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ANNA

I know no one in Bangkok at all.

INTERPRETER

Are you married, sir?

ANNA

I am a widow.

INTERPRETER

What manner of man – your deceased husband?

ANNA

My husband was an officer in Her Majesty's Army in—

She suddenly stiffens.

Tell your master his business with me is in my capacity of schoolteacher to the royal children. He has no right to pry into my personal affairs.

CAPTAIN ORTON tries to signal a warning, but she turns to him impatiently.

CAPTAIN ORTON

I don't think I would, Ma'am...

ANNA

(interrupting him)

Well, he hasn't, Captain Orton.

LOUIS

(to ANNA, pointing toward the KRALAHOME)

I don't like that man!

BEGIN

KRALAHOME

In foreign country is best you like everyone – until you leave.

ANNA

(startled)

Your Excellency. I had no idea you spoke English.

KRALAHOME

It is not necessary for you to know everything at once. You come with me now. Your boxes are carried to palace – later.

ANNA

No. Not to the palace. I am not living at the palace.

KRALAHOME

Who say?

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The King say... Says! The King has promised me twenty pounds a month and a house of my own.

KRALAHOME

King do not always remember what he promise. If I tell him he break his promise, I will make anger in him. I think it is better I make anger in him about larger matters.

ANNA

Your Excellency, I came here to work. I must support myself and my young son. And I shall take nothing less than what I have been promised.

KRALAHOME

You will tell King this?

ANNA

I will tell King this.

The faint suggestion of a smile curls the corner of the KRALAHOME's mouth.

KRALAHOME

It will be very interesting meeting. You come now?

ANNA does not answer.

You come now, or you can stay on boat. I do not care!

END

He turns toward gangway and starts to go.

CAPTAIN ORTON

(going to ANNA, sympathetically)

Ma'am, if you wish to stay on my ship and return to Singapore—

ANNA

No, thank you, Captain Orton.

(to KRALAHOME)

Your Excellency – I will go with you.

KRALAHOME

To the palace?

ANNA

(grimly)

For the time being.

The KRALAHOME smiles and exits. ANNA turns to CAPTAIN ORTON.