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a poisoner, an adulterer, and a liar...
or was the last man hanged in new zealand,
framed for a crime he didn't commit?

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This is the story of the last man hanged in New Zealand. Walter James Bolton was a sheep farm manager in Wanganui, he had been married to his wife Beatrice Mabel Bolton for forty three years. When she fell ill and died, they suspected poisoning. Her death was slow and riddled with questions.

Bolton was on trial for nine days. References to his sexuality and his affair with Florence Doughty spread through newspapers. He was charged with extracting arsenic from sheep dip, and poisoning his wife through her frequent cups of tea. When he was found guilty on the 6th of December 1956 he was sentenced to death by hanging. His execution was also riddled with questions.

This is a strange illustrated story of a murderous tale that suggests perhaps things weren't as they were reported. Was the last man hanged... innocent?



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