

smoke: cyrus and louisa /1/ hostile words

PAUL: Has anything happened lately? Anything unusual or unexpected?

AUNT EM: Well, one thing I suppose, but I don't think it _____ anything to do with this. A friend of mine called about two weeks ago and said she'd _____ Thomas's father working at some gas station outside of Peekskill.

PAUL: And you told your nephew about it?

AUNT EM: I _____ he had a right to know. Thomas looked at me straight in the eye and said, "I don't have a father. As _____ as I'm concerned, that son-of-a-bitch is dead."

PAUL: Those are pretty _____ words.

AUNT EM: His father walked out _____ his mother a couple of months after he was born. Louisa was Henry's younger sister, and she and the baby moved in _____ us. Four or five years go by, and then one day Cyrus shows up out of the _____, tail between his legs, wanting to _____ things up with Louisa. I thought Henry was going to tear Cyrus _____ when he saw him walk through the door. They're both big men, those two, and if they ever started to tangle, you'd see some teeth jumping on the floor. I _____ it... So Cyrus persuaded Louisa to go out with him to talk _____ over in quiet. And the poor girl never came back.

PAUL: You mean she just ran off with him and left her little boy _____?

AUNT EM: Don't _____ words in my mouth.

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