S8190 SUBWAY STORIES (USA, 8/16/1997) [TV]

Credits: director, Craig McKay; writer, John Guare.
Cast: Denis Leary, Christine Lahti.

Summary: A collection of ten short pieces based on the true adventures of New York subway riders. The second piece, “The red shoes” concerns a disabled Vietnam vet (Leary) in a wheelchair who is begging for money. He runs over a woman passenger’s new red shoes and she (Lahti) confronts him, claiming he is faking his injuries and is not old enough to be a Vietnam vet. She takes his cup of money and gets off the train. Other passengers are about to make good his loss when a second woman (Wright) warns them not to, saying the pair are con artists whom she has seen pull this scam before. A young writer (Corrigan), who has been observing all this, confronts the second woman and gets her to admit she has not seen the pair before, she just doesn’t like beggars.

Feran, Tom. “HBO goes underground for everyday vignettes” Columbus dispatch (Aug 14, 1997), p. 6G.
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