

Lost Luggage or I bought that dress in Oaxaca!

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INT. LOST LUGGAGE COUNTER AIRPORT -MIDNIGHT

Jen middle-aged woman, frantic and disheveled steps up to the counter of the Lost luggage in the airport.

Ellen a young petite perky new trainee greets her with a smile

ELLEN

How can I help you?

JEN

OMG You're open. Thank God. I'm so exhausted I hope you can help me. I just flew in from Oaxaca but My connecting flight was canceled in Mexico city and I was stuck there for 9 hours until they found a new flight crew. And I'm finally home and my luggage is missing. I've been waiting at the carousel for an hour but I guess it's lost..I don't know.

ELLEN (LOST LUGGAGE WORKER)

I'm so sorry. Let me see what I can do. May I see your ticket and luggage tag?

Jen rummages through her purse looking for the ticket.

She gives up and empties the content of her purse on the counter.

JEN

Here they are-- Oh god I thought I lost them too. Just my luck.

ELLEN

Thank you. If I'm not able to locate your bag tonight you may have to pick it up tomorrow--

JEN

That's ok. Sorry to burden you with my drama .I'm so tired.

ELLEN

No no no it's understandable. Start by filling out this form .

Ellens hands Jen a form. Jen searches her purse again for a pen.

I hope you at least had a good time
on your trip.

JEN

I did. Another destination wedding.

Jen lets out a sigh.

JEN (CONT'D)

Do you have a pen?

Ellen hands Jen a pen. She takes the pen, looks at Ellen and
does a double take and looks again

JEN (CONT'D)

So weird but I have the exact same
blouse. I actually wore it on this
trip--one of my favorites.

ELLEN

Very cool! This look is so
popular right now. It's coming
back into style.

JEN

Oh I didn't know it went out of
style.

Jen examines Ellen's blouse more closely

ELLEN

Hold on.

Ellen Searches on the computer

ELLEN (CONT'D)

I think I found it. Oh I guess not.
. I'm new here-- still in training.
I need to ask my manager how to
process these forms.

Ellen picks up the phone and buzzes for the manager

JEN

It even has the same chocolate
stain--

Manager enters. He wears a Hamsa delicate necklace around
his neck and carries the book Siddhartha in his hand.

MANAGER..HANK

How can I help you Ellen. Sorry I left you alone. I was on a little break.

The manager looks at the computer

MANAGER..HANK (CONT'D)

I see. Simple solution You are missing form B. Carry on.

The manager hands another form to Jen. He starts to exit. Jen interrupts him

JEN

Hey That's my book. You're reading my book. It was in my luggage--

MANAGER..HANK

You must be mistaken miss. I believe over a 100 million copies of Siddhartha have been printed since 1923. It's a classic

JEN

I see what's going on here. Open it up to the front cover. I bought it at a used book store. it has the reduced price scribbled inside the-

Jen grabs the book

MANAGER..HANK

Please collect yourself. I don't want to have to call security.

The manager yanks the book back from Jen. Jen notices his necklace.

JEN

And that's my necklace. It's my Hamsa. You're wearing my Hamsa. It looks terrible on you!

MANAGER..HANK

How dare you. My wife gave it to me and I cherish it.

JEN

She did not. I had it in my suitcase. My niece brought it back from Israel for me.

(MORE)

JEN (CONT'D)

It's very unique. I would recognize that--

MANAGER..HANK

Miss, I understand red-eye flights take a toll on people.

JEN

No it's not that.

ELLEN

Oh I see what's going on here. She must have taken an Ambien on the plane. It can make anyone act crazy. I took one once and same thing happened to me. I accused the flight attendant of stealing my peanuts.

MANAGER HANK

Nasty side effects. I took one once and I almost defecated on right--

Ellen laughs so does Hank. Jen cuts them off

JEN

I did not take an Ambien
What's really going on is you two stole my things out of my luggage. I'm reporting this. Unbelievable. I'm calling the police

MANAGER..HANK

No one took took your possessions Miss. Please calm down.

Security enters, he is a large muscular guy. He wears a way too tight traditional Oaxacan women's dress

SECURITY FREDRICO

I'm with security. I heard some commotion over here. I wanted to see if everything was OK.

Jen stuffs everything back in her purse not looking at the Security Guard

JEN

Thank god you're here. They both stole my things out of my luggage. She's wearing my blouse..and he has my necklace on.

Jen turns around and sees him for the first time

JEN (CONT'D)

And you are wearing my dress!!!
That looks ridiculous on you.

SECURITY

I'm slaying it in this dress.

JEN

I bought it in the marketplace in
Oaxaca!!! you're stretching it
out. What are doing in my dress?

SECURITY

Whoa whoa whoa first of all..I'm
non binary and I don't identify
with either gender. So that's just
insulting. And second of all I
bought it at the Mexican store in
Evanston.
You're going to have to come with
me Miss.
If you can't control yourself--

Security leads her out of the airport.

Ellen and manager shake their heads after she is taken away.

