

The Accused

(Knock at door)

Sarah
Who is it?

Katherine
Katherine Murphy.

Sarah
Why'd you let them out on bail?

Katherine
I didn't. It was standard procedure.
Until the jury finds them guilty,
they can post bail.

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

Katherine
Well, that's not the last time that that's
gonna happen. May I come in?

Sarah
Yea, come on in.

Katherine
The bar tender at the dugout said
you were sick.

Sarah
You went lookin for me?
I had to go to the doctor's and nobody
at work knows. You wanna seat?
Would you like something to
drink? I could really use a drink.

Katherine
Um...thank you, no.

Sarah
Just gotta smooth out the edges
a little bit, you know?
Listen, what time were you born?

Katherine
I already told you that I didn't
believe in that astrology.

Sarah
So what, I do. What time?

Katherine
Midnight. August ninth.

Sarah
Where?

Katherine
Portland. Do you always drink to
smooth out the edges?

Sarah
No. Sometimes, I'll take a hit of pot
or somethin. You want some?

Katherine
Did you have anything to drink before you
went to the mill? Or smoke anything?

Sarah
Oh, half a joint and a couple of beers,
you know...nothing heavy.

Katherine
And while you were there?

Sarah
I don't know, I mean, I wasn't fallin
down drunk or anything.

Katherine
How were you dressed?

Sarah
What's that supposed to mean?

Katherine
It means were you dressed provocatively?
Showing a lot of cleavage, see-thru blouse?

Sarah

What the fuck difference does it matter
how I was dressed. They tore it off of me!

Katherine

But did how you dress make
those guys think that they could have sex with you?
Did you put on a show?

Sarah

What the hell are you talking about!
You saw me at the hospital! You think I
asked for that! Is that what you think! If that's
what you think, you get the fuck out of my house!

Katherine

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

Sarah

Fuck you. I ain't got no record.

Katherine

You wanna tell me about it?

Sarah

Alright. I was helping my girlfriend move
with a Uhaul, you know, and we're goin threw Jersey
and we ran into this cop, and he sees that
we got a busted taillight, he pulls us over,
he starts lookin threw her desk and she has all
sorts of stuff in a bag, and he finds a half gram of coke;
it was nothing big. It was her desk, it wasn't my desk.
It was her stuff.

Katherine

So why is it on the books?

Sarah

I dunno, you tell me! I mean,
my record was definitely..

Katherine

Expunged?

Sarah

Yea, expunged.

Katherine

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

Sarah

What the fuck kinda question is that?

Katherine

It's the kind of question you're going to be
asked on the stand. You're also gonna be asked if
Larry or any other man has hit you, and if
you liked it. You're gonna 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
or not you wear underwear when you go to them. And
which diseases you've caught, and how many
abortions you've had. And I will object to all those
questions and sometimes the judge
will sustain me, and sometimes not.

Sarah

That aint fair.

Katherine

Sarah, you're a witness. And it's the defense
attorney's job to show that you are
a rotten witness because
you've got a rotten character.

Sarah

I've got a rotten character? You ain't gonna defend
me cause I'm some low class bimbo right?

Katherine

I didn't say that.

Sarah

Will those bastards go to jail?

Katherine

Is that what you want?

Sarah

I want those motherfuckers put away forever.