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the Seven People You Would Meet in an Agatha Christie Novel: A THREAD (1 / 8) <https://t.co/aLTJwnT7yO>



the Retired Colonel, a “broad-shouldered” big-game hunter. Exclaims “By thunder!” at the sight of a body. Afraid of reporters and women. Once “accidentally” shot his wife’s lover three times in the back, mistaking him for a mongoose. Gets a little racist after too many brandies.

the Adventurous Young Dame. Slender-hipped and modern, spontaneously takes a trip across the sea and falls in love with the first rakish stranger who bangs at her cabin door. Considers being kidnapped a minor inconvenience. Has a gift for mimicry, nursing and archeology. <https://t.co/n6HyhEEtMy>



the Village Spinster. Claims to hate gossip but can often be found peeping through windows and keyholes. Despises the nursery governess and the French. Saving up money so she can take a little holiday in Brighton. Has a wayward brother or nephew whose life she manages. <https://t.co/81aln78uz7>



the Wicked Young Man. Given a fortune by his father, which he manages to squander. Dabbles in (gasp!) theatre and painting. Has a mesmeric hold over a young woman, whose life he ruins by inducing her to commit murder. Known by the Village Spinster as a “bad lot.”

the Wicked Old Man. Leaves his children guessing which of them will inherit his vast fortune. Favors the free-spirited niece or daughter who hates him. Enjoys cackling and calling his diamonds “my pretties.” Never alive at the end of the book. <https://t.co/XTMjHQzeil>



the Spooky Child. Usually a girl, smart for her age but lacking maturity or social graces. Fantastically ugly and unloved; has a habit of staring intensely at the detective. Carries around a notebook in which she jots down clues and attempts to solve the murder.

the Medium. Wears jangly beads and a very offensive turban. Enjoys fainting theatrically at opportune moments. Obsessed with either Egypt or India. Holds séances in which she yells things like “there is a darkness in the corner!” and “I see an ocean of blood!!!” <https://t.co/J3zKtNujag>

