

Murder in a country house

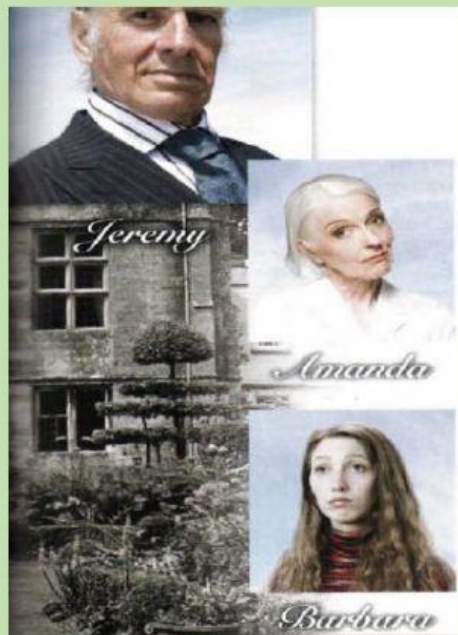
June 22nd 1958 was Jeremy Travers' sixtieth birthday. He had dinner at his country house with his wife, Amanda, his daughter, Barbara, his business partner, Gordon, and his secretary, Claudia. Next morning when Amanda Travers went to her husband's bedroom she found him in bed...dead.



Claudia

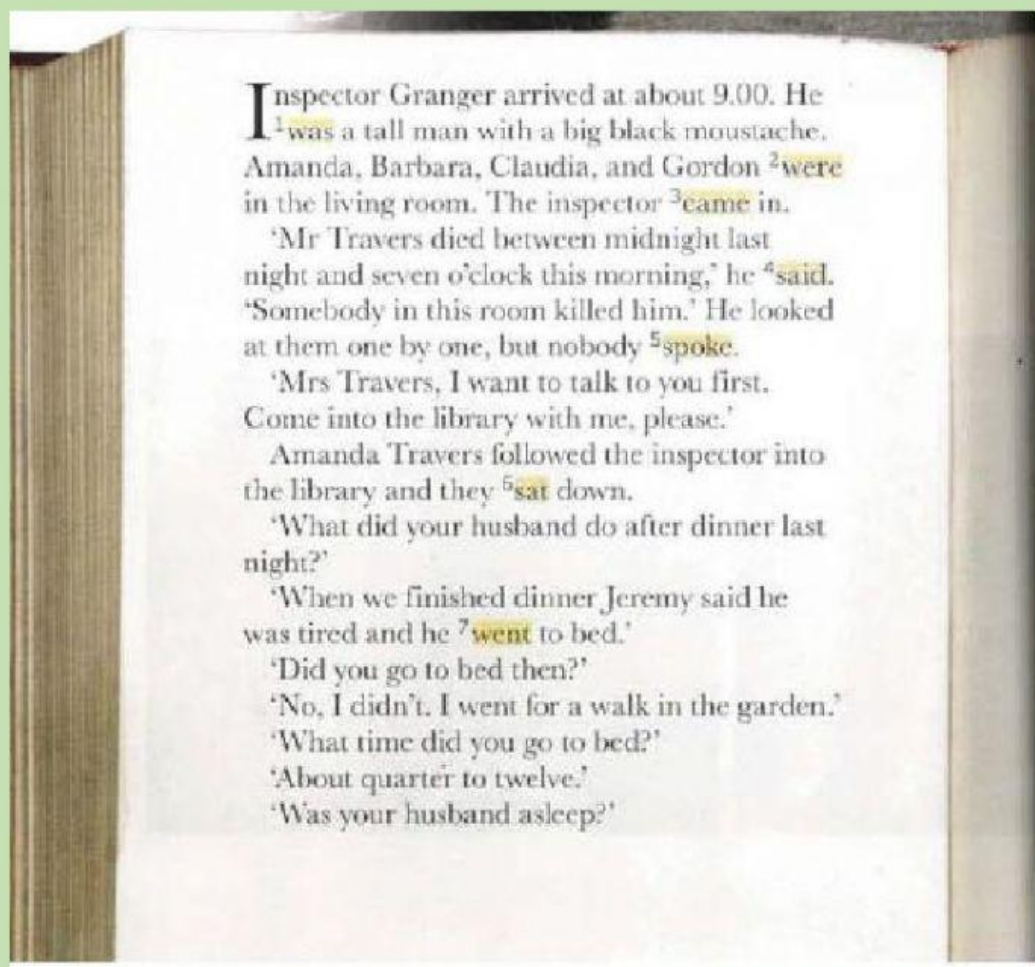


Gordon



42 Read and listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.

- 1 Somebody killed Jeremy between 12.00 a.m. and 2.00.
- 2 The inspector questioned Amanda in the living room.
- 3 Jeremy went to bed before Amanda.
- 4 Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room.
- 5 Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door.
- 6 Amanda got up at 7.00.
- 7 Amanda didn't love Jeremy.



3 LISTENING

- a (4, 6, 7, 8) Listen to the inspector question Barbara. Write the information in the chart. Listen again and check. Then do the same for Gordon and Claudia.

	<i>Amanda</i>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Claudia</i>
What did they do after dinner?	<i>She went for a walk.</i>			
What time did they go to bed?	<i>11.45.</i>			
Did they hear anything?	<i>Jeremy's door opened and closed.</i>			
Possible motive?	<i>She hated him.</i>			

- b Compare your chart with a partner. Who do you think was the murderer: Amanda, Barbara, Gordon, or Claudia? Why?

Read the ending of the story. Were your ideas right?

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Before dinner, Gordon had a drink with Jeremy in the library.

Gordon Cheers, Jeremy. Happy birthday.

Jeremy Ah, thanks, Gordon.

Gordon Listen, Jeremy, I want to talk to you about Barbara.

Jeremy Barbara? What's the problem?

Gordon It's not exactly a problem. I am in love with her, and I want to marry her.

Jeremy Marry Barbara? Marry my daughter! Are you crazy? Never! You don't love Barbara. You only want her money!

Gordon That's not true, Jeremy. I love her.

Jeremy Listen to me. If you marry Barbara, when I die all my money goes to Claudia.

Gordon To Claudia? To your secretary?

Jeremy Yes.

Gordon Is that your last word, Jeremy?

Jeremy Yes, it is.

Amanda Dinner everybody!

Reader At midnight Gordon was in the sitting room. He finished his whisky and went upstairs.

Jeremy Who is it? Gordon?