

INT. GROCERY STORE CHECKOUT LINE

A middle aged man, ROGER, is standing behind the register. He is wearing a hunter green vest with a name tag that says "Gooder Grocers, Hi I'm ROGER." A little boy who can barely reach the counter approaches wearing a dinosaur shirt.

ROGER

(monotone voice)

Hello, welcome to Gooder Grocers,
how are you doing today?

The little boy places a pack of bubble gum on the conveyer belt.

LITTLE BOY

Um. I'm good.

ROGER

(monotone)

That's good to hear s-

LITTLE BOY

(shouting a little too loudly)

How are you?

From here on out, Roger speaks in a monotone emotionless voice.

ROGER

Fine, thanks.

Roger places the bubble gum in a brown paper bag and hands it to the little boy.

ROGER

Have a nice day.

The little boy leaves and a teen boy waits impatiently behind him. He is dressed in all black with earbuds in.

ROGER

Hello, welcome to Gooder Grocers,
how are you doing today?

The teen takes an earbud out.

TEEN BOY

What?

ROGER

Hello, welcome to Gooder Grocers,
how are you doing today?

TEEN BOY

Fine.

*The teen boy places a lighter, a candy bar, and an energy drink
on the conveyer belt.*

ROGER

That's good to hear sir.

TEEN BOY

Pack of cigarettes too.

ROGER

I'll need your I.D.

TEEN BOY

It's just a pack.

ROGER

Sir, I can not give it to you
unless you are over the age of
eighteen.

TEEN BOY

I am.

ROGER

I.D. please.

TEEN BOY

Forget the lighter then.

Roger places the candy and energy drink in a brown paper bag and hands it to the teen boy.

ROGER

Have a nice day sir.

TEEN BOY

Yeah, sure.

A guy who looks like he could be in college places his items on the belt. He is wearing glasses and has a five o'clock shadow creeping in. He puts down a bottle of instant coffee.

ROGER

Hello, welcome to Gooder Grocers,
how are you doing today?

GUY

I'm good, thanks for asking.

(pause)

Can I also get some lotto tickets?

ROGER

What number sir?

GUY

Umm, let's go with B313.

Roger places the coffee and the ticket in a brown paper bag and hands it to the guy.

ROGER

Have a nice day sir.

GUY

You too, thanks!

Roger looks at the clock, his shift is almost over. He turns off the number light box as the next customer steps forward.

An older man is the last in his line. He has semi gray hair and is wearing a button down tourist looking shirt. He places a bag of chips, a bottle of wine, and some medication on the belt.

MAN

I'm not too late am I?

ROGER

No sir.

(pause)

Welcome to Gooder Grocers, how are you doing today?

MAN

I am doing just fine, thank you for taking the time to ask. How are you doing today, good sir?

ROGER

I'm fine, thanks. Will this be all for today?

MAN

Yep. Yep it will.

ROGER

May I see your I.D. sir?

MAN

Oh, what for?

ROGER

The wine and the medication.

MAN

Wow. I haven't been carded in...well I don't know how long. Go right ahead.

The man gives Roger his license. Roger looks at it, then does a double take and looks again eyes wide open.

The card reads:
Roger Gurrera
D.O.B. 12/17/1963
SEX: M H: 5'10

MAN

Am I all good then?

Roger snaps out of his mild trance.

ROGER

Excuse me?

MAN

Am I all good to go?

ROGER

Oh. Yes, that's it.

MAN

Alright bud. You take it easy
then.

The man leaves the store and Roger is now the only one at the registers. He takes out his phone and the date reads: May 23, 2022. The glare of his screen shows an older man looking back at him. Almost like the man that just left.

ROGER

(into the intercom)
Check-up on register 2.

THE END.