

nonchalant detectives white chalk tracing
 an outline around the body.
 the cartoon for children after
 the body removal team leaves.
i stay for a while to watch who is going to dust
 the felt chalkboard erasers
 after the novelty wears off.
i stay longer at the scenes of multiple homicides
 to see how long the children
 will play hopscotch
 with the one foot
 two feet
 placement in the multiple outlines.
i used to wonder why it was this way
 then i realized that this was the only theme park
 poor street children can afford.

tracing an outline.

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