

# Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS

THE STORY: Pat Hudson follows Nick to his apartment to apologize for the Eric incident. He stumbles on Calaveras' body. Meanwhile, Nick and Inspector Marks arrive and take over.

## CRASH-LANDING

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REAGAN came from the bedroom. He had my Gladstone. "Whose is this?" asked Marks. "Mine." "Going somewhere?" "No. I just got back from England today." "The inspector's eyes narrowed, but he said pleasantly, "Mind if I have a look?" "Go ahead. The last person didn't ask my permission." "What was that?" he asked. I colored. "Somebody went through my luggage," I confessed. "I found my stuff all over the floor when I got in." "With the feeling of a man who is placing the nose around his own neck, I reached into my pocket and drew out Calaveras' amulet." "She gave me this, this afternoon." My voice sounded hollow. Marks took the talisman and stared at the stone set in the gold. "Why did she give you this, Mr. Trent?" "I don't know." "I know Marks didn't believe me and I was fairly certain that Pat didn't. It was a very thin story. And when I started to tell it, its thinness faded to transparency. Inspector Marks weighed the amulet in his hand. "This Booklet. Where can I find him?" "At The Vendome." The clock on the mantel struck the half-hour. Marks stood up. "I think we'd better talk with Mr. Booker." He passed me the amulet. "Did you notice the back of this?" "I turned the amulet over. On

the reverse side were several crude scratches that might have been made with a pen-knife. At first they looked aimless. Then, as I studied them, they took form. There were three letters:

PAX.  
"Peace," I said.  
"Ah, a scholar," Marks smiled dryly.

THE next morning Charley Strand and I went over to the club for breakfast. We were sitting in front of the fireplace, smoking and talking and carefully skirting the topic of the murder of the night before when Marks arrived. He looked a little less grim and his smile seemed a little less crooked.

"Your friend Booker has gone," he said.  
"I'm not surprised," I said.  
"You ought to be happy." Marks sat on the edge of the table and twirled his hat on his finger. "I had the diamond over at Kuttman's this morning."

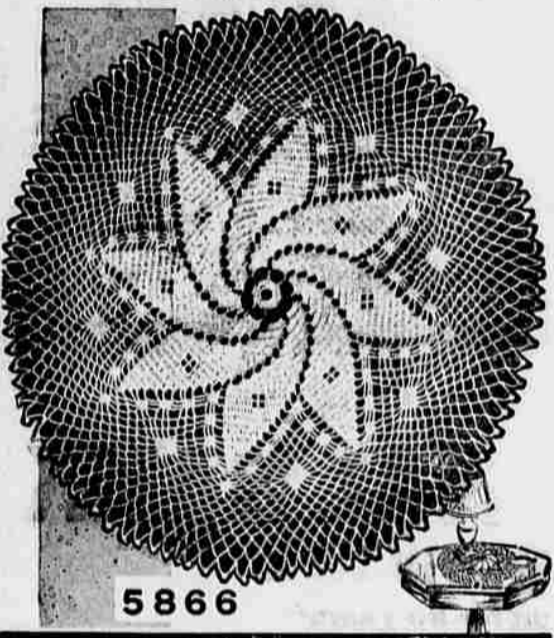
"The setting is neither valuable nor significant except possibly for the letters scratched on it, but the stone—" Marks stopped twirling his hat and leaned forward. "What do you think?" "A fake," I suggested hopefully.

The inspector shook his head. "There's more than a faint possibility that this diamond may belong to the Ostermann collection."

"So what?" said Charley. Marks' slate-gray eyes rested deliberately upon Charley. "The Ostermann collection," he said quietly, "disappeared when the Germans went into Poland. And the whole collection is worth in the neighborhood of five million dollars."

CHARLEY had a courier job for the C. A. P. He had arranged for me to fly with him.

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Water turned on: W. A. Simmons, 2911 Adams; Donald F. Cole, 1402 First; Mrs. Gladys Bunting, 508 Spring; Ted Cusick, 1304 H.

## TORNADOES VS. AUTOS

Tornadoes have taken the lives of more than 5000 persons in the United States in 20 years, but automobiles kill that number every two months.

## U. S. Naval Leader

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| 1 Pictured             | 45 Violent           |
| 2 U. S. naval leader.  | 46 streams           |
| 3 Vice-Adm.            | 47 VERTICAL          |
| 4 Marc A.              | 48 Substance         |
| 5 7 Ambar              | 49 Beverage          |
| 6 8 Ireland            | 50 Iniquities        |
| 7 9 Exempl             | 51 Chicken           |
| 8 10 gratia (ab.)      | 52 Abrogate          |
| 9 11 Pericid           | 53 Girl's name       |
| 10 12 Soon             | 54 Canadian          |
| 11 13 Dance step       | 55 peninsula         |
| 12 14 Chief division   | 56 Native of Denmark |
| 13 15 of a long poem   | 57 Saint's (ab.)     |
| 14 16 17 Compass point | 58 He is the         |
| 15 18 Roman goddess    |                      |
| 16 19 Subjoin          |                      |
| 17 20 Small needle     |                      |
| 18 21 Erect            |                      |
| 19 22 For fear that    |                      |
| 20 23 Notion           |                      |
| 21 24 Go by            |                      |
| 22 25 Rub out          |                      |
| 23 26 Note in Guide    |                      |
| 24 27 Grates upon      |                      |
| 25 28 Pint (ab.)       |                      |
| 26 29 Employers        |                      |
| 27 30 Driving command  |                      |
| 28 31 Portion          |                      |
| 29 32 Golf device      |                      |
| 30 33 Lower case (ab.) |                      |
| 31 34 Scope            |                      |
| 32 35 Symbol for       |                      |

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Task Force 29 Prince  
16 Beast of 30 Certian burden  
32 Electrical unit  
18 Vermont (ab.) 33 Guinea (ab.)  
19 Sketchers 34 Young salmon  
25 Pull along 35 Woody plant  
26 Artist's frame 36 Golf term  
27 View 37 Light brown



"I promised to call Pat," I said. "Then I'll be with you."  
Pat and I had planned to drive along the north shore and pull in at Hugo's or Ham's for a shore dinner. When I picked up the call, it never occurred to me that somebody might be listening in. I knew I told Pat that Charley and I were going to do some flying and that I would be back within three hours at the most.

At the airport Charley's plane was on the line. A mechanic ducked under the belly of the plane and came towards us. Charley looked at him and said: "You're new, aren't you?" "I haven't seen him."

It was all pleasantly familiar: taking down for the take-off; riding tail-up into the wind with the motor humming hard and high, and with the ground wheeling back and away from us as we climbed into the air. We went straight across the hangars of the Dalhart lines, and I remember going down at the swamp grass, looking deceptively smooth as it whipped past.

Then it happened. A hollow cough from the motor was followed by a series of sputters and a spectral silence. The motor was dead. Ahead of us a corner of the horizon slid suddenly into the sky.

White-lipped, Charley glanced at me, then at the telegraph wires ahead. Their bright threads made scars in the air. He tried to hop them dead-stick, but they just tripped our wheels and the tail heaved. The earth surged upward.

Even at that moment I said: "That mechanic. The new one with the dour look." Then the swamp grass came in.

There we sat, Charley and I, with the landing gear pancaked up under the wings, and we hadn't even sprung a door.

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