

Caught Dead-Handed

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INT. KITCHEN            NIGHT

CU of something thick and red streaming down and through the shot. We see a dripping with some of the red stuff come into the shot. MS of GIRL as we see that she was pouring strawberry syrup onto ice cream, licking the syrup off her fingers. She puts the syrup down on the counter to her left (MS facing that counter as she puts the syrup down; we don't see the countertop with the ice cream). She turns back to her ice cream only to discover that there is a box there, that says "DO NOT OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT." Confused, she whirls and looks at the clock, which tells her that it's 11:53. She opens the box and sees, with a mixture of horror and confusion, what appears to be a severed hand covered in a black satin glove. You know, the type you'd see someone wearing to prom.

She steps back in horror and whirls around at the clock, still confused by the box's instructions not to open it till midnight. When she turns back, she sees with even greater shock that the hand is gone. She leaps forward, looks so closely her head is nearly in the box, holding the toaster to help her keep her balance. She frowns because the box is empty, and just as it occurs to her to be afraid, the hand presses down on the toaster lever, beginning to toast her hand. She screams and screams, shaking her hand trying to get it out as the toaster gets warmer and the hand advances. In one final pull, she manages to yank her hand out of the toaster, which is now burned and bloody from the effort, screaming as the hand pushes her down with her back against the oven.

Nearly choking and bleeding copiously, she reaches into the nearest cabinet and finds a meat fork. She manages to wrest the hand off her throat. The hand falls to the floor and she stabs it several frantic times in order to put it out of commission, dropping the meat fork and trying to catch her breath, although so concerned is she once we've zoomed back out that she doesn't notice that the hand is missing.

As she tries to pick herself up, believing the hand to be defeated, it crawls on the oven above her, just above the top of her hairline as she rests, but soon, with wide eyes, she realizes that the hand is gone. Before she has time to act, the hand flies over her head, grabs the meat fork, and stabs her with it, several times, all the while as she screams in agony. In its one final move it stabs her directly in the side of the head, and as blood gushes from her ears and drips out like tears, she gives one final, spluttering cough of blood, and slumps over, dead and bleeding.

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After the credits, we see a girl just barely awoken in the middle of the night in her bed, who rolls over and, quite befuddled, sees a box that says "DO NOT OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT." She narrows her eyes at the clock, which tells her it's 11:54...and now, the movie is really over.