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What Were You Wearing? Draft 3

INT. POLICE INTERVIEW ROOM. DAY.

A MAN is sitting behind the desk. He is wearing an M&S suit and looks a little nervous and disheveled. MAUREEN enters with a cup of tea. She sits and starts taking notes

MAUREEN

There's your tea. Are you feeling a bit better?

MAN

Not really.

MAUREEN

Okay, well, can you describe the man who mugged you?

MAN

Yes, he was about five foot ten. Short, dark hair. He put a knife to my throat and demanded my watch and my phone.

MAUREEN

And were you wearing what you're wearing now?

MAN

What?

MAUREEN

Is this what you were wearing when it happened?

MAN

Well, yes but-

MAUREEN

Oh dear, you do look quite wealthy.

MAN

What does that have to do with anything?

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MAUREEN

Just a bit of an invitation,
isn't it? Like you're advertising
it. I mean, if you will walk
around with a phone.

MAN

Look-

MAUREEN

You seem a bit distressed. I'm
going to bring our counsellor in.

She goes to the door and ushers in another woman.

MAUREEN

(to COUNSELLOR)

Gentleman here is a bit upset
because he was mugged earlier.

COUNSELLOR

Oh dear. Had you been drinking?

MAN

Had *I* been drinking?

COUNSELLOR

If you've had a drink you might
send out confusing signals.

MAUREEN

Exactly. You can't lead someone
on with the nice suit and the
phone and then at the last minute
say "I don't want to be mugged."

MAN

Look, I had a half at lunchtime
but really I fail to see-

MAUREEN

(to COUNSELLOR)

Oh dear. Another one of these
irresponsible businessmen. Gets
drunk, dresses provocatively
wealthy and is surprised when
there are consequences.

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MAN

He had a knife to my throat and demanded my possessions.

MAUREEN

And you just gave them to him?

COUNSELLOR

Did you even scream?

MAUREEN

How is someone supposed to know you don't enjoy handing over your possessions unless you make your intentions clear?

MAN

No I didn't scream. He had a knife. I was really scared.

MAUREEN

And we're very sympathetic but I'm afraid you have to accept some responsibility for this.

There is a knock at the door.

MAUREEN

Come in!

Another officer appears at the door.

OFFICER

Are you going to be much longer? I've got a gentleman out here says he's been receiving abusive emails for months.

MAUREEN

Hm. Ask him what font he's been using. If it's something coquettish like Helvetica he probably brought it on himself.