

The BLACK LILY

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A Story of Romance and Daring, Laid in the Intrigue of a Strange South American Cult

Ramon Surrenders to Jonthra the High Priest

INSTALLMENT VIII
With grimly set jaw and weary eyes Ramon took another half step forward. An arrow sped past. A redder streak of crimson spurted from the red jaws. It bathed the water around Ramon

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SYNOPSIS
John Northington, graduate of Howard University, while seeking to rescue his friend's fiancée from the Sacred Grove of THE BLACK LILY, is saved by her. They escape by killing the guard and taking the hunting party's pirogue. They meet Ramon, the girl's lover and Northington's friend, whom they have believed dead by torture from his tribe. Northington is separated from them by an accident. He is carried down the river, unconscious in the pirogue and his life is miraculously saved by Father Jose, a hermit priest. He awakens from unconsciousness to find Dolores and Chenah, a young neophyte priest, who profess to be a friend in disguise. Dolores has been saved by Chenah and brought to this same haven. He goes back and tries to save Ramon whom Dolores has left wounded and hidden in the jungle, but who has tried to follow and protect or die with her.

with a crimson stain. The great jaws came together with a crackling click, but only a broken arrow shaft protruded from the side of the long, black snout as it sank with a mighty threshing beneath the surface of the water.

Ramon felt himself suddenly lifted and borne backward, toward the bank of the river which he had just left. He did not struggle. He had expected capture. That was what he was here for. But for the added torture he knew awaited him he would rather go this way. He looked around and up into the eyes of his captor. It was Chenah.

Just beyond the thin fringe of the trees, the hunting call came, many voices and a shot.

Ramon knew Chenah. He had always liked the lad. The relation between them had been as near that of brothers as such a relation could be between a priest and a neophyte. Chenah was a calm, dignified, and intelligent young man, who was well liked by all the tribe.

Escaped Just in Time
Chenah still held Ramon, steady-ly him in the weakness that for the moment had overcome him.

Scarcely were they hidden from view when the vanguard of the hunt burst from the deeper jungle into the open space from which they had just escaped.

Looking down on them, Ramon drew a deep shuddering breath. They were like a pack of ravenous wolves. Out in the open, they caught the trail of fresh footsteps. They began milling about like sentry hounds. Rounding this way and that.

One picked up Ramon's torn and lattered coat and, throwing his head back in exact duplication of a bay-ling hound, gave throat to the weird view-halloo of the tribe. The others immediately joined their voices to his. The woods rang and re-echoed with the eerie rolling, wave-like cry. It was carried like the waves from the spot where a rock has been dropped into the water. It rolled and echoed from, and to, every part of the compass.

This time only a single well-worn cry answered it. It came from up the river.

This time it was Chenah who shuddered. It was Jonthra's voice that came echoing down the wind.

As if they had at last reached the end of their hunt, the group, tongues hanging out after their long run, like the tongues of the dogs of prey, they were, sat down in varying attitudes of relaxation. They were waiting for the High Priest.

The quarry, very obviously had escaped them, but it was not the quarry they sought. The Questing Arrow had reached other mark than the last. Why had their High Priest not thought of this?

Death Below
The first hunt was not yet over when this began. The Questing Arrow had been truer of knowledge than even its users. This was the cloak of the forewarned priest and chief. Truly the greater sinner, he. He, the graver crime. What they had thought was the god's vindication of him, was out the laughter of those same gods. Were they not even then preparing this Black Death for the faithless one—a death even more deadly for a traitor, to THE BLACK FLOWER than even Jonthra could devise?

As they lay about, they passed the iron robe from one to the other, talking in excited gutturals as they talked it.

Above them in the thick foliage each watched about a support in brown Chenah and started in a panic dash to the water.

For a space, Jonthra stood looking

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When choosing foods we think of

the calories rather than of the pounds or quarts consumed. To secure one hundred calories one would have to eat a pound of tomatoes or a half pound of carrots, but the same hundred calories could be secured by nibbling a little less than an ounce of candy. Sugar is a highly concentrated energy food particularly desirable during cold weather. The tiny tot who toddles off to school with a few sweets added to the plainer fare in his lunch box, has a meal that will enable him to stand a cold walk home much better than some of his playmates whose lunches may be heavier and bulkier but deficient in calories.

WOMAN'S WIT AND HER JEWELS THAT SPARKLE

It would take only a little imagination to picture the woman who is looking forward to a social season sticking close to the liveliest books she may find. If so, she is filling her head to the brim with material for sparkling conversation. You see, it is this way. The fashionists say dark clothes, dull colors, so all there'll be left to sparkle will be a woman's wit and her jewels. The jewels will help, there's not a doubt of that, but we prophesy it will be a good year for conversation, too, the dark rich fabrics for a background, and something to say and jewels should form a setting for the woman who develops her personality.

So seek out the books and add the dress and jewels. One of those stunning black evening gowns, for instance, that needs the sparkle of diamonds to relieve its somberness. The French designer, LeLoy, has offered one he calls "Princesse," made of chiffon with a frill frill of black lace ruffles. There is a capelike ruffled-edged bertha, a cascade ruffle down each side of the front to form a panel and deep ruffles at the bottom. Its only ornament is a beautiful diamond paved brooch. The face itself only partly reveal a diamond ring and bracelet.

Another evening dress, by the same designer is of horsehair, and with it may be worn diamonds and any jewelry and a diamond necklace with a diamond and sapphire pendant. Both of the dresses are technical of the woman's desire for richness and elegance, and with every conventional jewel, the setting for gathering is most interesting.

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