

The Angel of Terror

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Exercise Book

Chapter 1

1. What was James Meredith convicted of?
2. What was the verdict?
3. Who was the victim?
4. Why did James Meredith shoot Ferdinand Bulford according to the judge?
5. On the statement of what witness did the jury base their findings?
6. Why was Bulford outside Miss Briggerland's house at that precise moment according to the judge?
7. What did the judge think of the accused, James Meredith?
8. What sentence did the judge pass in the courtroom that day?
9. How was the first sentence for James Meredith changed?
10. What was hinted at by some people and newspapers when the sentence was changed?
11. What did John Glover think of the matter?
12. What did the counsel for the defence think of Miss Briggerland?
13. How did James Meredith react when he heard the sentence?
14. What kind of firm is Rennett, Glover and Simpson?
15. What is Glover suggesting at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 2

1. What does Lydia Beale do for a living?
2. Who is Mrs. Morgan?
3. How does Mrs. Morgan think Lydia can solve her problems?
4. In what trouble is Lydia Beale?
5. Where does Lydia work?
6. Why was Lydia so much in debt?
7. Why did Lydia go to the Erving Theatre that night?
8. Why was Lydia surprised when the cab driver said the editor had sent him for her?
9. When did Lydia realise that something was not right in the cab?
10. How did Lydia escape from the cab?

Chapter 3

1. Who were the two men that rescued Lydia?
2. What are Lydia's wages at the paper according to Glover?
3. Where did the two men take Lydia after rescuing her?
4. How were Miss Briggerland and James Meredith related?
5. Why, according to Glover, did Miss Briggerland want to frame James Meredith?
6. What condition did Meredith's father put in his will?
7. How old was James Meredith at that moment in time?
8. Why had Glover and Rennett chosen Lydia as Meredith's wife?
9. What did Rennett and Glover want Lydia to do?
10. How much would Lydia get for her services?
11. What was Lydia's answer to Glover's proposal?

Chapter 4

1. How did Lydia find the prospect of being a wife to someone who would be in prison for the next twenty years?
2. What did Lydia think about Meredith being a murderer?
3. What was Lydia going to do when she got the money aside from paying her debts?
4. Why did Lydia not want to marry?
5. Why did Meredith and Rennett play their little "game" after the marriage was done?
6. Who rushed into the house just after the marriage?
7. Who was it that Jack Glover found dead in the snow?
8. What did James Meredith have in his hand when he was found dead?

Chapter 5

1. How did the detective explain the death of James Meredith at first?
2. What was the detective's name?
3. How did Jack know it wasn't suicide?
4. What feelings did Jack Glover have for Jean Briggerland?
5. Why had Jean Briggerland arrived too late to stop the wedding?
6. How did Lydia react to Jean?
7. In what way had Lydia been run over?
8. What is a metaphor?

Chapter 6

1. What did one of the policemen discover in the tool shed?
2. What kind of room was under the tool shed?
3. Why did Rennett not use the wine cellar?
4. Why was the detective inclined to think that Meredith had not committed suicide?
5. The pistol found in Meredith's hand was...
6. What had Mr. Briggerland been doing when Bulford was shot, according to his daughter?
7. Why was Jack worried about Lydia after the death of James Meredith?
8. To whom did Meredith leave all his belongings in the new will?

Chapter 7

1. Where did Jean Briggerland and her father live?
2. Why is Mr. Briggerland so cheerful this morning?
3. Where did Mr. Briggerland plan to go that year?
4. Which person in the chapter is so described: "...had acquired the precise sense of a great surgeon in whom pity was a detached emotion, and one which never intruded itself into the operating chamber"?
5. Unlike other persons, what was Jean Briggerland not bound by?
6. How did Jean Briggerland plan to befriend Lydia?
7. What book does Jean Briggerland read in the chapter?
8. What criminals deserved to be hanged according to Jean Briggerland?

Chapter 8

1. How much was the rent Lydia had to pay for the new furnished flat that Jack had obtained for her?
2. Who would stay at Lydia's flat along with Lydia herself, Mrs. Morgan and the maids?
3. What is Lydia's explanation for why Jack is pursuing his vendetta against Jean?
4. To where did they trace the telephone call to Bulford asking him to come to Berkeley Street the night of his murder?
5. Who was "a weird bird, as shrewd as the dickens"?
6. Who was Mr. Jaggs?
7. In what way was Mr. Jaggs incapacitated?
8. What was Jack Glover's profession?
9. Why did Jack Glover not approve of Lydia's visit to Mrs. Cole-Mortimer?

Chapter 9

1. To what class of women did Mrs. Cole Mortimer belong to?
2. Who was present at Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's aside from the Briggerlands and the hostess herself?
3. What impression did Marcus Stepney leave on Lydia?
4. How did Lydia's view of Jack Glover change during the visit?
5. What happened to Lydia outside Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's house after her visit?
6. Who owned the car that had nearly ran over Lydia?
7. Who saved Lydia at the last moment from being hit by the car?

Chapter 10

1. Why had Mr. Jaggs been there to save Lydia?
2. Who did Jack think drove the car?
3. What did Lydia think of Mr. Jaggs?
4. What explanation was given for the near accident?
5. To where did Lydia move that week?
6. Why did Jack not want Mr. Jaggs to stay in the kitchen?
7. Why did Lucy not like Mr. Jaggs?
8. What did Mr. Jaggs know about Lucy?
9. What was Lucy's real name?

Chapter 11

1. What had Mr. Briggerland started because of his philanthropic nature?
2. Who ran the club for Mr. Briggerland?
3. What kind of people came to Mr. Briggerland's club?
4. Where had Mr. Hoggins been?
5. What did Jean Briggerland suggest to Mr. Hoggins and Mr. Talmot?
6. For how long had Mr. Hoggins' last stretch in jail lasted?
7. Who was waiting for Jean after she had talked to Hoggins and Talmot?
8. Where did Jean Briggerland expect to be next week?
9. What was Mr. Briggerland's reaction to his daughter's plan?

Chapter 12

1. What was the subject of a book where Mr. Briggerland was credited as the author?
2. What had happened to Mr. Talmot?
3. Who knew of Talmot's attempted burglary besides the Briggerlands?
4. Where did Mr. Briggerland have an appointment?
5. What was the name of the doctor who showed Mr. Briggerland around the asylum?
6. Who was considered the most dangerous patient at the Norwood asylum?
7. How was Dr. Thun diagnosed?
8. What had Dr. Thun been before he was taken to the asylum?
9. What reason did Dr. Thun give for his conviction?
10. Why was Mr. Briggerland visiting the asylum?

Chapter 13

1. What prophecy of Jean Briggerland's had failed to materialise?
2. What was Jack Glover's full name?
3. What was Lydia becoming accustomed to?
4. Why did Jean Briggerland not like to rent furnished flats?
5. How did Jean get Lydia to leave the room?
6. What did Jean take from Lydia's apartment?
7. What happened to the rich Australian who was infatuated with Jean Briggerland?
8. What supposedly happened to the man Gunnersbury?
9. What did the police chief think of Jack Glover's story?
10. What paragraph caught Glover's eye in the newspaper?

Chapter 14

1. How did Lydia feel about Mr. Jaggs?
2. What irked Lydia most of all?
3. How did Lydia feel about Jack at that time?
4. Why did Lydia have a little twinge of conscience in the case of Mr. Jaggs?
5. Who attacked Lydia that night?
6. What did Dr. Thun call Mr. Jaggs?

Chapter 15

1. Who saved Lydia this time?
2. Who was it that Dr. Thun stopped from killing Lydia?
3. Who did Dr. Thun say had helped him to escape from the asylum?
4. Who was at Lydia's when Jean called on her?
5. How had Dr. Thun got into the flat?
6. How did Jean explain the fact that her father had met Dr. Thun?
7. What did Jack wish for Miss Briggerland?

Chapter 16

1. Where was Lydia going that night?
2. Who was going with Lydia to the theatre?
3. Where did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer say she had a house?
4. What people she knew did Lydia meet at the club?
5. Who was the man Lydia danced with at the club?
6. What did Lydia realise about Jean at the club?
7. Where did Mr. Jaggs say he had been?

Chapter 17

1. Where did Lydia buy a house?
2. Where was Lydia going next week?
3. What did Jaggs choose for a present even though he didn't want any present?
4. Who did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer see in Monte Carlo?
5. Who were at the house at Cap Martin when Mrs. Cole-Mortimer and Lydia arrived?
6. Why was Mrs. Cole-Mortimer nervous and ill at ease during dinner?
7. What excuse did Jean give for not going with the others to the casino?
8. What was Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's first name?
9. Who was Jean afraid of?

Chapter 18

1. What attributes did the peroxide Jean saw in Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's room have?
2. Why did Jean soak her handkerchief in peroxide?
3. Where did Jean put the gardener's boy?
4. What smell did Lydia find in her room?
5. Why didn't Lydia sleep in her bed?
6. What did Jean do before she went to sleep?

Chapter 19

1. Where had Lydia slept?
2. How did Lydia try to explain why her bed was soaked?
3. What was Mr. Briggerland reading in the garden?
4. What did Jean accuse her father of?
5. What had Jean not forgotten?

Chapter 20

1. What was the name of the driver?
2. Where did Jean and Lydia lunch?
3. Who came to Jean and Lydia when they were lunching at the Negrito?
4. What was Marcus Stepney's stock in trade?
5. How much did Lydia think she had won that day by betting?
6. How much did Lydia really win by betting that day?
7. How much did Marcus want Lydia to bet the next day?
8. What did Jean think of Marcus' plan to con her out of a million francs?
9. What did Jean suggest to Marcus that he do?
10. What did Jean threaten Marcus with?

Chapter 21

1. Who became a regular caller at Cap Martin?
2. What did Lydia discover about Jean?
3. Why was Marcus unusually glum the day they went swimming?
4. What happened just as Lydia was about to dive?
5. What happened to Mr. Briggerland?

Chapter 22

1. How did Mr. Briggerland describe the shooter?
2. How was Mr. Briggerland hurt?
3. Who was it that shot at Lydia?
4. Who did Lydia see prowling around the grounds?

Chapter 23

1. What did Mr. Jaggs say he was to the cycling gendarme?
2. How did Jaggs surprise Lydia that morning?
3. What did the French housekeeper tell Lydia?
4. Why did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer advise Lydia not to visit the boy's mother?
5. What did Lydia ask Mr. Briggerland?
6. Why did Mr. Briggerland not want Lydia to talk to the police about the shooting?
7. What did Jean think of her father?

Chapter 24

1. What did the maid find in Lydia's bed?
2. Why did Lydia go to Nice that day?
3. What did Lydia give the gardener's wife?
4. What had the gardener's boy lost?
5. What was the name of the gardener's boy?
6. What was in the parcel lying on the floor of the car?
7. Who was the parcel addressed to?

Chapter 25

1. What depressed Marcus about his society friends?
2. Who was the great Moorish Pretender?
3. What did Jean advise Marcus to do when he told her that he was getting nowhere with Lydia?
4. How did Marcus feel about Jean?

Chapter 26

1. What new arrival did Lydia discover when she returned to the house that day?
2. What change did Jean notice in Lydia when Glover was there?
3. How long was Jack staying?
4. What did Jean say was in the parcel?
5. Where did Jean think Mr. Jaggs should be?

Chapter 27

1. What was in the letter to Jean?
2. Who had written the letter to Jean?
3. What did Glover find so comical that he burst into laughter?
4. To what other woman did Glover compare Jean?
5. How many attempts had been made on Lydia's life in the past fortnight?
6. What did Jack ask Lydia to do and tell Jean after she had done it?
7. How much money did Lydia own in hard cash?
8. Who came to the restaurant when Jack and Lydia were there?

Chapter 28

1. What was Jean going to call the book she was writing?
2. Why was Lydia irritated by Jack?
3. Who was Mr. Briggerland watching out for?
4. Why were the police aware of the fact that some old man was threatening to kill Jean?
5. What did Jean ask Lydia to do for her?
6. What was Jean's story about?
7. What did Jean ask Lydia to write on a fresh page?
8. With what initials did Jean have Lydia sign the suicide note?

Chapter 29

1. Who was Lydia's guardian angel at Cap Martin?
2. Why didn't Mr. Briggerland fire when he saw a shape emerge from the tree belt?
3. Why was Jean angry at her father?
4. How did Jean explain her loss of consciousness?
5. What effect did the attack on her have on Jean?
6. What was Lydia scribbling in the garden?
7. Who found out where Mr. Jaggs slept?
8. Who was the cabbage seller with the donkey?
9. What was written in the letter to Mr. Rennett?

Chapter 30

1. What do desperate diseases call for, according to Jean?
2. What tale did Jean tell Lydia about Mr. Glover?
3. What scared Mr. Briggerland?
4. Who did Jean say she was going to marry?
5. Why had Jean said she was going to marry this man?
6. When was Jean going to marry this man?
7. What did Mordon let Jean have?
8. What did Jean make Mordon write?

Chapter 31

1. Why did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer not want Lydia to go back to London?
2. How did Jean describe the Riviera?
3. What had brought about a strenuous relationship between Spain and France?
4. What impression did Muley Hafiz have on Jean?
5. Where was Muley Hafiz educated?
6. What did Muley Hafiz suggest that Jean call him?

Chapter 32

1. Why was Marcus Stepney angry with Jean?
2. What did Muley Hafiz have that Marcus didn't have, according to Jean?
3. How did Marcus explain his irritation?
4. Where did they all go that night?
5. Why was Mordon worried?

Chapter 33

1. What did Mordon want from Jean?
2. How was Jean able to make her father understand that there might be another explanation for what she was saying?
3. What did Jean ask her father to keep after the struggle with Mordon?
4. What could you learn if you sat on the Lover's chair, according to Jean?

Chapter 34

1. What was the Jungle Queen?
2. Where did Marcus ask Lydia to go with him that day?
3. Why could Lydia not go with Marcus?
4. What did Marcus think Jean ought to do about Mordon?

Chapter 35

1. Who phoned Lydia that morning?
2. What lie did Jean tell Mr. Jaggs?
3. How did Jean manage to overcome Jaggs?
4. Who was Mr. Jaggs?

Chapter 36

1. Where was Mr. Briggerland going?
2. What did Mr. Briggerland do to Mordon?
3. What did Lydia think it was when she heard the gunshot?
4. What happened to Lydia?

Chapter 37

1. Why had Jack Glover wanted to sleep in Lydia's flat?
2. What did Glover say to Jean?
3. Who was to be arrested as soon as he returned?
4. Who was the letter in Lydia's room addressed to?

Chapter 38

1. Why did Mr. Briggerland not do anything even though Lydia and Mordon had often been seen together?
2. How did Glover know that it was Mr. Briggerland who had shot at Lydia?
3. What did Lydia say in the letter she was supposed to have written?
4. What explanation did they give for not finding Lydia's body?
5. How did Jack realise that the letter was part of Jean's story?
6. What was Mr. Briggerland arrested for?

Chapter 39

1. Why did Marcus Stepney sail toward the beach?
2. Who saved Lydia this time?
3. Who did Lydia say had shot her?
4. Where did Marcus take Lydia?
5. What did Marcus do after he had Lydia safe in a hotel in Nice?
6. How did Jean get away?

Chapter 40

1. Who agreed to chaperone Lydia at the hotel in Nice?
2. Where had the Jungle Queen been sighted?
3. What did Lydia think of when she knew that Jean had with her a hundred thousand pounds of her money?
4. What did Glover think of the sympathy Lydia had for Jean?
5. What would become of Mr. Briggerland?
6. How many times had Glover saved Lydia's life?
7. When had Glover become especially interested in Lydia according to him?

Chapter 41

1. How far could Marcus and Jean go with the petrol they had?
2. How many days could they sail?
3. Where was Dacca?
4. What happened to Jean?
5. What did Marcus Stepney get out of all this?

Additional exercises

- Write a short piece on Edgar Wallace.
- Look at Mr. Jaggs. How does he speak differently than the others?
- Find out who Lucretia Borgia was.
- What is the difference between *realize* and *realise*?

Additional information (chapter 25)

Abdelhafid of Morocco or Mulai Abdelhafid (24 February 1875 – 4 April 1937) was the Sultan of Morocco from 1908 to 1912 and a member of the Aloaouite Dynasty. His younger brother, Abdelaziz of Morocco, preceded him. While Mulai Abdelhafid initially opposed his brother for giving some concessions to foreign powers, he himself became increasingly backed by the French and finally signed the protectorate treaty giving de facto control of the country to France.

After his brother, Abdelaziz appointed him as caliph of Marrakech, Abdelhafid sought to have him overthrown by fomenting distrust over Abdelaziz's European ties. He was aided by Madani al-Glaoui, older brother of T'hami one of the Caids of the Atlas. He was assisted in the training of his troops by Andrew Belton (Kaid), a British officer and veteran of the Second World War. For a brief period Abdelaziz reigned from Rabat while Abdelhafid reigned in Marrakech and Fez was disputed. In 1908 Abdelaziz was defeated in battle. In 1909, he became the recognized leader of Morocco.

Abdelhafid abdicated after signing the treaty of Fez on 30 March 1912, which made Morocco a French protectorate. He signed his abdication only when on the quay in Rabat, with the ship that would take him to France already waiting. After an extended visit to France, where he received a great deal of attention from the press, he returned to Morocco and was exiled to the Dar el Makhzen (Sultanate Palace) in Tangier.

His brother Yusef was proclaimed Sultan by the French administration several months later (13 August 1912). Yusef was chosen by some dignitaries of Rabat which wasn't the capital of Morocco at the time.