

Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS

by Lionel Mosher

MR. HUDSON'S PLAN

WHEN I saw a car coming in the drive with the bright blonde head of Brenda Temple beside Charley in the front seat, I was not sure that I liked it. "Have I missed anything?" she asked with an ironic smile. "A little," I said and I showed her the threatening note. "Not very original," she said equably. "How did you get this?" Charley asked. "It was stuck in my mirror," Brenda put her hand on my arm. "Does it frighten you, Nick?" "What do you think?" "It looks very phony to me," remarked Charley. "Phony or not, I'm taking the advice." I made it as convincing as I could, but Brenda merely regarded me blandly. Then she made a rather pertinent remark. "It seems to me that this situation calls not so much for value as for common sense. It is quite obvious that whoever wrote this note would rather have you out of here than kill you. Why?" "I've lost all curiosity in the why's of this business," I snapped. "Has Mr. Hudson seen this, Nick?" Charley asked. "No," I said. "I think we ought to show it to him." "Naturally," I said.

WE found Phineas Hudson and Pat in the library. He was building a fire in the fireplace. And oddly enough he had just touched a match to what was undoubtedly a copy of The Times. There is little subtlety about Charley. He dashed forward and tried to rescue the paper. But Mr. Hudson had proved a very able fire-builder.

"Why, Charles!" Mr. Hudson stared at him in mild surprise. "I'd no idea you hadn't read that." "I wanted to see if I hadn't read part of it." Charley passed over the note. Mr. Hudson studied it. I watched his face. And I saw nothing. Not even surprise. With a little sigh he handed the note back. "Brief and to the point," Mr. Hudson turned to Charley. "You were wondering if the letters were cut from my paper. It wouldn't prove much if they were, would it? However, you can take my word for it that they weren't." Then he spoke to me: "Well, Nicholas, what next?" "I'm getting," I said. "I'm damned if I'd let anyone push me around like that!" exclaimed Charley. "This doesn't happen to be anyone, Charles," replied Mr. Hudson. "This may be a murderer. And I feel that Nicholas is quite right. He should not spend another night at The Ledges." Charley looked at me. "Well, Nick?" "For it," I said firmly. "May I make a suggestion?" Mr. Hudson looked at us all benignly. "I can understand Charley's disappointment. I feel a slight vindictiveness in this matter myself. The obvious thing to do would be to return at once to Boston. I dislike being obvious. I invite you all as my guests to dinner tonight at the Cock and Kettle. Then we'll all go to the movies." "I've seen the picture," said Brenda. "It's atrocious." Mr. Hudson smiled indulgently. "It won't hurt you to see it again. After the movies Charley can take Brenda home—quite the natural thing to do—and Nicholas and Pat can reserve rooms for us at The Wagon Wheel. Then I shall slip back to The Ledges and pick up our luggage."

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| 15 Pictorial | 1 Type style |
| 21 Advance | 2 Advance |
| 3 Ukrainian | 3 Near |
| 4 Army | 4 His name is often in the |
| 10 Condition | 5 Outfit |
| 11 Poetry term | 6 Hope's kiln |
| 13 Vegetable | 7 New Mexico |
| 14 Senses | 8 Recede |
| 15 Drill | 9 Stringed |
| 17 Long fish | 10 Musical |
| 18 Bone | 11 Instruments |
| 19 Toward | 12 Observe |
| 21 Lixivium | 13 Weep |
| 22 Writing fluid | 14 On the ocean |
| 24 Beverage | 15 Hawaii |
| 26 Speed contest | 16 Electrical |
| 28 On the ocean | 17 Engineer (ab.) |
| 31 Hawaiian (ab.) | 18 All right (ab.) |
| 32 Exclamation | 33 Antenna |
| 33 Either | 34 All right (ab.) |
| 34 Upon | 35 Sun god |
| 35 His forces crossed the | |
| 37 Debar | |
| 39 Equal | |
| 41 Secondary | |
| 42 Headgear | |
| 44 Measure (ab.) | |
| 46 Mine | |
| 47 His forces are part of the | |
| 50 Pale | |
| 52 Straw-colored liquid | |
| 54 Small | |
| 55 City in Illinois | |
| 57 Trivalent | |
| 58 Wrecks | |
| 60 Passageway | |

Washington Merry-Go-Round

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strong for Alabama's Cliff Durr as federal loan administrator. Later the southern utilities appeared to be making hay with Bankhead. Durr is too liberal for them. FDR's first choice for the loan job was incorruptible, efficient budget director Harold Smith, against whom the senate could not object. The senate has been fighting so many Roosevelt appointments recently that he watches the confirmation angle almost more than any other. This has a lot of good men.

17 Sword Wounds

Inside Japan—the Jap high command ordered 15 divisions out of Siberia a month ago to defend the Japanese homeland. But since the Russians denounced their neutrality pact, the Japs are frantically scouring the country for more troops to bolster the Russo-Japanese frontier. During the Stalingrad battle, Russia depleted the Red army in Siberia. It was the Cossack cavalry, rushed to Stalingrad, which saved it. Now the Red army in the east is at about full strength again. New Premier Suzuki of Japan was left for dead on the street when the young fascists of the Black Dragon society murdered most of Japan's moderate leaders a decade ago. He was carved up with 17 fascist sword wounds. Today Suzuki is front man for Japanese big business which long has leaned toward a negotiated peace. So has the emperor—if they can get it.

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