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Funny* Joke from a Beautiful Woman

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A LITTLE GIRL WALKS into a pet shop and asks in a sweet lisp, "Excute me, mithter, do you have wittle wabbits?"

Delighted, the shopkeeper asks, "Would you like a wittle white wabby or a fuwwy bwack wabby?"

The girl leans forward and says, "I really don't fink my pyfon giveths a thit."



ABOUT THE JOKESTER: Annet Mahendru originally set out to use what she calls her "ethnic ambiguity" in the service of the United Nations. Born to Russian and Indian parents, the 24-year-old actress, who grew up in Afghanistan, Germany, Russia, and the U.S., speaks six different languages and was enrolled in NYU's International Relations master's program before she packed it in for acting. "I wanted to be a diplomat. And now with this first big gig, I'm kind of doing that." The gig is FX's 1980s spy thriller *The Americans*, now in its second season. She plays Nina, a Russian-embassy clerk turned redoubled agent for the KGB. Before the *Americans* role, she spent a week at Disney World surreptitiously filming last year's horror indie *Escape from Tomorrow*, in which she ordered from an unsuspecting frozen-banana stand in French five times in a row. "I got scared because the vendor wasn't in on it. Finally, I was like, I'm not going to do that again. They're going to call security on us." Given her diplomatic skill set, we think she would easily have gotten herself out of trouble. —MATT GOULET

* Esquire cannot guarantee that this joke will be funny to everyone.