

The Eye of the Tiger by Wilbur Smith**1**

- 1 He is the owner of the *Wave Dancer*.
- 2 It is a boat with two engines.
- 3 Harry's crew.
- 4 Because he owned the *Wave Dancer*.
- 5 'Don't I know you?' and, 'You're from London, aren't you?'
- 6 He was planning to go diving.
- 7 Chubby and Angelo.
- 8 At St Mary's, an island off the coast of East Africa.
- 9 His life on St Mary's had been happy and peaceful. Now he knew that Materson and Guthrie were bringing trouble.
- 10 (a) A hard and dangerous life. (b) No.

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- 1 He ran away from home and got a job on a ship.
- 2 He became a soldier.
- 3 He wanted to have a boat and a home by the sea. And he wanted peace.
- 4 He planned to steal some gold.
- 5 Manny Resnick. Yes, the crime did succeed.
- 6 He laughed. And he said, 'You'll be back, Harry. Let me know when you've planned another job like this one.'
- 7 He bought the *Wave Dancer*. And he bought some land on St Mary's and built a little house there.
- 8 Because he was friendly-looking.
- 9 Because the police there did not always welcome strangers.
- 10 He asked for more money and Materson said he would get it.
- 11 He knew the seas very well. And he knew every island and reef. If they told him what they were looking for, he could help them to find it quickly. Then it would cost them less money.
- 12 'Well, it's the dawn li—'
- 13 Materson told him to keep quiet.
- 14 Materson told Harry that he knew who he was. And Jimmy found what they were looking for.
- 15 He thought that Materson and the others were looking for treasure. And he wanted his share of it.

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- 1 When the tide was high.
- 2 One hour.
- 3 Yes. A very dangerous way out, through the back of the reef.
- 4 Because the tide was not right.
- 5 'Built by North's Underwater World, 5 Pavilion Arcade, Brighton, Sussex'.
- 6 Because Jimmy had wrapped it in a strong cloth.
- 7 Guthrie shot him in the chest.

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- 1 There was a rope hanging from the boat. He pulled himself up this rope.
- 2 They had killed Jimmy. Now they were going to look for Harry's body, because they were afraid someone else would find it. They would kill him if they found him alive.
- 3 Guthrie reached out to pick up his gun. A huge wave hit the boat. Guthrie dropped the gun and slipped in the blood on the deck.
- 4 Harry threw his knife at Guthrie's back. It killed him.
- 5 When Harry woke up for the first time, he was still on

the deck of the *Wave Dancer*. There was no land in sight. When he woke up for the second time, he was near Gull Island.

- 6 He pushed it over the side of the boat.
- 7 Chubby.

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- 1 She was Angelo's girlfriend. Her pretty face helped Harry to get better fast. She was a receptionist at the Hilton Hotel. When tourists wanted to hire a boat to go fishing, she gave them Harry's name.
- 2 He smuggled goods across to the African coast in the *Wave Dancer*.
- 3 To get the bundle under the water.
- 4 (a) She said she was Sherry North. She said that she was Jimmy North's sister. (b) She said that Jimmy knew where there were some nuclear missiles under the sea. She thought that Jimmy had told Harry where they were. She wanted to know where they were. (c) No.
- 5 The missiles.
- 6 He says that perhaps he can help.

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- 1 It was the wrong shape.
- 2 So that Sherry could not start the *Wave Dancer's* engines.
- 3 Excitement.
- 4 WN LI.
- 5 She had not opened the taps on the gas cylinders.
- 6 The taps on the gas cylinders.
- 7 The boat would be dangerous. It could explode like bomb.
- 8 She went to tidy up the boat for Harry.
- 9 (a) That Miss North had left for the airport an hour ago. (b) Because he thought that she would be in danger on the *Wave Dancer*. He thought that Sherry North had planned to kill him.
- 10 There was a bright blue flash and a terrible explosion. The boat was lifted out of the water. Then it fell and disappeared.

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- 1 Because he had no boat and no job. And he had no money because the boat was not insured.
- 2 Who was she? What did she want? Why had she been so excited when she had seen the ship's bell? And why had she told so many lies?
- 3 Sherry had sent him a cable from the Hilton Hotel.
- 4 It was written on the side of the sledge Jimmy had used.
- 5 To go to England, and then to go to Brighton.
- 6 She said she was Sherry North. And she said that she had seen Harry's picture in the papers.
- 7 He told her the whole story.
- 8 He heard Sherry North talking on the phone. She was talking quickly and quietly.
- 9 (a) Jimmy had started to say them on the *Wave Dancer*. (b) WN LI.
- 10 On Gunfire Reef.
- 11 The Tiger Throne of India.

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- 1 It was a gold seat covered with jewels. It was shaped like a tiger's face. It had belonged to an Indian prince.
- 2 Five.
- 3 Because that is where Harry had found the ship's bell.

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4 No.

5 They planned to use Jimmy's notes and papers. They planned to go diving from Chubby's old whaleboat.

6 (a) She thought it was beautiful. She thought it was like heaven. (b) A strange look. (c) Because he loved Sherry, and he thought she loved him.

7 In some caves on the hillside.

8 They could only work there when the tide was right.

9 The other "Sherry" with her friends.

10 Chubby's friends there would tell him.

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1 (a) The same crest Harry had seen on the ship's bell.

(b) It was inside a fish he had caught in the pool at Gunfire Break.

2 There was a blue pattern on the piece of plate. And also the crest Harry had seen on the ship's bell.

3 To break up the coral and get the boxes out of the ship.

4 (a) A quiet life on St Mary's. Another *Wave Dancer*. And Sherry North. (b) He would have to stay friends with the President of St Mary's. He would have to get a lot of money. And he would have to wait.**10**

1 (a) She was the blonde girl who had called herself Sherry North. (b) Manny Resnick. (c) He could put Harry in prison for years.

2 Because the girl had killed Judith.

3 The strange, hard look had returned.

4 They did not want anyone to see them on the boat.

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1 They fixed some explosives to the wreck. The explosion tore off one of the big guns from the ship. There was a hole which was big enough to swim through.

2 The Tiger Throne.

3 The explosion had killed hundreds of fish. The water was full of their blood. A shark had come to feed on the fish.

4 They did not want to meet any more sharks.

5 They had to get the treasure out before Manny Resnick came looking for them.

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1 Whenever they moved something, it stirred up mud and rotten wood. It was impossible to see anything.

2 Large gold plates.

3 They went to borrow a pump from Chubby's uncle. They wanted the pump to clean all the mud and rotten wood out of the hold.

4 The gold plates.

5 Manny Resnick.

6 (a) It had been to Gull island. (b) They started asking questions.

7 The pump and an automatic rifle.

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1 (a) Gold. (b) The great diamond eye had been there.

2 In a smaller box. They had been pulled off the Throne and packed together.

3 About the size of a chicken's egg.

4 That he had already made his plans.

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1 Chubby. Under the sand near the palm trees. The automatic rifle.

2 She sometimes looked at him in a strange way.

3 The *Mandrake*. He started to run down towards the caves.

4 He told Chubby to get the rifle. He told Angelo to stay with Sherry.

5 Sherry.

6 Because he was dead.

7 He threw his knife at one of Resnick's men and killed him. He took his machine gun.

8 To go down to the beach.

9 Harry wanted Resnick to think he was alone.

10 Because Resnick's men would kill Sherry if he did.

11 She did not know where it was. Harry and Chubby had hidden it while she was asleep.

12 He said that if Harry told him where the treasure was, he could have Sherry back.

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1 Harry Bruce was Harry Fletcher's real name. Lorna Page was the blonde girl who had said she was Sherry North.

2 Resnick's eyes were cold and hard when he said that he would let Harry go.

3 She had pulled out her finger nails.

4 It was the signal he had planned with Chubby. When he saw it, Chubby fired the explosives.

5 To protect them from the explosion.

6 Harry felt for the machine gun which he had buried in the sand. He killed the guards Resnick had sent with Sherry and him.

7 He wanted to get back to his whaleboat because Resnick's men were trying to sink it. As he ran after Harry, one of the men shot him.

8 It exploded.

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1 He was going to put the treasure in a coffin and send it to Zurich. He wanted Sherry to fly to Zurich. He wanted her to say that the coffin contained the body of her husband. No one would look in it. Then Harry would sell the treasure in Zurich.

2 *Student's own answer. It could say that she was trying to tell him that they would not always be together.*

3 He booked a flight back to St Mary's for 1.20 p.m. on the following day.

4 There were five men. They were policemen.

5 He asked the girl at the Information Desk to make an announcement. It asked Sherry to come to the Desk. The girl asked Sherry to take a call in a phone booth. Harry was waiting in the next phone booth. He opened the door of the booth Sherry had gone into and told her to turn round.

6 Manny Resnick had killed her.

7 It was with the President of St Mary's.

8 To stop him going back to Turtle Bay, or to join him there.

9 Harry would get the rest of the Tiger Throne up from the wreck. It would then belong to the people of St Mary's. In return for getting the throne up from the wreck, Harry would get a new boat.

10 The gold plates.

11 Her real name.