

IF IT QUACKS LIKE A DUCK

Detailed Character Descriptions

Name

David Adrian

Gender

Male

Age

36 years old

Height and Weight

6 ft. / 185 lbs.

Appearance/Body Type

Handsome fellow. Athletic appearance

Profession

Detective Inspector with the Isle of Jersey Constabulary

Education

Police Academy

Intelligence

Above average

Ethnic Background

Caucasian

Childhood

Raised in Southern England. Rather lonely child – no sibling

Environment

Suburban

Health

Perfect health

Dreams

To live on a tropical island

Need/Purpose

He needs to raise the image and reputation of the Gorey, Isle of Jersey Constabulary.

Care

He cares about his fellow police officers and about doing the job correctly.

Fear

To let a case slip through his fingers without result. He hates “cold cases”.

Flaws

Self-absorbed. Does not share his feelings easily.

Idiosyncrasies

Loves cooking

How others view the character

Often mistaken for a mentally challenged person, because of his wandering gaze. Otherwise, he's liked and even admired for his perspicacity.

Brief Summary

Detective Inspector David Adrian is a young man with ambition, although you would not know it by looking at him. He's a non-assuming fellow. He dresses conservatively and does not much care to make an impression on anyone. He is fairly handsome and even attractive to the ladies.

Inspector Adrian has recently been transferred to the Gorey Constabulary on the Isle of Jersey to enhance its image and reputation among the rich & famous who live and have retired to the island in recent years. His first case will involve a few of these “rich and famous” residents. His superiors will be happy with the results. He’s handled himself above all reproach.

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Name

Colonel Endicott

Gender

Male

Age

58

Height and Weight

5 ft. 11 in. / 170 lbs.

Appearance/Body Type

Military stance. Proud of his keeping in shape

Profession

Ex-military – retired

Education

Military school

Intelligence

Average

Ethnic Background

Caucasian

Childhood

Traveled with his parents to the four corners of the earth before he, himself, enlisted in the British Military.

Environment

Suburban

Health

Excellent

Dreams

Owning an estate in southern England.

Need/Purpose

Needs to regain control over his real-estate investments.

Care

He would like to marry and enjoy retirement in company of a lovely lady – Lydia Nostrum.

Fear

Dying too young.

Flaws

Stubbornness.

Idiosyncrasies

Collecting rare tin soldiers

How Others View the Character

He is viewed as a proud and honest man. He is always ready to help his fellow man. He does not shy from telling anyone what’s what.

Brief Summary

Colonel Endicott believes he has found the lady of his dreams in the person of Lydia Nostrum. He retired to Gorey on the Isle of Jersey when his investments in risky real estate ventures practically ruined him. He accepted financial help from a friend and was about to propose to Lydia when she is killed. He is devastated and does not know how he will cope without her. However, he keeps his chin up and assist the inspector in his investigation any which way he can.

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Name

Lydia Nostrum

Gender

Female

Age

49

Height and Weight

5'06" ft. / 120 lbs.

Appearance/Body Type

Elegant. Appealing figure

Profession

Surgeon - retired

Education

Oxford Medical School. Internship in USA

Intelligence

Above average

Ethnic Background

Caucasian

Childhood

Lydia was raised in boarding school. Her parents were rarely home. Lonely.

Environment

Urban

Health

Excellent apart from suffering from severe arthritis in her knees.

Dreams

Living a quiet life on the Isle of Jersey while providing for her nephew's university education.

Need/Purpose

Needs to keep moving..., otherwise her arthritis will see her into a wheelchair in a year or so.

Care

She cares about her family and in particular about her nephew.

Fear

Being unable to walk down the aisle if Colonel Endicott ever proposed to her.

Flaws

Reluctant to share her sentiments.

Idiosyncrasies

Loves to sit on the beach with a good book.

How Others View the Character

Dedicated surgeon. Modest. Attentive to others' needs. Seems distant at time – perhaps due to timidity.

Brief Summary

Before her untimely death, Lydia Nostrum was a vibrant woman. She loved to visit the island or travel to other parts of the globe. Her arthritis prevented her from doing most things, but she coped fairly well. She had to be applauded for her courage in face of adversity. Her career came to a rather abrupt end when she realized that standing for hours beside the operating table was distracting – the pain she endured was too much for her to handle. When she retired to the Isle of Jersey, she found Colonel Endicott to be an admirable and caring companion. She would have loved for him to propose marriage. However, destiny had other plans. Her killer soon put an end to any dream Lydia might have had.

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Name

Alice Dunkirk

Gender

Female

Age

43 years old

Height and Weight

5 ft. 4 in. / 145 lbs.

Appearance/Body Type

Well-endowed but fairly attractive

Profession

Teacher (retired); expert weaver

Education

Bachelor of Arts – Education

Intelligence

Average

Ethnic Background

Caucasian

Childhood

Lonely child, always seeking affection and acceptance.

Environment

Suburban

Health

Fairly good

Dreams

Returning to London and open her own weaving shop. Marry Colonel Endicott.

Need/Purpose

Ensuring Colonel Endicott's happiness.

Care

She cares about her work, but mostly about Colonel Endicott's wellbeing. She dotes on him.

Fear

Colonel Endicott marrying someone else.

Flaws

Jealous

Idiosyncrasies

Doing crosswords anytime she wants a break from the routine of the day.

How others view the character

“She’s an odd bird”. Clingy. Nosy. Busy body and gossipy. Otherwise, kind-hearted. Ready to help a friend in need.

Brief Summary

Alice Dunkirk is a bit of a conundrum. On the one hand, she is a lovely lady – generous to a fault, kind hearted and ready to help others – but on the other, she displays a very demanding and clingy attitude toward the ones she loves. Colonel Endicott is on top of her list. She more than fancies him. She wants him to take her down the aisle. Alice does not care much about the other women who might hover around the handsome military man; she is determined to have him for herself. In one sentence, Alice Dunkirk is a jealous female.

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