SEE, IS NOT MY HAIR GREEN?

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EXTRACT

LANNA	In this land dwells a criminal who bears all the responsibility for what has befallen our country.
LANNA	Yes - I must warn you that what you shall hear is truly horrible. Yet, do not shriek.
FRAN	We promise not to shriek.
LANNA	Many years ago visited our country, a man. His name was Eldred Smith and he was from Barnsley. Yes - a place of darkness, forgotten of the great spirit. He was not in our country long, but while he was there, he committed unspeakable crimes. He must return, face the justice of our people.
FRAN	But what exactly did he do?
LANNA	Have I not said they are unspeakable? To call them by their right names, it is to commit those crimes all over! Again! All over again! In any case, since we never speak of them, no-one has known what they were since the last man who was alive when Eldred Smith came, died twenty years ago from having three wives.

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