Erin Brockovich

Raise Scene

[Erin’s boss Ed enters her office while she is speaking on the phone]

**Erin:** Mmm-hmm… Okay. All right. Thanks so much. Bye. [Hangs up and refocuses her attention to Ed] What’s up?

**Ed:** I have your bonus check. I want you to be prepared. It’s uh… The figure’s not exactly what we discussed.

**Erin:** Why not?

**Ed:** Because, after careful consideration, I felt... that figure was not uh… appropriate. Although you may not agree you have to trust my…

**Erin:** Trust? You want me to trust you? Do me a favor Ed don't use big words you don't understand.

**Ed:** It's a complicated issue Erin…

**Erin:** I did a job. You should reward me accordingly. It's not complicated. You know what that is the fucking problem. All you lawyers do is complicate situations that aren't complicated. Do you know why people think lawyers are scumbags? Because they are. And you know I cannot believe you're doing this to me now when I'm up to my ass in Kettleman plaintiffs... which looks to be double the amount of Hinkley. And you expect me to go out there, leave my kids with strangers, knock on doors, get these people to trust you with their lives, and the whole time you're screwing me! I want you to know, it's not about the number! It’s is about the way my work is valued in this firm.

[Ed give her the check]
Erin: It’s about no matter what I do, you're not… [She stops and looks at a check for two million dollars]

Ed: [Amused] As I was saying um… I decided that the figure you proposed was inappropriate. So I increased it. Do they teach beauty queens how to apologize? Because you suck at it. [Leaves]

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