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### Murder Could Not Kill

(continued)

They pressed forward to the open door. Robin, looking into the interior of the box, saw two men were there, one bent over Peter Lessing's motionless body on the floor. Laurette, in the background, did not look, and Robin immediately drew her back.

West closed the door and followed him. "Nothing more to be done in there," he said.

He turned to the attendant beside him. "I want you, Sergeant, to remain here until I return, or until you hear from me. Under no circumstances must you allow anyone in. My man will look after things inside."

He turned to Robin. "Well, Mr. Foster," said with grim geniality, "here you are. Always about when there's something doing, eh? You've a first-class scenting nose. I may as well tell you we were only waiting till the show was over to arrest the occupant of this box. Could have done it earlier, of course, but wanted to see what he was up to till the last minute. He intended to make a run for it tonight. He couldn't know that your two friends of the Clobham Road have been luckier than he was—they're in the cells."

He glanced slyly at Laurette. "That smack the lady caught Gordon in the shoulder was twice useful. At the finish they had to squeal for help, and the doctor did the rest. Well—that's over now. But what brought you and Miss Dexter along to the theater this evening?"

Laurette acknowledged the inspector's abrupt inclination of the head, and was glad to move away from the proximity of the box by Robin who answered the detective's plainly pertinent question:

"That's what we want to see you about Mr. West. I'm afraid it's rather a long story."

"Then I'll have to wait. But don't go. I certainly want to hear it in due course. It happens there are several more pressing matters to attend to."

With an assessing eye he stared at Robin for a moment. He seemed suddenly reluctant to let him out of his sight.

"No," he murmured, and then raised his voice. "You'd better come round. Follow me; and you also, Miss Dexter. I'm going to have a word with that woman Hester Rogan. Peffer, another of my men, is with her."

#### INSTALMENT 23

Hester Rogan and Barbara van Buren seemed in no way surprised by the visit.

Inspector West addressed Hester Rogan:

"You are Hester Rogan?" he said, as a statement of fact rather than as a question. "I am a police officer, Inspector West. You know what my business is, and—"

"Well, if I don't, I can guess it, officer," returned Hester briskly, in a voice that sounded even cheerful. "We'll accept your official warning as said. I've no cause to squeal about what's coming to me. I know what I've done, and I'm ready right now to explain why I did it—tell you all you want to know. I shot the man you know as Peter Lessing all right, and I reckon I never did a better piece of work. That low-down hound tried to put it on me; he tried to make me the killer to-night. Well, he succeeded—but not just in the way he had planned it."

"Not quite so fast, please, Miss Rogan," West remarked with unexpected gentleness. "What do you mean by the man I know as Peter Lessing? A bit at a time. You admit you killed him—by deliberate design? Think, Miss Rogan. You don't pretend it was accident?"

"Admit it? I'm almost bragging about it!"

"What made you kill him?"

"What you've got to understand is that what made me kill him was that he tried to make me kill my dearest friend."

In a matter-of-fact voice she explained the incident of the live cartridge introduced into the pistol she used each night on the stage.

West whistled softly.

"Is that true, Miss van Buren?" he asked, turning to Barbara. You can bear that out?"

"Perfectly," she answered.

"You have proof?"

"Very good circumstantial evidence," Barbara rejoined almost callously, and proceeded to recount the finding of the end of Lessing's cigarette in Hester's dressing-room.

"Why did he want to—to do this to you? Do you happen to know that?"

"I think so. I was no longer of use to him, and had even become dangerous. You see, I knew enough to have hanged him. I knew, for example, that he was a murderer in fact, just as tonight he was by intention."

"Of whom?" demanded the detective sharply.

"Of Glendon Trevor."

West plied Barbara with searching questions, all of which she answered frankly, not seeking in any way to palliate her own conduct. In a few minutes he was in possession of most of her story. Then he turned to Hester.

"And you decided to shoot Lessing merely because you discovered

### DAILY CROSSWORD

|                               |                                  |                                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS                        | DOWN                             | 9. Examination                  |
| 1. Large, flat-bottomed boat  | 1. Past tense of shall           | 11. Communes                    |
| 6. Straw beehive              | 9. Short sleeved, short surplice | 13. Otherwise                   |
| 9. Human speech sound         | 3. Undivided                     | 15. Branch                      |
| 10. Lubricated                | 4. A pronoun                     | 20. Team                        |
| 12. Method of learning        | 5. Grayish-brown rail            | 24. Finnish                     |
| 13. Stout in winter dress     | 6. City (So. Africa)             | 25. Cleaving knife for shingles |
| 14. At odds                   | 7. High priest                   | 26. Obscure                     |
| 15. Thick slice               | 8. Island                        | 27. Makes amends for            |
| 16. Part of "to be"           | NW. British Malaya               | 28. Frosted                     |
| 17. Blights                   |                                  | 29. Speaks                      |
| 19. Sea eagle                 |                                  | 30. Ooze                        |
| 21. Man's nickname            |                                  |                                 |
| 22. Elevation (Golf)          |                                  |                                 |
| 23. Tatter                    |                                  |                                 |
| 24. Fortify                   |                                  |                                 |
| 25. Insect                    |                                  |                                 |
| 26. Eastern title of respect  |                                  |                                 |
| 28. Anger                     |                                  |                                 |
| 29. Pronoun                   |                                  |                                 |
| 31. Boy's school (Eng.)       |                                  |                                 |
| 32. Prairie wolf (West. U.S.) |                                  |                                 |
| 34. Note of scale             |                                  |                                 |
| 35. Merriment                 |                                  |                                 |
| 37. Devoured                  |                                  |                                 |
| 38. In fact                   |                                  |                                 |
| 40. A footprint               |                                  |                                 |
| 41. River (Fr.)               |                                  |                                 |
| 42. Noblemen                  |                                  |                                 |
| 43. Hardness                  |                                  |                                 |
| 44. Possesses                 |                                  |                                 |

Saturday's Answer

- 33. Made of oats
- 36. Dregs
- 39. Owning
- 40. Stitch
- 42. River (It.)

#### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

NVS BR ROCH KQ RKLVTJFS LGVFSVG  
LFSVGR—POGHON

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# A KING'S STORY

By the **DUKE OF WINDSOR**

ON SALE TODAY

he had tried to make you kill your friend? A drastic measure. It hardly sounds convincing in a country like this where we don't recognize the Unwritten Law."

Hester shook her head. "That wasn't at all why I killed him. It goes farther back than that. I had a bigger score against him. I only discovered to-night who he was."

"What do you mean by that? Wasn't Peter Lessing bad enough?"

"Lessing wasn't his name when I knew him ten years ago. It was Jack Sheean."

"Jack Sheean? Jack Sheean? The name's some how familiar. Please tell me more about him."

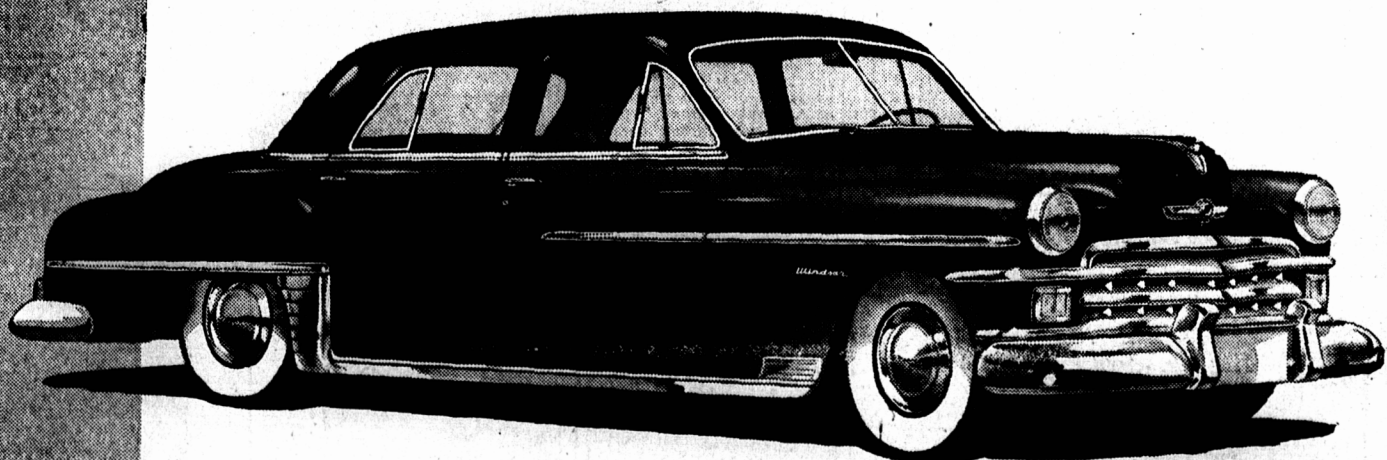
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