

## THE EXORCIST

The woman gets crazed once a month, by the moon they say. This time she shouts and throws stones. They strike the zinc roof of the unfinished mosque. A group goes to quiet her. Even the Paramount Chief gets up from his Stout to say a few words to her. She is escorted to a house. Sulimani soon returns asking for five cents to buy her food. He has a Bible and a Time magazine in his hand. He shows us these and explains that he is going to rid her of the devil, Beelzebub. He pronounces this in a unique way. The secondary school principal asks what verses he intends to use, perhaps the Psalms? Suliman says yes, the twenty-third, and recites it lightningfast in unrecognizable rhythm and language although we know it must be English. The principal asks if it will be a permanent cure and adds that he will not contribute five cents for a temporary cure. He then asks what relationship exists between Suliman and the woman, perhaps love?

"No, no," Suliman answers, "only that a father shows for his daughter."