

Eugene Register-Guard

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CONVINCED THAT UNCLE MALCOLM IS AN IMPOSTOR AND THAT THERE IS SKULDUGGERY AFOOT IN THE CASTLE, ANNE HAS DETERMINED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MATTER--ALSO TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CASTLE VIA THE SECRET STAIR SHE HAS DISCOVERED--

BR-R-R-R--- I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT CAN'T BE! NOT IN THIS DAY AND AGE! MUST HAVE BEEN AN LUSION--SURE! THAT'S WHAT IT WAS--THEY DIDN'T MOVE--WAX WORKS, PROBABLY--

JUST AN LABORATE STUNT TO SCARE FOLKS! HA! HA! WELL, I SURE FELL FOR IT--AND WHY NOT? ALL TH WAY DOWN THAT SPOOKY SECRET STAIR--DOWN! DOWN! DOWN! TO WAY UNDER TH CASTLE---

THEN THIS LITTLE ROOM! CUT OUT O' SOLID ROCK! THESE OLD CHAIRS, ALL IN A ROW, LIKE IN A THEATRE, BUT FACIN TH WALL---AND THAT LEDGE, WITH TH LITTLE HOLES TO LOCK DOWN THROUGH--

JUST LIKE A PEEP SHOW--SO, O' COURSE, I SNAPPED OUT TH LIGHT AN' LOOKED--AN' THERE WAS A TORTURE CHAMBER!

AN' FOLKS IN IT---AND THEY SURE LOOKED ALIVE! BUT IT MUSTA BEEN JUST A GAG! I'VE QUIT SHAKIN NOW-- I'LL SNAP OFF TH 'LECTRIC FLASH AN' HAVE ANOTHER LOOK---

E-EE-YII-I! THEY ARE ALIVE!

ONE OF 'EM JUST MOVED! IT'S NO GAG! THIS IS TH REAL THING!

THAT--THAT MAN WITH TH WHISKERS! WHY--WHY, THATS TH REAL MALCOLM MITT! HE LOOKS LIKE HIS PICTURES!

THEY HEARD ME YELL! THEY'RE LOOKIN UP THIS WAY--CAN'T SEE ME, O' COURSE---NO USE GIVIN' AWAY THIS SECRET ROOM AN' ALL--NOT YET--- BUT I WONDER---

MUST BE SOME WAY OUT O' HERE, 'CEPT BACK UP ALL THOSE STAIRS---HA! LOOK, SANDY! I THOUGHT SO--JUST PRESSED ON THIS SORTA WORNY PLACE--PIECE O' TH WALL JUST SWINGS RIGHT BACK---

MORE STAIRS--AN' DOWN THERE--SEE? MUST BE A HIDDEN DOOR---RIGHT INTO TH TORTURE CHAMBER! C'MON, SANDY!

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