

Body Prison - The Sequel

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After defeating the odds by graduating college with summa cum laude, numerous awards and certifications, and professional experience, she was on cloud nine. She transformed the impossible into possible. Little did she know, she was about to face some of the hardest years yet. Her disability never defined her before, but as time went on, her differences became conspicuous. Trapped.

She was onto bigger and better. She enrolled in Northeastern University and pursued Counseling Psychology. Academically, she struggled a little, but she refused to give up and in the end, she passed with flying colors. Professionally, she encountered firsthand discrimination. Prior to interviews, employers admitted that her resume was better than they have seen, but still withheld internship offers, time and time again, once they saw her. Trapped.

Yearning to be seen, included, and accepted, she continued to interview, email, and advocate for equality

and her
deservingness, but she
failed repetitively. As her
graduation and future were in
jeopardy, emotions started to flood her
mind. For the first time in her
life, she
felt unwanted, hopeless, and
trapped.

Although she
felt as though she
was constantly getting
kicked to the curb,
she kept rising to the occasion until
she proved
the world wrong
again. She
may be locked in a body prison,
but she
is not
trapped.