

# PIN NUMBER AND OKAY!

A 2.5 minute monologue

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*BELINDA, 40s, a bored cashier at a busy supermarket, meets a surprising customer.*

*\*bold text denotes asides as Belinda speaks her real thoughts.*

*Flatly.* Fine thanks.

Pin number and okay.

***Not okay.***

*Pointing to the EFTPOS machine.* At the top.

Receipt?

Enjoy the rest of your day.

***The rest of mine will be crap. My arms ache, my legs ache.***

*Brightly.* Hello ... yes, it's a lovey day

***How would I know?***

I haven't tried them myself.

***Sugar free biscuits? Just don't eat biscuits!***

Enjoy the rest of your day!

*Looking up at the next customer.* Hello. Is this yours?

***Get off your phone! That's so rude.***

Cash out? Yes. How much?

Pin number and okay.

Enjoy the rest of your day!

***Beep! Beep! I'm a robot.***

*She looks up in surprise.*

*Brightly. A little shy.* Oh ... hello! Back again?

***Why are you buying 10 packets of sultanas and boxes of orange juice – again?***

Do you need a bag?

***More like a suitcase.***

Quite busy, thanks.

*Easier than dealing with grumpy teenagers at home.*

Oh! Studying, actually. Literature. I'm a mature-age student.

*I've finally decided to do something for myself.*

My favourite writer? Shakespeare, of course. And Margaret Atwood.

You too?

*I bet you're just saying that.*

*A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

*You've probably never heard of it.*

*Delighted.* You're playing Bottom?! Amazing!

Interval snacks? For the cast. I see!

*I thought they were for your kids ...*

*Nodding and reciting along with the customer.*

'And, most dear actors, eat no onions nor garlic, for we are to utter sweet breath!'

*Laughing shyly at her own audacity.*

Tomorrow night? Um ... I don't know. I think so. Why not? Okay!

*Is this a date?*

I'd LOVE free tickets. That would be awesome. Thank you!

*I hope the kids don't mind.*

*Pointing to her name tag.* Belinda. Thomas.

*Shyly.* Nice to meet you ,too.

At the stage door? Okay. See you then. Nick!

Thank you.

*Brightly* Pin number and okay.

*Okay! Okay! Okay!*

See you tomorrow. Bye! Break a leg! But not really.

*Bottom! O most courageous day! O most happy hour!*

*Smiling at the next customer.*

Yes, it's a beautiful day!

**294 spoken words**

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