

CATER WAITRESS

She takes a seat on a stack of empty egg crates. A CATER WAITRESS notices Alison and her belly. The waitress makes her way over offering a smile and a tray of puff pastry.

ALISON

Do you mind if I just sit down for a minute?

CATER WAITRESS

Of course not. You okay?

ALISON

I'm fine, yes. I'm just a little tired.

CATER WAITRESS

Let me get you some water.

She goes. Alison takes some comfort from the kindness of this random stranger. The waitress returns with a glass of water.

CATER WAITRESS (CONT'D)

Stay in here as long as you like.

CATER WAITRESS

Foot
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ALISON
Thank you.

CATER WAITRESS
That's a pretty intense scene out there.

ALISON
Yeah, it is.

Alison pulls her aching feet out of the heels and tests her toes gingerly on the floor.

ALISON (CONT'D)
Hey, can I ask you a question?

The waitress smiles at her, "of course".

ALISON (CONT'D)
Have you read a book called "Descent?"

The waitress shakes her head.

CATER WAITRESS
I got two jobs and three kids. I have no time to read. Why?

ALISON
My fiance wrote it.

CATER WAITRESS
Oh wow. I'll bet you're real proud of him.

ALISON
It's about me. The book. I mean, the main characters are me and him, basically.

CATER WAITRESS
That's so cool. What a sweet guy.

ALISON
Yeah, and at the end of the book, he runs me over with a car.

CATER WAITRESS
Oh honey.

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