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THE TRINITY SERIAL

Chapter 6. in which Kate. encounters a duplicity of Dexters...

subdued and confused procession of students was being evacuated. I heard muttered jokes about burnt toast, bu not for long.

I reread the note still squashed in my hand:





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Sometimes you hear reports of churches burning down. I've never understood that. It's not that they ought to be protected by God, it's just they're made of stone. Granted there may be wooden rafters and a few mouldy hymn books, but even if they have candles in I just don't understand how they can be that flammable.

The Bodleian is a different matter. Dry, dusty books, temperature controlled atmosphere. They can't possibly fit sprinklers! No, I can see how that would burn.

By the time I got to Radcliffe Square there was already a cordon in place, and a great audience had gathered. The rumours had obviously spread quicker than the fire: the only trace we could see of what was happening was a thin column of dirty yellow smoke from the book stack vent beside the Rad Cam. The sky was grey and threatening but no helpful rain descended. I hurried along the middle of the High, past the crowds spilling off the pavements, past the cars stopped to gawp. It was eerily quiet - so many people but all talking in whispers.

The stacks under the Bodleian stretch far and wide. Noone seems to know for sure: even if you've been down in them you lose all sense of direction in the labyrinth. They rabbit warren under Broad Street, connecting the Old and New Bods like the Bridge of Sighs connects Hertford. But how far West do they go? Turl Street was closed, and a

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"Meet in The Flanders & Swann! Usual time!"

For some reason The Flanders & Swann is Rob's name for the Museum of the History of Science. He says that's who the heads on the doorpost look like.

It was clear I wasn't going to be able to meet him. But it was also clear he wouldn't be able to get to the rendez-vous either. Where was he now? I turned and came face to face with Dexter. I gave an involuntary wince but fortunately he seemed too anxious to notice. In fact he didn't seem to notice me at all.

"Hello," I said, against my better judgement.

He glanced at me with total incomprehension on his face. No shark grin or cockroach leer. For once he was more interested in the surroundings than in a female!

Then I understood why. The noise of the crowd swelled. I caught the words "trapped", "Exeter", "Staircase 6". We hadn't seen many fire officers, who were busy in the shadows. But now a small and well equipped gang rushed in. There was no smoke from Exeter, as far as we could tell, but shortly the team reappeared with a body. To the crowd's disappointment he was not covered with a blanket, but hobbling, supported by two hefty firemen. Beside me I felt Dexter stiffen and turn. Now the crowd he'd pushed his way through were preventing his escape. I took the opportunity to dig my heel hard into his toes in the crush.

The firemen and their charge made their way towards us. I felt my eyes widen in disbelief. Towards us, looking dishevelled but unmistakably sleazy, came Dexter. turned around but the Dexter I had been standing beside had escaped.

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Thu 31st

LUNCHTIME TALK / The colour library. Speaker: Roger Wagner / 12.30 pm. Free. / www.st-giles-church.org / St Giles Church. St Giles FROM THE BLACK HOLE TO GUANTANAMO BAY: INCARCERATION, SUFFERING AND POWER / LINDA COLLEY, Professor of History, Princeton University / 5.30pm / Main Hall, Taylor Institution, St Giles / Oxford Amnesty Lectures 2007 / Tickets on door: £5 (£3 concs) / All proceeds to Amnesty International / www.oxford-amnesty-lectures.org ISLAND OF THE DRAGON'S BLOOD / Leader's account of 1956 Expedition to remote Arabian island / OU Exploration Club / 8pm, £2 (£1) / www.ouec.org / Magdalen College Auditorium. Longwall St

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To be continued...

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Thu 31st

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Pete and Dud: Come Again

Oxford Playhouse, to Wednesday 30th May.

Peter Cook and Dudley Moore stand as one of the most significant alternative comedy acts of the last few generations. For all Monty Python's innovation, Pete and Dud arguably pushed the limits of comedy further, working with inspired spontaneity rather than scripted subversion. They picked up on Spike Milligan's momentum, developing a body of improvisational humour that paved the way for radical comedians everywhere, of radically variable quality, and have yet to be convincingly outdone at what they did best. In the touring version of the West End hit, Pete & Dud Come Again, we are plunged back into the golden age of the chat-show, being fed the narrative through the alternating formats of a television interview with Dud (and later incorporating Pete) and recreations of key events. This ambitious production is up for cramming over 30 years into two



hours, in a blend of old gags, new humour and biographical insight, to mixed effect.

Simon Lowe, a familiar face from television, puts in an uncannily convincing performance as Dudley Moore, the well-observed mannerisms and personality combining with his genuinely Moore-like appearance to remarkable effect. Gareth Tunley, in the Peter Cook role, fares a little less well. He has the harder task, of course; where Moore's attributes were largely visible and immediate, Cook was an inscrutable character whose deadpan exterior was a front for a much darker and more disturbing talent. The writers have worked hard to put across Cook's obsession with malevolence and Schadenfreude, but even Tunley's obvious ability fails to capture the demonic aggression of Cook's wit. Cook's famous line about being an only twin is more than just a play on words, of course. It reflects the loneliness of being unique, without the sense of having an

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equivalent in the world, however hard impersonators might try to be just that

The structure of the play is a little problematic at times. The chat-show format is a clever framing device, and well executed, but the chronological flow never feels entirely lucid, leaving the viewer with a slightly disjointed biography of the duo. There is an identity crisis at the heart of the production; neither pure comedy nor pure documentary it is, at times, at a loss as to where to devote its energies, to the extent that neither element is fully realised. Nor is it quite daring enough, when tackling the Derek and Clive era, to really reflect the extremes to which the pair were willing to go, which defeats the object. It is almost like getting a censored potted history that sanitises the gory bits in case the audience is offended. Which, of course, was the whole point.

That said, the writing is intelligent in its interpretation of key events, from the duo's early solidarity in subverting the Beyond the Fringe material to the later tensions between the two, offering an occasionally provocative and always broadly entertaining account of the mute dissolution of the relationship, played out here in the kind of public environment that might have appealed to them both. This shouldn't be taken as an attempt to recreate the duo's comedy, which would be a redundant affair, but rather as a speculative homage that is more likely to inspire a comforting nostalgia than to offer anything really new.

Jim Batty, 29/05/07