

Rederring is no ordinary fishing village. Situated on the Cornish coast, Rederring has a history filled with witches, witch-hunters, curses and bad Baronets.

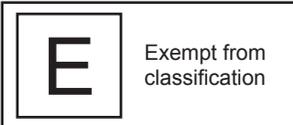
Generations ago, Sir Rupert Murgatroyd, Baronet of Ruddigore, had a passion for hunting and burning witches. Unfortunately for him, one of his victims put a curse upon him and his household; Each Baronet of Ruddigore must commit a crime each day or die in excruciating agony. As the title has been passed down from generation to generation, several of the Baronets have vowed to give up their life of sin, and each has died at the witch's hand. They now exist only as portraits in the gallery of Castle Ruddigore. Sir Despard Murgatroyd is the current Baronet, inheriting the title following the death of his brother, Ruthven. Fulfilling the conditions of the curse has left Despard a cruel and twisted individual, trying to balance each crime by committing good deeds, and toying with the emotions of Margaret, who worships Despard in her own, crazed fashion.

Rederring also has a chorus of professional bridesmaids, currently out of work owing to a lack of weddings. Try as they might, they can't convince anyone to make use of their services. Robin Oakapple, a wealthy farmer, would dearly like to put an end to the bridesmaids' current unemployment. He is madly in love with Rose Maybud, but is far too shy to tell her. Luckily for Robin, his foster brother, Richard, is due to return from sea shortly. With his assistance, Robin could overcome his shyness and win over the woman of his dreams. But Richard also holds the key to Robin's secret past and mysterious double life. Richard's arrival is going to change Robin's future forever, but will it be for better or for worse?

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or "The Witch's Curse"



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