

Another Nice Day

A Play in 3 Acts

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## CHARACTERS

SARAH	Age 32. Executive Assistant at a Sign Making Company.
TIM	Age 29. Print Shop Employee.
CONNIE	Age 26. Law Student.
JOE	Age 35. Owner of the Joan's Coffee.

## SETTING

Joan's Coffee, a nice little coffee place.

## TIME

Tuesday, Noon Time. Nov 4, 2025. In the Fall time of year.

## ACT I

*(Standing behind Joan's Coffee Counter is Joe. Next to him is a Point-of-Sale Machine that is on. Joe is taking Coffee Orders from Customers and making their drinks. In walks Sarah, Connie and Tim. All three sit down at a large coffee table and comfortable chairs.)*

SARAH: Good morning, everyone! Tim and Connie, are you ready for a wonderful Monday?

TIM: Oh, I think it's going to be a great Monday. What do you think Connie?

CONNIE: Well, I think so? Yeah, I think it will be a great day and coming week. I have a ton of work today to do in preparation for my Psychology Analytics II class. This class scares me sometimes. It's a little too correct maybe? I don't know. I am sure it's helping somehow to get my life together!

*(Sarah and Tim laugh.)*

TIM: I don't know about you Ladies, but I am hungry for a nice Flat White Iced and a cheese pastry. How does that sound? Yes or no?

SARAH: I think for me it's going to be a Latte Hot. How about you Connie?

CONNIE: Hm. I think today I'll get a bottle of water and a ham sandwich from Joe at the counter.

*(SARAH stands up and claps her hands together.)*

SARAH: You know what people? I am buying for this Monday hangout. What do you say? It's on me. I owe you one for last week's advice on my love life, Jim and I. I don't know where it's going but I am enjoying my time with him when I can. Life can get busy!

TIM: In New York, everything is busy, all the time!

CONNIE AND TIM: Thank You Sarah. That means a lot. We appreciate it.

*(SARAH rises from her chair and walks over to JOE at the Coffee counter. She waves to Joe.)*

SARAH: Hello Joe. Happy Monday. How are you doing today, Joe?

*(JOE finishes handing a drink to a customer. Then he looks over to SARAH and waves hello back. JOE is serious.)*

JOE: Hi Sarah. Today is most certainly a Monday. What can I get started for you?

SARAH: Hi Joe. What is wrong today? You are always so happy on the first day of the week. Oh! I forgot. I will be buying for my friends. Can I have a Bottle of Water, a Ham Sandwich, a Latte Hot, a cheese pastry, and a iced flat white...please?

JOE: No problem Ms. Sarah. I have some bad news for you today. I need to do a fundraiser for Joan's Coffee shop. The Building Owner has raised the rent for next month and I don't have the funds to pay for it. The new rate of rent will be much higher than before. By about 40% more. I know you, Connie, and Tim love this place a lot. I love it very much too.

*(Sarah pulls out a credit card from her Purse and pays for the drinks and food. She is sad about the news.)*

SARAH: That is really sad news Joe! Is there anything you can think of that my friends and I can do to help? We love this place and couldn't imagine each Monday without it. This place is special and brings us together.

JOE: Let me get your order for you. Be right back in a few minutes. I appreciate your concern. Let me think about what I can do.

*(JOE goes and makes the food and drink SARAH ordered. He returns with food and drinks in hand. JOE hands it to her.)*

SARAH: Thank You JOE. I appreciate it very much.

*(SARAH takes the food plus drinks and walks over to her friends. She sits down on her chair. SARAH then hands out the food and drink to her friends.)*

CONNIE: Sarah, thank you so much for the goodies. I really love my coffee drink. We really appreciate your kindness.

TIM: Thank You Sarah for the drink.

SARAH: Well, everyone. I have some bad news about this wonderful place called Joan's coffee. I just talked to Joe and he said that the Building Owner is going to be raising the rent soon. In under four weeks.

CONNIE: This can't be right! The Economy is bad enough and then they go and raise the rent just like that? Tim, what do you think about this. What can we do to help?

TIM: There has got to be an answer. I believe in big challenges and I believe in big answers too. This place is our life line, we share, eat, and drink coffee every Monday. I don't want to change that. Connie, I have one idea that I'll share in a few minutes. First, what plans can you think up to solve this issue?

*(SARAH picks up her cellphone and looks at it.)*

SARAH: What about Give Send Go? It is a free fundraising tool online. The Donors give to the donation system as a whole and the person in charge of the fundraising campaign gets to keep all the money. I don't think there is any loss of pride involved in doing a campaign like this. It's for us, the Owner Joe, and for all the Customers of Joan's Coffee Shop.

TIM: I think that sounds like a perfect idea Sarah. Let's get that started right now. I have an idea as well. We could start a petition to send to the Owner of the Property to ask to lower Joe's rent Starting Dec 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. It's the perfect time of year for it. People are in the giving state of mind.

CONNIE: I love both of these ideas! How about Tim and I work on the Petition to lower Joe's Rent. Does that sound like a plan for you both?

SARAH: Let's do it! High Fives everybody! Here we go!

*(All three friends lift their hands up in unison and clap hands together.)*

SARAH, CONNIE, and TIM: That's the resolution. Let's do this now. Times a wasting!

CONNIE: Tim...you can I go to your print shop and make up materials for the fundraising campaign and the Petition. I have time on Saturday morning at 8 A.M. to meet you there at Wrink's Copy Shop. You know me, I'm always too early. I might be there around 7:30 A.M. Tim, are you off Saturday?

TIM: I am actually. That will work perfect. I will meet you at 8 A.M Sharp on this Saturday. I will ask my boss this afternoon if I can get a work discount on the print materials. She should allow me to do so. I rarely use my employee discount, so it will be great to finally use it.

SARAH: That is a great plan you two. You know, we should ask Joe if this is ok with him before we do anything.

CONNIE: Awesome plan.

TIM: Let's go for it. I'm ready now. How about you Connie and Sarah?

*(All three friends stand up out of their chairs and walk over to the front counter where Joe is serving drinks and food.)*

SARAH: Hi Joe. We have a question for you to ask.

*(Joe walks away from the Coffee Machine and over to his guests, CONNIE, TIM, and SARAH.)*

JOE: Hi Sarah and friends. What's up? Did you enjoy your drinks and food?

SARAH: We sure did. I always love my drinks and food here at Joan's. We have a question for you Joe.

TIM: We would like to know if it's ok to hold a fundraiser for your Coffee Shop here and to hold a Petition Gathering signing from the public here at the shop to request your Building Owner to lower your Monthly Rent. We want to help you stay here. We love you and everything you give us on Monday's. So, Joe, what do you think? Is it a deal?

JOE: Wow! I am blown away. You want to fundraise for my shop and get a petition going to lower my rent? This is amazing. I really appreciate what you are doing for me. Yes! This is going to be exciting! So how do we get started?

SARAH: I want to start this coming Saturday with a Give Send GO campaign for you. Would you like to start the campaign or should we do it for you?

JOE: I think it would be best if we did it under my name. That would work ok. I can give you the specifics Saturday if you stop by.

SARAH: That would be great! I will create some YouTube Videos, Tic Tok Ads, and YouTube Short videos to raise awareness. It's all on me of course. You won't have to pay anything. Except, make sure you pay taxes on your fundraising. Is that, ok?

JOE: Your help is wonderful. I will make sure I pay taxes on the Earnings. Thank You so much!

CONNIE: We love you and all that you do for the community. Thanks again Joe for letting us help you.

SARAH and TIM: Thank You Joe. You are the best.

## ACT II

*(We now go forward in time to the next Saturday. SARAH, CONNIE, and TIM are at print shop that TIM works at. The time is 8:03 A.M. The Print Shop has just opened. People are entering the store at a slow pace.)*

TIM: Good morning, everyone. My friends are here! Connie and Sarah, are we ready to get a petition printed for Joan's Coffee shop? Let's get started.

SARAH: Ok! Here we are. I have a copy of the Petition I found online as a Word document. It was free. So, I edited it to show a Petition we can give out to people asking for the Building Owner to lower Joe's monthly rent. I think it looks pretty good. What do you think Tim and Connie?



*(SARAH pulls out a ten-page document Petition and shows it to TIM and CONNIE.)*

CONNIE: That looks amazing Sarah! Very professional and appealing. It has a lot of room for signatures. Let me read the Petition out loud so we can agree if it's a go or not. (CONNIE reads the Petition out loud to her friends.)

Here is the Petition: To All fans of Joan's Coffee shop. This is a Petition Signing Document in support of Joe, the Owner, and a call to ask the Building Owner if she can lower the Monthly Rent. This is so we, the fans of Joe and Joan's Coffee Shop can keep enjoying the great drinks and food there. Please sign this Petition now and we will hand it over to the Building Owner when the Petition is completely signed. We appreciate your help to keep Joe in Business. Thank You. Sarah, Connie, and Tim.

*(Tim claps his hands loudly.)*

TIM: This sounds amazing. I love it. Let's get this printed now! There is no time to waste. I will pay for the printing. How many copies should we print off?

SARAH: How does 20 copies sound for now? That will get us several hundred signatures. I think that will be plenty, how about you guys and gals?

CONNIE: 20 sounds perfect for now. If we do another round of these petitions, then that is what we will do. Let's get our first batch signed first. What do you say?

TIM: Let's do this!

*(Tim takes the printed Petition and brings it over to the copy machine. He types in a code to acquire a discount on his printing. He puts his credit card in in the copier screen and orders 20 copies of the petition. Tim hits print on the copier. The machine takes a few minutes to print the copies. Next, Tim takes them and separates the copies. Then he staples the pages together.*

TIM: That should do it every one! The Job is finished.

SARAH: Thank You Tim. You did a great job and the petitions look nice!

CONNIE: Sarah, should we go over and present this to Joe?

SARAH: I think its time. We can do some petitioning at the Coffee Shop and outside the shop too. It's a lovely day for it. Connie and Tim, are you available to help out today with getting signatures for the petitions?

TIM: I go to work at 2PM today here at the Print Shop. It's 8:45 now. I can follow you over in a Lyft to Joan's Coffee shop? I can stay until 1PM. Then I will have to go to work. Let's get to work!

CONNIE: I am available. When we first get there, I want to help Joe set up his Give Send Go fundraiser. I'll order the Lyft now.

*(Connie pulls out her phone and opens the Lyft App. Then she orders a ride. The Lyft App says that the ride will be there in 10 minutes.)*

CONNIE: Ok, everyone! I have ordered the Lyft. Let's go outside and catch this ride!

Tim: Let me put the copies in my backpack.

*(Tim puts the Petitions in his backpack.)*

SARAH: Ok, let's go everyone! We are ready.

*(TIM, CONNIE, and SARAH exit the Pint Shop together and enter the street. The Lyft car arrives and they all enter into the car. The Lyft car takes them to Joan's Coffee shop.)*

### ACT III

*(It is about 10:15 AM on Saturday)*

TIM: We are here! Back at Joan's. I'm so excited about today and the next week. I will spend my off time during the weekend to get signatures for the petition.

SARAH: I brought four bags of black pens. That should be enough to get us started.

CONNIE: Sarah, are you going to start the Fundraiser with Joe today? I think Give Send Go will be perfect! Do you need my help to set it up?

SARAH: Oh my gosh! I forgot to set up the Give Send Go. You know what? That would be perfect. You go over to Joe and see if you can get him set up. I know he is busy but he should be able to work with you.

TIM: Alright Ladies, I am about to get started. Sarah, would you and I like to get started on asking people to sign the petitions? Here are a handful of black gel pens.

*(TIM hands over the pens to SARAH.)*

SARAH: Thank You Tim. That is great. I am ready now. Let's go get a bunch of signatures. I want to fill at least 50% of our petitions. I'm so excited!

*(Together SARAH and TIM walk up to the entrance of Joan's Coffee Shop near the door and wait for the Shop Customers to pass in and out of the shop to see if they will sign the petitions. Two customers are walking nearby to SARAH and TIM to exit the Coffee Shop. SARAH and TIM attempt to ask them a question.)*

TIM: Hello. My name is Tim and this is my friend Sarah.

SARAH: Hi! We are here today to help Joan's Coffee Shop's owner, Joe, to petition this Building's Owner to lower Joe's monthly rent. Would you kindly consider signing this Petition? We need only your First name and Initials.

TWO CUSTOMERS: Sure we will! Absolutely, we have been coming here for months now. We are fans of Joe. He is such a nice guy and serves great food and drinks. Where do we sign the petition?

TIM: Sign right here please.

*(TIM points to first open space in the Petition and hands them a pen. The two customers sign the Petition and hand the pen back to Tim.)*

SARAH: Thank you both very much. We really appreciate it!

TWO CUSTOMERS: No problem. Thank You for doing this for Joe.

*(Connie approaches Joe.)*

CONNIE: Hi Joe. Sarah, Tim, and I have completed the Petitions. We purchased some pens and will leave a petition plus a bag of pens with you for customers to sign if they so choose.

JOE: Connie, thank you so much to you Tim and Sarah. You are really special people. I really appreciate it. There might be hope yet for my shop. This really uplifts my spirit. Oh! What about the Give Send Go campaign? Can we set that up today?

CONNIE: Sure thing Joe. Let's do it right now on my phone. I will need just a few items of information from you and we will set it up. I will go tomorrow back to the print shop and print up some flyers for your fundraising campaign

JOE: So, what are you all doing this for me?

CONNIE: Well, for many reasons. One, you serve the best drinks and food. Two, you are always kind to people. Three, we love you. It's the right thing to do.

The End.