

PERRY MASON

Season 1, Episode 1

Perry & Emily

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

PERRY MASON takes photographs around a baby's bedroom. He looks out the window. Lights a cigarette. EMILY DODSON enters.

EMILY

Are you the man that works with Mr. Jonathan?

PERRY

Yes ma'am. Perry.

EMILY

I'm Emily Dodson. Charlie's mother.

PERRY

Offer you a cigarette, Mrs. Dodson?

EMILY

If you promise not to tell my husband.

PERRY

(handing her one)
Wouldn't dream of it.

He lights a match and lights her cigarette.

She takes a drag.

EMILY

Thank you. You were in the war, weren't you? (Beat.) The way you hold your cigarette. Hiding the ember in your palm.

PERRY

I guess I'm still trained not to give them something to shoot at. Was your husband over there?

EMILY

Brother. I haven't seen him since we left Missouri. I really wish they'd let me clean in here. All this fingerprint dust -- can't help feeling that it reflects poorly on me somehow.

PERRY

Oh I don't -- I don't think poorly of you.

EMILY

God does. That's why I'm being punished. Do you have children, Mr. Perry?

PERRY

It's -- It's Mason. Perry is my first name. I have a son.

EMILY

What's his name?

PERRY

Theodore. Teddy.

EMILY

How old?

PERRY

Nine in February.

EMILY

Charlie likes turtles. Liked. What's your boy fond of?

PERRY

Firetrucks.

EMILY

I bet... nine is a good age for a boy.

She sobs.

EMILY (CONT'D)

Sorry -- I'm so sorry.

She leaves.