

Ted's Groceries

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FADE IN:

EXT. Ted's Groceries- Day

In the bustling community of Green-Wood, a man is scrubbing profane graffiti off the front of a small grocery store.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. TED'S GROCERIES- SALESFLOOR- DAY

A group of employees are mingling near a wall of discount carpets.

BRENDA, 40, A stout over archiver, emerges from a clothing rack.

BRENDA

I am certain that guy over there
stuffed a bunch of our stuff down
his pants.

The group looks over at a bald man wearing a bomber jacket and cargo pants.

RYAN, 20s, associate with pink hair, sips on an energy drink.

RYAN

How long were you behind that rack?

BRENDA

About twenty minutes.

ANDY, 30s, floor manger regrets his life choices so far.

ANDY

Brenda, how many times do I have to
tell you, just because someone
looks like an idiot does not mean
they are one.

MARK, 50s, associate, leaning on a stack of bathmats.

MARK

Or just because someone looks like
they steal expired candy doesn't
mean they do.

BRENDA

How do you explain the bulging pants? There is something in there!

RYAN

Ew. Love that image.

ANDY

I don't know, maybe he's just fat

SADIE, 20s, soft-spoken cashier.

SADIE

Don't say fat.

ANDY

Maybe he's curvey.

SADIE

Look, I think it's important that we don't profile people. Just because he looks different doesn't mean he's a criminal.

The man turns around to reveal a face tattoo.

RYAN

Oh, my God.

BRENDA

I'm getting our stuff back!

SADIE

Wait!

ANDY

Brenda! Oh, my God. She is going to get stabbed.

Brenda approaches the tattooed man.

BRENDA

Excuse me sir, can I help you find something? You were here for over an hour.

TATTOOED MAN

Oh, no I'm just on my way to pay right now. Thank you though.

Brenda Visibly looks him up and down.

BRENDA

Cargo pants, eh. That's quite the throw back.

TATTOOED MAN

Yeah, I like the pockets. Personally I preferer a carrying my backpack, but everyone thinks I'm going to steel something.

Brenda just stares at the man.

TATTOOED MAN (CONT'D)

It's the tattoo. It freaks people out.

The man proceeds to the check out line with a basket, insisting that an elderly woman go ahead of him.

MARK

He had a basket. How did you not see the basket, Brenda?

BRENDA

The only people who wear cargo pants in 2020 are people who steal and people who sneak food in movie theatres.

SADIE

Cargo pants don't make you a criminal.

BRENDA

They were bulging!

RYAN

K, can we use a different word.

Ozzy, 20s, associate, approaches the group of coworkers.

OZZY

Hey, did a guy with cargo pants leave?

ANDY

Yeah? He just left Why?

OZZY

He stuffed an bunch of stuff down his pants.

No one speaks.

OZZY (CONT'D)

You didn't notice that his pants
were bulging? Hotdogs were sticking
out of his back pocket.

Ryan shudders.

ANDY

I'm just gonna make a quick phone
call

BRENDA

Yeah, I bet you do.