

“The Thief” ©

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Scene One: *Shopping mall store checkout counter*

Kirk	<i>Welcomes the elderly woman (Claire) as she sets her items to purchase on the counter at the store.</i> Good afternoon ma'am. Find everything you were looking for?
Claire Wilson	<i>Lowers her glasses and eyes up the young man.</i> Well that depends now – You look like a strappin young lad and I could use a partner for the bingo and boogie night this Friday at the Center. Someone who can stay with me - doing the cha-cha. <i>She starts to do a little jig.</i>
Kirk	<i>Smiling.</i> Sounds fun but sorry I have to work that night and besides I'm not much of a dancer... But I bet you are.
Claire Wilson	Been known to hold my own...Actually won the WWA dance contest last year at the center.
Kirk	WWA?
Claire Wilson	Widows With an Attitude. <i>Doing a jig again.</i> Beat out 65 others including that Martha Miller...arrogant little old grandma...she popped her hip out of socket in the final round...too bad. <i>Smiling back at clerk.</i>
Kirk	I see. And congratulations on the ah...WWA title. <i>Starts ringing up her items and then finishes.</i> That'll be \$74.88 for a total.
Claire Wilson	<i>Digs in purse and hands the clerk her credit card.</i> You can put it on this credit card please.

Kirk	<p>Certainly.</p> <p><i>He swipes it and waits.</i></p> <p>Hmm...Looks like it doesn't want to accept this card.</p> <p>Let me try it again.</p> <p><i>He swipes it and waits. Shakes head.</i></p> <p>Sorry ma'am but it is refusing this card. Do you have another one to try?</p>
Claire Wilson	<p><i>Digs in purse.</i></p> <p>Well that sure is strange. I just used that card yesterday. Here try this one.</p> <p><i>Hands clerk another card.</i></p>
Kirk	<p><i>Swipes second card with no success.</i></p> <p>I'm really sorry ma'am but it's not accepting this one either.</p>