONALLY COME INTO HER PRETTY EYES—

STELLA, DARLIN! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN I AM AND THAT WOULD BE FOR YOU TO MARRY ME RIGHT AWAY! LET'S ELOPE TODAY!

WE MUSTN'T RUSH THINGS, ABNER DEAR! IT'LL BE MUCH NICER TO INVITE OUR FRIENDS TO OUR WEDDING AND IT TAKES TIME TO PLAN THINGS PROPERLY! WE OUGHT TO BE THINKING OF A HOME, TOO! I SAW A DARLING HOUSE TODAY THAT'S FOR SALE! IT'S ALL FINISHED, TOO—

THAT'S RIGHT, STELLA! WE OUGHT TO HAVE A LITTLE BUNGALOW READY TO MOVE INTO AS SOON AS WE'RE MARRIED! HOW MUCH IS THE HOUSE YOU SAW, DARLIN?

NOW, NOW, ABNER! IT'S THE WOMAN'S PLACE TO ATTEND TO THE HOME AND SUCH DETAILS SO LEAVE ALL THAT TO ME, DEAR! YOUR TIME IS TOO VALUABLE TO BE WASTED IN LOOKING FOR A HOUSE!

THAT'S NICE OF YOU TO SAY, STELLA, SO I'LL LET YOU PICK THE HOUSE! ANY HOUSE THAT PLEASES YOU WILL PLEASE ME, DEAR!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU SEE THE HOME THAT I SELECT UNTIL IT'S ALL IN READINESS, ABNER, BECAUSE I WANT TO SURPRISE YOU!

ABNER WILL BE SURPRISED ALL RIGHT! THE LITTLE HOME I'M NEGOTIATING FOR IS MERELY A MANSION OF TWENTY GORGEOUSLY FURNISHED ROOMS SURROUNDED BY THREE ACRES OF LANDSCAPED GARDENS— A SWIMMING POOL— TENNIS COURTS— EVERYTHING! HE'LL PROBABLY THROW A SPASM, BUT I'LL TALK HIM INTO PAYING FOR IT! OUR HONEYMOON TRIP TO EUROPE WILL COST PLENTY, TOO! I'LL BE HIS TURTLE-DOVE AS LONG AS HIS MONEY LASTS, BUT AFTER THAT— WELL, WHY CROSS BRIDGES UNTIL WE COME TO THEM?

IT'S THREE WEEKS SINCE UNCLE EVERETT LEFT IN SEARCH OF ELSE, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD FROM HIM, CASPER! I WONDER IF HE'S HAD ANY LUCK?

I CERTAINLY WISH I KNEW WHERE TO LOCATE UNCLE EVERETT SO I COULD TELL HIM THAT ABNER IS GOING TO MARRY STELLA! HE'LL HARDLY BELIEVE IT, TOOTS!

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT STELLA IS ONLY MARRYING ABNER FOR HIS MONEY, BUT EVEN EVERETT CAN'T PREVENT THE WEDDING! NOW! ABNER IS TOO INFATUATED WITH HER!

ABNER IS MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, TOOTS, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, BUT JUST THE SAME I WISH EVERETT KNEW ABOUT IT! HE MIGHT DO SOMETHING!

SAY, MRS. FERGUSON, I WISH UNCLE ABNER WAS ENGAGED TO YOU INSTEAD OF STELLA CLINKER! I'D BE PROUD TO CALL YOU AUNTIE!

GO AWAY WITH YOU, CASPER! LAND SAKES! NO WONDER TOOTS FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU! YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THE NICEST THINGS! OH, THE PHONE IS RINGING!

HELLO, YES, THIS IS MR. CASPER! WHAT? EVERETT & CRICKLE IS CALLING LONG DISTANCE?

HURRY UP, CENTRAL! CONNECT THAT CALL— HURRY!

I HAD A HUNCH WE WERE GOING TO HEAR FROM UNCLE EVERETT! I'M DYING TO LEARN IF HE FOUND ELSE!

CASPER, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TELL HIM ABOUT ABNER AND STELLA!

HELLO! HELLO! WHY, HELLO THERE, UNCLE EVERETT! GEE, IT SEEMS GOOD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE—

WE CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR ABOUT ELSE AND WE'RE ALL CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT EVERETT WILL SAY ABOUT ABNER'S ENGAGEMENT TO STELLA CLINKER!

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

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