

The Bone Collector is a 1999 **psychological thriller film** starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie, directed by Phillip Noyce and produced by Martin Bregman.

已註解 [U1]: psychological (a.) 心理學的,精神上的,心靈的
thriller movie (n.) 驚悚片

The movie **was based on** the **crime novel** of the same name written by Jeffery Deaver, concerning the **quadriplegic** detective Lincoln Rhyme. It was the first book of the Lincoln Rhyme series.

已註解 [U2]: be based on N 根據 N

已註解 [U3]: crime novel (n.) 犯罪小說

已註解 [U4]: quadriplegic (a.) 四肢癱瘓的

The film takes place in New York City in 1999.

Plot

The film begins in late 1999. **Tetraplegic** **forensics** expert Lincoln Rhyme (Denzel Washington) and a **patrol** cop, Amelia Donaghy (Angelina Jolie), team up to solve **a string of** murders **connected to** a **serial killer** by his **signature**: a single **shard** of bone removed from each of the victims. Rhyme **was paralyzed from** the neck down in an earlier accident and is bed-bound and completely **reliant on** machines and his nurse Thelma (Queen Latifah).

已註解 [U5]: tetraplegic (a.) 四肢癱瘓的

已註解 [U6]: forensics (n.) 法醫檢驗

已註解 [U7]: patrol (n.)/(v.) 巡邏/偵查

已註解 [U8]: a string of N 一系列的 N

已註解 [U9]: serial killer 連續殺人犯

已註解 [U10]: signature (n.) 簽名, 特徵

已註解 [U11]: shard(n.) 瓷器的碎片;碎片;翅鞘;外殼

已註解 [U12]: be paralyzed from N 自 N 開始癱瘓

已註解 [U13]: be reliant on N 依賴 N

The killer **poses as** a New York City taxi driver and **abducts** and kills those who get in his taxi. The first victims are a married couple named Alan and Lindsay Rubin that the killer picked up at the airport. Amelia finds Alan's body buried in a Civil War-era railroad bed. She also finds a collection of clues including

已註解 [U14]: pose as N 假扮成 N

已註解 [U15]: abduct(vt) 綁架

a pile of piece-ground oyster shells, which eventually leads Amelia - now

已註解 [U16]: a pile of N 一堆 N

working with Rhyme – to Alan’s wife, and a scrap of paper. The detectives find Mrs. Rubin, too late, at a steam **junction** in a below-ground services area of a building in the Financial District, secured using old antique **handcuffs** or **shackles** at the mouth of a pipe which emits steam. She has **been scalded to death** from the steam. The killer has also removed a bit of flesh and bone from her arm. Amelia finds another scrap of paper at the scene.

已註解 [U17]: junction (n) 連接處/ 交會處

已註解 [U18]: handcuff (n) 手銬

已註解 [U19]: shackle(n) 腳鐐

已註解 [U20]: be scalded to N 被燙到 N 的狀態

The killer then abducts an NYU student, who is taken to a derelict **slaughterhouse** where he **is tied to** a pole. Part of his thigh bone is surgically removed, and he is left for rats to **feed on**. Amelia and Rhyme, using the clues left by the killer at the scene of Lindsay Rubin’s death, find the victim dead. Again, the killer has removed a piece of the victim’s bone. Amelia is able to collect the evidence, including another scrap of paper. The pressure of the tense investigation and **bureaucratic** challenges to both Amelia’s and Rhyme’s involvement with the case are **having serious impacts on** Rhyme’s health and stability.

已註解 [U21]: slaughterhouse (n) 屠宰場

已註解 [U22]: be tied to N 被綁在 N 之上

已註解 [U23]: feed on N 吃 N · 賴 N 維生

已註解 [U24]: bureaucratic (a) 官僚的

已註解 [U25]: have impacts on N 對 N 有衝擊

After **piecing together** the message the killer was sending using the scraps of paper, Amelia and Rhyme are led to an old crime novel, whose crimes the killer was **replicating**. This leads them to his next victims, a grandfather and granddaughter tied to a pier as the tide rises. The girl is the first victim they manage to save, but her grandfather dies. At the scene, Amelia finds another

已註解 [U26]: piece together N 把 N 拼湊在一起

已註解 [U27]: replicate (vt) 複製 N

bone, part of an old police badge, and an old subway map. These clues, and an earlier clue left by the killer at the scene of Mrs. Rubin's death (asbestos) lead Amelia to an abandoned subway station, in which Amelia sees some numbers which have been tampered with to spell out Rhyme's police badge number. Amelia then figures out that the killer is after Rhyme.

已註解 [U28]: abandon(vt) 遺棄

已註解 [U29]: be tampered with + to VR 被竄改成

已註解 [U30]: be after N 跟蹤 N

The killer arrives at Rhyme's house, and after killing Rhyme's nurse, Thelma, and Captain Howard Cheney (Michael Rooker), it is revealed that he is the medical technician who cares for Rhyme's medical equipment, Richard Thompson (Leland Orser). Richard's real name is Marcus Andrews. An ex-forensic cop whom Rhyme's testimony helped convict of planting false evidence at crime scenes, Marcus intends to exact his revenge. Rhyme manages to crush Marcus's right hand by suddenly dropping his bed horizontally, and in the struggle to free himself, Marcus pulls Rhyme with him and they both collapse to the floor. Rhyme then manages to bite Marcus in the neck, causing massive bleeding. Marcus once again manages to free himself, grabbing his knife. As Marcus raises the knife for a killing blow, Amelia suddenly arrives at the apartment and shoots Marcus who falls down dead.

已註解 [U31]: forensic (a)法庭的, 法醫的

已註解 [U32]: testimony 証言, 証據, 聲明

已註解 [U33]: convict of N 宣告 N 有罪

已註解 [U34]: exact N's revenge 執行 N 的復仇

已註解 [U35]: manage to VR 設法去 VR...

已註解 [U36]: horizontally(adv) 水平地

已註解 [U37]: be in the struggle to VR 掙扎要 VR

已註解 [U38]: free (vt) 釋放

The film ends at a Christmas celebration at Rhyme's apartment. Rhyme, having given up his plans to commit suicide, faces his sister and niece coming to visit

已註解 [U39]: commit suicide 自殺

him along with Amelia and his other colleagues on Christmas Eve. **It is implied**
that Rhyme and Amelia **have a relationship**.

已註解 [U40]: It is implied that S + V...暗示著...

已註解 [U41]: have a relationship with N 跟 N 交往當中

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