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# STORY TO REMEMBER

This week — our last issue before Christmas — let City Press take on the mantle of story-teller.

So gather round: The story concerns two boys, sons of wealthy parents. They were asked by an indulgent mum and dad what they wanted for Christmas.

They thought long and hard, and eventually the older boy said he would like a BMX cycle. The younger son said all he wanted was a nice friendly dog.

The parents talked this over, decided that both of them were being very reasonable, and told the two boys their Christmas wishes would be granted.

But then tragedy struck. The parents, ignoring the sensible advice not to drink when they had been drinking, were killed in a car crash on their way back from a party.

A wicked uncle, who had never liked the two boys and was envious of their parents' wealth, took over the household

and told the boys the news that he was in charge.

The boys told their wicked uncle what their parents had promised them for Christmas, but he just smiled and walked away.

Come Christmas morning the two boys woke up early. At the end of the older boy's bed was a 20 cent plastic lucky-packet BMX, and at the end of the younger boy's bed, a huge heap of dog droppings.

The older boy managed to hide his disappointment well, but the younger one was heart-broken and started to cry. The older boy took over the role of comforter, put his arms around his brother and said: "Don't worry, with all the s...t around, there's got to be a dog."

Remember the message behind this story. It may prevent you from going crazy when the going gets rough.

*The Editor*

# LIVELY Letters

"I want some volunteers... you, you, you, you, you you, you, you..."



IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL, THE WORLD...



write to your WISE OLD EDITOR, P O Box 57473, Springfield, 2137.

## Please, no buckets — or councillors

"NAUSEATED" of Harrismith writes:

I hope all the councillors in our community council resign in shame after the scandal they have created with their bucket system.

Early on Tuesday December 6 we woke up to be greeted by the pungent smell of faeces strewn over the streets by the night-soil carriers.

Whether this was done intentionally is anyone's guess.

We had trouble trying to avoid walking over the faeces and some of us arrived late at work.

Some unlucky people who work at the administration offices were later seen cleaning the mess.

We want to remind the Orange-Vaal Administration Board

and the councillors who serve under them that we do not want the bucket system.

The bucket system is unhealthy and old-fashioned. Our nostrils can no longer stand the unbearable stench.

Please Mr Editor, your paper should visit our township to see the squalid conditions under which we live.

## So where's my loan?

PHETOLE MOLOENA of Nebo writes:

A SILVERTON loans and finances company which I expected would help me, now appears to be non-existent.

I have tried in vain to get a response from them after they sent me forms and asked that I pay them a fee which I did.

The worst part of it is that their telephone

number goes through to a private house in Mabopane.

Please help me.

You may have to seek legal assistance now — WOE.

## Licence problems

"LICENCE PROBLEM" of Mamelodi West writes:

My brother has been told he'll lose his driver's licence when the new system of carrying licences separate from reference books comes into effect. This is because the people who issue reference books don't have his licence number.

As long as a driver's licence isn't a forgery, there shouldn't be any problem. — WOE.

## United we stand

IGNATIA MAVOICE of Esikhwini writes: I am deeply perturbed by the ongoing bickering and fighting among black people.

The struggle for freedom seems to have been forgotten while blacks are fighting other blacks.

We have to smite every facet of apartheid. However, we have to do so without losing respect for one another. We have to accept our weaknesses.

Why can't we get together and share views which will lead us to success?

I say to our brothers and sisters — without unity we will fall. Why fall if we can avoid it?

Wise words — WOE.

? RICHARD M-LEBANA of Pietersburg writes:

Which school can teach me to be a clerk?

You don't have to go to a school — all you need is experience, so apply for any vacancy you can find — WOE.

? SAMUEL M-PHALALA of Nigel writes:

How do I get hold of pop star Brenda Fassie?

Write to her c/o CCP records, P O Box 11254 Johannesburg 2000 — WOE.

? REV PATRICK SELLO of Orlando East writes:

Where can our church choir record songs?

Try any recording company, such as CCP records mentioned on this page — WOE.

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