

Cheptour Thrie – Peggie

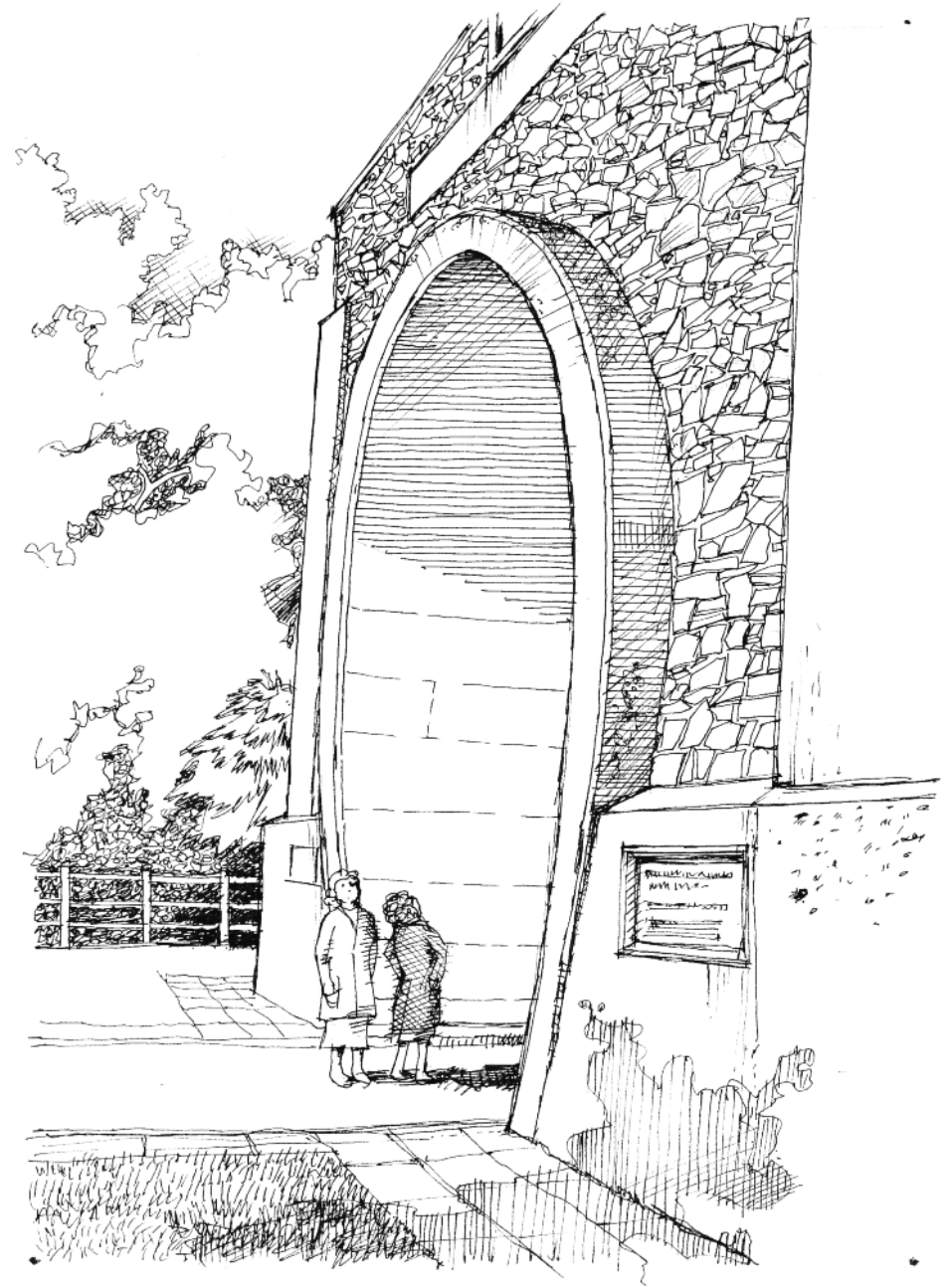
“Tittie luikit at the Memoriall fur a lang whyllie. It wes in furm o a schort bittok o tonnel an wes lairge eneuch ti tak a twa-dekkit buss!”

Chapter Three – Peggy

“Titty looked at the Memorial for a long time. It was in the shape of a short piece of tunnel and was large enough to take a two-decker bus!”

Amethyst is a type of quartz. Quartz, one of the most common rock-forming minerals, forms hexagonal prisms, terminated by rhombohedra or pyramidal shapes.

The mineral is found commonly in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, and can occur in massive granular, concretionary, stalactitic and cryptocrystalline habits.



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Whan the twasum wun hame ti Burnfuit, Peggie wes staunnin at the duir ti walcum thaim. The twa sisters wes verra onalik. Peggie wes nate an trig, cuil an preceise. Nivvertheles shae gied Tittie a waarm greittin. Whan thai wes ying thai wes ilk owremaistert bi thair mair eildit faimlie an thusgates hed a kinna fellae feillin at lestit throu the eirs. Alse baith hed wun a poseitioun in the warl, Tittie as ane owthar an Peggie as a deiplomat. Tho Nancie hedna baithert ti gie a compt o hir ain lyfe, Peggie wes the exak conter ti this. Whyle Nancie wes aye thrang wi hir beisines Peggie wes reteirit, an owre the nixt fyow days wes happie ti gang lang wauks wi Tittie.

Shae telt whitwey Nancie hed gane ti be a nouriss fur the sojers an ennit the Weir as a Senior Offisher, bot fund it sair ti sattil doun ti wirk in a pace-tim ospital eftir. Tho shae bene a Matroun in the Channel Eyls fur a guid whein eirs, whan thair mither wes geyan eildit Nancie hed cum hame ti luik out fur hir an nivver laed Burnfuit sin thon day. Eftir a bit hir onkil hed cum hamewith furby whan he gat owre eildit ti byde on hiz houss-boit. Whan thai wes deid, pur Nancie's tid fur hir ain guidman an bairns wes gane.

Peggie hedna mairriet aither. Howsomdevir, shae telt Tittie at shae hed a gryte lue, nou deid, at shae nivver wad kiz he wes awreddies spak fur an wes a Rouman Catholik, an cuidna git a divortioun. Sae this twasum hed daunced roun the warl, trystin whaurivver thai cuid. It wes verra romantically, thocht Tittie, at wes cairious ti ken whitwey Peggie cam ti be a deiplomat. Peggie wes a whein blate. Howsomdevir it wes clair at the lass at bene feirt o thunner an lichtenin a pleyed ane mensfu pairt in saicret wirk in Yugoslavie, and gied Tittie a mint at hir yokin as a deiplomat aw owre the warl bene connekkit ti thon. Maist astonissin tho, shae clypit at Rikkie Macallum, at wes anither o thair bairnheid freins, hed bene a spy furby.

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When the two of them arrived at Burnfoot Peggy was standing at the door to welcome them. The two sisters were very unlike. Peggy was neat and brisk, cool and precise. Nevertheless she gave Titty a warm greeting. When they were young they were each dominated by their older family members, and in that way they had a kind of fellow feeling that had lasted through the years. Also, both had achieved a position in the world, Titty as an author and Peggy as a diplomat. Though Nancy had not bothered to give an account of her own life Peggy was the exact opposite of this. While Nancy was always preoccupied with her business Peggy was retired, and over the next few days was happy to go long walks with Titty.

She told of the manner in which Nancy had gone to be a nurse for the soldiers and had ended the War as a Senior Officer, but found it difficult to settle down to work in a peace-time hospital. Though she had been a Matron in a hospital in the Channel Isles for a good number of years, when her mother became old Nancy had returned home to look after her, and had never left Burnfoot since that day. After a while her uncle had come home also, when he got too elderly to live in his houseboat. When they were dead Nancy's chance for her own husband and children had gone.

Peggy had not married either. However, she told Titty that she had had a great love, now dead, that she had never married because he was already married, and was a Roman Catholic, so could not get a divorce. So the two of them had danced around the world, meeting wherever they could. It was very romantic, thought Titty, but was curious to know how Peggy became a diplomat. Peggy was a little diffident about this. However it was clear that the girl who had been afraid of thunder and lightning had played a creditable part in secret work in Yugoslavia, and gave a hint to Titty that her job as a diplomat all over the world had been connected with that. Most astonishingly, she related that Dick MacCallum, who was another of their childhood friends, had been a spy as well.