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Charles and his mother step from an elevator on the eighth floor of a city office building. Charles conceals his newly purchased pup under his coat.

CHARLES: (Entering, he looks about cautiously. Pats dog.) Shut up, Lucky. Blamed good thing I didn't stumble from that elevator. Boy! but they'd have chucked you off in a hurry!

MOTHER: Charles! Will you stop that language? (Turns quickly to elevator girl) Elevator! Wait a minute! Where did you say the Studio of Mind Training and Persuasive Speech was? Oh yes! I see. Thank you.

CHARLES: Oh, Mom, don't make me take this bunk. Honest, I'll cut out slang 'n everything if I can just take Lucky home now and play. Ain't he cute?

MOTHER: Charlie Evans.

CHARLES: Sorry, Mom! Isn't.

MOTHER: Oh, Charles, to think you'd ever--Well! You're going to start in with correct guidance training right here and now! Any child who can have the advantage of Professor Bingem's scintillating personality and child training course at your age--

CHARLES: (Sarcastically) Should be succeedingly thankful!

MOTHER: Ex-ceedingly, Charles.

CHARLES: Yes'm. But I'm no incinerator or whatever you call him and I don't want to be. I'd a blamed sight rather go up in an air--

MOTHER: Cha-Rels! Pick up that dog! Now you'll walk in and behave yourself or back goes the pup where I just purchased him!

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