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THE STRIP



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PART 8: 4 a.m.

MAYBE I SHOULD'VE NOTICED THE LACK OF "TELLTALE GURGLE," BUT I DIDN'T, FOR SOME REASON...

...SURELY YOU CAN WAIT ANOTHER 10 SECONDS FOR ME TO GET IT OUT OF THE CAN...

SCRAPE SCRAPE

I GUESS I WAS DIMLY AWARE OF THE SOUND OF WATER STILL RUNNING, BUT IT DIDN'T REALLY REGISTER...

SHUT

OH MISS KITTY...

YOU ARE SPOILED ROTTEN, MISS KITTY, SPOILED ROTTEN...

FINALY, I HOPPED OVER AND PEERED AROUND THE CORNER...

HAVING SPENT AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF MY CHILDHOOD SITTING ON THE FLOOR, I BECAME MORE THAN A LITTLE ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORLD OF BASEBOARDS, DOORSTOPS AND ELECTRICAL PLUGS, TO SAY NOTHING OF ALL THE VALVES AND FAUCETS THAT HIDE BEHIND TOILETS AND SINKS, SO I KNEW WHERE THE SHUT-OFF WAS... AS IT TURNED OUT, HOWEVER, MY YOUTHFUL KNOWLEDGE WAS USELESS, BECAUSE THE STUPID THING HAD RUSTED IN PLACE YEARS AGO...

NOW DON'T TURN UP YOUR NOSE AT IT JUST BECAUSE IT'S COLD...

SHUT

SET

DID... DID I LEAVE THE FAUCET ON OR SOMETHING?

OH, #ZG#!

OH, #ZG#!

OH, #ZG#!

SSSSHHH

SSSSHHH

SHHHHHHSSSSHHHHHHHHHHH

SO I JUST GRABBED THE FIRST THING I SAW AND PULLED...

NOT NOW, MISS KITTY... GIT! GIT!

YOU JUST DON'T REALIZE HOW MUCH YOU TAKE FOR GRANTED UNTIL THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY... HOW INTERDEPENDENT THE "MODERN WORLD" IS...

JUST ONE LITTLE THING LIKE THIS CAN MESS EVERYTHING UP... I'D BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO A DAY OF TRYING TO GET BACK INTO MY PAINTING... MAYBE BAKING COOKIES...

BUT NOW... NOW I'D JUST HAVE TO SPEND MY WHOLE SATURDAY WAITING AROUND FOR A STUPID PLUMBER TO SHOW UP...

GET IN THERE, #GZ*#GZ*#GZ*#...

KLATK KLATK

I WAS SORT OF PROUD OF MYSELF FOR FIGURING THIS OUT, ACTUALLY...

WHICH, AMAZINGLY, WORKED.

#ZG#!

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