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Let me tell you about the economy. I often walk from the Arts Center Station to my roommate's job at Earthlink. Now, my roommate had told me about a particular bum that he crosses paths with at random times during lunch. Sometimes the bum will be at Colony Square. Other times he could be at the 17th Street Starbucks. His solicitation is always the same though. He simply asks, "Wanna hear a joke for a quarter?"

Well, today I was walking towards the 17th Street Starbucks when a homeless man approached me. He was soft spoken, but I heard him very well. He simply asked, "Wanna hear a joke for fifty cents?"

Remembering my roommate talk about how he was constantly annoyed by a bum who asks if you wanted to hear a joke for a quarter, I started busting a gut as I replied, "No, thank you. I just got one for free." I'm sure he'll never get why I was chuckling. Times are hard when a bum has to raise the price on his jokes. That's your sign that the economy is going downhill.