

FAMILY LAW 2-1 (KM)

LYNN

Miss Reynolds?

HOLLY

You're Lynn? I'd kinda given up on you.

LYNN

Sorry. The freeway was a mess.

HOLLY

I have tenants moving in tomorrow.

LYNN

Well, this shouldn't take too long.

HOLLY

So, am I ever going to get my kids back?

LYNN

You haven't made contact with your boys in over a year, which can look like abandonment. That, and your history of drug abuse, is what pushed Social Services to request a final termination of parental rights.

HOLLY

That and the fact that the foster parents want to adopt my sons. (pause) Broken down drug addict and her two kids. Not really worth your time, are we, Ms. Holt?

LYNN

No, no, it's not that. I'm sorry. I haven't had the opportunity to give your case the proper attention, and it's only getting worse. Which is why I wanted to suggest that you might do better with another attorney.

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HOLLY

You're my third attorney. By the time I get them back --if I get them back, Ben will be graduating from high school. Ben's five now.

LYNN

And Matthew's thirteen, I know. I also know your attorneys aren't the ones who've kept you from visiting your boys for two years. And they also aren't the ones who got you strung out on crack in the first place. (pause) I was way out of line there. It's been a rough morning. I apologize.

HOLLY

The last time my kids saw me... they were living with their foster parents. I was stoned and coming down and I needed money. So, I break into their house at night, and I find some stuff I can sell. And I look up and see my boys on the stairs, in their flannel pajamas. It was Christmas Eve. They thought they heard Santa Claus. Instead they found their junkie mother stealing their presents. I checked into rehab. I've been clean ever since.

LYNN

Who's that?

HOLLY

He always looks like he's trying to get away from something. That's Matthew. I taught him how to ride a bike. At least I did one good thing. His school's around the corner. I took this job managing these apartments so I could see him... for ten seconds a day. I never let him or Ben see me. I wanted to make sure I was ready. I couldn't disappoint them again.

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LYNN

Are you ready?

HOLLY

... Yes.

LYNN

Then I'll do everything in my power to get you your boys back.

HOLLY

(pause) Ms. Holt... Thank you... I won't let you down, I promise.

LYNN

I believe you.

HOLLY

Thank you, Ms. Holt. Thank you so much.

LYNN

Miss Reynolds... I have no guarantees for you. You have to know that.

HOLLY

Yeah... I know.

LYNN

But I'm going to try. Take it easy. I'll be in touch soon.