

# MURDER AT SERENGETI PLAINS

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### EXCERPT

Detective Grant and Officer Kilgore found Noah and Luke in the next street which was a 'hive' of activity, with multiple homes in various stage of construction. Both were trying to focus on the job in hand, while clearly concerned about what was happening in the cul-de-sac. They had figured someone would come and talk to them when they were ready. Grant introduced himself and Officer Kilgore, then made a note of their names for his records.

Noah spoke up first and said, "I know you have been over at site 564. When I looked there seemed to be a body, but I am still hoping I was wrong. Surely, it cannot be true. I am hoping it was just a hoax, you know a dummy or something. Tell us what has actually happened?"

Detective Grant replied, "I am sorry to tell you, it is not a hoax. We found a body, buried in the gravel basement this morning. Louis Taylor discovered the hidden body when he and his crew were pouring the concrete for the basement floor. We are fortunate that it was discovered before they started pouring in the corner where it was hidden."

Both Noah and Luke were clearly shocked by the news. Finally, Luke asked, "Do you know who it is? I mean is it a man or a woman? And what were they doing on a building site?"

Grant cleared his throat and answered, "Well, it is a man, probably in his late forties. Unfortunately, there was no identification on the body, so we are still working on an I.D. In fact, I am hoping you will be able to help me out on that matter. I have just received a photograph from the coroner's office. I am afraid it is a little difficult to look at, but I would appreciate your help if you could just take a look."