

IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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THAT MOTHER-IN-LAW OF MINE IS A TERROR!

I THOUGHT 'MAMA' WAS A NAGGER, BUT HER MOTHER IS THE WORLD'S WORST!

I'VE GOTTA LET RID OF MY MOTHER-IN-LAW OR I'LL GO BATS.

BUT HOW AM I GONNA LET RID OF HER? HOW?

MY MOTHER WAS UNEXPECTEDLY CALLED HOME. SHE LEFT ON THE AFTERNOON TRAIN!

SHE'S GONE!

HURRAH! HURRAH! HIP-HIP-HURRAY!

HOW DARE YOU LAUGH BECAUSE MY DEAR MOTHER LEFT?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I EVER ACTUALLY ENJOYED BEING KNOCKED COLD.

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Toots and Casper

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STELLA CLINKER AND KARLO KARONY WERE JUST MARRIED. THEY'RE TO LEAVE TONIGHT FOR A HONEY-MOON ABROAD.

STELLA, LET ME HAVE \$10,000.00 TO BUY OUR STEAMSHIP TICKETS, AND PAY UP SOME PERSONAL BILLS.

YOU, A MILLIONAIRE, ASKING FOR MONEY! KARLO, YOU'RE ACTUALLY COMICAL.

ME, A MILLIONAIRE? HA-HA! I HAVEN'T A DIME! I NEVER SAID I'M RICH-- IF YOU THOUGHT I AM, THAT'S YOUR TROUGH LUCK-- I'VE BEEN LETTING BY ON NERVE, CREDIT, AND FORGED CREDENTIALS.

YOU'RE JOKING! IT TOOK MONEY TO BUY THIS BIG DIAMOND YOU GAVE ME.

HONEY, THE RING'S A PHONY-- I PAID \$25 FOR IT-- GIMME DOUGH TO BUY THE TICKETS OR OUR TRIP ABROAD IS OFF!

I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY, KARLO! MY INHERITANCE-- THAT WAS ALL A HOAX.

WHAT?? YOU'VE NO MONEY??? YOU TRICKED ME, YOU IMPOSTOR?

YOU TRICKED ME, TOO-- I NEVER TOLD YOU I'M RICH, BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE. I GUESS WE'RE BOTH IMPOSTORS.

I'D HAVE MARRIED BEN PLUNKER'S NIECE, ONLY I THOUGHT YOU HAD THE MOST MONEY!

YOU MADE A FOOL OUT OF ME, TOO. NOW I'M STUCK WITH BILLS THAT I CAN'T PAY AT ALL THE STORES.

MEANWHILE, AT THE DOCK WAITING TO SEE THE HONEY-MOONERS OFF.

BOSS, THE BOAT'S READY TO SAIL AND THEY'RE NOT HERE YET!

CASPER, DON'T TALK TO ME AT ALL. I'LL PHONE STELLA AND SEE WHAT'S WRONG.

STELLA SAID THEIR TRIP IS OFF AND SHE'D EXPLAIN LATER!

TOOTS, IT'S A PITY THEY COULDN'T TELL US THAT BEFORE WE GOT HERE.

STELLA, WHY DID YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP?

BECAUSE KARLO DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY THE TICKETS-- HE'S A PENNILESS ADVENTURER WHO MARRIED ME, THINKING I'M AN HEIRESS, WHICH I'M NOT!

HE FOOLED YOU WITH FALSE CREDENTIALS, MR PLUNKER.

KARLO, IS THIS TRUE?

SURE, SO WHAT? YOU CAN'T BLAME A GUY FOR TRYING, CAN YOU?

CASPER DID ME A GREAT FAVOR WITHOUT KNOWING IT-- IF HE HADN'T INTRODUCED KARLO TO STELLA THAT IMPOSTOR WOULD HAVE MARRIED MY NIECE.

EXIT, KARLO KARONY.. ON THE HIGHWAY A DAPPER HITCH-HIKER, HOUNDED BY CREDITORS, LEAVES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE STELLA CLINKER IS CRYING-- BUT IT'S HER OWN FAULT.... CHICKENS ALWAYS COME HOME TO ROOST! NOW SHE KNOWS HOW ALL THE MEN FELT WHOSE HEARTS SHE HAS BROKEN.

I'M HOPELESSLY IN DEBT! I'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE TOWN-- AND I LIKED HIM, T-TOO.

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