

LIVING ROOM: DIONNE is dressed for business and carries a bouquet of flowers which she places on the dining table. . The front door swings open and ZIGGY strolls in carrying an iced coffee, a roll of toilet paper and a couple newspapers.

ZIGGY

I've got the toilet paper!

DIONNE

Oh, my! Can I help you?

ZIGGY

Uhhh.....Hi.

DIONNE

I'm Dionne Waters. Who are you?

ZIGGY

Yes, well. I thought my cousin ran in here, it was an Emergency and sometimes there's no paper at open houses.

DIONNE

This is not an open house. It's by appointment only.

ZIGGY

We drove by the sign and suddenly I'm breaking the rules and talking to the 'by appointment only' realtor. You believe in fate?

DIONNE

What did you say your name was?

ZIGGY holds up the toilet paper and scans the room with his eyes. He sees a newspaper on the floor.

ZIGGY

Oscar. Oscar Gamble. How about a tour?

DIONNE

What is it that you do Mr.Gamble?

ZIGGY

Oscar. I'm a baseball player. Understand that money is no object

DIONNE

Money is the only object, Oscar. But I'm just dropping a key off. The house isn't being shown until tomorrow, after the cleaning crew comes.

There is a flush from the bathroom, which stops them both in their tracks.

ZIGGY

That must be catfish. He's my cousin. I told him he could use the bathroom room. He's a little challenged, if you get my drift. ... Catfish/ you didn't break anything did you?

ZIGGY

Catfish, go wait in the car. I'll be out in a few minutes. And stop stealing towels. He's like a two year old, but he's my cousin. ... When did you say it was built?

DIONNE

It was built on spec in 1972. Mr. Gamble, I normally meet with people at my office.

ZIGGY

Is this the original floor?

DIONNE

Please, If you are really interested call my office for an appointment.

ZIGGY

You mentioned this place will be cleaned up.

DIONNE

In the morning. They'll throw all the junk away and give it a good thorough cleaning.

ZIGGY

I think a house is like a museum for whatever family lived there. Do you know why this family is selling their house?

DIONNE

Well, the woman is out of the country and wants to get out quick.

ZIGGY

So, I'm the first interested party?

DIONNE

No. I'll be straight with you, Oscar; there is a local Investor that's offered a credited security deposit by first thing in the morning.

ZIGGY

Really?

DIONNE

I'm afraid so.

ZIGGY

Well, Dionne, let's cut to the chase, shall we. What if my figure was higher?

DIONNE

That could be a bit unethical. How much higher?

ZIGGY

What if it were in cash?

DIONNE
Cash?

ZIGGY
What if you had cash tomorrow?

DIONNE
How much cash?

ZIGGY
Twice the counter offer plus ten percent which we know nothing about.

DIONNE
I think my client would be interested.

ZIGGY
And not too bad for you.

DIONNE
No.

ZIGGY
And there's no one else involved besides me and whoever offered that deposit?

DIONNE
Not yet, Mr. Gamble. You certainly are a dashing sort, aren't you?

ZIGGY
No, I just know what I want.