<u>Deathin Paradise</u>

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" KNOCKIN ON HEAVEN'S DOOR "

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EXT. HONORE OLD TOWN - NIGHT 1, 2300

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CLOSE UP - FLAMES DANCING IN AN OUTSIDE OIL DRUM FIRE... a hand chucking magnesium shavings into the fire, the flames jumping up and sparkling.

ANGELIQUE (V.O.) In the name of I command the Spirit speak to me.

Mad staring eyes - the Voodoo High Priestess ANGELIQUE MOREL (70s) commands the spirits of the fire.

A small group are gathered around Angelique as she sits cross legged on the floor, amongst these is DWAYNE and a PRETTY YOUNG WOWAN out on a date. Most of the onlookers are watching intensely, Dwayne seems a little uncomfortable.

> ANGELIQUE o's truth in the bones

There's truth in the bones...

Angelique takes bones and snaps them before throwing them into the fire.

ANGELIQUE (CONT'D) I see pain... fear... He's coming! A scarred man... and he's... No! He is a killer - he has killed before...! He will silence me! He strikes

agai n!

She stares up at Dwayne and holds eye contact.

ANGELIQUE (CONT'D) I am to be murdered!

Dwayne is freaked out and takes the young woman's arm and leads her away, glancing over his shoulder as they walk away.

CUT TO.

2 EXT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION - DAY 2, 1105

A scorching hot day, the town is a hive of activity as locals go about their business.

Pick up a slightly subdued Dwayne as he walks through the market towards the station.

OUT as he enters.

CUT TO.

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INT. HONORE POLICE STATION - MAIN OFFICE - DAY 2, 1110

Fidel is loading scene of crime equipment into a box, Camille on the telephone, and a very hot and flustered Richard at his desk, with two fans aimed directly at his face. Dwayne enters and makes his way to his desk.

> CAM LLE (INTO PHONE) No-one is to touch anything, I want the room locked until we get there.

RI CHARD Have we got any ice cubes?

fi del

Sir?

RI CHARD To put in front of the fans. Basically, they're just pushing warm air around...

Camille hangs up the phone.

CAM LLE

We should go.

Richard is cross as he's finally got the fans pointing in the right direction.

RICHARD (irritated) Right. Of course.

Richard stands, Dwayne joins Fidel.

DWAYNE

(to Fidel) What's going on?

FIDEL A body's been found.

Richard and Camille make their way out, Fidel grabs his box and follows - leaving Dwayne... worried.

DWAYNE

Where?

CUT TO.

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EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - SCHOOL GROUNDS - DAY 2, 1230

A typically modern and colourful Saint-Marie Secondary School - surrounded by tall palms.

(CONTI NUED)

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RI CHARD

(re: the skeleton) Ah... Doctor Hudson - my old Science teacher. The years have improved him if anything.

Camille inspects A FULL SHOT-GLASS OF LIQUID on the teacher's desk... and ANOTHER GLASS THAT'S ONLY HALF FULL that's nearer to Angelique's dead body.

RICHARD (CONT'D) What was she drinking?

CAM LLE

Rum

Richard looks at the room - considering.

ri Chard

Then what's an old lady doing drinking rum in a school classroom? Who was she drinking with? And where's the bottle?

FI DEL

Well, sir, if M ster Dunham hasn't changed, there might be one here...

Fidel goes to the desk and rootles in a drawer.

RICHARD Who's Mister Dunham?

FI DEL

The school headmaster - and he used to take a quick shot while we were writing up notes. He thought we didn't see him.. Here it is!

Fidel carefully pulls out A HALF EMPTY BOTTLE OF CLEAR RUM

RICHARD (amused, intrigued) You went to this school?

FIDEL (proud, bashful) Yes sir.

Richard looks out of the open window - amused by Fidel as he talks - but Richard doesn't see anything outside of note.

FIDEL (CONT'D) And if you want to commit the perfect murder, you can't do better than a school science lab. (MORE) 6

(indicating a cupboard at the back of the classroom)
With poisons in that cupboard there
and reference books and equipment here for mixing up recipes...

RI CHARD

So that's how you spent your time at school was it Fidel? Planning the perfect murder?

Fidel feels awkward.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) Quite right too.

Fidel smiles again.

RICHARD (CONT'D) (to the others) So... what happened here?

DWAYNE She was murdered.

RICHARD Well you can have a point for RI CHARD

<u>After</u>

Nicholas, Richard and Camille, Dwayne and Fidel watching as Angelique's body - a red blanket covering her - is lifted up on a gurney by the Paramedics and wheeled out.

Dwayne and Fidel check for physical evidence as the scene progresses.

NI CHOLAS

Angelique Morel. She was...is my

DWAYNE

Sir.

Dwayne uses tweezers to pick up A TINY SHARD OF GLASS from the sink and bags it before heading over to the cupboard with another evidence bag. Richard looks at the cupboard... and back at the room.. thinking... and he notices Fidel reaching into the Dangerous Items / Sharpies bin and using Police Tongs to lift out A PAIR OF SURGICAL GLOVES.

NI CHOLAS

... There's no way Angelique could have been poisoned with that Cyanide.

ri Chard

Well let's find out, shall we? After all, this is a science lab. And you're a scientist. (beat) I'm sure you've heard of the Prussian Blue Test?

NI CHOLAS

Of course.

RICHARD Then perhaps you could find me the necessary chemicals.

CUT TO.

9	SCENE 9 OM TTED	9
10	SCENE 10 OM TTED	10
11	INT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - NICHOLAS'S LAB - DAY 2, 1310	11

Richard gets together some Iron Sulphate (a powder) and a bottle of Nitric Acid - and a long spatula and Pipette.

RI CHARD

Prussian Blue is a colour discovered in the eighteenth century - and you only get it when you mix three specific --

CAM LLE

-- So who else has been in the school today -1 01 0t JET Q q 1 0 0 -1 323 19 1 6-0.0221 T

NI CHOLAS

Molly Kerr, my secretary... Tom Hilton, the school handyman - and Father Charles Dean.

As Nicholas talks, Richard spoons Iron Sulphate into the rum bottle... and then into one glass of rum - and then the other...

ri Chard

You first add Iron Sulphate --

CAM LLE

-- And who discovered the body?

NI CHOLAS

Father Charles.

Richard is even more cross now - Camille even less apologetic - as Richard pipettes the Nitric acid into the rum bottle... and the full glass of liquid... and neither change colour.

> CAM LLE We'll need to talk to them all.

> > NI CHOLAS

Of course.

RICHARD (wanting to have the last word) -- Because if there's any Cyanide present, then when we add the Nitric Acid, the liquid will turn...

Richard pipettes Nitric Acid into 'Angelique's' glass and the liquid immediately swirls into a VIVID BLUE COLOUR.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) Prussi an Blue.

Camille is impressed despite herself... and Nicholas is horrified.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) There's Cyanide in this glass. Do you know how that might have happened, Headmaster?

Ni chol as can't even begin to respond.

11a PREVIOUSLY SC 18 - EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - GROUNDS - DAY 11a 2, 1315

Nicholas is in the school grounds - worried - with Richard

NI CHOLAS

Angelique just wanted to borrow some books from me. Something to do with herbal remedies.

CAM LLE Did you know she practised voodoo?

A pained look from Richard.

NICHOLAS We rarely discussed it, this is a Roman Catholic school after all.

CAM LLE How long did you talk to her for?

NICHOLAS Ten minutes - no longer.

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

CUT TO:

11b PREVICUSLY SC 19 - INT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - UPSTAIRS 11b CORRIDOR - DAY 2, FLASHBACK, 1045

Nicholas strides away from his classroom

NI CHOLAS (V. O.) Then I left her to it and went out to run some errands.

CUT TO:

11c PREVIOUSLY SC 20 - EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - GROUNDS - DAY 11c 2, 1316

RI CHARD You left her alone in your classroom?

NICHOLAS I didn't know she was about to be murdered, did I?

A BEAT.

RICHARD These errands? What were they?

NICHOLAS I went to buy some fruit from the market.

RI CHARD NICHOL730cn your

11c CONTI NUED:

Molly comes bustling over - worried.

NICHOLAS I'd just got there when I got Molly's message to come back. (to Molly) Didn't I, Miss Kerr?

MOLLY Yes, Headmaster.

There's a look of devotion from Molly to Nicholas that's possibly a touch creepy - and then she turns and smiles for Richard and Camille.

MOLLY (CONT'D) Molly Kerr. I've been the Headmaster's secretary for twenty years.

CAM LLE Did you see Angelique at all today, M ss Kerr?

MOLLY

Ch yes.

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

CUT TO:

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 SCENE 12 OM TTED
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 SCENE 13 OM TTED
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- 14 SCENE 14 OM TTED
- 15 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL UPSTAIRS CORRIDOR DAY 2, 15 FLASHBACK, 1035

Molly leads Angelique towards Nicholas's classroom - and they clearly don't like each other at all, Angelique acting aloof.

MOLLY (V.Q.) I let her in... and took her straight to the Headmaster's classroom, just as she requested.

CUT TO.

16 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - NI CHOLAS'S LAB - DAY 2, FLASHBACK, 16 1036

> Nicholas works at his desk as Molly shows Angelique in, Angelique looking with haughty superiority at Nicholas - and Nicholas puts down his pen with a sigh... here goes.

MOLLY (V.O.) I then went back to the office.

Molly leaves - the door closing on Angelique and Nicholas.

CUT TO.

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17 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - SECRETARY'S OFFICE - DAY 2, 17 FLASHBACK, 1100

Molly copy types extremely fast - somewhat feverishly.

MOLLY (V.O.) Which is where I was twenty minutes later when Father Charles told me he'd found her body.

FATHER CHARLES tells Molly he's found the body - and her face falls in horror as she picks up the phone and dials 999.

MOLLY So I rang for an ambulance... and then called the Police.

CUT TO.

17a EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - GROUNDS - DAY 2, 1317 17a

MOLLY

I hope I did the right thing.

Richard and Camille exchange a quick look - both of them thinking that Molly's answer is strangely rehearsed.

> RICHARD No... that's a very thorough account. Thank you.

> > CUT TO.

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 SCENE 18 CM TTED
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 SCENE 19 CM TTED
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- 20 SCENE 20 OM TTED
- 21 EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL SCHOOL GROUNDS DAY 2, 1330 21

Dwayne and Fidel in the background loading evidence etc into the sidecar. Richard stands with Camille.

RI CHARD So Angelique arrived just after 10.30. The headmaster said he'd left her by 10.45 and she was found dead by eleven. CAM LLE It has to be the headmaster.

Dwayne and Fidel join them

CAM LLE (CONT'D) And he's got a scar.

RICHARD Don't do this.

Richard looks at Dwayne and Fidel, both nodding.

DWAYNE

But the prophecy --

ri Chard

Alright, that's enough. No one is to mention this prophecy again do you hear me? We're detectives, we deal in physical evidence and forensic science, not sticking pins into dolls and dancing naked around a camp fire.

CAM LLE Now that I'd like to see.

RICHARD Yes well it's not going to happen.

DWAYNE But it came true.

RI CHARD

Noit didn't! Tctue.

CAM LLE You can't come here and dismiss a whole religion. Creole beliefs

21a PREVIOUSLY SC 35 - EXT. ANGELI QUE'S BUNGALOW - DAY 2, 1345 21a

Camille and Richard arrive in the squad car and get out arguing. They stop at the front gate, amused neighbours watching them bicker.

CAM LLE

The headmaster has a link to the victim, he has access to the poison cupboard, it was his rum and he seems to be the only one with the opportunity.

ri Chard

Exactly, it's too easy.

CAM LLE

Ha! And that's what this is about isn't it? You don't want things to be easy do you? You like them to be difficult so we can all see how brilliant you are!

ri Chard

I'm sorry, but when even the murder victim gives me a description of the killer and all the evidence also points at him, I feel like I'm being manipulated.

CAM LLE So you ignore the truth?

RICHARD I don't know what the truth is yet.

CAM LLE Nicholas Dunhamis a killer.

Richard takes out his hankie to mop his forehead - and is repulsed by the sweat in the cloth as he puts it away again.

> RI CHARD You can't know that.

CAM LLE

Well I do.

RI CHARD

How?

CAM LLE (a beat) Intuition.

Camille looks at Richard... good point - and she indicates a SHRINE TO DELILAH in the corner of the room - old photos, various scraggy locks of hair, ancient candles...

Camille indicates a photo of A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOWAN in her twenties.

CAM LLE This must be Angelique's daught er . . . Nicholas's dead wife.

Richard notices a shelf next to the shrine is STACKED WITH DOZENS OF PHARMACY BOTTLES OF MEDICINE, VARIOUS PAINKI LLERS... and he picks up A PACKET OF PAINKI LLERS.

RI CHARD These are hardcore.

Camille looking at the shrine, photographs of Delilah.

CAM LLE

It's so sad...

Richard looks at the shrine, then notices something, a photograph in a silver bowl. He picks it up to reveal it's A HALF-BURNT PHOTO OF NICHOLAS DUNHAM and shows it to Camille.

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21c	SCENE 21C OM TTED	21c
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- NEW SCENE EXT. ANGELI QUE'S BUNGALOW DAY 2, 1350 21e

(patronising/arsey) It's correct procedure, you'll appreciate that.

Richard gets in the car. Out on Camille infuriated by her boss.

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21f NEW SCENE - EXT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION - DAY 2, 1400 21f *

Dwayne gets on to the Police Bike and sidecar as Fidel comes * out of the Police Station, quietly worried and on edge. *

FIDEL I'll come with you.

DWAYNE

No, you stay here and process the evidence - and make a start on lifting the fingerprints.

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22 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - CHAPEL - DAY 2, 1415 [CHAPEL I NTERVI EW PART 1]

FATHER CHARLES DEAN (50) - kind and short-ish - kneels in prayer by the altar in the simple Catholic Chapel... and he stands and turns as Richard and Camille enter.

RI CHARD

Father Charles?

FATHER CHARLES Yes, I presume you want to ask me

about Angel i que?

RI CHARD

Detective Inspector Richard Poole. We understand you found the body of Angelique Morel?

FATHER CHARLES

Yes. Poor woman... but she was old and I think it's no secret to say her health was deteriorating.

RI CHARD You believed she died of natural causes?

Guilt briefly flashes in Father Charles's eyes.

FATHER CHARLES ... Di dn't she?

CAM LLE She was poi soned.

Richard flashes a look at Camille - she's done it again.

RICHARD We're still trying to establish... (changing the subject) Can you tell us your movements today?

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

CUT TO.

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23 SCENE 23 OM TTED

24 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - CHAPEL OFFICE - DAY 2, FLASHBACK, 24 1045

Father Charles works at his computer writing a sermon.

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(CONTI NUED)

FATHER CHARLES (V.O.) ...I was in my office this morning writing a sermon. But I sometimes join the Headmaster for coffee, so just before eleven I headed towards his classroom

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25 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - UPSTAIRS CORRIDOR - DAY 2, FLASHBACK, 1050

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Father Charles strides up the stairs to the Upstairs Corridor... and as he walks along it, TOM HILTON (60s) scruffy, laid back - approaches, carrying a computer monitor.

> RI CHARD (V. O.) Did you see anyone el se?

FATHER CHARLES (V.O.) I passed Tom Hilton, the caretaker... in the top corridor.

Tom smiles - relaxed as they pass each other - but Father Charles is pre-occupied and only nods a curt hello.

> TOM Morning, Father.

FATHER CHARLES (V. Q.) But when I got to the Headmaster's classroom . . ?

Father Charles looks through the door... and is horrified.

CUT TO.

FATHER CHARLES (V.O.) I didn't know what to do.

(CONTI NUED)

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28 SCENE 28 OM TTED

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29 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - CHAPEL - DAY 2, 1425 [SC 22 - 29 CHAPEL I NTERVI EW PART 3]

> FATHER CHARLES So I went and told Molly at once that I'd found her body.

RI CHARD If you passed the caretaker in the corridor, did you see where he was coming from?

FATHER CHARLES

No.

CAM LLE Could he have been coming from the science room?

FATHER CHARLES I suppose so.

A beat.

CAM LLE

How well did you know Angelique, Father?

FATHER CHARLES I think you could say we moved in different circles.

ri Chard

(beat) But you knew she was Mr Dunham's mother in I aw?

FATHER CHARLES

Yes.

RI CHARD He's widowed now?

FATHER CHARLES That's right. (beat) His wife passed a while ago now.

CAM LLE Do you know how she died?

FATHER CHARLES I believe it was suicide. Very sad. (beat) Is there anything else I can help you with?

CUT TO.

29a OM TTED

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- 30 SCENE 30 OM TTED
- 30a PREVIOUSLY SC 34 INT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION MAIN OFFICE 30a DAY 2, 1431

Fidel at his desk on the phone as Dwayne enters with TOM HILTON.

FIDEL ...Sure - and we're going to need a preliminary autopsy report as soon as you've got it. (finishing call) Thank you.

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FIDEL They've gone back to Notre Dame.

TOM

Fidel, he dragged me out of Juliana's, still half a drink on the bar.

DWAYNE

Well you shouldn't go running off should you?

TOM I know my rights.

DWAYNE And what are they?

TOM That I'm allowed a phone call. And a beer.

CUT TO.

31 EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - GROUNDS - DAY 2, 1432

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Camille and Richard walking through the grounds.

CAM LLE You know what I'm thinking?

ri Chard

No.

CAM LLE How can you say that?

RICHARD Because I have never - at any time while I've been with you - known what you're thinking.

Camille considers a moment - has to agree with Richard's logic - and so they carry on together, side by side, eventually stopping by the car.

CAM LLE First, Angelique must have known her killer.

RI CHARD

Agr eed.

CAM LLE Secondly, to predict her own murder, she either managed to contact the spirit world...?

ri Chard

RI (Ioaded) Or.

CAM LLE Or she feared her life was in danger somehow and this was her way of telling us.

RI CHARD Thank you - finally - a sensible explanation. Of course.

CAM LLE Thirdly...We should speak to my Mot her .

RI CHARD Okay, now you've lost me.

CAM LLE I'm sure she knew Angelique Morel.

They get into the car and drive away.

CUT TO.

ri Chard

But she did?

CATHERI NE

No-one knows what really happened, but Delilah was such a sweet girl, people say she was torn between Nicholas and her lover. Both pulling her in different directions, until she couldn't cope any more.... Then one night, she went for a walk across the cliffs and threw herself into the sea.

CAM LLE Was her body ever found?

CATHERI NE

No.

Mother and daughter share a moment of sadness together.

There's a guttural rumbling;

RI CHARD

Sorry.

CAM LLE Was that your stomach?

RICHARD There's only so much mango and sweet potato a man can eat.

CATHERINE Can I cook you something?

ri Chard

Well...

CATHERINE A crab salad? Squid?

RI CHARD Er, no, I'm fine. Thank you.

A beat.

CATHERI NE

(to Camille) Poor Angelique...

CAM LLE Dwayne saw her last night, he said she predicted her own murder. 32

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32 CONTI NUED:

CATHERI NE

Voodoo?

ri Chard

Oh pl ease...

CATHERINE You don't believe?

RICHARD In people for et elling the future

usi ng chi cken bones? I'm more Church of England, really.

CATHERINE Because God is English?

RICHARD Almost certainly.

CATHERINE Do you know anything about voodoo?

ri Chard

Yes!

Richard realises both are waiting for him to expand...

RICHARD (CONT'D) It's witch doctors and wild hair, staring eyes...

CATHERINE It was born from slavery and colonization - but based on Christianity.

Camille smiles.

CATHERINE (CONT'D)

In Voodoo, the prayer's are Catholic - they even worship the Catholic Saints... Papa Legba holding the keys to the afterlife only because that's what St. Peter does.

ri Chard

... Well there were are. You learn something new every day. (stands) Thank you for your help. Come on Camille. Lots to do.

Camille kisses her Mother.

CAM LLE

. . .

Bye

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Richard and Camille walk to the door. Richard stops and looks back.

> RI CHARD Delilah Dunham's lover, do you know who he was?

CATHERI NE Yes. His name was Charlie Dean.

CUT TO.

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EXT. CATHERINE'S BAR - DAY 2, 1500 33

Richard and Camille at car.

RI CHARD Okay, so Father Charles was having an affair with Delilah - I wonder why he didn't tell us that.

CAM LLE

On Richard, he cannot argue...

CUT TO.

34	SCENE 34 OM TTED	34
35	SCENE 35 OM TTED	35
36	SCENE 36 OM TTED	36
37	INT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION - MAIN OFFICE - DAY 2, 1600	37

ri Chard

No, really? (beat) Take him to an interview room

Dwayne leads him away.

TOM Now where you taking me?

Camille turns to Fidel as Richard inspects his chair.

CAM LLE

Any news on the autopsy?

FIDEL It's scheduled for five o'clock this afternoon, they'll send a preliminary report.

RI CHARD Background checks on the staff?

FIDEL All clean except Tom in there, he's been arrested for most everything.

RI CHARD Including murder by any chance?

FI DEL

No sir... (picks up report.) Just...Theft, drunken behaviour, receiving stolen goods, driving without a license and goat rustling.

RI CHARD

Go and take his statement will you, concentrate on who he saw at the school this morning, particularly around the science lab.

FI DEL

Yes sir.

Fidel gets a notepad and pen together as Dwayne comes back out.

DWAYNE

So I asked around at the market and no-one remembers seeing Mr Dunham at the market at any time this morning. 37

Richard and Camille share a glance... is this it? The little breakthrough?

CAM LLE He's a well known figure... if he was there - like he said he was someone should have seen him

Richard gets up and walks to look over Camille's shoulder at her computer.

RICHARD So he lied about his movements?

CAM LLE And my mother was right... Delilah's body was never found.

RICHARD Print it out would you?

ri Chard

Let's bring himin.

CUT TO.

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37a NEW SCENE - EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - DAY 2, 1615

As Nicholas heads towards the school from the street, Richard and Camille appear from their Squad Car and ghost to his side.

ri Chard

M ster Dunham, would you accompany us to the station, we've got a few questions we'd like to ask you.

NI CHOLAS

No.

RICHARD asking politely - h

We're asking politely – but we can do this the hard way.

NI CHOLAS

Don't be so melodramatic, now if you'll excuse mel have things to do.

As Nicholas moves to walk away, Camille pulls out her handcuffs and CLUNKS them one by one onto Nicholas's hands.

CAM LLE In that case I'm arresting you for the murder of Angelique Morel.

Richard looks at Camille - They have not agreed to do this.

What?

NI CHOLAS

ri Chard

(CONTI NUED)

What?

CAM LLE (CONT'D)

You do not have to say anything but it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something you later rely on in court.

NI CHOLAS

You are making a serious mistake, young lady. Take these off - I'm innocent - Do you know who I am?

Camille strong-arms Nicholas back towards the car, Richard in her slipstream...mute... and as they all get in the car, Molly is at an upstairs window looking down on them all.

37a

Richard notices Molly's consternation... and looks at Nicholas, his mind turning over.

With Nicholas now in the back seat, Richard and Camille head for the front doors, but before they get in, Camille responds to the look of horror on Richard's face.

CAM LLE

uvviLL (whispering) What?

RI CHARD I was hoping to keep it, less.... Official?

CAM LLE He wasn't co-operating.

RI CHARD It's a good job you're not armed.

Molly watches them go from the They get in and drive away. upstairs window. They also pass Father Charles.

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37b NEW SCENE - INT. HONORE POLICE STATION - CELLS - DAY 2, 37b 1635

> CLOSE UP - Camille locking the door on Nicholas inside the cell.

Nicholas looks at Camille... confused and angry.

NI CHOLAS You'll regret this young lady.

Camille turns and leaves, but just as she reaches the door --

NI CHOLAS (CONT'D) I believe l'mallowed a phone call.

-- and Camille smiles as she looks back at Nicholas. She knows she's got 'her' man.

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NEW SCENE - INT. HONORE POLICE STATION - MAIN OFFICE - DAY 37c 37c 2, 1715

Richard sits at his desk studying the book on herbs - while Camille checks over the evidence with Dwayne - Fidel on the phone - everyone aware of how high the stakes are.

(as he hangs up)

RI CHARD (CONT'D) murder in his own classroom, using poison from a cupboard only <u>he</u> has a key to?

SELWYN (O.S.)

No he isn't.

Selwyn enters and everyone is thrown - and variously stand to attention.

CAM LLE

Sir?

SELVWN I just got a phone call from Nicholas Dunham saying you've arrested him for murder. Please tell me it isn't true.

A Beat as Selwyn realises that it's true... and he sighs.

SELVWN (CONT'D) He carries a lot of influence on the island, I hope that any case you have against him is completely watertight?

A look between Richard and Camille, he doesn't want to get her into trouble.

> RICHARD The investigation is ongoing sir.

Richard realises something... and is really puzzled.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) Why did he phone you?

CUT TO.

37d NEW SCENE - I NT. HONORE POLICE STATION - CELLS - DAY 2, 37d 1720

Selwyn, Richard, Camille, Fidel and Dwayne all enter to see Nicholas standing - noble - wronged.

CAM LLE You weren't at the market - we've asked - no-one remembers seeing you?

NI CHOLAS

That's because I wasn't there.

Richard and Camille share a worried glance.

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CAM LLE

38b PREVIOUSLY SC 57 - INT. ORPHANAGE - COMPUTER ROOM - DAY 2, 38b 1731

-- a brightly-lit room full of DOZENS OF CHILDREN (under the age of 10) all playing and laughing - and there are computers installed on a table nearby.

NI CHOLAS

It's an orphanage. (to Richard) The school board paid for new computers at our school... but the old ones work perfectly well, it's an over-indulgence.

SELVWN So you brought the new ones here instead?

NICHOLAS Yes. Although Tom did most of the donkey work.

SELVYN When was Angelique killed, Camille?

CAM LLE Just before el even, sir.

NI CHOLAS

I'm sure the sisters will confirm I was here at least ten minutes before eleven. In time for morning tea.

Sister Helena smiles.

ri Chard

(to Nicholas) So to be clear: your alibi for the time of the murder is that you were doing charity work in an orphanage, surrounded by nuns?

NI CHOLAS

Yes.

Richard and Selwyn look at Camille - who knows she's cocked up massively.

CUT TO.

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38c NEW SCENE - EXT. ORPHANAGE - DAY 2, 1732

Selwyn, Richard and Camille come out of the orphanage.

(CONTI NUED)

SELWYN

Well that was humiliating.

CAM LLE

(to Selwyn) I'm sorry, sir. Arresting Nicholas was my idea.

RI CHARD

He brought it on himself, by lying about where he was.

SELWYN

He's a very difficult man, he likes to play games. I suggest you try not to get on the wrong side of

Dwayne approaches, worried.					
FIDEL I used to do this when I was young.	*				
DWAYNE You <u>are</u> young.	*				
Fidel lobs another stone - he doesn't agree with Dwayne.	*				
FIDEL Goon, then, tell me	*				
DWAYNE No, seriously – you <u>don't</u> think you're young?	* * *				
FIDEL I'm nearly twenty-six, Dwayne.	*				
Dwayne holds out his hand.	*				
DWAYNE Give methose.	*				
Fidel hands over the stones - and Dwayne starts lobbing them listlessly into the sea, depressed.					
DWAYNE (CONT'D) So what was this headmaster like when you were there?	* * *				
FIDEL Mr Dunham? Don't know really, he was okay one minute, but then he could turn you know	* * *				

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	FIDEL (CONT'D) (beat)		*		
	Mr Dùnham told me I was being		*		
	boastful and that was a bad		*		
	thing So he took my boots away		*		
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	DWAYNE		*		
	No!		*		
	FLDEL		*		
	He made me play in my old		*		
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	Fidel It's a shame we won't be locking				
	him up anytime soon Seems his				
	alibi checked out and get this He was with a bunch of nuns				
	Nulls ?				
	DWAYNE		*		
	I know. Don't ask.		*		
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startslob	bbing again, Fidel and Dwayne now both companional		*		
lobbing st	ones into the gently-lapping sea in the sunshine.		*		
	FI DEL		*		
	But that means the prophesy isn't		*		
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	killed by a scalled han.				
Dwayne loo	thing So he took my boots away from me. DWAYNE No! FIDEL He made me play in my old trainers (beat) I think I cried through the whole match. DWAYNE That's nasty man FIDEL Why would you do something like that? DWAYNE Some people just drag you down Fidel It's a shame we won't be locking him up anytime soon Seems his alibi checked out and get this He was with a bunch of nuns. FIDEL Nuns? DWAYNE I know. Don't ask. idel grabs up a handful of stones from the beach - and he tarts lobbing again, Fidel and Dwayne now both companionably obbing stones into the gently-lapping sea in the sunshine. FIDEL But that means the prophesy isn't true after all. Angelique wasn't				
	FIDEL (CONT'D)		*		
	They say poison is a woman's				
	weapon.		×		
	DWAYNE		*		
	Molly the secretary?		*		
	FLDEL		*		
			*		

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I thought she was the nicest person you knew. Fidel about to speak, but realises that Dwayne is grinning broadly, teasing him He doesn't bother, just goes back to throwing stones. CUT TO. EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - CHAPEL - DAY 2, 1740

Father Charles comes out of the Chapel and locks the door. He turns to find Richard and Camille waiting for him

> RI CHARD Why didn't you tell us about your relationship with Delilah Dunham, Fat her?

DWAYNE

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(kindly, appreciating the

On Father Charles.

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- EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL SCHOOL GROUNDS DAY 2, 1741 41 41

Father Charles sitting on the bench, thoughtful. Richard and Camille looking on.

FATHER CHARLES

It was fifteen years ago now... Delilah was a keen cyclist... I was just a young member of staff... You have to understand how attractive Delilah was.

CAM LLE She was very beautiful.

FATHER CHARLES

One day I was in my car and she slammed into me at a junction. Broke her armin two places. I visited her in hospital as often as I could and... Ni chol as, her husband...isn't a very warm person... We started having an affair.

CAM LLE When did her husband find out?

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FATHER CHARLES

She couldn't bear the deception... So one night she told him she was leaving. (beat) He was heartbroken of course, as he had every right to be...He begged her to stay. (beat) I'm ashamed to say I put so much pressure on her. I told her she had to leave him I gave her no way out.

CAM LLE Before she disappeared, did you know what she'd decided?

FATHER CHARLES

No, but... she was fragile and... at one point she said she felt like ending it all...

RI CHARD You believe she committed suicide?

A BEAT but Father Charles clearly believes it was suicide.

FATHER CHARLES

The day after she vanished, I resigned and joined a seminary. And now... my life is my penance.

ri Chard

Your friendship with Nicholas Dunham Isn't that a little odd?

FATHER CHARLES

We made our peace a long time ago. He was destroyed by losing her, we both were.

ri Chard

Did Angelique believe Nicholas killed her daughter?

Father Charles doesn't want to say... but knows he's got no choice.

FATHER CHARLES Yes. She made no secret about it.

Richard and Camille share a glance.

RI CHARD But you didn't.

41 CONTI NUED:

FATHER CHARLES

No.

ri Chard

Can I ask why?

Father Charles looks back at the Chapel - he's uncomfortable.

FATHER CHARLES Nicholas is no killer.

RI CHARD

Ah. Of course. As school Priest, you hear the Headmaster's confession, don't you?

FATHER CHARLES (meaning 'yes') I couldn't possibly say.

CUT TO.

42 I NT/ EXT. POLI CE SQUAD CAR - DAY 2, 1742

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Camille and Richard walk to the car from the school, Richard sweating in the sunshine as he looks through Delilah's file.

CAM LLE

What a sad story.

RI CHARD

You know... I'm surprised they had to dig up Nicholas's patio, it would have fallen apart anyway.

CAM LLE

What?

Richard holds up an old receipt from a builder's merchants.

ri Chard

They've got a copy of Nicholas's building supplies in the original file, and he's got the ratio all wrong... he's ordered too much lime and not enough sand or cement.

CAM LLE

You're incredible, you know that?

ri Chard

Thank you. (misunderstanding Camille's bafflement) I know. He may be a Scientist, but he knows next to nothing about grouting.

(CONTI NUED)

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42 CONTI NUED:

Richard's brain starts racing.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Why involve the Commissioner?

CAM LLE

What's that got to do with this?

RI CHARD

He could have just taken us to the Orphanage, couldn't he? Or phoned for a solicitor - or lawyer - like a normal person. But Nicholas wanted us humiliated. (beat) Why?

Richard paces, Camille watches.

RI CHARD (CONT'D)

To make us back off? But he has an alibi for the time of the murder, so what's he frightened of? (beat - in realisation) What if he really is the murderer?

CAM LLE Great! So when <u>I</u> think Nicholas is

guilty - and arrest him - you're not interested - but the moment he proves he's innocent, suddenly you're convinced he's guilty?

ri Chard

Pr obl em?

CAM LLE Yes. You are the most annoying man I have ever met.

RICHARD Well it's a very small island. (beat) Right, I need a hardware store, one with a pet section if possible.

CAM LLE

Excuse me?

ri Chard

(strides to car) Our headmaster is not the only one who can play games...

CUT TO.

42a SCENE 42A OM TTED

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42b	NEW SCENE - EXT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION - DAY 2, 1801	42b *
	Dwayne emerges from the Station and peels off his latex gloves, tired - and leans on the balustrade, taking in the view.	* * *
	Fidel comes out a few moments later - also in latex gloves and holding a thick make-up brush (that he's been using to dust for fingerprints) and some fingerprint cards.	* * *
	FIDEL What are you doing?	*
	DWAYNE (not really listening) Hmm?	* * *
	FIDEL (re: Dwayne not doing anything) You know?	* * *
	DWAYNE Ch. Right. Well I'm doing what it Iooks like. I'm taking a break.	* * *
	FIDEL But we're so close to finishing	* * *
	DWAYNE Fidel, you've got to remember. According to every time and efficie20 842c016900 Tc 12 42 12re Wn/Cs1 cs 0	* * 5 q 5n /

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FI DEL	*
That quick answer thing I've	*
never been very good at that.	*
Sometimes the Ínspector asks me a	*
question and I freeze It's like	*
my brain refuses to give up any	

CAM LLE (INTO MOBILE) (CONT'D)

Thanks.

She hangs up and joins Richard trying to close the boot.

CAM LLE (CONT'D) You know of all the things I thought we might need to solve this case, a fish tank wasn't very high on my list.

ri Chard

Who was that?

CAM LLE Fidel's finished dusting the available evidence for prints.

RICHARD Huh. Hang on... no don't tell me...

Richard thinks a moment - and then --

RI CHARD (CONT'D) The Cyanide bottle from Nicholas's cupboard is covered in fingerprints, but only Nicholas's. And the same is true of the rum bottle and one of the shot glasses. The other... has got both his and Angelique's prints on.

Camille looks at Richard, trying to work him out.

Richard is about to slam the boot on the car shut --

RICHARD (CONT'D) (matter-of-factly) Step back --

Camille steps back as he SLAMS the boot shut and heads to the front of the car.

CAM LLE Was there any point in us checking?

RICHARD Of course, but there's no surprise in everything pointing to Nicholas Dunham being the killer, it's been that way from the start. (beat) What about Tom Hilton - what did he say in his interview?

(CONTI NUED)

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That he heard and saw nothing - but he reckons he saw Angelique alive in Nicholas's classroom <u>after</u> Nicholas left for the Orphanage.

RICHARD How very convenient for Nicholas.

CAM LLE So did he kill Angelique or not?

RICHARD I'm hoping the fish tank will tell us.

CUT TO.

43a PREVI CUSLY SC 42A (AND SC 45) - EXT. NI CHOLAS' S HOUSE - 43a BACK GARDEN PATI O - DAY 2, 1810

> Nicholas sits at a little garden table on a large patio overlooking the bay of Honoré... his mind racing...

> > MOLLY

You look like you need a drink.

He turns to see Molly - she hands him a drink.

MOLLY (CONT'D) Gin and Tonic.

NI CHOLAS

Thank you.

She smiles and kisses him

CUT TO.

44 I NT. RI CHARD'S BUNGALOW - MAIN ROOM - DAY 2, SUNSET / MAGIC 44 HOUR - 1830

> Richard has the fish tank on a dresser, he's wiring up a light bulb to sit inside it - and as he works, he turns to see the lizard on the sofa back watching him

> > RICHARD No, it's not for you...

He CLICKS the switch and the fish tank illuminates!

Richard takes two wooden kitchen paper towel stands (or similar) from the carrier bag and puts them both inside the tank.

He then places a glass of water in the corner of the tank.

Richard pointedly returns to the file... but he can't settle.

RI CHARD You're early.

CUT TO.

48 INT. RICHARD'S BUNGALOW - MAIN ROOM - DAY 3, 0725

48 CONTI NUED:

Richard indicates as he talks - but he also takes out the gloves on the stand, getting together some graphite powder.

> **RI CHARD** The lightbulb heats the metal ring the metal ring heats the superglue it evaporates... And here's the clever bit: once it becomes a gas, the fumes will only stick to the amino acids, fatty acids and proteins that you find in fingerprints.

Despite herself Camille is impressed.

CAM LLE Seriously?

RI CHARD Allowing you to reveal fingerprints on difficult surfaces... (beat) Like the inside of latex gloves.

Richard BLOWS SOVE GRAPHITE POWDER onto the tips of one of the gloves - and it's now possible to see PARTIALS OF FINGERPRINTS on the end of two of the 'fingers'.

SCENE 49 OM TTED 49

INT. HONORÉ POLICE STATION - MAIN OFFICE - DAY 3, 0759 50 50

> Richard and Camille enter - Fidel at his desk, Dwayne dealing with a member of the public.

Richard hands Fidel the evidence bag containing the gloves.

RI CHARD There are prints on the fingertips of these gloves, see if we can get a match will you?

FI DEL

Yes sir.

Fidel busies himself as Richard sits at his desk to see two small bags of ice dangling on a wire in front of his fans.

He looks across at Fidel who smiles knowingly. Richard forces a smile, then looks at the water dripping on his desk. He slides a paper cup under each dripping bag as Dwayne finishes what he was doing and joins the others.

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RICHARD Okay, so our headmaster has an alibi that includes orphans and nuns. We have a heartbroken priest, a caretaker with criminal tendencies and a school secretary who's loyalty knows no bounds.

FI DEL

And don't forget the Voodoo proph....

Fidel winces and stops as everyone looks at him

RICHARD And then there's Delilah... the daughter, wife and lover who vanished into thin air... (beat)

NI CHOLAS

You dare come here - and ask me more questions - after yesterday?

RICHARD I'mintrigued that you never felt the need to mention your wife's disappearance..

NI CHOLAS

It was fifteen years ago man, I don't see how it's relevant.

RICHARD Surely we should be the judge of that.

Richard walks to the doors and looks out over the patio.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) We spoke to Father Charles yesterday, he explained what happened.. (beat)

NI CHOLAS

ANGELIQUE You killed her! The Spirits have spoken, murderer! [etc.]

NI CHOLAS (V.O.) I had to confess... confess or I'd have a Voodoo curse put on me I'd never be able to break.

Nicholas SLAMS his palms down on his desk in impotent rage.

NICHOLAS Enough! You will not speak to me like this in my school!

Angelique stares at Nicholas, proud and insolent - so he strides out of the room, leaving Angelique behind.

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

CUT TO.

54 EXT. NI CHOLAS'S HOUSE - BACK GARDEN PATIO - DAY 3, 0833 54

CAM LLE

You lost your temper with her?

NI CHOLAS

I am a headmaster, I was in my own school, I think that should afford me a little respect, don't you?

ri Chard

Surely she's accused you before, what was different about this time?

NI CHOLAS

I have no idea.

CAM LLE Then what about evidence? Did she have any proof to back up her claims?

Panic - or is it surprise? - slips onto Nicholas's face.

MOLLY

Of course she didn't! My Nicholas couldn't hurt anyone. He's no killer.

Molly is zealous... and Nicholas relaxes to be so protected -Camille and Richard both noticing.

CUT TO.

54a SCENE 54A OM TTED

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57	SCENE 57 OM TTED	57
58	INT. CATHERINE'S BAR - MAIN BAR AREA - DAY 3, 1100	58

Richard sits at the bar with Camille and Dwayne - as Catherine prepares three lime, rum and ice daiquiris.

RICHARD What are we missing?

CATHERINE (to Camille) He doesn't look very happy.

CAM LLE The case isn't going very well.

RICHARD I'm not invisible - I can hear you, you know. Or maybe that's the problem I'm invisible.

Richard turns back to being introverted and morose - the others aware they need to walk on egg shells.

RI CHARD (CONT'D)

Why can't we find a motive - it shouldn't be hard. An old woman is killed, who benefits? There's got to be... there's something we're not getting - some key that if we could just identify it would unlock the whole case, l'm sure of it... Richard's stomach rumbles again.

CATHERINE (to Camille) Is he really not eating?

CAM LLE

58 CONTI NUED:

Fidel enters - excited - a folded-over piece of A4 in his hand.

FI DEL

Sir! I've got the --

Fidel stops out as he realises that Richard is 'in his head'... and they all watch Richard chase down the last couple of thoughts... and then he starts to gather everything up and head for the door --

> FIDEL (CONT'D) I've got the results on the latex gloves I found in the bin.

RICHARD I know who was wearing them

FIDEL But... I haven't told you yet.

Richard looks at his team .. at his most brilliant and infuriatingly smug.

RI CHARD You don't need to. I already know.

CAM LLE You know who the murderer is?

RICHARD Gather everyone in Nicholas's classroom - and the Commissioner, he'll want to see this. Good work, team

And Richard is out of the bar, his bemused team left behind.

Richard reappears in the doorway --

RI CHARD (CONT'D) And thank you, Catherine, your father was right after all. A rum cocktail was the answer... I'd just been asking the wrong question.

CUT TO.

59 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - NI CHOLAS'S LAB - DAY 3, 1200 [THE 59 DENOUEMENT PART 1]

Richard is by the Store Cupboard - with Camille, Fidel, Dwayne, Nicholas, Tom, Molly, Selwyn and Father Charles all nearby...

ri Chard

This case has been impossible from the start. A voodoo prediction that couldn't be true... evidence that pointed at only one man... and all this time this nagging sense that I was missing something.

Richard turns to Tom

RI CHARD (CONT'D) Tom My team have never believed you were a credible murder suspect... and they were right. You may have stolen a few computers for Charity - but you didn't kill Angelique, did you?

There's a frisson in the room - and everyone looks at Molly, Nicholas and Father Charles.

> RICHARD Any more than you did, Father Charles. You discovered the body,

but you're no murderer, either.

TOM

There's another frisson.

No!

RICHARD (CONT'D) But you did give us one crucial piece of information.

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

Father Charles telling Richard that 'it's no secret to say her health was deteriorating.

RI CHARD (V. O.) (CONT'D) Because you talked about Angelique as though she were already dying. Plenty of evidence of which could 62 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - NI CHOLAS' S LAB - DAY 3, 1212 [SC 62 59 - THE DENOUEMENT PART 2]

> RICHARD Isn't that right, Father?

FATHER CHARLES I can't break the seal of the confessional.

NI CHOLAS She came to confession?

Father Charles can't say.

CAM LLE She's dead, Father. You'll be helping catch her killer.

Father Charles looks at Camille...

FATHER CHARLES She had severe heart disease. The way she put it, she was dying of a broken heart...

A BEAT.

FATHER CHARLES (CONT'D)

So when I found her body, I just thought she'd... had a coronary. When you told me she'd been murdered...?

RI CHARD

But this was no coronary - the Pathologist's report is clear. Angelique was killed by a fatal dose of Cyanide. Which leaves us only two suspects.

Everyone looks at Nicholas and Molly.

RICHARD (CONT'D) And let's take a moment to consider Angelique's voodoo prophesy.

NI CHOLAS

You don't believe that claptrap, do you?

ri Chard

Her warning clearly pointed the finger of suspicion at you, Nicholas - the scarred man. And it's obvious, isn't it - when you think about it - this is your

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RICHARD (CONT'D) classroom, your poison, only you could have killed her.

NI CHOLAS

But you know where I was!

ri Chard

Ah, the dream alibi, orphans and nuns no less. (beat) You could have killed her before you left and begged Tom to lie about seeing her alone. Because that's what you do, isn't it, Headmaster? Demand the loyalty and respect of those around you?

NI CHOLAS

Now just wait a moment!

Nicholas looks for support from Selwyn - who is a blank.

RI CHARD

But then it struck me. (beat) Everything about Angelique's death was carefully constructed to frame you for her murder. (beat) You've been set up, M ster Dunham, from the start. You didn't kill Angelique Morel.

Everyone shocked.

RI CHARD (CONT' D)

And seeing as we already know that Tom didn't kill her - and Father Charles didn't kill her - and now you didn't kill her... that leaves only you, Mss Kerr.

Everyone's turned to look at Molly, who looks like she's about to have a melt-down... or bolt.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) The perfect secretary - the person who's al ways there to pick up the pieces. (beat) And I'm sure you could acquire the key to the poison cupboard at any time you wanted. (indicating the desk) And you'd have known where he kept his stash of rum MOLLY

But why? Why would I kill Angelique?

RICHARD And there we have it again... why? Don't worry, M ss Kerr, you didn't kill Angelique any more than the other three did.

Everyone is stunned - Fidel quickly counting on his fingers to four as he looks at the four suspects...

FATHER CHARLES

Then who --

RI CHARD The Voodoo prophesy was the key after all. (beat) There is only one possible way Angelique could have known she'd be murdered within twenty-four hours of her prophesy - and that all the evidence would point at Mr Dunham

Richard looks at Camille, her face falls... in horrific realisation.

RI CHARD (CONT'D)

62 CONTI NUED:

CAM LLE (CONT'D) least this way her death would have some meaning.

WITH A WHITE FLASH OF THE SCREEN WE FLASHBACK TO.

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62a EXT. HONORE OLD TOWN - NIGHT 1, FLASHBACK, 2300

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Angelique performs her original Voodoo prophesy - Dwayne watching.

CAM LLE (V.Q) She knew Dwayne was a police officer. And she knew that when she made her prediction she was telling the Police who to suspect.

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63 I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - NI CHOLAS' S LAB - DAY 3, 1214 [SC 63 59 - THE DENOUEMENT PART 3]

All look at Dwayne.

DWAYNE

Yeah...But luckily I didn't fall for it.

A look from Fidel...

RI CHARD

But seeing as she couldn't have got into the poisons cupboard there, how did she get hold of the Cyanide to kill herself? Oh and you were right headmaster, about no poisons being missing from the cupboard. You see she brought her own.

63a NEW SCENE - INT. ANGELIQUE'S BUNGALOW - MAIN ROOM - DAY 2, 63a FLASHBACK, 1000

Angelique taking out a small vial of clear liquid.

WITH A FLASH WE ARE BACK TO.

From his jacket pocket, Richard pulls out the plant book he found at Angelique's house.

RI CHARD Angelique studied herbal remedies, there weren't any plants on the island she didn't know or understand the properties of... (beat) (MORE) 63a CONTI NUED:

RI CHARD (CONT'D) Including one specific variety found at her house.

63b NEW SCENE - I NT. ANGELI QUE'S BUNGALOW - KI TCHEN - DAY 2, 63b FLASHBACK, 1347

Richard looking at plant tubers hanging in Angelique's house.

63c NEW SCENE - INT. RICHARD'S BUNGALOW - MAIN ROOM DAY 3, 63c FLASHBACK, 0715

Richard in his pyjamas studying plant book, he sees the picture of the same tubers. Underneath is written CASSAVA.

WITH A FLASH WE ARE BACK TO.

ri Chard

Cassava.

Take Camille's reaction.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Which if you boil and drain off the liquid.

CAM LLE (grins in realisation) Gives you cyanide.

63d NEW SCENE - I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL, NI CHOLAS'S LAB - DAY 2, 63d FLASHBACK, 1041

Angelique getting out the rum bottle and shot glasses... and putting Cyanide from the vial into '<u>her</u>' shot glasses.

RICHARD (V.O.) Her plan was simple. She laced her own rum with Cyanide...

63e NEW SCENE - I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL, NI CHOLAS' S LAB - DAY 2, 63e FLASHBACK, 1042

Angelique returning the bottle to the drawer.

RICHARD (V.O.) Before returning the bottle to the drawer - knowing that Nicholas's fingerprints would be on everything.

63f NEW SCENE - I NT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL, NI CHOLAS'S LAB - DAY 2, 63f FLASHBACK, 1043

Angelique crushing the tiny glass vial and flushing the pieces down the sink. Leaving just the one Dwayne found.

RICHARD (V.O.) That's why we found a shard of glass in the sink. It's how she disposed of the vial.

WITH A FLASH WE ARE BACK TO.

A beat.

SELVYN Can you prove any of this?

RICHARD (to Fidel) Fidel found some latex gloves in the waste bin there - with only Angelique's fingerprints inside

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RICHARD Not of Angelique - your wife, Delilah.

Nicholas is horrified by the charge - as is everyone.

NI CHOLAS

You can't possibly --

ri Chard

Angelique believed you murdered her daughter --

NI CHOLAS

But Angelique was mad - raving --

ri Chard

Driven mad perhaps - because she knew you'd killed her daughter but could never prove it.

NI CHOLAS

But I'm innocent! Take these damn things off me, don't you understand who I am?

MOLLY

Leave the poor man alone, he went through this fifteen years ago you won't be able to prove that anyone killed that stupid woman!

RI CHARD Ah! But that's the thing... I can.

Everyone is stunned by this boast.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Because anyone can commit murder murder's the easy part. But how to dispose of the body? That's where most murderers fail why they're caught.

A chill settles on the room, Richard exchanges a look with Selwyn.

RICHARD (CONT'D) The breakthrough came when I was drinking a local cocktail. It was only rum, lime and ice, but it was... like paint-stripper.

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NI CHOLAS

I didn't kill her, you're... Molly, believe me, I...?!

Nicholas's statement sounds desperate... and hollow. Molly looks at the skeleton.

CAM LLE

Lies. And al ways another one beyond.

ri Chard

I'm going to make a prophesy now like poor, sweet, deluded Angelique... but mine will come true, because it isn't based on faith - it's based on your subject... Science.

Richard indicates the skeleton.

RI CHARD (CONT'D) (to Nicholas) I'm sorry to do this to you, Father, but tell me. When Delilah had her bicycle accident, she broke her armin two places, didn't she? Do you remember which bones?

Nicholas has gone very still and extremely cold.

FATHER CHARLES The Humerus and the Radius.

Richard has a pencil out - and he indicates CLEAR BREAKS in both the Humerus and Radial bones of the skeleton's left arm

Molly moves away from Nicholas in horror...

RICHARD Angelique hoped that her death would put her daughter's killer behind bars... and it will. We'll be able to use Angelique's DNA to prove that these are the mortal remains of her daughter... Delilah.

NI CHOLAS

(to Father Charles) I told you she'd never leave me for you.

Father Charles looks at the evil in Nicholas's eyes... and at the pain and confusion in Molly's... and he LUNGES FOR NICHOLAS, trying to strike him to the ground - Dwayne and Camille quick onto him to try and stop him

ri Chard

Okay, enough! Fidel, perhaps you'd like to take Mr Dunhaminto detention?

fi del

Yes sir!

Richard puts a hand on Dwayne's shoulder.

RICHARD The prophesy was right in one respect. The truth was in the bones after all.

Richard's team are happy - as is Selwyn... and so is Richard.

CUT TO.

69 EXT. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - DAY 3, 1245

Fidel and Dwayne lead an unrepentant and handcuffed Nicholas to the Squad Car - Molly standing nearby with Father Charles utterly distraught, weeping into his shoulder.

> CAM LLE ... So seeing as you're now into prophesies, how about I make one I know will come true?

ri Chard

...Go on.

CAM LLE If I ask you out for a drink with me and the team tonight, you'll refuse to come.

RICHARD You're wrong. I'd love to do that.

Camille is stunned.

RI CHARD (CONT'D)

But unfortunately l've got... errands to run - you know? - sorry and dinner to prepare and... so maybe we could all do something together you know, some other time?

Camille looks at Richard - knows she's getting the polite brush off - and she's not going to settle for it.

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So	t hat '	s	what	you	meant	when	you	

said you had dinner to prepare.

CAM LLE

(CONTI NUED)

Or little girl - what ever you end up having - the point being, when they need some boots, they've got some... and they're brand new.

On Fidel.

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CLOSE UP - A TIN OPENER CUTTING THE LID OFF A TIN OF FOOD

Richard twists the handle on the tin opener - entirely absorbed in his task. He spoons out some of the contents of the tin into a plastic bowl... brown lumps in jelly...

ri Chard

Then how about this one?

Richard puts the bowl of jellied meat into the glass tank now holding the lizard.

There are already EIGHT BOWLS OF JELLIED MEAT on the side - each one with the relevant opened tin next to it --

All of them different flavours of cat and dog food -Richard's LIZARD nearby looking balefully at the bowl.

Richard picks up the opened tin from the counter.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Oh come on, this one claims to be 'as good as it looks', which is a startling slogan, considering how it looks.

Richard puts the tin down next to the bowl - the lizard still not moving.

RICHARD (CONT'D) If eight out of ten cats have a preference, can't one lizard?

As he's bending over - he notices a PALR OF FEET IN FLIP FLOPS in his view.

He looks up... and Camille is standing in his kitchen wearing a light summer dress.

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Richard's life ends.

RI CHARD ... You know how I said I'd never know what you're thinking?

CAM LLE

Yup?

RICHARD I know what you're thinking.

CAM LLE (grinning in joy) You haven't the first idea.

Richard straightens, wanting to end the humiliation.

There's laughter and chat from Dwayne, Fidel, Tom and Selwyn -