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## Crime Scene

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Hugging the rusty,  
white bathtub,  
  
yellowed-toenail clippings.  
In the kitchen sink,  
  
dishes reeking of  
sweat and seafood.  
  
A mug, cold coffee,  
left for dead.  
  
A rancid, sour stench.  
Lotion—white in  
  
color, no fragrance,  
not  
  
particularly  
sticky or thick  
  
in texture—smeared all  
over  
  
every door knob  
in the house. In the

closet, several  
pairs of muddy  
sneakers with their soles  
ripped off.  
Completely coating  
the office desk,  
what must have been a  
dozen cans of  
neon orange paint.  
Hanging over  
the window sill,  
Shea Newman—  
her stomach sliced  
cleanly open, and  
if you looked closely,  
you'd have seen her  
soul ripped out also.