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Little Orphan Annie

VAIN IS THE HELP OF MAN! (OLD TESTAMENT)
IT DIDN'T SAY HELP OF GIRL... ANYWAY,
ANNIE JUST GOES AHEAD DOING WHAT
COMES NATURALLY FOR HER...

SHE'S AWFUL SICK! BURNIN' WITH FEVER... MAYBE DYIN' IN THERE... AND NOT EVEN A DROP O' WATER ON BOARD! YOUR JOB'S HERE, SANDY, TILL I GET BACK!

THIS PLANK! JUST LIKE A DRAWBRIDGE! NOW TO SEE WHERE THAT RICKETY CAT WALK GOES... GOT TO FIND FRESH WATER AND A DOCTOR...

BR-R-R... CATWALK IS RIGHT... EVER FALL OFF O' HERE, IT'D BE CURTAINS! BUT NO TIME NOW TO BE SCARED... OR CLUMSY...

HM-M... NOW WHICH WAY? THAT WAY GOES OUT TOWARD TH' RIVER... NOPE... THIS WAY GOES TO DRY LAND... MUSTN'T MISS THIS TURN COMIN' BACK!

E-E-E!
OH! I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO STEP ON YUH, MISTER! I'M LOOKIN' FOR A DOCTOR!

YEAH? WHADDYUH WANT A DOC FOR?

AR-R... YOU'RE CURIOUS AS A NOSY OLD HEN! TH' KID SAYS SHE NEEDS A DOC! IT'S HER BUSINESS WHY... C'MON, SIS! OLD CROAKER'S YOUR BOY!

ER... OLD CROAKER? IS... IS HE A REAL DOCTOR?

SURE! ONLY ONE 'ROUND HERE... HE'S O.K. WHEN HE AIN'T HAVIN' ONE O' HIS SPELLS... HERE WE ARE! I'LL HAVE A LOOK FIRST!

MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT! COME ON, YUH OLD SOAK! SNAP OUT OF IT! WAKE UP! GOT AN EE-MERGENCY FOR YUH!

EH?... ARR! CUT IT OUT! LEMME 'LONE! CAN'T A MAN SHLEEP?

ON YER FEET, CROAKER... GET YER BAG O' TOOLS AND LET'S GIT MOVIN'!

YOU CHEAP WHARE RATS... ANOTHER SHOOTIN' OR CUTTIN'... LET 'EM DIE... I... I JUST WANNA SHLEEP...!

LOOK, Y'OLD BUM! YOU TOOK AN OATH... REMEMBER? IT'S DIS KID'S OLD LADY OR SIS OR SOMETHIN'... SEE? SHE CAME FOR YUH... YOU'RE GOIN'... NOW!

EH? OH! I DIDN'T SEE YOU, MY CHILD... OF COURSE... I... I GUESS I WAS-ER- ASLEEP, EH?

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JUST SHOW ME THE WAY... AND-ER... IF IT'S THROUGH THE SWAMP I'LL-ER-HOLD YOUR HAND... TO STEADY YOU ON THE CATWALK!

SURE, DOC! YOU STEADY ME! AND WE'VE GOT TO TAKE SOME WATER WITH US...

HAROLD GRAY

I FIGGERED THAT, WHEN I SEEN TH' BUCKET! HERE Y'ARE, KID... DOC'LL BE O.K. BY TH' TIME HE GETS THERE... GOOD LUCK!

THANKS A LOT, MISTER! DON'T THINK YOU HAVEN'T BEEN A HELP! C'MON, DOC!