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Manners

An older woman walked out of the grocery store after giving her goodbyes to the nice employees and walked over to her 1997 Cadillac. She popped open her trunk and before she could place her groceries into it a teenager runs by shoving her in. The old lady squirms around trying to get back on her feet, then turns around to see an employee chasing the teenager around.

“Get back here thief!”, the coworker yelled as his pace got slower the more, he ran.

The girl looks back and gives a slight smirk before bolting down the street with her arms full of stolen groceries.

“Who the hell was that?”

“I don’t know but this is the third time this week she steals a good amount of our merchandise.”

The woman shook her head as she placed her groceries into the trunk, “Well I’m about to go find her and give her a piece of my mind for sure!”

“Oh Dalia, thank you we’d greatly appreciate that!”

“Son, I’m not doing this for the store. I’m doing this because she disrupted my day and messed up my hair!” she says as she fluffs up her hair with a pout.

As Dalia drove past the park, she noticed a group of teenagers hiding under a large skateboard ramp and spotted the girl in the middle with a large grin on her face. She pulls over and mumbles obscenities at herself as she got out and slammed her door behind her.

“Excuse me but those groceries aren’t yours!” Dalia yelled as she approached the kids.

“Mia, do you know this lady?” one of the teenagers asked the thief.

Mia scoffs and shakes her head, “Pfft, no. I don’t associate myself with dinosaurs.”

Dalia whips her head around looking at her surroundings, “Uh, ‘scuse me? I don’t see no dinosaurs around, but I do see a girl whose gonna go pay for those groceries!”

“Ugh, stop pointing your dirty old finger at me lady!”

“I—Oh I know! You did not just call me—” Dalia licks the inside of her cheek before clenching her fist around the handle of her brown purse then swings it simultaneously at the girl.

“Ow! Hey! Stop! You’re crazy!” Mia screamed as her friends laughed around her.

“Oh, you don’t know the half of it little girl!”