

MURDER



BY DEATH

When they retire to the guest rooms for the night, the guests are each confronted by things that threaten to kill them: a very deadly snake, a venomous scorpion, a descending ceiling, poison gas, and a bomb. They all survive, and in the morning, they gather in the office, where they find the butler waiting, very much alive and not blind. Each detective presents a different piece of evidence with which they each independently solved the mystery.

At first, the butler plays the part of each person with whom he is identified, but then he pulls off a mask to reveal Lionel Twain himself, alive. Twain disparages the detectives—and metafictionally, the very authors who created them—for the way their adventures have been so handled. He points out such authorial misdeeds as introducing the crucial characters at the last minute for the traditional “twist in the tale”—something they had been doing a few minutes earlier.

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