## THE BEASTS OF TARZAN

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CHAPTER IV. SHEETA.



though he would have preferred the have preferred the senter; to wait until opportunity permitted hier to kill one of the great cats. He also braided a long grass ropesuch a rope as he had used so many pair before to tantalize the ill-natured rablat, and which later had developed into a wondrous effective weapon in the seatised hand of the little ape-box. tised hand of the little ape-boy.

A sheath and handle for his hunting mile he fashloned and a quiver for arrows, and from the hide of Bara a belt and loineloth. Then he set out to learn smething of the strange land in which is found himself. That it was not his ed familiar west coast of the African centirent he knew from the fact that it faced east—the rising sun came up out of the xea before the threshold of the rea before the threshold of the

Ingle.

But that it was not the east coast of Africa he was equally positive, for he felt allsfied that the Kincaid had not passed through the Mediterranean, the Suca Canal and the Red Sea, nor had she had time to round the Cape of Good Hope. So he was quite at a loss to know where he might be.

Supertures he wondered if the ship had

coared the brond Atlantic to deposit him men some wild South American shore; but the presence of Numa, the lion, deded him that such could not be the

As Tarzan made his lonely way through the jungle paralleling the shore, he felt true; upon him a desire for companionship so that gradually he commenced to regret the head not cast his lot with the apes. He had seen nothing of them since that first day, when the influences of civilization were still strong within

Now he was more nearly returned to the Tarzan of old, and though he appre-cated the fact that there could be little a common between himself and the great athropo.ds, still they were better than

manropo.ds, shift they were better than be compast, at all.

Maying leisurely, sometimes upon the gread and again among the lower branches of the trees, gathering an occasions fruit or turning over a fallen log

Tarzan was exceptionally glad to with, for he had it in mind not to utilize the great cat's strong gif to utilize the great cat's strong fat fer his how, but also to fashion a sw quiver and loincloth from pieces of is hide. So, whereas the ape-man had Swiftly and sliently he gilded through the forest in the wake of the savage cat, nor was the pursuer, for all his noble rth, one whit less savage than the wild,

thing he stalked. he came closer to Sheeta he became ware that the panther on his part was calking game of his own, and even as he malised this fact there came to his nos-lis, wafted from his right by a vagrant s, the strong odor of grea. apes. pauther had taken to a great tree ersan came within sight of him, and

gond and below him Tarzan saw the like of Akut lolling in a little, natural maring. Some of them were dozing mind the boles of trees, while bunes smed about turning over bits of bark tota beneath which they transferred the sacious grubs and beetles to their

was the closest to Sheeta streat cat lay crouched upon a thick hidden from the ape's view by feliage, waiting patiently until the oppoid should come within range of

harsan cautiously gained a position in a same tree with the panther and a lile above him. In his left hand he maped his slim stone blade. He would preferred to use his noose, but the surrounding the huge cat pre-the possibility of an accurate with the rope.

It had now wandered quite close

th the tree wherein lay the waiting

Sheeta slowly edged his hind along the branch still further be-him, and then with a hideous shrick The barest fraction of a second be-bis spring another beast of prey him leaped, its weird and savage mingling with his.

panther almost above him, and al-ly upon the panther's back the great ape that had bested him that day

the great water.

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Leth of the ape-man were buried the back of Sheeta's neck and his arm was round the fierce throat, the las left hand, graaping a siender of stone, rose and fell in mighty.

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was upon the panther's side behind the it shoulder.

Inthe had just time to leap to one side avoid being pinioned beneath these siling monaters of the jungle.

With a crash they came to carth at fact. Sheeta was screaming, snariand rearing horribly; but the white thing tenaciously and in allence to thrashing body of his quarry.

Isadily and remoraelessly the stone lie was driven home through the glossy time and again it drank deep, until a final agentized lungs and shrick the at faine rolled over upon its side tave for the spasmodic jerking of its seles, iny quiet and still in death. See the ape-man raised his bead, as sees, iny quiet and still in death. See the ape-man raised his bead, as seed over the carcass of his kill, and again through the jungle ran his if and savage victory challenge. But and the apes of Akut stood looking sarried wonder at the dead bedy sheets and the lithe, straight figure of man who had shain him.

Israh was the first to apeak.

Is had saved Akut's life for a pursaid knowing the limitations of the male the sine knew that he must a this pialn to the anthropoid if it is serve him in the way he hoped.

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The Ape-man Is Once Again Among the Beasts of the Jungle, Yet, Though He Is Still Able to Live the Physical Life of a Primeval Animal, His Heart Now Beats With Human Emotions.

"And," he continued, "when they hear Tarzan call to them, let them remember what he has done for Akut and come to him with great speed. Shall it be as Tarzan says"

"Huh!" assented Akut, and from the members of his tribe there rose a unani-mous "Huh."

Then, presently, they went to feed-ing again as though nothing had hap-pened, and with them fed John Clayton, Lord Greystoke.

He noticed, however, that Akut kept always close to him, and was often looking at him with a strange wonder in his little bloodshot eyes, and once he did a thing that Tarzan during all his long years among the apes had never before seen an spe do—he found a particularly tender morsel and handed it to Tarzan.

As the tribe hunted, the glistening body of the ape-man mingled with the brown, shaggy hides of his companions. Oftentimes they brushed together in passing, but the apes had already taken his presence for granted, so that he was as much one of them as Akut himself.

If he came too close to a she with a young baby, the former would bare her great fighting fangs and growl ominously, and occasionally a truculent young bull would snarl a warning if Tarzan approached while the former was eating. But in these things the treatment was no different from that which they accorded any other member of the tribe.

Tarzan on his part felt very much at home with these fierce huiry progenitors of primitive man. He slipped nimbly out of reach of each threatening female—for such is the way of apes, if they be not in one of their occasional fits of bestial rage—and he growled back at the truculent young bulls, baring his canine teeth even as they. Thus eachly he fell wash even as they. Thus easily he fell back into the way of his early life, nor did it seem that he had ever tasted association with creatures of his own kind.

For the better part of a week he roamed the jungle with his new friends, partly because of a desire for companionship and partly through a well hid plan to im-press himself indelibly upon t'eir memories, which at best are none too long; for Tarzan from past experience knew that it might serve him in good stead to have a tribe of these powerful and ter-rible beasts at his call.

When he was convinced that he had when he was convinced that he had succeeded to some extent in fixing his identity upon them he decided to take up again his exploration. To this end he set out toward the north early one day, and keeping parallel with the shore, traveled rapidly until almost nightfall.

When the sun rose the next morning he saw that it lay almost directly to his right as he stood upon the beach instead of straight out across the water as heretofore, and so he reasoned that the shore line had trended toward the west. All the second day he continued his rapid course, and when Tarzan of the Apes sought speed, he passed through the middle ter-race of the forest with the rapidity of a squirrel.

That night the sun set straight out across the water opposite the land, and then the ape-man guessed at last the truth that he had been suspicioning Rokoff had set him ashore upon an

He might have known it! If there was in search of the larger bugs, which he still found as palatable as of old, Tarzan that such would be should have known that covers a mile or more when his attention was attracted by the scent of Sheeta up-wind ahead of him.

Now Sheeta, the panther, was one room Tarzan are avecationally glad to any plan that would render his position more harrowing he should have known that such would be the one adopted by

the mainland, where it would be a com-paratively easy thing for him to find the means of delivering the infant Jack into the hands of the cruel and savage foster-

parents who, as his note had threatened, would have the upbringing of the child. Tarzan shuddered as he thought of the ruel suffering the little one must endure in such a life, even though he might fall into the hands of individuals whose intentions toward him were of the kindest. The ape-man had had sufficient experience with the lower savages of Africa to know that even there may be found the cruder virtues of charity and humanity; but their lives were at best but a series of terrible privations, dangers and suffer-

that awaited the child as he grew to manhood. The horrible practices that would form a part of his life-training would alone be sufficient to bar him forever from association with those of his own race and station in life.

A cannibal! His little boy a savage man-eater! It was too horrible to con-

The filed teeth, the slit nose, the little face painted hideously.

Tarzan grouned. Could he but feel the throat of the Russ fiend beneath his steel

What tortures of doubt and fear and uncertainty less terrible than hers, for he at least knew that one of his loved ones was safe at home, while she had no idea of the whereabouts of either her hus-

It is well for Tarzan that he did not guess the truth, for the knowledge would but add a hundredfold to his suffering.

As he moved slowly through the jungle, his mind absorbed by his gloomy thoughts, there presently came to his ears a strange scratching sound which he could not translate.

Cautiously he moved in the direction from which it emanated, presently coming upon a huge panther pinned beneath

As Targan approached the beast turned. anariling, toward him, struggling to ex-tricate itself; but one great limb across its back and the smaller entangling branches pinioning its limbs prevented it from moving but a few inches in any

The ape-man stood before the help-less cat fitting an arrow to his bow that he might dispatch the beast that otherwise must die of starvation; but even as he drew back the shaft a sudden whim stayed his hand.

Why rob the poor creature of life and liberty, when it would be so easy a thing iberty, when it would be so easy a thing to restore both to it! He was sure from the fact that the panther moved all its limbs in its futile struggle for freedom that its spine was uninjured, and for the same reach he knew that none of its limbs were broken.

Relaxing his bowstring, he returned the collections of th

Reinxing his bowstring, he returned the arrow to the quiver and, throwing the bow about his shoulder, stepped closer to the pinioned beast.

On his lips was the soothing, purring sound that the great cats themselves make when contented and happy. It was the nearest approach to a friendly advance that Tarsan could make in the language of Sheets.

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The panther ceased his snarling and eyed the aps-man closely. To lift the tree's great weight from the animal it was necessary to come within reach of those long, strong talons, and when the tree had been removed the man would be totally at the mercy of the savage beast; but to Tarsan of the Apes fear was a thing unknown.

Having decided, he acted preemptly. Unhesitatingly, he stepped into the tangle of branches close to the painter's ande, still volcing his friendly and concillatory pure. The call turned his head toward the man, exing him steadily—

with which the tribes of Gerchak had been wont to summon its absent members in times of peril.

Targan put a broad shoulder beneath but more in preparedness than threat.

Tarzan put a broad shoulder beneath the bole of the tree, and as he did so his bare leg pressed against the cat's silken side, so close was the man to the great benst.

Slowly Tarzan extended his giant thews.

The great tree with its entangling are great tree with its entangling branches rose gradually from the panther, who, feeling the encumbering weight diminish, quickly crawied from beneath. Tarzan let the tree fall back to earth, and the two beasts turned to look upon one another.

A grim smile lay upon the ape-man's lips, for he knew that he had taken his life in his hands to free this savage jungle fellow; nor would it have surprised him had the cat spring upon him the instant that it had been released.

But it did not do so. Instead it stood a few paces from the tree watching the ape-man clamber out of the maze of

fallen limbs and branches.
Once outside, Tarzan was not three paces from the panther. He might have taken to the higher branches of the trees upon the opposite side, for Sheeta cannot upon the opposite side, for Sheeta cannot climb to the heights to which the spe-man ran go; but something, a spirit of bravado perhaps, prompted him to approach the panther as though to discover if any feeling of gratitude would prompt the heast to friendliness.

As he approached the mighty cat the

creature stepped warily to one side, and the ape-man brushed past him within a foot of the dripping laws, and as he con-tinued on through the forest the panther followed on behind him, as a hound follows at heel.

For a long time Tarzan could not tell

whether the beast was following out of friendly feelings or merely stalking him against the time he should be hungry; but finally he was forced to believe that the former incentive it was that prompted the animal's action.

Later in the day the scent of a decr

sent Tarzan into the trees, and when he had dropped his noose about the snimal's neck he called to Sheeta, using a pure similar to that which he had utilized to pacify the brute's suspicions earlier in the day, but a trifle louder and more shrill.

It was similar to that which he had heard panthers use after a kill when they had been hunting in pairs.

Almost immediately there was a crash ing of the underbrush close at hand, and the lone, lithe body of his strange companion broke into view.

At sight of the body of Bara and the smell of blood the panther gave forth a shrill scream, and a moment later two beasts were feeding side by side upon the

tender meat of the deer,
For several days this strangely assorted pair roamed the jungle together.

When one made a kill he called the other, and thus they fed well and often. On one occasion as they were dining upon the carcass of a boar that Sheeta had despatched, Numa, the lion, grim and terrible, broke through the tangled grasses close beside them.

With an angry, warning roar, he sprang forward to chase them from their kill. Sheeta sprang into a nearby thicket, while Tarzan took to the low branches of an overhanging tree.

Here the ape-man unloosed his grass

rope from about his neck, and as Numa stood above the body of the boar, challenging head erect, he dropped the sin-uous neose about the maned neck, draw-ing the stout strands taut with a sudden jerk. At the same time he called shrilly to Sheeta, as he drew the struggling lion upward until only his hind feet touched the ground.

Quickly he made the rope fast to a stout branch, and as the panther, in answer to his summons, leaped into sight, Tarzan dropped to the earth beside the strug-gling and infuriated Numa, and with long, sharp knife sprang upon him at o side even as Sheeta did upon the other

The panther tore and rent Numa upon the right, while the spe-man struck home with his stone knife upon the other, so that before the mighty clawing of the king of beasts had succeeded in parting the rope he hung quite dead and harmless in

And then upon the jungle air there ros in unison from two savage throats the victory cry of the bull ape and the panther, blended into one frightful and uncanny scream.

As the last notes died away in a longdrawn, fearsome wall, a score of painted warriors, drawing their long war-canoe upon the beach, halted to stare in the direction of the jungle and to listen.

CHAPTER V.

BY the time that Tarzan had traveled entirely about the coast of the island. and made several trips inland from various points, he was sure that he was the only human being upon it. Nowhere had he found any sign that

men had stopped even temporarily upon this shore, though, of course, he knew that so quickly does the rank vegetation of the tropics erase all but the most permanent of human monuments that he might be in error in his deductions. The day following the killing of Numa

Tarzan and Sheeta came upon the tribe of Akut. At sight of the panther the great apes took flight, but after a time Tarzan succeeded in recalling them. It had occurred to him that it would

least an interesting experiment to attempt to reconcile these hereditary enemies. He welcomed anything that would occupy his time and his mind be-yond the filling of his belly and the gloomy thoughts to which he fell pray the noment that he became idle.

To communicate his plan to the apes was not a particularly difficult matter, though their narrow and limited vocabulary was strained in the effort; but to impress upon the little, wicked brain of Sheeta that he was to hunt with and not for his legitimate prey proved a task almost beyond the powers of the ape-man. Targan, among his other weapons

Tarsan, among his other weapons, possessed a long, stout cudgel, and after fastening his rope about the panther's neck he used this instrument freely upon the anarling beast, endeavoring in this way to impress upon its memory that it must not attack the great, shaggy, manlike creatures that had approached more closely once they had seen the purpose of the rope about its neck.

of the rope about its neck.

That the cat did not turn and rend Tarzan is something of a miracle which may
possibly be accounted for by the fact that
twice when it turned growling upon the
ape-man he had rapped it sharply upon
its sensitive nose, incuicating in its mind
thereby a most wholesome fear of the
cudgel and the ape-beast behind it.

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It is a question if the original cause of his attachment for Tarsan was still at all clear in the mind of the panther, though doubtless some subconscious suggestion, superinduced by this primary reason and aided and abetted by the habit of the past few days, did much to compel the beast to tolerate treatment at his hands that would have sent it at the throat of any other living creature.

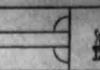
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Then, too, there was the compelling force of the man-mind exerting its powerful influence over this creature of the lower order, and, after all, it may have been this that proved the most potent factor in Tarsan's supremacy over Sheeta and the other beasts of the jungle that had from time to time failen under his demination.

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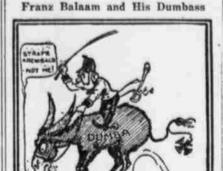
## SCRAPPLE



IT'S AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO ONE GOOD



Paterfamilias (suddenly awakened by a loud report)-Zeppelius again!



Hubby-I've only one queen. Wifey-You mean me?



(His answer not passed by the Na-

GEE, ONLY IN



DID IT EVER HAPPEN TO YOU?



Manager-Boy, stop whistling in the Bellboy-Merely obeying orders, sir, I am paging madame's French poodle.



Teacher-What a tiny little chap your brother is. Susie-I guess that's 'cause he's only my half brother.



jest come to ask yo' to fix up de wed-din'. Mandy-What's de mattah? Has yo' lost yo' job?



Zealous Special (imperiously)-Look here—put out that cigarette light. There's Zepps about.

Higher Aspirations Auntle (watching artist at work)-Don't you wish you could paint as weil as that, Tommy? Tommy-I can!-London Opinion.







Her-At the conclusion of an argument between a man and a woman the n may be slienced but not convinced.

Him—Yes; and the woman may be convinced but not slienced.



