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Will you two stop arguing in the back.

It wasn't me, he started it. ~~he did~~
no i didn't she did. ~~he did~~

Right that's it when we pass Dinopark im feeding both of you to the Diplodocus.

O dad you are so funny, everyone knows the Diplodocus is a vegetarian, he wont eat us.

Well which one would eat you.

Eh T. Rex i suppose.

Right ill feed you to T. Rex.

Both of us wouldnt make much of a meal for T. Rex, you'll have to chuck in mommy aswell.

My leave me out of this, i dont want to be lunch for some Dinosaur.

Well if he cant have you then he cant have us either.

They've got you there LJ.

Huh, kids are too smart these days, i mean Kalrinas 13 years of age and shes studying the calculus and Furrier Analysis, i was struggling with long division at her age.

Darling your still struggling with long division.

They get to Susan and colins pod and say their Hellas, Come on you pair, said colin, ill take you for a spin.

Dont go too far we're preparing dinner, said Emily.

S i'm worried about your sister

LJ Penny, she was fine the last time
i saw her

S when was that

LJ it was a while ago, i'll admit

S She was coming to scotland with me,
to my brothers funeral but now shes
cried off, made some excuse

E Well you know she doesn't like these
nuclear maglev trains

S But we'er only on it for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour
the speed they go

LJ well thats what she doesn't like about
them, isat dad going with you

S you know what your dads like,
wont spend a night sleeping in a
strange pod, hes getting real finniky
these days

E what about your old friend Karen,
have you seen her lately

S About a month ago on hologram skipe

LJ Tell you what, image her up and
ask if she'll go with you, and you

can take the kids with you, stay a couple of days, make a break out of it, you can get pods that sleep 4

Oh granddad, said Raynard, i wish dad would get one of these, yes hes so old fashioned, said Kalrina, he still drives a Hover car, these carplanes are much faster even aunt Penny has got one. So i believe said Colin, though i havnt seen Penny for a while, we'd better be getting back now, your mother will be wondering where we are.

So Susan, Karen, Raynard and Kalrina find themselves on a maglev train speeding up to Scotland.

K So where did he live, your brother

S he had a big old house in Kinross, near a loch, Loch Leven i think, its between Dunfermline and Perth

K If i remember right you didnt get on with his wife

S Betty, no for that reason i havnt seen Hugh for years, she died a couple of years back

K And they didnt have any children

S NO, i think Hugh would have liked to have had kids but Betty, no.

K So what will happen to the house

S dunno havint thought about it

K well if he didnt make a will and leave it to somebody it should go to his next of kin which is you, your his only living relative

S Well, we'll find out soon enough we're at Kinross station now, the pod we're staying at is only a 5 minute walk away and the house is'nt much farther.

They got to the Pod and put their things away in the drawers and cupboards then decided to go for a walk to find the house.

Wow its a big place nanna and there somebody in there, it must be aunt penny.

No Penny couldnt come with us it must be someone else.

But i saw aunt penny when we walked to the Pod she was talking to an old lady.

Sorry sweetheart you must have been mistaken.

Well are we going to investigate, asks karen.

They walked up a short drive and pulled on an old fashioned bell pull, a middle aged man opened the door. Oh hello im Susan Yarmann, Hughs sister. Im Clayborne Cooper. We've been expecting you do come in.

12,000,000 Dolponds, wow said Raynard,
sitting in the sword and feathers on
their second G & T.

Kar well i know its early but what you
gonna do.

S i dont know

Kal well nanna if you sold it for
12,000,000 and invested that at
5% you could have an income
of \$5,000 per year

R leave it out Kal your all money
and figures, theres a big old house
to explore it might be fun

S (standing up) Right another G & T
then i'll explain.

This is what we'll do i'll holoskipe
Colin and LJ then tomorrow we'll
leave the pod and move into the
house, we wont rush into things.
You kids have got your modules
so you can keep up with your
school work, Karer have you got
to be back

Kar not really, my daughter and family
are away so i dont have to rush
back.

7 S Great.

next day outside the house.

S I spoke to Mr Tichborne this morning he gave me the key, here you are Kalrma you can open the door, The door opens to a large hallway

Kar That must be the room where we met the Coopers so this door is mmm the kitchen, looks like it hasn't been touched for 20 years.

R Come on Kal lets check out upstairs

Susan and Karen looked in the next room on the ground floor.

Kar O my god this is disgusting

In the room was a bed, strewn about the floor was rubbish, old newspapers empty bottles of whiskey, old trousers and shirts, bit of mouldy food, the place was covered in ash and dust, on a shelf was some pipes and tobacco

Kar not one for house work was he

S He must have lived in this one room, Lets see where this door leads, oh must go down to the cellar, I aint going down there

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Karen opened another door it was a large room but it was completely empty.

Raynard and Katrina found 4 rooms all empty, 2 bathrooms and another room

R must be a library with all these shelves around, see theres some books

Kal (looking out of the window)
whos that old woman looking at the house

R Thats the old woman i saw talking to what i thought was aunt Penny

Kal Shes just standing there looking at the house

R maybe shes, you know old and you know old people can be a bit wierd, come on lets find nanna and karen

Kar You know this reminds me of the Barrington Smythes place all them years ago

S Hope we aint going to bump into Heidi Frinkels ghost

Kal Whos Heidi Finkel nanna, that sounds like something dad says sometimes

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Karen had to turn around and stop herself laughing.

S O just somebody we knew years ago, shall we go and get something to eat i'm peckish, ~~trying to change the~~ Trying to change the subject. As they walked from the house Raynard looked back

R now that is odd

S what

R me and kal checked out upstairs, but look theres another floor above ~~but~~ we didnt find any stairs

Kar well there 2 windows up there

They had their lunch in the sword and feathers then got somethings from the supermarket. Theres that old lady again, said kalrina. Susan and karen looked then froze

Kar It cant be

S It looks like her

Kar But how, why

They walked to the old woman.

eh excuse me, ELIZABETH, what, said

the old woman angrily,
Are you Elizabeth,
No my name's Diana, she turns and walks
away

R That's the woman I saw talking to
aunt Penny or what I thought was
aunt Penny

Kal And she was the lady that was looking
at the house earlier on

Kar I'd swear that was Elizabeth

S It looked like her but it couldn't
have been, we haven't seen Elizabeth
for what nearly 40 years

Nanna me and Kal are going into this
shop you and Karen keep going we'll
catch you up.

A sweet shop I should have known, said
Susan.

Back in the house in the sitting room.

Kar I suppose it would be too much of
a coincidence for it to be
Elizabeth, I mean all the way up
here in Scotland

S Exactly, we're getting old
our selves

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Kal nanna i came out of the shop before Raynee and across the road i'm sure i saw aunt Penny

S No you must have been mistaken, i'll phone LJ and get him to call on her

R Come on kal lets go upstairs, see if we can find the stairs to the floor above

They search all the rooms but find nothing. Karen appears, found them stairs yet, she asks,

NO

Got to be a door somewhere, she says.

Well if there is we cant find it.

Wow, said Karen, all these rooms are empty where we going to sleep tonight.

Thats True, said Raymond, theres no beds or bed clothes, dont fancy sleeping on the floor.

Back in the sitting room

Kal we'll have to sleep in here

S What

Kak well theres no beds or bed clothes anywhere we'll have to sleep on these sofas and armchairs

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K: unless Susan you want to sleep in that bed

S: ugh, no thanks

R: nanna did you speak to dad about aunt Penny

S: Yes he said he'll call round and phone me later

Kalrina mooching around the room sees a small wooden statue she goes to pick it up but it's fixed to the shelf she pulls it forward, wow look at this, a secret door, they look as Kalring opens the door, they walk into the room, inside is a big writing desk with drawers down either side and a wooden chair. must be an office said Karen. In the top right hand drawer are some papers in the drawer underneath are some books, the rest of the drawers are empty. They take the papers and books into the sitting room and put them on the table. Raynard picks up a book on the cover is a picture of a castle the title of the book is "The mystery of Tremdorn castle"

Susan, Karen and Kalrina look at the papers they are written in scrawly hand writing but in a strange language they cannot read Kalrina picks up another book the title simply says "Don't go there"

The third book was titled "Sinners Beware"
 I wonder if your brother knew about these
 asks Karen. Dunno, said Susan.

What language are these written in nanna
 asks Kalrina.

Well its not English French or German and
 it doesnt look like Latin, I dont know,
 said Susan. Just then her phone rings.

Is there anything^{else} in that room, asks Karen.

The 3 of them go and have a look, on the
 wall is a small cupboard. Raymond looks
 inside, what is it, asks Karen, he holds it up
 its a big old key. wonder what door that
 fits asks kalrina. They find nothing else in
 the room

S That's odd, LJ went to pennys pad
 but she wasn't there, her neighbours
 said shes gone in her carplane to
 Tavistock

Kal wheres that

S not sure, ill look on my phone,
 here we are its in Exeter Right on
 the edge of Dartmoor national Park

R Whats she doing there

S no idea, what have you got there

Kal its a big key we've found

4 S wonder what door that fits

Kal I asked that

R maybe it's the key to the door that leads to the third floor, but for some reason the doors been hidden

Kar or the cellar, we havnt been down there yet

S Dont know if I want to go down there

Kal Come on nanna you'll be safe with us

They open the door to the cellar and find the light switch, they make their way down the stairs, at the bottom theres a door, they try the key but it doesn't ~~fit~~ work.

Raynard turns the handle and the door opens.

well I didnt expect this, said Susan.

The top two shelves were full of canned food beans, soups, vegetables, corned beef and tinned ham. Another shelf had boxes of matches and candles, six pipes and tins of tobacco, on the floor were bottles and bottles of water, ~~on~~ the wall opposite was full of wine racks and the racks were full of wine and whiskey bottles.

Wow looks like he was expecting a

Seige of some kind, said Karen, whats in that big trunk. Susan lifts the lid, wow its full of blankets, she lifts one out. mmm doesnt smell musty or rotten

Well, said Karen, if we've got to sleep on them sofas and chairs at least we've got a blanket to keep us warm.

And a drop of wine to help us sleep, said Susan.

Raynard sat down in the sitting room scanning the three books.

Come on, said Karen, to Susan lets see if we can find this mysterious door.

They look in the 4 empty room banging the walls in case theres a hollow sound but nothing, they look in the 2 bathroom but again nothing then they look in the library. maybe, said Susan, theres a secret door like the one Kalrina found. They lift up a few books, press and pull anything that look like a button or handle but again nothing. If there was a door it could have been bricked up years ago, said Karen. They checked all the corridors leading to the stairs. You must be right Karen theres no door anywhere, but why would somebody block off part of the house. Dunno, said Karen, how long has your brother lived here. Ooo, said Susan thinking, it must be 40 years or more, why what you thinking maybe he bricked it up for some reason, said Karen, maybe he did, said Susan

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I don't know, but I do know that it's time for some dinner at the sword and feathers, I don't fancy opening a can of beans in that kitchen.

A bottle of red with 2 glasses and 2 cokes please, certainly madam would you like ice in the cokes. No thanks, there's some menus a waitress will take your order when you're ready. Oh that's a coincidence

S What is

barman The book the young man has got

S What about it

barman Sorry, it's an old story I haven't heard for years then it comes along twice in a couple of days

S What this Tremdorn Castle

barman Yes the young man has a book about it and there's been a woman slaying here who's been asking about it

Kar What's this woman's name

barman A Miss Pinkerton but she's left now, she's been talking to all

the old folk about it

S So this Tremdorn castle is real

barman Well that's just it nobody knows, my father told me the story years ago but he didn't know where it was, if it really existed, nobody does, I didn't know someone had written a book about it

S So what's the story

R Lets sit down nanna and I'll tell you

They find a table and sit down.

S go on Raynard im intrigued

R Well I havint read all of it yet, it says Tremdorn castle was owned by a Mr and Mrs Snetterton who had a butchers shop, occasionally guests would stay at the castle but whoever stayed there vanished, no trace could ever be found of them, the first man to vanish was a Bertram Wallace he disappeared in 1998 over the next 20 years or so another 9 people have ~~just~~ vanished, just disappeared, Detectives

have questioned mr and mrs Snelterton and searched the castle but nothing could be found. That's as far as i've read. ~~so~~

Kar ugh people vanished and they owned a butchers shop, you dont think

S oh dont you'll put me off my dinner

Kal So where is this castle

R dunno, ill have to read the rest of the book

They eat their dinner then go back to the house Raynard keeps reading the book

Kar Have you decided what you'll do with this place yet

S Ill probably sell it, ill talk it over with colin when we get back, we dont need a big place like this we're happy in our little pod.

They get a couple of bottles of wine and some blankets out of the cellar and settle down in the sitting room

Kar you know what, i had this funny feeling in the pub when the barman told us about a miss pincerston asking questions, talking to old folk, your daughter Penny came into my brain, i mean both Raynard and Kalina said she saw her, Raynard said she was talking to ~~that~~ an old woman who we thought was Elizabeth, its all very strange

S no Pennys in Exeter remember, thats the other end of the country

Kal ugh, thats a grissley story

S Whats that

Kal This other book "Dont go there" it tells of a family Brian Jenkins his wife Florence and their daughter Fiona. In 1964 they lived in a place called Dalton manor, They owned a pet shop selling pets and pet food, thats nearly 100 years ago, apparantly it was fassion then to keep lizards and snakes as pets, ugh, well one day Brian and Florence disappeared after a couple of days the police are called in, they question Fiona and search the manor but dont find anything, they search the shop

~~and~~ and in the cellar they find meat and empty tins, forensics check out the meat and guess what, it's human flesh. Fiona is accused and put on trial but all she would say is dont go there, dont go there, eventually shes found guilty and sentenced to hang whatever that means anyway at the hang shes asked if shes got anything to say but again all she'll say is dont go there dont go there

Kar ugh that is a grisley story, I wonder what she meant by dont go there, dont go where

Kal Dont know the book doesn't say, it goes into detail about what the police do and the trial, perhaps who ever wrote the book didnt know

S where is this Dalton manor

Kal It doesnt say but the trial took place at Perth assizes, whats Perth assizes

S its a courtroom in Perth, thats only about 20 mile from here so this manor must be fairly local

R I was wondering what Perth assizes was

21 Kar what Perth assizes is in your castle book

R Yeah it says in 2005 Mrs Snetterton died, by this time 4 people had vanished from the castle, an inquest was held at Perth assizes but she died of natural causes, she was 68 years old, Mr Snetterton who was 6 years younger than his wife was found innocent of the disappearances, in 2015 Mr Snetterton died and it seems Tremdorn Castle vanished 2 years later.

S how can a castle vanish

R It says the last person disappeared in 2017 a Dorothy Walton, after that there no records of Tremdorn Castle, perhaps they knocked it down, but nobody knows

Kar 2 strange tales, im going to read this third book "sinners Beware"

Eventually Susan Raynard and Kalina fell asleep, Karen stayed awake reading the book. It was 8.30 the next morning, Susan washed some cups and made some tea, she was pouring it out when Karen wakes up.

Kar ooo i need that, didnt get to sleep

till 3 o'clock

S What reading that book

Kar Yeah, it was another story about an old house, Crimpon Court, a family lived there in the late 1800s, when the oldest son was 15 something happened that sent him completely mad, back then it was a disgrace to have madness in the family so they locked him up in two attic rooms at the top of the house, the book tells of how the family looked after him but nobody other than the family ever saw him again, it said when he died his ghost roamed the town where he lived searching for the sinners that sent him mad
"Sinners Beware"

Susan give a shudder, whoever put them books in the drawer liked wierd grisley stories that's for sure, when we go home today we'll take them books with us and them papers. I'll give the key to the Coopers and ask them to keep an eye on the place.

Susan is back in her pod with Colin, Karen has gone home and LJ has picked up the kids.

Well there you are Colin we now own a big old house in Kinross Scotland.

just then the door bell rings
Penny hasn't seen you for a while, come in

P Hi dad

C Hi Pen, your mother's just been telling me,
we own a house in Scotland

P ay, oh, eh uncle Hughs place, Sorry
mother i couldn't go with you to the
funeral

S its ok, karen and the kids come with
me

P So whats this place like

S well its old and quite big but its
mostly empty, Katrina found a secret
room and in it we found some books
and papers, i've got them in my bag
lets see what you make of them.

Penny and colin look at the books

S we've read the books, they all tell
strange grisley stories about
different houses

Penny and colin look at the papers

P What sort of language is this

it looks Arabic.

This is what they saw

I don't know how
 the devil came to me for
 my sins I should have
 given up this power all those
 years ago but I did not this
 power has been responsible for at
 least a death, there may be
 more yet, whoever this power
 belongs to let me warn you
 you must never find the door
 to the third stage, evil
 dwells and one entering

Colin picks up another piece of paper

the windows
 spot still printed the town
 until I tripped it back in its
 attic, the effort of capturing it
 and locking it in was greater
 me, I would burn this house
 down but I fear that would
 just release the spirit, I will
 tell you one thing about this
 attic, don't go there

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he looks at the third paper,
no i dont think its Arabic id say its
Russian or Polish or one of them countries

S There's a third floor to the house but we
cant find a door or stairs up there

P Sounds creepy

S Anyway Per what were you doing
in Tavistock

P Oh went to see a friend, remember
Sally James, spent a couple of days with
her, so what are you going to do
with this house

S Sell it i suppose, the solicitor said
it could fetch 12,000,000 Dollars

P wow thats a lot of money

C it is maybe we could get LJ up to
date with a carplane

P I know hes still driving that old
hover car.

She looks at the papers again
mmm i wonder what they say,
they're not signed do you think
uncle Hugh wrote them

S Doubt it he couldn't speak another language

P Who did he buy the house from

S Oh i dont know, he bought it 40 odd years ago when he moved to Scotland and got married

C Somebody must have the deeds to the house, maybe the solicitor you saw, tell you what why dont we go up there next week and see him, you want to come too Pen

P Yeah id like to see the place, but we'll go in my carplane, im not going on the maglev

Its wednesday morning.

P Hi mom dad are you ready

C we're ready but we're waiting, LJ, Emily and Karen are coming with us so we'll have to take my car plane aswell

P i've bought those 3 books back, you know something wierd is going on, i've been in touch with Perth assizes and theres no record.

of a Tremdorn Castle or a
 Mr and Mrs Sretterton, no record
 of anybody being turned into dog
 food and even more wierd no record
 of Fiona Jenkins trial or of her
 being hanged, whats more the books
 auther a Harold Burwarlon does not
 seem to exist i can find nothing
 about him, Somebody must have made up
 those stories and the name Harold
 Burwarlon, but why

C i too have been doing some detective
 work on those papers, i took them
 to Cambridge university to get them
 translated but nobody there can
 read them, there not in any language
 they know about and they know
 most languages

P Spooky

S ive made an appointment with Mr
 Tichborn the solicitor perhaps he
 can explain.

Susan and Colin go to see Mr Tichborn,
 LJ, Emily and Karen wait in the house

E You know what this is a creepy
 place, i dont like it, im glad
 we're not staying the night

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P Oh come on Emily all these old houses have an history about them, a bit of mystery, where your sense of adventure

K Pennys right its only bricks and mortar theres no ghosts here, even your kids spent a night here with me and Susan and we all survived.

Susan and Colin walk into the sitting room

LJ well

C Hes got the deeds all right but theres only Hugh Brownlows name on them, there are no names of former owners

S And he knows nothing about these
(taking the books and papers out of her bag and puts them on the table)

he doesnt know much ^{about} Hugh, as ive said Hughs been here 40 odd years, Mr Tichborn has been the solicitor here for only ten years.

K Shall we show them the cellar

E not me i dont want to go down a cellar

P I do come on

So they go down the cellar leaving Emily in the sitting room, she looks at the papers

LJ wow looks like somebody was expecting a siege, all this stuff

K That's what we thought

Then they heard a loud scream.

LJ O my god Emily

they ran up the stairs to the sitting room

LJ Emily you all right

E Yeah im OK

P was it you that screamed

E Yes i stubbed my toe rather badly

S I suppose we'd better get home you've got to pick the kids up from

Their friends house.

They made their way to the door, Susan went to pick up the books and papers

E Eh can i borrow those papers, i've got an idea

S Sure take the books aswell

E o no dont need them

A couple of days later colin is preparing lunch for him and susan, Susans phone rings

S Well colin your not going to believe this, That was LJ, Emily has decoded those papers

C What our Emily

S Yes

C Your right i dont believe it, i mean the bods and profs from Cambridge university couldnt read them, Now your telling me our Emily can

S Yes thats what LJ said, they're coming over later this afternoon

LJ, Emily, Raynard and Katrina are in Susan and Colins sitting room, Emily puts 3 pieces of Paper on the table, they all look at them.

Like Sherlock Holmes crumpon mire the dogs will get you but these dogs are well fed thanks to Fiona Jenkins who dangles from the rope, her spirit unlike the Tremdora castle victims will never vanish

the madmans ghost still haunted the town until i trapped it back in its attic, the effort of capturing and locking it in has drained me, i would burn this house down but i fear that would just release the spirit, i will tell you one thing about this attic, dont go there

then they looked at the third one

I shall soon be dead the devil awaits me for my sins, I should have demolished this house all those years ago but I did not, this house has been responsible for at least 9 deaths there may be more yet, whoever this house belongs to let me warn you, you must never find the door to the Third floor, evil awaits any one entering.

E I think you said Colin you thought it was Russian or Polish well you were close its Latvian

C Latvian

E I wrote some of those strange words into transbot and it came up as Latvian, once I knew that with the help of transbot the translation was easy

C Latvian

Emily thought to herself and gave a little smile, Latvian my giddy aunt, they may never know and im not going to tell them, ill keep that secret to myself.

R OK so now we can read them but what do they mean

S Dont know but they seem to relate to those books see this one mentions Fiona Jenkins and dogs this one a madman and dont go there this one says about 9 deaths and
o my god

Kal and what

S "You must never find the door to the third floor, evil awaits any one entering"

Kal eh you dont think it means the door we've been looking for

S what else can it mean

C Hang on a minute the place where the people vanished was called Tremdorn Castle, what Hughs house called

S Its not got a name its just 13

Alexander Road

LJ then it cant mean uncle hugh's place can it

C must be a coincidence

Raynard looks at the paper

That's wrong

E What's wrong

R Well it says "this house has been responsible for 9 deaths" but 10 people vanished not 9, the first a Bertram Wallace and 9 others that makes 10

E Well i suppose this must have been written before the last person disappeared

Kal (thinking) well nanna if it does mean ~~the~~ ~~same~~ your brother's house, it must have been your brother that hid the door and wrote them papers

S Why must it have been Hugh

Kal You said he lived there for

40 years so if it was hidden before he bought the house he must have noticed the 3rd floor so hes had 40 years to find the door and open up the rooms but he didn't so he must have done it

S mmm when did the last person vanish

R A Dorothy Walton in 2017

S mmm it was around that time he bought it, kal you might be on to something, Ah but remember he couldn't speak or write Latvian

Emily has a little giggle to herself

kal He could have got somebody else to write them

S but why would he block off part of the house and why write those papers

k Dont know but if he did he must have had a reason

Susan, colin and Penny were in the Bull and Dragon eating a meal. Oh yes per

said Susan, Mr Tichborn phoned earlier remember the solicitor, well he said the police looked round the house last night after reports of lights being seen in there, like somebody was looking round with a torch. They didn't find anything the doors were locked and they couldn't find any open or broken windows, He Mr Tichborn suggests i put up some security cameras.

A good idea, said Penny.

Also, said Susan, that woman's been there again, asking questions. What woman, asks Penny. A Miss Pinkerton, said Colin, apparently she looks a bit like you in fact Raynard and Kalima saw her and thought it was you. What some woman's impersonating me.

I wouldn't say impersonating you she just looks like you that's all.

well if i see her i'll give her a piece of my mind, how dare she look like me.

Oh come on Pen she can't help how she looks.

mmm spose your right, what she asking questions about.

That Tremdorn castle.

I thought all that stuff about the castle, the snelttertons and people vanishing was just a made up story.

That's what we think, said Susan, but we don't know for sure, there might have been or there might still be a Tremdorn castle, we don't know.

Tell you what, said Colin, why dont we go up there, spend a few days asking around, see what we can find out about this castle, people being fed to dogs and a madman locked in an attic. I'll come with you, if theres a woman impersonating me i want to talk to her.

They were in the sword and feathers.
I'll have a gin and Tonic, Colin.

A pint of that Loch Leven stout. and penny $\frac{1}{2}$ a lager please.

Have you heard of a place called Dalton manor.

Yes, said the barman, its in a town called Auchtermucety, go up the m90 about 3 mile then get off heading for Springfield, Auchtermucety is about 4 mile from the motorway.

Right thanks, said Susan, what about a Crumpon Court,

Yeah thas in Glenroths just follow the A911, you folks after something round here.

Nothing in particular its just something my brother told me, i dont know if you knew him, Hugh Brownlow.

Oh the hermit just died, oh im so sorry i shouldn't be so rude.

Thats OK he was a bit of a recluse and we weren't that close.

Right oo sorry miss Pinkerton but we've let your room, thought you'd left, you did sign out.

I am not miss Pinkerton my name is

Penny Yarman.

OK im sorry miss Yarman, i was mistaken but you do look very similar.

Is this miss Pinkerton still here.

No as i said she signed out this morning.

Where does she live have you got a phone number.

Sorry folks cant give you that information privacy laws and all that.

no no your quite right, we'll find a table and decide what we'll eat, thank you.

I think i'll have the salmon, and i'll have the lasagne. Colin what are you having.

What oh, eh, um, yes, eh um i'll have the surloin with stilton sauce, you all right dad.

What, yeah eh, um yeah im fine.

You look like your away with the fairies.

no no just thinking.

Come on Colin, said Susan, spit it out.

OK well you first went to scotland for the funeral Raynard and Kalrina thought they saw you Penny, but you were supposedly in Tavistock, since then when we're here miss Pinkerton isn't and when we're not here miss Pinkerton is.

so what are you saying Colin.

I think mom that what my father is saying is that he thinks i am miss Pinkerton.

Well all the clues fit, said Colin, the barman recognised you as miss Pinkerton and usually barworkers are good with faces.

I think mom the monkeys run off with his banana, hes gone mad

Come on Colin, said Susan, you can't really believe this.

Ah, said Penny, we're here today the barman said Miss Pinkerton was here this morning that means we were both here on the same day.

OK but we didn't leave our pod till eleven, you could have signed out at 8 or 9, it's only just over $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour's journey in your carplane.

OK dad let's ask the main question, why? Why what?

Why would I pretend to be Miss Pinkerton.

I don't know, perhaps you know more than your letting on, you know you can be secretive sometimes, we don't see you for weeks and weeks sometimes.

Dad that called having a life of my own. They eat their meal in silence, Penny giving the odd glance at Colin.

So, said Susan eventually, there's a real Dalton manor and a real Crimpon Court, why don't we hire a hovercar tomorrow and have a look at these places.

They get to Auchtermucty and find Dalton manor, it's a big old 3 storey house, Penny taps on her phone, here we are, she says, Dalton manor, Auchtermucty, built in 1905 for the Dalton family sold in 2005 to a Mr Jackson who died in 2022 the house was then bought by Mr Howard Burton the present owner. Looks a bit like Hughs house, said Colin. Spouse it does, said Susan, oh well on to Crimpon

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Court, where did the barman say it was.
Glenroths, said Colin.

Now another 3 storey old house, said Penny,
who again taps on her phone,
Crimpon Court, Glenroths, she read, built in
1880 for the Jenkins family who held it
until tragedy struck in 1964, the house then
sold to Edgar Thomas who died in 2000,
then sold to Mr Donald Walton then in
2026 to Mr Henry Best the present owner.

Then, said Susan, if these two houses exist
and we know a bit of their history then that
other place Tremdorn Castle must exist somewhere.
But, said Penny I can't find any record of it.
Let's have something to eat in that cafe, said
Colin, we'll make some inquiries.

They get some sandwiches and drinks.

I wonder if you could help us, said Colin,
we're after Tremdorn Castle it's round here
some where but we can't find it.

Tremdorn Castle, mmm let me think, said
the woman serving them, Oh I remember it's
that Spooky old story, no you won't find it
it was knocked down years ago I believe.

Oh right, thanks anyway, said Colin, as they
sat down at a table.

Eh mom have you got them books with you.

Yes in my bag here you are.

Penny looks on her phone then flicks through
the books, that's really odd, she says.

What is.

Well, she continued, it says on my phone this

Crimpon Court was built for the Jenkins family and was held by them until tragedy struck in 1964, but the book says the Jenkins lived at Dalton manor and in 1964 they were supposedly chopped up for dog food, also Crimpon Court was owned at one time by a Donald Walton, the last person to vanish from Tremdorn castle was Dorothy Walton in 2017, This cannot be a coincidence, and what's wierd is the manor, the court and uncle Hughs place all have 3 floors.

So what are you trying to say Per.

I havint the faintest ide Oh this cant be real, pinch me someone, i mean this is surely a dream or nightmare.

now what you on about.

Look, she said.

Dalton manor now owned by Howard Burton

Crimpon Court now owned by Henry Best

the author of those books Harold Burwartern

all HB and, oh god Hugh Brownlow

I am now so confused, what the hell is going on. Colin checks her phone, Shes right, there something wierd here, what I dont know, but I think it proves one thing, Hugh Brownlow wrote those books and papers, maybe another word with mr Tichborn.

I'll certainly look in to it for you Mrs Yarmom

I know the solicitors in Auchtermuchty and Glenrothes, ill do some digging.

Thank you mr Tichborn

So there you are karen, said Susan, your up to date now, i tell you i was spooked by what Penny said, i was getting scared until mr Tichborn rang.

k So a Howard Buxton did own Dalton manor

S still does he lives there with his wife and crimpon court is now owned by Thomas Best, Henrys son, True we still dont know anything about this author Harold Burwarton

k So you dont think your brother wrote those books

S We just dont know, apart from this Harold Burwarton who else could have written them, the snettertons dont seem to have existed.

k maybe mr cooper or the solicitor

S Possible i suppose, but whoever wrote them got their houses and stories mixed up

Karen looks at the three translations

K So the book says the Jenkins lived at Dalton manor but they really lived at Crimpon Court

S Yeah

K These three notes they all seem to point to an attic or a top floor as though theres something bad up there warning people "Dont go there" but surely we and most people dont believe in ghosts and spirits, if we found this attic or top floor we'd be the first in there

S Yeah, never thought about it like that, not much of a deterrent are they especially as we think Fiona Jenkins didn't exist or if she did she didn't do any grisley killings so she wouldn't leave any evil spirit or ghost.

K And if you wanted to deter people why write them in that strange language, if you wanted to put people off doing something you'd make it plain from the start, well, I would anyway

Karen reads the three notes again

Ah, a thought has just popped into

my head, we've always said he wrote them whether its Hugh mr cooper or even mr snellerton but what if they were written by a woman, theres no hint to the sex of the author, a woman can burn down a house just as good as a man

S Yes your right, but hang on how does that help us.

K Dont know, widens the scope for writers possibly, oh and another thing we'er assuming these notes were written a long long time ago, they could have been written a few months ago

S Ah, but we know them books were published in 1999 thats 65 years ago

K Somebody has wrote that they were published in 1999 but were they, think back to your bookshop days, all books published have an ISBN number and the name of the publishers, have you checked them out on your nameputer

Susan looks at a book and finds

First published in the UK
by Benjamin's books LTD
9 uphill road London
SW6 3NQ
ISBN
682-2-76857-902-6

She loops the information into her nanputer

S Wow, we should have done this on
day one, no publishers under that name
no such ISBN number and no such
address in London

K These must be the only copies,
so now we don't know who, don't know
when, don't know why, why do I get
this funny feeling we were meant to
find them, well either us or somebody
else

S but we wouldn't have found them if
Kalrina hadn't found that secret door

K I'll grant you that but surely someone
would have found them sometime,
if you didn't want anyone to find
them you'd find a better hiding place
or even not write them in the first place,
no these were meant to be found

S I think you might be right, what did

you say, if you dont want them to be found dont write them in the first place, somebody somewhere at some time is giving out clues about something, all this grisley stuff, that strange language, the houses, its all to keep someone interested, puzzles to fathom out, we just happen to be the ones lucky enough or unlucky enough to have found them, so now all we have to do is solve the clues and find the treasure.

LJ, Emily, Raynard and Katrina joined Susan and Colin in the Bull and Dragon having a meal. Yesterday at school nanna, said Katrina, we did history looking at the 1st world war in 1914, the officers were not chosen because they were military men but because they were rich and aristocratic, I wasn't that interested until one name was mentioned a Colonel Elliot Tallywack Tallywack Braxton Tremdorn, it seem that back then the rich people had funny names but the name Tremdorn stuck in my head you know Tremdorn castle, he was an officer of a scottish division but he lived in a place called creek of Devon, why would a man from Devon be in charge of an army in Scotland.

I dont know, said Susan, but that is interesting, perhaps Tremdorn Castle is in Devon.

But why, said Colin, would the people around Kinross know the story.

maybe, said Susan, this officer Tacky Tacky Tremdorn told some people about his castle.

Oh I really forgot, said Emily, getting something out of her bag, Penny brought this round yesterday it was only a flying visit said she couldn't stop but asked me to give you this, she said you wanted it.

Emily handed a big old key to Susan, Susan looked at Emily puzzled.

But I haven't asked for this, said Susan, what's Penny up to, and how did she get this key. She must have picked it up when we were up there the last time, said Colin, it was on the table I saw it.

But why, said Susan, did she take it to Emily, why didn't she bring it to me.

Maybe because we live closer to her than you do, said Emily, she was in a hurry.

mmm, said Susan, all very strange, anyway where in Devon did this colonel Tremdorn live. Don't know nanna the teacher didn't say.

Raynard taps into his phone, Elliot Tallywack Tallywack Braxton Tremdorn of Devon, nothing found came the reply, sorry nanna nothing of that name in Devon.

Susan thought to herself, me and Karen thought there are clues to follow but what sort of clues are these, That's if they are clues, a man called Tremdorn from Devon and Penny bringing me a key I didn't ask for.

mmm, said LJ, let's have a look at that key, there's a maker name on it, Carltray of

Birmingham, did Penny say why she brought it. No, said Emily, she was only at the door a few seconds she just said "Susan wants this can you give it to her" then she was gone.

Nothing unusual there, said Raynard looking at his phone, Carl Troy of Birmingham, Established in 1864, Largest Lock makers in England.

No, said Colin, but one thing I do find unusual is Pennys choice of words, she said "Susan wants this" she doesn't call you Susan she says mom or mother, she should have said mom or mother wants this.

Well you know Penny, said Susan, slip of the tongue, but why did she think I wanted this key and why did she pick it up in the first place, it doesn't make any sense.

Ah, said Raynard, well you said this Tremdorn came from a place called crook of Devon, but look theres a place here called crook of Devon just a few miles from Kinross, nothing to do with Devon.

Right, said Colin, that makes more sense, I suppose thats the next place we should look, maybe thats where this castle is or was.

Come on Susan, said Colin, lets inquire in this Pub, the pub was fairly quiet, they order their drinks, Colin has a soft drink as he's got to fly home later.

Eh excuse me, he said, we're after a Tremdorn castle. Oh, I havint heard of that for years, said Jean, the woman serving them.

Do you know where it is.

Sure I do, when your ready to go ill show you if you like.

Susan and Colin quickly finish their drinks. They walk down the road then turn into another road then turn another corner.

There it is, said Jean as she points, where I cant see it, said Colin.

There, said Jean again still pointing.

They were looking at a big loch.

You mean under the water, said Susan,

Yes, they built that dam in 2012, think it was and as the valley flooded the castle disappeared under the water.

So Raynard was right when he said the castle vanished, said Colin, eh what about the story of people disappearing, vanishing from this castle.

Well ive heard the story of cause, said Jean but how true it is I dont know, the place was built in 1880 for a Colonel Tremdorn a cruel brute of a man, nobody round here liked him, he had this couple a man and a woman who looked after him, foreigners they were but nobody liked them either.

Foreigners, said Colin, they werent Latvian were they.

I dont know where they were from, this was a very long time ago anyway the Colonel died in 1940 his funeral was a very quiet affair, I think the locals were glad to see the back of him.

You said this place was flooded in 2012, said Susan, but we've read the last person who vanished, a Dorothy walton, ~~went~~ ~~ms~~ vanished in 2017

Well if she did, said Jean, she must have gone for a swim.

They thanked Jean and headed home.

There you are Pen your up to date now

P So i got it wrong about the HBs, Shame I thought I was on to something

S Yeah it was a good theory but a scary one

P So these books and papers are a clue to something

C That's the idea Karen came up with

P (she looks at the papers) mmm everything seems to say about an attic room or a top floor

S Karen came to the same conclusion

P We know uncle Hughs house has a third floor but we cant find a way to it, you say this Triemlorn castle is under a lake so that rules that one out, what about

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Those other two houses we know they have a third floor but is there access to them

C Don't know but how are we going to find out

P must be a way somehow

S By the way Per, why did you send me that key

P What key

S That big old key from Hughs house

P I know nothing about a key

S But you took it to Emily and asked her to give it to me

P I haven't seen Emily since we were at Hughs house, I don't remember seeing a key

S Raynard found it when we were first up there

P I wasn't with you the first time remember, I know nothing about a key

C Somebodys not being straightforward here

P what are you implying dad that i am lying

C well either you or Emily are up to something

He holds up the key

C Here it is

P I can assure you dad i've never seen that before

C well it got from Hugh's house in scotland to here some how

P I dont know how it got here but it definetely wasnt by me

S Right (trying to change the subject) how are we going to find out if theres access to the third floor of the other two houses

P we'll have to go there and see what happens.

They were standing outside Dallon manor

C well that answers that one look theres somebody up there, see through the window

S ok too Crimpon Court

C So how are we going to find this one

Penny thinks, I know, she said, i've got an idea, come on.

They walk towards the house, Penny points to the top of the house, a woman comes out of the house

W What are you doing looking at my house

P oh im sorry, didnt realise we were so close, i was just admiring your grotesques

W my what

P grotesques (pointing to the top of the house)

W What the gargoyles

P no they're grotesques, they're called gargoyles only if they're connected to the drainage system like a water spout, yours aren't so they're grotesques

W You know about these things

P Yes im a historical architect
I teach these things to my
students

She fiddles about in her bag

Oh isn't it always the same, I haven't
got my opera glasses just when I
need them

W opera glasses ?

P Yes I normally carry them with me,
The most interesting parts of buildings
are at the top and with my
glasses I can get a closer look.
From what I can see you grotesques
look really interesting, unusual,
from this distance I'd say they
were Bruegels or even Anonymous
Bosch

W but you said they were grotesques

P Carved by Bruegels or Bosch, oh
if only I had my glasses I could
be more certain

W Well you can get a closer look
from that window up there, if your

friends stay here i could show you

P oh you are so kind, if i could get some pictures, close ups, for my students

sitting in a cafe having a cup of coffee

C Penny Yarman you amaze me sometimes where did you get that load of rubbish from, grotesques and things

P You have to use your imagination sometimes dad, it worked didn't it, so now we know theres access to those two houses so that only leaves uncle Hughs place.

S But how are we going to find the way up without demolishing half the house

C why dont we go up there at the weekend, see if the kids want to come with us, well thoroughly search the house, theres got to be a wall or something that looks out of place

P i'll come with you, i've got to take the key back anyway

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Colin looks at her

P Joking dad only joking, just winding you up.

So they searched the second floor looking for anything unusual, banging on the walls looking in all the rooms. Oh this is hopeless, said Penny, we've been at this for nearly an hour and we haven't found anything.

Raynard and Kalrina make their way down the stairs.

That's the only room we haven't really looked in, said Raynard. He opens the door.

ugh, said Kalrina, looking at all the clothes and rubbish on the floor, There's a wardrobe there he could have put his clothes in.

Raynard opens the wardrobe door, it was empty, he looks all round the inside, there's a little hole in the back and it looks like it's been drilled, he said, as he bends down to look through the hole.

What can you see, said Kalrina.

Nothing it's too dark.

he puts his finger in the hole and pushes then pulls, all of a sudden the complete back opens up.

Wow, said Kalrina, look there's a door.

Raynard tries the door handle, no it's locked he says, that key, where's that key I think it's in nanna's bag in the sitting room, shall I fetch the others. No, said Raynard

go and get the key we'll check this out ourselves. He opens the door and sure enough behind the door is some stairs, he fumbles about and finds a light switch. Come on, he says, but be as quiet as you can. They make their way to the top of the stairs into an empty room, they open a door to another room, strewn all over the floor are cardboard boxes, they search through them. one box is full of old plates cups and saucers, in another box is a battered old suitcase, another is full of pots and pans, and another is full of what looks like ornaments and paintings.

Well this is all junk by the look of it, lets go and find the others.

They get to the sitting room.

P So if there is any treasure up there we aint going to find it.

R There isn't

S What do you mean

K Theres no treasure up there

P How do you know

R We've just found the way up there

K and its all junk

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C You mean you've been up there

K Yes

S Well what are we waiting for, show us

R We've always been looking for the door on the second floor but look, he points to the wardrobe

S Well would you believe it

They all go up

C I think your right kal its all junk.

P might be antiques (as she pulls a chipped cup out of a box)

S Well i wouldnt pay for any of this stuff.

P So what was the point of all the mystery, them books and papers all that ghostly spirit stuff

C Dont know but now im getting hungry and i need a pint.

Having a drink and a meal in the sword and feathers

C I dont know, I cant work it out,

Why would anyone go to all that trouble to try to scare us from junk

S no i think karen was right, all that ghostly stuff wasn't to frighten us away, it was to keep us interested to keep us searching, its fun to solve a mystery

P Sorry but i'm not buying this, so your saying some body at some time invented all them stories so we could amuse ourselves, have some fun, i dont think so, must be more to it.

R What if some of those paintings are valuable or them ornaments

S ok, we'll get them checked out tomorrow.

K i've just had a thought, didn't you say the police checked the house because somebody reported seeing lights, so maybe someone else knows something and broke into the house find something and found it so whatever it is isn't here anymore

C Possible i suppose, so who could it be
A Ah the coopers, yes it must be them
They're the only one that knew Hugh

S They had no need to break in, they were

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in the house when we first got here,
and i gave the key back to them when
we left.

C and P miss Pinkerton

S no she was only interested in Tremdorn
castle, i wonder if shes found it.
we'd better get back to the house.

C shall we have one more drink

P Yeah good idea

S oh go on then

See, said susan, now we've got to walk back
in the dark.

Oh come on nanna your not scared of the dark
are you..

They walk up to the house. s'ht whispered Penny
look theres somebody in there with a torch.
they must have thought we'd gone home, said
susan. Lets get them, said colin. Hang on,
said susan, we dont know who they are or
how many there are of them.

I can oilly see one torch nanna, said Katrina.
Colin opens the front door quietly and they all
slowly make their way to the sitting room
door, colin flings open the door and puts
the light on.

They all stare in amazement

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C Pen, no you must be miss Pinkerton

Penny looks at miss pinkerton and miss pinkerton looks at Penny

P You've even got the same hair style as me

miss pinkerton pulls off her long blond wig to reveal shortish brown hair underneath

P So you buy a wig so you can look more like me

miss P When I bought this I didn't know you even existed, I tried it on in the shop and liked it. I knew Hugh had a sister but that's all I knew.

S OK Colin call the police

miss. P I wouldn't do that

C and why not, miss pinkerton

miss P I think you should hear what I've got to say first

S ok we'll all sit down

miss. P I wasn't going to steal from you
I only want what's rightfully mine

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S What do you mean whats rightfully
yours

miss P my legacy, the money he promised me
he wanted to leave me something in
his will but he couldn't with out
revealing who i am, so he left my
legacy somewhere in this house

P You say he couldn't leave you anything
in his will because it would reveal
who you are, go on then who are you

miss P my name is Daving Prendagast and
i am Hugh Brownlows daughter

S What, no no you cant be his daughter
Hugh didn't have any children,

miss P

or now. D.P. not by his wife he didn't, but i am
still his biological daughter.

They all go quiet for a few moments

DP You see i grew up not knowing who
my father was, my mother wouldn't
say anything, She died a year ago
i found some papers and letters she'd
hidden, letters from Hugh Brownlow,
love letters, from these i discovered
Hugh Brownlow was my father

I Plucked up the courage to go and see him, at first i think he was pleased to see me, he asked me to call again which i did a few times but i noticed his drinking was getting worse, at each visit he would end up drunk, thats when he told me about his money and he wanted to leave me some, he called it my legacy but he didnt tell me where it was. Well after one of my visits i left him in his room, i was about to go out of the front door but i noticed a cupboard room so i hid in there, after a few minutes he came out of his room and locked the front door. I waited about half an hour then came out of the cupboard room and listened at his door he was snoring loudly, he was in a drunken stupor so i searched through the house. I thought my luck was in when i found the secret door in the sitting room but there was nothing there nor could i find anything in the rest of the house so i left locking the front door taking the key with me, thinking he must have another somewhere which it turns out he did. So now i could get in any time i liked. On my last visit to him, as i was about to leave he grabbed and started groping me, i picked something up, i dont know what it was and i hit him over his head with it, he slumped to the

floor. my god i thought, i've killed him, but thankfully i hadn't, i never visited him again but i did search the house when i knew he'd be dead drunk but still i found nothing, as i was leaving i saw a third floor, ah i thought i'll look up there next time but as you now know i couldn't find a door or stairs up there. Anyway with his heavy drinking and pipe smoking his health went down hill quite quickly, i could see he wasn't going to live much longer. I knew he had a sister and i knew you would inherit his house, he told me on one of my visits, so i had to think of a plan or i would lose my legacy

S Plan what sort of a plan

DP Well i knew he would soon die and i thought when you inherited his house you would put it on the market and sell it and the chance of finding my legacy would be gone.

P So what did you do, what sort of idea did you come up with

DP i thought as long as you had

the house I still had a chance,
So my plan was to make you keep
the house as long as possible

C and how did you do that

D P well I thought as I can't find the
way up to the third floor where my
legacy probably was, I'll try and
get you to find it so I hit on the
idea of a mystery, everybody likes
a mystery, right. So I asked around
older folk and heard of the mystery
of Tremdorn castle that gave me the
idea about making a mystery of this
place, I soon worked it out I found
two other old houses with a third
floor so I made up some stories, it
was fun, anyway a friend of mine is
a printer so I got him to print out
3 books I'd written I then devised some
code and wrote 3 ghostly stories
thinking you'd be interested and
try to work it all out, which is
what happened giving me more time
to find a way to my legacy.
The Third floor

P So you wrote them books and papers

D P Yes

P and it was you poking around the house when the police investigated

DP Yes

R Can i ask a question, how did you know we'd find the secret room and those books

DP I had a back up plan, I knew you'd found them but if you hadn't I was going to leave you a clue as to how find them. That legacy where ever it is is right fully mine I didnt want to give it up.

S Wow what a story

C I have a question, why did you write them papers in Latvian.

DP Latvian?

C those papers are written in Latvian aren't they

Darina looks at cclin but doesn't say anything

P I can see by looking at you theres a family resemblance, so why didn't you just ask us to help you, why all this cloak and dagger stuff, codes and

scary stories

D.P. I never knew if Hugh ever talked to any one about me, I didn't know anything about you people, if I just walked up to you and said who I was, well who knows what could have happened

S We only talked a few times in the last 40 years on the phone but no he never said anything about you

R So it was you I saw talking to that old lady and I thought it was Aunt Penny

K and it was you I saw when I came out of the sweet shop

P oh my god, it must have been you that gave that key to Emily

DP Yes as I said I talked to older folk about Tremdorn castle and yes I gave that key to your daughter in law. Though I didn't think I'd get away with it, I wasn't sure how much I resembled your daughter but I had to try and deepen the mystery.

Penny looks at Colin

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P Perhaps next time dad you might believe what i say

R Wow thats quite a story but im sorry to disappoint you miss Davina, but we've found a way to the third floor but theres nothing there but junk, There is no legacy

S Thats right, Hugh left his money to me and mr and mrs Cooper and what did mr Tichborn say, he only left the house to go to the bank, thats where ~~is~~ money was

DP Hugh did only leave the house to go to the bank thats true but he took the ~~money~~ out of the bank not put it in there, as i said he couldnt leave me anything in his will so he took my share out of the bank and hid it somewhere in this house

S if he wanted you to have the money why didnt he tell you where it was

DP He told me on one of my visits that he would tell me before the end, but after he groped and i clomped him on the head we never spoke again, anyway near the end i heard he was permanently drunk, he couldnt speak

clearly to anyone.

C Well miss Pinkerton or Davina
Whatever your name is, Raynards right
there nothing up there but junk

S im sorry but thats right, but i must
say your plan worked it kept us
intrigued trying to work out all the
clues, as you say everybody likes
a mystery and yours was a good one

D P ive searched this house for months
and found nothing, but you have,
will you show me

S Yeah come on

D P Oh my god, no wonder i couldn't find
the way up, i was looking for the
stairs on the second floor where you
naturally think they are, i never
came into this room because he was
always in here.
well your right it is all junk but my
legacy has got to be somewhere

P Perhaps Davina, after your, eh, em,
altercation with him, after you
whacked him on his head he decided
you werent to have his money so
he put it back in the bank

D P maybe your right, oh how stupid of me, why didn't i just let him have a feel of me, what harm would it have done

P No no you did the right thing, if a man grabbed hold of me i'd clomp him legacy or no legacy

C Come on i'll get a couple of bottles from the cellar, at least you can have a drink or him.

In the sitting room drinking their wine

S Well Davina i dont know if it helps but at least you know you have a family, we'er only half an hour away by car plane

D P Thanks, that is reassuring, i dont feel so alone now. I maybe skint but in someway i feel richer if you know what i mean

S Yeah

Kalrin and Raynard come into the room

we've found it

C found what

They put a battered old suitcase on the table.

R it was kals idea, we all saw this in a cardboard box and we all thought it was rubbish, nobody looked inside it

Kalrina opened the suit case.

Oh my god, said Penny.

It was full of 100 dolpond notes.

bloody hell, said colin, there must be 100 grand or more here.

Susan shuts the case and gives it to Davina.

Thats yours I think

The end