

Leslie & Lenny

INT. PATROL CAR -- NIGHT

Leslie drives while Lenny crunches plates into the computer.
Leslie is Lenny's brand new partner.

LESLIE

So you got kid's right?

LENNY

Got em'. Got kids. Four girls.

LESLIE

Wow. Way to go. Yeah. I'd like a couple kids someday.

LENNY

Gotta have em' now. Kids'll kill you when you're older. Look at me.

Leslie laughs. Lenny wasn't trying to be funny.

LESLIE

You saying you regret having kids?

LENNY

God no. Wouldn't trade em' for the world. But they'll kill ya. You married?

LESLIE

No.

LENNY

Boyfriend?

LESLIE

No.

LENNY

Ok, good. Guys'll be askin'.

LESLIE

I don't date guys I work with.

LENNY

That's a smart rule that never works. Especially with cops.

LESLIE

Why?

LENNY

Because you're most likely to fall for somebody you're with than not with. And for you that means other cops or the night manager of the 7-11.

LESLIE

I've got a lot of friends away from the force.

LENNY

Maybe. But they don't understand you.

LESLIE

Your wife's not a cop. I assume she understands you.

LENNY

No. She has no clue. But she accepts me. Very rare.

LESLIE

I've never known relationships between cops to work.

LENNY

Me neither.

LESLIE

Than what are you saying?

LENNY

You're screwed.

LESLIE

How'd you meet your wife? What's her name by the way?

LENNY

Sonia. She was my first partner's sister. Married ten years.

Leslie nods approvingly.

LESLIE

How come your marriage works?

LENNY

I never talk about work.

LESLIE

How does a guy spend most of his life at work and not talk about it to his wife?

LENNY

Easy.

LESLIE

She doesn't ask?

LENNY

Sometimes. But she doesn't really want to know. If she asks and I had a good day I say fine. If I had a bad day, I say fine.

LESLIE

I thought a good marriage was supposed to be about communication, sharing your feelings.

LENNY

Not always. Besides, she knows how I feel. I'm a big believer in woman's intuition. She knows.

Leslie just stares at Lenny for a moment. She's trying to figure out if he's pulling her leg or not. He's not.

LESLIE

... My parents didn't talk much.

LENNY

They still married?

LESLIE

32 miserable years. They should've talked more.

Pause. Lenny senses something in Leslie he knows he doesn't want to touch. Finally.

LESLIE

So you and Sonia don't talk much, huh?

LENNY

All the time. Mostly about the kids. Kids'll kill ya.