

Truth is stranger than fiction. Nastier too. The most horrendous murders ever to set alight the imagination of the public were NOT the inventions of a novelist or a film director. They took place in real life ... in London ... almost one hundred years ago. This game will attempt to re-create the atmosphere, terror and puzzlement of those dreadful months in 1888 when London was in the grip of the 'RIPPER'.



JACK the RIPPER



ADVENTURE

The Story So Far

It was December 1888. The saloon bar of the 'Coach'. We were talking about the 'RIPPER'. Everybody in London was talking about the 'RIPPER' "I'd give anything to know who he is," I said as I left the bar and emerged into the cold night air. Just then a heavy hand fell on my shoulder and I turned to face a white-haired man with a face that looked as if it had seen all the sorrows of the world. "What do you want, old man?" I asked. "I am not old. Three months ago I looked as young as you." He surely spoke the truth, for this was not an old man's voice, even if everything else about him proclaimed him not a day less than eighty. "You expressed an interest in the 'RIPPER'. I have not long to live and I want to tell someone before I go." "You know this madman?" I cried in disbelief. "I know he is no madman," said the man.

"Come, man. There can be no sane motive for ... for ... "

There can be and there is. I assure you that he - or rather they - are as sane as you."

I was attacked by a sudden wave of nausea. The thought of a bloodthirsty madman terrorising the streets was horrible enough, but the thought that there could be a sane motive for ripping open and dismembering defenceless women on the public streets struck a note much deeper and more chilling than anything I could imagine. Somehow I had already begun to see darkly what this must mean.

"These are not perverse lusts they are driven by. Their reasons are as plain and as obvious as those of the head of the government .. and they have friends in high places."

"But what ordinary and everyday reasons could there be for such monstrous atrocities ?"

"I did not say that they were ordinary or everyday. I said only that they are practical and sane. These are deep waters, my friend. Deep and very dark. We are dealing with forces which corrupt a man's heart even to speak of them, and I warn you that by the time you have learnt what I now know, you will look a damn sight older as well"

NOTES .. Use STORE to save a game position to MEMORY and use RESTORE to recall it. Do not forget that you can EXAMINE CLOSELY as well as the normal EXAMINE or that you can LOOK IN, LOOK UNDER, LOOK AT. The game is played in real-time! so don't waste it!!

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