

Day 1 Evidence and Clues

INTERROGATION



Anita Mann

Detective: Tell me what you saw at breakfast that morning.

Mann: Everything seemed normal until Mrs. Dropper spilled water into poor Dusty's lap. He went nut, called her all kinds of things he hadn't even called me before.

Detective: Tell me what happened when he returned to the table after changing his clothes.

Mann: He sat down at the table with Horace and me, still grumbling about the water. He took one long sip from his teacup. He said something about almonds, keeled over and hit the floor. It was horrible.

Detective: Who came near your table that morning?

Mann: Dusty and I were the last to arrive for breakfast. We sat at the large table for six in the corner. Mr. Glasse came up to Dusty, shook his hand and whispered something in his ear. Dusty must have liked it because he was grinning right up until the water spilled in his lap.

Detective: Anyone else?

Mann: Horace Throate and Mr. Drauers helped me and Mrs. Dropper tidy things up. Then Horace joined me at the reset table.



Horace Throate

Detective: Were you at Mantel's table that morning?

Horace: I joined Dusty and Anita after the hot water was spilled.

Detective: Mrs. Dropper said you were very helpful with the clean-up?

Horace: I just helped her reset the table. It was no effort really.

Detective: Did you see him collapse?

Horace: It was like watching something in slow motion. The shock of it. I don't think I'll ever get over it. Miss Glasse came over to help him, but she said he was gone before he hit the floor. It was horrible.



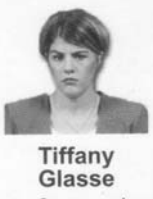
Chester Drauers

Detective: Did you know anyone else who was staying at the Inn?

Chester: I've known Horace Throate for years. He was Mantel's faithful toady. It was hard to get a feel for the bids when Horace was calling an auction and Mantel was bidding. Horace did do some fine restoration work for me, re-plated a set of gold candlesticks. He did excellent work, when he wasn't around Mantel.

Detective: What about Anita Mann?

Chester: She was Mantel's girlfriend. She's kinda nice looking, but I hardly know her at all.



Tiffany
Glasse

Detective: Were you at breakfast the morning of the murder?

Tiffany: Yes. I first noticed Mr. Mantel when he was making a fuss about some water being spilled on him. The next thing I knew, he was lying on the floor.

Detective: You're a trained pharmacist. Did you try to help him?

Tiffany: When I got to him he was blue and had no pulse. I didn't do CPR because he was already gone.

Detective: How could you be so sure?

Tiffany: I've seen dead people. He was dead. There was no hope.



O.J. Glasse

Detective: Were you at breakfast the morning of the murder?

O.J.: Yes. I was seated with my niece when the poor fellow collapsed. It all happened so quickly. Everyone was in shock!

Detective: Did you try to assist him?

O.J.: My niece examined him and said there was no hope.

Detective: Did you or your niece go anywhere near Mantel's table before he collapsed?

O.J.: No. We were both already seated at a table across the room by the time he came down to breakfast.



Eve
Dropper

Detective: Tell me what happened at breakfast that morning.

Dropper: I had set out the buffet at 7 AM as I always do. The last to arrive was Mr. Mantel in a foul mood as usual. He wanted Earl Grey tea. I usually only lay out juice and coffee. But I heated some water and brought it out with a tea bag. I keep them in the pantry.

Detective: Next to the rat poison?

Dropper: That poison is for rats, not people. I resent that type of comment young man. A person is dead and I'm trying to help as best I can.

Detective: After you spilled the water on Mantel, who helped you clean up the mess?

Dropper: Ms. Mann was sitting at the table. She straighten the dishes and silverware.

Detective: Did anyone else help you?

Dropper: Mr. Drauers helped me blot the floor and also to fetch new plates and cups. Mr. Throate helped me with the silverware and with resetting the table. I felt so silly. The three of them were very kind to help.


Detective: Did anyone else help out?

Dropper: No, they just snickered.

LAB REPORT #1

EVIDENCE

LAB REPORT



Analysis of cup & pot at crime scene:
The pot contained only tea. The cup contained the residue of Potassium Cyanide, Tea and trace elements of Sodium, Carbon, Iron and Gold. Fingerprints are those of the victim, Mrs. Dropper & Mona Lott.

EVIDENCE

Copy of Toxicology Report

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TOXICOLOGY

Mantel, Dustin A. Case#7328978
Blood and tissue analysis of the victim show the presence of the following toxic substance:

- Potassium Cyanide: Levels found would be instantly lethal.
- Residue found in tea cup and the victim's mouth & digestive tract is highly concentrated.
- Substance was most probably introduced in a powdered or pill form that was subsequently dissolved in hot tea.
- Trace elements found: Sodium, Carbon, Iron and Gold.

EVIDENCE

Lab Report #2



Ballistics Report

