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CHARACTERS

Clerk- An experienced but bored Purgatory Office worker.

Marcia- A straight from school advertising whizz-kid with very little knowledge about life outside of her work.

Clerk sits at a desk looking through papers with a pen in hand, wearing a grey suit and hair neatly tied back. There is a curling iron and a Box of cheap gifts on the Desk. Clerk rings a bell.

Clerk- Next!

A confused Marcia White is violently pushed onto the stage covered with blood.

Clerk- Checking in?

Marcia- Ohh my head. What's happening? Where am I?

Clerk- Name?

Marcia- Marcia White. My god. Am I bleeding?

Clerk flicks through pages

Clerk- Marcia White. Marcia White....

Marcia- Oh no. My shirt! My shoes!

Clerk- Marcia White, Marcia White. Here we are: "Beaten repeatedly to death with a curling iron into the back of the skull...."

Marcia- My shirt's ruined.

Clerk- "...where you lay dying on the kitchen floor of your one bedroom apartment, wishing that you had eaten more exotic foods and finished the controversial musical you had started to write about the Cambodian killing fields entitled "Pol. Why Not? "

Marcia- How do you know about that? I never told anyone about my play.

Clerk- I'm afraid when you no longer live. You no longer have Privacy.