

Charity for Passive-Aggressive Tendencies

Comedy Duo by Samuel Stokes

JOE: *(answering phone)* Hello?

CHARITY: *(calling on a headset)* Hello, my name is Charity and I'm calling on the behalf of the Simmons Memorial Charity for People Suffering with Passive-Aggressive Tendencies.

JOE: Your name is Charity and you work for a charity? That's funny!

CHARITY: Yes sir, I would prefer it if you didn't make fun of my name, but I suppose if it brings you some enjoyment in life, go right on ahead. After all, your personal entertainment is far more important than my self-consciousness about my name.

JOE: Oh, I'm sorry. No offense intended.

CHARITY: None taken. So, here at the Simmons Memorial Charity, we take the problem of passive-aggressive tendencies very seriously, but I'm sure you have much more important things to worry about, don't you?

JOE: Well, I...

CHARITY: Yes, don't mind our little problems, just go on with whatever you were doing. I'm sure you don't have the time to sit around talking to little ol' me.

JOE: Uh, no, it's fine. I've got a few minutes.

CHARITY: Thank you. That's so generous of you. Can I put you down as one of our Elite Sponsors? That's for anyone that pledges \$500 or more.

JOE: \$500?! Well, gee, I don't know if I can afford...

CHARITY: Never mind, no really, it's fine. I'm sure that \$500 will go to much better use. Maybe to buy a month's worth of overpriced cappuccinos or getting pedicures for your prized poodle.

JOE: I don't have a poodle.

CHARITY: That was just an example, but if you don't like my examples, you know what? Don't worry about it, it's fine.

JOE: Well, it's just that \$500 is a little steep for me right now, you know?

CHARITY: Okay, we also have the Junior Elite Sponsorships for anyone that donates between 250 and 449 dollars.

JOE: Yeah, that's still a little too rich for me.

CHARITY: Oh, of course, well we wouldn't want you to have to make any sacrifices in your material comforts to help out other people, now would we?

JOE: Uh, well...

CHARITY: So, what amount can I put you down for?

JOE: *(checking wallet)* Well, let's see. I have \$7.32 and a coupon for Burger King. How's that.

(uncomfortable pause)

CHARITY: Wow, no, that's just great. So glad you found it in your heart to be so overwhelmingly generous to our cause. I'm sure you will be thrilled to know that your amazing donation will barely cover the cost of postage for all of the mailings we will be sending you this year to ask for further donations. Also, at your donation level, I'm happy to inform you that your name will be included in very tiny print at the bottom of our donor's list poster which will be prominently displayed at our annual convention.

JOE: Neat, sounds good.

CHARITY: Thank you very much. I'm sure you will have a wonderful day knowing how much you have helped other people.

JOE: Wow, I do believe that it will be a wonderful day!

CHARITY: You should be so proud of yourself. Goodbye.

JOE: Goodbye. *(hangs up phone)*. Feels great to help other people!