

An aerial photograph of a village at sunset. The foreground shows a series of terraced fields, possibly for vineyards, sloping down towards a cluster of buildings. The sky is a warm, golden-orange color, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting long shadows and illuminating the scene with a soft, warm light. The title 'A Matter of Chance' is overlaid in a large, blue, cursive font.

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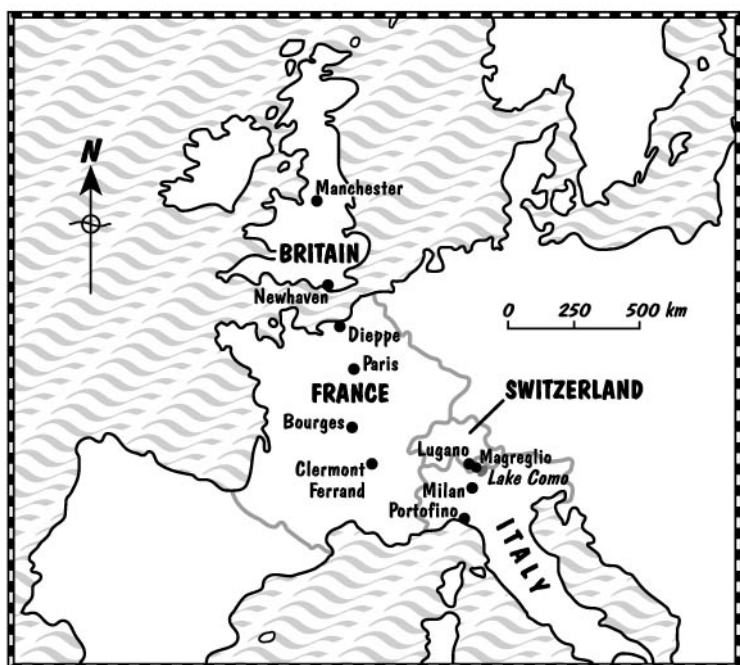
**Paul Morris:** a marketing manager for pharmaceutical companies, first in Manchester, England, then in Italy.

**Jacky Morris:** Paul's wife, a marketing manager for the same pharmaceutical companies.

**Sandra Rovello:** works for an Italian pharmaceutical company.

**Mr and Mrs Rovello:** Sandra's parents. Mr Rovello manages an import-export furniture company.

**Andrea Carta:** a business partner of Mr Rovello's.



## Chapter 1    *The roof-tile*

The roof-tile fell.

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After two or three hundred years of rain, ice, snow, wind  
and sun the roof-tile fell.

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After two or three hundred years of rain, ice, snow, wind  
and sun the roof-tile fell from its place down into the street  
of the old town.

\*       \*       \*

After two or three hundred years of rain, ice, snow, wind  
and sun the roof-tile fell from its place down into the street  
of the old town and hit my wife in the middle of her head.

\*       \*       \*

After two or three hundred years of rain, ice, snow, wind  
and sun the roof-tile fell from its place down into the street  
of the old town and hit my wife in the middle of her head,  
killing her instantly.