

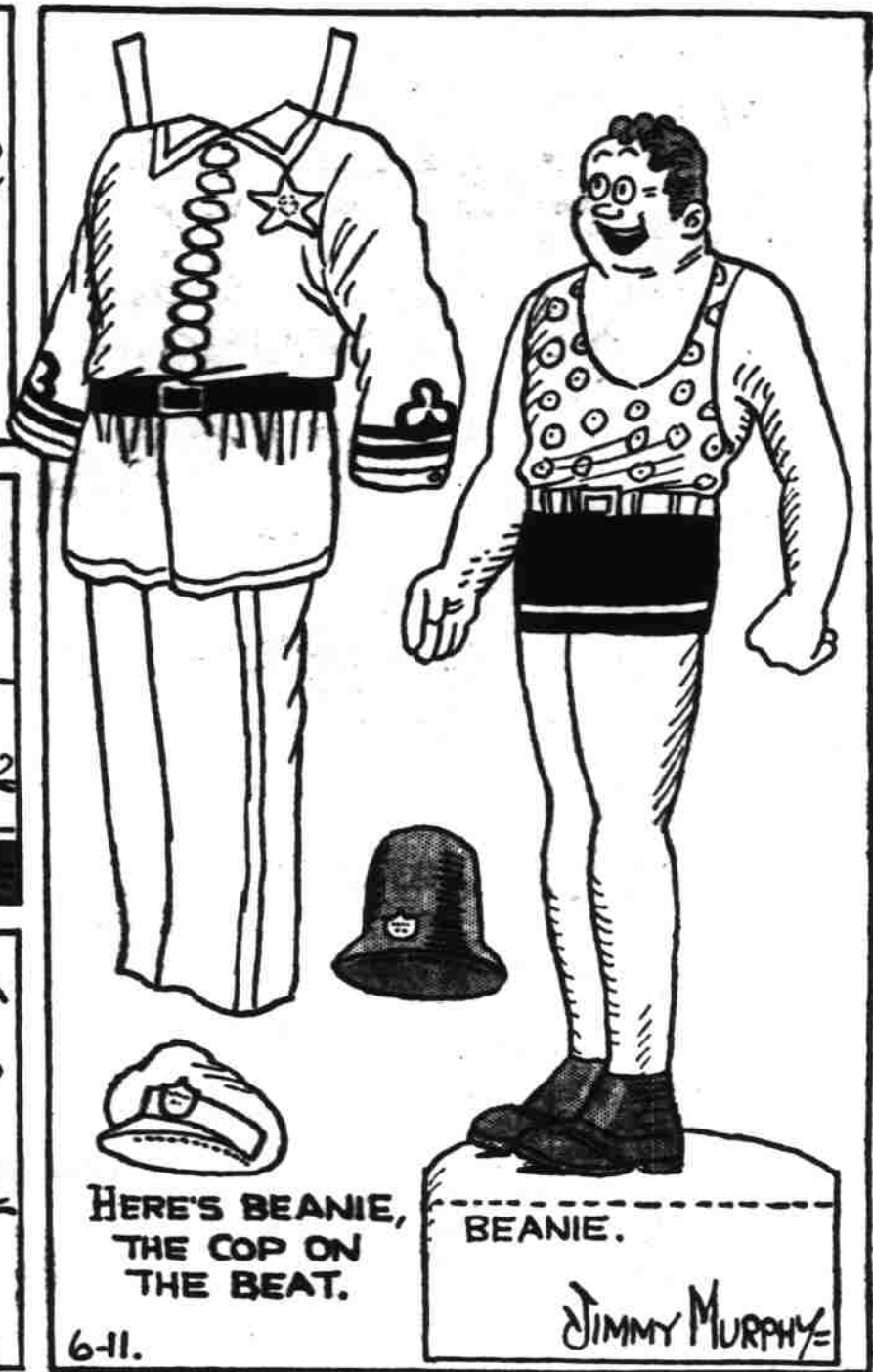


IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!
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PAPA'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HAS ARRIVED FOR A VISIT!
TSK-TSK.

SAY, YOU STICK AROUND THE HOUSE ENTIRELY TOO MUCH!

YOU OUGHTA BE OUT HUSTLING-- TRYING TO MAKE MORE MONEY-- SO YOU COULD AT LEAST AFFORD A MAID TO HELP YOUR WIFE DO THE HOUSE-WORK.



HERE'S BEANIE, THE COP ON THE BEAT.

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THAT'S RIGHT, MOTHER, FROM THE DAY I MARRIED HIM I'VE COOKED, AND SLAVED AND WORKED MY FINGERS TO THE BONE

HE NEVER TAKES ME OUT EITHER! ALL I DO IS SIT IN AND LOOK AT FOUR WALLS.

OTHER MEN PROVIDE THEIR WIVES WITH NICE HOMES AND COMFORTS, BUT MY POOR DAUGHTER HAS TO POT-WALLOP IN THE KITCHEN FROM MORN UNTIL NIGHT--

WORK, WORK, WORK, THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN--

YOU MUST THINK A WIFE IS A MACHINE!

YOU'RE A WORTHLESS, SPINELESS--

YOU'RE A SELFISH, INCOMPETENT--

HMM. GANGING UP ON ME, EH? SUMP'NS GOTTA BE DONE-- THIS IS MORE THAN FLESH AND BLOOD CAN STAND!

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Toots and Casper

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STELLA, DARLING, THE HOURS SINCE I SAW YOU YESTERDAY HAVE SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY. (SIGH)

KARLO, I'VE COUNTED THE MINUTES UNTIL YOU GOT HERE, DARLING-- (SIGH)

STELLA, I MUST SPEAK-- I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANOTHER MINUTE! I LOVE YOU! I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE-- WILL YOU MARRY ME?

YES, KARLO! I'LL MARRY YOU-- I LOVE YOU, TOO! OH, TAKE ME IN YOUR ARMS--

STELLA, YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH!

NORMA, LOOK AT THE HUGE ENGAGEMENT RING MR. KARONY GAVE ME-- WE'LL BE MARRIED A WEEK FROM TODAY-- AND HE'S A MILLIONAIRE

I'M SO HAPPY, MADAME.

HA-HA! THAT DIAMOND I GAVE STELLA IS PHONY, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. I ONLY PAID TWO BUCKS FOR IT, BUT I'LL REPLACE IT WITH A GENUINE STONE AFTER I GET HOLD OF HER DOUGH--

CASPER, MY BOY, FORGIVE ME FOR LOSING MY TEMPER AND FIRING YOU! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR JOB BACK!

MR. PLUNKER, YOU'RE THE NICEST BOSS IN ALL THE WORLD.

YES, SIR, MY BOSS IS A GOOD SCOUT!

MR. PLUNKER, MR. KARONY 'PHONED AND LEFT WORD HE'S GOING TO MARRY STELLA CLINKER NEXT WEEK.

WHAT???

THEN IT'S ALL OFF WITH HIM EVER MARRYING MY NIECE-- AND HE'S THE CATCH OF THE YEAR--

YOUNG, RICH AND HANDSOME. OH, CASPER, WHY DID YOU INTRODUCE HIM TO STELLA?

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, AND YOU BET YOU'RE FIRED! NOW GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

CASPER, DIDJA HEAR THE NEWS? STELLA CLINKER IS GOING TO MARRY KARLO KARONY

YOU BET I HEARD IT, TOOTS, AND THEN SOME!

ME, RICH? HA-HA! I HAVEN'T A DIME, BUT I'LL BE IN CLOVER WHEN I'M MARRIED TO THE RICH STELLA CLINKER-- BOY, I'LL SURE PUT HER DOUGH IN CIRCULATION IN A HURRY!

I'LL GO THROUGH KARLO'S MILLIONS LIKE WATER THROUGH A SIEVE, ME, AN HEIRESS? HA-HA! WHAT A HOAX! WELL, ANYWAY, IT WORKED, AND I'VE LANDED THE WEALTHY KARLO KARONY!

THE MARRIAGE UNITING THE TWO SCHEMERS TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK!

WHAT A SHOCK THEY'RE BOTH DUE FOR!

TO BE CONTINUED

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