**6The Midnight Murders Mystery**

By Agatha Christie

Agatha and the Midnight Murders is a 2020 British alternative history television drama film about crime writer Agatha Christie.

**Inspired by-** murder on the orient express by Agatha Christie

**Setting-** a luxurious train hurtling through the snow alps, where a murder has taken place in the dead of night. The passengers are locked in until the case is solved.

**Characters:**

Hercule Poirot- lead investigator(roja)

Mr Bouc ( joshna)

Conductor (ramya)

Edward Ratchett (tanmayi)

Caroline Hubbard( aashritha)

Mary Debenham(siri)

John Arbuthnot( Vidhya)

MacQueen(rishitha)

Pierre Michael( eekshitha )

**Dialogues:**

Hercule Poirot, private detective and retired Belgian police officer, boards the Taurus Express train to Stamboul (Istanbul). . The train arrives in Stamboul and Poirot checks in at the Tokatlian Hotel. As soon as Poirot arrives he receives a telegram summoning him back to London. While waiting at the hotel for the next train, Poirot bumps into an old friend, M. Bouc, head of the Wagon Lit. M. Bouc arranges a space for Poirot on the Orient Express.

Poirot : Hello Mr Bouc. Glad to meet you after a long time

Bouc : hello Poirot. Its been a long time since we met. Same here

Poirot : thank you so much for arranging. I have a urgency in London and I have

to rush.

Bouc : that’s ok. We respect your help every time.

Poirot board the Orient Express. He is forced to ride in a second-class cabin because the train is unusually full. Poirot first spots Ratchett and Hector McQueen eating dinner. Poirot know that Ratchett is an evil man and he describes him to M. Bouc as an animal

Ratchett : Good evening officer. Nice to meet you sir.

Poirot : How can I help you

Ratchett : I have been receiving some threatening letters. Some one is trying to

kill me. So I came to request you to protect me during this journey.

Poirot : oh sorry Mr Ratchett. I would like to refuse your company

Ratchett : but sir please….( with a scary face)

Poirot refuses Ratchett’s offer with a disgusting face and leaves the table. The first night Poirot sleeps in first class, he observes some strange occurrences.

Mrs. Hubbard rings her bell and calls the conductor

Mrs. Hubbard : Excuse me. There is a man in my room.

Conductor : oh really. Let me check.

In the mean while the train stopped. Due to the heavy snowfall. An avalanche derails the train's engine, stranding the passengers until a rescue engine can arrive.

Conductor : There’s an avalanche. So the train will be staying here till it clears.

The next morning

Bouc : Poirot !

Poirot : yes

Bouc : there is a suspicious news

Poirot : what happened?

Bouc : Ratchett was murdered.

Bouc and Poirot goes to ratchett’s cabin to check him.

Poirot : there are 12 stab wounds on his body.

Bouc : looks like it is a planned murder

Poirot : we need to investigate

Poirot and the conductor checks for the evidences. Poirot observes the body cleanly.

Poirot : looks like a right handed man and left handed man are stabbed at a

Time from both sides

Conductor : here I found a kerchief. There is letter H crafted at the end,

Poirot : let me see. Theres a broken watch here. The time is 1:15.

Conductor : there is a round match here but this one is different from

Ratchett’s.

Poirot : this clearly shows that some one from the train killed him. We need to

investigate. Close the doors and don’t let anyone come inside or go out.

Conductor : ok sir.

Bouc and Poirot decided to call everyone in train and investigate .

Mrs Hubbard : Mr Poirot. This is violence against the law. This is not correct to

Call a person without knowing the truth .

Poirot : Mrs Hubbard. Kindly I would like to know you that I didn’t call you

Because you are culprit but because you are just a piece of evidence

for us.

Mrs Hubbard : sorry but I cant handle the violence.

Poirot : I’m sorry but please corporate. I would like to ask you few questions

Please answer. Can I know the reason why you are travelling in the

Orient express.

Mrs Hubbard : I’d come to turkey to do a miniseries but the director got kidney

Stones and the work got delayed. So I decided to go home on

Orient express at least like a movie.

Poirot : how is the man in your compartment last night.

Mrs Hubbard : like I don't know I mean I was so scared I just lay in my bed with my eyes squeezed shut I could hear him moving .

Poirot : do you think he is the killer?

Mrs Hubbard : of course. May be he killed ratchett and escaped through the

Connecting door of my room.

Poirot : the conductor said that he didn’t find any man in your room then why

Did you call him?

Mrs Hubbard : may be he got out I’m not a great detective. And here take this

Button which I found in my room.

Bouc : this button is from the jacket of the conductor. We need to check it.

Both of them went to the conductor

Conductor : see I lost none of my buttons. I am not the culprit. I am innocent . I

am absolutely innocent.

Bouc : but one you conductors are inside Mrs Habber’ s room.

Poirot : console yourself. No one is accusing for what you have done. Now go

And call Mr Arbhut to meet me.

Mr Arbuth came to meet Poirot

Mr Arbuth : why did you call me?

Poirot : please answer my questions. Why did you choose Orient Express?

Mr Arbuth: this is the most famous train in the world. I can afford it. why

shouldn’t I? anyway at what time can I go?

Poirot : this train won’t move until this cheerful event ends.

Mr Arbuth : why should I corporate?

Poirot : there are 2 reasons why you should corporate. The first one is justice

Should me served and the second one is recreational. By the way do

You have a handled computer?

Mr Arbruth : yes I do have a one but why?

Poirot : are you missing your stylus ?

Mr Arbruth: yes I do

Poirot : there is a stylus in the murdered room.

Mr Arbruth : ohh I guess you found me one

Poirot : okay the murder happened at quarter less 1. Where were you at that

Time?

Mr Arbruth : I was in my friends compartment hanging with them and then

Ms Deb came.

Poirot : Do you suspect anything on her?

Mr Arbruth : why would you suspect on her? I mean is it your job tp suspect on everyone.

Mr Arbruth leaves…..Poirot goes to Mr Arbruth’s compartment

Poirot : Can I borrow your handled computer?

Mr Arrbruth : Yeah sure

He handles his computer and Poirot leaves while checking Mr.Arbruth’s computer Poirot concluded that Mr.Ratchett is murderer Casetti. He was in shock.

Casetti is one of the most wanted criminal. He is the violented human

Mean while Ms Hubbard calls

Poirot : what made you so distressing?

Hubbard : I found a knife in my washbag

Poirot : but how?

Hubbard : I went to get my moisturizer and then I found this suspicious thing in

My bag.

Poirot : ok where did you keep your washbag

Hubbard : in my closet

Poirot : you have been In a terrible shock hubbard. Please go and take rest

In your compartment.

Mcqueen came to meet Poirot

Mcqueen : Poirot did you find the culprit

Poirot : I am on my way but there are lot of circumstances involved. I couldn’t

Find the one

Mcqueen : my husband is also an detective and I could see all his qualities in

You and you will succeed

Poirot : Mcqueen is there any chance that you know why the cassetti had been

Killed?

Mcqueen : it was his last day and it was written for him. We cant do anything

Poirot : thank you Ms Mcqueen

She leaves

Bouc : is there any chance that all the members that we investigated till now

Are the suspects?

Poirot : may be the conclusion is scripted like that.

Poirot and bouc goes to Ms deb and and Michael

Poirot : Michael, how is your wife ?

Michael : yes she is alright now. She is desperately in the shock after seeing the

Blood.

Poirot : Michael is there any chance that you know the reason behind this murder?

Michael : no I mean may be there is a villan in his life or he has done something wrong

Poirot : yeah how can you say ?

Michael : see I just guessed. It doesn’t mean that I killed him.

Poirot : I am not suspecting. I am doing my job. Can I talk to your wife?

Michael : yes

Poirot : hope you are fine Ms Deb

Deb : yes

Poirot : can I know how long its been marrying Michael ?

Deb : almost 3 years but why?

Poirot : just a investigation but why are you so tensed ?

Deb : nothing just a health issue

Michael : sir could you please leave. She is feeling uncomfortable

Deb : that’s ok Michael . I am alright

Poirot : I would always welcome you if are likely to say something to me.

Deb : sure

Michael : will you please leave

Poirot and bouc leaves….

Conductor : sir I’ve checked all the luggage bags

Bouc : is there anything suspicious?

Conductor : nothing much intresting .

Poirot : you can leave….

Everyone in the train are very fishy. Seems like everyone here are on the same game plan

Buac : we need to find the reason

Poirot : can I get all the ids of the people who are in the train

Buac : here take it

Poirot : everyone are from turkey. I’ll send these ids to my central office so they can mail be their common feature

After few hours the train started to move..everyone in the train are gathered to the dinning hall

Habbard : can I know the reason why we are here ?

Poirot : please wait for some time ms!

Arbruth : you are disturbing us from a long time and still you haven’t done your investigation yet ?

Poirot : I have found the murderers and they are infront of me

Deb : how dare you to say innocent people as murderers

Poirot : ok let me explain!

The whole murder was based on Mr Armstrong . you all are people belonging to armstrongs family. And ratchett killed Armstrong. So you all came to take revenge on him. Arbruth who is the best friend of Armstrong inserted knife into ratchett body and then armstrong’s sister Deb and her husband Michael and then Armstrong’s godmother Mcqueen and Mrs Hubbard who is the mother of Armstrong and finally the conductor who gladly cooperated the whole murder.

Mcqueen : how did you know?

Poirot : the clues which u left. The handkerchief of your which is crafted with letter H and your husbands name starts with H. Arbruths missing stylus was found in the murdered compartment. Hubbard wash bag and Michael’s round match. These are the evidences which you left

Boac : I nice plan though but maybe you might have been checked before leaving.

Poirot : any doubts?

Deb : but he killed Armstrong

Poirot : the government and law are there. In that case you should proceed

legally.

Buoc : and I think justice had come. Thank you Poirot

Poirot : that’s my job

And everyone who are the culprits are arrested immediately after the train arrives to the station

**The End**