

BETTY

I don't see how you can ask me  
these questions

HOLAHAN

Easy

BETTY

At this point in my life in history  
you could ask me these questions

HOLAHAN

The kid is dead

BETTY

I cannot cannot cannot- draw  
underlines under the cannot- cannot  
cannot cannot- six negatives make a  
positive- cannot understand-

HOLAHAN

How i can ask you these questions?

BETTY

How you can ask me these questions

HOLAHAN

Lady, I'm not talking simple childbattering

BETTY

The kid is dead. The kid is dead.  
You leave out the fact it's my kid.

HOLAHAN

Decapitation, Betty.

BETTY

My son is dead. My boy is dead. My  
kid killed. Not the kid. My kid.

HOLAHAN

The head chopped off, Betty. That's  
not Family Court. Chopped off heads  
are not referrals to family  
counseling. That goes beyond child  
battering.

BETTY

Not the kid. *My kid. My kid.*

HOLAHAN

You and your boy friend didn't say  
my kid when you got out the hack  
saw. You must've said, oh, let me  
guess; you little bastard

BETTY

I'm not going to through up.

HOLAHAN

What did your kid see, Betty, that you had to chop his head off?

BETTY

If i through up, it's like you wen. You're not going to win.

HOLAHAN

Where's the boy's father?

BETTY

I haven't seen him in years

HOLAHAN

Maybe the father's boy did it in revenge against you?

BETTY

Strangers don't do revenge. The father didn't even know where we live... i'm standing right over there in that corner watching me

HOLAHAN

Betty, i'm trying to be kind... You could tell me too. I'm taking courses at NYU nights in psychology. Things like you did happen all the time We even had a spot quiz last week on a woman, went into deep depression, drowned her two kids. Two! You just did one.

BETTY

I remember when i was a little kid at the end of the McCarthy hearings when Joe McCarthy was destroying human lives, this great lawyer-

HOLAHAN

Welch. Joseph Welch.

BETTY

Stood up and said to McCarthy "is there no such thing as human decency?" and that question shocked everybody and destroyed Joe McCarthy

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HOLAHAN

I'll tell you that great lawyer Welch after that made a film for Otto Preminger called 'Anatomy of a

Murder" starring James Stewart and Lee Remick. Is there no such thing as human decency left?

BETTY

Is there no such thing as human decency left?

HOLAHAN

A damn good little question

BETTY

Will i get off to go to my son's funeral?

HOLAHAN

Is Otto Preminger filming it?

BETTY

Am I booked? What's up? Do i go to my son's funeral?

HOLAHAN

Did you kill him?

BETTY

Do i get off for the funeral?

HOLAHAN

Say yes, beautiful Betty and there's no place you can't go

BETTY

I'm sorry, your honor mr Kangaroo court. I missed his death.

HOLAHAN

I keep think you were there.

BETTY

What's my motive? I cannot believe I'm a suspect in my own son's death. I am supposed to be comforted. I am supposed to be held and allowed to cry and not made to feel... I cannot believe. I don't kill my own flesh and blood. I don't kill me. If I wanted to kill him, I would've killed me along with him i don't kill me. I am here. Am i a car? A car you have to pull over to the side of the road and give a ticket to?

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You have to torture a certain number of people a day? Is this torture a routine formality? My boy

is dead. I would like to grieve.

HOLAHAN

We find evidence in the boy's apartment where he lives with his mother, we find evidences of blood in his own home. The boy was murdered and decapitated in the bathroom of his own legal abode. The mother lived there with the boy. The mother is a hotsy totsy we find out. The mother works in porno films.

BETTY

Soft core.

HOLAHAN

Do Me Do Me Do Me Till It Falls Off does not sound soft core to me. Vaginal penetration recorded in medical detail by a sixteen millimeter camera owned by Mafia people does not sound soft core to me.

BETTY

That wasn't me in all of them. My sister worked in porno films. I was finishing up a contract she had made shortly before her death.

Betty takes some pills

HOLAHAN

No junkie shit here, baby

BETTY

They're Tums for the tummy, asshole. I don't want to through up. If i do not through up it will somehow prove to me that I am not on your level... am the proud possessor of a dignity-

HOLAHAN

And yet Miss Dignity seems to appear in these loops. I had long said to myself what kind of person would allow another human being to urinate on her while a Mafia run camera was whirring away.

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BETTY (CONT'D)

(MORE)

Little did i think i would have the honor of having met you. As you see I'm a movie buff. these films. What kind of human being allows herself to be treated this way? I hate you baby.

BETTY

No shit Dick Tracy, i thought this was a love story.

HOLAHAN

When i was a kid my parents chained me to the piano so i'd play. I play the piano well. And I also know about family hatred. I get it! And I find it a fantastic fact that a woman who gives head in twenty five cent loops should be in here for taking head. To get rid of teh son's head that contained the eyes that saw her life.

BETTY

They chained you to a piano so you wouldn't eat and you would play. And you do both and you're a good boy. A lot of things happened to me, but nobody ever chained me to a piano and you know what? I didn't through up. I can look you in the eye. I didn't through up.