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The Autumn Wedding

Sorrowfully, Detective Inspector Hugh Parkers put his gloved hand on the door handle and entered the victim’s bedroom. Inhaling deeply, he looked around the room searching for any obvious clues. He saw the beautiful silk gown draped carefully over a chair. Glancing at the photographs on the wall behind, he gave a sad smile thinking how happy everyone looked. He had a flashback of his own daughter’s wedding day and remembered how she had been bursting with happiness. On the dresser there was a plaque with a quote about family love. The beautiful jewellery also there reminded him of the wealth of this family and he thought of the saying his mother used to use that “money can’t buy you happiness”.

So far, his investigating team had discovered that the couple’s friends and family believed that they were the perfect match, in fact, childhood sweethearts. Today was to be the happiest day for this family, but instead it was the saddest. Normally with these cases, there were obvious suspects, like the groom, an ex, one of the bridesmaids or a jealous relative. However, all those interviewed so far gave what sounded like perfectly honest explanations of their whereabouts at the suspected time of the murder. In saying that the chief bridesmaid Dorothy Cotter, who was Christina’s best friend, was yet to be interviewed because no-one had been able to find her. But you really don’t think a best friend would do that to her friend on her wedding day, do you?

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