

al goes **dental** /1/ making a stand

Al comes home from work, expecting a supper.

AL: Hi Peg. Where's my supper? I know you cooked me supper tonight. **You didn't? Not even** dessert?

PEGGY: Oh honey, what do you want from me? You're **at work** 10 hours a day. Can't you find something to eat **in** all that time? This is a home, not a restaurant.

AL: I know Peg, if it **was** a restaurant, we **would** have a clean bathroom.

PEGGY: Can't you be like other husbands? Just come home, go upstairs and sit there quietly til morning?

AL: Peg, I'm **starving to death**. I can't live like this. Now, I'm telling you, Peg, I **want you to put** something in that oven - **either** food or my head. **Either** way, the neighbours will smell something **cooking**. Now Peg, I'm **making a stand** here, **I'm not kidding**. I want a meal, I want it now. Get it?

PEGGY: **Huh?** What did you say, Al? I'm sorry, I wasn't listening.

AL: Gee, I dunno, just something **about me being** a man, it wasn't important.

Kelly and Bud come in and hang up their coats.

AL: Kids, I'm glad you're home, because I'm taking a poll.

KELLY: Where are you gonna **put** a pole?

BUD: Well, we can put it in your head **so we have a place to hang** the sign **that says, "DUH"**.

KELLY: Oh, that's just great. You **wouldn't** let me **get** a nose earring, but you're gonna put a pole in my head.

AL: All right, we're gonna **have a vote**.

KELLY: I thought we **were gonna** have a pole.

AL: All those **in favor of having your mother cook?** Three. **Opposed?** **None. That's it,** Peg, you're cooking. I don't **care** if it's breakfast, lunch or dinner but I want it hot, and I'll tell you something else. I want it on a plate. Peg, the neighbours are all **laughing at** me.

BUD: And **everyone at school,** too, Dad.

AL: Oh, **that's it, from now on,** this family's going to be like every other family in America. Sometime this month we're gonna eat.

PEGGY: Ok, I'll **make** one meal. But **it's not going to be** good.

AL: **That's all we ask.**

KELLY: Oh, Mom, **one more thing.** The School Nurse, she says it's time to go to the dentist and get our **annual check-ups**.

PEGGY: Ok, we'll **make an appointment**.