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You've Made a Deal!

Game Show, Peace Video

Characters:

Announcer: [never on screen....just a voice]
Bobs Youruncle: Host
Menno NitechurchCanada: Contestant
Carol Maryl: [no speaking role]
Studio audience

[The video takes place in an auditorium filled with people. 3 doors are situated on a stage. The video opens with a focus on the glittery words "You've made a deal!"]

Announcer *[off screen]* Welcome to "You've made a deal!" The game show where you get what you paid for! *[applause!!! camera scans the audience, who are all wearing nametags that look like price tags]* And now let's welcome the famous host of "You've made a deal",Bobs Your Uncle! *[wild applause!...Bob comes running in...in some sort of wild outfit. He's holding a microphone]*

Bob: Hello and welcome to "You've made a deal", Canada's favourite game show, the show where YOU give the money, and YOU get what you pay for!!! Let's meet our first contestant! Who's playing today?

Announcer: *[upbeat music]* Well, Bob, today's contestant is... *[pause while the camera scans the crowd that is looking expectant]* Menno NiteChurchCanada! Menno, come on down!!!! You're the next contestant on "You've made a deal!" *[music & the camera zooms to an audience shot, and a man wearing a Mennonite Church Canada logo t-shirt jumps up with a huge yell and comes leaping down, waving his arms]*

Contestant: I can't believe this Bob, I just can't believe it!

Bob: Hello Menno, where are you from?

Contestant: Oh, I'm from all over, Bob! We're a Christian denomination with 33,000 members in 225 congregations across Canada!

Bob: That's quite some church! Can you tell me about that t-shirt you're wearing?

Contestant: This is the logo of our denomination. The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, who is always with us, and it's carrying an olive branch, which reminds us that we are called to bring peace to the world. *[he points to the shirt as he explains this]*

Bob: Very nice. Very lovely, I'm sure! But let's get to the game! You know the rules. You've paid the money... over the past year you've worked hard, you've paid your taxes to the government of Canada, and now, you get to see what your tax money got. You get to see how "you've made a deal!!!" *[wild applause]*

Contestant: I'm so excited!

Bob: Menno, you can see the three doors where Carol Maryl is standing. *[a young woman in a flashy dress stands beside three sliding compartments, each with a number on them]* Behind door number one, behind door number two, and behind door number three, there are some magnificent things that your tax dollars paid for!!! *[applause]* You can choose one of these doors...let's see how you've made a deal!!! *[applause]*

Contestant: *[to the sound of music like from the game show jeopardy]* I think I'll choose... *[he looks to the audience and people are yelling out "one" "three" "two"]*
I think I'll choose ...Door number 2, Bob!

Bob: Menno, you've chosen door number two! As you know, before you get to see what you've paid for, we'll take a look at what's behind door numbers one and three. What's behind door number one, where Carol Maryl is standing?

Announcer: If you had chosen door number one you would have received.... *[Carol Maryl smiles and opens door number one]* GUNS and AMMUNITION!!!! *[wild applause]* You could have received 500 C14 Timberwolf Sniper rifles! That's a .338 medium range sniper rifle, perfect for those hard to shoot enemies. *[oohing and aahing, applause]* Along with those beauties, 5000 C6, General Purpose Machine Guns! *[applause]* And 1,000 C7 Assault rifles. *[camera focuses on Menno, who is looking very troubled]* And if that's not enough, we've added 1500f M72 Rocket launchers! And 1001 Eryx Light Anti-tank missiles!!!!

Bob: What do you think about that Menno?

Menno: I'm really glad I didn't go for door number one Bob, because I don't know what I'd do with all that stuff. We're a peace church, and guns and ammunition are things we don't buy as Mennonites!

Bob: *[surprised]* Well, most people would be really happy to get that...it's an important part of our national defence strategy! Everyone loves guns! Didn't you grow up playing with guns, Menno?

Menno: No, actually, my parents didn't allow me to play with guns. We played with non-violent toys...

Bob: Well, door number 1 would have been funny then ...you never PLAYED with guns but you PAID for guns. hahaha. *[the audience also laughs]* Well, let's see what you could have received behind door number three.

Announcer: Well, Bob, behind door number three, we have ... *[Carol Maryl opens door number three with a big flourish and a huge smile]* armoured vehicles and tanks!!!! *[wild applause and cheering; flash shot of Menno looking even more dismayed]* 500 Leopard 2A4 battle tanks, 500 M113 TUA Tank destroyers, with TOW under-armour launchers, and 500 AVGP Cougars, light-armoured vehicles with Scorpion tank turrets *[audience oohing and aahing]*

Bob: What a beautiful bunch of military hardware, wouldn't you say, Menno?

Menno: *[looking dismayed]* Well, actually, I'm glad I didn't choose door number 3...we don't believe Jesus would drive a tank and shoot people...and we're supposed to be peacemakers like Jesus.

Bob: But everyone loves a tank, they're so shiny and big...isn't that right, studio audience? *[cheering]* But let's turn now to door number two. Every year Menno, your 33,000 members pay federal taxes...and that adds up to a lot of money! 8.4% of those federal taxes are earmarked for the military. So let's see how Menno has done. Menno NitechurchCanada, you've made a deal!

Menno: I'm a little bit nervous, Bob. *[the camera shows that his face is all sweaty and he is looking sick]*

Bob: Let's open door number two!!

Announcer: You've bought *[Carol Maryl opens the door with a giant smile]*....a BRAND NEW CF18 FIGHTER JET!!!! *[THE CROWD GOES WILD!!!!]* Yes, you can rest assured that you are being defended by the very best... This fighter jet comes complete with guns, radar and your very own Mennonite church Canada logo on it, so you will always know where your tax money went!!!! *[while the announcer is speaking the camera scans a picture of the lines of a fighter jet, ending with a shot of the tail where there is a Mennonite Church Canada logo)*

Menno: I don't know what to say.

Bob: It's amazing isn't it!

Menno: Amazing doesn't say half of it. Bob, can I just go and sit in my chair again, and be the quiet one in the audience. I won't make any trouble. I don't really want to be in this game. I don't want that fighter jet. I just want to be quiet by myself for a little while!

Bob: *[laughing]* That's ridiculous! You've paid your money! You've got a deal. This jet is already ordered!

Menno: *[looking at his t-shirt]* I.... I.... I...

Bob: He's lost for words folks! What a great guy. A bit strange with that funny looking t-shirt and that peace-making stuff, but that fighter jet is up there with his name on it! What a way to make a difference in the world! *[shot of Menno sitting in his chair with his head in his hands]* Well, that's the end of our show today folks. Thanks for tuning in to "You've made a deal," where we show you what you paid for! I'm Bob's Youruncle... until next time...

[music....ends with Carol Maryl bringing a model of the fighter jet over to Menno, and trying to give it to him, but he really doesn't want to take it]

[Credits roll...saying actors/director and identifying your church]

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