



THE VACUUM CLEANER SALESMAN

[This text is read aloud at the beginning of this video:]

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The Vacuum Cleaner Salesman

An elderly woman was having her lunch when she heard the door bell ring. She went to the door, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

'Good morning, Madam', said the young man, smiling brightly. 'May I take a few minutes of your time to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners?'

'No!' snapped the elderly woman. 'Go away! I haven't got any money!' And she started to close the door.

But, as quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open.

'Please, don't be too hasty, Madam,' he said. 'Not until you have at least seen my demonstration.' And, with that, he reached behind himself, picked up a heavy bucket and proceeded to tip a pile of horse manure onto the hallway carpet.

The woman was appalled but the young man looked very pleased with himself.

'If this vacuum cleaner does not remove every trace of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder.'

'Well,' she said, 'I do hope you've got a good appetite because the electricity was cut off this morning.'