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Cast of Characters

Homer Simpson Marge Simpson Bart Simpson Lisa Simpson Maggie Simpson

Bart's Classmates

Charles Montgomery Burns Wayland Smithers

Seymour Skinner Edna Krebappel

Moe Szyslak Apu Nahasapeemapetilon Barney Gumbel Carl Lenny

Milhouse Van Houten

Herschel Krustofsky Bob Terwilliger

Clancy Wiggum
Dispatch
Other Police Officers

Kent Brockman

Julius Hibbert
Cut to - Springfield - at night

[theme from 'COPS' playing]

Enter Chief Clancy Wiggum

[theme from 'COPS' ends]

Chief Wiggum

This is a nice night to do rounds: nothing to ruin it whatsoever. [picks up his two-way radio] Clancy to base, first rounds completed, no signs of trouble.

Enter Dispatch, on other side of the CB radio

Dispatch

[crackling] Come in, 14.

Chief Wiggum

This is 14. Over.

Dispatch

There's a report of a man down in front of Moe's bar. An ambulance has already been sent. How long until you get there?

Chief Wiggum

In less than two minutes. [turns siren on, and turns off CB radio] This will be a good time to get a drink in [chuckles to himself]
[Exit]

Cut to - Springfield - Moe's Tavern - at night

Enter Chief Wiggum

Chief Wiggum

[to CB radio] Dispatch, I have arrived at the scene, over and out. [gets out of the car]

Enter Homer Simpson, Moe Szyslak, Carl, Lenny, Barney Gumbel, and Charles Montgomery Burns

Chief Wiggum

What exactly happened here?

Homer

[drunkenly] We.saw.a.mur.der.

Chief Wiggum

Say again? You saw a moodoo?

Homer

Shut.up.Wig.gum. I.said.mur.der.

Moe

He can't understand you, Homer. [to Chief Wiggum] He said that we saw a murder. Over there! [points to the fallen body of Charles Montgomery Burns]

Chief Wiggum

[walks over to the body] Wait a minute.this isn't Mr. Burns, this is a man in disguise! [pulls at Burns' face] Hey! It really is Mr. Burns! It looked like a mask on his face. [walks over to his car, and picks up CB] Dispatch, this is 14. Please respond.

Dispatch

We copy, 14. What is the situation at Moe's Tavern?

Chief Wiggum

The man down is Mr. Burns. [sirens are heard in the distance] As of yet, I do not have a positive identification as to who the perpetrator is. 14 over and out.

Dispatch

Over and out.

Chief Wiggum

[turns off CB, and leaves his car, where an ambulance is set to arrive at the scene] Now, if anybody saw who did this, or can tell our sketcher what he looks like, please come forward.

Homer

[drunkenly] Yeah.chief.I.saw.something.[falls to the ground, passing out]

Chief Wiggum

Get that man to somewhere where he's not going to make an ass out of himself. [Exeunt Carl, Lenny and Homer] [an ambulance arrives at the scene]

Enter two paramedics

Paramedic I

[to other paramedic] Get the board out.

Paramedic II

Got it. [Looks at Mr. Burns] Hey! It's Mr. Burns! Man, he was shot good!

Chief Wiggum

Gentlemen, Mr. Burns has been shot.again. [Exeunt Paramedics and Burns] Well, it looks like nothing good is going to happen tonight. Hey, Moe! Gimme a beer!

Moe

Sounds like a plan. Okay everybody, show's over. Now, let's get the rats out of the bar and have some fun!

[Exeunt]

[Theme song from 'COPS']

Cut to - Springfield - The Simpson Residence - the next day

[Theme from 'The Itchy and Scratchy Show']

Enter Bart Simpson, Lisa Simpson, and Maggie Simpson Enter Herschel Krustofsky (Krusty the Klown) on television

Bart and Lisa [laughing hysterically]

Krusty

Hey, kids! Whooo-haa-haa-haaa! That's it for today's show. Tomorrow our special guest is someone who was a longtime member of our show, before Sideshow Mel, Sideshow Bob! He claims to have cleaned up his act. Hey-hey! We get to find out!

Bart

I feel the need for a little prank call. [picks up the phone and dials]

Cut to - Moe's Tavern

Enter Moe and the rest of the folks at the bar

Moe

[phone rings, and he picks up the phone] Moe's Tavern. Moe speaking. [pauses as he hears the message] Okay. Guys, Bee O'Problem. Bee O'Problem? Do I have a Bee O'Problem here?

Barney

You sure do! [all laugh except Moe]

Moe

Listen here. When I find out who you are, I'm gonna wash my floor with your face!

Cut to - The Simpson Residence

Bart and Lisa [laughing hysterically]

Enter Homer

Bart

Hey-o, daddy-o! Divulging yourself in some of the ice cream?

Homer

Mmmmmmmm...Ice cream [drools]

Bart

That's Homer for 'ya.

Homer

Shut up, boy. Put on the news. I want to find out if they caught Burns' shooter.

Lisa

Dad watching news? What else could happen, Maggie starts speaking?

Close-up shot on Maggie

Maggie

[pulls out her pacifier] [belches]

Enter Marge Simpson

Enter Kent Brockman, on the television

Kent Brockman

Mr. Burns was shot last night at Moe's Tavern. He was taken to the Springfield Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

All

[gasps]

Kent

He was later sent to a better hospital where he was pronounced alive.

All

[sighs]

Kent

There were witnesses at the scene; however, no one was able to identify the suspect. Off camera, one Homer Simpson, in his drunken state-

Marge

[yelling] Homer! You said you were at the Power Plant party!

Homer

I was! The party was at Moe's.

Kent

[continuing]-gave a somewhat fair description. He had big feet, and his hair was like the plane exhibit at the Springfield army camp. If anyone knows who the suspect was, or his whereabouts, please report to the Springfield Police Department. The suspect is believed to be armed and dangerous.

Bart

There's only one person I know that looks like that. [shudders] It's Sideshow Bob! Why would he shoot Mr. Burns, right after he saved the city from his brother's diabolical plan?

Lisa

I don't know. Oh no! [pauses] Didn't Krusty say that Bob was the special guest at the show tomorrow?

Bart

We have to stop him!

Cut to - Outside the Simpson residence. On the roof of an opposite house.

Enter "Sideshow" Bob Terwilliger

Sideshow Bob

[aiming his sniper rifle & talking to himself] Yes, Bart. I'm back. And I'm going to take my revenge out on everybody. Ever since that brother of mine framed me for destroying the dam, I now want everybody to pay. See you in Hell, Bart Simpson! [Sideshow Bob's trademark sinister laugh] [Exit]

Cut to - The Simpson Residence

Homer

Stupid glare. Marge! Close the curtains!

Marge

Sheesh! You don't have to yell! I'm only five feet away from you! [walks to the curtains, then a gunshot is heard, and Marge goes down]

All but Marge and Maggie Mom! (Homer: Marge!)

Homer

Bart! What's the number for 911?

Bart 911!

Homer

[dialing] Hurry the hell up!

Enter Chief Wiggum, on the other end of the phone

Chief Wiggum What can I do to help you?

Homer

[hysterically] My wife's been shot! Send an ambulance and a police car immediately to 742 Evergreen Terrace!

Chief Wiggum

Okay, let me type that down on my imaginary typewriter.[hums] lunatic!

Homer

I knew the police force was crooked, but you guys have gone too far! Risking the lives of innocent people!

Chief Wiggum

Innocent people? Why didn't you say so? I'll get someone over there right now! [hangs up]

Homer

Lousy, stinking-[utters obscenities to himself, hangs up & rushes to Marge]

Marge

Homer, what's happening? You're turning blurry!

Lisa

Oh, my god! She's going into shock!

Bart

[looks out the window to see the shadow of Sideshow Bob leaving the vicinity] That's it! Sideshow Bob is going down. He is going to pay!
[Exeunt]

Cut to - Springfield Elementary School - the next day - outside in the playground

Enter Bart, Lisa, Milhouse Van Houten, and others

Milhouse

Hey, Bart. I'm sorry about your mother. Is she going to be all right?

Bart

I don't know. [cries pitifully] All I know is that she's still alive. [turns from sad to angry] Sideshow Bob is going to pay for what he did, I promise you that.

Lisa

Bart, I know you're mad at Bob, and so am I. But taking justice into your own hands is not the right thing. Let the cops take care of it.

Bart

You heard Homer! He said that the cops were crooked!

Enter Principal Seymour Skinner

Principal Skinner

Bart, Lisa.[sighs heavily] I know how you must feel. I myself had to go through something like this. As a Sergeant in the Vietnam War, I witnessed many men, women and children go down, some of them my best friends.

Bart

With all due respect, Seymour, this is nothing like Vietnam, whatever that was. Sideshow Bob shot my mother, and that's a fact.

Principal Skinner

Yes, Sideshow Bob, the man who framed Krusty, tried to kill his new wife Selma Bouvier, tried to kill you, ran for mayor in a corrupt scam, tried to nuke Springfield, kill you again, and tried to come clean, until he and his brother blew up the dam.

Bart

Here's what scares me. I don't think that he was going after my mother. He wanted to take me out!

Principal Skinner

That's preposterous! Why would he want to kill you?

Lisa

I'll answer that. Some time ago, when Reverend Lovejoy and Cecil Terwilliger convinced Bob to work for Cecil after he got out of jail, they set to work on the dam. Unbeknownst to Bob, or to anyone else, Cecil had concocted a plan to blow up the dam, and leave Bob liable. Bob was framed for the dam incident, which probably explains why he shot Mr. Burns and my mother.

Principal Skinner

However, I am sorry for your hardships. Now, if you may, school is starting shortly.

Bart

Wait! Krus-

Principal Skinner

Hup, hup! To class, young man.

Bart

But.

Lisa

Forget it, Bart. He doesn't want to listen. [Exeunt]

Cut to - Springfield - Sideshow Bob's hideout

Enter Sideshow Bob

Sideshow Bob

No one is going to stop me from exacting my revenge! And at four p.m. today, Krusty the Klown will be making his final show! [Sideshow Bob's trademark sinister laughter then walks into a rake, hitting himself in the face] uhhhhhuhuhuhuhuhuh. [Exeunt]

Cut to - a hospital in Springfield - day

Enter Dr. Julius Hibbert, Charles Montgomery Burns, and Marge Simpson

Dr. Hibbert

Well, Marge, it seems that you were extremely lucky! The bullet only struck your shoulder and I expect a full recovery.

Marge

That's good to hear. Mr. Burns doesn't look too good.

Mr. Burns

What are you talking about, you blabbermouth? I am perfectly fine! Many people have made an attempt at my life, including your daughter, but I always succeed!

Enter Waylon Smithers

Smithers

Mr. Burns! I'm glad you're all right! I came back from the Dominican Republic as soon as I heard the news!

Dr. Hibbert

Mr. Smithers, your loyalty is commendable, but unnecessary. Mr. Burns I expect will make a full recovery, along with Marge Simpson, both presumably shot by the same person.

Smithers

Who would do such a despicable crime?

Marge

I believe my son said that it was Sideshow Bob that shot Mr. Burns, and if the doctor is correct, he is the man who shot me as well.

Enter Chief Wiggum

Chief Wiggum

Mrs. Simpson is right, Bob Terwilliger is the suspect, and he is the only person in Springfield to fit the description.

Marge

Thank you, Chief. I know now that with a positive identification you can now search the city to find Bob.

Chief Wiggum

Search, eh? Hmmmm .. That's a good idea! Hey, you should be on the force!

Marge

I was! I quit after I found out how corrupt the government is.

Enter Dispatch, on other end of Chief Wiggum's Walkie-talkie

Dispatch

14, come in, copy.

Chief Wiggum

This is fourteen.

Dispatch

We have possible whereabouts of Robert Terwilliger. Someone said that he saw him around the local elementary school, sitting outside his parked car. Copy that.

Chief Wiggum

I copy. I am on my way. Over and out. [exeunt Chief Wiggum and Smithers]

Dr. Hibbert

It's time for your happy hour. [Dr. Hibbert's trademark giggle] Sleep tight, both of you.

Cut to - Springfield Elementary School - inside Bart's classroom - day

Enter Bart, Mrs. Edna Krebappel, Milhouse, and the rest of Bart's classmates

Mrs. Krebappel

Now, class. Who can tell me who shot Abraham Lincoln? [waiting for an answer] Oh, for God's sake! We did a play on it! It was John Wilkes Booth!

Bart

Mrs. Krebappel, I would have loved to answer that, but my mind is on other things.

Mrs. Krebappel Like what?

Bart

Like my mother struggling for her life because Sideshow Bob tried to kill me and hit her instead!

Mrs. Krebappel

Gee, Bart. I'm so sorry! I had no idea!

Bart

What? Didn't your boyfriend Principal Skinner tell you the facts when you had another meeting in the janitor's closet?

Mrs. Krebappel

Bart Simpson, go to the Principal's office!

Bart

Anything to get out of this dump! [exit]

Mrs. Krebappel

For the rest of the week, I do not want any of you influencing or even talking to Bart. He's emotionally distressed right now, and anything will set his fuse.

[exeunt]

Cut to - Springfield Elementary School - outside

Enter Chief Wiggum and other officers

Chief Wiggum

Dispatch, copy.

Enter Dispatch, on the other end of the CB radio

Dispatch

Copy, 14

Chief Wiggum

The suspect is no longer in the premises. Any idea as to where he might have gone?

Dispatch

That's your field of work, 14. You tell me!

Chief Wiggum

Over and out! [turns off CB [exit Dispatch][aside to one of the other officers] Remind me to fire that damn dispatch!

Cut to - Springfield - outside of the school - on one of the rooftops adjacent to the school - day

Enter Sideshow Bob

Sideshow Bob

You'll never find me.I'm too crazy to be found! Krusty will never know what hit him-[slips from his footing] Ahhhhhhhh! Damn it all to Hell! [lands in

bush behind the policemen]

Chief Wiggum

Well, it looks like Sideshow Bob is not here. Let's go to the Doughnut Store! [exeunt all but Sideshow Bob]

Sideshow Bob

[from inside the bush] Uhhuhhuhhuhhuhhuhhuh. Revenge can be painful.
[exit]

Cut to - Springfield Elementary School - the principal's office - day

Enter Principal Skinner Enter Edna Krebappel, on other end of the public address speaker

Principal Skinner Nothing beats licking thousands of envelopes. [PA system beeps]

Edna Krebappel

Principal Skinner, this is Mrs. Krebappel. I've sent Bart Simpson to your office. He made some sort of innuendo towards our relationship. [children of her class laugh] Please see that he is duly punished.

Enter Bart

Principal Skinner Here he comes now, Edna. I'll see to him. Thank you! [exit Mrs. Krebappel]

Bart

Your lover sent me here.

Principal Skinner

Bart, I know you are going through a really tough time today, but this is absolutely no reason to enter into a revolt with each member of the faculty that you encounter today.

Bart

Principal Skinner, I'd tell you what I want to do,

but you'll just stop me.

Principal Skinner

And what would that be, young man?

Bart

Suspend me for a few days, so I can be out of school and stop Sideshow Bob from killing Krusty the Klown!

Principal Skinner

Bart, you know I cannot do that. Besides, the police are hot on his tail! I spotted Sideshow Bob outside the school today and called him in! When the police left, I assumed that they arrested Bob. You have nothing to worry about!

Bart

If you won't suspend me, then I'll just have to give you a reason to! [picks up stapler, and chucks it through the window, breaking it]

Principal Skinner

Very well, Bart. If you want suspension, that's what you'll get. I hereby suspend you for the rest of the week.

Bart

See you in a week, Seymour! [underneath his breath] Sucker!

Principal Skinner

What was that?

Bart

Nothing! [exit]

Principal Skinner

You may have won this battle, Bart, but in the long run it's always the principal winning the war.

Enter Edna Krebappel, on other end of the PA system

Mrs. Krebappel

Yes?

Principal Skinner

I would like to let you know that Bart Simpson will be missing your class for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Krebappel Why?

Principal Skinner

For one thing, he wanted the suspension, therefore he threw my stapler through the window. I'll have to get the Groundskeeper to clean the broken glass.

Mrs. Krebappel Very well, Seymour. Thank you! [exeunt]

Cut to - Springfield - the Kwik-e-Mart - day

Enter Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, and another customer

Apu

Thank you! Come again! [exit customer]

Enter Homer

Apu

Hey, Homer! I thought you had work today!

Homer

I did, but since Mr. Burns was shot, no one has been able to maintain the plant, so we get a three-week holiday until Burns recovers.

Apu

Yes, I heard of Mr. Burns getting shot. I also heard of another, but the name escapes my mind.

Homer

It was my wife. [sobs]

Apu

Oh, my God! I had no idea! I deeply send my condolences to the family. Do you have an idea who shot your wife?

Homer

The boy says it was some guy named Sideshow Bob.

Apu

Ah, the man who robbed my store and tried to frame Krusty for it.

Homer

Oh, yeah!

Apu

Is there anything you would like, like my extra spicy buffalo wings, or my non-alcoholic beer?

Homer

I need something in the area of a breakfast burrito.

Apu

You'll have the strawberry burrito in forty-five seconds. [turns microwave on]

Enter Krusty the Klown

Apu

Hello, Krusty! What brings you to the Kwik-e-Mart today?

Homer

[thinking to himself] Hey, wait a minute. This isn't Krusty! This is Sideshow Bob in disguise! [talking regularly] You don't fool me! [tackles Krusty]

Krusty

Get off me, you jackass!

Homer

You shot my wife! I'm gonna kill you!

Krusty

What the hell are you talking about! I didn't shoot your wife!

Homer

You're not Sideshow Bob?

Krusty

You want proof? [points with both hands to his face] This ain't makeup!

Homer

Ewwww. Well, Krusty, I am awfully sorry. I thought you were Sideshow Bob in disguise, like the time when he robbed the store and framed you.

Krusty

I should hit you square in the.

Apu

I must warn you that I have a shotgun underneath the counter!

Krusty

Well, your son did save my life, got the real robber in bars, and turned my life around multiple times. I'll forgive you, this time! But be warned! Anger me again, and you'll be needing plastic surgery!

Apu

I am glad that this confrontation is over. [microwave dings] Here's your burrito, Homer. That will be \$2.67. Take it and leave and come again!

Homer

Thanks, Apu. [exit Homer]

Krusty

Uhh, give me a Cuban cigar.

Apu

That will be ten dollars!

[exeunt]

Cut to - Springfield - near Krusty Studios - day

Enter Bart

Bart

[looks around] Wait a minute.a red fern?! We don't have red trees in Springfield! It's Sideshow Bob!

Enter Sideshow Bob

Sideshow Bob

Finally, my revenge will be complete! Not only is my

child nemesis dead, no one will be able to stop me! [pulls out his sniper rifle] Time to meet your maker, Krusty the Klown! [loads gun] Never has my plan worked so wonderfully! It's all because of that brat Bart Simpson! Not only did he expose me on live television that I had framed Krusty of holding up the Kwik-e-Mart, he foiled my plan to explode Selma, cunningly stalled me as I tried to kill him by making me sing, therefore crashing the boat, he uncovered my corrupt plan to run for mayor by revealing that I was using dead people as voters to ensure my mayoral campaign a success, and finally, he ruined my chances to nuke the entire city of Springfield! Why! Why must I be the one who gets foiled by a ten-year-old child! No, not this time. This time it will go perfectly. Bart Simpson is dead. He cannot get in my way of destroying my beautifully thought-out plan to take out Krusty the Klown!

Bart

You forgot one thing, Sideshow Bob!

Sideshow Bob

That voice. Oh no! It cannot be! You are dead!

Bart

No, thanks to you, my mother is nearly dead. Why, Sideshow Bob, why? You were going the right way! You vowed not to do any more crimes!

Sideshow Bob

Bart, there's a saying in life that goes 'once a criminal, always a criminal'. I honestly tried to turn to the good side, but my brother Cecil destroyed that dream when he framed be for blowing up the dam. Oh, how corrupt the police force is in Springfield.

Bart

You're telling me. They stalled on their way to the house to take my mother to the hospital after you shot her.

Sideshow Bob

Bart, I am really sorry that I shot your mother. The truth is, actually, that I was going after you, to get you out of the way so I can kill Krusty the Klown once

and for all! He's the one that denied my demands to destroy all televisions in Springfield before I nuked the town! He's the one that went 24-hours a day on the Emergency Broadcast line!

Bart

I realize that you have a grudge for Krusty, but don't you think this is going a little too far?

Sideshow Bob

He ruined my life-no, sorry, let me rephrase that. YOU ruined my life! Which is why I'm going to kill you now! [aims sniper rifle] Goodbye, Bart Simpson! And when I reach Hell may your eternal life be a living hell!

Bart

Noooooo! [ducks out of way as rifle shoots off a round, barely missing him]

Sideshow Bob

Damnation! Why can't you stay still?! [pulls out another bullet]

Bart

Bob, you are totally crazy! [lunges for Bob, as he attempts to reload] Uhhh. [grunts, and tries to tackle Sideshow Bob, and the sniper rifle slips from Bob's hands]

Sideshow Bob

Very well, I'll just kill you with my bare hands!

Bart

You have to catch me first! [starts running circles around Bob]

Sideshow Bob

Got you! [grabs Bart by the scruff of his collar] Now, you will surely die! [sirens in the distance, and police cars enter the vicinity]

Enter Chief Wiggum and other officers

Chief Wiggum

Freeze! Sideshow Bob, you're under arrest.again!

Sideshow Bob

What?! No! Why me! How could you know?

Bart

[struggling to free himself from Bob's grasp] I called them before I left school, knowing you'd be here sooner or later. It was just a matter of time before they'd show up and foil your plan [writhes free from Bob, and stamps on his feet]

Sideshow Bob

Owww!

Bart

Get him, boys!

Chief Wiggum

Hey, that's my line! [pauses] Uh, get him, boys! [officers tackle Bob, and arrest him] Bart, you are tremendously lucky that we got here in time! The boys stopped over at the doughnut shop on the way!

Bart

You did what?! What were you thinking?

Chief Wiggum

That you could have taken care of this by yourself, seeing that you had foiled Sideshow Bob at least five times before!

Bart

He had a sniper rifle! You think that I was going to be any match for that?

Chief Wiggum

Heh, uhhh, sorry, Bart.

Bart

This is why the police force is corrupt! They have no care for anyone! If you guys had waited any longer to get to my mother, she would have died! [pauses] Oh, my God! Mom! I haven't seen her yet! Can one of you guys take me to the hospital?

Chief Wiggum

Put Bob in the paddy wagon! I'll take the kid to see his mother at the hospital. [to Bart] Hey, do you want to get something at the Krusty Burger before we get there? My treat.

Bart

If it's your treat! See, Chief Wiggum, you can do things that restore the people's confidence in their police force! This is what helps Springfieldians learn to trust the police, and not fear for their lives! If you do this more often, you will no doubt be the greatest police chief this town's ever had!

[exeunt]

Cut to - a hospital in Springfield - after school - day

Enter Marge, Homer, Lisa, Maggie, Bart, Mr. Burns, Smithers, Chief Wiggum and Dr. Hibbert

Homer

Well, boy, I see that you've got the shooter! I'm proud of you!

Bart

Thanks, Dad. I just hope that Mom will make a full recovery.

Dr. Hibbert

I assure you, Bart, that she will. In fact, she should be out of here in a week!

Mr. Burns

Young man, I thank you for aiding in the successful capture of this Bob character.

Smithers

Yes. I am forever in your debt. [hugs Bart]

Bart

[shudders]

Chief Wiggum

I'm personally going to make sure that Sideshow Bob will stay in jail for a long time! That is a promise.

Young Bart here gave me some expert advice, which I intend to follow. In no time, I will become the greatest police chief in Springfield!

Bart

Uh, Dad?

Homer

What is it, boy?

Bart

I have something to tell you.

Homer

And what would that be?

Bart

I kind of was suspended from school today. I hope you understand!

Homer

Why you little. [starts choking Bart in their trademark choking sequence] Understand this!

[end]