

THE NUTTY ENGLISHMAN

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FADE IN:

INT. ALBERT BROOKS' HOME - EVENING

ALBERT BROOKS, 35 and a manager of a ROLEX WATCHES store in London, England arrives home from work and is greeted by his wife DOROTHY, 32, a singer and a homemaker. They embrace each other. It is Monday and the time is 6:30pm. Albert opens the door.

DOROTHY

(embraces Albert)

Well, look who the cat dragged in. How was your day honey?

ALBERT

Marvellous! Rolex is doing really well. It's the leader among the other watch companies at present and business is booming. Our sales are up.

DOROTHY

That's wonderful! But you know something you look like you're missing something.

ALBERT

(eyeing himself)

No! I don't think so. I'm properly clad and everything looks just right. What's out of place, dear?

DOROTHY

Albert! You forgot to wear your glasses again.

ALBERT

Oh God! Silly me! How could I forget to wear my glasses. This is really the limit. It's amazing I didn't have problems doing the accounts and attending to customers. So, how many times have I forgotten to wear my glasses to work?

DOROTHY

Darling, you have forgotten your glasses millions of times.

ALBERT  
Millions? Jiminy Cricket!

They both have a hearty laugh!

DOROTHY  
Anyway, let's have dinner.

ALBERT  
Yes!

THE BROOKS have dinner and go to bed by 10pm.

CUT TO:

INT. ALBERT BROOKS' HOME - DAY

ALBERT BROOKS and DOROTHY are having breakfast. It is Tuesday and the time is 7:00am. Albert kisses his wife after finishing breakfast and says bye to her and leaves without his Rolex watch. Dorothy gives it to him outside.

DOROTHY  
(outside the house)  
Honey! Don't leave without your watch.

ALBERT  
Oh God! How could I forget my watch. I'm an oaf. Thank you so much darling. What would I do without you?

DOROTHY  
Go! You'll be late to work and don't forget anything at work, alright?  
Bye.

ALBERT  
Alright. I promise I'll bring everything back, including myself. Bye.

ALBERT heads to the station and takes the tube to work.

CUT TO:

INT. ROLEX STORE - DAY

Albert is organising the various watches on the shelves when a customer comes into the store. The customer calls him but Albert is so engrossed in his work that he does not hear him.

SAM

Excuse me! I'd like to buy a watch.

SAM (CONT'D)

I said excuse me sir, ...yoo-hoo! Can you help me? I wish to buy a Rolex.

Albert hears the last word Rolex and turns to see that a customer needs help.

ALBERT

Oh! I'm terribly sorry sir, have you been waiting long?

SAM

Five minutes! Anyway, I want to buy a Rolex. Show me the best that you have.

ALBERT

Right away, sir. In terms of quality this brand is the best but if you wish to buy a watch that is reasonably priced, then this one is for you.

SAM

My good man, I asked you to give me your best brand. There is no need for a choice of products when all I need is the best one.

ALBERT

(surprised)

Okay sir, I apologize. This is our finest. That'll be 10,000 pounds. How would you like to pay for it, by cash or credit card?

SAM

Cash, obviously! It's still the best way to pay. Here you are.

ALBERT

Thanks sir. Here is your watch and so sorry to have kept you waiting.

SAM

It's alright, man. Forget about it. Have a good one.

ALBERT

You too. Have a good day, bye.

SAM

Bye!

SAM leaves and ALBERT returns to work. Another customer comes into the store and Albert attends to her.

CYNTHIA

Hi there! I'd like to buy a Rolex. Show me your finest.

ALBERT

Yes mam. This is one of our finest brands. Unfortunately, our finest brand was sold to a customer who came in before you but this brand is just as good as the best.

CYNTHIA

Okay, that's fine. How much is it?

ALBERT

9,000 pounds. Will that be cash or credit?

CYNTHIA

Credit! Here you are.

CYNTHIA hands ALBERT a credit card and Albert swipes it in the machine and gives her the Rolex watch.

ALBERT

Here is your watch, mam. Have a nice day! Bye.

CYNTHIA

Thanks and you too. Bye.

Time passes by and the clock strikes 5:30pm. Albert closes shop and leaves. He takes the tube home to have dinner with his wife.

THE END