

> *Porky and My Daddy*



Hello porky. I'd love to have some ice cream today, but no... I'll put money in you instead. I'm determined to save up for a new pair of shoes.



The pork dumpling looked really delicious, but not for me. I know what I want to buy, so I'll live in sweet anticipation.



Hey porky, my feet hurt today. Sand came through the gaping holes. So I put some rubber bands around them. They should hold for a while.



Sorry, no money for you today porky. I gave it to Toi. His house was burnt down. I couldn't just do nothing.



I decided not to spend fifteen baht on a comic book today, which is just as well. Kru Wit, my other teacher, said children shouldn't read too many comic books. You agree with him, porky?



Oh porky, daddy got drunk today.



Kru Niyom told me to tell daddy that I needed a pair of new shoes. But I don't think the time is right. It looks like many more months of waiting for me.



Porky, do you know where daddy is?



Daddy was drunk again today.



I picked up 200 baht that someone dropped in the toilet. I found the owner and gave the money back. He rewarded me with fifty. At this rate, we may soon get there. Right porky.



My feet still hurt, but I put money in my porky everyday.



Kru\* Niyom, my teacher, said he would like to contribute, and gave me thirty baht. Here you are porky.



That rascal Tanongsak laughed at me for wearing what he called crocodile shoes to school. Not crocodile, the brand, you understand. He meant my shoes were split and opened out like a crocodile. Well, he won't laugh for very long now, will he, porky?



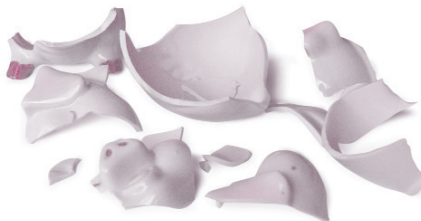
Porky, do you know why daddy drinks?



My feet really hurt. But never mind, only a few more days to the end of my misery.



My dreams are about to come true, wow!



Goodbye porky. Why did daddy do this?



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