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THE COUNTER KIDS

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I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM MY NEW SWEETIE, JEN, AND SAY HE WROTE THE NICEST THINGS ABOUT ME - HE'S SO ORIGINAL - HE SAID MY HAIR WAS LIKE SHIMMERING GOLD AND MY CHEEKS WERE LIKE THE GLOW OF A VENETIAN SUNSET

WHAT BRAND OF HOP DOES HE SMOKE, LIL?

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF HIM HE SENT IN THE LETTER - ISN'T HE THE HANDSOME SHEIK?

OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD - AND DID HE SAY YOUR EYES WERE LIKE LIMPID POOLS IN THE MOON-LIGHT?

YES, HOW DID YOU GUESS?

HE HANDED ME THE SAME MERCERIZED MUSH OVER THE TELEPHONE

Tillie the Toiler

THIS IS TILLIE - OH, HELLO, PENNY - WHAT, THIS AFTERNOON? HOLD THE LINE I'LL GO AND ASK THE BOSS - I'D LOVE TO GO - IT'S A LOVELY DAY FOR A RIDE

I'VE GOT ALL MY WORK DONE, MR. SIMPKINS. MAY I BE EXCUSED FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON?

WELL, ALL RIGHT, TILLIE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY UNTIL MAC GETS BACK - HE'S OUT SEEING A CLIENT OF OURS

I CAN GO, PENNY, BUT I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL MAC GETS BACK - YOU BE OVER IN FRONT OF OUR OFFICE WITH THE CAR AND I'LL LEAVE JUST AS SOON AS MAC COMES IN

I'M GOING TO TAKE TILLIE FOR A RIDE - HURRY AND GET UP IN YOUR OFFICE

AW, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP?

NO PARKING HERE OVER 30 MINUTES

DON'T TRY TO HURRY ME UP, YOU BIG PIECE OF CHEESE - YOU MAY BE A BIG WOW UP AT YOUR CLUB, BUT YOU'RE A BIG FLOP WITH ME

AW, GET UP IN YOUR PEN

NO PARKING HERE OVER 30 MINUTES

GOSH, I WISH MAC WOULD HURRY. JUST THINK, I COULD BE WHIZZING ALONG SOME BEAUTIFUL DRIVE RIGHT NOW IF MAC WAS HERE

YOU'RE A FINE GUY, I DON'T THINK YOU GIMME A PAIN IN THE NECK

AW, GO EAT A FIG WHO PUNCTURED THE TIRE ON MY CAR LAST WEEK?

NO PARKING HERE OVER 30 MINUTES

DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT IF I WENT NOW? MAC OUGHT TO BE IN ANY MINUTE

BETTER WAIT UNTIL MAC GETS BACK, TILLIE. HE MAY BE GETTING A BIG ORDER RIGHT NOW

SAY, CAN'T YOU READ THAT SIGN THERE? NO PARKING HERE OVER THIRTY MINUTES AND YOU'VE BEEN HERE AN HOUR - I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A TICKET.

IT WORKED

NO PARKING HERE OVER 30 MINUTES

GOSH, MAC - I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER COME BACK - THE BOSS SAID I COULD GO, AS SOON AS YOU CAME FIN

PENNY FISH IS OUTSIDE WAITING FOR YOU

I HATED TO SPOIL TILLIE'S PLEASURE, BUT I HAD TO GET EVEN WITH THAT BIG BUM FOR WHAT HE DID TO ME LAST WEEK

WHAT MAKES YOU SO QUIET, PENNY? IT WASN'T MY FAULT THAT YOU WERE KEPT WAITING

NOBODY KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN I DO, TILLIE