

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD - ESTABLISHING - DAY

Nicely kept but modest homes, carefully mowed lawns and a For Sale sign in front of every third or fourth house.

INT. FILEMAN HOUSE / LIVING ROOM - DAY

An energetic 30-something real estate agent with big hair, KATIE SELNICK, walks a WIFE and HUSBAND through the home. Selnick "sells" enthusiastically, but, because of the market, hasn't made a sale in a while, so there's a touch of desperation to her pitch.

KATIE SELNICK

It's a buyers market, so this place is a steal. ~~The owner's wife died, so he's motivated. Look at the brushed nickel fixtures, the wainscoting...~~ I'd be surprised if another agent hasn't already gotten an offer.

> WIFE

What's that smell? You smell that?

KATIE SELNICK

Probably the neighbors. I hear they like to barbecue. It's a very friendly neighborhood.

Selnick stops at the door, turns back to face the Couple.

KATIE SELNICK (CONT'D)

The master bedroom has been beautifully redone with crown molding and new carpet - If you ask me, it's to die for.

Selnick flings the bedroom door open. A large pile of ASHES, a BURNT MASS and one SLIGHTLY CRISPY FOOT lay on a scorched mattress. The husband and wife are in shock, Selnick just sees a mess.

KATIE SELNICK (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, he was supposed to clean up -

HUSBAND

That's a foot.

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WIFE
Oh my God!

And the wife runs off in horror followed by her husband.
Selnick looks back at the charred foot. The sale is gone.

KATIE SELNICK
Crap.

STOP

CUT TO:

INT. DINER - DAY

Brennan, Booth and Sweets are seated at a table.

SWEETS
Doesn't your grandfather live in a
nursing home?

BOOTH
It's a retirement community. He's
free to leave, it's not a prison.

BRENNAN
I think it's nice he wants to stay
with you for a while.

BOOTH
Yeah, it is. Thanks, Bones. I
love the guy. Pops raised me. On
his own - after my father... you
know...

BRENNAN
Became an abusive alcoholic.

BOOTH
A little louder and we can all
dance to it, Bones.

SWEETS
Did something happen at the nursing
home?

BOOTH
You wouldn't understand. You'll
read all sorts of stuff into it.

BRENNAN
I won't.

BOOTH
He slugged a nurse. Male nurse.

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