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Undercover Grocery Store Employee

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LISA is perusing stocked shelves. DARREL walks up to her.

DARREL
Can I help you?

LISA
Yes, I'm looking for- wait a
minute, you don't work here.

DARREL
Yes I do.

LISA
Well then why aren't you wearing
the store uniform? And name tag.

DARREL
I do have a name tag. Here.

Darrel pulls out a name tag that reads "Darrel: Totally works here" and shows it to Lisa.

DARREL
(CONT'D)
See?

LISA
But why were you keeping it in your
pocket?

DARREL
Oh, that was so no one could see
it.

LISA
But isn't the whole point of a name
tag so that customers know your
name?

DARREL
Generally, yes.

LISA
Okay, but why would it be different
in this case?

DARREL
Well you see,
(Darrel leans in a bit and
speaks softly.)
I'm working undercover.

LISA
Undercover!?

DARREL
Shh!

LISA
Who are you with, CIA, FBI?

DARREL
What? Oh no no no, I'm working
undercover for the store.

LISA
What.

DARREL
I do the usual things grocery store
employees do, whatever those are,
but I dress normally and keep my
name tag hidden.

LISA
A full suit is your idea of normal?

DARREL
Isn't it?

LISA
Undercover grocery store employees
are not a thing.

DARREL
I see, and you would know
because...

LISA
Because I worked at a grocery
store, this grocery store, for five
years and we didn't have undercover
employees then.

DARREL
If you worked here for five years
then why do you need help locating
something, shouldn't you know where
everything is?

LISA
They moved stuff around. Don't try
to change the subject.

DARREL

The truth of the matter is that normal employees are not informed of the existence of us undercovers. See, our job is so much cooler that normals would be jealous and it definitely has nothing to do with the fact that we make significantly more money.

LISA

But you said you do the same things everyone else does.

DARREL

Yes, but we do it undercover.

LISA

But what exactly is the point of that?

DARREL

Pardon?

LISA

If you're going through all of the work to be "undercover", shouldn't you be, I don't know, watching customers to make sure they're not shoplifting?

DARREL

My goodness that's brilliant. I'm going to have to use that next time- I mean, suggest that to management. In fact, I think I'll go do that right now. I'm sure another not undercover employee will be happy to help you locate whatever it is that you're missing.

Darrel walks away. Lisa rolls her eyes. EMPLOYEE walks up.

LISA

Excuse me, do you work here?

EMPLOYEE

No, I just dress like this and wear the name tag for fun.

LISA

Wow. You know, I think I preferred the other guy.

EMPLOYEE

What other guy?

LISA

Oh, some guy who claimed he was working here "Undercover".

EMPLOYEE

Oh, you mean Darrel? Yeah, we let pretend he works here, but he's not very good at it. Probably because of his real job.

LISA

Why, what's his real job?

EMPLOYEE

He's an undercover FBI agent.