

RESERVATION.

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A doorman,MAX,is standing next to a stand (similar to a reservation table at a restaurant) when a business man,JOE, approaches.

MAX
Good afternoon sir.

JOE
Oh,good afternoon.

MAX
Can I help you?

JOE
No,I'm fine.Just going to the elevator.

MAX
Do you have a reservation?

JOE
What?

MAX
For the elevator,do you have a reservation.

JOE
Don't be ridiculous.

MAX
It is a requirement, that all personal entering the building must have a reservation for the elevator.

JOE
That's absurd.

MAX
Company policy sir.

JOE
I don't have time for this,I have an appointment.

MAX
If you do not have a reservation I cannot allow you to enter.

JOE
What are you going to do? Have me arrested.

MAX
If necessary.

JOE
This is ridiculous, let me through.

MAX

I can't do that sir.

JOE

For heavens sake. You're making me late.

MAX

If you wish I can book you in now there are no other reservations.

JOE

(sighs)Fine.

MAX

Name please.

JOE

Joe Parker.

MAX

Contact number?

JOE

5554375.

MAX

And would you like to subscribe to our newsletter?

JOE

No!

MAX

Perhaps our social media page.

JOE

No.

MAX

Discount vouchers.

JOE

NO!NO!NO! I just want to use the elevator to get to my damn appointment.

MAX

Of course. Nearly done. I'll just read the terms and conditions.

JOE

I don't have time for that.

MAX
It's mandatory I'm afraid. So, no spitting, littering or obscene language in the elevator. A fine of \$100 will apply if these rules are breached.

JOE
\$100 for swearing.

MAX
Yes, sir. Also there is to be no farting...

JOE
NO FARTING!

MAX
Green house gasses. Very big problem in a closed space.

JOE
And how am I supposed to stop myself?

MAX
We can supply a butt plug if you feel that is necessary.

JOE
No thank you.

MAX
Also you must not engage in any form of sexual activity while traveling in the elevator.

JOE
It's just me. Who am I going to have sex with?

MAX
This policy also includes any form of self gratification.

JOE
For God's sake.

MAX
Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$300.

JOE
What?

MAX
However, should you wish to purchase the recorded video for personal or public use a fee of \$200 will be made available.

JOE
No thank you. Is that it?

MAX
Yes, sir.

JOE
Can I go now?

MAX
Not just yet. Use of the elevator requires a fee of \$50.

JOE
WHAT!

MAX
Company rules.

JOE
Company rules. I've never heard of any thing so ridiculous in my life.

MAX
Blame it on the economy. Using the elevator is a service. All services need to be paid for to cover cost of maintenance and wages. And with the cost of everything going up the fees need to be consistent with inflation.

JOE
I'M A BANK MANAGER I KNOW HOW THE ECONOMY WORKS.

MAX
Then you know the importance of maintaining infrastructure for efficient and reliable service.

JOE
Not my problem.

MAX
A healthy economy is everyone's problem, not matter the cost to the consumer.

JOE
I don't have time to debate this. Let me through.

MAX
You must pay the reservation fee of fifty dollars.

JOE
I refuse.

MAX
Then I can't allow you entry.

JOE
This is an outrage. I want to speak with the manager.