

Psychological Lens Ignite Presentation: The Hitchhiker

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The Hitchhiker



ID



EGO



SUPEREGO

Character: the Hitchhiker

- ▶ Hitchhiker; going to London for the Derby Day event
- ▶ Small ratty-faced man with grey teeth
- ▶ A teenager
- ▶ Has skilled fingers - "fingersmith"



Beginning Id

- ▶ The hitchhiker doesn't believe that the driver's car can reach up to 129 km/hr.
- ▶ His Id pushes Hitchhiker to provoke the driver to go over the speed limit
- ▶ Quote: "Open 'er up then and prove it," he said. "Go on, guv'nor, open 'er right up and let's see what she'll do."



Beginning Ego

- ▶ The hitchhiker pushed the driver to accelerate his car speed to the maximum limit of 129 MPH.



Beginning Superego

- ▶ Hitchhiker doesn't physically force the driver to speed but uses his words to convince the driver.
- ▶ Quote: "A hundred and twenty! Go on! Get 'er to one-two-nine!"



Middle ID

- ▶ The driver is caught speeding by the police.
- ▶ Hitchhiker's first reaction is to let him speak instead of the driver
- ▶ QUOTE:
- ▶ " "Don't talk to 'im more than is necessary, you understand," my companion said. "Just sit tight and keep mum."





Middle Ego

- ▶ Hitchhiker didn't reveal his true identity to the cop because he doesn't want more trouble.
- ▶ Decides to lie to police about his job
- ▶ QUOTE: "I'm an 'od carrier."

Middle Super Ego



- ▶ To not get caught or reveal his true job, the hitchhiker decides to lie to cop about his real identity.
- ▶ Quote: "'Ave I done somethin' wrong?" my passenger asked. His voice was soft and oily as haircream."

End ID

- ▶ The hitchhiker tells the driver he's a fingersmith.
- ▶ He pickpocketed the driver to show his skills.
- ▶ QUOTE:
- ▶ "Where d'you think I got it?" he said. "Off the top of your trousers, of course." I reached down and felt for my belt. It was gone.



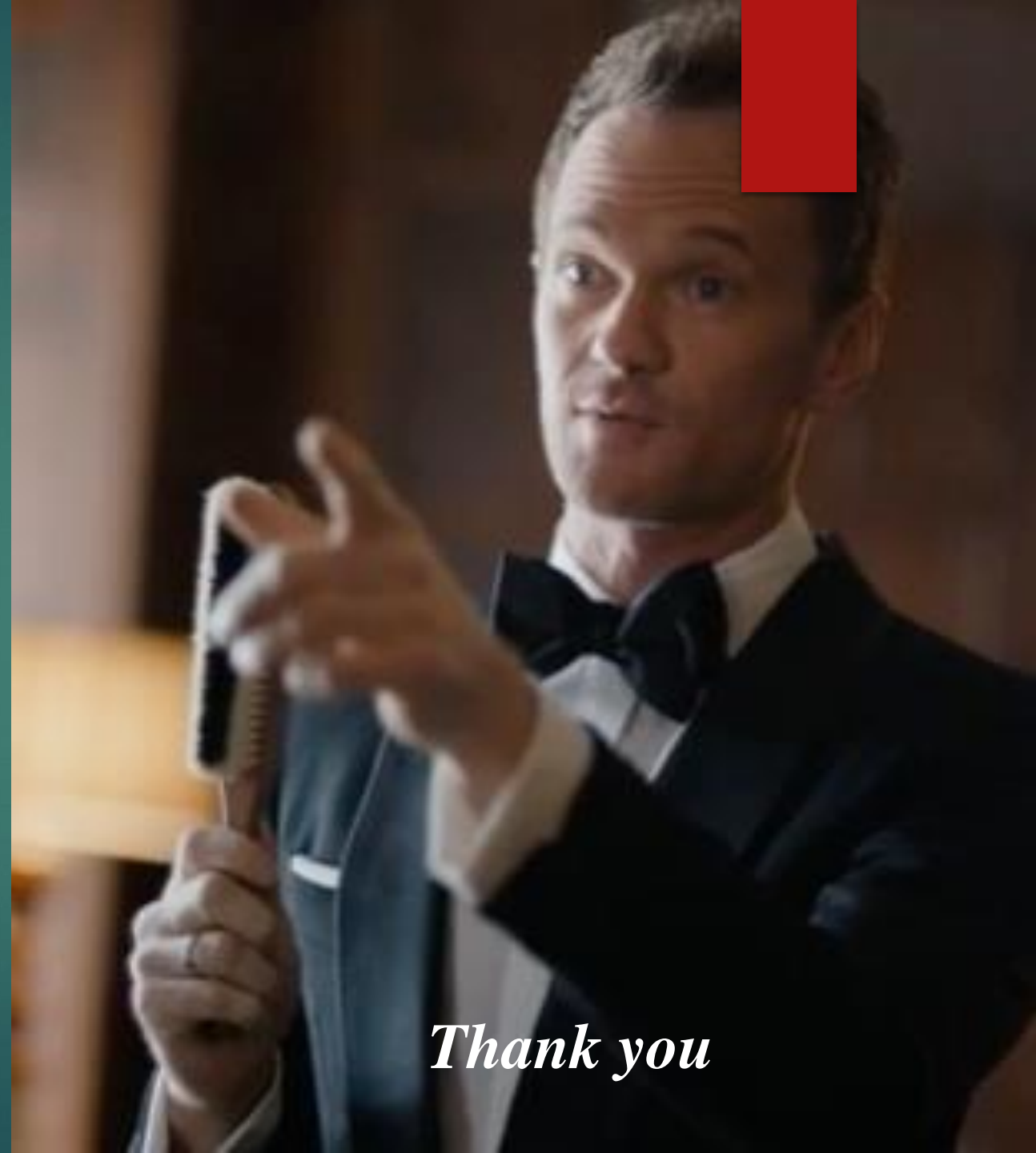
End Ego

- ▶ **The Hitchhiker finally decides to show his skills in order to reveal his job as he trusts the driver by now**
- ▶ Quote: "You asked me what I did for a livin' and I'm showin' you."



End Super Ego

- ▶ Hitchhiker shows his gratitude to the driver by not stealing his stuff.
- ▶ In the end, He actually helps the driver by stealing the police notebook
- ▶ **QUOTE:**
- ▶ "Thank you, guv'nor," he said. "It's always nice to be appreciated."



Thank you

What the id reveals about the character

- ▶ The id is the hitchhiker himself as he provoked the driver to go over the speed limit
- ▶ The id also shows that he is very realistic and doesn't believe others other than his own instinct.
- ▶ For example, he couldn't believe that such a car would reach 129km/hr – which he made the driver test the speed to solve his curiosity.
- ▶ Quote: "All car-makers is liars," he said. "You can buy any car you like and it'll never do what the makers say it will in the ads."

What the Ego reveals

- ▶ The Ego reveals that Hitchhiker can suppress his id, such as when he decided to not tell his true identity and job because he didn't want more trouble.
- ▶ Quote: "That's why I 'as to be extra careful to who I'm talking to you see."

What the Super Ego reveals

- ▶ In the end of the story, the hitchhiker reveals that he only steal from the rich because he's aware that they can afford more than the poor.

- ▶ Quote:

"But don't get me wrong, guv'nor. I never takes nothin' from a loser. Nor from poor people neither. I only go after them as can afford it, the winners and the rich."