

Little Orphan Annie

"THE HANDS THAT HELP ARE HOLIER THAN THE LIPS THAT PRAY." (R. G. INZERROLL) NEVER SHEER AT A "BUM" OR A BEDRAGGLED ORPHAN... "BOOKS AND THEIR COVERS," YOU KNOW...

GEE, MISTER, YOU ARE O. K... YUH PUT UP TH' QUARTER FOR TH' ICE AND YUH HELPED CARRY IT AND FRESH WATER HERE--AND YUH GOT ME A DOC QUICK...

FORGET IT... LET'S JUST HOPE OLD CROAKER DOES HIS JOB...

BUT YOU MUSTN'T GO NEAR HER... NO TELLIN' WHAT SHE'S GOT...

YEAH? YOU DONT SEEM SCARED... DO I LOOK LIKE A SOFTIE TO YOU?

YOU HEARD ANNIE! GET OUT AND STAY OUT! I'M IN FULL CONTROL OF MYSELF NOW... AND IN CONTROL OF THIS CASE...

HM-M...YEAH! YOU SURE HAVE SNAPPED OUT OF IT... POWER TO YUH, DOC!

HE IS A REAL DOCTOR, ISN'T HE? YOU SAID HE'S A DOCTOR... BUT AT FIRST I...!

HA! SURE! HE'S A REAL DOC... THAT IS, WHEN HE'S RIGHT! HE'S RIGHT NOW...

HE USED TO BE A BIG SHOT, I HEAR... BUT HE SLIPPED... LOTS OF US HAVE SLIPPED, KID!

SURE... I KNOW... SO WHAT? IT'S COMIN' BACK WHEN TH' CHIPS ARE DOWN THAT COUNTS, I GUESS...

SAY... WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER? YOU'RE TH' KIND O' GUY I'D LIKE TO REMEMBER...

ME? OH... CALL ME ROCKY! A ROLLIN' STONE, SEE? JUST A BIG STUPID ONE!

WHADOVUH KNOW! LOOK THERE--WHAT'S THAT STUCK IN TH' HIGH GRASS?

EH? WHERE? LEAPIN' LIZARDS!

MY SHOULDER BAG! LOST IT WHEN OUR RAFT DUMPED US... QUICK! GET A LONG POLE OR SOMETHIN'...

THIS OUGHT TO DO IT... IF I CAN ONLY SNAG IT...

HA! THERE YARE ANNIE! SURE A MESS... FULL O' MUD... NO GOOD ANY MORE...

PHOOIE ON TH' BAG! TH' STUFF INSIDE IS ALWAYS GOOD!

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SEE? DOUGH! NO FORTUNE, BUT IT'LL HELP SOME! F'RINSTANCE, HERE'S TH' QUARTER I OWED YUH, FOR ICE!

HA! THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN BY FILTHY RICH, I'LL BET!

OH, DOC! ARE YUH GOIN' NOW? WHEN WILL YOU BE BACK?

GOING? I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE, ANNIE, TILL I WIN OR LOSE THE LIFE IN THERE... I USED TO BE A PRETTY GOOD DOCTOR... I DON'T AIM TO LOSE--GOT ANY MORE ICE WATER?

COMIN' UP, DOC!

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Maw Green

OH, YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE OPERA!

WHY?

GREAT SCOTT! DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE OPERA?

OH, O'VE THOUGHT HOW WONDERFUL IT COULD BE...

...IF ONLY THERE WERENT ANY SINGERS!

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