

The Ellington Hotel Mystery

Easy text

This is The Hotel Mystery told by Mark Brown. He is a 12 years old boy who loves detective stories and books. He is always looking for a mystery to solve. His parents own the hotel and he is helping them out.

Characters:

Mark Brown – the young detective, and the son of the owners

Mr. Ben & Mrs. Beatrice Brown – the owners

Henry Foyer – the baker

Patricia Pear – the chef

Louie – Patricia's dog

Ron Hallmark – the caretaker

George Hall – the art dealer

Susan & Steven – actors from the local theatre

Chapter 1

The Day Before

Everyone in the little town could see the hotel from where they lived. The hotel had been there for many years.

Two years ago Mr. & Mrs. Brown bought the hotel. They wanted to restore it to its former glory. After nearly two years of hard work the hotel was looking better than ever. The grand opening was not far away.

Henry Foyer, the baker, walked up to the hotel. He carried a big wooden box with bread. He entered the hotel lobby and heard a familiar voice from reception.

"Hello Henry. Do you need any help?" said Mark.

"Hi Mark. Thank you, I'm ok," said Henry. "Is Patricia here?"

"Yes," said Mark. "She's in the kitchen."

Mark Brown was Ben and Beatrice Brown's son. He worked at the hotel.

Henry walked to the kitchen. Patricia was busy cooking. She smiled when she saw Henry.

"Hi Henry. Put the bread over there, please," said Patricia. "Do you want a glass of water?"

"Hi Pat," said Henry. "Yes please. Do you need any help?"

"No, I'm ok," said Patricia. "Are you coming tomorrow night, for the party?"

Henry grew up in the little town. His father and grandfather were bakers too.

Chapter 2

Staff Meeting

Beatrice announced a staff meeting at three o'clock. The office was full of people, sitting around the table.

Ben was a man of about 50. He was quite tall and slim.

Beatrice was about the same age as her husband. She was a cheerful woman with brown hair and glasses.

Ron Hallmark, the caretaker, was a grumpy old man in his sixties. He was always wearing a hat. Nobody had ever seen him without it.

Patricia Pear, the chef, had long black hair and strong arms. She had a dog called Louie, a black-and-white terrier.

Mark, well everyone recognized him as the guy with one eye. He got wounded as a kid and had to remove his right eye.

"Well, now," said Beatrice. "The grand opening is under way." She waved a to-do-list as if it was very warm in the room.

"Well, we are also expecting a very famous and important guest, arriving tomorrow," said Ben. "Mr. Hall, George Hall, the art dealer. We have to take very good care of him."

Mark wrote his name on a piece of paper. George Hall. The staff members left the room and continued their preparations. They all went to bed around midnight.

Chapter 3

Short on Money

Finally, it was time for the grand opening. Mark walked down to reception and opened the front door. He turned on the computer to search for someone.

Ben and Beatrice were talking in the office. The door was opened so Mark heard them talking. Beatrice was whispering something about kitchen equipment and that they had to pay 20.000kr.

The front door opened. It was Susan and Steven from the theatre. They had a gift for Ben and Beatrice to celebrate the grand opening.

”Welcome to the grand opening of the hotel,” said Mark.

”Ooohhh, congratulations to all of you,” said Susan.

”Are you staying for dinner?” said Mark.

”Yes, of course,” said Susan. ”See you later!”

Susan and Steven were actors running the local theatre. They were Ben and Beatrice friends and had been painting all the rooms during summer.

Mark was on his way to his room when he heard Patricia on the phone. He heard her talking to someone about her dog Louie.

”It’s an expensive surgery,” said Patricia. ”I need 20.000kr and I need to find someone to replace me in the kitchen.”

Patricia was a great chef. She met Beatrice when they were working at the same café many years ago.