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Message

Dear Ken,

Happy Birthday!

Not much of a birthday present, I know, but the copy-edited script of HAMMER OF EDEN is coming over to you this afternoon. Would you be able to come back to me about it by next Tuesday, 9th? Or even Monday? Queries are very light so I hope it shouldn't take too much time.

Page proofs should be in on 16th June. I'd need them back, if possible, on Friday 26th? I hope this will be okay. If these dates change, I'll of course let you know.

Thanks, as ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne", written in a cursive style.

Suzanne

*Ken Follett***The Hammer of Eden**

## COPY EDITOR'S QUERIES

Page and line references are to the uncorrected text, and include all headings etc.: 6↑ means six lines up from the bottom, including the last line. Cross-references and subsequent references are in the form 34/5, meaning line 5 on page 34.

General: as in *The Third Twin*, I have kept US words where they express US idioms, language, etc., but followed British spelling (except for examples such as Mom) and grammar (except in speech and direct thoughts). I have sometimes used the American word where you have used the British, e.g. railroad and check (for bill), and in the narrative (not speech or thoughts) I've changed gotten to got.

<b>Page</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Query</b>
✓ 10	3	From the following lines, Mario's reaction seems to be genuine, so why 'miming' amazement?
✗ 56	3	Monday May 25 1998 is a bank holiday in the US.
✓ 58	6	Neither rotor nor rota is used in this sense in OED or Webster's. Perhaps use a more familiar word?
✓ 80	5↑	Optical disk: because they're a rewritable CD-ROM they are spelled with a c.
✗ 80	8	'If he were caught' is an American construction in this sense, expressing a likely or plausible event in the future. You use the British English construction elsewhere, e.g. 308/6.
✓ 82	7	Presumably Priest does know which is port and which starboard.
✓ 85	8↑	In this paragraph 'must have been' is needed to describe two different tenses, which will read oddly. Change the first one as shown?

✓ 108 11↑ The point that one has an automatic picture of a speaker from their voice is made so strongly in the narrative (e.g. at p182, or p225: 'you can also tell how old they are, and you can generally estimate their height and build pretty accurately. Sometimes you can even guess at their state of health.') that this is anomalous. Perhaps say that the entryphone had distorted his voice so that she had to wonder what he looked like, because she couldn't visualize him?

✓ 187 15 Is Judy a Special Agent? She is normally addressed as Agent Maddox, e.g. in the scene ending on p279, and the promotion she didn't get would have made her Supervising Special Agent Judy Maddox. She identifies herself as Special Agent at 312/10↑. She is 'a lowly agent' at 337/10. This may be in fact consistent with real-life FBI procedure, but for the ordinary reader it looks inconsistent.

✗ 247 1↑ 'Nothing was powered by electricity': they have 'few electrical appliances' at 137/10↑. At 338/5↑ Priest says 'I don't use electricity.'

✓ 260 13 Again US and British English diverge: where US English usually uses *were* for both a hypothetical and a real or likely possibility, British English usually uses *was* for the second: e.g. 'my father talked as if he were Prime Minister' and 'Tony Blair talked as if he was Prime Minister even before the election'.

✓ 273 8↑ Priest was born in 1950, so change to 'forty-eight'? Also 286/4↑.

✓ 294 11 Kincaid is ASAC, and in Milton's absence Acting SAC.

✗ 311 6↑ It's still only 2 June, so there are three days left, counting the Friday itself. (She includes the Friday at e.g. 266/4.)

down midnight.

340 11 Usually (as at e.g. 345/11) you allow numbers to be given as figures in speech, in the modern style, so I suggest you allow them to be given as figures in speech when beginning a sentence as well, particularly since here Priest is saying figures (980 as nine-eighty, not nine-hundred-and-eighty). This also applies to Tenth Street on p142.

sentence with ...

✓ 362 8↑ Oaktree was in the Marines, not in the army. (34/7)

✗ 390 7↑ I suggest this is not convincing. Fat people look fat in baggy shirts

because they fill them up. Fat people also have fat arms, legs, and necks. Since he's tall, perhaps have someone in front of him, so that all she sees is his head?

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406 5 The deadline for the third earthquake was exactly two days from the second, i.e. the evening of Sunday June 7th. The governor has a whole day yet to make up his mind – as e.g. p412.

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429 10↑ The vowel sounds *ua* in Perpetua and Perpetual are different enough for someone listening as intently as Judy. Break the sentence at 'Perpet—'?

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444 6 Supervisor, or supervising special agent, as before?

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