

Borderline Difference

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INT. B&B RECEPTION- 10AM

FADE IN

Reception table, ornaments, vase of near dead flowers.

TAM, 29, Scottish, beard, glasses

Tam is cleaning reception outside his managers office, and the office door is wide open

STEVE, 34, brown suit, umbrella

TAM

Take it you'll be wanting a room?

STEVE

Yes please.

TAM

You English?

STEVE

That's right.

TAM

Well you're no getting a room.

STEVE

Why? I'm a customer?

TAM

Maybe so but you're forgetting one thing. You're the auld enemy.

STEVE

Don't you have any respect for your guests?

TAM

Guests we've nae guests in here. And if things dinny start picking up, I'll have tae move back up to Scotland.

STEVE

Well if that's going to be your attitude, I guess I'll have to take my business elsewhere.

TAM

Aye, you better, ya Sassenach ye.

The customer walks away in the huff.

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DAVE, 34, chubby character.

Dave is very unhappy.

DAVE  
Tam, office, now!

FADE OUT

INT. DAVE'S OFFICE- 10.05AM

FADE IN

Desk, chairs, laptop, fridge.

Tam is sitting down with his arms folded.

DAVE  
I've got a good mind to fire you on  
the spot.

TAM  
How?

DAVE  
Your chasing most of my b&b  
customers and reservations away.

TAM  
Well there all English.

DAVE  
I understand if you feel homesick  
but you're in England, and me I'm  
English.

TAM  
Well, naw I could've swore ye were  
Dutch.

DAVE  
Look, Tam just go home.

TAM  
What?

DAVE  
It's OK, your not getting your  
books. Just go home come back  
tomorrow.

INT. ON THE BUS- 11AM

FADE IN

Tam is going down a London high street watching all the people busily walking down the street.

FADE OUT

INT. TAMS LIVING ROOM- 8PM

Tam is sitting alone with his dog watching TV.

TAM

Ach, this is crap. Got to keep my job. Have to change.

Tam looks at his dog

.....What do you think?

Pause as if he was waiting on an answer.

.....Why am I speaking to a dog like that? I'm the delusional one now.

INT. RECEPTION- 11AM

Reception table, ornaments, vase of near dead flowers.

Tam is at reception

Someone walks up to reception.

JOE, 30, England rugby top.

JOE

I have a reservation. Mr Thomas.

TAM

That's no 229.

Tam hands the keys for the bedrooms in ordinary fashion.

INT. OUTSIDE LIFT- 4PM

Clear corridor with just lifts.

A lift opens Tam walks in and see's Dave there.

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DAVE

I heard you managed a customer really well today. Joe said he was satisfied on his visitor review form.

TAM

I see.

DAVE

I'm pleased.

TAM

I suppose this isn't a bad place after all.

DAVE

You said it home boy.

FADE OUT