



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT, PAPA?

IT'S AN ANTIQUE FROM AN OLD PRISON SHIP, MAMA—I BOUGHT IT AT AN AUCTION—GOSH, IT'S HEAVY!

WHEN THEY USED TO CLAMP THIS TO A GUY'S LEG HE WAS PUT, MAMA—I'LL PUT IT ON YOU FOR A MINUTE TO LET YOU SEE HOW IT FELT—

THAT'S ENOUGH! TAKE IT OFF NOW!

RIGHT AWAY, MAMA—I'VE GOT A KEY TO UNLOCK IT!

TAKE IT OFF!

WHAT THE HECK DID I DO WITH THAT KEY?

TAKE IT OFF!

THE KEY ISN'T IN MY OVERCOAT POCKET EITHER! I MUST HAVE LOST IT!

I'LL HAVE TO GET A LOCKSMITH TO UNLOCK IT—

TAKE IT OFF!

IT TOOK ME THREE HOURS TO LOCATE THIS LOCKSMITH, MAMA; BUT HE'LL GET THAT OFF IN A JIFFY NOW!

COME BACK HERE—I'M GONNA CHAIN YOU UP TONIGHT AND SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT!

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LITTLE SISTER

SEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE.

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CASPER, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE WIRED ROGER KAILERTON THAT LUCY LOVES HIM—IT MAY FRIGHTEN HIM AWAY AND SPOIL A NICE ROMANCE BETWEEN THEM—

IT'S FUNNY HE HASN'T ANSWERED MY WIRE, TOOTS—! GEE, THE 'PHONE IS RINGING!

ROGER KAILERTON OF ALL PEOPLE! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK IN TOWN?

I ARRIVED THIS MORNING, CASPER, AND I'M AT LUCY'S NOW—I'VE GOT A BIG SURPRISE FOR YOU— WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER—

HELLO, ROGER! HELLO, LUCY! WELL, WHAT'S THE BIG SURPRISE?

LUCY AND I ARE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED—

GEE, THAT'S FINE—CONGRATULATIONS—MY, THIS IS A SURPRISE!

WHEN I GOT CASPER'S WIRE I DIDN'T TAKE TIME TO ANSWER—I HOPPED A PLANE AND CAME HERE TO SEE LUCY—

— THEN WE GOT TO TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH WE ALWAYS LIKED EACH OTHER EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS TOGETHER, AND THE FIRST THING I KNEW I WAS PROPOSING TO HER, AND SHE ACCEPTED!

LUCY SURE KEPT ME WAITING A LONG TIME FOR HER— FORTY YEARS AGO I TOLD HER IF SHE EVER DECIDED TO BE MINE TO WEAR A PINK CARNATION— AND SHE NEVER WORE ONE UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO!

I'M GLAD YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT STELLA CLINKER—

CASPER, I COULD NEVER FEEL THE SAME AGAIN ABOUT STELLA AFTER THE WAY SHE TREATED ME SEVEN WEEKS AGO— RIGHT THEN AND THERE SOMETHING CHANGED IN ME! WELL, WE MUST BE GOING NOW—

I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D EVER FORGET STELLA, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THOSE WHO MOAN THE MOST FORGET THE QUICKEST!

IT ALL CAME ABOUT SO SUDDENLY, I'M ALMOST SPEECHLESS!

GOOD NIGHT, LUCY—I'LL BE THINKING OF YOU EVERY MINUTE UNTIL I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW!

OH, ROGER, I'M THE HAPPIEST WOMAN IN ALL THE WORLD!

GOSH, AFTER SEARCHING THE WORLD FOR FORTY YEARS FOR REAL LOVE I FIND IT RIGHT WHERE I STARTED— WITH THE FIRST GIRL I EVER KNEW— IT'S FUNNY HOW THINGS TURN OUT—

THERE GOES ROGER— HE'S WONDERFUL, AND I LOVE HIM, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT STELLA— I WONDER IF HE IS COMPLETELY OVER HIS INFATUATION FOR HER? I MUST FIND OUT POSITIVELY BEFORE I MARRY HIM AND I KNOW A WAY TO TEST HIM—

PARDON ME, MISS CLINKER— I MUST SEE YOU FOR A MOMENT ABOUT MR. KAILERTON! IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!

VERY WELL! COME IN!

WHAT IS LUCY'S PLAN TO TEST ROGER? WHY HAS SHE CALLED ON STELLA?

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