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ELLE / CHUTNEY / WARNER / JUDGE

(CHUTNEY WYNDHAM is on the stand, being questioned by ELLE.)

ELLE. Miss Wyndham, what was your relationship to the deceased?

CHUTNEY. He was my father.

ELLE. Did you actually see his murder take place?

CHUTNEY. No ... I was in the shower. But when I got out, Brooke was standing over my father's body, drenched in his blood.

WARNER. Oh boy, we're screwed.

ELLE. Miss Wyndham ... on the day your father was killed, did you see anyone suspicious hanging around?

CHUTNEY. (Sarcastically.) Suspiciously hanging around my shower?

ELLE. No before that.

CHUTNEY. I was out getting a perm.

ELLE. (Puzzled.) And then you came home and took a shower?

CHUTNEY. (Duh!) YES. I was in the shower.

ELLE. (Lightbulb moment.) Your Honor. I would like to go to the bathroom.

JUDGE. Shouldn't you have gone before the murder trial?

ELLE. No. Your Honor, I would like us all to go to the bathroom together.

WARNER. Why do girls always do that?...

ELLE. I mean, I'd like everyone to go back to the bathroom where this alleged shower took place.

JUDGE. Denied, Ms. Woods.

ELLE. (Re-grouping.) Now, Miss 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. Now, one more time for the jury, you didn't see the murder or hear the gunshot because you were where?

ALL. In the shower!!!

ELLE. Thank you. But you see, you can't get a perm wet for 48 hours because 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?

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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!!