



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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LOOK AT MAMA! SHE'S BOUGHT A NEW FUR COAT AND I'LL BET IT COSTS PLENTY! WELL, THERE'S NO USE OF ME SCOLDING HER! IT'S BOUGHT AND PAID FOR AND I MIGHT AS WELL ACT AS THOUGH I'M PLEASED ABOUT IT!

THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL COAT, MAMA! YOU LOOK STUNNING IN IT!

WHY, PAPA! IT'S SO EXPENSIVE I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D WANT ME TO HAVE IT!

HERE IS UNCLE EVERETT AS HE LOOKED WHEN HE WAS COURTING ELSIE IN PRAIRIE JUNCTION YEARS AGO!

WATCH FOR HIS CLOTHES NEXT WEEK!

I'M GLAD YOU BOUGHT IT, MAMA! YOU'VE BEEN A SWELL LITTLE WIFE TO ME AND YOU DESERVE SOMETHING NICE!

I WASN'T EVEN GOING TO SHOW IT TO YOU FOR FEAR YOU'D RAISE A SCENE, PAPA!

I'M FROM THE FURRIERS! I'VE AN ORDER TO PICK UP A FUR COAT!

I PHONED 'EM TO CALL FOR IT, BUT I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! I'M GOING TO KEEP THE COAT! MY HUSBAND WILL MAIL A CHECK FOR IT TONIGHT!



THESE DRESSES ARE FOR THE ELSIE DOLL OF LAST WEEK!

WERE YOU GONNA SEND THE COAT BACK, MAMA?

SURE I WAS, PAPA! I WAS SENDING IT BACK BECAUSE I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D LET ME SPEND SO MUCH MONEY!

OH, PAPA! LET ME KISS YOU! THE COAT COST \$560.00 AND IF YOU HADN'T JUST SAID YOU WANTED ME TO KEEP IT I'D HAVE SENT IT BACK!



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THE DAZZLING STELLA CLINKER RECENTLY ARRIVED IN PRAIRIE JUNCTION TO BE MARRIED TO ROGER KAILERTON IN THE HOME OF UNCLE EVERETT!

STELLA CLINKER IS GOING TO GET THE SHOCK OF HER LIFE RIGHT NOW WHEN ROGER KAILERTON TELLS HER THAT HE IS NOT A RICH MAN!

TOMORROW WILL BE OUR WEDDING DAY, STELLA DARLING, BUT BEFORE WE'RE MARRIED THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU— SOMETHING I'VE OFTEN TRIED TO TELL YOU, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN—

NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, I'LL LOVE YOU JUST THE SAME, ROGER!

YOU EVIDENTLY THINK THAT I'M A WEALTHY MAN, DEAR, BUT I NEVER TOLD YOU SO, DID I?

YOU HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED FINANCES WITH ME, ROGER, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SPLENDOR IN WHICH YOU LIVED I JUDGED YOU TO BE A VERY RICH MAN!

I AM NOT A RICH MAN, STELLA! FAR FROM IT! FOR THIRTY YEARS I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED HERE ON MR. CHUCKLE'S ESTATE AS A GARDENER!

THAT'S ABSURD! RIDICULOUS! YOU MUST BE RICH, OTHERWISE HOW COULD YOU HAVE AFFORDED ALL THE SERVANTS, LIMOUSINES AND LUXURIES YOU HAD IN THE CITY?

THAT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN, STELLA! MR. CHUCKLE LIKES ME AND I ALWAYS WISHED FOR A BRIEF TASTE OF LUXURY AND HE GRANTED MY WISH! HE PAID ALL OF MY EXPENSES FOR THE TWO MONTHS THAT I LIVED IN LUXURY IN THE CITY! HE'S SUCH A GENEROUS MAN!

MR. CHUCKLE! IT ISN'T TRUE! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! SURELY, MR. KAILERTON ISN'T YOUR GARDENER, IS HE?

YES, IT'S TRUE, MISS CLINKER! ROGER IS MY GARDENER AND I'M VERY FOND OF HIM! HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LOYAL AND DEVOTED EMPLOYEE!

YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, STELLA, AND I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME! I HAVE A COUPLE OF THOUSAND DOLLARS SAVED UP AND WE COULD LIVE IN MY LITTLE COTTAGE ON THIS ESTATE!

LET ME GO! I WANT TO BE ALONE! I WANT TO THINK— THINK—

ABNER IS WORTH \$300,000.00 BUT I TURNED HIM DOWN FOR A MAN WORTH A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND NOW I'M LEFT HIGH AND DRY! IT'S THE SILLIEST THING THAT I EVER DID IN MY WHOLE LIFE, BUT IT'S MY OWN FAULT FOR NOT INVESTIGATING ROGER'S FINANCES BEFORE I JILTED ABNER!

I'D FEEL SORRY FOR STELLA IF SHE WASN'T SUCH A TERRIBLE SCHEMER!

SHE SCHEMED ONCE TOO OFTEN, AND IT SERVES HER RIGHT FOR BEING SO RUTHLESS WITH ABNER!

ROGER KAILERTON IS GOING ABOUT HIS DUTIES AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED! THERE HE IS WORKING IN THE GARDEN!

POOR ROGER! HIS ROMANCE WITH STELLA CLINKER IS OVER AND IT'S WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT HE TURNS ONCE MORE TO THE FLOWERS HE LOVES!

MY LITTLE ROMANCE WITH STELLA ONLY LASTED TWO MONTHS, BUT IT WAS THE HAPPIEST TWO MONTHS OF MY LIFE AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR JUST A LITTLE HAPPINESS!

WHAT WILL I DO NOW? I MUST WORK FAST! STELLA CLINKER ISN'T GOING TO BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD FOR LONG. YOU CAN DEPEND UPON THAT! YES, I HAVE IT! I HAVE A PLAN AND I'LL CARRY IT THROUGH!

HELLO, ABNER DEAR! WE SHOULDN'T BE INDOORS ON A GORGEOUS EVENING LIKE THIS— LET'S TAKE A NICE DRIVE— JUST YOU AND I—

SO THAT'S IT? STELLA'S PLAN IS TO WIN ABNER BACK TO HER! SURELY, HE WON'T BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO AGAIN FALL A VICTIM OF HER SCHEMING?

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