

# THE SUPERMARKET AT THE END OF THE WORLD

## Before & After

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SFX

ANNOUNCEMENT CHIMES  
SUPERMARKET ATMOSPHERE  
INSTITUTIONAL UNDERSCORE

LOUDSPEAKER

Welcome back to the Supermarket at the End of the World!  
The only place on Earth open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.  
Twentyfourseven, as we used to say.  
Do you remember?  
We had weeks. We had days too.  
Every day was different from the day before...

SFX

BIRDS CHIRPING

LOUDSPEAKER

... and the day after.

SFX

THUNDER

LOUDSPEAKER

Before and After.  
After and Before.  
Before and After.  
After and Before.  
Well, it was Before.  
Now it's After.  
And now... Every day is the same. The same shit.  
But never mind... we are always open!

Please, try not to be misled by the slightly critical situation outside.  
Stay inside.  
Umf... Ahhh.  
Umf... Ahhh.

ROBOTIC VOICE

Stay inside

LOUDSPEAKER

Stay inside.  
Umf... Ahhh.

MUSIC

NOISE ORGAN BREAK

Inside our supermarket.  
Ha! Ha! Ha!  
And Buy! Buy! Buy!

MUSIC

SCRATCH BREAK

So... let's briefly summarize what we know, shall we?  
Last time we met, as you might recall, the world has  
ended...

SFX

END OF THE UNIVERSE

SFX

PANICKED CROWD

You have to stay calm! Stay Calm!  
Don't panic!

SFX

DON'T PANIC

MUSIC

CASIO WALTZ UNDERSCORE

Social distancing...  
... is the key-word for today.  
S O C I A L D I S T A N C I N G

MUSIC

FUZZY MELODICA BREAK

S O O C I A L D I I I I I S T A N C I I I I N G  
Don't stand  
Don't stand so  
Don't stand so close to each other!

ROBOTIC VOICE

Social distancing

LOUDSPEAKER

Don't hug, don't kiss hello, don't kiss good-bye.  
Don't.  
Don't.

Don't.

Times have changed.

Many of the things that could be done before...

ROBOTIC VOICE

Before

LOUDSPEAKER

... now, which is after...

ROBOTIC VOICE

After.

LOUDSPEAKER

... cannot be done any longer.

SFX

BABY DOLL CRY

LOUDSPEAKER

Many of the things that were likely to happen before...

ROBOTIC VOICE

Before

LOUDSPEAKER

... now which is after...

ROBOTIC VOICE

After

LOUDSPEAKER

... won't happen any longer.  
Is that clear?

SFX

UH?

LOUDSPEAKER

"Before and After".  
This makes all the difference.  
"Before" and "After" are not simply two adverbs.  
These short words carry on their shoulders all the weight  
of History!

The Weight Of History!

MUSIC

STRANGE UNDERSCORE

ROBOTIC VOICE

Before

LOUDSPEAKER

Before,  
...man was primitive

MAN	Urgh! Urgh! I'm very primitive... Ha! Ha! Ha...
<u>SFX</u>	<u>FART</u>
MAN	... oh, I'm sorry.
LOUDSPEAKER	He used to walk on all fours.
<u>SFX</u>	<u>MARCHING SOLDIERS</u>
MAN	Urgh! Urgh! I'm primitive!
LOUDSPEAKER	Then he became "sapiens"...
<u>SFX</u>	<u>GLASS CLINK</u> <u>PARTY ATMOSPHERE WITH MUSIC</u>
MAN	Ha! ha! Ha! I'm sapiens
<u>SFX</u>	<u>BREAKING GLASS</u>
MAN	Not so much, but sapiens.
LOUDSPEAKER	... got the ability to stand upright and discovered French fashion.
MUSIC	FRENCH ACCORDION
<u>SFX</u>	<u>CAMERA CLICKS</u>
MAN ( <i>in a French accent</i> )	Oh, là-là, c'est pas mal ah, c'est tres jolie, mais je m'en foute, c'est bon, bof bof prrr...
LOUDSPEAKER	Before, man was violent and immature
<u>SFX</u>	<u>FIGHT NOISES</u>
MAN1	Urgh... Ah!
MAN2	Ah... Urgh!

LOUDSPEAKER	He used to fight to catch more females...
<u>SFX</u>	<u>FIGHT NOISES</u>
WOMAN	<i>(laughs excited)</i>
MAN1	Urgh... Ah!
MAN2	Ah... Urgh!
<u>SFX</u>	<u>DINOSAUR ROAR</u>
LOUDSPEAKER	... mmm... and more chunks of dinosaur.
<u>SFX</u>	<u>FFW</u>
ROBOTIC VOICE	After.
LOUDSPEAKER	After, He became polite and democratic: He started to give way to the ladies and the elderly and, in short, he became... peaceful.
ROBOTIC VOICE	Peaceful.
<u>SFX</u>	<u>WAR</u>
LOUDSPEAKER	Hahahahaha! Hahahahaha! This ain't no party, this ain't no disco, This ain't no fooling around This ain't no Mudd Club, or C. B. G. B. You ain't got time for that now.
LOUDSPEAKER	Customers! Customers! Customers! Listen...

SFX

STRANGE CHURCH BELLS

It's almost Easter time, the time of...  
Resurrection!

MUSIC

INSTITUTIONAL UNDERSCORE

Focus on Resurrection and you'll feel a lot better!

Remember 9/11? Remember the collapsing Towers in  
New York?

You thought that nothing would ever be the same as  
before.

But, slowly, everything started to be the same as before  
again.

SFX

STRANGE CHURCH BELLS

Resurrection!

ROBOTIC VOICE

Resurrection.

LOUDSPEAKER

In a few years, even these days you are living in  
reclusion and fear, will turn into a distant memory.

SFX

STRANGE CHURCH BELLS

Resurrection!

ROBOTIC VOICE

Resurrection.

LOUDSPEAKER

So, don't panic!

SFX

DONT'PANIC

Panic exists in your mind only.  
You are safe.

ROBOTIC VOICE

Safe

