YOU LOOK UPSET, SHELL!.... FRIGHTENED BY A BOOKWORM?
MRS. WORTH WAS TELLING ME ABOUT A PROWLER···AND SUDDENLY SHE LEFT THE PHONE!

I THINK I'D BETTER RUN OVER TO THE HOUSE AND INVESTIGATE!

AFTER SEVERAL UNEASY DAYS, MARY HAS COME FACE TO FACE WITH A MYSTERIOUS TRESPASSER!
ARE YOU THE MAN WHO WAS DIGGING IN MY BACK YARD THE OTHER NIGHT?
YEP! ONLY IT'S NOT **YOUR** BACK YARD, MA'AM!

OH, DON'T BE TECHNICAL! I MEAN···I **DO** LIVE HERE··· AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS!

WHY DID YOU MAKE THIS **HOLE**?

I HAD TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF **SOIL** I'D RUN INTO, MA'AM···BEFORE I MADE AN ESTIMATE ON THE NEW **SWIMMING POOL**!
NEW SWIMMING POOL?

WELL··I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL RIGHT!··BUT I'M SURPRISED THAT THE PROCHECK SISTERS DIDN'T LET ME KNOW····!

PROCHECK SISTERS?··THEY GOT NO MORE TO SAY ABOUT IT THAN THE MAN IN THE MOON!
WELL!··AFTER **ALL**!···THEY MERELY **OWN** THIS PROPERTY!

NOPE!

THE HOUSE WAS **SOLD** LAST WEEK, AUNTIE!···AND THE NEW OWNERS FIGGER TO TAKE POSSESSION **TOMORROW**!
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