

TRUE DETECTIVE - S3E4
AMELIA & HAYS

INT: RESTAURANT

AMELIA

Beer man.

HAYS

Hmm. Only when I need my wits
about me.

AMELIA

I started thinking Will's death
could it have been an accident?
I'm sorry, I shouldn't bring your
office home.

HAYS

It's okay.

AMELIA

My whole life, I speak, I regret.

HAYS

Never regret on my account.
How'd you do with California?

AMELIA

It was all steers and queers, man.
Lotta people...ideas...
lotta confusion.

HAYS

Figure that stops at the state
lines?

AMELIA

Good bit of that confusion was
mine.
Can I tell you a secret?
I used to be something of a mess.

HAYS

That might be the least surprisin'
thing I've ever heard.

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AMELIA

What about you? Your clip-on ties
as crazy as you get?

HAYS

Oh, God, no.
But I'd like to pretend normal
with you for as long as I can.
So later on, it'll be a surprise.

AMELIA

How much later on were you
thinking?

HAYS

I found this spot they played in
the woods.
They were meetin' somebody...
the kids out there.
Somebody gave 'em toys.
It's where the boy died.

AMELIA

The way Will's body was...
How you were saying the toys...
It's almost as if there was an
element of affection in it, don't
you think?

HAYS

People who hurt kids think of
themselves as having affection for
the children, even up to the
fuckin'-'em- and-murderin'-'em
part.

AMELIA

You want a do-over?

HAYS

Where do they give those out?

AMELIA

Tell me about your family.

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HAYS

Mom was country.
Chopped wood, killed chickens,
build you a barn.
Worked a farm as a domestic.
I worked the fields, time I was
eight.

AMELIA

Dad?

HAYS

You need to get that information
somewheres else.
You?

AMELIA

Me what?

HAYS

I'd like a full presentation on
your background.
Keepin' in mind I'm a trained
interrogator.

AMELIA

Uh-huh. You're my first police.

HAYS

Hm.

AMELIA

You gonna rough me up?

HAYS

Nowhere on my list of things to do
with ya.

AMELIA

You got a list?

HAYS

More detailed by the minute.
I didn't mean to overstep. I'm
sorry.

AMELIA

You apologize a lot?

HAYS

I could start.

AMELIA

When was the last time you had a
girlfriend?

HAYS

I don't know. Memories of other
women are gettin' hazy now.

AMELIA

Oh, brother. You hear about cops
being pussy hounds.

HAYS

I don't like that word. Unless
it's describing a man.

AMELIA

What word do you use?

HAYS

"Dick holster."

AMELIA

You never answered. You see many
girls?

HAYS

Hmm. Sometimes. Don't seem to last
for long, though. I don't plan it
that way. I have a mental
handicap. The other stuff don't
work for me without this.

Amelia grabs Hays hand across the table.

AMELIA

Wanna trace fingers? That can be
kinda fun.

Amelia begins tracing the outline of Hays hand with her
finger.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

I'd like to make you laugh.

HAYS

I'll have to catch my breath.

AMELIA

Shit, you're pretty good at this.
I can see you being a real dog.

HAYS

That's down to you.
I have no idea what I'm doin'.