

RETAILED - TV PILOT

ALL DIALOGUE SHOTS ARE CLOSE UPS UNLESS OTHERWISE MENTIONED  
AND OVER A HEADSET

INT. STORE - DAY

The staff of a large retail chain wanders around the store looking for something to do or something to talk about. A general malaise has covered the stores occupants, especially the underpaid employees.

An scantily clad, mid 20s girl, CAIN REILLY, poorly folds new stock in a corner of the store.

CAIN  
What time is it?

JUSTIN CHOI stands behind the main counter playing a handheld video game.

JUSTIN  
5 minutes since the last time you asked.

CAIN  
This shift is never ending. I'm going to put a bullet in my brain

MICHELLE GREENBURG sits as she takes watch near the changing rooms. As people walk in and out she carelessly takes swigs from a flask. Around her neck is a Star of David covered in rhinestones.

MICHELLE  
If you do that make sure to do it over a sink, I am not cleaning that up.

A male CUSTOMER walks up to MICHELLE holding a sweater vest.

CUSTOMER  
Can I try this on?

MICHELLE  
You gonna steal it?

CUSTOMER  
Uh, no, I just want to see how it fits.

MICHELLE  
I'm not stopping you. You could  
steal it and I wouldn't care.

CUSTOMER  
Really?

MICHELLE  
Yeah, watch.

Michelle covers her eyes with her hands.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)  
Oh no where did you go? Are you  
stealing anything? I wouldn't know  
because I can't see you.

Michelle uncovers her eyes.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)  
Why are you still here?

CUSTOMER  
Can I just try it on? Please?

Michelle hands the customer a key to a changing room.

MICHELLE  
Okay whatever, next time grow a sac  
though and that stupid looking vest  
could be yours  
(beat)  
Loser.

OPENING CREDITS RUN

JUMP CUT TO:

Justin viciously trying to beat a level of Donkey Kong.

JUSTIN  
Monkeys on steroids is the scariest  
thing of all time. NO! NO! Gahh

Justin throws the video game.  
Kael?! Where you at?

KAEL HENDRICKS, a teenage boy, is sitting behind a stack of  
boxes in the stock room.

KAEL

I made a fort in the back room. It looks like a rocket ship. I'm not coming out.

The line at the main counter grows as Justin gets up to grab a register.

JUSTIN

A fort, really?

KAEL

Yeah, I made it out of the boxes that we were supposed to ship back to HQ 3 months ago.

JUSTIN

Sounds awesome, but I need some help up here, you mind?

KAEL

Do I have to?

CHELSEA, a 20 something shift supervisor, stands behind another register and is checking people out.

CHELSEA

Kael, I am begging you, please climb out of your fort, and help us out or I will cut you in the stomach with a knife.

KAEL

This job is going to kill me.

Kael stands up and walks around the elaborate box fort.

CHELSEA

No, I am in fact going to kill you if you don't get your butt up here.

KAEL

You're just jealous cause I have a rocket ship and you don't, also, who says butt? What are we, 12?

MICHELLE

Listen to Chelsea over here, sounding like the master and commander.

JUSTIN

(in person)

Your new power both excites and frightens me.

CAIN

Now that you are the Soup does that mean I can take extra long smoke breaks?

KAEL

Last time Victor caught you taking a smoke break he hit you in the face with a price scanner.

CAIN

Yeah and the flamer is lucky I didn't press charges, I couldn't put on eye liner for a week.

CHELSEA

Supervisor means nothing. I just get a little more money than all of you and it helps me be reassured that my life is quickly going down the drain.

MICHELLE

Yeah you are pretty much screwed, my job rules.

JUSTIN

I want changing room shift so bad, all you do is sit and hand out keys.

MICHELLE

And drink. Don't forget drink.

CAIN

Why can't I get changing room shift?

CHELSEA

Cause you blew a guy in one of them.

CAIN

That is discrimination.

JUSTIN

And hot.

KAEL  
I don't think you know what  
discrimination means.

Kael arrives at register three.

KAEL (CONT'D)  
(to the line of customers)  
I can help the next person over  
here.

Customers file into three lines and exchange awkward looks to  
see who will cut who to the new line.

CUSTOMER 2  
(To Kael)  
Hi, I would just like a price check  
on this T Shirt.

KAEL  
It is on the tag sir.

CUSTOMER 2  
I know, but I just want to make  
sure, you know how things can get  
mixed up sometimes, and I just want  
to be really really sure.

Kael takes the shirt from the customer and scans it.

KAEL  
Nineteen Ninty nine, exactly what  
it says on the tag. Should I ring  
it up?

CUSTOMER 2  
No that's okay. Thanks.

Kael holds back from attacking the customer.

JUSTIN  
(To Kael)  
What time are you here til?

KAEL  
I took a double for Kip, so I'll be  
here til close.

JUSTIN  
Oh, ouch. Why isn't Kip coming in?

KAEL  
Probably had a heart attack or  
something.

JUSTIN  
Or an aneurism.

CAIN  
Or smallpox.

MICHELLE  
Scarlet Fever.

CHELSEA  
Guys don't talk about him like  
that, he is a ninety one year old  
man.

MICHELLE  
You're right Chels. He broke a hip.

KAEL  
He has fallen and he can't get up.

JUSTIN  
I'm out of here three, for the  
first time in weeks I got a good  
shift.

CHELSEA  
That is cause you sucked up to  
Victor.

JUSTIN  
I did no such thing.

MICHELLE  
I heard you cleaned his shoe  
collection.

KAEL  
Then gave him a reach around. No  
wait, that was a Cain.

CAIN  
Hey! I have standards you know!

CHELSEA  
I wouldn't call pleasuring hobos  
for fifty cents standards.

MICHELLE  
(fake basketball shot)  
Count it.

A young couple walks up to the changing room.

BOY  
Hey can we get the key?

MICHELLE  
You trying on clothes?

GIRL  
Not exactly.

MICHELLE  
Huh? Oh. Ohhhh. Gotcha. You guys  
are gonna bang in there aren't you?

BOY  
That's the plan.

MICHELLE  
Makes sense.

MICHELLE hands them the key.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)  
Have fun.

All of the customers at the main counter get taken care and  
EXIT the store.

CHELSEA  
Victor is coming in at three and  
then I am out of here.

KAEL  
That is terrible news.

JUSTIN  
Not excited?

KAEL  
He is going to have me mop the  
floors tonight. I know it. He never  
offers to do it himself.

Cain finishes organizing clothes in the corner and walks to  
the main counter.

CAIN  
The guy is lazy, there is nothing  
you can do about it.

KAEL  
I can quit.

CAIN  
You could but you aren't going to.

KAEL

I am! As soon as a school accepts me I'm running out of this place faster than most Kenyans.

JUSTIN

You assuming a bit much there?

CAIN

Yeah I heard you got rejected from like six places.

MICHELLE

Including the University of Phoenix, and that place isn't even real.

KAEL

Hey, it has a building.

JUSTIN

In Arizona.

KAEL

Still.

Suggestive noises are heard over the head set by all of the stores employees.

JUSTIN

What is that?

KAEL

Sounds like elephants making love.

MICHELLE

Nope, they are human.

Justin leaves his register and runs for the back of the store.

MICHELLE is holding her headset up to the changing room door.

CHELSEA

Is that in the changing room?

MICHELLE

Yeah, is that bad? Am I not supposed to let that happen?

Just arrives at the changing rooms, grabs a chair, and stands on it to watch the couple.

JUSTIN  
These headsets were a great idea.

CUT TO:  
COMMERCIAL

INT. STORE - FLOOR

Cain is laying on a pile of clothes she has set up behind the registers.

KAEL  
How many clothes hangers do you think I can throw on her before she wakes up.

JUSTIN  
At least three. Maybe four.

KAEL  
Willing to make it interesting?

JUSTIN  
You're on.

Kael grabs a big stack of clothes hangers and places them on the front table.

Customers line up at Chelsea's register

CHELSEA  
Can I get some help guys?

JUSTIN  
In a minute.

Kael throws a hanger that lands on Cain's face. She doesn't notice.

Kael picks up another hanger and tosses onto Cain, who still does not move.

CHELSEA  
Seriously. Can someone do their job? Please?

KAEL  
Just another minute Chels, this is becoming epic.

Chelsea turns up the mic volume on her headset.

CHELSEA

Cain! Wake your dumb ass up!

Cain is startled and throws the hangers to the side.

CAIN

Tap dancing Jesus.

KAEL

Oh come on, that was shaping up to be the best part of my day.

CHELSEA

Just take the register please.

JUSTIN

You aren't fun anymore. It is like the fun police came and sucked out all your fun.

KAEL

Yeah, you should see a fun doctor for that.

CHELSEA

I'm sorry but we can't all be having fun. I don't want to be here either but if I don't say something nothing will get done.

CAIN

So, does that mean I can't go back to my nap?

An old stout woman walks through the door and grabs a basket.

CHELSEA

Definitely not.

Kael recognizes the old woman and becomes concerned.

KAEL

Oh no.

JUSTIN

What?

KAEL

The fat eagle has flown the coop.

All the employees look towards the door, they are all aware of this terrifying woman.

CAIN

Not today. I can't do this today.

MICHELLE

If she comes over here I might blast myself. Seriously.

CHELSEA

Just be cool everyone. No one panic.

Justin promptly hides under the front table.

KAEL

She's headed over to clearance.

CAIN

I just folded clearance.

The old woman looks at a stack of clothes and shoves most of a pile into her basket. She then starts sifting through other piles, leaving everything in disarray.

MICHELLE

Ha! Sucks for you.

The couple is still inhabiting the changing room. MICHELLE climbs up on the chair.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

Are you guys done in there, oh, nope, no you are not, my bad guys. Remember to wrap it.

CHELSEA

Can someone please go help her. It will save us all a lot of trouble.

JUSTIN

I would rather sumo wrestle a bear than help her.

KAEL

I found a great rope back in the lunch room to hang myself with earlier, do you want to risk that Chels? You will have my death on your conscience.

CAIN

I will vomit on her purposely.

CHELSEA

Cain, go.

CAIN  
What!? Why me?

CHELSEA  
Just do it please.

CAIN  
I hate everyone with a passion.  
Just letting you all know that.

Justin peeks his head out from under the desk.

JUSTIN  
Have fun!

Cain walks slowly but surely over to the stout woman.

The woman is emptying out the contents of her basket onto the floor and shoving another pile into her basket. Everything Cain folded is ruined.

CAIN  
Hello Maam. Do you need help with anything today?

OLD WOMAN  
Do you have a respirator?

CAIN  
Um, no.

OLD WOMAN  
Anti Anxiety medication?

CAIN  
No.

OLD WOMAN  
Then I don't need your god damn help. Now move.

CAIN  
I noticed that you have a lot of clothes you are going through. Are you looking for anything specific so we can narrow your search and you can stop ruining everything?

OLD WOMAN  
Nah, I got this under control little girl.

CAIN  
Okay, well if you need any help  
please let me know.

OLD WOMAN  
Whatever.

Cain starts to walk away.

OLD WOMAN (CONT'D)  
Wait, you can do something for me.

CAIN  
Yes maam.

OLD WOMAN  
Find your manager and tell them  
this store is dirty and disgusting.  
It's like rats work here.

CAIN  
I'll be sure to mention something.

OLD WOMAN  
Someone should call the health  
department about this place. It is  
absolutely filthy.

CAIN  
I will get right on that!  
(under her breath)  
You dirty bitch.

Kael finishes checking out someone at the register and stands  
next to Chelsea to watch Cain from across the store.

JUSTIN  
What's happening?

CHELSEA  
Looks like she is doing okay.

KAEL  
Are you kidding? It looks like she  
is going to explode.

CHELSEA  
As long as she doesn't vomit on  
her, I don't care.

Cain is watching the woman sift through more clothing.

OLD WOMAN  
You just gonna watch me skank?

CAIN  
I am just here in case you need anything.

OLD WOMAN  
Oh isn't that nice. Tell me, do you get paid commission here?

CAIN  
No maam, we do not.

OLD WOMAN  
Oh okay good, and I assume you are paid minimum wage?

CAIN  
Yes maam.

OLD WOMAN  
Yeah, I thought this was a place where dead beats worked, I just wanted to make sure.

Cain puts on a fake smile and looks over at Kael and Chelsea. Chelsea puts her thumbs up.

CHELSEA  
(through her teeth)  
You are doing great.

KAEL  
Yeah that is going to lift her spirits.

CHELSEA  
Whatever, it's positive reinforcement. Can't hurt her.

JUSTIN  
I wouldn't be too sure about that.

OLD WOMAN  
I need to try these on. Where in this wretched place are the changing rooms?

CAIN  
Right over there maam.

The old woman starts to walk over to the changing rooms.

OLD WOMAN  
I swear the architect that designed this place had down syndrome.

CAIN  
(to MICHELLE)  
Michelle, the bitch is incoming.

MICHELLE  
What? That is the opposite of what  
I want. Stall her!

CAIN  
(laughs)  
No.

Michelle knocks on the door of the changing room.

MICHELLE  
Okay guys time is up!

The couple walks out of the changing room in different  
clothes than they went in with.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)  
Make sure to pay for those clothes!  
Lucky bastards.

The old woman wanders up to MICHELLE at the changing rooms.

OLD WOMAN  
The skank told me to come this way.

MICHELLE  
The skank was right. Here is your  
key, good luck trying on those  
clothes.

OLD WOMAN  
I'm gonna need all the luck in the  
world honey.

MICHELLE  
You sure are.

Cain is standing next to where she had just folded  
everything.

CAIN  
I hate my life.

CHELSEA  
She is in the changing room Justin,  
you can come out now.

JUSTIN

She is the scariest person I have ever met. Remember last time she came in?

KAEL

Yeah you couldn't eat ice cream for weeks.

JUSTIN

And I love ice cream!

MICHELLE

Is it weird that she is making the same sounds as the couple were?

CHELSEA

That is disturbing. Wait, where did the couple go?

MICHELLE

I don't know but if you can't see them in the store, they stole everything.

KAEL

I just thought they were really well dressed.

CHELSEA

You saw them walking out of the store?!

KAEL

Yeah. I'm getting a feeling that was a bad thing.

Chelsea walks around the registers towards the back of the store.

JUSTIN

Where you going?

CHELSEA

I have to call loss prevention now. If Victor comes in don't tell him anything.

KAEL

I hate talking to him anyway, so no worries there.

Cain is resting on the unfolded clothes as Chelsea walks by.

CHELSEA

Cain!

CAIN

I'm up grandma!

Michelle knocks on the door of the changing room.

MICHELLE

Everything okay in there?

The changing room door opens quickly and smashes MICHELLE in the face, making her fall to the floor.

OLD WOMAN

You should watch out darling.

MICHELLE

Yeah, I'll write that down somewhere. Thanks.

The old woman walks back towards the corner of the store.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

If I ever see her in public I am going to donkey punch her.

JUSTIN

What does that mean?

KAEL

You don't want to know.

The old woman arrives back next to Cain who has just finished refolding all of the clothes.

OLD WOMAN

It's all crap.

The old woman dumps everything she had back on the freshly folded pile.

OLD WOMAN (CONT'D)

This place shouldn't even be called a store. It's a garbage filled hell hole!

The front doors swing open as VICTOR enters. He is a brightly dressed man with pink-berry in one hand and his purple blackberry in the other.

VICTOR

Hello my wonderful employee people!

Cain sticks her fingers down here throat.

Victor is immediately repulsed while Cain vomits on the old woman.

KAEL  
Best work day ever!

CUT TO:  
COMMERCIAL

INT. STORE - VICTORS OFFICE

CAIN  
Oh come on! I will do anything to keep this job! Please!

VICTOR  
Cain, I had to tell that woman you had leprosy to make her leave. Now she is calling the health inspector!

Victors phone rings.

CAIN  
I will sleep with the health inspector! That is how much I want to keep this job!

VICTOR  
You would sleep with the health inspector whether or not your job was on the line, lets be serious.

Victor picks up his phone.

VICTOR (CONT'D)  
Hello? Yes. Tonight? You fo real? But that isn't supposed to come in for three more days. Well, alright baby. Caio caio kiss kiss. K lots of love. Bye.

CAIN  
Why can't you be straight so I can just seduce you and have this be over with?

VICTOR  
Don't flatter yourself honey.

Chelsea pops her head into the office.

CHELSEA

Sorry to interrupt but I am heading out, I left some paperwork on your desk, no big deal. Just some crazy thing. Okay cool see you tomorrow.

VICTOR

Hold on there real quick honey, that was actually Sasha on the phone, the new moo moo line is coming in this evening instead of Monday so I am going to need everyone here at 6 to unload the truck, okay?

CHELSEA

I have been here all day, I can't stay any longer.

VICTOR

Please, don't lie to me and say you have plans, you are the most boring person on earth. I need you to call everyone and tell them six o'clock sharp for unloading the truck. K? Mush mush! Thanks.

CAIN

Don't try seducing him to get out of it, it wont work.

Chelsea stomps her way to the front of the store and pushes her microphone button.

CHELSEA

Everyone needs to be here at six tonight. The truck is coming. It is mandatory. Also, if anyone has any hard drugs, please let me know so I can put myself into a lifelong coma.

MICHELLE

Jewish holiday, I can't do it.

JUSTIN

What? No! What?

KAEL

Yay for work friends! If I have to suffer, you all suffer.

Cain walks back onto the floor and goes immediately to her napping area behind the registers.

CAIN

Good news everyone, I'm not fired!

CHELSEA

No one cares. Michelle, what holiday are you claiming now?

MICHELLE

It's a Sunday. Jews can't work on Sundays.

CHELSEA

You are working right now, and it is Saturdays that Jews can't work.

MICHELLE

Hey, who is the Jew here? Me, that's who. I think I know my own religion. We eat matzoh and we can't work on this day of the week, which is Sunday apparently.

CHELSEA

Everyone has to stay. That's it.

CAIN

Wake me up at six.

Cain passes out.

CUT TO: FAST  
FORWARD - 6PM

Kael hits Cain with a mop.

KAEL

Get up.

The employees are finishing locking and cleaning up the store. Kael is mopping while MICHELLE and Chelsea are folding clothes. There is a knock at the front door, it is ERICA ESCHER, COLLIN DERECKI, and SAVANNAH WILLIAMS. Kael unlocks the door for them.

KAEL (CONT'D)

(to Savannah)

Hey, what's up.

Collin cuts Savannah off. He is a 35 year old man who lives in his parents attic and strives to one day become a professional gamer.

COLLIN

No time kid, I was right in the middle of a raid. If I don't get back in time for the boss kill I am going to burn this whole mall down.

Savannah smiles at Kael and walks by. She is a sophomore in high school and works part time at the store.

Erica comes in last and locks the door behind her, she is a 40 year old single mother who looks extremely tired.

ERICA

If this truck isn't on time I'll rip Victor's arms off and beat him with them.

CAIN

Hey Erica, where are your kids.

ERICA

I left them at a playground, they will be fine.

CAIN

Are you sure that's safe?

ERICA

I don't know, are you sure that sexing up your own cousin is safe?

CAIN

That was one time and he isn't even related by blood. Anyone could have made that mistake!

ERICA

Let's see if you're still saying that when your water breaks and you "just don't know."

COLLIN

Where is Victor? Did he say this truck was going to be on time?

CHELSEA

He has been texting and smoking on the loading dock for two hours now.

Michelle slowly slips away from Chelsea.

KAEL

Yeah, and he made me mop.

COLLIN

Oh boo hoo, every time I close with him he makes me delete all of his days browser history. You don't even want to know what goes on in that office.

Chelsea looks to her right and MICHELLE is no longer there.

CHELSEA

Hey, where did Michelle go?

The front door is heard closing.

MICHELLE (O.C.)

Freedom!

CHELSEA

Oh come on!

Kael walks over to the registers to count them out and finds a note from Justin.

KAEL

Justin wont be making it tonight either.

CAIN

What? Why?

KAEL

It looks like he had an emergency dentist appointment. At 10 PM tonight. In Los Angeles.

CAIN

Oh, well good thing he left early. That is really far away.

CHELSEA

He didn't really have a dentist appointment!

CAIN

Then why would he say...?

CHELSEA

He lied!

CAIN

You can do that? That is amazing. I never want to be here, that is totally what I am going to start doing.

ERICA

Remember when I said I had to bring the kids to the day-care center so I missed the entire morning last week?

CAIN

Yeah.

ERICA

I fell asleep on a bar at a casino. They don't have windows in there so you never know when night is over. It's the promised land.

VICTOR

Okay everyone, the truck should be here soon so let's get this over with.

The employees walk through the back room to the loading dock.

KAEL

(to Savannah)

You start studying for the French test tomorrow?

SAVANNAH

A little bit. You?

KAEL

No not really, I've been here all day. I need to figure it out too, I really suck in that class.

SAVANNAH

It's not that hard. You just have to read.

KAEL

Says the girl who is in French five her sophomore year in high school.

SAVANNAH

It's a fun language. I really hope to go to France someday actually.

KAEL

Really? That is so cool. I just hope to get into college.

COLLIN

Overrated. I didn't go to college and look at me. I'm fine.

KAEL  
(beat)  
Oh god.

CUT TO:  
COMMERCIAL

CUT TO: FAST  
FORWARD - 7PM

EXT. STORE - LOADING DOCK

All the employees are either sitting or laying down. The mood has grown from impatience to indifference.

CAIN  
You think if I jump off this loading dock, I'll break my legs?

ERICA  
God I hope so.

Victors cell phone rings.

VICTOR  
Hello? Uh huh. Okay. Yes. Yes. K. Sounds good. Love you babe. Muah!

Victor hangs up.

VICTOR (CONT'D)  
Change of plans, the truck blew a engine or something so it wont be here til 7am. So, who is coming in early?

Everyone gets up and runs away except for Cain who jumps off the loading dock.

VICTOR (CONT'D)  
Hey! Hey! Everyone come back here!

Victor looks over the loading dock.

CAIN  
(O.C.)  
I'm okay!

VICTOR  
No one cares.

FADE OUT.

END CREDITS

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