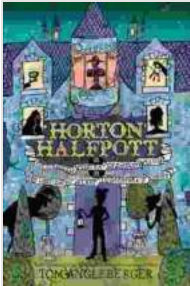


Or The Fiendish Mystery Of Smugwick Manor Or The Loosening Of Lady Luggertuck



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Reginald Pepper, a young man of good family but modest means, was sitting in his chambers in the Temple, reading a newspaper, when he came across an advertisement that caught his eye.

"Wanted," it read, "a young man of good appearance and address, to act as secretary to an elderly lady of title. Must be discreet and willing to travel. Apply to Lady Luggertuck, Smugwick Manor, Smugwick-on-the-Wold."

Reginald Pepper read the advertisement twice. He was not looking for a job, but there was something about the wording of it that intrigued him. He

had always been fascinated by mysteries, and the phrase "fiendish mystery" in the advertisement had caught his attention.

He decided to apply for the job, just to see what would happen. He wrote a letter to Lady Luggertuck, introducing himself and outlining his qualifications. A few days later, he received a reply, inviting him to visit Smugwick Manor for an interview.

Reginald Pepper arrived at Smugwick Manor on a cold and misty November afternoon. The manor was a large, rambling building, set in extensive grounds. Reginald Pepper was shown into a drawing-room, where he was greeted by an elderly lady who introduced herself as Lady Luggertuck.

Lady Luggertuck was a tall, thin woman with a sharp nose and piercing blue eyes. She was dressed in black, and her hair was white. She looked like a character out of a Victorian novel.

"Mr. Pepper," she said, "I am very pleased to meet you. I have read your letter, and I am very interested in your qualifications. However, before I offer you the job, I must tell you something about the situation here at Smugwick Manor."

"What is it?" asked Reginald Pepper.

"There has been a murder," said Lady Luggertuck.

Reginald Pepper was shocked.

"A murder?" he exclaimed.

"Yes," said Lady Luggertuck. "My husband, Sir Eustace Luggertuck, was murdered three weeks ago. The police have been investigating, but so far they have not been able to find the killer."

"I am so sorry," said Reginald Pepper.

"Thank you," said Lady Luggertuck. "I am hoping that you will be able to help us find my husband's killer."

"How can I do that?" asked Reginald Pepper.

"By becoming my secretary," said Lady Luggertuck. "I believe that the killer is someone who is close to me, and I think that you may be able to help me identify him."

Reginald Pepper hesitated.

"I am not sure if I am qualified to do that," he said.

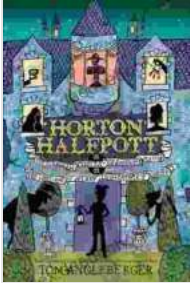
"I think you are," said Lady Luggertuck. "You have a good mind, and you are a good judge of character. I believe that you will be able to help me."

Reginald Pepper thought for a moment.

"Very well," he said. "I will accept your offer."

And so Reginald Pepper became secretary to Lady Luggertuck. He moved into Smugwick Manor, and began his investigation.

The first thing that Reginald Pepper did was to interview the household staff.

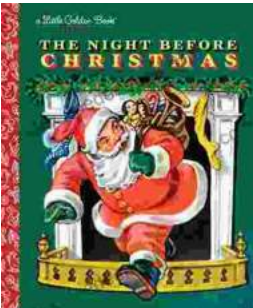


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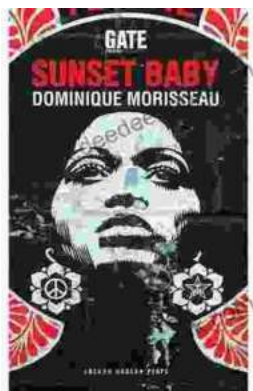
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