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# MURDER BY DISSENT

Getting to Know Some of the Characters:



Jacqueline Sadie Thompson is a detective in a coloured precinct in a town of New York. She is a conservatively dressed detective who has dark brown eyes, black hair and an insatiable adoration for her husband, William. The detective grew up with a protective father. Once in a while she reminisces of how she introduced her then fiancé to her father and the unexpected social delight that followed. Jacqueline enjoys Motown music among some other genres and her husband knows how to spoil her with it. Intelligent, beautiful and patient, these qualities allow for her to investigate matters while undercover and at her station house desk. This detective knows how to elicit information she needs without being overbearing or elusive. Most days she carries her grandmother's brooch with her, sometimes forgetting that she has it on her person. Jacqueline genuinely cares for others whom she has become acquainted with. She is meticulous in all of her investigations, even if this causes her and colleagues to delay closing their cases.

William James Singleton is Jacqueline's husband. He is an Anglo-British gentleman who adores his wife, but nevertheless maintains his authority as head of their household. William is taller than Jacqueline, has medium-dark hair and light eyes. His voice captivates his wife each time he utters a word. He is an intellectual but also knows how to approach matters in a practical manner. He enjoys his daily earl grey tea. He is an above average cook but prefers for his wife to do so. William is skilled in various forms of self-defense, one of which Jacqueline discovers after a minor incident with a neighbour. All of the law enforcement officers at the local station house knows that he is Jacqueline's husband as he ensured this. His protective instinct allowed for him to instinctively maneuver and save his wife during the explosion. He reminds Jacqueline often that he could never lose her—and he never does.



Sebastian Johnson is a detective at the same station house as Jacqueline. Their lieutenant often pairs them together on cases since they have established a good rapport. He supports Jacqueline and William's marriage. He is married to a woman named Margaret, whom Jacqueline concedes she does not know very well. Sebastian is good-hearted and considers Jacqueline as his sister. He is somewhat tall and matter of fact in his opinions, but is careful to investigate every possibility which would lead them to rationally solve their case assignments. He too was present at the explosion and is severely injured. The detective's stay at the hospital

and what he witnessed just before the Molotov cocktail was thrown causes him to seriously consider other variables related to the murders he and Jacqueline were to investigate. He is reluctant to disclose something else he knows to Jacqueline, thinking this would protect her and her husband. This detective relies on his two cousins, Craig and Carl to gather additional evidence concerning the murders.

Henry Davidson is the lieutenant who works at the station house where Thompson and Johnson are assigned. He is a stern supervisor who appreciates the hard work of his subordinates. He has an 'open-door' policy for all his officers but is warns them if they abuse it. Lieutenant Davidson sometimes assigns cases to himself. On this occasion, he decided to be the lead investigator of the blast at the Woolworth Building; especially since two of his top detectives were nearly killed from it. Despite his harsh exterior, Davidson is a family man. He is married with three children. He has traditional family and most times when he returns home from work, his wife has a hot plate of dinner ready for him.



Mark Anderson is another detective at the station house. He observes his colleagues whom do not speak to favourably of him. He does his work and for the most part perform his tasks well, but is not inclined to help his co-detectives. Thompson tries to be nice to him, but even she notices his sometimes off-putting personality. Mark respects Jacqueline as she is the only female detective in their precinct. His admiration for her is challenged when Thompson enlists his assistance to resolve the murder cases that Johnson can no longer investigate due to his coma.

Margaret Johnson is the wife of Sebastian Johnson, the detective. She is unscrupulous and conniving. Margaret does not fit within the parameters of those who often and likely suffer institutionalized discrimination. However, Johnson's wife saw it befitting to appoint herself as the communal spokesperson for all the racial strife that coloured or Negroes have endured due to systemic discrimination. Jacqueline met Margaret on only a few occasions. No one had anything necessarily nice to speak of Margaret, except for one of Sebastian's cousins—and for good reason. Margaret is shot in the back and killed during the pivotal explosion at the Woolworth building. Her husband witnesses her death, just before he fully tumbles under the falling debris. She held a lot of secrets and her husband realizes where most of them are kept.

