

# The Dollmaker

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A saturnine man dressed all in black, with an Iberian complexion, dark hair and a dark goatee. He is in his mid-50s with white highlights near his temples and at the creases of his mouth. Sometimes he wears dark-rimmed glasses, but his eyesight seems to be keen whether or not he is wearing them. Sometimes his style of dress is slightly old-fashioned, wearing gloves and a cravat that looks Shakespearian. He has an English accent and is well-spoken, obviously intelligent.

He seems friendly enough, but in conversation he can be demeaning. It is almost as if he must prove his superiority to anyone he meets. His smile does not seem to reach to his eyes, and could rightly be called a sneer. He has at least one, if not several assistants that are simpering and deferential to a tee, some seem almost afraid of him. You notice that he speaks to all of them with utter contempt, as if he abhors even needing their help.

He is always carrying a black leather briefcase. If you ask him what is in it, he is happy to open it and show you his life-like collection of dolls inside, along with what looks like a miniature scepter with a white orb on the end. One of the dolls even looks like one of his former assistants, who you haven't seen around for the past couple of days.

Every once in a while he has someone come to his room and model for him. Later he is proud to show you his new doll, which is an eerily accurate reproduction of the model. Right down to the clothes that they were wearing.

Asking around, you can discover his name is Doctor Mestre, but that no one knows his first name. Also, you can overhear the cleaning ladies are upset that he brought his own wardrobe into the room, but their baffled because there is no possible way that it could have fit through the door. Even more baffling is the lamp on top of the wardrobe that stays lit, even though there are no electrical cords running from it.

Then you're watching CNN one day and there is the latest blurb about a missing young woman, sure to become the next hot topic on Nancy Grace. The picture comes up on the screen and you're thinking, "That girl looks familiar."

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