

TAXMAN v2
MAGEE

JACK and his accountant NEIL are seated at a desk covered in envelopes, receipts, etc., preparing this year's tax return.

NEIL

OK, Jack, so that comes out to be \$42,053 in taxable income. Let's see what we can do in the way of deductions to knock that number back a little bit.

JACK

Yeah, basically anything that you can think of in terms of what I can deduct that would be great because I'm so afraid of getting screwed the way I did last year.

NEIL

Right, OK then, let's just go over your basic material expenses. I see you've kept your receipts.

JACK

Yeah, just in terms of supplies alone, I've spent \$9813.00.

Neil types in the number on a calculator and then records the number on a tax form.

NEIL

Good, OK, what about your office space. Do you work from home?

JACK

Yeah. My annual rent is \$14,400.

NEIL

Good. We can deduct half of that. What about books? Did you buy any books for your business this year?

JACK

I'd say about \$150 dollars worth.

NEIL

OK, and, I forgot, did you say you were married?

JACK

No, but I've been seeing someone for about a year now.

NEIL

Really? What about sports?

JACK

Sports?

NEIL

Do you play any sports?

JACK

Yeah, I'm on an intramural Basketball league. I can get a deduction for that?

NEIL

Uh-huh. What about scars or cuts. Have you been scarred or cut at all in the past year?

JACK

Cuts?...

NEIL

Any bruises whatsoever, any cuts?

JACK

No.

NEIL

Uh-huh, and do you like Thai food or any spicy food at all?

JACK

Yeah, I like it OK.

NEIL

Good.

JACK

How is that a deduction?

NEIL

What?

JACK

How is me liking Thai food a tax deduction?

NEIL

Just in terms of business expenses. Have you ever cheated on your girlfriend?

JACK

No!

NEIL

No! No. Of course not.

JACK

Hey Neil, can I deduct all of my travel expenses?

NEIL

We'll get to that. Have you ever defecated outside?

JACK

How is that a deduction?

NEIL

Have you?

JACK

I guess so, when I went camping once.

NEIL

Uh-huh, was that deep in the woods or at a maintained camp site?

JACK

Deep in the woods.

NEIL

Good. Any dreams, any erotic dreams involving or any members of your family.

JACK

No.

NEIL

Really?

JACK

Well I don't know. Maybe.

NEIL

Who was it, Jack?

JACK

My Aunt Ksandra, I think.

NEIL

Right, then we'll have to fill out a Schedule SE for that.

JACK

Wait a minute, let me see that form.

JACK grabs the form NEIL's been writing on and inspects it.

JACK

OK.

JACK returns the form.

NEIL

OK, Jack, have you ever thought of something that was really racist in the past year?

JACK

Racist?

NEIL

Yeah, you know, like: [*lowering his voice*] Gosh, I hate those Mexicans.

JACK

No. Of course not.

NEIL

Pity..pity, that could have been a huge deduction. Have you ever had sex with your girlfriend in the "Reverse Cowgirl" position?

JACK

Which one is that?

NEIL

That's the one where you're lying on your back.

JACK

Right.

NEIL

And she's sitting on top of you but spun around in the opposite direction.

JACK

Yeah, I guess we may have done that.

NEIL

Wow. Really? Great.

JACK

Wait a minute, I think you're just some weird pervert who's asking me these questions just to pry into my personal life.

NEIL

You think that?

JACK

Yes, I do.

A long pause

NEIL

Well, that's absolutely right.

JACK
Ah-ha, I knew it!

NEIL
Yup.

JACK
Well, I'm going to go to a real
accountant.

NEIL
Yeah, that only makes sense.

JACK
OK, bye-bye.

NEIL
Bye-bye.

Jack exits

BLACKOUT