

BAAAAAGELS

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A Ten Minute Comedy Duet

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SYNOPSIS: Good customer service is apparently extremely hard to find in a local town's bagel shop. The cashier speaks in what almost seems like a different language, but is really just an awful accent making it impossible to figure out exactly where this character is from. Will the customer get their bagel or just a morning of frustration?

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(2 either)

CUSTOMER (e) New guy (*Or girl.*) in town.
CASHIER (e) Cashier at a bagel shop. Speaks with a mixture of accents; Russian, Hispanic, and really, really bad Italian.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

For the CASHIER – Good luck. There should be a lot of head nodding in agreement or shaking in disagreement even if it doesn't make sense. As for the words, the vowels are drawn out as written and anything starting with an "H" should have a guttural sound. I have created a pronunciation guide available online: (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QssNBDd-ZFI>)

PROPERTIES

- Paper Bag
- Cheese Bagel (or any bagel with something on top)
- Plastic Food Service Glove
- Something Resembling Potato Salad

Dedication

For Ethan, Jamie, and the rest of the Mr. J's crew

AT RISE: *CUSTOMER* is talking to the *CASHIER*.

CUSTOMER: Hi, I'm new in town and was told to come by here.

Heard it was a great place to eat at. What do you guys have here?

CASHIER: Baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Okay. What can I put on it?

CASHIER: (*Shakes head.*) Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: What do you mean? Don't you have cream cheese or butter or something?

CASHIER: Noooooo. Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: What do you mean?

CASHIER: You want a baaaaagel on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Can I just have two bagels?

CASHIER: Noooooo. Just one baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: All right...can I get a bagel?

CASHIER: Noooooo. No baaaaagles.

CUSTOMER: But you just said you had bagels.

CASHIER: We has baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: But I thought you just said you didn't have bagels?

CASHIER: Dis is a shop for baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: So you have bagels?

CASHIER: Of course we has baaaaagels. You want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Am I allowed to have a bagel?

CASHIER: (*Pause.*) You want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Yes...do you have special types, like French toast...

CASHIER: Noooooo. Dis is NOT France and we no has toast. Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Okay. Got it. You have bagels. What kind of bagels do you have?

CASHIER: Only regular baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Can I get a regular bagel then?

CASHIER: Noooooo. No baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: But you just said that you had regular bagels. I would like one of those. Please?

CASHIER: You want a baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: Yes.

CASHIER: Hokay.

CUSTOMER: Fantastic. Can I have two bagels?

CASHIER: Noooooo. No more baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: This has got to be a joke. Am I on TV? One of those reality shows where they pop out and say, “gotcha!”

CASHIER: Noooooo. Dis is a shop for baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Okay then let me have a bagel.

CASHIER: Noooooo. No more baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: I don’t have to take this. If you don’t want my money, I’ll just go somewhere else for breakfast.

CASHIER: (*Rushed.*) You want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Yes I want a bagel! That’s what I’ve been trying to tell you!

CASHIER: You can has a baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: Great.

CASHIER: What do you want on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Nothing. Just give me a plain bagel with nothing on it.

CASHIER: You don’t want a baaaaagel on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: No. Just a bagel.

CASHIER: (*Pause.*) You want a beeeeeegle?

CUSTOMER: You sell dogs here?

CASHIER: Noooooo. Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Then why did you offer me a beagle?

CASHIER: No offer beeeeeegle, offer baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: You clearly said beagle.

CASHIER: Noooooo. Dis is a shop for baaaaagels. No has beeeeeegles.

CUSTOMER: Are you new here? I’d like to speak to a manager.

CASHIER: Noooooo. Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: What do you mean? You’re the only one here?

CASHIER: Noooooo. We has baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER and CASHIER stare at each other for a moment.

CASHIER: Baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Is that all you know how to say?

CASHIER: Noooooo.

CUSTOMER: As much fun as this has been, I'm going to take my business elsewhere. Please convey to your boss that if he ever plans on actually making any money, he might want to put someone up front who, at least, has the competency level of a small child instead of a wilted lettuce leaf. My six-year-old niece could do a better job than you. You probably don't even actually know what a bagel is, do you?

CASHIER: Baaaaagel has a hole in da meeeedle.

CUSTOMER: What's a meeeedle?

CASHIER: Da ting in a baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: I can't do this anymore. *(Exits.)*

THREE WEEKS LATER. If used for forensics, CASHIER says "Three weeks later" in the accent.

CASHIER is turned around so that the CUSTOMER does not know who it is upon entering.

CUSTOMER: Can I get a bagel to go?

CASHIER: *(Turns around.)* You want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Oh no. Not you again.

CASHIER: You! I get you baaaaagel!

CUSTOMER: Oh, I can actually have a bagel today?

CASHIER: Baaaaagel for you!

CUSTOMER: Great! I'll just take it as is in a bag to go.

CASHIER: You want to goooooo? Noooooooo you must staaaaaay.
No leaf.

CUSTOMER: But I don't want to eat it now, I want it for later.

CASHIER: Den you come laaaaaater and eat here!

CUSTOMER: I don't have time later. I have time now, which is why I'm here.

CASHIER: *(Pause. Makes sounds like a mad dog before continuing.)*
Hokay. What do you want on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Absolutely nothing.

CASHIER: Baaaaagel on a baaaaagel!

CUSTOMER: No, just one bagel.

CASHIER: Just one baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Yes.

CASHIER: Hokay.

CUSTOMER: Oh, and can I get a side of potato salad?

CASHIER: Poe-tay-toe salad.

CUSTOMER: Sure.

CASHIER: You want poe-tay-toe salad on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: No, just on the side.

CASHIER: YOU NEED A FORK!

CUSTOMER: (*Scared.*) Oh goodness! You don't have to shout.

CASHIER: YOU NEED A FORK for your poe-tay-toe salad.

CUSTOMER: I will get one then. Can I have the salad and the bagel first?

CASHIER: (*Exits. Returns with a plastic glove on his/her hand, holding something resembling potato salad. Holds out the hand to the CUSTOMER.*) Poe-tay-toe salad

CUSTOMER: Doesn't it come in a container?

CASHIER: Noooooooo. Only baaaaagels!

CUSTOMER: I don't want "poe-tay-toe" salad on my "baaaaagel" I just want it on the side! Whatever happened to the old saying, "the customer is always right?" (*CASHIER stares at the CUSTOMER with a stupid grin on their face.*) Hello?

CASHIER: Baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Yeah. Bagels. Got it.

CASHIER: You want some crem chez on your baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Cream cheese?

CASHIER: Dats what I say. Crem chez.

CUSTOMER: No thanks. I'm not sure I trust you to open pre-packaged cream cheese.

CASHIER: But...you want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: (*Sighs.*) Yes. (*As if to an elderly person who can't hear or speak English.*) ME WANT BAGEL. NO CREAM CHEESE. NO POTATO SALAD ON THE BAGEL. POTATO SALAD ON SIDE. REGULAR BAGEL.

CASHIER: OOOOOOHHHHH!

CUSTOMER: Comprehendo?

CASHIER: Bacon, egg, and chez.

CUSTOMER: Do I even want to ask how you got “bacon, egg, and cheese” from anything I just said? Can I please have someone else ring me up? I was in here last week and I had no problem getting what I wanted.

CASHIER: Only baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Ok. Let's play this game. I want a bagel.

CASHIER: Hokay.

CUSTOMER: Can I get a plain bagel?

CASHIER: Nooooooooo.

CUSTOMER: Ok. Fine. I want a cheese bagel. I know you have them.

CASHIER exits, returns with a cheese bagel. Picks the cheese off of the top and eats it.

CASHIER: Nooooooooo. Only regular baaaaagels.

CUSTOMER: Fine. I'll take a regular bagel. But not that one.

CASHIER: You has a regular baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: Yes.

CASHIER: Wis da crem chez.

CUSTOMER: No. No cream cheese.

CASHIER: Wis da bacon, egg, and chez.

CUSTOMER: No. No bacon.

CASHIER: You like bacon?

CUSTOMER: Yeah.

CASHIER: Then you has on your baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: I don't want on my bagel...want it...bacon, egg, and cheese. I don't want it on my bagel...or at all... *(Looks at watch.)*
Great. Now I'm running late. Thank you. *(Starts to exit.)*

CASHIER: You forget your baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: I don't want it anymore.

CASHIER: Hokay.

TWO WEEKS LATER; same instructions as before only this time, the CUSTOMER enters and the CASHIER is nowhere to be seen. CUSTOMER looks around and deems it safe to enter. CASHIER sees the CUSTOMER, but enters when the CUSTOMER isn't looking and sneaks around behind him to scare him. CUSTOMER jumps when the CASHIER speaks.

CASHIER: Baaaaagel man!

CUSTOMER: What are you doing?

CASHIER: Today, you has a baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: Are you sure about that?

CASHIER: You want a baaaaagel?

CUSTOMER: Nope. I just thought I'd come in today to be ridiculed and leave without a bagel...again.

CASHIER: Chez baaaaagel. No crem chez. No bacon, egg, and chez. No poe-tay-toe salad. No baaaaagel on your baaaaagel.

CUSTOMER: Right...yeah. That.

CASHIER exits and returns with a bag, hands it to the CUSTOMER. CUSTOMER looks in the bag.

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