

YARD SALE

EXT. FRONT YARD – DAY

PARKER sits at a booth that says “SALE TODAY! EVERYTHING MUST GO!” MOM admires it.

MOM

Your yard sale looks great, honey!

PARKER

(INNOCENTLY)

Thanks so much, mom. I couldn't have done it without you. Or my messy closet!

MOM

I'll be inside if you need anything. Have fun!

Mom exits.

PARKER

(TOUGH, to self)

Fun is for toddlers. I came here to chew bubblegum and make the big bucks.

(beat)

And I'm all out of bubblegum.

MR. WILLETT, a neighbor, enters.

MR. WILLETT

Well hello there, neighbor. Doing a little decluttering?

PARKER

(super NICE)

Sure am, Mr. Willett. Mess is stress! Can I interest you in a pirate ship jigsaw puzzle? It's only missing two pieces!

MR. WILLETT

Absolutely, my daughter will love it.

PARKER

(PIRATE VOICE)

Here ya arrrrgggh, matey! That'll be 20 bucks.

MR. WILLETT  
Wow, that's pretty steep.

PARKER  
(SAD)  
It's just, my puppy's been pretty sick. I'm saving up to buy him a new toy.

MR. WILLETT  
Poor thing. In that case, I'll take it!

PARKER  
Great! But you know, for \$50 I could help a second puppy in need...

MR. WILLETT  
Fifty bucks for an old puzzle? That's crazy!

PARKER  
(SERIOUS)  
What's crazy is the cost of animal health-care in this country.

MR. WILLETT  
Wait a second. You don't even have a dog! What do you really plan to do with this money?

PARKER  
Pets are for wimps. I'm getting my own place.

MR. WILLETT  
You're what?

PARKER  
You can't get into the property game too early. Gotta spend money to make money.

MR. WILLETT  
Well, it's good to have goals. Fine, I'll take the pirate puzzle.

PARKER  
(CHEERFUL)  
Another happy customer! That'll be 75 dollars.

MR. WILLETT  
But you just said \$50!

PARKER  
(CONDESCENDING)  
It's called surge pricing, Mr. Willett. We're now in peak pirate season.

MR. WILLETT  
This is ridiculous! I don't think your mother would approve of this behavior.

PARKER  
And I don't think your mother would approve of your fashion choices. But I'm not whining to her about your cargo shorts.

MR. WILLETT  
That's enough. I'm getting your mom!

PARKER  
Wait, I'm super sorry. Please don't be mean to me.  
(starts to CRY)  
I'm just a small-business owner trying to survive in a tough economy.

MR. WILLETT  
There there now, calm down.

PARKER  
I guess I'll just have to fall back on my mime career.

Parker does silly miming. Mr. Willett APPLAUDS awkwardly.

MR. WILLETT  
Maybe you should stick with the yard sale.

PARKER  
(SUPER NICE)  
Thanks so much, Mr. Willett! I'd be nothing without your support.  
(beat, then TOUGH)  
Now will you be paying with cash, credit or bitcoin?

BLACKOUT.