## CASHLESS

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Setting is a video store counter. A cashier is behind the counter serving customers. Two customers hand the cashier their card. She taps it and hands it back with a receipt. A third customer hands her cash. She automatically taps it on the machine. When it doesn't work she tries again, then she realizes she's been handed cash. She is not sure what to do.

**CASHIER** 

I'm sorry, you don't happen to have your card, do you?

CUSTOMER

Ah, no I left it at home.

**CASHIER** 

You....left it at home?

**CUSTOMER** 

Yes, I had plenty of cash on me so I didn't think I would need it.

**CASHIER** 

Oh, well that was rather thoughtless, wasn't it?

CUSTOMER

Sorry?

**CASHIER** 

Well, what if you needed it for something, you know like buying a DVD.

**CUSTOMER** 

But I am buying a DVD, with cash.

**CASHIER** 

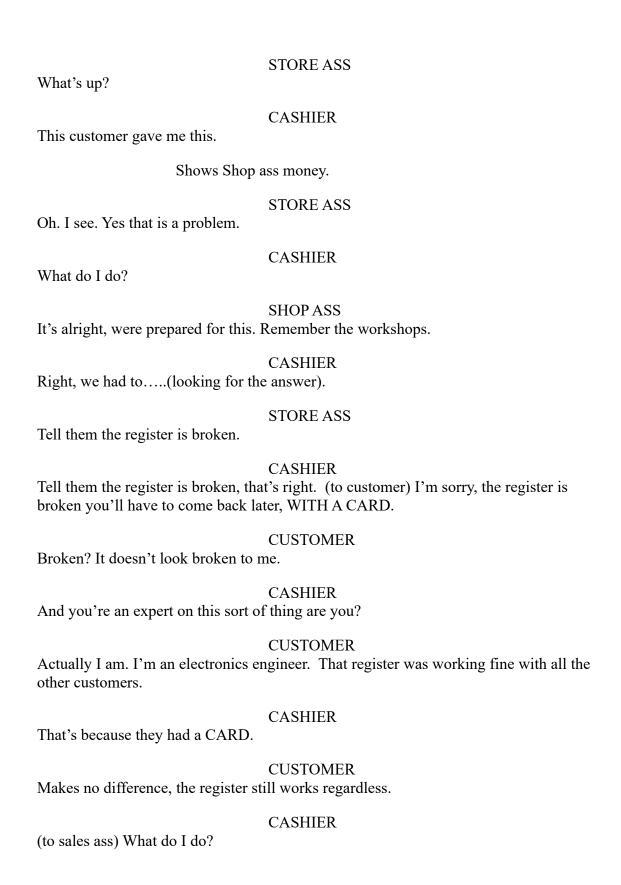
Yes, ah, excuse me one moment.

She speaks into a microphone.

**CASHIER** 

Could I get assistance to the counter please. Assistance to the counter. (to customer) Won't be a moment.

A store assistant enters.



## STORE ASS

I'll handle this. (to customer) Now look here sir, you can't come in here flashing cash all over the place and expect to be served.

CUSTOMER

Yes I can. Isn't that the point?

STORE ASS

Well...uh... One moment please.

CASHIER

What do we do?

STORE ASS

Give me a second. I'll call the manager.

The store assistant take out his phone & hits a button.

## STORE ASS

Hello, Sir. Uh..sorry to disturb you, It's (insert name here) from Sound & Vision. Yes, We have a slight problem, sir. A customer came in with cash. Tell security to kick him out? Isn't that a bit extreme? Yes, I understand, desperate measures for desperate circumstances. Thank you sir, sorry to bother you.

CASHIER

What did he say?

STORE ASS

If all else fails kick him out.

CUSTOMER

What was that all about?

STORE ASS

Just consulting with management, sir, nothing to worry.

CUSTOMER

I don't understand all the fuss. I have the money, I just want to pay and be on my way.

STORE ASS

Yes, well it's not as simple as that...

CUSTOMER

Not as simple! This is ridiculous. Here is the the DVD, Here is the cash, Put the cash in the till log the payment and give me a receipt. It can't get any simpler than that.

CASHIER Are you telling me how to do my job? **CUSTOMER** Well, clearly the basics of it seem to have eluded you. **CASHIER** So, you're saying I'm stupid? CUSTOMER I...wouldn't put it like that. CASHIER How would you put it then? CUSTOMER (trying to find the words) Incapable of handling something outside your area of expertise. **CASHIER** You think I'm an idiot. (to Store Assistant) Did you hear that, he called me an idiot. CUSTOMER I didn't say that. CASHIER Are you going to stand there and let him talk to me like that? STORE ASS This has gone far enough. I think you should leave. CUSTOMER No! I want this DVD. STORE ASS If you don't leave I'm going to call security. CUSTOMER This is absurd, I'm not leaving without this DVD.

STORE ASS

It's just a DVD, you can buy it somewhere else.

CUSTOMER

I don't have time for that.

STORE ASS

If it's that important you can make the time.

CASHIER

I don't understand why a grown man would want to watch Titanic anyway.

CUSTOMER

My wife asked me to get it.

CASHIER

Your wife. Really" (she doesn't believe him).

STORE ASS

And you do everything your wife tells you, do you? (slight laugh)

The cashier gives the store assistant a death stare. The Store assistant shuffles uncomfortably.

CUSTOMER

Alright, it's for me. So what?

CASHIER

I bet you don't even have a wife, do you?

CUSTOMER

Well, no. Actually I have a toothless cat, but that's beside the point.

CASHIER

Let me spare you three hours of grief, The boat sinks, she survives and the guy drowns, end of story.

CUSTOMER

Well thanks a lot.

**CASHIER** 

You're welcome. Now you don't need the DVD. Goodbye.

CUSTOMER

No! I want this DVD. I want to see the whole movie from start to finish.

CASHIER

Then come back with a card.

**CUSTOMER** 

I refuse to go home to get a card just because you can't do your job.

CASHIER

He's calling me stupid again. This is harassment, I'm not gong to stand here and take this.

STORE ASS

Bullying is an offense. If you don't leave now I'm calling the police.

CUSTOMER

I'm not bullying anyone.

CASHIER

You called me an idiot four times.

CUSTOMER

It was only three.