

DICK TRACY



CRIMESTOPPERS TEXTBOOK

OFFICERS, FLASHLIGHTS CAN BE USED TO SEND SILENT SIGNALS AND THUS AVOID SHOUTING, WHICH MIGHT WARN THE CRIMINALS.

Dick Tracy

I TELL YOU IT'S A BOMB!

ALL RIGHT—START FROM THE BEGINNING AGAIN—WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT THING, BIMP?

IN THE FRONT OF THE CAR, BETWEEN THE RADIATOR AND THE GRILL.

AS YOU KNOW, THIS ZERO WEATHER KNOCKED OUT OUR CAR BATTERY AND WE HAD TO CALL JOE AT THE FILLING STATION.

YOU GUYS WERE PLAYING CARDS—AND I WAS OUT HERE HELPING JOE PUT IN THE NEW BATTERY WHEN I SAW THIS! I TOSSED IT OVER THERE.

NUTS! THIS IS NO BOMB. IT'S A PIECE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT—PROBABLY LEFT IN THE CAR ACCIDENTALLY AT THE FACTORY.

I WENT TO NIGHT SCHOOL ONCE TO STUDY ENGINEERING. THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THEM ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES.

AND BACK AT HEADQUARTERS

THIS IS THE BIGGEST BREAK WE EVER HAD.

WE KNOW THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM NOW.

AND WE'RE GETTING CLOSE-UPS OF THEIR FACES.

AND THERE'S THE RING!

WHAT?

I SAID **DROP IT—THAT'S ALL—DROP IT!**

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

I JUST FIGURED IT—IT'S A **CAMERA!**

Little Orphan Annie

"UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE OF TODAY, LIES YESTERDAY, AND WHAT WE CALL 'THE PAST,' THE ONLY THING WHICH NEVER CAN DECAY"

—EUGENE LEE-HAMPTON.

CAN'T GET OVER IT! MEETIN' YOU HERE! POLICE INSPECTOR BUD BEAN! STILL IS BUD BEAN, AIN'T IT? HAVEN'T CHANGED YER NAME?

NOT ME, SUSIE! IT'S BUD BEAN, SAME AS WHEN I WAS TOWN MARSHAL, BACK THERE.

YEAH! "BACK THERE"—THAT HIRED FAST GUN, AS KILLED MY MAN, COMIN' 'CROSS TH' STREET FROM PEASLEY'S SALOON THAT MORNIN'.

I'D JUST COME OUT OF THE HOTEL. FIFTY PEOPLE SAW IT ALL!

YOU WAS WEARING RED'S GUN BELT! THAT KILLER KNEW WHY YOU'D COME INTO TOWN! HE WAS FAST, LIKE A FLASH!

RECKON SO! ME, I WASN'T NOTICIN' HIS HAND! HAD MY EYE ON TH' SPOT I AIMED T'HIT!

WELL, I WAS WATCHIN' HIS GUN HAND AND MISSED TH' WHOLE THING, JUST ABOUT! HE GOT HIS GUN ABOUT HALF DRAWED, AND HE WAS DEAD!

REMEMBER DOC SAID HE'D NEVER SEEN TWO BULLETS SO CLOSE TOGETHER—RIGHT WHERE I'D AIMED 'EM!

CAN YOU STILL TURN A PISTOL LOOSE THAT FAST FROM SCRATCH, SUSIE?

RECKON SO, BUD. BUT ONLY IF I WAS T'BE MAD ENOUGH! BUT WE'RE GETTIN' OFF TH' SUBJECT!

WAS YOU REALLY TRYIN' T'ARREST MY NEPHEW, T.T. TIGER?

WHOA, NOW, SUSIE! WE COPS WERE TOLD TO HELP THE TAX BOYS! BUT TIGER'S IN SWITZERLAND NOW! JUST GOT THE WORD!

STICK TO CASES, BUD! MY NEPHEW NEVER BROKE A LAW! MAYBE HE FOUND A HOLE IN TH' LAW, BUT IS THAT A CRIME?

WELL, WHEN YOU PULL A FEW MILLION THROUGH THAT HOLE, SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT.

I'M NO LEGAL EAGLE! I'M ONLY A COP! BUT AS I GET IT, HE WAS LEGAL! BUT SOMEBODY FIGGERED IF THEY COULD HOLD HIM LONG ENOUGH MAYBE THEY COULD FIGGER HOW HE'D DONE SOMETHING ILLEGAL!

YOU SEE, THERE WAS A LOT OF MONEY INVOLVED! MILLIONS! THAT NEPHEW OF YOURS SURE PLAYED IT SMART!

SWITZERLAND, Y'SAY, BUD? THAT'S WHERE, IF Y'PUT IT IN A BANK, TH' BANK TELLS NOBODY NOTHIN' EVER! I LIKE THAT!

REMINDS ME! DIDN'T THEY FIND URANIUM ON YOUR OLD RANCH? YOU MUST HAVE A FEW BUCKS STACKED UP SOMEWHERE!

GUESS SO, BUD! HAVEN'T COUNTED UP LATELY. AFTER ALL, NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A SPENDER.

FACT IS, I'VE BEEN A FOOL HERMIT HERE FOR TWENTY YEARS! LOSIN' RED SHOOK ME UP BAD! BUT I BEGIN TO FEEL MORE LIKE PEOPLE AGAIN. MAYBE, BUD, SEEMIN' YOU HAS HELPED!

WHO KNOWS, SUSIE? IT'S A FUNNY WORLD, THEY SAY!