

RETAIL

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INT. DOMINIK'S HEAD - DAY

DEMONS, jumping up and down, obviously bored.

DEMON 1

You have this emptiness in side of you!

DEMON 2

You need to fill it!

DEMON 1

You could buy *a thing*?

DEMON 2

Yes! Buy *a thing*!

DEMON 1

Buy *a thing*!

BOTH DEMONS

(chanting)

Buy *a thing*!

INT. DOMINIK'S LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

DOMINIK (VOICE OVER)

(Using his iPad)

Sometimes I just feel the need to buy *a thing*. And usually - shocking, I know - I want to support the local stores. Not that the local stores here need much support.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. BORDER BETWEEN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND - AFTERNOON

It's chaos. Cars are jammed in both directions. Pedestrians everywhere, queueing at the tax refund counter or walking from or to their haphazardly parked vehicles.

CUT BACK TO:

INT. DOMINIK'S LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

DOMINIK (VOICE OVER)
(using his iPad)
I'm even willing to spend a bit more there. I know that the stores need to pay their employees and rent and all these things. Plus it is always a nice convenience to get *a thing* right away and not have to wait a whole day until it is shipped from some online shop.

EXT. STREET - AFTERNOON

DOMINIK (VOICE OVER)
(walking to town)
So, now after I have done my research on the internet I now know exactly what type of *a thing* I very obviously need. And I know that we have a specialist store for exactly this thing in town.

INT. STORE - AFTERNOON

The store is full of things.

DOMINIK
Hello! My name is Dominik, I want to spend money here!

BORED SALESPERSON
Huh? Okay. Hm. How can I help you?

DOMINIK
I would like to buy *this thing*.

BORED SALESPERSON
Let me ask my coworker if we have a thing like that in our store.

Some time passes. A tumbleweed rolls by. Somewhere in the background the BORED SALESPERSON talks to his SUPERVISOR.

SUPERVISOR

Hello Mr Dominik. I heard you want to buy *this thing*. We don't have it here at the moment but we could order it especially for you. It can be here for you next weekend!

DOMINIK

(dumbfounded)

Next weekend? That's a whole week.

SUPERVISOR

And there's a deposit of 10%.

DOMINIK

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SUPERVISOR

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DOMINIK

Okay, thank you. Have a nice day.

EXT. STORE - AFTERNOON

DOMINIK takes his phone. Four taps in the Amazon app and *the thing* is ordered.

INT. ENTRANCE AREA OF DOMINIK'S FLAT - DAY

The doorbell rings. A FRIENDLY DELIVERYMAN hands over a parcel to DOMINIK.

INT. DOMINIK'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

DOMINIK opens the parcel, marvels at *the thing*.

DOMINIK
Are you happy now?

DEMON 1 (OFFSCREEN)
The thing is nice.

DEMON 2 (OFFSCREEN)
It should do for now. Play with it!

INT. DOMINIK'S HEAD - DAY

It is the next day. DEMONS, sleepy.

DEMON 1
Do you think *the thing* helped with the escapism long enough?

DEMON 2
Maybe even a bit too long.

DEMON 1
Maybe a *new thing* might help?

DEMON 2
(joyful)
We should bring it up.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END