

"Lotus Finds Cherry Fit to Be Tied!"

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Lotus pounds out the opening theme on a set of tom-toms in the DareDoll dressing room. Cherry enters and prepares for the day's battle. Lotus notices a wire hanging like a loose thread from the inside of Cherry's sleeve.

LOTUS

What is this? A loose thread? It looks like T90 surveillance cable!

CHERRY

Huh. I thought something felt funny.

They learn that it runs the length and width of her costume! They remove it.

LOTUS

I can't believe you didn't notice that earlier. Did anything funny happen to you this morning?

CHERRY

Some creep kept rubbing up against me in the subway earlier, but it was too crowded for me to turn around.

LOTUS

No, I meant, "Did anything unusual happen?"

CHERRY

I'm not the Princess and the Pea, Lotus. Just how sensitive do you think my creamy porcelain skin is?

LOTUS

I'm a little worried that you might be in over your head with the Peepers, Cherry. Maybe we should devote a little time to some DareDoll capture-prevention training. I have to be able to trust my partner.

Lotus and Cherry practice getting in and out the Human Knot chair.

Then Lotus ties up Cherry!

LOTUS

This is the Nasty Flynn knot. If you can conquer this before it conquers you, you'll only have to worry about 68% of the other known Peeper Brothers knots. I'll time you.

Cherry struggles but can't get free. Then Lotus whispers in her ear. Cherry smiles, and flexes slightly. Soon she is free!

CHERRY

Wow! Where did you learn that move,
Lotus?

LOTUS

In yoga. You should try it sometime.

CHERRY

How about right now?!

They stretch each other to a jazzy rhythm. Lotus exits.
Cherry remains lounging on the fuzzy rug.

CHERRY

CrimeBase, it's me: DareDoll Cherry.
Lotus is going to the old,
abandoned Magic Factory and I'm in
the dressing room.

CRIMEBASE

You sound really self-satisfied
this morning. What's that about?

CHERRY

This new rug you put in.

CRIMEBASE

What new rug?

Suddenly, the rug wraps itself around Cherry. Peepers then
climb in through the window and carry her off.

Lotus meanwhile walks the maze and is trapped in a cage.
Something approaches her...she screams!

NARRATOR

To your seats, dear viewers, we
hope you'll stay glued, because
this lurid saga shall be continued!