

ACT FIVE

FADE IN:

24 INT. FBI / INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY (D/3 CONT'D) 24

~~BONES~~ ^{MURRAY} HUDDLER - a big, rugged country boy who still carries the superstitions of the hills in his soul. Nervous as hell.

BOOTH

Donald Huddler. You own a hunting and fishing service called Huddler's Backcountry Outfitters?

Huddler nods

BOOTH (CONT'D)

Business good?

MURRAY HUDDLER

I do okay.

BOOTH

Any problems with anger management?

MURRAY HUDDLER

What?

BOOTH

You served a year for popping your wife's attorney.

MURRAY HUDDLER

Ex-wife. Big deal, I hit him. I did my time. It was worth it.

BOOTH

You know a woman named Cheri Byrd?

MURRAY HUDDLER

No.

BOOTH

How about a witch named Zephyra?

MURRAY HUDDLER

Oh.

BOOTH

I'll take that as a yes.

MURRAY HUDDLER

I hired her.

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BOOTH

To do what?

MURRAY HUDDLER

In jail, a guy told me she had powers.

(admitting it)

I hired her to put a hex on my bitch ex-wife, okay? Is that illegal? Is that why I'm here?

BOOTH

Zephyra's dead, Murray. She was murdered and her house was torched.

MURRAY HUDDLER

You think I did it?

BOOTH

I dunno. Depends how much you paid her for her hex.

MURRAY HUDDLER

Two grand up front. Three grand if it took.

BOOTH

What kind of hex you go for? Slow death? Cancer?

MURRAY HUDDLER

Venereal disease.

BOOTH

And?

MURRAY HUDDLER

It didn't take.

BOOTH

So you killed Zephyra. In the struggle, she yanked out some of your hair -

MURRAY HUDDLER

I gave her my hair! She needed it for her spell. She melted it into some kind of crystal stuff. I also gave her my wife's wedding dress.

BOOTH

How'd you come to have that, Murray?

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MURRAY HUDDLER

It's a family dress. My mom wore it, my grandmother. If I have a daughter, I'll pass it on to her. Did it burn up in the fire?

BOOTH

Nope. It survived. It was being worn by a skeleton Zephyra got from robbing a grave.

MURRAY HUDDLER

I don't know anything about that.

BOOTH

Look what we found in your truck.

Booth tosses a Ziploc onto the table. Inside is a bloody fishing fillet knife. Huddler looks spooked.

MURRAY HUDDLER

That's not what you think it is. I went fishing Friday.

BOOTH

You know what it means if that blade matches the stab marks on Cheri Byrd's bones, don't you?

Off Murray Huddler, petrified.

STOP

CUT TO:

25 INT. MEDICO-LEGAL LAB / BONE ROOM - DAY

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Brennan, Cam and Clark are over Cheri Byrd's skeleton. Clark examines the casts he made of the chest wounds -

CLARK

Huddler's fishing knife is thin and very sharp on one edge, squared off on the other, with a marked inward curve toward the tip.

BRENNAN

The blade that made these cuts is thicker, tapered evenly, and sharp on both edges.

CAM

Definitely not a match.

INTERCUT WITH: