



Could have been for self-protection, as in she kept her mouth shut because she feared Stanley's authority/physical abuse as a consequence.

It was Stanley's decision to send Blanche there. It couldn't possibly be neglect because Stella was clearly crying and distressed at her being sent away.

More Ideas from Ms. Slattery:

1. She was also scared to report Stanley to the police because she had a baby on the way, no job, and (likely) no financial support from the government if she became a single mom.

→ Need to check Louisiana Law in 1947 to see if Stella would've been financially compensated in any way or not.

2. Possible she developed Stockholm Syndrome, which is when a victim develops strong relationship feelings, i.e. love, for their abuser as a coping mechanism. Relevant causes can be relationship abuse and sexual abuse.

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→ Stella loves Stanley despite how messed up he is, and is (possibly) traumatized to the point that she isn't behaving properly (I think this is a bit of a stretch).