

"There's bad news and there's good news," the phone company representative told the customer whose bill was way overdue. "The bad news is we've got to disconnect your phone. But the good news is, at least none of your other creditors will be able to call you."

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The bad news is that you'll read one, then another, then another, then another, then another, then another, stopping only to catch your breath each time they break you up.

So don't blame us for not warning you of the danger when you finally look up, wipe your eyes and say, "I can't believe I read the whole thing!"

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INTRODUCTION

We've got some good news and bad news for you.

The good news is, we're back with a second collection of hilarious good news/bad news jokes.

The bad news is, they're like potato chips, video games, and summer vacation: once you start enjoying them, you'll want more!

The good news is, if you missed the *The* First Good News/Bad News Joke Book, you can still buy it.

The bad news is, once you're done with that, you're sunk . . . until we get around to doing a third collection.

In the meantime, we hope you have fun with these!

Mr. Fatt told his friend, "I've figured out the perfect diet: garlic bread and onion pizza."

"Perfect diet? You'll gain a ton and your breath will stink."

"That's the bad news. The good news is, I'll look a *lot* thinner from a distance."

Mr. Fatt also told his friend, "The good news is, the second day of a diet is always easier than the first.

"The bad news is, that's because you're off it."

"The bad news," Mrs. Adams said to her friend, "is that my husband and I take different vacations, drive in different cars,

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and go to different movies with our friends.

"The good news is, we've been able to keep our marriage together for thirty years."

Allan said to his friend, "The good news is, my wife asked for a divorce and demanded very little alimony.

"The bad news is, she did it on our honeymoon."

Mr. Dumb said to his friend, "Hey, I've got some good news! My dog just said that animals can talk.

"The bad news is, I think she's lying."

Mr. Dumb continued, "The good news is, my dog is so smart she knows how to play poker.

"The bad news is, whenever she gets a good hand, she wags her tail."

The car dealer told Tom, "Yeah . . . the good news is, you'll never get sick of this beaut."

Tom replied, "Yeah . . . the bad news is, it won't last long enough!"

Harleigh said to her friend, "The good news is that my date last night wasn't half bad.

"The bad news is, it was all bad."

On her fiftieth wedding anniversary, the woman said to her friend, "The good news is, my husband has never been one to toot his own horn.

"The bad news is, that's because his battery is dead."

"The bad news," Melvin said to his wife, "is that we only had enough money to buy a used car.

"The good news," he said, "is that it was owned by a doctor."

"Why is that good news?" she asked.

"Because she only used it when she made house calls."

SOME CANNIBAL GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

"The bad news," one cannibal said to another, "is that I just don't like my mother-in-law.

"The good news," he went on, "is that I can fill up on salad and potatoes."

"The good news," said the cannibal to the preacher, "is that I love my fellow man.

"The bad news," he added, "is that I mean, with mustard."

The cannibal added, "The good news is, my wife makes great stew.

"The bad news is, I'll miss her."

The newspaper editor was stranded on a remote island and, as the canni-

bals approached, he wrote a message and tucked it into a bottle, addressed to his publisher in New York.

"The good news," he'd written, "is that I survived the shipwreck and I'm alive.

"The bad news," he'd continued as the leader of the tribe arrived, "is I'm about to be made editor-in-chief."

One cannibal wife said to another, "The bad news is, I just don't know what to make of my husband these days!"

Her friend said, "The good news is, there are cookbooks that'll help you decide."

After capturing the cannibal and training her in the ways of civilization, the anthropologist said to his colleagues, "The bad news is, she still eats people.

"The good news is, now she uses a knife and fork."

The principal stood in front of the parents and said, "I have good news and bad news.

"The good news is, we took a poll of your children, and they're all in favor of discipline.

"The bad news is, I have *no* intention of doing what they tell me!"

"Good news!" Mrs. Price said to her husband. "I won't have to put a stop payment on that check after all!

"The bad news is—it bounced."

As they sat down to dinner, Mrs. West said to her husband, "The good news is that the hundreds of dollars I spent on the garden did *not* go to waste. The salad, the zucchini bread, and the eggplant are all home-grown."

"Then I'm sorry I criticized you all those months," said Mr. West, with an endearing smile.

"The bad news," Mrs. West continued, "is that what we're eating is all that grew."

Jack said to his friend, "The good news is, when I married Alice I made two people very happy.

"The bad news is, it was Alice and her mother."

Jack also said, "The bad news is, I've discovered that having money doesn't buy you happiness.

"The good news is, it's a very agreeable way to be unhappy."

Mrs. Dilbert told her friend, "The good news is, my husband has agreed that we have to talk more over breakfast, instead of just hiding behind our newspapers.

"The bad news is, he's started reading me the ball scores."

"The good news," said the antiques collector, "is that Curt Hardaway is very concerned that everything he sells be absolutely authentic.

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"The bad news is, Curt's so concerned about this he makes the stuff himself."

The woman told her husband, "The good news is, Grandpa took Junior to the zoo yesterday.

"The bad news is, the keepers won't let him out."

The psychiatrist told his patient, "The bad news is, you're a kleptomaniac.

"The good news is, if you stop by the drugstore, there's something you can take for it."

The tavern owner told his friend, "The good news is, I've got this steady customer—comes in every night at seven and stays for a couple of hours."

"So why do you look so sad? Sounds like a good deal."

"It would be, except for the bad news. He's an elephant, and he only comes for the peanuts."

"The good news," the old man said to an acquaintance, "is that I had eighty-eight candles on my last birthday cake!

"The bad news is, the first one burned out before they got to the last one."

The accountant told Harris, "The good news is, the IRS has agreed to have a heart.

"The bad news is, you've got to give it to them by Wednesday."

"The good news," Harris told his accountant, "is that the high rate of inflation has taught me how to live within my income.

"The bad news is, taxes have taught me how to live without it."

"The good news," Mrs. Porter said, "is that I went to the doctor and he said exercise is good for you."

"It is," her friend agreed.

"The bad news is, he means for you. If I try it, I'll fall on my face!"

However, Mrs. Porter eventually found an exercise she could do.

"The good news," she told her friend, "is that as soon as I get up in the morning, I reach down and touch my slippers twentyfive times.

"The bad news is, that's how many times I have to bend to put them on."

"The good news," Mr. Baines said to his wife, "is that the dentist only had to put in a crown.

"The bad news is, it cost so much it must belong to the Queen of England!"

"How do you like being a parent?" Mack asked his sister Mabel.

"There's good news and bad news," she replied. "The good news is, Jackie does everything I tell him to."

"You're lucky," Mack said.