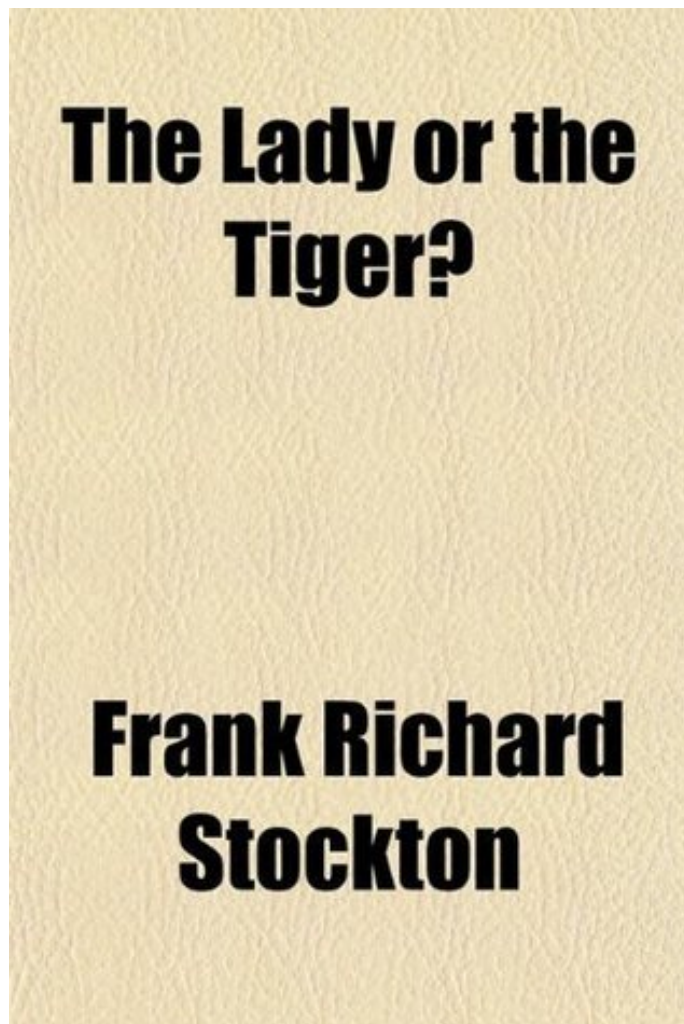


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## Description

**Story summary**In ancient times, a king devised a system of justice where guilt or innocence was determined entirely by chance. The system worked this way: When a man committed a crime important enough to interest the king, notice was given that the fate of the accused person would be decided, on a given date, in the arena of the amphitheater. When the date arrived and everyone had assembled in the galleries, the king gave a signal, a door beneath him opened, and the accused stepped out into the arena. Two doors, exactly alike and side by side, faced the accused, and it was his duty to open one of them. He could open either door he pleased. If he opened the one, a hungry tiger would spring upon him and tear him to pieces. But, if he opened the other door, a beautiful lady came out and the accused was immediately married to her, as a reward for his innocence.

The king had a beautiful daughter, with whom a young man of common blood fell in love. The king's daughter was also in love with the young man. The love affair went on for some time before the king discovered its existence. Immediately, the king had the youth placed into prison and set a day for the trial in the arena. The appointed day arrived, and the galleries of the arena were filled. The signal was given, a door beneath the royal party opened, and the lover of the princess walked into the arena. The princess, through the use of her position and money, had learned behind which door stood the lady and behind which waited the tiger. The youth expected her to have learned this information, and he looked toward her for a signal. Her signal was toward the right, and the youth went to the door on the right and opened it. The story leaves it up to the reader to decide which came out of the door--the lady or the tiger. Which did the princess decide? Was it to let her lover to live and love another woman, or did she decide that if she couldn't have him no one would?

## Insightful reviews

Brian Yahn: *The Tiger or the Lady?* sets up an interesting and captivating conflict in a few hundred words, and has you turning pages til the end in a flurry. The ambiguity of the ending is genius, but the way it goes about it is, for such an otherwise great story, is thoroughly disappointing.

Yuan Fang: *The Lady or the Tiger?*

Last semester in my English class, I have read a story called "The Lady or the Tiger?" This story was about a semi barbaric king who wanted to separate his daughter and a worker in his castle. The reason why I like this story so much is this story has a special setting which made the characters different from other stories. Also, it has two essential symbols and an open ending.

The three most important characters are the king, the princess and a young man. The special setting that makes these three characters different from others is they lived in a semi

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barbaric kingdom. You can't realize their mind because you are not crazy enough and too civilized than them. This makes you have fun in your reading.

There was two symbols in the story which is the main idea of the story. When the king send the criminals into the arena, the criminals have to choose one of two resemble doors. But even they looked the same, they hide different things, one hide a beautiful lady, another one hide a tiger, and no one knows the secret of it, even the king. If the criminals choose the lady, they would marry the lady immediately, if they choose the tiger, the tiger would suddenly jump at them and tore them to pieces.

In the story, the king sent the young man into the arena because he fell in love with the princess, but he was not allowed to because he was a low-birth worker. The young man didn't choose by himself, he was waiting for the princess' direction because he trusted her. The princess discovered the secret of the doors and pointed him to the right door. The story ended here, the author left the question with the readers. The author could not give us the answer because he didn't know it, too.

This story was the best story I have read. It had many conflicts and it made me think. I was trying to figure out what did the princess choose but I finally gave up because I wasn't her, and I was not a semi barbarian. But one thing I'm sure about is whether the princess chose the lady or the tiger, the king won.

Ishi: An amazing read. The ending was a cliffhanger of a sort, but the story itself was wonderful. A must read for everyone!

Liz: a pleasant little brief tale with the most important cliff hanger ever! individually i feel the girl permit her lover die. if she was once shallow sufficient to even think of letting him die ahead of having him be at liberty with one other girl than i feel the answer's correct there. this can be a considered one of a kind.

Tristen White: greatest CLIFFHANGER EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sorento62: a truly brief tale that's worthy at the least the small period of time invested. fascinating to imagine what you will do yourself. Then also, because the writer asks, imagine no longer what you will do yet what she might do.

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