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CHAPTER 1

 $R_{\text{ing ring went the sound of the doorbell.}}$

It was a cold frosty day in London. The smell of Fraser's toasted sandwich wafted through the air in his small, cluttered kitchen. He was just about to play the board game Cluedo, his favourite. Outside, it wasn't busy with people, which was unusual for a Monday. Perhaps because it was a bank holiday.

It was 12 o'clock midday, late summer. He had just sat down, and this was not a good day for wicked news. He walked up to the front door and opened it.

Everyone passing, who he encountered,

seemed grumpy, perhaps because they were going to work on a bank holiday.

The postman had just delivered his daily post. Nothing but bills as usual, Fraser

thought, but then something caught his eye. It was an invitation from his old pal. It was a wedding invitation!

Fraser always found his friend a bit eccentric and bizarre, and the unforeseen invitation came as no surprise. It was three days to go until the wedding and Fraser had never met the lady, who was soon to be his friend's bride. After waving the postman goodbye, Fraser sat down for a more thorough read.



CHAPTER 2

hree days later Fraser hopped on the plane, excited for the journey ahead. He arrived at the Bahamas, it was VERY hot and humid, like a giant sauna.

He checked in and went to meet the guests.



The first person he met was Edward (he liked to be called Teddy), one of Michael's friends.



Teddy worked as a delivery driver, but no one seemed to know what he delivered?



to work in a cat shelter one day.

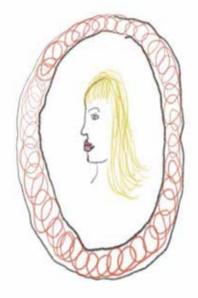
Next, he met Georgia, one of Lucy's old friends, who liked cats, didn't work, but wanted



After that, Fraser met James, a friend of Lucy's, who was a professional chef, liked eating, and didn't like angry customers.

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Finally, Lucy the bride.



Fraser didn't know anything about her.Where had she come from?What did she do before she met his pal?

And finally, not forgetting Michael the groom.



Fraser had known him since Year 3 at school, when he had moved into the area from Nebraska.

People from different places, far and wide were there to celebrate the marriage of Fraser's old pal.

Lucy wanted the events of the days ahead to be simple and small. No one could understand why, as whisperings suggested Lucy was the type of person who liked lots of fuss. No one talked openly about it and kept their mouths shut, so as not to upset Lucy. As they all checked in to their luxury

cabanas, they heard a scream and a gunshot. It came from the other side of the



island. Then, there was silence.

CHAPTER 3

Everyone ran over and saw Teddy and

Georgia, but Teddy was not moving: he was dead!

Georgia claimed it wasn't her, but no one believed her.

Everyone was directed to the restaurant by Michael, who had decided to take charge of the situation. The restaurant had been reserved for them anyway. Georgia, clearly

distressed, went to the toilet. She didn't come out for 2 minutes...3 minutes...4 minutes...

Lucy went to look for her, finding Georgia not moving, with a pocket pen knife sticking out of her chest. The knife was coated in crimson red blood. The wound was oozing like a chocolate fountain. Georgia was gone. Lucy was horrified!

They were all sent to their cabins by Michael, who once again was taking charge.

As Fraser walked back, he saw someone snooping around in the misty shadows... It was Michael, but he wasn't alone. He was with Lucy.

Fraser followed them. But they were just

kissing... Bizarre behaviour after someone has just been found dead, thought Fraser, but then his friend was a bit like that! Fraser had a few suspects in mind now... Lucy and Michael, were they a cruel couple who wanted everything to be about them, with no distractions?

ewwwwwwwww....

Fraser realised something: that's why they wanted the wedding small, but why would they kill someone?

He thought harder.

Michael had confided in Fraser asking Fraser to keep it confidential that he'd signed his last will and testament the other week with all the fortune going to...

You guessed, it Lucy...

CHAPTER 4

t was all coming together the way Lucy wanted it. She was about to set up Georgia, but Georgia was onto it, couldn't live with the shame AND jail, if found guilty, so committed suicide. Darn it! thought Lucy, who can I blame now?

Lucy knew Michael's fortune was going to go to her, his bride, after the wedding and she needed him gone.

Oh no, Fraser thought, she's going for Michael next. He grabbed his camera and went to Michael's cabana. He saw Lucy sneaking around the back with the same knife she had used to kill Georgia with.

How had she got the knife?

You guess!

Fraser had to stop her.

Lucy grabbed Michael by the neck and held the pen knife to his throat.

Using his martial arts skills, Fraser tackled Lucy to the ground. He threw her over his shoulder and pulled open a shed door. In she went, he threw her in, and she fell in a washing basket full of clothes.

Fraser slammed the door shut and barricaded it with a broom.

He then called the police and showed them the footage.

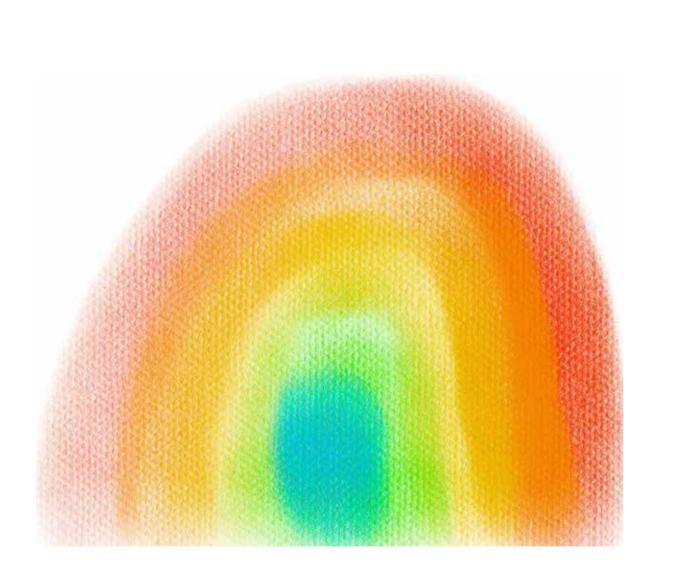
He became a hero! CHAPTER 5

Five years later.

Fraser has become a detective and agent and works for the King's service at MI6. He is married and has two kids, Michael and Lucy. He named

them that, so he would never forget his first ever case.

A spine-chilling experience!





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When Fraser is invited to the wedding of his old friend in the Bahamas, he thinks it could be fun. However, he soon finds himself involved in a shocking mystery and it is down to him to solve it. Will he be up to the task...

