



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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MAMA, I'M TAKING YOU OUT TO DINNER AND A SHOW TONIGHT!

HOLD ON! NOT SO FAST! YOU SHOUDA BROKE THAT GENTLY TO ME! DO YOU WANT ME TO KEEL OVER?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



MABEL

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YOU TOOK ME SO BY SURPRISE I'M STILL DAZED! DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT? DID YOU INVITE ME OUT TONIGHT?

YES BUT WHY ALL THE FUSS?

IT'S THE ONLY TIME IN TEN YEARS YOU EVER INVITED ME OUT-- IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU EVER PLANNED AN EVENING FOR ME.

NO WONDER I NEARLY SWOONED! A PERSON'S HEART CAN'T STAND A SHOCK LIKE THAT.

ARE WE GOING OUT OR NOT?

I HAVEN'T BEEN IN A CAFE OR A THEATRE FOR SO LONG I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT--

THE WAY I COOK, AND SLAVE AND WORK MY FINGERS TO THE BONE! IF I WAS A MAID I'D HAVE MY THURSDAYS OFF, ANYWAY!

NO, I'M NOT GOING OUT WITH YOU! GO BY YOURSELF! GET OUT OF HERE AND GOOD RIDDANCE!

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CASPER, THIS STORY IN THE "DAILY SCREAM" ABOUT STELLA-- NOW MY DAY IS SPOILED!

YOUR DAY? TOOTS, I'LL BE MONTHS GETTING OVER THAT SHOCK!

MILLION-DOLLAR ESTATE. HA-HA! I PUT THIS HOAX OVER SO CLEVERLY EVEN EXPERTS CAN'T DOUBT IT! NOW THE NEXT RICH GUY I LAND CAN'T ACCUSE ME OF BEING AFTER HIM FOR HIS DOUGH--EVEN IF I HAVEN'T A DIME-- HA-HA-HA!

THE MAN I MARRY NEED NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH! HE'S TO FOOT THE BILLS-- WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE IS MY AFFAIR-- IF I TRICK HIM, THAT'S HIS TOUGH LUCK-- NOT MINE.

NOW I CAN HAVE UNLIMITED CREDIT AT THE STORES, AND WATCH ME MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES-- I'LL SETTLE UP AFTER I GET MARRIED-- WITH MY HUSBAND'S DOUGH!

CASPER, THIS IS KARLO KARONY, THE EUROPEAN FINANCIER! MY FOREIGN AGENT SENT HIM TO ME.

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, MR. KARONY.

CASPER, I WISH YOU'D SHOW MR. KARONY AROUND TOWN A BIT!

GLADLY.

YOU ARE VERY KIND!

HELLO, CASPER! HELLO, STELLA CLINKER, I WAS GLAD TO HEAR OF YOUR GOOD LUCK.

THIS IS THE GIRL WHO INHERITED A MILLION, EH?

YES--ER-- THIS IS KARLO KARONY, THE EUROPEAN MILLIONAIRE! I'VE HEARD OF YOU--OH, I'M THRILLED TO KNOW YOU!

MADAME IS MOST GRACIOUS.

I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND REAL SOON I HOPE.

I'M FREE TONIGHT, MISS CLINKER-- LET ME CALL FOR YOU AT SEVEN AND WE'LL DINE TOGETHER.

AS THEY SAY IN YOUR COUNTRY, CASPER, SHE'S EASY TO LOOK AT!

UH-HUH!

DARN IT, I DIDN'T WANT HER TO KNOW THIS GUY, BUT IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS--

NORKA, I'VE MET THE MAN OF MY DREAMS! HE'S YOUNG, HANDSOME AND WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, HE'S RICH! OH, HELP ME TO LOOK MY BEST, PLEASE--

YES, MADAME.

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THINGS ARE BREAKING FINE FOR STELLA. THIS MUST BE HER LUCKY WEEK. TO BE CONTINUED

