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And She Said No Anchor

Known and loved throughout Egypt as a work that celebrates the national character, Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz's *Thebes at War* tells of a high point in Egyptian history—ancient Egypt's defeat of Asiatic foreigners who had dominated northern Egypt for two hundred years. With a visit from a court official and a provocative insult, the southern pharaoh's long simmering resentment boils over, leading him to

commit himself and his heirs to an epic struggle for the throne. Filled with the grand clash of armies, staggering defeats, daring escapes, and glorious victories, and written at a time when Egypt was again under the sway of foreign powers, *Thebes at War* is a resounding call to remember Egypt's long and noble history.

Before the Throne University of Texas Press

The time is 1981, Anwar al-Sadat is president, and Egypt is lurching into the modern world. Set against this backdrop, *The Day the Leader Was Killed* relates the tale of a middle-class Cairene family.

Rich with irony and infused with political undertones, the story is narrated alternately by the pious and mischievous family patriarch Muhtashimi Zayed, his hapless grandson Elwan, and Elwan's headstrong and beautiful fiancée Randa. The novel reaches its climax with the assassination of Sadat on October 6, 1981, an event around which the fictional plot is skillfully woven.

Respected Sir, Wedding Song, The Search Anchor

A new volume of three novels—previously published separately by Anchor—by Naguib Mahfouz, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Together with *The Beggar*, *The Thief and The Dogs*, and *Autumn Quail* (published by Anchor in December 2000), these novels represent a comprehensive collection of Mahfouz's

artful meditations on post-revolution Egypt. Diverse in style and narrative technique, they render a nuanced and universally resonant vision of modern life in the Middle East. Respected Sir, “a latter-day Bleak House in Arabic” (The New York Times), revisits a familiar theme—vaulting ambition—in a powerful and religious metaphor. Wedding Song, “one of Mahfouz’s most enjoyable works” (The Chicago Tribune), is a psychological drama, focusing on how four very different kinds of minds apprehend and reckon with the realities that surround them. *The Search* is a powerful, lurid, and compelling story of lust, greed, and murder.

The Beggar American Univ in Cairo Press
This highly charged fable set in Alexandria, Egypt, in the late 1960s,

centers on the guests of the Pension Miramar as they compete for the attention of the young servant Zohra. Zohra is a beautiful peasant girl who fled her family to escape an arranged marriage. She becomes the focus of jealousies and conflicts among the Miramar's residents, who include an assortment of radicals and aristocrats floundering in the wake of the Egyptian revolution. It becomes clear that the uneducated but strong-willed Zohra is the only one among them who knows what she wants. As the situation spirals toward violence and tragedy, the same sequence of events is retold from the perspective of four different residents, in the manner of Akira Kurosawa's *Rashomon*, weaving a nuanced portrait of the intricacies of post-revolutionary

Egyptian life.

Miramar American Univ in Cairo Press To celebrate the centenary of the birth of the great Egyptian writer and Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz, the AUC Press, which has been publishing English translations of Mahfouz's work since 1978, presents all his novels, three collections of short stories, and his autobiographical writings in a single library of 20 hardbound volumes, including all 42 works translated into English. From *Khufu's Wisdom*, first published in Arabic in 1939, to his last work of extended fiction, *The Coffeehouse* (1988), all thirty-five of his novels are here, along with thirty-eight short stories His *Echoes of an Autobiography* is included, as well as his exquisite late series of intensely short

fictions known as The Dreams and the collection of his weekly newspaper columns, Naguib Mahfouz at Sidi Gaber. This unique library brings together all Naguib Mahfouz's translated work for the first time in a very special publishing event. - Volume 1: Khufu's Wisdom, Rhadopis of Nubia, Thebes at War - Volume 2: Cairo Modern, Khan al-Khalili - Volume 3: Midaq Alley - Volume 4: The Mirage - Volume 5: The Beginning and the End - Volume 6: Palace Walk - Volume 7: Palace of Desire - Volume 8: Sugar Street - Volume 9: Children of the Alley - Volume 10: The Thief and the Dogs, Autumn Quail, The Search - Volume 11: The Beggar, Adrift on the Nile, Miramar - Volume 12: Mirrors, Love in the Rain, Karnak Café - Volume 13: Fountain and Tomb, Heart of the Night,

Respected Sir - Volume 14: The Harafish - Volume 15: In the Time of Love, Wedding Song, Arabian Nights and Days - Volume 16: The Final Hour, Before the Throne - Volume 17: The Journey of Ibn Fattouma, Akhenaten: Dweller in Truth - Volume 18: The Day the Leader Was Killed, Morning and Evening Talk, The Coffeehouse - Volume 19: Echoes of an Autobiography, The Dreams, Dreams of Departure, Naguib Mahfouz at Sidi Gaber - Volume 20: The Time and the Place, The Seventh Heaven, Voices from the Other World.

Naguib Mahfouz Anchor

Egyptian Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz draws on his homeland's rich engagement with the afterlife—and his own near-death experience at the hands of a would-be assassin—in these newly

translated, brilliantly mysterious stories of the supernatural. Among those who haunt these tales are the ghosts of Akhenaten, Woodrow Wilson, and Gamal Abd al-Nasser, who endure a strange system of earthly probation in the hope of gaining entry to the fabled Seventh Heaven; a teenager drawn into the secret, enchanted life he finds within his neighborhood's forbidden wood; an honest perfume seller accosted on a night out by angry skeletons; and Satan himself, who confesses that there is still, despite the flood of evil in our times, an honorable man in the land. As ingenious at capturing the surreal as he is at documenting the very real social landscape of modern Cairo, Mahfouz guides these restless spirits as they migrate from the shadowy realms of

other worlds to the haunted precincts of our own. Translated by Raymond Stock
The Beggar Anchor

A late work by the Egyptian Nobel literature laureate, *Morning and Evening Talk* is an epic tale of Egyptian life over five generations. Set in Cairo, it traces the fortunes of three families from the arrival of Napoleon at the end of the eighteenth century to the 1980s, using short character sketches arranged in alphabetical order. This highly experimental device produces a kind of biographical dictionary, whose individual entries come together to paint a vivid portrait of life in Cairo from a range of different perspectives. The characters include representatives of every class and human type, and as the intricate family saga unfolds, a powerful picture

of a society in transition--and the accompanying upheaval--emerges. This is a tale of change and continuity, of the death of a traditional way of life, of the road to independence and beyond, seen through the eyes of Egypt's citizens.

Naguib Mahfouz's last chronicle of Cairo is an elegy to a bygone era and a tribute to the Egyptian spirit. It is also one of his most technically innovative contributions to the Arabic novel.

Life ,s wisdom Anchor

In *The Beggar*, Mahfouz expresses his disdain with the current political situation in Egypt by using his characters as symbols of the past, present, and political views of his country. Omar al-Hamzawi's daughter Buthayna is one of the female protagonists in this story who symbolizes Egypt post the 1952

revolution. She is like Egypt, youthful and optimistic but naïve and ill-experienced. She is at a point in her life where the decision of poetry vs. science will determine how she develops and where she will go in life. Quite similar to the situation Egypt is facing after the revolt and establishment of a new government. Egypt was and is a country mired in fundamentalism and traditionalism. Should Buthayna be radical or should she accept what Egyptian society has already set forth for her? These were the problems confronting her. So it is easy to see where the comparison of Buthayna to Egypt post revolution comes from.

The Dream Of Scipio Interlink Books

How do the literatures and cultures of oppressed societies survive and flourish

in spite of the overdetermining conditions of precarity and injustice of which they are a product and against which they protest? Might the symptom of oppression become simultaneously the agent of its critique? *Melancholy Acts* offers richly nuanced reflections on these questions through a series of wide-ranging engagements with Arab thought, literature, and film in the aftermath of the 1948 dispossession of Palestinians and the 1967 military defeat of Arab armies. *Melancholy Acts* offers a psychoaffective theory of cultural production that arises out of the disjunction between political impoverishment and cultural resistance to colonial and neoliberal oppression. Such a theory allows the author to trace the melancholy disposition of Arabic

literary and filmic productions and to discern the precarious rhetorical modes of their critical intervention in a culture that is continually strained to its breaking point. Across six chapters, *Melancholy Acts* reads with rigor and sensitivity contentious topics of Arab contemporaneity such as secular modernity and manhood, Arab nationalism and leftism, literary and artistic *iltizām*, or commitment, Islamism, and martyrdom. The book tracks the melancholy politics that inform the literary and cultural projects of a multitude of Arab novelists (Ghassan Kanafani and Naguib Mahfouz); poets and playwrights (Mahmoud Darwish, Nizar Qabbani, and Saadallah Wannous); filmmakers (Nouri Bouzid, Moufida Tlatli, Youssef Chahine, and Hany Abu Assad);

alongside the work of such intellectuals as Hussein Muruwwa, Malek Bennabi, Karima Lazali, George Tarabishi, and Fethi Benslama, from within the Arab world, as well as such non-Arab thinkers as Freud, Lacan, Adorno, Fanon, Spivak, Butler, and Žižek. *Melancholy Acts* charts a fresh and bold new approach to Arabic and comparative literature that combines in interlaced simultaneity a high sensitivity to local idioms, as they swerve between symptom and critique, with nuanced knowledge of the geopolitics of theory and psychoanalysis. *Autumn Quail* Lynne Rienner Publishers Includes glossary and interview with the author.

Thebes at War Modern Language Association of America

"When you leave something that you

love behind; perhaps it is a sign, a good sign. Maybe destiny has a plan; only time will tell." Nora found this note hidden in a bouquet of lilies, just before her life takes an unfortunate turn. Fifteen years would pass in order to discover the secret behind these startling, profound words. And when she was about to have a fancy dinner with the mysterious multi-millionaire, Phaedra told her: "Those who dare, live." But she couldn't have foreseen the overwhelming change that was lurking in the folds of her uncertain future. *Midaq Alley* National Geographic Books Nearly sixty of Egypt's past leaders—from the time of the Pharaohs to the twentieth century—are summoned to judgment in the Court of Osiris in the Afterlife, in this extraordinary novel by

Nobel Prize-winning author Naguib Mahfouz. Before the Throne calls forth a parade of those who have shaped the modern nation of Egypt—from the ruler who first unified Egypt in 3000 BC to Anwar Sadat, the president assassinated by religious extremists in 1981, and including figures as various as the famous pharaoh Ramesses II and the medieval vizier Qaraqush. As they defend their decisions under questioning by Osiris, Isis, and Horus, those who acted for the nation's good are honored with immortality in paradise while those who failed to protect it are condemned either to the inferno or to "the place of insignificance." Full of Mahfouz's unique insight into his country's timeless qualities, this provocative work skillfully traces five thousand years of Egypt's

past as it flows into the turbulent present. Translated from the Arabic by Raymond Stock

The Search Anchor

First Published in 2004. Naguib Mahfouz is one of the most important Arabic fiction writers of this century. Born in 1911, his long and prolific writing career represents the evolution of a novel genre in Arabic literature. His books are a record of the tragic tensions attendant on a nation's quest for freedom and modernity. In 1988 he won the Nobel Prize for Literature. This book provides a comprehensive study of Mahfouz's achievement. Rasheed El-Enany presents a systemic evaluation of the author's life and environment; local and foreign influences on him; elements of his thought and technique and the

evolution of his craft. While each work is discussed individually, emphasis is laid throughout on elements of continuity in his work, whether thematic or aesthetic. In particular, Dr El-Enany challenges the traditional classification of Mahfouz's work into four chronological phases - historical, realist, modernist and indigenous or traditional. It is demonstrated that elements of these forms recur throughout Mahfouz's varied and experimental writings. This book is the story of Mahfouz's struggle to free his novels from the prevalent, predominantly Western moulds and to express his own socio-political thought. Critical Perspectives on Naguib Mahfouz
Anchor

Anchor proudly presents a new omnibus volume of three novels--previously

published separately by Anchor--by Naguib Mahfouz, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Assembled here is a collection of Mahfouz's artful meditations on the vicissitudes of post-Revolution Egypt. Diverse in style and narrative technique, together they render a rich, nuanced, and universally resonant vision of modern life in the Middle East. The Beggar is a complex tale of alienation and despair. In the aftermath of Nasser's revolution, a man sacrifices his work and family to a series of illicit love affairs. Released from jail in post-Revolutionary times, the hero of *The Thief and the Dogs* blames an unjust society for his ill fortune, eventually bringing himself to destruction. *Autumn Quail* is a tale of moral responsibility, isolation, and political downfall about a corrupt

bureaucrat who is one of the early victims of the purge after the 1952 revolution in Egypt.

Echoes of an Autobiography Anchor

A complex tale of alienation and despair. Unable to achieve psychological renewal in the aftermath of Nasser's revolution, a man sacrifices his work and family to a series of illicit love affairs that intensify his feelings of estrangement. A passionate outcry against irrelevance.

The Naguib Mahfouz Centennial Library
Routledge

Dark, erudite and like *An Instance of the Fingerpost*, utterly compelling, *The Dream of Scipio* confirms Iain Pears as one of Britain's most imaginative novelists Set in Provence at three different critical moments of Western Civilisation - the collapse of the Roman

Empire in the fifth century, the Black Death in the fourteenth, and the Second World War in the twentieth - *The Dream of Scipio* follows the fortunes of three men: Manlius Hippomanes, a Gallic aristocrat obsessed with the preservation of Roman civilisation, Olivier de Noyen, a poet, and Julien Barneuve, an intellectual who joins the Vichy government. The story of each man is woven through the narrative, linked by the classical text that gives the book its title, and by each man's love for an extraordinary woman. 'Irresistibly seizes the imagination' *Evening Standard*

The Quarter Anchor

Naguib Mahfouz is the Arab world's best-known writer and the single most important chronicler and analyst of

twentieth-century Egypt. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1988, and since then his work has been increasingly studied in North American university classrooms. This first volume in the MLA series Approaches to Teaching World Literature to focus on an Arab author or Arabic literature provides an introduction to Mahfouz. In part 1, "Materials," the editors discuss Mahfouz's background, influence, and critical reception. In part 2, "Approaches," the volume's contributors offer information, resources, and insights for teaching his work. Topics covered include the Arabian Nights tradition in Mahfouz's work, the challenge of teaching Mahfouz in English translation, the Nasserite intellectual in *The Beggar*, the image of Alexandria in *Miramar*, the

bitterness of British occupation in Midaq Alley, and the quest of Sufism in "Zaabalawi."

The Journey of Ibn Fattouma

Syracuse University Press

From the Foreword by Nadine Gordimer:

"These pieces are meditations which echo that which was, has been, and is the writer Mahfouz. They are--in the words of the title of one of the prose pieces--'The Dialogue of the Late Afternoon' of his life. I don't believe any autobiography, with its inevitable implication of self-presentation, could have matched what we have here." With more than 500,000 copies of his books in print, Naguib Mahfouz has established a following of readers for whom *Echoes of an Autobiography* provides a unique opportunity to catch an intimate glimpse

into the life and mind of this magnificent storyteller. Here, in his first work of nonfiction ever to be published in the United States, Mahfouz considers the myriad perplexities of existence, including preoccupations with old age, death, and life's transitory nature. A surprising and delightful departure from his bestselling and much-loved fiction, this unusual and thoughtful book is breathtaking evidence of the fact that Naguib Mahfouz is not only a "storyteller of the first order" (Vanity Fair), but also a profound thinker of the first order.

The Beggar Anchor

Autumn Quail is a tale of moral responsibility, alienation, and political downfall featuring a corrupt young bureaucrat, Isa ad-Dabbagh, who is one of the early victims of the purge after

the 1952 Revolution in Egypt. The conflict between his emotional instincts and his gradual intellectual acceptance of the Revolution forms the framework for a remarkable portrait of the clash between past and present, a portrait that is ultimately an optimistic one in which the two will peacefully coexist.

Khan Al-Khalili Saqi Books

Scholars of Arabic language and literature show how renowned Egyptian fiction writer Mahfouz's work transcends its setting in the ancient alleys of Cairo and speaks to all people in all cultures. The collection of essays originated in a symposium at the U. of Massachusetts recognizing Mahfouz's receipt of the 1988 Nobel Prize for literature.

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