

'Duel of the Sorcerers': By Patrick M Dransfield Front Cover and List of Characters



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List of characters

Alfin, Harish – Beyoglu tailor

Aloysius – an owl, the ‘Protector’ of Father Xavier

Ataturk, Mustafa Kemal, military commander during Gallipoli, founder of the Turkish Republic, 1920: (1881 – 1938)

Backhouse, Sir Edmund, 2nd Baronet, British oriental scholar. Exporter of stolen antiques from ‘The Forbidden City’, sometime double agent and forger of the Empress Dowager’s salacious diaries (1873 – 1944).

Beatty, David, Sir – 1st Earl, Vice Admiral of the Fleet, 1915 and part of the relief to the Boxer Rebellion, Tientsin, 1900 – (1871 – 1936)

Bernhardt, Sarah – French actress, (1844 – 1923)

Besarionis, Ioseb – original name of Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, Georgian Bolshevik and bank robber, (1878 – 1953)

Bey, Huseyin Raul, retired deputy commander, first division, Turkish Seventh Army – deputy to Ataturk

Chambers, John – Lieutenant-Colonel of submarine C-32

Chanel, ‘Coco’ – Gabrielle Bonheur, milliner, fashion icon (1883 – 1971)

Chen, Dong Dong – co-owner of laundries with Irish wife Lily, and coal-stocker on merchant ships

Churchill, Clementine, nee Hozier wife of Sir Winston, (1885 -1977)

Churchill, Winston – later Sir Winston. (‘Copper Head’). In 1916 Churchill was demoted from any significance office, by 1917 he was elevated to Minister of Military Procurement, (1874-1965)

Daffy, the dog – an Old English Sheepdog of about ten years of age; the ‘Protector’ of Guardian of the Water Element, Paul Tian-Kermode.

Do, Huang-Yi – owner of “Mr Do’s Oriental Antiques and Curios Emporium”, supporter of the previous Qing dynasty and ‘fence’ for Sir Edmund Backhouse.

Ganetsky, Yakov, AKA Jakub Furstenberg AKA ‘Kuba’ – Polish communist and financial wizard (1879-1937)

Green Flag Triad Gang – notorious and violent triad group based out of Shanghai and loyal to the Qing

Gurdjeef, Gregori – AKA Agwan Dordjief – of unknown birth place or date. Founder of ‘The Sarmoung Brotherhood’, Villain

Gursoy, Hariak, (Mrs) – widowed wife and mother of Sophia, sister of Huseyin Paul Bey, house keeper

Gursoy, Sophia – daughter of Mrs Hariak Gursoy, niece of Huseyin Bey

Guslafson, Alva Maria – elder sister of Marlene Dietrich, shop girl at Nordiska Kompaniet Department (1903 – 1926)

Hagan, Nathan – Sabbatian Jew and early Zionist. Recruited by Churchill for MI6 in 1908

Haigh, James – Detective- Inspector, (‘Hop-along’) operative of MI7, former soldier

Han, Yi Ling – (fictional) daughter of Charlie Han AKA Charlie Soong (1863-1918) – Guardian of the Fire Element of the Wu Xing, ‘Shanghai Lil’

Hari, Mata, AKA Margaretha Geertuida MacLoed, Dutch exotic dancer, (1876 – 1917)

Hong, Xiuquan – Hakka revolutionary, founder of the Taiping Rebellion, (1814 – 1864)

Iwasaki, Hiroaki – AKA Paul Tian-Kermode, Vice President of Mitsubishi International Bank, fictional brother of Koyatu Iwasaki (1879 -1945) and grandson of founder Yataro Iwasaki (1835-1885) (former samurai (Yamauchi Clan) and founder of the Mitsubishi franchise

Kidadl, Imanovic – ‘The Ukraine Homer’, gusle player and poet

Klig, Amrat – the unfaithful apprentice, fool, cheat, liar, necromancer and nemesis to Mathonwy in ‘Duel of the Sorcerers’

Krupskaya, Nadezhda, wife of Lenin (1898 – 1924)

Lavarevich-Gelfand, Israel , AKA 'Parvus' , AKA Helphand, AKA ‘Hans Freiher’ – Bolshevik conspirator, economist and journalist (1867 – 1924)

Leclair, Maurice – Secretary to the Minister of Military Procurement, Winston Churchill

Leverick, Philip, - Sub-Lieutenant of the submarine C-32

Lindhagen, Carl – Mayor of Stockholm, Swedish lawyer, pacifist (1860 – 1946)

Lowther, Sir Gerard – Ambassador to Constantinople 1908 (1858 -1916)

Mathonwy – the ‘wizard’ and older sorcerer in ‘The Duel of the sorcerers’.

Meir, Mose – early film distributor, Odessa (later Hollywood)

Mentese, Halil – the ‘Fourth Pasha’, government minister during the last days of the Ottoman Empire and considered to be largely responsible for ordering the Armenian Massacre (1870 – 1948).

Mercer, Paul – Constable, Liverpool Constabulary

Mor, Caitlin – born Ruthin, Clwyd, Wales – Guardian of the Earth Element of the Wu Xing

Morozov, Boris Antonevich, former secretary to the Petrograd Sewage Department, father of Natalia

Morozov, Natalia, daughter of Boris

Munthe, Axel, Doctor – Swedish author of ‘The Story of San Michele, owner of Tiberius’ former palace, Villa San Michele, reluctant land lord to Contessa Luisa di Soncino de Stampa and ‘The Tired Hedonists’, (1857 – 1949)

Nilsson, Otto – member of ‘The Sarmoung Brotherhood’ and under-secretary of the Swedish Socialist

Novak, Sergei, Czech waiter at the Sale Pavilion Hotel, MI6 helper

Paella, Father Ignatius – Father Pombo’s superior at the Jesuit Mission in the Forbidden City, former ‘Master Guardian’ of ‘The Wu Xing’.

Paraskivis, Kyria – wife of Petrus, and ‘The Terror of Therapia’

Paraskivis, Petrus – Cretan boatman beekeeper and father-in-law of Huseyin Bey

Parker, Thomas Laurent – Colonel, AKA Abdus Sabur, ‘Servant of the Patient One’ – Arab Bureau of the Foreign Office

Pombo, Father Xavier – born in Porto, Portugal, 1861, attended the Igesia di Sao Francisco Jesuit Seminary: part of the China Mission founded by Father Matteo Ricci at the Imperial Court of Peking and ‘Master Guardian’ of The Wu Xing.

Schachter, Zachary – Rabbi, Hassidic Jew of Odessa

Slater’s Detective Agency – kidnapers of Sun Yat Sen, 1896, international detective agency employed by the Qing dynasty and their sympathizers

Slim – Alabama, jazz pianist

Souchon, Wilhelm, Admiral of the German fleet in Black Sea (1864 – 1946)

Stampa, Luisa di Soncino de– Contessa, Italian heiress, muse and patron of the arts, friend of ‘Coco’ Chanel. Had two leopards and was the outrageous tenant of Dr Axel Munthe’s Tiberian Villa (1881 – 1957)

Stevessen, Johanne – shop assistant, Nordiska Kompaniet *Department Store*, *Stockholm Store*

Taliesin – Hare, the Protector of the Guardian of the Earth Element, Caitlin Mor

Thompson, Kathlene – Red Cross volunteer, quaker, scholar of Coleridge – from a rich cotton family of Lancashire.

Thompson, Ross – Captain of HMS Agamemnon, First World War.

Tian, Ai -16th century Kaifeng, China. A Chinese Jew who met Matteo Ricci in 1605 (b.c. 1545)

Tian, Mary, nee Kermode – mother of Sarah and Paul, ‘wife’ of William Tian

Tian, William Xiao Sing – born in Nanjing, 1864. Father of Sarah and Paul, husband of Mary

Tian, Xiao Ming – born China ? died 1864, Shanghai – father of William, Grandfather of Sarah and Paul Tian-Kermode.

Tian, Paul Alphonsius Sima – born Liverpool 1893. Guardian of the Water Element

Tian-Kermode, Sally – elder sister of Paul

Ulyanov, Vladimir Ilyich– AKA Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, leader of the Bolsheviks (1870 – 1924)

Wangenheim, von Hans Freiher, diplomat and Ambassador for Germany to Constantinople, (1859 – 1915)

Whig, Simon – AKA Hunter Bowes, Anglo-Indian, private in the Yeomanry (the British Army Reserves)

Wilhelm 11, Kaiser, last German Emperor, (1859 – 1941)

Xiao Lung – or ‘Cuddles’, the Protector of the Guardian of the Fire Element, Li Ying Han

Zhang, Old Man Bones – born Huangzhou a very, very long time ago.