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Readers of "Tarzan of the Apes"-there were millions of them-have been awaiting with eagerness "The Return of Tarzan." They need no introduction to the ape-man, who was an English lord by ancestry and an inhabitant of the treetops by fate until the same fate brought him out and made him a civilized man after twenty years of life among the great apes of Africa. His adventures, as wonderful and interesting as any set forth in words, have been the center of interest in a story that is unique in its originality.

Wow we have "The Return of Tarzan," as thrilling as its forerunner. In it are told the further adventures of the splendid ape-man, who at last wins his way to the side of his true love after facing countless perils by land and sea.

Whoever read "Tarzan of the Apes" needs no invitation to peruse this story. Others are warned that after they read this sequel to "Tarzan of the Apes" they won't be satisfied until they have read that story also.

> CHAPTER XXIII. The Castaways.

iousness to find himself wet through by torrents of rain that were falling ness. heap in the bottom of the boat-she for M. Thuran and himself.

self from Thuran's pinioning body and abandon all hope, and so he seized a rescue, precious drops between the swollen to her other experience on this savage tive garment, so that, with their bare

efforts were rewarded by a slight chafed the thin hands and forced a few looking up at him for a long time be M. Thuran. fore she could recall her surroundings. "Water?" she whispered. "Are we

may at least drink. Already it has re- jungle, lay the snug little cabin of Tarvived us both."

"M. Thuran?" she asked. "He did not kill you. Is be dead?"

"I do not know," replied Clayton. He raised his eyes from the body of the man, and as they passed above the gunwale of the boat he staggered weakly to his feet with a little cry of

"Land, Jane!" he almost shouted through his cracked lips. "Thank God.

The girl looked, too, and there, not a hundred yards away, she saw a yellow beach, and beyond, the luxurious foli- for the experience. age of a tropical jungle. They set about reviving Thuran, but it required the Russian evinced sufficient sympopen his eyes. By this time the boat | had been placed in Lord Tennington's | Run for the shelter!" But her para bottom.

Between the refreshing water that he had drunk and the stimulus of renewed hope. Clayton found strength to stagger through the shallow water to the shore with a line made fast to the boat's bow. This he fastened to a small tree which grew at the top of a low bank.

Next he managed to stagger and crawl toward the nearby jungle, where he had seen evidences of profusion of tropical fruit. His former experience in the jungle with Tarzan of the Apes

had taught him which of the many growing things were edible, and after nearly an hour of absence he returned ton, "never has Professor Porter been lives beneath cruel, rending, vellow to the beach with a little armful of more difficult-er-I might say impos- fangs. Jane Porter sank to her knees

food.



"Land, Jane!" he almost shouted. Thank God, land."

LAYTON dreamed that he was of prey. By day they gathered fruits drinking his fill of water, pure, and trapped small rodents; at night delightful drafts of fresh water. they lay cowering within their frail With a start he regained con- shelter while savage denizens of the jungle made hideous the hours of dark

into the open boat upon his body and | They slept upon litters of jungle his upturned face. A heavy tropical grasses, and for covering at night Jane shower was beating down upon them. Porter had only an old ulster that be-He opened his mouth and drank. Pres- longed to Clayton, the same garment ently he was so revived and strength- that he had worn upon that memorable ened that he was enabled to raise him- | trip to the Wisconsin woods. Clayton self upon his hands. Across his legs | had erected a frail partition of boughs lay M. Thuran. A few feet aft Jane to divide their arboreal shelter into two Porter was huddled in a pitiful little rooms, one for the girl and the other

was quite still. Clayton thought that | From the first the Russian had exhibited every trait of his true charac-After infinite labor he released him- ter-selfishness, boorishness, arrogance, with renewed strength crawled toward | come to blows because of Thuran's at | sharp thorn for a needle and bits of the girl. He raised her head from the titude toward the girl. The existence tough grass and animal tendons in lieu rough boards of the boat's bottom. of the Englishman and his fiancee was of thread. There might be life in that poor, stary- one continual nightmare of horror, and ed frame even yet. He could not quite | yet they lived on in bope of ultimate

water soaked rag and squeezed the Jane Porter's thoughts often reverted shore. Ah. if the invincible forest god For some time there was no sign of of that dead past were but with them returning animation, but at last his now! She could not well refrain from comparing the scant protection affordtremer of the half closed lids. He ed her by Clayton with what she might have expected had Tarzan of the Apes more drops of water into the parched | been for a single instant confronted by throat. The girl opened her eyes, the sinister and menacing attitude of

A scant five miles north of their rude shelter, all unknown to them and practically as remote as though separated "It is raining," he explained. "We by thousands of miles of impenetrable zan of the Apes, while farther up the coast, a few miles beyond the cabin, in crude but well built shelters, lived a little party of eighteen souls-the occupants of the three boats from the Lady Alice from which Clayton's boat had become separated.

Over a smooth sea they had rowed to the mainland in less than three days. None of the horrors of shipwreck had been theirs, and, though depressed by of the catastrophe and the unaccustomed hardships of their new existence, there was none much the worse

All were buoyed by the hope that the fourth boat had been picked up and the better part of half an hour before that a thorough search of the coast would be quickly made. As all the toms of returning consciousness to firearms and ammunition on the yacht was scraping gently upon the sandy boat, the party was well equipped for lyzed muscles refused to respond, and game for food.

> their only immediate anxiety. Fully endure the strain no longer. Turning assured in his own mind that his his back upon the beast, he buried his daughter had been picked up by a pass- head in his arms and whited. ing steamer, he gave over the last vestige of apprehension concerning her Why did he not do something? If he welfare and devoted his giant intellect | must die, why not die like a man, solely to the consideration of those bravely, beating at that terrible face momentous and abstruse scientific with his puny stick, no matter how fuproblems which he considered the only tile it might be? Would Tarzan of proper food for thought in one of his the Apes have done thus? Would be

"Never," said the exhausted Mr. Now the lion was crouching for the Samuel T. Philander to Lord Tenning- spring that would end their young sible. Why, only this morning, after I in prayer, closing her eyes to shut out For 2 month they lived upon the bad been forced to relinquish my sur- the last hideous instant. beach in comparative safety. As their veillance for a brief balf hour, he was seconds dragged into minutes, long Erebus. Not even his trained eyes thought of the fabulous wealth these once more at the foot of the bowlder.

how he attained even that magnificent single our, with which he was blissfully rowing about in circles.

"When one of the sailors had taken me out to him in another boat the pro-I am surprised that you, sir, a man certain astronomic phenomena I have had under minute observation during the past several tropic nights an en- Clayton turned back to her she stagtirely new pebular hypothesis which gered in weakness. He put out his will unquestionably startle the scientific world. I wish to consult a very excellent monograph on Laplace's hypothesis, which I understand is in a structed a rude shelter in the branches | certain private collection in New York of a tree, high enough from the ground city. Your interference, Mr. Philanto insure safety from the larger beasts | der, will result in an irreparable delay, for I was just rowing over to ob- in the past brief moments. The last tain this pamphlet.' And it was with few seconds of my life have taught me the greatest difficulty that I persuad- that it would be hideous to attempt ed him to return to shore without resorting to force," concluded Mr. Philander.

Miss Strong and her mother were very brave under the strain of almost constant apprehension of the attacks of savage beasts, nor were they quite able to accept so readily as the others toward me? You are but unstrungthe theory that Jane, Clayton and M. Thuran had been picked up safely.

Jane Porter's Esmeralda was in a

'po' li'le honey.' seeking always for the comfort and of his yacht he remained the just but firm commander. There was never any more question in the jungle than there had been on board the Lady of shame. Alice as to who was the final authority in all questions of importance and in all emergencies requiring cool and intelligent leadership.

Could this well organized and comparatively secure party of castaways have seen the ragged, fear haunted trio a few miles south of them they would scarcely have recognized in them the formerly immaculate members of the little company that had laughed and played upon the Lady

Clayton and M. Thuran were al most naked, so torn had their clothes been by the thorn bushes and tangled vegetation of the matted jungle through which they had been compelled to force their way in search of their ever more difficult food supply.

Jane Porter had, of course, not been subjected to these strenuous expeditions, but her apparel was, nevertheless, in a sad state of disrepair.

Clayton, for lack of any better occupation, had carefully saved the skin of every animal they had killed. By stretching them upon the stems of victim here. That is the reason our trees and diligently scraping them, he had managed to save them in a fair to enter he knows that the waiting condition, and now that his clothes dead would seize him for their sacriwere threatening to cover his naked- fice." ness no longer, he commenced to fashcowardice. Twice had he and Clayton | ion a rude garment of them, using a

The result when completed was a sleeveless garment which fell nearly to in eluding their vigilance but now in necessary to construct a similar primi- attempt to repeat the thing daily legs and heavily bearded faces, they Let us see how far we may go toward looked not unlike reincarnations of two liberty before I must return." prehistoric progenitors of the human race. Thuran acted like one.

Nearly two months of this existence had passed when the first great calamity befell them. Thuran, down with an attack of jungle fever, lay in the shelter among the branches of their tree of refuge. Clayton had been into the jungle a few hundred yards in search of food. As he returned Jane Porter walked to meet him. Behind the man, cunning and crafty, crept an old and mangy lion. For three days his ancient thews and sinews had proved insufficient for the task of providing his cavernous belly with meat. At last he had found nature's weakest and most defenseless creature.

Jane saw the lion, but so frozen with horror was she that she could utter no sound. The fixed and terrified gaze of her fear widened eyes spoke as plainsorrow and suffering from the shock ly to Clayton as words. A quick glance behind him revealed the hopelessness of their situation. The lion was scarce thirty paces from them. and they were equally as far from the shelter. The man was armed with a stout stick-as efficacious against a hungry lion, he realized, as a toy popgun charged with a tethered cork.

"Run, Jane!" cried Clayton. "Quick! defense and for hunting the larger she stood mute and rigid, staring with ghastly countenance at the living death Professor Archimedes Q. Porter was creeping toward them. Clayton could

The girl looked at him in horror. the influence of all extraneous matters. | death fighting beroically to the last?

bless me. sir, where do you imagine I beast did not spring. Clayton was at- Cautiously he moved forward until ht. have represented were they in reality discovered him? A half mile out in the most unconscious from the prolonged outstretched hand touched a wall, then, gold almost convinced him that they ocean, sir, in one of the lifeboats row- agony of fright. His knees trembled- very slowly, he traveled around the must be of some baser metal.

ing away for dear life. I do not know a moment more and he would collapse. | four walls of the chamber. Jane Porter could endure it no longdistance from shore, for he had but a er. She opened her eyes. Could she square. The floor was of concrete, the hope was renewed that he was traversbe dreaming? "William," she whispered, "look!"

Clayton mastered himself sufficiently to raise his head and turn toward fessor became quite indignant at my the fion. An ejaculation of surprise suggestion that we return at once to burst from his lips. At their very feet | these ancient foundations. land. 'Why, Mr. Philander,' he said, the beast my crumpled in death, A heavy war spear protruded from the of letters yourself, should have the tawny hide. It had entered the great temerity so to interrupt the progress back above the right shoulder, and, of science. I had about deduced from passing entirely through the hody had of science. I had about deduced from passing entirely through the body, had pierced the savage heart.

Jane Porter had risen to her feet; as arms to save her from falling, and then drew her close to him-pressing her head against his shoulder, he stooped to kiss her in thanksgiving.

Gently the girl pushed him away. "Please do not do that, William," she said. "I have lived a thousand years further to deceive myself and you, or to entertain for an instant longer the possibility of ever becoming your wife. should we regain civilization."

"Why, Jane," he cried, "what do you mean? What has our providential rescue to do with altering your feelings tomorrow you will be yourself again." "I am more nearly myself this min-

ute than I have been for over a year," constant state of tears at the cruel she replied. "The thing that has just fate which had separated her from her happened has again forced to my memory the fact that the bravest man Lord Tennington's great hearted that ever lived honored me with his good nature never deserted him for a love. Until it was too late I did not moment. He was still the jovial host, realize that I returned it, and so I sent him away. He is dead now, and pleasure of his guests. With the men I shall never marry. Do you understand me?"

"Yes," he answered, with bowed head, his face mantling with the flush

And it was the next day that the great calamity befell.

CHAPTER XXIV. The Treasure Vaults of Opar.

T was quite dark before La, the high priestess, returned to the Chamber of the Dead with food and drink for Tarzan. She bore no light, feeling with her hands along the crumbling walls until she gained the chamber. Through the stone grating above a tropic moon served dimly to illuminate the interior.

"They are furious," were her first words. "Never before has a human sacrifice escaped the altar. Already fifty have gone forth to track you down. They have searched the temple. all save this single room."

"Why do they fear to come here?"

"It is the Chamber of the Dead. Here the dead return to worship. See this ancient altar? It is here that the dead sacrifice the living if they find a people shun this chamber. Were one

"But you?" he asked. "I am high priestess. I alone am safe from the dead. It is I who at rare intervals bring them a human sacrifice from the world above. I alone may enter here in safety. I had difficulty his knees. Later Thuran also found it | bringing you this morsel of food. To | would be the height of folly. Come.

She led him back to the chamber beneath the altar room. Here she turned into one of the several corridors leading from it. In the darkness Tarzan could not see which one. For ten



"You will be safe here until tomorrow

minutes they groped slowly along a way.

row night," she said. door, locked it behind ber.

Apparently it was about twenty feet walls of the dry masonry that mark- ing an ancient and forgotten passageed the method of construction above way to liberty. Beyond the door the ground. Small pieces of grounte of passage ran straight as a war spear, various sizes were ingeniously laid to- and it soon became evident to the apegether without mortar to construct man that it had already led him be-

carefully around close to the wall. No. he could not be mistaken! He paused before the center of the wall opposite | the end of half an hour he came to anthe door. For a moment he stood quite other flight of steps leading upward. motionless, then he moved a few feet At the bottom this flight was of conto one side. Again he returned, only to move a few feet to the other side. feet felt a sudden change in the sub-There was no doubt of it! A distinct stance they were treading. The steps draft of fresh air was blowing into the of concrete had given place to steps of chamber through the interstices of the granite. Feeling with his hands, the masonry at that particular point-and ape-man discovered that these latter nowhere else.

granite which made up the wall at this spot and finally was rewarded by finding one which lifted out readily. It was about ten inches wide, with a face rocky walls. Above him shone the some 3 by 6 inches showing within the chamber. One by one the ape-man lifted out similarly shaped stones. The wall at this point was constructed entirely, it seemed, of these almost perfect slabs. In a short time he had re granite bowider. moved some dozen, when he reached in to test the next layer of masonry. To his surprise be felt nothing behind the soft light of the equatorial moon. the masonry he had removed, as far as his long arm could reach.

It was a matter of but a few minutes to remove enough of the wall to permit his body to pass through the aperture. Directly ahead of him he bling grandeur in the distance. thought that he discerned a faint glow, scarcely more than a less impenetrable darkness. Cautiously he moved forward on hands and knees until at about fifteen feet, or the average thickness of the foundation walls, the floor ended abruptly in a sudden drop. As far out as he could reach he felt nothing, nor could he find the bottom darkness to its full length.

Finally it occurred to him to look up. and there above him he saw through a round opening a tiny circular patch of starry sky. Feeling up along the sides of the shaft as far as he could reach, the ape-man discovered that so much of the wall as he could feel converged toward the center of the shaft as it rose. This fact precluded possibility of escape in that direction.

As he sat speculating on the nature and uses of this strange passage and its terminal shaft the moon topped the opening above, letting a flood of soft. silvery light into the shadowy place. Instantly the nature of the shaft became apparent to Tarzan, for far below him he saw the shimmering surface of water. He had come upon an ancient well. But what was the purpose of the connection between the well and the dungeon in which he had been hidden?

As the moon crossed the opening of interior, and then Tarzan saw directly across from him another opening in the opposite wall. He wondered if this might not be the mouth of a passage leading to possible escape. It would be worth investigating at least, and this he determined to do.

Quickly returning to the wall he had demolished to explore what lay beyond it, he carried the stones into the passageway and replaced them from that side. The deep deposits of dust which he had noticed upon the blocks as he had first removed them from the wall had convinced him that even if the present occupants of the ancient pile had knowledge of this hidden passage they had made no use of it for perhaps

generations. to the shaft, which was some fifteen feet wide at this point. To leap across the intervening space was a small mat- city." ter to the ape-man, and a moment later he was proceeding along a narrow timnel, moving cautiously for fear of being precipitated into another shaft such as he had just crossed.

He had advanced some hundred feet ing downward into the Stygian gloom. Some twenty feet below the level floor fact suggested to the ape-man that he indeed fifty frightful men, Waziri." doubtless was in a passageway leading to the outer world, for the bolts, barring progress from the opposite side, tended to substantiate this bypothesis unless it were merely a prison | to which it led. Along the tops of the bars were deep

layers of dust, a further indication aside its great hinges shricked out in | that loomed before the city. weird protest against this unaccustom-

strength returned the two men con entirely missing upon my return. And, minutes into an eternity, and yet the uld penetrate the utter blackness, thousands of pounds of metal would but with their heavy loads it was mid-

At the far end of the chamber he discovered another barred door and the youd the outer walls of the temple. The first time around the walls Tar- If he but knew the direction it was zan thought be detected a strange phe- leading him! If toward the west, then

With increasing hopes he forged shead as rapidly as he dared until at crete, but as he ascended his naked were evidently bewed from rock, for Tarzan tested several pieces of the their was no crack to indicate a joint.

For 100 feet the steps wound spirally up, until at a sudden turning Tarzan came into a narrow cleft between two starry sky and before him a steep incline replaced the steps that had terminated at its foot. Up this pathway Tarzan hastened and at its upper end came out upon the rough top of a huge

A mile away lay the ruined city of Opar, its domes and turrets bathed in Tarzan dropped his eyes to the ingot he had brought away with him. For a moment he examined it by the moon's bright rays, then he raised his head to look out upon the ancient piles of crum-

"Opar," be mused, "Opar, the enchanted city of a dead and forgotten past. The city of the beauties and the beasts. City of horrors and deaths. but-city of fabulous riches." The ingot was of virgin gold.

The bewider on which Tarzan found himself lay well out in the plain between the city and the distant cliffs he of the black abyss that yawned before and his black warriors had scaled the him, though, clinging to the edge of morning previous. To descend its FOR SALE FINE CASS COUNTY the floor, he lowered his body into the rough and precipitous face was a task of infinite labor and considerable peril even to the ape-man, but at last he felt the soft soil of the valley beneath his feet, and without a backward glance at Opar he turned his face toward the | 160-acre farm, all located one and guardian cliffs and at a rapid trot set | one-half miles of Murray, splenoff across the valley.

the summit of the flat mountain at the valley's western boundary. Far beneath him he saw smoke rising above

down. Can it be they?" Swiftly he descended the face of the cliff and, dropping into a narrow ravine which led down to the far forest. he hastened onward in the direction of the smoke. Striking the forest's edge about a quarter of a mile from the point at which the slender column arose into the still air, he took to the trees. Cautiously be approached until the shaft its light flooded the whole there suddenly burst upon his view a rude boma, in the center of which. PLATTSMOUTH LOAN AND BUILDING squatted about their tiny fires, sat his fifty black Waziri. He called to them in their own tongue. "Arise, my children, and greet your king!"

With exclamations of surprise and fear the warriors leaped to their feet. scarcely knowing whether to flee or not. Then Tarzan dropped lightly from an overhanging branch into their midst. When they realized that it was indeed their chief in the flesh and no materialized spirit, they went mad Taxes and insurance advanced with joy.

"We were cowards, oh, Waziri," cried Busuli. "We ran away and left you to | Capital stock paid up, including your fate; but when our panic was over we swore to return and save you. Undivided profits or at least take revenge upon your The wall replaced. Tarzan returned murderers. We were but now preparing to scale the heights once more and cross the desolate valley to the terrible

"Have you seen fifty frightful men pass down from the cliffs into this forest, my children?" asked Tarzan.

"Yes, Waziri," replied Busuli, "They passed us late yesterday as we were about to turn back after you. They when he came to a flight of steps lead- had no woodcraft. We heard them coming for a mile before we saw them, and as we had other business in of the tunnel recommenced, and short- hand we withdrew into the forest and ly afterward his progress was stopped let them pass. They were waddling by a heavy wooden door, which was rapidly along upon short legs, and now secured by massive wooden bars upon | and then one would go on all fours the side of Tarzan's approach. This like Bolgani, the gorilla, They were

When Tarzan had related his adventures and told them of the yellow metal he had found not one demurred when he outlined a plan to return by day of night and bring away what they could carry of the vast treasure, and so it was that as dusk fell across the desolate valley of Opar fifty ebon warriors that the passage had lain long unused. | trailed at a smart trot over the dry and As he pushed the massive obstacle dusty ground toward the giant bowider If it had seemed a difficult task to

ed disturbance. For a moment Tarzan descend the face of the bowlder Tarpaused to listen for any responsive zan soon found that it would be next note which might indicate that the un- to impossible to get his fifty warriors usual night noise had alarmed the in- to the summit. Finally the feat was mates of the temple. But as he heard accomplished by dint of herculean efnothing he advanced beyond the door- forts upon the part of the ape-man. Ten spears were fastened end to end. winding passage until at length they | Carefully feeling about, he found and with one end of this remarkable came to a closed door. Here he heard himself within a large chamber, along chain attached to his waist Tarzan at her fumbling with a key, and present- the walls of which and down the last succeeded in reaching the summit. erudition. His mind appeared blank to not, at least, have gone down to his ly came the sound of a metal bolt grat- length of the floor were piled many | Once there he drew up one of his ing against metal. The door swung in tiers of metal ingots of an odd though blacks, and in this way the entire paron scraping hinges, and they entered. | uniform shape. To his groping hands | ty was finally landed in safety upon "You will be safe here until tomor- they felt not unlike double headed the bowlder's top. Immediately Tarbootjacks. The ingots were quite zan led them to the treasure chamber, Then she went out and, closing the beavy, and but for the enormous num- where to each was allotted a load of two ber of them he would have been posi- ingots, for each about eighty pounds. Where Tarzan stood it was dark as tive that they were gold. But the By midnight the entire party stood

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forenoon ere they reached the summit of the cliffs. From there on the homeward journey was slow, as these proud fighting men were unaccustomed to the duties of porters. But they bore their burdens uncomplainingly and at the end of thirty days entered their own

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Here, instead of continuing on toward the northwest and their village. Tarzan guided them almost directly west until on the morning of the thirty-third day he bade them break camp and return to their own village, leaving the gold where they had stocked it the previous night.

"And you, Waziri?" they asked. "I shall remain here for a few days, my children," he replied. "Now hasten

back to your wives and children." When they had gone Tarzan gathered up two of the ingots and, springing into a tree, ran lightly above the tangled and impenetrable mass of undergrowth for a couple of hundred yards to emerge suddenly upon a circular clearing about which the glants of the jungle forest towered like a guardian host. In the center of this natural amphitheater was a little, flat topped mound of hard earth.

(To Be Continued.)

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