

Chapter 64

In Chapter 64, Henk finds himself at Rockgrove Vineyard, where he has come to fit in among a tour group, even though he has never tried Irish wine. He secretly prefers milk, a drink that oddly makes people uncomfortable. As they stroll through the vineyard, he spots the tree where Mark Gooch was found dead and can't resist mentioning it to the group, prompting muted horror from his fellow tourists. Henk openly discusses the influencer's mysterious death, noting that he was nailed to the tree, much to the dismay of the tour guide, who quickly shifts the conversation to the Bacchus grape and its growing significance to Irish wines.

The other attendees begin to distance themselves from Henk, unaware that he has a gun discreetly hidden in his waistband. Checking his phone, Henk anticipates the arrival of Amy Wheeler in about half an hour. He ponders what they might uncover during their inquiry, as he speculates on their findings about Gooch's arrival in a taxi, his missing leather holdall, and his discovery by a local police officer.

However, Henk expects that their true breakthrough will occur when they share lunch, revealing crucial information about Jeff Nolan's involvement in the events surrounding Gooch's death. While in the fresh air, Henk approaches the tree and inspects the holes that have been filled and painted over, pleased with the concealment. He announces to the rest of the tour group about the wood glue filling the holes, displaying his typical bluntness and enthusiasm, despite the discomfort it sows in those around him.