

"THE ODDSOCKEATERS"

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FADE IN

(BW)

I) EXT. SHOPPING MALL.

Night

A rope cuts through the air and snaps on a CCTV camera above an entrance to a shopping mall. An invisible hand tightens the rope, the camera breaks off and lands in a nearby bush. We hear a blunt thud, followed by swearing. A gang of oddsocketeaters jumps out of the bush: The Big Boss, Boris - clutching his head, Frankie Fingers, Spike Reisser and Chang the Choker, twisting the rope back around his body. The entire gang sneaks toward the shopping mall entrance. Boris leans against the door, Chang the Choker climbs onto his shoulders, followed by Frankie Fingers, who picks the lock with a piece of wire. Spike Reisser is shining a torch at them and Big Boss is on watch. The lock gives way, the door clicks and the oddsocketeaters are in.

II) INT. SHOPPING MALL - LOBBY, ESCALATOR

Big Boss and his thugs are creeping up the mall in between glass displays with expensive watches and jewellery. Among the jewellery, Big Boss spots a sock-shaped handbag made of silver mesh. He stops suddenly, the others bump into him. Panic ensues. False alarm. After they come back to their senses and leaving the jewellery intact, they all tip-toe toward a nearby escalator and run up it.

III) INT. HOISERY DEPARTMENT

Big Boss gives a signal and the other thugs attack the shelves. Boris is opening drawers one by one and throwing stuff out. Chang the Choker snatches socks from higher shelves using his rope. Things fall down everywhere. Frankie Fingers breaks the pairs of socks - he puts one from each pair into a supermarket-branded plastic bag and throws the other one onto a pile next to him. Spike Reisser checks to see that no one is watching and starts stuffing his plastic bag with full pairs of socks. But the Big Boss sees him and snatches his hand.

BIG BOSS (*THREATENING*)

Fluffandripandinsideout! WHAT are you doing, Spike? We only take the odd ones!!!

SPIKE REISSER (*ANGRILY*)

Odd, even, I couldn't care less. I'm not nitpicking, Big Boss! I'll take everything.

The other thugs notice the row between the Boss and Spike Reisser.

BIG BOSS (*AGITATED*)

We are the ODDsocketeaters. RULE NUMBER ONE for all oddsocketeaters..

SPIKE REISSER (*BARGING IN*)

I don't give a fluff about your rules.

BIG BOSS (*SHOUTING*)

...IS: NEVER TAKE THE ENTIRE PAIR!!!

Big Boss bangs his fist on the nearest shelf. Mannequin legs clad in expensive stockings on the top of it wobble a bit and then - with an enormous racket - all fall like domino bricks. The oddsocketeaters freeze. The burglar alarm screams. Lights switch on in the entire building. Spike Reisser snatches all his plastic bags and legs it. The other oddsocketeaters run in all directions in panic.