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But I'll do it when I think no one is looking!

Like this!

G-gasp! You scared us awfully!

Oh... I'm sorry! I thought you expected it!
THE FRIENDLY GHOST

Casper

IN

THE SEARCH

FOR WENDY

YEOW!

CRACK!

TH-THAT LIGHTNING FLASH IS SURE GETTING
CLOSE!

WHew! AM I
GLAD TO BE
OUT OF THAT
AWFUL
STORM!

IN ANOTHER PART OF THE FOREST...

A CAVE! THANK HEAVENS!

I'LL WAIT HERE TILL
THE STORM IS OVER!
Golly... What pretty flute music!
Perhaps I should see where it's coming from!

Golly... In fact I have to see where it's coming from...
Oh, for goodness sake!

Who are you? What place is this? Why did you make me come here?

I am the tooter! This is vice-versa land! And you'll soon find out why I made you come here!

Meanwhile... Ah... The storm has stopped! It's nice out!
Just a minute, Casper! You'd better tell us where Wendy is or we'll whammy the daylight out of you!

Huh?
I haven't seen Wendy! We sent her out to find toadstools for our brew hours ago!

And she's not back yet! Maybe she's been delayed by the storm?

That's what we're worried about! She may be late with our lunch!

Boy... will she get it when we get our hands on her!

Please don't punish Wendy! I'll help you look for her!

Chee!

Soon... there's something red moving around below!

It's a rotten red bird! I've a good mind to turn him into a frog!

Let's go down and look!

That won't help us find Wendy!

Look! There's a cave! She'd better be in there!

I think I've found a clue!

What is it?
This piece of straw might be from Wendy's broom!

Hmph! The little fool may have been here but where is she now?

I'll try calling her...

Wendy!

Wendy!

Just your silly echo! Now I'll...

Zelma! You sound like a crow!

But what a lovely echo you have, Zelma!

It's not an echo... it's flute music! And it's pulling me to it!

Me too! Let me go, you flute-venting fiend!

Somebody stop that music!

Gosh, this is a strange-looking place... and I feel strange, too!

Oh, I don't know! I think it's quaint! I wonder what it is?

Can't you read, Knothead?

You're not welcome in Vice-Versaland.
WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR? DON'T JUST STAND THERE LOOKING SILLY!

BAAW! YOU'RE BEING A MEANIE CASPER!

GOOD GRIEF... I'M SHOCKED AT MY OWN BEHAVIOR... AND THE WITCHES HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME NICE... HOW ODD!

I'VE GOT IT! "VICE-VERSA" MEANS "OPPOSITE"! SO THE WITCHES ARE NICE AND I'M NASTY!

ZELMA... I APOLOGIZE! BEING IN VICE-VERSA LAND HAS MADE ME BEHAVE BADLY!

OH, CASPER WASPER... YOU'RE A TWEETIE PIE!

YOU'RE NOT WELCOME IN VICE-VERSA LAND

CASPER... WE'RE SO WORRIED THAT WENDY MAY BE A PRISONER HERE!

UGH... THERE'S THAT FLUTE MUSIC AGAIN!

LET'S LOOK FOR HER!

IT'S PULLING US TO THAT STRANGE HOUSE!

GECK!! YOU'RE IN THE PALACE OF THE TOOTER!

YIPPE! IT'S THE FLUTE PLAYER!

HA HAHA! A GOOFY GHOST AND THREE WITCHES! I'M GLAD YOU ALL DECIDED TO LIVE IN VICE-VERSA LAND FOREVER!

CONTINUED IN THIS ISSUE
Wendy
THE GOOD LITTLE WITCH

IT SURE WAS CHILLY LAST NIGHT! EVEN THE WITCHES' BREW TURNED TO ICE! THANK GOODNESS IT DOESN'T SMELL WHILE IT'S FROZEN!

IDEA!

I'LL TAKE IT OVER TO THE FOXES' CAVE! THEY'VE BEEN TEASED BY Ogres LATELY!

WHEN THE DAY GETS WARMER THIS WILL MELT AND DRIVE AWAY THE Ogres ... PROBABLY FOREVER!

GEE, THANKS, WENDY!

SOON...

WOW! WHAT A STENCH!

I'LL NEVER GO THERE AGAIN!

CRACKLE!
FIZZ!

IT WORKED! THEY'LL KEEP AWAY NOW!

Y-YES, BUT IT'S KEEPING US AWAY TOO! PLEASE GET RID OF THAT SMELL, WENDY!

OH! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
THE GOOD LITTLE WITCH

Wendy

I wish I was strong, Wendy so I could lift this human-size dumbbell!

I'll make it lighter, Osbert!

Ah! Now it's as light as a feather! Thank you, Wendy!

Hello, Osbert!

Hello, Blanche!

His girl friend has arrived!

Watch how strong I've become!

He's going to fool her!

Ohh! Now you're no longer a 9.7 ounce weakling!

Why, it's as light as a feather!

You faker!

Dog gone wind had to come along!
The Friendly Ghost Casper

THE TERRIBLE TOOTER

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Are you crazy... you nut! Tell us where Wendy is so we can get out of this kookie place!

Ulp... there I go losing control again!

Er... Wendy? What does she look like?

She's a sweet little witch dressed in red!

Nope! Nobody like that here!

If Wendy isn't here... sob... where is she??

Stop all that dad-blasted blubbering!

Golly! I've never behaved like this before!
I've got to fight to stay my nice normal self!

Wendy! Hooray! Out of my way, you ghastly ghost!

I might have guessed the tooter was fibbing!

What's wrong with fibbing, you phony?

Wendy, dear... is it really you?

No... it's not! Believe me... Wendy is not herself!

No... I'm not really me! I'm Santa Claus!

Here's a present for you!

Here's some gravy to go with the chicken!

Wendy... you must fight this awful thing vice-versa land has done to you!
FIGHT? HOW'S THIS FOR FIGHTING?

HAW HAW HAW! WENDY... YOU'RE A RIOT!

TOO BAD I RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION!

GO COOK ME ANOTHER DINNER WICKED WITCH GIRL!

OOH... I LOVE IT WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT!

MAKING WENDY MEAN IS JUST TOO MUCH... I'M RETURNING TO THE ENCHANTED FOREST!

I'M GOING TO FIND ALL THE MEAN COWARDS I CAN AND BRING THEM HERE! THEY'LL BE JUST THE OPPOSITE... GOOD AND BRAVE!

UGH! I'VE GOT TO IGNORE THAT IRRESISTIBLE FLUTE TOOTING!

HE DOES MAKE SUCH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!

IT'S NO USE... THE TOOTER'S TOOTING WON'T LET ME GO!
WHAT GOOD CAN IT DO TO KEEP HIM HERE?
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

SO...
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW HE'D WANT DIRT SWEEP INTO HIS PALACE!
HE'S SO OPPOSITE! HOW CUTE!

THAT'S ENOUGH DIRT IN THE PALACE!
GET WENDY TO BRING MY MEAL SO I CAN THROW IT AT YOU!
YES SIR!

THIS WALL GOES TO THE OUTSIDE!
ANA! I THOUGHT HE'D TRY THAT!

OH, NO... NOT THAT FLUTE AGAIN!

I'M GETTING AWFULLY ANNOYED!

YOU OLD BAGS... YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO CAST A SPELL ON SOMEBODY... HOW ABOUT CASTING A DOUBLE WHAMMY ON THE 'TOOTER'?

YOU CAN BEAT US BLACK AND BLUE WITH A BUTTERCUP, CASPER, BUT WHAMMY WE WON'T!

HAHA HA!
LISTEN! I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ALL I'M GOING TO TAKE FROM YOU!

HAW! GET INTO THE KITCHEN AND DIRTY THE DISHES!

GRACIOUS... WHAT A NASTY TEMPER THAT CASPER HAS!

I...? A NASTY TEMPER?

THELMA IS RIGHT! TO THINK THAT I ASKED THE WITCHES TO PUT A WHAMMAMY ON SOMEONE!

I MUST NEVER LOSE MY TEMPER AGAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE KITCHEN, KOOKSPOOK?!

THE TOOTER TOLD ME TO DIRTY THE DISHES!

HAW! THEY'RE ALREADY DIRTY! YOU'LL HAVE TO WASH THEM BEFORE YOU CAN DIRTY THEM AGAIN!

I'VE GOT TO GET WENDY, THE WITCHES AND MYSELF OUT OF VICE-VERSA LAND! SAY... I KNOW WHAT MIGHT JUST WORK!

I'LL HATE MYSELF LATER, BUT I'M GOING TO LET MYSELF BECOME COMPLETELY OPPOSITE!

HE...GOLDBRICK! FINISH THESE DISHES!

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Okay, creep! I'm going to fight your way! Dirty!

Ha! I've won! Now you're talking like a true vice-versan!

Casper... don't let yourself go! You're changing from the nicest spook to the worst!

How'd you like a fat lip?

Oh, I like the way you talk, boy!

Take your cotton-picking paws off me!

Try this on your flute, tooter!

Goody!

I'm taking over here... see! From now on I'm running vice-versa land!

H-hun?
WHY CASPER...YOU'RE THE MEANEST GHOST EVER!
I'M SO NASTY I CAN'T STAND MYSELF!
THAT FOOL SPOOK HAS GONE TOO FAR! I'LL SHOW HIM WHO'S BOSS!
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DROP A FEW TRAYS OF FOOD ON HIM, TOOTER?

NO! I'LL TOOT FOR MY GUARDS!
HEH!

DID YOU TOOT SIR?
YOU KNOW I DID LUNKHEADS! I WANT YOU TO SHOW THAT SPook WHO'S BOSS HERE!

THIS'LL BE FUN TOOTER! READY... AIM...
HO-HUM!

FIRE! THAT OUGHTA SHUT YOU UP FOR AWHILE!
WHUMP!

BRACE YOURSELF TOOTER... WE'LL GET IT OFF IN A MINUTE!

I REPEAT... I'M TAKING OVER HERE!
YOU LOOK HUNGRY CASPER! HAVE SOME MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY!

WENDY! YOU'RE A ROTTEN DISOBEDIENT KID AND I LOVE YOU FOR IT!

SPLOIT

YOU MADE WENDY ROTTEN... FOR THAT I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE!

HAW! I CAN TAKE ANYTHING YOU CAN DISH OUT!

This dump is going to collapse! Let's scram!

Scream! Tsk! Such language!

Wow! What a crazy boo!

Guards! Stop them! That spook wrecked my palace and my flute!

Darn you, Casper... now the tooter is after me, too! I ought to clobber you!

You and who else?
IF THEY GET OUT WE'LL NEVER GET THEM BACK AGAIN!

CAN'T YOU TOOT THEM BACK WITH YOUR FLUTE?

DON'T SPEAK OF MY POOR BUSTED FLUTE!

WHY GET THEM BACK, TOOTER? THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS!

I CAN'T GET ANY MORE SERVANTS WITHOUT MY FLUTE, STUPID!

WE'RE OUTSIDE AGAIN!

AH! I FEEL LIKE MY OLD SELF AGAIN!

OH, CASPER! IT'S SO GOOD BEING MY NORMAL SELF AGAIN!

THE SAME HERE, YOU GOODY GOODY PEST!

WHY... SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE TOADSTOOLS FOR OUR BREW!

HOW COULD SHE? THE TOOTER DIDN'T GIVE HER A CHANCE!

THAT'S RIGHT... THE TOOTER CHEATED US OUT OF OUR LUNCH!

LET'S GO BACK AND GIVE HIM A TRIPLE WHAMMAY!

IF YOU GO BACK TO VICE-VERSA, YOU'LL BE NICE AGAIN! SO YOU WON'T WANT TO WHAMMAY THE TOOTER!

MY GOSH... CASPER IS RIGHT!
Casper... chasing you out here has made me nice and normal for the first time since I wandered into vice-versa land!

Nice—shmice! You've got something coming!

A-shimmy... a-shammy... on the tooter we put a big fat... magic wand, unshimmy their shammy...

Whammy! Unwhammy! Pow!

I'll never get over being mean and nasty! What will my friends say about that terrible boo?

You couldn't help yourself, Casper! It was the only way we could escape!

Besides... I'll never tell anyone (tee hee)! They'd never believe me!
They just couldn’t believe it. “Oh, no!” shouted Kitty Cat. “It’s impossible!” joined in Carlos Cat. “But it’s true!” said Kitty Cat.

They peered down the edge of the hill, and breathlessly watched a tiny little mouse chase Allie Cat!

“Leave me alone!” screamed Allie. “Oh, please don’t chase me anymore! I’ll be good to you... I’ll do anything you’d like!”

“Squeeeaaakkkkk!” squeaked the mouse, who wasn’t giving up the chase.

Finally, the little mouse put on the brakes and came to a halt. “Oh, well,” he said in a tiny little voice, “I believe that I have thoroughly made my point. I will stop chasing you for the time being, young man, but if I see you start any trouble with anyone, believe me, you will not easily forget the results!”

Allie Cat had been hiding behind a wall listening to this squeak box vibrate. Then he stuck out his head and said, “I unnerstand yah, Mistah Mouse. You won’t have no more trouble from me!”

And hearing that, the little mouse turned himself around and walked away.

As soon as the mouse was out of sight and sound, Kitty yelled down from the hill. “Hey, Allie,” she screamed, “aren’t you ashamed of what just happened? Hah! Hah!”

“Boy, you sure are a scream!” chimed in Carlos. “Well, I’m not afraid of cats!” said Allie, and with that he dived at the troublesome pair.

“Gee we’re only fooling,” smiled Carlos, as he joined Kitty with their backs to the wall.

“Oh, no, you weren’t,” scowled Allie. “You think I’m yellah, don’t you? You’re thinkin’ I’m a disgrace to all cat-kind... a real catastrophe!”

“Oh no we weren’t,” said both Carlos and Kitty in a pair of weak voices.

“Well you were!” insisted Allie. “And maybe you’re right! But maybe you’re wrong! And we’re going to give you both a chance to prove it. I’m going to have that little mouse chase you. While he’s chasing you, you’re going to have a choice. You see, I’ll be waiting for you at the other end of his chase! So we’ll see what you’ll do... whether you’ll face the music with the mouse... or whether you’ll face the claws of this cat!”

Without a further word, Allie dashed off yelling, “Oh, mouse! Oh, little mouse!”

Carlos looked at Kitty. Kitty looked at Carlos. Then the two of them said it at the same time: “What do you think we ought to do?”

Carlos said, “I don’t think we should be afraid of a little mouse.”

Kitty said, “Sure nothing to worry about... a mere mouse! Hah! Hah!”

Carlos said, “But tell me, Kitty, are you really afraid?”

Kitty said, “As afraid as you are... and you’re shivering in your skin!”

Carlos said: “You’re right!”

Then Kitty and Carlos said together: “Oh, what can we do?”

But there wasn’t an answer forthcoming. They’d just have to wait it out. They didn’t have any idea of what to expect. They only knew it would spell trouble.

Now there wasn’t any more time. For here came the little mouse. Just a little tiny speck moving closer and closer to them.

They turned and saw Allie, waiting for them with open claws! They turned to face the mouse again. He was coming closer.


“W-well I’ll s-soon s-s-see,” said Carlos.

And then they saw... then they knew! And as fast as they could, they whipped around, and dashed right in the direction of Allie. Allie wasn’t waiting for trouble either. He joined them in their run. Then the three of them turned around to look at the rushing mouse, and to plead: “Oh, please mouse with the limburger cheese smell, oh please leave us alone!”

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Casper, the Friendly Ghost

I love reading about Casper, in his Harvey Comics Magazine!

Do you really like me? Wow! It's Casper the Friendly Ghost!

I love reading about all the things you do!

Well, here's one trick I don't think you ever saw me do!
"Gee, lookit that jet plane go," exclaimed Jed Jenson, pointing to a vapor trail streaking across the sky. "I wonder how the earth looks from where he is!"

"Probably a lot like the other planets," said his friend, Alton White, putting down his book. "Just a big ball whirling in space with ridges and stuff."

"What do you mean, like other planets?" inquired Jed. "I thought the earth was, well—different!"

"It's different in a lot of ways," Alton told him. "But it's a planet just the same. It's a planet 93 million miles from the sun, and while it's larger than Mercury and Mars, it's much smaller than many others."

"Oh, all right, Professor Know-It-All," sniffed Jed. "You're so smart, tell me how our planet is different from the others, besides having us on it."

"Gladly," replied Alton, always glad to share his knowledge. "For one thing the Earth has magnetism—"

"Oh, sure, I know," interrupted the other. "That's why my compass needle points to the North Magnetic Pole."

"Yes, although we don't know just why," went on Alton. "Scientists think it has something to do with the Earth's interior; maybe it's just a big mass of iron."

"Golly, why don't they dig it up and make a fortune," exclaimed Jed, who always had an eye for business.

"Nobody knows much about the inside of the Earth yet," was the reply. "The deepest oil well only goes down 21,000 feet; we aren't even sure how hot it is inside the Earth."

"Well, OK, what else is different about our good old planet?" Jed asked impatiently.

"Most important for us is the atmosphere around the Earth," continued Alton. "It contains a lot of oxygen so it's possible for us to live and breathe."

"You mean other planets don't get a deal like that?" said Jed.

"Well, other planets have atmosphere," replied Alton "but it doesn't support life like ours. Another thing—only the Earth has water, like lakes and oceans."

"Yipes," exclaimed Jed. "Imagine living where you couldn't go swimming."

"Yes, we're lucky to have a planet like ours," Alton reminded him.

"You bet," said Jed, slapping his comrade on the back. "Thanks for all the information, pal. Next time I feel like visiting the other planets, I'll remember—there's no place like home."
the tuff little ghost

SPOOKY IN EASY MONEY

LOOK, POIL!

HMF!

TALK IS CHEAP. SPOOKY AND SO IS CARVING!

ARE YOU MAD AT ME?

DISAPPOINTED!

YOU SAID YOU'D BUY ME SOMETHING NICE FOR MY BIRTHDAY! IF YOU REALLY CARED FOR ME YOU'D HAVE REMEMBERED!

AWR... NOW I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DIG UP SOME MONEY!

AND UP TO NOW IT WAS A POIFECT BOO DAY!
THINKING ABOUT MONEY IS HARD WORK!

IS HE STILL LOOSE?

YES! BOY, WOULD I LIKE TO CATCH HIM AND GET THAT $100!

HE DOESN'T LOOK DANGEROUS!

NAW! THAT'S AN EASY $100!

WOOF!

WELL THAT CLEAR MY BRAIN!

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

HAW! A PEN-STEALER AND THEY WANT TO PUT HIM IN THE PEN!

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THIS SHOULD BE EASY! HMM!

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A DETECTIVE!

Y'KNOW SOMETHING? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!
I mean, a detective should have a trail to follow or something!

There he is! There's the pen thief! Grab him!

See, officer! The ink trail leads right to him! And he has ink on his hand!

Boo!

It's not nice to boo a cop but how can I concentrate on these clues I just discovered if people bother me!

Oh, boy! What an easy $100!

Wow! What a messy place! Poil would have a fit! All this paper with scribbling on it!

I will not take any more pens. I will not take any more pens. I will not take any more pens. I will not take any more pens.
ALL RIGHT, MAC! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

OH, THANK GOODNESS, YOU CAUGHT ME!

I'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I WRITE "I WILL NOT TAKE ANY MORE PENS" AGAIN 75 TIMES.

HUN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING THAT FOR?

TO PUNISH MYSELF!

YOU SEE, WHEN I TOOK THE FIRST PEN FROM THE POST OFFICE BY ACCIDENT, I DECIDED TO TEACH MYSELF A LESSON...

OH, NO! DON'T TELL ME YOU MADE YOURSELF WRITE ALL THIS JUNK!

100 TIMES!

BUT THE PEN RAN DRY... SO I HAD TO TAKE ANOTHER ONE... SO I ASSIGNED MYSELF ANOTHER 100 SENTENCES AND THEN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS POOR GUY NEEDS HELP MORE THAN I NEED THE $100!

AND I'M SO TIRED... AND I'M OUT OF INK... I DON'T KNOW IF I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO GO TO THE POST OFFICE...
THE DOPE'S GOT LIKE HICCUPS OF THE MIND!

SO...

BOO!

Y-you scared me out of my wits!

Now I don't remember what I was going to do...

That's good!

I will not take any!

I will not take any!

But I feel wonderful!

Now I know how Casper must feel!

But I couldn't stand too much of it!

BOO AGAIN!

Roll, the best thing I could get you is this pen that doesn't write too well...

Oh, spooky!

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