

BOOSTER

Two guys on a bench, each with newspaper. Eddie is singing happily.

SEAN

Boy, Eddie, you sound happy today.

EDDIE

I am. Very happy.

SEAN

How come?

EDDIE *(Holding up newspaper)*

Because John Anderson just got a two million dollar bonus. It's right here in the business section.

SEAN

Who's he, a friend of yours?

EDDIE

No.

SEAN

A relative?

EDDIE

No. I don't know him.

SEAN

Then why are you so excited?

EDDIE *(As if it's obvious)*

Because he works at Indicom.

SEAN

So? What about it?

EDDIE

What about it? That's the biggest company around and one of the largest cable broadcasters in the world.

SEAN

Yeah?

EDDIE *(Enthusiastic)*

And it's right here in our city. Doesn't it fill you with pride?

SEAN *(Perplexed)*

No. I watch some of their programming. But I don't work at Indicom and neither do you.

EDDIE

But it's in our city. It's one of our companies. Hes one of our people.

SEAN

Our people? Oh, so this Anderson guy is some kind of local boy who made good?

EDDIE

No. They got him from L.A. I don't think any of their top people are from here.

SEAN

Well, if you don't know him. And you didn't have anything to do with his success. Then why are you so thrilled that he got a huge bonus?

EDDIE *(As if talking to a child)*

Because he works for Indicom. It means we're having a fabulous year. We have six new shows in the top ten.

SEAN

What do you mean "we". I don't work there. And neither do you. *(Suddenly getting it)* Oh, I see, you mean you have shares in the company?

EDDIE

Are you kidding? I can't afford to buy their stock. I can't even afford their programming.

SEAN

So, let me get this straight. You feel an incredible sense of pride because a guy you don't know got a bonus for more money than you make in ten years working for a premium cable channel that you can't afford run by executives who aren't from around here and in which you have no financial interest?

EDDIE

Yeah. Doesn't that kind of local success make you feel great? Like a winner?

SEAN *(Getting annoyed)*

No. Why should it? First of all this guy's from California and I don't know him from Adam. Second even though Indicom charges huge cable fees to watch their shows, they still bombard you with commercials.

EDDIE

But they're the leading cable channel.

SEAN

So what? Their success doesn't do a damned thing for me. And frankly I think it's kind of weird that you're so excited about a bunch of what are essentially total strangers making a fortune just because they happen to be in your town when they could do the same thing anywhere.

EDDIE *(Offended)*

I don't always feel excited. Last year they didn't have a winning season. Some of their shows didn't do well in the ratings. I found that kind of depressing.

SEAN

You were depressed because they didn't do well? *(Incredulous)*
I'm sorry. That kind of thinking is so stupid, so bizarre. I mean
that's nuts!

EDDIE *(Wanting to end the argument)*

Hey, fine. You don't have to be so touchy. Forget I mentioned it.
Let's discuss something else.

They both continue to read the paper.

SEAN

Hey, look at that!. We won again. Boy, we really played a fabulous
game last night. How about that new guy from Sri Lanka. They're
paying him 32 million a year.

EDDIE

And he's worth every dollar.

SEAN

I'll say he is. It's great that we're having a winning season. Now
there's the kind of thing that fills us all with pride

They put down papers and high-five each other

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CURTAIN