

The Shop
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INT: SHOP - DAY

A SHOP ASSISTANT (40) in denim rests his arms on a dusty, wooden shop counter. Behind him on just as dirty shelves are a number of boxes with 'specialist goods' and 'normal goods' written on them in large writing. Other fonts on the packages are too small to be deciphered. A CUSTOMER (35) opens the entrance and greets the WORKER.

CUSTOMER

Hello, Sir. I believe this is one of the most well stocked shops in the country...

SHOP ASSISTANT

It sure is! Anything you want, we've got it...

CUSTOMER

Ok great. First of all, I want a fog light.

SHOP ASSISTANT

No problem.

The SHOP ASSISTANT turns around and grabs a package. He then hands it to the CUSTOMER.

CUSTOMER

This is very light. Are you sure a fog light is in here?

SHOP ASSISTANT

Have a look for yourself.

The CUSTOMER opens it with care. A small amount of steam comes out of it. The CUSTOMER narrows his eyes on the EMPLOYEE.

CUSTOMER

Are you trying to rip me off?

The ASSISTANT hits the desk.

SHOP ASSISTANT

What? No!

CUSTOMER

Then why is there no light in there??

The ASSISTANT rolls his eyes and laughs.

SHOP ASSISTANT

Ohhh, you wanted a light for your car! I thought you wanted a small amount of fog!

CUSTOMER

Oh, fog light. I've never heard of that before, but I see the confusion. You don't have any lights for cars?

SHOP ASSISTANT

Sorry, no. All sold out. Just now, in fact. Is there anything else you're after? Remember, this is one of the biggest and best shops in the country.

The CUSTOMER examines the stock carefully.

CUSTOMER

Yes. Do you have any Two Ronnies DVDs?

SHOP ASSISTANT

You came here for a light and a DVD?

CUSTOMER

No, it's just that this situation is reminding me of a sketch by The Two Ronnies...

SHOP ASSISTANT

Oh you mean the one of the annoying idiot customer?

The CUSTOMER growls.

CUSTOMER

Yes, but...

SHOP ASSISTANT

Very funny!

CUSTOMER

Yes, but the other way round! YOU'RE the idiot!

The ASSISTANT clears his throat.

SHOP ASSISTANT

Fine. Is there anything else you REALLY want?

CUSTOMER

I want a CD player for my car.

SHOP ASSISTANT

Sure thing.

The SHOP ASSISTANT turns around again, to get another box. He hands it to the CUSTOMER who opens its top and looks into it.

CUSTOMER
Ah, you've misunderstood me again.

The ASSISTANT scratches his head.

SHOP ASSISTANT
What have I done this time?

CUSTOMER
You've given me a device that plays
CDs...

SHOP ASSISTANT
Yes?

CUSTOMER
I wanted a CD that likes to chat up
other CDs.

The ASSISTANT grits his teeth.

SHOP ASSISTANT
A CD player?? Why didn't you say so?

CUSTOMER
Just a mistake that can happen to
anyone.

The ASSISTANT nods.

SHOP ASSISTANT
(mumbling)
Dickhead.

CUSTOMER
What??

The ASSISTANT smiles excessively.

SHOP ASSISTANT
I'm sorry. It won't happen again and I
don't have a CD player. To make things
right between us, would you like two
of the best pens in the world?

CUSTOMER
That would be nice, thanks.

The ASSISTANT coolly reaches into his trouser pocket and hands
two pens with cars on the end of them to the CUSTOMER.

CUSTOMER
What are these?

SHOP ASSISTANT
Mercedes Pens!

CUSTOMER
Is that supposed to be funny?

SHOP ASSISTANT
Yeah!

CUSTOMER
Ok, one more thing; do you have any
tires?

SHOP ASSISTANT
Su...

CUSTOMER
Because I'm tired of you, you prick!
Bye!

The CUSTOMER runs away.