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Excerpt...

"Yesss!" She glanced at the diamond rough in her hand then dropped the crystals into the rucksack. Once again, she circled the room, gathering the glass and the flask into the rucksack, and wiping clean the surfaces she might have touched. In a final act, she sat on the edge of his bed and positioned his body as if he'd been sleeping; head on pillow, body covered with a light blanket.

"Sleep, my darling," she whispered. "The sting of the Chrysanthemum is painless...and final."

She felt inside the waist of her skirt and pulled forth a six-inch hatpin with a flat, yellow head. The head was about a half-inch in diameter and engraved with a smiling happy face. Her actions appeared smooth and very careful; she closed both of his eyelids and positioned the hatpin with her left hand, with the point barely touching the left eyelid. Her full lips puckered and she made the pouting gesture of a kiss, then jammed the pin through his left eye and into his brain with the palm of her right hand.

