



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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PAPA, I'M GOING AWAY TO VISIT MY SISTER FOR A WEEK!

THE CHANGE WILL DO YOU GOOD, MAMA!

I'VE MADE RESERVATIONS ON TONIGHT'S TRAIN--

HAVE A NICE TIME, MAMA! IT'S GONNA BE LONESOME WITHOUT YOU!



OH, BOY! THAT'LL GIVE ME A WHOLE WEEK TO MAKE WHOOPEE WITH THE BOYS!

IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! I'LL PAINT THIS TOWN RED!

PAPA, COME HERE!

I'VE MADE DATES FOR YOU EVERY NIGHT WHILE I'M GONE, SO YOU WON'T BE LONESOME!



TOMORROW NIGHT GRAND-PA WILL BE HERE TO PLAY CHESS WITH YOU-- AND TUESDAY NIGHT AUNT MATTIE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE LAWN SOCIAL!

WEDNESDAY THE DEACON WILL SPEND THE EVENING WITH YOU-- THURSDAY COUSIN LEM AND HIS CHILDREN WILL BE HERE FOR THE EVENING.

FRIDAY AUNT PRUDY WILL TAKE YOU TO THE AMATEUR MUSICAL-- SATURDAY YOU'RE TO GO TO THE WOMEN'S WELFARE MEETING WITH COUSIN BESS, AND SUNDAY-- I'LL BE HOME!



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Toots and Caspe.

AS YOU KNOW, "MUGSY MERUFF," FROM ACROSS THE TRACKS, HAS BEEN BEATING UP ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN, AND TO TEACH HIM A LESSON CASPER INDUCED HIS FRIEND, "TINY FELLA," THE FORTY-YEAR-OLD MIDGET, WHO IS AS HARD AS NAILS, TO POSE AS A CHILD AND CLEAN UP ON THE YOUNG BULLY.



YOU'RE A NEW KID AROUND HERE, AINT CHA?

YETH THIR!



I'M MUGSY MERUFF, AND I'M GONNA KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF!

HA! YA MISSED ME!



YA WANNA PLAY ROUGH, EH? THAT'S OKAY WITH ME!

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OW!



WHAM



I THOUGHT YOU WERE A TOUGH GUY, MUGSY!

PAW! OH, PAW! HELP!



WHAT HIT YOU, MUGSY-- A TRUCK?

A SISSY-LOOKING KID NEARLY MOYDERED ME, PAW!



BEAT IT, TINY--- HERE COMES MUGSY BACK WITH HIS OLD MAN!

DON'T GET EXCITED, CASPER! I'LL HANDLE THIS!



THAT'S HIM, PAW!

STEP ASIDE, SON-- I'LL SLAP HIS PANTS OFF!



THE BIGGER THEY COME, THE HARDER THEY FALL!

OOF!



NOW I'VE BROUGHT YOU DOWN TO MY SIZE, BIG BOY!

ZOWIE

SCRAM, POP! BEAT IT! THAT KID IS DYNAMITE!



-7-8-9-10-- YOU'RE OUT! THE WINNER-- AND STILL CHAMPION, TINY FELLA

THIS WAS A PUSH-OVER!



GEE-- YOU'RE SWELL, TINY!

BUTTERCUP, IF THE MERUFF BOY EVER BOTHERS YOU KIDS AGAIN, JUST LET ME KNOW!

COME OVER AND PLAY WITH US SOMETIME, TINY!



THANKS FOR DRIVIN' ME HOME, CASPER-- I'M GLAD TO GET OUT OF THOSE KID CLOTHES

THANK YOU, TINY, FOR MAKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE FOR ALL THE LITTLE KIDS-- YOU'RE THEIR HERO NOW!

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