

SERENA, MARGOT, PILAR

OMIGOD WE RAWK!

SERENA, MARGOT, PILAR, CHORUS

IT'S THE SCENE OF THE—

JUDGE

HUSH!

ELLE

(to stenographer)

Now would the court stenographer please read that back?

COURT STENOGRAPHER

“Omigod we rawk, it's the scene of the—”

ELLE

(points to steno roll)

No! Before that.

COURT STENOGRAPHER

Witness: “Yes, I was in the shower.”

ELLE

Thank you. Now, Ms. Wyndham, you claim on the day of the murder, you got a perm. Was this your first perm?

CHUTNEY

No. I've permed my hair since junior high, about three a year.

ELLE

Interesting. My associate has just gotten a perm herself today. Exhibit B: Ms. Enid Hoopes.

ENID steps forward, her hair permed exactly like Chutney's. PAULETTE fusses around her with a comb.

Thank you, Ms. Buonfonte.

PAULETTE gets out of the way and joins Kyle.

Now Ms. Wyndham, would Exhibit B's perm be similar to your own?

CHUTNEY

Duh.

ELLE

And now, one more time, you didn't see the murder or hear the gunshot because you were where?...

The COURT grooms, exasperated.

ALL

In the shower!!!!

ELLE

Thank you. Ms. Hoopes, would you step into the shower, please?

ENID enters the shower, closes the shower curtain, turns on the water. After a beat, she re-emerges, her perm stick-straight.

CHUTNEY

Idiot. You can't get a perm wet for 48 hours —

ELLE

Exactly! Water deactivates the perm's ammonium thiglycolate and completely ruins it. It's the cardinal rule of perm maintenance. Your perm is still intact so you couldn't have showered that day. Why would you lie about being in the shower?

CHUTNEY

I was—

ELLE

Why would you lie about NOT hearing the gunshot?

CHUTNEY

But I—

ELLE

Why would you —

CHUTNEY

THINK I LIKED BEING OLDER THAN MY DAD'S NEW ARM CANDY WIFE???
I didn't mean to hurt my father! I didn't mean to shoot him... I THOUGHT IT WAS BROOKE COMING THROUGH THE DOOR!

ELLE

OMIGOD...

EMMETT, WARNER, VIVIENNE, ENID,
D.A. JOYCE RILEY & ASSISTANT D.A.

OMIGOD....

MARGOT, SERENA, PILAR, MOM, DAD,
BROOKE, BAILIFF & JUDGE

OMIGOD...

JUDGE

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