DRUNK GUY: "Burns an' Nobles is my favorite bookstore! I love how ya' got rid of all them books and replaced em' with As-Seen-On-TV products! Btw, I'm looking for a Chia Pet shaped like Larry the Cable Guy. All the ones ya' have right now look like that Shakespeare fella."

ANGRY OLD LADY: "And just what do you mean that ordering an obscure knitting book from across the country will take 1-2 business days? Forget it...I'll just order it myself on Amazon. This is why you people are going out of business!"

AUTHOR: "Hi. I'm an extreme-niche author who self-published in the cheapest way possible. I wrote an e-book that's only available on Kindle. Anyway, I'd like to schedule a book signing for tomorrow."

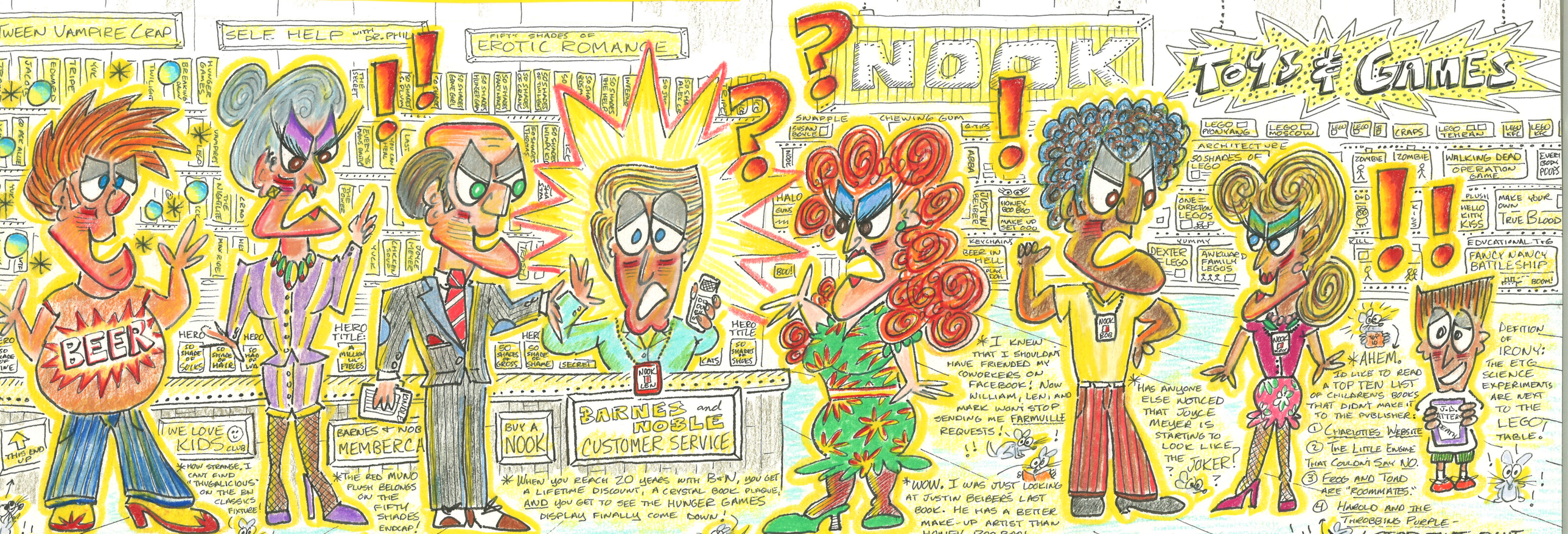
BOOKSELLER ON PHONE: (Loudly, so the elderly caller can hear) "Sir, I assure you...the rabbit ears on top of your B&W TV are *not* broadcasting a Wi-Fi signal to your Nook!"

RED HAIRED CUSTOMER: "This is ridiculous! How can you *not* have my brother's-cousin's-coworker's-roommate's-former hairstylist's unicorn poetry book from the early 1980s? It's a best seller!"

MANAGER: "There's a Code-Brown in the bathroom, a Code-Yellow in kids, a Code-Barf in the Cafe lobby, and a Code-the-District-Manager-just-walked-in at Cashwrap."

BOOKSELLER: "Do you have time to help a customer who wants the SparkNotes for *Fifty Shades of Grey?* I have to troubleshoot a 1st Edition Nook that was bought at Best Buy.

LITTLE KID: Golly! Nora Patterson hasn't written a purple book in *weeks...!*



*OUCH. LOOK AT THE INFO DESKS PERSPECTIVE LINES HERE. THIS IS WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DRAW YOUR CONTEST SUBMISSION!

*NOW STRANGE. I CANT FIND "THE GALICIOUS" ON THE BN CLASSICS FIXTURE!

THE "CODE-BARF" IN CAFE BN, INVOLVED SPINACH ARTICHOKE QUICHE, ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP, A VENTI GREEN TEA FRAPPUCCINO, AND A VERY LATE NIGHT LAST NIGHT.

*THE RED MUND PLUSH BELONGS ON THE FIFTY SHADES ENDCAP!

*SO, I HEAR THAT KEVIN TRUDEAU HAS WRITTEN ANOTHER BOOK; IT'S CALLED "THE AVOIDING PRISON CURE THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT!"

I'M READING RICHARD PRESTONS NEWEST MEDICAL THRILLER. THIS TIME, THE HORRIBLE DISEASE STARTS WITH THE SPIT ON THE THOMAS THE TRAIN TABLE.

*WHEN YOU REACH 20 YEARS WITH B&N, YOU GET A LIFETIME DISCOUNT, A CRYSTAL BOOK PLAQUE, AND YOU GET TO SEE THE HUNGER GAMES DISPLAY FINALLY COME DOWN!

*I KNEW THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE FRIENDED MY COWORKERS ON FACEBOOK! NOW WILLIAM, LEN, AND MARK WON'T STOP SENDING ME FARMVILLE REQUESTS!

*WOW. I WAS JUST LOOKING AT JUSTIN BIEBER'S LAST BOOK. HE HAS A BETTER MAKE-UP ARTIST THAN HONEY BOO BOO!

*HAS ANYONE ELSE NOTICED THAT JOYCE MEYER IS STARTING TO LOOK LIKE THE JOKER?

① AS A CUSTOMER WITH ALLERGIES, I'M OFFENDED THAT BN CARRIES GARDENING MAGAZINES...
② AS A MIDDLE-EASTERN CUSTOMER, I'M OFFENDED BY THE RED CLEARANCE STICKERS...
③ AS A FORMER BORDERS CUSTOMER, I'M OFFENDED THAT BN IS STILL OPEN!

*AHEM. I'D LIKE TO READ A TOP TEN LIST OF CHILDRENS BOOKS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE PUBLISHER:
① CHARLOTTES WEBSITE
② THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULDN'T SAY NO.
③ FROG AND TOAD ARE "ROOMMATES."
④ HAROLD AND THE THROBBING PURPLE-

DEFITION OF IRONY: THE ETG SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS ARE NEXT TO THE LEGO TABLE.

STOP THAT RIGHT THERE! THIS IS A CORPORATE CONTEST. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH DAVID HAD TO TAME DOWN THE HUMOR ALREADY!

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