

Client Name: Miranda Morrissey

Manuscript Title: The Case of the Murdered Mistress

Manuscript Overview

- Cozy Mystery Short Story; Adult version of Scooby-Doo; Crime always pays
- 1st Person, Past Tense
- Target audience: 20-50 y/o women who love quick, thorough mysteries with a happy ending.

Linguistic Preferences

Spelling and Grammar

- American English; Millennial Slang
- Numbers written out
- Informal Style as the main character is 25 years old

Punctuation

- Use Oxford comma
- Use Ellipses with spaces; "..."

Dialogue Preferences

- Dialogue uses "" and when a character repeats another character, use ‘
- Ivy's internal thoughts, including Noodles the Dog's pretend dialogue, are *italicized*

Formatting and Layout Preferences

- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt
- Chapter Titles are written numerically, and spelled out; Ex) Chapter One, Chapter Two
- Chapter Titles written 1/3 from the top of page, with content beginning halfway on page

Characters

Name	Physical Description	Characteristics	Relationship(s)
Ivy Sherwood	Copper-red hair, gray eyes, freckles, pale skin, average height and build. 25y/o	Observant, introverted, a little shy. Artsy (is a painter) and loves her dog more than people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noodles' Owner • Natalie's Roommate
Noodles	White Samoyed Dog; silky-soft fur; big brown eyes. 3y/o	Loyal, loving, and has a talent for sniffing out dead bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivy's Dog
Natalie Ravenscraft	Dark brown curly hair, whiskey-brown eyes, dark skin. 25 y/o	Forgetful, charming, never able to settle, extroverted, and has psychic abilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivy's Roommate
Officer Halsey	Brown hair always in bun, tan skin, blue eyes. 37y/o	Stoic, no-nonsense type. Hard on the outside but a caring person underneath.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer that responds to Ivy's 9-1-1 call; becomes a friend later

Settings

Place/Building	Description
Ivy & Natalie's Apt	Filled with Ivy's art supplies and Natalie's various tried and failed hobbies. Cheap yet nice-looking furniture (think Ikea), a little eclectic but homey
The Sequoia Café	Direct Quote: "The floors and walls were all made to look like the reddish-brown wood of a sequoia tree, and the table tops were green like the sequoia's leaves. A few black and white photos of sequoias in reddish-brown frames were nailed to the walls. Strings of fairy lights wrapped around the top portion of the four walls, and around the top of the counter, just under the dark gray countertop itself."

Timeline/Major Events

Time/Date	Event
Early October - Day	Ivy and Noodles discover a dead body; Intro Officer Halsey
Mid October - Early Morning	Ivy trails a suspect to the library
Late October - Afternoon	Ivy, Noodles, and Officer Halsey rush to save Natalie from the killer

Spelling and Vocabulary Preferences

A/B/C	D/E/F	G/H/I	J/K/L
Café		Ives (Ivy's nickname)	

M/N/O	P/Q/R	S/T/U	V/W/X	Y/Z
Noodles		Tarot	Woof	
O'Henry				