

INT. MORGUE - LOCKER ROOM - CLEAN UP ROOM - SAME -- DAY

Wolfgang and Norman with PATHOLOGIST washing up at the sinks.  
She's not pleased at having to go over this.

START

WOLFGANG

You did the autopsy on Mustapha x.

PATH

No, I did not. I made that very clear. I was going to do it. I was told to give it priority. We were waiting for everyone to arrive.

NORMAN

Who's everyone.

PATH

All the different investigators. Not that there was much to see - a bullet wound - fatal.

NORMAN

One wound -

PATH

One - as far as I could see. He was still fully clothed. Forensics wasn't there yet.

WOLFGANG

No gun powder residue - it wasn't close.

PATH

I didn't do the test. I was waiting.

NORMAN

Shot from the front or the rear.

She points to the back of her head.

PATH

The rear. That much was obvious.

PATH (CONT'D)

I'd only just put him on the table, and we were waiting, two or three hours, so I took lunch and when I came back, they'd released the body.

WOLFGANG

Who did.

PATH

They'd brought in another pathologist while I was out.

NORMAN

From where.

PATH

She's local, private practise. I have her contacts.

WOLFGANG

Is that usual.

PATH

Nothing usual about it. They wanted their own pick. The Coroner approved it. I put in a complaint.

WOLFGANG

You keep records of who's in attendance at an autopsy.

PATH

I do. But not in that case as they hadn't arrived yet.

WOLFGANG

Who were you expecting?

PATH

If I ever knew I've long forgotten. Never wrote it down, why would I.

NORMAN

Somebody was here waiting. City homicide or RCMP.

PATH

City homicide. Grumpy guy, I forget his name.

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PATH (CONT'D)

We waited an hour and a half or two, and eventually he suggested I might want to take a dinner break early so I could be back when the others arrived, only they arrived when I was still in the cafeteria, and by the time I got back they'd shipped the body out to the crematorium.

WOLFGANG

Did they do the autopsy?

PATH

I only took a half hour break, so that'd be a record if they did, and nobody was cleaning up anywhere, and there was no sign of the other pathologist either.

NORMAN

Which crematorium.

PATH

You'd have to call body pickup for that. Is this part of a civil suit or something because I wasn't officially on the job.

WOLFGANG

It's just an insurance claim filed by the family of the deceased. You're in the clear.

PATH

I just do what I'm asked to do.

NORMAN

Join the choir. I'm just a wage slave myself.

END