

21. Little Sister Will Do Exactly As Big Brother Says

1. page 405-408. **The six friends were seated...dead for twelve years.** Our descriptions of the early Margery séances were drawn from J. Malcolm Bird, "*Margery*" *The Medium* (London : John Hamilton, 1925), 13-14, 17-23, 33-48 and Thomas R. Tietze's comprehensive biography, *Margery* (New York : Harper & Row, 1973), 1-2, 16-22.

2. page 408. **Margery married Earl Rand, a grocer. / The new couple continued to purchase...** "Bunk, Says Former Husband Of Psychic Margery", unidentified newspaper clipping, December 2, 1924, from a scrapbook in the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

3. page 408. **Dr. Le Roi Goddard Crandon...** Crandon's full name on listing for lecture on Margery at the Abraham Lincoln Centre, Chicago, Ill., 1928. From a scrapbook in the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

4. page 408. **"Bellybutton Crandon"** Personal communication from Anna Thurlow to authors. He was nicknamed "Button Hole Crandon" because he created a technique for appendectomies that consisted of "going through the belly button." Nickname was also noted by stepson, John H. Crandon in a letter to Crandon's daughter Mary Ann, October 25, no date, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection. Crandon would perform appendectomies "through a tiny 'button-hole' incision for which he had become famous"

5. page 408. **joined Boston Yacht Club...** John H. Crandon letter to Mary Ann, October 25, no date, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

6. page 408. **honeymooned each bride at the exact ...Bahamas.** Personal communication from Anna Thurlow.

7. page 409. **“It is different...”** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Crandon, June 29, 1923. From the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

8. page 409. **“My little circle...”** Crandon To Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, July 5, 1923. From the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

9. page 410. **seances before various....** J. Malcolm Bird, *“Margery” The Medium* (London : John Hamilton, 1925), 134-142.

10. page 410. **Doyle remembered Crandons “charming” wife fondly...** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Crandon, April 20, 1924. From the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

11. page 410. **“You will be doing the human race...”** W.S. Davis to Houdini, May 24, 1922. From the collection of Tom Boldt.

12. page 410. **“no fewer than four of them...”** Harry Houdini, *A Magician Among The Spirits-The Original Manuscript* (Washington, D.C., Kaufman & Greenberg, 1996), 139.

13. pages 410-411. **Almira Bezely...prompted her actions.** Ibid, 147-148.

14. page 411. **“The publishing of my book had been...”** Houdini to Upton Sinclair, June 10, 1924, citation by Maurine Christopher from, Harry Houdini, *A Magician Among The Spirits-The Original Manuscript* (Washington, D.C., Kaufman & Greenberg), 1996, 9.

15. page 411. **“In September the earth will be...”** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *Pheneas Speaks*, annotated typescript version, 13-14, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.

16. page 411. **“Every sect is done for...”** Ibid, 15-16.

17. page 412. **bell box in the seance room...** J. Malcolm Bird, *“Margery” The Medium* (London : John Hamilton, 1925), 392, 397-398.

18. page 412. **Walter’s finger when it pressed down on the box...** Ibid, 397-398.

19. page 412. **“Never mind the circle...”** Ibid.

20. page 412. **“WOMAN ASTOUNDS PSYCHIC EXPERTS...”** *New York Times*, June 19, 1924.

21. page 413. **“Margery, The Boston Medium....”** *New York Times*, July 22, 1924.
Also cited by Joseph F. Rinn, *Sixty Years Of Psychical Research* (New York : Truth Seeker Company, 1950), 472.

22. page 413. **George Valiantine...** “Medium Trapped By Electric Lights”, *New York Times*, May 27, 1923.

23. page 413. **Nino Pecoraro...** “Tie Up Boy Medium; Find Trance Is Real”, *New York Times*, December 19, 1923. Also see Harold Kellock, *Houdini His Life Story* (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Company, 1928), 325.

24. pages 413, 415. **“We continue to sit with the...surgically if necessary.”** Crandon to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, June 6, 1924, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.

25. page 415. **“It is not [Houdini’s] clever...”** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Crandon, July 11, 1924, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

26. page 415. **“Harry Houdini, he sure is a Sheeny...”** Minutes from Margery sitting in Boston, July 11, 1924, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.
27. page 415. **July 23, 1924....Crandon, M.D.** Crandon to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, July 23, 1924, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.
28. page 416. **“Very interesting converstation...”** Crandon to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, July 30, 1924, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.
29. page 416. **“Towards me...”** Harry Houdini, *Exposes the tricks used by the Boston Medium “Margery”* (New York : Adams Press Publishers, 1924), 7.
30. page 416. **“Well, gentlemen, I’ve got her...”** J. Malcolm Bird, *“Margery” The Medium* (London : John Hamilton, 1925), 413.
31. page 416. **“It couldn’t have...”** Ibid.
32. page 417. **“That’s the slickest ruse...”** Harry Houdini, *Exposes the tricks used by the Boston Medium “Margery”* (New York : Adams Press Publishers, 1924), 8.

33. page 417. **he had worn a tight “silk rubber”...** “Houdini Report Calls Margery’s ‘Spooks’ Bogus”, unidentified New York newspaper, 1924, from the Egyptian Hall Houdini scrapbook in the collection of George Daily.
34. page 417. **“Will I denounce...”** Harry Houdini, *Exposes the tricks used by the Boston Medium “Margery”* (New York : Adams Press Publishers, 1924), 10.
35. page 417. **“You have garters...”** Ibid.
36. page 418. **“You, Munn and Houdini...”** Crandon to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, July 30, 1924, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.
37. page 418. **“I know something...”** Personal communication from Larry Weeks.
38. page 418-419. **Sir William Crookes...for their assignations.** Harry Houdini, *A Magician Among The Spirits-The Original Manuscript* (Washington, D.C. : Kaufman & Greenberg, 1996), 62-63. Trevor Hall, *The Spiritualists:The story of Florence Cook and William Crookes* (Helix Press, 1963), citation from Milbourne Christopher, *Mediums, Mystics & The Occult* (New York : Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1975), 171.
39. page 419. **Joseph Rinn, Houdini’s ghost-busting....** Joseph F. Rinn, *Sixty Years Of Psychical Research* (New York : Truth Seeker Company, 1950), 30.

40. page 419. **Kubler-Ross had clients have sex** Eric Dingwall to James Randi, October 10, 1979. From the archives of the James Randi Educational Foundation.
41. page 419. **Pallandino had no qualms...** Harry Houdini, *Houdini A Magician Among The Spirits* (New York : Arno Press, 1972), 64-65. Lombroso, C., *After Death-What?* (Boston : Small, Maynard, 1909), 112-113, cited in “The ‘Margery’ Affair” by Thomas R. Tietze, *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research*, no date, 352.
42. page 419. **Eva C (Carriere), a medium...** Kelvin I. Jones, *Conan Doyle And The Spirits* (England : The Aquarian Press, 1989), 143-145, 150-153 and Harry Houdini, *Houdini A Magician Among The Spirits* (New York : Arno Press, 1972), 166-179.
43. pages 419-420. **“She was a slim and pretty...”** Thomas R. Tietze, *Margery* (New York: Harper & Row, 1973), 7.
44. page 420. **“avoid falling in love...”** Ibid, 39.
45. page 420. **“She possesses an insatiable...”** Bird to Price, undated ca. January 1930. The original letter is in the Harry Price collection at the University of London library.
46. page 420. **“Wouldn’t you like...”...“What was I...”** Thomas R. Tietze, *Margery* (New York : Harper & Row, 1973), 58.

47. page 420. **According to a later investigator...** Ibid, 59.

48. page 420. **Carrington had borrowed a considerable...** Grant Code to W.F.Prince, April 28, 1926, cited in Thomas R. Tietze, *Margery* (New York: Harper & Row, 1973), 59.

49. page 421. **He was not only a psychic investigator...** Carrington to Houdini, August 4, no year, from the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.

50. page 421. **“be burnt and destroyed...”** While a stipulation in Houdini’s will, Hardeen actually reprinted the clause in his own advertising. See a reprint of one of the ads in David Price, *Magic: A Pictorial History of Conjurers in the Theater* (New York : Cornwall Books, 1985), 203.

51. page 421. **“It is my express desire...”** “Houdini’s Library Valued At \$500,000”, *New York Times*, November 12, 1926.

52. page 421. **We know that Houdini had travelled...** From ship manifest of the *Imperator*, July 11, 1920, in the collection of the Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

53. page 421. **Houdini and his good friend Loney Haskell...** “Houdini Letter Asked Jewish Burial”, *Evening Graphic*, November 3, 1926. Reprinted in Doug Henning with

Charles Reynolds, *Houdini : His Legend and His Magic* (New York: Times Books, 1977), 98.

54. page 422. **“sitters... catch a crook!”** Crandon to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, August 6, 1924, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.

55. page 422. **“comfortable restraint”** Harry Houdini, *Exposes the tricks used by the Boston Medium “Margery”* (New York: Adams Press Publishers, 1924), 12.

56. page 423. **Joseph DeWyckoff...** “Says He is Not a ‘Fugitive’”, *Boston Daily Globe*, January 27, 1890. “Joseph De Wyckoff Still Missing”, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, November 13, 1896. “Warrant For Joseph De Wyckoff”, *Chicago Daily Tribune*, November 24, 1896.

57. page 423. **He wound up in Havana...** “Banished From Cuba”, *Los Angeles Times*, June 7, 1899. “People Met In Hotel Lobbies”, *The Washington Post*, July 23, 1904.

58. page 423. **1898 he was recruited by John Wilkie...** John Wilkie to Joseph DeWyckoff, May 27, 1898, and, June 2, 1898, original in the collection of Carolyn Withstandley. “Says Cubans Have Progressed”, *Chicago Chronicle*, no date, from the DeWyckoff family archives in the collection of Carolyn Withstandley.

59. page 423. **he was given the contract to salvage...** “Plans to Raise Maine.”, *Los Angeles Times*, July 31, 1904.

60. page 423. **On one trip to London...** “Londoner Shocked Over Chicago Crime”, unidentified newspaper clipping, from the DeWyckoff family archives in the collection of Carolyn Withstandley.

61. page 424. **“OWING PRAXIMITY [SIC] OF COMMITTEES...”** DeWyckoff to Crandon, August 18, 1924, telegram, from the Libbet Crandon de Malamud Collection.

62. page 424. **“We frankly feared that ...”** Crandon To Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, August 18, 1924, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.

63. pages 424-425. **While the Crandons were...for this work.”** We composited these Pheneas accounts from both the published book, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *Pheneas Speaks* (New York : George H. Doran Company), 1927, 80-81, and from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *Pheneas Speaks*, annotated typescript version, 22-23, in the collection of the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin.