

The Case of the Surprise Visitor

Featuring: Max Decker



The clock in the courthouse ahead of Max showed six o'clock. As it began chiming, he noticed a tall man with a briefcase walking towards him. The man turned around, looked at the clock, and then quickened his steps. He took an envelope and dropped it in a mailbox as he continued on. Max moved faster, too. Miss Fritz had invited him for dinner. He didn't want to be late.

"I'm glad you could come," Harborville's oldest music teacher said. "I've made a lovely salad for us." She gestured Max to a chair. "Good thing I prepared ahead. A surprise visitor just left." "Who visited?" Max asked.

"A teacher from Harborville's School for the Deaf. He was totally deaf himself, poor man, but he could read lips perfectly. He had the loveliest penmanship when he wanted to tell me something." "Why was he here?"

"Well, evidently the school is low on funds. I was glad to help out. I had just cashed my social security check so I was able to give him five hundred dollars."

"Did he just leave? Was he a tall man with a brief case?"

"Yes."

"We'd better phone the police. I think that man was a phony. I know for sure he wasn't totally deaf."

How did max figure it out?

The clock was behind the man as he was walking, so he could not have seen it. He turned around at the sound of the chimes, so he obviously heard them.

"You didn't waste time solving this case," Nina told Max later.

"Just watch me solve another one soon," he answered.