



Universal Magic!

The Universe has a way of working its own kind of magic. A few weeks ago a friend of mine went to the supermarket to do her weekly shopping. Before she started to shop she went to the ATM to extract the cash to pay for the groceries.

She went through the steps and obtained her receipt but no money was dispensed. Rather than waste time going to the bank for the cash, she decided to use her credit card instead. Saving the receipt, she planned to deal with all the phone calls to straighten out the problem when she got home.

Grocery cart full, she found a checkout line with only one customer ahead of her. The woman in front of my friend was just starting to unload her cart, not an easy task with three children in tow who were already getting "antsy". My friend watching couldn't help but make a mental note of her groceries as they were placed on the conveyor belt. This mother had primarily nutritious staples in large economical sizes interspersed with some healthy snacks for the kids. Dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and some meats rounded out her order. So used to seeing carts jam packed with non-nutritious items, my friend was pleasantly impressed.

These purchases also made an impression on the checkout person, who commented to the mother that her order was much more than her usual. The mother gave her explanation with great animation. She went on to describe that (like my friend) she had gone to the ATM. The machine seemed to have dispensed much more money than she had requested, mentioning the amount. (It was the exact amount my friend had lost.) The mother went on to say she was truly blessed this day because the cupboards were getting empty and she was starting to worry about making meals in the near future.

My friend put two and two together and realized the ATM had held on to her money and gave it to this family. She smiled to herself, knowing that this woman was putting the extra money to good use. Driving home my friend also knew she would not be making those planned phone calls to the ATM company to obtain her "lost" money. The money wasn't lost after all. It had found the exact place where it was supposed to go!

With Gratitude.

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