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MIKE  
Cosey Carlisle?

COSEY  
Fuck you, I'm on a break.

MIKE  
Er, Mr. Carlisle, I've been retained by the law firm of Hoffer and Crowe to find you and tell you that Myron Spargle died last month.

COSEY  
Who the fuck's Myron Spargle?

MIKE  
He was a patient of yours.

COSEY  
I had a lot of patients, now beat it.

MIKE  
Yeah, well this one left you eleven thousand dollars.

COSEY  
Myron. Myron.

MIKE  
Yeah Myron T. Spargle. A plumbing contractor, lived in San Marino with his wife Karen, or Sharon or something.

COSEY  
Karen. Yeah. She must be very lonely right now. Jesus, eleven thousand. That's a lot of grateful. Want a cigarette?

MIKE  
No. I don't, I don't smoke.

COSEY  
By my count you've looked at this pack three times in the last minute.

MIKE  
What is this?

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COSEY

I see you fidgeting with your pen like a cigarette.

MIKE

What, you helped Myron Spargle to quit smoking?

COSEY

Nah. Myron was impotent. Imagine that. A man lays pipe for a living and can't get it up at home.

MIKE

Yeah, well Myron must have had one hell of a hard-on when he made out his will, huh.

COSEY

Hey, dickhead, I was a damned good shrink. Sixteen and a half years I worked with a lot of people through a lot of shit. Okay, I slept with a patient or two, it wasn't as if I didn't care about them.

MIKE

Okay.

COSEY

I loved being a doctor. I used to not charge half my patients. Then the fucking State comes along and sends some bitch under cover, and I'm fucked. It ain't fair is it?

MIKE

Why don't you call Hoffer and Crowe, okay? Set up an appointment, sign the paperwork and they'll cut you a cheque for the eighty eight hundred right there. Okay?

COSEY

Excuse me? What happened to the eleven thousand?

MIKE

Well, eleven, less my commission, right? That is, unless you got a problem with that, Sigmund. Can I use your 'phone?

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Help yourself. COSEY

MIKE

Thanks.

Mr. Church? COSEY

MIKE

Yeah?

COSEY

Someone is either a smoker or non-smoker. There is no in between. The trick is to find out which one you are, and be that.

MIKE

Yeah well, you know, I'm trying to quit.

COSEY

Don't tell me you're trying to quit. People who are trying to quit are basically wimps who cannot commit. Find out which one you are, be that, that's it. If you are a non-smoker you'll know.