

DARK JUNGLES

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PERILOUS JOURNEY

CHAPTER XXIV
 THE formidable Indian waited for no reply. Even as Barry scanned the short note, he whirled, ran down the steps and across the clearing at a jogging trot and disappeared into the jungle.

Barry handed the note to Lila and Allison. Allison gasped.

Lila's drawl held a note of pride. "So the chief wants you to come back and talk business. You must have him sold, darling."

But Allison was frightened. "Moncha Suma still blames you for the death of that Indian girl!" she cried. "You had to escape. Why should he invite you back unless—"

Barry nodded, a quizzical eyebrow raised above his grin. "Sure—Will you come into my parlor? I thought of that, of course. But Moncha Suma seemed a straight shooter."

"You can't take that chance!" Allison cried frantically.

Barry's grin faded. He said quietly, "I can't take the chance of losing those mines."

Lila smiled at him and said softly, "I know how you feel, dearest. I think you should go. If he'd wanted to kill you, he could have given that messenger a poison arrow instead of a note. Why lure you into his country to do away with you?"

"What about Hall?" Allison flashed out. "He hasn't come back, has he?"

Barry patted her shoulder as he turned to go into the house. "Is that imagination of yours on the rampage again?" he chuckled. "Hall is probably back in New York by now."

Allison came into Barry's room later as Lila finished packing his saddlebags. She glared at the tall, serene girl so calmly checking his supply of dry socks, underwear, salubrine tablets.

"You shouldn't let him go, Lila!" She tried one last burst of protest. "This is the third day of his fever. It will be raging tonight!"

If he'd only wait until Renaldo comes back tomorrow or the next day—"

"I might offend the chief permanently," Barry cut in.

LILA smiled fondly at Barry. "I don't think Allison quite understands you, darling," she murmured, "if she thinks 'could influence you when duty calls.'"

"Don't worry about me," Barry was collecting flashlight, briefcase and gun holster. "I've arranged for tonight's fever to be postponed."

He kept up his bantering until the packing was finished. "And who wants a guide anyway," he argued lightly. "Even if one of your Indians would go with me he'd probably die of fear before he got there."

But when they went down to the enclosure, they found a small, wiry Indian waiting beside two saddled mules.

"Tony," Allison introduced him briefly. "You saw him this afternoon. The sick baby's father. He was willing to go."

Barry saw fear and the slavish light of devotion struggling in the Indian's eyes as he looked at Allison. He said sharply, "No! He'd be your slave and watchdog from now on. I'd feel like a louse if he went and something happened to him."

"Nothing's going to happen—is it?" Allison's cry was a sharp, fearful challenge.

"Of course not," Lila murmured soothingly. Barry kissed her goodby. But it was Allison's white, strained face that he kept seeing as his mule joggled behind Tony's through the sweltering afternoon heat of the jungle path.

After an hour or so the rain came again. It drummed down relentlessly for a blinding space, and was followed by the steaming closeness of dank jungle air. For a while Barry thought it was the clouds of steam rising from the soggy path that were blurring his vision—making the form of Tony's mule fuzzy and indistinct.

Then gradually he knew it was not the steam. He lifted a hand to his forehead and felt the burn of fever. Relentlessly it had come back for its third day! He fought off a sullen fear. Maybe, he told himself, it would be a light siege today. He'd had a bad time of it yesterday. Probably just easing off today. He didn't feel as rocky.

But despite his brave words he knew he did. He felt worse. His head seemed to swell, to ache with a grinding tension of a tooth being drilled. At intervals an explosion seemed to tear through it with the shock of blasting. At these times Barry would grip the mane of his jogging mule and hold on while the jungle rocked about him and flashes of light shot through a wall of darkness rising up around him.

HIS throat was parched. His hot, aching body cried for

comfort. It seemed an enemy, fighting his frantic determination to go on.

"No you don't!" he shouted. "You're staying right on this mule. You've got a little fever. So what? You can wear it out traveling as well as lying still, can't you?"

Gradually he was less conscious of the pains. He didn't realize this was because he was less conscious of anything. His tortured body, the jerking saddle and beast beneath him, the hot, twilight gloom of the jungle trail had resolved into a nebulous, undifferentiated mass of torture. The effort by which he clung to the mane of his mule was wholly reflex.

He didn't know that it was dark. Or that Tony came back to him alarmed by his babbling. But he heard the traitorous words.

"You are sick, senor! We must go back!"

He roused then, and with painful effort brought the Indian's outline into focus. He tried to frown commandingly.

"No."

The Indian's hand touched his forehead. It felt cold against his burning skin.

"You must have much care tonight," the man's voice rang with anxiety, "or you will be sick many more days."

The frustration of many days burned in Barry's dim thoughts. Vague fury raged through him. Another enemy—trying to keep him from his meeting with Moncha Suma!

He thought he was shouting. But all strength had drained from his body. His voice was a thin whisper.

"I'm all right. Go on!"

He lifted a hand in a gesture of

command. And suddenly the blackness swept over him. He fell forward over the neck of the mule, his arm hanging limp almost to the ground.

"The gods be merciful," murmured Tony.

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BRITONS
 ARE CONSUMING 30 PER CENT MORE FRESH GREEN VEGETABLES THAN THEY DID BEFORE THE WAR.

Way down below sea as our plane flies along I can see Mt. Everest famous peak whose peak is said to have moved to the west after the flood. Don't stop buying your books, Private Elmer

WHERE'S ELMER?

ANSWER: In the Soviet Republic of Armenia, near Persian and Turkish boundaries.

NEXT: Has gas been used in this war?

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SCREEN STAR

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured movie star, Madeline

8 She is a screen

15 Acetaldehyde

16 Matrimonial

17 Compass point

18 Skill

19 Fire residue

20 Saturate

23 Sharp

25 Bitter vetch

26 Symbol for selenium

28 Rodent

29 Yes (Sp.)

30 High mountain

31 Of the thing

33 Rupees

34 Jagger

35 Hops' kiln

36 Symbol for cobalt

38 Friend (Fr.)

39 Street (abbr.)

40 Aboveproof (abbr.)

42 Measure of area (pl.)

44 Lauds

49 Self

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPAIN AREA AGED
 TASTE RUMP VOTE
 ANSEAMTISLEICL
 BEDDAYLEAATHE

OS TO
 WARPSPAIN CADIZ
 ARTIE ARICO
 REACT RODEO

PE CR VE UR
 WATEAARTYET
 TIFPULGRAIBME
 GAME LINE GAMI
 ORAL ODOR SHORIT

3 American ostriches

4 Tier

5 Unit

6 Music note

7 Lady Literate in Arts (abbr.)

8 Amount (abbr.)

9 Symbol for calcium

10 Malayan coin

11 Hazard

12 Anesthetic

13 South American (abbr.)

14 Tilt

21 Boundary (comb. form)

22 Fixes

24 Hearing organ

26 Marked decline

27 Intersect

30 Indo-Chinese language

32 East (Fr.)

36 Fondle

37 English money of account

40 Turkish title of respect

41 Matched substance

43 Brightness

45 Warning

46 Electrified particle

47 Levantine ketch (pl.)

48 Half an em.

49 Fragrant oleoresin

51 Piece with a knife

53 Slave person

55 Piece out

57 Arrive (abbr.)

59 Early bronze coin of China

60 Babylonian deity

62 Ellis English (abbr.)

63 Index correction (abbr.)

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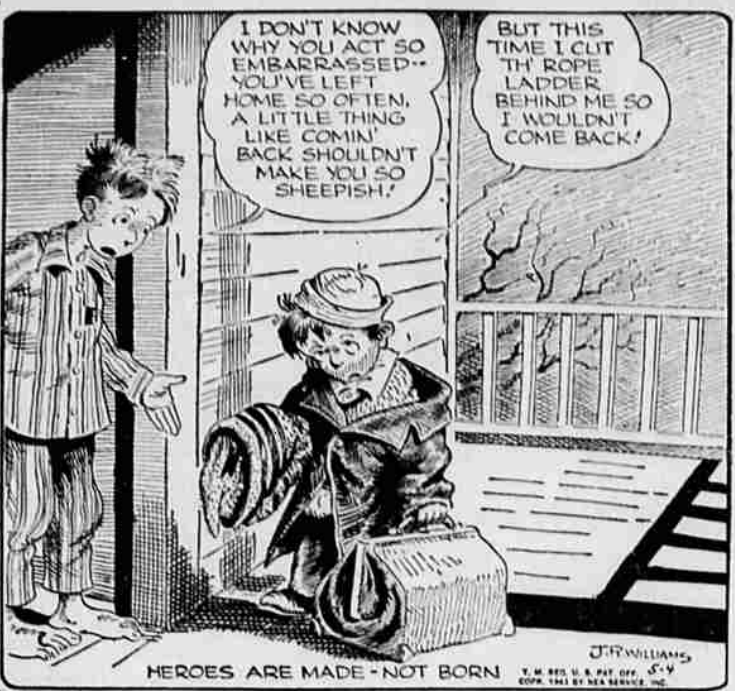
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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ACT SO EMBARRASSED— YOU'VE LEFT HOME SO OFTEN, A LITTLE THING LIKE COMIN' BACK SHOULDN'T MAKE YOU SO SHEEPISH!

BUT THIS TIME I CLUT THE ROPE BEHIND ME SO I WOULDN'T COME BACK!

HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN

Our Boarding House

With Major Hoopie



IN THE TWO DAYS I'VE BEEN HERE YOU'VE BEEN AS FRISKY AS AN IRON DEER! MARTHA COULD HAVE GOT SOMETHING BETTER THAN YOU BY RINGING CANS AT A CARNIVAL!

COME ON! GET UP! THIS IS WARTIME! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

HAK-KAFF! WE'VE GOT WHAT, FATHER? EGAD! IN THE YEARS HE WAS AWAY, WHY COULDN'T FATHER HAVE HAD AN ATTACK OF AMNESIA!

STRANGE WORDS FOR A HOOPIE!

HOLD EVERYTHING!



Cookie, make mine a shore dinner!

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Red Ryder



WELL, CHIEF—WE MEET AGAIN—THIS TIME IT'S MY PARTY!

Freckles and His Friends



I RUN THIS VEGETABLE AND FRUIT STAND AND I NEED MORE PRODUCE!

AND WE THOUGHT WE WERE CALLING ON THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY! WOW!

I UNDERSTAND YOU KIDS RAISED SOME VEGETABLES, AN' I FIGURED WE COULD MAKE A DEAL. I'LL BUY ANYTHING YOU RAISE, IF YOU'LL DELIVER IT!

Wash Tubbs



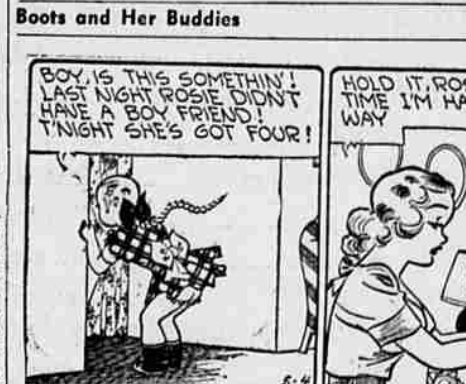
BLAZES! YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO FLY IN THIS WEATHER, STOOPE?

WHY, OF COURSE EASY GOING OUT IN THE TEETH OF A GALE IS NOTHING TO PLANES OF THE COASTAL COMMAND.

CAN'T LET THAT CONVOY DOWN, YOU KNOW. IT'S SAFETY IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN OURS. HOP IN!

WE'RE USING ONE OF YOUR MUSHROOMS. YOU'LL TAKE THE TURRET GUN!

Boots and Her Buddies



BOY, IS THIS SOMETHING! LAST NIGHT ROSIE DIDN'T HAVE A BOY FRIEND! T'NIGHT SHE'S GOT FOUR!

HOLD IT, ROSIE—THIS TIME I'M HAVING MY WAY!

HERE COME THE GIRLS NOW!

W-WOW!

BOOTS—SHE'S ADORABLE!

Allerp Oop



AWRIGHT OSCAR, NOW THAT I'VE GOT THIS THING IN HERE, WHERE'LL I PUT IT?

OH, MOST ANYWHERE, OOP, EASY, NOW!

WHAT GOES ON HERE?

OH, HELLO, ELBERT, WE DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE UP SO SOON!

SAY WHAT AM I RUNNING HERE? A SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY OR A HAVEN FOR ESCAPED CRIMINALS?

ALL RIGHT, NOW KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON!

I'M HERE ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE WAR EFFORT, DON'T YOU?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, EH? I SEE, AND THAT A QUITTY 'OLIVE GOT ON IS THE LATEST THING IN GOVERNMENT WORKERS' CLOTHING, I TAKE IT!

Little Orphan Annie



HAI THAI SECRET RADIO MUST BE UP IN THIS TOWER.

SPOOKY OLD PLACE—DARK, TOO—

SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MY FLASHLIGHT—THIS MATCH WILL HELP—HEY! WHERE ARE YOU, JOE?

GLUP!

JOE! WHERE DID YOU GO? EH? JOE! WHAT TH—?

VERY SORRY! BUT THE RADIO MUST NOT BE DISTURBED—EVEN BY WELL-MEANING FRIENDS!