three names, and sat looking at

them

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WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY UCY, his sister, beloved by everybody in UCT, has elected, beloved by everybody in fours.

DR. DICK LIVINGSTONE, in whose members there is a ago, and who be determined and to go been to Norada, his childhood home, in order to bridge the gan. He is full of vitality and is bouish looking and acting in write of his thirty wears and enfectional career. He is in love with LIBABETH WHEELER, a wholesome cirl, who loves him very sincerely.

BEVERLY CARLYSLE, actres, who, important the hashed up in a curious story. Her husband, Lucas, had been shot to death, as was sengrally believed, by a certain Ind Clark, a rich wound man about about of the had disconcarred immediately and it was believed he verished in a diseased.

MARRISON MILLER, a neighbor, who knows something of the series.

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PRED GREGORY. Beverly's brother and manager, whose researches line him up

DUIN RASSETT, a newspaperman, who suspects that Dick Livingstone is Jud Clark. His desire is to clear things up. WINA. Elizabeth's sister, an extravagant young wife. MR. AND MRS. WHEBLER, tweeter, American

TN A taxicab Gregory sat tense and terect, gnawing at his blond mustache. After a time he said: "What are you after, in all this?

The story, I suppose. And the money. Gregory, while nervous and tense, was I daresay you're not doing it for love." Bassett surreyed bim appraisingly. "You wouldn't understand my motives @ I told you. As a matter of fact, be doesn't want the money.

"Don't kid yourself." he said. "How guess your, as a matter of fact I don't think did you?

said. "But with this change, that now it's you who are the respectable mem-ber of the community, and I'm thewell, we'll call it the butterfly."

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There was unmistakable insult in his tone, and Dick caught it.
"Then I take it you're still living off your sister?"
The contempt in Dick's voice whipped the color to Gregory's face and clenched his fist. But he relaxed in a moment and laughed.
"Don't worry, Bassett," he said, his eyes on Dick. "We haven't any reason to like each other, but he's bigger than I am. I won't hit him." Then he hardened his voice. "But I'll remind you, Clark, that personally I don't sive a whether you swing or not. Also that I can keep my mouth shit, walk out of here, and have you in qued in the next hour, if I decide to."
"But you won't," Bassett said smoothly. "You won't, any more than you did last spring, when you sent that little letter of yours to David Livingston."

Bassett was the first to break the lightness.

"Then why in God's name didn't the say that at the inquest?"
"She was afraid it wouldn't be be-tleved. Look at the facts. She'd quarreled with Lucas. There had been notorious situation with regard to Clark she been notorious situation with regard to Clark had beaten little letter of yours to David Living-

to I tell you what I came here to say.

Bassett, get this etraight. It's not because I'm afraid of you, or of him.

Donaldson's dead. What value would trial. He's been individual. Melis' testimony have after ten years, be tried. be tried. Why does he have to be tried? He's carrying the situation with a certain assurance. If he was acting it was very good acting. And that opinion was good acting. And that compinion was It was to Bassett then that he told some who'd never believe the clark trengthened when he three open the his story, he and Bassett sitting. Dick tried of Lucas, and wanted the Clark door and three products of the standing with his clow on the mantel money."

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looked it over.

"Not advertising to the world that you're in town. I see."

"We'll do that, just as soon as we're ready. Don't werry."

The laugh he gave at that struck unpleasantly on Bassett's ears. But incleasantly be added once and the building he lost some of his auntiness. "Queer place to find Judon that bell, and three was a waif, and the bell, and three was awiff, and the bell and three was awiff, and the bell, and three was awiff, and the bell and three was banking, not on Bassett. He hated Dick, but he was not afraid of the probably rather particular what he bites."

He was uneasily conscious that "So here we are, again, Jud." he he turned she saw it was Lucas. Do "I'll not tell her anything about it."

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"Not necessarily. Clark would be on trial. He's been indicted. He has to

that. It's because you'll put your blundering foot into it and ruin Bev's career, unless I tell you the truth.'

It was to Bassett then that he told his story, he and Bassett sitting. Dick

"That's a chance she'll have to take,"

"Yes. Except that I wish I'd known about him when I could have done something. He's my half-brother, any way you look at it, and he had a rotten deal. Sometimes a man sows," he added, with a wry smile, "and the other fellow reaps."

ence.

Bassett went out after that, going to that the office on the chance of a letter from Melia, but there was none. When he came back he found Dick standing over a partially packed suitcase, and knew that they had come to the end of the

"What's the next step?" he asked bluntly. "I'll have to leave here. It's too

expensive."
And after that, what?" "I'll get a job. I suppose a man I can grow a heard—that's the usual



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you remember. Jud, having a revolver and Lucas taking it from you?"

"No. Denaldson testified I'd had a revolver."

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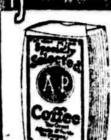
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