



Characters & Summary



CHARACTER SUMMARIES

Mike O'Neill: A detective from Dublin who is more lucky than skilled. He is clumsy, funny, and determined to solve the mystery.

Mary Callaghan: The local port manager who helps Mike. She knows the island well but hides a painful secret.

Patrick O'Leary: A respected union leader who is found dead at sea. He was investigating illegal fishing and left behind a notebook of evidence.

Sean Mac Tiernan: The new head of the fishing union and Patrick's old friend. Serious and protective of the islanders, he ultimately fights for what is right.

Lisa Harris: A cold and powerful businesswoman who runs the fishing company.

Chief Batista: Mike's boss in Dublin. She is tough

Lorcan: A strange and poetic old sea captain who lives in the lighthouse. He was Patrick's friend and is the key to unlocking the secrets of the case.

Pub Owner (Murphy): The owner of the island's only pub "The Puffin". His love for gossip ends up helping Mike out.

Smugglers: Mysterious figures involved in the illegal fishing operation. They try to stop Mike from discovering the truth.



SUMMARY

The play takes place on Great Island, a small and remote fishing community off the coast of Ireland. Life is tough, and the islanders depend on the sea for work. Tensions rise as fishing conditions worsen and a strike begins.

When famous detective Mike O'Neill is sent to a small Irish island to investigate the death of union leader Patrick O'Leary, he finds himself in the middle of a tense strike, ghost stories, and a mysterious smuggling operation. With the help of local port manager Mary Porter, Mike uncovers a secret far bigger than the island, but will he be able to bring the culprits to justice?

Scene 1 - The Legend: An old sailor, Lorcan, tells a spooky tale about a ghost ship called The Black Seagull that haunts the sea. This sets the tone for the play's mystery.

"There are nights where the sea rumbles with ancient anger... it is on those nights it appears. Hidden amongst the shadows, it moves silently among the furious black waves. It pillages all the fish and curses all the sailors. Some say that it is a ship of shadows. And those who are unfortunate enough to see it out at sea are never seen again. Its name, The Black Seagull, the ghost ship. (Lorcan)"

Scene 2 - The Tempest: Patrick O'Leary sails into a storm and disappears after seeing a strange boat. He sends a desperate radio message to Lorcan before being lost in the waves.

Scene 3 - The Office: In Dublin, Chief Batista sends the detective Mike O'Neill to the island to investigate Patrick's death.

Scene 4 - The Journey: Mike misses the ferry and takes a chaotic route to the island, arriving wet and late.

Scene 5 - The Arrival: Mike arrives at Patrick's funeral. He meets angry fishermen, suspicious of outsiders, and Mary Callaghan, who offers to help.

Scene 6 - The Watching: Two mystery men are watching Mike, worried he might discover the truth.



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Scene 7 - The Spark: Mike and Mary search Patrick's cabin and find strange documents related to a fishing company.

Scene 8 - The Visit: Mike visits the Fishermen Isle Company during a protest and meets Lisa Harris, the tough businesswoman in charge.

Scene 9 - The Job: Mary sends boats back to port as the weather turns bad.

Scene 10 - The Puffin: At the local pub, Mike argues with union leader Sean. Tensions rise and the fishermen whisper threats to Mike.

Scene 11 - The Memory: Mary and Sean share a quiet moment, remembering Patrick and their past.

Scene 12 - The Lighthouse: Mike and Mary visit old Captain Lorcan, who reveals Patrick had a notebook with proof of a fishing fraud.

Scene 13 - Offshore: They sail into a storm to find Patrick's boat. Mike finds a French flag which prompts Lorcan to remember the message he receives that night: "FRENCH PA..." Mike is sure the case is now cracked.

Scene 14 - The Revelation: At the port, Mike accuses Sean before discovering the real evidence in Patrick's notebook. Together, Mike and Sean crack the case.

Scene 15 - The Legend II: Lorcan returns in an epilogue, saying that some legends never die, just like the Black Seagull.

"Many years ago, the Black Seagull disappeared, taking its secrets with it. Some say that it still sails covered by the fog. Some say it comes to take the souls of lost sailors. Rumours change but legends, they live on. Anchored in hearts and minds like an old song that we can't seem to forget. (Lorcan)"

