

Audrina / Bubba Audition

Earlier in the day, BUBBA was forced to go for a “swim” in the septic tank to fix something. He has already changed into a different set of clothes.

AUDRINA. (Picks up a file folder from behind the counter, and sits across from BUBBA) Good morning Uncle Bubba, nice shirt.

BUBBA. You like it huh? I thought it would show off my muscles. (Does a muscle pose.)

AUDRINA. (Laughing.) And how was your morning swim?

BUBBA. Well, I reckon it was better than dancing naked through a barn yard full of hungry chickens.

AUDRINA. (Opens the file folder.) Speaking of chickens Uncle Bubba, what's with the turkeys?

BUBBA. Ah, so you found them huh? Oh dear.

AUDRINA. Oh dear?

BUBBA. I think I know what's coming?

AUDRINA. Well, I see on the books that we buy twenty turkeys every week, yet we have nothing on our dining room menu made out of turkey. Why are we buying them and what do we do with them?

BUBBA. Okay, you know the huge barn-like building at the back of the property.

AUDRINA. Of course, It's the original old Lovers' Landing, I used to play in it all the time when I was a little girl. Are you avoiding answering my question?

BUBBA. (Laughing.) I always did think you asked too many questions. Give me a second and I'll explain. You see, I've always been in charge of the entertainment in the hotel. As you know, for years every Tuesday evening we hold a bingo game for our guests and the locals. It's become very popular, so now I hold it in that old building. What you might not know, is that it's illegal to have cash prizes for bingo games in this state. So, I use turkeys.

AUDRINA. That's very creative Uncle Bubba. However, the money from the bingo games, other than the cost of the turkeys, doesn't seem to appear anywhere in the books. Why?

BUBBA. Because it's too profitable, that's why.

AUDRINA. Profitable? But that's a good thing.

BUBBA. Yes and no. On average about two-hundred people show up for bingo. We ask for a ten dollar donation per card, per game. There are twenty games, which means we take in roughly forty-thousand dollars.

AUDRINA. Forty-thousand dollars? (Frowning.) Wait a minute, why in heaven's name would anyone in their right mind pay ten dollars for a one in two hundred chance to win a turkey?

BUBBA. Well, it's not so much the turkey as it is the stuffing.

AUDRINA. I'm not following you.

BUBBA. The stuffing is actually ten one-hundred dollar bills.

AUDRINA. But you just said that's illegal.

BUBBA. Maybe, maybe not. As far as the local sheriff is concerned, he doesn't care what the turkeys are stuffed with as long as we keep giving away turkeys.

AUDRINA. The sheriff knows about this?

BUBBA. You betcha, his mother won three times last year.

AUDRINA. And this "donation" does not appear on the profit and loss statements?

BUBBA. Why would it? It's a...

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AUDRINA.} "donation".