

waves near shore. What was it? Could he be dreaming? No, he was sure he knew who it was out there. The other two looked and started. Each recognized instantly the beautiful brown hair floating in the waves.

Jim plunged into the water. His years of athletic training had made him noted for strength and endurance and now they both stood him in good stead. He swam as he had never swam before. He was almost to her. She saw him, gave him one agonized look and sank.

She was chill and cold and unable to move a muscle when he recovered her. His own strength was fast going but he drew her to him with his left arm and started for shore. It was only by the greatest determination that he was able to reach the beach again with his burden. John and Harry rushed into the waves to meet him and dragged the two ashore. When they laid her down on the sand, life was almost extinct. Her lungs were full of water and she was chilled through and through.

With a physician's instinct, John now took charge of affairs and with the coolness of a hospital surgeon set about means for resuscitation. Harry had succeeded in starting a fire by means he had learned from the natives on his last trip to Africa. In this John heated some stones and placed them at Vivian's feet. She was now regaining consciousness.

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Which of the Three?

An hour later Vivian was breathing freely and was lying on a soft bed of branches and green grass which Jim and Harry had prepared for her. She was crying piteously, but between sobs she was able to tell the three men how the boat which she and her father had set out in had been capsized. She had seen her father sink beneath the waves. She could do nothing to save him, but had managed to grasp an oar and this had helped her to keep afloat until she was almost ashore, when she could hold out no longer. From the time she saw Jim coming toward her in the surf, she remembered nothing.

Now there was something for Harry to do. In soothing tones he told her of her rescue and spared no pains in making her realize the bravery of his brother Jim and the skill of his brother John.

Jim had disappeared when she finished her story. He had seen