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INT. FAITH'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - NIGHT

FAITH, a black woman, PhD level Physical Therapist in her 30's sits watching the evening news.

NEWS REPORTER JILL

Wow Naomie, I didn't know that you were such a warrior. The 30 mile mud triathlon is not for the weak.

NEWS REPORTER NAOMIE

It's insane but I like it.

NEWS REPORTER JILL

Insane in deed. Well folks we have some news regarding our current water shortage.

FAITH

Come on, no one wants to hear about this! What's going in with the Drought?

NEWS REPORTER NAOMIE

This just in, from city council. For The next 8 weeks All Weedale County residents are to refrain from taking baths, only shower for 15 minutes or less. We must conserve water in order to address the drought.

FAITH

15 min showers. They're nuts.

Faith turns off the television and stretches out on the couch. She scrolls on her social media account.

FAITH'S CELL PHONE SCREEN

A social media post with a crying emoji. The caption reads " My youngest brother lost his battle to Cancer. I can't believe that he's gone."

FAITH (CONT'D)

(inner voice)

Oh my God! This is the 3rd person in her family to die this month. I'll check on her later. This is horrible.

Faith tosses her phone aside, get's up and walks to a calendar attached to a corkboard, on the wall. {frame within a frame}.

NOTE ABOVE CALENDAR READS

"Countdown to first therapist appointment".

Faith crosses out a day. There are 5 days left. Friday is circled in red.

INT. FAITH'S HOME - BATHROOM - NIGHT

Faith takes the bobby pins out of her hair. She sprays her hair with water, and prepares her hair for bedtime.

FAITH
(inner voice)
I wish I could just go to sleep but
noooooo can't look "unprofessional"
for work.

Faith grabs more hair products, slight anger starts to seep.
30 minutes pass.

FAITH (CONT'D)
Imma have to start investing in
wigs 'cause I can't keep this up.

She uses a mirror to see the back of her hair {frame within a frame}

INT. FAITH'S JOB - NURSING HOME - THERAPY GYM - DAY

Faith's co-workers **ISABEL**, a white woman in her 20's and **MAYLEEN**, a white woman in her 50's are sitting in the shared work area in front of the 2 work computers. **RESIDENT 1** is using the sitting bicycle and **RESIDENT 2** is doing exercises with a stretch band.

ISABEL
I don't understand why people just
don't do what the police say. Why
run? If the police say stop then
stop!

MAYLEEN
I know right. It's just that
simple.

Faith walks into the therapy gym wheeling **RESIDENT 3** to a table. Faith locks their wheelchair, and goes into a cabinet to get materials.

MAYLEEN (CONT'D)
Oh good you're back. Faith, did you
hear about the shooting that
happened this morning?

FAITH
No what shooting?

ISABEL
The news is covering another case
where the police shot a black man.

FAITH
Again? It happened this morning?
Where?

MAYLEEN
Evergreen Colorado.

FAITH
My God!!! I'll watch the news
later.

MAYLEEN
You know, I haven't worked here
long but you seem to be a
reasonable young woman. Let me ask
you a question. Why don't the
blacks just listen to the Police
when they're asked to?

Faith stops in her tracks. She is the only person of color in
the room.

FAITH
You know, when I was in undergrad I
was taught that there were lots of
things that you don't talk about at
work. Race being one of them.

MAYLEEN
But it's just us, and I asked you a
question so it's ok that you answer
it.

ISABEL
Yea Faith, like I'm curious too.
I've been pulled over so many times
for speeding. I've never had a
problem.

RESIDENT 3
Hey!!! I gotta go to the bathroom!

FAITH
(inner voice)
Thank God!

Faith walks to Resident 3, unlocks there wheelchair and pushes them towards the door.

FAITH (CONT'D)
No problem, I'll take you right over.

NURSE 1, a black woman walks in, walks past Faith, and addresses Isabel, and Mayleen.

NURSE 1
Hi, I'm a new nurse on floor 3. I don't know which of you are the Physical Therapist but I want to see if Mr. Smith could get evaluated.

ISABEL
Oh, we're just assistants. She's the licensed therapist.

Isabel points to Faith.

NURSE 1
Oh, you're the actual Physical Therapist?

FAITH
Yes, I am.

Nurse 1 pauses in utter shock.

NURSE 1
Oh, ok.

FAITH
I have to help this resident you can follow the company protocol and give the evaluation request to the rehab director.

RESIDENT 3
Hurry up I gotta PEE!

Faith wheels resident 3 out of the room.

I/E. FAITH'S CAR - DAY

Faith's is sitting in her car with the windows rolled down. The car is turned off and her head is leaned back on the headrest. She releases her tight grip on the steering wheel and reaches for her food.

FAITH

I just gotta make it to Friday. I will see the Therapist then. Hopefully it will help.

Her cellphone rings. She answers the phone.

FAITH (CONT'D)

Hey ma'.... ma, are you there? MA!!! Can you hear me? Are you ok ma? Ok what did he say? Kidney failure? Did they even run labs on you? Send me all of the results of your lab work and the name of the medicine that he prescribed. I know I'm not a doctor but I also know how this story goes and I'm not gonna just sit back and do nothing..... I'm sorry ma, you're right Imma stay in a child's place.... I'll see you next week for Thanksgiving... yes I'll have the cakes with me. Alright ma, love you too bye.

Faith hangs up the phone tears well in her eyes but she dare not let one fall.

INT. FAITH'S JOB - NURSING HOME - DAY

Isabel, Faith, Mayleen and **ADAM**, the rehab director are having an meeting

ADAM

So I know that I told you all that Robin from corporate was joining us today but she can't be here so unfortunately I have to break the news to you all.

ISABEL

What's going on?

ADAM

So the company has been in a deficit for a while now and with the recent recession the company just cant afford to continue to pay everyone at their current rates. So effective next week everyone's salary will be decreased by 10%.

MAYLEEN

What the hell!! You can't do that.

ADAM

Unfortunately we can. If you think about the forms that you signed when you were onboarding it states that we can terminate employment or decrease salaries without notification if deemed necessary.

ISABEL

My friend's dad is a lawyer.

ADAM

Listen I'm not here to debate this. I'm in the same boat with you all. I suggest that you make arrangements in your lifestyles to accommodate the change.

Faith stands still just starring at Adam.

FAITH

Ok, I'm done for the day.

ADAM

Have you seen all of your patients?

FAITH

No but y'all have seen all of mine.

Faith slams the door behind her as she leaves.

INT. FAITH'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - DAY

Faith is sitting at a table with bills spread across the table. She has here phone on speaker.

FAITH

But \$600? How in the world did my electric bill go from \$180 every month to \$600? I can't pay that!!!

ELECTRIC CO.

Ma'am I know that you're upset but there has been an increase in cost across the service area. We know that many customers were caught off guard with this month's bill. So we do have payment plans available.

FAITH

You know what. I thought that you
all made a mistake. I can't believe
this.

Faith slams down the telephone.

FAITH (CONT'D)

(tearfully)

Dear God please help me.

EXT. GROCERY STORE - NIGHT

Faith locks her car and walks into the grocery store.

FAITH

(internal voice)

Ok I'm just gonna go in here get
what I need and go back home.

INT. GROCERY STORE - NIGHT

Faith stands in line at the checkout. The CASHIER, a young
white woman removes the divider and scans Faith's items.
Faith walks up to the credit card reader.

CASHIER

43.96 Is your total.

Faith pulls out a card.

CASHIER (CONT'D)

Ok, you're paying with ebt.

FAITH

What?

CARD READER SAYS

"Enter EBT card"

CASHIER

You can enter your EBT card now.

FAITH

Ebt card? EBT CARD!?!??? {begining
of dutch angle} I don't have an EBT
card!!! I don't have children and I
work several jobs. I have a
Master's Degree that I worked my
but off to get.

(MORE)

FAITH (CONT'D)

I'm able, so I work a minimum of 5
days a week!!! {end of dutch angle}

Faith takes the her bags and throws them on the ground.

FAITH (CONT'D)

How dare you assume that I was
paying with and EBT card.

The cashier begins to cry. Faith turns the shopping cart
over. And rips all of the plastic bags for the holder. The
off duty police officer walks towards Faith and draws a gun.

POLICE OFFICER

Get your hands up NOW!!!

Faith stops, raises her hands. She screams an cries with a
closed mouth while trying to control her shaking hands.

INT. JUDGE'S OFFICE - DAY

Faith, **JUDGE FULLER**, a middle aged woman and **EVA**, Faith's
Lawyer are sitting at a table.

JUDGE FULLER

Well Ms. Jenkins you've done well
on probation and I've gone over the
reports that the county prosecutor
and the grocery store's lawyer has
sent over. You are lucky that
neither the cashier nor the grocery
store wants to press charges. But
you are found guilty of disorderly
conduct. There is no sentence to be
served but there is a \$4,000 fine
that you can make payments on.

FAITH

But Judge It's been proven that I
had a moment of insanity. I do
believe that I have to pay for my
actions but with something like
this on my record I could loose my
license to practice Physical
Therapy and I could loose my home.

JUDGE FULLER

You can find a different job and
keep your home.

FAITH

No you don't understand. I live in a gated community you have to pass a background check to live there.

JUDGE FULLER

Ah I see. Well, you're a tough cookie. You'll figure it out. I've done all that I can do. The county prosecutor wanted to give you jailtime but I overrode his recommendations. I suggest that you take the hand that you've been dealt and play it the best way that you can.

Judge Fuller get's up and exits the room. Eva comforts Faith.

EVA

It's going to be alright.

EXT. FAITH'S HOME - DAY

Faith gets out of her car. **REBECCA**, a 30 something yr old white woman comes to over to Faith.

REBECCA

Hey Faith. How are you doing?

FAITH

Listen Becca. I know It's time to power wash my driveway.

REBECCA

Yes but it's not about that.

FAITH

Oh Let me guess you all made a decision yesterday.

REBECCA

Well we all know that you've had it tough lately and we are a community here so we want to help and not hurt. With that being said we have made an addendum to our bylaws, so whatever you're charged if you're charged, which, through my recent education of how the court system works I'm assuming that you have been charged.

FAITH
Please just spill it.

REBECCA
You can stay here. You don't have
to leave. We know what the rules
have been in the past. But.

Faith hugs Rebecca.

FAITH
Thanks so much.

REBECCA
You're so welcome. I couldn't stand
the thought of losing you as a
neighbor. If there is anything else
that you need please let us know
ok.

Faith let's the tears flow. Rebecca returns home. Faith
checks the mail, there's an envelope from the State Therapy
Licensing Association. Faith opens the letter.

STATE THERAPY LICENSING LETTER SAYS

"The governing board has decided that you will remain
eligible to practice therapy. Your license will not be
revoked. You will remain on probation for 1 yr."

FAITH
Yes!! I can't believe this. Thank
you Jesus!!

Faith cries profusely.

INT. HOME - LIVINGROOM - DAY

Faith sit's in front of a computer for a video conference
with her Psychologist, **REV. DR. DEADRA BAKER.**

REV. DR. DEADRA BAKER
Hello Faith, How've you been since
the last time that we spoke?

FAITH
Well, let's just say that his week
I earned my name.

THE END