



Trying For The Big Scam

“Can I help you, sir?”

“Yes, mam. I’d like to get a license to loot and plunder the state economy.”

“Certainly, sir. I have the application paperwork right here. Just a few questions to get started. Do you have the State Granted Exclusive Territory Form showing where your consumer victims are located?”

“I don’t have one. At least not yet.”

“Well then, how many politicians do you have in your pocket?”

“Actually, none.”

“Slick downtown law firm? Team of smooth-talking lobbyists?”

“Umm, er, no.”

“Sir, I don’t see how you think you can get a looter’s license. These are for regulated utility monopolies.”

“You see for my entire career I’ve been engaged in con schemes, flim-flams and financial scams.”

“So, you’re a petty crook.”

“Yes, and I keep getting caught and convicted.”

“Well, I should say so – you not having a looter’s license and all!”

“But I don’t like going to jail. Yet I see the Power Company and the Gas Company doing the same things I do but on a much larger scale, and those guys never go to jail.”

“That’s true, but they have licenses to loot. I’m sorry, sir; you just don’t meet the basic requirements.”

“Oh, no. You mean ...”

“That’s right. APPLICATION DENIED!”

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