



MARY WORTH

SEE HERE, MAMA!.. MARTY SAYS WE ARE MORALLY OBLIGATED TO BUY THAT PAINTING!.. AND YOU NEED A WOMAN OF HER TYPE HERE.. SO...

HMM! WEALTH WAS NOT ALL YOU INHERITED FROM YOUR PARENTS, MY CHILD!



AHEM!.. TELL HER, LUCIA!



MAMA AND I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER, MRS. WORTH!

.. ON A FLAT TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT BASIS!.. MAKE THAT CLEAR TO HER, LUCIA!



QUITE SO, MAMA!.. NOW... WE WILL USE YOUR FRIEND'S PAINTING ON A GREETING CARD, AT THE AGREED PRICE, PROVIDED YOU ACCEPT A WELL-PAID POSITION AS HOUSE MOTHER, HERE AT "SWEETLIGHT HAVEN!"



WELL..?!!

FRANKLY, MRS. SWEETLIGHT, I DON'T LIKE BEING BULLIED INTO ANY BUSINESS TRANSACTION.. BUT I DO NEED SOMETHING TO TAKE MY MIND OFF A CERTAIN.. UH.. PERSONAL PROBLEM..



MEANWHILE WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THE OLD CROCODILE HAD RUBBER-HEELED INTO THE ROOM WHILE WE WERE SCRAPPING, BRIDGET?

TELL YOU?! I DID MORE COUGHING THAN A ROAD COMPANY "CAMILLE!"



WITH THOSE WHO KNOW WHIPCRACKERS BEST, IT'S SWEETLIGHT, FIVE TO ONE!

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HER THAT REINCARNATION WOULDN'T FIX!

HOW DOES YOUR HANDSOME BOSS, MARTY MCKEE, STAND IT, BRIDGET?.. I WOULDN'T BE UNDER HER IRON THUMB FOR ALL THE POTATOES IN IDAHO!.. AND THAT LANTERN-JAWED LUCIA..!! UGH!



YES.. BEING ENGAGED TO "LITTLE PELLAGRA" IS A HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR PUTTING "PRES." AFTER HIS NAME IN THE LETTERS HE DICTATES TO ME!



MISS O'HARE!! REPORT TO MAMA IN THE PARLOR!.. IMMEDIATELY!



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