

MacArthur Screenplay

Fade In

The film begins with a Student Council campaign poster on the wall.

Fade to:

Title which slides in from left to right, then leaves.

Cut To:

Int. Chaminade College School. Day

A montage of school imagery fills the screen. Introducing the audience to the setting.

Cut to:

Int. Student Council Office. Day

The character, VINCENT, is sitting in the Student Council office room reflecting.

Cut to:

Int. Chaminade School Hallway. Day

Carlos passes by one of the posters of Vincent Pham's campaign and stops in front of it. He reads it.

Carlos
(Whispers to himself)

"We are a PHAM-ily"... That Vincent Pham again.

Ricardo

(as if speaking in Carlos' mind)

MacArthur! MacArthur! You have a bright future ahead of you! You will be president of Chaminade's Student Council before you leave this building.

Carlos

(Yelling in excitement)

You're serious? I have been waiting for such presidency my whole life!

Ricardo

Shhhh! Quiet down! Everyone will hear you.

Cut to:

Int. Chaminade Classroom. Day

Carlos

Hey Tyler, guess what I just learned? I will be president of our Student Council!

Tyler

Really? Who told you?

Carlos

Oh... someone...

Tyler

You expect me to believe a little voice told you that?
Nevermind, that's not important right now. I want you to get
that presidency.

Carlos

Easy, posters, posters, posters everywhere: "MacArthur for
President"!

Tyler

Seriously, you think people will vote for you? Vincent Pham has
been doing that... no more space for "MacArthur for President"
posters on those walls. But, what you can do is..
(whispers) destroy his reputation. Make him look bad in front of
the others... he'll lose votes that way!

Carlos

No, that's too mean! Pham is a nice guy...

Tyler

Trust me, just do it, I'll help you! "Look like an innocent
flower, but be the serpent under't". (1.5.76-77)

Int. Chaminade Hallways. Day

Carlos looks around to make sure no one is looking at him, that the hallways are clear. He rips one of Vincent's campaign poster off the wall.

Ext. Front of school. Day

Carlos walks out of the school as Tyler approaches him.

Tyler

So, did you do what I told you to do?

Carlos

Yeah, all complete. Posters down, texts sent, IG campaign, done!

Now, just have to wait for the election and announcements.

(Sighs in remorse)

But not feeling too good about it.

Tyler

You are overreacting! Everything is going to be fine.

Black screen with "Three days later: Election Day".

Int. Classroom. Day

Camera focussed on a PA speaker in a classroom.

Ricardo

Voiceover

Students, we have a new Student Council For next year! Your new president is MacArthur Luis, vice-president is Ethan Williams. It looks like Vincent Pham lost the throne for next year. That's it this morning... wait! Can MacArthur Luis come down to the Principal's office right after school today. Have a wacky Wednesday Chaminade!

Cut to:

Black screen

Carlos

(Talks to himself)

Yes, it worked! But William Ethans, have to find a way to get rid of him... he's going to expose me. I have to act now or never. From now on, "the first thing that comes in my heart will be the first things that my hand will do" (based on Macbeth 4.1.61-65).

Int. Principal's Office. Day

Vincent Pham

Voiceover

Good afternoon MacArthur. Can you please take a seat.

Carlos

Yes Sir.

Ricardo Santin-Andrade

I see that you won the presidency.

Carlos

Yes Sir.

Ricardo Santin-Andrade

But are you aware how you got it?

Carlos

Through votes Sir. Everyone loves me!

Ricardo Santin-Andrade

So how do you respond to this?

Vincent passes copies of text messages to Carlos.

Cut to:

Ricardo reading the texts and IG post aloud.

Ricardo Santin-Andrade

We will discuss the consequences of your actions when I come back.

Cut to:

Carlos leaving the school (He has been expelled).

Cut to:

Credits

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