

(SHE grabs fishing pole from ABNER and gives it to PAPPY as SHE Xes up to cabin and takes tonic and spoon off shelf R of door. PAPPY rises and puts fishing pole against R porch post)

ABNER

(Looking embarrassingly off R to be sure that the cronies nearby do not see that HE has to take Tonic)

Mammy, I'm too old to still take that old baby tonic.

MAMMY

(Xing DR of box. During following speech, MAMMY takes cork off Yokumberry Tonic and hands it to PAPPY R. Then SHE pours a teaspoonful of Tonic and hands bottle to PAPPY, who places it on porch)

No, you ain't---an' ah knows best!...Ah been givin' you a spoonful of my own special Yokumberry Tonic every day since the day you was born and I intends to give you a spoonful every day till the day you dies--and for several weeks thereafter!

(MAMMY steps up on box to give ABNER the spoonful of Yokumberry Tonic)

Now, open and hold!

ABNER

But, Mammy --

MAMMY

Open and hold--ah has spoken!

(ABNER takes the tonic, then wipes HIS lips with HIS hand. DAISY's whistle is heard offstage L. MAMMY answers it. MAMMY gets down, crosses L, then turns back to ABNER)

Now, Abner, Daisy gonna be here in a minute...Now you know she's too shy to come right out and ask you to let her catch you in the Sadie Hawkins Day Race this year.

ABNER

But, Mammy, if she catches me, I got to marry her!

MAMMY

What could be sweeter than that!

PAPPY
But if the boy don't feel he's ready yet---

MAMMY
(Xes R, edging
PAPPY off R)
Pappy, why don't you mosey down into town --

PAPPY
But --

MAMMY
Go on --
(Continues edging
PAPPY off)
see what's doin' down in the lower rent district.

PAPPY
But ah prefers to stay!

MAMMY
Ah does the preferrin' around here--and when ah prefers, you concurs!

PAPPY
But now, Pansy --

MAMMY
Git! Ah has spoken!
(PAPPY exits R1; DAISY
whistles "NAMELY YOU".
MAMMY XL, looks off and
turns to ABNER)
Now you be sweet to that gal!

ABNER
But, Mammy, the boys are waitin' for me down at the fishin' hole!

MAMMY
Hesh!
(DAISY enters L2 with
can of worms)

DAISY
Mornin', Mammy...Abner!

MAMMY
Mornin', chile --
(SHE nudges ABNER
to say hello)