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POP-- BIRMINGHAM'S REALLY HOOKED. THAT FAKER'S GOT HIM THINKING THERE'S REALLY A MESSAGE FROM THE BEYOND ON THE PAPER IN THAT BOTTLE.

YES. NOW UNLESS BRAIN OF FRIGHTENED CHAUFFEUR SUDDENLY BEGIN TO HIT ON ALL CYLINDERS MESSAGE ON PAPER MAY BE END OF US!



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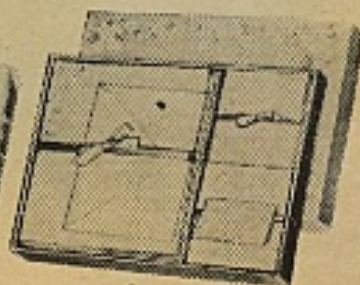
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Chinese Proverb Say --
**"POLICEMAN MUST SEE WITH MORE THAN EYES AND HEAR WITH MORE THAN EARS. TRUTH SOMETIMES SHOUTED LOUDEST BY UNHEARD VOICE OF...
 Silent Witness"**

MISTER CHAN-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN REGGIE?

PUZZLEMENT MOST UNDERSTAND-ABLE, MISS LUBECK-- BUT ANSWER MOST SIMPLE! LITTLE MAN WITH WOODEN HEAD ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS *IDENTITY* OF SLAYER OF PAUL NORTON!



IT BEGINS IN A THEATRE ALLEY, AS IT IS TO END. IN A PARKED CAR, CHARLIE CHAN SPEAKS TO TWO OLD FRIENDS -- SECRET SERVICE MEN. AND THE TOPIC IS... TROUBLE!

CHARLIE, YOU CAN SEE WHY I SENT FOR YOU! PAUL HORTON WORKED FOR OUR GOVERNMENT. -- HE DISCOVERED A NEW, SIMPLE WAY TO SPLIT THE ATOM... NOW -- HE'S GONE!



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HORTON ATTENDED A SHOW HERE LAST NIGHT -- THEN VANISHED! WE THINK THIS TROUPE HAD A HAND IN IT! IF HORTON'S DISCOVERY GETS INTO ENEMY HANDS -- IT WILL BE USED AGAINST US! THIS HUMBLE ONE WILL DO HIS BEST TO FIND MISSING SCIENTIST!



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THERE IS A REHEARSAL IN PROGRESS ON THE STAGE OF THE THEATRE... BUT CHAN BELIEVES IN STARTING AT THE BOTTOM! THE FIRST STOP IN THE SEARCH IS THE GLOOMY CELLAR --

WHEW! POP, I DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE! IF ANYONE'S DOWN HERE--WE'D MAKE PERFECT TARGETS!

BIG BAIT CATCHES BIG RATS! YOU SEARCH IN OTHER DIRECTION--- PERHAPS MISSING SCIENTIST STILL HERE!



MINUTES LATER...

HEY, POP! LOOK WHAT I FOUND! HER NAME'S MOIRA LUBECK...SHE'S A VENTRILOQUIST!



ONE OF THE SEAMSTRESSES WAS MAKING A NEW JACKET FOR MY DUMMY, AND I CAME TO GET IT!

MOIRA! SO THERE YOU ARE! WE'RE REHEARSING, AND WE'VE ONLY GOT A WEEK BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR PARIS, REMEMBER? WHO'S THIS?



THE NEWCOMER IS MARK STEINER, PRODUCER OF THE "STEINER TROUPE". CHAN EXPLAINS... ASKS QUESTIONS... BUT THERE IS NO INFORMATION HERE. IN HALF AN HOUR, HE IS BACK WITH MARSH, THE SECRET SERVICE MAN---

CHARLIE! BAD NEWS-- HORTON WAS JUST FOUND NEAR THE THEATRE... DEAD!

THIS HUMBLE ONE FEARED AS MUCH! YOU HAVE HEARD OF HARMALINE, THE TRUTH DRUG? I FIND THIS IN THEATRE CELLAR... BESIDE A CHAIR, WHERE PERHAPS A MAN WAS BOUND AND HELD PRISONER!



THEY MUST HAVE USED THIS TO GET THE SECRET OUT OF HORTON! THEN THEY DIDN'T NEED HIM ANY LONGER...

TRUTH, LIKE BLACK EYE, SOMETIMES MOST OBVIOUS! BUT THAT IS ONLY BEGINNING OF BAD NEWS! STEINER TROUPE LEAVE FOR PARIS IN ONE WEEK! IF TROUPE HAS SECRET-- IT WILL LEAVE WITH THEM!

BUT--THAT STILL LEAVES A WEEK-- A WEEK IN WHICH SECRET SERVICE AGENTS PROBE... AND SEARCH THROUGH THE THEATRE.

IT'S TRUE THAT REGGIE WAS IN THE CELLAR THAT NIGHT, CHAN -- BUT HE'S ONLY A DUMMY! HE CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING!

WHO KNOWS? MAN WHO KILL HORTON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEMORIZE STOLEN INFORMATION! PERHAPS WRITTEN DOWN-- CONCEALED IN DUMMY!



SUDDENLY...

POP!!

