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The Treacle Centre

Situated in the fictional town of Toffington, stands the strangest and weirdest shopping centre you've ever seen. With online shopping taking over the high street, this mockumentary style children's comedy gives an exclusive behind the scenes look at an exaggerated world of retail. Each store on every floor has a real mixed bag of characters allowing each episode to feel more like a sketch show, rather than a linear story with one core cast.

Scene Sample

The first episode introduces a young woman called Kelly on her interview day at the shopping centre. She is shown around by Nathaniel, the stuck up assistant and Elizabeth, the general manager who just happens to be 9 years old. These three characters are the main reoccurring ensemble of the series. In this scene Kelly is entering the Treacle Centre's very own frozen yoghurt shop... with a twist.

Full copies of episodes 1 & 2 are available on request.

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INT. FROGHURT SHOP. DAY

Two Drag Queens, Matilda and Tamilda are working behind the counter filing their nails. One of them taps their nail dust into the section labeled 'toppings'. They are incredibly fabulous and exaggerated cliché drag queens.

MATILDA

No, no, no I have never liked the colour green on you and I never will

TAMILDA

Oooo you nasty grass! I may not be able to wear green but purple makes you look sick... and not in the good way hunny!

Kelly walks through the door into the shop, there is one lonely old man at the back eating but the rest of the shop is empty. She walks up to the counter but gets ignored.

MATILDA

How dare you! I may not look good in purple but at least I'm not allergic to glitter!

Kelly interrupts

KELLY

Excuse me

Matilda and Tamilda jump

TAMILDA

Oh! You scared us... why are you dressed like that?

Kelly looks at her average looking clothes and doesn't understand.

MATILDA

Now now Tamilda, that's no way to speak to a customer. I'm your server Matilda, nice to meet ya!

Matilda reaches out her hand as if to say 'kiss my ring'. Kelly pats her hand.

KELLY

You're called Matilda and Tamilda?

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TAMILDA

Yes. It was a complete coincidence.  
What do you want?

MATILDA

Now now Tamilda. Its *what can I get you?* Not, *what do you want?*

Tamilda and Matilda acknowledge the camera crew and change tact.

TAMILDA

Oh! We heard you were coming.

They both run out of shot and come back in with even bigger wigs. The lights change and a glittery backdrops falls down. Matilda and Tamilda have microphones and are hamming it up for the camera. The old man at the back remains unphased.

MATILDA

Good Evening ladies and gentlemen,  
tonight's performance from Matilda  
and Tamilda is about to begin. Hold  
onto your hats because the show is  
about to go off...

KELLY

Sorry, could I quickly order? I don't  
think I can stay long!

The lights go back to normal and the glittery back drops falls down.

TAMILDA

Fine!

Tamilda clocks the camera again and starts to dramatically show off the different flavours in the glass counter top.

KELLY

Thank you - what are the choices?

MATILDA

Right infront of you darling...

The names of the frozen yoghurt are revealed to be normal looking gelatos with disgusting names. Snotty Snot, Mudbath, Dusty Box, Earwaxy, Old Bubblegum, Athleta Foota. Kelly looks disgusted.

KELLY

Oh wow! Are they like pretend names?

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TAMILDA  
No hunny, it is what you see.

KELLY  
Don't you have anything like...  
chocolate?

MATILDA  
Whats that dear?

KELLY  
Just like... chocolate flavour?

TAMILDA  
What is she talking about?

MATILDA  
I do. Not. Know.

KELLY  
You don't know what chocolate is?

Matilda and Tamilda are bewildered by the word Chocolate

MATILDA  
Could you slow it down for us?

KELLY  
Choc-o-late

MATILDA  
No, didn't catch that. Once more?

KELLY  
Ch-oc-o-la-te

MATILDA  
Mmm no, maybe you're saying it wrong.

TAMILDA  
Try and say it in a sentence hun.

KELLY  
Ok... can I have a chocolate ice  
cream, please?

Matilda has a look of realisation

MATILDA  
Oh!

TAMILDA  
Do you know know what it is Matilda?

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MATILDA

Nope, sorry I almost thought I had it then!

KELLY

Ok... got any Vanilla?

Matilda and Tamilda look bewildered again

KELLY (cont'd)

Strawberry?

They are both still confused

KELLY (cont'd)

Mint choc-chip? Cookies and Cream?  
Caramel? Pistachio?

MATILDA

Pistachio? Now, I think you're just making up words!

Kelly looks to the camera as if to question her sanity

KELLY

Ok, erm whats the most popular Frozen Yoghurt you sell?

TAMILDA

Hmmm... well out of the 7 customers we've ever had. Old Bubblegum has sold the most.

KELLY

Ok, fine. I will take it.

TAMILDA

Great!

Tamilda starts scooping away

KELLY

Got any toppings?

MATILDA

Ah yes, we have toe nail clipp...

KELLY

Actually. Don't worry.

MATILDA

Suit yourself sweetie.

Matilda rings up Kelly's order on the till.

MATILDA (cont'd)  
That will be £27.58 then please

KELLY  
Wow! That's an expensive fro-yo

MATILDA  
Make-up is money honey. We need this  
to stay beautiful.

Kelly pulls out her voucher to pay.

MATILDA (cont'd)  
Whats this?

KELLY  
Oh it's a food voucher, Elizabeth  
gave it to me.

Matilda is shocked. Tamilda slides into shot with a giant  
bowl of blue frozen yoghurt

TAMILDA  
Ew, she's paying with a voucher!

MATILDA  
Bit rude if you ask me! After all our  
lovely service.

Kelly goes to apologise but Tamilda shakes her head, grabs  
some of the frozen yoghurt with her hand and throws it into  
a small paper pot and sticks a spoon in it. The whole thing  
is a mess. Kelly puts down the voucher and slowly takes the  
messy yoghurt. Matilda and Tamilda give her evils as Kelly  
slowly turns to leave the shop. Kelly looks at the mess in  
her hands and turns back around.

KELLY  
Can I have a napkin?

Tamilda and Matilda gasp. They both dramatically point at  
the door. Slowly they begin to two step on the spot and  
click their fingers with their other hands, still pointing  
at the door. Kelly leaves sharply.

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