



**IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!**  
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I DON'T BLAME MAMA FOR BEING SORE AT ME--- SHE SAYS IT'S LIKE PULLING EYE-TEETH TO GET ME TO DO ANYTHING FOR HER---

HERE'S WHERE I TURN OVER A NEW LEAF! BEFORE SHE GETS HOME ALL THE THINGS SHE WANTS DONE WILL BE DONE---

**TOOTS AND CASPER COMIC CUT-OUTS**  
THEY ARE PRINTED EVERY WEEK

THESE CLOTHES ARE FOR YOUR ROGER KAILERTON DOLL OF LAST WEEK!

FIRST OF ALL, THIS CHAIR THAT SHE WANTS UPSTAIRS IS GOING UPSTAIRS---

I JUST WAXED THE KITCHEN LINOLEUM, AND FIXED THE DOOR-BELL AND NOW I'LL MOVE THE PIANO WHERE SHE WANTS IT---

LET'S SEE! I WASHED THE WINDOWS-- POLISHED THE FURNITURE --PUT FRESH SHELF-PAPER IN THE PANTRY AND NOW I'LL GET THESE BOXES READY FOR THE EXPRESS-MAN!



MAMA WILL BE SURPRISED WHEN SHE SEES WHAT I'VE DONE, BUT AM I TIRED? THAT WAS WORK!

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ASLEEP AS USUAL--YOU SHIFTLESS, WORTHLESS LOAFER--- OH, YOU SCOUNDREL!

**Toots and Casper**

I DON'T MEAN TO HOLD A CLUB OVER YOUR HEAD, ABNER. BUT IF YOU WON'T MARRY ME, THEN I'LL MAKE THAT LETTER PUBLIC AND I WANT YOUR DECISION RIGHT NOW!

I CAN'T MARRY YOU, STELLA! I LOVE ELLEN FERGUSON--

I LOVE YOU TOO, ABNER, AND NO ONE IS GOING TO TAKE YOU FROM ME---

STELLA, I APPEAL TO YOUR SENSE OF FAIR PLAY... PLEASE GIVE ME THAT LETTER AND PROMISE TO KEEP ITS CONTENTS A SECRET! I CAN'T MARRY YOU BECAUSE I DON'T LOVE YOU! NOTHING BUT UNHAPPINESS WOULD COME OF IT---

IF YOU'LL GIVE ME THE CHANCE, I'LL MAKE YOU LOVE ME, ABNER, AND WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY EVENTUALLY! I'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH YOU AND I'LL GIVE YOU JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES TO DECIDE!

I WILL NOT MARRY YOU, STELLA, AND THAT'S FINAL!

LET ME HAVE MY HAT! I'M GOING!

I LOVE ELLEN AND SHE LOVES ME---IT WOULD BREAK HER HEART IF I MARRIED STELLA CLINKER---

I'LL NEVER DO THAT--- NEVER---

--AND IF STELLA EXPOSES THAT LETTER IT WILL BE DISASTROUS! I DON'T CARE ABOUT MYSELF, BUT---

BUT---

OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN, MR. ABNER! STEP RIGHT IN!

YES, IT'S ME--

STELLA! I'M DESPERATE! DESPERATE BECAUSE I LOVE ELLEN AND I WON'T ALLOW YOU OR ANYONE TO COME BETWEEN US---

ABNER! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? YOU ACT LIKE A MAD-MAN!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE ROUGH ABOUT IT I CAN BE FIRM, TOO! ARE YOU GOING TO MARRY ME?

YES OR NO?

NO! I WILL NOT! YOU'RE THE MOST COLD-BLOODED, HEARTLESS WOMAN I EVER KNEW AND I ACTUALLY DISLIKE YOU!

FINE! NOW THAT I KNOW WHERE I STAND I CAN ACT ACCORDINGLY-- I'LL 'PHONE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ABOUT THAT LETTER RIGHT NOW!

STELLA! DON'T--- DON'T! I'LL MARRY YOU-- I'LL MARRY YOU!

THEN WE'RE ENGAGED? OH, ABNER. I'M SO HAPPY! I KNEW YOU'D LISTEN TO REASON! LET'S MAKE OUR WEDDING DAY REAL SOON--

AS YOU SAY, STELLA, BUT GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME TO GENTLY BREAK THE NEWS TO ELLEN!

THE FIRST THING YOU'RE TO DO ABNER IS TO BREAK YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH ELLEN AND NO STALLING! REMEMBER WHAT I SAID! YOU'RE TO TELL HER THAT YOU NEVER REALLY LOVED HER---

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY ABNER CALLED ON STELLA CLINKER AGAIN TODAY, CASPER!

ELLEN, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT STELLA! HE'S THROUGH WITH HER! HE LOVES ONLY YOU!

YES-- ABNER LOVES ELLEN FERGUSON! HE LOVES HER DEARLY! HE PLANNED TO MARRY HER AND NOW-- NOW--

---NOW I HAVE TO TELL ELLEN THAT I DON'T LOVE HER-- I NEVER HATED TO DO ANYTHING SO MUCH IN MY WHOLE LIFE BECAUSE I DO LOVE HER-- I LOVE HER MORE THAN ANYBODY IN THE WORLD--- I ADORE HER---

POOR ELLEN  
HER HEART WILL BREAK WHEN ABNER TELLS HER THE FATAL NEWS!  
DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HER?

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK --

