THE SKUNK

(a one-minute play)

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Cast of Characters

VIOLET: Female, 20s, a kindergarten teacher

Synopsis

Violet is teaching her kindergarten class when a chime signals an active shooter on school grounds.

VIOLET, female, 20s, is walking around her kindergarten class during art.

The students are unseen.

VIOLET

Such good finger painting, Charlie.
On the paper, please, Aria, not your desk or your clothes.

(A signal chimes. It means an active shooter on school premises.)

VIOLET

OK, children, you know what that means.
Under your desks, quickly.

(VIOLET turns off the LIGHT.)

VIOLET

Ssh.

(VIOLET gets on the floor, in front of her students.)

VIOLET

(hushed tones)
Be very quiet now, children.
There is a - skunk - on the school grounds.
That's what that means.
And we must sit here. Very quietly.
So that we don't scare the skunk.
Or make him come in here.
No, you don't, Aria. We don't want the skunk to come in here.
We want the skunk to leave.
Please, please leave.
And don't hurt anyone.
(Long pause.)
Very good, children.
You're all being so still and quiet.
I am so proud of you.
I love all of you.
Now, sssh.

And hope it goes away.

End of Play