

Love or Money – Rowena Akinyemi

Chapter 3

1/ Read the text. Write suitable words in the gaps.

Early next _____ the house was quiet. Suddenly there was a cry from the room next to Roger's, his mother's room. Roger looked at the clock. It was nearly 7 o'clock. He got out of bed and opened the door. He saw his _____ Diane coming out of Mother's bedroom.

"Roger! It's Mother! I brought her a cup of coffee and _____ her dead in her bed!" Diane cried. Roger went quickly to the bedroom and looked in. The _____ was open but it was warm. Mother was lying on the bed. Roger put his hand on her arm. It was cold. On the bedside table there was a hot cup of _____ and an empty cup.

"I'm going to call the doctor," Diane said.

"Wait a _____!" Roger called. Let's tell the family first. But Diane was already talking to the phone. "Dr. Pratt, can you come quickly? It's our mother, she's _____!"

Diane began to cry. "Daddy died last winter and now Mother. Nobody loved her! You wanted her money, and Albert too!"

Roger suddenly wanted to hit Diane. "Be _____! What about you? You wanted her money too. Don't forget that." Diane said nothing. She took the dogs and went out with them.

After a while, Dr. Pratt arrived. He went upstairs and looked at Molly's _____. He also looked carefully at both _____ on the bedside table. "I am sorry, Roger," he said. I am going to phone the _____."

"Police? Why? What's wrong?"

"I don't know. Your mother wasn't ill, I saw her on Thursday. Why did she die?"

Roger went across to the window and looked out in the garden. His mother loved this garden. But Tom Briggs wanted the garden and Roger wanted it, too. He felt worse and worse.

"Your mother took sleeping _____," Dr. Pratt said. "Did you know? On Thursday she had a new bottle of them but I can't find it in her room."

"No, I didn't know," Roger said. "Let's go downstairs, I'll make some coffee and you can phone the police." When he was making the coffee, Diane came in with the dogs. "I am sorry, Roger," she said. "It doesn't _____ now, Diane," Roger answered. "Dr. Pratt is phoning the police. Did you know Mother took sleeping tablets? Well, the _____ is not in her room."

"What? I don't understand." Diane took her coffee and began to _____. Dr. Pratt came into the kitchen. "They're coming at once," he said. Roger's face was red. Suddenly he was

afraid. "The police are going to ask everybody," he thought. "And they are going to want _____." He finished his coffee and stood up. "I'm going upstairs," he said. I'll tell Uncle Albert and Jackie about Mother... and about the police."

2/ Drag the sentences to put them into correct order.

Molly's arm was cold. She was dead. Dr Pratt phoned the police.

Early next morning there was a cry from Mother's bedroom.

Roger went to tell Albert and Jackie about Molly and the police.

Diane phoned the doctor. Dr. Pratt went upstairs and looked at Molly's body.

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