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Blood has a voice Stories from the autopsy table

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Blood Has a Voice provides a rare glimpse into the fascinating world of the forensic pathologist and the quiet heroism behind their unsung work.

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Dr Hestelle van Staden knew is a forensic pathologist. Having performed more than 7 000 autopsies, there's not a lot she hasn't seen. She is featured in the Afrikaans television series *Outopsie*, which gives viewers a glimpse of her professional world.

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