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00:00:00,250 --> 00:00:07,879
[Music]

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00:00:07,919 --> 00:00:11,360
when i was

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00:00:08,639 --> 00:00:13,599
six years old i was nearly sent to the

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00:00:11,360 --> 00:00:15,679
police station for stealing a pack of

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00:00:13,599 --> 00:00:17,920
pop gum at the supermarket

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00:00:15,679 --> 00:00:20,400
it all starts with my curiosity

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00:00:17,920 --> 00:00:22,640
triggered by the anti-shoplifting

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00:00:20,400 --> 00:00:23,039
system that was lately introduced to

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00:00:22,640 --> 00:00:31,119
most

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00:00:23,039 --> 00:00:33,520
shops in china around the 1990s

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00:00:31,119 --> 00:00:34,640
one day i went shopping with my mom at

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00:00:33,520 --> 00:00:37,360
one of the biggest

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00:00:34,640 --> 00:00:38,399

supermarkets to buy snacks for my spring

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00:00:37,360 --> 00:00:41,280

trip

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00:00:38,399 --> 00:00:42,160

when my mom was shopping i noticed the

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00:00:41,280 --> 00:00:45,280

big anti

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00:00:42,160 --> 00:00:47,360

shoplifting facility they had

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00:00:45,280 --> 00:00:50,079

a weird idea just occurred to me

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00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:51,440

"will it be aware when i passed it with

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00:00:50,079 --> 00:00:54,559

something unpaid?"

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00:00:51,440 --> 00:00:57,680

i quickly grabbed a pack of popcorn and

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00:00:54,559 --> 00:01:00,719

slowly walked through the facility

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00:00:57,680 --> 00:01:03,840

surprisingly nothing happened then

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00:01:00,719 --> 00:01:05,439

another thought was saying "maybe i can

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00:01:03,840 --> 00:01:08,080

have the pop gum and

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00:01:05,439 --> 00:01:09,360
don't pay for it since this thing is not

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00:01:08,080 --> 00:01:11,680
working!"

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00:01:09,360 --> 00:01:14,000
i went back to the supermarket and

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00:01:11,680 --> 00:01:16,960
followed my mom to the cashier counter

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00:01:14,000 --> 00:01:17,840
when we finished the shopping suddenly a

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00:01:16,960 --> 00:01:20,560
manager like

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00:01:17,840 --> 00:01:23,439
man with a pair of glasses showed up and

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00:01:20,560 --> 00:01:23,439
accused me of

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00:01:24,840 --> 00:01:27,840
stealing

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00:01:28,960 --> 00:01:32,560
he was shouting and i felt scared and

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00:01:31,680 --> 00:01:35,119
nervous

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00:01:32,560 --> 00:01:35,759
my mom looked at me with a complicated

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00:01:35,119 --> 00:01:38,479

look

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00:01:35,759 --> 00:01:38,880
she turned to the manager and said "sir

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00:01:38,479 --> 00:01:40,960
please

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00:01:38,880 --> 00:01:42,000
lower your voice i need to speak to my

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00:01:40,960 --> 00:01:44,960
son"

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00:01:42,000 --> 00:01:46,880
she asked me "did you take something?" i

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00:01:44,960 --> 00:01:49,520
was too scared to speak

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00:01:46,880 --> 00:01:50,320
so i just took out the pop gum from my

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00:01:49,520 --> 00:01:53,520
pocket and

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00:01:50,320 --> 00:01:54,560
showed it to her my mom frowned at me

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00:01:53,520 --> 00:01:56,799
and said

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00:01:54,560 --> 00:01:58,560
why don't you give it to me to check out

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00:01:56,799 --> 00:02:00,960
i want to say no to it

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00:01:58,560 --> 00:02:02,799
i still did not say anything just

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00:02:00,960 --> 00:02:05,360
staring at my shoes

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00:02:02,799 --> 00:02:06,479
the manager said "i told you he's a

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00:02:05,360 --> 00:02:09,440
little thief

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00:02:06,479 --> 00:02:11,599
i'll call the police!" my mom instantly

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00:02:09,440 --> 00:02:14,640
got angry and raised her voice

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00:02:11,599 --> 00:02:16,720
"shut up how do you know he steals it

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00:02:14,640 --> 00:02:18,959
we haven't done our shopping yet and

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00:02:16,720 --> 00:02:21,280
this pop gum is not what we need

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00:02:18,959 --> 00:02:22,080
so i will ask my son to pull me back!"

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00:02:21,280 --> 00:02:24,160
then my mom

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00:02:22,080 --> 00:02:26,000
gently said it to me "could you pull it

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00:02:24,160 --> 00:02:28,800

back to where you got it?"

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00:02:26,000 --> 00:02:36,239

i quickly ran into the snack section and

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00:02:28,800 --> 00:02:38,400

put it back

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00:02:36,239 --> 00:02:39,280

on the way back my mom didn't say a word

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00:02:38,400 --> 00:02:42,000

to me

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00:02:39,280 --> 00:02:44,400

i felt that she was angry with me and

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00:02:42,000 --> 00:02:45,280

she should have shouted at me for what i

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00:02:44,400 --> 00:02:48,959

did

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00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:51,440

but why the silence? i felt more confused

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00:02:48,959 --> 00:02:52,239

and guilty that was the longest the

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00:02:51,440 --> 00:02:55,360

moment ever

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00:02:52,239 --> 00:02:56,480

in my six years of the life

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00:02:55,360 --> 00:02:59,120

when we arrived home

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00:02:56,480 --> 00:03:00,959
i explained everything to my mom and

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00:02:59,120 --> 00:03:04,159
admitted my mistakes

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00:03:00,959 --> 00:03:06,959
i promised that i won't do anything

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00:03:04,159 --> 00:03:08,239
stupid like that anymore when my mom

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00:03:06,959 --> 00:03:11,519
heard what i said

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00:03:08,239 --> 00:03:12,959
she smiled and said i knew you didn't

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00:03:11,519 --> 00:03:14,959
mean to steal anything

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00:03:12,959 --> 00:03:16,159
since you have realized and admitted

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00:03:14,959 --> 00:03:18,239
your mistakes

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00:03:16,159 --> 00:03:19,599
go to wash your hands and get ready for

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00:03:18,239 --> 00:03:22,000
dinner and

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00:03:19,599 --> 00:03:24,159
that is the whole story of the incident that

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00:03:22,000 --> 00:03:33,840

I was nearly sent to the police station

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00:03:24,159 --> 00:03:33,840
for stealing a pop

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00:03:34,879 --> 00:03:36,959
gum