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THE ART OF STEALING

You can steal most things. A lot of it is about confidence. I have a friend who walked out of a store once with a gigantic octopus plush toy that she didn't pay for, and no one said a thing. If you act like what you're doing is normal, then you can usually avoid getting caught. Whilst saying this, there are obviously systems in place which mean that certain people are already automatically suspicious i.e if you have dark skin, so it's important to be aware of this and take things at your own risk. However, as a Black person with many darker-skinned friends, it has been a very successful method for us.

So, what's the method? I'm personally a fan of the "stealing bag" approach. This means getting a large bag (bag for life type thing), putting something in it to fill it out a little - like a t-shirt - and then using that bag to put items in whilst you're in a shop. The more nonchalant you are, quickly sliding things in without breaking face, the less attention you draw, but to be honest, I am sometimes bait as fuck and it still works. After you've filled your shopping bag (maybe arrange the t-shirt so it sits on top of your items if you're feeling nervous), then you can exit the shop. Usually if I'm doing this, I'll pay for a couple cheap items like some bread and bananas which makes you look less suspicious.

You can also just use your pockets if you have large ones or, if you're feeling more confident, just walk straight out with items in hand (hidden in plain sight).

Stealing is great, it can allow you to get food, toiletries, wavey garms and much much more for virtually no cost. Although do be aware of items with security tags. They will often be quite obvious, however, stores like Decathlon are stocking up with RFID tags which are hidden in products and track the movement of the product around the store. This can make things trickier, but the main thing is to act like you should be there. One of my mates got stopped with an RFID tag in their bag and they managed to get away with it by saying that they had bought it ages ago. You can also try to rip tags out of things (carry some scissors with ya).

Finally, while cameras in the store can be daunting, a lot of the time security aren't looking at every single camera so don't let this deter you, they're just trying to do up a panopticon vibe.

