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...eve I did. Yes, I thought it would  
...er to go in that way. But it was  
..."  
...Poirot drew a deep breath.  
...e shot," he said, "where were you  
...heard that? Still in the flower  
..."  
...no; it was two or three minutes  
...ast before I came in by the side  
...you know what this is, mademoi-

...he palm of his hand he held out the  
...ik rosebud. She examined it coolly.  
...looks like a rosebud off my little  
...g bag. Where did you find it?"

"IT WAS in Mr. Keene's  
...t," said Poirot dryly. "Did you give  
...him, mademoiselle?"  
...Did he tell you I gave it to him?"  
...Poirot smiled.  
...When did you give it to him, mademoi-

...?"  
...Last night."  
...Did he warn you to say that, made-  
...selle?"  
...What do you mean?" she asked  
...rily.

...but Poirot did not answer. He strode  
...of the room and into the drawing-  
...om. Barling, Keene and Marshall were  
...re. He went straight up to them.

"Messieurs," he said brusquely, "will  
...a follow me to the study?"  
...He passed out into the hall and ad-  
...essed to Harry.

"Yes, sir, I pray of you. And will  
...mebody request madame to come? I  
...thank you. Ah! and here is the excellent  
...Digby. Digby, a little question, a very  
...important little question. Did Miss Cleves  
...arrange some Michaelmas-daisies before  
...linner?"

The butler looked bewildered.  
"Yes, sir, she did."  
"You are sure?"  
"Quite sure, sir."  
"Très bien. Now—come, all of you."  
Inside the study he faced them.

"I have asked you to come here for a  
...reason. The case is over, the police have  
...come and gone. They say Mr. Lytcham  
...Roche has shot himself. All is finished."  
He paused. "But I, Hercule Poirot, say  
...that it is *not* finished."

AS STARTLED eyes  
...turned to him the door opened and Mrs.  
...Lytcham Roche floated into the room.

"I was saying, madame, that this case  
...is not finished. It is a matter of the psy-  
...chology. Mr. Lytcham Roche, he had the  
...*manie de grandeur*, he was a king. Such a  
...man does not kill himself. No, no, he may  
...go mad, but he does not kill himself. Mr.  
...Lytcham Roche did not kill himself." He  
...paused. "He was killed."

"Killed?" Marshall gave a short laugh.  
"Alone in a room with the door and win-  
...dow locked?"

"All the same," said Poirot stubbornly,  
...he was killed."

"And got up and locked the door or  
...shut the window afterwards, I suppose,"  
...said Diana cuttingly.

"I will show you something," said  
...Poirot, going to the window. He turned  
...the handle of the French windows and  
...then pulled gently.

"See, they are open. Now I close them,  
...without turning the handle. Now the  
...is closed but not fastened. Now!"  
...gave a short jarring blow and the  
...handle turned, shooting the bolt down into  
...its socket.

"You see?" said Poirot softly. "It is  
...very loose, this mechanism. It could be  
...done from outside quite easily."

He turned, his manner grim.  
"When that shot was fired at twelve  
...minutes past eight, there were four people

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OR  
NOT



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