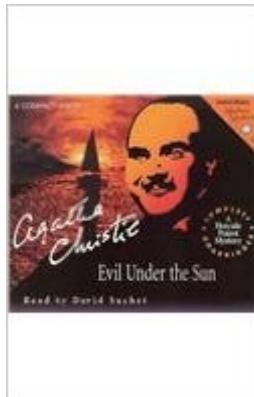


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Synopsis

At Devon's Jolly Roger resort, Arlena Stuart Marshall openly cavorts with Patrick Redfern while her husband and Patrick's wife helplessly watch. Later Arlena's lifeless body is found in the sand at a nearby cove. The evidence seems to point to Arlena's husband as the murderer, but Hercule Poirot, who just happens to be on holiday at the tony hotel, doesn't settle for such an easy answer. Everyone is a suspect, and the evidence includes voodoo practices, drug-smuggling, religious mania, bank withdrawals, mysterious love letters, and two murders from the past.

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The stories herein first appeared in various magazines; they're sorted here by original publication date rather than order of appearance in the book. "The King of Clubs" - (March, 1923) Valerie Saintclair, the famous dancer, has just been all over the papers, having discovered the murdered body of Henry Reedburn. Prince Paul of Maurania comes to Poirot, since he proposes to marry her, saying (in one breath), "We are living now in more enlightened days, free from the old caste prejudices," while *also* saying that 1) it'll be a morganatic marriage (i.e., the children would be out of the succession), and 2) it doesn't matter because she's actually the daughter of a Russian grand duchess. (He says that she's bound to secrecy, but has let him guess that much). In other words, Prince Paul is a pompous idiot, who half-suspects Mlle. Saintclair of murdering Reedburn, based on her reaction to a fortuneteller's card reading turning up the king of clubs (a fearsome man holding

her in his power), and he's hiring Poirot to find out what really happened. (If you have even a passing acquaintance with that method of fortunetelling, incidentally, don't let Christie's misuse of terms distract you from the facts of the case.) "The Affair at the Victory Ball" - (March, 1923) The Victory in question was the end of WW I. Young Lord Cronshaw and his fiancee Coco Courtenay attended the ball with several friends, all dressed as characters from the Italian Comedy, he as Harlequin, she as Columbine, and both died that night, she from a cocaine overdose in her flat, he with a table knife through his heart at the ball. (There are no Quin or Satterthwaite appearances, incidentally, despite the Harlequin references.

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