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~~FRANKIE
(all cuddles)
Nighty-night-night. Night-night-
night-night-
GRACE
Frankie!
FRANKIE
Sorry.
(long beat)
Night~~

'OFFICER
TUTTLE'
5 pgs.

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INT. COMMUNITY CENTER - CLASSROOM - NEXT DAY (D2)

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Class is in full swing. Grace and Frankie sit in front, a dozen or so other seniors seated around them. At the head of the class is a male cop, OFFICER TUTTLE. An overanxious Frankie raises her hand every time she speaks.

OFFICER TUTTLE
... in fact, some of the things
that make you less safe are things
you don't even realize you're
doing.

Frankie raises her hand.

OFFICER TUTTLE (CONT'D)
Yes?

FRANKIE
Officer Tuttle? Frankie Bergstein.

OFFICER TUTTLE
Frankie, you don't have to say your
name every time you ask a question.
Now what's your question?

FRANKIE
Forgot.

OFFICER TUTTLE
Great. So, the first thing you
should do is avoid grocery shopping
between five and eight PM--

A male senior, MEL CORDRAY, pipes up:

MEL CORDRAY
I live in a home, they take us
grocery shopping in a bus.
(MORE)

MEL CORDRAY (CONT'D)
(introducing himself)
Mel Cordray.

OFFICER TUTTLE
Okay, class announcement... nobody
needs to say their name when they
have a question.

FRANKIE
(raising her hand)
Excuse me. Between five and eight
are prime sample hours at Trader
Joe's.

~~GRACE~~
~~Frankie, it's okay to just listen~~

~~FRANKIE~~
~~Excuse me.~~

OFFICER TUTTLE
Moving on... Never stand near vans-

FRANKIE
(raising her hand)
Then how will I know if there's a
puppy in there??

OFFICER TUTTLE
Lastly, avoid mall bathrooms at all
costs.

~~FRANKIE~~
~~(raising her hand)~~
~~Where am I supposed to eat my~~
~~cinchona?~~

~~GRACE~~
~~For the last time, at the cinchona!~~

FRANKIE
(ignoring her)
Oh my god! I do all those things!
I'm a walking target!

GRACE
You are not a walking target.

OFFICER TUTTLE
I'm afraid she is, actually.

FRANKIE
Wait, I am?!

GRACE
Thanks a lot, Tuttle.

OFFICER TUTTLE
(to Frankie)
Would you stand up, please?

GRACE
Please don't make her stand up.

A freaked out Frankie stands. Officer Tuttle approaches her.

OFFICER TUTTLE
I want everyone to pay attention to what's going on here. Loose fabric, which is easy to grab. Clogs: impossible to run away in. If she were wearing a ponytail, she'd be a prowler's delight.

~~FRANKIE
Oh my god, that sounds like the
worst Don & Jerry's flavor ever.~~

Grace scrambles, realizing she's losing Frankie.

GRACE
(to Tuttle)
Excuse me. I don't think that's fair. Questionable wardrobe choices aside, Frankie isn't as vulnerable as she looks. In fact, she's extremely vigilant.

OFFICER TUTTLE
Really?

GRACE
Absolutely.

OFFICER TUTTLE
I've heard her give out her home address at least three times since she got here.

GRACE
Fair enough.

FRANKIE
I'm not safe anywhere.

~~MEI CORDRAY
You'd be safe with ol' Mei Cordray.~~

~~FRANKIE
Screeeee.~~

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GRACE

Officer Tuttle, my friend is upset because we recently had a home invasion and were robbed. What can we do to put her mind at ease?

~~FRANKIE~~

~~Yes, Grace. That. I'd like to know~~
~~about it.~~

OFFICER TUTTLE

Okay. The key is to make it look like somebody is always home.

Frankie sits and begins taking furious notes.

FRANKIE

Yes. Always home. Never leaving. Got it.

OFFICER TUTTLE

A burglar is 90% less likely to enter a home if they believe someone is awake--

FRANKIE

(to Grace)

We have to be awake constantly.

OFFICER TUTTLE

(hearing her, annoyed)

--So here are some ways you can create the illusion that someone is always awake.

FRANKIE

Oh right, right. That makes sense.

OFFICER TUTTLE

You can leave a light on, or install motion detector lights. You can keep the TV on low when you go to bed. Another thing you can do is leave a pair of large men's boots by the door to make it look like there's a man home.

FRANKIE

And what if we come face to face with an intruder in the house?

OFFICER TUTTLE

It's extremely important you don't try to engage an intruder physically. At your age, you're never going to win a hand-to-hand fight.

GRACE

Why not? What about adrenalin? What about when women lift cars to save a child?

OFFICER TUTTLE

Yeah, that ship has pretty much sailed. And I'm not sure that's a real thing.

FRANKIE

What do we do now that we're defenseless? ~~I can play possum like nobody's business.~~

~~GRACE~~

~~Sleeping and playing possum are two different things.~~

OFFICER TUTTLE

If someone has entered your home, the first thing you want to do is scream your full name so the attacker sees you as a person. Then, your best bet is to go ahead and soil yourself.

Grace stares stunned at Officer Tuttle, waiting for the punch-line.

GRACE

Excuse me?

FRANKIE

What if we don't have to go?

OFFICER TUTTLE

Oh, you'll have to go.

GRACE

(exploding)

Soil myself?! Soil myself?!!

OFFICER TUTTLE

It's not pretty, but it's the most effective, proven way to ensure the attacker won't want to touch you.