



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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DO ONE IF THE HORSE I BET ON TODAY DIDN'T LOSE! IT WAS A HOT TIP, TOO!



NOW I'M SORRY I TOLD OTTO TO BET ON THE DARNED NA4!



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HIM TO BET.



OTTO LOST A HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE RACE, BUT HE WON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME...



OTTO KNOWS I WAS ONLY TRYING TO DO HIM A FAVOR-- LOOK, THERE HE IS NOW---



I'M SORRY ABOUT THE RACE, OTTO!



OTTO, AIN'T YOU GONNA SPEAK TO ME?



THERE YOU ARE-- A LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP GONE! I HOPE IT'LL TEACH YOU TO KEEP YOUR NOSE WHERE IT BELONGS!



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WOWIE, TOOTS-- READ THIS!



WELL, OF ALL THINGS! WHY, IT'S--

OH, BOY! WAIT UNTIL BEN PLUNKER SEES THAT!



COME OVER RIGHT AWAY, MR. PLUNKER-- IT'S VERY IMPORTANT--



WHY, HERE'S CASPER'S BOOK: "A STENOGRAPHER'S DIARY"--- NORKA! I TOLD YOU TO RETURN IT TO HIM!



I SENT IT TO HIM BY MESSENGER, MADAME!

HOW COULD YOU SEND IT TO HIM WHEN HERE IT IS, STUPID?



OH, MISS CLINKER-- I MUST HAVE SENT HIM THE WRONG BOOK!!

HEAVENS, NORKA! WHAT BOOK DID YOU SEND HIM?



IT WAS A DIARY, MADAME! YOU SAID HIS BOOK WAS A DIARY OF SOME SORT AND I THOUGHT--

A DIARY? GREAT SCOTT!!! DID YOU SEND HIM MY DIARY?



W-WHERE IS MY DIARY?? IT WAS ON THIS DESK!! OH, NORKA, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?



IT'S GONE! MY DIARY IS GONE! OH, THIS IS TERRIBLE-- IF MR. PLUNKER SHOULD READ IT I'M SUNK-- OH--OH--

MADAME, I'M SO SORRY--



I SHOULD HAVE KEPT THE DIARY LOCKED UP--- I MUST GET IT BACK--- MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT CASPER HASN'T READ IT YET---



CASPER, I RUSHED HERE SO FAST I'M ALL OUT OF BREATH---

THIS WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY, TOO, BOSS!



IT'S STELLA CLINKER'S DIARY--- IN HER OWN HANDWRITING---

MY WORD! IS THERE ANYTHING IN IT ABOUT ME?

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THE DOORBELL'S RINGING! IT'S STELLA! CAN SHE RECOVER HER DIARY BEFORE BEN READS IT? (CONT'D)

