

Screenplay

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A BUSINESS MAN sits behind a desk bragging to someone over his cell phone.

BUSINESS MAN

Oh yeah, just closed another one.
If I keep this up I'll probably
close about 100, 200 Flopgillion
dollars in sales this year. <beat,
a question on the other line of the
phone>

As he brags on the phone a second man MR FRIENDLY slowly walks in, dressed casually wearing a backpack. He observes BUSINESS MAN.

BUSINESS MAN

Let me answer your question with
another question. Have you even
known me to not get my dick sucked?
Yeah I got my dick sucked.

It is now that the BUSINESS MAN notices MR FRIENDLY.

BUSINESS MAN

Yo, I gotta call you back. Some
hoser just walked into the office.

MR FRIENDLY

Oh, hi! I'm so glad that I have
your attention there. You didn't
have to hang up for me. So whattya
talking about? You're talking about
some sale you closed, some fella
you tricked into buying something
he didn't need? Some lovely lady
you met that you want to get to
know really well and maybe kiss on
the lips? Let's talk about
something important.

BUSINESS MAN reaches for a cup of coffee on his desk.

MR FRIENDLY

Put that coffee down. Because I
brought fresh coffee and doughnuts
for everybody! You think I'm
goofin' with you? I'm not goofin'
with you. You're a great salesman!
But you're company brought me in to
help you learn how to make friends
with your clients. You're name's
Levine?

BUSINESS MAN

Yea.

MR FRIENDLY

Would you call yourself my friend? I hope so, pal. Cause we're adding something new called the buddy contest. First prize is a party held in your honor, of course. You wanna see second prize? Second prize is a big ol' hug! Third prize is an even bigger hug! There's lots of people out there. So go out and make yourself some friends. Get their names and learn about what kind of music they like and what their favorite color is and how much capacity they have for love.

BUSINESS MAN

Friendship has nothing to do with business. Friendship weakens business.

MR FRIENDLY

Friendship is weak? Mr. Sourpuss that's not a very nice way of thinking.

BUSINESS MAN

I'm not trying to be nice. I'm trying to make as much money as I can cause that's how I prove I'm better than other people. What's your name?

MR FRIENDLY

Well, my name's Charles, but my friends call me The Bean - so you can call me The Bean. You know, I bet you drove a eighty thousand dollar BMW to work - you wanna know what I drove? I didn't. My car's been in the shop. But I got a good friend of mine to give me a ride here. That's what friendship is all about.

BUSINESS MAN

Are you fucking kidding me.

MR FRIENDLY

Here's a little lesson for ya. It's easy as A-B-C. A- Always, B- Be, C- Caring. Always Be Caring. Always Be Caring. That's how you make friends. A-I-D-A. Attention, interest, decision, action. Attention: excuse me, *may I please* have your attention. Interest: are you interested in being my best friend? Decision: have you made your decision about being my best friend? Action: let's go eat some ice cream and talk about being best friends!

BUSINESS MAN

I only eat ice cream when I close a sale. Because ice cream is for closers!

MR FRIENDLY

Hey. Look at my watch. It's just a fake watch that I drew on my arm with a sharpie. It's a smiley face! How much money did you make last year?

BUSINESS MAN

Nine hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

MR FRIENDLY

Wow! That's a lot of money! They don't pay me a whole lot to tell people to make more friends. But it's ok. I don't need money. I'm the richest man in the world if you consider friendship currency - which I do! Cause I got my friends. And when they're not around I got my imaginary friends. And when they're not around I make up little plays in my head to pass the time.

BUSINESS MAN

Listen pal, you can't sell a salesman, and I'm the best god damn salesman that ever sold. Your pitch stinks. Friendship isn't currency - currency is currency - and I've got enough that I can treat anybody any way that I damn well please. So buzz off!

MR FRIENDLY

Well, I think you'll change your tune when you see these new leads. These are the Friendgarry leads, and you get a 10 percent extra commission if you make lifelong friends with these people. And if you need any help - just give me a call. Cause that's what friends are for!

MR FRIENDLY gathers his bag and belongings and exits. The BUSINESS MAN looks at the stack of leads on his desk and picks up his cell phone to make a call.

BUSINESS MAN

Hello - is this Mrs. Von Stunken I was wondering - what's your favorite ice cream flavor? <a few beats> Well, yes I would like you to come over here and suck my dick.