

Interrogation 2

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INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY

The room is concrete and bare. A female INTERROGATOR (30s) sits behind a table that's fixed to the floor. She faces a stone-faced SUSPECT called 'HENRY' (50s), who is fully dressed in orange and who sits with his hands tied behind his back. On the table is a tape recorder.

INTERROGATOR
Hello, Henry are you well?

There is silence.

INTERROGATOR
Henry?

HENRY stares through the INTERROGATOR'S soul.

INTERROGATOR
Henry, I'm gong to start recording
this interview, is that ok?

There is more silence. The INTERROGATOR presses a button on the recorder.

INTERROGATOR
Henry, there is very strong evidence
that you killed a man called Shawn
Smith. Well someone's done it,
anyway! What have you got to say
about that?

HENRY stares even harder.

INTERROGATOR
Do you know the hell Shawn's family
is going through right now?

HENRY yawns.

INTERROGATOR
For the record, Henry yawned.

HENRY
It's not a crime.

INTERROGATOR
Good, you've started talking. Henry,
where were you the night Shawn was
murdered?

HENRY
I was partying.

INTERROGATOR
With who?

HENRY
The Dominant Egg.

INTERROGATOR
Is that true?

HENRY
Yes.

INTERROGATOR
Ok. And why didn't you start talking before?

HENRY
I forgot.

INTERROGATOR
Wow. Your social skills must be very poor.

HENRY stares through the INTERROGATOR, again.

INTERROGATOR
Not this again.

There is more silence.

INTERROGATOR
You're not making things easy for yourself, you know? If you don't cooperate with me, your sentence will be doubled.

HENRY looks unconcerned.

INTERROGATOR
You're going to be locked away for decades! Don't you care??

HENRY looks down.

INTERROGATOR
You've just looked down? Is that a sign of guilt?

HENRY exhales deeply.

INTERROGATOR
Well?

HENRY is more stone-faced than ever.

INTERROGATOR
Well, Henry?

HENRY'S facial expressions becomes increasingly serious.

INTERROGATOR

Henry? Have you got anything to say?

A tear falls from HENRY'S eye. The INTERROGATOR smiles.

INTERROGATOR

You have, haven't you? It was you who killed Shawn, wasn't it?

HENRY

Well...

INTERROGATOR

Yes??

HENRY

Well maybe...

INTERROGATOR

Maybe WHAT, Henry?

HENRY

Maybe... maybe it was... Sorry, I just can't say...

INTERROGATOR

Don't play games with me, it was you, wasn't it?

HENRY buries his head in his arms and sobs uncontrollably.

INTERROGATOR

(to herself)

I've got him.

The INTERROGATOR smiles warmly.

INTERROGATOR

It was you, wasn't it, Henry?

HENRY composes himself, wipes his tears away and makes eye contact with the INTERROGATOR.

HENRY

It was... It was not me. lol.

The INTERROGATOR screams.

INTERROGATOR

DO YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!?!

HENRY moves back in his chair.

HENRY

What?

INTERROGATOR

You know damn well what I mean!
Getting my hopes up and suggesting
you were about to admit to killing
Shawn!

HENRY

I was partying with Charlie Baldwin..

INTERROGATOR

So why did you start crying, then??

HENRY

You know what? I don't know...

INTERROGATOR

You don't know?

HENRY

Oh I know!

HENRY chuckles.

INTERROGATOR

What?

HENRY

I was finding this situation
stressful! Silly me! Of course that's
the reason I was crying, what am I
like??

INTERROGATOR

And why did it take you so long to
realise that?

HENRY looks down defeated.

INTERROGATOR

Well?

Another tear falls from his eye.

INTERROGATOR

Well, Henry?

HENRY makes eye contact again.

HENRY

I don't know.

INTERROGATOR

Henry, if you try and trick me again,
I'll kill you.

HENRY

Trick you again? What's that mean?

INTERROGATOR

I mean, if you look guilty after I accuse you of something and then claim innocence one more time, you're dead. That's what I mean.

A tear falls from HENRY'S eye.

HENRY

I did it.

INTERROGATOR

Thank you! Your confession was all I needed!

HENRY

My confession?

INTERROGATOR

Yes, you've just confessed to killing Shawn Smith! Well done!

HENRY

Oh I'm sorry. I was thinking to myself and then spoke my thoughts.

INTERROGATOR

What??

HENRY

I was thinking to myself 'I've acted inappropriately with this great interrogator. All she wants me to say is...' Then I spoke the words 'I did it' out loud by mistake and I continued thinking 'But I didn't do it.'

The INTERROGATOR stops recording the interview and hits HENRY.