

All Sacrifice Was Condemned

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scene a week exercise

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Source - "All sacrifice was condemned."

EXT. OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

Annie slams her car door as she struggles to pull her purse over her shoulder. She walks through cars in the parking lot as her breath hangs in the cold winter air.

Her phone RINGS. She fishes through her purse absently as she walks. Finding it she answers the call and brings the phone to her ear.

ANNIE

Hello?

A male voice, DANNY'S, fills the other end of the conversation.

DANNY (O.S.)

You at work yet?

ANNIE

Just getting here.

DANNY (O.S.)

Just wanted to say have a good day.

ANNIE

I don't think that'll happen.

DANNY (O.S.)

Why not?

ANNIE

I'm wearing the same clothes as yesterday. Once one comment gets made that's all I'm gonna hear about for the rest of the week.

Annie scans her badge at a reader beside one of the buildings entrances. It BEEPS long once and short twice. The light on it stays red. She pulls against the door absently. It doesn't open.

DANNY (O.S.)

I'm sure it'll be fine. Who even notices stuff like that?

ANNIE

Only everyone I work with.

She swipes her badge again. One long BEEP followed by two short. She tugs at the door again. Still locked.

DANNY (O.S.)

Then they can all go to hell and
you can come join me in bed again.

Annie begins around the building to another door.

ANNIE

Too tempting.

DANNY (O.S.)

Then blow off work today.

ANNIE

That's not going to happen.

DANNY (O.S.)

I had to try.

ANNIE

I'll be back after work. With a
change of clothes.

DANNY (O.S.)

I look forward to it. Have a good
day.

ANNIE

You too.

Annie hangs up and tosses her phone in to her purse. She
steps up to another door and swipes her badge. Repeat
performance.

ANNIE

What the hell?

She knocks on the door and waits. No response. She works her
way to another entrance. Scans. Nothing.

ANNIE

Oh, this is bullshit.

This door has an intercom system on it. She presses the
button and waits. SECURITY responds.

SECURITY (O.S.)

Hello.

ANNIE

Hi, this is Annie Markham. My badge
isn't scanning for me. Can you let
me in?

SECURITY (O.S.)

One moment.

Silence. After a moment Annie impatiently presses the button on the intercom again.

SECURITY (O.S.)

Hello.

ANNIE

It's freezing out here. Could you please let me in.

SECURITY (O.S.)

It'll just be a moment ma'am. I need to check a couple of things whenever a badge stops working.

Annie begin fidgeting waiting outside of the door. LANCE comes over the intercom.

LANCE (O.S.)

Hi Annie.

ANNIE

Lance, what the hell? Let me in already.

LANCE (O.S.)

I'm afraid I can't do that. We tried getting a hold of you at home but we couldn't contact you. You've been let go, Annie.

ANNIE

What the fuck?

LANCE (O.S.)

We'll have all your belongings shipped to your place and we're offering six weeks severance.

ANNIE

Excuse me?

LANCE (O.S.)

I'm sorry Annie.

ANNIE

After everything that I've done for this company. I stepped out in front of that fucking bullet and this is my thanks?

LANCE (O.S.)

You were never asked to do any of those things nor were you cleared to do them. You said it yourself, you stepped out in front of that bullet. Now it's your responsibility to deal with the fall out.