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**The Ten Little
Soldier killer**

**A shocking
discovery**

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The message
that
revolutionized
the case



**LAWRENCE
WARGRAVE**

Revealed the secret behind the murders on Soldier Island



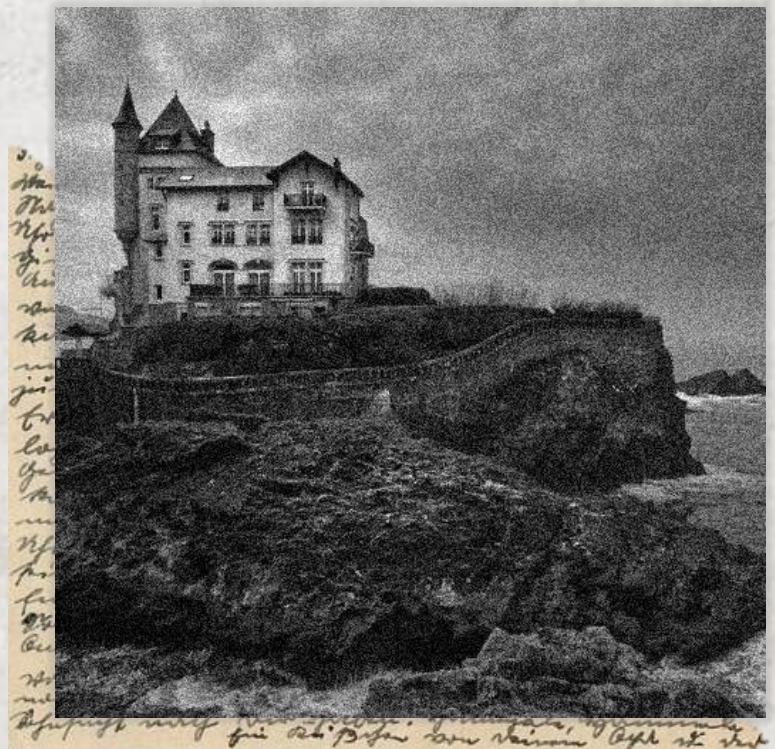
The police are shocked

This morning there was an incredible development in the case of the Ten Little Soldiers. For anyone who missed the news, here is a summary of what happened six months ago.

It all started six months ago, when ten bodies were found on Soldier Island. The police were unable to figure out who was responsible for all those deaths. The island was owned by a man named Mr Owen, but there was no trace of him. The victims were killed in different ways: poisoned, shot, hanged, drugged; but there was no clue on the island, except for the small messages left by the victims. Thanks to these messages it was possible to reconstruct the crime scene, but impossible to understand who the killer was. According to police, the ten victims had arrived on the island during the afternoon and had immediately noticed the absence of Mr Owen, the man who had invited them, but they were convinced that he was going to be there soon. In the evening, at dinner, an old-fashioned record player began to recite a speech in which the Ten Little Soldiers were accused of committing several murders. Everyone denied the words of the record player, but then the deaths began, one after another with the passing of days. The guests were scared and didn't trust each other anymore.

Despite everything, however, they tried to stay together until the end, to find out who was behind all those deaths. Unfortunately, no one left the island alive. These terrible murders were frighteningly similar to an old story told in a poem that was hung all over the house: it was the poem of the Ten Little Soldiers. Also, in the house was found a work of pottery depicting ten small soldiers; it was completely destroyed in pieces, as if someone had broken a soldier for every dead.

*Soldier Island from the east coast
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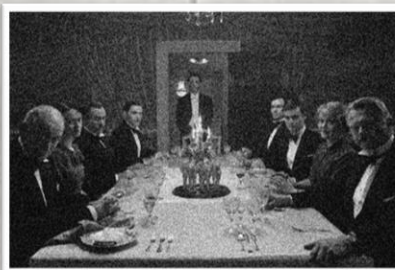
Vera Claythorne: a former governess who comes to Soldier Island purportedly to serve as a secretary to Mrs. Owen. She was an intelligent and capable woman, but she also suffered from attacks of hysteria, and she felt guilty about the crime she committed.

Philip Lombard: a mysterious, confident, and resourceful man who seems to have been a mercenary soldier in Africa. His weakness was his chivalrous attitude toward women, particularly Vera. He could not think of her as a potential killer, and he underestimates her resourcefulness, which proves a fatal mistake.

Dr. Edward George Armstrong: a gullible, slightly timid doctor. He was a recovering alcoholic who had once accidentally killed a patient by operating on her while he was drunk. Armstrong, while professionally successful, had a weak personality.

William Henry Blore: a former police inspector. Blore was a well-built man whose experience often inspired others to look to him for advice. As a policeman, he was corrupt and framed a man named Landor at the behest of a criminal gang.

Ethel Rogers: Rogers's wife. Ethel was a frail woman, and the death of Tony Marston made her faint.



Thomas Rogers: the dignified butler. Rogers continued to be a proper servant even after his wife was found dead and the bodies began piling up. The recording accuses Rogers and his wife of letting their former employer die because they stood to inherit money from her.

General John Gordon Macarthur: the oldest and nicest guest. Macarthur was accused of sending a lieutenant, Arthur Richmond, to his death during the Great War because Richmond was his wife's lover.

Emily Brent: an old, ruthlessly religious woman who read her Bible every day. The recording accused Emily Brent of killing Beatrice Taylor, a servant whom she had fired upon learning that Beatrice was pregnant out of wedlock. Beatrice subsequently killed herself. Unlike the other on the Island, Emily Brent feels convinced of her own righteousness and did not express the slightest remorse for her actions.

Anthony Marston: a rich, athletic, handsome youth. Tony Marston liked to drive recklessly and seemed to lack a conscience. He killed two small children in a car accident caused by his speeding, but shows no remorse.

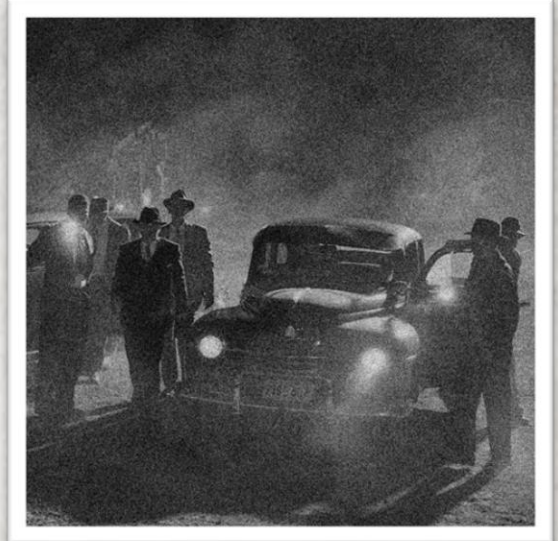
Lawrence Wargrave: an intelligent Judge, who loved to send criminals to prison.

Don't forget them!!

But What Happened today?

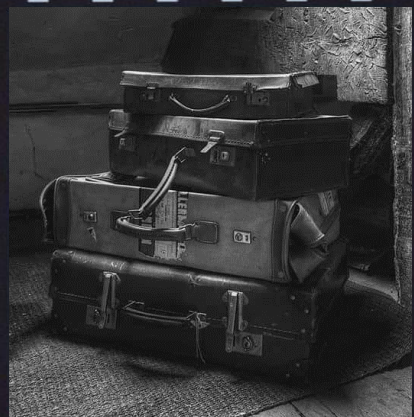
An incredible discovery

This morning a sailor found a bottle on the shore containing a mysterious message. And here is finally what happened on Soldier Island, six months ago. The letter was written by the murder of the ten persons, remembered as "The Ten Little Soldier". It was a shock to the police to read the name of the author of that message, who was Judge Lawrence Wargrave. Yes, dear readers, the unsuspecting judge, who died on the Island of a gunshot wound six months ago, is the architect of this perfect and terrible murder. The old man said he had planned these murders for a very long time. Wargrave loved to see the fear of criminals he sent to prison, and one sad day he decided to punish people on his own. He discovered that people, his ten victims, had committed murders for which they had not been blamed. He then decided to take justice for himself. He convinced the victims to go to Soldier Island with various tricks, and then he killed them one by one. At the end of those terrible days, after Vera Claythorne hanged herself, he took his own life.



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Eyes:	Fair
Complexion:	Male
Sex:	Caucasian
Race:	Lithuanian
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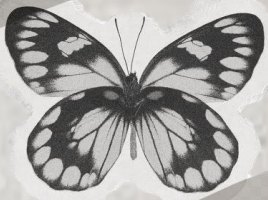


THE TERRIBLE PLAN OF LAWRENCE WARGRAVE

Lawrence Wargrave was a retired judge suspected of having wrongly sentenced Edward Seton to death; He was an intelligent and thoughtful man, which is why he often stood out within a group of people. On the island, after the first deaths, he had taken charge of the situation, analysing the suspects and devising hypotheses. Nobody expected him to be the killer on Soldier Island. This morning, however, after finding his message, the police wondered why they had not understood it before. Judge Wargrave posed as a random guest who had been invited by a friend on the island, hiding his true plan. He had planned everything in detail: he had researched his ten victims, discovered their darkest secrets, their weaknesses and he knew how to exploit them. The first murders were easy to carry out, but slowly the number of survivors decreased and everyone began to suspect everyone. What better way to get off the suspect list than to fake his own death? With the help of Dr Armstrong, easily corrupted, he pretended to have been killed by a gunshot, taking advantage of the blackout that had turned off all the lights in the house. He then betrayed Armstrong, and killed him by the sea, leaving him lifeless on the beach. Took out his only accomplice, he waited for the last three survivors to realize the doctor was gone.

After killing William Blore, he watched from afar as Miss Claythorne and Philip Lombard accused each other of being the killer. Lombard, who had always considered women weak, was surprised when Miss Claythorne stole his gun and shot him. Claythorne was left "alone" on the Island, and the young woman, full of guilt, hanged herself, realizing at the last that the judge was still alive and in front of her. The victims were all veterans of a trial where they had not been found guilty for lack of evidence. Not accepting this injustice, Wargrave decided to establish the rules himself. Believing that the Ten Little Soldiers were guilty of their crimes, he decided to take justice into his own hands and kill them in cold blood one by one. Finally, he chose to take his own life, knowing that he had a few months left because of a disease he had been diagnosed with a few months before.





Who will be the writer of the century?

Many think it will be Agatha Christie,

but Why?

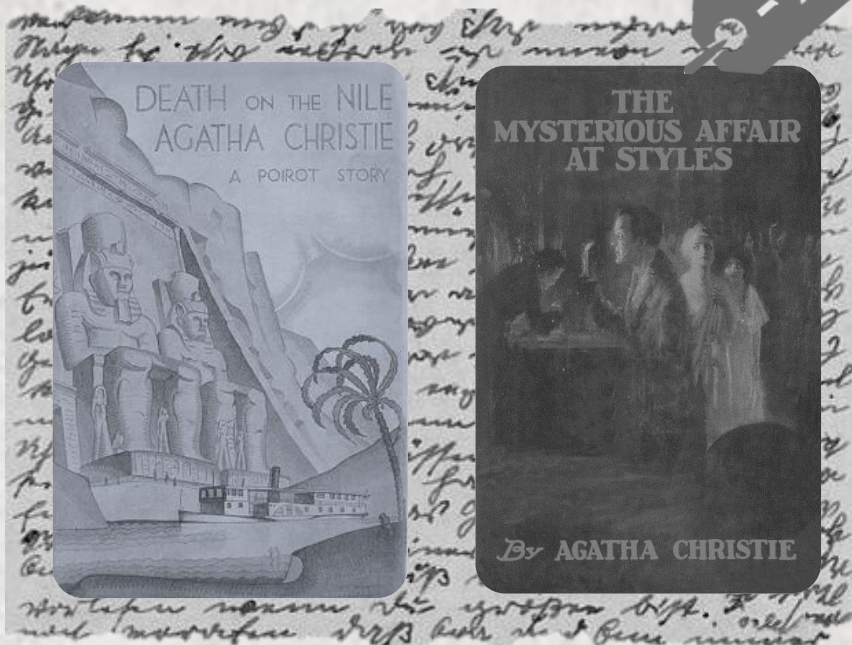


If you are wondering who is this woman, you just need to know that she's a writer worthy of this name. Agatha Christie is a woman of forty years who lives her life telling in her books a thousand mysteries. Agatha was born in Miller on September 15th 1890 in England. In her life she always knew she wanted to be a writer, in fact she said she had learned to read when she was only five years old. She began writing her detective novels at a young age while working as a nurse during World War I and has not stopped since. Her first book "The Mysterious Affair at Styles, published twenty years ago in 1920, had fascinated many people thanks to the charismatic protagonist: Hercule Poirot. The writer's career has gone from good to better over the years, reaching its peak with her latest book: "Death on the Nile". In a recent interview however, Agatha Christie said she has not yet finished her fantasy, the woman announced in fact to be writing a new intriguing book that will be called "And then there were none". Who knows if she will be able to amaze us once again with her ingenious twists! We look forward to her book!

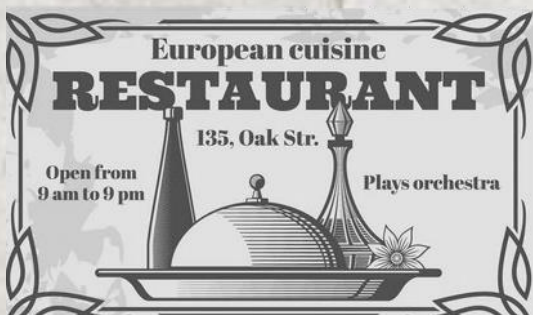


Agatha Christie, 1939

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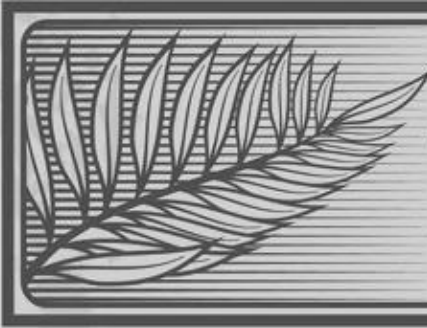
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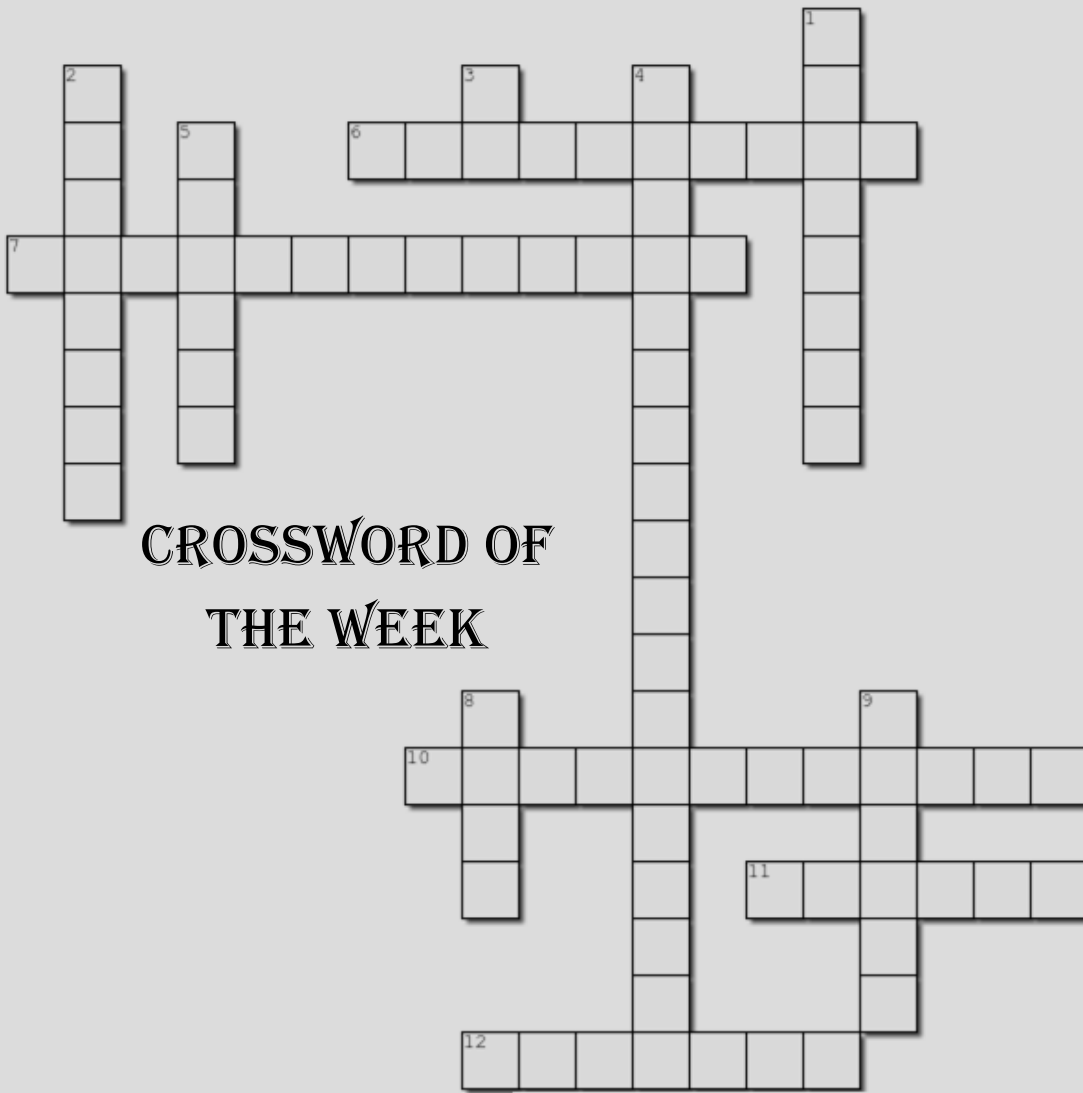
The London Charity is organizing a Christmas dinner for all the homeless! If you are a chef, a waiter or you just want to help the less fortunate, present on Christmas Eve at the school cafeteria with something to eat: cookies, lasagna, cakes, anything is fine!

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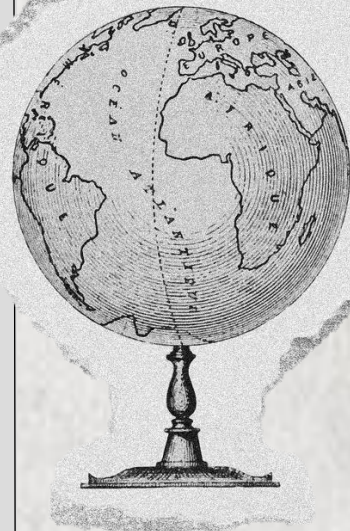
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Across

- 6. Famous work by Vincent Van Gogh
- 7. Tool with which you listen to music
- 10. Walt Disney's Lucky Mouse
- 11. Last venue of the Olympic Games (1936)
- 12. So called the island that made so much noise

Down

- 1. Are called so the mysterious book
- 2. The superhero born in 1933
- 3. The beginning and the end of London
- 4. Highly successful film released this year
- 5. Present king of England
- 8. The longest river in the world
- 9. Agatha Christie's most famous character



The Horoscope of today

Aries: Saturn says this isn't your lucky year, get ready for the worst

Taurus: all envy you, be careful

Gemini: you'll get a lot of success at work, keep giving the best

Cancer: love is around the corner, keep an eye on the tauruses

Leo: the week will not start in the best way, but soon there will be a positive turn

Virgo: the stars say that this week will bring you a lot of joy in love and economic



Libra: according to Jupiter's alignment with Mars, you are about to meet your soulmate

Scorpio: Venus is shining, so will you

Sagittarius: Do not be depressed, the New Year will bring you much joy

Capricorn: fight for what you want and you will get it

Aquarius: one of your friends is lying to you, look around

Discs: life seems unhappy now, but soon everything will get better