Monty evaluates Susan

Her hesitations were in his direction.

Monty to JJ abt Susan:

Would if I could, JJ. Can't, so I won't.

I've held off saying so.

or Monty: I been holding off saying so.

What about if I tell you the truth,

, straight up. (i.e., really, truly; undiluted truth)

use of Valier?
R#
used?

they
Everything we had held us apart.
them