

**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, ill 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-threw 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.