

BONES# 406

"Oklahoma / Texas"

ACT ONE

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1 EXT. OKLAHOMA / TEXAS PANHANDLE BORDER - DAY

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BOOTH and BRENNAN are crossing a desert oil field. Oil well pumpers bob around them. Booth is in shirtsleeves, jacket on his arm, soaked in sweat. Brennan, in more suitable "field" attire, wears a water-pack on her back. Booth points. They are approaching two SUV's. One belongs to the Texas Rangers. The other to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The vehicles are basically identical -

BOOTH

That must be them there, over near that big piece of nothing.

BRENNAN

According to my GPS, that's about where Texas turns into Oklahoma.

BOOTH

Great. We're in the middle of a jurisdictional pissing contest.

He leans over and takes a swallow from Brennan's pack as they approach two big cops: One is a TEXAS RANGER and the other is an OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER. They could be twins -

TEXAS

You FBI?

BOOTH

FBI Special Agent Seeley Booth, this is Dr. Temperance Brennan from the Jeffersonian.

OKLAHOMA

Welcome to Oklahoma, ma'am.

TEXAS

Welcome to Texas.

BOOTH

Guys? Welcome to the United States of America.

BRENNAN

Where are the remains, please?

Texas and Oklahoma look at each other, then walk away. Booth and Brennan regard each other then move after them.

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They stop and indicate skeletal remains. Two skeletons side by side. Two backbones move into two pubic bones... but the pubic bones are fused -

BRENNAN (CONT'D)

Hardly any flesh left, it's very dry here, so I'm guessing time of death was some months ago.

TEXAS

How'd they die?

OKLAHOMA

They left Oklahoma, hit Texas, and died of despair.

TEXAS

Yeah, they're Oklahomans all right. Texans would've had the sense to carry water.

BRENNAN

That wouldn't show up in the bones.

TEXAS

Side by side like that, they had to be laid out.

BOOTH

No clothing.

BRENNAN

It might have blown away.

OKLAHOMA

Maybe a young couple? Some kind of suicide pact?

BRENNAN

Sub-pubic angle suggests two females.

TEXAS

A lesbian suicide pact.

OKLAHOMA

Definitely Texans then.

BRENNAN

The victims are Pygopagus, or some would say Illeopagus.

BOOTH

What's that?

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