

SCENE - THE ACCUSED

Kathryn knocks on the door.

Sarah is finishing a phone call

SARAH

Bye (to phone)

Who is it?

KATHRYN

Katryn Murphy

SARAH

Why did you let them out on bail?

KATHRYN

I didn't. It is standard procedure

Until the jury finds you guilty, you're free
if you can post bail.

Sarah opens the door.

SARAH

The guy on the TV made it sound like I did a
live sex show.

KATHRYN

That's not the last time that's gonna
happen.

May I come in?

SARAH

Yeah. Come in.

(to the dog)

Sadie, shut up

KATHRYN

The bartender at The Dugout said you were sick.

SARAH

You went lookin' for me?

Well, I had to go to the doctor and nobody at work knows.

Come on Sadie.

You want a seat?

Would like something to drink? I really could use a drink.

KATHRYN

Thank you, no.

SARAH

Just to smooth out the edges a little bit.

You know?

Listen, what time were you born?

KATRHRYN

I already told you, I didn't believe in astrology.

SARAH

So what? I do.

What time?

KATHRYN

At night. Seven. August 9th.

SARAH

Where?

KATHRYN

Portland

Do you always drink to smooth out the edges?

SARAH

No. Sometimes I'll take a hot of pot or something.

Why, you want some?

KATHRYN

Did you have anything to drink before you went to The Mill? Or smoke?

SARAH

half a joint, a couple of beers. You know. Nothin' heavy.

KATHRYN

And while you were there?

SARAH

I don't know. I mean, I wasn't falling-down drunk or anything.

KATHRYN

How were you dressed?

SARAH

What's that supposed to mean?

KATHRYN

It means were you dressed provocatively?

Showing cleavage? See-through blouse?

SARAH

What the fuck does it matter? They tore it off me.

KATHRYN

Did how you dressed make those guys thinking they could have sex with you?

SARAH

What is that supposed to mean?

KATHRYN

Did you put on a show?

SARAH

What is the hell are you talking about?

You saw me at the hospital. You think I

asked for that? Is that what you think?

Then you get the fuck outta my house.

KATHRYN

Why didn't you tell me that you had a record?

SARAH

Fuck you

I ain't got no record

KATHRYN

You wanna tell me about it?

SARAH

All right. Look.

I was helpin' my girlfriend move with a U-haul

Goin' through Jersey we ran into a cop an he sees we got a busted taillight. Pulls us over, he starts lookin' through her desk in the back and finds a gram of coke.

I was nothin' big.

I was her desk, not mine. Her stuff.

KATHRYN

So why is it still on the books?

SARAH

I don't know. You tell me.

My record was definitely...eh

KATHRYN

Expunged.

SARAH

Yeah, expunged.

KATHRYN

Have you ever made love to more than one man at a time?

SARAH

What the fuck kinda question is that?

KATHRYN

The kind you're gonna be asked on the stand. You'll be asked if Larry Ir any other man ever hit you and if you like it. You'll be asked about your drug bust and how many drinks a day you have.to smooth out the edges and how many joints, and how often you go to bars alone and whether you wear underwear, and how many diseases you hand and how many abortions you've had. And I will object to all those questions. And sometimes the judge will sustain me. But sometimes not.

SARAH

That ain't fair.

KATHRYN

Sarah, you're a witness. The defence's job is to show you are a rotten witness because you've got a rotten character.

SARAH

I got a rotten character?

You won't defend me because I'm some low-class bimbo, right?

KATHRYN

I didn't say that.

SARAH

Will those bastards go to jail?

KATHRYN

Is that what you want?

SARAH

I want those motherfuckers put away for ever.