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**A monologue from *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit - Episode 2* by Jonathan Rand**  
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*ITSY, 50s – a wrongfully accused police spider maintains her innocence to district attorneys.*

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Everyone *assumes* I'm some criminal – that those five monkeys who jumped on that bed paid me to doctor their insurance claims; or that I helped Dish and Spoon skip bail. Or that I'm behind today's burglaries. All these crimes have been linked to me, but I'm *innocent*. Someone out there is steering this ship and they won't *rest* until I'm underwater.

You wanna hear some irony? (*Pointing to herself*.) This "corrupt" cop *leads* the Water Spout precinct's anti-corruption task force. I have locked up more corrupt officials than any cop in this town's *history*.

But *every time* I climb my way up the Water Spout ranks, down comes a reign of fire, a reign of terror – call it what you will, but down comes the reign and it comes down hard.

And y'know what? (*Holding back emotion*.) It washes me *right out*. *Right. Out.*

I've been climbin' my whole life. And just when I'm near the top, BAM, back to rock bottom. I just don't know if I've got the courage to start that climb again.

I'm drowning here, people. (*With severe intensity*.) And the sun ain't comin' out...