

## THE LOCAL MORGUE.

Frederica Bimmel's body is on the slab covered by a black body bag. Clarice and Crawford are joined by the local mortician. He is discovered "huffing"

MORTICIAN

Welcome to Elk River, Agent Startling. Can I offer ya some coffee and doughnuts 'fore we git started?

Startling takes a bite powdered donut which leaves white residue under her nose.

MORTICIAN

Oh, that reminds me. (he grabs some coke and does a line away from her)

STARTLING

Is that supposed to help with the odor? The smell?

MORTICIAN

Yeah, sure, we'll go with that.

She starts to unzip the body bag.

MORTICIAN

Wait! Not yet. She's been keepin' company with the catfish. Phew! We better bring out the good stuff. (starts to sniff poppers. Clarice assists him by blocking his nostrils. He then offers some to her.)

STARTLING

No, I'll stick with what works for me.

She takes out a magic marker, removes the cap and waves it under her nose.

MORTICIAN

God, you Feds ain't no fun at all.

STARTLING

Sorry, I guess I'm just a little nervous.

MORTICIAN

They ain't no need to be nervous. I'm here. I've done a thousand of these. It's just like a wank in the park. Believe me, I see it all.

He unzips the bag and shrieks.

MORTICIAN  
Oh, God. Oh, my God.

STARTLING  
What is it?

It's awful, it's just awful! Oh God, I can't look.

STARTLING  
What is it?

He reaches in and pulls out a pair of white pumps.

MORTICIAN  
She was wearing white shoes after Labor Day.

STARTLING  
Is that bad?

MORTICIAN  
Yes, and her ears are pierced fourteen times and she's wearing glitter nail polish. I'll be over here.

STARTLING  
Looks like two of her fingernails are broken off and there's dirt or grit under them. Looks like she tried to claw her way through something.

MORTICIAN  
What else do you see, Miss Clarice?

STARTLING  
Well, her FUPA's gone. Been scalped clean as a newborn. Newborn babe. Beaver Bob.

MORTICIAN  
Want me to git a picture of her tooth.

She takes out her polaroid and snaps some photos of her open mouth. When the pic develops she notices something.

STARTLING  
She's got something in her throat.

MORTICIAN  
Maybe it's a note from the fashion po-lice.

She takes a pair of tongs and proceeds to fish out the item.