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COLD OPEN

EXT. CHICAGO, SOUTH SIDE. DAY

POV from inside a garbage can looking up at a beautiful blue sky. A few beats later, JEFF, a reporter at the Chicago Challenger, looks in from the right side. A few seconds later, an ELDERLY WOMAN's face enters from the left side. A few beats later, JEFF speaks.

JEFF

Excuse me one second...

He disappears from the scene and we hear the sound of intense vomiting. He returns.

So you're the one who found the head?

OLD WOMAN

Yeah. Was throwin' the garbage out, took off the lid and... head.

She stares for a bit, then...

I think I might know him.

JEFF

You do?

OLD WOMAN

Kinda hard to tell. Him just being a head and all.

JEFF

Isn't the face the BEST way to tell?

OLD WOMAN

Not always. I was married to a twin once. Only one way to tell 'em apart.

JEFF

Really? And what was...

OLD WOMAN

Penis. It was the penis.

JEFF

(Interrupting quickly) So you came to throw out the garbage and found this head in the...

OLD WOMAN

One of 'em had a big ol'...

JEFF
...garbage can...

OLD WOMAN
...penis.

JEFF
Did you call...?

OLD WOMAN
You'd think everything would be the same,
them being twins and all. But there was a
major discrepancy in the size of...

JEFF
...the police. Did you call them?

OLD WOMAN
Figured I should call the Challenger
first. Wanted to make sure y'all get the
story before the Tribune or Sun-Times.

JEFF
Well, thanks for calling us first, but I
really think you should call the police.

OLD WOMAN
I did. 'Bout 40 minutes ago.

JEFF
40 minutes?

JEFF looks off to the side.
There's a police station right there.

OLD WOMAN
Yeah, they should be here any minute now.

JEFF
But they're right there.

OLD WOMAN
(Scoff) You must be new here.

JEFF
Not new to Chicago. But this is my first
day as a reporter. At the Challenger.

OLD WOMAN
Well, good for you then. You got yourself
a scoop your first day.

JEFF
I guess this is one way to get ahead...

JEFF is proud of his joke. The OLD WOMAN stares at him.
Because there's like a head in a garbage
can and I just started today so...

OLD WOMAN
Didn't you try that joke earlier?

JEFF
Yes, ma'am, I'm sorry.

JEFF and the OLD WOMAN turn back to the garbage can.

OLD WOMAN
Yes, sir, had a BIG old penis. Now, you
probably wondering how I know about BOTH
their penises. Well, one night...

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