

9th Standard English

If I Were You Summary

About the story

This is the story of an Intruder. He entered the house of a playwright, Gerrard. He, however, did not know that the owner of the cottage was a playwright. He only knew him as Gerrard. He had heard about him a few things. He knew that Gerrard was something of a mystery man. He lived in the wilds of Essex. Gerrard gave his orders on phone and never met the tradesmen.

The Intruder enters Gerrard's house

The Intruder was a criminal. He had also killed a policeman. He was, now, being chased by police. He thought that he resembled Gerrard in body. He decided to kill Gerrard and then live himself as Gerrard. So, he broke into the cottage of Gerrard one day.

Gerrard ready to go out

Gerrard was then preparing to leave his house. He was going to attend a rehearsal of his drama. He had prepared his bag in which there were props for the rehearsal.

Intruder threatens to shoot Gerrard

The Intruder threatened Gerrard with his revolver. He asked him to answer his questions. Then, he told him that he intended to kill him and then live in his house as Gerrard. He resembled Gerrard in body. Not many people came to

see him. The Intruder thought he could live as Gerrard the rest of his life. He learnt to imitate Gerrard's voice.

Gerrard cautions the Intruder

The Intruder was about to shoot Gerrard. Then Gerrard warned him to be careful and not to kill him. He told the Intruder that he was also a criminal and a murderer. In case, he killed Gerrard he was sure to be hanged. They would hang him if not as himself then as Gerrard.

How the Intruder reacts

Hearing this, the Intruder began to think. This was an opportunity for Gerrard. He asked him to hurry and run with him in his car to a safer place. The police were likely to come there soon. He opened a door which was, in fact, the door of a cupboard. The Intruder looked in to see what it was.

How the Intruder is trapped

Just then, Gerrard gave him a push. The revolver fell as the Intruder stepped into the cupboard. Gerrard shut the door in a moment and picked up the revolver. Then he telephoned to call in the police to arrest the Intruder.