

Opening shot is of Roy's shop. In front of him is Mr. Mann. Roy seems somewhat taken aback.

ROY: "Hello"

MR MANN: "Hello"

ROY: "I did not see y'there. 'Ave ye been 'ere long?"

MR MANN: "No not long. Just about a week or so."

ROY: "Right...can I 'elp you?"

MR MANN: "I'm wondering if you can help me. I'm looking to buy a painting of a disappointed horse"

ROY: "A disappointed horse?"

MR MANN: "Yes"

ROY: "Well well I'm not sure uhh...." {rummages through stock and produces a picture} "How about this one?"

MR MANN: "That horse looks more perturbed than disappointed."

ROY "Right..." {produces another picture} "This one?"

MR MANN: "The horse looks disappointed, but not because it received bad news. It looks more like it was disappointed because it had high expectations in life that have remained unfulfilled."

{Roy looking at picture nods}

ROY: "Now you say it..ye.." {Roy produces another picture of a horse} "How about this one?"

MR MANN: "I can see the disappointment; I can see the frustration but I can also sense a flicker of hope..that things might get better for this horse and that really isn't what I'm looking for."

ROY "One moment. MA-GRET! MA-GRET!

{ten second pause}

MA-GRET "YES?"

ROY: "THERES A GENTLEMEN HERE WANTS TO KNOW IF WE HAVE ANY PAINTINGS OF A DISAPPOINTED HORSE"

MA-GRET "HAVE YOU SHOWN HIM THE PERTURBED ONE, THE UNFULFILLED ONE AND THE ONE THAT APPEARS DISAPPOINTED BUT ULTIMATELY HAS A FLICKER OF HOPE?"

ROY "YES"

MA-GRET "oh"

ROY "oh"

MA-GRET "Oh I've got an idea. ROY! ROY!"

{ten second pause}

ROY "YES?"

MA-GRET "IF HE'S LOOKING FOR PICTURES OF DISAPPOINTED ANIMALS WE HAVE A VERY GOOD ONE OF A VEXED KITTEN"

ROY: "Oh she says we have a very good one of a vexed kitten.."

MR MANN: "I'm not sure that would make a nice painting. An erked kitten perhaps but not vexed.

ROY: "Oh." {shrugs} " Oh...I don't know what to suggest."

MR MANN: "Do you have any paintings featuring displeased owls?"

ROY: "Displeased owls?" {thinks} "Do y'know I think we may have just the thing. Now where did I put it?" {searches} "Ahh here it is! " {Produces a picture of an owl, blows off dust and shows it to customer} "Well? What d'you reckon?"

MR MANN: "Ahh yes, that owl looks very displeased. I will take it"

ROY: " Oh. Thought we'd never get there."

MR MANN: " I have a painting of an inconvenienced badger at home. I can put it next to that."

ROY "Ahh right. Did you buy that here?"

MR MANN: "No i bought it at the inconvenienced badger painting shop"

ROY "Oh yes I know it. How's business?"

MR MANN: {Ponders for a moment} "Slow"

ROY "Right that will be 100 pounds please."

MR MANN: "There you go."

{Roy and customer exchange money and picture...with a little difficulty. Mr. Mann walks to the door, pauses and ponders over picture he has just bought.)

MR MANN: "I can't help thinking this owl looks more disillusioned than displeased."

ROY "Get out or I will strangle you."

MR MANN: "Goodbye" {Customer leaves, walking past the shop with Roy staring back at him as he walks past.}