

JANE ARDEN

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JANE IS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF CATCHING TAVERN TERRY TROOP, HOT CHECK ARTIST—

TAVERN TERRY IS REGISTERED AT FOUR DIFFERENT HOTELS—AND HE CASHED CHECKS AT ALL OF THEM!

AND THEY WERE GOOD? THAT'S NO HELP—WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM PASSING A BAD ONE—LET'S LOOK UP HIS ACCOUNT!

YES, TROOP HAD AN ACCOUNT HERE FOR A WEEK—BUT HE CLOSED IT OUT TODAY!

BUT HE DIDN'T LEAVE TOWN—SA-AY—

YOU'RE THINKING THE SAME THING I AM—THIS WAS A BUILD-UP—NOW IS THE TIME FOR ME TO GET ON THE JOB!

THAT'S IT—HE WAS ESTABLISHING HIS CREDIT!

BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO PHONE THE BANK, MR. TROOP—AND THIS IS FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS!

LOOK HERE, YOU'VE CASHED CHECKS FOR ME BEFORE—I NEED THIS MONEY TODAY—A BIG BUSINESS DEAL!

LOOK—HERE ARE SOME CANCELLED CHECKS I CASHED RIGHT HERE—SEE, THAT'S YOUR ENDORSEMENT!

WELL, ALL RIGHT—THE OTHERS WERE GOOD—AND YOU'RE STOPPING HERE—

THANKS—QUITE A FAVOR!

OFFICER, ARREST THAT MAN!

YOU'VE GOT A BADGE—I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE—I'LL SUE THE HOTEL!

YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE OUT OF JAIL, MY FRIEND!

BUT ARE YOU SURE? HIS CHECKS HAVE BEEN GOOD BEFORE!

THAT WAS HIS TRICK TO WIN YOUR CONFIDENCE—HE CLOSED OUT THAT ACCOUNT TODAY!

AND MY \$500—

THAT'S THE EVIDENCE THAT'S GOING TO PUT TERRY OUT OF CIRCULATION—THEN YOU'LL GET IT BACK!

