

Theft at Eagleton Manor part 2

At half past eight, Samms (solve) the case. At a quarter to nine, he (give) him some instructions. At nine o'clock, he Richards and Becky Morris to him.

(talk) to Sergeant Robertson (ask) the butler to bring Harry

You two (lie) from the beginning of the investigation. By the way, Sergeant Robertson (find) the necklace hidden in the car. (you/think, really) you could fool me?

Please, sir! I (not tell) the truth, I know, but I (not touch) that necklace! And Harry (not take) it, either!

That's right, Detective Inspector! We (not do) anything illegal, I swear to God!

Ha! I'm certain you (not steal) the necklace. You (not know) that it (rain) from 5:02 to 5:30. That's why you (give) me those ridiculous alibis. "Washing the car," indeed! In the rain! And Becky " (see) you, too! I believe you (be) both in the cellar, am I right? You two are sweethearts, aren't you?

We love each other, sir. I (fall) in love with Becky the first time I (see) her. We (want) to be alone for a while, that's why we (hide) in the cellar. We (talk) about our future together. We plan to get married and live on a farm.

And you (kiss), too, no doubt. You (unscrew) the light bulb so that anyone who (come) into the cellar wouldn't see you. Smart thinking. That explains why the cook (find) the light out. In any case, you are free to go. We (arrest) the thief fifteen minutes ago.

Really, sir?! Who (be) the thief??

Alice Appleby, of course. She (be) the only person – apart from Lady Margaret – who (know) the jewellery was unlocked. She (pretend) to be cold, (refuse) the butler's help and (run) to Lady Margaret's bedroom to steal the necklace. She (have) little time, so she (rush) to her room and (grab) the first shawl she (see). That's why she (end) up looking like a clown – and she's always so well-dressed, I (not believe) that she actually (think) carefully for about her choice of shawl. Sophie Eagleton (confirm) this for me. Then Mrs Appleby (put) on a mackintosh and wellies she (borrow) from the hall and (hide) the necklace in the car. If the police (find) it, they would accuse the chauffeur. If we (not find) the necklace, she and her husband would get it when you (drive) them back to London. Oh yes, we (arrest) Mr Appleby, too. The Italian police suspect both of them for a lot of jewellery thefts that (happen) in Rome when they (live) there.

Go now, you naughty kids, and be happy together. I wish you the best of luck!

The End.