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Subject: Re: Home is Where the Heart Is  
Posted by [Lillehafrue](#) on Sun, 29 Jul 2012 21:07:49 GMT  
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From: Hobbeth Sent: 8/29/2006 9:07 PM

Monday, July 30; 11:15 AM; Tracy Island

Jeff opened the email he'd gotten that had made him frown earlier, and reread it.

Jeff,

Parker was in contact with the Paris agent, who reported that Brains arrived at his hotel safely. But he then told me that some other people were watching and following your young genius. I felt it necessary to look into the situation myself, under the guise of visiting François Lemaire.

I thought you should know there were a number of attempts by the Hightowers to kidnap Brains. None of them came even close to succeeding, often due to your engineer himself. He'd accidentally knock over a martini (Yes, you read that correctly; he was brought a martini, during a dinner with Professor Borrender. I was surprised, too.) that had been drugged, or turn to go back and retrieve something he'd forgotten a split second before he was going to be grabbed. He was never aware that anyone was after him. If it wasn't so serious, it would have been laughable.

I am certain that the Hightowers were behind the attempts, since Giles himself tried to take a hand in the last one, at the airport. But Parker, the Paris agent, and I were able to foil that one, and he left Paris safely.

I plan to advise Mrs. Matumbo, also, lest word get back to her via other channels, and she try to retaliate. She did say something to me when she was here about a promise she made to the Hightowers. I don't think it will be necessary this time, so I'd like to let her know that.

I won't tell her until after Brains leaves to return to Tracy Island. I wouldn't want to spoil his visit with her.

Please give my best to all of your family.

Penny

He sat back to think about the repercussions of this latest attempt by the Hightowers, and what kind of security measures might be necessary to put in place.

"Ahem."

Startled, he looked up to see his wife standing in front of him.