

CLEAR- Cahoots-Like Event at Rutgers

Nordic Literature (Tossups Only)

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1. In one section of this work, a woman relates the belief of a Dr. Sass that before the fall, the world was flat and that Satan created the third dimension; in another part of this work, a Cardinal compares the God of the debased modern world to Louis Philippe, and tells a story in which Barabbas asks Peter to sell him the wine of the Last Supper. One section of this work ends with Kasparsen revealing to Miss Malin Nat-og-Dag that he has killed Cardinal Hamilcar to take his place. In another section, a youth plots with his aunt, a Prioress, to rape Athena and obtain her promise to marry Boris; that section ends with the revelation that the Prioress had been a monkey all along. Consisting of such stories as “The Roads Round Pisa”, “The Monkey”, and “The Deluge at Norderney”, this is, FTP, what short story collection written by Isak Dinesen?

ANSWER: Seven Gothic Tales [accept Syv Fantastiske Fortællinger, even though it was published in English first; accept “The Monkey” before “Cardinal compares”, prompt afterwards]

2. Among the pastimes of this character late in his life are sitting in a perfectly dark room, waiting to stomp on rats as they come near, as well as discussing the news of the day with the simpleton Anselmo. During a two-day battle, this character chases down a figure hidden in a cellar and kills that man with his rapier, on which he keeps the blood. This character was once thrown in the dungeon for conducting a fake mass at which he declared Christ’s blood burnt like his as he drank it and prayed God to destroy the world. When confronted by his mistress, this character declares that if he were to love anyone, it would be Boccarossa. This character decapitated a kitten belonging to Angelica as she slept, which presages his involvement in the decapitation in similar circumstances of her lover, Giovanni, whose father, Il Toro, along with the Princess’s lover, Don Riccardo, this character poisoned at a banquet at the behest of his master, the Prince. FTP, identify this 26-inch-tall title character of a Pär Lagerkvist novel.

ANSWER: The Dwarf [or Piccoline or Piccolino]

3. In one work by this author, Mathilde writes a novel describing the title characters to reunite them, as Laura and Axel have barely spoken in a year since Axel took Laura from her parents. In another work of this author, Frederick tries to wed the maid he impregnated against his father’s wishes, while Hans and Kampe are attacking the title plan of that man, Riis. In addition to *The Newly-Married Couple* and *The New System*, another work of this author sees a landslide averted by the power of a faithful man’s church bell ringing, though his prayers only allow his wife to get out of bed for a brief moment before she dies, and in another play by the same title, the son of that religious couple, blows up a castle, killing dozens of industrialists in an effort to support a factory strike. Those plays are about Klara, Adolf, Rachel, and Elias Sang, *Beyond Our Power*. FTP, name this Norwegian playwright, one of the “Four Greats”.

ANSWER: Bjornstjerne Bjornson

4. In one work by this author, Deacon Per can only respond to the philosophical arguments of the title character by misquoting the introduction to an elementary Latin grammar; the title character of that work by this author is tricked into taking money from a lieutenant, thus being inducted into the army. In another work by this author of *Erasmus Montanus*, legal disputes over ownership of land washed away by a river and the use of beaver hair and a threatened sailor’s strike, are used by Sanderus and Abrahams to teach a loud-mouthed pewterer about governance. In another play by this author, Nille uses a whip, named “Master Erich” after the overseer, to keep the title drunk in line, but, in the end, that man spends the four rix-dollars the Baron gives him on alcohol, after the Baron tricks him into thinking that he was the baron for a day and then into thinking that he had been dead and brought back to life by a court. FTP, name this Dano-Norwegian author of *The Political Tinker* and *Jeppe of the Hill*.

ANSWER: Ludvig Holberg

5. In one work by this author, Adam is said to be 90-feet-tall and to have had have sex with his shadow, causing God to create Eve; that work is interspersed with encyclopedic asides about plants, animals, and an airship. Another work by this author features a debate in a cave in which propagation of electricity is compared with spread of God’s light, while in another, a character lectures on the superiority of the Nordic peoples as stemming from their marine diet. In one work by this author, Ole Worm befriends the protagonist, who is persecuted by the sheriff Ari Magnusson and spends most of the novel isolated on a small rock, Jonas Palmason. In addition to *From the Mouth of the Whale*, this author wrote a novel in which a voyage to ship paper to Turkey mirrors the voyage of the Argo and another novel in which Herb-Fridrik lives with Abba, who has Down syndrome and her father, Skugga Baldur, hunts the title animal. FTP, name this Icelandic author of *The Whispering Muse* and *The Blue Fox* and frequent Björk collaborator.

ANSWER: Sjon [or Sigurjon Birgir Sigurdsson; prompt on “Sigurjon”, even though patronymics are not surnames in Iceland]

6. This novel ends with a note from the censor Hung Paipho warning against reading this work. This novel’s narrator mediates a marital dispute over Togo Bahara’s distrust of Kadidja Kappori after she reports him for treason. Another character in this novel breaks down and tells her husband about the concerns she had of losing her son Ossu and of eventually losing Maryl and Laila when they go to the child camps. Tuareg is toppled in the power struggles of the police chief of Chemistry City No. 4, Karrek, which Leo becomes involved in due to his namesake invention. This novel’s narrator is at first jealous of his supervisor, because of a feared affair between that man and his wife Linda, and ultimately he reports Rissen for thought-crimes against the Worldstate, administering his namesake drug before the latter’s execution. This novel’s narrator is sent on a mission to Lavris Taking its name from the truth-telling serum developed by Leo Kall, this is, FTP, what dystopian novel by Karin Boye?

ANSWER: Kallockain

7. One character in this story relates a myth about the image of a pair of lovers pierced by the same spear etched into a rock by a lightning flash, and later that same character tells of a maiden drained of all her blood by a monster, who is resuscitated when her lover touches her. One character in this work has a drunken vision of a leather tower, where Satan reveals to him his plans for the whole world, while another becomes drunk while stuck with several other men atop a rock for three days, after being chased there by wild bulls. In addition to Simeoni and Lauri, another character in this work picks a fight with Tuomas over the use of beer in a sauna, causing their house to burn down shortly after they move out to Impivaara, to avoid the stocks for refusing to learn to read. Juhani, Eero, and Aapo are among the title siblings of, FTP, what early Finnish novel by Aleksis Kivi?

ANSWER: Seven Brothers [or Seitsemän Veljestä]

8. One character in this work dreams that a woman replaces his entrails with twigs, but in a coma he dreams that the process is reversed; An Twig-Belly's dreams precede and follow a battle in which one foster-brother kills the other. One woman in this work feigns muteness before telling the man who purchased her, Hoskuld Dala-Kolsson, that she is the Irish king's daughter; another woman in this work induces her brother Thorolf to take the sword "King's Gift" from a man she once loved and later she herself steals a golden bridal wreath from Hrefna. The first of those women, Melkorka, gives birth to one of this saga's heroes, who himself in turn fathers Kjartan and raises Bolli, who kill one another after the latter marries the woman that the former loved. That woman had four husbands, coinciding with a series of dreams she had as a teenager about a head-dress, two rings, and a helmet. Primarily about brotherly conflict and the lives of Olaf Peacock and Gudrun Osvifursdottir, this is, FTP, what Icelandic saga named for a river valley?

ANSWER: Laxdaela Saga [or The Saga of the People of Laxardalr]

9. One character in this work cannot stand to hunt after his experiences in World War II, which included dragging a wounded friend through a Nazi-occupied city, shooting Germans along the way. That character is Harry, though the title character of this work refers to him as Alexander. A church in this work has a carved head which stares down on whomever is standing in the pulpit, a fact which both haunts and amuses the title character, and a propeller shaft hung outside of it to memorialize Erik, whose ship was blown up by a mine just off the coast. Oluf returns to Sando only to find his fiancée has called off their engagement, a fact which this novel's title character refuses to act on, despite his love for Annemari. The island's schoolteacher, Johannes Vig, is the title character, in part because he had misled Annemari about his past romance with Birte. FTP, name this novel by Martin Hansen about a deceitful man.

ANSWER: The Liar [or Logneren]

10. One character in this work claims to hear the dishes talking early each morning before anyone else has awoken; that character becomes a singer in the US because of a conversation his mother had with elves. In addition to Nonni, another character in this work finds his son Helgi picked apart by ravens after a thaw and leaves his son Gvenor to fight with a striking union. Another character in this novel only finds comfort by putting her mouth on a spot on the protagonist's neck, which she only does once after becoming impregnated by an unnamed teacher lodging with her. This novel's protagonist rides across the Glacier River on the back of a reindeer, which causes him to miss the death of Rosa, an event which is attributed to the curse of Gunnvor and Kolumkilli. Rosa's daughter by Ingolfur Arnason Jonsson, Asta, is raised by this novel's protagonist, a sheep farmer who seeks to be one of the title group. FTP, name this novel about Bjarfur of Summerhouses, a work by Halldor Laxness.

ANSWER: Independent People [or Sjálfstætt Folk]

11. One character in this work describes himself as fog, unable to do right, despite knowing what it is, in comparison to his son, lightning. Late in this work, three men go out to sell luxury items in a mining town, after the mine is shut down, a successful venture which sees Aaronsen curse Andersen, who took over Storborg from him. Fru Heyerdahl, the sheriff's wife, condemns the men who make laws punishing unwed mothers in a speech at the trial of another character in this work, who claims that her son died as she gave birth after falling in a creek. Barbro's infanticide contrasts with another in this work, which occurs after Os-Anders shows her a rabbit while she is pregnant, causing the daughter to be cursed with her harelip. That harelip causes that character to seek out a lonely man who stakes out a farm in the wilderness for himself, establishing what Geissler calls Sellanra. The struggles and success of Isak and Inger over 20 years of farming are the subject of, FTP, what Knut Hamsun novel?

ANSWER: The Growth of the Soil [or Markens Grode]

12. In one work by this author, an elderly woman drives out a red-haired boarder she is afraid has poisoned her with "white", while in another work by this author, a barren farmer's wife claims that Mimmi is poisoning her so she can win the title of "Mother" that Maria holds. In one novel by this author, the bootlegger Liter-Olle kills himself either due to a dog's death or the pain in his lame leg; in another novel by this author, Grandma tells the story of her sister, who killed herself after her uncle beat her. One novel by this author opens with Fredrika and her best friend taking weekly baths together, scandalizing their village; the two protagonists of that novel, Sally and Ellen, are descendents of Mother Sofi, and move from the poverty of city slums to rural poverty. This author's most famous novel is told from the point of view of the child Mia, who befriends Hanna and Olga as she moves repeatedly and lives in poverty after the title event. FTP, name this Swedish author of *Women and Appletrees* and *My Mother Gets Married*.

ANSWER: Moa Martinson [or Helga Maria Swarts]

13. While collecting tribute in Varmland, this man held Armod Beard against the wall, vomiting in his face, and then gouged out an eye with his finger. Early in this man's life, he was nearly killed by his own father during a ball game, in which Thord Granason died. In a duel in which his sword failed to pierce his enemy's armor, this man bit out Atli the Short's throat, and this man killed Atloy-Bard, when runes carved on a drinking horn caused the horn to shatter, protecting this man from poison. Atloy-Bard's death led to this man's enmity with Gunnhild and her husband, for whom he wrote a 20-verse drapa preserved in his namesake saga. Along with his brother, Thorolf, this man fought against the Scottish king, Olav, under Athelstan, and this author of "The Loss of My Sons" was a major enemy of King Eirik Blood-Axe. FTP, identify this Icelandic warrior-poet, the namesake of a saga and son of Bald-Grim.

ANSWER: Egill Skallagrimsson [prompt on "Skallagrimsson"]

14. This work's protagonist writes a letter on Christmas Eve to Magna Wellmann, offering the widow money as an inducement for Magna to keep having affairs despite the objections of her former husband's family. In another letter to Prof. Rothe, this work's protagonist defends her cousin Lillie arguing that her love for Schlegel was not physical, but only imaginary. This novel's protagonist lives with her cook Torp and maid Jeanne isolated on an island in a house she calls the "White Villa", which was built for her so that she can abandon the world after her divorce from Richard, who immediately weds a nineteen-year-old girl. Elsie Lindtner is ultimately rejected by the younger object of her affections, the architect Joergen Malthe in, FTP, what novel by Karin Michaëlis, about the title period in a woman's life between her youth and old age?

ANSWER: *The Dangerous Age* [or *Den Farlige Alder*]

15. In one work by this author, the dog Teddy attacks one character outside a lighthouse because another character had started to feed him on the sly and to play fetch with him. That work ends as the Liljebergs finish a boat for Mats, which he names for his sister Katri, who pays for it by revealing life's dark side to the children's author Anna. In addition to *The True Deceiver*, this author wrote a work in which the two main characters meet the barkeep Verity and the housekeeper Annie on a trip to Phoenix, though their lives are normally spent recording films by Fassbinder or Renoir on television. In another work by this author, the protagonist dictates a book about angleworms and spend a few days with a girl she dubs Berenice. That book is about a young girl, Sofia, and her grandmother living on an island, while a book about the artist Jonna and writer Mari mirrors this author's love affair with Tuulikki Pietila. FTP, name this Finnish Swede, author of *Fair Play* and *The Summer Book*, best known for creating the Moomins.

ANSWER: Tove Jansson

16. One character created by this author, Wenningstedt, hoping to wed Eliana, gives her the Mangle House after the disappearance of her husband, but he dies before he can give her a 500-kroner bill with a note from her husband. In another work by this author, a youth carves a deformed doll from a stump of driftwood, which its recipient calls both Seagold and Shameface, but which her son dubs Gol; that youth, Ekkehart, loves the daughter of Josef Sif, Antonia, who is transfigured into the title character after she gives birth to her son, who like her is tormented by Trine the Eyes and her obsession with sin. In addition to *Mother Pleiades*, this author wrote a novel which ends with Orfeus leaving his home, but not before Sirius dies of consumption, Kornelius is sentenced to an asylum for a bank robbery, and Moritz kills himself at sea after murdering Matte-Gok. Ankersen's push for total prohibition helps to cause the destruction of the title group in *The Lost Musicians*, a work by, FTP, what Faroese author of *The Black Cauldron*?

ANSWER: William Heinesen

17. Late in this work, the protagonist and three others dress as roosters during a cock-crowing contest and then strip. One member of that group, Lisello, had earlier come out to his friends about his relationship with Fandango at a gay club, where this novel's protagonist also sees his mother's best friend, Liz Bareskerry, hook-up with Mrs. Bosomby. Liz tries to seduce the protagonist when she takes him on a sailing expedition, just before presenting him with a new diving suit with a peho, on his sixteenth birthday. Gro attacks this work's protagonist after he says that he does not want fatherhood-protection with her. This work ends with newspapers and characters reacting to a book written by the protagonist with the same dialog and characters as this work set in a gender-swapped world, *The Sons of Democracy*. That protagonist is Petronius, who founds the Masculine League to fight sexism. Set in a world where wim are the dominate sex and menwim the subordinate, this is, FTP, what feminist novel by Gerd Brantenberg?

ANSWER: *Egalia's Daughters* [or *The Daughters of Egalia* or *Egalias Døtre*]

18. One brief relationship that this character has is with the opera singer Madame Obero, while they are staying in Riva during a cholera epidemic. This character lusts after his aunt's feet after first seeing them while handing her some perfume, and he becomes disillusioned with God after his prayers failed to save Edele's life. This character attempts to pass that atheism on to his young wife Gerda, but shortly before she is to die, she recants and seeks the succor of a pastor. This poet's mother dies while traveling around Europe with him, a trip which he takes with her in order to appease her desire to see the world and experience exotic beauties, but which leaves him disillusioned and results in the end of his affair with Mrs. Boye. Later he also has an affair with Fennimore, the wife of his childhood friend Erik, which ends when Fennimore is overcome with grief at Erik's sudden death in a carriage accident. FTP, identify this character, the namesake of a Jens Peter Jacobsen novel.

ANSWER: Niels Lyhne

19. One character in this work, Amundi the Blind, briefly gains sight, so that he can kill Lyting, who denied him compensation for his father's death. Another character in this work dreams that his friends are called in groups by the booming voice of a man who steps from out of a cliff, foretelling those men's deaths. The title character of this work devises a plan whereby Hrut is tricked into

summoning himself to the Althing to repay the dowry of his first wife, Unn, and this work also credits its title character with the creation of the Fifth Court. The wife of this work's title character, Bergthora, conducts a feud with Hallgerd, the wife of the title character's best friend and ally, Gunnar Hamundarson, while the climactic feud of this work begins when Mord Valgardsson convinces the sons of the title character to murder their foster-brother Hoskuld Hvitaness-Priest, which drives Flosi Thordarson to kill the title character and all of his family. FTP, name this saga, named for a powerful Icelander immolated in his home.

ANSWER: *Brennu-Njal's Saga* [or *The Saga of Brennu-Njal* or *The Saga of Burnt-Njal* or *Burnt-Njal's Saga* or *The Story of the Burning of Njal*]

20. In one work by this author, Santra brews beer for and sleeps with a man known only as "the farmer", in order to decrease the debt her family owes him, though she is unaware that she is not committing adultery, as her husband was stabbed by another raftsman, Salonen. Much of that work by this author centers on the new romance of Arvid and Helka and with the birth of Hilja's daughter, all taking place over a single day. In addition to "The People in the Summer Night", this author wrote a novel in which the title character betrays Teliniemi to a Captain she had earlier helped to cross enemy lines, despite Teliniemi having prevented her rape by another Red. That novel by this author ends shortly after a Civil War he also depicted in the novel *Meek Heritage* and both ends and begins with the death by consumption of the title girl. FTP, name this Finnish author of *The Maid Silja*.

ANSWER: Frans Eemil Sillanpää

21. In one work by this author, Peter Prestmark rides a big-wheel across Jutland, meeting Gerda and Cecily in a churchyard. That short story, "Trio", was grouped by this author with his other short prose works as "myths". In one novel by this author, the prostitute Lucie steals the contents of a horn worn on the neck of another character; that horn held a note in Hebrew by which a man could win a fortune from his Jewish grandfather, Mendel Speer. This author also wrote a series of six novels, which culminate in two about a Germanic Christopher Columbus, *The Long Journey*. In another novel by this author, Axel is murdered by that novel's protagonist just after his betrothal to that protagonist's daughter, Inger, born after that man raped Ane Mette as revenge for Otte Iversen having sex with Susanna. The protagonist of that novel by this author, Mikkel Thogersen, spends most of his life in the orbit of the title character, Christian II of Denmark. FTP, name this Danish author of *The Fall of the King*.

ANSWER: Johannes Vilhelm Jensen

22. One character in this work, driven mad after the death of her son Paul, steals a little girl called "And-Ongen", so that she can go to search for him. Another character in this work imagines an invisible ring around her house, in which God is punishing her for leaving her parents to marry the protagonist, a Lofoten fisherman. That protagonist finds two charred stakes with the names O'Hara and Joe Gill, which he burns, precipitating a fight between an Irishman and Hans Olsa; later Hans Olsa christens the protagonist's son, Peder Seier, who names this novel's sequel, *Peder Victorious*. This novel's protagonist cures a Native American's blood poisoning, who in return gives him a pony, which the protagonist names "Injun". Early in this novel, Ole discovers a burial site surrounded by arrowheads, which becomes emblematic of the death and destruction Beret foresees for her family on the desolate prairie. Telling of Per Hansa's failure to build a farm at Spring Creek, Dakota Territory, this is, FTP, what novel by Ole Rölvaag?

ANSWER: *Giants in the Earth* [or *Verdens Grøde*]

23. In one work by this author, one title character steals a golden sword from a hermit, but he claims to have won it from a draugr, before he is killed by an Irish thrall with the same sword. Holmsten's and Haersten's deaths force the title characters of that work, Ingolf and Hjør-Leif to flee Norway for Iceland. In addition to *The Sworn Brothers*, this author wrote a work in which the title character only finishes his annual trip with the aid of a youth named for him, who leads a band in search of the title character when he is lost; the title character of that work, Benedikt, treks with his Popish dog Leo and the ram Gnarly, as he looks for lost sheep in winter. This author of *The Good Shepherd* also wrote about Gudrun, who is plagued by a cough, but a fit of vomiting reveals an attempt to kill her by her husband, who wants to wed Steinun after killing her husband, Jon Thorgrimson. Eyjolfur narrates of that novel by this author about Bjarni Bjarnason's murders. FTP, name this Icelandic author of *The Black Cliffs* and *Guest the One-Eyed*.

ANSWER: Gunnar Gunnarsson [prompt on "Gunnar", even though patronymics are not surnames in Iceland]

24. One section of this work opens with one character complaining to another because he did not join her for tennis, despite her bicycle pointing toward the oak as a sign. One recurrent image in this work, which was inspired by the marriage of the author's sister Anna to Hugo Philip, is that of a corpse carted out to a garden in a wheelbarrow. Late in this work, one character brings about the bankruptcy of a soda factory and the appointment of Allan to Norrland, as part of a scheme to have his daughter Judith marry the Colonel; earlier in this work, that same man collapsed after trying to dance to Halvorsen's "The Entrance of the Boyars", resulting in Kurt spending the night by his side. This work's second section ends with the Captain's death by stroke, though the first ends with a reprieve in the hateful marriage of Alice and Edgar before their silver anniversary. FTP, name this play in two parts by August Strindberg.

ANSWER: *The Dance of Death* [or *Doedsdansen*]

25. In a play set in this country, Berit disappears after she joins "the Gang" and the title character of that work shares a single room with her mother, who often sleeps with Sandro there. That play is *Eva Maria* by V.V. Järner. In a play written by another playwright from this country, a boy falls for the older woman, Helena, who tutors him in Spanish and who is dissatisfied with her drunkard husband, but he impregnates her daughter Maija. That play about Lassi is *Snow in May* by Eeva-Lissa Manner. In another play by a playwright from this country, a soldier at the front is given leave to get married just as all of his friends are killed, but a fight with

his fiancée forces him to wed a complete stranger, known simply as “The Girl”; that play by Veijo Meri is *Private Jokinen’s Marriage Leave*. FTP, name this country, whose other playwrights include the author of the absurdist *The Superintendent*, Paavo Haavikko.

ANSWER: **Finland**

26. In one work by a playwright from this country, an old woman helps her sinful husband get to heaven by throwing a bag with his soul in it past the title object when St. Peter gives her a view of paradise. In addition to *Golden Gate*, this country is home to an absurdist playwright who wrote a work in which two fetuses argue back and forth, *Yolk-Life*, and another in which Ludvik, a composer, and his wife murder Malfridur’s mother, *Ten Variations*. Another playwright from this country wrote about a youth, Loftur, who tries to learn magic and abandons his pregnant former lover, Steinunn, for another woman in a version of the *Faust*-story, *The Wish*. In another play from this country, Signy is forced to choose between her idealistic and abusive drunk of a husband, Eirik, and the sailor she loves, Halldor, *The Seaway to Baghdad*. FTP, name this country, home to David Stefansson, Oddur Bjornson, Johann Sigurjonsson, and Jokull Jakobsson.

ANSWER: **Iceland**

27. The marriage of one of the title characters of this work to her tutor causes another title character to hold a funeral for a doll in a cave, because she hated the marriage. Late in this work, Ada nearly dies of fever caught while feeding ducks barefoot in a pond, but is nursed back to health by one of the title characters, prompting a pastor to propose to her. One of this work’s title characters weds the curate Brocher, though the epilog reveals this as an unhappy union, while another reveals her love to her tutor after he saves her from an unwanted advance by a drunken Lorenz Brandt. One of this work’s title characters overhears a conversation between Dr. Muller and her tutor, which she understands to mean that the latter does not love her, prompting her to wed Dean Rein and Georg Kold to go to Sweden instead. Louise, Amalie, and Sofie Ramm are the title characters of, FTP, what feminist first novel by Camilla Collett?

ANSWER: *The District Governor’s Daughters* [or *The Sheriff’s Daughters* or *Amtmandens Døttre*]

28. Early in this novel, one character leads his congregation in singing the hymn “Farewell, world, farewell”, after he realizes while giving a sermon that his wife, Anna Sophia, is bedding the Stores Manager at that very moment; that character is Master Wenzel. Johan Hendrik writes a report on the economy of the Faroe Islands for his nephew in an effort to help him escape this work’s title character, who had run off to Torshavn when Hanus Elias’s insistence that his unborn son be baptized traps the title character’s husband on Mykines for 11 days. Suzanne weds Gabriel, who is ever frustrated in his pursuit of the title character, after a French officer impregnates her. This novel’s title character weds three pastors, the last of whom, Paul, goes mad after he is cuckolded by the title woman. FTP, name this novel about the title woman, written by Jorgen-Frantz Jacobsen.

ANSWER: **Barbara**

29. In one work by this author, the title character’s mother tries to discuss his faith, after she finds a poem attacking God in his desk, but he does not answer, instead thinking about her loneliness; the title character of that work gives up on being a poet, settling for an affair with a disappointed older woman and a civil service job. The title character of that semi-autobiographical work, Martin Birck, appears as a friend of the title character of another novel by this author, along with the journalist Markel, who informs the title character about Klas Recke’s engagement to Miss Lewinson. The title character of that work by this author has a handleless watch as a pocket case in which to store potassium cyanide, which he convinces another character to take as heart medication, after a six-week stint at Porla failed to cure that man of his lust for his wife Helga. Pastor Gregorius is poisoned by the title figure, in part because of his own love for the former’s young wife in the best known novel of, FTP, what author of *Doctor Glas*?

ANSWER: Hjalmar **Söderberg**

30. In one episode, a ruler of this polity dressed in a white cowl to help a penniless farmer go fishing; another ruler of this polity, Hakon, was accidentally killed when he put on a cursed tunic sewn by his mother and aunt, which was intended for his brother, who then exiled those women, Helga and Frakkok. Another ruler of this polity acquired it with the deaths of his co-ruling brothers, Sumarlidi and Einar, and ruled it with his holdings at Caithness. The death of one ruler of this earldom resulted in a bright light in a swamp where he was killed, and several miracles are credited to another earl, St. Magnus. Svein Asliefarson was a major problem for several rulers of these islands, including Harald Maddadarson, and rulers like Thorfinn Sigurdarson and Rognvald Brusason were forced to deal with interference from Norway in their rule in these islands. The subject of a namesake Icelandic saga, this is, FTP, what group of islands to the north of Scotland, the rulers of which also often controlled the Hebrides and Shetland?

ANSWER: **Orkney** Islands [or **Orkneys** or **Orkneyjar**; accept **Orkneyinga** Saga]

31. This work’s last section is comprised of intelligence communiqués, which identify certain characters as Agents X and Fly. One character in this work stares out at the sky, looking at the Big Dipper so she can feel connected to her homeland, while in exile in Vladivostok; that woman, Ingel, is the mother of a woman who stops talking after being raped as a child by police searching for her father. Oksanka claims to be a waitress and flashes her wealth, including a black Volga, to lure another character in this work to Germany. Another character in this work shoots Pasha and Lavrenti in her front yard, and is revealed in a series of flashbacks to have helped to hide Hans Peck in a secret room behind her kitchen, while also having Hans’s wife and her sister deported. Zara flees from her abusive pimp Pasha, meeting her great-aunt Aliide Truu in Estonia in, FTP, what novel by contemporary Finnish writer Sofi Oksanen?

ANSWER: **Purge** [or **Puhdistus**]

32. One character in this work hangs himself in a wardrobe in his attic after his wife dies, and another character is a former army officer who shoots himself after learning that he is not loved by Dyhring's wife. Those men are Pastor Fjaltring and Lt. Hansen. Another character in this work earns the enmity of Col. Bjerregrav when he declares that the next time Bjerregrav will come to him and that same character angers Max Bernhardt, leading to the break-up of a group of investors for his plan. The title character of this novel weds Inger, the daughter of Pastor Blomberg, who nonetheless fails to convert the title character, despite his spiritual crises later in life caused by his rejection of the strict Lutheranism of his family. This novel's title character becomes engaged to Jakobe, the daughter of a Jewish financier, whose wealth and connections the title character hopes to make use of for a canal and free port project in West Jutland. Peter Andreas Sidenius is the title failed engineer of, FTP, what novel by Henrik Pontoppidan?
ANSWER: Lucky Per [or Lykke-Per]

33. One character in this work lives the last months of his life in complete piety when his wife refuses to let him in his house, before Mons kills him by hitting him with a table. In addition to Capt. Lennart, another character in this work kills herself in the woods, after the title character cannot announce his engagement to her, the "broom girl", due to a dam breaking. Margareta Celsing is forced to wed the poor Maj. Samzelius, but had a love affair with Altringer, who gives her the estate of Ekeby, where she houses twelve permanent guests, including this work's title character. The love affairs of this work's title character include one with the pious Ebba Donha, that ends in her death, one with Marianne Sinclair, which ends when she contracts smallpox, and his final marriage with Elizabeth, whose marriage to her husband, Count Henrik, is annulled after he learns of her love for the title defrocked priest. Written about the "golden age" of Vaermland, Sweden, this is, FTP, what novel by Selma Lagerlöf?
ANSWER: Gösta Berling's Saga [or The Story of Goesta Berling]

34. One character in this work is drawn into a duel after Skeggi has effigies made simulating sodomy; that character is the namesake of this work's title character, and forces his family to flee Norway after killing three of his sister's suitors. Another character in this work receives a bloody nose when offering silver to the title character's wife to betray him, and later that man is castrated by the wife of the man who hired him to kill the title character. In addition to Eyjolf, whom Bork the Grey hires to avenge his brother, another character in this work is killed by a young man to whom he shows his sword at a Thing; that character is Thorkel, a brother of the title character. The title character of this work suffers from nightmares of the "good dream-woman" and the "bad dream-woman", after he makes the decision to avenge the murder of his brother-in-law Vestein by killing his brother-in-law Thorgrim. FTP, name this Icelandic saga about the title outlaw, whose 13 years are the second-longest outlawry after Grettir Asmundarson's.
ANSWER: Gisli's Saga [or The Saga of Gisli Sursson or The Saga of Gisli the Outlaw or Gisla Saga Surssonar]

35. One character in this work remarks that children raised in the title location never cry, but that, as a result, they do not laugh as adults. The return of the former tutor of this work's title character prompts a loan of a suit and money for a lecture, but they are later reported to have been used to buy alcohol for that man, Ulrik Brendel. A radical newspaperman insists that he cannot report the title character's new-found atheism, because his political party needs to make use of the title character's moral authority. Several characters allude to visions of a ghostly white horse, especially a young woman who lives with the title character and whom Dr. Kroll accuses of having seduced that title character; that woman later admits to having driven Beata, the title character's wife, to suicide. Ending with the suicide of Rebecca West and John, this is, FTP, what play by Henrik Ibsen, named for John's ancestral estate?
ANSWER: Rosmersholm

36. One character in a work written by this author becomes obsessed with his daughter's penmanship, reading over and over again the notebooks in which she practiced writing as he lays in bed after having a stroke. That work by this author ends after the title character drowns herself in a pool, at the same time as her countrymen are failing to fend off the Prussians during the siege of Dybbøl. In another work by this author, the title character is fervently kissed by the foreman of a local farm while playing hide-and-seek in a gardener's shed, though shortly thereafter, the title character becomes depressed seeing her sister-in-law and her former friend, Thora Berg, mired in the miseries of their marriages. The title character of one novel by this author realizes that she never had the love of Commissioner Berg, even after she slept with him; the title character of another novel by this author wastes away after Huus leaves her to live with her husband Bai. FTP, name this Danish Impressionist author of *Tina* and *Katinka*.
ANSWER: Herman Bang

37. In one work by this author, the protagonist begins an affair with his co-worker Helena, which he ends by sending her to the man stalking her; another character in that work by this author is Lily, the protagonist's sister, a model in the US, where she claims at one point to have seen their father. In another work by this author, a con artist cheats a self-serving politician by pretending to be Dr. Alfreds and claiming that a certain mountain is full of uranium. This author of *Atoms and Madams* wrote a work that ends with the protagonist stopped by Alexander and others from blowing up the oil reserves of Markus, whom the protagonist blames for the death of his father and whom the protagonist believes is his actual father. The title object of another work by this author is said to have been awarded to Erling by the president of Portugal; that work by this author ends with Benni emulating his father and fleeing to America after the death of his wife. FTP, name this Icelandic author of *The Sword* and *The Medal of Distinction*.
ANSWER: Agnar Thordarson [or Agnar Þorðarson; prompt on "Agnar", even though patronymics are not surnames in Iceland]

38. The return of one character in this work is heralded by the strange mooing of the cows, and their seeming return to the yard without being herded, a fact which the title character witnesses just as he has given up on clearing the hill overlooking his house. Earlier in this novel, one character refuses to wear the same silks as a group of other women, in part because of her insistence that she be the only woman of her lover, rather than part of a harem ruled over by that man's mother. The title character of this novel threatens his mother with a tobacco chopper, breaking through a floorboard, and with a milk pail, which he smashes, in an effort to stop her from denigrating his wife, who runs off with the trader Sheimakka, largely because of the large age difference between her and her husband. Marja returns to the title character, who accepts her until he learns that she wished him dead, whereupon he kills himself in, FTP, what novel by Juhani Aho?

ANSWER: Juha

39. The protagonist of one work by this author finds his hands confused as to whether they are pulling up weeds or good turnips, as he is distracted by the flirting of the sweethearts working beside him; the protagonist of that work by this author uses the fake name Per when he meets the girls Anna and Inger, in large part because of his hatred of his reputation and the nickname "Simple Simon". This author wrote about the learning disabled Mattis, who introduces his caretaker and sister to Jorgen, but then becomes jealous of their budding relationship. In addition to *The Birds*, this author wrote a work in which a girl, in order to pass through a tight crevice discards her coat and satchel, despite the freezing cold; that novel by this author concludes with the destruction of the title structure in the spring, after Siss has come to grips with the death of Unn, who froze to death. FTP, name this Norwegian author of *The Ice Palace*.

ANSWER: Tarjei Vesaas

40. Several parts of this novel are written in dramatic form, including Chapter XV of Section I, which the narrator describes as a possible study for a play entitled *Husbands*. This novel's narrator spends a brief holiday in Bærum perpetually drunk with "newspaper bandits" and artists in a section in which he is introduced to Paul Bourget and Joris-Karl Huysmans, whom he hopes to promote as the arts editor for a newspaper founded by George Jonathan. This novel's narrator believes that he is haunted by the ghost of his friend Dr. Kvaale, which ultimately drives him to Pastor Løchen and a conversion to Christianity. The plans of this novel's narrator for a marriage of convenience come to nothing when Miss Brener joins her former lover in Bergen; the narrator had earlier driven his beloved to wed the elderly Mr. Ryen, after rejecting Fanny Holmsen. Consisting of the emotionally conflicted thoughts of Gabriel Gram, this is, FTP, what decadent novel by Arne Garborg?

ANSWER: Weary Men [or Tired Men or Trætte Mænd or Traette Maend]

41. In this work's penultimate part, an old man stops locals from killing Gudliof Gudlaugsson and gives him gifts for his lover and son. That man, Bjorn Asbrandsson, is exiled for an affair with Thurid Thorgrimsdottir, the sister of this work's main character. This work contains unique references to a "turf-game" played by residents of the title area, and to a special "door-court". Thorgunna's death in this work is foretold by a rain of blood on her hay and causes a plague and haunting at Frodriver; later Thorolf Twist-Foot's ghost turns into a bull, killing Thorodd Thorbrandsson. The good deeds of this work's main character include the expelling of the vikings led by Ospak Kjallaksson, but his crimes include an extended feud with the Kjalleklings and the murder of his chief rival Arnkel the Priest. Concerned primarily with the conflicts of Snorri the Priest in the title area around Alftafjord, this is, FTP, what Icelandic saga, possibly composed simultaneously with *Laxdaela Saga*?

ANSWER: Eyrbyggja Saga [or Saga of the People of Eyri]

42. One character in this work builds a throne with large wings and inflated pig bladders, which he uses to fly to the moon, and during a dream, the protagonist of this work imagines he has joined Adaloald there. Another character in this work is killed by an arrow through the throat, after he's been sent to guard a pagan village from Danish raids; in addition to Conald, another character in this work is found mostly eaten by a nest of rats and carrion birds after he is crushed in an avalanche, escorting Bertoald home from prison. Rambert is the lover of Landoalda, who in her youth was called Angilperta and who earned this novel's protagonist the envy of his brothers Conald and Warnefrit when he brushed a spark from her lap. This novel's protagonist is based loosely on Einhard and serves at the royal school of Aachen of the title king, Charlemagne. FTP, name this novel about Johannes Lupigis, a work of Eyvind Johnson.

ANSWER: The Days of His Grace [or Hans Nådes Tid]

43. In one work by this author, one character embarrasses another by forcing him to ask if horse-riding is equivalent to skipping and dancing; near the end of that work, Eyolfur describes the death of Lightfoot as he tried to swim from England to Iceland in order to reunite with Bleikaling. Another work by this author closes with Bjorn Asbrandsson as the chief of a Native American tribe; that work of this author describes the failed attempts of Thorfinn Karlsefni and Eirik the Red's sons to establish colonies in Canada. In another work by this author of *I See a Wondrous Land*, Henrik Bjelke forces Iceland to accept Frederick III's absolute rule. In that work, Helga Magnusdottir helps the title character, Ragnheithur, hide her pregnancy by Dathi Halldorsson from her father, Bishop Brynjolfur, after the latter forced her to take an oath on her purity. FTP, name this author of *The Virgin of Skalholt*.

ANSWER: Gudmundur Kamban [or Guðmundur Kamban or Guðmundur Jonsson; prompt on "Gudmundur" or "Guðmundur", even though Kamban was his adopted surname]

44. One character in this novel, Isa, demands to know why the little mermaid dies, before she dies of pneumonia. On a road trip in Sweden, three characters in this novel see gang-member Per give his 14-year-old sister Kiki to Gert at a roadhouse, before a car

wreck results in Suzie having a miscarriage, while on her way to get an abortion. Another character, Leni, is drugged and beaten by her ex-husband so that she will stay the night holding his hand; that man is an antique dealer who pays the married Cadett 500 kroner for sex. This novel is bookended by the appearances of a transvestite singer, Jolly Daisy. Sonja and Nova are put in a reformatory after stabbing and robbing a motorist and the former car salesman Mark is divorced by his wife after he takes out a series of loans from Eddy in, FTP, what novel about a group of down-and-outs in Denmark, written by Kirsten Thorup?

ANSWER: Baby

45. One character in this work, Jensen, was elected auditor of an insurance board because the people felt bad for him when he was caught embezzling as treasurer. Tummas spreads a rumor that one of this novel's title characters killed another man, though Lias Berint actually died falling from a rock trying to retrieve the deeds to his property. One of this work's title characters dislocates his shoulder when a whale jumps aboard the ship he was on, *The Troll*, sinking it, which causes Kalv's father to give the doctor a bloody kidney as payment. After a successful trip to Sorvag Fjord whaling, one of this novel's title characters drunkenly claims 1.5 tons of whale meat, incurring a debt that he works diligently fishing, fowling, and collecting flotsam on the beach in order to pay off. Detailing the conflict between one title character, Ketil, and a modernizing society represented by his offspring, this is, FTP, what novel by Hedin Bru?

ANSWER: *The Old Man and His Sons* [or *Fedgar a ferd*]

46. One character in this work spends an increasing amount of time with Hjerrild, until he invites her to sleep with him, because Hjerrild tells her stories about her former lover and his new wife Berit Eck; that character marries the sculptor Ahlin because she is afraid of her love for the abusive womanizer Hans Hermann. In addition to Fransiska, another character in this novel confesses to making up stories about liaisons with other women, in part because of his attraction to both Cesca and the protagonist. This novel's title character commits suicide after being raped by her former fiancé, who had broken up with her, in part, because the title character could not stand his mother. After splitting with Helge, this novel's title character has affair with and is impregnated by Gert, Helge's father. FTP, name this novel about the unsuccessful love-life and ultimate death of the title artist, an early work of Sigrid Undset.

ANSWER: Jenny

47. In one work by this author, the title character extracts a rotten tooth from Krona's mouth, after stumbling on the bus he lives in with Pekka, Larsson, and the Count. In another work by this author, the protagonist learns about an intact library from Halvar, whom he later murders for Castle Rock, to which he and Tulikke flee when Petsamo exiles them for the latter's pregnancy. That novel is about Edvin, often known as "Pussylips" for his cleft palate in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. In addition to *After the Flood*, this author wrote about a woman who is brainwashed by the "Ethics Center" after she tries to stop a rat-packing experiment; the title character of that novel by this author attempts to reform the NMSI, but is thwarted by bureaucracy and the personal and systemic abuse she receives at home and in her job. Evy Beck is the title veterinarian of, FTP, what Swedish author's novel, *The Animal Doctor*?

ANSWER: Per Christian Jersild

48. The protagonist of one work by this writer thinks that a statue of Jesus comes to life and encourages him to burn down a church; the protagonist of that work manages to take a correspondence course in business administration, while on the lam, after he is driven from the village for his antisocial behavior and tendency to act like wild animals. This author of *The Howling Miller* also wrote a work in which Hannikainen details all of the physical, linguistic, and political evidence he has gathered to prove that President Kekkonen was replaced by a double in 1968; that work by this author ends after its protagonist is arrested as a spy after crossing the Soviet border in pursuit of a bear. The protagonist of that novel becomes engaged to a lawyer named Leila, abandoning his wife and his job as a journalist after the car he is riding in strikes the title character. Kaarlo Vatanen's adventures begin after he rescues an injured leveret in this author's most famous novel. FTP, name this author of *The Year of the Hare*.

ANSWER: Arto Paasilinna

49. In one work by this author, a woman's suspicions about the infidelity of her husband are confirmed when she discovers a secret passage from a summer house to a uniform depot, which he revealed to her in a delirium; that work by this author sees Dr. L kill himself after learning he is not the father of his three daughters. In the appendix of another work by this author of "Tardy Awakening", Pastor Jens learns that Niels Bruus ran away to Germany and that Morten Bruus was responsible for the execution of the innocent title character. This author of "The Pastor of Vjilbye" first found success with a story in which the title character, Morton Vinge, falls in love with the daughter of his master, Miss Sophie, before she runs away with Jens, becoming an impoverished prostitute. FTP, name this early Danish short story writer, author of "The Diary of a Parish Clerk".

ANSWER: Steen Steensen Blicher

50. One character in this work tells the village children that he is a Mandarin who can fly on a Dragon, and he greets the arrival of the title character as a chance to finally share all of his writings before he can die in peace. In addition to Uncle Ungert, another character in this novel promises to paint the Little Mermaid for the title character, in return for a beautiful object. That beautiful object is a depiction of a dead girl, which the title character makes after holding Sanni before an icon as she dies in a monastery. Midway through this novel, Sabine runs away from home after her brother Joachim dies, since her mother is unable to show her any affection. This novel's title character, Myyriainen, also runs away from home, hoping to find his creative spark in the

countryside of Karelia, after he discovers that all of the wooden figures he has made are comic, rather than immortal, in character. FTP, name this Hagar Olsson novel about the title artist struggling with the title concept.

ANSWER: *The Woodcarver and Death*