

Strutt Aud

Why can't your wife have her own baby?

MARTIN

Are you serious? That is really not your business.

DET. DIXON

The girl's dead. I'm the Bad Cop. It's my business.

INTERROGATION ROOM B – CONT.

START (LIGHTS UP on SUSAN, with STRUTT)

STRUTT

You can tell me anything, it's protected. I survive criminal law by pretending all my clients are innocent. You don't have to burst my bubble unless you want to plead guilty. In that case, I'm not defending you, I'm negotiating for you. Do you understand the difference?

SUSAN

Why would I kill someone carrying my baby?

STRUTT

It's where they start. (Takes out police report) They say your fingerprints are all over the apartment.

SUSAN

They should be. I was there almost every day.

STRUTT

You knew her neighbors, the building staff?

SUSAN

I've probably seen them all.

STRUTT

You say her door was unlocked. Was it ever unlocked before today?

SUSAN

Never.

STRUTT

So, she would have had to let someone in.

SUSAN

Yes.

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STRUTT

Unless they had a key. Who does?

SUSAN

Well, I do. And my Husband. I don't know about anybody else. She gave me a set, for emergencies.

STRUTT

How far along was she?

SUSAN

Fifteen weeks. Are they going to keep me here?

STRUTT

They can't. They have nothing on you. Did your Doctors or anyone else see friction between you?

SUSAN

There was none to see. (Deep breath) I have to get out, now. I'm going to have nightmares about being locked up.

STRUTT

So that's your mantra. No jail. You know how many times I've been arrested? (Clicking them off) Unlawful assembly, resisting arrest, defacing public property, and public nudity. That was my first time. I've protested three wars, marched for Civil Rights, Women's Rights and Vegan Rights. Not to mention Stonewall.

SUSAN

(Puzzled) Jackson?

END

INTERROGATION ROOM A:

(LIGHTS UP on DET. DIXON and MARTIN, DIXON walking back to the table, reading a report)

DET. DIXON

Well, dog my cats.

MARTIN

What the hell does that mean? Will you tell me what's going on?

DET. DIXON

I'm surprised. That doesn't happen much. I've been here since turtlenecks.