# The Free Press' Short Story

## The Old Man of the Sea

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you seeing them?"

"Well. I've been awake most of the time I've been rooming with you, at least, grinned Sandy MacDougall. "Lot of chance a fellow has to sleep or work with you around."

"You're just the Old Man of the See," snorted Pepper. "Your ideas may have been all right when your dad was in school, but you're dumb if you stick by them now.'

Sandy took off his glasses and laid the door, then he stopped as he asked me in class to-morrow, will you? won't be back in time to hand them to him." He backed out the door.

Sandy nodded, then lay back in his chair and stretched his long legs until his bare toos touched the hot radiator. "Ouch!" he grunted. After he had nursed his toe for a few moments, he thought of Pepper. His roommate never studied hard; he never had to do that because he always managed to find some student whose notsbook he could borrow, or who would give him\_the answer to any problems. Pepper had a good time. Sandy scouled, and wished his big Scotch father had not hammered the idea of doing things well and by himself into him so hard that he just had to keep

plugging. Half an hour later Sandy started as he heard the bell in the tower of the university union building boom. He had been chewing his pencil and thinking all this time. He rose to his feet/to stare out at the campus. Bright moonligh bathed University Hall and transformed the old building into a fairy palace. His school and his dad's school, he thought, worthy of the best, and expecting the best of its men for generations. Guess he would keep away from the idea of "getting by." Sandy yawned, then turn-

ed in for the night. Next afternoon found Sandy on the backet-ball floor of the university gymsensium. As he shot baskets with the second team, he secretly watched and admired Scott Warren who was the star right forward on the first team. This long lanky young man sent shot after shot arching toward and through the basket with a mtisfying swish. "Wow!

could do that the way he does." "Not bad, ch?" asked a voice at his elbow. Pepper grinned at his tall roommate. "You better watch your step or he'll have that place sewed up for good." Scott Warren did amear to have that

muttered Sandy to himself. "I wish

position for the season. Sandy watched most of the games from the substitutes' bench, except for the few times that he was sent in long enough for the regular pour into the blackness within player to regain his wind. His father had been a star athlete of the old days so Sandy felt his disappointment deeply and Pepper sensed this a bit.

Time for examinations drew near Pepper Summerville was not his usua confident self Sandy, always thorough in his work, was studying hard at his deak us his resummate stamped into their room one evening. Pepper threw his books down on his desk with a bang. "Grinding away as usual, Old Man

the Sea," he grumbled "Well, I wish Scott Warren and myself had done bit more than we have, but we'll ge along all right. I'll funire some way to get that history exam.

Sandy looked up at his roummate "Both of you alipping a bit?" he asked "I'll be glad to help you fellows if you "No cramming for us We won't need

it," laughed Pepper "I'll may you will be glad to help Scott! You have every chance in the world of being a regular player if he slips up on this exam." "I don't want any letter carned that

way!" exclaimed Sandy his temper getting the best of him "What kind of a fellow do you think I am"

"Well, we don't need your help. We're not going to study for it because we don't See you later Both of the have a date to-night." Pepper bunged the door just as Sandy was about to protest about the lack of study stand at the banks on his resummates desk then after a short time he grunted "Well if the dean's son and Pepper want to act like a exuple of silly books pikeh." He turned back to his work "Old boneary grind like myself should learn to mind his own business." This thought cid not satisfy him however, and he was still chewing the end of his pencil some time later while he stared out of the window at the ahadowy campus. .The next day Sandy stopped in the

lobby of the dormitory to see about his

GOOD SHOES POR YOUNG AND OLD "Correctly Fitted"

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the day and the same

Pep-| mail. He intended to make a telephone per Summerville looked at his call, but both booths happened to be in solemn-faced roommate in use, so he sat down in a chair next to discust. 'Haven't you been awake for one of them. The door of this booth the past few years, or do things go over was not tightly closed, but since the lobby your head and all the way past without | was almost described; the occupant 'evidently thought this unnecessary. He was grin. arguing with some one. "But I tell you. it will be all right. George tipped me off that Prof left the exam outline in

> Sandy heard this with a sudden fear. Just then the door of the booth opened all the way and Pepper stepped out. He glanced nervously at his roommate, sit-

> absent-minded or something. Nothing

ting in the near-by chair.

"Oh, run along, Old Man of the Sea," | minutes ago?" grumbled Pepper, but he appeared relieved. Sandy stared hard after him as

Pepper hurried out of the lobby.

something?" he shyly asked. alone," grunted Pepper. "Have you for- of long cars and a couple of tails!" fotten that you and I and the rest are to take that history exam? But of course Pepper spoke seriously. "I guess maybe you would be liable to forget that, about you're right, Sandy. There's really somelike I would forget to eat."

Sandy left for a room farther down the dumb way of scaring us to our senses hall in order to be by himself. He was "No more dumb than your way," gringlanced at his wrist watch often.

Man of the Sea," he warned Sandy, with 'tion time."

grumbled Sandy. His roommate did not answer, but banged the door hurriedly. Sandy could hear him walking down the warmly. "Let's begin right now long hallway After the sound of his foot-steps had died away. Sandy hurriedly pulled a warm sweater over his head, grubbed a heavy coat and an old slouch hat, then he rushed out of the doctor gave me some medicine and room not far behind his roommate.

After Sandy had left the dormitory thing to take it with. and was breathing the cold night air. he kept well in the shadows until he glass of water. I suppose reached University Hall, white and shining in the light of a bright moon. He for said I was to take the medicine after hugged the wall while he advanced; then meals an' I thought you'd contribute the when he reached the corner he halted meal. to stare at the entrance way. No light

burned in the old building. Sandy drew cold as he watched the the front entrance way. Just as he was about to leave, he saw two dark furures moments at the doorway, then disap-

top speed for this doorway. In a short time he was within the building He stumbled and almost fell on the steps in the darkness. He stopped to listen, out no sound could be hear from above Sandy made his way carefully through the dark hall to the stairway at the farthest end. He rapidly climbed the

steps, making as little noise as possible When he had reached the third floor, he crept to the corner of the platform it the top, then stared around the side all and down the long hall "I thought so," declared Sandy "Out in front of rofessor Martin's room." In the darkless he could see overstornal flushes of light, which revealed a figure on top of tall stepladder. This person was evidently having trouble opening the transom into the room, for he grunted and

whispered excitedly to his companion At once Sandy made up his mind Watching his chance he made a quick turn around the stairway in the darkness, and was soon up on the fourth floor above. He listened a moment but vidently the two below had not seen or heard him. Quietly he ran to a little door If only it was unlocked! It was In a few moments more he had a tigut rtp on a stout room

Dong' Dong' Dong' boomed the hollow notes of the old bell of University

Downstairs sounded a crash, and the currying of feet. Sandy heard a wild well or two then stience as he stopped inging the old bell. It was time for im to beat a hasty retreat himself.

Thrun the king stairway he dashed lits feet seemed to be made of lead. If he should meet anyone now! When he reached the second floor, he decided to take the stairway at the far end of the hallway, run down to a basement room, open a window and creep out of this unseen. Just as he dashed opposite the stairway in the middle of the hall, the stout figure of the janitor with a flashlight suddenly appeared. They collided, and both Sandy and the jarritor went; down in a heap. The janitor gave a terrified yell, "Yumpin' Yiminy! Help." The flashlight rolled along the floor in the darkness. Sandy was sonked from Down it he dashed to the end, and, almost fell down the steps to the basement room. In a moment he had unlocked and scrambled through one of the His wet clothes made him shiver. He walked along a bit more slowly when he saw a little crowd of students gathered in front of University Hall, but he wasted no time in reaching the

Luckily only a few students were in him as he hastily made his way through through the picturesque Thousand Island it and upstairs to his room. When he region and opened the door, and hurriedly closed it behind him, he saw Pepper Summerville and Scott Warren slumped over in chairs, still wearing their coats.

the Sea," declared Pepper. "Sure enough!" added Scott with a "Look at him. He tried to go in swimming with his clothes on."

All this time Sandy had worn a silly moving his wet clothes as fast as he could. Soon he was eplashing around in to it. Meet you out in front about ten a bath.

When he entered the study room once more. Pepper and Scott were still the:e "Have a mice bath?" asked Pepper, Sandy admitted that he "Well, make yourself comfortable "You and your dates!" exclaimed solving a mystery. Don't suppose you "Give those papers to Linn Gardner for Sandy. "That call probably cost you a know anything about that bell ringing which the whole school heard a few

"Seems to me that I did hear a bell." declared Sandy alowly, as he rose from his chair and edged near the door of the After dinner that evening Pepper pull- bedroom. He was not quick enough, for ed up a chair to his desk and appeared Scott and Pepper jumped on him, pulled to be studying. Bandy shifted his feet him to the floor, and sat on him. Sandy nervously. "Have you-er-reformed, or shouted with laughter in spite of the mauling he was receiving. 'Wow! All "Just you leave your little roommate you two fellows needed were two pairs

When the three were sober once more, thing to this idea of working for what Neither said a word for over an hour; you get. You sure enough did us a good then two of Pepper's friends dropped in turn to-night, even if you did take a so excited, however, that he had a hard red Sandy. "I happen to know that

time trying to do any studying. He old Professor Martin is absent-minded. but he never has left any examination About a quarter of ten Sandy hurried | uestions around louse You see back to his room. Pepper was buttoning doesn't write out any He just puts his coal. "Don't work too hard, Old them on the board during the examina-

"Old Man of the Sea," laughed Pepper, "Nice time of night to be going out," "both of us would be glad of your help

A NICE APPROACH

Trump-Lady, I'm a sick man. A nice would like to ask you to give me some Lady-Would you like a spoon and

Tramp--No mum--not that. The doc-

IN THE NEXT MAIL?

maker's bill came while I was out?" "I don't think so, ma'am, I can hear master singing."

### THOUSAND ISLANDS INTERNATION-AL BRIDGE

United States and Canada formal opening of the Thousand Islands International Bridge on August 18. The governments of both the United States and Canada will be represented at the dedication ceremonies which will mark the opening of an International gateway

Distant about a two-hour drive by motor car from Otlawa, Canada's capital city, the Thousand Islands International Bridge spans the island dotted "W-well, if it isn't the Old Man of St. Lawrence River from Ivy-Les, Ontario, to Collins Landing, New York, a weakness is a sign of advancing years— want her to get well, let me keep on." this knowledge. Mothers of families distance of about eight and a half miles, and you can tell her that." five separate bridge spans resting on five out of his chair. "You can tell her apple successfully in cases of diarrhocal islands and linked by strips of highway. yourself, old chap," The actual link between the United States and Canada, is a ninety-foot concrete arch, the shortest of all international spans, over the Rift between Wellesley and Hill Islands. The Rift is a narrow space of swift running water which once was run' by small steamers to give excurionists a thrill.

Two islands of the St. Lawrence Natiional Park, Georgina Island and Confor the bridge as it reaches from the Canadian shore over a broad majestic expanse of water. A new scenic highway leading from Brockville, and Gananoque to the bridge head is under construction, and when completed will form part of the much-travelled highway from Windsor to Montreal and Quebec City. On the United States side the bridge emerges about four miles west of Alexandria Bay, a comparatively short drive from Watertown, the focal-point for Syracuse and other large centres in the northern part of New York state.

The new international bridge provides mother avenue of approach to a popular vacation area rich in scenic attractions. for in this region the waters of the St. Lawrence are studded with more than ,700 picturesque islands varying in size from less than an acre to several square miles. About 200 of them can be seen when crossing the bridge. As early as 904, the Government of Canada set side a number of these islands as natconal reservations which, together with small mainland area, now form the St Lawrence Islands National Purk, 'On several of the park islands attractively iesigned pavilions and shelters have been erected, and tables, benches, outnoor stoves, sanitary conveniences and hrewood are provided for the use of visitors Each island or group of islands is in charge of a caretaker from whom the necessary camping permits may be obtained The island parks on which improvements have been made, together with the nearest points of approach are Cedar Island, near Kingston; Georgina Island, near Ivy Len; Aubrey and Boau Rivage Islands, near Gananoque; Stovin Island, near Brockville, and Broder Ishand, opposite the Town of Morrisburg.

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AN EARLY START

"Oh, yes, he mustn't amoke, drink or go to football matches."

TOO GREAT A RISK

### SCRAPED APPLE IN SUMMER COMPLAINT

The late Dr. A-, an old family practitioner in Iredell County, North Caroline, lost his first beby of cholera in- plication of the best known of Scriptural fantum. Two summers later his second commands, namely: "Let your light so child became desperately ill of the same complaint. Then the baby began to im- good works, etc." prove and the doctor was dismayed when "So Tom has got engaged? Are the he discovered the old negro manimy feeding it accomped apple He scolded her soundly, asking why she wanted to kill the child. "Well, doctor," she replied, when he paused for breath; "your baby

is gettin' well ian't she?" When the doctor admitted that she There is no need for your wife to worry was, she continued, "That's because I've shim, this homely article is an effective about her sight," said the optician. "The been feeding it scraped apple. If you Within a few days the baby was well and thereafter the doctor used scraped and dysontery.

This was 40 years before Birnberg published his first report in America of this famous method of treatment, thus forestalling Dr. A- in the practical apshine before men that they may see your

methods of treating infantile diarrhoea. just as apple juice is the best "pick-meup" after severe exertion. The reason for the latter is that exertion causes a less of potassium from the muscular tissues and since a pint of apple juice con tains approximately 9 grains of potasremedy. Apple growers should profit by whose babies have diarrhoes, may use scraped apple with good effect before calling the doctor.-John W. S. McOullough, M.D., D.P.H.

# Roosevelt, King-met as International Bridge Opened



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, of the United States, and Premier W. L. Mackenzie King, of Canada meet at Kingston, Ontario, on August 17th, when the new Thousand Island international bridge system was officially opened. Important announcements were made at this meeting and since. Above photo shows the designers'

American channel from Collins Landing to Welksley Island, one of the five separate spans and eight-and ahalf miles of approaches and connecting roadways comprising the Thousand Island international bridge system from Collins Landing and Ivy Lea. Ontario. President Reservelt is shown at right and Mr. King in the panel.

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