

Inspector Fox and the snow

It was winter and snow was all over the city. Inspector Fox was at home. He was drinking tea and reading the newspaper. Suddenly his mobile phone rang. The police officer, called Mr Smith, was on the other end. He told him that there was a murder at Bakerstreet 7. The victim's name was Richard Miller and he was 40 years old, incredibly rich and very good-looking. He was found in his bedroom at two o'clock p.m. by his 30-year-old maid. She wanted to make the bed as she found the body. The doctor found out that the victim was killed with a knife, he had 12 stab wounds. That was all the information he got from the police officer.

Fox called his assistant Sergeant James and they went to the crime scene. The police had cordoned off the scene and Mr Smith waited there for Inspector Fox and Sergeant James. He said: "The police couldn't find any clues on who might have done this, now it's your turn." And so they started to solve the case. After several hours, they were done with questioning everybody about the murder. There were only two suspects with a motive.

The first one was the victim's wife. The second one was the maid that found the body. The maid and Mr Miller had an affair. So there was the possibility that she had killed him because she didn't get what she wanted. Either she wanted a divorce or she blackmailed him for money and he didn't pay.

The motive of his wife was that she found out that her husband had fallen in love with the maid. So she killed him because she was jealous of the maid. But she said she wasn't at home for a few days because she had to travel for her job. And the cook and the cleaning lady didn't see her on these days. The inspector didn't know who the murderer was until someone in the lab phoned him. Then he knew immediately.

A few days later, Fox read the newspaper again. On the cover he could see his own face. The headline said: "Inspector Fox solved a very tricky case again. And the snow helped him." The article said that the victim's wife drove to the house by car, entered and killed her husband. Inspector Fox could solve the crime because her car left tire tracks in the snow. A lab could find out to which car the tracks belonged. In addition, he knew that the wife lied to him because she mentioned earlier that she had not been at home for a few days. The tire tracks in the snow told him something else."