Solutions for “Tragedy in the Bathroom”

There is toothpaste remaining on Horace’s brush.
If a person has finished brushing his teeth, there is no paste left on the brush.
So Horace did not finish.

The broken bottle is located right by Horace’s feet.
People do not begin activities barefoot next to shards of class. We would expect them to clean it up first. Therefore, the bottle broke after Horace started brushing his teeth.

Horace’s body is near the sink, not in the shower. When people slip in the shower, their bodies fall in the shower or perhaps right outside—not across the room. So Horace did not fall in the shower.

There are no streaks on the floor surrounding the soap. A person slipping on soap generally sends the soap streaking across the floor. It is unlikely Horace slipped on the soap.

The soap puddle is several feet from both the floor under the sink and the floor under the shower fixture.
It is very unlikely that water would form several feet from beneath two such places.
The water puddle came to be there in some other way.

Horace’s towel is hung neatly whereas his wife’s is hung sloppily. Neat people and sloppy people often do not get along. It is possible that differing habits was a source of tension in the Verbermockle marriage.

There is a broken bottle on the floor near the victim.
A broken bottle could knock someone unconscious, and a fall backward onto a hard floor could fracture one’s skull.
This is likely what happened with Horace.
There is a scale on the floor with the wrong weight.
We might expect someone to remove or fix a scale that has been broken long.
A scale is hefty enough to fracture someone’s skull.
A severe impact could break a scale.
So it is possible that the scale was broken recently in the act of striking the victim.