

HUMOR:

Alter Reality

**A woman
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On her first day at her new job as secretary for a big law firm, a woman was told by one of the lawyers, "You smell!" He was a harsh man a bit rough around the edges and she was a gentle, sensitive soul who was immediately offended. That evening the woman cried and avoided putting garlic on the pasta that she usually made for dinner fearing the garlic would make her smell more.

The next morning she washed and scrubbed twice as long as usual with her favorite soap and shampoo. She sprayed a little extra perfume on her freshly washed dress, just in case, and headed off to work. Upon arriving one of the clients collapsed to the ground choking and waving her away just before going into a grand mal seizure. The same lawyer came out and yelled "I told you yesterday you smelled! Now look at what you've done to our client. Someone call 911!"

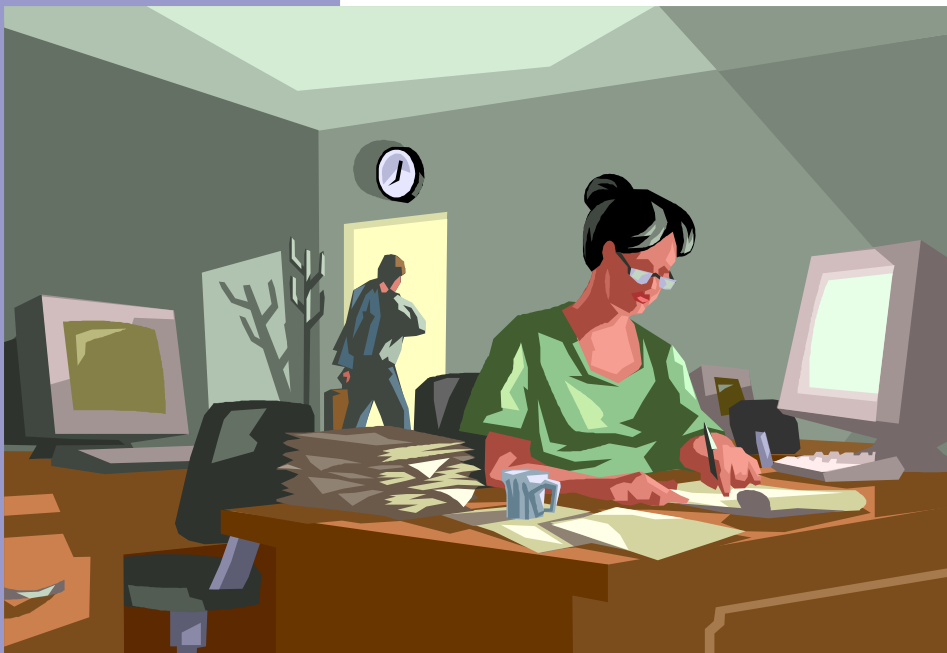
The woman was horrified and insulted and ran off to the bathroom crying. She had not touched the client! What was the lawyer taking about?

Soon another secretary came to check on her and confided that the lawyer who'd yelled at her was a jerk. The secretary asked the woman if she'd like to borrow some soap and a clean dress that the secretary kept for emergencies.

Horrified the woman exclaimed "What's wrong with my dress?"

The secretary replied, "Well the smell is a bit strong. We don't want to injure any more of our clients and some of the lawyers are having difficulty with you too."

"Injure your clients? What are you talking about? No one has ever told me I smell in my life. My dress is clean and I showered this morning!"



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The other secretary explained about the known toxicants in fragrances such as laundry soap, fabric softener, perfume, soap, shampoo, and other personal care products.

“You mean this stuff, these smells, they’re toxic? What happens? Will I get sick?”

The secretary explained about cancer, environmental illness, chemical sensitivity, reproductive damage, and the myriad of symptoms caused by fragrances, including respiratory problems, headaches, seizures, cognitive impairment, mood swings, and more.

“Gee,” she said “My son, he has asthma and attention deficit. I did not know these things could harm him.” Just then the lawyer burst into the women’s restroom in a rage screaming, “He died! You killed our client! He had a seizure and died! You’re fired!” He looked at the other secretary and snapped, “Get her out of here!”

The police entered and cuffed her and began reading her Miranda rights. “Oh my!” screamed the woman, “I’m so sorry! I did not know!”

“Calm down now ma’am”, said the officer; “we’ll make sure we clean you up good before you go to the hospital to decontaminate.”

“Are there alternatives to use for the laundry and personal care?” she asked as she was cuffed.

“Yes ma’am... you’ll learn all about that in the program.”

“What program?”



**“Hi, My
name is
Jenny and
I’m a Scent-
a-holic.”**

“Hi Jenny!”

“The judge will mandate that you attend a 12-step group called Scent Sense. They’re a good group of folks and you’ll learn a lot there.”

Another officer began reading her rights. "You have the right to remain silent. Any thing you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney..."

"I feel like this is a bad dream. What exactly are the charges for this?" she stammered in a state of panic.

"Reckless endangerment, assault with a deadly weapon, environmental destruction, and murder," the officer told her.

"Excuse me? You must be mistaken..." she said weakly. "I, uh, I didn't do any of that. I was just standing there."

"No denying it ma'am, we can smell your perfume and laundry soap from here. Now let's get you cleaned up before you hurt someone else or do more destruction to the environment. Don't you know that stuff is illegal now?"

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Editors Note: This is a joke, not to be taken seriously. Like the title stated, "Alter Reality".

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