



MARY WORTH

HERE'S WHAT WE WERE TELLING YOU ABOUT, MRS. WORTH! THESE ARE THE WINNERS IN OUR CONTEST!

WINNERS?! - HA! CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THE LOSERS LOOKED LIKE?!!

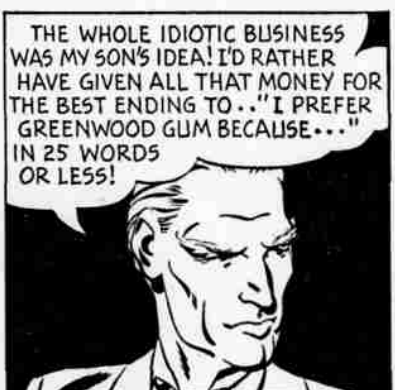


WELL... THEY'RE... UH... INTERESTING, MR. GREENWOOD! 50 IS A TELEPHONE BOOK!... BUT IT'S NOT LITERATURE!



REGARDLESS OF DAD'S VIEWS, MRS. WORTH, THE JUDGES IN THE GREENWOOD GUM COMPETITION FOR NORTH AMERICAN PAINTERS SELECTED THESE FIVE WINNERS!

IF THEY WEREN'T MARKED, YOU COULDN'T TELL WHICH END GOES UP, JUNIOR!



THE WHOLE IDIOTIC BUSINESS WAS MY SON'S IDEA! I'D RATHER HAVE GIVEN ALL THAT MONEY FOR THE BEST ENDING TO... "I PREFER GREENWOOD GUM BECAUSE... " IN 25 WORDS OR LESS!



THE FACT REMAINS, WE HAVE SELECTED THESE FIVE AND ARE PLANNING A GALA PRESENTATION CEREMONY!

THE HOUSE WILL BE CRAWLING WITH CHARACTERS!



FIRST PRIZE GOES TO A MISS BEBE LACROSSE... SHE'LL BE OUR HOUSE GUEST FOR SEVERAL MONTHS! PART OF HER AWARD IS A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE ART SCHOOL HERE!



AND YOU WANT ME TO LIVE HERE... AS HER COMPANION AND CHAPERONE?

EXACTLY! JUNIOR'S MOTHER HAS PASSED ON, YOU SEE...



I THINK IT'S NICE FOR LADIES TO HAVE PAINTING AS A HOBBY! MY AUNT WAS CALLED "THE RAINBOW ARTIST OF HAWAII"... SHE DID LOVELY FLOWER STUDIES!... I'M SURE MISS LACROSSE AND I WOULD HAVE MUCH IN COMMON!

MAYBE!... IF SHE PAINTED FLOWERS, DASH BLANK IT!



BUT... LOOK AT THIS!





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