

THE TESTIMONY OF MS. SCARLET

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Miss Scarlet, please describe the events which took place the night of Mr. Boddy's death.

I think I was the first one to arrive at Tudor Hall; at least, I didn't see anyone else around. I need to be punctual for work, and that tends to bleed into my personal life. I came in through the northeast entrance and decided to check the Kitchen to see whether the host needed help setting up.

Not too long after I got to the Kitchen, Mr. Green showed up. He spent a couple of minutes talking at me until I could make up an excuse to leave. I walked north, seeing Mrs. White and hearing Professor Plum in the hallway, but didn't get close enough to talk. I've no patience for blabbermouths. I stopped in the first empty room I passed to avoid talking to anyone else.

I noticed that I was missing an earring at this point, so I retraced my steps to go find it. Luckily, it was in the last room I'd been in.

And that's where you were when the lights went out?

Yes. I thought there might be a flashlight or something nearby, so I went to an adjacent room to see if I could find it. I can't stand being idle when there's work to be done.

I was able to find a flashlight relatively quickly, but I stayed in the room for some time looking for a spare set of batteries.

Eventually I gave up on the batteries. I went into the hallway to try to find some of the other guests, but I didn't see anyone.

Then what happened?

When the lights came on, I heard someone yell, "Huzzah!" from the corner of the mansion. I went into the room and found Col. Mustard, who let me know that he had been the one to restore the power. He was very proud of himself.

I wasn't much in the mood to listen to Col. Mustard tell everyone else at the party about how clever he was, so I decided to stay put while he went off to brag.

By then, I had lost interest in the party. I've been to much better dinners with much more important people through work. I decided to take advantage of a rare evening off and walked north until I found an empty room in which to relax.