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detective story

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Character

My crew

this is me	Serena
my detective partner	Jonas
policeman	Leon

Victims

Josie

Lora

Angela

Carina

Sandra

Camil

Suspect

the boss of the company	Mr. Both
employee	
employee	Jack

Other

owner of the left (crime scene)...... Richard Avery

On a cold winter night, the next dead body was lying on the floor. All over the carpet was dark red blood. When the clock rang midnight, the whole room was in deep silence. The room was very dark.

When we arrived at the crime scene, I was tired because I couldn't sleep because all the crimes. At first when I and my crew walked in, I was shocked about the bloodshed. I nearly fell down because I have never seen so much blood in one room.

'Serena, Serena, Serena' shouted Jonas my detective partner in a deep voice. But I couldn't understand him, I was lost in my thoughts. 'Are you okay?' asked Jonas. 'Of course,' I said. But nothing was okay. There were so many crimes and every time it's a young woman who's dead. It's my job so... Jonas interrupted my thoughts. 'Oh no,' spoke Jonas 'it's a young woman again. How can someone do that?' 'I don't know', meanwhile I shook my head. Leon the police officer came to us and explained 'there's no weapon next to the body. Nobody saw or heard anything.'

I was finally home. I couldn't stand anymore, I have to go to bed. What time is it? It's 3 o'clock in the morning I tried to sleep, but it's not possible. What can I do now? I can read the new book I bought yesterday. Yes, that's a good idea. I opened the book and I began to read it. He knows that......and after that I fall asleep.

I heard someone knocking at the door. I'll go and open it. Suddenly a man stood in front of me, I couldn't recognise him very well. He intimidated me. He took out a gun and... Uhh another nightmare. As if I don't already have enough to do with murders. I was trying to fall asleep again and this time I just had to close my eyes.

Oh God, it's 7:00 a.m. I have overslept. I hope to get to work on time. Fortunately, it was 8:00 a.m. when I reached the office. 'Hey Jonas,' I said. Jonas greeted kindly as always. We have to manage to find the murderer who murdered all these young women. There are so many victims now. Josie, Lora, Angela, Carina, Sandra and the last Camil. 'Why is it so hard to find the murderer?', I asked myself loudly. 'That's a good question,' confirmed Jonas. 'Did the victims have a connection to each other? 'asked he. 'Let me think! Yes, they have. They all work at the same company, 'I answered. Now we have a connection between the victims, that's good. 'Why didn't we think of that before? Now, we know where we should check next,' noticed Jonas.

'Wow, this building of the company is really high, I said astonished. 'That means we have a lot of work to interview the employees, 'laughed Jonas. 'I guess you're right. I would say we split up. Do you agree?' I asked Jonas. Jonas answered clearly, 'I will interview the boss of this big company and you can then interview the employees.'

I started the interrogation. 'You are Addison Grey, is that right?' 'Yes, that's correct.' 'I have a few questions for you, Mrs. Grey.' 'Did you have contact with these young women,' I showed Mrs. Addison Grey the photos of the victims. She looked at the photos' I didn't have much contact with them, I only saw them a few times in the cafeteria.' 'Did these women have problems with anyone from this company?' 'As far as I know, not.' 'Thank you very much Mrs. Grey, we are finished but please be at our disposal for further questions.' Mrs. Grey nodded her head while I walked out the door and said goodbye.



I interviewed a few more employees but no one could answer my questions.

After interviewing the employees, I waited until Jonas was finished with the interview. Then I watched a conflict between an employee with dark hair and a black leather jacket and a blonde young woman. They quarrelled very loudly, it could be heard from far away. While I was listening carefully, Jonas came to me and said, 'I found something. 'Jonas told, me that the boss Mr. Both got a complaint from Mrs. Grey. Allegedly, some of our victims harassed her and even sprayed her car. I told Jonas 'Mrs. Grey lied to me. She claimed she didn't know the victims very well.' Then we have to question Mrs. Grey again because she didn't tell us the truth, and she has a motive now, 'said Jonas. 'But we'll do that tomorrow, 'I said because it's the end of a workday.

Chapter 4

On the way home, I had to think about this conflict all the time. Somehow the conflict seemed strange to me. But I didn't want to think about work all the time. I had to distract myself with something. I turned up the music and sang loudly to Taylor Swift songs. When I got home, I was so exhausted that I went to bed straight.

The next morning I woke up on time and drove to the office. Our next step was to find out, who had a motive. However, we had to go to the company again today to ask Mrs. Grey in more detail. We stormed in Mrs. Grey's office. She looked a little scared. I asked Mrs. Grey why she didn't tell the truth, that she even knew the young women very well? Mrs. Grey answered 'yes, well it's true I knew them, they bullied me and sprayed my car on. But I didn't murder them. I remembered something else. The boss Mr. Both was very angry with the women, because sometimes they stole money ', said Mrs. Grey. 'I hope you didn't lie to us again', Jonas said this to Mrs. Grey in a strict tone. If that's really true, we have a second suspect, 'Jonas replied to me.

'That means we also have to ask the boss of the company Mr. Both again, 'I said. 'Yes, it seems so,' agreed Jonas. Mr. Both admitted that he had lied. He said, that he didn't want to be suspicious, so he didn't tell anything about the money. But he emphasised above all that he had not murdered the women.' 'When we left the office again, I saw this man who had a conflict with this woman who has blonde hair, who I saw yesterday. He looked very confused. But I didn't think anything about it and I went on.

'We now have two suspects, ' Jonas detected . 'Yes, that's true, but somehow think something is wrong here. I think there are other suspects in this company,' I replied.

Only now I told Jonas about the conflict, I had noticed. He asked me if I could hear what the conflict was about. I said, 'I only know that the man insulted the woman and that's all I heard. 'Maybe we have another suspect,' said Jonas.

Suddenly the phone rang. I picked it up. It was the forensics. They found the crime weapon. A revolver lay in the park next to the crime scene in the dustbin. However, no fingerprints could be found.

Chapter 5

After three hours of silting through files and inventing theories we felt depressed. 'It is so hard to find out who the murderer is,' Jonas sight. Although, why didn't I come up with it earlier. 'There are cameras at the aisle at the crime scene,' I screamed loudly. 'You are a genius!' praised Jonas.' I didn't even notice them! We have to go to the crime scene again. Maybe we'll find something else.'

'On the way to the crime scene,' I asked Jonas about his theory who could be the murderer of the women. Jonas said,' I don't think it was Mr. Both. He has a motive but somehow it doesn't make sense. But he also doesn't believe that it was Mrs. Grey.'

When we arrived at the crime scene for the second time, I noticed a strange feeling in my stomach again. We went inside and suddenly a man with dark hair ran into me. When he turned around, I realised that it was the man who had the conflict with the blonde woman. He said to me in an angry tone, 'watch out.' I apologized and went on. We we were standing in front of the door. My feet were shaking a little, but I didn't know why. 'You see Jonas, here are the cameras, they hang opposite the door, but they are well hidden', I said.

`We have to find the owner of this building. Them we can see, if the camera has recorded something that could help us,' I said hopefull. As we spoke, the owner just came up the stairs. He introduced himself under the name Richard Avery. We showed our police IDs and asked him where the technical room was. He led us to the basement. There were many monitors, they were recording everything. We needed the recording from May 23rd at about 6 p.m. We watched the records for a while but the. A masked manchem but you couldn't recognise him well. He wrapped a black cloth around the camera so that you couldn't see anything. But was was that? I said to Mr Avery, please rewind.' I had noticed that the masked man got stuck with his jacket. 'Yes, there could be our piece of evidence,' said Jonas. We rushed to the camera again. Behind the camera we could find a small black shred. `That must com from a leather jacket,` I agreed. We have to check if any of our suspects are missing a piece of black leather jacket. 'But we'll do that tomorrow,' Jonas meant. It was already 8 p.m.

Today we have made significant progress in our case. I am sure that we will soon hunt down the murderer. But now it's time for me to go to bed and treat myself to some rest. Tomorrow I will continue to work with new energy and determination.

We went to the victims company again and interrogated Mr. Both and Mrs. Grey once more. We asked them, if they were in possession of a black leather jacket. But both denied it. After we had completed our questions, we noticed again the man who was involved in an argument with the blonde-haired woman. My eyes searched his black leather jacket. When I took a closer look, I realised that a piece of it was missing. With astonishment, I turned to Jonas and said,` I think we found our murderer.` Together with Jonas, I went to the man who was Jack, arrested him and started the interrogation.

However, the motive was still unclear to us. We wanted to know the motive, we drove with Jack to our office and we started with the questioning. Why should he have killed six young women? We confronted the suspect with our finding that he was the possible perpetrator and began the interrogation to reveal his motive.



Jack stared at us for a moment before he finally replied with a cynical smile, 'you want to know the motive? Well, I had enough of her mendacious beauty and the superficial promises. For me, these young women embodied everything I hated - the kind of people who deceive the world with their superficial appearance. I wanted to reveal the truth behind their masks and teach them a lesson.'

After a long conversation, Jack admitted that his mother had always oppressed him in the past and that's why he felt inferior. He wanted to prove that he was self-employed and could achieve something. Of course, he has severe psychological problems.

Leon said, 'Jack you were arrested because you murdered 6 young women.' After the interrogation, I was still talking to Jonas. 'Crazy that all this only happened because he had been oppressed by his mother,' I said. 'That's true, fortunately we have finally solved the case,' agreed Jonas.



Nora Haas was born on the 25th August 2009 and has always been fascinated by books. Already at a young age, she discovered her passion for reading and the world of stories. With great curiosity, she immersed herself in different Books and let her imagination run wild. Now she decided to write her own short story. She was inspired by the exciting and mysterious elements of the series and developed her own captivating plot.



Serena and her partner Jonas have to solve a series of mysterious murders. The victims are all young women who work in the same company. Serena and Jonas discover that the victims had connections to each other and that there may be other suspects in the company.

During their investigations, they come across clues such as a missing weapon and surveillance footage. Step by step, they get closer to the truth.