

ESCAPE

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DEDICATION

To my sweet Kaia Rei, you inspire me, I love you
stinky bootee...



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*I woke up this morning feeling lost. I just wanted
a change. Life had become routine.*

Same shit, a different day.

*I looked around my room as the sun peeked
through the shades.*

*"I hope I have a response this morning." I thought
as I kissed my lucky rabbit's foot for luck and
reached for my phone.*

*I quickly got up as I saw I did have a response to
the new job application.*

"Oh great! Finally." I said excitedly.

*"Dear Ms. Fontaine, You have been accepted for
our work project. We will be in contact shortly
with additional information. We are excited to
have you as part of our team." It read.*

I jumped up and danced around the room as I dialed Karen's number.

"Hello?" A groggy voice said.

"Hey Karen, it's me, Kat, guess what?" I said excitedly.

"If you didn't win the lotto you better not be calling me so damn early," Karen replied.

"It's kinda like winning. Remember that job in Zurich I applied for?" I said.

"Mhmm," Karen mumbled.

"I freaken got it!" I yelled.

"Oh damn, Kat! That's great!!!" Karen replied.

"All I'm waiting for is the additional stuff and I'll be on my way. Bye old life, hello new life." I sang.

"That's awesome girl! I knew you'd get it." Karen assured.

"Thanks! Do you wanna have dinner tonight?" I asked.

"Hell yeah, we need to celebrate!" Karen agreed.

"Olive Garden at 7?" I suggested.

"See you there," Karen added.

I was super excited. Who would have thought all that weird hunting experience I had from camp would get me this far. I was beyond ecstatic.

A new job in a new country.

*A totally new adventure for me to dive into. Just
then my phone rang.*

"Hello?" I said nervously.

"Hello, Ms. Katya Fontaine please?" The voice said.

"This is," I replied cheerfully.

*"Hello, My name is Kristen, I'm calling Säkerhet
Corp to prepare you for your trip to Zurich." She
said.*

"Yes of course," I replied.

*"When do you think you'd like to relocate?" She
asked.*

"As soon as possible," I said.

I could hear her typing away.

“How about if I prepare your arrival for this coming Monday? That’s a few days away. This way you can tie up loose ends over there.” She suggested.

“That’ll be perfect! I have a question about housing?” I interrupted.

“Everything is part of your elite employee package with Säkerhet Corp. Your flight, housing, transportation, and a substantial upfront hiring bonus. We like to treat our extreme case agents well.” She explained.

“You really don’t have to do anything but show up for your flight. You do have a passport, correct?” She added.

“Yes, I do. Did you say upfront hiring bonus?” I questioned.

“Yes. A courier will deliver you a debit card with your 1st deposit on it for you to spend as you wish. You’ve earned it.” She said.

“Wow! That’s awesome!” I said nervously.

“Ok Ms. Fontaine, I have you set for your flight direct to Zurich on Monday. Upon arrival here, you will be escorted to your apartment where you will be given keys and your itinerary for the week. On Wednesday, you will be introduced to the full board at Säkerhet Corp. Then we will go from there.” She said in one full swoop.

“Ok. It sounds perfect!” I said with a sigh.

“Ok then, any other questions?” She asked.

“No, no. No questions.” I stuttered.

“Ok then, that will be all. Have a wonderful trip to Zurich and welcome to Säkerhet Corp.” She ended.

“Oh thank you,” I said with a grin.

I hung up with a huge smile on my face. I couldn't believe what was happening. My job had turned into a dream. I was totally set up in Zurich. Right then, a loud knock on the door startled me.

“Who is it?” I yelled from across the room.

“Top Courier Service, I have a package for Ms. Katya Fontaine.” The voice behind the door said.

"Hold on, I'm coming," I yelled as I sprinted across the room and opened the door.

"Ms. Fontaine?" The guy asked.

"Yep, that's me," I said with a smile.

"This is for you. Can you sign here and here please?" He asked pointing at two different spots.

"Of course," I said grabbing the package.

"Have a great day!" He said.

I smiled and closed the door.

It was a heavy package. I tore it open immediately.

It contained my i.d. card for secure entry to the Säkerhet Corp building, some pamphlets to read and a debit card with instructions on how to access it.

I quickly grabbed my phone and downloaded the bank app. I had to do a double take when I saw the amount in my account.

“\$50,000 hiring bonus? WHAT THE!” I said out loud.

I stared at the card then at the app. My name was the owner of this account so it was really mine.

“There’s gotta be a mistake but she did say substantial, though,” I added.

I smiled as I threw myself on the bed.

“Should I buy new clothes here or just buy them there?” I contemplated.

I rolled around excited and sat up.

"I do need a new purse to carry my beautiful new card." I giggled.

I was shocked but it was about time good things happened to me. Plus I needed a change of scenery.

The job I had now was awful but I needed it to survive.

I swear my boss was a perv.

He always had something to say and it was never nice.

It was more disgusting than anything.

I had heard he had been investigated for child porn but I never looked into it.

I felt it wasn't my problem. As long as he wasn't bothering me, who really cared? I know that's a bad way to be but I needed this job.

"Ohh man, I get to quit today! Yeyyy!" I said happily.

***"Let's see what Jonesy has to say now," I added
with a laugh.***

I quickly dialed the phone.

***"Hey Rhonda, can you pass me over to Mr. Jones
please?" I asked nicely.***

"Sure, Katya, hold please," Rhonda said.

***"Where the hell are you? You are late!" He said as
he picked up the phone.***

"Mr. Jones." I tried to interject.

***"GET YOUR LAZY ASS HERE NOW!" Mr. Jones
interrupted.***

"I'm not coming in," I said in a cocky tone.

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