

Suddenly- they're interrupted. From the REAR OF THE HALL:

STIRET

AUNT NORA

OH MY GOD!

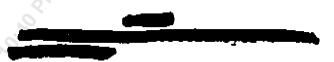
Everyone turns. Aunt Nora staggers forward. She's holding a WRAPPED PRESENT, about the size of a digar box. She's peeked inside; its top is loose.

Nearby: Stephanie watches, with an icy, knowing look.

AUNT NORA (COND-D)

(frightened, shaking)
It was in the coat room. I opened
it. It smelled terrible. I thought
it might be food, so I peeked inside.

T.R. takes the box. There's a CARD. She reads it



T.R. opens it. We don't see inside. She reacts, horrified!

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

What is it?

T.R. <u>drops the box!</u> She staggers away! After she's gone, Stottlemeyer picks up the box. We finally see inside. It's-a <u>DEAD RAT!</u> Beside it, a <u>hand-printed note</u>: FINAL WARNING.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)

T.R.- ?1

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