



Welcome to Hidden Games Crime Scene – Case No. 1 – The case of Little Gomersal

Dear Private Detectives,

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Many greetings

Your Hidden Games Team

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Voicemail

Voice	Text
Computer	You have 3 new messages. 1st message, April, 1 st 2019.
Male voice	Hello, it's Steven Bridges speaking. I just wanted to let you know that I will accept the offer you have sent us and that we will gladly use the cleaning service from now on. Oh, and I should tell you our address again, so you know where to go: Our doctor's office is at 36 Green Row. Thank you.
Computer	2 nd message, April 10 th 2019.
Female Voice	Hi, honey. If you come over later, it would be great if you could bring me some more sleeping clothes. The nightgowns here at the hospital are really dirty. Thank you.
Computer	3 rd message, April 22 nd 2019.
Male voice	Yo, it's me, Piddy. Can I borrow your car this weekend? You know, mine is still in the shop and I need it professionally because I have to pick up our blue work shirts from the cleaners on Saturday. I couldn't reach you, so maybe you can call me later or send me a Whats app. Thanks.

Interrogation - Mary Pears

Voice	Text
Jason Mahown	<p>Jason Mahown and Mary Pears are present. It is 12:14.</p> <p>Ms Pears, you are the organiser of the annual traditional festival, and you were present the whole evening. Where were you when Max Cobbler collapsed in the village square?</p>
Mary Pears	<p>I was just on my way back to the drinks stall because we were running short of some drinks. I fetched some more from the store behind the square. I did not actually see Max collapsing. But I heard people screaming when I came back to the square and by then, he was already lying on the ground.</p>
Jason Mahown	<p>Were you working at the drinks stall that night?</p>
Mary Pears	<p>Well, I didn't really work there. It was not a real drinks stall, just a few tables that we had set up. A lot of volunteers help there and work different shifts and since we get some donations from the local pubs every year, we also give out a lot of free drinks and people just help themselves. This is actually a self-runner self-running, but this year we implemented the suggestion of the "Green Little Gomersal" initiative and labelled all tumblers with names so that they could be used several times. So, I just wanted to help out a little and...</p>
Jason Mahown	<p>Yes yes, I understand, that is not relevant for us. Did you notice anything peculiar that day or did you particularly notice someone?</p>
Mary Pears	<p>Puhh... that's a difficult question. I would have expected from Mr Miller that he would have shown a bit more empathy. Well, you know, simply because of his work... He was surprisingly quiet, although he is usually very talkative. But when something so terrible happens, that's probably hardly surprising.</p>

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Jason Mahown	<p>Do you know who... (<i>phone rings</i>) Mahown? Oh, okay, I get it. Yeah, I'll reschedule and I'll come right over. Thanks a lot.</p> <p>Ms Pears, unfortunately, we have to continue this interview some other time. I will get back to you.</p>
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Interrogation – Richard Braithwaite

Voice	Text
Jason Mahown	<p>Present are Richard Braithwaite and Jason Mahown. The time is 14:27.</p> <p>First of all, I would like to express my condolences on the recent death of your wife. Thank you for taking the time to come to this interrogation today.</p>
Richard Braithwaite	I didn't have much choice, did I? But yes, you are welcome...
Jason Mahown	Mr. Braithwaite, in actual fact, I don't want to talk to you about the 26th of April, the day of Max Cobbler's death, but about the 22nd of February. The regular weekly get-together took place in your pub that day, and I have heard that Ian Smith attracted some attention. Please describe the evening to me.
Richard Braithwaite	Yes, the usual crowd were there that day, like every Friday. There's not a lot to tell. Ian was definitely there, I remember that. Apart from him, Steven Bridges, Robert Miller and Carl Hammersmith, I think. But you'd know Carl, anyway. He's a policeman himself and works here in the community, if I'm not mistaken.
Jason Mahown	Please describe the conversation between those present.
Richard Braithwaite	Oh, Ian came into the pub that day in a bad mood. I've never seen him like that. He's always dressed formally, a quiet and reserved bloke that tends to listen to the others, rather than talk. But that evening, he apparently needed to talk. He'd had a conversation with his boss a few days before. He has been working for this insurance company, "Care4you" or something like that, for as long as I can remember. And during the conversation, the boss had told him that he would not be promoted after all, and that his colleague Max would get the senior position. If you ask me, it is totally incomprehensible why Max got the job. He hasn't even been with the company that long.

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Jason Mahown	What exactly did Ian Smith say then?
Richard Braithwaite	Well, I can't remember exactly. But he was really annoyed, you can imagine. He couldn't just shrug off the decision. The others listened to him and, of course, understood his point of view. Especially Robert agreed that he had every reason to be angry with Max. I always find it a bit strange that he, as the parish priest, joins the regulars when they meet up every week, but as long as he orders his beer from me, it doesn't bother me. Anyway, Robert told him that he shouldn't put up with that and that it's unbelievable how Max sucked up to the boss and got the job.
Jason Mahown	Did this influence Mr Smith's behaviour?
Richard Braithwaite	Well, he got himself all worked up. And in the end, I am absolutely sure of this, he said "Max won't get away with this. He will regret it". But then they went on to talk about something else.
Jason Mahown	Did the other two, Carl Hammersmith and Steven Bridges, voice their opinions?
Richard Braithwaite	Well, they understood how he was feeling. Steven Bridges somehow didn't seem to really want to get involved when they talked about Max. He went very quiet then. But he is also a doctor, he can't behave in a way that would make people lose respect. And Carl also stayed out of it. He just tried to calm Ian down and said that he was bound to get his chance in the company one day, and would do a good job when he did and so on.
Jason Mahown	Thank you very much for the interrogation. I have no further questions at the moment.

Finale

Voice	Text
Jason Mahown	<p>Yes, hello? Am I speaking to the private investigators? Ah yes, great! My name is Jason Mahown, but of course, you practically know me already. I was the lead investigator on the Max Cobbler case. And I have received your letter with the information about what really happened that you sent me.</p> <p>First of all, I think, I have to thank you, even though I still don't quite understand how the police file found its way to you, but you did a pretty good job.</p> <p>We were indeed able to identify Phillip Johnson as the killer. Of course, at first he did not seem to be connected to Max Cobbler at all, but in the end, it turned out that the circumstances were completely different to what we'd thought.</p> <p>As you know, Phillip Johnson had a relationship with Carrie Butcher. Thomas Butcher, Ms Butcher's father, died in a fire last year. The murder victim, Max Cobbler, was responsible for that. He inadvertently failed to check and spot a faulty fire hose, and the fire brigade did therefore not manage to extinguish the fire fast enough. At the time, the evidence was insufficient, and it was not possible to hold Max accountable for the incident. However, Thomas Butcher's wife, Sarah Butcher, managed to get hold of proof, which she hid in a safe place. When her daughter Carrie helped her with the spring cleaning, she found the documents and accordingly knew that Max had been responsible for causing her father's death.</p>

Of course, Carrie was extremely upset about this and told her boyfriend Phillip Johnson about it. What she did not know at the time was that Phillip Johnson had received a letter from Thomas Butcher shortly before his death in the fire. In this letter, he had confessed to Phillip that he was his father. Phillip and Carrie, who are in a relationship, are actually half-brother and -sister. However, you have already figured that out by yourselves.

So anyway, Carrie told Phillip that Max had caused the death of her, and therefore also his, father, Thomas. Phillip felt incredibly angry with Max. He had actually intended to reply to his father's letter and had already written a letter, telling his father that he would like to meet him at last, but he had never sent it as his father had died shortly afterwards in the fire. When Carrie told him why he died, Phillip Johnson immediately made plans to take revenge on Max Cobbler.

He had started to clean the Little Gomersal doctor's surgery in the course of his caretaking services and there, he happened to hear about Max's allergy test. When the results came in, he stole them and found out that Max was highly allergic to peanuts. Phillip has now admitted all of this, he made a full confession.

After that, Phillip told us, he managed to obtain some finely ground peanuts, which he took with him to the village festival. The fact that the tumblers were all labelled with names played right into his hands, of course. His opportunity came when Max, who had won the marksmanship competition, was off on his lap of honour through the village. He added the ground peanuts to Max's drink. Shortly afterwards, when Max took a sip after speaking the customary toast, he suffered an anaphylactic shock and died almost instantaneously. The fact that a friend of

	<p>Phillip's, Peter Gilbert, had borrowed Phillip's car at the time when the crime was being committed and had been caught by a speed camera was another stroke of luck for Phillip. Mr Gilbert didn't know anything about Phillip's plan.</p> <p>Well, of course, you knew many of these things before we did. Nevertheless, I felt the need to inform you that we have now finally done our job and, well, I would simply like to thank you, because without you, we would not have been able to do it.</p> <p>If we need help with another case at some point in the next few months, I hope I may be permitted to contact you again.</p>
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That was Hidden Games Crime Scene, the Little Gomersal case.

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