

a surprise in the garden Harry could not think of anything to say all he could do was look at the Diamonds the man was silent for a long time too before he finally spoke now I understand you stole these and ran away don't worry I see there are enough for two here he went down on his knees and started to quickly pick up the diamonds and put them back in the hatbox let's go inside where no one can see us said the man getting up the two men walked across the garden Harry was so afraid he still could not speak he understood that he was in big trouble the idea that lady velir was doing something dishonest made Harry sad he thought now I understand why Sir Thomas shouted at his wife before I left the house she's spending too much money she probably wanted to sell her diamonds to pay her bills just as Harry and the man were about to go into the man's house a young man came into the garden by the way he was dressed Harry could see he was either a priest or studying to become a priest the older man touched Harry's arm and whispered don't say a word then he said hello Mr Rus this is a young friend of mine who came to see my beautiful roses how do you do oh but I have we met before asked Mr RIS aren't you Mr heartley the man did not give Harry time to answer he quickly pushed Harry inside the house and said I'm sorry Mr race but my friend can't stay long we really must go now so Harry and the man went inside and left Mr rollis outside in the garden the man immediately closed the curtains and then he sat down at the table he divided lady vela's diamonds into two unequal piles he gave the smaller one to Harry now leave and don't ever come here again he said angrily Harry did not know what to do but he knew he could not fight this man the man then pushed him into the street and he fell to the ground the diamonds in his pocket were now all over the road as he lay there a man in dark clothes appeared and quickly picked up most of the diamonds and ran off now what could he say to lady velir when Harry got back to the veler house he found S Thomas lady vandela and Charlie Pendragon waiting for him obviously S Thomas now knew everything about his wife's plans to sell the diamonds Harry gave S Thomas the few diamonds he still had but Sir Thomas was so angry both with his wife and Harry that he didn't believe the story of the man in the garden finally when he was a bit calmer he said and now Mr Harley I'm going to take you straight to the police station you can tell them everything Harry knew he had no choice but to go with Sir Thomas when they got there Harry told his story to an inspector the inspector listened carefully and after Harry stopped talking said I'll take you back to that man's house again if what you say is true we must find this man and get the diamonds back immediately but while Harry and the inspector were walking back to the man's house Mr rollis was still in the garden thinking after meeting his landlord's friend Mr R was certain that it was Sir Thomas vander's private secretary Harry Harley this made him curious about why Harry was there he could not believe that Harry really was a friend of his dishonest landlord Mr raban so Mr rollis decided to look around the garden he noticed some damaged roses near the Garden Wall and was curious to find out why this was very strange because Mr ran loved his Ros is near them he saw a piece of material and recognized it as the same material as that of Harry's trousers now he knew how Harry got into the garden and how the Roses were damaged well well this is becoming quite interesting thought Mr rollis just then he noticed something buried under the Roses he quickly dug it out with his foot it was a leather jewelry box clearly his landlord and Harry did not know about it Mr rollis turned the Box in his hands he then opened it and was amazed to see what was inside on a piece of soft green velvet was the largest diamond Mr rollis ever saw he

knew very little about diamonds but he knew at once that this was very probably the most precious diamond in the world