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FLIRTY BOARD MEMBER

I think we're rushing to judgement...

Jack smiles at her - she's charmed.

JACK

I appreciate that. Perhaps we all take a page from Harriet's play book....

GRUFF BOARD MEMBER

Most of our residents are content living a peaceful, law-abiding lifestyle. Filling their final days with conversation, good books and a healthy diet. We no longer see a fit with you and Sunny Glen.

GRUFF BOARD MEMBER

(CONT'D)

Have you reached out to your children? By law we must release you to a family member.

JACK

What happens if they don't answer? You throw me out on the streets?

MARY

I'm sure one of our state run facilities will welcome you with open arms.

GRUFF BOARD MEMBER

It might be time to mend some fences with the kids, Jack.

JACK

I'd like to, Judy, I really would. But the problem is, they like lawbreakers just as much as you all do.

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START
INT. THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

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Laura stares at her therapist.

LAURA

I was thinking we might switch back to seeing each other once a month.

THERAPIST

Really.

LAURA

I'm feeling like I'm in a really good place. I've done the work... We've done the work.

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The THERAPIST nods.

LAURA (CONT'D)

I'm so self aware now. I can kinda figure out everything I'm doing wrong.

THERAPIST

There's no right or wrong.

LAURA

Good or less good.

THERAPIST

Have you spoken to your father recently?

LAURA

Well, he called but I didn't answer. He knows the conditions.

THERAPIST

So you set a boundary. That must have been difficult for you.

LAURA

Not really. I'm feeling very resolute - so resolute, in fact, that I was thinking - is this really the best time to set a boundary? Stay with me here - but I've been wondering - it might be best if I **did** pick up, you know?

THERAPIST

I don't.

LAURA

Not to ask him for help or anything - I'm not suddenly forgetting the years of disappointment...

THERAPIST

And abandonment.

LAURA

I was going to say missed opportunities. But, sure. We can say abandonment.

THERAPIST

Your father is incapable of helping you, Laura. It doesn't matter how much you love him.

LAURA

I know. You're right. I was actually testing you that time. To see if maybe you had softened.

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You are not that little girl that needs her father's help anymore. You are doing fine without it.

LAURA

I really am. I don't know why I keep forgetting that.

The therapist pauses...not so fast.

THERAPIST

I see you have a kitten hidden in your purse. Were you hiding it from me?

Yep. There's a kitten in her purse. It pokes it's head out.

LAURA

I wasn't. I found it in the parking lot. I'm taking him to the shelter on my way home. Once again, setting a boundary.

THERAPIST

I thought you weren't going to pick up any stray animals this month.

LAURA

It's the 28th. And if it were February it technically would be the end of the month.

THERAPIST

But it isn't February.

LAURA

I've secured a home for this kitten so it's a little different. I think our hour is up.

THERAPIST

Take care of yourself, Laura. Put yourself first.

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INT. WAITING ROOM - DAY

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END.
Laura leaves therapy and slumps down in an empty chair in the waiting room. She knows she is a mess.

LITTLE GIRL

Is that your kitten?

Laura looks up at a sweet little girl with big blue eyes.

LAURA

It is. Do you want to hold it?