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tragic faces, so desperate was the desire of each to break down the barriers of misunderstanding which had arisen between them. But in a world where laughter and tears are generally found not far apart—and often hand in hand—it is hard to keep a tragic face for long.

At that moment, for instance, Miss Perkins came sauntering out of the front door—oh, quite by accident!—and, as luck would have it, she was wearing her prettiest house dress and her hair was fluffed out in a most attractive manner. In her hand she was carrying a pair of grass shears, as though to clip the grass along the paths when Marty had finished mowing, and you can imagine her surprise when she saw Marty's visitor!

Of course she had to be told about Eric's miraculous escape; and, after she had congratulated him, she happened to turn her head, and there stood Mr. Reagan!