

THE TESTAMENT OF DOCTOR MABUSE

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POLLAND (BOSS) Mortimer, it's time to stop playing games. I've got a big job planned. You wanted to hire a new man. Where is he?

MORTIMER He's at my disposal. I'll bring him when you need him.

POLL (BOSS) Is he reliable? Efficient?

MORTIMER The boy's a fighter. He thinks fast, and he knows how to follow orders. What's more, he'll pull a trigger without asking any questions. Here's his picture.

POLL-BOSS Put it on the table. Thanks. Now let's get down to business. Did you ever hunt big game?

MORTIMER Yes. Don't forget I was stationed in Africa.

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POLL-BOSS Then you know how to catch a rhinoceros.

MORTIMER With a trap. First you dig a deep hole, and then you cover the hole up with reeds. The rhinoceros falls in and you tie him up.

POLL-BOSS That's how we're going to catch the armored truck carrying the shipment of Federal gold. A trap on Highway 24, covered with a thin layer of leaves.

MORTIMER So simple.

POLL-BOSS Good ideas are always simple. The complete plans, taking into account every eventuality, are over there on the table. You will see that they are carried out.

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WORKMAN Here comes Mortimer. Let's go--hurry! Come on, hurry!

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1ST EMPLOYEE A detour... That way.

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MORTIMER Everybody out. Your armored truck won't protect you. You're sitting on dynamite. I'll count to ten, and if you don't come out, you and your truck will be blown to bits.

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2ND EMPLOYEE Maybe that talk about dynamite's just bluff.

3RD EMP Yeah.

MORTIMER One, two, three, four, five six, seven, eight, nine..

1ST EMP Let's go.

MORTIMER Now drop your guns and put your hands up.

GULLIVER Turn around.

TONY Face the truck; go on.

JACK Hurry, hurry.

MORTIMER Nice work. Reload the gold.

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MORTIMER Load the gold, I said. Load the gold.

JACK Get going. Come on, hurry... Come on, get going.

MORTIMER Nobody ever got his fingers dirty from touching

gold, right? ...Faster, faster, gentlemen. We have a very tight schedule.

TONY Come on, faster; hurry up. Go on, go on.

GULLIVER You heard. Come on, hurry. Hurry, get going....

Faster, faster; go on, hurry. Come on, we haven't got all day.

HARRY Out of the way.

MORTIMER It's quite a walk back to town. Here's some change. Go take a bus. After all, we're not monsters.

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1ST FOREMAN Hay, come on, come on. Hurry. Over here, Here!

2ND FOREMAN Here, here. Come on, come on.

1ST FOREMAN All right, all right.

2ND FOREMAN Let's go; we can't waste any time.

1ST FOREMAN All right, back it up, back it up.

3RD FOREMAN Come on.

2ND FOREMAN Easy, easy...stop!

GULLIVER Hurry up, hurry, will you? (laughs)

MORTIMER Shh.....All right, let's go. Go on.

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KRUGER The report says that the gold is worth nearly one and a half million--minus the bus fare for the guards on the armored truck.

LOHMANN What?

KRUGER They've a sense of humor, eh?

LOHMANN I don't think it's very funny...When?

KRUGER Two hours ago.

LOHMANN Where?
KRUGER Not far. On Highway Twenty-four.
LOHMANN Come on.
KRUGER But what about your coffee, Inspector?
LOHMANN I'll drink it later.

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MORTIMER 109, 110, 111, 112... Is it all there?
3RD FOREMAN Yes, all there.
POLL*BOSS Splendid, men.
MORTIMER Good evening, Master.
POLL*BOSS Is the gold going into the smelting furnace, Mortimer?
MORTIMER Yes, right away.
POLL*BOSS You can pay off the men now. Who participated?
MORTIMER Harry drove the car, Frankie and Jack acted as our scouts.
POLL*BOSS Excellent.

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MORTIMER Ralph and Marty took care of the trap. They handled the garbage truck, too.
POLL*BOSS Good work.
MORTIMER Victor...
POLL*BOSS Congratulations, Victor. You stood the test.
MORTIMER And Eddy and Gulliver.
POLL*BOSS Thank you, Mortimer...
MORTIMER Yes, Master?
POLL*BOSS Over there on the table are the instructions for our

next job. The Diamond Exchange. You will see that they are carried out.

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MORTIMER Let's go....Eddy!

EDDY (screams)

POLL*BOSS You know that I am your Lord and Master. That's enough! Curiosity will be punished by death. Take him away. Mortimer, the replacement.

MORTIMER Yes, sir.

POLL*BOSS Thank you.

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