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CHARLIE CHARLIE DAY
DENNIS GLENN HOWERTON
MAC ROB MCELHENNEY
DEE KAITLIN OLSON
FRANK DANNY DEVITO
SURLY TENANT
CUSTOMER

SET LIST

PERMANENT SETS

INT. PADDY'S PUB

INT. DEE'S APARTMENT

INT. MAC & DENNIS' APARTMENT
- KITCHEN
- LIVING ROOM

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT
- NEW ROOM

LOCATION SETS

INT. DIFFERENT APARTMENT HALLWAY

INT. DIFFERENT APARTMENT

EXT. FURNITURE STORE PARKING LOT

TITLE: 11:00 AM

TITLE: On a Friday

TITLE: "Philadelphia, PA"

OVER BLACK, WE HEAR:

CHARLIE (O.S.)

Frank, did you ever watch Teenage
Mutant Ninja Turtles?

FRANK (O.S.)

Nah.

DENNIS (O.S.)

Jesus Christ. Look at the price of
these suckers!

101 INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY (D11)

101

DENNIS and MAC look at a laptop on the bar. CHARLIE is following FRANK around.

CHARLIE

It was an amazing show, and the
movies were-

FRANK

(ignoring Charlie)

What are you guys looking at?

MAC

New couches. We just got rid of the
old one but the prices are crazy
now.

DENNIS

Mac, maybe we can rent one like we
did before.

FRANK

Wait? You guys rented your couch?

MAC

Oh totally. We gamed the system. It
was brilliant. We've only paid the
interest on it.

DENNIS

It's basically like we had a free
couch.

(CONTINUED)

FRANK
How much was the interest?

DENNIS
25 bucks a week?

FRANK
And how long did you have it?

MAC
Uh... fifteen years?

Frank grabs a pen and a napkin and calculates:

FRANK
Then you spent nineteen thousand,
five hundred dollars on a couch you
never owned.

DENNIS
That uh...is that right?

MAC
Didn't realize it was that much.

CHARLIE
Ooff. That's bad business, guys.

DENNIS
Shut up, Charlie.

MAC
Well, why do couches cost eight-
thousand dollars now?

FRANK
Inflation.

DENNIS
Ah right. Yup.

MAC
Of course. Inflation.

FRANK
You guys do understand inflation,
right?

DENNIS
For the sake of argument, let's say
we don't.

FRANK
Inflation's when the price of goods
and services go up.

Frank's phone RINGS.

102 INT. DEE'S APARTMENT - INTERCUT (D11)

102

DEE calls, frantic, as WORKERS carry her things out.

DEE (ON PHONE)

Frank, thank God! Listen, I'm getting evicted. My landlord jacked up my rent and I couldn't pay! I glued my hand to the door so they can physically remove me but--

REVEAL Dee's hand is stuck to the door.

FRANK (ON PHONE)

Yeah, yeah, one second, Deandra.

Frank hangs up.

DEE (ON PHONE)

Hello?

FRANK

And inflation happens when there's more demand than there is supply--

CHARLIE

Yeah, listen up, guys. Go on, Frank. You want me to tell them?

MAC

Shut up, Charlie. You don't know how this works either.

CHARLIE

Actually, I've learned a lot about money living with Frank. In fact, I have an investment that I'd like to pitch everyone if you have a sec-

The bar phone rings.

DENNIS (ON BAR PHONE)

Paddy's.

DEE (ON PHONE)

DO NOT HANG UP ON--

Dennis hangs up.

DENNIS

Charlie, we're not interested. Frank, continue.

(CONTINUED)

FRANK

The government curbs inflation by raising interest rates, so people borrow less and *spend* less.

DENNIS

Okay well, if prices are going up, can we get a raise?

FRANK

No, see, if I raise your wages, then you have *more* money which is, of course, actually bad. Because it increases inflation.

DENNIS

Right, right. Of course.

MAC

So you should lower our wages.

FRANK

Well that would cause a recession, which could lead to a depression.

DENNIS

Yes. Money talk.

CHARLIE

When money's tight, you gotta spend less, lower your nut. How much nut do you guys go though?

DENNIS

Don't ask me about my nut.

MAC

I go through a lot.

FRANK

Problem is money's very cheap right now.

Mac's phone rings, "Uptown Girl" plays. INSERT a hideous picture of Dee on Mac's phone. He silences it.

MAC

How can money be cheap? Is a dollar not a dollar?

FRANK

No, it's like twenty-five cents right now.

(CONTINUED)

MAC

What?

FRANK

But I'll give you fifty cents for a buck.

MAC

(taking out wallet)

That's a good deal.

Frank's phone rings. He answers. They hear DRILL SOUNDS.

DEE (ON PHONE)

Frank, you gotta wire me money,
they're unscrewing my door from its-

Frank hangs up again.

MAC

I've only got a ten.

FRANK

I'll give ya five.

MAC

Make it seven.

FRANK

Deal.

Mac hands him a \$10 bill and Frank gives him \$7.

MAC

(to Dennis)

Sucker.

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103

INT. MAC & DENNIS' APARTMENT - KITCHEN - LATER (D11)

103

Dennis takes innovatory of the kitchen fridge on a LEGAL PAD.

DENNIS

Okay, I'm crunching the numbers and
I'm a little worried about our nut.
I mean, how much are you spending
on these Dwayne Johnson energy
drinks?

MAC (O.S.)

I basically live on them, Dennis.

(CONTINUED)

DENNIS

There's like seventeen different flavors? It looks like we won a contest or something.

MAC

I can't give those up, but I won't have to, because I have a fix! Come in here a second.

Dennis heads toward the living room.

DENNIS

Well, let's at least try to cut back. You don't have to buy everything The Rock sells you.

104

INT. MAC & DENNIS' APT - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS (D11)

104

Reveal Mac is seated on an inflatable couch.

DENNIS

What am I looking at here, Mac?

MAC

Come! Have a seat.

Dennis sits. The couch squeaks. Beat.

DENNIS

An inflatable couch?

MAC

Exactly! I bought it from Costco. It was super cheap. Now it's only a temporary fix until we can make enough nut to buy a new couch, but we own it, so it lowers our monthly nut. And speaking of nuts, check out what else I got there.

Mac busts out a MASSIVE TIN of nuts, handing it to Dennis.

DENNIS

(reading)

Fancy nuts.

(then)

For three dollars?

(CONTINUED)

MAC

Talk about savings, right? I mean what's a higher calorie, more nutrient dense food in a smaller package than nuts? We could live on these for weeks.

Mac grabs a fistful and eats them.

DENNIS

Okay listen, while I have no interest in your bulk tin of low-end economy nuts, this couch thing is pretty brilliant. And it's giving me an idea of how we could "inflate" things even further.

MAC

You can't blow them up further. They'll pop.

DENNIS

Yeah. I know. It was just a figure of speech.

MAC

I popped the first two I tried.

REVEAL two deflated couches in the corner.

DENNIS

I see.

MAC

I blew through a little too much nut on that.

DENNIS

It's okay.

MAC

So don't try to inflate them past-

DENNIS

Shut up, Mac. I know what you meant.

105

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - LATER (D11)

105

Frank enters holding an old LAMP.

FRANK

Charlie. Check this out! New lamp!

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE

It looks like an old lamp. Where do you keep getting this stuff? It's like the fifth lamp you've brought home this week.

REVEAL a pile of lamps on the floor.

FRANK

Don't worry about it. Where should it go?

CHARLIE

We don't need it. Stick it in the storage closet.

Frank crosses to the door in the corner of the room across from the couch. He looks through a very crowded closet.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Hey, can I talk to you about my investment idea?

FRANK

This closet is getting too full.

Franks starts throwing stuff out of it.

CHARLIE

You're making a mess, man. Now look, I've been tracking this stuff online for years. It's a new type of internet money--

FRANK

Crypto? Not into crypto.

CHARLIE

I have a video I can show you to make it less cryptic.

FRANK

Wait... Wait... Wait, the hell is this? Is this...Is this a toilet!??!

We see an old toilet at the bottom of the pile of junk.

CHARLIE

Oh. Uh yeah.

FRANK

Is this a bathroom?

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE
I mean...technically, yeah.

FRANK
Why didn't you tell me we had a bathroom!?

CHARLIE
I don't know, I never liked that toilet. It runs and is noisy, it's not a good one.

FRANK
Not a good one!? We piss in cans!

CHARLIE
The one down the hall is fine.

FRANK
What else are you hiding from me?

CHARLIE
Nothing.

Frank crosses to the door behind the hot plate.

FRANK
What's in here?

Frank starts yanking at the door by the couch.

CHARLIE
It's nothing. Will you stop?!

Frank jimmies the door open.

FRANK
What the----

REVEAL it is a BIG ROOM. Totally empty.

106

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APT - NEW ROOM - CONTINUOUS (D11)

106

Frank and Charlie walk in.

FRANK
What the hell is this? A bedroom!?
We've lived in a two-bedroom with a bathroom this whole time and you never told me!?

CHARLIE
I wasn't trying to be crypto about it, I just...

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Look, I never liked sleeping in a room with an empty room behind me. It's creepy.

FRANK

You're supposed to sleep in here!

There's a KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

CHARLIE

Great, now somebody's at the door and I gotta walk a mile to get it.

107

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS (D11)

107

Charlie stomps to the door.

CHARLIE

This is exactly why we don't need all this space!

More banging on the door.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Jesus! I'm coming already.

He opens the door to find Dee.

DEE

I need a place to stay, let me talk to Frank.

CHARLIE

What's on your hand?

DEE

A piece of a door, move past it. Frank!

CHARLIE

He can't hear you, he's in the other room.

DEE

What "other room"?

Charlie yells towards the open door to the new room.

CHARLIE

Frank! Dee's here! Jesus Christ, we're gonna have to get an intercom.

(CONTINUED)

DEE

Wait? Do you have another room over there?

Dee goes into the new room as Charlie follows.

CHARLIE

It's not a big deal. You don't need to look at--

108

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APT - NEW ROOM - CONTINUOUS (D11)

108

DEE

Holy shit! This is tits! Why haven't you been using this?

CHARLIE

I like to keep it simple. I don't want to live in a maze, you know.

DEE

No. I don't know. Can I stay in here?

FRANK

Absolutely not. This isn't a tenement.

DEE

Pretty sure it is.

Another knock at the door.

CHARLIE

More people! Great. I guess I'll walk another mile.

109

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS (D11)

109

Charlie goes to answer it.

CHARLIE

Gonna have to get a butler now.

More banging.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I'm coming!

He opens the door to find Mac and Dennis.

MAC

Where's Frank?

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE

Why?

DENNIS

We don't have to tell you our
business.

CHARLIE

Whatever. He's in the other room.

MAC

What other room?

CHARLIE

Through that door.

DENNIS

What the hell?

Dennis and Mac storm towards the other room. Charlie follows.

CHARLIE

We're gonna blow our shoes out with
all this walking!

110

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APT - NEW ROOM - CONTINUOUS (D11)

110

Dennis, Mac and Charlie enter the other room. Dee and Frank
are mid-argument about her staying.

MAC

What the hell?

DENNIS

Have you always had this?

CHARLIE

Yes! It's not a big deal.

MAC

How is this not a big deal?

DENNIS

So you truly have no reason to
sleep with Frank.

CHARLIE

Move past it.

DENNIS

Fine, we don't give a shit. Frank,
we have a very exciting business
opportunity for you.

(CONTINUED)

FRANK

Is it more crypto nonsense?

MAC

No, god no. We are way too smart
for that bullshit.

FRANK

Good. Okay, let's talk shop.

CHARLIE

What? You're gonna listen to their
idea over mine!?

FRANK

(to Dee and Charlie)

Alright, you two clear out. I need
the office.

CHARLIE

Now it's an office too!? Are we
even zoned for that?

111

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - NEW ROOM - LATER (D11)

111

Frank sits on an inflated couch. Dennis sits on an inflated
chair and Mac is finishing inflating one for himself.

DENNIS

So? What do you think?

FRANK

Not bad. Good squeak.

DENNIS

(then)

Mac, are you almost done?

Mac caps his chair. His lips are swollen causing him to lisp.

MAC

(slight lisp)

Sorry. Done. Frank, may I offer you
a fancy nut?

He hands Frank the tin of nuts.

FRANK

What's wrong with your lips?

DENNIS

Must be from all the blowing.

They all laugh. Frank eats a nut, then makes a face.

(CONTINUED)

FRANK
Blech, rancid.

MAC
You get a bad one?

DENNIS
They're all bad. Don't eat them.
Now Frank, as we all know, we're
living in a time of inflation.
People can barely make rent and
afford furniture. But is inflation
such a bad thing? Or are things
better inflated?

Dennis hands Frank a Kinko's style spiral bound lookbook.

DENNIS (CONT'D)
If you open this lookbook, you'll
see the first page is--

FRANK
Hello!

DENNIS
Kim Kardashian's backside. The
early years.

Frank looks at a picture of Kim Kardashian's butt.

DENNIS (CONT'D)
If you flip to the next page,
you'll see--

FRANK
HO!

DENNIS
--Her backside has gotten bigger
and bigger, as the years pass.
Bigger lips, breasts, you follow.

MAC
(lispng)
What you'll find interesting is as
the Kardashians' bodies have
inflated, so has their net worth.

FRANK
What'd he say?

(CONTINUED)

DENNIS

Mac, let me. The point is, we would like you to inject some capital in our inflatable couch, door to door-

FRANK

I'm in.

DENNIS

Wait. Really? You don't need to hear the whole pitch?

FRANK

Nah. I'll give you a loan. But you gotta pay it back with interest.

MAC

Done! We love interest!

FRANK

And I wanna keep the furniture for the room.

DENNIS

It's yours.

FRANK

And the book for... other reasons.

112

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - SAME TIME (D11)

112

Charlie and Dee are in the main room.

CHARLIE

I can't believe he's listening to their pitch over mine. Do you know how much time I spent researching, tracking the price of this online currency--

DEE

Yeah yeah totally.

CHARLIE

Did you just glue your hand to my wall?

REVEAL Dee has glued her hand to the wall.

DEE

Yep. It's a new form of protest that people are doing to draw attention to injustice. Or some shit. Either way, I'm locked in.

(CONTINUED)

Dennis and Mac enter from the new room.

DENNIS

Boom, just like that, we are in business.

CHARLIE

What? He went with your idea?

MAC

(lispng like crazy)
Of course he did, Charlie, because we are savvy businessmen.

CHARLIE

What's he saying?

DENNIS

I don't know, his lips are a mess.
(then)
FYI, Frank would like to not be bothered in there for a bit.

Dennis and Mac stride out, pleased with themselves.

113

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APARTMENT - THAT NIGHT (N11)

113

Frank lies in bed. Charlie keeps tossing and turning.

FRANK

Ok Charlie, I can tell you're mad.

CHARLIE

Why do you believe in Mac and Dennis over me?

FRANK

Look, I'm not investing in them cuz I believe in them, I'm investing in them cuz I *don't* believe in them. They'll be paying me off for the rest of their lives, just like that stupid couch.

CHARLIE

But then you're just being a predator.

FRANK

Exactly.

CHARLIE

It's not a compliment, Frank.

(CONTINUED)

FRANK

You know what? I don't need this.
I'm going to sleep in the other
room.

Frank grabs his pillow and leaves.

CHARLIE

Oh and just leave me here alone?

DEE (O.S.)

I'm here too, goddamnit.

REVEAL Dee's still there, stuck with her hand to the wall
just high enough so she can't lie down and sleep.

DEE (CONT'D)

Charlie, will you unglue me? I
gotta go to the new bathroom.

CHARLIE

You did this to yourself.
(then)
I'll glue a pillow to the wall for
you. I don't wanna be a bad host.

114

INT. MAC & DENNIS' APT - LIVING ROOM - LITTLE LATER (N11)

114

Squeak. Squeak. It's dark. Mac is wheezing. They're sleeping
on an inflatable pullout couch.

DENNIS

This was a mistake. I can't sleep.

MAC

(wheezing)

Maybe we shouldn't have rushed to
get rid of all our furniture.

DENNIS

That's not it.

MAC

(wheezing)

Is it the business plan? You're
worried it will fail?

DENNIS

That's not it either.

MAC

(wheezing)

Then what?

(CONTINUED)

DENNIS
It's your goddamn wheezing.

MAC
(wheezing)
Am I wheezing?

DENNIS
Yes. What the hell is wrong with you!? Are you allergic to those nuts?

MAC
(wheezing)
It's not the nuts. I'm fine Dennis.

DENNIS
Also I feel like I'm sleeping in a tub of nuts! Are you eating them in bed? I mean look at this! There is a trench of shells and dust.

There's a knock at the door.

CHARLIE (O.S.)
Hey guys! Open up, it's Charlie.

MAC
(wheezing)
I'll get it.

He brings the tin.

DENNIS
Stop eating the nuts, man.

Mac answers.

CHARLIE
I need a place to stay.

MAC
(wheezing)
No room.

CHARLIE
What?

DENNIS
He said there's no room.

CHARLIE
I can inflate my own bed at night and deflate it in the morning.
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

It will be like I was never here.
Plus I brought my own nuts.

He hold up a plastic baggie full of mixed nuts.

MAC

(wheezing)
Are they fancy?

CHARLIE

What is he saying?

DENNIS

He's asking if they're fancy.

CHARLIE

Some are. It's an assortment.
Consider it an offering.

MAC

Of war?

CHARLIE

Of peace? What's going on with Mac?

DENNIS

He's allergic to nuts. Look man, we
can't swing it. Find someplace else
to go.

CHARLIE

I have information about Frank you
should know for you company.

DENNIS

Fine. Tell us.

CHARLIE

Cut me in on the operation. See, I
told you I was good at business.

DENNIS

Charlie, you're just trying to
bribe us and bartering with nuts
you probably foraged from a tree.

CHARLIE

Plus I want to tell you about my
investment idea-

DENNIS

Fine. One night. But I don't want
to hear about your business ideas
cause I don't care.

(CONTINUED)

CHARLIE

Fine. Your loss. Okay here goes. Frank lent you money because he thinks you'll fail. He's a predatory lender and he's taking advantage of you.

MAC

(wheezing bad now)
That...son...of...a...

DENNIS

Mac, don't talk. Okay, I see. A classic inflation-interest play. But Frank's not the only one who can be a predatory lender. Let's pivot. We won't sell the inflatables, we'll rent them.

MAC

(barely audible)
Brilliant.

CHARLIE

Is he gonna die?

DENNIS

I don't know. Maybe.

115

INT. CHARLIE & FRANK'S APT - A COUPLE HOURS LATER (N11)

115

Dee wakes to the sound of scraping--

FRANK (O.C.)

Rise and shine, Dee.

REVEAL Frank is taking a fish spatula to her glued hand.

DEE

Ahhh! Ow!!! What time is it? It's still dark!

FRANK

C'mon, let's go. We got work to do.

116

INT. DIFFERENT APARTMENT HALLWAY - A LITTLE LATER (N11)

116

Frank and Dee walk to a door. Frank fumbles with keys.

DEE

Where are you taking me?

FRANK

To an apartment.

(CONTINUED)

DEE

I don't understand. Are you getting
me a new apartment?

117 INT. DIFFERENT APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS (N11)

117

FRANK

Huh? No. Okay start grabbing stuff.
Lamps are good 'cause they're easy
to run with.

Frank starts to grab stuff.

DEE

Wait? Are we robbing this place?

A SURLY TENANT in a wife beater comes out, pissed.

SURLY TENANT

Hey! What the hell are you doing!?

FRANK

You haven't paid your rent in three
months you deadbeat!!!

SURLY TENANT

You can't come in here and take my
shit!

FRANK

Pay your damn rent and I might give
it back!

SURLY TENANT

I'm getting my gun.

FRANK

Go for it bitch! We got bulletproof
vests on!!!

The Tenant goes back into his room.

DEE

I don't have a bulletproof vest on!

FRANK

Don't worry, these guys always
bluff.

DEE

What is happening? You're a
slumlord now!?

(CONTINUED)

FRANK

Yeah, I collect on the chumps or
toss them on the street like I did
to you.

DEE

Wait. You're my landlord?

FRANK

Yeah, I got sick of paying your
rent years ago, so I bought your
building.

DEE

Why did you raise my rent!?

FRANK

Inflation. I needed to increase my
nut. Prices are crazy these days.

DEE

You set the prices!

FRANK

(then)
Uh oh. He's hot.

The Tenant comes back with a SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN. Dee freaks.

DEE

Holy shit!

FRANK

Relax Dee, they never shoot.

BANG! The Lamp behind Dee explodes. Dee screams. *

FRANK (CONT'D)

Okay time to run!

118

EXT. FURNITURE STORE PARKING LOT - LATER THAT DAY (D12)

118

Charlie and Dennis finish arranging the inflatables.

CHARLIE

See I've been tracking this
internet money and this chump is
gonna sell at a basement price that-

DENNIS

Charlie, stop trying to talk
business, it's not your strength!
Okay, here comes a customer. Let me
do the talking.

(CONTINUED)

A CUSTOMER walks up.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Hello sir. Lovely day, isn't it?
Little windy perhaps. Now, are you
on your way to buy some furniture?

CUSTOMER

Uh...yeah?

DENNIS

What if I told you, you could get
your furniture for free.

CHARLIE

See, times are very inflatable-

DENNIS

-Stop. Now have you ever considered
owning an inflatable couch?

CUSTOMER

Oh. I don't have a pool.

DENNIS

A pool? No for inside.

CUSTOMER

Oh. Huh.

DENNIS

Now I'd be willing to rent you one-

CUSTOMER

-Wait, rent?

DENNIS

Why pay full price when you could
simply pay the interest on a loan?

CHARLIE

Sir, how much do you currently rent
your couch for?

CUSTOMER

I don't rent my couch.

MAC

(wheezing/lisping)
You pay full price for a couch?
Insane.

REVEAL Mac who's sitting on an inflatable couch. His face is
completely swollen. He still eats nuts.

(CONTINUED)

CUSTOMER

Is he okay?

DENNIS

Will you stop eating nuts, you look like you swallowed a bee!

MAC

(death gasp)
I may need a doctor.

CHARLIE

Oh shit. The wind got one.

We see a couch blowing away.

DENNIS

Goddamnit.

119

INT. MAC & DENNIS' APARTMENT - LATER (D12)

119

Mac, Charlie, and Dennis enter.

DENNIS

Goddamnit. Mac, will you just go to a hospital?

MAC

And burn through the rest of our nut on medical bills? I'll simply stop blowing the furniture.

DENNIS

It's not the furniture! It's the nuts!!!

REVEAL Dee inside with her hand glued to the wall.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Dee? What the hell is this?

DEE

Guys, I have information that could change the course of your company. And I'll give it to you IF you let me stay here.

DENNIS/CHARLIE

Charlie already did that./I already did that.

(CONTINUED)

DENNIS

Why did you glue yourself to the wall? This is no way to solve a problem.

CHARLIE

You guys, look, I have a solution to all of our problems. But you have to let me talk. You're all over-leveraged, my investment was ten dollars a unit, it dropped down to nothing, it's a speculative market, I'm making a bet the SEC's not gonna regulate, the beauty of this is it's unregulated, now regulation will come in at some point, it always does, but let's not get over our skis on this. We invest in this now, we can turn around and investment tonight and net double.

DENNIS

Jesus man. Where did you learn to talk like that?

CHARLIE

I told you living with Frank has rubbed off on me. Now let's pool our remaining nut together and turn it into something green we can all enjoy.

DENNIS

That sounded less convincing but, fine, let's do it.

120

INT. PADDY'S PUB - A FEW DAYS LATER (D13)

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A laptop plays a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pies commercial from 30 years ago. The Gang watches. Charlie holds a box. *

DEE

I have so many questions.

DENNIS

Charlie, did you take all of our money and buy a bunch of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Pies?

CHARLIE

Yes. But I'm telling you, man, these things are valuable.

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CHARLIE (CONT'D)

We can turn these around tonight if we want to. Personally, I say we sit on them.

DENNIS

Okay, this is exactly what I feared.

Frank strides in.

FRANK

Alright, loan's due. First installment. I'm armed and got a vest, so don't try nothing.
(then noticing)
Wait. What you got there?

CHARLIE

1991's delicious cream filled Turtle pies, fresh from the sewers to me.

FRANK

They made from real turtle?

CHARLIE

Probably.

FRANK

What do you want for them?

CHARLIE

They're not for sale, Frank.

Frank and Charlie start to circle each other.

DENNIS

Mine are. Mine are for sale.

FRANK

Market dictates the value, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Not when demand's more than supply.

FRANK

Fine, I'll get them somewhere else.

CHARLIE

You can't. We bought all the ones that still exist.

FRANK

Nice move. And you kept it crypto.

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CHARLIE

You should have listened to me.

FRANK

Fine. Name your price.

CHARLIE

Board up the new room and the noisy toilet, give Dee her place back, forgive Dennis and Mac's loan, return things to the status quo.

FRANK

That's too big an ask.

CHARLIE

That's inflation for you. You want the pies or not?

FRANK

Fine. Done. Good work, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Thanks Frank.

MAC (O.S.)

I'll be damned. He is good at business.

We PAN over to find MAC. His head is cartoonishly inflated. He looks absolutely monstrous.

DENNIS

(then)

Are you still eating those nuts?

MAC

No they're gone. Take me to Costco.

DEE

Did he say the hospital or Costco?
I think he wants more nuts.

DENNIS

Oh just let him die.

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