

THE SEA MAGICIAN

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embroiled Doc Savage and his men with*

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A Complete Book-length Novel

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Chapter I THE KILLING SPOOK

THE item which really got Doc Savage embroiled in the fantastic affair was one which came out in a London afternoon newspaper.

KING'S SPOOK KILLS

The good farmers in The Wash marshlands of Holland county are saying today that King John's ghost took another victim last night in the person of Joseph Shires, the peasant farmer who staggered into his home, mortally wounded.

Joseph Shires is reported to have gasped out that King John's ghost stabbed him; then he died.

The thing now puzzling the local police is that wounds in the dead man's body do look as if they had been made by an ancient broadsword such as King John, English ruler who reigned in the thirteenth century, might have carried.

Another puzzling thing is the trade-piece, or coin, dated 1216, which was found in Joseph Shires's pocket after he died. King John reigned in 1216.

Moreover, it is rumored that numerous persons in the vicinity of The Wash have recently seen a King John apparition—a towering ogre in armor, carrying a broadsword.

