Dr No

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1  John Strangeways works for the British Secret Intelligence Service. He is not a good spy, because too many people know what his work is.

2 (a) M, the Head of the Secret Service, asks this question.
(b) M is talking to the British special agent, James Bond – 007.
(c) Bond’s last mission had gone badly wrong and Bond had nearly been killed. M wants to be sure that Bond can be trusted not to make a mistake again.

3 1(a) Dr Julius No, who bought Crab Key from Britain in 1942, is a very rich man. He is half Chinese and half German.
(b) They are the names of birds. Many green cormorants visit Crab Key and leave their droppings—called guano. Guano contains nitrates, so it is collected to be used as fertilizer. Roseate spoonbills are very rare birds. They now live in a sanctuary on Crab Key, to keep them safe.
(c) The man was a warden from the bird sanctuary on Crab Key. His body was badly burned and he died a few days later. He said that he had been burned by a dragon which breathed fire and destroyed his camp. The other warden had been burnt to death and so had many of the spoonbills.

2 Bond thinks that Strangeways and Trueblood have been killed.

4 1 Quarrel, a man from the Cayman Islands, is going to help Bond.
2 Quarrel can help Bond in several ways. The people of Jamaica trust Quarrel and tell him things. As he is Bond’s friend, they will trust Bond too. Quarrel knows all about boats and can get Bond to Crab Key safely. Quarrel is fit and strong and he will be able to make Bond strong again.
3 Bond is angry because a girl takes a photo of him. She knows his name and asks him questions. Bond is also angry because Quarrel had come to the airport in Strangeways’ car. That will tell Bond’s enemies that he is a spy too!
4 Quarrel tells Bond about his friend, Pus-Feller, who owns a good restaurant. When Pus-Feller was a fisherman, he had a fight with a giant octopus near Crab Key and was badly injured.

5 The young Chinese photographer, Annabel Chung, threatens to tell the police that Quarrel had hurt her arm. Later, she threatens Bond by saying that “he” will kill him. Bond and Quarrel don’t know who her boss is, but they know that they are in danger, because they have hurt the girl.

6 1 Bond wants Quarrel to get rid of the Sunbeam Alpine – Strangeways’ car. Quarrel must find two men, doubles of Bond and himself, to drive the car to Montego and leave it there. Quarrel can give the men some money and then he must hire another car. Bond also asks Quarrel to hire a house near Beau Desert on the north coast, for a month. All this must be done by 6.15 the next morning, when Quarrel and the two men will meet Bond at the hotel.
2 Bond dislikes the Acting Governor. The man is stupid – he sent Bond Strangeways’ car. And he tells Bond not to make trouble by asking questions.
3 Bond realizes that Pleydell-Smith’s secretary, Miss Taro, Annabel Chung and Dr No are all Chinese. There must be a connection between them.

7 1 Bond is suspicious about the gift of fruit because the card says that it is from the Acting Governor. But he dislikes Bond and would not send him anything. Bond sees that someone had tried to open his case. Then he finds very small holes in the fruit and guesses that it has been poisoned.
2 A centipede is crawling over Bond’s body. It may be poisonous! It moves over Bond’s left eye and Bond feels very ill.

8 1 Bond arranges to insure Quarrel’s life for five thousand pounds. If he dies, his family will get the money.

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2 The two men got up at 7a.m., swam for a quarter of a mile and had breakfast. They rested in the sun, ran a mile on the beach and swam another quarter of a mile. After lunch at midday, they slept for an hour, rested in the sun for another hour, then swam a mile. After all this, they had hot baths and Quarrel massaged Bond's body with oil, to make it strong. They did this every day for a week.

3 Dr No has radar on Crab Key. If they don't use the sail, he may not see them.

9 1 The girl could be a danger for two reasons. If she lives on the island, she may tell Dr No about Bond and Quarrel and they will be caught. If she has come to Crab Key secretly, Dr No's guards may know about her and come and find them all.

2 Honey Rider tells Bond about a fire-breathing dragon.

3 Bond does not believe in dragons. They are not real animals.

10 1 The hunters are three of Dr No's men in a large grey boat. Bond, Quarrel and the girl, Honey Rider, are the fugitives.

2 The pieces of bamboo help the three fugitives to breathe under water. One end of the bamboo is in the person's mouth and the other comes out of the water, so that air can be breathed through it.

11 1 A Black Widow is a very poisonous spider.

2 Honey found one and used it to kill a man who had attacked her. She put the spider through his window one night, it bit the man and he died.

3 Bond surrenders with the girl. Quarrel has been killed and if they don't surrender, they will be killed too.

12 1 Doctor No is unusual, because he is very tall and thin, with no hair on his head. He has metal claws instead of hands and he wears black contact lenses.

His headquarters are unusual, because they are built inside a mountain and under the sea. There is a huge window that looks out onto the sea, fish and rocks.

2 Doctor No is working for the Soviet government.

13 Doctor No is planning to kill both Bond and Honey Rider. But he wants them to have a lot of pain before they die. He wants to find out what pain will do to their minds and bodies. Honey will be slowly eaten by giant crabs.

Doctor No has arranged an obstacle course for Bond. This will test his mind and body and Bond will endure mental and physical pain. In the end, he will die too.

14 1 The metal grille is electrified and burns Bond’s hand. Then he has to climb up a vertical metal shaft and his whole body aches. The next shaft is horizontal, but the metal is very hot and burns his skin as he crawls along it.

2 Dr No tries to make Bond afraid and give up all hope. Someone is watching Bond too, but this only makes him angry.

15 1 First, Bond sees twenty giant tarantula spiders in a cage which he must get through. These spiders are very poisonous and if they bite Bond, he will probably die. So Bond frightens the spiders with the flame from his lighter and then stabs them with his spear as he crawls through their cage. When Bond falls into the water of the inlet, he sees a giant squid. When the squid attacks Bond, he stabs the creature with his knife and then stabs it through an eye, until it dies.

2 ‘Key’ is the Caribbean word for island. A ‘quay’ is a place where ships are tied.

16 1 Guano kills Doctor No when it pours all over him, covers his body and chokes him to death.

2 The crabs eat plants, not meat. Honey knows this and she was not afraid. The crabs may attack people with blood on their bodies, but Honey had not been injured, so she was safe.

3 Bond is thinking about everything that had happened to him since his arrival in Jamaica. He had things to tell M and Quarrel’s family too. Bond would soon have to go back to London for another mission. But first, he would spend some time with Honey. He was thinking about that too.