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Dear Picture Takers,

I'm in DIRE need of a picture taker for my wedding in two weeks! This is URGENT or else I reckon I'll be in divorce court in three weeks. I told my Sweetie it was all set a long while ago. I thought it was, but now Cousin Millie ain't gonna make it to the wedding. I'm in deep doo doo cause after we was first engaged, Sweetie was fixing to make them arrangements. I begged that she let me do it. I wanted some responsibility in the plan making, even tho I'm usually a screw up. So she gave me this job. That was her latest mistake.

See, I gambled away our picture money about six months ago at the racetrack and I ain't been able to win it back since. In fact, I'm in the hole by about 2 grand. Now I'm in another bind thanks to Cousin Millie and her damned ~~emfazima~~ ~~emfazema~~ breathing sickness.

I had a talkin with Millie a few weeks after the track incident and she agreed to be the picture taker at our wedding for free since she was kin. All we had to do was give her some vittles at the shin-dig after the wedding. So instead of making weekly deposits at the sperm bank or selling pouches of my B- blood or getting the dancin mascot job at the Kwik-E-Mart, I reckoned all was good. I never bothered to earn back all the picture money I lost. Millie has a polaroid and a old Nixon camera. The light flash is broken on her Nixon, but we was fixing to have a daytime wedding anyway, so we wasn't fixing to use the light flash too much.

I convinced Sweetie that Millie was one of those hot shot professional picture takers, but we could afford her with the picture money we had. Sweetie is none too smart, so it wasn't difficult to fool her about Millie and tell her the Polaroid and Nixon was both top notch models. Sweetie was real impressed Millie had two cameras instead of just one. The best part was Sweetie ain't never met Millie before, so she had no notion we was cousins. Lucas is a common enough name so she never even suspected our relations.

Now I'm really in a pickle about to be the topper of a Dagwood Bumstead sandwich! Is there any way you can take pictures at my wedding? I expect your not cheap, but I can make regular payments maybe about every other month. Can I get onto a payment plan or will you have to run me a credit check? If so, you'd better let me know now instead of waste my time having me

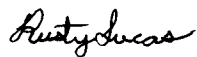
jump through hoops. My credit is really bad. Its so screwed up that my mailbox is chuck full every week with pre-approved denials from all them there Visa and Master Card banks. I still open each one hoping for a new credit card, cause I got a hankering to buy Sweetie a real nice wedding present down at Odd Lots, but I keep getting denials from cards I never even applied for. Last week, one bank sent me a letter that I better not apply for one of their cards and they would consider it an act of mail fraud and falsification if I even wrote out an application because there ain't no way I'd ever get approved. I even got denials of credit from countries I ain't never been to written in languages I ain't never heard of. I didn't even know they was denials xcept for the picture drawings in them of a sad faced fella turned away from the bank window with his pants pockets turned out. So if I can't make payments to you without credit, I'd be obliged if you tell me up front.

Can you take my wedding pictures? Please write back to me and let me know!

I spose you got lots of experience with weddings and such. Do you know where I can pick up a couple genuine wedding rings... CHEAP? I'd be much obliged if you could suggest a cheap jeweler where I can get some hum dinger wedding rings. Please let me know if you can help.

We are also looking for some coffee pots and grounds for our wedding shin-dig. Do you sell any of them at your store, or can you help me with that?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Lucas".

Rusty Lucas

p.s. I know this last bit may sound strange, but it's church regulations. I'm looking to find a real dandy baseball cap to go with Sweetie's wedding dress. She don't want to wear a veil, but our congregation requires women folk wear head coverings. Men are excused from this so you ain't gotta wear a hat, but you might want to since there patching the church roof right then. I think a stylish baseball cap is perfect for Sweetie. You probably got more fashion sense than me being a professional picture taker and all. If you can get me a free white or close to white baseball cap, I can try to convince Sweetie to get you for picture taking at our little girl's wedding. That one won't be for at least a few years if you can wait that long. We hope to marry her off to a little rich kid. What do you say? PLEASE help me out with a free baseball cap!