

## **What Inspector James Harrington knew:**

He has been investigating a series of murders for nearly a year, a case known as The Egyptian murders—so called because seventeen of the dead were native to Egypt. Jackson Elias interviewed the Inspector about the case.

(1) Jackson Elias told him that the murders were ritual killings by the Brotherhood of the Black Pharaoh, an Egyptian death cult. Barrington interviewed Edward Gavigan of the Penhew Foundation about this; Gavigan denied that the cult has any modern-day equivalent or that the method of murder imitated those of the ancient cult. Gavigan implied that Elias was a sensation-seeking profiteer.

(2) A favorite Egyptian nightspot in London is the Blue Pyramid Club, in Soho. Many of those who were murdered had frequented the club, but police stake-outs learned nothing.

(3) Before dying, one victim reportedly cried out "Hotep!", an ancient Egyptian word meaning "rest" or "peace", according to Edward Gavigan.

(4) A spice dealer, Tewfik al-Sayed, was interviewed. He had once guided an Egyptian expedition for the Penhew Foundation. Tewfik also denied that the Brotherhood of the Black Pharaoh still existed. A police tail learned nothing.