

HAPLUS SIDE

Braggart Soldier

HAPLUS Unless I was walking around on the roof in my sleep
this morning—
No, by cracky! I'm positive
that I saw Convivia—the Major's very own girlfriend—
right next door here, getting herself in trouble.

DEXTER So THIS is the man who saw her kissing.

HAPLUS Who's there?

DEXTER Just one of the family. Hi, Haplus, what's up?

HAPLUS It's Dexter! Gee, am I glad to see you!

DEXTER Why's that?
Some trouble with business. Do tell all.

HAPLUS I'm scared—

DEXTER Scared? Scared of what?

HAPLUS You mean that YOU don't know
the horrible thing that happened this morning?

DEXTER What sort of horrible thing?

HAPLUS A naughty sort.

DEXTER You must stifle that information! Don't tell me!
I don't want to hear!

HAPLUS I'll make you hear.
I chased a little pet monkey across the neighbor's
roof this morning.

DEXTER Haplus! How awful! Imagine,
one dumb animal leading another.

HAPLUS Jove
will strike you for that!

DEXTER The same to you. Go on.

HAPLUS Well, accidentally by chance I peeped in next door
and saw Convivia kissing another man. A young one.
And foreign.