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Oscar, Charity 1

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OSCAR
Something's wrong. We're stuck.

CHARITY
(Cheerfully)

These old elevators. You never can trust them.

OSCAR
Oh, boy.

CHARITY
I had a friend who was stuck in one for eight hours. With two German shepherds and a delivery boy.

OSCAR
It's kind of stuffy in here, isn't it? Isn't it stuffy?

CHARITY
You think so?

OSCAR
... You want to try pressing the buttons?

CHARITY
No, that's alright. I'm sure you pressed them very well.

OSCAR
I did. I pressed them very well. I gave them a very good press ... sooo ... I guess we're stuck.

CHARITY
I guess so ...

OSCAR
What do you weigh?

CHARITY
A hundred and twenty-eight.

OSCAR
We're alright.

CHARITY
Sure.

OSCAR
Yeah, we're fine ... Fine ... We're just stuck in the old elevator...

CHARITY
Are you alright?

OSCAR

Me? Me? Yes. Yes. Fine. Yes, I'm fine. Fine.
Just have to get used to it, that's all ...
It's my first time trapped in an elevator ...
Trapped, trapped, trapped.

CHARITY

Hey! ... You don't have claustrophobia, do you?

OSCAR

(Scoffing)

Oh, no. No. No, nothing like that.
Claustrophobia? ... No ... I just don't like to
be in small, tight places that I can't get out
of.

CHARITY

Oh, I understand. I used to have that with
zippers. I was once trapped in a dress for
twenty minutes. I screamed all over Orbachs.

OSCAR

That's claustrophobia. You've got to watch out
for that. No, I can handle this because I know
we'll get out of here in a couple of minutes.

CHARITY

Sure we will.

OSCAR

You really think so?

CHARITY

I do. I really do.

OSCAR

But if you thought we were really trapped in
here, what would you say?

CHARITY

But we're not trapped.

OSCAR

But if you thought we were, what would you say?

CHARITY

I'd say we were really trapped.

OSCAR

Oh, my God, I knew it, I knew it!

CHARITY

But we're not. You really shouldn't get so
excited.

OSCAR

Isn't this awful? I never act this way. I'm really a very calm person. Highly organized. I can promise you that if it really comes down to it, you can depend on me ... You understand that?

CHARITY

I do.

OSCAR

I just hope it doesn't come down to it ... Maybe I should yell for help?

CHARITY

Why not?

OSCAR

I'm alright, you understand. But I know that you suffer from claustrophobia and I realize you're very uncomfortable and I wouldn't want you to be stuck in here any longer than I have to be. Help -- Help -- Help!