

Withdrawal Symptoms

The handwriting doesn't march, so who is the other writer?

Who wrote that note consisting of one German word "Genug", meaning enough? Laura had seen a few other suicide notes during her lifetime. Scott's note, or was it Scott's note. Made as much sense as any of the others.

Nobody takes that large a dose of antidepressants unless they're trying to kill themselves.

Laura knew Scott only slightly, but probably more than any other tenants of the apartment complex did. What did she really know about him? Scott was likely in his sixties...he was

single....he was gay....he was a painter who used to exhibit at the Taylor Townshend Gallery.

He had severed from Taylor Townshend prior to the pandemic's onset. Why had he done so? Did

Taylor or Townshend let him go? Did Scott make work that his dealer felt couldn't be sold?

Scott had moved from abstraction to landscapes...neither had been fashionable for a long time but that didn't prevent them from selling. Did Taylor Townshend lose some clients who had been buying Scott Puryear's art?

Laura had never seen anybody visiting or calling on her neighbour Scott. He had told her that both his parents were dead and changed the subject when she had asked him about siblings.

Laura had never seen evidence of Scott being a drug user or even much of a drinker. Did he take sedatives for a sleeping problem? She had looked up Inipramine which was such an old fashioned anti-depressant? Yet that was the name on the vial beside his body.

She wanted to know if there would be a funeral or memorial. She looked at the death notices in the daily paper and there was going to be a funeral. She would attend the funeral scheduled for the following Monday.