

CHARLIE CLARK (White female 20s, Lead Role): Eccentric, quirky New York artist desperately seeking answers to her artistic impulses but is thwarted by self-sabotaging habits linked to her troubled childhood.

LOUIE TRAXLER (White male, 30s, Lead Role): A Memphis record store owner obsessed with music from the 60s and 70s who has a notable Southern accent and talks incessantly.

INT. LOUIE'S VINYL RECORD STORE - DAY

The store is open but still empty of customers. R.L. sits in his corner PLAYING GUITAR. Louie is creating labels and carefully checking some records for warping.

Charlie bumbles into the shop draped with her bags and sweat, completely out of breath.

LOUIE
Hello! May we help you?

CHARLIE
Yeah. You have a record on hold for me. Charles Clark - Five Man....
(gasps for air) Trio

Louie looks puzzled.

LOUIE
Never heard of it.

CHARLIE
WHAT?

Charlie marches over to Louie.

LOUIE
Five Man Trio? Is it country?

CHARLIE
No! On the phone the other day. You said you had it.

LOUIE
I talked to you?

CHARLIE
Well, no. You talked to the guy at Choice Sides. I came all the way from New York!

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LOUIE
(to himself)
Choice Sides? They welshed on that
rockabilly collection...

CHARLIE
You told the guy you had it!

LOUIE
I... uh....

CHARLIE
You said you couldn't ship it so I
came here to get it. It took me 36
hours on a bus!

LOUIE
Well, I won't ship to them, the
bastards. But... you came all the
way from New York for a record?

Louie is impressed and a little smitten.

CHARLIE
I thought...

Her voice shakes.

CHARLIE
So... you don't have it. Can you
get it?

LOUIE
Now now. We'll do what we can. I
don't wanna start making Yankee
enemies. Tell me what you are
looking for.

CHARLIE
It's a band my dad was in. He was
from Arkansas.

LOUIE
But it's not country? Blues maybe?

CHARLIE
No. It's a.... a rock song. It was
only on a record, a small one. A
45.

Charlie begins to pace.

LOUIE
A 7 inch, huh? Garage rock...

CHARLIE
Wha? Uh, yeah, it didn't have a cover. Just a paper sleeve.

LOUIE
That's typical for 45s. Was it recorded in this area?

CHARLIE
I think so. I mean, the south at least. I don't know if he ever got to Memphis or not but he could have. The name of the song was "Rusted Roof."

LOUIE
Hmmm. Do you know the label?

CHARLIE
Sort of. Yellow, maybe?

LOUIE
Yellow? No. I mean the label. The company that released the single. I seriously doubt it was anything like RCA or Capitol.

CHARLIE
Oh. No. I have no idea.

LOUIE
Doesn't your family know anything about it?

Charlie stops abruptly.

CHARLIE
No. I mean, I don't... I only knew my mom's side. And uh, they're not around...

Charlie falters.

LOUIE
Oh. Sorry. Well... hmmm.
(a beat)
Well, we can find it! That's what we do! Sure. Yellow label... Sun Records will be easy to check. I'm pretty sure Leopard & My Records
(MORE)

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LOUIE (cont'd)
had yellow labels. Any of those
ring a bell?

CHARLIE
I don't really know.

LOUIE
Tell me whatcha got. Name, dates,
places. Anything.

CHARLIE
It would have been I think between
1962 and 1968. He... uh, my dad use
to live close to Evening Shade,
Arkansas.

LOUIE
Evening Shade? Which one?

Charlie shakes her head.

LOUIE
One is north, closer to Missouri
and the other one is southwest,
closer to the Texas border.

CHARLIE
(angrily)
I don't know.

LOUIE
(taken aback)
Alright!
(a beat)
And you don't know where it was
recorded?

CHARLIE
NO!

LOUIE
Well, if you don't know I can't
help you.

Louie picks up his supplies and starts to the register.
Charlie is fighting back tears. Louie pauses a moment. This
problem will not fix itself. Finally he sighs and turns back
to her.

LOUIE
Darlin', you gotta know something.

Charlie swallows hard.

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CHARLIE

I know the band wasn't together long at all. And this record was their only release. They never recorded anything else.

Louie turns on a computer behind the register.

LOUIE

Well, that certainly doesn't make it easier. But it will be easy to see if Sun ever released them and some small labels have a few lists. I'll take a look here.

Louie sets boxes in front of Charlie.

LOUIE

In the meantime, you can plow through these. All Arkansas labels. But they are IN ORDER so don't mix them up. I know everything in these boxes but... I... could have missed something, so go ahead and look.

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