

## Granny by Anthony Horowitz

The next theft took place on the following Sunday. This time it was Mr Warden who was the victim. He had dozed off in his chair after lunch and when he woke up he knew at once that something was wrong. And it was. Someone had stolen two of his gold teeth.

"It's a scandal!" he cried out, whistling at the same time. There was a large gap at the front of his mouth. "This is a matter for the police!"

Granny, of course, was there. As Mr Warden raged and whistled, she shook her head as if she were utterly confused. "Who would want to take two gold teeth?" she asked. "Although now I think about it, Mrs Jinks was telling me how very much she admired them ..."

After that, things happened very fast.

The police arrived in two police cars and an unmarked van. This, when it was opened, revealed two of the most ferocious dogs Joe had seen in his life. They were Alsations, long-haired with thin, angular bodies and evil black eyes. Their tongues were drooling as they began to pad around the house, sniffing suspiciously.

"There's no meat out, is there?" the dog handler asked.

"Meat? No!" Mrs Warden replied.

"Good. It's just that Sherlock and Bones here haven't eaten for five days. It keeps them keen. But I can't let them get a smell of meat."

"Please, officer," Mrs Warden gestured. "My husband is in here ..."

The policemen followed her through into the living-room. Irma and Wolfgang went back to the west wing leaving Joe and Mrs Jinks in the hall. Mrs Jinks was looking rather pale.

"I think I'll go and sit outside," she said. "I need the fresh air."

As she moved away, Joe heard a door softly close. Had someone been watching them? Granny? Suddenly worried, without knowing why, he opened the door and followed the passage on the other side all the way down to the kitchen.

There was someone there. Afraid of being seen, he peered round the corner just in time to see Granny climbing down from a cupboard with something in her hand. Now she was moving rapidly towards him and Joe ducked into the larder to hide. He heard a swish of material and caught a whiff of Decomposing Sheep as she passed but then she was gone. What was she doing? What had she taken?



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- 1** Find and copy one word from the first paragraph that tells you that Mr Warden suffered as a result of the crime.
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- 2** What was the crime that Mr Warden experienced?
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- 3** In paragraph 3, beginning “Granny, of course, was there”, what impression do the words “as if she were” give about Granny? Choose one.
- She is confused.
- She is pretending.
- She is surprised.
- She is worried.
- 4** In paragraph 3, why do you think Granny told everyone that “Mrs Jinks was telling me how very much she admired them”?
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- 5** What impression do you get of the dogs in this extract? Give **two** impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.
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- 6** Number these events to show the order in which they happened in the story.
- Joe hid in the larder.
- Mrs Jinks went outside.
- Granny went into the kitchen.
- Mr Warden called the police.

2a

1 mark

2b

1 mark

2g

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2d

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3 marks