Love or Money – Rowena Akinyemi

Chapter 5

1/ Put the parts of this chapter (A-F) into the correct order (1-6)

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A: Roger's face didn't change. "Oh? Someone put them there. Diane did not kill Mother, I know that. She found her. "

"Very well. I would like to see Diane next."

Roger got up and left the room. Inspector Walsh looked at Sergant Foster. "Have you noticed how afraid he was? Tomorrow morning, go to Mr. Clarkson's office. Ask some questions about his job, friends, money." Inspector Foster wrote it down. "Yes, inspector."

B: "I am asking the questions, Miss Clarkson. Did you like your mother?"

"I didn't like her, Inspector. She killed my father, you know. Last winter, after Christmas, she drove the car into a tree and killed him."

Inspector Walsh watched Diane's face carefully. "I see. So you wanted to kill your mother?"

Diane laughed. "I wanted to kill her, but I didn't. I can tell you a lot of things about this family, Inspector. Everybody wanted her to die. Uncle Albert needs money for his wife, my brother has an expensive house and an expensive car… And think of Jackie. Do you know Jackie didn't like Mom? A long time ago, a nice boy worked here. He was a gardener, and Jackie like him. But Mother said NO and she couldn't marry him. He had to leave."

C: Inspector Walsh and Sergant Foster had some coffee and then called Roger Clarkson to the office. "Now, Mr. Clarkson. Why was your mother angry with you last night?"

"This house is very big," Roger said. "It was a lot of work for Mother. I wanted her to move. But no, she loved this house and the garden and she didn't want to move."

"Tell me about your job, Mr. Clarkson. Your mother is dead and you are rich now. Do you need the money?"

D: Diane came into the room and sat down. She smiled at them. "Well, Miss Clarkson," Inspector Walsh said. "I want you to talk about last night."

Diane stopped smiling. "Oh, I can't stop talking about it. We were all very angry. Mother went to bed early and I made hot milk for her. We were all in the kitchen and Peter Hobbs came in. He was angry about a letter. He wanted to kill Mother. Tom Briggs came to the kitchen, too. Are you going to talk to them?"

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E: Inspector Walsh listened quietly. What a happy family the Clarksons were!

"We found an empty bottle of sleeping tablets in your room," he said quietly.

Diane stood up. "What? I don't know about it! I'm not going to listen to this!" She ran out of the room.

"OK," the inspector said. All the family were in the kitchen last night. Peter Hobbs and Tom Briggs were there, too. One of them killed Molly."

He got his hat and his coat. "Come on, we need to talk to Peter Hobbs and Tom Briggs."

F: Roger's face was suddenly afraid. "What are you saying? I didn't kill my mother. I need money, that's true. A friend and I want to build ten houses here, in the garden. We can get a lot of money for them. But Mr. Briggs wanted half of the garden, too, you know, for his farm."

Inspector Walsh asked: "Tell me - what happened upstairs, when you went to your mother's room?"

"I talked to her about selling the house again. And again, she said no. She loved the house and she didn't want to sell it."

Inspector watched Roger for a minute. "I see. We found the empty bottle of sleeping tablets, Mr. Clarkson, in Diane's room."

2/ Answer these questions:

1. Who wanted to build ten houses in the garden?
2. Where did the police find an empty bottle of sleeping tablets?
3. According to Diane, who did Molly kill last Christmas?
4. Who did Jackie love a long time ago?
5. Apart from the family, who was in the kitchen on Saturday night?

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