

## A murder mystery

Inspector Granger arrived at about 9:00 o'clock. He was a tall man, with a big moustache. Amanda, Barbara, Claudia and Gordon were in the living room. The inspector came in.

- "Mr Travers died between midnight last night and 7:00 o'clock this morning", he said. "Somebody in this room killed him". He looked at them one by one but nobody spoke.

"\_Mrs Travers, I want to talk to you first. Come into the library with me please." Amanda followed the inspector into the library and they sat down.

- "What did your husband do after dinner last night?"

- "We finished dinner at about 9:30. Then, Jeremy said he was tired and he went to bed.

- "Did you go to bed then?"

- "No, I didn't. I went for a walk in the garden"

- "What time did you go to bed?"

- "At about a quarter to twelve"

- "Was your husband asleep?"

- "I don't know inspector. We slept in different rooms. But I saw that his door was closed"

- "Did you hear anything?"

- "Yes. I heard Jeremy's door. It opened. I thought it was Jeremy. then it closed again. I read for half an hour and then I went to sleep"

- "What time did you get up this morning?"

- "I got up at about 7:15. I had breakfast and at 8 o'clock I took a cup of tea to my husband. I found him in bed. He was dead!"

- "Tell me Mrs Travers... did you love your husband?"

- "He... he was a difficult man..."

- "Mrs Travers did you love him?"

- "No inspector. I hated him"

Later, the inspector questioned the daughter, Barbara Travers.

- "What did you do after dinner yesterday evening?"

- "I played cards with Gordon and then I went to bed"

- "What time was that?"

- "It was about half past eleven. I remember. I looked at my watch."

- "Did you hear anything in your father's room?"

- "No, I didn't hear anything"

- "Miss Travers... did you have any problems with your father?"

- "No inspector. I didn't have any problems with him. Daddy was a wonderful man and... a wonderful father", she cried. "I'm sorry inspector"

- "Don't worry Miss Travers. No more questions"

Next, the inspector questioned the business partner, Gordon Summers.

- "What did you do after dinner Gordon?"

- "I played cards with Barbara. Then, she went to bed."

- "Did you go to bed then?"

- "No, I stayed in the living room and had some whiskey. Then, I went to bed."

- "What time was that?"

- "I don't remember exactly. I didn't look at the time"

- "Did you hear anything during the night?"

- "No, I didn't. I was very tired. I slept very well."

- "You and Mrs Travers were business partners, weren't you?"

- "Yes, that's right"

- "And it's a very good business I understand. And now... it's YOUR business"

- "Listen inspector. I didn't kill Jeremy, he was my partner... he was my friend" said Gordon in a very angry way.

Finally, the inspector questioned Claudia, the secretary.

- "What did you do yesterday evening after dinner?"

- "I went to my room and I had a bath. And I went to bed"

- "What time was that?"
- "Mmm ... about eleven o'clock"
- "Did you hear anything?"
- "Yes. I heard somebody going into Jeremy's room. It was about 12 o'clock"
- "Who was it?"
- "It was Amanda, his wife."
- "Did you see her?"
- "No but I know it was Amanda."
- "Were you just his secretary?"
- "What do you mean?"
- "Did you love him?"
- "No! I didn't!"
- "The truth please Claudia!"
- "Ok Inspector. I loved him and he said he loved me. He said he wanted to leave his wife and marry me.... I was stupid! I believe him! but he didn't leave her....he used me! I was very angry with him"
- "Did you kill him?"
- "No inspector.... I loved Jeremy"