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Underline the appositive in each sentence. Circle the antecedent it renames.

1. Let's check out Sereni-Tea, the teashop that opened last week.
2. Bobby Badger—the mall's official mascot—has his own merchandise.
3. Our friend Sebastian is going to meet us there.
4. Lyra has a gift card for Always Gaming, a video game store.
5. My mom, a clever shopper, always finds the best deals.
6. Can we stop at the clothing store Dapper Duds?
7. The food court, my favorite place, always smells amazing.
8. Julius came to buy one thing: new headphones.
9. Accessories Galore (Sofia's favorite shop) is closed.
10. The friendly store owner Mr. Khan has frequent sales.

ANSWER KEY

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