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SHEPPARD

At least Inspector Raglan is on the case.

POIROT

I am afraid that man could not find his way down the stairs with a map.

SHEPPARD

But, what if it is Ralph? The will mostly benefits him. And Major Blunt seems convinced of Ralph's guilt.

POIROT

Yes, I heard from Major Blunt this morning, too. A letter under my door while I drank tea with your lovely sister. He was most forthcoming.

Start Blunt appears, elsewhere.

MAJOR BLUNT

Dear Mr. Poirot, I'm writing with a confession. On your hunt yesterday, you accused us all of hiding something. I plead guilty. Mrs. Ackroyd was correct. I have been badly in debt of late and I hoped Roger might consider backing a business venture. But he declined. Of course, as one of his closest friends, I'm provided for in Roger's will which offers a solution to my problem. But, I wanted to be forthright so as to clear myself of suspicion. Perhaps, you might ask Inspector Raglan not to mention this at the inquest. You recall I have a secure alibi as I in the billiards room at the time of the crime. As I say, I wish to conceal nothing from you. Sincerely, Major Hector Blunt.

Blunt exits.

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SHEPPARD

But that hardly clears him! He admits his motive!

POIROT

He plays his hand wisely. They all do. I'm beginning to understand.