Dick Moove Series Almanac

Series Outline

Dick Moove: Detective At Law is a Melbourne-based private detective who specialises in wealthy cheating spouses, thanks to a long run of referrals, after falling ass backwards into it the first time while simply trying to film his neighbours having some intercourse.

His dearth of any other detective experience and lack of a detection license is offset by finely-tuned instincts—a natural tendency toward voyeurism, and an engrained obsession with sniffing out the places and scenarios where any kind of sexual activity may be likely to occur.

Characters

Dick Moove

The titular character of the show. Baregarse meets Dylan Moran with a hint of Costanza.

He's always saying something that people with a sense of propriety don't, making it immediately obvious to any of the more grounded characters he interacts with that he occupies the space somewhere between self-deluded fantasist, and potentially undiagnosed something something.

Fortunately for us, the audience, the kind of people that would hire him as a detective are generally not in the most grounded place, which gives Dick a lot of license to really lean into his personality—again though, not to legally be a detective.

Win

Dick's unpaid intern. It's actually Nguyen, and that's just his surname, but Dick doesn't really have the capacity to care about the nuances of other people's naming conventions, so everyone just agrees on Win.

Win would be the first to admit that he really buys into all the hype around gambling, spending most of his time and currency gambling on anything even remotely gamblable. He really, really enjoys it.

A friend suggested he moderate his spending on gambling by having sex with prostitutes also, which is clearly advice that he was receptive to, given that the pursuit is now one of the two great duelling passions that define the man's every waking hour.

Dick took on Win with the verbal agreement that he would help him study for his detective license, obviously without awareness that Dick has never received one either.

Rosaline

Rosaline is a very shrewd businesswoman, and a well-regarded member of her community —which is why it's important to secure evidence that her estranged husband has committed the specific type of adultery stipulated in their comprehensive prenup, to trigger the clause that will automatically release half of his fortune to her, with minimal scandal or publicity.

Craig

Craig hires Dick to investigate his housemate Steve, believing he was replaced by an alien who has taken on Steve's appearance.

Steve

Steve does act a bit strange, and does some of the stuff that you might see someone doing in the third act of an X-Files, but he contends that Craig only thinks he's an alien because he looked a bit different after getting a haircut.

First season

Episode 1 - Detective At Law

While investigating a cheating husband case, Dick Moove is introduced to a new client by his unpaid intern Win. Craig, the client in question, believes his housemate Steve may have been replaced by an alien.

The cheating husband case gets complicated when it turns out that due to a fairly liberal marriage and comprehensive prenup, Dick will need to prove very specific sex acts took place.

Steve, the potential alien, who admittedly is doing some weird things, shows up at Dick's house at an unreasonable hour, claiming Craig has gone missing.

Episode 2 - Early Riser

Dick does a forensic investigation of Craig's bedroom with a pen and some zip loc bags, commandeering anything that looks like a clue, or is valuable. They find Craig sleeping in a beanbag on the back porch with a bong in his hand.

Dick follows Rosaline's husband into a sketchy massage parlour during his lunch break, but falls short of the definitive penetration footage he needs to close the case once more.

Dick and Win stake out Craig and Steve's house, watching Steve get a strange package from an unmarked courier van late at night, confused by the strange secret handshake Steve and the courier share before the latter skulks away.

Rosaline tells Dick that unless he captures the footage she needs in the next week, she will be forced to demand a full refund, and cancel a referral to his next lucrative client.

Episode 3 - Penetration Test

Dick manages to sneak into the husband's house, getting caught between documenting the series of unsavoury activities occurring with the woman he brings home, and try to reach the exit undiscovered. Importantly, he manages to capture the key penetration scene that's been eluding him thus far.

Meanwhile Win does some breaking and entering of his own, sneaking around inside Craig and Steve's house, finding a piece of technology he can't identify in Steve's room. He takes a bunch of photos, then just decides to steal it.

Dick is caught by the husband mid-escape, held at gunpoint while he spills the beans entirely on Rosaline's case. The husband offers Dick a lump sum to destroy the footage, and all the future business opportunities he can handle, to purposely soil his pants on her case, and salt the ground of her legal options.

Fearing he will be shot if he declines, Dick deletes the footage and agrees to help him.

Episode 4 - Exotic Materials

Dick and Win use google to try identifying the piece of exotic technology that Win took from Steve's room, unsuccessful, but generating a few ideas for their planned novelisation of events.

Feeling guilty about his deal with her husband, and looking for the slimy man's path of least resistance, Dick visits Rosaline, telling her that she's right to fire him, that he's actually spent all of the money she paid already, but he will find a way to get it to her eventually, and attempts to end things there.

Rosaline panics, sudden intense FOMO prompting her to seduce Dick. In the afterglow he spills the entire story to her, ultimately agreeing to be a double double agent, confusing himself as to which party he needs to be aloof with, and what specifically he should be saying.

Dick's mounting web of lies, and lies about those lies, leads to an anxiety-laced interaction with the husband in his car late at night, where it's fully revealed to Dick that the guy is a genuine maniac with gangland connections and a hypothetical plan to make Rosaline disappear.

Episode 5 - Burning Desire

Dick runs around his house burning things, spooked by the husband's implication that he will do something to his wife soon to end her machinations.

Dick reasons that he will be next in line to "disappear", and so his instinct is to burn things that might identify him, but he's unfocused and not really thinking clearly with all the adrenaline, so it's a bit of a shotgun approach—book shelves, slippers, a bedspread, that sort of thing.

Dick speaks with Rosaline on the phone, telling her of his concerns. Rosaline tells him that her husband is at the door, and hangs up.

Dick panics further, burning his entire house down before speeding away in the car.

Dick barges into a cheap brothel, going room to room until he finds Win. Together, they race to Rosaline's apartment, buzzing for a long time before managing to find a way into the building.

They discover her door lock and frame busted open, and no one home.

Episode 6 - Vicious Traditions

Dick and Win watch the husband's house for a while, but don't see any movement.

Dick and Win drive around in the car waiting for Rosaline to call, debating whether they should call the police. Dick tells Win that a private detective having to call the police is like having to call your parents for money. He's also concerned they might come to his home, and couldn't guarantee he'd remove everything incriminating in time, no matter how much he cleaned—which he wouldn't anyway.

Rosaline calls sounding under duress, telling Dick that she patched things up with her husband, and that they're going to take a holiday together. She asks Dick to come to the husband's house, so she can pay him the money she still owes.

Dick and Win park up the street a bit, sneaking around the husband's home, still seeing no sign of anyone inside. Finally they get an angle into the master bedroom's ensuite, where Rosaline sits on a toilet crying. Dick pushes a lighter through the small fly screen, telling her to set fire to whatever she can.

Dick calls the fire brigade, giving them the address there. The husband hears them in the back yard, coming out there with his gun, firing live rounds at Dick and Win as they scramble clear of the yard.

Hearing the approaching sirens, the husband peels out of the garage in his luxury car, pausing to point menacingly at both Dick and Win, before speeding away.

Later, Dick and Win are interviewed by a pair of police Detectives who end the clinical interaction by telling Dick not to ever act as a private detective again, without first being licensed.

He briefly outlines the Steve being replaced by an alien case, telling them it's a loose end he needs to see through, but they leave without saying another word.

Tired and ready to just have a good sleep at the end of a long day, Dick returns home, only remembering that he burned it down as he pulls into the driveway.

Second Season

Dick tries and fails multiple times to get his detective license, humiliated by Win's successful first attempt.

Win starts his own detective agency and agrees to take on Dick as his unpaid intern as the work begins to pile up. Dick is also annoyed by how easily the lucrative cases seem to fall into Win's lap.

Dick's investigation of Steve continues at Craig's expense, leading him toward the conclusion that Steve might not be an alien, but a foreign spy.

Dick begins investigating a new cheating spouse, this time a wife with multiple personalities who might be faking it, and Win gets an escort girlfriend.

Third Season

Dick, now a licensed detective, resumes his own agency, taking on a new unpaid intern when he lands a big new case with a legit client and real world consequences, clashing with his old friend Win when their two clients set them on a path with conflicting goals.

Seasons Four to Nine

Dick is taken off-world, to a planet where detectives from all cultures must battle to find the ultimate detective.