

CALL ME MOTHER

It was (0) their first wedding anniversary and to celebrate it Colin and his wife, Julie, decided to go (1) a meal at one of the (2) expensive restaurants in town. They were (3) a romantic evening, gazing lovingly (4) each other's eyes, when they noticed an elderly lady sitting alone (5) in their direction. They smiled back politely and a few minutes (6) the old lady (7) her way to their table. 'I'm terrible sorry to (8) you,' she said, wiping away a tear. 'But you look just (9) my son. He was killed in a car accident just over a year ago and I (10) miss him terribly. I wonder if you'd (11) me a favour?' The couple were very moved by the old lady and, feeling sorry (12) her, agreed to help (13) they could. 'I wonder if, just as I'm leaving, you (14) say 'Goodbye, Mum' and wave me off? It would give me (15) a thrill.' 'Of (16) we will!' the couple replied. 'No problem!' Well, (17) could they possibly refuse? The old lady thanked them and went (18) to her table. (19) a short while, she picked up all her belongings and got up to leave. 'Goodbye, Mum!' shouted the couple with a big, theatrical wave as the old lady (20) her way slowly out (21) the restaurant. 'See you at the weekend,' Colin added. They had (22) their 'good deed for the day', and were feeling very pleased with (23) '(24)

..... a dear old lady!' said Julie. She smiled (25) Colin. 'That was a nice thing you (26) for her, darling!'

They finished their meal and asked for the (27) But after checking and rechecking it, they sent (28) the manager, demanding to know (29) they had been overcharged by more than forty pounds. 'But the total amount (30) the cost of three meals: yours, your wife's and your mother's,' the manager explained.

'What?' the man exclaimed.

'Yes, your mother said "My son will pay"!'