

Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
 Wise man said: Occupy
 self with doing nothing.
 From experience, am positive
 calm man is happy one.

Alfred
 ANDRIOLA

LONDON

IT IS TWO WEEKS SINCE LORD KITTNER DISAPPEARED AND YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING, INSPECTOR!

KITTNER WAS A VALUABLE MAN TO BRITAIN, DUFF! WE ARE BEING PRESSED ON ALL SIDES WITH QUERIES AND DEMANDS! LORD KITTNER MUST BE FOUND!

WE AT THE YARD ARE UP A TREE, SIR! IF ONLY MY GOOD FRIEND CHARLIE CHAN WERE HERE! JOVE, I'D LOVE TO SEE HIM TACKLE THIS!

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October 30, 1938

Mr. Charles Chan
 Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Charlie -

Forgive me for coming abruptly to the point, but this is a time of great stress to me.

For the past six days I have received each morning a typed letter threatening my life unless I divulge certain information about one of my clients which was given to me in strictest confidence.

I hesitate to call in the police for personal and business reasons, but I have hired a bodyguard who is, presumably, a secretary. Of course he is not the most effective solution to my problem.

Naturally, I think of you, because you have been so very valuable to me in the past. Can you spare the time from your duties as police inspector in Honolulu to unearth the culprit? I have the greatest faith in your success.

With deepest respect,
 Seldon E. Vandermaster

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 Air Mail

SHANGHAI

NOT ANOTHER!! THAT IS THE THIRD RICH MERCHANT IN OUR NATIVE QUARTER WHO HAS DIED SO! EACH TIME IT IS MADE TO LOOK LIKE SUICIDE! BUT IS IT SUICIDE? OR IS IT MURDER? AND WHY? WHY?

REGRET I AM UNABLE TO GIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS! IF ONLY OUR HONORABLE COUNTRYMAN, CHAN, WERE HERE! ANSWERS WOULD BE FORTH-COMING QUICKER THAN THE ARROW FLIES FROM THE BOW!

PARIS

IT IS UNBELIEVABLE! SOMEONE WALKS PAST A GUARD WITH AN INVALUABLE PAINTING UNDER HIS ARM-AS EASY AS THAT A FAMOUS COROT IS STOLEN FROM THE LOUVRE!

IT IS NOT SO EASY! IT IS A CLEVER CRIMINAL WHO CAN WALK OUT OF THE LOUVRE SUCCESSFULLY! AND FOR A CLEVER CRIMINAL YOU NEED A CLEVER DETECTIVE! PARBLEU! FOR CHARLIE CHAN AT THIS MOMENT!

WASHINGTON

ALL THE BRILLIANT AGENTS WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CHECK THE LEAK IN OUR WAR DEPARTMENT!! EVERY REPORT IS FAILURE, FAILURE, FAILURE! I HAVE A MIND TO CABLE CHARLIE CHAN IN HONOLULU! HE'D FIND OUR MAN!

WHILE ON PUNCHBOWL HILL IN HONOLULU, HAWAII...

Charlie CHAN



Alfred ANDRIOLA

OH, INSPECTOR CHAN, I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME! NIKKI, MY WHITE COCKATOO, WAS MISSING FROM HIS PERCH THIS MORNING! I'M SURE HE'S BEEN STOLEN AND YET I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW! I AM THE ONLY ONE WITH WHOM HE WOULD GO!

— BUT LET ME CALL FOR SOMETHING TO DRINK BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER!

MALU, PLEASE BRING SOME PUNCH!

HAH! FIND SMALL TRIANGLE OF GLASS! TWO STRAIGHT SIDES, ONE JAGGED! ALSO WHITE FEATHER!

IF COCKATOO GOES ONLY WITH MISTRESS, MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST WILL! LACK OF MORE FEATHERS INDICATES PORCH WAS CLEANED!

THANK YOU, MALU!

REFRESHING HOSPITALITY MOST WELCOME!

REGRET TO REPORT THAT CULPRIT IS ON PREMISES! IT IS MALU WHO STEAL BIRD FROM PERCH!

MALU! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!

ATTEND CLOSELY! FIRST, MALU'S RIGHT WRIST WEARS BANDAGE! HAND CLAMPED OVER MOUTH OF SLEEPING COCKATOO LEAVES CLAWS FREE TO TEAR AT ARM OF THIEF! SECOND, MALU'S LEFT WRIST BEARS WATCH —

YES, HE'S VERY PROUD OF IT!

AH! BUT WATCH WITHOUT CRYSTAL IS LIKE JAIL WITHOUT BARS! MALU BROKE CRYSTAL IN STRUGGLE WITH COCKATOO! PIECE FOUND ON FLOOR ESCAPE NOTICE OF SERVANT WHEN CLEANING UP!

ALSO PIECE IN MALU'S SHOE, WHICH CAUSES MANY SCARS ON FLOOR! — SUGGEST YOU RING FOR MALU! WILL BRING CONFESSION FROM OWN MISERABLE TONGUE!

IT IS TRUE, MRS YOUNG! SOMETIMES PETTY THIEF ESCAPES APPREHENSION BY LOCAL POLICE! BUT SOMETIMES LAW ASKS INTERVENTION OF GODS! GODS LOOK WITH ILL FAVOR ON MAN WHO STEALS ANOTHER'S GOODS! CAUSE HANDS TO SHRIVEL LIKE PAPER IN FIRE!

OH, INSPECTOR CHAN! I CONFESS! I STOLE COCKATOO! SOLD HIM IN MARKET! BUT WILL RETURN MONEY AND COCKATOO TO RESPECTIVE OWNERS! SEND ME TO JAIL, BUT DO NOT BESEECH GODS TO TORTURE HUMBLE SERVANT!

HAIE, PERHAPS TERM IN JAIL WILL PREVENT POOR WRETCH FROM TRYING TRICK SECOND TIME!

MALU, I AM ASHAMED OF YOU! — BUT IF I DO NOT PREFER CHARGES, INSPECTOR, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LET HIM OFF?

THINK MAYBE SO! REPENTANT ONE WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER WORDS OF WISE MAN, "ONE THORN OF EXPERIENCE IS WORTH WHOLE WILDERNESS OF WARNING!"

GOOD DAY, MRS. YOUNG!

Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook

Hunger is cured by food, ignorance by study.

Alfred ARONSON



SUPPER SERVED!

CONFUSION OF VOICES IN DINING ROOM ALREADY HAD SENT WARNING OF APPROACHING MEAL-TIME!



POP, WHAT'S TH' DOPE ON TH' FENWICK CASE?

ARE YOU GOING TO USE THE CAR, DAD?

POP, CAN I GO T' TH' MOVIES? GEE, THERE'S A SWELL PICTURE PLAYIN' T'NIGHT!



QUIET! CAN A MAN THINK BENEATH TREE FILLED WITH CAVING CROWS? -EMPTY CHAIR AT TABLE! WHERE IS THE SMALL BARRY?

PROBABLY EATIN' TH' PLASTER OFF TH' SIDE OF TH' HOUSE AGAIN, POP!

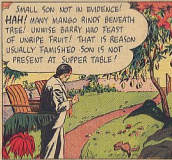


I SAW HIM IN THE GARDEN LAST, PLAYING WITH HIS TEDDY BEAR, DAD!

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WORDS ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS ACTION! SHALL MAKE PERSONAL SEARCH FOR MISSING SON!



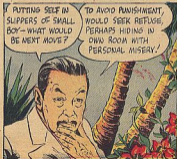
WORLD GREATLY CHANGED! LANGUAGE OF OFFSPRING SADLY LACKING IN DIGNITY! GULF BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILDREN WIDENS DAILY, LIKE GAP BETWEEN PRESENT AND PAST!



SMALL SON NOT IN EVIDENCE! HAH! MANY MANGO RINDS BENEATH TREE! UNWISE BARRY HAD FEAST OF UNRIPE FRUIT! THAT IS REASON USUALLY FAMISHED SON IS NOT PRESENT AT SUPPER TABLE!



AH! DISCARDED TEDDY BEAR! IN HASTY DEPARTURE FROM GARDEN, TROUBLED BARRY FORGOT FAVORITE TOY!

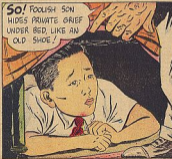


PUTTING SELF IN SLIPPERS OF SMALL BOY—WHAT WOULD BE NEXT MOVE?

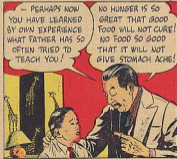
TO AVOID PUNISHMENT, WOULD SEEK REFUGE, PERHAPS HIDING IN OWN ROOM WITH PERSONAL MISERY!



HAH! WHIMPERING OF DISTRESSED CHILD CAN BE HEARD CLEARLY THROUGH CLOSED DOOR!



So! Foolish SON HIDES PRIVATE GRIEF UNDER BED, LIKE AN OLD SHOE!



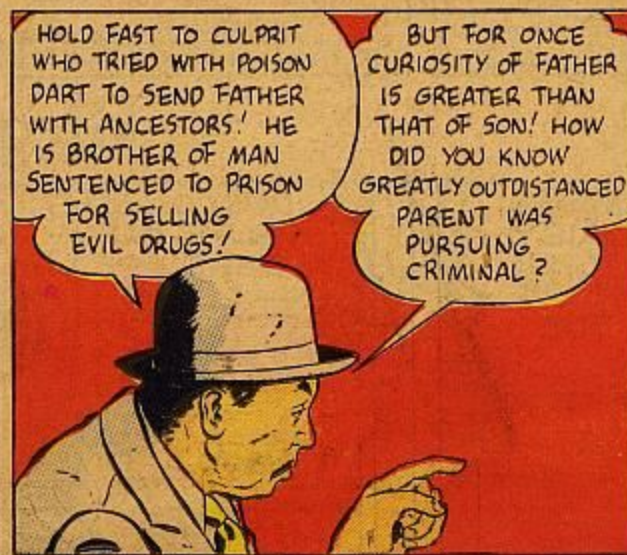
- PERHAPS NOW YOU HAVE LEARNED BY OWN EXPERIENCE WHAT FATHER HAS SO OFTEN TRIED TO TEACH YOU!

NO HUNGER IS SO GREAT THAT GOOD FOOD WILL NOT CURE! NO FOOD SO GOOD THAT IT WILL NOT GIVE STOMACH ACHE!

Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
 To do good many times
 is not enough; to do
 evil once is too much.

Alfred ANDRIOLA



Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
New clothes and old friends wear the best.

Alfred ANDRIOLA

HEY POP, ISN'T THIS TH' DAY KIRK BARROW GETS BACK FROM THE UNITED STATES?

FOR BRIEF INSTANT MEMORY OF NUMBER ONE SON DOES NOT FAIL! THIS IS DAY VERY CAPABLE ASSISTANT TO FATHER IS DUE FROM VISIT TO HOMETLAND!

AS MATTER OF FACT WAS EVEN NOW PREPARING TO GO DOWN TO DOCK AND GREET YOUNG AMERICAN BACK TO BEAUTIFUL CITY OF HONOLULU! — PERHAPS WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY FATHER, IF CAN SPARE TIME FROM SWING RECORDS AND LATEST DANCE STEP!

WOULD I? SAY, KIRK BARROW'S ACE HIGH WITH ME! THERE'S NOBODY I'D RATHER MEET! COME ON, POP! HERE'S YA HAT!

HEY, POP! WHERE YA GOIN'?

TODAY KIRK BARROW COMES BACK TO HAWAII ON BIG SHIP! FATHER MAKES TRIP TO DOCK TO GREET HIM!

GEE, C'N I COME TOO, POP? AW, BE A SPORT, POP!

BECAUSE OF DISRESPECTFUL LANGUAGE, MIND SAYS 'NO', BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE FAVORITE OF KIRK BARROW, HEART SAYS 'YES'! COME!

HELLO, CHARLIE! HEL-LO, BARRY! GOOD TO SEE YOU, LEE!

HONORABLE CHIEF OF HONOLULU POLICE WOULD MAKE HAPPY ADDITION TO WELCOMING COMMITTEE FOR KIRK BARROW!

DR. LANG! SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! IN FEW MINUTES STEAMSHIP BRINGS KIRK BARROW ONCE MORE TO HONOLULU! HONOR OF COMPANY TO DOCK WOULD PLEASE HUMBLE SELF!

PLEASURE AND HONOR IS MINE, INSPECTOR CHAN!

LARGE GREETING COMMITTEE WILL MAKE KIRK HAPPY WITH DELIGHT!

THIS IS UNEXPECTED SURPRISE FOR KIRK! MANY FRIENDS AT JOURNEY'S END ARE WELCOME SIGHT TO TRAVELLER!

THERE HE IS, POP! OVER THERE, IN THAT CROWD!

KIRK! OH, KIRK! I MISSED YOU KIRK!

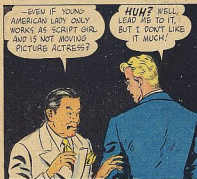
IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, KIRK!

KIRK! KIRK!

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Charlie CHAN's Notebook
It is better to store knowledge than to exhaust it.

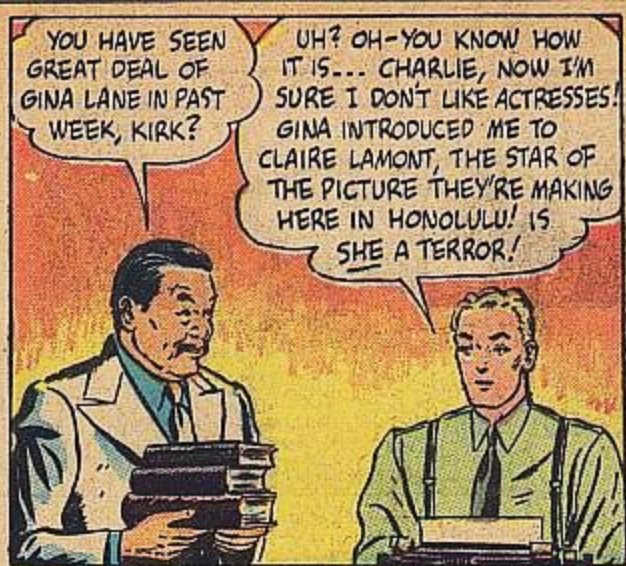
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Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
Share happiness
with others, spare
trouble for yourself.

Alfred ANDRIOLA



Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
When the river is reached, then is the time to take off shots.

Alfred ANDRIOLA

KIRK! KIRK! I SAW CLAIRE LAMONT DIE! SHE BEGAN TO FEEL DIZZY - IT BECAME DIFFICULT FOR HER TO BREATHE! IN A MINUTE OR TWO IT WAS ALL OVER!



CHAN AND KIRK MAKE THE CUSTOMARY EXAMINATION OF THE BODY... THEN CHAN QUESTIONS GINA.....

YOU KNOW, PERHAPS, WHERE LETTER WHICH THREATENED LIFE OF MISS LAMONT IS?

YES! SHE PUT IT IN THIS DRAWER WHEN WE CAME UPSTAIRS! HERE IT IS!



YOU WILL NOT LEAVE HONOLULU ALIVE!



YOU CAN, PERHAPS, TELL MORE?

AFTER MISS LAMONT CALLED YOU SHE TOLD EVERYONE HERE TO GET OUT - EVEN HER HUSBAND! - SHE PLEADED WITH ME TO STAY, AND WE CAME UP HERE! SHE ASKED FOR SOME WATER AND THEN SHE COMPLAINED OF DIZZINESS!



HAIE! AFTER DRINKING WATER?

YES! I GAVE HER SOME FROM THE THERMOS BOTTLE BESIDE THE BED! WHY?

CYANIDE! THE WATER HAS THE DISTINCT SMELL OF ALMONDS -



YES! CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM! VERY FATAL POISON ADDED TO WATER -

OH, KIRK! THIS IS HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE!

HOLD ON, GINA! YOU SAY LAMONT EVEN THREW OUT HER HUSBAND! WHY? WHAT KIND OF MAN IS HE?



OH, KIRK! - YOU MUSTN'T ASK ME -

GWA - MURDER WAS DONE HERE! IF YOU REFUSE HELP -



ALL RIGHT - BUT I FEEL LIKE A HEEL! CLAIRE LAMONT WAS MISERABLY UNHAPPY! HER PICTURES WEREN'T MAKING MONEY! - SHE AND HER HUSBAND DIDN'T GET ON WELL! SHE TOLD ME SEVERAL TIMES THAT ARMAND DE REMEY MARRIED HER FOR HER MONEY! - OH!

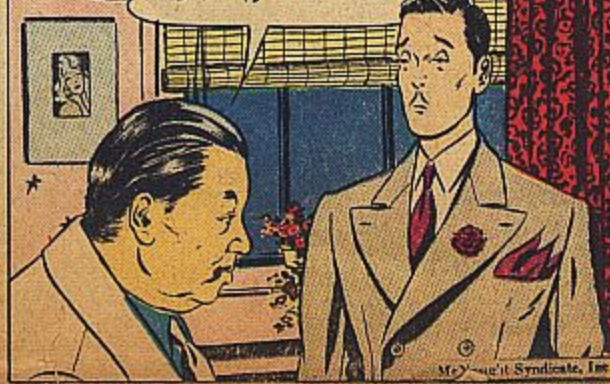


DE REMEY!

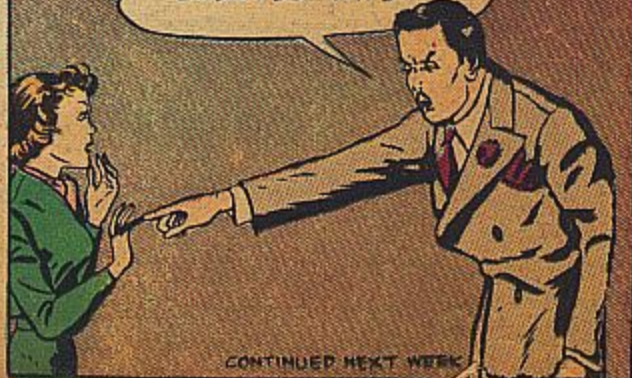
YOU ARE SURPRISED! I COME BACK TO MAKE PEACE WITH MY WIFE AND I FIND YOU TELL LIES ABOUT ME!



PARDON PLEASE! WIFE HAS FOUND PEACE AT LAST! AFTER YOU LEFT, MR. DE REMEY, MISS LAMONT DRANK POISONED WATER! UNHAPPY LADY IS -



DEAD! SHE IS DEAD! YOU - GINA LANE - YOU STAYED HERE ALONE WITH HER! I CHARGE YOU WITH CRUEL MURDER OF MY BELOVED WIFE!

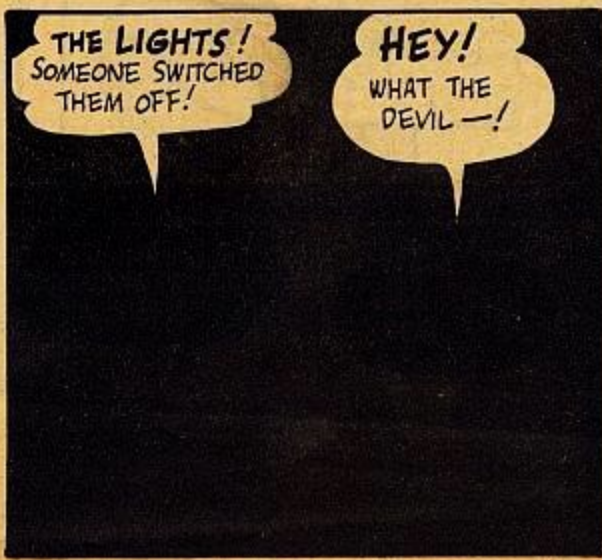


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The fangs of the adder are not as poisonous as the ugly finger of suspicion.

Alfred ANDRIOLA
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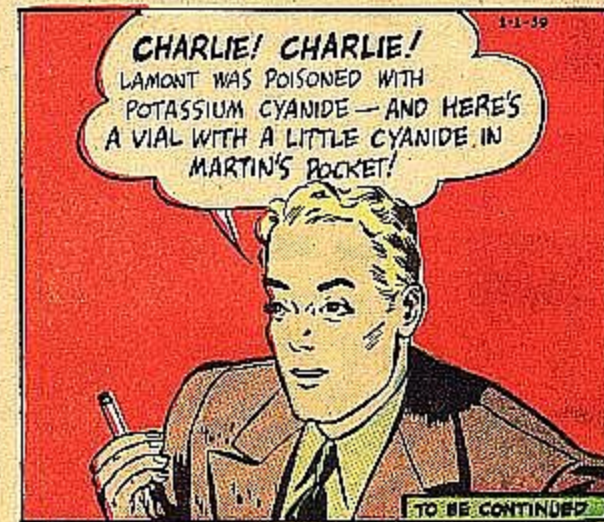
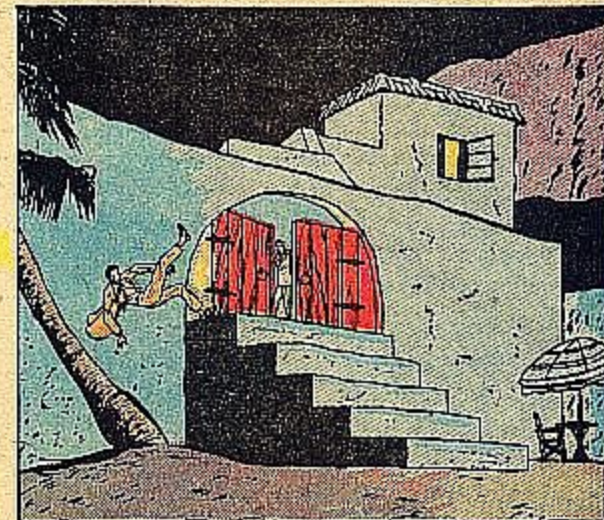
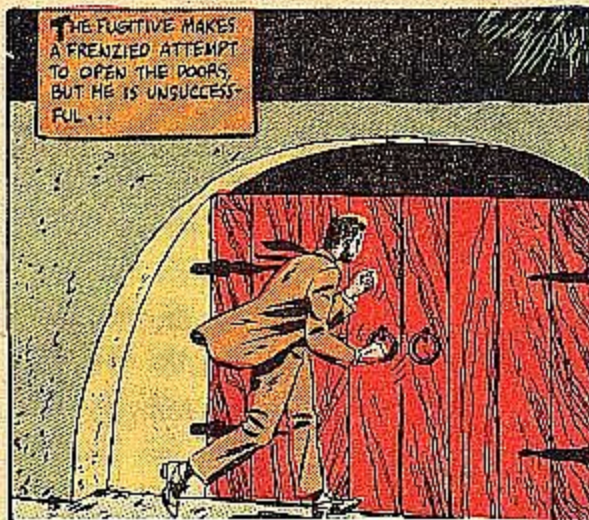


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A thousand words
cannot undo one
false move.

Alfred
ANDRIOLA

Character Created by
E. J. Dee Briggs



Charlie CHAN

Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
Fewer words spoken,
fewer mistakes
made.

by
**Alfred
ANDRIOLA**

Character Created by
Elliott Clawson

HAIE! NOTE BOTTLE CONTAINING POTASSIUM CYANIDE WHICH MR. BARROW FOUND IN POCKET OF TOMMY MARTIN! A FEW GRAINS WILL KILL DOG OR MAN — OR WOMAN!



THE BOTTLE OF POISON! INSPECTOR, MAY I SEE IT?

YES — MAY BE — BUT NO ONE MAY TOUCH! MUST GUARD INSIGNIFICANT BOTTLE LIKE PRICELESS JEWEL! BIG STORY MAY BE TOLD BY LITTLE TUBE OF GLASS! KEEP SAME IN SAFE PLACE, KIRK!



KATHRINE! OH, MY DEAR! I FEEL FAIN!

KATHRINE! WHAT IS IT?

COOPER, WILL YOU GET SOME SMELLING SALTS, PLEASE?



ARE YOU BETTER NOW, KATHRINE? WHAT HAPPENED?

ALL THIS HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FOR ME, I GUESS, ANN! CLAIRE'S TANTRUM THIS AFTERNOON — HER DEATH — AND NOW, FINDING THE POISON IN TOMMY'S POCKET — I SUDDENLY FELT LIMP AND COLD!



YOU SEE, INSPECTOR CHAN, I'VE KNOWN TOMMY MARTIN FOR YEARS! HE'S BEEN SO KIND! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE KILLED CLAIRE EVEN THOUGH IT APPEARS —

APPEARANCES ARE SOMETIMES FRIGHTFUL, LIAR, MISS EVANS!



INSPECTOR CHAN, YOU MEAN YOU DO NOT BELIEVE TOMMY MARTIN KILLED MY WIFE? THEES EES LAST PIECE OF STRAW! I WEE! CALL CHIEF OF POLICE AND HAVE YOU DISCHARGE FROM THEES CASE!



JUST A MINUTE DE REMEY! YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR TO CHARLIE!

OUT OF MY WAY, YOU — YOU —! I WEE! HAVE YOU BOTH DISCHARGE FOR NEGLIGENCE!



GINA! GOOD GIRL! YOU'VE DISCONNECTED THE TELEPHONE WIRES!



SO! FOR THEES MOMENT YOU WIN, INSPECTORE! BUT YOU WEE! HAVE TO ANSWER FOR SHIELDING TOMMY MARTIN! — WHY WAS HE IN THEES HOUSE? WHY DID HE RUN AWAY? WHY WAS POISON FOUND IN HIS POCKET? **WHY?**



CROWD OF QUESTIONS SHOWER LIKE RIPE FRUIT FROM TREE TOSSED BY WIND! REGRET I CANNOT GIVE ANSWERS AT PRESENT MOMENT, BUT ...



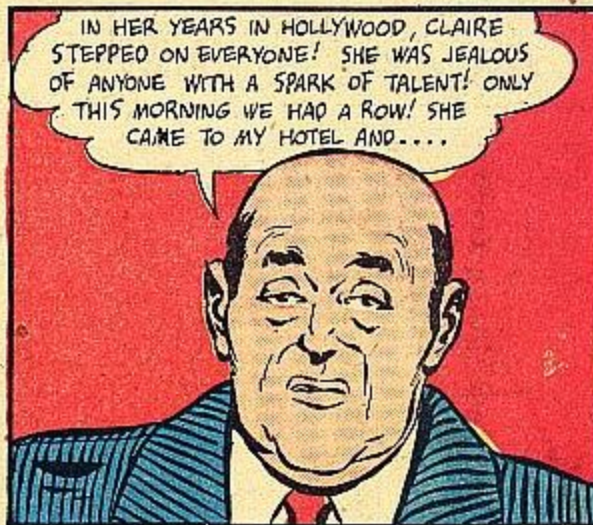
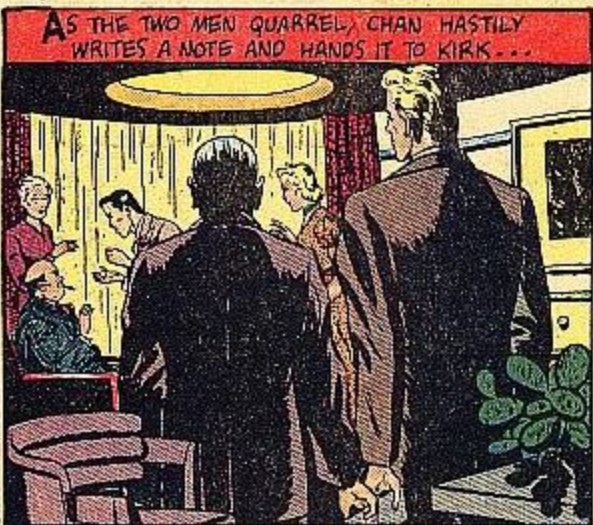
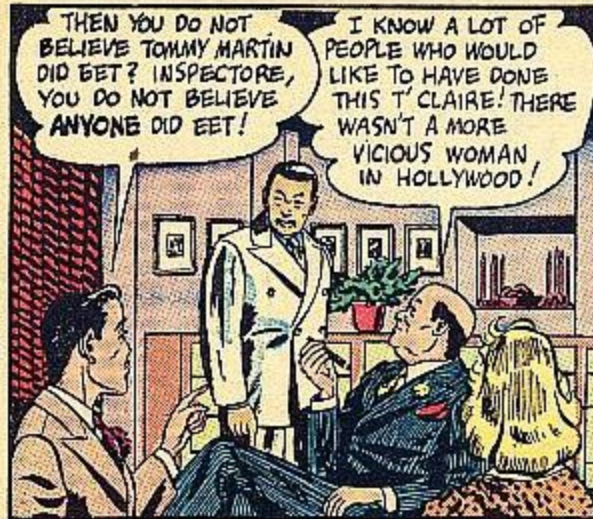
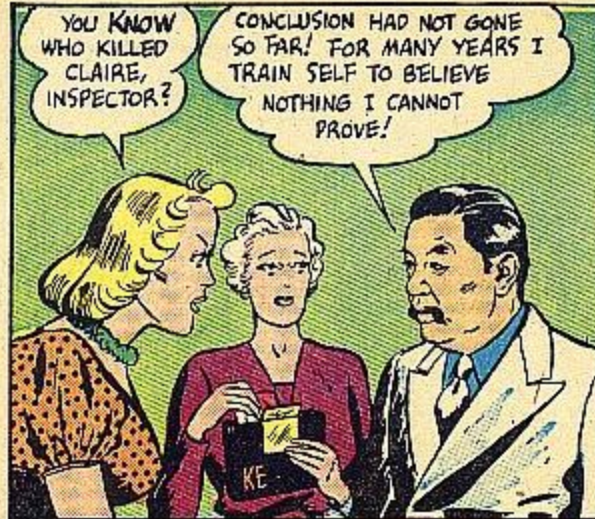
... LIGHT BEGINS TO SHINE THROUGH PATH OF CONFUSION!
... SOLUTION IS ALMOST AT HAND!



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Charlie CHAN'S Notebook
Like apples in a tub of water, one suspect goes down, another pops up.

by Alfred ANDRIOLA
Character Created by Earl Derr Biggers



Charlie CHAN

CHARLIE CHAN AND KIRK BARRON ARE INVESTIGATING THE DEATH BY POISON OF CLAIRE LAMONT, TEMPTUOUS MOVIE STAR. THE SUSPECTS ARE: GINA LANE, ARMAND DE REMEY, CLAIRE'S SECOND HUSBAND, TOMMY MARTIN, HER FIRST HUSBAND, WHO IS FOUND WITH THE BOTTLE OF POISON IN HIS POCKET, KATHARINE EVANS, ANN DREW AND E.A. CROSS, WHO TESTIFIES THAT CLAIRE WAS JEALOUS OF ANN....

by Alfred ANDRIOLA
Character Created by Earl Dorr Biggers



INSPECTOR CHAN - ANN DIDN'T DO IT - EVEN THOUGH THE THINGS MR. CROSS SAID ARE TRUE!



CLAIRE LAMONT RESENTED ANN'S ABILITY AS AN ACTRESS! ANN IS GOING TO BE A GREAT ACTRESS, INSPECTOR - A REALLY GREAT ACTRESS!

IF HUMBLE SELF MAY PAY COMPLIMENT, YOU, TOO, ARE GREAT ACTRESS!



I? OH, NO, INSPECTOR! ONCE I THOUGHT THERE WAS A CHANCE! I DREAMT OF BEING ANOTHER RACHEL - ANOTHER DUSE - BUT AT TWENTY-TWO ALL MY DREAMS DIED - I FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS ON STAGE ONE NIGHT!



FOR MANY YEARS I WAS A CRIPPLE - THEN I STARTED TO GET AROUND AGAIN WITH THE AID OF A CANE! BUT I WASN'T YOUNG ANYMORE! I GOT PARTS IN PICTURES BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE E.A. REMEMBERED AND WERE KIND!



THAT'S WHY ANN MUST NOT BE ENTANGLED IN THIS UNNECESSARILY! SHE IS ON HER WAY TO GREAT THINGS, INSPECTOR CHAN! PLEASE DON'T RUIN HER CHANCES!



INSPECTOR CHAN! TOM MARTIN HAS DISAPPEARED!

AND MY PURSE IS GONE!



YOU ARE STUPID BLUNDERER, INSPECTOR CHAN! YOU MAKE GUILTY MAN RUN AWAY! I TELL YOU TOMMY MARTIN KILLED MY WIFE!



SINCE WE ARE MARRIED HE BLACKMAILS CLAIRE AND ME - FOR MUCH MONEY! YESTERDAY CLAIRE TELLS HIM SHE WEEEL NOT PAY HEEM ANOTHER PENNY! AND SO - HE KILLS HER!



KIRK! KIRK! TOMMY! SOMEBODY STOP THEM! THEY'RE FIGHTING!



KIRK!



Charlie Chan

Alfred
ANDRIOLA

Editorial: Created by
Tommy Knight



Charlie CHAN

AT THE MOMENT WHEN CHAN IS ABOUT TO EXPOSE HER FOR THE MURDER OF CLAIRE LAMONT, KATHRINE EVANS WAILS HERSELF DOWN A FLIGHT OF STEPS...

Alfred ANDRIOLA

Character Created by Ted Dorr Eggers

USING THE BUTLER'S TELEPHONE IN THE KITCHEN, KIRK CALLS A DOCTOR FOR KATHRINE EVANS! EVERYONE IS IN THE LIVING ROOM, AWAITING THE PHYSICIAN'S VERDICT...

SO IT WAS KATHRINE WHO POISONED MY CLAIRE! INSPECTOR, HOW DID YOU KNOW?



RECALL TO MIND SEVERAL THINGS WHICH HAPPEN DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION! WHEN BOTTLE OF POISON IS FOUND ON TOMMY MARTIN, MISS EVANS FAINTS, BECAUSE EVIDENCE APPEARS WHICH BEARS HER FINGER PRINTS! MR. BARROW HAS PROOF HE WILL SHOW YOU!



THIS IS KATHRINE EVANS' HAND BAG! CHARLIE KNEW HER FINGER PRINT IMPRESSIONS MUST BE ON THE GOLD CLASP, SO HE SLIPPED A NOTE TO ME, TELLING ME TO MAKE A TEST FOR IDENTICAL PRINTS ON THE BOTTLE OF POISON! THEY WERE THERE, ALL RIGHT!



SOMEHOW MARTIN GOT THE BOTTLE! HE HAD BEEN BLACKMAILING LAMONT AND DE REMEY! NO DOUBT HE PLANNED TO USE THE BOTTLE TO BLEED BLACK-MAIL MONEY FROM KATHRINE EVANS, TOO!



THAT'S A LIE!

PERHAPS, THEN, YOU WOULD HONOR US WITH TRUTH?



MAYBE I WAS GETTING MONEY FROM CLAIRE - SHE TREATED ME BAD ENOUGH - BUT FROM KATHRINE - NO, SIR! SHE WAS ALWAYS GOOD TO ME - BEST FRIEND I HAD IN HOLLYWOOD!



YOU'VE GOT T BELIEVE ME! I WAS TRYIN' T'HELP HER! I KNEW SHE WAS IN BAD! I TRIED T'GET THAT BOTTLE BACK SO I COULD DESTROY IT!

HOW DID YOU GET BOTTLE IN FIRST PLACE, MR. MARTIN?



I WAS HIDING IN CLAIRE'S BEDROOM! KATHRINE CAME IN, BUT FROM WHERE I WAS I COULDN'T SEE WHAT SHE WAS DOING! AFTER A WHILE I SAW HER RUMMAGING IN HER BAG! THE BOTTLE DROPPED OUT, BUT SHE DIDN'T SEE IT!



... WHEN SHE WENT AWAY I PICKED IT UP - BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS POISON UNTIL AFTER CLAIRE WAS DEAD!

INSPECTOR CHAN! MISS EVANS WISHES TO SEE YOU!



CHARLIE SPEAKS TO KATHRINE EVANS ALONE ...

MISS EVANS - YOU DID THIS BECAUSE MISS LAMONT WAS - UNKIND TO MISS DREW?

UNKIND! INSPECTOR - SHE WAS VICIOUS! SHE WAS OUT TO WRECK ANNY'S CAREER! SHE TOLD ME SO! BUT SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS TELLING -



YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW THIS, TOO, INSPECTOR! WHEN I BECAME A CRIPPLE I WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP MY BABY! I NEVER WANTED HER TO KNOW I HAD GIVEN HER AWAY! ANNY IS MY DAUGHTER, INSPECTOR! PLEASE KEEP MY SECRET!



Charlie CHAN

KATHRINE EVANS IS SERIOUSLY HURT AS SHE HURLS HERSELF DOWN A FLIGHT OF STEPS. ALONE WITH CHARLIE CHAN, SHE CONFESSES TO THE MURDER OF CLAIRE LAMONT...

by Alfred ANDRIOLA

Character Created by Earl Derr Biggers

MEANWHILE, KIRK AND GINA WAIT IN AN ADJOINING ROOM. THERE IS A TENSE SILENCE AS THEY WATCH THE DOOR AND WAIT FOR NEWS FROM CHARLIE....



INSPECTOR—!
SHE'S— SHE'S— DEAD!
IT IS PAINFUL DUTY FOR ME TO INFORM OTHERS WHO AWAIT IN LIVING ROOM!



OH, KIRK! KIRK! I NEVER BARGAINED FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
CHIN UP, GINA!



OH, KIRK! STAY CLOSE TO ME!
THAT'S THE EASIEST ORDER I'VE EVER BEEN GIVEN, HONEY!



WELL, CHARLIE, THE LAMONT CASE IS JUST A REPORT IN THE FILES NOW!
AH, YES! BUT FUTURE PLANS OF GINA LANE CREATE BIG INTEREST IN ME! PERHAPS SHE CONFIDED IN YOU?



LATER

OH—OH, YEAH! THEY'VE SCRAPPED THE PICTURE THEY WERE MAKING HERE! THE WHOLE COMPANY IS GOING BACK TO HOLLYWOOD! SHIP LEAVES IN A FEW DAYS—AND THEN I GUESS IT'S ALOHA TO HONOLULU FOR GINA!



AH! THAT IS REGRETABLE CIRCUMSTANCE! PERHAPS GINA LANE CAN TAKE HOLIDAY!— PERHAPS YOU CAN PERSUADE HER— YOU ARE VERY GOOD PERSUADER OF BEAUTIFUL GIRL—AND THEN WE CAN ENJOY PEACEFUL CALM OF HONOLULU!



BUT...
IN THE LOBBY OF THE GRAND HOTEL IN HONOLULU, MRS. OLIVER FORCE GRANT AND HER DEBUTANTE DAUGHTER, DONNA, ARRIVE FROM NEW YORK FOR A VACATION...



IN A CHEAP SALOON IN THE DIRTY, SQUALID RIVER DISTRICT, TWO MEN READ AVIDLY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE WEALTHY AMERICAN WIDOW AND HER DAUGHTER....



IN A BATTERED NATIVE HUT ON A SMALL ISLAND NEAR HAWAII, A MAN AND WOMAN, STILL UNAWARE OF DONNA GRANT—OR CHARLIE CHAN—LEAD THEIR PERSONAL, DOMESTIC LIVES...



UNSUSPECTING, ALL OF THEM WILL PLAY A PART IN CHAN'S LIFE.. STILL MORE UNSUSPECTING IS CHARLIE HIMSELF....