

BODY ON THE MOUNTAIN

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Characters:

Sheriff Haskins, male, 7 lines

Dr. Larson, female, 10 lines

Deputy Wallace, male, 3 lines

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EXT. WOODS - DAY

Doctor Larson arrives on the scene, yawning. With a cup of coffee in one hand and her kit in the other, she approaches SHERIFF HASKINS.

SHERIFF HASKINS

You must be Dr. Larson. I'm Sheriff Haskins.

LARSON

Hello Sheriff. Say, is there any other roads that lead here.

SHERIFF HASKINS

No ma'am. The only road there is, is the one you just took, and I'd barely call that a road.

LARSON

So, what do we have?

SHERIFF HASKINS

A body. It seems to be missing it's head and hands. A hiker came across it couple days ago.

LARSON

Why did it take so long for them to report it?

SHERIFF HASKINS

Well, he was lost and didn't find his way out until yesterday.

LARSON

Lost?

SHERIFF HASKINS

Yeah, the San Luis state park is right up the mountain. If you go off the trails, you can get lost real easy. This hiker had gone missing for about four days. When we interviewed him, he could barely remember where he saw it. We were lucky to find the spot.

LARSON

Yeah, lucky he remembered. You think I can talk him?

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SHERIFF HASKINS

Sure, he should still be in the hospital. I'll take you there later.

LARSON

Thanks.

Larson and the Sheriff head to the area, which is covered with thick underbrush.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL CLEARING - MOMENTS LATER

Larson and the Sheriff carefully climb over the brush and find the body. It's severely decomposed with bone exposed. Larson puts on the gloves and squats to examine.

SHERIFF HASKINS

This is Deputy Wallace. This here's the new County Coroner, Dr. Larson.

LARSON

Deputy.

DEPUTY WALLACE

Hey, Doctor Larson. Welcome to Lundgren. You finding your way around okay?

LARSON

Well, it's not Chicago, that's for sure.

DEPUTY WALLACE

I think I might have found a foot and part of his leg down in the ravine. I'm guessing some animals got to him.

LARSON

It appears his head and hands were cut off, but I won't be sure until I get him back to my lab.

DEPUTY WALLACE

No wallet, no money. Judging by his clothing, he wasn't out for a hike.

LARSON

Is there any place in the county I can get a good slice of pizza?