"MASTER PEN"



SYNOPSIS

Valuable governmental papers are stolen by Thompson, follower of Loubeque, in-ternational spy, from General Love, whom Loubeque hatee, in Manila. Love's daugh-ter Lucille files to a steamer to recover the papers in order to clear the name of Lieutenant Gibson, whom she loves.

Loubeque, tampering with the wireless in the steamer, is hurt. Lucille nurses im in an attempt to recover the papers. Lucille gets the papers, but the ship is wrecked. She is cast ashore on a Facille island and is taken by a native chief to his hut to nurse his sick child.

The native child is restored to health, and the grateful natives idolize Lucille. Loubeque, also cast ashore, tries various plans to recover the papers, but in vain.

Times there were when she would have fled from the place in a sudden fit of hysteria induced by thinking of the urgency for the information in her possession being in Mantia. Cooler thought always made her grapple with the impulse for bate and place herself in the hands of this superior power which had looked after her through such startling happenings.

If the international spy was at work -and at work she knew he assuredly was, now he had located her-why did he not strike? That was the hardest part of her stay in the village—the constant strain of waiting for the in-

It was the fourth day that her attention was irresistibly drawn to a native whose facial traits differed so materially from those of any of the men she had seen about the village that she

studied him more closely.

The man was seated, cross legged, upon a log just a little distance beyond the village. His eyes were narrow slits that emitted sharp slants of evil light when they fell upon her, a light that frightened her and made her turn hurriedly back toward her hut.

She had not made over twenty steps before an unseen menace cast its shadow upon her beart. Though she could bear nothing, she knew uncon sciously that the man was following her at such a pace he was obviously

doing so for a purpose. Slowly, relentlessly, the pat pat of the native's feet came to her. She halted and whirled upon him. The slits of eyes met her own and she read there the light of an unconquerable purpose. Her lips opened but no

vords would come. Cautiously, stealthly be advanced upon her. There was a deathlike coldness about him that reminded her of the one she knew to be his master. She could feel the glitter of his eyes, could read the meaning in the terrible hands which were outstretched toward

out of his clutches. She tried to shrick, but felt the sounds strangling in her throat. Her fingers encounter ed the slender golden threads that wound the amulet about her neck. She ripped at them as though they had caused her fright. And then everything became more distinct, more

For, with a little gasp of fright, the menacing figure dropped flat upon the ground, dropped before her. For a second she thought the man was dead. then her eyes widened with astonishment as slowly, with face turned glways down, the man crawled in a wriggling motion suggestive of a snake, back, back, back, until his body was lost in the tangle of shrubbery where she had come across him first, ing the fact that such a one had ever

Lucille stared straight shead of her. The terror that had fallen upon her was too great for immediate relief. Again her fingers sought her throat, failing upon the amulet which the grateful chief had presented to her and immediately she realized what had saved her from the man.

Perhaps it was the shock from ber encounter with the strange native that made her slumber light, for the sound was very faint that wakened Lucille from the doze into which she finally had failen. Like the rippling of a breeze through the leaves it was, and yet something ominous about it brought her bolt upright in bed, fier every fac-

Gradually she made out that it came from immediately over her head. The noise ceased abruptly. Startled at the suddenness of it, she looked at the spot from which the last noise had come; then, with a shrick of horror, her eyes followed the stealthy, graceful reptile that seemed to grow from out the very roof of the thatched but, its body wavering longer and longer before her hor-ror stricken eyes, its flat head moving in all directions, two little threads continually flickering from out its hideous

With a wild scream of terror she darfed through the hut opening, heav-ing a sigh of relief at feeling the warm, clean all of the out of doors upon her cheek after the fetil atmosphere which the smite intruder had seemed to bring

she fought against her terror.
Fighting against herself, against ev-

erything feminine in her nature, she forced berself back to the hut. And then a great feeling of relief enguifed her, for the snake was gone. But the inside it had been torn spart. Not an inch of its surface but had been cov-ered carefully in the disruption. No sunke had brought about this confu-

Lucille smiled to berself. Hugo Lou-beque was the man who had fright-ened her so artfully. But she still had

CHAPTER VI. Loubeque Watches a Tiny Plame. UGO LOUBEQUE sat in the but which his native had thrown up for him, his eyes filled with a somber light.

many times. He was only just begin-ning to realize that destiny was workhim, urging her on to the desperate chances she had already taken, giving ber courage and confidence to go even

Was it possible that he could fall, could be besten by this pretty slip of a who, judging nations to be no stronger than the weakest individual, had brought about the wreck of nations; lized and uncivilized world to prepare

"I shall regain the papers from her,"
he told himself. "But how?" At times in pondering the question he would grow so enraged that he thought of taking them from her by sheer force. But always there was her face.

Noiseless as any cat despite his bulk. the face of her mother whom he had loved, still loved in memory, to rise up and deter him. No, she must be trick-

That she carried them upon her person he knew The scheme he had worked out through the evil eyed native he had picked up in the jungle and frightened into superstitions awe and implicit obedience had shown him that much The big suske working his sinister tength through the thatebed roof of her but and frightened her to make such a search as permitted of

ills ontice had brought him word of the way Lucilie had saved the chief's



daughter from death and in conse mulet of the country. He realized that the ignorant savages regarded ber as something in the nature of a delty. only a swaying of the leaves there, an They would permit no harm to befall occasional crackling of twigs betray-Night had long since fallen when he attred from his motiopless position, before the somber light was burned from his eyes by the kindling flame of action. While no visible symbol betrayed exultation, there was a stealthy ureness to his stride that showed he was about to work, that the time for reflection was past.

"Get up!" he told his savage follower The native swiftly rose and waited his commands. Fear still lay heavily and he was willing to dare anything now, risk even the profanation of the sacred amulet, rather than face again the flame of this man's wrath, this man he had stumbled across upon the beach and who, though beipless, had spat at him farther than his blow pipe could carry and shivered the spear as he held it uplifted in his band, advancing with murderous design upon the man. A small glittering thing of metal was the weapon of this man, yet he had seen a giant llon drop dead when his master raised it and threw its barking voice of orange flame

Swiftly Loubeque strode through the inky blackness of the jungle that hem-med them in until he came to a scarcely penetrable wall of creepers, swung like giant hammocks between the trees, twisting and writhing about themselves in hopeless confusion, all deriving sustenance from the stunted trunks to which they class. riving sustenance from the stunted trunks to which they clung. More like great ropes of corded hemp they were than anything else, their thick surface covered with fuzzy hairs. It was the creoper Loubeque had noticed the native using when he wished to start the night's fire twisting shout a head night's fire, twisting about a hard, sharp pointed stick against the un-yielding surface of the creeper till the friction started flame. Now he point-ed to the wall of creepers, indicating

But half an hour sufficed to satisfy the spy, and, without more than a nod, the spy, and, without more than a nod, he turned and moved swiftly back to the hut. There he superintended the splicing of the sections of creepers and binding together in such fashion they should make a rope fully 100 feet long. The last fragment of the material was used, and he stared at the giant coll speculatively. At a curt word of com-mand, "Go!" the native gided noise-lessly from the but, one end of the ope in his band

Foot by foot, a coil at a time, the pile of creeper before the international spy infolded itself, the while he prevent-ed any knotting. The heap upon the

hut floor find almost disappeared be-fore the constant vibrations ceased and be knew the savage bad fluished his part of the work. He was still smilling. grimly now, when the native return

that was within the hut. Then Hugo Loubeque stepped swiftly out the openlievable monstrous serpent through the within a few yards of Lucille's but

From far away back to the dire himself for his great act of vengeance and always worked successfully, should finally deal the culminating blow against his enemy only to find this a moment, then dance swiftly forward toward him. At times the flame would appear to waver, to be extinguis but always it would reappear ag

it upon the thatched roof. Then once more he took up his position in the shadow of the adjacent tree. He wait of his frame, for the result of his strat-And always the flame crept closer, coming more swiftly now.

One arm thrown carelessly over her head, with slightly parted lips, Lacille slept upon her bed of rushes. She dreamed of her lover, Lieutenant Gibaway a sufficiently long time for him son, and of the happy time when she should clear him of the charge against

apon the rushes, her every sense alert, her ears fairly peaked with the tense was for the little sack in which she carried the stolen papers and orders as well as the photograph of her moth er and the diary which Hugo Lou-beque had secreted in the oiled belt. Hurriedly she cintched the bag, sitp

came from directly above ber. A leer at her from the place where the tion of a second she could not stir be fore the awful menace. Then as a ward the wall and embraced it, feed ing there a second before another

With a wild shrick for austatat she darted toward the opening, feeling hot breath of the Cames algi from every but poured the natives. stopping to stare about them for a sec ond before darting toward the but burst of flame, roaring menacingly.

Lucille was unconscious of every-thing for a moment save that she had escaped the flames. Then somethin caused her to return. From behind great tree she saw the figure of a man moving swiftly toward ber. He made sound as be approached; ne could she see his face for the back



But there was an ominousness of pur-cose about his very movement, about the leng, gliding shadow of him, that told her instinctively who it was. Simultaneously with the knowledge she became aware of the precious sack in her hand. She made as though to fice, but something horrible about the ad-vancing man deterred her, made her hesitate. She felt herself yielding be no possible thwarting of such a as Hugo Loubeque, no chance for her, a frail, weak girl, to thwart this man. With a little cry of despair she start ed to fice. He was simost upon her when a tail, half naked figure darted to her side. She reached out instinc-

tively and cluiched the friendly bare arm. And then she hugged the sack with the papers and diary to her bosom and her lips moved silently.

Hugo Loubeque had disappeared-disappeared as silently, as mysteriously, as ominously as he had appeared. But, thwarted, the man only seemed to exercise more cunning, more despectate remedies. The proofs of her

og taken from her this time. She must not risk such a chance again. The must leave this place, must trust no longer to these people for protec-tion, must trust berself no longer to the fate that seemed so constantly to look after her. She must hide berself away from the master eye of the spy. Where? It made no difference. She not hide herself-away. That was

night Lucilie clung to the child she had nursed through her illness. And now the situation between the pair was reversed and she, the competent white woman, became the child, while the ntly all through the night, her hand asping the trembling one. Sleep was out of the question. There

could be no sleep while the mighty spy dogged her steps, knew where she was. Morning came and passed, the sun striking obliquely down upon the village before she dared even stir out-side the but, the little daughter of the chief at her side, slient and shy, but al-

ways comforting by her presence.
Lucille felt a great desolution upon
her, a sense of fighting a useless battaigta seized her to its grip and she felt she could willingly give over everythought of Loubeque made her pause. She would yet prove to him that under ber fragility was a composition which had needed but the orden of ove denied to turn it into steel, a steel conbeque might huri himself in vain."

"But I must get away from here," she told berself. She determined to get away immediately. There was withing to guin and everything to lose by remaining here. Primarily she wish-ed to find some method of getting back to any one save Loubeque here. and Loubeque knew where she was and his unscrupulous brain would find a method of gaining them. She must

She was quite positive some difficul-ty would present itself in making an escape from the native friends who had fairly idelized her from the mo-ment of the child's recovery. But they hould be entity eluded.

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