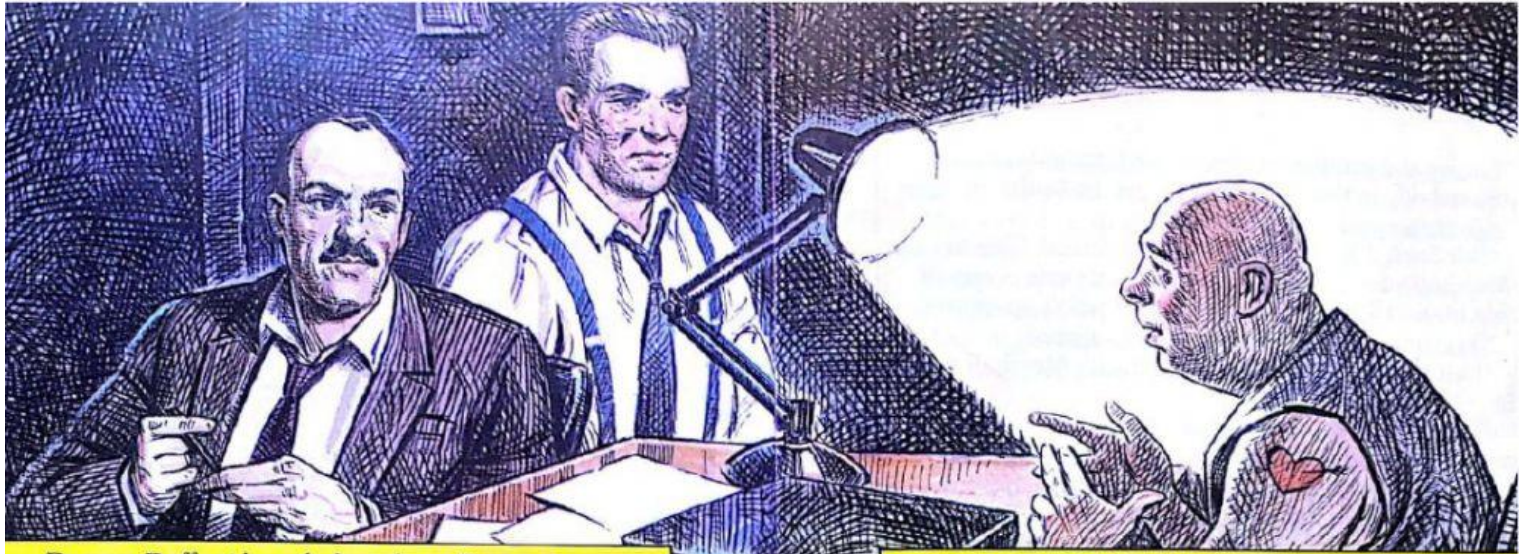


## Murder at Mortlock Hall



Duncan Duff sat in a chair at the police station.

'You're in big trouble, Duff,' said Inspector Kenton. 'Your friend Archie Crow told us everything. Now we want your story.'

'I worked for Marshall in London,' began Duff. 'We did some business with Archie Crow.'

'I know,' said the inspector. 'Criminal business. Archie Crow went to prison for five years because of it.'

'Yes,' said Duff. 'But Marshall took all the money. It wasn't his money. Archie got nothing. Archie Crow came out of prison last week. He came down to Mortlock yesterday to get his money. I wanted to help him. Marshall met us at the pub. He refused to give Archie any money. So I decided to help Archie steal the money. Last night, just before ten o'clock we broke into Marshall's office through the windows. We opened the safe.'

'What happened next?'

'We heard voices. It was Marshall. Somebody was with him, a woman. They were coming into the room. We just grabbed Marshall's briefcase from the safe and ran.'

'Then what did you do?' asked Inspector Kenton.

'We drove back to London. We stopped at a motorway café and looked inside Marshall's briefcase. We found some money and some papers. Then your men came in and brought me here.'

Inspector Kenton stood up. 'I'm arresting you for robbery, Duff,' he said. 'That's all for the moment. Take him away!'

Sergeant Woods looked at Inspector Kenton. 'Do you think he murdered Marshall, sir?' he asked.

'I don't know, Woods,' Inspector Kenton answered. 'I've got some more questions to ask at Mortlock Hall.'

### True or False

Duncan Duff was a friend of Archie Crow's.

T F

Archie Crow was a criminal.

T F

Marshall gave Archie his money but Archie wasn't satisfied.

T F

"Archie went to Mortlock Hall to kill Marshall" said Duncan Duff

T F

Duncan wanted to help Archie Crow.

T F

Put these sentences in the correct order

Last night, just before ten o'clock, Archie Crow went to Mortlock Hall, met Duncan Duff and together they broke into Marshall's office through the window.

1 Trevor Marshall had criminal business with Archie Crow and Duncan Duff but Marshall took all the money. Archie Crow went to prison and he came out last week.

They opened the safe, but at that moment they heard Marshall's voice talking to a woman and coming into his office.

They grabbed Marshall's briefcase and ran away.

After five years in prison, Archie Crow met Trevor Marshall at a pub but Marshall refused to give him the money back. Duncan Duff was there with Archie.

They drove back to London. On the way they stopped at a motorway café and looked inside Marshall's briefcase where they found some money and some papers.