

JOE PALOOKA

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By HAM FISHER

YOU WERE TRAINING JOE FOR THE FIGHT, WEREN'T YOU, RAY? YES AND BELIEVE ME I HAD MY TROUBLES.

SAY, KNOBBY, THEY TELL ME IN THE VILLAGE THAT THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED. W-WHAT? H-HAUNTED? HA-HA-I'LL HAVE SOME MORE STEAK, SMOKEY. H-HOLY S-SMOKEYS! NOW-DON'TCHA GIT NERVOUS K-KID.

I'M WORRIED SICK--HERE TH' KID'S IN TRAININ' FER A CHAMPEENSHIP FIGHT--IT'S LY'BLE T'KNOCK 'IS NERVOUS SYSTEM FER A LOOP. I DON'T THINK IT'LL EFFECT JOE.

I'M SLEEPIN' WITH YA, KID--I--UH--D-DON'T WANT'CHA T'BE NERVOUS. WHY THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' T'BE NERVOUS ABOUT, KNOBBY, BUT YOU'RE WELCOME.

J-JOE W-WHAT'S T-THAT? PROBABLY SMOKEY MOVIN' SOME OLD TIRE CHAINS. NOW JIST GO T'SLEEP KNOBBY.

B-BUT I'M W-WORRIED ABOUT YOU--H-HOLY S-SMOKEYS--C-CLOSE TH' WINDA. GUESS THE OLE HOUND DOG GOT A RABBIT SCENT--AN' LEAVE TH' WINDA OPEN--IT'S HOT.

AH'M KINDA JANGLED M'SELF, MISTAH JOE. BUT I HAVE GOT A APPETITE, KNOBBY. I ALREADY ET SIX EGGS. WHY DON'T YOU EAT? W-WELL I'LL TRY.

H-HE M-MUSTA LOST WEIGHT. THIS IS AWFUL! NO---HE'S GAINED A POUND. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU WEIGH, KNOBBY.

I'M QUITTIN' THIS JOINT--TH' KID CAN'T TRAIN HERE NO MORE. I'LL TAKE MY LOSS. BETTER THAN LOSIN' A CHAMPEENSHIP. I GUESS IT WOULD BE BETTER, KNOBBY. IT'S BEGINNING TO GET ME TOO.

WE'RE GONNA MOVE TH' CAMP. I AIN'T GONNA SEE YOU SCARED T'DEATH--NOT YOU, KID. WHY I NEVER HAD A CAMP I LIKED BETTER. I DON'T WANTA MOVE.

B-BUT K-KID I GOTTA PRATECT YA-- TAKE THAT GUN OUTA HERE, KNOBBY--I'M REALLY SCART OF GUNS--SOMEBODY'LL GIT HURT.

J-J-JOE--OH--OH--OH--J-J-J--GULP..

THEN AS THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE, THEIR BEDROOM DOOR CREAKED OPEN AND THERE IN THE FAINT MOONLIGHT STOOD--A GHOST--TO BE CONTINUED--

TOONERVILLE FOLKS

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BY

FONTAINE FOX

THAT'S SOME ARGYMENT THEM TWO WIMMIN ARE HAVING BUT GRANDMA SIMS'LL WIN IT! NOBODY EVER BESTS HER IN ENNY ARGYMENT.

BUT IT'S NOT A COCK-EYED STATEMENT! IF I HAD THAT BOOK HERE I COULD SHOW IT TO YOU IN BLACK AND WHITE!

I KNOW! I'LL PHONE THE HOUSE AND GET SOMEONE TO BRING THAT BOOK OVER HERE!

OH DEAR! THERE'S NOBODY AT HOME BUT KATRINKA AND SHE CAN'T PICK THAT BOOK OUT BECOS SHE CAN'T READ!

—AND NOBODY HOME NEXT DOOR WHO COULD PICK THE BOOK OUT FOR YOU?..... BUT SAY!

THE POWERFUL KATRINKA

SAVE YER BREATH TILL KATRINKA GETS HERE WITH THAT BOOK-- THEN I'LL SHOW YOU!

HEY, ED! C'MERE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE POWERFUL KATRINKA!

THANKS SO MUCH, KATRINKA. YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE GETTING THAT BOOK OVER HERE.

FIRST, TELL ME HOW KATRINKA, NOT BEIN' ABLE TO READ, COULD PICK OUT THE RIGHT VOLUME WITH NOBODY HOME T'HELP HER?

LOOK! YA WOODEN BELIEVE ME WHEN I TOLD YA A WHILE AGO AND NOW HERE SHE IS COMIN' BACK THIS WAY WITH IT AGAIN!

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