THE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF A PRIMEVAL MAN AND AN AMERICAN GIRL

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r course he had never before seen
to never had spoken with any livthing which had the remotest idea
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so what wonder that the little boy was guie at a loss to guess the meaning of these strange figures.

Near the middle of the book he found is old enemy, Sabor, the lioness, and, farther on, colled Histah, the snake. ther on, colled flistan, the snake.

It was most engrossing! Never bein all his ten years had he enjoyed
thing so much. So absorbed was he
he did not note the approaching k, until it was quite upon him and figures were blurred.

put the book back in the cupboard closed the door, for he did not wish pay one else to find and destroy his treasure, and as he went out into the gather ing darkness he closed the great door of the cabin behind him as it had been be-fere he discovered the secret of its lock. or he discovered the secret of its lock, at before he left he had noticed the moting knife lying where he had thrown it upon the floor, and this he picked up and took with him to show to his fellows. He had taken scarce a dozen steps toard the jungle when a great form rose up before him from the shadows of a bush. At first he thought it was one of his own people, but in another instant he realized that it was Bolgani, the huge

chance for flight and little Tarzan knew that he must stand and fight for his life; for these great beasts were the deadly these strat tribe, and neither one or to other ever asked or gave quarter.

Had Tarzan been a full grown bull ape Had Tarran been a full grown but ape of the species of his tribe he had been some than a match for the gorilla, but being only a little English boy, though sormously muscular for such, he stood no show against his cruel antagonist. In his veins, though, flowed the blood of the bet of a race of mighty fighters, and back of this was the training of his short me among the flerce brutes of the

Bille heart beat the faster but from the excitement and exhilaration of adven-Had the opportunity presented it would have escaped, but solely because his judgment told him he was no match for the great thing which coned him. And since reason showed him that successful flight was impossible he met the gorilla squarely and bravely without a tremor of a single muscle, or

In fact he met the brute midway in its charge, striking its huge body with his closed fists and as futilely as if he had been a fly attacking an elephant. But in one hand he still clutched the inde he had found in the cabin of his and as the brute, striking and closed upon him the boy accied the point toward the halry breast. of him the gorilla shricked in pain

and a use for his sharp and shining toy, so that, as the tearing, striking beast dragged him to earth he plunged

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gorilla, fighting after the manner of its kind, struck terrific blows with its open hand, and tore the flesh at the boy's throat and chest with its mighty

For a moment they rolled upon the ground in the fierce frenzy of combat. More and more weakly the torn and bleeding arm struck home with the long sharp blade, then the little figure stiftened with a spasmedic jerk, and Ta, zan. o young Lord Greystoke, rolled lifeless upon the dead and decaying veg-ctation which carpeted his jungle home.

A mile back in the forest the tribe had heard the flerce challenge of the gorilla, and, as was his custom when any danger threatened, Kerchak called his people together, partly for mutual protection against a common enemy, since this gorilla might be but one of party of several, and also to see that all members of the tribe were accounted for. was soon discovered that Taraan was missing, and Tublat was strongly opposed to sending assistance. Kerchak

opposed to sending assistance. Kerchak himself had no liking for the strange little walf, so he listened to Tublat, and, finally, with a strug of his shoulders, turned back to the pile of leaves on which he had made his bed.

But Kala was of a different mind; in fact, she had not waited but to learn that Tarzan was absent ere she was fairly flying through the matted branches toward the point from which the cries of the gorilla were still plainly branches toward the point from which the cries of the gorilla were still plainly audible

Darkness had now fallen, and an early oon was sending its faint light to cast strange, grotesque shadows among the dense folinge of the forest. Here and there the brilliant rays pene-

trated to earth, but for the most pa they only served to accentuate the Sty lan blackness of the jungle's depths. Styg-Like some huge phantom, Kala swung noiselessly from tree to tree; now run-ling nimbly along a great branch, now swinging through space at the end of another, only to grasp that of a further tree in her rapid progress toward the scene of the tragedy her knowledge of

Jungle life told her was being enacted a short distance before her. The cries of the gorilla proclaimed that it was in mortal combat with some other denizen of the flerce wood. Suddenly these cries ceased, and the silence of death reigned throughout the jungle.

Kala could not understand, for the voice of Bolkani had at the last been raised in the agony of suffering and

death, out no sound had come to her by which she possibly could determine the nature of his antagonist.

That her little Tarzan could destroy a great bull gorilla she knew to be inprobable, and so, as she neared the spot from which the sounds of the struggle had come, she moved more wartly and at last slowly and with extreme caution she traversed the lowest branches, peering eagerly into the moon-splashed blackness for a sign of the combatants.
Presently she came upon them, lying in

a little open space full under the brilliant light of the moon—little Tarzan's torn and bloody form, and beside it a great bull gorilla, stone dead.
With a low cry Kala rushed to Tarzan's

side, and gathering the poor, blood-cov-ered body to her breast, listened for a sign of life. Faintly she heard it—the ak beating of the little heart. Tenderly she bore him back through

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Of medicine or surgery the poor thing knew nothing. She could but lick the wounds, and thus she kept them cleansed, that healing nature might the more

that healing nature might the more quickly do her work.

At first Targan would eat nothing, but rolled and toxard in a wild delirium of fever. All he craved was water, and this she brought him in the only way she could, bearing it in her own mouth. No human mother could have shown more unselfish and sacrificing devotion than did this poor, wild brute for the little orphaned waif whom fate had

thrown into her keeping. At last the fever abated and the boy commenced to mend. No word of complaint had passed his tight set lips, the pain of his wounds was ex-

cruciating. A portion of his chest was laid bare to the ribs, three of which had been broken by the mighty blows of the gorilla. One arm was nearly severed by the glant fangs, and a great piece nad been torn from his neck, exposing his jugular vein, which the cruel jaws had missed but by a miracle.

With the stoicism of the brutes who had raised him he endured his suffering quietly, preferring to crawl away from the others and He huddled in some clump of tall grasses rather than to show his misery before their eyes.

Kala, alone, he was glad to have with him, but now that he was better she was gone longer at a time, in search of food; for the devoted animal had scarcely eaten enough to support her own life while Tarzan had been so low, and was in consequence reduced to a mere shadow of her former self.

THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE After what seemed an eternity to the little sufferer he was able to walk once more, and from then on his recovery was rapid, so that in another month he was as strong and active as ever,

During his convalescence he had gone over in his mind many times the battle with the gorilla, and his first thought was to recover the wonderful little weapon which had transformed him from a hopelessly outclassed weakling to superior of the mighty terror of the

Also, he was anxious to return to the cabin and continue his investigation of its

So, early one morning, he set forth alone upon his quest. After a little search he located the clean-picked bones of his late adversary, and close by, partly buried beneath the fallen leaves, he found the knife, now red with rust from its exposure to the dampness of the ground and from the dried blood of the gorilla. He did not like the change in its

former bright and gleaming surface; but it was still a formidable weapon, and one which he meant to use to advantage whenever the opportunity presented itself. He had in mind that no more would he run from the wanton attacks of old Tublat. In another moment he was at the cablu

and after a short time had again thrown the latch and entered. His first concern was to learn the mechanism of the lock, and this he did by examining it closely while the door was open, so that he could the door, and by what means it released

He found that he could close and lock



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so that there would be no chance of his being molested while at his investigations. commenced a systematic search of the cabin; but his attention was soon riveted by the books which seemed to exert a strange and powerful influence over him, so that he could scarce attend to aught else for the lure of the won-

drous puzzle which their purpose pre-sented to him.

Among the other books were a primer, some child's readers, numerous picture books, and a great dictionary. All of these he examined, but the pictures caught his fancy most, though the strange little bugs which covered the pages where there were no pictures ex-cited his wonder and deepest thought.

Squatting upon his haunches on the table top in the cabin his father had built-his smooth, brown, naked little body bent over the book which rested in his strong slender hands, and his great shock of long, black hair falling about his well shaped head and bright, intelligent eyes. Tarzan of the apes, little primitive man, presented a picture filled at once, with pathos and with promiseat once, with pathos and with promise-an allegorical figure of the primordial groping through the black night of igno-rance toward the light of learning. His little face was tense in study, for he had partially grasped, in a hazy, nebulous way, the rudiments of a thought

which was destined to prove the key and the solution to the puzzling problem of the strange little bugs.

In his hands was a primer opened at a picture of a little ape similar to himself. but covered, except for hands and face, with strange, colored fur, for such he thought the packet and trousers to Beneath the picture were three little

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And now he had discovered in the text upon the page that these three were repeated many times in the same sequence. Another fact he learned-that were comparatively few individual bugs; but these were repeated many times, oc-casionally alone, but more often in company with others

Slowly he turned the pages, scanning for he learned more through the medlum the pictures and the text for a repetition of the combination b.o.y. Presently he found it beneath a picture of anoth-r little ape and a strange animal which went upon four legs like the jackal and resembled him not a little. Beneath this picture the bugs appeared as: A BOY AND A DOG.

There they were, the three little bugs which always accompanied the little ape. And so he progressed very, very slowly, for it was a hard and laborious task which he had set himself without knowing it-a task which might seem to you or me impossible-learning to read without having the slightest knowledge of letters or written language, or the faint-

est idea that such things existed. He did not accomplish it in a day, or in week, or in a month, or in a year; but slowly, very slowly, he learned after he slowly, very slowly, he learned after he had grasped the possibilities which lay A.N.T. And so he learned to read in those little bugs, so that by the time he was 15 he knew the various com-

pictured figure in the little primer and in one or two of the picture books. Of the meaning and use of the articles and conjunctions, verbs and adverbs and

pronouns he had but the faintest and haziest conception. One day when he was about 12 he found a number of lead pencils in a hitherto undiscovered drawer beneath the table. and in scratching upon the table top with one of them he was delighted to discover

the black line it left behind it. toy that the table top was soon a mass of scrawly loops and irregular lines and his pencil-point worn down to the wood. Then he took another pencil, but this ime he had a definite object in view.

He would attempt to reproduce some of

the little bugs that scrambled over the pages of his books. It was a difficult task, for he held the

nell as one would grasp the hilt of a gger, which does not add greatly to dagger. ease in writing nor to the legibility of the But he persevered for months, at such

times as he was able to come to the cabin, until at last by repeated experimenting he found a position in which to hold the pencil that best permitted him to guide and control it, so that at last could roughly reproduce any of the little buge. Thus he made a beginning at writing. Copying the bugs taught him another thing, their number; and though he could

not count as we understand it yet by had an idea of quantity, the base of his calculations being the number of fingers upon one of his hands. His search through the various books convinced him that he had discovered all the different kinds of bugs most often repeated in combination, and these he

arranged in proper order with great case had perused the fascinating alphabet pic-His education progressed; but his greatest finds were in the inexhaustible storehouse of the huge illustrated dictionary.

of pictures than text, even after he had grasped the significance of the bugs. When he discovered the arrangement of words in alphabetical order he delighted in searching for and finding the combinations with which he was familiar, and the words which followed them, their definitions, led him still further into the

By the time he was 17 he had learned to read the simple, child's primer and had fully realized the true and wonderful purpose of the little bugs.

No longer did he feel shame for his hairless body or his human features, for now his reason told hime that he was of a different race from his wild and hairy companions. He was a M-A-N, they were A-P-E-S, and the little ages which scur ried through the forest top were M-O-N-K-E-Y-S. He knew, too, that old Sabor was a L-I-O-N-E-S-S, and Histan a S-N-A-K-E, and Tantor an E-L-E-P-H-

the active intelligence of a healthy mind | their part of the jungle of that they endowed by inheritance with more than ordinary reasoning powers he shrewdly guessed at much which he could not really understand, and more often than not his guesses were close to the mark of truth.

There were many breaks in his educa-tion, caused by the migratory habits of his trible, but even when removed from recourse to his books his active brain continued to search out the mysteries of his

Pieces of bark and flat leaves and even smooth stretches of bare earth provided him with copy books whereon to scratch with the point of his hunting knife the lessons he was learning.

Nor did he neglect the sterner duties of

life while following the bent of his in-clination toward the solving of the mystery of his library. He practiced with his rope and played with his sharp knife, which he had

learned to keep keen by whetting upon largan had come among them, for under

plenty to eat and little or no loss from predatory incursions of neighbors.

Hence the younger males as they became adult found it more comfortable to take wives from their own tribe, as if they captured one of another tribe to bring her back to Rercharts band and live in amity with him rather than a terminal one to an analysis of the control of the tempt to set up a new catablishment of their own, or fight with the redoubtable

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