

I THINK OF ALL THE WORTHLESS, GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGEST BEINGS I EVER MET, YOUR BROTHER IS THE WORST

I BEGIN TO SUSPECT HE HAS SOMETHING ON YOU! YOU CARRY ON SO ABOUT HIM

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FRANK IS MY OWN BROTHER AND I DON'T THINK YOU OUGHT TO TALK ABOUT HIM THAT WAY

I DON'T CARE IF HE IS YOUR BROTHER-- THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM ANY MORE POPULAR WITH ME

WHAT CAN I DO--!? I CAN'T VERY WELL TELL HIM TO STAY AWAY

WELL - I'LL TELL HIM - I'LL TELL HIM

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'VE TAKEN SUCH A VIOLENT DISLIKE TO HIM -

I DON'T LIKE HIS KIND THAT'S ALL-- JUST BECAUSE HE'S YOUR BROTHER DOESN'T MAKE HIM A GREAT GUY TO ME

THERE'S THE DOOR BELL

WHEN HE GETS HERE HE NEVER KNOWS WHEN TO GO HOME-- HE'S JUST A NO-GOOD-- A CHEAP SKATE - A -

IT'S A SPECIAL FROM FRANK -- HE SAYS HE CAN'T COME AT THIS TIME

GOOD NEWS HA - HA

DEAR VI-- SORRY I WON'T BE ABLE TO VISIT YOU TILL NEXT SPRING

HOO-RAY!

AND MAYBE NOT THEN

HE NEEDN'T THINK HE'S BREAKING MY HEART-- I HOPE HE NEVER COMES

JUST LISTEN TO THIS-- "I HAVE STRUCK OIL AT LAST AND HAVE BEEN OFFERED A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR A TENTH SHARE--"

WELL - WELL GOOD FOR OLD FRANK

LISTEN-- "TELL JOE I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN MY PROMISE TO HIM-- I'LL SEE THAT HE'S TAKEN CARE OF--"

READ THAT OVER VI DEAR

LISTEN-- "HE WON'T HAVE TO DO ANOTHER LICK OF WORK THE REST OF HIS LIFE-- HE'S ALWAYS BEEN DECENT TO ME AND NOW I'M IN A POSITION TO REPAY HIM"

AH - PSHAW-- THAT WAS NOTHING GLAD TO DO IT

MY GOODNESS AFTER ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE SAID ABOUT FRANK I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN ACCEPT ANYTHING

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING - I'VE LIKED FRANK IN A LOT OF WAYS-- DOESN'T HE SAY I WAS NICE TO HIM?

NO DEAR - NOW LISTEN - WHAT I MEANT TO CONVEY WAS THIS-- YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS LIKED FRANK - HE'S ALL RIGHT-- OF COURSE WE ALL HAVE OUR FAULTS AND FRANK THE SAME AS THE REST OF US-- HE HAS SOME VERY FINE QUALITIES - I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE'D MAKE GOOD--

PAPA LOVE MAMA?

AND SO, FAR INTO THE NIGHT.

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