Subject: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by wunhuanglo on Tue, 11 Oct 2005 17:01:33 GMT
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What's that smell anyway?

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by Manualblock on Tue, 11 Oct 2005 18:10:45 GMT
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Whats going on down there Charlie; how's the cleanup going?

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by wunhuanglo on Fri, 14 Oct 2005 14:40:14 GMT
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Very slowly - most of the city doesn't have electricity, the FEMA-contracted debris removal people are revolting because they're not getting paid even though FEMA monitors signed their bills before they were submitted - finding a job paying minimum wage here (eg not wait staff plus tips jobs) is pretty rare but now Rally's is paying $10 per hour, Burger King $12 per hour plus $500 per month bonus for a year - there's nobody to work so businesses can't open and unless businesses open there's no revenue to hire so there's no work - only major corporations have the money to bring in workers and start up again - no Coke products, local bottler got squished - weird to see even the most commonplace products hard to find - everything operates limited hours; hard to buy stuff - still no mail to my house - with roads and bridges screwed up plus all the out-of-towners here to make a buck traffic is pretty unbelievable - Allstate refuses to settle or even send adjusters to any claims; complete stonewall - State Farm's been pretty good to most people - one guy said yesterday "Katrina got me wet, but State Farm fucked me" - there's a t-shirt in that one.Out here in the burbs all utilities but cable are back in business but other than that there's not much happening - no reconstruction going on - maybe people are waiting for insurance checks - except for the utilities being back and the stuff pushed to the sides of the roads it's not a whole lot different than it was on August 30 outside the city except that 1/2 of a critical bridge opened up yesterday and in the city the last of the water got pumped out on Wednesday.

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Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:53:37 GMT
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Sucks.My brother in law is a vice president for Aetna; he's complaining because he might not get a great bonus this year. He gets some pay in tax free muni's; one of those shelters no one seems aware of.How about the family; everyone o'kay?

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by wunhuanglo on Fri, 14 Oct 2005 18:15:45 GMT
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Yeah, John, everybody's fine. Thanks for asking.We had the Corps come by and patch the roof - "Dade County Blue Roof" - we've got the house cleaned up and if I get off my fat ass I'll have one room redone by Monday morning.You gettin' seriously wet up there?

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 14 Oct 2005 19:39:01 GMT
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I'm growing gills. Not to complain; compared to your situation everything is fine.So; will you'all be able to rebuild to pre-katrina?

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?
Posted by wunhuanglo on Sat, 15 Oct 2005 12:33:14 GMT
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We're just fine - our only problem is getting somebody to do the work.The roof is 12/12 where the biggest hole is and that's just too steep for a fat old man like me to work on. I probably could work from the attic but once I got the rafters up there's no way I can deck it over.The rest of the inside stuff is floors and paint (a little sheetrock). I'm making modest progress on that front.Insurance company is very humorous - $41.25 to paint a 12 x 12 ceiling, two coats prime and one coat finish. I don't know why they don't have a category called "fuck you" and be done with it.

Subject: Re: Hey, Honey! Do you smell something funny?

Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 15 Oct 2005 15:54:04 GMT
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Tell the agent to find someone to do the work.