

## Not About Money

### Synopsis

Ellen, a timid corporate woman, gets promoted into management of a large corporation for her talent and hard work. Oblivious that the “good ol’ boy network” is at play, she is destined to fail. Her career is soon undermined by a network of peers and a regime of corporate male management who don't want her there.

Her job is deliberately made difficult, she is written up without cause, and is ridiculed in meetings. Other tactics are used to drive her out and make her job miserable, including moving equipment out of her office, locking her office door, and picking up her company car from her driveway with a tow truck.

A paper trail of scathing documentation is created against her in order to have her removed from her position. A supportive male management friend tries to help, but gets threatened by his superiors and can no longer risk being involved as Ellen's confidant. He ultimately writes a letter siding with other management that results in her being demoted. When Ellen sees the letter, he has already left the Corporation and she writes a seething letter confronting him.

Ellen has a warm relationship with Matt, a recently divorced gentleman, who is tormented with guilt for leaving his wife. He also suffers from his limited attention to his children due to his relationship with Ellen. He struggles to keep a balance between them, but Ellen has to accept the fact that he must leave her in order to have peace in his life.

Co-worker, Marcie, overhears a closed-door conversation at the office and alerts Ellen that management wants to drive her out. When Ellen finds that her position is threatened, she finally decides it is time to fight back for the sake of principle, even if it means losing her job.

Ellen meets with a few lawyers before finding a good attorney to represent her. However, when she wants to take an early retirement to get away from it all, he sends her a letter withdrawing from her case. She becomes frantic, but after some discussion, they are able to work out their differences and she agrees to keep working.

While Ellen is heartbroken over the loss of her relationship with Matt, she meets Steve at a singles' mixer. They become enamored with one another, and a new relationship ensues.

Depositions take place, and Ellen wins her case. She throws a Victory Party to thank those who supported her, and Steve attends adding to her pleasure. Her attorney mistakenly overpays her portion of the settlement, and cancels the check. Ellen explains that she never checked the amount before making the deposit, and proves that her case was not about money.