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Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

The New York police are mystitled by a series of murders of prominent men. The latest victim of the mysterious assessed in the Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try and unravel the mystery. One of the criminals steals into Elaine's room at night, puts her under the influence of the twilight sleep drug and forces her to write a letter disminsing Kennedy. This trick fails. Later Kennedy learns of a daring robbery planned by the conspirators, in an effort to trap them Elaine is captured and scaled up in a tank, and is at the point of death when Kennedy accidentally discovers her plight and saves her. In re-Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

scaled up in a tank, and is at the point of death when Kennedy accidentally discovers her plight and saves her. In retaliation the criminals make a desperate attempt to kill Kennedy by erecting an ingenious death-trap in his apartment. They then administer a peculiar polson to Elaine, accomplishing this by a remarkable utilization of the wall paper in her room. The poison plot miscarries But the criminals are persistent. One of them is seriously wounded by Elaine, and she is forced to submit to the transfusion of blood operation to save the scoundrel's life. Help reaches her before this experiment becomes dangerous. Enraged at their constant defeats, the compirators employ two notorious women of thunderworld to lure Kennedy and Ela'n to their destruction. Kennedy's scientific knowledge proves too much for the as sassing. He employs a vocophone in queer manner, its uncanny work at critical moment upsetting a carefully interest a shelice Elaine. The criminals in

queer manner, its uncanny work at critical moment upsetting a carefully lab plan to abduct Elaine. The criminals introduce the death ray and puzzle Kennedy, but he abon counteracts its destructive influence. Elaine is trapper and left to die in a sewer chamber, where Kennedy finds her, and with the aid of his electric marvel he revives her, after medical science has failed. A wrist watch with a poisoned needle is the next instrument employed by the criminals to destroy Elaine; the quick work of the detective baffles the plot. Chinese criminals interfere with the work of the Clutchiem Hand. They play a shrewd trick on Elaine and make her belive she has competited murder. They prey upon her alarm and demand blackmail.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Devil Worshipers.

with Aunt Josephine one afternoon when had evolved. her lawyer, Perry Bennett, dropped in un-

claimed impulsively, "I'm so glad you a mandolin lying before it. have come. I have been longing to see I have had."

Leaning back in her chair and gazing purpose which he had in mind. before her tremulousty, Elaine continued: "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 Pressing a spring in the mantelpiece. what to think of it."

he moved over nearer to Blaine and bent An aperture opened at the back, as it by

"Elaine," he said in a low tone, his reown, "you must know that I love you. It was your father's dearest wish, I be-Heve, that we should marry. Let me share looked into the Chinese temple, taking up at Elaine. your dangers and I swear that sooner or later there will be an end to the Clutching Hand. Give me your answer, Elaine."

The noise of the departing satanists had he urged, "and make me the happiest! man in all the world."

"Walt a little while-until tomorrow," she replied finally, as if overcome by the she replied finally, as if overcome by the recollection of her weird dream and the ing Long Sin by the arm and leading him away. unexpected sequel of his proposal.

An instant later Aunt Jusephine returned. Elaine, unstrung by what had happened, excused herself and went into the library.

I was chatting with Craig in his lab-

into a test tube to complete a reaction.

Yes, this is No. Kennedy - I heard by mind of the criminal world,

engerty. To there anything new?

that he might loved a pad and yours 15 compared our half received. renthed over the deak for their

AFT did so my arm inadiscretify stones. With anticion the color of her taker. the tottle of anti-knocking is over an Madama Sovetch's Abelian the log of the deal. Its contents strongers and authoriting the principles arrest terms

Everything you read here today who knew the innermost secrets of the on can see in the fascinating Pathe Chinere quarter and even unknown to Motion Pictures at the Motion Pict- the police, there was a dingy tenement ure Theaters this week. Next Sun-day another chapter of "The Exploits ing Chinamen, but in reality the headquarters of the notorious devil worshipers, n sect of satsnists, banded even in

> The room in which the uncanny rites of the devil worshipers were conducted was a large apartment decorated in Chinese style, with highly colored portraits of some of the devil delties and costly silken hangings. Heside a large dats depended a huge Chinese gong.

On the dals itself stood, or rather sat to be the mummy of a Chinaman covered ments pretended to go into a trance. with gold leaf. It was thin and shrunken, drapery of a long Chinese robe hanging had just come in, entered. from its shoulders.

and kowtowed before the dais with its chamber, where we shall not be inter- able to see in the darkness the concealed strange figures and laid down an offer- rupted," ing before it, consisting of punk sticks, little dishes of Chinese cakes, rice, a jar of oil and some cooked chicken and pork. Then he bowed and kowtowed again.

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. Each revolution of this curious wheel was supposed to offer a prayer o the god of the nether-world.

A few moments later, Long Sin, who had been bowing before the metallic igure in deepest reverence, suddenly prang to his feet. His glazed eye and excited manner indicated that he had received a message from the lips of the strange idel.

Long Sin struck several blows on the resounding gong and then raised his voice in solemn tones. "Ksing Chau, the Terrible, demands a

consort. See 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 himself was busily engaged in making the most elaborate preparations for some three visitors. Elaine was seated in the drawing room | nefarious scheme which his fertile mind |

Elaine and Bennett ings on the walls, while at one side there alone than Elaine, turning to him, ex- was a square cabinet of black cloth, with

you and to tell you about a strange dream now and then giving an order or two to as if stirred by some ghostly breeze.

Finally he nodded in approval and stepped over to the fireplace where logs to be peering through the black curtains, empty. were burning brightly in a grate.

find the Clutching Hand. I don't know the master criminal effected an instant transformation. The logs in the fire-Bennett, who had been listening in-place, still burning, disappeared immeditently, remained silent for a few mo- ately through the bottom of the brick ments. Then putting down his tea. cup. tiling and a metal sheet covered them.

magic. Through this opening Clutching Hand markable eyes looking straight into her made his way quickly and disappeared. Emerging on the other side of the pecu-Then give me the right to protect you. Har fireplace, Clutching Hand pushed her trance. aside a curtain which barred the way and |

The noise of the departing satanists had

stepped out. "Follow me," he ordered hoarsely, seiz- ent."

They passed through the passageway of the fireplace, and, having entered the briefly explaining the purpose of the preparations that had been made. Long

Sin wagged his head in voluble approval. As Clutching Hand finished, the China- well, then." she protested, marching out part of the city, and gave an alarm. eratory, and, at the same time, was man turned to the hardfaced woman who of the room in a high state of indignation watching him in his experimental work. was to act the part of medium and added Just us a call came on the telephone he some directions to those Clutching Hand had already given.

The medium nodded acquiescence, and The felephone tinkled and he laid down a moment later left the room to carry out she decided to call on Kennedy and she tained admittance. the bottle of acid on his desk, while he some ingenious plot framed by the mast ordered the chauffeur to take her as

I moved over lowerd him and whitepered Blaine was standing in the library gazing sally at Kennedy's pertrait, all the day after my experience with the role, appeared on the dais.

named on a native. History insig it and naw note: I tore it open. It was from Ken- Two braziers, or smoke pots, had been

the party for regressed names every time there days. Call up filadine and tell for horse out into dense frames.

In the Devil Worshipers' Den.

sort of metallic plating. It almost seemed her eyes and with some convulsive move- few minutes there came all sorts of super-

"I can do nothing here," exclaimed Sa-

"I will," cried Elaine, vexed at the intrusion at that moment. "I must have of the cabinet, there appeared the spirit 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 meflum's visit and the promised message rom her father in the other world, Aunt Josephine, who was not one easily o be imposed on, strongly objected to

Elaine's proposal to accompany Savetsky

the seance chamber, but Elaine would not be denied. She plended with her aunt, urging that she be allowed to go. "It might be safe for Elaine to go, Bennett finally sugested to Aunt Josephine, "If you and I accompanied her." All this time the medium was listening closely to the conversation. Elaine looked

at her inquiringly. With a shrug, she indicated that she had no objection to having Elaine escorted to the parlor by her friends.

A few moments later, in the Dodge car, Elaine, the medium and her two escorts started for the Chinese quarters.

At the house the medium opened the door with her key and ushered in her

Entering the room the medium at once prepared for the seance by pulling down The room had been fitted up as a the window shades. Then she seated medium's seance parlor, with black hang- herself in a chair beside the cabinet and placed on a divan in a curtained chamber appeared to fall off slowly into a trance The room itself was dimly lighted, and the curtains of the cabinet seemed, in

make more effective the setting for the All of them were now quite on edge with excitement,

as it were. The mandolin, as if lifted by an invisible hand, left the cabinet, floated

again. It was cerie.

At last 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 one named Josephine leaves the room."

No sooner had the words been uttered than the medium came writhing out of it might afford a clue. "What happened?" she asked, looking

Elaine reported the spirit's words. "We can get nothing if your Aunt

stays here," Savetsky added, insisting scarcely died away when Clutching Hand that Aunt Josephine must go. "Your father cannot speak while she is pres-

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

seance room, Clutching Hand began acquiesced Bennett, seeing how bent Elaine was on securing the message. "I'll stay and protect her."

was not as it ought to be. In fact, the a careful plan to surround it secretly, quietly as possible to the laboratory.

make a note of some information and [A moment later fearings enterd with a was a meaninger boy who handed me a prayer wheel. nedy and read:

I have a consister to because of a certain Madanie Sava-

an ugly looking figure covered with some tered wildly for a few moments, rolled when the trance was resumed, and in a natural manifestations. The table beside Suddenly the curtains were pulled aside Elaine began to turn and articles on it almost entirely nude, but with a scant and Aunt Josephine and Bennett, who dropped on the floor. Vicient rappings fellowed in various parts of the room. Both Elaine and Bennett, who sat to-Into this room came Long Sin attired vetsky, starting up and looking about gether in silence, were much impressed in an elaborate silken robe. He advanced severely. "You must come to my seance by the marvelous phenomena-not being

wires that made them possible. Suddenly, from the mysterious shadows of Long Sin, whose death Elaine still believed she had caused when Adventuress Mary had lured her to the apartment. Elaine was trembling with fear at the

apparition. From the cabinet ran a thick stream of red, like blood from which she recoiled,

shuddering.

Then a dim, ghostly figure, apparently that of Long Sin, appeared. The face was horribly distorted. It seemed to breathe the very odor of the grave. With arms outstretched the figure

glided from the cabinet and approached Elaine. She shrank back further in fright, too horrified even to scream. At the same moment, the medium drew the ghost of Long Sin leaped at Elaine Savetsky darted forward and shot a

stream of vapor full in Bennett's face. Bennett dropped unconscious, the lights in the darkened room flashed up, and wousness. several of the men of the Clutching Hand

cleverly constructed hinges, revealing the of no use. hidden passage. Before any effective resistance could

through the passage, securely bound, and open action, and I seized her quickly. back of the altar of the devil worshippers.

It was at that moment that I, little Clutching Hand gazed about the room, the obscurity, to sway back and forth dreaming of what had taken place, arrived with Aunt Josephine at the house of the medium.

She answered my ring and admitted us. Suddenly an indistinct face was seen To our surprise, the seance room was "Where is the young lady who was

here?" I asked. "Miss Dodge and the gentleman just about close to the ceiling, and returned left a few minutes ago," the medium ex-

plained, as we looked about. She seemed eager to satisfy us that Elaine was not there. Apparently there was no excuse for disputing her word. but, as we turned to leave, I happened to notice a torn handkerchief lying on

the floor. It flashed over me that perhaps As I passed it I purposely dropped my hat over it and picked up the hat, securing the handkerchief without attracting

Savetsky's attention. Aunt Josephine was keen now for returning home to find out whether Elaine was there or not. No sooner had she entered the car and driven off than I examined the handkerchief. It was torn. I looked closer. In the corner was the Initial "E."

That was enough. Without losing another precious moment, I hurried around to the nearest polici station, where I happened to be known, having had sev-Aunt Josephine finally agreed. "Very eral assignments for the "Star" in that The sergeant detailed several rounds She had scarcely left the house, how- men and a man in plain clothes, and toever, when she began to suspect that all gether we returned to the house, laying

idea had no sooner occurred to her than while the plain clothes man and I ob-Meanwhile the Chinese devil worshippers had again suthered in their cursed

Kennedy had not been in the laborators temple, and Long Sin. in his priestly Bitle impatient at being interconnet. Unmaing over recent events and above all acid, and I was impatiently awaiting his. The worshippers sowiewed reverently to

Rennedy waved me alf it occurred to me, the relate over the telephone which she arrival. At last there came a kneck at him, while at the back again stood the the door and I opened it hurricity. There aged Chinaman, patiently turning his

placed on the date, one of which Long-"I shall prehably he away for two or him touched with a stick, causing it to

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nasal tones: "The white consort of the twisted her arm until she cried out in pain great Keing Chau has been found. It I hastily investigated the wall. She had his will that she now be made his." As he finished intoning the message ton that rang a concealed bell. Long Sin signalled to two young Chinamen to go into an antercom. A moment later they returned with Elaine.

niciky. Apparently there was no means prayer wheel stopped his incessant, im- away. of exit that was not guarded. Long Sin plous turning, and, rising, held up his raw her look, and smiled quietly.

and now Long Sin faced her and sternly tone. Why should our great Ksing Chau ordered her to kowtow to the graesome desire a white devil? I, a great-grandnetallic figure.

She refused, but instantly the Chinathey had compelled her to fall to her votee refused to go. knees.

Having forced her to kowtow. Long tendants. Sin turned to the assembled devil

magic and rare drugs," he ond, and her body encased in precious miraculous for so aged a man. rold shall be the consort of Ksing Chau forever and ever."

and braziers were brought out and his utter amazement, they came off: placed on the dais beside Elaine, She was by this time completely overcome by the horror of the situation. There astonished devil dancers could recover was apparently no escape.

"Hold her." ordered Long Sin in guthe approached her.

Long Sin held in his hand a small, moke was escaping. As he approached for the moment. But the odds were fearhe passed this receptacle under her nose fulonce, twice, three times. Gradually Elaine fell into unconscious-

While Elaine was facing death in the power of the devil worshippers, I had reached the house of Savetsky, next door,

with the police, and the place had been quietly surrounded. With the plain-clothes man, a daring and intelligent fellow, I went to the door

and rang the bell. What can I do for you?" asked the medium, admitting us.
"My friend, here," I parleyed, "is in

great business trouble. Can your controlling spirit give him advice?" "I'm sorry," she remarked merely, "but I'm afraid my control is weak and can-

not work today." She took a step toward the door, moa vapor pistol from her dress, and as tioning us to leave. Neither of us paid and mute prisoner. I had discovered the any attention to that hint, but remained bell, and, taking that as a guide, I seated as we had been before.

> the first time showing a trace of ner-Evidently her suspicion had been fully possibly have been taken. confirmed by our actions. We tried to

doing, she made a dash for something in disclosed a secret passageway. be made, Elaine and Bennett were hustled the corner of the room. It was time for To my utter amazement, I recognized My detective was on his feet in an in-

stant seizing her wrists in his vise-like grip, Chinese knife he had picked up. "You give the signal."

I rushed to the window, threw up the preconcerted sign and turning again suffocating him. toward the room.

strength, Savetsky broke away from the and detectives through the passageway plain-clothes man and again attempted of the fireplace. to get at something concealed on the wall. I had turned just in time to fling myself between her and whatever object she had match for the police, and were soon com in mind.

evidently been attempting to press a but- object of all this moice. He rushed to

What did it all mean? Elaine, now completely unconscious was being held by the Chinamen, while Frightened though she was, Elaine her arm was smeared with sticky black instant, she gazed at Craig, then at Benmade no attempt to struggle, even when material from the cauldron by Long Sin. nett. Still not comprehending just what they had cut her bonds. She was busily As the high priest of Satan worked, the had happened, she gave her hand to Benngaged in seeking some method of es- devil worshippers kowtowed obediently. ape. Her eyes traveled over the place | Suddenly the aged Chinaman with the slowly assisted her as she tried to walk

hand as if to command attention. They had carried her up to the dais, "This is nonsense," he cried in a loud by Long Sin. father, demand to know."

Shaking with rage, Long Sin ordered the man seized her arm and twisted it until intruder off the date. But the aged de-"Throw him out," he ordered his at-

For answer, as the two young Chinamen approached, the old Chinaman threw them down to the floor with a quick liuhanted, "she shall be made to pass be- jitzu movement. His strength scemed

Furious now beyond expression, Long Sin stepped forward himself. He seized He made another sign and several pots the beard and queue of the intruder. To

It was Kennedy, With his automatic drawn, before the

themselves, Craig stood at bay, Long Sin leaped behind the big gong. tural Chinese to the two attendants, as As the Chinamen rushed forward to seize him, Kennedy shot the leader of Long Sin's attendants and struck down the profusely decorated pot, from which other with a blow. The rush was checked

> Kennedy setzed Elaine's yielding body, and, pushing back the curtains to the antercom, succeded in gaining it and locking the door into the main temple. Bennett was still lying on the floor tightly bound. With a few deft outs with a Chinese knife which he had picked up, Kennedy released him. At the same time Chinamen were try-

> last bulwark. It was swaying under their repeated blows. Kennedy rushed to the door and fired through it at random to check the attack for a few moments.

> ing to batter down the door, Kennedy's

While Kennedy was thus besieged by the devil worshippers in the antercom, several policemen and detectives gathered in the seance room with us, next door, where Savetsky was held-a defiant started to trace the course of a wire "Go!" she exclaimed at length, for which ran alongside the wall, feeling certain that it would give me a clue to some adjoining room to which Elaine might

To the fireplace I traced the bell, and, Quickly the fireplace was turned on its argue with her to gain time. But it was in pulling on a wire, I luckly pressed a secret spring. To my amazement the Almost before I knew what she was whole fireplace swung out of sight and

> Kennedy's voice. In the first onslaught Craig shot one Chinaman dead, then closed with th "I'll take care of her," he ground out, others, slashing right and left with the Finally, Long Sin, seizing a large wall

> hanging, leaped upon Kennedy from the shade and opened the sash, waving our back and threw it over his head, almost It was just as the Chinese were about With a sudden accession of desperate to overpower him that I led the police

> > It was a glorious fight that followed. But Long Sin and his Chinamen were no

pletely routed, the police striking furi-

Standing before them, he chanted in As the detective took her again and jously in all directions and clearing the

Instantly (Kennedy thought of the fair the divan on which he had placed Elaine. She was slowly returning to conscious-

As she slowly opened her eyes for an nett. Bennett lifted her to her feet and

Kennedy watched them, more stupefied than if he had been struck on the head

Police and detectives were now taking the captured Chinamen away, as Bennett, his arm about Elaine, led her gently out. A young detective had slipped the bracelets over Long Sin's wrist, and I was standing beside him. Kennedy, in a daze at the sight of

Elaine and Bennett, passed us, scarcely noticing who we were. As Craig collected his scattered forces. Long Sin motioned to him, as if he had

a message to deliver. Kennedy frowned suspiciously. He was about to turn away when the Chinaman

began pleading earnestly for a chance to say a few words. "Step aside for a moment, you fellows. won't you, please," he asked. "I will hear what you have to say, Long Sin."

Long Sin looked about craftily. "What is it?" prompted Craig, seeing that at last they were all alone Long Sin again looked around.

Swear that I will go free and not suffer," he whispered, "and I will betray the great Clutching Hand." Kennedy studied the Chinaman keenly for a moment. Then, seemingly satisfied

with the scrutiny, he nodded slowly assent. As Craig did so, I saw Long Sin lean over and whisper into Kennedy's ear. Craig started back in horror and sur-

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