

Dick and Pat and Strom and Carswell



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News Item: The nomination of Judge Carswell to the Supreme Court now appears unlikely to be confirmed by the Senate.

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LOOK. Look and see. See Dick. See Pat. They live in a beautiful white house.

"Look, Dick," said Pat. "Look and see. See who is at the door of our beautiful white house."

"Yes, Pat," said Dick. "It is our friend. It is our friend, Strom. We owe him a lot. He helped us move into our beautiful white house. Come in, Strom."

See Strom. Strom looks angry. "Look, Dick," said Strom. "I am angry. I am angry because you do not pay your debts."

"Look, Strom," said Dick. "I have sent you two judges. I thought they were good judges."

"Look, Dick," said Strom. "They were bad judges. You tried to pay your debt with bad judges. You are a welcher. You must send another judge."

"Let me be candid, Strom," said Dick. "Let me be perfectly candid about this. I am running out of judges. I am running out of Southern judges. I am running out of Southern Republican judges. This is my judgement on that."

"Look, Dick," said Strom. "Look here. You had better think. You had better think of something."

See Strom. See Strom leave. He does not even say good-by. See Pat. See Pat cry.

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OH, DICK," said Pat. "Will Strom make us move out of our beautiful white house?"

"No, Pat, he cannot. He cannot because we have a four-year lease."

See Pat smile. "That is good Dick," said Pat. "Let us never see him again."

"We must, Pat," said Dick. "He is part of my strategy. He is part of my Southern strategy. He will help us renew the lease in 1972. That is my strategy on this."

See Pat clap her hands. "I know, Dick, said Pat. "Strom is Southern. Strom is Republican. Let us make Strom a judge."

See Dick. See Dick shudder. "That would make the North unhappy, Pat," said Dick.

"Then we will make a Northerner a judge too," said Pat. "That will make the North happy."

"That would be awful, Pat. There is only one vacancy. That would be as awful as FDR trying to pack the court. Packing the court is awful."

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SEE PAT THINK. "Then why don't you unpack the court, Dick? If you don't make another judge, you won't make anybody mad."

"That is an idea, Pat," said Dick. "That is a good idea. It will save money, too. I will have more money to give to the mailmen. But how will I repay Strom?"

"Give him money, too, Dick," said Pat. "It would be simpler."

See Dick frown. "That is a joke, Pat. That is an old joke. No, I must give Strom something that is Southern, something that is good, something . . ."

See Dick. See Dick snap his fingers. See Dick smile.

"Tell me, Pat," said Dick. "Would you miss our beautiful white house in Key Biscayne?"