Two

The sock store. The same day. CASEY is still there, behind the counter. HEATHER, the manager, enters

CASEY
Heather. Thanks for coming on short notice.

HEATHER
No big deal! You can always call me if you need. It's only Monday, which is my only day off –
Stops herself.
Breathe. Manifest. The universe is full of blessings.
So. You haven't heard from Rachel?

CASEY
Um, actually, I wanted to –

HEATHER
Because she never misses her opening shifts.

CASEY
Well, right, but –

HEATHER
It's not Saques and Company behavior.
Speaking of – how have you been liking it here so far? It's, what, your first week?

CASEY
Second.

HEATHER
Second week! Yay!
Hey, here's a fun idea. Want to go over styles with me? A little second-week quiz?

CASEY *looking toward the back room.*
Um. Sure.

HEATHER
Yay, let's do it! Great initiative!
HEATHER gets four pairs of socks and lays them on the counter.
This year's collection has four styles. What are they?

CASEY *holds up a sock*
Crew. Six to eight inches, typically ending below the calf muscle. Great versatile option for casual or dress. Your everyday sock.

HEATHER
Color?

CASEY
Um – Rustic Red. An earthy red with burnt orange undertones.

HEATHER
Nice! Next?

CASEY
No-show.

HEATHER
Or low cut.

CASEY
Or low cut. Sits below the ankle. Casual or athletic wear. Good for low cut sneakers.
This color is – Dove Grey. A light grey with pale blue undertones.

HEATHER
Next up?

CASEY
Knee sock! Wear it with boots!

HEATHER
Color!

CASEY
Wheat! An airy but inviting light brown tone!

HEATHER
Killing it, Casey! Last one!

CASEY
Another crew!!

HEATHER
No! This is a calf sock! Rests above the calf muscle – great for coverage and for folks with large calf muscles, so it doesn't slide down the leg.

CASEY
Right, right. I know the color, though – Admiral Blue! A rich navy with a touch of sumptuous indigo.

HEATHER
Sumptuous! I love that! Good work, Casey.
This is going to sound crazy, but you're picking this up faster than most people.

CASEY
After two weeks?

HEATHER
At this rate, you could be assistant manager by week three!

CASEY
But I don't have any management experience. Plus, weren't you going to promote Rachel?

HEATHER
If she's skipping shifts, I don't know.

CASEY
Actually, I want to tell you about –

HEATHER
You really don't have management experience?

CASEY
No. Didn't you look at my resume? Or like, check my references?

HEATHER
If you count your birth chart as a reference, then yes! If you mean a regular reference, then no.

Two TOURISTS enter the store.

TOURIST ONE
Wow, look at this.

TOURIST TWO
So cool.

HEATHER
Hi, welcome in.

TOURIST ONE
See what I told you? We had to visit.

TOURIST TWO
I told you about this. I read about it in that interior design book about retail spaces. It has the interactive AI mirror. Can we see the interactive AI mirror?

HEATHER
I'm sorry, it's down right now —

TOURIST ONE
No, I showed you the owner's TED Talk. He's that tech guy, Grant Saques, who left the tech world behind because he believes in handmade artisanal goods and the quality of old world craftsmanship? He's an inspiration. I've been dying to visit this place.

TOURIST TWO
You only watched that TED Talk because I showed you the retail design book!!

TOURIST ONE
Well, either way.
Can we see some socks?

HEATHER
Sure! Are you looking for more formal, casual, or—?

TOURIST ONE
So official, I love it. I don't know. Formal?

HEATHER
Great! What's your size?

TOURIST ONE
Aren't they one size fits all?