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'COURSE WE COULDN'T SEE INTO TH' KITCHEN... BUT WE HEARD PESTY SCREAMIN'... TILL ALL AT ONCE SHE STOPPED!

AFTER IT WAS STILL, I SAW MA LICKIOUS PEEK OUT TH' KITCHEN DOOR... THEN GO BACK IN THERE...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!... I LOVED DEAR LITTLE PESTY... I WAS ASLEEP THAT WHOLE NIGHT IN MY ROOM!

"THE NECESSITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES PROVES FRIENDS AND DETECTS ENEMIES." EPICETUS - "CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES". DICKENS -

SUPPOSE WE HAVE A LOOK AROUND THE GROUNDS, MR. PROSECUTOR...

I'LL SHOW YOU EVERY INCH OF THE PLACE...

AS FOR YOU! I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR CASE LATER!

OLD STABLES, EH? UNUSED FOR YEARS, I GUESS... HELLO... SOMEBODY LIVING HERE?

OH, I LET OLD FRANK FUDDLE STAY HERE... HE'S OUR HANDY MAN, YOU KNOW... OH, FRANK!

HERE I BE, MRS. LICKIOUS... EH? POLICEMAN? YOU FELLERS? SOMETHIN' WRONG?

MAYBE... MAYBE NOT... HAVE YOU SEEN A LITTLE GIRL... ONE WITH PIGTAILS?

OH, I SEEN DOZENS O' LITTLE GIRLS... PIGTAILS, Y' SAY? HMMM... SPEAKIN' O' LITTLE PESTY, MAYBE?

YES! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HER?

SPEAK UP, OLD MAN! WHERE IS THE CHILD?

HEH-HEH! WHY, SHE'S UP IN TH' HAY LOFT... OR WAS, WHEN I TOOK HER DINNER UP TO HER AN HOUR AGO...

WHAT? HIDING HERE FOR OVER TWO WEEKS?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ANYBODY?

WELL, NOBODY ASKED ME, TILL NOW...

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SHE WAS AWFUL SCARED AND ALL BLACK AN' BLUE... DIDN'T SEE NO WRONG IN LETTIN' HER STAY FOR A SPELL, POOR KID...

I HEARD YOU... I'M COMIN' DOWN... ONLY PERTEC ME FROM HER! SHE'LL KILL ME!

RIDICULOUS! I MERELY PUNISHED HER FOR HER OWN GOOD, WHEN I CAUGHT HER STEALING...

I'M SURE MA LICKIOUS LOVES YOU THE SAME AS ALWAYS, PESTY...

UH-HUH... THAT'S WHAT I'M FRAID OF...

HAROLD GRAY

Maw Green

I'M TELLING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, HENRY...

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IF YOU DON'T MEND YOUR WAYS MIGHTY QUICK, I'M GOING HOME TO MOTHER!

AR-R-R... PROMISES! THAT'S ALL I EVER GET... PROMISES!

HAROLD GRAY