

The Windows of Luigi Peccadillo



When the economic downturn hit Skittleville, Acme Piñatas, the town's biggest employer, was forced to eliminate its entire research and development department. Regrettably, that included Ed's niche job as rotifer wrangler. The soft-spoken man was initially disheartened, but not for long. Ed came from a long line of gritty self-starters, so within an hour he'd founded A-1 Wash and Dry Window Service. From the outset, the business thrived. After all, people always needed their windows laundered. And unlike other so-called fenestration maintenance companies, Ed would clean *both* sides of the window. The first sign of trouble occurred when he was contracted to launder the windows of Luigi Peccadillo. Luigi claimed they had been soiled by extra potent droppings from the neighborhood pigeons. Ed was shocked to discover that the droppings had actually eaten all the way through one pane! Still, his cleaner featured an anti-corrosive component, and he was pretty sure he could bring the window back to its pristine condition. However, the moment he began to wipe off the glass, another hole appeared in the window, followed by what sounded like a ricochet behind him. Instinctively, Ed ducked. Good thing, too, because there followed a whole fusillade of "bird poops" that turned the glass into so much Swiss cheese. With a composure gained from years at Acme Piñatas, Ed pulled out his Smith and Wesson Mark IV Window Scrubber, aimed at a "pigeon" on the sidewalk below and unleashed his own salvo of "poop."