

EXT. SIDEWALK

AMANDA

What the hell do you think you are doing? First, you cannot get rid of me fast enough, then you barge in and drag me out of an interview for a perfectly good job. You say you are my husband, a lie which I do not find funny, and where do you think you are taking me?

LEE

We're getting married.

AMANDA

(Turning) That's asking too much.

Lee grabs her arm and holds her. He looks at her.

LEE

Ah ah ah ah ah. I've got an assignment to last for the next three days. You're going to pose as my wife.

AMANDA

I see. Well, find someone else.

She tries to leave again, but Lee grabs her arm again.

LEE

Ha ha. That's my exact thought. Believe me, it's not my idea.

AMANDA

Oh, well, thank you. That makes me feel so much better.

LEE

Apparently, someone thinks we work pretty well together.

AMANDA

Someone. Not you.

Lee stops, annoyed, and looks at her.

LEE

Billy. He ordered - he suggested that we enlist your services for this case. Especially since it is right up your alley.

AMANDA

Really. How so?

LEE

Well, guns are being smuggled from the United States to guerillas in Central America. A lot of people are getting killed. We want to know where those guns are coming from.

AMANDA

Oh, that sounds right up my alley.

LEE

Now, there may be a link to some people in the Betsy Ross Estate. Francine checked out two of the names we have. Both are clean. One of the women is missing. So, Billy wants us to pose as a run-of-the-mill suburban couple, see if anything is going on. And he thought it would be kind of nice if at least one of us were authentic.

AMANDA

Oh, well, I don't have to ask which one of us that might be.

LEE

Look. I have spent years operating in places like Morocco, Istanbul, I've mastered French, Dutch, a little Urdu, but what the heck do I know about everyday life?

AMANDA

Three days. Time off to see my boys?

LEE

I assure you, when this is all over, you never have to see me again.

AMANDA

Well, since I obviously just lost a job at Honeycutt Typewriter, all right.

LEE

Now remember, as always, for security reasons, you are not to mention one word of this to your family, your friends -

AMANDA

I know, I only wish I had had time to get started on that trainee orientation program.

LEE

Amanda, you do not need training for this one. It is a simple case. I mean, nothing bad ever happens in the suburbs.

Suburbs. Something bad is happening.