



## Pam Marsden

LATE 40s, CRIME SCENE  
CLEANER, BVM CLEAN SCENE

"I decided to do this work because nobody else was doing it. It was a niche market and, as a trained nurse, I thought I could handle it. People call me in to take care of a bloody, violent mess. I have to be matter-of-fact about it and not get emotionally involved. I have a job to do and I try to do it professionally.

"Most people are horrified at first by what I do, and then they want to know all the gory details. I have a great time entertaining people at dinner parties. One thing that stands out? If the deceased is a man I often find dirty magazines under the bed.

"It's a relief to the clients that they don't have to clean up. But it's something that needs to get done and in the past it was left to kind-hearted police officers, who don't have the time, or to volunteers, who really shouldn't have to see this kind of thing. So it's fulfilling work in that sense.

"I get upset about the domestic violence cases. I remember one I worked on where there was blood all over the phone jack, with a lot of blood stains around the '0'. I didn't like that. The person had really struggled for help. I'm really careful. On one job they locked me in for my own safety. I got that job done as quickly as I could."