

Little Orphan Annie



A MUFFLER? FOR ME? A SURPRISE FROM ANNIE? FOR CHRISTMAS? SHE HAD YOU SLIP OUT AND GET IT AND IT'S A SECRET?

OH, DOCTOR--IT WAS MY FAULT YOU FOUND OUT-- YOU MUSTN'T GIVE ME AWAY--- IT WOULD BREAK HER HEART IF SHE FELT HER SURPRISE HAD BEEN SPOILED--



YOU'RE SO LIKE YOUR FATHER, DOCTOR-- ONLY SO MUCH COLDER, HARDER---SO CYNICAL-- BUT CHRISTMAS DOES MEAN SO MUCH TO HER, EVEN IF NOT TO YOU---

HM-M---THANKS FOR THE CHARACTER SKETCH, NELLIE-- BUT I DESERVE IT-- NEVER FEAR-- I'LL NOT LET YOU DOWN--- NOR ANNIE, I HOPE--



OH---HIS FACE! LIKE A MASK---I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT HIM--- BUT HE IS COLD AND CYNICAL-- AND NOW HE SLAMMED OUT TO WALK ALL NIGHT--- AGAIN, I'M AFRAID---



WHY, DOCTOR! CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS? OF COURSE! HAVE HARDLY SEEN YOU, SINCE YOU CAME HOME--- LIGHTS? A NICE TREE? YES, SIR!

I'LL WANT A FEW OTHER THINGS, TOO-- I'LL JUST BROWSE AROUND--



WELL--WELL--ALL THOSE BUNDLES--- YOU LOOK ALMOST LIKE OLD SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF--HA! HA! WELL, GOOD NIGHT, AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EH? OH--YES--- OF COURSE--- MERRY CHRISTMAS!



COLD--CYNICAL--- HARD-- NELLIE'S RIGHT--- I AM --- IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY PROTECTION I HAVE LEFT--- AFTER ALL I'VE SEEN AND KNOWN AND FELT HOW COULD I BE ANYTHING BUT COLD-BLOODED--SELFISH--?



BLESS YOU! BLESS YOU, SIR! AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU--



D-D-DOCTOR! OH-H--DOCTOR! A CHRISTMAS TREE!

SH-H-H---GIVE AWAY THIS SECRET AND I'LL SKIN YOU ALIVE--- IS ANNIE SAFE IN BED?



HEY! HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO BED YET? WHY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OH, N-N-NOTHIN'--- SNIFF--SNIFF-- I JUST GOT TO THINKIN'--SNIFF--SNIFF-- "DADDY" FAR AWAY--- ALMOST EVERYBODY I KNOW SOMEWHERE ELSE--- C-C-CHRISTMAS AN' ALL---SNIFF--SNIFF--



SURE! I KNOW---IT'S TOUGH! BUT THINGS ARE LIKE THAT---I'M PRETTY MUCH ALONE TOO, YOU KNOW---OR I WAS TILL YOU CAME ALONG--

GEE! THAT'S RIGHT-- I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE A DARNED--- CRY-BABY-- I DIDN'T 'SPECT YOU TO CATCH ME BAWLIN'--

HAROLD GRAY



I TELL YOU, ANNIE, YOU AND I ARE A LOT ALIKE - MAYBE WE THINK TOO MUCH, EH? HA! HA! UNLESS WE THINK OF SOMETHING PLEASANT---SANTA CLAUS, FOR INSTANCE--

HA! HA! HE'D SURE SCORCH HIS WHISKERS IF HE CAME DOWN TH' CHIMNEY NOW--

Maw Green



WELL, TOMMY--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER THIS CHRISTMAS?

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DUNNO YET---



LAST CHRISTMAS I GAVE HIM TH' MUMPS!

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

HAROLD GRAY