

HOLTON/EVELYN/HOLMES

Mrs. Holton, H.H. Holmes' first victim looks on with Evelyn as Harry works his dangerous charms on an unsuspecting woman. During this scene, we flash back to the moment Holmes swindles Holton out of her family owned business.

EVELYN

What did he do with you?

MRS. HOLTON

I was the first. He wasn't sure what to do, so he dragged me down to the basement and buried my body under some loose boards. The smell from the basement was so bad, however, his customers began to talk.

EVELYN

Why does he do this?

HOLTON

Because nobody stops him.

EVELYN

Look at him watch her- like a spider watches a fly. I suppose he watched me that way too. I never suspected a thing.

MRS. HOLTON

Why should anyone wake up in the morning and think they are going to die that day? If I had figured it out sooner, I would have evicted him- but he caught me up in his web.

EVELYN

Evicted him? You owned this establishment?

A memory:

Holmes gives Mrs. Holton something to sign.

MRS. HOLTON
Now what's this?

HOLMES
Oh. Well, that's your life insurance policy. Your husband being so ill,
I thought you might want to have one.

MRS. HOLTON
But it says... you would be the recipient of both the payout and the
deed to this building upon death.

HOLMES
Procedure, of course. It's customary now for the recipient of the insurance policy
to be the person managing the financial accounts.

MRS. HOLTON
I see.

HOLMES
But if that makes you uncomfortable, I'll put it back in your name of course.

Back to present reality:

MRS. HOLTON
I wanted to trust him. I had nobody else in my life, save a distant niece. Nobody
has even written a letter looking for me. The detectives have not been knocking for
Mrs. Holton. Some people disappear and nobody ever notices.