



Murder on the Orient Express

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Characters : Poirot - MacQueen – Bouc

Situation : first interrogation

(syllables in bold letters are stressed syllables)

POIROT

Mr MacQueen, I kept you waiting, I was busy with the certifying. Do sit down !
I'd like you to tell me as much as you know.

MacQUEEN

Excuse-me, let me ask you something **before**. Who are you?
Why are you asking us questions?

BOUC

Excuse-me. M. Poirot is the **detective** who is **officially** in charge of the investigation. I have **personally** chosen him.

POIROT

Let's go back to the **question**. What **relationship** did you have with Mr **Ratchett**?

MacQUEEN

I am, I mean.... I was his **secretary**.

POIROT

Since when?

MacQUEEN

For **about** a year.

POIROT

What was your job?

MacQUEEN

We travelled a lot. **Except** for French, he couldn't speak any other **languages**.
So I was both his **secretary** and **translator**.

POIROT

Do you know where he came from in **America**?

MacQUEEN

No, I didn't ask him any **questions**. I had the **impression** that he was **afraid** of something or someone. This impression **became** true.

BOUC

Why so?

MacQUEEN

When he **received** some **threatening** letters – have a look !

POIROT

“Beware – I kill killers!” “**Prepare to die**”

BOUC

It's quite clear!

POIROT

Did he receive other letters?

MacQUEEN

Yes, but he burnt them.

POIROT

That's why I need a wire netting so much!