

# THE TELLING ROOM

## “The Magician”



The Magician, the central character of *The Telling Room*, is a young man burdened with a mysterious past and extraordinary powers he struggles to control. Orphaned and alone, he grew up on the streets of Stonelake, relying on sleight-of-hand tricks and small magic acts to survive. Despite his outwardly solitary existence, the Magician is deeply compassionate, driven by an unspoken desire to belong and protect others, especially those who are vulnerable like Penny. His journey is one of self-discovery and empowerment as he learns to embrace his abilities and confront the dark forces tied to Parks Manor. Throughout the story, he evolves from a hesitant, isolated figure into a courageous hero who is willing to face his deepest fears to save those he cares about. The relationships he forms with other characters, particularly Penny and June, play a crucial role in helping him unlock his potential and understand his true purpose.

## Walter Parks

Walter Parks is the wealthy and enigmatic owner of Parks Manor, a man whose life is deeply intertwined with the dark history of his family estate. Outwardly charming and benevolent, Walter carries the weight of a tragic past, marked by the mysterious disappearance of his family members and the curse that haunts his ancestral home. As a mentor figure to the Magician, Walter is both a guide and a warning, urging him to tread carefully in his quest for truth. His connection to the Magician is complex; while he genuinely wants to protect him from the dangers that lurk in Parks Manor, he also holds secrets that could unravel the Magician’s life. Walter’s role in the plot is pivotal—he is the keeper of knowledge about the curse and the events that transpired years ago. His interactions with the Magician are filled with both wisdom and caution, making him a character who embodies the thin line between ally and antagonist.



## Kevin



Kevin is the nosy yet well-meaning landlord of the Magician's rundown motel. With a knack for meddling in the affairs of his tenants, Kevin serves as a source of both comic relief and unexpected wisdom throughout the story. Despite his constant prying, he develops a genuine concern for the Magician, acting as an unlikely friend in times of need. Kevin's personality is a blend of curiosity and kindness, often offering unsolicited advice or making attempts to help, even when his methods are questionable. In the plot, Kevin plays the role of the everyman—grounding the Magician's more fantastical experiences in the mundane realities of everyday life. His persistent involvement, though annoying to the Magician at times, ultimately proves beneficial as he becomes a loyal ally, aiding in the fight against the dark forces that threaten the city. Kevin's relationship with the Magician evolves from mere landlord-tenant to a friendship built on mutual respect and trust.

## June

June Summers is a bold, independent woman with a curious nature that draws her to the Magician. Unlike others who are wary of his mysterious abilities, June is intrigued and unafraid to challenge him, sensing that he is destined for something greater. Her confidence and outgoing personality contrast with the Magician's more reserved and introspective demeanor, making her a catalyst for his growth. June quickly becomes more than just a love interest; she is a key figure in the Magician's journey of self-discovery. She encourages him to embrace his powers and to see them not as a curse but as a gift that can be used for good. In the plot, June represents the voice of reason and courage, often pushing the Magician to take risks he might otherwise avoid. Her belief in him is unwavering, and she becomes a crucial support system as the stakes grow higher. Their relationship is one of mutual respect and deepening affection, providing the emotional core of the story.



## Crimelord



The Crimelord is a menacing figure who controls the criminal underworld of Stonelake with an iron fist. Ruthless, manipulative, and driven by a lust for power, he is the primary antagonist who poses a constant threat to both the Magician and Penny. His relationship with Penny is toxic—he claims to be her father but uses her as a pawn in his criminal schemes, exploiting her for his own gain. The Crimelord's personality is defined by his volatile temper and willingness to do whatever it takes to maintain control, even if it means crossing the Magician, who quickly becomes a thorn in his side. In the plot, the Crimelord's actions set off a series of events that force the Magician to confront his own powers and moral compass. As the story unfolds, the Crimelord's connection to the deeper mysteries of Parks Manor becomes clear, making him not just a street-level threat but a key player in the larger, supernatural conflict.

## Penny

Penny is a young, resourceful girl who has grown up in the harsh realities of Stonelake's criminal underworld. Forced into a life of crime by the Crimelord, who claims to be her father, Penny is tough, street-smart, and fiercely independent. However, beneath her hardened exterior lies a vulnerable child longing for a way out of her dire circumstances. When the Magician steps in to protect her from the Crimelord, Penny becomes his unexpected ally and, in many ways, his moral compass. Her relationship with the Magician is one of mutual respect and trust; she sees in him a protector and mentor, while he sees in her a reflection of the child he once was. In the plot, Penny is a catalyst for the Magician's growth, pushing him to embrace his powers and fight for something greater than himself. Her presence adds emotional depth to the story, as she represents both the innocence that the Magician seeks to protect and the harsh realities of the world he must confront.



## Carl and Jasper



Carl and Jasper are the detective duo tasked with solving the series of gruesome murders plaguing Stonelake City. Jasper, the more serious and focused of the two, is a seasoned detective with a sharp mind and a no-nonsense attitude. He approaches the case with determination, driven by a strong sense of duty and a need to protect the city from the escalating violence. Jasper's analytical nature and leadership skills make him the driving force behind the investigation, often pushing the boundaries to uncover the truth behind the mysterious deaths.

In contrast, Carl is the more laid-back and comedic member of the pair, providing much-needed levity to the dark and tense atmosphere of the case. While he may appear bumbling at times, Carl has a keen intuition and an unconventional approach that often leads to surprising breakthroughs. His humor and lightheartedness make him the perfect foil to Jasper's intensity, and together, they balance each other out as they delve deeper into the city's secrets.

As the plot unfolds, Carl and Jasper's investigation brings them into contact with the Magician, Walter Parks, and the sinister forces at play. Their role in the story is crucial, as they navigate the fine line between skepticism and belief, ultimately aiding the Magician in his quest to uncover the truth behind Parks Manor and the dark legacy that threatens to consume the city.

