

# UNTITLED SCREENPLAY

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CUSTOMER - VOICE OF REASON

EMPLOYEE - MID 30'S GUY

INT GAMESTOP

A man walks up to the register at gamestop with a copy of the new Mario Party

CUSTOMER

Hows it going

EMPLOYEE

Oh nice! The new Mario Party.  
You'll love it.

CUSTOMER

Thanks, yea its for my daughter.

EMPLOYEE

Oh she's gonna get a kick out of those new minigames. Cash or Card?

CUSTOMER

haha I bet. Card

CUSTOMER hands over his credit card

EMPLOYEE

Would you like to sign up for Gamestop powerup rewards?

CUSTOMER

Ah no thats alright

EMPLOYEE

Are you sure? It comes with a monthly digital subscription to the GameInformer magazine?

CUSTOMER

No thanks I appericiate it

Employee clacks away on the register for a bit

EMPLOYEE

(quickly)

Wannacometomybirthdayparty?

CUSTOMER

(leaning in)

Sorry what?

Beat

EMPLOYEE

Wanna come to my birthday party?  
We're actually gonna be playing the new MP there

CUSTOMER

MP?

EMPLOYEE

Yea, Mario Party, the game you're buying?

CUSTOMER

Ohhh, yea no I, don't think so I'm-

EMPLOYEE

My sister Carolyn couldn't come because she had to go to a funeral so we're 1 short of a full party.

EMPLOYEE's energy is slowly increasing

CUSTOMER

Oh, thats - Im sorry to hea-

EMPLOYEE

I'd let my mom play but she always picks Peach and ruins everything.

CUSTOMER

Oh-

EMPLOYEE

It's tonight. We're heading right there after my shift ends. We just cleaned out my mom's car so there's space in the back if you-

CUSTOMER

Hey look Im really sorry but I just met you. I'm not coming to your birthday party.

Longer beat, Silence

EMPLOYEE

(defused)

Would you like to sign up for Gamestop Powerup Rewards? It comes with a monthly digital subscription to the GameInformer magazine.

CUSTOMER

(frustrated)

No, you already asked me that-

EMPLOYEE

(flaring anger)

YEA Because you said NO last time.

Another longer beat. EMPLOYEE is sprawled on the register

CUSTOMER

Is, the, chip reader broken or-

EMPLOYEE

(stern)

I haven't ran your card yet.

Longer beat - EMPLOYEE pulls themselves together and sluggishly starts ringing up CUSTOMER

They finish the transaction very stiffly

CUSTOMER starts walking out of the gamestop relieved. Right as they open the door to leave:

EMPLOYEE

I Hope you lose.

CUSTOMER stops, looks over sholder

CUSTOMER

What?

EMPLOYEE

I Hope that you're having a good game. I hope your daughter is 2 stars and 40 coins behind you - a firm lead - you're not even afraid of the bonus stars. you decide to buy a gold pipe even though its useless as the final turn has already started - your win is inevitable regardless. Its your daughters turn. She roles a 6 - her age - you've memorized this course and don't even need to watch the screen to know she's about to land on a red space - further sealing her demise. But whats this? After she coughs up 6 coins - her age - a block appears above her head - yoshi's head to be specific. Improbably she gets a star from that hidden block. Surprised isn't what you're feeling since you know it was the first of the game, and it falls within the normal distribution. No matter, you're still 1 star and 26 coins ahead. Time for the minigame. Slaparazzi - you anhilatte your daughter. She's not smart enough to know how to edge people out of the photograph by slap spamming. Pathetic. If your math is correct - and it is - this should seal the Minigame star cementing your victory. You watch with bordem as the first bonus star is revealed: Slowpoke. Clearly your daughter wins this one - she never bought a

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EMPLOYEE (cont'd)

single dice and only went around the board once - funny how these games reward mediocrity. The final bonus is up next. The minigame star is statistically the most common so you don't get a chance to start to worry before the reveal:

The Red Space Star. Only an imbicle would add such an uninteresting and pedestrian reward. You stand there, motionless, as your 6 year old daughter - her age - cheers and yips. "Daddy I won!" She screams. You want to die. You lost to a child. And you know what? In that moment? All will be right with the world.

A very long pause as the customer stares blankly at the employee.

CUSTOMER

(to audience)

IS THAT DIGITAL MAGAZINE STILL  
AVAILABLE???