



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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LISTEN, MAMA, HAVE YOU ANYTHING ON THE STOVE?--

ARE YOU TRYING TO INSINUATE THAT I DON'T HAVE YOUR SUPPER READY ON TIME? OF ALL THE UNGRATEFUL MEN--



DON'T INTERRUPT ME! ALL I GET FROM YOU IS ABUSE-- I GIVE YOU THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE-- WORKING MY FINGERS TO THE BONE--

BUT, MAMA--

GOOD GRIEF! THE ROAST IS BURNING!

YOU USELESS OAF! WHY COULDN'T YOU SMELL THE MEAT BURNING?

I DID! THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO TELL YOU!

Toots and Casper

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I BELIEVE I'LL HAVE A LITTLE SNACK! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A SANDWICH OR TWO, OR A TURKEY-LEG TO FILL IN BETWEEN MEALS!

G-R-R-AUNTY DROPPED IN UNEXPECTEDLY FOR A SHORT VISIT-- THAT MEANS ABOUT A MONTH! WITH HER APPETITE, MY GROCERY BILLS WILL HIT A NEW HIGH!

I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE SOME WAY TO CUT HER VISIT SHORT! M-M-M-M-- I HAVE AN IDEA-- I KNOW HOW SHE HATES HOUSE-- WORK--

MY! ISN'T TOOTS A LONG TIME SHOPPING? I'M SO ANXIOUS TO SEE HER!

SHE HAS A LOT OF THINGS TO BUY-- MOPS-- DUSTERS-- BRUSHES-- SOAP--

YOU SEE, WE HAVEN'T A MAID ANY MORE-- SO TOOTS WILL HAVE TO DO HER OWN SPRING-CLEANING, IT'LL TAKE A FEW WEEKS, SO SHE WANTS TO GET AN EARLY START!

YOUR VISIT SURE IS A SWELL BREAK FOR TOOTS, AUNTY! SHE'D HAVE AN AWFUL TOUGH TIME SPRING-CLEANING WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

GOODNESS! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!

I FORGOT THAT I HAD PROMISED TO ADDRESS THE WOMEN'S CLUB BACK HOME! I'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

I'M SORRY TO LEAVE SO ABRUPTLY, CASPER, BUT I MUST CATCH THE NEXT TRAIN!

TOOTS WILL BE SO DISAPPOINTED, AUNTY!

I GOTTA GIVE MYSELF CREDIT-- THAT STRATEGY WORKED PERFECTLY!

THAT MUST BE TOOTS AT THE DOOR, NOW! SHE'LL HAVE A LAUGH WHEN SHE HEARS THAT SPRING-CLEANING GAG!

CASPER, ISN'T IT LUCKY I MET 'AUNTY'? SHE TOLD ME ABOUT TOOTS GOING TO DO HER SPRING CLEANING ALONE! SOPHIE WILL BE GLAD TO LEND YOU OUR MAID!

I JUST REMEMBERED THAT THE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING ISN'T UNTIL NEXT MONTH!

STEP OUTSIDE! I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!

HERE IT IS! YOU BIG BUTT-INSKI!

OUCH!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?

