Q Go ahead and describe your clever tricks, Your Majesty.

A One of my cleverest devices for mind control is fear. I plant the seed of fear in the minds of people, and as these seeds germinate and grow, through use, I control the space they occupy. The six most effective fears are the fear of poverty, criticism, ill health, loss of love, old age, and death.

Says the Devil: "One of my cleverest devices for mind control is fear... the fear of poverty, criticism, ill health, loss of love, old age, and death."

Q Which of these six fears serves you most often, Your Majesty?

A The first and the last—poverty and death! At one time or another during life I tighten my grip on all people through one or both of these. I plant these fears in the minds of people so deftly that they believe them to be their own creation. I accomplish this end by making people believe I am standing just beyond the entrance gate of the next life, waiting to claim them after death for eternal punishment. Of course I cannot punish anyone, except in that person's own mind, through some form of fear—but fear of the thing which does not exist is just as useful to me as fear of that which does exist. All forms of fear extend the space I occupy in the human mind.

Q Your Majesty, will you explain how you gained this control over human beings?

A The story is too long to be told in a few words. It began