

Tea Shop  
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(Based on Cheese Shop)

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The English Rose Tea Shop

CUSTOMER enters.

CUSTOMER:  
Good Morning.

JASMINE:  
Good morning. Welcome to the  
English Rose.

CUSTOMER:  
Ah, thank you.

JASMINE:  
May I help you?

CUSTOMER:  
I d like to have some tea.

JASMINE:  
Certainly. What would you like?

CUSTOMER:  
Well, eh, how about a little Indian  
Chai?

JASMINE:  
I'm afraid we're fresh out of  
Indian Chai.

CUSTOMER:  
Oh never mind, how are you on  
Darjeeling First Flush?

JASMINE:  
I'm afraid we never have that at  
the end of the week, ma am. We get  
it fresh on Monday.

CUSTOMER:  
Too bad. No matter. Well, I ll have  
some Oolong Black Dragon then,  
please.

JASMINE:  
Ah. It's been on order for two  
weeks. I was expecting it this  
morning.

CUSTOMER:  
It's not my lucky day, is it? Er,  
Ceylon Vithanakande Estate?

JASMINE:  
Sorry, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Tropical Blend?

JASMINE:  
Normally, yes. Today the van broke  
down.

CUSTOMER:  
Ah. Gunpowder?

JASMINE:  
Sorry.

CUSTOMER:  
Typhoo?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Any Ceylon Petiagalla Estate, per  
chance?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Lemon Rooibos?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Raspberry?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Peach?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
English Breakfast?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Darjeeling Second Flush Poobong  
Estate, Frost, Burnside Estate,  
Nilgiri?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

English Breakfast, perhaps?

JASMINE:

Ah! We have English Breakfast!

CUSTOMER:

You do! Excellent.

JASMINE:

Yes, ma am. It's, ah ..... it's a  
bit weak.

CUSTOMER:

Oh, I like it weak.

JASMINE:

Well, it's very weak, actually.

CUSTOMER:

No matter. Bring me the English  
Breakfast. M-mmm!

JASMINE:

I think it's a bit weaker than  
you'll like it.

CUSTOMER:

I don't care how weak it is. Hand  
it over NOW.

JASMINE:

Oh .....

CUSTOMER:

What now?

JASMINE:

The cat's drunk it.

CUSTOMER:

Has he?

JASMINE:  
She, ma am.

(pause)

CUSTOMER:  
Peppermint?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Orange and Spice?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Iced Tea?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Lemonade?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
Irish Breakfast?

JASMINE:  
No, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
You do have some tea, don t you?

JASMINE:  
Of course, ma am. It's a tea shop,  
ma am. We've got .....

CUSTOMER:  
No, no, don't tell me. I'm keen to  
guess.

JASMINE:  
Fair enough.

CUSTOMER:  
Er, JASMINE?

JASMINE:

Yes?

CUSTOMER:

Ah, well, I'll have some of that.

JASMINE:

Oh, I thought you were talking to me. JASMINE, that's my name.

(pause)

CUSTOMER:

Dragonwell?

JASMINE:

Ah, not as such.

CUSTOMER:

Er, White Darjeeling?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Apricot?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Apple Juice?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Blueberry?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Strawberry Kiwi?

JASMINE:

No.

CUSTOMER:

Czech sheep's milk?

JASMINE:  
Not today, ma am, no.

(pause)

CUSTOMER:  
Ah, how about Earl Grey?

JASMINE:  
Well, we don't get much call for it  
around here, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Not much ca- It's the single most  
popular tea in the world!

JASMINE:  
Not round here, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
And what is the most popular tea  
round here?

JASMINE:  
The English Rose Blend.

CUSTOMER:  
Is it.

JASMINE:  
Oh yes, ma am. It's staggeringly  
popular in Pleasanton, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Is it.

JASMINE:  
It's our number-one best seller,  
ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
I see. Ah, English Rose, eh?

JASMINE:  
Right, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
All right. Okay. Have you got any,  
he asked expecting the answer no?

JASMINE:  
I'll have a look, ma am .....  
nnnnnnoooooooooooo.

CUSTOMER:  
It's not much of a TEA shop, is it?

JASMINE:  
Finest in the district, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Explain the logic underlying that  
conclusion, please.

JASMINE:  
Well, it's so clean, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
It's certainly uncontaminated by  
tea.

JASMINE:  
You haven't asked me about  
chamomile, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Is it worth it?

JASMINE:  
Could be.

CUSTOMER:  
Have you got any Chamomile?

JASMINE:  
No.

CUSTOMER:  
That figures. Predictable really, I  
suppose. It was an act of purest  
optimism to have posed the question  
in the first place. Tell me:

JASMINE:  
Yes, ma am?

CUSTOMER:  
Have you in fact got any tea here  
at all?

JASMINE:  
Yes, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Really?

(pause)

JASMINE:  
No. Not really, ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
You haven't.

JASMINE:  
No, ma am, not a drop. I was  
deliberately wasting your time,  
ma am.

CUSTOMER:  
Well, I ll NEVER come here again,  
that s for sure.

JASMINE:  
But wait- we do have a few things  
to offer you, such as goblets of  
Refreshing iced cold water,

MARGARITA pours the water

Warm lavender and rosemary scented  
hand towels to freshen up with,

ASHLEY serves the towels

A LAVISH serving of tea sandwiches,  
savories, scones and sweets  
prepared by our award-winning chef,

JOANN serves the food

A pedicure,

nail CAROL kneels down to CUSTOMER s feet after close-up of  
Polish bottle.

And even a back massage.

NATALIE gives back massage

CUSTOMER:

WOW, with service like this, who  
needs tea? Aaaahhh, keep it up  
A little lower and to the left  
please yes, that s it.

(FINAL SCENE: AT THE FRONT DOOR)

CUSTOMER:

Thanks so much. It was wonderful.  
Goodbye.

(LATER FILM TO ADD IN:)

BARBARA;

(coming out of the  
kitchen)

Did anyone remember to offer her  
the featured tea?