

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 title "Hitman's Funeral" is written in a large, white, serif font across the middle of the image.

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TV Series

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Logline: It's *The Usual Suspects* meets *Reservoir Dogs* at *Miller's Crossing* for a peek inside the gritty world of dangerous Hitmen, where no one can be trusted and everyone's a suspect.

Synopsis: Hitman's Funeral is a seven-part series similar to *The Sopranos* and *Peaky Blinders* with a heavy twist of an *Agatha Christie* mystery. 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 a 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 2Gunz. 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. Suspensions 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 unfold. Each week concentrates on a different member of Tommy's crew. Episode one is Plugs. 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. Plugs discovers Katie swapped 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? Who can Tommy trust 100%? Tommy reveals to Katie that he faked his death to find out who was planning to double-cross him and tricked the killer into revealing himself. Tommy having delivered the gold bullet with the killer's name on it finally retires to Costa Rica with Katie

Characters & Proposed Cast:

Tommy: (50s-60s) Clever Hitman and Mob boss who built his business with his bare hands. He's afraid of no one, but Katie shows us he had a tender heart. (Johnny Depp, Al Pacino, Mickey Rourke, Armand Assante, Steven Van Zandt, Oscar Isaac, Christopher Walken.)

Katie: (30s-50s) 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 means nothing. (Charlize Theron, Marisa Tomei, Michelle Pfeiffer, Scarlett Johansson, Marion Cotillard.)

Billy The Saint: (30s-40s) Dangerous bad boy who wants to strike out on his own, hell-bent on solving the mystery of Tommy's death. (Noah Centineo, Luca Maranelli, Austin Butler, Max Ryan, Rico Simonini.)

Chas: (20s-30s) Tough, but clean cut. Chas learns that he's Tommy's son. He's been trying to get away from his father's protective shadow for years. (Gabriel Basso, Noah Centineo, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Ray Nicholson, Louis Politan)

Tibet: (30s-40) A compulsive gambler deep in debt to 'Vinny Bigs' (a bookie we never meet). He'll stop at nothing to get a game of Texas Hold'em started, even at Tommy's wake. (Ray Nicholson, Noah Centineo, Rico Simonini, Danny A. Abeckaser, Quentin Tarantino.)

Plugs: (30s-40) 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. (Sam Rockwell, Giovanni Ribisi, Stephen Graham, Casey Affleck.)

Danny: (30s): The ex-stoner, mortician's son, been clean for years now but 'Billy the Saint' will never let him forget what he used to be. (Nick J. Petito, Paul Gennaro, Michael Gandolfini.)

Writer/Producer: T.J. Mancini '*Find Me Guilty*' (Vin Diesel), '*Los Bandoleros*', (Vin Diesel), '*Jersey Brawler*', '*Genghis Khan*', '*Strays*' (Vin Diesel), '*King Komodo*', '*Shadow of Doubt*' (Melanie Griffith, Tom Berenger), '*Riddick*' (Vin Diesel), '*The Ropes*' Vin Diesel).

Directors: Nick Cassavetes, David O. Russel, Tim Van Patten, Scott Cooper, Brian DePalma, Jean-Francois Richet, Doug Liman, Peter Farrelly, Rob Cohen, Robert Siegel, Baltasar Kormakur, TJ Mancini, Craig Zobel, Kevin Bray, Phillip Noyce, David Fincher, Michael Mann.