

Woman Stable After Work ‘Madness’

Woman stable after on-the-job “freak out”

Can't see what the big deal is

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Liv Bane is recovering at the Hospital for Sick People following an incident at her workplace. The former collections clerk was held for observation after receiving minor cuts and bruises in a violent outburst at her workplace Friday. Police are considering laying charges.

Bane, 37, had been working as a temporary employee at Legal-Eeeeze Data, Inc., a software developer in Canada's "Hi-Tech Capital" where the incident occurred.

The temperamental worker says she suffered from sciatica and numb extremities from sitting for prolonged periods on a broken steno chair and claims her health rapidly deteriorated while assigned to the firm she

dubbed, "a publishing ghetto" and an "intellectual sweatshop."

Several of the temporary workers who sat nearby confirm that the former estate administrator had hives on her face that were likely caused by the excessive dust in the building's ventilation system. "It was like a beard, man," said an unidentified woman, "they were gross."

"I nearly barfed from the exhaust fumes and the washroom tang was foul," said the citation editor. "The broads in this office must be on a special diet of cauliflower and Brussels sprouts."

Things had gone badly right for Ms. Bane from the start when she was apparently scolded for tampering with her computer's desktop settings. By changing date and time option from its U.S. default to a preferred Canadian format, she caused her computer to crash each time she downloaded daily files from the company's database in Duluth, Minnesota.

When Bane was asked to comment on the investigation, she said, "If I were president of the company I would lift the ban on conversation.

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And if I was sleeping with the president, I mean, if I were still sleeping with him, I would make sure there was free coffee for everyone, not just permanent employees."

"Oh yeah," she continued, "and I'd put yummy little Vachon cakes in the vending machines."

Bane's co-worker Misha Orycyk disagrees. "I don't think that's true," she said, but refused to elaborate.

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According to close friends, the former deli clerk and meat wrapper immediately disliked her assignment and referred to the American-owned company as "a tomb of spiritual death."

Problems at work, it seems, were vast and varied for Ms. Bane. In an interview conducted in her hospital room, the flirtatious brunette said her lack of ability to conform to the company's dress code was also a challenge. According to company literature, the dress code at Legal-Eeeeze is standard business casual, but Bane once wore a Nickelback tank top with spaghetti straps.

"I had to sneak past the boss and speedwalk the hallways to avoid

employees," she laughingly told us. "Eventually, that one chick from accounting caught up to me. She grabbed me by the shoulder and warned me not to wear a shirt with a logo, or Chad Kroeger's face, splashed across my breasts. But I think she was really turned on by the fact that I wasn't wearing a bra."

Adding, "I self-published a book once, you know."

The 32-year-old woman's prognosis is unclear and her doctors at the Hospital for Sick People refused to comment on her condition; however, Bane insists she is healthy and ready to return to "that stupid temp job." and has thoughtfully tacked an updated resume to her medical chart.

Legal-Eeeeze was trying to recover several weeks' worth of files at the time Bane was taken to hospital.

The unmarried woman is expected to recover fully.

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