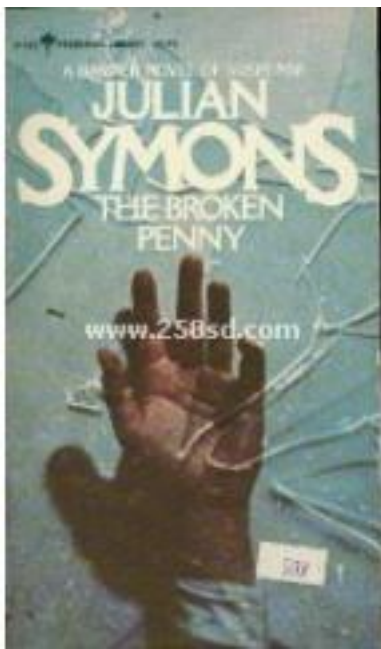


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The board in the hall said CENT~I. LIAXSON OR-
C.ANIZATIONi¼CE 3RD FLOOR. Charles Garden took the self-
service lift upi¼CE and stepped out into a waiti@ room with
C6zanne and Matisse reproductions on the walls. Be-
hind a desk sat a rather dowdy girl wearing large horn-
rimmed spectacles reading a book. She looked up from
it reluctantly and saidi¼CE \"Yes?\"
\"My name s Garden. An appointment with Mr. Lat-
tefley.\"
The girl picked up a telephone. \"A Mr. Garden. Says
he has an appointment with G. L. Section Three.\" She
>listenedi¼CE then said without smilingi¼CE \"Won t keep you a
moment. Take a seati¼CE please.\"
Garden leaned ove~ the._desk. \"The name s Gardeni¼CE
>not a Mr. Garden. And I have ~t an appointmenti¼CE
>there s no doubt about it.\"
She said without much interesti¼CE \"We get all sorts herei¼CE

>sometimes one name and then another. And your name
>I mean Garden
well.\" She did not think much of Gar-
>den as a name that was clear.
\"What sort of liaison goes on here? I thought that
>word went out with the
war.\"
\"We re hush-hush\" she said and added generously
>\"Especially Section Three.\"
\"What s Section Three?\"
> She stared at him
through the big horn rims.

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