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For other uses, see Lamb to the Slaughter (disambiguation). Lamb to the Slaughter is a 1953 short story written by Roald Dahl. It was initially rejected, along with four other stories, by The New Yorker, but was published in Harper's Magazine in September 1953. [1] It was adapted for an episode of Alfred Hitchcock Presents starring Barbara Bel Geddes and Harold J. Stone. Originally broadcast on April 13, 1958, it was one of 17 AHP episodes directed by Hitchcock. The episode was ranked #59 of the Top 100 Episodes of GHID TV in 2009. [2] The story was adapted for Dahl's British TV series Tales of the Unexpected. Dahl included him in his compilation of someone like you stories. The narrative element of the housewife killing her husband and letting the cops take part in the consumption of evidence was used by Pedro Almodóvar in his 1984 film What did I do to deserve this?, with a sheep's foot. Lamb to the Slaughter demonstrates Dahl's fascination with horror (with elements of black comedy), which is seen in both his adult fiction and his children's stories. [3] The story is allegedly suggested to Dahl by his friend Ian Fleming: Why don't you have someone to kill her husband with a frozen sheep's foot and then serve the detectives who come to investigate the murder? [4] Summary summary Mary Maloney is the anti-hero of the story. Despite being a very loyal and kind wife, she is obsessed with her husband, Patrick. As a housewife dedicated to making a comfortable home for Patrick and pregnant with their first child, she awaits his return home from his job as a police detective. Mary is very pleased with her marriage and believes that her husband is the same. When she returns, Maria notices that she is not unusually distant and assumes that she is tired from work. After drinking more than usual, Patrick reveals to Maria what makes him behave strangely. Although not explicitly stated, it is suggested that Patrick filed for divorce because he claims she will be cared for. Apparently in trance, Mary brings a large leg of lamb from the freezer deep into the cellar to cook for their dinner. Patrick, his back to Mary, calls her furiously not to make her dinner while she's out. While he looks out the window, quite suddenly Mary hits Patrick in the back of the head with the frozen lamb's foot, killing him instantly. Mary realizes that Patrick is dead and begins, cold and practical, to think about what to do now. She's not the child to consider, she knows what the law does with a murderer, and she won't risk the child sharing her fate. He owes it to the child to escape the discovery if he can. She prepares the leg of the lamb and puts it in the oven to destroy then consider an alibi. After practicing a cheerful mask and some harmless remarks to make in conversation, she visits the shopboy and chats ballily with him he what to do for Patrick's dinner. On her return to the house and to the room where her husband lies dead on the floor, she acts surprised and starts crying, then calls the police. When the cops (who are all friends of her husband) arrive, they ask Maria questions and look at the scene. Given that Mary is above all suspicion, the police have concluded that Patrick was killed by an intruder with a blunt object, probably made of metal. While people search for the murder weapon, Mary offers them whiskey, distracting some of them from hunting around the house. After doing an unnecessary search around the house and in the surrounding area, Mary is remembered the leg of lamb is just about done and offers it to the cops. She points out that they have already been working through and past dinner time and that the meat will otherwise go to waste; hesitates, but eventually accepts. During the meal, while Maria sits nearby but does not join them, the police discuss the possible location of the murder weapon. An officer, his mouth full of flesh, says it's probably right under our noses. Mary, hearing them, begins to laugh quietly. Adaptations Alfred Hitchcock Presents episode 28 of Alfred Hitchcock's third seasons Presents Lamb to the SlaughterAlfred Hitchcock Presents Episode Episode No. Season 3Episode 28Directed byAlfred HitchcockWritten byRoald DahlStory byRoald DahlTeleplay byRoald DahlPresented byAlfred HitchcockProduced byJoan HarrisonFeatured musicCharles GounodCinematography byJohn L. RussellEditing byEdward W. WilliamsOriginal air dateApril 13, 1958 (1958-04-13)Running time30 min. Guest appearing(s) Barbara Bel Geddes Episode Timeline -- previous Disappearing Trick Next -- Fatal Figures List by Alfred Hitchcock Presents Hitchcock episodes presenting this episode at a supermarket setting where he gave a ticket for blocking an aisle during rush hour, even though he claims to have been in the slow lane. Patrick says he's leaving Mary, played by Barbara Bel Geddes, for another woman. The adaptation follows the original story, starring Harold J. Stone as the police detective in charge of the investigation. At the end of the program, Hitchcock explains that Mary Maloney was finally caught after trying to hit her second husband in the same way because he was the forgotten guy and forgot to connect to the freezer, making the meat as soft as jelly. Tales of the Unexpected In 1979, the story was adapted by Robin Chapman for the British series Tales of the Unexpected by Roald Dahl, starring Susan George as Mary and Brian Blessed as the police detective in charge of investigating her husband's murder. This episode ends slightly different from the original story: After finishing the lamb leg, the four police officers stand up and Cuisine. The last of them stops and turns looking carefully at the resting leg bone on the serving platter. He then scrapes the contents of the plate into the kitchen basket. References ^ Lamb to slaughter. Harpers. September 1, 1953. May 30, 2017. ^ TV Guide's Top 100 Episodes. Rev/Views. July 4, 2016. ^ Roald Dahl: The Storyteller, by Jason Hook, page 21 ^ Jennet Conant, The Irregularis: Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington, 2008. p. 333 External Lamb Links to Slaughter on IMDb (Alfred Hitchcock Presents) Lamb to Slaughter on IMDb (Tales of the Unexpected) Taken from Lamb to the Slaughter is a short, sharp, chilling story from Roald Dahl, master of the shocking story. In Lamb to the Slaughter, Roald Dahl, one of the world's favorite authors, tells a twisted story about the dark side of human nature. Here, a wife serves a dish that amazes the police... Lamb to the Slaughter is taken from the Someone Like You story collection, which includes seventeen other cunning and shocking stories, with the two men making an unusual and frightening bet on the provenance of a bottle of wine; a curious machine that reveals the scary truth about plants; the man waiting to be bitten by the venomous snake asleep on his stomach; and others. Absolute master of the twist. (Observer) This story is also available as a Penguin digital audio download read by Juliet Stevenson.Roald Dahl, the brilliant and acclaimed global author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and Giant Peach, Matilda, and many other children's classics, also wrote dozens of short stories for adults. These delightful stories were often filmed and were the latest inspiration for The West End, Twisted Tales by Roald Dahl's Twisted Tales. Roald Dahl's stories continue to make readers tremble today. 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