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Gatsby's Sudden Death

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be able to investigate a real life murder? In the book, The Great Gatsby, Gatsby is murdered towards the end of the book. It does not explain what happened or who did it, but that is exactly what we will be looking at. In the book it says that Tom told George Wilson that Gatsby was the one who killed Myrtle. Tom is also very blatant towards Nick and refers to Gatsby as a nobody. At the end of chapter 8, the way it is explained, it looks like Gatsby killed Myrtle. The book says, "It was after we started with Gatsby towards the house that the Gardener saw Wilson's body a little way off in the grass, and the holocaust was complete." (Fitzgerald 142-143) Does this raise any suspicion to you? It does not me because Gatsby was mainly to himself. George Wilson is responsible for the death of Gatsby and here is proof as to why this could be very true.

Pages 142 and 143 in the book say that Tom told George Wilson that Gatsby was the one who murder Myrtle. Of course when Tom tells George the name of the person who killed his wife supposedly, would get upset and be angered. Who would not be mad? Tom got upset with Gatsby before telling George that he killed Myrtle so he decided, "Hey! Since Gatsby's car was used to kill Myrtle, lets tell George that Gatsby was the person who killed her just so someone will be after him." Tom did not hesitate to think twice about lying to George since it was Gatsby's car. (F. Scott Fitzgerald 142-43)

Tom is acting really rude towards Nick and yelling at him telling him that Gatsby is a nobody. (Fitzgerald 130) Tom obviously does not like Gatsby so why would he not decide to lie about Gatsby being the one who killed Myrtle? He is taking his anger out on other people because Daisy and Gatsby have a thing and Tom is getting jealous over it. Tom does not like the fact that Gatsby wants Daisy and vice versa. So, he makes up this crazy idea and tells George that Gatsby killed Myrtle because it was his car.

The way it is explained in the book, it makes it look like Gatsby killed Myrtle. The book says, "It was after we started with Gatsby towards the house that the Gardener saw Wilson's body a little way off in the grass, and the holocaust was complete." The Gardener that saw Wilson's body and Gatsby walking away from it, he probably thinks that Gatsby was the one who killed Myrtle. The Gardener takes it in his own hands and tells George himself. George gets mad over the fact that a lot of people are telling him that Gatsby killed Myrtle, but he really did not kill her. The way he walks away from the scene makes it look that way. George ends up killing Gatsby because he assumes that since everyone is telling him he killed Myrtle, he really killed Myrtle. Who would not be mad if someone killed your husband or wife?

Some people may say George is not the person who killed Gatsby because before Gatsby was killed, we did not really hear anything about George. After Gatsby was murdered, George came up dead. We think that George may have killed himself after killed Gatsby so he would not get in trouble. People would think that since George was not really mentioned up until after Gatsby was dead, he could not have been the one to kill Gatsby. If you really think about it, George got really heated when he found out that supposedly Gatsby killed Myrtle so he probably did kill Gatsby and then killed himself because he wanted to be with Myrtle again.

Basically, all that has been said is proof of George being the one who killed Gatsby. Tom tells George that Gatsby killed Myrtle. Then, it moves on to Tom being rude towards Nick. At the end, it shows that Gatsby walks away from the murder scene with Nick and it looks like he killed Myrtle. So, if you put all the pieces together from what was given, then you can really tell that George clearly was the one who murdered Gatsby. George Wilson is most definitely responsible for the death of Gatsby.

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