

# DAILY Actor

## 'Gone Girl' by Gillian Flynn

**TOMMY:** Fuck no. Do I look like I'd do well in prison? I plead down, man. Sexual assault one, no jail time.

I've been unemployed for eight years because I have to write "Sexual Offender" on every job application. I'm on a neighborhood watch list because I have to register as a predator wherever I go. I haven't had a date in almost a decade because if a girl googles me? Bye-bye. Life's a joy.

**NICK:** Walk me through what happened.

**TOMMY:** I meet Amy at this party-2004. We CLICK. She's perfect. Like, if I could make up a girl, this would be the fucking girl. I think: what's the catch? Few months and it hits me: She was just playing at being Indie Rock Dream Girl.

Apply yourself! Hustle for those gigs! Play this venue and meet that executive. She bought me ties. I mean, girls like a fixer—upper, but... She invaded me. She made me her business. And she wanted me to do the same for her. It was too much. I wasn't even sure I wanted to be the guy she wanted me to be.

So I break—up with her, back away, whatever. ...It was no big deal. Or so I think.  
(pause for drink)

Then Amy shows up one night. She's got a bottle of bourbon and this bootleg of a band I love, and—fuck she's all over me—and when this girl gets all over you—sorry, she's your wife. But pretty soon-

**NICK:** You had sex.

**TOMMY:** Consensual! Nothing funky. Next thing I know, the cops are at my door. Amy has wounds that are "consistent with rape." Marks on her wrists as if I tied her up. Me. I tied her to my bed and raped her.

(whispering)

And guess what they find? Headboard of my bed, one on each side.

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You date, you get your heart broken, you date someone new. Circle of life, right? Wrong. I don't think she'd ever been rejected. Like, ever. Can you imagine being almost 30 years old and never having had anything go wrong for you?

I may have to relocate to Kazakhstan. I'm serious, man, I will not say a word against that girl. She fucked me up. And I just dated her a few months. I can't imagine what she's got in store for you.