

DOMINO & STARLETTE

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FADE IN:

GROCERY STORE EMPLOYEE BREAKROOM - DAY

A small group of new hires are all seated and facing the front of the room where one of the managers, WALTER, a tiger dressed in business casual, is speaking and leading the orientation.

WALTER

You are to come to work, dressed
in uniform. Cashiers wear aprons,
the stock crew wears smocks.

Before they can speak, we hear some commotion happening behind them coming from the back of the room. It's another manager, FLIP, a walrus, entering the room.

WALTER (cont'd)

Be on time. If your over 2 minutes
Past your shift start time,
You'rrrrrrre Late! (like Tony the Tiger)
Last but not least, no inter-company
Dating! That's how unions start and
We can't risk anyone unionizing. Got it?

FLIP realizes WALTER said that first part towards him, resets himself, and nervously looks to see if anyone is reacting.

DOMINO, A Dalmatian, and one of the new hires for stocking, raises his paw.

DOMINO

Excuse me. I have a question.

WALTER

Yes, there in the 3rd row. What
Is it?

DOMINO

Do we get breaks? Like a few
minutes to run around aimlessly,
or chew some shoes, or sniff a
couple of butts?

WALTER

Thanks for that stupid
question. All breaks must be
authorized by your department

supervisor. Cashiers, you
answer to me. The stockers, you
answer to the ever so punctual
FLIP back there.

DOMINO

Fantastic. Good to know.

STARLETTE, a domestic house cat, hired as a cashier, also
raises her paw with a question.

STARLETTE

What happens if we get a hair
ball during our shift?

WALTER

Happens to the best of us. Just
try to cough it up into a bin.
There's one under every
register.

A RANDOM NEW HIRE

Or you could stop licking hairy
balls! (Snickers to himself)

WALTER

You! (pointing to the heckler)
You'rrrrrrrrre Fired!

RANDOM NEW HIRE, looks around, then leaves the office
with a look of defeat.

WALTER (cont'd)

Now, let's tour the store.
Cashiers, come with me.
Stockers, go with FLIP.

CUT TO:

FLIP is leading the group, waddling down the aisles; or
however walruses move while on land, as he explains the
job description.

FLIP

(in a country/southern accent)
Howdy, Howdy. Glad ya'll made it
aboard our crew.

There's 3 of them in total. Domino, another new hire, and
FLIP.

FLIP (cont'd)

So the job is pretty simple.
Stuff comes in, ya'll put it out
on the shelves. Then the
cashiers ring 'em up, the store
makes a profit, we make a small
percentage and WALTER is a jerk.

DOMINO

Wait, what was that last part? Did
you say the cashier manager is a
jerk?

FLIP

(Startled)Huh? Oh! Did I say
that last part out loud? No,
no, never mind. Just try to
avoid mingling with the
cashiers and WALTER. (Muttering
to himself) That lazy bastard.

DOMINO and the other new hire exchange looks as they pass
a giraffe restocking one of the top shelves.

FLIP

(Nodding to the giraffe) This
is Hightower, he can help with
the hard to reach shelves.

HIGHTOWER

Hey you two. Nice to meet
ya'll. (Sticking out a hoof
in a high five motion) Up
top.

FLIP

Very funny Hightower, now let's
get back to work. Those tampons
aren't going to re-stock
themselves.

DOMINO

So I was told we get a few breaks during a shift. How soon are we allowed to take one?

FLIP

Are you serious? You haven't even started work yet! This is just a tour of the department and you want to take a break already?

DOMINO

Oh. Ugh... (looking panicked) not for me, I was just asking for the other new employee. (pointing over to the confused looking new hire) I just figured we've covered a lot already.

OTHER NEW HIRE

Well, since you mentioned it, I suppose I could get off my feet for a few minutes.

FLIP

What, how!? We've only walked A few steps!

DOMINO

Easy for you to say, you don't have feet. What do you stand on anyway, your belly?

Suddenly, the store intercom makes a noise and WALTER is heard through the intercom speaker

WALTER

I need a price check for tampons on aisle 7. I repeat, I need a price check for the tampons on aisle 7. Thanks.

FLIP

Okay, sounds like we're needed. Tell ya what, run these lady supplies up to the cashiers and then maybe you can get a break.

Domino grabs one of the tampon boxes and heads towards the front of the store.

FLIP

(calling after him) Remember,
avoid mingling!

CUT TO:

Front of the store, DOMINO walks past a row of cashiers and registers, holding out the tampons. He's yelling out, with a sea of cashiers and customers with appalled looks on their faces.

DOMINO

Someone need some tampons? I got
the tampons here! TAMPONS!?

WALTER

Cut that out! Quit yelling about
the tampons. They're needed for
a price check at register 4. Go
drop them off to STARLETTE and
return to stocking the shelves!

DOMINO

Register 4, got it.

DOMINO walks up to the register while an embarrassed looking customer and STARLETTE are awaiting the correct price of the tampons

STARLETTE

Oh, there you are! Thanks for
bringing these.

DOMINO

(Flustered by STARLETTE) Oh,
yeah... ugh, sure thing! No
problem... just doing my job!

CUSTOMER

You might want to hold on to those
tampons, honey. You're about to
make a puddle with all that
drooling.

END OF PILOT EPISODE
APPROX 5-6 minutes