

ALCOHOL CUSTOMER

Don't you think this whole "outbreak" is a little overblown?
Don't get me wrong, it's obviously real.
But I'm fine. My folks got it but they didn't turn. Some of
my friends got it but they didn't turn either.
I've only seen three zombies through this whole thing.

SEAN

I suppose so.
Have a nice day.

ALCOHOL CUSTOMER

I sure will.

ALCOHOL CUSTOMER leaves with the alcohol.

SEAN sprays down, then wipes the card reader

ASHLEY

... It's been what, a year or two?
Millions of people, turned into zombies.
How many of them worked here- ?

SEAN

Ashley, we shouldn't talk about this directly.
It could frighten customers.

ASHLEY

Oh, right. Sorry.

SEAN

Its fine.
Employee etiquette and all.

SEAN puts the cleaning supplies away.

ASHLEY

Is it cool if we talk about it, indirectly?

SEAN takes a deep breath.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

Sorry, I just wanna know how bad this job's gonna be.
I mean nothing's really happened so far, but...
That's gonna change, isn't it?

SEAN

You don't have friends that work?

ASHLEY

They don't like talking about their jobs.

SEAN considers this.

SEAN

Yea, things will get messy.
But today's been quiet, so probably another time.

SEAN stares into the store.

ASHLEY

O-okay. That's good to know, I think...
Uh...

ASHLEY tries to think of something else to talk about.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

(Changing the topic)

... So, you still like those old "ghoul" movies?

SEAN

... I do.

ASHLEY

Really.

SEAN

Yea, they're fun to watch.

ASHLEY

If you don't mind me asking, how?

SEAN

I don't know, it's good escapism?
I watch something like, *Dawn of the Dead*, and it makes me
wish I had a mall to myself.
Sounds fun.

ASHLEY

Sounds like a bad time.

SEAN

It's also nice to compare.
I mean, imagine if ours were actually dead.
Imagine if ours could run.

ASHLEY

Oh no fuck that, Sean. Fuck *that*.

SEAN chuckles.

SEAN

Yea, it wouldn't be good.
Though, if I'm being honest?
I *wish* things got that bad.