



BARTLEBERT



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HELLO, BARTLEBERT!
YOU SAW MY AD
FOR A COPYIST?
EXCELLENT, GLAD
TO HAVE YOU
AMONG MY CORPS!

YOUR DESK IS JUST
BEHIND THIS FOLDING
SCREEN, SO YOU CAN COME
QUICKLY WHEN I NEED YOU
FOR ANY TRIFLING THING.

I'D PREFER
NOT TO.

BARTLEBERT,
I NEED YOU TO
EXAMINE A
SMALL PAPER
WITH ME.

I'D
PREFER
NOT TO.

ARE YOU MOON
STRUCK? TAKE
THE PAPER!

I'D
PREFER
NOT TO.

IF HE WERE ANGRY OR
IMPERTINENT, I'D TOSS
HIM OUT. BUT HOW DO YOU
DISMISS SOMEONE WHO'S
COMPLETELY INHUMAN?

BARTLEBERT,
JOIN US. WE
NEED TO
COMPARE
YOUR COPIES.

I'D
PREFER
NOT TO.

HE PERSISTS IN
HIS MULISH
VAGARY! WHAT
SHOULD I DO?

I'D
BLACK
HIS
EYES!

NO...
NOT
TODAY.

ONE SUNDAY MORNING

SINCE I'M IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD, I'LL
VISIT MY CHAMBERS.

I'D PREFER NOT ADMIT-
TING YOU AT PRESENT.
PLEASE RETURN LATER.

OH!
CERTAINLY.

HIS WONDERFUL MILD-
NESS NOT ONLY DISARMS
ME, BUT UNMANS ME.