

Games Shop  
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INT. GAMES SHOP - DAY

Several dozens of games, consoles and related equipment are stacked on the walls and even more are housed in a number of shelves in the middle of the area. A good few SHOPPERS browse the products. JAMES faces a suited CASHIER (20) standing behind a checkout. He has stacks of boxes behind him.

JAMES

Hello, I've broken my controller for my XSocks so I'd like another, please.

CASHIER

Ok, may I ask how you broke it?

JAMES

I didn't get enough sleep, so when I got out of bed in a daze I tried to put it on my foot.

CASHIER

Ah, XSocks I see the problem there.

JAMES

Thanks for being so understanding.

CASHIER

Would you like a wired controller? They're cheaper than wireless ones.

JAMES looks offended.

JAMES

Why would I like a wired controller?

CASHIER

It comes with a wire. It doesn't mean it's anxious like I know you think it does...

JAMES

How did you know that?

CASHIER

It's written on your face.

JAMES

Who did that?

CASHIER

Oh I get it, you have autism.

JAMES

It's a pain that never ends...

CASHIER

May I ask who wrote 'go away' on your face?

JAMES

It was me.

CASHIER

Look, do you want a controller with or without wires?

JAMES

Oh I'll make a wired controller.

CASHIER

Are you threatening my products?

JAMES stares hard at a controller on a wall.

CASHIER

Please stop giving my controllers death stares...

JAMES

Oh, am I making them wired? How much am I devaluing your products? A lot? I can put you out of business, you know?

CASHIER

I'll try to explain as best I can. You are NOT making my products wired. Ok? First up wires in this case means 'with wires', second it's simply not possible to make electronic equipment anxious, it's not advanced enough.

JAMES

Well your products suck, then.

CASHIER

You really are a scumbag aren't you? If my stuff ever got human-like intelligence I'd show it love and support.

JAMES

How are you going to do that when you're making me wired?

CASHIER

Oh good, you've used the word 'wired' correctly, that's something.

JAMES

You're making me anxious, right?

CASHIER

I guess. If so, I'm very sorry. Is there any other way I can help you?

JAMES

Just checking, but you haven't made wires come out of me have you? If you have, I will be suing.

The CASHIER gives JAMES a good look.

CASHIER

Nope you look fine to me.

JAMES

Fine to you or fine for robots?

CASHIER

Because robots have wires coming out of them?

JAMES

Some do...

CASHIER

I think we should just start this whole conversation again.

JAMES

Ok...

The CASHIER readjusts his tie.

CASHIER

Would you like a new controller for your XSocks?

JAMES looks embarrassed.

JAMES

Yes, I broke it after mistaking it for a sock...

CASHIER

Ok, would you like one with wires or without wires?

JAMES

That was a lot clearer, thanks.

CASHIER

Well?

JAMES

A cheaper one, please. I'm having budget problems because of various legal issues.

CASHIER

Ah a wired controller?

JAMES

Eh?

The CASHIER goes white and JAMES goes red.

CASHIER

No, that's not what I meant!

JAMES

You shady (expletive)!

CASHIER

What did you call me?

JAMES

You heard! If not, it rhymes with 'duck'.

CASHIER

Look, your grasp of the English language is very poor, as is your ability to memorise information. I suggest you come back when you've grown up.

JAMES

Are you wired?

CASHIER

I guess so...

JAMES

Yeah, well I don't like being served by robots with or without wires so I'm going to complain.

The CASHIER looks around the room in disbelief.

CASHIER

Now you've misunderstood the word 'wired' in the way I first used it!

JAMES  
Wired can also mean 'send a  
telegram'...

CASHIER  
Are you going to send a telegram to  
me?

JAMES  
You know what, I think I will...

CASHIER  
You have to do that at home, right?

JAMES  
I sure do...

CASHIER  
Ok, bye then?

JAMES  
Bye...

CASHIER  
Oh and before you go, would you like  
to say what the telegram will be  
about?

JAMES  
Wires!

CASHIER  
Great, bye.

JAMES leaves the shop as another CUSTOMER gets served.