

CHAPTER II

PAPER CHASE

There were several nasty moments then, but there were some pills, and we got them out of his pocket and he swallowed them and finally we got down off the roof and into the deep-carpeted world of his office suite, and the secretary appeared. She was very calm and capable and I think she knew him better than he knew himself. She took over. All the right procedures were set in motion and all the right people called. The doctor appeared within three minutes, and I turned to go. I was in the hall when Hammersham's secretary caught up with me. She said: 'Would you say nothing about this to anyone, please? Lord Hammersham will be in contact.'

And that was that.

I got into the lift again and went down to the ground floor and left, and as I did so the sky opened and the rain