

The background is a dark, stylized illustration. In the upper left, a silver handgun is shown with a trail of red blood splatters. In the center, a large, pale yellow circle, resembling a full moon, contains a black silhouette of a fedora hat. In the lower right, the dark silhouette of a man in a suit is visible, holding a lit cigar. The overall theme is noir and assassination.

Hitman's Funeral

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Hitman's Funeral TV Series Project Summary

Logline: A hitman fakes his death to find the member of his crew planning to double-cross him. *The Usual Suspects* meets *Reservoir Dogs* meets *Miller's Crossing*.

Synopsis: *Hitman's Funeral* is a seven-part series similar to *Midnight Mass* and *The Queen's Gambit*. The series opens when TOMMY, a respected and feared hitman, is assassinated by a rooftop sniper. He falls to the sidewalk in his black-and-white checkered shoes. Cut to the prep room of a funeral parlor where Tommy's corpse is prepared for viewing. Throughout the wake that night, Tommy is remembered through flashbacks by the young Italian hitmen who worked for him (CHAS, BILLY THE SAINT, TIBET, PLUGS) and his girlfriend (KATIE). All are suspicious of one another since they all seem to have a motive to kill Tommy.

Plugs is the nephew of a man Tommy killed. Tibet, a reckless gambler, wants the money in Tommy's safe. Chas learns he is Tommy's son and stands to inherit everything. Billy is an ambitious rebel who doesn't feel like he needs a boss anymore. Katie knows the combination to Tommy's safe. In one flashback, Tommy tells Plugs that he keeps a collection of gold bullets; each has the name of one of his hitmen written on back. If you fuck him over, that bullet is gonna come looking for you. In another flashback, we learn the origin of Tommy's nickname: Tommy 2 Gunz. Vinny Bigs, a mob boss, had set Tommy up at his villa. Tommy, with two guns blazing, escaped the trap.

In the middle of the wake, someone notices Tommy's ring is missing. Suspicions run wild. All the mourners empty their pockets at gunpoint until the ring is found in Plugs's pocket. Plugs is knocked out by a furious Tibet. Plugs wakes up and begs for his life. He didn't steal the ring and insists he did not kill Tommy. Chas notices Plugs pulling on his ear. It's the "tell" that he's not bluffing, an unconscious habit Plugs has when playing poker. Plugs is telling the truth. Suspicious, the boys look at each other. Billy says someone must have planted the ring in Plugs's jacket. "But who?" says Chas.

The pilot ends and the journey begins. Over the next six episodes, a web of alibis, excuses and lies unfolds. Each week concentrates on a different member of Tommy's crew. Episode one is Plugs. The boys realize he was faking his tell all along. Next episode, Billy lies about his dealings outside of Tommy's business. Then, Katie learns Chas agreed to give his mother half of Tommy's inheritance. The boys find out Tibet met with Vinny Bigs a week before Tommy's murder; And finally, Katie cashed in the pearls Tommy gave her for fake ones and purchased a one-way ticket to Costa Rica.

What's the explanation? What's the truth? Only Tommy can figure out who's on his side.

CHARACTERS

Tommy (60s-70s): Clever boss of the hitmen who built his business with his bare hands. He's afraid of no one, but Katie shows us he had a tender heart.

Billy (20s): A dangerous bad boy. He's ambitious and wants to strike out on his own, but now he's hell-bent on solving the mystery of Tommy's death.

Chas (20s): Tough, but clean cut. Connor learns that he's Tommy's son. He's been trying to get away from his father's protective shadow for years.

Tibet (20s): A compulsive gambler deep in debt to loan sharks. He'll stop at nothing to get a game of Texas Hold'em started, even at Tommy's wake.

Plugs (20s): If hitmen were dogs, Plugs would be the runt of the litter. He has odd bald patches from hair plugs that didn't take and gets picked on by the other hitmen. Secretly, he's always adored Katie.

Katie (30s-40s): She's tough as nails and can stand toe-to-toe with any of Tommy's tough guys. She was Tommy's girl, but now all his promises of growing old together mean nothing.