The Maltese Falcon

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

a Effie Perine was wearing a brown cotton dress. .....

b When the police found Miles, his watch was still in his pocket. .....

c Spade told the policemen he didn't know anything about business. .....

d Miles Archer was shot three times in the back. .....

e Spade kissed Iva Archer on the forehead. .....

f Spade thought that Brigid was a good secretary. .....

g Spade asked Effie to send some money to Iva. .....

2 Finish the sentences with the right words.

toe hand neck face chest eyes head

a Sam Spade had a long and bony .....

b Effie Perine was tall and had playful .....

c Miles Archer had wide shoulders and a thick .....

d Polhaus pointed to his ..... with his finger.

e Iva Archer was dressed in black from head to .....

f The doorman shook his ..... when Spade asked about Miss Wonderly.

g The manager of the hotel held out his ..... to Spade.

Chapters 3–4

3 Find the right words in Chapters 3–4.

a Something that is often funny and never serious. (p. 18) .....

b A part of a piece of clothing where you put things. (p. 20) .....

c People burn wood in this to keep the living room warm in winter. (p. 21) .....

d You could say somebody's face is this if it has no color. (p. 23) .....

e People make this sound when they are hurt or frightened. (p. 25) .....

f It means to ask for something when you really need it. (p. 27) .....

g The back part of a shoe or boot. (p. 28) .....

4 Answer the questions.

a What was the young man standing near Spade's apartment wearing? .....

b How did Spade know that Cairo was going to the theater? .....

c Why was Iva angry when she was talking to Spade? .....

d What did Brigid hit Cairo on the forehead with? .....

e Why did Spade tell the police he had invited Cairo to his apartment? .....

f Who did Spade tell the police the gun belonged to .....

g On what part of his body did Dundy hit Spade? .....

Chapters 5–6

5 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Brigid had once touched the falcon in Constantinople.

b While Brigid was dressing, Spade put her apartment key back in her coat.

c The hotel detective told Spade that Cairo hadn't slept in his room the previous night.

d Miles's wife didn't believe that her husband was meeting a woman.

e Iva went to a cinema until after midnight and then went home.

f The taxi driver that took Brigid to the pier had a pale face.

g Spade didn't move or touch anything in Brigid's apartment.

6 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

sleep	up
take hold	deeply
stand	drink
go	away
leave	business
waste	a message
pour a	of
do	time

Chapters 7–8

7 Circle the right word or words.

a Brigid thought the falcon was made of black *wood / stone*.

b Brigid hid a gun *under her pillow / in her bag*.

c Iva thinks that Effie *doesn't like her / is afraid of her*.

d Gutman had *no hair / very little hair* on his head.

e When Spade left Gutman's room he *walked down the stairs / took an elevator*.

f Iva knew her husband was working because he *had a gun / was following someone*.

g The taxi driver was *angry / nervous* that Spade was asking questions.

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8 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

a ☐ The boy kicked Spade in the head.
b ☐ A dying man comes into Spade's office.
c ☐ Spade notices that part of a news paper is missing.
d ☐ Effie and Spade have an argument.
e ☐ Spade gives Gutman the boy's pistols.
f ☐ Spade meets Polhaus in a bar.

9 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

a floor Spade the up get tried from to
……..
b sleeping on desk Effie with head was her the
……
c University at who cousin the had Effie a taught ……..
d cleaned nose the Effie off her mark on
……
e opened The door a came and man in office
……
f hand Spade's was blood with man's covered the ……..
g with cut Spade rope his the pocket-knife
……..

10 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a The Knights wanted to show that they were tluregaf, …… so they gave the Emperor a bird.
b After he had drunk the drink, Spade couldn't see ayercll …….
c Bryan thought Thursby worked as a agodrbyud …… for Monahan.
d Spade wrote the number of the taxi on the back of an lvenoepe …….
e A guard heard a stuhngo …… and went down into the boat.
f Brigid sounded terndefgih …… when she called from the hotel.
g Spade edecvor …… the falcon with brown paper.

Chapters 9–10

11 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

a The girl in apartment 12-C talked with difficult difficulty.
b The fat man looked exciting excited when Spade said something could be hidden in the house.
c Spade thought that giving Cairo to the police was not as good than as Wilmer.
d Cairo remembered seeing saw Brigid and Jacobi together.
e Brigid said that she hadn't took taken the money. …… were unclear but not in Donté's case.
f The falcon was so easier easy to steal because it was a fake.
g Brigid said she had to waited wait in San Francisco until the boat arrived.

12 Finish the sentences with the right words.

at beside out around under between of

a Spade tried to put his arms …….. the drugged girl's knees.
b Brigid ran up the steps and put her arms …….. Spade's neck.
c Spade took …….. the money from the envelope and counted it.
d Cairo didn't think that Spade was afraid …….. the police.
e Gutman apologised to Spade about laughing …….. his plan.
f Cairo was sitting …….. the young boy's head.
g Brigid was standing …….. the table and the wall.

13 Write the names next to the person who says or thinks this.

Gutman Effie Rhea Gutman Spade Brigid Cairo Wilmer

a "Please don't call a doctor. My father will kill me." ……
b "They wouldn't want to shoot me before they had the bird." ……
c "I don't like the plan at all. I'll die before I go to the police." ……
d "If you lose one thing, you can always get another, but there is only one falcon." ……..
e "You are an idiot! Why did you tell him the falcon was valuable?" ……..
f "Please talk to me kindly sweetheart. I didn't mean to do anything bad." …….
g "Don't touch me now. Someone is in the office to see you." ……

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1 What's first? Number the sentences 1–10.

a ☐ Gutman puts a drug in Spade's drink.
b ☐ The police come to Spade's apartment and find Cairo with a cut on his forehead.
c ☐ A very tall man carrying the falcon, dies in Spade's office.
d ☐ Gutman discovers that the falcon is a fake.
e ☐ Miss Wonderly tells Spade a story about her sister and a man called Thursby.
f ☐ Spade tells Gutman they have to give the boy, Wilmer, to the police.
g ☐ Spade gives Brigid to the police.
h ☐ Spade finds a drugged girl in Gutman's hotel room.
i ☐ Spade refuses to tell the District Attorney anything about the murders.
j ☐ Joel Cairo tells Spade he wants to buy the falcon for 5000 dollars.

2 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Wilmer Cairo Polhaus Gutman Iva Brigid Effie Sid Wise Spade Jacobi

a ..... had an unhappy marriage and was seeing another man.
b ..... fell asleep in an office because someone had hit him.
c ..... was a lawyer who worked for a private detective.
d ..... knew a lot of people who worked in hotels.
e ..... was worried because a woman hadn't arrived at her house.
f ..... told a story about the history of the Maltese Falcon.
g ..... kicked a man in the head who was lying on the floor.
h ..... was shot five or six times in the chest and died in an office.
i ..... had to take off some clothes in a bathroom.
j ..... was a policeman that quite liked a private detective.

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Lieutenant Dundy believed that Spade often told the truth.
b Joel Cairo and the young man, Wilmer, were relatives.
c Iva Archer followed her husband on the night of his death.
d On her way to the pier in the taxi, Brigid stopped to buy a newspaper.
e Gutman knew nothing about the falcon except it was worth a lot of money.
f Nobody knows the true value of the falcon.
g Effie's cousin, the history teacher, thought the falcon story was a lie.
h Spade and the District Attorney, Bryan, were good friends.
i Captain Jacobi was killed by Joel Cairo because he had the falcon.
j Effie collected the package containing the falcon, and brought it to Spade's house.

4 Answer these questions.

a What were the three second names that Brigid used?
b Why did Iva Miles think that Spade might have shot her husband?
c Why did the two policemen enter Spade's house after they had talked to him in the doorway?
d Who did the boy that was always following Spade work for?
e Which woman went to see Spade's lawyer, Sid Wise?
f Why was the falcon covered in black enamel?
g What did Spade have on his forehead after his visit to Gutman's room?
h How did Spade find out that *La Paloma* had arrived from Hong Kong?
i Where did Spade leave the bird to keep it safe?
j Who did Brigid give the bird to in Hong Kong?

5 Circle the right word or words.

a Spade thought that Brigid was not an *honest / intelligent* woman.
b Spade took *five thousand / two hundred dollars* from Cairo.
c Brigid suggested that Cairo had a *boyfriend / wife*.
d Iva often calls Spade at his *office / house*.
e The Maltese Falcon *had been called by many names / had many owners*.
f Gutman was in San Francisco with his *niece / daughter*.
g Spade found a copy of the *Call* in *Cairo's room / Brigid's apartment*.
h Gutman's daughter told Spade to go to a *house / hotel room* to find Brigid.
i The fire on *La Paloma* was caused by *a gunshot / matches*.
j Gutman found gray *stone / metal* under the enamel of the falcon.

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