

could see a number of dark holes 40 be the mouths of caves. At the ding away like a queer mechanical toy opening of one of these something in front of the smoldering fire. He was white was shimmering, but I was un. fast asleep. able to make out what it was. I sat charting the country until the sun had set and it was so dark that I could no longer distinguish details. Then I elimbed down to my companions waittag for me so eagerly at the bottom of the great tree. For once I was the to me. When I stood still the sound here of the expedition. Alone I had thought of it, and alone I had done it, and here was the chart which would save us a month's blind groping among unknown dangers. Each of them shook me solemnly by the hand.

But before they discussed the details of my map I had to tell them of my succounter with the ape man among the branches. This I did without omitting any of the details.

'He has been there all the time,' d blan

"How do you know that?" naked Lord John.

Because I have never been without that feeling that something malevolent ewas watching us. I mentioned it to you, Professor Challenger, Try to refresh your memory."

"Our young friend certainly said something of the kind. He is also the one among us who is endowed with that Celtle temperament which would make him sensitive to such impres-

That evening by the light of the fire and of a single candle the first map of the lost world was elaborated. Every detail which I had roughly noted from my watchtower was drawn out in its relative place. Challenger's penelt hovered over the great blank which marked the take.

What shall we call it?" be asked at length.

"Why should you not take the chance of perpetuating your own name?" said Summerlee, with his usual touch of

'I trust, str, that my name will have other and more personal claims upon Bosterity," said Challenger severely 'Any ignoramus can hand down his worthless memory by Imposing it upon a mountain or a river. I need no such monument. Let our young friend give H a name.

"Then," said I, blushing, I dare say, as I said it, "let it be named Lake

"Don't you tilink the Central lake would be more descriptive?" remarked

"I should prefer Lake Gladys," I dectared blushingly.

Challenger looked at me sympathetically and abook his great head in mock disapproval. "Boys will be boys," said be. "Lake Gladys let it be. Malone shall have his way."

CHAPTER XV.

"It Was Dreadful In the Forest." glowed with pride when three such men as my comrades thanked me for baving saved or at least greatly see signs of life, sometimes the gleam helped the altuation. As the youngster of a great sliver sided fish in the air, of the party, not merely in years, but sometimes the arched, slate colored in experience, character, knowledge and all that goes to make a man, I had been overshadowed from the first. And ture like a huge swan, with a clumsy now 1 was counting into my own. 1 body and a high, flexible neck, shuffling warmed at the thought. Alas for the about upon the margin. Presently it polde which goes before a fall! That little glow of self antisfaction, that added measure of self confidence, was to lead me on that very night to the most dreadful experience of my life, ending with a shock which turns my beart sick when I think of it.

It came about in this way: I had been unduly excited by the adventure of the tree, and steep seemed to be impossible. Summerlee was on guard, stiring heached over our small fire, a qualit, angular figure, his rifle across his knees and his pointed, goatlike beard wagging with each weary nod of his head. Lord John lay stlent, wrapped in the South American ponche which he wore, while Challenger accred with a roll and rattle which reverberated through the woods. The full moon was shining brightly, and the air was crisply cold. What a night for a walk! And then suddenly came gave a warning snort and was off the thought, "Why not?" Suppose I with its family among the reeds, while atole softly away; suppose I made my the armadillos also scuttled for shelway down to the central lake, suppose was back at breakfast with some record of the place. Would I not in that case he thought an even more worthy the day and some means of escape were found we should return to Loncontrol mystery of the plateau, to her "There are herofsms all round us."

war night be within my reach. I through the still night. For five min-clutched at a gun—my pockets were full of cartridges—and, parting the by stretching out my hand I could

Along the mase of these red cliffs, thorn bushes at the gate of our sareba, some distance above the ground, I quickly slipped out. My last glance showed me the unconscious Summerthrough the glass, which I conjectured lee, most futile of sentinels, still nod-

> The night had been exceedingly still. but as I advanced I became conscious of a low, rumbling sound, a continuous murmur, somewhere in front of me. This grew londer as I proceeded, until at last it was clearly quite close was constant, so that it seemed to come from some stationary cause. It was like a bolling kettle or the bubbling of some great pot. Soon I came upon the source of it, for in the center of a small clearing I found a lake-or a pool, rather, for it was not larger than the basin of the Trafalgar square fountain-of some black, pitchlike stuff, the surface of which rose and fell in great blisters of bursting gas. The air above it was shimmering with heat, and the ground round was so bot that I could hardly bear to lay my hand on it. It was clear that the great volcanic outburst which had raised the strange plateau so many years ago had not yet entirely spent its forces. Blackened rocks and mounds of lava I had already seen everywhere peeping out from smid the luxuriant vegetation pool in the jungle was the first sign that we had of actual existing activity had no time to examine it further, for had peed to hurry if I were to be back in camp in the morning.

It was a fearsome walk and one which will be with me so long as memory holds. In the great moonlight clearings I stunk along among the shadows on the margin. In the jungle I crept forward, stopping with a best-ing heart whenever I beard, as I often did, the crash of breaking branches some wild beast went past. Now and then great shadows loomed up for an instant and were gone-great, al ient shadows which seemed to prowl upon padded feet. How often I stopped with the intention of returning and yet every time my pride conquer ed my fear and sent me on again until my object should be attained.

At last (my watch showed that it was I in the morning) I saw the gleam of water amid the openings of the jungie, and ten minutes later I was among the reeds upon the borders of the central lake. I was exceedingly dry, so I lay down and took a long draft of its waters, which were fresh and cold. There was a broad pathway with many tracks upon it at the spot which I had found, so that it was clearly one of the drinking places of the animals, Close to the water's edge there was a huge isolated block of lava. Up this I climbed, and, lying on the top of this block, I had an excellent view in every direction.

Lake Gladys-my own lake-lay like a sheet of quicksliver before me, with HAVE said-or perhaps I have not a reflected moon shining brightly in said, for my memory plays me the center of it. It was shallow, for sad tricks these days - that I in many places I saw low sand banks protruding above the water. Everywhere upon the still surface I could back of some passing monster. Once upon a yellow sand bank I saw a creaplunged in, and for some time I could see the arched neck and darting head undulating over the water. Then it

dived, and I saw it no more. My attention was soon drawn away from these distant sights and brought back to what was going on at my very feet. Two creatures like large armadillox had come down to the drinking place and were squatting at the edge of the water, their long, flexible tongues, like red ribbons, shooting in and out as they lapped. A huge deer, with branching horns, a magnificent creature, which carried itself like a king, came down with its doe and two fawus and drank beside the armadillos. No such deer exist anywhere else upon earth, for the moose or elks which I have seen would hardly have reached its shoulders. Presently it ter. A newcomer, a most monstrous animal, was coming down the path,

For a moment I wondered where I could have seen that ungainly shape, associate? Then if Summerice carried that arched back with triangular fringes along it, that strange, birdlike head held close to the ground. Then don with first hand knowledge of the It came back to me. It was the stegosaurus the very creature which Maple which I alone of all men would have White had preserved in his sketchpenetrated. I thought of Gladys, with | book and which had been the first object which arrested the attention of I seemed to hear her voice as she said Challenger; There he was, perhaps it I thought also of McArdie. What a the very specimen which the American three column article for the paper; artist had encountered. The ground What a foundation for a career: A shook beneath his tremendous weight. correspondeniship in the next great and his gulpings of water resounded

sered away and was lost among the bowlders.

Looking at my watch, I saw that it was half past 2 o'clock and high time, therefore, that I started upon my comeward journey. There was no difculty about the direction in which I should return, for all along I had kept the little brook upon my left, and it opened into the central lake within a tone's throw of the bowlder upon that I had done good work and was taking back a fine budget of news for my companions.

I was plodding up the slope, turning these thoughts over in my mind, and had reached a point which may have been halfway home when my mind was brought back to my own position by a strange noise behind me. It was something between a snore and a growl, low, deep and exceedingly menacing. Some atrange creature was evidently near me, but nothing could be een, so I hastened more rapidly upon my way. I had traversed half a mile or so when suddenly the sound was receated, still behind me, but londer and more menacing than before. My heart stood still within me as it flashed across me that the beast, whatever it was, must surely be after me. I was petrified with terror.

I stood like a man paralyzed, still staring at the ground which I had traversed. Then suddenly I saw it. There was movement among the bushes at the far end of the clearing which I had just traversed. A great dark shadow disengaged itself and hopped out into the clear moonlight. I say "hopped" advisedly, for the beast moved like a kangaroo, springing along in an erect position upon its powerful hind legs, while its front ones were held bent in front of it. It was of enormous size and power, like an erect elephant, but its movements, in spite of its bulk, were exceedingly alert. For a moment, as I saw its shape, I hoped that it was an ignanodon, which I knew to be harmless, but, Ignorant which draped them, but this asphalt as I was, I soon saw that this was a very different creature. Instead of the gentle, deer shaped head of the on the slopes of the ancient crater. I great three foed, leaf enter, this beast had a broad, squat, toadlike face like camp. His ferocious cry and the horrible energy of his pursuit both assured



With a Scream of Terror I Turned and Rushed Wildly Down the Path.

me that this was surely one of the great flesh eating dinosaurs, the most terrible beasts which have ever walked this earth.

Even now when I think of that night mare the sweat breaks out upon my brow. What could I do? My useless fowling piece was in my band. What help could I get from that? I looked desperately round for some rock or tree, but I was to a bushy jungle with nothing higher than a sapling within sight, while I knew that the creature behind me could tear down an ordinary tree as though it were a reed, My only possible chance lay in flight. I could not move swiftly over the rough. broken ground, but as I looked round me in despair I saw a well marked, hard beaten path which ran across in front of me. We had seen several of the sort, the runs of various wildbeasts, during our expeditions. Along this I could perhaps hold my own, for I was a fast runner and in excellent condition. Flinging away my useless gun, I set myself to do such a half mile as I have never done before or My limbs sched, my chest since. heaved, I felt that my throat would burst for want of air, and yet with that horror behind me I ran and I can and ran. At last I paused, hardly able to move. For a moment I thought that I had thrown him off. The path lay still behind me. And then suddenly, with a crashing and a rending, a thud-1 was lost.

Madman that I was to linger so long before I fled! Up to then he had hunted by scent, and his movement was slow. But he had actually seen me as I started to run. From then onward he had hunted by sight, for the path showed him where I had gone. ing eyes, the row of enormous teeth in his open mouth and the gleaming fringe of claws upon his short, powerful forearms. With a scream of ter-

have touched the hideous waving our I turned and rushed wildly down | rushed in. In the cold morning light hackles upon his back. Then he lum- the path. Behind me the thick, gasp- it was a fearful sight which met my ing breathing of the creature sounded louder and louder. His heavy footfall was bealde me. Every instant I expected to feel his grip upon my back. And then suddenly there came a crash -I was falling through space, and everything beyond was darkness and

As I emerged from my unconsciousness-which could not, I think, have lasted more than a few minutes-I was which I had been lying. I set off, aware of a most dreadful and pene-therefore, in high spirits, for I felt trating smell. Putting out my hand in the darkness, I came upon something which felt like a huge lump of ment, while my other hand closed upon a large bone. Up above me there was a circle of starkit sky, which showed me that I was lying at the bottom of a deep pit. Slowly I staggered to my feet and felt myself all over. I was stiff and sore from head to foot, but there was no limb which would not move, no joint which would not bend. It was, as I have said, a pit with sharply sloping walls and a level bottom about twenty feet across. This bottom was littered with great gobbets of flesh, most of which was in the last state of putridity. The atmosphere was poisonous and horrible. After tripping and stumbling over these lumps of decay I came suddenly against something hard, and I found that an upright post was firmly fixed in the center of the hollow. It was so high that I could not reach the top of it with my hand, and it appeared to be covered with grease.

Suddenly I remembered that I had a tin box of wax vestes in my pocket. Striking one of them, I was able at est to form some opinion of this place into which I had fallen. There could be no question as to its nature. It was a trap-made by the hand of man. The post in the center, some nine feet long, was sharpened at the upper end, and was black with the stale blood of the creatures who had been impaled

The remains scattered about were fragments of the victims, which had been cut away in order to clear the stake for the next who might blunder in. I remembered that Challenger had declared that man could not exist upon the plateau, since with his feeble weapons he could not hold his own that which had glarmed us in our against the monsters who roamed over it.

But now it was clear enough how it could be done. In their narrow mouthed caves the natives, whoever they might be, had refuges into which the huge saurlans could not penetrate, while with their developed brains they were capable of setting such traps, covered with branches, across the paths which marked the run of the animals as would destroy them in spite of all their strength and activity. Man was always the master.

The sloping wall of the pit was not difficult for an active man to climb, but I hesitated long before I trusted myself within reach of the dreadful creature which had so nearly destroyed me.

How did I know that the beast was not lucking in the nearest clump of bushes, waiting for my reappearance? I took heart, however, as I recalled a onversation between Challenger and Summeriee upon the habits of the great saurians. Both were agreed that the monsters were practically brainess, that there was no room for reason in their tiny crantal cavities and that if they have disappeared from the rest of the world it was assuredly on account of their own stupidity, which made it impossible for them re adapt themselves to changing condi-

I clambered to the edge of the pit and looked over. The stars were fading, the sky was whitening, and the cold wind of morning blew pleasantly upon my face. I could see or hear nothing of my enemy. Slowly I climbed out and sat for awhile upon the ground, ready to spring back into my refuge if any danger should appear Then, reassured by the absolute stillress and by the growing light, I took my courage in both hands and stole back along the path which I had come. Some distance down it I picked up my gun and shortly afterward struck the brook which was my gulde. So, with many a frightened backward glance, 1 made for home.

CHAPTER XVI.

A Terrifying Sight. ND suddenly there came something to remind me of my absant companions. In the clear still morning air there sounded far away the sharp, hard note of a single rifle shot. I paused and listened, but there was nothing more. For a moment I was shocked at the thought that some sudden danger might have and me. befallen them. But then a simpler and more natural explanation came to my mind. It was now broad daylight. No doubt my absence had been noticed. They had imagined that I was lost in the woods and had fired this shot to guide me home. It is true that we had made a strict resolution against ung or gunt reet and a paning of might be in danger they would not mo secure perch on its rounded surface, ed cycbrows, the 'What do you want, monster lungs, the heast was upon me besitate. It was for me now to hurry and I should certainly have failen off hang you!' look about the eyes and once more. He was at my very heels. On as fast as possible and so to reas. suce them.

I was weary and spent, so my progress was not so fast as I wished, but | Finally I closed the door of the zareha, complete. Summeriee was a bit hysat last 1 came into regions which I knew. There was the swamp of the and, having enten a hearty supper, The ape men laughed, too, or at least prerodactyls upon my left; there in front of me was the glade of the iguanodons. Now I was in the last beit come awakening. In the early morn- the forest. They wouldn't touch the Now, as he came round the curve, he of trees which separated me from Fort ing, just as day was breaking, a hand guns and things thought them dangerwas springing in great bounds. The Chaffenger, I raised my voke in a moonlight shone upon his huge project cheery shout to allay their fears. No answering greeting came back to me my hand feeling for a rife, I gave a I got some rough handlin' on the way-My heart sank at that ominous still cry of joy as in the cold gray light I there's my skin and my clothes to ness. I quickened my pace into a run saw Lord John Roxton kneeling be. prove it-for they took us a bee line The sareba rose before me, even as 1 side me.

eyes. Our effects were scattered in wild confusion over the ground, my comrades had disappeared, and close to the smoldering ashes of our fire the grass was stained crimson with a hideons pool of blood.

I was so stunned by this sudden shock that for a time I must have nearly lost my reason. I have a vague recollection, as one remembers a bad dream, of rushing about through the woods all around the empty camp, calling wildly for my companions. No answer came back from the slient shadows. After a long period, during which I sat in bewilderment, I set myself to try to discover what sudden misfortune could have befallen them. The whole disordered appearance of the camp showed that there had been some sort of attack, and the rifle shot no doubt marked the time when it had occurred. That there should have been only one shot showed that it had been all over in an instant. The rifles still lay upon the ground, and one of them-Lord John's-had the empty cartridge in the breech. The blankets of Challenger and of Summerice beside the fire suggested that they had been asleep at the time. The cases of ammunition and of food were scattered about in a wild litter, together with our unfortunte cameras and plate carriers, but none of them were missing. On the other hand, all the exposed provisions-and I remembered that there were a considerable quantity of themwere gone. They were animals, then, and not natives, who had made the inroad, for surely the latter would have left nothing behind.

Suddenly a thought came to me and brought some little comfort to my heart. I was not absolutely alone in the world. Down at the bottom of the cliff and within call of me was waiting the faithful Zambo. I went to the edge of the plateau and looked over. Sure enough, he was squatting among his blankets beside his fire in his little camp. But, to my amazement, a secoud man was seated in front of him For an instant my heart leaped for joy as I thought that one of my comrades had made his way safely down, But a second glance dispelled the hope. man's skin. He was an Indian. shouted londly and waved my handkerchief. Presently Zambo looked up, waved his hand and turned to ascend the pinuacle. In a short time he was

"Devil got them for sure, Massa Malone," said he. "You got into the devil's country, sah, and he take you all to bimself. You take advice, Massa Malone, and come down quick, else he get . you as well."

"How can I come down, Zambo?" "You get creepers from trees, Massa Malone. Throw them over here. I make fast to this stump, and so you have bridge."

"We have thought of that. There are to creepers here which could bear us." 'Send for ropes, Massa Maloue.' "Who can I send and where?"

"Send to Indian villages, sah. Plenty hide rope in Indian village. Indian down below; send hlm." "Who is he?"

"One of our Indians. Other ones beat back to us. Ready now to take letter,

bring rope-anything." To take a letter! Why not? Perhaps he might bring help, but in any case fore we knew where we were they had he would insure that our lives were us sprend eagled on our backs. I call not spent for nothing and that news of them apes, but they carried sticks and all that we had won for science should stones in their hands and Jabbered talk reach our friends at home. I had two to each other and ended up by tyln' completed letters already waiting. I our hands with creepers, so they are solutely up to date. The Indian could they are-missin' links, and I wish bear this back to the world. I ordered | they had stayed missin'. They carried Zambo, therefore, to come again in the off their wounded comrade-be was tures of the night before. I also drew murder it was in their faces. They up a note, to be given to any white were big fellows, as big as a man and merchant or captain of a steamboat a deal stronger. Curious glassy gray whom the Indian could find, imploring leyes they have, under red tufts, and them to see that ropes were sent to they just sat and gloated and gloated. us, since our lives must depend upon Challenger is no chicken, but even be it. These documents I threw to Zambo | was cowed. He managed to struggle in the evening, and also my purse, to his feet, and yelled out at them to

Indian, and he was promised twice as the suddenness of it, for he raged and much if he returned with the ropes. melancholy night I saw the lonely fig- men he could not have slanged them ure of the Indian upon the vast plain worse." beneath me, and I watched him, our one faint hope of salvation, until he instead of that it started them on a disappeared in the rising mists of new line. They all jabbesed and chatevening which lay rose tinted from the tered together. Then one of them stood

me that I should remain on guard, but exhausted nature, on the other, defiring, but if it seemed to them that I five great gingko tree, but there was a great ruddy frill of a beard, the tufton as fast as possible and so to reas and broken my neck the moment I the whole catalogue. When the ape

"Quick, young fellah! Quick!" he cried. "Every moment counts."

had left him calm in his bearing, correct in his person, prim in his dress. Now he was pale and wild eyed, gasping as he breathed like one who has hanging in rags, and his hat was gone. I stared in amazement, but he gave

That's all right! Don't wait to talk jabberin' and shrickin' in your life.

the thickest of the scrub until he came The rising sun shone red upon the to a dense clump of brushwood. Into Challenger had as much as he could this be rushed, regardless of thorns, and threw himself into the heart of it, pulling me down by his side,

"There," he panted, "I think we are safe here. They'll make for the deep peace of the forest. Lord Roxton standing close to me and listening with camp as sure as fate. It will be their deep distress to the story which I told first idea. But this should puzzle 'em.

> "What is it all?" I asked when I had got my breath. "Where are the professors, and who is it that is after us?" "The ape men!" he cried. "My God, what brutes! Don't raise your voice,

for they have long ears-sharp eyes. too, but no power of scent, so far as I could judge, so I don't think they can sniff us out. Where have you been, young feliah? You were well out of it.

In a few sentences I whispered what I had done.

Then he told what had happened in my absence.

"It was in the early mornin'. Our learned friends were just stirrin' Hadn't even begun to argue yet. Sud denly it rained apea. They came down as thick as apples out of a tree. They him and take away his pay. He come had been assemblin' in the dark, I suppose, until that great tree over our heads was heavy with them. I shot one of them through the belly, but be would spend the day in writing a third, shead of any beast that I have seen in which would bring my experiences ab- my wanderin's. Ape men-that's what evening, and I spent my miserable and bleedin' like a pig-and then they sat onely day in recording my own adven- around us, and if ever I saw frozen which contained three English sover- have done with it and get it over. I eigns. These were to be given to the think he had gone a bit off his head at cursed at them like a lunatic. If they Just as the sun was setting upon that had been a row of his favorite press

setting sun between the faroff river out beside Challenger. You'll smile. young fellah, but 'pon my word they It was an awesome thing to sleep might have been kinsmen. I couldn't In that III fated camp, and yet it was have believed it if I hadn't seen it with even more uncerving to do so in the my own eyes. This old ape man-be jungle. One or the other it must be, was their chief was a sort of red Prudence, on the one hand, warned but Challenger, with every one of our clared that I should do nothing of the more so. He had the short body, the klad. I climbed up on to a limb of big shoulders, the round chest, no neck, began to doze. I got down, therefore, man stood by Challenger and put his and pondered over what I should do. paw on his shoulder the thing was lit three separate fires in a triangle terical, and be laughed till be cried. dropped off into a profound sleep, from they put up the devil of a cacklin', and which I had a strange and most wel- they set to work to drag us off through through the brambles, and their own had left it, but the gate was open. I It was he, and yet it was not he. I hides are like leather. But Challenger

"I thought it was the end of us, but

was all right. Four of them carried him shoulder high, and he went like a Roman emperor.'

"They got us soon to this town of theirs, about a thousand huts of branches and leaves in a great grove of trees near the edge of the cliff. It's three or four miles from here. The filthy beasts fingered me all over, and I feel as if I should never be clean again. They tied us up-the fellow who handled me could tie like a bo'sun -and there we lay with our toes up heneath a tree while a great brute stood guard over us with a club in his hand.\ When I say 'we' I mean Summerlee and myself. Old Challenger was up a tree catin' pines and havin' the time of his life. I'm bound to say that he managed to get some fruit to us, and with his own bands he loosened our bonds. If you'd seen him sitting up in that tree hobnobbin' with his twin brother and singin' in that rollin' bass of his, 'Ring Out, Wild Bells,' 'cause music of any kind seemed to put 'em in a good humor, you'd have smiled, but we weren't in much mood for laughin', as you can guess. They were inclined within limits to let him do what he liked, but they drew the line pretty sharply at us. It was a mighty consolation to us all to know that you were runnin' loose and had the archives in your keepin' "Well, now, young fellah, I'll tell

you what will surprise you. You say you saw signs of men and tires, traps run far and fast. His gaunt face was and the like. Well, we have seen the scratched and bloody, his clothes were natives themselves. Poer devils they were, down faced little chaps, and had enough to make them so. It seems me no chance for questions. He was that the humans hold one side of this grabbing at our stores all the time he plateau-over youder, where you saw the caves-and the ape men hold this "Quick, young feliah! Quick!" he side, and there is bloody war between cried. "Every moment counts. Get them all the time. That's the situation the rifles, both of them. I have the so far as I could follow it. Well, yesother two. Now all the cartridges you terday the ape men got hold of a dozen can gather. Fill up your pockets. Now, of the humans and brought them in as some food. Half a dozen tins will do. prisoners. You never heave such a or think. Get a move on or we are The men were little red fellows and had been bitten and clawed so that Still half awake and unable to im- they could hardly walk. The ape men agine what it all might mean, I found put two of them to death then and myself hurrying madly after him there-fairly pulled the arm off one of through the wood, a rifle under each them-it was perfectly beastly. Plucky arm and a pile of various stores in my little chaps they are and hardly gave a hands. He dodged in and out through squeak. But it turned us absolutely sick. Summerlee fainted, and even stand. I think they have cleared, don't you?

We listened intently, but nothing save the calling of the birds broke the went on with his story.

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