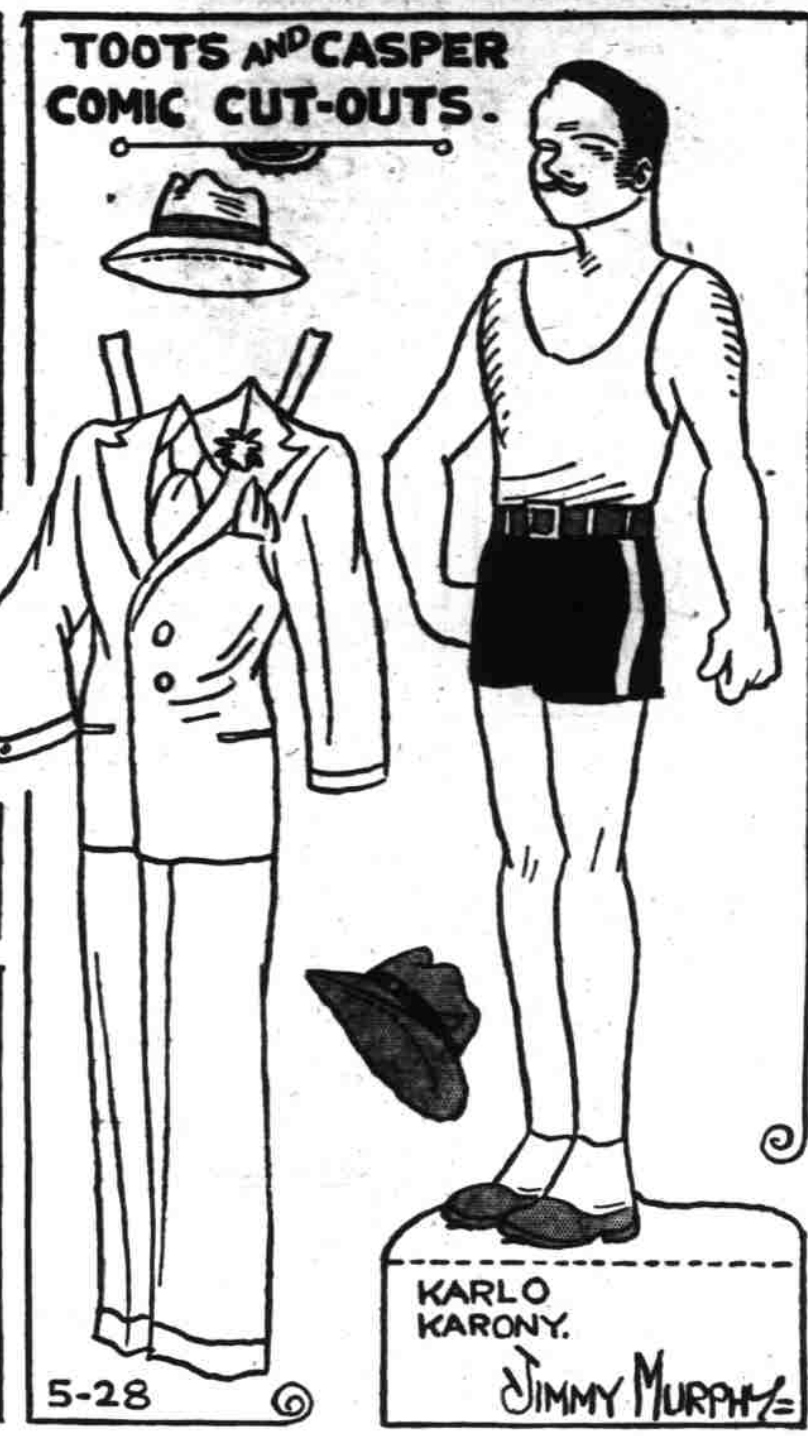


IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!
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JUNIOR, DID YOU WASH BEHIND YOUR EARS?
YA DARN TOOTIN' I DID!

THAT'S THE YOUNG GENERATION FOR YOU--- INSTEAD OF ANSWERING, "YES, MOTHER," HE SAYS "YA DARN TOOTIN'!"



HONEY, DID YOU HANG UP YOUR CLOTHES LIKE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL?
YA DO-GONE RIGHT I DID, MAMA.

I GIVE UP. YOU SEND THEM TO SCHOOL TO LEARN SOMETHING AND THAT'S HOW THEY ANSWER YOU!

PAPA MUST HAVE COMPANY--- I HEAR VOICES IN THERE.

SO I SAID, "YA DARN TOOTIN' OTTO'S A NICE GUY--- HE'S A GOOD EGG--- AND IF YA KNOCK HIM TO ME I'LL SMACK YA ON YOUR KISSER!"

NOW I KNOW WHERE THE CHILDREN PICK UP THEIR SLANG! YOU'RE A BAD INFLUENCE. SCRAM!! WHY, DO-GONE, NOW YOU'VE GOT ME DOING IT!

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HELLO, KARLO KARONY! MY NIECE WANTS YOU TO COME TO A PARTY SHE'S GIVING TONIGHT!
I'M SORRY, MR. PLUNKER-- I'VE A DATE WITH MISS CLINKER TONIGHT-- IN FACT, EVERY NIGHT!

STELLA CLINKER? HOW'D YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW HER?
WHEN I WAS OUT WALKING WITH CASPER WE BUMPED INTO HER AND HE INTRODUCED ME! SHE'S LOVELY!

CASPER, I WANT TO SEE YOU IN PRIVATE.
OKAY, BOSS!

OUCH!!!
WHY DID YOU INTRODUCE KARLO KARONY TO STELLA CLINKER? IT'S THE VERY THING I WANTED TO PREVENT!

HE'S THE CATCH OF THE SEASON-- HE'S YOUNG-- HANDSOME-- RICH!!! I PLANNED FOR MY NIECE TO LAND HIM!

-BUT NOW, THANKS TO YOU, HE'S INFATUATED WITH THAT VAMP, STELLA CLINKER, AND MY NIECE HASN'T A CHANCE!
I DIDN'T WANT TO INTRODUCE 'EM, BOSS-- I COULDN'T GET OUT OF IT!

TOOTS, I'M AS GOOD AS FIRED! THE BOSS IS FURIOUS BECAUSE I INTRODUCED STELLA TO THAT KARONY GUY!
STELLA HAS CORNERED ALL THE GOOD LUCK-- THERE'S NONE LEFT FOR ANY ONE ELSE

WHAT A GRAND TIME STELLA IS HAVING! RUNNING UP BILLS FOR A FUTURE HUSBAND TO PAY-- HER HOAX ABOUT INHERITING \$1,000,000.00 HAS WORKED TO PERFECTION-- SHE HAS UNLIMITED CREDIT NOW.
YES, I'LL TAKE ALL FIVE HATS. CHARGE 'EM.
MADAME MUST SEE THIS DOWN.
MADAME MUST SEE OUR NEW MINK COATS

EVENING'S DINING AND DANCING WITH THE WEALTHY KARLO
STELLA, YOU'RE GORGEOUS!
KARLO, YOU'RE WONDERFUL! (SIGH)

I HATED TO SEE THIS NIGHT END! KARLO IS FALLING FOR ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS-- HE'LL PROPOSE SOON. HE'LL NEVER KNOW I HAVE NOTHING. IT'LL BE UP TO HIM TO FOOT ALL BILLS WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, AND IT'S NONE OF HIS BUSINESS WHAT I HAVE, OR HAVEN'T-- TEE-HEE--

MR. KARONY, I'M THE HOTEL MANAGER-- IT DISTRESSES ME TO MENTION FINANCES, BUT YOUR BILLS ARE LONG OVER-DUE, AND BESIDES, WE'VE ADVANCED YOU CONSIDERABLE CASH--
I'LL HAVE MY SECRETARY ATTEND TO IT PROMPTLY-- YOU SEE THERE'S BEEN A DELAY IN TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ABROAD--

I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST! I CAN'T STALL ANY LONGER OR THEY'LL PUT MY TRUNKS ON THE STREET-- I'LL MARRY STELLA CLINKER TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT FORTUNE SHE INHERITED-- AND SOON!
WHAT'S THIS? IS KARLO KARONY'S WEALTH A FAKE, TOO?
NEXT WEEK WE'LL SEE.