The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama



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SYNOPSIS.

THIRTEENTH EPISODE

THE DEVIL WORSHIPERS. om with Aunt Josephine one after nett, dropped in unexpectedly.

He had hardly greeted them when passive manner announced that Aunt sephine was wanted on the tele

No sooner were Elaine and Bennett alone than Elaine, turning to him, ex-

"Last night I dreamed that father came to me and told me that if I would give up Kennedy and put my trust in you, I would find the Clutch

Bennett, who had been listening intently, moved over nearer to Elaine

"Elaine." he said in a low tone, his narkable eyes looking straight into her own, "you must know that I love Then give me the right to pro-you. It was your father's dearest wish I believe, that we should marry Let me share your dangers and I swear that sooner or later there will he an end to the Clutching Hand. Give me your answer, Elaine," he urged, "and make me the happiest

man in all the world."

Elaine listened, and not unsympa thetically, as Bennett continued to plead for her answer

row," she replied finally. "Let it be as you wish, then," agreed Bennett quietly.

He took her hand and kissed it pas-An instant later Aunt Josephine re-

turned. Elaine, unstrung by what had happened, excused herself and

man appened, excused herself and went into the library.

Involuntarily, her mind traveled back over the rapid succession of events of the past few weeks and the part that she had thought, at least, Kennedy had come to play in her life. Then she thought of their recent

misunderstanding. Might there not be some simple explanation of it, after all, which she had missed? What should she do? She solved the problem by taking

up the telephone and asking for Kennedy's number.

laboratory, and, at the same time. was watching him in his experimental shone, he was pouring some nitrocomplete a reaction. The telephone tinkled and he laid

the bottle of acid on his desk, while he moved a few steps to answer

seemed deeply interested, and, not knowing who was talking on the wire, I was eager to learn whether it was the Clutching Hand

"Yes, this is Mr. Kennedy," I heard Craig say.

I moved over toward him and whispered eagerly, "Is there anything new?"

A little impatient at being interrupt ed, Kennedy waved me off. It oc-curred to me that he might need a pad and pencil to make a note of me information, and I reached over

As I did so my arm inadvertently struck the bottle of acid, knocking it over on the top of the desk. tents streamed out saturating the telephone wires before I could prevent it. In trying to right the bottle my hand came in contact with the acid which burned like liquid fire, and I cried out

in pain.

Craig hastily laid down the receiver, seized me and rushed me to the back of the laboratory, where he drenched my hand with a neutraliz-

He bound up the wounds caused by the acid, which proved to be slight, after all, and then returned to the tele-

To his evident annoyance, he dis-covered that the acid had burned through the wires and cut off all con-

At the other end of the line, Elaine was listening impatiently for a response to her first eager words of inable supposed she had received.

guiry. She was astonished to find,

left the telephone without any expla

nation or apology.
"Why—he rang off," she exclaimed angrily to herself, as she hung up the

In the center of a devious and wind ing way, quite unknown to all except those who knew the innermost secrets of the Chinese quarter, and even un-known to the police, there was a dingy tenement house, apparently inhabited by hard-working Chinamen, but in re the headquarters of the notorious devil worshipers, a sect of satan-ists, banned even in the Celestial em-

The followers of the cult comprised some of the most dangerous Chinese criminals, thugs and assassins, be-sides a number of dangerous characters who belonged to various Chinese secret societies. At the head of this formidable organization was Long Sin the high priest of the devil god, and Long Sin had, as we know, already joined forces with the notorious Clutching Hand.

The room in which the uncanny rites

of the devil worshipers were conducted was a large apartment decorated in Chinese style, with highly colored por traits of some of the devil deities and costly silken hangings. Beside a large dais depended a huge Chinese gong.

On the dais itself stood, or rather sat, an ugly figure covered with sort of metallic plating. It almost seemed to be the mummy of a Chinaman covered with gold leaf. Into this room came Long Sin at

tired in an elaborate silken robe. He advanced and kotowed before dais with its strange figure, and laid

This performance was witnessed by twenty or thirty Chinamen who knelt

At the same time an aged Chinaman carrying a prayer wheel entered the place and, after prostrating himself devoutly, placed the machine on a sort of low stool or tabourette and began turning it slowly, muttering. A few moments later Long Sin, who

had been bowing before the metallic figure in deepest reverence, suddenly sprang to his feet. His glazed eye and excited manner indicated that he had received a message from the lips of the strange god.

The worshipers who had prostrated themselves, in awe at the sight of their high priest in the unholy frenzy, all to their feet and crowded for-

Long Sin struck several blows on the resounding gong and then raised his voice in solemn tones.

"Ksing Chau, the Terrible, demands a consort. She is to be foreign—fair of face and with golden hair."

At the same time, in a room of the adjoining house, the Clutching Hand ing the most elaborate preparations for some nefarious scheme which his The room had been fitted up as a

medium's seance parlor.

trusted confederates and a hard-faced woman of middle age, dressed in plain black, were putting the finishing touches to this apartment, when their chief entered.
Clutching Hand gazed about the

room, now and then giving an order or two to make more effective the setting for the purpose which he had

Finally he nodded in approval and stepped over to the fireplace where logs were burning brightly in a grate. Pressing a spring in the mantelpiece. the master criminal effected an instant anyone connected with the case of transformation. The logs in the fire lace, still burning, disappeared immediately through the bottom of the brick tiling and a metal sheet covered them. An aperture opened at the back, as if

Through this opening Clutching appeared.

Emerging on the other side of the fireplace, Clutching Hand pushed aside a curtain which barred the way and looked into the Chines temple, taking up a position behind the metallic figure on the dais

The Chinamen had by this time fin-ished their devotions, if such they might be called, and the last one was leaving, while Long Sin stood alone on the dais.

The noise of the departing satanists had scarcely died away when Clutch-

ing Hand stepped out.
"Follow me," he ordered hoarsely, seizing Long Sin by the arm and lead-

They passed through the passage-way of the fireplace and, having en-tered the seance room, Clutching Hand began briefly explaining the purpose of the preparations that had been made. Long Sin wagged his head in voluble approval.

Elaine was standing in the library gazing sadly at Kennedy's portrait, thinking over recent events and above all the rebuff over the telephone which

salver. Elaine took it and saw with surprise the name of her caller:

MADAME SAVETSKY,
Medium.

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Beneath the engraved name were the words written in ink: "I have a message from the spirit of your fa-

"Yes, I will see her," cried Elaine

guiry.

She followed Jennings into the adshe followed Jennings into the ad-joining room and there found herself face to face with the hard-featured woman who had only a few moments before left the Clutching Hand. Elaine looked rather than spoke her

medium, with a great pretence of sup-pressed excitement, "appeared to me the other night from the spirit world. was in a trance and he asked me to deliver a message to you."
"What was the message?" asked
Elaine breathlessly, now aroused to

"I must go into a trance again to get

it," replied the insinuating Savetsky, "and if you like I can try it at once, provided we can be left alone long Seated in her chair, the medium

muttered wildly for a few moments, rolled her eyes and with some con-Suddenly the curtains were pulled

nett, who had just come in, entered "I can do nothing here," exclaimed Savetsky, starting up and looking about severely. "You must come to eance chamber where we shall

"I will," said Elaine, vexed at the intrusion at that moment. "I must have that message—I must." "What's all this. Elaine?" demanded

Aunt Josephine.

Hurriedly, Elaine poured forth to her aunt and Bennett the story of the medium's visit and the promised mes-

sage from her father in the other Aunt Josephine, who was not one easily to be imposed on, strongly objected to Elaine's proposal to accompany Savetsky to the seance chamber,

but Elaine would not be denied. 'It might be safe for Elaine to go, Bennett finally suggested to Aunt Jo sephine, "if you and I accompanied

A few moments later, in the Dodge car, Elaine, the medium and hef two escorts started for the Chinese quar-.

door with her key and ushered in her three visitors. Entering the room, the medium at once prepared for the seance by pull-

At the house the medium opened the

ing down the window shades. Suddenly an indistinct face was seen to be peering through the black curtains. A voice, deep, sepulchral, was heard in slow and solemn tones.

"I am Eeko—the spirit of Taylor Dodge, I will give no message until named Josephine leaves the

No sooner had the words been ut tered than the medium came writhing

ing at Elaine stays here," Savetsky added, insisting



Elaine Is Hurried Through the Hig den Passage in the Fireplace.

that Aunt Josephine must go. father cannot speak while she is pres

Aunt Josephine, annoyed by what she had heard, indignantly refused to go and was deaf to all Elaine's plead-"I think it will be all right " finally

quiesced Bennett, seeing how bent Elaine was on securing the message "I'll stay and protect her." Aunt Josephine finally agreed. "Very

well, then," she protested, marching out of the room in a high state of indignation. She had scarcely left the house however, when she began to suspect that all was not as it ought to be. In fact, the idea had no sooner occurred

to her than she decided to call on

Kennedy and she ordered the chauf-feur to take her as quickly as possible to the laboratory. Kennedy had not been in the labo ratory all the day after my experience with the acid, and I was impaence with the acid, and I was impatiently awaiting his arrival. At last MAY 24.

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LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

Imperiled and Pinioned Man Pushe

Poised Steel Mass

York, Pa., May 12.—When a block of steel weighing a ton slipped from an elevation on which it rested Roy Fauth for a moment faced a terrible death at the shop of the S. Morgan Smith Company here. Before he could escape one foot was pinned fast, and with a slide of a few inches more his life would have been crushed out.

with a slide of a few inches more his life would have been crushed out against a wall.

Retaining presence of mind, he press ed one hand against the huge block of metal, which was so evenly balanced that he swung it away with ease. His foot was badly smashed.

Trial of Chariton in July
Como, Italy, May 12.—The trial of
Porter Charlton, who was extradited
from the United States on the charge
of having murdered his wife on June

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Thousands Visit Revivalist Lancaster, Pa., May 12.—Nearly 2,000 members of the choir of the reent Stough evangelistic campaign here and trail hitters, occupying two special Reading Railroad trains, left early last evening to attend the Stough meeting at Reading last night. They took to Evangelist Stough a purse of money and a wreath of flowers.

there came a knock at the door and

opened it hurriedly. There was a mes-

senger boy who handed me a note. I tore it open. It was from Kennedy and read: "I shall probably be away

for two or three days. Call up Elaine and tell her to beware of a certain

I was still puzzling over the note

and was just about to call up Elaine

when the speaking tube was blown and to my surprise I found that it was

"Where is Mr. Kennedy?" she asked,

"He has gone away for a few days," replied blankly. "Is there anything

She was very excited and hastily re-lated what had happened at the parlor

"What was her name?" I cried anx-

"Madame Savetsky," she replied, to

my surprise.

Astounded, I picked up Craig's note from the desk and handed it to her without a word. She read it with

breathless eagerness.
"Come back there with me, please,"

she begged, almost frantic with fear

happened."

To Be Continued

"Something terrible may have

Aunt Josephine who had called

Madame Savetsky."

greatly agitated.

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of the medium

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RAT POISON IN CORNMEAL

Marietta Family Becomes Violently III After Eating Cakes Marietta, May 12 .- The family of

Samuel Albright, residing near this Samuel Albright, residing near this place, were poisoned yesterday and narrowly escaped death. The family had been troubled with rats and mice and poison was placed in the cupboard in some cornmeal. Catherine, the 10-year-old daughter, cleaned the cupboard and, not knowing that the poison was in the cornmeal, emptied into the large sack.

Mrs. Albright made some cakes for supper, of which all ate heartily, and in a short time the family became violently ill. The only thing that saved their lives, it is said, was that they got an overdose of the poison. Some are still confined to bed as a result.

58 Pipefitters on Strike
Marcus Hook, Pa., May 12.—Fiftyeight pipefitters and helpers at the General Chemical Company's plant went
on strike yesterday afternoon for an
increase in pay. The fitters ask an increase from 27 to 35 cents an hour
and the helpers from 20 to 25 cents an
hour.