

Colubrine

Merriam-Webster Definition

1 : of, relating to, or resembling a snake

2 : of or relating to a large cosmopolitan family (Colubridae) of chiefly nonvenomous snakes

At play

Snaverly slid into the room unnoticed. Long and lanky, his colubrine body eased amongst the bodies gathered in the corridor. These people were waiting for the news, the grand announcement. They babbled amongst themselves, inquiring after each others' children and the weather. But they were too distracted to hear the responses. Their talk was a smattering of starters, ending as it began. But Snaverly was untroubled. His flexible slim figure wove amongst the shadows. His eyes gleamed. Whatever the speaker announced would be to his benefit. And the weakest of this flock would falter, fear of the unknown creeping in. Snaverly would draw this fellow aside, separate him from the rest, then pounce. He'd wind the poor lamb gently at first, but with a firm enough grip so that he not could escape. Then Snaverly would flick him with clever words from his forked tongue and bit by bit squeeze him harder into a vice grip, forcing his victim to squeal and yield. Each of these fine folk had something to give, and Snaverly would choke it out of every one of them. Oh yes. It was going to be a lovely day. He was sure of it.