

Mock dictation
Mrs Bixby and the Colonel's coat

Dictation

Mr and Mrs Bixby lived in a smallish apartment in New York. Mr Bixby was a dentist who made an average income. Mrs Bixby was a vigorous woman with a wet mouth. Once a month, always on Friday afternoons, she would board the train to Baltimore to visit her old aunt. She would spend the night with the aunt and return to New York on the following day. Mr Bixby accepted this arrangement. 'So long as you don't ever expect me to accompany you' he said. 'Of course not, darling,' she answered 'After all, she is not your aunt. She's mine.

|mɪstə r ən mɪsɪz bɪksbi lɪvd ɪn ə smɔ:lɪʃ əpɑ:tmənt ɪn nju: jɔ:k |

|mɪstə bɪksbi wəz ə dentɪst hu: meɪd ən ævərɪdʒ ɪŋkʌm |

|mɪsɪz bɪksbi wəz ə vɪgərəs wʊmən wɪð ə wet maʊθ |

|wʌns ə mʌnθ ɔ:lweɪz ɒn fraɪdeɪ ɑ:ftənu:nz ʃɪ wʊd bɔ:d ðə treɪn tə bɔ:ltɪmɔ: tə vɪzɪt
hə r əʊld ɑ:nt |

|ʃɪ wʊd spend ðə naɪt wɪð ði ɑ:nt ən rɪtʒ:n tə nju: jɔ:k ɒn ðə fɒləʊɪŋ deɪ |

|mɪstə bɪksbi əkseptɪd ðɪs əreɪndʒmənt |

|so lɒŋ əz ju dəʊnt evə r ɪkspekt mi tu əkʌmpəni ju hi sed |

|əv kɔ:s nɒt dɑ:lɪŋ ʃɪ ɑ:nsəd ɑ:ftə r ɔ:l | ʃɪ ɪz nɒt jɔ: r ɑ:nt ʃɪz maɪn |

Transcription

He knew that Aunt Maude lived in Baltimore, and that his wife was very fond of the old lady, and certainly it would be unreasonable to deny either of them the pleasure of a monthly meeting.

So far so good. As it turned out, however, the aunt was little more than a convenient alibi for Mrs Bixby.

The dirty dog, in the shape of a gentleman known as the Colonel, was lurking in the background, and our heroine spent the greater part of her Baltimore time in this his company. The Colonel was exceedingly wealthy. He lived in a charming house on the outskirts of the town.

KEY

| hi nju: ðæt a:nt mʌd lɪvd ɪn bɔ:lɪtmɔ: | ən ðæt hɪz waɪf wəz veri fʌnd əv ði
əʊld leɪdi | ən sɜ:tnli ɪt wʊd bi ʌnri:znəbəl tə dɪnaɪ aɪðər əv ðəm ðə plezər əv ə
mʌnθli mi:tɪŋ |

|səʊ fɑ: səʊ gʊd |

|əz ɪt tɜ:nd aʊt | haʊevə | ði a:nt wəz lɪtəl mɔ: ðən ə kənvi:niənt æləbaɪ fə mɪsɪz
bɪksbi |

|ðə dɜ:ti dʌŋ | ɪn ðə feɪp əv ə dʒentlmæn nəʊn əz ðə kɜ:nəl | wəz lɜ:kɪŋ ɪn ðə
bækgraʊnd | ən aʊə herəʊm spent ðə greɪtə pɑ:t əv hɜ bɔ:lɪtmɔ: taɪm ɪn hɪz
kʌmpəni | | ðə kɜ:nəl wəz ɪksɪ:dɪŋli welθi | hi lɪvd ɪn ə tʃɑ:mɪŋ haʊz ɒn ði
aʊtskɜ:ts əv ðə taʊn |