

(Story loosely based on '63 British-American movie "The Pink Panther" with Peter Sellers and David Niven)

"Bonjour Chief Inspector Dreyfus...ah yes...the famous, immense diamond, The Pink Panther...ah... so named due to its hue and an inner flaw resembling a panther. / think it resembles an elephant... What do you mean *stolen* ? Who? How? Ah...I'm getting your gist: you want *me* to 'suulv' the case."

## DOWN

- 1 "Cato, take a 'massage' for Chief Inspector Dreyfus: Detective Jacques Clouseau reporting in. I am at the Louvre and my instincts tell me that this jewelry heist is the notorious work of The Phantom." "That and he left one of his tell-tale gloves with a 'P' stitched on it." "Cato! My 'massage', my way!"  
[City on the Seine, since 17th century a financial, cultural hub. Home to the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame.]
- 2 "Ah yes...Cato, in our Old Sailor disguises, our slippery quarry won't slip by us on this wharf...aah!" "My dear Simone...did you just hear a splash yonder?" "Oh yes, Sir Lytton. We'd best board now." "Cato, I hear a speed boat! Take this boat! Start rowing!" "Mr. Clouseau, I can finally hear Big Ben."  
[A major settlement for two millennia, Thames River city boasts of universities, finance, and the Tower Bridge.]
- 3 "Inspector Dreyfus? I can barely hear you on this 'fuun'...The Phantom has fled the capital west. Did you receive the 'buum' is sent for analysis? Ah...detonated in your office...yes...next time, defuse it." "Miss Simone, our intrepid pursuer still in tow? Excellent...let us adjourn to the pub for a Guinness."  
[7th century Gaels, later Viking settlement, bay city houses the Trinity College and the Samuel Beckett Bridge.]
- 4 "El" in England
- 5 "See Cato...this Phantom considers himself clever and invisible, but I can sniff him like a dog's behind. See here...psychology. A map with four arrows clearly pointing to a spot...clearly where he's headed." "Sir Charles Lytton my dear, AKA The Phantom..." "Whisper so, me lady." "...a geothermal hot-tub?"  
[World's most north city of state, established by a one Arnarson in 874 AD, also "cleanest, greenest, safest".]
- 6 "I don't know what to say at this time."
- 7 "Cato, this fox will no doubt employ small aircraft, given the wide-spread net. So we will infiltrate the free-lance pilots, subtly ask a few obvious questions, discover their flight, and charter a 'buush' plane." "Come Miss Simone! Through the reknowned art-filled Metro, on to first-class berthing on the 3:10."  
[Stone-age old, founded as a Baltic Sea city in 1252 by a one Jarl. Hosts the longest art gallery in the world.]
- 8 "Are you really the Inspector? Aha! Quickly, what's your code name? No, 'idiot' is wrong. Ah...don't have one...well, only you could know that. Quarry is unknown, shifty...ah, but ignorant of pursuit." "Sir Lytton, to keep him honest, let's board separately. As both are local, I'll speak Finn, you Swede."  
[World's most north metro, bay city reigned as 2012 World Design Capital, has high urban standard of living.]
- 9 "Cato...is your back stiff also? Ah...I thought Coach was rough, but Luggage is much 'muur' rough." "Yes Mr. Clouseau, if I never...aah! We're dumped on the conveyor belt! We're going to lose him!" "The 4:05, splendid...we've time to draw Clouseau through Dynamo National Stadium for football."  
[Founded 1067, city of two million is country's major industrial center by far, with 250 factories and plants.]
- 10 "Cato! My instincts are aroused by this circled train schedule. We'll short-cut across the pitch...aah!" "Oh Cato...the train is departing! Run, dive for the Cow Car!" "We made it! Oh-oh...nice cow...aah!" "Come Miss Simone...Ostankino Tower, Europe's tallest free-standing structure, is not to be missed."  
[Established 1147, Europe's largest city, with highest skyscrapers, hosts the world's third most billionaires.]
- 11 "Once again Cato, my unerring instinct serves us. The Phantom was up here, accidentally 'druupt' a foreign coin, which I recognize. Come Cato, for our needed haste we'll take the servant's door...aah!" "Charles, let us visit 11th century Cathedral of St. Sophia's, now a museum. Clouseau needs a rest."  
[One of the oldest Eastern European cities, its 7th largest, located on Dnieper River, arts, high-tech center.]

- 12 **"Bonjour Inspector...so how's the office renovation coming along? Ah...splendid...I sniffed the prey to an auto dealership, where I deftly 'snupt' out a hotel business card hidden in a 'druupt' glove."**  
**"Ah...the 5-star Continental Hotel. I am Detective Clouseau and I need a 'rhuum'...that is what I said!"**  
[An early Celtic settlement, Danube River city's name derived from a unification of two towns in 1873.]
- 15 ...a Cancer, \_\_ , a Virgo...
- 16 \_\_ Tac Toe -- a game once mastered, always devolves into a draw
- 19 X in England
- 20 Time period
- 22 Mineral composite, usually mined for a specific metal
- 24 "Is" in Spain
- 28 Consumed marijuana?
- 29 Condensed marijuana
- 31 "\_\_ Modelo," popular Mexican lager, a "balanced dark malt"
- 32 Used to refer to people in general
- 35 Paneled vehicle
- 37 "Ooh... \_\_ the season to be jolly..."
- 39 Rescue jostled chess-game ensemble?
- 40 Each and all
- 42 Initials of "first man on the moon"
- 43 Vegetable growing areas
- 44 "Pro \_\_" (Latin for "the public good")
- 46 To indicate original last name of a married woman
- 47 Talented
- 52 Misstep
- 55 Hansen hand-held creations
- 57 Scolded harshly
- 59 ET vehicle
- 60 Standard Diego Rivera creation
- 61 Distressed women oft in want of rescuing?
- 62 "Hey, you okay?" "\_\_."
- 63 \_\_ norte (meaning "from north" in Spain)
- 65 That one previously mentioned
- 66 Limited
- 68 Nation-established rule
- 70 Put on
- 71 "What an embarrassing loss! We got ate for \_\_ !" [a too-American graphic]
- 73 She complement
- 74 ER hero
- 76 Honey maker
- 77 Initials of George Lucas (1944 - ), director/screenwriter known for "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones"
- 78 Deep, deep sleep
- 79 Test
- 81 Cheese type from France
- 82 Sphere
- 84 "\_\_ Miserables" by Victor Hugo (1862)
- 85 Flat-topped tassled felt cap, popular in Turkey

- 87 "It's my way \_\_ the highway!" (an American ultimatum)  
 90 Sum. convenience  
 91 "Quiet!"

## ACROSS

- 1 Asked a set of questions  
 4 Most correct  
 8 Cutter's steering-wheel  
 10 Ex-currency of Germany (1948 - 2002)  
 13 "Run that by me one more time."  
 14 Hurried  
 15 Convent  
 16 "From Here \_\_ Eternity," a 1953 American romance-war film based on novel by James Jones  
 17 Exhibits  
 18 Dealt out  
 21 Girl's toy  
 23 Skating surface  
 25 Aloe \_\_ , an herbal medicinal lotion  
 26 Administered an oath  
 27 "...and I don't give \_\_ who started it..." [American crassness at its finest]  
 30 Completely understood  
 33 Repose  
 34 Inert signage gas  
 35 Large pot  
 36 "Ooh... \_\_ apple a day, keeps the doctor away!"  
 38 Female lamb  
 41 What Hans-the-Slalom-Expert does as Hans-the-Waiter during the off-season?  
 43 Naive, innocent ones  
 45 **"Ah Cato...stops at clothing and musical stores and we are brilliantly disguised as concert celloists."**  
**"Cato, we're backstage...wait young lady! Unhand me! You don't understand...no, not on the stage!"**  
**"Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 is one...Clouseau?" "Yes Sir...as he *topples* the *entire* string section."**  
 [Celtic settlement on Danube River, German-speaking city, home to Mozart, Freud, as 2005 "most liveable".]  
 48 Small shot of alcohol  
 49 "Howdy"  
 50 **"Inspector! Ah...understand your anger, what with Phantom's guile and perhaps delays in wallpaper.**  
**Perhaps the cigarette-lighter gun I sent for fingerprints yielded nothing? Ah yes...you mixed them up."**  
**"Come Simone, tram will transport us." "Come Cato, leap...and watch doors close...on my tie. Aah!"**  
 [Surrounded by Dinaric Alps, prehistoric 15th century Ottoman city is second in world with all electric tram.]  
 51 M. Ali specialty  
 53 Father's lair  
 54 **"Inspector Dreyfus, I am undercover as a Vatican balloon vendor...can't talk long...what, yes officer?**  
**A 'lie-sanz'?" (Polizia's whirr whirr) "Inspector, on the trail of the Phantom...I'm disguised as a painter**  
**outside the Pantheon, and...yes? 'Lie-sanz'?" (Whirr, whirr) "Inspector, at St. Peter's as a..." (Whirr...)**  
 [3,000 years, 3rd most European populous city boasts of Colosseum, Aquaduct, once Renaissance arts center.]  
 56 JFK successor

- 58 "You" in France
- 60 **"Ah...my new Quasimodo Hunchback Kit...let's see: 'Do not over-inflate the helium'...just a little then. Oh-oh...the valve broke off. Cato, are you going down or am I going...aah!" "Come Miss Simone, let us stroll Paseo del Prado...do I see a man-balloon up there? Oh-oh...the spire...and he's..." "Aah!"**  
[On the River Manzanares, EU's 2nd largest city, modern infrastructure mixed with historical architecture.]
- 64 **"Oh Charles...champagne while I relate my Embassy visit. I'm escorted into a plush office and there's Clouseau, trying to dislodge his hand from a vase...when in walks the Director, so Clouseau salutes, banging his forehead, thrown into backwards fall into the gun rack, out falls a rifle, fires! Into piano!"**  
[Only Atlantic Coast EU city, 2nd only to Athens for world's oldest, major finance hub, certified "Global City".]
- 66 Parking toll
- 67 Many still claim it's only that
- 69 With munitions
- 72 ...Upsilon, \_\_, Chi...
- 74 A "Leo" exclamation at start of MGM movies
- 75 "\_\_\_ Gin Fizz," so named due to tart, blue-black plumlike fruit
- 76 Sack
- 78 **"With this Einstein wig, affixed fake nose, this genuine kit, I look like a dentist, can snoop unnoticed." "Ah...so what's this mask contraption?... 'Nitrous Oxide'...a little snort won't hurt...oh-oh, valve broke." "Sir, the Royal Theatre is *the* venue for tragic 'Macbeth'...though *someone* sure holds it's a comedy."**  
[10th Century Viking fishing village, the Baltic Sea situated two-island city is the world's most bicycle-friendly.]
- 80 **"Ah yes...I was quite the billiards master in my day...mind if I demonstrate? Ah yes...aah! Ah...the felt got ripped...yes, I am unfamiliar with this pool stick...ah...so that is what is called a 'bruudge'...hmm." "Come Sir Charles...let us stroll the Royal Way, take in a late lunch, and 'drop' another Clouseau clue."**  
[On the Vistula River, mideval city suffered 85% destruction due to WWII, hence the moniker "Phoenix City".]
- 81 **"Aha! An old German mark 'druupt' underneath his table...what luck! Ah Cato...the net 'tie-tawns.'" "We'll just deftly swing this grappling hook over the moat, deftly affix it upon the raised drawbridge, deftly swing into moat, deftly pull myself out...deftly get knocked back into moat by lowered bridge."**  
[Straddling the River Spree, the largest EU, 13th century city is one-third covered in parks, lakes, and squares.]
- 83 "The" in Spain
- 85 Ran away
- 86 Lower appendage
- 88 "Sex is like \_\_: it's only a big deal if you're not getting any." [I know...more American crassness]
- 89 Embankment
- 90 Cigar tip's future state
- 92 **"Inspector Dreyfus...I have the mysterious Phantom right where I want him...ah yes...*wherever* that is. Cato and I will cleverly infiltrate a costume party tonight disguised as a zebra...ah, understand sir...failure will cost me my stripes." "Oh Charles...am I tipsy? I just saw a zebra walk into the deep-end."**  
[Monikered "Venice of the North" due to numerous canals, 17th century port city, sports cannabis cafes.]
- 93 **"Ah...this is just so diabolical, no? So Inspector, you are saying that high-end robberies have been committed across Europe? Faberge eggs, paintings, coin collections, gold...and each and every city in which we have pursued the Phantom, in order, align perfectly with the chain of the crime scenes?"**  
[De facto EU capital, major finance city with moniker "Crossroads of Europe" due to major rail and air hub.]
- 94 **"Ah yes...my instincts suggest the Phantom is somehow 'invuulved.' So see here, Inspector Dreyfus, I believe that we have ample circumstantial evidence and that the 'luut' should be easy to 'recuuver'. I will arrest Sir Charles Lyyton -- AKA The Phantom -- this evening at the famous Rietberg Museum."**  
[In 15 BC, Romans called German-speaking city "Turicum", world's largest financial center, safe cash-haven.]

"Detective Clouseau, you've testified in this court that Sir Charles Lytton was present at all the crimes...was there not yet another person also so at each scene?" "What are you implying? My, it's getting hot in here... Aah! That is *not* my Pink Panther clasped to my handkerchief!" "Sir Charles, alas I do feel a trifle contrite."  
"Oh cheer up, Miss Simone...he'll enjoy some adulation...be exonerated when The Phantom strikes again!"

"Wow Mr. Clouseau! I've never before seen such a jubilant, adoring crowd, even as we take you to prison. Mr. Clouseau, how *did* you masterfully commit all those heists?" "Ah yes...I can tell you...it wasn't easy."