

"ASSAULTED"

EXT. ALLEYWAY, NIGHT

A MAN, late 30s, dressed professionally is walking down the street when a MUGGER, roughly the same age, appears in front of him, holding a gun.

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MUGGER

Gimme your wallet.

MAN

(startled, but keeping calm)
Sure thing. No problem at all.

MUGGER

(getting impatient, angrier)
Come on! Gimme your money!

MAN

All of it?

MUGGER

What? Yeah, of course all of it!

MAN

Sure...it's just that some of it is foreign currency. (he hands over a wad of mixed bills)

MUGGER

Why do you have foreign money?

MAN

You know how it is. You have some left over after a trip, you keep meaning to exchange it, but you never do.

MUGGER

I don't do as much international traveling as much as you might think...

MAN

(oblivious)
Oh, that's too bad.

~~MUGGER~~

~~and most of my money is tied up in, you know, actual, usable money.~~

~~MAN~~

~~Sure~~

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MUGGER

(Handing back the foreign money)

Keep it. (looking through the bills) Wait - is that a horse fighting a tiger?

MAN

Yeah - isn't that wild? It's on their flag, too!

MUGGER

That's nuts. Maybe I'll keep this one after all.

MAN

Sure, go for it.

MUGGER

(almost to himself, wistful)
I really need to travel.

MAN

If you're thinking about it, you should just do it.

MUGGER

Yeah - it's just that this is kind of my busy season. There's so many tourists walking around carrying tons of cash this time of year.

MAN

I hear you. It's hard to find that work/life balance.

MUGGER

Exactly!

MAN

But, you know, there's always going to be a reason NOT to. (looking through his wallet) Hey, you don't mind if I keep my credit cards, do you?

MUGGER

Nah, go ahead. (looking closer) Is that an Amazon Visa?

MAN

Yep.

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MUGGER

Do you like it?

MAN

Love it!

MUGGER

What are the points like on it?

MAN

Very good! Totally worth it.
(looking through cards) Oh, this
one is actually a gift card, do you
want it?

MUGGER

For where?

MAN

Bed Bath and Beyond.

MUGGER

Eh, pass.

MAN

Really? You don't need anything
from Bed Bath and Beyond? They've
got everything!

MUGGER

Do they have pasta strainers?

MAN

Are you kidding me? Yeah, they sell
pasta strainers. Your mind is gonna
be blown when you see their
selection of pasta strainers.

MUGGER

Okay, yeah, I'll take it. Thanks.

MAN

(digging through wallet)
You should take this 30% off coupon
too.

MUGGER

This is expired!

MAN

They'll still honor it.

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MUGGER

Wow. That's really good customer care.

MAN

They set the bar! (looking through cards) Do you want this gift card for Circuit City?

MUGGER

Seriously? Those all shut down years ago.

MAN

They did? You're really doing me a favor here! This wallet was in serious need of a cleaning!

(looking through, pulling out card)
Well, you definitely don't need my gym card.

MUGGER

That's funny - you're the second guy this week who's had one of those cards.

MAN

You're kidding me! This is for my building's fitness center. I bet I know the other guy!

MUGGER

He was a wiry guy, glasses. Kind of curly hair...

MAN

Sort of reddish hair? Horn rim glasses?

(cont'd)

That's the guy!

MAN

I know exactly who you're talking about! That's my downstairs neighbor, Jeff.

MUGGER

What are the odds, right?

MAN

That is too funny. You know, I always say, it's a big city, but a small world.

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