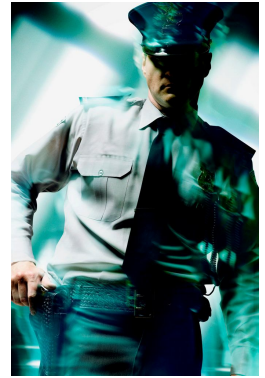




# A Murder



## Plot

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"That beggar is James," alerted the police in the control centre to an undercover policeman on his Bluetooth. "He's the one we've been looking for."

"Yes."

After this brisk and solemn reply, the undercover took action under close surveillance by a whole squad of police assembled inside a lorry, which efficiently ended this case, with information acquired only a day prior.

This so-called "beggars" was in fact an executive of one of the most famous business companies in town, with a job that millions would die for. His handsome appearance and high social status had made him a most popular figure, being the prince charming in every girl's eyes.

It was one Christmas Eve when a stunning woman named Stephanie approached James and captured his heart. They married only after a few dates, with one of the most magnificent wedding ceremonies held in one of the top hotels in town. James and Steph (fondly called by James) lived a happy life in a house in prestigious Deep Water Bay, along with four maids and a dog, brought three months after they were married.

Everything depicted a rosy picture of a well-to-do, cozy family that all their friends envied. However, it was everything but the truth. Down deep inside, there were these deep dark secrets which they were even trying to hide from themselves.

Stephy was, in fact, a spy from James' rival company, where both were pitching for a large development project. In order to obtain some highly confidential reports and proposals from James' company, Stephy made herself James' wife. This way, she would have a natural; easy and direct access to all details of James' company, then passing them all onto her own boss, and in return, to be paid handsomely for her secret service.

Stephy soon divorced James after completing her mission. It coincided with the collapse of James' company when it encountered serious financial problems. In order to settle the severance pay to his staff, James had to sell all his properties, including his lovely and cute doggy. After all money matters had been settled, there were only ten thousand left, which was apparently a big blow to James after he had worked so hard to secure his business kingdom.

James of course had found out the truth, so he decided to murder Stephy as revenge, and to axe his abhorrence for her, not to mention the devastation the divorce had caused.

James was dogged determined. He asked his most money-grubbing friend, Alan, to plan this conspiracy. Alan, albeit a Christian obviously did not practice what he preached, and promised James unhesitatingly that he would help him, by arranging a professional killer to carry out the murder for him.

The date, time and place of the murder were all set according to James. Yet the day prior to the murder plot, Alan suddenly felt scared and realized that in fact he was committing a deadly crime, readily breaking one of the ten commandments, which all Catholics and Christians had to abide by relentlessly. Alan then went to a church and made his confession.

The priest, who he confessed to, happened to be an auxiliary policeman, heard all Alan's plot. Right after Alan left, he quickly reported this conspiracy to his head, who led his unit to the said location, where James impersonated as a beggar to oversee the murder personally, to witness the ending to the woman he once dearly loved....



...and the game was up.