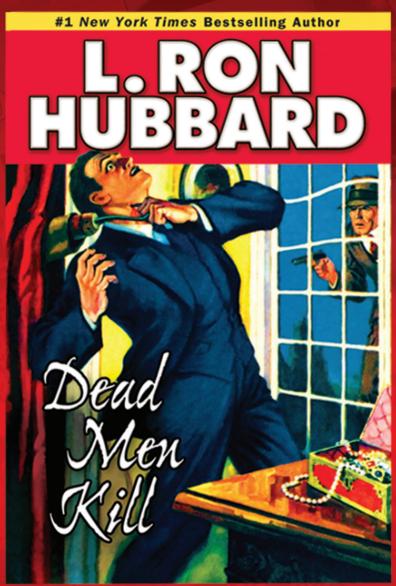


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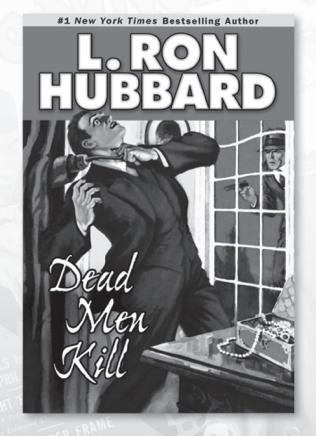
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About Dead Men Kill

Dead Men Kill:

(ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 1934
ISSUE OF THRILLING DETECTIVE)

Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane
investigates dual murders and
discovers that the killers are already
dead! Clue by clue, Lane unveils a plot
involving Haitian voodoo and stumbles
down a twisted trail toward the
evil Dr. Leroux—and a possible fate
worse than death.



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For this section circle the correct answers to fill in the blanks.



1. MAIN IDEA

What is the main idea of the story?

- There really are zombies in our world and we should be careful.
- There are some fates that are worse than death.
- Beautiful women cannot be trusted.
- Even if you have a mean boss, you should try to do your job well.

2. SEQUENCE

What belongs in the middle?

- a) Terry Lane finds a threatening note at a crime scene.
- b) _____
- c) Three zombies attack Terry and nearly kill him.
- Terry digs up the grave of the man who is said to have killed Gordon.
- Terry hides in a coffin.
- Terry gets another threatening note.
- Another man is killed by a zombie.

3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Loup-garou wants Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane to stop looking for him, so _____

- he leaves town and moves far away.
- he offers Terry lots of money to look the other way.
- he tries to reason with him.
- he threatens him with death if he doesn't quit the investigation and his job.

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Dawn Drayden works for Loup-garou but secretly hates him, so _____

- she kills him and turns him into a zombie.
- she hides where he will never find her.
- she helps Terry Lane capture him.
- she stops speaking to him and won't take his calls.

5. CONTEXT CLUES

The ring worn by the coroner, Dr. Charles Reynolds, is similar to ______

- a wedding ring.
- the shape of a police badge.
- a ring that Dawn Drayden wore.
- the handle of the knife used to tack the threatening note Terry received to the door.

6. CONTEXT CLUES

The receipt from the Haitian pharmacy is a good clue because _____

- it's printed on green paper.
- it is for a very large sum of money.
- it is the only clue they have.
- it has fingerprints on it.

7. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

Why do you think Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane keeps hunting *Loup-garou* in spite of the threats?

- He believes that if he catches him, Dawn Drayden will fall in love with him.
- He doesn't have anything more interesting to do.
- He is afraid of Inspector Leonard being angry with him.
- He knows that unless he catches him, many more people will die or become zombies.

8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

What do you think happens with Terry Lane's career after the book ends?

- He marries Dawn and moves to a safer city.
- He is a hero and gets a promotion.
- He decides he's had enough of crimefighting and quits.
- Inspector Leonard fires him for taking so long to solve the case.

9. FACTS AND DETAILS

Every time he and Terry Lane meet, Loup-garou is wearing _____

- a business suit.
- black leather shoes.
- a silk nightshirt.
- a green mask.

10. FACTS AND DETAILS

Dawn Drayden is _____ at the Club Haitian.

- the owner
- a bartender
- an entertainer
- a waitress

11. FACTS AND DETAILS

Loup-garou means _____

- voodoo queen.
- human hyena.
- black tiger.
- big boss.

12. FACTS AND DETAILS

Before the zombies strangle their victims, they always say, _____

- "Give me all your money."
- "This is your punishment."
- "You're a dead man now."
- "I have come to kill you."

13. FACTS AND DETAILS

Dawn Drayden hates Loup-garou because _____

- he hasn't been nice to her.
- he is a criminal.
- he killed her brother.
- he doesn't pay her enough.

14. FACTS AND DETAILS

When Terry Lane and Dawn hide to wait for Loup-garou, they conceal themselves _____

- upstairs.
- behind the door.
- in the bathroom.
- in caskets.

15. FACTS AND DETAILS

When Detective-Sergeant Lane finally is freed from the casket, he goes to save _____

- Dawn Drayden.
- the next rich victim.
- Loup-garou.
- Inspector Leonard.

Characters

CHARACTERS

Write about the following characters, and be sure to explain their relationships to the other characters.

DETECTIVE-SERGEANT TERRY LANE

LOUP-GAROU

DAWN DRAYDEN

Summary/SBQ

SUMMARY

Write a summary of the book on a separate piece of paper. You may prepare for an oral summary if you prefer.

SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

- 1. Why are the murders happening in the city so difficult to solve?
- 2. What is said in the note that Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane finds at Gordon's home when he goes to investigate?
- 3. Where is the second threatening note found?
- 4. What does Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane ask his chemist friend, Dr. Anton Kaler, to do?
- 5. What plan does Loup-garou come up with when Dawn begs him not to kill Lane?
- 6. What happens when Lane arrives at the house of the next victim (Morton) to save him?
- 7. How are Detective-Sergeant Lane and Dawn discovered hiding in the caskets?
- 8. How did Detective-Sergeant Lane figure out that Dr. Reynolds was Loup-garou?

Story-Based Discussion

SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

- 1. Why don't the three zombies kill Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane after attacking him in the cemetery?
- 2. What exactly happened to Dawn Drayden's brother?
- 3. How does Dr. Leroux (Loup-garou) turn his victims into zombies?

SAW (STORY-APPLIED WRITING)

Pick one topic below and write a complete response.

- 1. Rewrite the last chapter of the book, explaining what might happen if *Loup-garou* had not been caught.
- 2. Compare and contrast Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane with a character you have read about in another book.
- 3. Choose a few scenes from the book and rewrite them from Loup-garou's perspective.

Find the Meaning

For the following section circle the correct answers.

1. pallor means

- brilliant color
- unhealthy paleness
- lack of expression
- strong emotion

2. disheveled means

- extremely upset
- very tired
- nearly dead
- messed up; untidy

3. personable means

- hard to like
- quick to understand
- big and slow
- pleasant and polite

4. throng means

- thick mud
- large crowd
- large bush
- group of police

5. desecrate means

- look closely
- consider carefully
- damage something holy
- remember incorrectly

6. jest means

- act innocent
- talk nonstop
- poke with a stick
- joke playfully

7. ominous means

- beautiful
- threatening
- unhealthy
- dark colored

8. cower means

- play dead
- run away from
- cringe in fear
- act silly

9. resilience means

- attractiveness
- lack of color
- slowness of movement
- elasticity; flexibility

10. stifled means

- prevented or repressed
- covered with dust
- pretended to like
- hung on to something

Complete the Sentences

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

resilience disheveled

1. It is illegal to a grave.
 jest throng pallor desecrate
2. She was quite upset, but she her feelings and made the best of it.
 cower disheveled stifled resilience
3. If you all the time, no one will take you seriously.
 desecrate jest personable cower
4. The dark skies were so that he wished he had not gone hiking after al
 pallor stifled throng ominous
5. At any job interview, you want to be and knowledgeable.
 personable

Complete the Sentences

6. There	e was such a at the fair that we could hardly move through the midway.
•	jest ominous pallor throng
7. Becar to be	use of his, his mother immediately took his temperature and put him d.
•	cower pallor throng desecrate
8. After	being stored and unused for many years, his dive mask no longer had any
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9. Frigh	tened and alone, she could only in the alley and hope for help to arrive ne.
•	cower throng desecrate ominous
10. The	homeless man was and looked as if he had not eaten recently.
•	personable jest pallor disheveled

Quiz: Answers



1. MAIN IDEA

• There are some fates that are worse than death.

2. SEQUENCE

• Terry digs up the grave of the man who is said to have killed Gordon.

3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

• he threatens him with death if he doesn't quit the investigation and his job.

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

• she helps Terry Lane capture him.

5. CONTEXT CLUES

• the handle of the knife used to tack the threatening note to Terry to the door.

6. CONTEXT CLUES

• it is for a very large sum of money.

7. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

• He knows that unless he catches him, many more people will die or become zombies.

8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

He is a hero and gets a promotion.

9. FACTS AND DETAILS

• a green mask.

10. FACTS AND DETAILS

• an entertainer

11. FACTS AND DETAILS

human hyena.

12. FACTS AND DETAILS

• "I have come to kill you."

13. FACTS AND DETAILS

• he killed her brother.

14. FACTS AND DETAILS

• in caskets.

15. FACTS AND DETAILS

Dawn Drayden.

Characters: Answers

DETECTIVE-SERGEANT TERRY LANE

Terry Lane is the detective working the unusual case of people who are apparently being murdered by dead men! Of course, the zombie angle is hard to believe and his bad-tempered boss, Inspector Leonard, is far from helpful as Lane tries to make sense of it all. Terry is under the gun to catch the killer as more and more dead bodies pile up. First, he falls for the charms of a beautiful woman, Dawn Drayden, who claims to have information for him, but who then betrays him. He chases dead men, looking for a Haitian voodoo connection, and in his attempt to catch the man behind all the zombies and deaths, he ends up trapped in a coffin and nearly becomes one of the victims.

LOUP-GAROU

Loup-garou is the mastermind who has figured out how to make zombies and train them to kill. He extorts money from the rich men in the city, then uses zombies to murder them. He is determined to keep Terry Lane from bringing him to justice and he plans to turn him into a zombie and use him to kill his boss, Inspector Leonard. He nearly succeeds, but is finally caught—when Terry figures out that he is really Dr. Charles Reynolds, the coroner who has been certifying the dead all along.

DAWN DRAYDEN

Dawn Drayden is a beautiful entertainer at the Club Haitian, and she also works for Loup-garou, the zombie creator. She gains the trust of Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane by pretending to help him but later sets him up for capture. However, it turns out that Dawn is working for Loup-garou only to avenge the brother he killed when he first began his quest to create zombies. She ends up helping Terry Lane escape and then devises a plan to stop Loup-garou from continuing his crimes, putting herself in grave danger.

Story-Based Questions: Answers

SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

- 1. Why are the murders happening in the city so difficult to solve? They appear to be committed by dead men (zombies).
- 2. What is said in the note that Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane finds at Gordon's home when he goes to investigate?
 - That he is to leave the case and resign his position or he will be killed.
- 3. Where is the second threatening note found?

 Pinned to the body of a policeman who was shot.
- 4. What does Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane ask his chemist friend, Dr. Anton Kaler, to do? Check up on the pharmacy bill and on black magic.
- 5. What plan does Loup-garou come up with when Dawn begs him not to kill Lane?
 To turn Lane into a zombie and use him to kill Inspector Leonard so the whole police department will fear Loup-garou.
- 6. What happens when Lane arrives at the house of the next victim (Morton) to save him? He is himself attacked and held and Morton dies anyway.
- 7. How are Detective-Sergeant Lane and Dawn discovered hiding in the caskets? The one Detective-Sergeant Lane is in slides and crashes to the floor.
- 8. How did Detective-Sergeant Lane figure out that Dr. Reynolds was *Loup-garou*? The imprint of Reynolds' green serpent ring was on his jaw, yet it was *Loup-garou* who had punched him.

SBD/Find the Meaning: Answers

SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

- 1. Why don't the three zombies kill Detective-Sergeant Terry Lane after attacking him in the cemetery?
 - Loup-garou arrives and orders them to stop so that he can demand the pharmacy receipt and Lane's resignation.
- What exactly happened to Dawn Drayden's brother?
 Dr. Leroux (Loup-garou) had tried to turn him into a zombie before he knew enough about it and killed him instead.
- 3. How does Dr. Leroux (*Loup-garou*) turn his victims into zombies?

 He used drugs obtained from a voodoo priest that would leave people in a semihypnotic state and they would carry out any order given to them.

FIND THE MEANING

- 1. pallor means unhealthy paleness
- 2. disheveled means messed up; untidy
- 3. personable means pleasant and polite
- 4. throng means large crowd
- 5. desecrate means damage something holy
- 6. *jest* means joke playfully
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- 9. resilience means elasticity; flexibility
- 10. stifled means prevented or repressed

Complete the Sentences: Answers

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

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- 4. The dark skies were so ominous that he wished he had not gone hiking after all.
- 5. At any job interview, you want to be *personable* and knowledgeable.
- 6. There was such a throng at the fair that we could hardly move through the midway.
- 7. Because of his pallor, his mother immediately took his temperature and put him to bed.
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- 9. Frightened and alone, she could only *cower* in the alley and hope for help to arrive in time.
- 10. The homeless man was disheveled and looked as if he had not eaten recently.

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