

## Starbucks Perks

Characters:

Barista  
Businessman  
Yuppie Man  
Yuppie Woman  
Criminal  
Cop 1  
Cop 2

Setting:

A Starbucks.

(Lights up on a typical looking Starbucks coffee establishment. An overly perky Starbucks barista stands behind the counter, eager to start the day. A Businessman enters. He is in a hurry.)

Barista  
Good morning! Welcome to Starbucks!

Businessman  
Good morning. Can I get a venti drip coffee?

Barista  
Do you want to upgrade to a trenta? It's only .50 cents more.

Businessman  
I am quite certain I do not.

Barista  
OK. Can I interest you in a breakfast sandwich or our specialty granola?

Businessman  
Just the coffee.

Barista  
OK. That will be \$4. Do you have a Starbucks rewards card?

Businessman  
That I don't.

Barista

OK. Well if you sign up today, not only will you save money on our specialty drinks and food items but you will gain points toward our Criminal-No-More program. The more you buy the better chance you have to get out of sticky legal situations. It only costs...

Businessman

Just the coffee, please.

Barista

OK. Here you are. Have a great day!

(The Barista hands him his coffee. The businessman throws four dollars down on the counter and quickly exits. A yuppie couple enter the store.)

Barista

Good morning! Welcome to Starbucks!

Yuppie Man

Hi. I'll get a trenta triple shot decaf Americano with room for soy milk and four packets of Splenda.

Yuppie Woman

Yeah, I'll get the same except with room for half and half and six packets of Splenda. Oooo, and one of those granola fun packs.

Yuppie Man

Ooooo, me too.

Barista

OK. Do you have a Starbucks rewards card?

Yuppie Woman

That we do!

Barista

Great!

(Yuppie Man takes the card out of his wallet and hands it to the Barista. The Barista takes it and swipes the card through the computer.)

Barista

Oh, congratulations! It looks like you are eligible to get out of four parking tickets and have a free pass on any hit-and-run accident, regardless of any fatality. And you are 50 points away from escaping an embezzlement charge. Boy, you must drink a lot of coffee!

Yuppie Man and Yuppie Woman  
We sure do!

(All three laugh)

Barista  
That will be \$30.

(Yuppie Man hands the Barista the money. Barista takes it and hands them their drinks and granola fun packs.)

Barista  
Thanks and have a great morning!

Yuppie Man and Yuppie Woman  
We will!

(Yuppie Man and Yuppie Woman exit. Beat. Offstage the sound of gunshots are heard. Sounds of yelling. More gunshots. This is followed by police sirens.)

(A criminal runs into the store, all the while trying to get out his wallet.)

Barista  
Good morning! Welcome to Starbucks!

Criminal  
(out of breath)  
Morning....Get me a trenta triple shot mocha...no whip...hurry!

Barista  
Can I interest you in a muffin?

Criminal  
No muffin. Just hurry.

Barista  
Do you have a Starbucks rewards card?

Criminal  
Yes.  
(slams the card on the counter.)  
Hurry up!

(The Barista takes the card and the criminal impatiently waits. He looks around nervously. Suddenly two cops burst through the door.)

Criminal  
Shit! Hurry up!

(The two cops rush over to the Criminal. Cop 1 slams the Criminal against the counter and starts to handcuff him. Cop 2 starts to read him his Miranda rights)

Cop 2  
You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say...

Criminal  
Hand him the receipt!

(The Barista quickly hands Cop 2 the receipt. Cop 2 takes it and reads it. Cop 2 shows the receipt to Cop 1.)

Cop 1  
Ah, god damn it.

Cop 2  
Uncuff him.

Cop 1  
Do I have to?

Cop 2  
I'm afraid so.

Cop 1  
Piss.

(Cop 1 uncuffs Criminal. The Criminal quickly cards his coffee and his Starbucks rewards card and hurries toward the exit.)

Barista  
Hey! You forgot to pay!

Criminal  
Check the receipt! (exits)

(Cop 2 hands the Barista the receipt.)

Barista  
(as Criminal exits)  
Have a great morning!  
(looks at the receipt) Wow. That guy drinks a lot of coffee.

Cop 1  
(to Cop 2)  
Now what?

Cop 2  
Well, since we're here, we might as well order something.

Barista  
(as if noticing them for the first time)  
Good morning! Welcome to Starbucks!

Cop 1  
Um, can I get a trenta quad shot latte?

Barista  
Do you have a Starbucks rewards card?

Cop 1  
As a matter of fact, I do.

(Cop 1 gets out his card. The transaction continues.)

(Blackout.)