

FADE IN:

INT. TECHTROPOLIS - DAY

SAM walks around with a shopping cart full of electronics. He's fervently restocking shelves as ZAHID follows behind him, not helping.

ZAHID

There was this gorgeous girl named Apple who came into the store the other day. She had really short hair and a nose piercing so, naturally, I thought, is she into the peen or the cooch? But I looked her up on Instagram and she has her VSCO linked in her bio. So she's definitely straight.

SAM

What?

ZAHID

Yeah. VSCO. That straight white girl thing?

Sam stops restocking an Apple charger mid-way and looks at Zahid.

SAM

I don't know what you're talking about. Also, what happened with you and Honey?

ZAHID

Oh. She left me for some vegan surf dude from Tofino, British Columbia. Apparently I lack the "hashtag van-life-spiritual-awakening-gluten-free-I-don't-see-color lifestyle." I didn't think I'd ever hate a Canadian.

SAM

That's an unfortunate development. I'm sorry, Zahid. However, I really do think you should stop going after girls who are named after food.

Before Zahid could respond, a CUSTOMER (male, mid-70s, old enough to be a grandpa) walks up to them. He walks with a hunch and speaks with a low, dull old-person voice. He's

holding a small crumpled piece of paper.

GRANDPA CUSTOMER

Excuse me. My girlfriend is looking
for...

He squints and looks hard at the writing on the piece of
paper.

GRANDPA CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

"Air-Pod."

Zahid quickly eyes him. Then, clearly making no effort to be
subtle:

ZAHID

Girlfriend? What are you eating that's
keeping your sperm so fresh?

SAM

It's in aisle 12, sir.

The customer walks off. Sam continues restocking shelves
while Zahid trails behind him.

ZAHID

If an old geezer like that can still
get someone sucking on his nuts, what
is this Brown Sugar missing? Do I need
to get a ball transplant with Harrison
Ford?

SAM

I can't be thinking about your balls
right now, Zahid. I have an interview
for a new job on campus tomorrow.

ZAHID

My man! Congrats Sammy G! What's the
position for?

SAM

Organizing my campus library's vinyl
and CD archives. But, I don't know
anything about music.

ZAHID

Chillax, Sammy. You got this. Just
bring up Bruce Springsteen.

SAM

Why?

ZAHID

That's my go-to topic of convo whenever I'm trying to impress an old white guy with my music taste. Him or Billy Joel. Or really any of The Beatles.

SAM

The manager is an Asian woman.

ZAHID

Oh. I just assumed anybody in charge of anything related to music would be an old white guy. I wonder how that Asian woman ended up there...

SAM

Can we focus here please?

ZAHID

No worries. You got the Z man here to help you prepare for the interview process.

SAM

What do you know about the interviewing process?

ZAHID

Everything there is to know.

Sam gives him an apprehensive glance.

ZAHID (CONT'D)

Okay, I know nothing. BUT, I can give you some tips that this Brown Bear uses which work really well with the ladies. The interviewer is a woman right?

SAM

But I'm not trying to seduce my interviewer.

ZAHID

Not the worse thing that can come out of an interview, right?

SAM

I really need this job, Zahid. Paige says I should really use college as a time to step out of my comfort zone. Plus, now that I'm paying tuition, I could use more money anyway--

ZAHID

Okay, fine.

Zahid stops Sam from restocking shelves.

ZAHID

First question: Why are you interested in this position?

SAM

I need a job.

Beat.

ZAHID

Okay. But, what motivated you to apply to this position?

SAM

It was the only open position on the student employment site.

Zahid sighs in frustration and buries his face in his hands.

ZAHID

Sammy, you gotta lie in circumstances like this.

SAM

Why would I want to lie during a job interview?

ZAHID

Who doesn't lie during a job interview? It's how you get the gig! Bob *thinks* he hired me here because I "thrive in fast-paced environments" and because I'm a "team-player." Am I really any of those things? No!

SAM

But, I'm working at a library. Nothing is fast-paced about that.

ZAHID

That was just an example, Sam. For this job, you gotta really milk how into music you are. Say you grew up listening to your dad's old records of Led Zeppelin or Queen. Or whatever other white people music there is.

Sam looks away and ponders about this for a moment.

FADE OUT.