



Something Fishy in the Library Introduction - Act 1

Characters: Narrator, Count Spatula IV, Mrs Periwinkle and Fozzi Fonds

Narrator

On Saturday 30 June all the cookery books were stolen from the library. There are three suspects and your job this afternoon is to help PC Bookworm work out who stole the books. Suspect number one is County Spatchelor IV - a vampire chef.

Count Spatula IV

Good afternoon. My name is Count Spatula IV and I grew up in Frying Pansylvania. I inherited my title and small fortune from my father Count Spatula Senior. I was very bored growing up in our remote castle and spent much time in the castle kitchens with cook who let me help with the bread and cakes. At age 18 I joined the Navy and spent 15 years as the chef on a submarine living mostly underwater and visiting remote cities around the world.

It was during a stopover in Australia that I met Mrs Periwinkle who told me about your beautiful island of Jersey and so on my next vacation I came to visit in search of sandy beaches and sun and loved it so much I stayed.

I opened my own bakery. It is the best bakery on the island and is called "the Last Loaf" Ha, Ha, Ha!

Narrator

Suspect number two is Mrs Periwinkle the librarian.

Mrs Periwinkle

I'm Mrs Periwinkle the librarian and I love books. My favourite time of day is just before the library opens, when all the shelves are neat and tidy and it is just me and the books. I have lots of special books in my own library at home too and when I am not at the library I like to travel the world looking for new books to add to my collections. One time I met Count Spatula and invited him to come and visit this beautiful island – he loved it so much when he came on holiday that he stayed and to thank me he often brings me cakes when he is trying out new recipes. I like his honey and chocolate muffins the best.

Narrator

Suspect number three is Fozzi Fonds a puppeteer.

Fozzi Fonds

Hi kids, I'm Fozzi and this is my best friend Puff. I was born and brought up here and I had high hopes of a career in the movies so as soon as I could I left school and went to Hollywood to make my fortune. Unfortunately it didn't work out as I had hoped and now I find myself back home living with my parents and trying to make a living with Puff and my other puppets. Mrs Periwinkle is my Aunt and she has been trying to help me to get work.



Something Fishy in the Library Suspect Statements - Act 2

Narrator

Listen to their stories of what happened on the day.

Count Spatula IV

I was at the Library that Saturday because Mrs Periwinkle had asked me to bake a special cake for the story time session. I arrived at 1.45 with the cake and left when the puppet show started at about half past two. I did not stay because I do not think Fozzi has any respect for his Aunt Mrs Periwinkle and why would I have stolen the books? I have a big library in my castle, with lots of books and a fortune to buy more if I want to and besides I don't like to use other peoples recipes I prefer to invent my own – have you tried my lettuce and broccoli cake?.....

Mrs Periwinkle

I was at work all day. I opened the library at 9 in the morning and knew it would be a busy day as we always get lots of children in for the special story time. I had asked my nephew Fozzi to come with his puppets and ordered a cake for the children to share after the show. Count Spatula arrived at lunchtime with the cake and I left it in the office. Fozzi arrived soon after and together they helped me to move the shelves to make space for the children to sit. After the show we had cake and Fozzi helped me to put the shelves back again. I was so upset on Monday when I realized the cookery books were all gone. I searched all over the library then I called in PC Bookworm to help solve the case. I would never have stolen the books because this is my library and it means the world to me I don't know how you could think I might do something so awful to books.....Bursts into tears

Fozzi Fonds

I was very excited to do my puppet show at the library that day. Mrs Periwinkle my Aunt had asked me to come and do a special story time and I was hoping that the children would enjoy it so much that I would be asked to do some birthday parties. I haven't had much work since I came back to the island so it was a great opportunity for me. I arrived at about 2 o'clock and helped to move the shelves so there was a big space. I can't remember if the cookery books were there or not as I was going over my show in my head to make sure I didn't forget the words. Count Spatula was helping too – there is something strange about him and I don't trust his reasons for befriending my Aunt. I would never have stolen the books because I never had the chance. I was busy entertaining the children with Puff my dragon all afternoon and was nowhere near the cookery books – ask Puff he will tell you!



Something Fishy in the Library **Who Was It? - Act 3**

Narrator

So was it Count Spatula? No one saw him leave because they were all watching the puppet show. He might have found a secret recipe that he didn't want any other bakers to know about, or was he stealing the books one by one from the library so no one else could open a rival bakery?

Or was it Mrs Periwinkle? She was the last to leave the library and she has said that she liked books maybe she wanted ones that looked nice on her bookshelves at home.

Or do you think it was Fozzi Fonds? He wasn't a very good puppeteer and needed some money so he might have stolen the books to sell them.

You have 10 minutes to write down who you think stole the books and why, then we will reveal the answer.

The Confession - Act 4

Fozzi Fonds

OK, OK I own up, it was me. Well it's not very nice living with your parents at my age and relying on your Aunt and other relatives for work. So I stole the books. I thought I could sell them and get some money to get a place of my own to live. When the children were watching Mrs Periwinkle cut the cake I slipped around the shelves and put the books in my puppet bag and no one noticed as they were underneath Puff. When I got home I already felt bad and had decided to bring them back but before I could do so PC Bookworm was sniffing around asking questions and I panicked and hid them under my bed. I promise to bring all the books back tomorrow. I'd like to say that it was all Puff's idea but it wasn't it was mine and I'm very, very sorry.

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