



It's a Five-Minute Mystery!

Can You Solve It?

Did you get the answer to the first mystery, Blood, Blood Everywhere? The reason Commissario Fucalini knew Carlo, Emilia's husband, had killed her was simple. Women do not have hemophilia. They carry the gene which can be passed only to a male. Therefore, she could not have died because of bleeding from hemophilia. Congratulations to Carol Glaush and Pam Moura who solved the crime!

Let's try another one.

Alibi in Red



An interview by Miss Capri, a local newspaper reporter is just winding up in Commissario Fucalini's office.

"Now, Commissario, just one more question, if you

don't mind, and we'll be finished."

"OK. That paper of yours sure wants to know everything."

"What one thing in particular do you think is responsible for your excellent record in solving crimes?"

"Observation, Miss Capri. Keen observation. You can pick up a wealth of information from hearing and remembering seemingly unimportant things. I remember one time..." The phone rings interrupting the interview. "Excuse me a minute. Commissario Fucalini speaking... Sì?.....Suicide!?!? La signora Ada Moretti?! I'll be there in five minutes."

"I'm right with you, Commissario. Boy, this is more than the paper bargained for!"



*Later... at the
crime scene*

"Shouldn't there be powder burns around the wound, Commissario, if this is suicide?"

"Very observant, Miss Capri. There should be. That's why this is no suicide. It's murder!"

"Murder?"

"That's right." He then turns to the man and the woman in the house. "And I'd like to know where you two fit into the picture. I thought Signora Ada had always lived alone."

"Well, I'm Antonella Landi, the old woman's niece. She asked me to come live with her three weeks ago as sort of a companion, I'd guess you'd call it."

"Zia Ada had very strange taste in her choice of companions," chimes in the man.

Insulted by his remark, Antonella screams, "I'm just as good as you are, you money-grabbing, no-good...."

The Commissario quickly steps in. "Alright! Break it up! Break it up! And just where do you fit in, signore?"

“I’m Paolo Landucci, a nephew. I came here three days ago to discuss some business arrangements, at Zia Ada’s suggestion.”

“And what business arrangements might those be?”

“She was changing her will.....”

Infuriated, niece Antonella sneers, “Yeah, and now I have to share half-and-half with this chiseler.”

Unruffled, Paolo responds, “I’m afraid you won’t be sharing any of it now, cousin. Murderers don’t inherit.”

Again enraged, Antonella shouts, “Hey, what are you insinuating? I was in the kitchen putting nail polish on my fingers when I heard the shot.”

“You have a nice manicure job there, Miss Landi,” says Miss Capri, the reporter. “I always smear mine. I haven’t the patience to wait the 5 minutes it takes for them dry.”

Just noticing the reporter, Antonella turns to the Commissario, “Who’s this character?”

“A reporter. Now please go on, Miss Landi.”

“Well, I was just finishing my left hand when I heard Paolo leave, slamming the door behind him!”

“Where’d you go, Mr. Landucci?”

“I went out the side door to the garage. And I couldn’t have shot Zia Ada from the garage.”

“But I didn’t kill her either,” argues Antonella. “I didn’t have any reason to.”

Again, the Commissario steps in. “Seems to me you had plenty of reason, Miss Landi. Both you and Paolo.”

“Cousin Antonella was just fooling around with her nails waiting for me to leave. I wasn’t out of the house more than 3 minutes when I heard the shot. Antonella probably ran to Zia Ada’s bedroom, got her gun from the

dresser drawer, and shot her.”

“Ah ha!” exclaims the Commissario. “Now I know who murdered old Ada Moretti. And it wasn’t Antonella. It was you, Paolo.”

What did Paolo say that convinced the Commissario that he was lying and he killed Zia Ada?

Here's How to Submit Your Guess

You must respond to Karen Zimmerman **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6 PM**. If you're among the first 5 correct guesses, you'll receive a \$5 coupon towards the cost of any event we do in the future. It's that simple! But, remember, you can only submit one guess per mystery and you can only win two coupons, total. You can continue to guess for future mysteries after you've won twice but we won't be able to give you any more than two coupons.

You just need to do three things:

1. Prepare an email to bobzkarenz@att.net
2. In the subject line, put "Murder," and,
3. Add your name.

If you've done it right, the Subject line should look like this:

Subject: Murder - Mary Smith

In the body of the message, explain your guess.

You will receive an email confirming that your guess was received and if you were right or wrong. Easy!

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