

ESCAPE ROUTE

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EXT. GROCERY STORE - CAR - DAY

HARPER, 24, Native, parks her car.

She rolls her windows up, turns off car. Clicks the seatbelt off, grabs her cross body bag, and opens door.

EXT. GROCERY STORE - PARKING LOT - CROSSWALK - DAY

She steps out of car, closes the door. Locks car up and walks away.

She walks across the crosswalk, grabs a cart. Opens her crossbody bag, takes out her list, a pen and close her bag. She looks down at the crumble list she has for the funeral dinner.

"Milk, eggs, bread, cheese, slice meat, tomato sauce, butter, chips, crackers, root beer, mount dew, pink lemonade, whiskey, any wine."

INT. GROCERY STORE - AISLE 6 - DAY

RYAN, 27, nasty, shoppes for food.

Harper watches a young kid grabs ice cream four doors from her and runs back to his parents.

She looks up an down the shelves for cookie and cream off the shelve. She sees it's not on the list, but she wants it.

Once she grabs it, she turns. Stops and hears a man voice on the next aisle.

RYAN

(sighs)

Thanks, man, I couldn't find this.

She recognize that voice from anywhere.

INT. GROCERY STORE - AISLE 7 - DAY

She peeks her head around the corner with the voice, Ryan back is from her.

She turns around to move quickly around a woman.

INT. GROCERY STORE - AISLE 5 - DAY

MIA, 24, samaritan, helps Harper

Harper looks at the cereal, footsteps gets closer. She tries to hide her face with her hair.

Moves closer to the cereal.

Mia sees Harper uses her hair to hide her face, she decides to see what's wrong.

She looks down the aisle through her hair.

Turns to Mia quickly and looks back to the end of aisle.

HARPER

(whispers)

My ex-boyfriend Ryan will be here
any second. I can't be seen by him.

Mia looks over down the aisle to see anybody will approach them.

MIA

Why? How bad can he be?

Harper looks down at her feet with her fingers link together.

Looks back up to Mia.

HARPER

He would have call me names like
ugly, hoe, stupid, and more.
Sometimes we would tell me to eat
less food or eat shorten food like
salads. I didn't know how bad it
got before I saw another guy do it
to another girl.

MIA

(gasps)

What the heck! No guy should be
like that to anyone. I'm glad you
broke up with him. Well, let's get
you out of here.

She looks at Mia with curious eyes.

HARPER

How? I'm still need to finish my
list I have.

MIA

I will be with help you finish
shopping and get out without before
he sees you.

HARPER

Thank you, but how?

Mia looks at Harper, she rubs her hands against each other.

MIA
Welcome, leave it to me.

INT. GROCERY STORE - AISLE 9 - DAY

Mia helps Harper move her behind a man.

MIA
Here he comes, move quickly here.

HARPER
Okay, okay.

Mia helps Harper not get seen by Ryan.

She steps behind her than besides her.

Moves Harper to a spot near a woman until Ryan has passes by them.

EXT. GROCERY STORE - End of CHECK OUT - DAY

ARTHUR, 50, a cashier, who will help Harper and Mia get away from the ex-boyfriend, Ryan.

Both girls finish with the check out when Ryan finally sees her.

HARPER (CONT'D)
We did it, we got done before he sees me. Thank you so much Mia.

MIA
Welcome, oh wait. I don't think we got away yet. I think I see him.

HARPER
Oh no, we better hurry Mia!

Ryan starts to come closer to her to make sure Harper who he thinks she is.

He looks closer to Harper finds out it's his ex-girlfriend.

RYAN
Hey Harper! Wait, you slut. Come here hoe, don't you dare finish and leave before I get to you, you slut!

MIA
Ignore him, let's get this done.

HARPER
(she whispers)
Oh, okay.

Arthur walks to the end of his lane.

ARTHUR
Girls, I'm open.

HARPER
Thank you.

Both of the girls put up their items from the cart.

Harper pays first than Mia.

ARTHUR
(hurry)
Hurry, girls. Pay quickly.

HARPER
Done, we will hurry out thank you.

ARTHUR
No problem, here is your receipt. I
will go make sure he doesn't follow
you. Have a good rest of the day.

HARPER
Thank you so much! I will make sure
I remember you next time this
happens.

Arthur give bags to the girls.

Walks them to the door quickly.

ARTHUR
Your welcome, hun. Now go!

Arthur helps gets the girls out by distracting Ryan.

INT. GROCERY STORE - BEGGING OF CHECK OUT - DAY

ARTHUR
You boy! You shouldn't tell them
names to them girls. Don't you know
how to be respectful.

Ryan gets closer to Arthur, pushes him.

RYAN

Get out of my way, you old man!

ARTHUR

Hey! Get out! Or I will call
security guards!

A man reaches out to help Arthur up from the ground, enters
in the line for check out.

EXT. GROCERY STORE- SIDE WALK - DAY

With the help from Arthur and Mia.

Harper exit the store with Mia.

Mia looks over at Harper with curious eyes.

MIA

Wow, he looks like a peace of work.
Why is he like that?

HARPER

His father raised him to be like
that. Since his mother left them
when he was five years old.

Mia takes out her phone from her back right pocket to give
Mia her number.

MIA

No wonder he is like that. Well, I
got to get home. Here is my number.
(208) 932- 1818

Harper smiles at Mia.

HARPER

Thank you for helping me. You
didn't have to do that for me.

MIA

Your welcome. It's okay, us girls
got to stick together, you know.
I'm not stranger anymore. If you
want to hang out more just text me.
I will be there.

HARPER

Oh okay, I will see ya around?

Mia walks close to Harper, gives her a hug and step back to
look at Harper.

MIA
Yup, see ya around. Be careful
Harper.

Harper looks at Mia and waves to her and than turns.

HARPER
I will, bye.

EXT. GROCERY STORE - PARKING LOT - CAR - DAY

She leaves the store with a smile.

Walks to car, unlocks it.

She puts her groceries away in the back seats.

Closes the door, put the cart back into a shopping cart
corrals.

Walks back to her car, opens driver door.

She stops and looks at the grocery store.

INT. GROCERY STORE - PARKING LOT - CAR - DAY

She climes into her car, shuts the door.

Puts her crossbody bag into the passenger seat. Puts on
seatbelt cross her body, and turns the car on.

She goes through the station until she likes the song before
she leaves.

Takes phone out of her bag and calls her mom.

HARPER
Mom, you wouldn't be believe what
just went down at the store.

Continues to drives away.

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