

The Nibbler

An Original Short Screenplay By

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### Logline

Viren Shah is a young boy who lives in Dallas with his parents and his older sister Nalini. He goes to "Spencer Junior High". He is popular and is the captain of the swimming team and is also a 4.0 student. However he possesses an idiosyncrasy of nibbling his friend's noses out of love and affection and in his senior year a girl whose name is Michelle Thompson is found murdered and her nose severed and the police officers suspect Viren. Has he committed this heinous crime or is he being set-up by a cold, calculating murderer?

## Scene 1

FADE IN:

INT. THE SHAH'S HOME/DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A - EVENING  
Saturday, 6:30pm

VIREN SHAH

Mom, could you please bring orange juice and doughnuts, I've almost finished studying for the Math exam.

MAYA SHAH

Okay sweetie, I'll bring it in five minutes. Finish studying for your exam and then come and watch "Oprah".

(Maya gives Viren the snacks and he continues studying for the exam).

VIREN SHAH

(He finishes studying and comes to the hall).  
Hi mom, I'm done studying. Let's watch Oprah.  
(Maya switches on the TV and Viren's older sister Nalini joins them in the hall).

NALINI SHAH

Hey Viren, are you done studying for the exam?

VIREN SHAH

Yeah, I'm all done.

(They watch Oprah for an hour, have their dinner and retire at 10pm).

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## Scene 2

INT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/GRADE 8 - DAY  
 (Monday, 7:30am): Middle of Fall Semester. Teacher: Erin Christensen

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Good Morning class! Today is the Math Exam, so clear your desks and get ready for the test. Good luck!

ALL THE STUDENTS

Thanks, we need it.

(Mrs. Christensen distributes the exam to the students and they begin the test. Viren answers the questions with great fervour and completes the test within 25 minutes).

VIREN SHAH

(Raising his hand) Mrs. Christensen, I'm done.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

(Surprised) You're done? My God, that's terrific.

(Viren hands the exam back to Mrs. Christensen goes back to his seat and relaxes until the bell rings).

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Excuse me everyone, five minutes left. Hurry!

(The students finish the exam and Mrs. Christensen collects them).

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Okay, class dismissed. See you tomorrow. Bye!  
 (The students leave. Viren goes to his next class which is Physical Education, (Swimming).)

CUT TO

## Scene 3

EXT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/P.E. CLASS/SWIMMING - DAY  
8:25am, Monday: Coach Ron Peterson

COACH PETERSON

Hello young athletes and welcome to another promising year of swimming at Spencer Junior High and let us hope that we can repeat last year's victory. Best of luck to all of you and let's begin swimming.

(The team members led by Viren practice all their strokes).

COACH PETERSON

Come on Danny, don't give up. If you are getting tired, just float. Okay guys, keep pushing it.

TOM DAVIDSON

(As he is swimming) Ouch, (groan)! God, I'm getting a cramp, help!

COACH PETERSON

Relax, I've got you.

(Coach Peterson gives Tom a massage and he recovers).

TOM DAVIDSON

Thank you Coach, I'm feeling much better.

COACH PETERSON

Okay, that'll do it. Take a shower and get dressed.

(Tom goes to the restroom; meanwhile Viren is practising his strokes. Viren finishes his laps and approaches Coach Peterson).

VIREN SHAH

Coach, I've finished. How was I?

COACH PETERSON

Impressive Viren for the first day! Remember to work on your timing, speed and focus a little more, okay? Good show, get dressed and see you on Wednesday. Bye!

(The coach grins after Viren has gone to the changing room and is content that his team Captain is indeed skilled).

VIREN SHAH

(In the changing room, to himself) Yes! Keep it up.

(At 2:30 the bell rings and school is over).

CUT TO

## Scene 4

EXT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH - DAY

(Viren walks with Tom Davidson on the way to his class):  
Tuesday, 7:15am

VIREN SHAH

Tom, swimming was a lot of fun yesterday.

TOM DAVIDSON

Oh yeah, it was cool but I need to work on my stamina so that I don't get cramps in the future, especially when we are having a gala with another school.

VIREN SHAH

That's right. Anyway, see you in P.E., bye.  
(He nibbles Tom's nose).

TOM DAVIDSON

Viren! What's the matter with you? (Tom is aghast, pausing a little bit and then looks strangely at Viren). Later weirdo!

VIREN SHAH

I'm sorry Tom, see you.

(Tom goes to his class and Viren heads to his class).

CUT TO

## Scene 5

INT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/SCIENCE CLASS/BIOLOGY - DAY  
Tuesday, 7:30am: Teacher: Robert Norman

MR. NORMAN

Good Morning class today is the experiment on a frog and I would like all of you to find a partner quickly.

(Everybody finds a partner).

Okay, the diagram of the frog is on the board for your reference, so you can begin the experiment. Have fun dissecting it.

(Viren and the students begin the experiment. They refer to the lab manual).

VIREN SHAH

(He talks to his lab partner). Yes Joe, make an incision here, that's right.

JOE HARRISON

Okay! Well, just a few incisions left and we're done. We'll ace the experiment for sure.

VIREN SHAH

Great! Let's finish it.

(They are the first to complete the experiment and hand in the lab to Mr. Norman and leave for their next classes).  
(Outside the class)

VIREN SHAH

Joe my man, we have set the exam curve!  
(He is so happy that he nibbles Joe's nose).

JOE HARRISON



Whoa, easy cowboy! Just chill, okay! See you later.

VIREN SHAH

Okay, later dude and take care. Bye!

JOE HARRISON

Bye.

(Viren heads to his next class).

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## Scene 6

EXT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH - DAY

(After School on Tuesday, 2:35pm)

(Viren walks towards his car with Julie, a friend of his and they chat).

VIREN SHAH

So Julie, how was school?

JULIE MEHTA

Absolutely fine! How did your Biology lab exam go?

VIREN SHAH

It went well; my partner and I aced the exam.

JULIE MEHTA

Wow, that's excellent. Keep it up.

VIREN SHAH

Thanks, I will. Oh, can I give you a ride?

JULIE MEHTA

No, there's no need because my car is parked farther. Okay, see you tomorrow.

VIREN SHAH

See you. (Viren nibbles Julie's nose and she is disgusted).

JULIE MEHTA

Oh God! Viren what on earth are you doing?

VIREN SHAH

I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to upset you.

(Julie doesn't reply and quickly hurries away leaving Viren puzzled and he too heads home).

CUT TO

## Scene 7

INT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/MATHEMATICS CLASS - DAY  
(Wednesday, 7:30am)

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Good morning everybody! Please open your text books to chapter 4 and can somebody begin reading the text? Oh, class the grades for the exam is posted so please check it later. Yes, Viren you can begin.

VIREN SHAH

Yes miss, I'll read it.

(Viren reads a portion of the chapter and Mrs. Christensen writes the various formulae's on the blackboard and explains the meanings to the class. By this time the bell rings and the students leave except for Viren who has been asked to stay behind by Mrs. Christensen).

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Viren, I just wanted to tell you that you're brilliant, a genius but geniuses are all known to be mad or eccentric and I don't want you to become either mad or eccentric. It has come to my attention that you like to nibble your friend's noses, am I right?

VIREN SHAH

Yes, that's right. It's an idiosyncrasy that I have.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Well, it's cute but you must stop it because it is a bad trait and people don't appreciate it, so don't do it again.

VIREN SHAH

Alright Miss, I won't do it again.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Good for you. Alright, run along now.

VIREN SHAH

Bye Miss, thanks.

(Viren heads to his P.E. class).

CUT TO

## Scene 8

EXT. COACH RON PETERSON'S PE CLASS - DAY  
Wednesday 8:25am

COACH PETERSON

Good Morning team, let's begin practice because three weeks from now we face the tough team of "Bishop's Junior High", so I want you all to do your best so that we are able to beat them, okay fellows, move it.

(The entire team practices the relay event and do their laps. They also work on the butterfly stroke).

VIREN SHAH

(He finishes his laps and comes out of the pool).

Coach, I've completed my laps for the day.

COACH PETERSON

Good show Master Shah but remember to work a little more on stamina and your strokes are impressive so keep it up and focus more.

VIREN SHAH

Okay Sir, thanks.

(Viren heads to the changing room).

CUT TO

## Scene 9

INT. THE SHAH'S HOME - EVENING  
Friday 6:30pm

(Julie Mehta is at Viren's home and they are playing chess).

VIREN SHAH

Julie, it appears you are going to lose.

(Viren takes Julie's castle with his bishop and is two moves away from check-mating Julie. Julie plays her move and Viren plays his move).

JULIE MEHTA

Viren, you're too good, it's impossible to beat you.

VIREN SHAH

Thanks, I just have tons of experience, that's all. Anyway, this is check-mate.

JULIE MEHTA

Congratulations to you for a fine game. I have to tell you that I'm sorry I complained to Mrs. Christensen about you nibbling my nose, I won't do it again.

VIREN SHAH

It's alright, don't feel bad about it. I should not have done it, it's my fault. Anyway, let's shake on it and forget about it.

(They shake hands, have dinner and Julie leaves).

CUT TO

## Scene 10

EXT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/P.E. CLASS - DAY  
(A week later): Friday, 8:25am

COACH PETERSON

Everybody listen, there are only two weeks left before the gala against "Bishops" so I want all of you to give your best and focus properly on your strokes and diving, is that clear? Okay, you may begin.

(Viren dives into the pool and practices each stroke with precision. The coach is pleased).

COACH PETERSON

Bravo Viren, that's the way to swim faster by kicking harder and breathe properly after each stroke. Keep it up. (To Tom Davidson) Come on Tom, push harder and glide through each stroke, yes, that's it and don't give up because you can do it. Now, hang in there.

(At the end of the P.E. class Viren chats with Coach Peterson).

VIREN SHAH

Coach Peterson, what do you think?

COACH PETERSON

You're ready for the gala against "Bishops". Just keep practicing regularly for the next two weeks and you can make our school proud. All the best and see you next week.

VIREN SHAH

Thanks Coach, I'll see you next week. Take care.



COACH PETERSON

Bye.

(Viren and his team head to the changing room).

CUT TO

## Scene 11

EXT. SPENCER JUNIOR HIGH/SWIMMING POOL GALA - DAY  
 (Two Weeks Later): Coach Ron Peterson: After School, 3pm

## Freestyle Race

(The swimmers line up in their respective lanes, Viren is in lane 3 and Bishops' champ Fred Daniels is in lane 4. Coach Ron Peterson fires his gun and the swimmers are off. The crowd cheers for their schools and Coach Peterson cheers for his team and especially for Viren. Viren is a little behind his opponent Fred but after a lap he is able to catch him and go ahead. Viren ultimately wins the freestyle event and "Bishops High's" Fred Daniels comes in second).

## Breaststroke Race

(The swimmers line up again at the shallow end of the pool. Viren is also in this event, he is in lane 2 and Bishop's champion breaststroker Todd Silverman is in lane 4. Coach Peterson fires his gun and the swimmers are off. Viren takes a commanding lead but Todd is not too far behind. After the first lap, Viren is still in the lead although Todd is a little behind Viren. Viren manages to come first by a small margin and the crowd goes wild. Coach Peterson congratulates him).

## The Relay

(The swimmers line up for the last event and Coach Peterson fires his gun and they are off. Once again "Spencer Junior High" takes the lead and maintains it after the first lap as the next set of swimmers dive into the pool and once again "Spencer Junior High" takes the lead. As the swimmers near the second lap, the next set of swimmers dive in and this time "Bishops Junior High" takes the lead but at the end of the third lap the two schools are neck and neck. The final set of swimmers dive in and this time "Spencer Junior High's" Viren takes a comfortable lead against Bishops' Fred Daniels. As the last lap nears Fred makes a valiant effort to beat Viren but Viren holds him back and comes first. He is overjoyed. The crowd goes berserk).

### The Awards Ceremony

(The referee presents the winning team of "Spencer Junior High" with the trophy and a special award to Viren for his marvelous performance. Viren hugs Coach Peterson and thanks him for his coaching and advice. Coach Peterson is ecstatic and he lifts him in the air. The revelry continues).

CUT TO

## Scene 12

EXT. SPENCER HIGH - DAY

(Senior Year): After school, Winter Semester, Monday:  
(Four years have gone by and Viren has grown up to be a witty, handsome teenager and is in his Senior Year. However, his nibbling tendency still persists. He is an honours student and holds a 4.0 GPA).

VIREN SHAH

So Julie, how are things going and how is school?

JULIE MEHTA

Everything is fine. My GPA for the Fall Semester was a 3.6 so I am ecstatic and what about you?

VIREN SHAH

I am doing great and I am also elated because my GPA for the Fall Semester was a 4.0.

JULIE MEHTA

That's terrific Viren, you're a genius.

VIREN SHAH

No, no I just study hard, that's all. Can I give you a ride home or is your car parked somewhere near?

JULIE MEHTA

Thanks for offering me a ride except that my car is parked nearby and so I'll see you tomorrow, okay bye.

VIREN SHAH

Bye.

(Viren nibbles her nose; Julie sighs, remains silent and goes towards her car. Viren heads towards his car and goes home).

CUT TO

## Scene 13

INT. SPENCER HIGH/HISTORY CLASS - DAY  
(Tuesday 9:20am): Teacher Mr. Mackenzie

(Viren and Julie have the same History class with Mr. Mackenzie. They are learning about the Presidents of the United States).

MR. MACKENZIE

Good morning students and welcome to a new and exciting semester in History and the syllabus covers not only American History but also European History and here it is.

(All the students receive the syllabus).

Now, before we begin reading the text, can any of you tell me the name of the 25<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.?

(Pin drop silence in class and finally Viren is able to give the answer).

VIREN SHAH

Yes Sir, its Theodore Roosevelt.

MR. MACKENZIE

Bravo Viren. I just wanted to test everybody's general knowledge, that's all, okay?

THE STUDENTS

Okay Sir.

MR. MACKENZIE

Alright, can somebody read Chapter 1?

JULIE MEHTA

I will Sir.

(Julie reads Chapter 1 until the bell rings. Mr. Mackenzie dismisses the class).

CUT TO

## Scene 14

INT. SPENCER HIGH/MATHEMATICS CLASS - DAY  
(Tuesday 10:15am: Teacher Erin Christensen)

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Good morning students to another challenging semester in Mathematics (Calculus) and I hope all of you do well in Calculus, best of luck!

THE STUDENTS

Thanks Mrs. Christensen.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Let's begin with a simple example, what's the Derivative of  $f(x) = \sin x$  dx?

VIREN SHAH

The answer is  $\cos x$  dx.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

That's correct, Viren. Good for you.

VIREN SHAH

Thank you so much Mrs. Christensen.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN

Alright class, please copy these important rules of Calculus in your notebooks and if there are any questions I'll be happy to explain the meanings to you and if you still don't understand something, come and see me after school.

(The bell rings and everybody leaves for their next classes).

CUT TO



## Scene 15

INT. THE SHAH'S HOME - EVENING  
Friday 6:30pm

(Viren has called Tom Davidson to his place and they are playing table tennis).

VIREN SHAH

Wow Tom, that's a terrific shot.

TOM DAVIDSON

Thanks Viren and now it's your turn to serve.

VIREN SHAH

Yeah Tom thanks and here it is. (Viren serves and Tom hits a winner and wins the match).

TOM DAVIDSON

Well Viren, you are not that bad. You should also practice table tennis because it's good to be skilled in many sports.

VIREN SHAH

Thanks for the advice Tom, I will practice more.

TOM DAVIDSON

Good for you. Alright Viren let's eat, I'm starving.

VIREN SHAH

Yes, dinner is going to be served. (Viren nibbles Tom's nose and he is taken aback).

TOM DAVIDSON

Whoa Viren, easy man. What are you doing?

VIREN SHAH

It's nothing Tom; it's just a habit that I possess.

TOM DAVIDSON

Well Viren, it's not a good habit at all. I suggest that you get rid of it as soon as possible, okay?

VIREN SHAH

Okay Tom. Anyway, dinner is served so let's eat.

TOM DAVIDSON

Alright man, let's go.

(Viren and Tom have dinner and then Tom leaves).

CUT TO

## Scene 16

INT. SPENCER HIGH/AFTER MATHEMATICS CLASS/PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

Tuesday 11:10am

(Viren has been called to the Principal's office. He arrives at his office. The Principal is Mr. Ferguson).

MR. FERGUSON

Hi Viren, please come in.

VIREN SHAH

Thank you Mr. Ferguson.

MR. FERGUSON

Viren, first of all I would like to congratulate you on your 4.0 GPA for the Fall Semester, well done and keep it up!

VIREN SHAH

Thank you so much Mr. Ferguson.

MR. FERGUSON

It has come to my attention Viren that you nibble your friend's noses, well what do you have to say about it?

VIREN SHAH

Yes Sir, I do but it's harmless. It is an idiosyncrasy that I possess and I do it out of affection, that's all.

MR. FERGUSON

Oh, I see. Well is it possible for you to stop it?

VIREN SHAH

Yes, I will.

MR. FERGUSON

I have also spoken to your parents about it and they are greatly concerned but I assured them that you won't do it again and let us keep it this way.

VIREN SHAH

Yes sir, I have understood and you won't get any more complaints about me on this matter ever again.

MR. FERGUSON

Thank you Viren and good luck for this Semester!

VIREN SHAH

Thanks Mr. Ferguson and goodbye.

CUT TO

## Scene 17

INT. THE SHAH'S HOME - NIGHT  
Friday 7pm

MAYA SHAH

Viren, what's this that I hear from Mr. Ferguson that you nibble people's noses, are you insane?

VIREN SHAH

Yes mother, I do nibble friend's noses but I am not insane, I just do it out of love and affection and I promise not to do it again, okay mom.

MAYA SHAH

Alright but don't do it again.

VIREN SHAH

Yes mother, understood.

MAYA SHAH

So otherwise how is everything?

VIREN SHAH

Things are fine and I'm getting straight A's.

MAYA SHAH

Excellent! Keep it up.

VIREN SHAH

Certainly!

MAYA SHAH

Alright, let's have dinner.

(They have dinner and then Viren goes to his room to study).

CUT TO

## Scene 18

EXT. SPENCER HIGH/FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

(Monday 7:20am):

(Viren on his way to class as usual passes by the Football field and sees police officers everywhere. The entire school is present. He goes closer towards them and notices a cheerleader's corpse lying on the field with her nose severed. Viren is horrified. The cops are gathering evidence at the crime scene and are involved in an investigation. School is cancelled for the day. The students however observe the crime scene from a distance).

## OFFICER PERRY

Mr. Ferguson, I would like to question the faculty, the teachers and the students as a part of the routine and even yourself if necessary because until we find the killer nobody connected with Spencer High can leave the city or the country. We would like your full cooperation. Everybody is a suspect until we catch the killer, is that clear?

## PRINCIPAL FERGUSON

Yes Officer, I completely understand, you have our school's full cooperation. (To the students) Okay students, listen carefully until the investigation is complete none of you are allowed to leave the city or country and you all are required to give the police officers any assistance needed.

## THE STUDENTS

Yes Mr. Ferguson, we will cooperate.

(The teachers also say that they will cooperate with the officers and the investigation continues).

CUT TO

## Scene 19

INT. SPENCER HIGH/CAFETERIA - DAY  
(Tuesday 1:20pm, Lunch Break)

(The cops interrogate the students in the Cafeteria. Tom Davidson had found the cheerleader's corpse and her name was Michelle Thompson. Officer Perry questions Tom Davidson).

OFFICER PERRY

Tom, what time did you find Michelle's body?

TOM DAVIDSON

I found the body at 6am.

OFFICER PERRY

Did you happen to touch the corpse?

TOM DAVIDSON

No, I did not want to contaminate the crime scene.

OFFICER PERRY

Okay, that's good and was she a friend of yours or a total stranger?

TOM DAVIDSON

She was a complete stranger.

OFFICER PERRY

Alright Tom, thanks. If I have some more questions I'll get back to you or if you have anything more to say, give me a call.

TOM DAVIDSON

Okay officer.

OFFICER PERRY

Have a good afternoon, bye.

TOM DAVIDSON

You too, bye!

(The cops finish interrogating the students for the day and head to the teacher's office).

CUT TO



## Scene 20

INT. SPENCER HIGH - DAY

Wednesday 1pm : ( The cops interrogate the teachers and Officer Perry interrogates Principal Ferguson).

OFFICER PERRY

Mr. Ferguson, did you see any suspicious characters in school prior to Monday?

MR. FERGUSON

I didn't see anyone but perhaps some of the teachers may have seen someone hanging around the premise sometime, please check with the teachers. I sincerely hope you catch this bastard soon and give him his due.

OFFICER PERRY

Of course, I'll check with my colleagues on what they have learned from the teachers and we will do our best to catch this criminal and put him behind bars. Thanks and I'll be in touch.

MR. FERGUSON

Yes officer, my pleasure. Bye.

OFFICER PERRY

Bye.

(The officers finish interrogating the teachers but to their dismay, they are not able to get valuable information from the teachers because they haven't seen anybody loitering about in school).

CUT TO

## Scene 21

INT. SPENCER HIGH/CAFETERIA - DAY  
(Thursday 1pm, Lunch Break):

(The cops interrogate Tom Davidson again and learn that Viren nibbles people's noses and Officer Perry comes to interrogate Viren).

OFFICER PERRY

Viren, did you know Michelle Thompson?

VIREN SHAH

I didn't know her personally, I knew of her.

OFFICER PERRY

When did you last see her?

VIREN SHAH

The only time I saw her was on Monday at 7:20am when the officers found her lying dead on the football field with her nose severed.

OFFICER PERRY

Okay and a source tells me that you nibble people's noses, why do you do that?

VIREN SHAH

Oh, I just do it out of love and affection, it's harmless.

OFFICER PERRY

Okay Viren, thanks and if there is anything I'll be in touch.

VIREN SHAH

Okay Officer Perry, thanks.

OFFICER PERRY

**Bye .**

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## Scene 22

INT. DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS - DAY  
Saturday 7:30 am

(The officers are having a discussion about the murder case).

OFFICER PERRY

Sheriff, at this point we don't have any leads but my gut tells me that the killer isn't a stranger. It is someone from the school; I just cannot pinpoint the individual. We have to play the waiting game, that's all.

SHERIFF TOBY

That's fine, just keep looking and History has proven time and time again that the killer always comes face to face with the police but the cops are not able to recognise the killer. I firmly believe that the killer is right under your nose and you just have to use your sixth sense to catch him.

OFFICER PERRY

Okay, we'll do that and we'll find a way of catching the killer soon; my instinct tells me that our killer is the Principal, Mr. Ferguson because he comes across as being too innocent and too concerned to catch the killer, so that makes him a prime suspect.

SHERIFF TOBY

Okay, then go with your gut and close the case soon.

OFFICER PERRY

Alright Sheriff, we'll do it, thanks.

SHERIFF TOBY

Bye and good luck.

(The officers continue their investigation).

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## Scene 23

INT. SPENCER HIGH - DAY  
Monday 10am

(Officer Perry comes to interrogate Principal Ferguson. The other officers also continue the investigation).

OFFICER PERRY

Hello Mr. Ferguson, how are you doing?

MR. FERGUSON

I'm fine. How is the investigation going?

OFFICER PERRY

We are still investigating. Can you tell me where you were on the night of the murder?

MR. FERGUSON

(Surprised) Oh, well I was at home sleeping. Is there something you're not telling me?

OFFICER PERRY

No, no, it's just routine, that's all.

MR. FERGUSON

Okay. (He grins in a sly way).

OFFICER PERRY

Alright, Mr. Ferguson I'll keep you posted.

MR. FERGUSON

Okay Officer Perry thanks and have a great day.

OFFICER PERRY

You're welcome and you too.

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(Officer Perry leaves to cross-check Principal Ferguson's whereabouts on the night of the murder. After a few hours, he brings the Forensic team to search for Principal Ferguson's blood samples and after many hours they find traces of blood and they collect it and head to the Forensic Laboratory for testing. Michelle Thompson's body is at the Morgue. They perform an autopsy).

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## Scene 24

INT. THE FORENSIC LABORATORY - DAY  
(Tuesday 3:30pm)

CHAD WILKINSON

Hi Officer Perry, your hunch was correct,  
Principal Ferguson is the murderer. He raped  
and murdered Michelle Thompson and then put the  
blame on poor Viren Shah. Take a look at this.

(Chad Wilkinson, the Forensic expert shows Officer Perry  
the proof which is a huge bite mark on the nose of the  
deceased and the officer is thoroughly convinced).

OFFICER PERRY

That's great Chad and now I'm going to nail  
Principal Ferguson. Have a good day now. Bye.

CHAD WILKINSON

You too, Officer Perry, bye!

(Officer Perry shakes hands with Chad and leaves).

CUT TO



## Scene 25

EXT. SPENCER HIGH/AFTER SCHOOL - DAY  
Wednesday:

(Viren Shah walks with Julie Mehta to their cars).

VIREN SHAH

Julie, I feel so sorry for Michelle, I really hope Officer Perry and his team are able to catch the culprit soon. The whole school is mourning the tragic loss of our dear cheerleader and she will remain in our hearts forever and may her soul rest in peace and our prayers are with her close friends and family.

JULIE MEHTA

Yes and the funeral is on Friday at "The All Hallows Church", at 2pm so I'll see you there and everybody will be there.

VIREN SHAH

Okay, I'll be there on Friday, so see you later.

JULIE MEHTA

Bye.

(Officer Perry comes to Viren's car).

OFFICER PERRY

Hi Viren, I just wanted to tell you that I know the killer, but I will reveal the killer in front of the entire school to humiliate him and then I'll arrest him.

VIREN SHAH

I'll be more than glad to help. Officer, we are having the funeral on Friday at 2pm at "The All Hallows Church", so do come.

OFFICER PERRY

Yes, I am aware of it and I'll be there. Take care.

VIREN SHAH

Bye.

(The officer and Viren part ways).

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## Scene 26

INT. ALL HALLOWS CHURCH/THE FUNERAL - DAY  
Friday, 2pm:

(Michelle Thompson's body is brought in a coffin to the altar and the funeral services commence. Principal Ferguson addresses the teachers and students. Viren and Officer Perry are also there).

## PRINCIPAL FERGUSON

Good afternoon to my fellow teachers, students and friends, we are all saddened by the loss of our lovely cheerleader Michelle Thompson and angry that the culprit has not been caught as yet and justice has not been done. I pray that the killer is brought to justice soon so that we can all breathe a sigh of relief and go on with our lives.

(Officer Perry and his team are in the church and after Principal Ferguson finishes his speech, Officer Perry signals to the Principal that he has something to say and Mr. Ferguson beckons him to the podium).

## OFFICER PERRY

Thank you Principal Ferguson and good afternoon to everyone and I would like to tell all of you that this particular case has been extremely difficult to solve and my team went through great lengths in completing the jigsaw puzzle, but we were finally able to see the dawn of a new day and close the case. Yes, friends we have been lucky in finding the killer through the dental records examined by the Forensic team and the killer is present in the church and his name is...

(Everybody is silent and awaiting the name of the killer. Principal Ferguson starts becoming tense and Officer Perry stares at him).

## OFFICER PERRY (CONT'D)

Principal Ferguson.

(The entire school is horrified and Principal Ferguson tries to make a getaway but is caught by the officers. He hangs his head in shame).

OFFICER PERRY

Well Principal Ferguson, you had really deceived all of us but that bite mark examined by the Forensics proved that you were the murderer, so take him away boys and book him for murder in the first degree and I hope you rot in hell.

(The school boos him and the officers handcuff the Principal and take him to jail).

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## Scene 27

EXT. SPENCER HIGH/GRADUATION CEREMONY - DAY  
Vice Principal Robert Shaw: (Two weeks later)

ROBERT SHAW

Congratulations seniors on making it this far and all the very best to all of you for the future. I trust this year has been an eye opener for all of you and exciting as well. As for Principal Ferguson, well all I can say is that he does not matter anymore and the less I say about him, the better for us. Michelle Thompson was a wonderful student and a good girl and she will be remembered in our hearts forever. Now, I am going to call our Valedictorian, Mr. Viren Shah who has an unblemished record. Viren, please come and collect your diploma and a special award for swimming.

(Viren collects his diploma and award and the entire school claps for him. One by one the seniors collect their diplomas and then the revelry begins).

ROBERT SHAW (CONT'D)

Please enjoy yourselves seniors and have a great summer holiday. Be cool.

ALL THE SENIORS

Thanks Sir.

THE END

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