

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Speaker 1 ([00:01](#)):

Sweetie, come on, take a look, sweetheart. Shades, five bucks.

Popeye ([00:04](#)):

I'm Popeye. We're on the corner of Monument and Colleton.

Speaker 1 ([00:08](#)):

I got some nice shades that fit you.

Popeye ([00:10](#)):

I'm a salesman. I sell body oils, incense, socks.

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Speaker 1 ([00:14](#)):

Socks out, socks out. Hello, ladies.

Popeye ([00:16](#)):

Basically, the people come past me to get to the market. When they leave out the market, they come pass me, they'll purchase something, and keep going. So, it's a convenience for me to make a couple dollars the honest way.

Speaker 1 ([00:28](#)):

Put a smile on that pretty face. There you go. I got shades.

Popeye ([00:32](#)):

My early years, I've done a lot of things that I shouldn't have done, but I changed my life around. And for the last 30 years I've been okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:42](#)):

Hi, pretty.

Speaker 3 ([00:43](#)):

Hi.

Speaker 1 ([00:43](#)):

Don't you lose all that money in your pocketbook.

Speaker 3 ([00:46](#)):

I have [inaudible 00:00:48].

Popeye ([00:47](#)):

Peace be unto you and everybody.