

NUTMUG

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INT. NUTMUG COFFEE SHOP - BUSHWICK - DAY

A minimalist hipster vibe. A bearded Bushwick-er, LUKA, (20s) in a beanie at the register. A silent barista behind him.

LUKA
Pistachio Baclava for Cheryl.

A middle aged man enters: PAUL (40s).

LUKA (CONT'D)
Pistachio Baclava for Cheryl.

Paul approaches the counter.

PAUL
Hi-

LUKA
Pistachio Bac- 'scuse me- Pistachio
Baclava for Cheryl.

No one replies...

PAUL
(dad-joke)
I mean, if Cheryl's not here...

LUKA
Are you Cheryl?

PAUL
Do I look like a Cheryl?

LUKA
Don't assume.

PAUL
I... wha- it was about... my- myself-

LUKA
What can I get you?

PAUL
Actually for my son. He just moved
in the area, so I'm visiting. Said
he loves this place. Thought I'd
surprise him-

LUKA
What does he want...?

PAUL
Um... I think he likes a chai?

LUKA
We only have Chai Matchas-

PAUL
Is that a thing?

LUKA
Are you questioning a professional?

PAUL
Um- no, sorry. You're right, I
guess I'll do one of those.

LUKA
Okay, what kind of milk?

PAUL
Just whole is fine.

LUKE
Sir, you're at Nutmug, where we
only offer nut based creamer and
liquid options.

PAUL
That almost sounds dirty.

LUKA
Sir, you're in Bushwick, where
everything is physically and/or
metaphorically dirty.

PAUL
Did you, like, write that down?

Luka points at a Nutmug sign at the window... it's the slogan.

PAUL
Okay. I'll just assume... almond?

LUKA
Sorry, we're out of almond milk.

PAUL
It's like the most popular one.

LUKA
Hence low stock as corollary to
high capitalistic nut demand.

PAUL
What?

LUKA
Would you like something else?

PAUL
How 'bout oat?

LUKA
Did you really just ask that?

PAUL
It's also popular!

LUKA
"Sir, you're at Nutmug, where we
only offer nut based creamer and-"

PAUL
Okay, fine. Fine... what other nuts
are there...?
(he thinks)
Um... Pistachio?

LUKA
We reserve our pistachios for
pistachio based pastries-

PAUL
Peanut?

LUKA
In solidarity with the allergenic
commune we try to abstain from
offering peanut by up-charging.

PAUL
What's the up-charge?

LUKA
420 dollars.

PAUL
Wha-?! You can't charge like that!

LUKA
In capitalist America I can do
anything if I work hard. I worked
hard to come up with that number.

PAUL
How 'bout Hazelnut?

LUKA
No.

PAUL

"No?!"

LUKA

I don't like you very much.

Paul huffs in frustration. He stares down Luka.

PAUL

...y'know ,it doesn't even make sense, does it? Nuts being popular milks now. It's inefficient...

Luka just stares at Paul in response.

PAUL

It's not like a cow, straight from the source. You don't just crack it open and out pours-

Luka whistles. The barista appears holding a cup. She sets it on the counter. In her other hand she lifts a cashew and...

CRACK- splits it in half, a little bit of creamer falling out into the cup. She pulls up a Walnut- CRACK, she repeats. A pistachio- CRACK. A peanut- CRACK. A macadamia- CRACK. Pine- CRACK. Pecan- CRACK. A small bit of cream squirts out of all.

Luka grabs the cup of the counter and lowers it under the register, out of view. We hear a pant zip down, followed by an identical- CRACK and tiny pour.

Luka doesn't break his stare with Paul, jaw dropped.

LUKA

(to barista)

We'll just use that, no up-charge. Chai Matcha, please? You're loved.

(to Paul)

What was that, a small? That'll be 27 dollars. Would you like some cayenne pepper on top?

INT. BUSHWICK APARTMENT - LATER

Paul hands his grateful son the chai.

SON

Dad! The surprise was enough, you didn't have to...

He takes a sip. Paul watches closely.

SON

Just how I like it! How'd you know?
I love Nutmug-!

PAUL

I want you to move.

END OF SKETCH.