

CALL FROM SCHOOL

SCHOOL

Hello, Mrs. McGillicuddy?

MOM

No.

SCHOOL

Oh, sorry.

MOM

Who is this?

SCHOOL

Do you have a son named Romulus? Goes by Rommy?

MOM

No. I have a son named Thomas. Goes by Tommy. Who is this?

SCHOOL

You sure it's not Rommy?

MOM

Yes, quite sure. I'm losing my patience.

SCHOOL

Are you a doctor?

MOM

No, did Tommy tell you that?

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SCHOOL

Who's Tommy?

MOM

My son.

SCHOOL

Right. So you're Tommy's Mom. And also a bad doctor. My name is...

MOM

Wait! Why do you think I'm a bad doctor?

SCHOOL

You're losing your patients.

(PAUSE)

MOM

Wow. My horoscope this morning was right. Okay... who are you and

why are you asking about Tommy?

SCHOOL

My name is... so are you a doctor or not? Because I have this cold sore

and I think...

MOM

No, I'm not a doctor.

SCHOOL

Not even a bad one?

MOM

No. I'm a mother and that's a full-time job.

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SCHOOL

It is? What's Tommy paying you?

MOM

Look, I'm hanging up unless you tell me what you know about Tommy.

SCHOOL

Tommy... Tommy... that's your son, correct?

MOM

Correct!

SCHOOL

No need to yell, Mrs. McGillicuddy. Not everyone can have a full-time
job as the mother of a 10-year-old arsonist.

MOM

What did you say?!

SCHOOL

Which part?

MOM

The part about me being the mother of a 10-year-old arsonist!!

SCHOOL

Oh right. It seems that Rommy...

MOM

Tommy!!

SCHOOL

Tommy, gosh I'm so sorry. You'd think that as the Vice Principal of an
elementary school I'd be better at names.

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MOM

So you're the Vice Principal at my son's school?

SCHOOL

Depends. Who's your son? (Pause) Hahaha! I'm just messing with you!

MOM

Okay, two things. My name's not McGilliuddy, it's McGuire. Secondly,
why did you call my son an arsonist!!

SCHOOL

Too bad. I've always wanted to meet someone named McGillicuddy...

MOM

Moving past that...

SCHOOL

Right. The reason I'm calling is because we've had an incident at your
son's school, where I work as Vice Principal.

MOM

Oh dear...

SCHOOL

No, not today.

MOM

What?

SCHOOL

Today was pizza.

MOM

Sorry?

(Cont.)

SCHOOL

Me too! Venison Day is Tuesday! (Pause) Let's not get off track,

Mrs. McGuire.

MOM

What happened at school? Is Tommy okay?!

SCHOOL

Define your terms.

MOM

That's it! Put Principal Bagby on the phone!

SCHOOL

Okay. What's his number?

MOM

Look, this is getting to be borderline harassment. If you don't put
someone on the phone who can explain to me what is going on with my
son, I'm coming down there and...

SCHOOL

Take it easy, Mrs. McGuire. We both know you're not coming down
here. How could you leave your job like that?

MOM

How insulting!! I'm coming down right now!!

SCHOOL

Better hurry.

MOM

Oh I will!

(Cont.)

SCHOOL

Because of the fire.

MOM (SCREAMS)

I'm freaking out! Did Tommy start a fire at school? Is that what you're
trying to tell me?!

SCHOOL

And Tommy is...?

(FX: CLICK!)