

MRS. CHUMLEY, ELWOOD

MRS CHUMLEY – I am Mrs. Chumley, Dr. Chumley’s wife.

ELWOOD – I’m happy to know that. Dowd is my name, Elwood P. Let me give you one of my cards. If you should want to call me – call me at this one. Don’t call me at that one because that’s the old one.

MRS CHUMLEY – Thank you. Is there something I can do for you?

ELWOOD – What did you have in mind?

MRS CHUMLEY – You seem to be looking for someone.

ELWOOD – Yes, I am. I’m looking for Harvey. I went off without him.

MRS CHUMLEY- Harvey, is he a patient here?

ELWOOD –Oh, nothing like that.

MRS CHUMLEY – Does he work here?

ELWOOD – Oh, no. He is what you might call my best friend. He is also a Pooka. He came out here with me and Veta this afternoon.

MRS CHUMLEY – Where was he when you last saw him?

ELWOOD – In that chair right there, with his hat and coat on the table.

MRS CHUMLEY – There doesn’t seem to be any hat and coat around there now. Perhaps he left?

ELWOOD - Apparently, I don’t see him anywhere.

MRS CHUMLEY – What was that word you just said – pooka? Is that something new?

ELWOOD – Oh no. As I understand it, that’s something quite old. I am not surprised that you’d never heard the word before, I hadn’t myself until I met him. I do hope you get the opportunity to meet him. I am sure he’d be quite taken with you.

MRS CHUMLEY –Oh, well, that’s very nice of you to say.

ELWOOD – Not at all, if Harvey takes a liking to people, he expresses himself quite definitely. If he’s not interested, he sits there like an empty chair. Harvey takes his time making his mind up about people. Choosey, you see.

MRS CHUMLEY – That’s not a bad way to be in this day and age.

ELWOOD – Harvey is fond of my sister, Veta. That’s because he’s fond of me. Veta and I come from the same family. Now, you’d think the feeling would be mutual, wouldn’t you? But Veta doesn’t seem to care for Harvey. Don’t you think that’s rather too bad Mrs Chumley?

MRS CHUMLEY – Oh, I don’t know Mr. Dowd. I gave up a long time ago expecting my family to like my friends. It’s useless.

MRS CHUMLEY – Well, there’s no harm in trying, I suppose.

ELWOOD – Would you like to come downtown with me now, my dear? I would be glad to buy you a drink.

MRS CHUMLEY – Thank you very much, but I am waiting for Dr. Chumley. And, if he came down and found me gone he would be liable to raise - - he would be irritated. I tell you what I will do, however.

ELWOOD – What will you do, however? I’m interested.

MRS CHUMLEY – If your friend comes in while I’m here, I’d be glad to give him a message for you.

ELWOOD – Would you do that? I’d certainly appreciate that.

MRS CHUMLEY – No trouble at all! I’ll write it down on the back of this (hold up Elwood’s card). What would you like me to tell him if he comes in while I’m still here.

ELWOOD – Ask him to meet me downtown if he has no other plans.

MRS. CHUMLEY – I’ll tell you what --Doctor and I are going right down town – to 12th and Montview; Dr. McClure is having a cocktail party.

ELWOOD – A cocktail party! At 12th and Montview.....