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Dear twenty something year old guy at the grocery store

By Maria Nguyen-Cruz

Did you know  
that you're a millennial whose phone  
is sticking out of your back pocket?

So please don't try  
to talk to me and my roommate about  
how much you hate our generation,  
our obsession with technology,  
and how we can't read things that aren't on our phones  
or communicate normally.

He knows,  
and I know,  
that people suck at talking to one another  
like we did  
in "the good ole days".

After all,  
Grindr and Tinder exist,  
and the guys who randomly send me pictures of their penises  
or the guys asking my roommate  
if he's got a big dick because he's black  
wouldn't exactly be considered great conversationalists.

You know what?

I bet your great-grandfather  
wasn't that great at asking your grandmother  
for a sneak peek of what's under her era-appropriate skirt.

So please ring me up,  
I'll pay for my things with the app on my phone,  
and you can text somebody who cares.

Sincerely,  
the girl buying three bags of chips,  
two bottles of soda,  
and a fuck ton of vodka on a Tuesday