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DOGS DOING MONKEY BUSINESS

TERRIER ATTACKS POLICEMAN

(The Code of the Woosters, 1938) Constable Oates has been attacked by Miss Stiffy Byngs Aberdeen terrier. According to Miss Byng it was his own fault. He rode a bicycle dressed in uniform, and "you can't expect a dog to pass up a policeman on a bicycle."

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### WOOSTER AND JEEVES ESCAPE

*(The Code of the Woosters, 1938)* On the hunt for a notebook in Stiffy's room Wooster and Jeeves were surprised by her terrier and had to take haven upon a chest of drawers respectively a cupboard. The dog guarded them from the floor and watched them "from under his eyebrows like a Scottish elder rebuking sin from his pulpit."

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UKRIDGE TAKES ADVANTAGE

(The Level Business Head, 1926) The bookie Joe the Lawyer had swindled Ukridge for £50. The latter got his revenge thanks to a foreign mongrel. The dog would't let Joe get near his wallet so he can't go to the races and his bookie business. He complained of losing several hundreds of pounds. Ukridge isn't afraid of dogs and offered to fetch the wallet for a fee. In the end Joe paid £150 to Ukridge to be able to get away to the races and to his business.

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### LORD EMSWORTH UNDER SIEGE

*(Lord Emsworth Acts for the Best, 1926)* Lord Emsworth tried to mediate between his son Freddie and his wife Aggie. A rift in the lute made her move to a Hotel suite in London. His lordship visited the suite to plead for his son. Being in the bathroom she didn't hear him knocking and he entered as the door that was ajar. Sniffing at the flowers in the room he was surprised by a small toy dog "that appeared to have no legs, but to move by faith alone". His Lordship hates small dogs as they nipped you by the ankles. This animal showed animosity and Lord Emsworth fled through a door to the bedroom and jumped up on the bed. "Below him, the woolly dog raged like the ocean at the base of a cliff."

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LORD EMSWORTH UNDER SIEGE

(Birth of a Salesman, 1950) On a visit to New York Lord Emsworth is chased up at tree by a small but fierce Pekingese.



Illustration by Poul Ströyer

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### HITLER'S WAR DOGS

*(Shock Dogs, 1940)* The news that the German Army use dogs at the West Front is discussed at The Angler's Rest. If it is dachses they can't understand the reason. Those small dogs can only bite at ankle level and the soldiers wear thick boots. To use dogs in a possible invasion of England is not an option, because of the quarantine regulations. The conclusion is that Hitler is becoming desperate.

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DOG ATTACK

(Dudley is Back to Normal, 1924) Dudley Finch and Cuthbert Wickham have been thrown out from the Barchester. The latter brought his dog Tulip into the restaurant. He kept it under the table but later it attacked the cabaret.

Tulip. Illustrator unknown



Tulip still later in the evening takes offence at Mr Dudley Finch and chases him up a tree in a garden in Wimbledon Common..

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### DOG ATTACK EPIDEMIC

*(Joy Bells for Barmy, 1947)* Mr Merwyn Potter's dog repeats exactly the same things as Mr Wickham's Tulip at restaurant Barchester. Later, in Wimbledon Common, he chases Mr Barmy Fotheringay Phipps up a tree.

*(The Right approach, 1959)* A tree in a Wimbledon Common garden was the haven also when Mr. Augustus Mulliner escaped a dog, not unlike the hound of Baskervilles. "Its air was that of a dog which has discovered plots against its person, and it appeared to be under the impression that in Augustus it had found one of the ringleaders."

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REVEREND SHOW COURAGE

(The Go-Getter, 1931) Reverend. Rupert Bingham intervened without hesitation in a fierce dog-fight between an Airdale terrier and a renowned champion, the mongrel Bottles. He did not waste time squirting water or sprinkling pepper. "He placed one massive hand on the neck of the Airdale, the other on the neck of Bottles, and pulled. There was a rending sound, and they came apart." With this heroic act he won the heart of Lord Emsworth's niece young Gertrude.

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### BIG GAME HUNTER UNVEILED

*(Feet of Clay, 1950)* The famous hunter of big game, Captain Jack Fosdyke, engaged to Miss Agnes Flack, was watching her playing golf, when a Pekingese dog of hardboiled aspect to her horror appeared on a green and starts chewing her ball. "Then her eye fell on Mr. Fosdyke and she saw the way out. 'There's nothing in the rules to prevent a spectator, meeting a dog on the course, from picking it up and fondling it.'" She suggested that the dog could drop the ball over the hole? But Captain Fosdyke is dubious and says 'Pekes are awfully nippy, you know. They make sudden darts at your ankles.'" She reminded him of his story about how he killed a lion with a sardine opener, but he couldn't get over his fear of this dog, The engagement with Miss Flack is over.

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