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WE GOT A STARBUCKS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET

Side for ARTHUR and FRANCO

ARTHUR. We got a Starbucks right across the street.

FRANCO. Brother, they got Starbucks in wheat fields now. Anyway, you don't see a lot of brothers in the Starbucks, do you? And you ain't never seen a brother in the Whole Foods, unless he's stockin' the shelves. Can you picture that, some big angry black man shoppin' in Whole Foods, his arms all loaded with soy cheese and Echinacea and starfruit?

ARTHUR. I wouldn't know.

FRANCO. Why not?

ARTHUR. I don't shop at whole foods.

FRANCO. Oh. I do. Shit, I'm just about hooked on the soy cheese.

ARTHUR. Your point is, because no alternative is readily available, I'm contributing to the poor health habits of low-income African-Americans by providing unhealthy meal substitutes?

FRANCO. Well spoke, Arthur P.

ARTHUR. Are you encouraging me to close my business, Franco Wicks?

FRANCO. I'm encouraging you to provide some heart healthy alternatives.

ARTHUR. Hold on, this is your job interview.

FRANCO. How'm I doing?

ARTHUR. No, yeah, pretty good.

FRANCO. Today's your lucky day, Arthur P. I'm a self starter. (*Arthur studies Franco, considers.*)

ARTHUR. Okay, give me a few days to mull it over.

FRANCO. I can start tomorrow.

ARTHUR. Give me a few days.

FRANCO. I can start now.

ARTHUR. You need a job that bad?

FRANCO. I wouldn't waste your time if I didn't.

ARTHUR. You're not in any trouble, are you?

FRANCO. I'm in debt.

ARTHUR. We're only talking about a little help at the counter. Five days a week.

FRANCO. What's the pay?

ARTHUR. Minimum wage.

FRANCO. Benefits?

ARTHUR. Such as?

FRANCO. Health insurance?

ARTHUR. Very funny.

FRANCO. Workmen's comp?

ARTHUR. Sure.

FRANCO. Social Security?

ARTHUR. Yeah.

FRANCO. What about profit sharing?

ARTHUR. Profit-sharing.

FRANCO. Do you believe in profit sharing?

ARTHUR. Sure, I believe in it. I don't provide it.

FRANCO. What if I can demonstrate an increase in sales?

ARTHUR. We'll talk about that at your first employee evaluation.

FRANCO. Does this mean I got the job? (*Arthur considers another moment ...*)

ARTHUR. Yeah, okay. (*They shake.*)