

THE TERRIBLE EYE

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NO THROAT CUTTING CHAPTER XIV

THE working model of the Terrible Eye did the job. It cast upon the screen, hastily rigged up in the Taj Mahal, a series of pictures. At the end of them, Hildy Channing gasped.

"Jonah," she said, awed. "I'm on my knees. Who would have thought it? But..." She stopped suddenly. "Just why did you show me this, Jonah?"

"Because," Jonah said, "I knew it would put you in control of the situation. With what you know now, you can write your own ticket. And I... well, I just want you to have the things you want, that's all."

"You're a sweet guy, Jonah," Hildy said softly. "And I'm ever so grateful to you. It does make everything just ducky."

"Everything," said Jonah, in a voice like Charon mumbling to himself on the journey across the Styx, "for everyone except..."

"Yes, Jonah?"

"Oh, n-nothing," said Jonah.

THE small private race course on Mr. Channing's property was doing business. The crowd was small, but select. It consisted of members of the Channing family, the house servants, a squad of gardeners, grooms, hostlers and exercise boys. The only inhabitant of the estate not present was the gatekeeper.

They were, indeed. The jockeys hired for the occasion had mounted and the horses were at the barrier. Black Moonlight stepped around nervously, light as a cat on his feet. But Bucephalus, or his newly-clipped stand-in, waited with stoicism. His mien was the mien of one who has all night. A few seconds passed. Then: "They're off," announced Mahoney.

It was only a half-truth. Black Moonlight was off. He broke swiftly, picked up speed and seemed to flow toward the turn. Bucephalus, on the other hand, hunched himself a time or two like a dromedary setting sail for Damascus and then stepped gingerly forward. He seemed to possess all the dash and fire of a coal barge.

There then ensued a farcical horse race. By the time Bucephalus reached the turn, Black Moonlight was halfway around. When Black Moonlight rocketed into the stretch, Bucephalus was ambling placidly toward the half-way mark. As Black Moonlight got home in a walk Bucephalus, had he been provided with a spy-glass, could have seen the stretch. He was a sure thing to finish come Michaelmas.

Around Mr. Channing the congratulatory crowd gathered, like umbras of ancient Italy. Around Mr. Calvin Meggs no one gathered, save Hildy Channing. And Mr. Meggs wrung his hands and gave out pained, choking sounds. He was doing these things when Henry I. Channing, beaming at the head of his legions, confronted him.

"Well, Calvin," said Mr. Channing, in a voice that would have been audible in Peru, "let this be a lesson. Never in future, my man, attempt to pit your shaky ill-considered judgment of horse-

fresh against my certain knowledge. That is all I have to say." Calvin Meggs got off a last strangled bleat and tottered away. Hildy Channing stayed right with him. Hildy was on a one-woman crusade against throat-cutting. (To Be Continued)

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THE NAME LIBYA ORIGINALLY WAS GIVEN BY THE GREEKS TO WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS THE ENTIRE CONTINENT OF AFRICA.

WHERE'S ELMER? ANSWER: Sydney, Australia. NEXT: Salt of the earth.

SOUTH AMERICAN STATESMAN

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle (abbr.). 1 Pictured South American statesman, 14 It proceeds (music), 15 He is of a South American country, 16 Music note, 17 Greek letter, 18 Interest (abbr.), 19 Emmet, 20 Dance step, 21 City in Nevada, 22 Former Russian rulers, 23 Bevel, 24 Light brown, 25 Heat, 26 Turn, 27 Indian, 28 Stupefy, 29 Area measure, 30 He is president of, 31 Canvas shelter, 32 Ratifies, 33 Constating, 34 Termination, 35 Royal Navy (abbr.), 36 Territory (abbr.), 37 Street (abbr.), 38 Symbol for selenium, 39 International language, 40 Pertaining to, 41 Persia, 42 Remainder, 43 Poker stake, 44 Portion, 45 Boat paddler, 46 Maxim, 47 Kind of lettuce, 48 Large tub, 49 Before, 50 English money of account, 51 Aggregate, 52 Weapon, 53 Toward the east, 54 Rubber tree, 55 Negative word, 56 Matgrass, 57 It is (contr.), 58 Biddle parl., 59 Effect, 60 Stringed instrument, 61 Rajah's wife, 62 Nuisance, 63 Hops' kilns, 64 Two (prefix), 65 Roman emperor, 66 Dinitrolooluene, 67 Enlarge (abbr.), 68 Yes (Sp.), 69 Mordinin dye, 70 Mordinin dye.

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BY g-d, ejaculated Mr. Meggs, stung, "I don't think it is my horse. But, even so, I wouldn't be surprised if it could leave that dog of yours at the feedbox."

People of Europe are managing to stay alive on hope and faith, but with this revival there is a dangerous wave of hatred and bitterness. The English boy can still jovially refer to his enemy as the Jerries, for the enemy is yet an abstract thing to him. It is the army of occupation, taking over the supplies in your stores and shops, ordering you out of your homes on two hours notice that breeds a kind of hatred that will take generations to dispel. -Rulka Langer, Polish refugee of Warsaw siege.

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