

Little Orphan Annie

ANNIE AGREES WITH FRANCIS BACON THAT "RICHES ARE FOR SPENDING"—SPENDING TO HELP OTHERS—BUT SHOULD SHE BE ALLOWED TO HAVE SO MUCH? OR WILL SHE FOR LONG?

YES, SIREE! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW TILL ORPHANS WILL HAVE A REAL HOME O' THEIR OWN--- IF NOTHIN' GOES WRONG---

BUT ANNIE--- WITH A HUNDRED MILLION TO MAKE IT ALL WORK, HOW CAN ANYTHING GO WRONG?

YEAH---SEEMS FOOLPROOF, DOESN'T IT? HEY! LOOKIE! SOLDIERS!

UH-HUH---BUT NO WAR HERE---WHAT ARE THEY DOIN'?

OH! I BET I KNOW! TOMORROW'S TH' FOURTH O' JULY! ALWAYS HAVE PARADES ON TH' FOURTH!

PARADES? WITH BANDS AN' STUFF? BUT WHERE'S TH' BAND?

OH, MAYBE TH' BAND DOESN'T SHOW UP TILL TOMORROW--- C'M'ON--- LET'S GO OUT AN' SEE HOW TH' ORPHAN CITY IS COMIN' ALONG---

SHOULDN'T WE GET SOME MORE MONEY FROM TH' CAVE PRETTY SOON TO PAY FOR ALL TH' WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE?

OH, THEY'RE NOT WORRYIN'--- THEY KNOW WE'VE GOT IT AND THEY'LL GET IT!

OH, SURE--- IT'S SAFE WHERE IT IS IN THAT CAVE!

HEY! LOOKIE, ANNIE! THOSE TWO STRANGERS! WHO ARE THEY? I'VE SEEN 'EM AROUND FOR A WEEK OR SO---

WHO KNOWS---OR CARES? JUST SNOOPERS---ALWAYS GUYS LIKE THAT AROUND MONEY---LIKE FLIES AROUND TH' BACK DOOR OF A STEAK JOINT!

AH, YES, GENTLEMEN--- I WAS TOLD YOU WOULD CONTACT ME HERE---MY ORDERS ARE TO MOVE IN WITH MY MEN TOMORROW AND TAKE OVER---

ACCORDING TO YOUR MAP, HERE IS THE CAVE---WE WILL PLACE A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GUARD ON ALL APPROACHES--- THOSE ARE MY ORDERS---

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL WHAT MONEY CAN DO TO BRING HAPPINESS TO KIDS WHO NEVER HAD A CHANCE BEFORE? GEE! JUST LOOK AT THAT VALLEY---

SORT OF A "PROMISED LAND" FOR ORPHANS! A HOMELAND THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN,---

A DREAM THAT ONLY MONEY CAN MAKE COME TRUE---BUT WE FOUND TH' MONEY---WHY NOT SPEND IT RIGHT? IT--- IT'S SORT O' LIKE A BEAUTIFUL MIRACLE---

A HUNDRED MILLION MIRACLE--- BUT IT WON'T COST ANYONE A CENT!

HAROLD GRAY

Maw Green

POOR, TIM---SPILT ALL HIS MONEY---NOW HE'S STONE BROKE!

TH' TROUBLE WITH TIM, HE DOESN'T KNOW TH' VALUE OF A DOLLAR!

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