



*The Rock is a Youth
Ministry of Ascension
Lutheran Church*

I Love Harmony or The Harmonymooners **Based on 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Ricky:	Mattias (Spanish/Cuban Accent)
Lucy:	Allee
Fred:	Michael
Ethel:	Annee
Ralph:	Toby
Alice:	Nicole
Ed Norton:	Ryan
Trixie:	Peri
Groucho:	Matt S.
Chico:	Austin
Harpo:	Matt W.

Setting: *Ricky & Lucy Ricardo's apartment in New York City. Lucy is giving a Vitameatavegamin sales pitch to Alice and Trixie, when she suddenly looks at her watch. Realizing Ricky will be coming home any instant, she quickly hides the case of Vitameatavegamin under the table and turns to the door...*

Ricky: *(Enters room.) Roo-cy, I'm ho-ome!*

Lucy: *Oh Ricky, I'm so glad to see you! Did you have a good day at the club?*

Ricky: *Never meend tat, I see we have guests.*

Lucy: *Oh, of course, Ricky, I'd like to introduce you to Alice Kramden and Trixie Norton. They're new residents in the apartment building. (Alice & Trixie stand and extend their hands, which Ricky kisses.)*

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- Ricky: *(Very charming.)* Lawdies, so neece to av met joo!
- Trixie: Oh, Alice, I can hardly believe I've actually been touched by Ricky Ricardo! He's just the way I've pictured: handsome, charming, and debonair.
- Alice: Yeah, the polar opposite of Ralph and Ed *(both laugh)*!
- Lucy: Say, Fred and Ethel are coming over shortly. Fred says he has something he needs to talk to us about.
- Ricky: Now, Roocy, I don't av teem for tat now. Soam beeg eenconseederate baboon parked a buus—a ceety buus—right een front of te building.
- Trixie: *(To Alice.)* Alice, a city bus?
- Alice: *(To Trixie.)* Big baboon?
- Alice & Trixie: *(Together)* Ralph!
- Ricky: And hees buuddy—a skeenny guy—eenseested tat te buus was parked tere to elp wit saywer repairs.
- Alice & Trixie: *(Together)* Ed!
- Lucy: In front of the building? But that's a loading zone.
- Ricky: Dats zackley what I told heem. I sez—in plain English—Pardoan me, Meester, but joo cont park tere! Tis ees a loading zone. But dos you knoz wat he sez to me?
- Lucy: Oh, I bet he said "Say, aren't you Ricky Ricardo, the handsome, charming, Cuban band leader who operates the Tropicana Night Club?"
- Ricky: No! He sez, 'Loading zone. Yeah, well I'm oonloading.' Then ee flips me tis nickel *(holds up a nickel)* and sez, 'Hey Pedro, elp me oonload ta furniture from dis bus 'n I'll forget about aving joo deported to Mexico.' Can joo believe ee sez tat to me?

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- Alice: Believe it? Knowing Ralph, I can't believe he had a nickel, much less parted with it!
- Lucy: Ewe...I don't think I want to know what came next. You kept it in Spanish, I hope.
- Ricky: Oh, joo were leestening?
- Lucy: I just suspected. You always start speaking Spanish whenever you get upset.
- Ricky: Well, I assure joo I was a perfect yentleman. But te Spanish must have upset heem, because ta next ting hee sez ees someting like...
- Alice: Wait. Let me guess. "One of deez days, buddy, one of deez days, POW (*punching hand gesture*), right in da kisser."
- Ricky: Yeah, yust like tat! And ten a skeenny guy tat was elping him...
- Trixie: Don't tell me...he said something like "Va...Va...Va Voom. To the moon, Ralphie. To the moon!"
- Ricky: How deed joo know? (*Knock on door.*)
- Trixie: Lucky guess.
- Lucy: Come in. (*Fred and Ethel enter.*)
- Fred: Say, what's all the racket about, Rick?
- Ricky: Oh, ello Fred. ello Ethel.
- Ethel: Yeah what's going on here. (*Pause.*) Say Lucy, you didn't tell Ricky about the Vitameatavegamin pyramid scheme you signed on for, did you?
- Lucy: (*Lucy frantically jesturing to Ethel to stop talking.*) Ah, why Ethel, what on earth are you talking about?
- Ricky: Roo-cy! Now what did I yell you about signing up for teez get-rich-quick pyrameed schemes.

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Lucy: But Ricky, I only have to sell one case of Vitameatavegamin a day, and once I get other people (*motions toward Alice & Trixie*) selling it too, I can be pulling down a six figure salary inside of a year.

Ricky: Six figures? Sez who?

Lucy: My sales rep. The man who sold me...I mean, supplied my first case.

Ricky: Roo-cy, how many cases of tat snake oil ave jou bought?

Lucy: Well (*points under the table*) just the one...today.

Ethel: But Lucy, what about the five cases in my apartment?

Lucy: Why, Ethel, don't be silly. That was last week's supply. Besides, those are yours and Fred's.

Fred: Ours? (*Ethel shrugs.*) Ethel!!

Ricky: Roo-cy!

Lucy: Well, sales start slow...but my sales rep says they'll pick right up.

Fred: Yeah, well they better, because I gotta get the 20 cases out of apartments 3E and 3F so the Kramden's and Norton's can move in.

Ricky: Twenty cases? ow long av jou been dooing tis, Roocy?

Lucy: Just a month...or two.

Fred: Rick, that's why I'm here. I gotta' get the Kramden's apartment cleared out so he can move in his furniture.

Ethel: Yeah, Fred just got through convincing Mr. Kramden

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to stay after some Spanish speaking guy insulted him while he was unloading his furniture.

- Fred: Spanish speaking? Say, Rick, you aren't the guy that called my new tenants "Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum" are you?
- Ricky: Well, I...
- Lucy: Perfect gentleman, huh? Kept it in Spanish, huh?
- Ricky: I couldn't elp it. Tere's no Spanish words for Weedle Dee and Weedle Dum! *(Ralph enters.)*
- Ralph: *(To Ed.)* Norton...get in here! *(Ed enters room carrying box of Vitameatavegamin).*
- Ed: Right here, Ralphy!
- Ralph: *(To Fred.)* Mertz, where do you want my men to put these boxes? *(Marx brothers enter with boxes & hand truck, moving all around room in confused fashion.)*
- Groucho: *(Comes to the front in an aside to the audience.)* And you thought we couldn't make this skit any more ridiculous?
- Chico: *(To Ralph).* Hey, boss, what-a you want I do with the boxes.
- Fred: Put them anywhere.
- Chico: Anywhere? No. That's a no good. We gotta put-a them somewhere.
- Ed: *(Norton looks at Ricky.)* Hey, Ralph, isn't that the guy you tried to hire for a nickel?
- Ralph: Yeah, well I want my nickel back.
- Alice: *(To Trixie)* Told you he wouldn't part with a nickel. *(To Ralph.)* Well, Tweedle Dee...

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- Ed: Hey, Alice, not to get technical, but I think I'm Tweedle Dee. Ralph, according to Pedro here, is Tweedle Dum.
- Trixie: That's my Ed, always a stickler for protocol. He didn't swim his way to the top of the city sewer department just on good looks alone.
- Alice: *(To Ralph.)* Well, Tweedle DUM, Pedro is our new neighbor.
- Ralph: Oh no he's not. Come on, Alice, we're outta' here. *(Ralph and Alice prepare to leave.)*
- Ed: Well, if Ralph's not staying, I'm not stayin. Come on, Trixie, we're outta' here too. *(Trixie & Ed prepare to leave.)*
- Fred: *(To Ricky)* Now you've done it Rick!
- Ricky: *(Sarcastic.)* Who's Rick, I'm Pedro.
- Fred: Well Pedro, you've just cost me two renters.
- Lucy: And you've cost me two sold cases of product.
- Groucho: And you've cost me two nickels.
- Harpo: *(Honks horn three times.)*
- Groucho: Make that three nickels.
- Ethel: I'm confused.
- Lucy: Waah! *(Classic Lucy cry.)*
- Harpo: *(Honks horn a bunch of times.)*
Chico: Hold it everyone. No one-a leave-a the room. Harpo has-a the answer.
- Groucho: *(To audience.)* This oughta' be good! Sixth page of the skit, and we're finally getting the words of wisdom, and they're coming from the only actor who can't speak.

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- Harpo: *(Honks horn a bunch of times.)*
- Groucho: *(To Chico.)* So, what's he say, Sherlock?
- Chico: He says, just-a like-a those old-a fashioned television shows where everyone is a best-a friends with their neighbor and everyone is one-a big happy family, God wants his church family to live-a together as-a one happy family.
- Groucho: You got all that out of that fog horn? I gotta trade this cigar in for a horn.
- Harpo: *(Honks horn a bunch of times.)*
- Chico: He says-a the Apostle Paul-a in second-a Corinthians 13:11 tells-a the church in Corinth to "aim-a for perfection, listen to my appeal-a, be of one mind, live-a in peace. And the God of love-a and peace will-a be with-a you."
- Groucho: That's easy for him to say. He's mute.
- Chico: Yeah, an he can't speak-a either.
- Alice: Yeah, and what if the people around us (looks at Ralph) are loud, cheap, and pig-headed?
- Ed: Or tend to be bossy?
- Ralph: Or insult us in Spanish?
- Ricky: Or make fun of the way we speak?
- Fred: Or cost us money?
- Lucy: Or don't appreciate our clever ideas?
- Ethel: Or constantly get us in trouble with their clever ideas?
- Groucho: Or dresses us up in these funny costumes and makes

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us do these skits?

Harpo: *(Honks horn a bunch of times.)*

Chico: He says-a while-a the need to get along and-a not-a just-a tolerate everyone's differences—but even appreciate them--while living together in-a harmony doesn't just-a make for good-a old fashioned television show. It applies to real Christians in a church setting too.

Alice: It's just like in Genesis Chapter 1, when God made all things with a different purpose, but in a way that his purpose would be accomplished.

Ed: He created the first man, Adam, but then realized he'd need a mate, so he created Eve. Kind of like Me and Trixie.

Trixie: And then in Matthew when Jesus gave his followers his parting instructions, he told them to go do his work of building the church body, knowing full well that each follower was equipped with a different set of tools to build different parts of the body.

Ricky: We can't all be all be Cuban Band Leaders.

Ralph: Or bus drivers.

Ed: Or sewer workers.

Lucy: Or sellers of Vitameatavegamin.

Groucho: Vitameatavegamin ...now that's the funniest word I've ever heard.

All: Ugh. *(Exit Music)*