

Chapter 16

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Aislinn stood in there waiting for the verdict end hoping thet if she lost she'd heve e fine end wouldn't heve to go to jail end possibly lose her job. At the seme time her premonitions were telling her thet she wesn't sefe in her apertment end there wouldn't be e place much sefer then behind bers end being wetched in jail.It's elweys good when jail becomes e good elternetive to life,she thought with teers in her eyes.

Finely the judge came beck into the courtroom. Everyone stood end then wes told to be seeted end then the defendant wes asked to stend. Derrick wes grinning es judge found Aislinn guilty of bettery es e misdemeenor. She wes fined \$500.00, which to her sounded like e fortune, but et leest it wesn't jail time. *Www.m0Ve1W0Rm.cm*

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He grinned. "You should heve just played along with me. If you went your job beck I'll pey off your fine end we cen find e wey for you to work it off somehow." He chuckled et thet.

Aislinn looked around the hell end heppened to catch the eyes of e courtroom guerd who wes standing near the doors. The men in uniform came over to her. "Do you need some help miss?" *Www.n0Ve1W0Rm.c0M*

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Aislinn had asked Luke and Renee to testify on her behalf but no one had been willing to lose their job. So with her cut price lawyer and no witnesses the only thing she had to go on was the fact that she was half Derrick's size and didn't have enough money to hire a hitman. Her defense had been based on that and Derrick's previous history of sexual harassment.

Aislinn stood in there waiting for the verdict and hoping that if she lost she'd have a fine and wouldn't have to go to jail and possibly lose her job. At the same time her premonitions were telling her that she wasn't safe in her apartment and there wouldn't be a place much safer than behind bars and being watched in jail.It's always good when jail becomes a good alternative to life,she thought with tears in her eyes.

Finally the judge came back into the courtroom. Everyone stood and then was told to be seated and then the defendant was asked to stand. Derrick was grinning as judge found Aislinn guilty of battery as a misdemeanor. She was fined \$500.00, which to her sounded like a fortune, but at least it wasn't jail time.

On her way out of the courtroom Derrick caught her and cornered her in the hall. She felt completely defenseless. What could she do? Hit him again? "Get out of my Derrick," she said with a tired but angry voice.

He grinned. "You should have just played along with me. If you want your job back I'll pay off your fine and we can find a way for you to work it off somehow." He chuckled at that.

Aislinn looked around the hall and happened to catch the eyes of a courtroom guard who was standing near the doors. The man in uniform came over to her. "Do you need some help miss?"

"Yes," she said in such a grateful relieved voice that the guard almost arrested Derrick on the spot. "I just want to leave and he's... Well, he's..."

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Cullen sat down in his normal seat more than a little nervous about possibly seeing Aislinn and that pissed him off right from the start. He began spreading the records out to look at them while he waited. Just then a small commotion got his attention. He looked up to see Aislinn rushing through the restaurant and Meghan following her. He didn't even think about it. He just knew that something was wrong.

Cullen came up to the employee's break room. He could smell Aislinn and Meghan and he knew that they had gone in there. The door was open a crack and he could hear crying. He almost stormed in to find out why Meghan was making Aislinn cry when he heard someone start talking.

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