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Synopsis

A new mom calls to thank her mother after an eventful trip to the grocery store with her young baby. This humorous Mother's Day monologue is a perfect way to say Thank You to all mothers for their selfless acts of love.

Cast of Characters

LISA
RECORDING

Props

Chair
Bluetototh
Steering Wheel

Director Notes

If needed, the steering wheel can simply be mimed. The recording can also be an offstage voice.

ACT I

Scene 1

Setting: The stage is bare except for the chair.

At Rise: LISA sits center stage in a chair. She is holding onto a steering wheel and has a blue tooth in her ear.

RECORDING

You've reached Ann. I'm not around my phone at the moment, or I just can't hear it. Please leave me a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

LISA

Hey mom, it's Lisa. I was thinking about you and wanted to give you a call. I'm driving, and I'm on my bluetooth; so I hope you can hear me. I was thinking of you because Jim asked me to make a quick stop at the store to pick up some milk. Of course you know, with a three-month baby, there's no such thing as a quick stop. Anyways, I went to the grocery store. And you know how it is- the one time I leave the diaper bag in the car- we had a total blowout in aisle three, right through his new outfit.

(frustrated and talking to herself)

That stain is not going to come out.

(remembering she's in the middle of telling a story)

So, I had to take him out to the car, change his diaper, put on a new outfit, and try to put him back in the car seat, so that I could run in and actually grab the milk.

(She mimes stopping at a stop sign.)

LISA

By this time the baby is screaming at the top of his lungs. I walk into the store, and I was totally 'that' mom, the one who's trying to keep a calm demeanor and an 'everything is fine' smile while trying to maneuver through the grocery

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LISA

Wait. That came out wrong. What I mean is, thank you. Thanks for being willing to be tired, hungry, grumpy, and I'm sure, at times, desperate for a cup of coffee because of me. Thanks. I love you.

(She puts her hand to her ear and turns off her bluetooth.)

(Lights out.)



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