



# IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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PAPA, THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT MRS. MELOOF TALKED ABOUT ME!

IS THAT SO?

YES, THAT'S SO AND I'LL BET YOU KNOW ABOUT IT!

I DON'T KNOW NUTHIN'

TELL ME WHAT THAT HUSSY SAID OR I'LL CHOKE THE DAY-LIGHTS OUTA YOU!

ER- GULP-- I HEARD SHE SAID YOU LOOK LIKE A BABY HIPPOPOTAMUS



HERE IS CASPER'S NIECE FOR YOUR CUT-OUT COLLECTION.

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OH, SHE DID? WELL, SHE'S NO MIDGET, HERSELF!

I HAVEN'T THE FIGURE I ONCE HAD, BUT I KNOW THAT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ME OF IT!

YOU NEVER MENTION THE NICE THINGS YOU HEAR ABOUT ME, BUT YOU CAN'T WAIT TO TELL ME THE BAD THINGS! LEAVE IT TO YOU TO RUB IT IN!

I CAN FORGIVE HER FOR WHAT SHE SAID--BUT I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THE WAY YOU RUSHED HOME TO TELL IT TO ME!

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# Toots and Casper

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YOUR FATHER MUST BE PROUD OF YOU, TED-- YOU WERE THE STAR IN COLLEGE AND NOW A STAR IN BUSINESS.

YOU FLATTER ME, MISS CLINKER!

PST, TOOTS! PST, CASPER! PST!

AHEM--THEY CAN GET BETTER ACQUAINTED IF THEY'RE ALONE, DON'T YOU THINK?

I SEE THROUGH IT ALL NOW, TOOTS--THE BOSS HAS BROUGHT STELLA IN TO VAMP TED AWAY FROM HIS FIANCEE!

IT'S MEAN OF HIM AND WE CAN'T DO A THING, CASPER!

STELLA'S ALL RIGHT! IF SHE BUSTS UP MY SON'S ROMANCE WITH "SLIM BRAMBELL'S" DAUGHTER QUICKER THAN I EXPECT I'LL PAY HER DOUBLE!

WHAT A FINE HAND YOU HAVE, TED! LOOK AT THOSE LINES--IT MEANS YOU HAVE A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU!

YOU'RE TOO KIND TO ME, MISS CLINKER! GOSH, IS IT NINE O'CLOCK ALREADY?

PARDON ME FOR BREAKING AWAY LIKE THIS, BUT I'VE A DATE TO TAKE MY GIRL TO A MOVIE!

I HOPE I SEE YOU AGAIN SOON, TED!

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A FINE VAMP YOU ARE! YOU LET HIM GET AWAY!

ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY, SENOR! AT LEAST I'VE MADE A START AND WHAT I START I FINISH!

I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR TAXI, STELLA! FORGIVE MY IMPATIENCE, BUT I WANT QUICK ACTION!

DON'T WORRY! GRASS DOESN'T GROW UNDER MY FEET!

BOSS, TED IS TOO NICE TO BE MIXED UP WITH STELLA CLINKER!

I'VE NO USE FOR STELLA! SHE'S THE LAST GIRL IN THE WORLD I'D WANT HIM TO HAVE, BUT I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, SO PLEASE MIND YOUR OWN AFFAIRS!

NORKA, I JUST MET THE MOST WONDERFUL BOY ON EARTH--I FELT IN LOVE THE MINUTE I SAW HIM!

I CAN READ IT IN YOUR EYES, MADAME!

I LIKE TED BETTER THAN ANYONE I EVER KNEW--FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'M REALLY IN LOVE--I'M A FEW YEARS OLDER THAN HE, BUT THAT WON'T MATTER!

I'LL STEAL HIM AWAY FROM HIS FIANCEE-- AND I WON'T STEP OUT OF THE PICTURE AFTER THAT, EITHER-- IF I WIN HIM I WON'T GIVE HIM UP FOR ALL THE MONEY ON EARTH!

BENJAMIN PLUNKER MAY YET RUE THE DAY WHEN HE INTRODUCED HIS SON TO STELLA CLINKER!

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