

"Empty Box Toy Store"

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FADE IN:

INT. IMAGINATION TOY STORE - MIDDAY

CUSTOMER 1

Hi, I'm looking to buy a birthday present for my niece, she's turning 8 years old today.

SHOP CLERK

Aw, 8 years old, that's cute. Such a precious age 8 is. Well, we have a lovely doll set right here she might like.

CUSTOMER 1

She does already have quite the Barbie collection.

SHOP CLERK PULLS OUT A SHOE BOX OUT FROM UNDER THE COUNTER. OPENS THE BOX AND PULLS OUT A POPSICLE STICK FIGURE WITH PAPER CLOTHING.

SHOP CLERK

Here you go. See she comes with different outfits for playing dress up and she your niece can brush it's hair too.

CUSTOMER 1

(confused)
... uh, no, not quite what I'm looking for.

SHOP CLERK

Oh I see, she's more the tomboy type. Well, how about this Thomas the Tank Engine toy. Comes with the train engine and full set of cars to connect to.

CUSTOMER 1

This isn't a train set.

SHOP CLERK

I'm sure it looks different not on the tracks. But I assure you she'll love it.

CUSTOMER 1

(in an angry tone)

NO! It not it's not that it doesn't look like a train set, it's made out of empty toilet paper rolls and string!

SHOP CLERK

(patronizingly)

No it's not, it's a train set. See it says so right here on the side.

CUSTOMER 1

IT'S WRITTEN IN MARKER!

SHOP CLERK

Okay, okay. I can see that you don't get it. I have something maybe more to your liking. Here is a kid's cellphone. She can make calls to all her favorite Sesame Street characters with it.

CUSTOMER 1

Yes, that will be perfect, she loves Sesame Street.

SHOP CLERK pulls out from the counter an old, broken, cell phone.

CUSTOMER 1

What is this?

SHOP CLERK

It's a toy cell phone, like I told you.

CUSTOMER 1

No, it's not a toy, it's an old flip phone with a Sesame Street sticker on the back. The battery doesn't work. It doesn't light up, make noise, nothing.

SHOP CLERK

Yeah it does, see.

Presses buttons on phone and makes a beep-boop noise with his mouth.

CUSTOMER 1

You were making that noise with your mouth!

SHOP CLERK

No I wasn't. Look, are you gonna buy the toy cell phone or not? Because we don't take credit cards.

CUSTOMER 1

(sarcasticly)

Cash only?! (sigh) How much for the phone?

SHOP CLERK

Hundred-and-fifty bucks.

CUSTOMER 1

(outraged)

WHAT?! A hundred-and-fifty bucks for an old cellphone?! I could give her one of my old ones for free.

SHOP CLERK

Yeah but it wouldn't be a Sesame Street phone. And hand-crafted toys do a lot sir.

CUSTOMER 2 walks into the shop.

CUSTOMER 2

Excuse me sir, do you have an astronaut helmet for my little boy?

SHOP CLERK pulls out from the shelf above him a cullender, hands it to the woman.

SHOP CLERK

Yes, right here. That'll be \$129.99.

CUSTOMER 2 pulls out a large wad of cash, hands it to the SHOP CLERK, thanks him, and leaves.

CUSTOMER 1

A hundred-and-thirty dollars for a spaghetti strainer? Are you fucking serious?!

SHOP CLERK

What do you mean spaghetti
strainer? It's clearly a spaceman
helmet.

CUSTOMER 1

Look, do you have any educational
toys?

SHOP CLERK

Does your niece like to read?
Because do have an eReader
designed specificity for children.

CUSTOMER 1

YES! She loves to read! Just let
me have that and that'll be it.

SHOP CLERK

Hold on one second, I have to go
grab it from downstairs.

SHOP CLERK turns around, and pretends to walk down
stairs behind the counter. Comes back up the pretend
stairs.

SHOP CLERK

Here you go.

CUSTOMER 1

(confused)

You didn't even go... you just...
(sigh) never mind. Let me see the
eReader.

SHOP CLERK hands CUSTOMER 1 a manilla folder. CUSTOMER
1 with a confused look on his face on his face opens
the folder.

CUSTOMER 1

This is the eReader? For kids?

SHOP CLERK

Yup, very popular. She can
downland any book she wants to it.

CUSTOMER 1

(holding back anger)

This isn't an eReader.

SHOP CLERK

Of course it is. What would you
call it?

CUSTOMER 1

What would I call it? What would I call it? I call it a folder with a library card in it! And it's your LIBRARY CARD!

SHOP CLERK

She can get any book she wants to read with it. Five-hundred dollars please.

CUSTOMER 1

(angerly through
his teeth)

Do you have any normal toys for kids?

SHOP CLERKS pulls out other toys and CUSTOMER 1 knocks them out of his hands.

SHOP CLERK

Board Game? Lightsabers? What about the Princess Play Castle.

CUSTOMER 1

This is ridiculous.

CUSTOMER 1 storms out of shop.

EXT. IMAGINATION TOY STORE - MIDDAY

CUSTOMER 1 walks out of toy store, gets into a Fisher Price toy car, peddles away.

FADE OUT.

THE END