

LUKE CAGE S1

Det. MISTY KNIGHT and her partner Det. SCARFE in the precinct seated at their adjoining desks.

SCARFE

Hey. You didn't hear a word I just said.

MISTY

I'm sorry. I can't stop thinking about Pop.

SCARFE

You knew him forever huh?

MISTY

Since I was nine. He was the reason I played basketball.

SCARFE

He was your coach?

MISTY

No, I never saw him outside the shop. My dad used to drag me when he went to go get his hair cut.

SCARFE

Daddy's girl.

MISTY

Always. They would sit around all the time and just argue about basketball. Larry Byrd, Kevin McHale, Robert Parrish.

SCARFE

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Celtics?

MISTY

My dad is a Celtics fan.

SCARFE

Will you please, please tell me that's not the case.

MISTY

The most progressive team in NBA history.

SCARFE

The Celtics.

MISTY

The first black head coach with Bill Russell. Casey Jones as head coach during the height of the 80's, with Byrd and McHale come on.

SCARFE

Now I got it all figured out. See, I thought you didn't have a boyfriend because you love the brothas, and not many brothas can get with a girl who carries a gun and can kick their ass, but that's not the reason-

MISTY

Oh so now you're an expert.

SCARFE

The reason is you're a Celtic fan living in New York City.

MISTY

I like the Pistons.

SCARFE

Oh Shit!

MISTY

I would hear Pop and my Dad argue so much about Basketball it made me want to play. So I did. Pop would complain about players who couldn't go left or right or box out or hustle back on D, so I did.

SCARFE

Sounds like he taught you well.

MISTY

I was playing college ball before I realized how much watching games at the shop and those arguments shaped me.

SCARFE

A lot of people love this guy.

MISTY

Even when it was wild during the summers, shoot outs every other day, the shop was safe. Nobody ever said anything. It just was. Always. Until...

SCARFE

Until what?

MISTY

Until Luke Cage started working there.

SCARFE

You got a real problem with this guy. Or maybe you

shouldn't have jumped in the sack with him so quickly. How soon did it happen? Couple days after you were undercover at the Holland's Paradise?

MISTY

Same night.

SCARFE

Damn girl. His place or yours?

MISTY

Shut up. Look I'm telling you there is just something about this dude. I can't put my finger on it.

SCARFE

Seems like you put a lot more than your finger on it.

MISTY

Don't make me choke you out.

SCARFE

Hey, watch the tofu supreme and watch the hair. This takes time.