When Fashion Fights Back: Understanding Returns

Return Avengers: Mission Impostible

"Mission: To reduce product returns in fashion e-commerce"







- **Profit Eaters**
- Inventory Hostages
- **Customer Satisfaction Killers**

The problem:

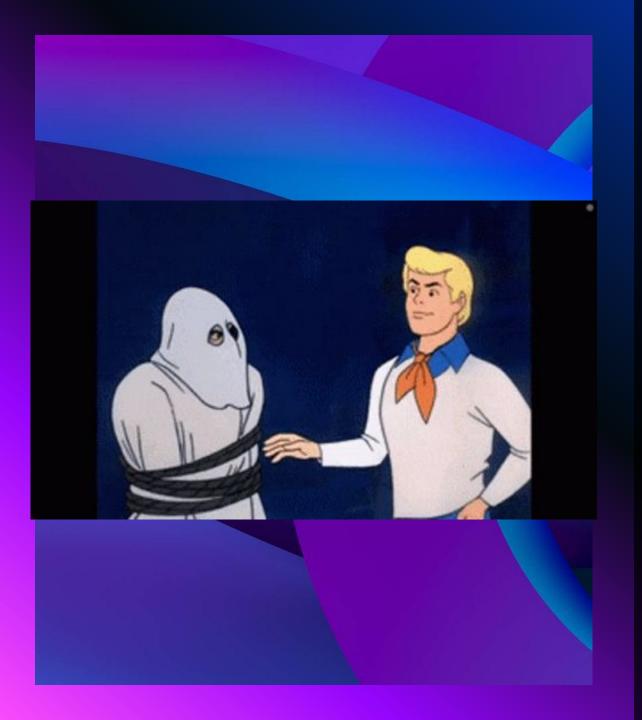
Which customer and product features best predict product returns in e-commerce, and how can retailers use this to reduce returns?



How we uncovered the clues: our data & methodology

- We went digging: ASOS and TheLook datasets.
- We connected the dots: Who? What? Why? Where?
- We built a crystal ball: No magic, just math!





Meet the Return Villains! (The usual suspects)

- 1 Your past predicts your future!
- **2** Some clothes are return magnets!
- **3** Location, location, frustration!



What Doesn't Matter (Spoiler!):

- **1** Gender? Nope!
- 2 Premier membership? Nope!
- 3 Age? doesn't matter much.



How We Stop the Boomerang?!

- Better product pages
- 2 Localized advice
- ∃ Friendly nudges

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- 4 Brand fixes





Communication Strategy (Who Cares & Why)

AUDIENCE: MID-SIZED FASHION RETAILER IN GREECE 👗



- **©** Why This Rocks for E-commerce Retailers?
- Win-Win: Happier customers + fatter profits.
- Pilot it! Start small \rightarrow measure results \rightarrow scale up.
- Fewer returns = more money for cooler things (like MIT interns! 😉).
- Sustainable practices: fewer shipments, greener fashion.





Communication Artifact

Key features:

- Quick visual comparison
- Intuitive, interactive
- Clear takeaways





Scan me!



Returns aren't fate, they're feedback!





THANK YOU

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