

10th Standard - English

The Midnight Visitor Summary

About secret agent Ausable

Ausable was a secret agent. But he did not look like that. Fowler felt sad that Ausable did not look like a secret agent. Ausable had a room on the sixth and top floor of a French hotel.

Ausable and Fowler together

Ausable was very fat. He spoke French and German. But he had the American accent. Ausable told Fowler that he would be sad. He (Ausable) didn't look like a spy. Fowler was a writer. He had expected to see strange figures in the night. He also expected to hear the sound of pistols or about drugs in the wine. But it was never so in his case. As against this, Ausable told him that he had no beautiful girls around him. He might feel bored in his company. Saying so Ausable opened the door of his little room for Fowler.

.Max seen with a pistol

After a few moments, Ausable told Fowler that he would see an important paper. Several men and women were after that. This paper could change the course of history. Ausable closed the door. He switched on the light. Fowler saw a man with a small automatic pistol across the room. It was Max. Seeing him Ausable said that he was shocked to see him there. He thought that he was in Berlin.

Ausable confuses Max with balcony

Max was thin and not tall. He looked like a fox. Max told Ausable that he came there for something. It was to take the report about some missiles from him. Ausable sat into an armchair. He told him that he would complain to the management. It would be that someone had entered his room through an ordinary window in the balcony. The balcony should be closed at once. Max reacted saying that he didn't enter the room from the balcony. He had a passkey. Ausable told him that the balcony was of the next room.

Talk about the report

Max looked at Fowler. He asked him to sit down. Ausable asked Max how he had learned about the report. Max told Ausable he wished he knew how Ausable's men had obtained the report. He hoped to get the report back that night. Then there was a knocking at the door.

Deception through police

Fowler jumped at this sudden knocking. Ausable smiled. He told that that was the police. He had told the police about the important paper. It needed extra protection. So the police was there to make everything all right.

Max in the non-existing 'balcony'

Hearing this, Max got nervous. Ausable asked Max what he would do. If Ausable did not answer the door, the police would enter anyway. The door was unlocked. The police might shoot also as the papers were very important. Max's face was black with anger. He opened the window and put his leg out into the night. He asked Ausable to send the police back. He would go and wait on the balcony. He also warned that he would shoot and take his chance. (There was no balcony.)

Max drops down

The knocking at the door became louder. Max had his gun cover Ausable and Fowler. He stood there catching the doorframe with his other free hand to support himself. Then he moved his other leg up and over the window sill. The doorknob turned. Max freed himself and dropped to the 'balcony'. He shrieked sharply. It means he had fallen on the ground.

Waiter's service inside

The door opened. A waiter stood there with a tray, a bottle and two glasses. He set the tray at the table. He uncorked the bottle and left the room.

How Ausable proves a real secret agent

This amazed Fowler. He asked Ausable about the police. Ausable told him that there was never any police. Fowler asked about the man on the balcony.

