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COACH CHAUNCEY (CONT'D)  
Somebody go get that ball. They  
cost four bucks each.

2 EXT. BEHIND THE FENCE -- MOMENTS LATER 2

Moments later. Behind the fence. ANOTHER PLAYER is looking  
for the baseball. He looks around. He stops. He gasps.

Martha Murphy is on the ground, dead. The BASEBALL is lying  
near her head. She was obviously hit by the ball.

3 INT. MARTHA MURPHY'S HOUSE - FOYER -- DAYS LATER (DAY 2) 3

Days later. Martha's grown children, DAN and BETH, numb  
with grief, enter Martha's modest home. It's cluttered.  
Quiet.

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DAN  
Look at all this junk. I guess we  
have to pack it all up. Or hire  
someone.

BETH  
Let's worry about it after the  
funeral.  
(sigh)  
I still can't believe it. She beat  
cancer twice, then to die like that.  
Hit by a baseball.

DAN  
At least she didn't suffer.

There's a GOLDFISH BOWL on a table. Elizabeth crosses to  
it, and feeds them.

BETH  
Oh. Her fish. They must be starving.  
(to the fish)  
Here you go. I know. I miss her,  
too.

During this, Dan collects some UNOPENED MAIL from the floor.

BETH (CONT'D)  
What's that?

DAN  
Bills, mostly. I'll give them to  
the lawyer.

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DAN

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Dan crosses to a TABLE. He finds: some already-opened LETTERS, and a small SHIPPING CARTON. Martha's name and address is hand-printed on a stick-on address label. The carton's been opened- its paper wrapping partially removed.

Dan reacts. He's stunned.

DAN

Beth. Bethie. Bethie. Look at this.

Beth crosses to him. Dan indicates the box.

BETH

What is it?

DAN

It's postmarked Tuesday. That was three days before she died.

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Beth reaches into the carton, and takes out... a VOODOO DOLL! A crude effigy made of scraps of cloth that have been stitched together and stuffed. It's about 18 inches tall. It's wearing a crude "Martha" wig.

Scrawled across the doll's body is the word: MARTHA. And glued to the side of the its head: a tiny plastic baseball.

END OF TEASER

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