

Hot Waters

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EXT. ICARUS LAW CORPORATION BUILDING - DAY

We see a skyscraper, clouds reflected on its windows.

A plump woman wearing sunglasses is seen bustling through the sea of people walking on the streets. She enters the skyscraper building without hesitation.

INT. ICARUS LAW CORPORATION BUILDING. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

A potted fig plant decorates the tiny conference room. MARK WANG, a middle aged lawyer, stands by the window. He is scratching his face impatiently.

32-year-old lawyer CODY TAN is typing on his laptop on the desk.

CODY

...I don't know what to make out of it! I mean, I heard that she poured hot water on the groin of another woman. What kind of woman does that?

MARK

(grunts)

Heh.

We hear a loud woman's voice echoing in the hallway. The two lawyers' attention is on the door.

CODY

She's here!

A plump lady in a fitted outfit and sunglasses enter the conference room in a dramatic fashion. She dumps her handbag on the chair.

MS. WANI

(takes off sunglasses)

Helloooo. Eh weather so hot today
ah.

CODY

(grimaces)

You must be Ms. Wani.

The two lawyers get up to shake hands with Ms. Wani.

MARK

Mark Wang, nice to meet you.

CODY

Cody Tan.

Ms. Wani raises an eyebrow, and sits down with a loud thud without shaking their hands.

CODY (CONT'D)

So Ms. Wani, could you tell us more about the case? You do not have to confess to the crime-

MS. WANI

(exclaims)

OF COURSE I poured hot water on that disgusting woman.

Cody and Mark exchange glances. Cody appears slightly uneasy.

MARK

(scratching his face, feet tapping)

Yes, ah Ms. Wani... We will help you as your lawyers-

MS. WANI

(exclaims)

Good!

MARK

Now, could you tell me what the circumstances were when you poured hot water on... on... Ms. Aini?

MS. WANI

OH, well, it was in the afternoon. This woman, she pushed me first you know! I fell, I am the real victim here!! What if that time I break my leg. Wah I tell you, this woman, she is a devil in disguise. She is dangerous. Then you know, last week...

Cut to a montage of the bored lawyers and the still ranting Ms. Wani.

MS. WANI (CONT'D)

... How would I know that the kettle is hot? It is by accident. Anyways I'm the victim here, okay?!

Mark and Cody stare at each other.

CODY
So... Where did the kettle come from?

MS. WANI
Does that matter.

CODY
Yes, ma'am.

MS. WANI
I thought you guys are the lawyers, why are you questioning me as if you're the police. You are supposed to help me.

Mark's professionalism slips. He rubs his face with his hands and sighs loudly.

Cody shoots his partner a look.

MARK
Look, Ms. Wani, we seek your cooperation as lawyers.

MS. WANI
Ok, fine. You are lawyers. Tell me what I should do.

CODY
Err...well, for starters, we advise you to not cause a scene in front of reporters.

MS. WANI
What kind of advice is this leh. You think I'll do something like that meh??

Cut to a flashback of Ms. Wani shouting at reporters.

MARK
(clears throat)
Moving on, what were the reasons for assaulting Ms. Aini the other two times?

MS. WANI
Eh eh eh eh who said I assaulted her other times. Why you accuse me.

MARK

(calmly)

Ms. Wani, we're just trying to help you.

MS.WANI

Cheh, I'm going to file a complain.
You guys are supposed to defend me
leh, you also not doing your job.
People victim also don't want to
help. I ownself defend myself lah.

CODY

Omg lady, we're just trying to
help!!

Speechless, Ms. Wani shoots a look of disgust to the lawyers
and gathers her stuff.

Ms. Wani stomps out of the room.

The two lawyers heave sighs of exasperation.

CODY (CONT'D)

Well that went well.

Mark shoots Cody a look.