

# The Diamond From the Sky

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Vivian snatched her head upon Blair's breast beneath the wistaria bough. She tempted him with languorous glance and alluring lips. "Get and give me the diamond and I will be yours," she



Applies the Barrel Stave to the Bent Over Negro Lad.

whispered. And Blair, much as he had longed for the beautiful jewel himself, now longed more for this woman.

"I shall never rest till I get it for you!" he replied fiercely. And he would have kissed her to seal the contract, but she drew herself from his arms, and he knew that her caresses were only to be purchased by the diamond, be the price of the diamond lives, souls or honor.

But the luxurious and vivacious Vivian was a practical person. She did not depend upon the romantic, if desperate, efforts of a lover alone to secure for her the star of her desire.

She consulted the businesslike and equally eager brothers Bloom. To the gape mouthed Abraham and Isaac she confided the romantic story of the diamond and the confirmation of its great intrinsic value, which she had learned from Blair Stanley and others while in Fairfax.

"The diamond from the sky, as they call it, disappeared in Richmond, torn from your neck by the hands of an unseen thief, the night of Mrs. Randolph's ball," said Abe Bloom, the gambler. "The chances are a hundred to one it is still hidden in this town. Whoever stole it will want money on it. That's reasonable enough to assume. It will turn up."

"It is enough to make a man put a thine in his window thaying 'High-eth Pritheth Paid For Big Diamondth and No Questionth Athked,'" remarked Mr. Ike Bloom, who lisped when he was excited, and excited he was when he heard the romantic history of the diamond from the sky and its price. But especially did its price excite him.

"It shan't thip through my handth again if I get hold of it," he added. "I wouldn't lent it to the queen of Thpin." And as he said this he gave his brother's "lady friend" from New York, as he called her, a meaning glance.

"Let bygones be bygones!" Abe Bloom snarled at his brother. "I didn't lose it on purpose. I have telephoned for Tom Blake, whom I consider the smartest detective in this country. He does what you pay him to do and keeps his mouth shut. If the diamond is in Richmond Blake will find it."

In a few moments the suave and reticent Mr. Blake arrived. Placed in possession of all the facts the Blooms and Vivian could give him, he remarked that he would do his best, and the first and last meeting of the syndicate to find the diamond from the sky broke up and the detective departed.

He was followed shortly afterward by Miss Marston of New York, whose Richmond society friends would have been shocked beyond expression did they know she paid an occasional secret visit to the establishment of Abe Bloom.

Meanwhile where is the diamond from the sky? It is not a pearl to be cast before swine, nor is it fated to remain the tinsel plaything of a negro lad who is a herder of swine.

In the frayed and dirty dress suit, all the dirtier for its jail stains, Mr. Strap McGee makes across country, cursing his luck. He pauses by a pig pen to play a grim and intensely practical joke on a negro boy bent over the sty. Mr. Strap McGee picks up a

barrel stave and applies it to the person of the bent over negro lad.

Then Mr. McGee notes the boy, in sudden pain and fright, has dropped some bauble plaything into the swill of the swine. Mr. McGee is not fastidious. He fishes out the bauble.

It is the diamond from the sky! And it looks good to Mr. McGee, and he flees with it at his best speed, followed by a shower of rocks from the colored pig boy, bereft of the sparkling thing he found in an owl's nest.

Richmond is not far away, and Mr. Strap McGee has some loose change he won at gaming in the jail. He proceeds to imbibe, biding his time to dispose of the bauble hidden in his rags.

But when he drops into the curio shop, opium den joss house maintained by Chinese acquaintances, his tinsy vanity impels him to show the bauble to the crafty Hung Li, priest, den keeper and tong leader.

It is a fatal thing to do, for luck has been bad with Hung Li and his friends. The police have closed their gambling joint and shut down on opium smoking. Hung Li believes that the god of the sky, the great god Lung, needs propitiating, and then he will bring back good luck in plenty.

Has word from the diamond from the sky traveled to China and back? The edify of the great god Lung is in its sanctuary in the next room, and Lung is the god of the sky. The body of a strangled tramp is dropped through a trap door, and the diamond from the sky is hung about the neck of the great god Lung.

This night Mrs. Burton Randolph would a slumming go. Blair and Miss Marston are all the little party, and Tom Blake, the detective, is to be their guide. A significant glance of caution and silence passes between the detective and Miss Marston when they meet again.

The Chinese quarter, with its joss house, is the first place they visit. The wily Hung Li wishes no visitors to the inner sanctuary of his joss, the great god Lung, but Blake will not be denied.

He says his friends have come especially to burn incense for good luck before the great god Lung. And so they enter the sanctuary and behold on the breast of Lung the diamond from the sky!

Detective as he is, and, possessing great and evil powers in the eyes of Hung Li, Blake and his friends are forced from the place. The ladies, Mrs. Randolph again in a "state of nerves," are sent home, and Blake from the nearest telephone summons Abe Bloom and his brother.

Meanwhile an English lawyer has arrived at the Randolph house seeking Blair Stanley. Determined upon his quest, the lawyer gets directions and arrives at the joss house. Hung Li and his confreres will have none of the London lawyer.

But the exasperated Marmaduke Smythe will not be denied. He says he knows the persons he is searching for are inside this heastly Chinese place.

Here now he is, re-enforced by the excited and money proffering Abraham



Hung Li Examines the Diamond From the Sky.

and Isaac Bloom and the equally urgent but more self controlled private detective, Tom Blake.

The investing allies, English, Irish and Hebrew, surge in upon the entrenched Chinese. The struggle of the invaders to gain the sanctuary and get for money or by force the diamond from the sky is now at its fiercest.

But all the while a desperate man is climbing the fire escape at the back of the Chinese den. He has noted a curtain draped window behind the joss. A crash of glass is heard within.

The frenzied Hung Li breaks from the invaders and rushes into the sanctuary, followed by the other Chinese, the two Blooms, the detective and the bewildered Englishman.

A hand through the broken glass beheld the idol has torn the diamond from the sky from the neck and breast of the great god Lung. With a demonic scream the frenzied Hung Li seizes a keen Chinese sword at the foot of the idol and aims a swift blow at the disappearing hand.

Woe and bad luck forever for the unfortunate Hung Li! The blow has missed the despoiling white hand and has severed the head of the great god Lung!

Another slash in excited frenzy and down comes the burning altar light, and the flimsy furnishings of the sanctuary and the whole den itself are a roasting blaze of heat.

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Why, if this were the case, the world would be in an uproar from morning till night, and from night until morning. Everybody would be talking at the same time, and when silence reigned in one place it would reign all over the world. You had probably never thought of that, had you?

And, furthermore, every woman would patronize the same milliner and dressmaker, and would wear the same style clothes, made from the same goods. One saloon would receive all the patronage, and, to carry it to extremes, every man would want to drink out of the same glass and bottle; all men would smoke the same brand of cigars and tobacco, and the opposite sex would use the same kind of face powder; all men would want the same suit of clothes, and would, like the women, all dress alike; everyone would walk on the same side of the street and have the same gait. Just think of several thousand persons turning the same corner at the same time.

One person would never argue with another, and the women (it is to be hoped) would never gossip about their neighbors; everyone would want to live in the same house, sleep on the same bed, eat at the same table, have the same cook, eat out of the same dishes; all men would want the same woman for a wife, and all women would want the same man for a husband. We would all retire at the same hour; all the men would have the same occupation; and (so it is figured by statisticians) the women would all come to town at the same hour and remain on the streets exhibiting their fancy gowns, even though they were all dressed alike.

Everyone would take the same train when they started on a trip, and all would want the same seat in the car. All the patronage in the town would go to one store, and one doctor would be worked to death day and night.

These few examples of what would happen if we all thought alike will prove the necessary stimulus for the imagination, and the reader can continue the picture until material is exhausted, which should be in exactly four days. No one can read this and then think the Lord was not looking into the future when he created man and woman.

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Carload, 20 head or more, feeding steers, spayed or martin heifers, one year old and under two:

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Carload, 20 head or more, feeding steers, spayed or martin heifers, under one year:

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Carload, 20 head or more, feeding steers, spayed or martin heifers, one year old and under two:

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| 1st      | 2nd     | 3rd     | 4th     | 5th     |
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Carload, 20 head or more, feeding steers, spayed or martin heifers, under one year:

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