

EMILY THE CRIMINAL (Job interview scene)

Emily is on job interview. She sits across from the Office Manager as the scene begins

OFFICE MANAGER

(Going over her resume) OK. Ok, ..oh Office experience, which is great. Ok. *(Slight pause)* So, Emily, I do see that you have something on your permanent record. Is that right?

EMILY

Yeah, yes, it is.

OFFICE MANAGER

Oh. We haven't run a background check. We don't usually do that. Could you fill us in on the details?

EMILY

Sure. I have a DUI, like a misdemeanor DUI.

OFFICE MANAGER

What happened exactly?

EMILY

I drove some friends home from a concert, and I ran a red light. Everybody was fine..but

OFFICE MANAGER

And you were intoxicated?

EMILY

I was less intoxicated than my friends, but yeah, that's what happened, so.

OFFICE MANAGER

Okay. *(Pulls out a folder)* So this is your official background check, which I have read and according to the state, you were convicted of aggravated assault in 2018. Is that correct?

EMILY

So, you do have all my information?

OFFICE MANAGER

Yeah, yeah. I'm afraid we do.

EMILY

Okay...Okay...why would you...

OFFICE MANAGER

Well, *(chuckles)* if you want us to be generous with you, then you need to be generous with us and be honest. Okay?

EMILY

Okay.

OFFICE MANAGER

This is a very important job. You'd be handling private medical files.

EMILY

Right. You're right. I'm sorry.

OFFICE MANAGER

Yeah. Let's start over, okay?

EMILY

Okay.

OFFICE MANAGER

Can you tell us what happened...with the assault.

EMILY

(Thinks about answering for a moment, then changes her mind) No.

OFFICE MANAGER

(Chuckles) No?

EMILY

No. Why would you trick someone like that?

OFFICE MANAGER

Oh, I did not trick you.

EMILY

Yeah, you did.

OFFICE MANAGER

What I did is common. It's a very common technique.

EMILY

Oh, is that right? So, you do that all the time?

OFFICE MANAGER

If people just chose to be honest, then I wouldn't have to do that all the time.

EMILY

Well, you know what, Fuck This, I don't even want to work here. *(Starts to gather her things to leave)*

OFFICE MANAGER

Emily, I'm sorry if you're upset but...

EMILY

No, you're not.

OFFICE MANAGER

Calm down, please.

EMILY

(Stands) I am calm. And you asked me why I want this job, because I got \$70,000 of student debt. There's your fucking answer right there.

OFFICE MANAGER

Hey, you know what, you need to leave.

EMILY

Yeah, actually, you know what? Gimme this. *(Grabs her background file)*

OFFICE MANAGER

Okay, fine. Thank you.

EMILY

Yeah, Thank you too. *(EXITS)*

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