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Family Album, USA

Episode 16 “[Full of Surprise](#)“

Act 2

Attendant Hello. What can I do for you?

Grandpa Hi. Fill 'er up. I need a full tank.

Attendant Check the hood?

Grandpa No, thanks.

Attendant Whereabouts are you headed?

Grandpa Pete Waters's farm, near Chesterton.

Attendant I know it well. Pete Waters' lived around here almost as long as I have.

Grandpa How long is it going to take for me to get there?

Attendant About fifteen minutes. There's a shortcut-is you know it.

Grandpa No, I don't. Could you tell me how to use the shortcut?

Attendant Sure. You take the next left turn. You'll see a stop sign. Make a right at the stop sign. Stay on that road, and you'll cross a blue bridge. Then you'll see a big old red barn. That's the back of Pete Waters's place.

Grandpa That's quite a difference from the directions that Pete sent me.

Attendant Now, if you take that route, it's probably a lot simpler, but it'll take you ten minutes longer.

Grandpa OK. Let me repeat it. I take the next left turn to the stop sign. Then a right across a blue bridge, and then a big red barn.

Attendant Can't miss it.

Grandpa How much do I owe you?

Attendant Well, that'll be eighteen dollars and seventy cent. No charge for the cleanup. It's on the house.

Grandpa Well, here's a twenty.

Attendant Ah. OK. That's a dollar and thirty cents change. Thee we go... will make twenty. Thanks.

Grandpa Thank you. And thanks for the directions.

Grandpa This must be Pete's barn. Turn right to the house. Hi.

Worker Hi. What can I do for you?

Grandpa Is this the Pete Waters farm?

Worker It is.

Grandpa I'm a friend of Pete's . I'm looking for the house.

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Worker It's just over yonder. Keep along this road till you get to the end of the fence. You'll see the chicken. His house is on the left.

Grandpa Well, thanks.

Grandpa "Have gone to the railroad station. Back soon with a surprise. Make yourself at home. Have a look around. Pete." Same old Pete Waters. Always full of surprises.