**Extract from Chapter 23 of ‘The Devil Rides Out’, ‘The Pride of Peacocks’**

‘But tell me’, Rex went on, ‘just why is it that you’re such a king-pin medium to this man ? What about old Madame d’Urfe and the rest ? Can’t he do the stuff through them?’

Tanith looked at him through tear-dimmed eyes and shook her head. ‘Not in the same way. You see there is a rather unusual link between us. My number is twenty and so is his.’

Rex frowned. ‘What exactly do you mean by that?’ he asked in a puzzled voice.

‘I mean his astrological number,’ she replied quietly. ‘Give me a piece of paper, and I will show you.’

Rex handed her a few sheets from a nearby table and a pencil from ahis waistcoat pocket, then she quickly drew out a list of the numerical values to the letters of the alphabet:

A = 1 K = 2 S = 3

B = 2 L = 3 T = 4

C = 3 M = 4 U = 6

D = 4 N = 5 V = 6

E = 5 O = 7 W = 6

F = 5 P = 8 X = 5

G = 3 Q = 1 Y = 1

H = 5 R = 2 Z = 7

I or J = 1

‘There!’ she went on. ‘By substituting numbers for letters in anyone’s name and adding them up you get their occult number which indicates the planet that influences them most of all in spiritual affairs. It must be the name by which they are most generally known – even if it is a pet name. Now look!’

M = 4 T = 4

O = 7 A = 1

C = 3 N = 5

A = 1 I = 1

T = 4 T = 4

A = 1 H = 5

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 [2 + 0 = 2] [2 + 0 = 2]

‘You see how closely our vibrations are attuned …’