

JONAH

What if I send him to the wrong place?

GARRETT

When customers look at us, all they see is a blue vest. So they never complain because they're never sure who they were talking to. It's like a racism that works out really well for us. I'm Garrett.

JONAH

(shaking his hand)

Jonah. Don't we get some kind of training? I've just been walking from one department to another so it looks like I have a purpose.

GARRETT

It works better if you carry a box around.

He tosses him one of his boxes, which is obviously empty.

GARRETT (CONT'D)

See? You'll learn as you go. Just be here on time, don't steal, and stay on the floor supervisor's good side.

JONAH

Who's the floor supervisor?

Garrett points across the store to... Amy. Jonah's face falls.

CUT TO:

INT. SEASONAL ITEMS - MOMENTS LATER

The section is set up for the Back-To-School sale. Amy is scanning items with a PDA. Jonah walks up, pointing to his vest.

JONAH

I never thought of myself as a "vest guy", but now I think I might be a vest guy.

(she smiles a little)

I didn't mean to offend you earlier.

AMY

It's fine. I think hearing the job I've had for ten years described as a "fun adventure" just rubbed me the wrong way.

JONAH

Can we start over? I'm Jonah. And you are:  
(reading her name tag)  
"Georgiana?"

AMY

Oh, that's not mine. I just don't like random strangers using my name as if we're buddies. Like how hookers don't kiss on the lips.

JONAH

So what's your real name?

AMY

(considers him, then)

We can start over, we're not friends yet.

(re: Back-To-School items)

Okay, this stuff is supposed to be 25 percent off, but the POS system is down so we need to discount it all manually. So scan each barcode...

(she scans an item)

then hit "Enter", "Reassign", "Override", code "96315", "Enter", "Reduce", 25 percent so "Point-two-five", "Enter", "Confirm". Got that?

He stares at her blankly.

AMY (CONT'D)

And they say college doesn't prepare you for the real world.

JONAH

It did in some ways. This job requires a comprehensive knowledge of the plays of Henrik Ibsen, right?

She laughs.

JONAH (CONT'D)

That's my point. My dad wanted me to come work at his firm after I graduated, but I don't want to be some sheltered corporate drone with no experience in the real world.

AMY

I guess I can, weirdly, respect that.

JONAH

Plus, I've been in school my entire life. It'll be nice to have a break from using my brain for a while.

(realizing how bad that sounds)

I didn't mean-- Can we start over again?

But before she can respond, Amy spots Bo, the kid she sold the ring to earlier, approaching Cheyenne and getting down on one knee. She shoves the PDA into Jonah's hands.

AMY

Take over.

Jonah starts to protest, but she's already gone.

CUT TO:

INT. CASH REGISTER - CONTINUOUS

Amy speedwalks over to where Bo is proposing. An ELDERLY LADY catches up to her, holding several bottles of pills.

ELDERLY LADY

Excuse me, miss, what's the difference between a stool softener and a laxative?

AMY

Be right with you. Cheyenne, what's going on?

CHEYENNE

My boyfriend asked me to marry him!

BO

Babe, I told you not to call me your boyfriend. We're just having fun.

ELDERLY LADY

I don't want it soft, I want it out of me.

AMY

I didn't realize before that Cheyenne was the lucky girl you'd be proposing to.

BO

Yeah, well, I knocked her up. So my dad said I had to.

CHEYENNE

Aaaahhhh!!!

AMY

I know, so romantic!

ELDERLY LADY

(reading bottle)

"Bulking agent". That sounds like just about the last thing I need.

AMY

You didn't say yes, did you?

CHEYENNE

Why shouldn't I say yes?

Cheyenne gives her a wary look, like, "What are you implying about Bo?" Amy takes her aside and talks to her quietly.

AMY

Look, I know it's easy to get swept up in...

(looks around at surroundings)  
...the romance of the moment. But try to be a little practical and think this through. Don't do something you'll regret for the rest of your life.

The elderly lady, hearing this, takes it to heart as she considers her pill options.

ELDERLY LADY

Yeah, okay, I'll sleep on it.

CUT TO:

INT. SEASONAL ITEMS / RESTAURANT - CONTINUOUS

Jonah looks across the store at Amy. He holds up the PDA triumphantly and waves.

JONAH

I figured it out!

In the store's FAST FOOD RESTAURANT behind her, Dina is on a break, eating a slice of pizza. She looks up from her *Guns & Ammo* to see Jonah smiling and waving. She checks behind her - there's no one there - and concludes he must be waving at her. She wipes the grease off her mouth and bashfully waves back.

Mateo, pushing a cart nearby, sees Jonah smiling proudly.

JONAH (CONT'D)

Big victory for me.

MATEO

No offense, but it's a dog-eat-dog world and you're my competition. So I take no joy in your accomplishments. In all honesty, I root for your failures.

Jonah reacts as Mateo moves on.

CUT TO:

INT. HOUSING SECTION - DAY

A tired, pasty employee sets out suitcases as he stares wistfully at a standup ad of tan models on a tropical beach.

CUT TO:

INT. LIQUOR AISLE - DAY

An exhausted children's party performer, still partially dressed as Elsa (or something clearable) stocks up on vodka. A little girl nearby watches her in disillusionment.

CUT TO:

INT. SPORTING GOODS - LATER

As Amy walks through the store, she notices several customers pushing carts overflowing with high-priced Back-To-School items - everything from computers and iPads to dorm fridges and Aeron chairs. She approaches Glenn, who is talking to Mateo.

MATEO

Think of me as your protégé. I want to learn everything you know about business.

GLENN

I'd be honored. Let's see what we have here: business, business, business...

He leafs through his quote book as Amy approaches.

AMY

Glenn, why is there suddenly a run on Back-To-School items?

GLENN

Must be those commercials.  
(a la Christopher Lloyd)  
Great Scott, Marty, you've got to go back! Back to School!

But Amy's unsure. She glances towards where Jonah is repricing items, and customers are frantically grabbing them off the shelves, as she starts to wonder what's going on...

CUT TO:

INT. CASH REGISTER - SAME TIME

A SOCCER MOM looks on excitedly as Cheyenne scans a giant stack of LAPTOPS, each one coming out to 25¢.

CHEYENNE

Wow, good sale this year.

The soccer mom nods, trying to contain her excitement.

FADE OUT.

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWOINT. SEASONAL ITEMS - MOMENTS LATER

Amy walks quickly through a throng of customers, all of them with carts full of high-priced items. She approaches Jonah.

JONAH

I'm killing it over here. I think that merits you telling me your name.

AMY

And you're only discounting everything 25 percent, right?

JONAH

(demonstrating)

Yep. Scan, Enter, Reassign, Override, 96315, Enter, Reprice, Point-two-five--

AMY

Reduce.

JONAH

Huh?

AMY

Reduce point-two-five. Reprice point-two-five would change the price to 25 cents.

They look around at the frenzy of customers grabbing items off the shelves.

JONAH

Maybe just give me the first letter and I'll try to guess--

Amy turns and sprints off to the front.

AMY

SHUT IT DOWN! SHUT IT ALL DOWN!

CUT TO:

INT. CASH REGISTERS / ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

Cheyenne is checking out a customer, who's buying a top-of-the-line multifunction laser printer, MSRP: \$2799.

CHEYENNE

If you sign up for our Heavenly Shoppers Program, you'll get 15 percent off today's purchase, which would drop your price to 22 cents.

AMY  
(screaming to the cashiers)  
STOP SELLING ALL BACK-TO-SCHOOL ITEMS!

She runs past the cashiers and out to the parking lot,  
passing the MEEK SECURITY GUARD (FRANK) at the front door.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Nobody leaves, Frank!

Frank turns to face the throng of approaching customers, a  
look of fear in his eyes.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARKING LOT - CONTINUOUS

The soccer mom, her minivan packed to the brim with  
merchandise, is trying to get away before anyone realizes  
what happened. Amy runs out to stop her.

AMY  
Ma'am?! I need to recheck those items.

SOCCER MOM  
I paid, I've got a receipt!

She tries to shut the door, but Amy grabs it.

AMY  
Ma'am, wait--

The mom throws a laptop at her. It smashes on the pavement.

SOCCER MOM  
Move! I paid my twelve dollars!

CUT TO:

INT. INTERCOM AREA - CONTINUOUS

Garrett wheels up to the intercom.

GARRETT  
Attention shoppers: There's been a pricing  
error on Back-To-School items. For more,  
let's go to Too-Good-To-Be-True Stu.  
(doing a voice of stupid person)  
"Well, I thought it made sense that a  
\$2,000 computer was on sale for 25 cents."  
(back to Garrett)  
No Stu, that was obviously a mistake.  
You're an idiot.

CUT TO:

INT. SEASONAL ITEMS - CONTINUOUS

Jonah is trying to explain what's going on to a man with a very full cart who doesn't speak any English. He unconsciously falls into that thing where you speak stilted English to a foreigner, as if that will help them understand.

JONAH

No, what I'm saying is, these aren't 25 cents. No two-five cent. So if you buy thinking "I pay one quarter", you be sad. These no sale, I push wrong button, feel very bad.

FOREIGN MAN

*[continuous string of a different language]*

CUT TO:

EXT. PARKING LOT - CONTINUOUS

Amy's trying to avoid the laptops, tablets, and phones that the soccer mom is hurling at her.

SOCCER MOM

Move! Move! Move! Move! Move! Move!

CUT TO:

INT. SPORTING GOODS - CONTINUOUS

Glenn, oblivious to the chaos, is reading quotes to Mateo.

GLENN

"I was told to avoid the business because of the rejection." -Jennifer Aniston.  
"Having haters is just a part of the business." -Nick Jonas.

CUT TO:

INT. ENTRANCE AREA - CONTINUOUS

Customers are swarming to leave. Frank is pleading:

FRANK

Please, I'm not allowed to let you through. Please, please, please...

He's about to be overpowered. Then Dina steps up with a shotgun and fires it in the air. Everyone steps back.

DINA

SALE'S OVER!!

CUT TO:



INT. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM - A LITTLE LATER

Our employees are being forced to watch another corporate video, this one about employee error.

ON SCREEN: Christopher Lloyd is kneeling beside the Young Employee at a spill in the aisle.

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD

Your one little mistake could have a ripple effect on the whole future!

(looks to camera)

Always be precise, whether you're selling sticks of chewing gum or flux capacitors.

GARRETT

I don't understand why he doesn't travel back in time and warn her about these things before-hand. I think he just likes being the "I told you so" guy.

Jonah looks at Glenn, who stands beside the monitor.

JONAH

Do you really need to make everyone watch this? I'm the one who--

GLENN

Bup bup bup! There's no need to embarrass whoever it is whose fault this was. Besides, we can all learn a lesson here.

MATEO

Would that lesson be not letting Jonah reprice inventory in the future?

GLENN

It might be, yes.

Jonah shakes his head in humiliation. He looks around the room, finally making eye contact with Amy. She shakes her head with a little smile that makes Jonah feel better.

Then Jonah leans over to Garrett, who is sitting beside him, eating from a bag of microwave popcorn as if they're watching a real movie and not a corporate video. He whispers:

JONAH

*What's the deal with dating between staff and supervisors? Is that frowned on?*

GARRETT

*I don't know, why?*

JONAH

*Just curious.*

Dina, sitting in back of them, overhears this and thinks he's talking about him and her. She blushes nervously and beams.

BACK ONSCREEN:

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD

Errors can hurt a company, much like a union. If you hear any discussion of unions, call 1-800-UNION-BAD.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUD 9 - GENERAL

A dad pushes a stroller, onto which he's loaded a bunch of (lightweight) products. Beneath the products, we see the legs of his daughter poking out.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUD 9 RESTAURANT - DAY

Glenn sits at a table in the restaurant, working on a jigsaw puzzle. He pounds two pieces together that aren't meant to fit. Cheyenne takes a seat across from him.

CHEYENNE

Glenn, you've been married a long time.

GLENN

Thirty-five wonderful years.

He shows her the puzzle - a hodgepodge of disjointed jigsaw pieces that shouldn't be together.

GLENN (CONT'D)

Paris. Weird city.

CHEYENNE

Do you ever regret it?

GLENN

What, getting married? Never. It takes work, sure, but it's worth it.

CHEYENNE

Thanks. That's a relief to hear.

GLENN

Three words: Life's Works Megachurch.  
(off Cheyenne's reaction)  
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