

THE GODS OF MARS

Sequel to "Under the Moons of Mars"

By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS Author of the Tarzan Stories

CHAPTER XIII—(Continued).

There we made our plans for the immediate future, binding ourselves by a solemn oath to fight to the death for one another against whatever enemies should confront us, for we knew that even should we succeed in escaping the First Born we might still have a whole world against us—the power of religious superstition is mighty.

for a fool to have thus jeopardized our chances for escape; but there was nothing for it now but to see the adventure through.

With a spring as swift and as noiseless as a tiger's I hit beside the guardman who had moved. My hands hovered above his throat awaiting the moment that his eyes should open.

For what seemed an eternity to my overwrought nerves I remained poised thus. Then the fellow turned again upon his side and resumed the even respiration of deep slumber.

Carefully I picked my way between and over the soldiers until I had gained the rack at the far side of the room. Here I turned to survey the sleeping men.

All were quiet. Their regular breathing rose and fell in a soothing rhythm that seemed to me the sweetest music I had ever heard.

Gingerly I drew a longsword from the rack. The scraping of the scabbard against its holder as I withdrew it sounded like a falling of cast iron with a great crash, and I looked to see the room immediately filled with alarmed and attacking guardsmen. But none stirred.

The second sword I withdrew noiselessly, but the third clanked in its scabbard with a frightful din. I knew that it must awaken some of the men at least, and was on the point of forestalling their attack by a rapid charge for the doorway, when again, to my intense surprise, not a black moved.

Either they were wondrous heavy sleepers or else the noise that I made were really much less than they seemed to me. I was about to leave the rack when my attention was attracted by the revolvers. I knew that I could not carry more than one away with me, for I was already too heavily laden.

As I took one of them from its pin my eye fell for the first time on an open window beside the rack. Ah, here was a splendid means of escape, for it led directly upon the dock, not 20 feet from the water's edge.

And as I congratulated myself I heard the door opposite me open; and there looking me full in the face, stood the officer of the guard. He evidently took in the situation at a glance and appreciated the gravity of it as quickly as I, for his revolvers came up simultaneously, and the sounds of the two reports were as one as we touched the buttons on the grips that exploded the cartridges.

To let the wind of his bullet as it whizzed past my ear, and at the same instant I saw him crumple to the ground. Where I hit him I do not know, nor if I killed him, for he lay so close to me that I could not see him through the window at my rear.

In another second the waters of Omean closed above my head and the three of us were making for the little pier a hundred yards away.

Nodar was burdened with the boy, and I with the three longwords; the revolver I had dropped, so that, while we were both strong swimmers, it seemed to me that we moved at a snail's pace through the water.

I was swimming entirely beneath the surface, for Nodar was compelled to rise often to let the youth breathe, so it was a wonder that we were not discovered long before we were.

In fact, we reached the boat's side and were all aboard before the watch upon the battlement, roused by the shot, detected us. Then an alarm-gun belted from the ship's bow, its deep boom reverberating in defiance of the gusty breeze.

Instantly the sleeping thousands were awake. The decks of a thousand monster craft were crowded with men, and an alarm on Omean was a thing of rare occurrence.

We cast away before the sound of the first gun had died, and another second saw us rising swiftly from the surface of the sea.

...I lay at full length along the deck, with the lever and buttons of control before me.

Nodar and the boy were stretched directly behind me, prone also, that we might offer as little resistance to the air as possible.

"Rise, high," whispered Nodar. "They dare not fire their heavy guns toward the rack at the far side of the room. Here I turned to survey the sleeping men.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I want to be cheerful; I think that it's wise. But deliver me, please, from the pest Who says with a smile when you've lost your last cent, "Our troubles are all for the best!"



Nodar and I succeeded in grasping the handrail, but the boy would have plunged overboard had I not fortunately grasped his ankle as he was already partially over.

Unaided, our vessel careened wildly on its mad flight, rising ever nearer the rocks above.

It took but an instant, however, for me to regain the levers, and with the roof barely fifty feet above I turned her nose once more into the horizontal plane and held her again for the black mouth of the shaft.

The collision had retarded our progress, and now a hundred swift scuds were close upon us. Nodar had told me that ascending to the fact of their error buoyancy, they alone would give our enemies their best chance to overtake us, since our propellers would be idle, and in rising we would be outdistanced by many of our pursuers.

The swift carter, however, equipped with large buoyancy tanks, since the added bulk of them tends to reduce a vessel's speed.

As many boats were now quite close to us, I resolved that we should be quickly overhauled in the shaft and captured or killed in short order.

To me there always seems a way to gain the opposite side of an obstacle. If one cannot pass over it he can go around it. Why, then, there is but a single alternative left, and that is to pass through it.

I could not get around the fact that many of these other boats could rise faster than ours by the fact of their error buoyancy. I was none the less determined to reach the outer world far in advance of them or die a death of my own choosing in event of failure.

"Reverse!" screamed Nodar, behind me. "For the love of your first ancestor, reverse! We are at the shaft!"

"Hold tight!" I screamed in reply. "Grasp the shaft! Hold tight!—we are going straight up the shaft!—hold tight!"

The words were scarce out of my mouth as we swept beneath the pitch black opening. I threw the bow hard up, dragged the speed to its last notch, and, clutching a stanchion with one hand and the steering wheel with the other, hung on like grim death and consigned my soul to its Maker.

I heard a little exclamation of surprise from Nodar, followed by a grim laugh. The boy laughed, too, and said something which I could not catch for the whistling of the wind of our awful speed.

I looked above my head, hoping to catch the gleam of stars by which I could direct our course and hold the hurtling thing that bore us true to the center of the shaft. To have touched the side at the speed we were making would doubtless have resulted in instant death for us all.

He crew fell twisting and turning and impenetrable darkness.

Then I glanced below me, and there I saw a rapidly diminishing circle of light—the mouth of the opening above the phosphorescent radiance of Omean. By this I steered that night more by intuition and blind faith than by skill or reason.

We were not long in the shaft, and possibly the very fact of our enormous speed saved us, for evidently we kept the shaft right direction, and so quickly were we out again that we had no time to alter our course.

Omean lies perhaps two miles below the surface crust of Mars. Our speed must have approximated two hundred miles an hour, for Martian fliers are swift, so that at most we were in the shaft not over 40 seconds.

We must have been out of it for some seconds before I realized that we had accomplished the impossible. I looked back and our darkness enshrouded all about us. There were neither moons nor stars. Never before had I seen such a thing upon Mars, and for the moment I was non-plussed.

Then the explanation came to me. It was summer at the south pole. The ice cap was melting, and those meteoric phenomena, called auroras, upon the greater lights of heaven from this portion of the planet.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

AMERICAN WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, ALL AT WORK FOR THE BOYS IN KHAKI ARRIVING AT BORDER



Philadelphia Emergency Aid Headquarters a Busy Shop, Where Bandages Are Rolled by Delicate Fingers as Well as by Work-worn Hands—Hundreds of Women Already Enlisted by Mrs. Reed Morgan

WHILE Uncle Sam is sending soldier boys down to the Mexican border to protect the rights of his citizens, American women are not forgetting their patriotism, though the suddenness of the blow leaves them doubly lonely.

If you walk into the Emergency Aid Headquarters at 1428 Walnut street any day you will see hundreds of women passing in and out in a silent, continuous stream. Women with limousines and women with down-at-the-heel shoes, women who look as if they had lost everything the world holds dear, and women who work because they have nothing else to do at home.

There are all types in the big, old-fashioned parlor of the once fashionable mansion, where the women of the Emergency Aid work all day and until 9:30 at night. Here you see a slender dark girl of the debutante type. Her brand-new wedding ring shines as she moves her hands to adjust the bandage-rolling machine. She is the solemn "I take this man" several days ago while the boys at Mount Gretna stood around in dress uniform and cheered the happy couple with all their might. Today she works silently and sadly, although there is no sign of sorrow on her face—she is a soldier's bride.

A gray-haired woman, in widow's weeds, folds triangular bandages with deft fingers. Her eyes are dimmed with unshed tears as she tells you that she sent her boy away with the first troop to take the place his father left vacant. She comes of a line of soldiers; her father fought in the first ranks of the South, and she wants her boy to give his services to his country.

And that's the way they look upon this expedition. Girls whose Tommies and Jerrys are in the rank and file of the army, whose chief claim to distinction is that they are suffering silently and nobly, work all day long in factories and department stores, and come to the workroom at night, where, under the guidance of the white linen trained nurses who preside there at night they learn how to help in the great work of preparedness.

There's a large desk in one corner of the room, where Mrs. Reed Morgan sits. Mrs. Morgan is the director of this work, as well as the chairman of the Philadelphia auxiliary of the American Red Cross. She is enthusiastic about the enthusiasm of her assistants, and is glad to sing their praises.

"There's no better way to see the best in mankind than by asking their aid," she declares. "That sign asking for aid in front of this building brings more response than any one could dream of, even if the women have only 10 minutes to give, we want it. There's something for every one to do, and most of them are glad to do it."

"I have a young boy scout on my helper's list, who has organized a crowd of youngsters to roll bandages. Every week they come here and take away a pile of materials. They never lose a single one either. They work like Trojans, too. This youngster is going to take a course in first-aid, and his 'crowd' with him. He is a wonderful help, but we have many offers equally generous."

"Just a few days ago I got a letter from a poor woman who lives outside of Atlantic City. She said she couldn't offer us any money, but she did offer the use of her five-acre farm in case of war. It's this spirit of unselfishness and generosity that sends young girls and women and older women alike in here to work all day long. "Then at night we keep open until 9:30. This is so that the working people who want to help will have an opportunity to do so. I have seen working girls whose brothers and sweethearts are at present in Mexico or in camp ready to be sent there walk in here and ask to do preparedness work, so that they won't be found wanting when the time to serve the United States comes, it does. Since the excitement of ad man's week is over and the troops have really entrained for Mexico, I expect to see at least a thousand girls and women working in this very building for the boys in khaki."

PREPAREDNESS FOR MOTHERHOOD AND MORTALITY OF INFANTS

By WILLIAM A. EVANS, M. D.

THE heaviest death rate for any age of life is that of the first month. Many babies never get a grip on life. In addition, many women die in and from childbirth.

Recognizing these facts, health workers are turning some of their thought to pre-maternity help. In England it has been proposed that expectant mothers be registered at the health department.

The seven questions asked are as follows: (a) Excessive vomiting—Vomiting may be so excessive as to endanger life. Vomiting which persists after the fourth month is apt to be due to conditions which should not be neglected.

(b) Persistent headache—Persistent headache may mean Bright's disease. Or it may be due to constipation. At any rate, persistent headache indicates that something is going wrong, and it is wise to correct it. It may be that the woman only needs to exercise more or to get more fresh air or to change her habits of eating.

(c) Stagnant kidneys—This may be due to Bright's disease. If not significant of anything else, this symptom means the woman is not drinking enough water.

(d) Discharge—This is a symptom which always calls for investigation. The cause may be any one of several.

(e) Excessive constipation.

(f) Impaired vision—The probable cause of this symptom is Bright's disease.

(g) Any other unusual sign—e. g., swelling of hands and face. Swelling on the hands and face is a sign of Bright's disease. This sign is broad enough to include any other indication that the woman is not doing well or needs to be apprehensive. For instance, if there is a curved back or any other indication of the pelvis. If the woman has increased materially in weight, or lost.

The nurses give advice as to (a) food, (b) clothing, (c) exercise and rest, (d) straining or reaching, (e) medicines, (f) care of breasts, (g) suggestions as to the medical and nursing arrangements for confinement, (h) preparations for confinement and baby clothes, (i) healthy living rooms.

Should Be Cold My baby is 1 year old, and I have been feeding him on a modified milk formula containing Eskey's food.

FARMER SMITH'S RAINBOW CLUB

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN

My dear Girls—It has occurred to me that if I want to make the boys read this, I must address it to you.

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN—I would study my lessons, because no one cares if I do not know them except myself. I know NOW that Knowledge is power. Knowledge feeds me, clothes me, makes me happy.

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN—I would know all there is to know about ONE thing. I would be THE man in the United States, yes, the world, to whom every one had to come for information about the subject I knew best.

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN—I would take a course in a business college and work in a bank. I would learn system at the business college and method at the bank.

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN—I would learn all about the living creatures of the earth—about plants, animals, bugs, fishes. I would learn about the clouds, the mysteries of the ocean and the wonders of the forest.

IF I WERE A BOY AGAIN—I would learn more about MYSELF—for knowing myself I would know others better.

FARMER SMITH, Children's Editor, EVENING LEDGER.

THE BEES IN BILLY BUMPUS' BATTLE

By Farmer Smith

Billy Bumpus was walking slowly down the road wondering where he could get some bees when he heard a tiny voice calling him.

Billy stopped and looked all around. He saw no one.

"Tell me—tell me, what is to become of me if you have a lot of bees biting you?" Billy looked up, then he looked down. He looked this way and then that and still he saw no one. Suddenly he felt a bite on the tip of his tail.

"Oh, it's you, is it?" he exclaimed. "Yes, I go where you go, but I don't want to be bitten by any bees. What I mean, you are not as brave as you think. How are you going to send those bees to the enemy and where are they, anyway?" It was Mrs. Flea speaking.

"I—I thought of sending them to the enemy—I don't know just how—but parcel post or express, any way to get them there," said Billy.

Mrs. Flea gave him another bite and then said: "You are so brave, sending bees to the enemy (which enemy I don't know) and then rushing around to see if they get stung."

"I didn't think of it first—I took somebody else's idea," whined Billy. "That's what always happens when you steal somebody else's thoughts—that's downright stealing." Mrs. Flea gave Billy one more bite just to keep him quiet.

Billy Bumpus then started to run in the direction of the orchard. Under the apple trees were the hives. Billy made one dash for them and upset his own hive. There was an uproar in a minute.

Bees were here and bees were there and they were everywhere, especially back of Billy's ears, that tender part of Billy, brave goat that he was.

Mrs. Flea had dropped to the ground long since and had jumped up on a blade of grass to see who was going to get her.

In the middle of the battle between Billy and the bees, there came a noise floating over the orchard. It went something like this: "Hee-haw! Hee-haw!"

That was too much for poor Billy, for, with all his pain, he couldn't think how Mister Donkey would laugh now that he was in a real battle and running away, for he didn't have time to even look up, for fear his eyes would get stung.

He made straight for his home, and his wife was there to meet him. "I told you so," she said. "Don't, don't!" cried Billy. "And as night came on, Mrs. Goat was bathing Billy's head in cold water."

Branch Club News

The following announcement comes from Northtown, Pa. "We have just formed a branch Rainbow Club in our town. We are calling our club the Gotwals School Rainbows, because the seven girls belong to the Gotwals School of Northtown, Pa. We are going to have our pictures taken, and as soon as we do we will send them to you. We are not going to do anything special during the summer, because most of us will be away, but after school starts we are going to have regular meetings and elect officers. We will meet at each girl's house in turn. We will send you and write poems and stories for the Rainbow corner of the EVENING LEDGER. We are sending in our names and we promise to be an active branch club."

From the Gotwals School Rainbows: "Sara Coulston, Ethel Hurwitz, Marion McKey, Gertrude Metz, Pearl Oberholzer, Annie Berenage and Kathryn Rambo."

Our Postoffice Box

Some little people are born good, other little people have to try to be good, but Mary Lohy is a combination of both of these classes; she was born good and tries to be better. If you don't believe all this, we refer you to Paul Leiby, Mary's chum and brother.

Mary Lohy lives in Germantown, Pa. Of course there are lots of other boys who could tell wonderful things about little stunts that she has done, but we just don't think to do that kind of thing. Maybe you will.

MARY LEBY. Mary Lohy has set them a good example. William Hynovits has begun very early to spread a protecting arm around a little sister. Under the Stars and Stripes, which waved proudly over his home, a dear wife baby girl came to bless the family of Hynovits. The small stranger will be called Hannah.

Ellis Williams was exempted in school and will attend the Southern High in the fall. His interest is not confined to books; for five years Ellis has been studying the plans and is now quite a skilled musician. Robert Beaumont, Mount Airy, forwards a very favorable school record. His report reads: Present, 324 sessions; absent, 21 sessions; late, 3 times.

Edna Emberger, Bryn Mawr, is quite a talented sketch artist. She submitted one very good specimen of her work, a picture of a zebra. We would like to hear from her again. Another Bryn Mawr Rainbow, Louise Wilson, sends us a very pleasant little letter. To speak truly, many pleasant words are daily coming in from out-of-town and suburban members. Here are some of the latest names that have been added to our list of "letter friends": George Cox and Ruth Anderson, Ocean City, N. J.; Clarence Hander, Sellersville, Pa.; Adam Pittwater, Camden, N. J.; Dorothy Kunst and Alma Deck, Lebanon, Pa.; Irma Love, Norristown, and Newton Williams, Mount Airy.

Basball Scores

Germantown Rainbows 3, Pulaski Avenue Juniors 0

Batteries: Lohy, Kennedy, Murphy and...

\$100 in Prizes for Safety First Suggestions

Less than a week till JULY 12!!! On that date the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Safety-First Contest will open. \$100 in prizes will be awarded to Rainbow Club members for the best stories and drawings that will teach others how to avoid accidents.

These prizes may be anything that you choose to make them. What would YOU like to win should your chance to be one of the lucky ones? NOW is your chance to SPEAK UP. Write and tell us.

My Kitty Sent in by ELSPETH E. LONG. I have a little kitty, her name is Tabby

Gray; She lives out in the country. Some twenty miles away. Her eyes are black and shining. Her fur is soft as silk; She's fed each night and morning With a saucerful of milk.

Things to Know and Do

1. Square. A C E R R A —Breakfast food. C —Treating of love. R E T U S E —Eradicated.

R —The kinsfather. 2. Anagram—The poultry editor is very much excited about preparedness. He says that we must have LITTLE DRESS? What does the poultry editor mean?

FARMER SMITH. Care of THE EVENING LEDGER. I wish to become a member of your Rainbow Club. Please send me a beautiful Rainbow Button free. I agree to DO A LITTLE KINDNESS EACH AND EVERY DAY, SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE ALL ALONG THE WAY.

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Advertisement for 6c Cake Gold Seal Borax Soap for 5c. Includes list of other products like Babbitt's Soap, R. & C. Best Oleine Soap, etc.

Advertisement for Good Starch, 1 lb. 3c and Gold Seal Blue Bot. 4c. Includes text: "This announcement contains just a few special items. Visit your nearest R. & C. store and take advantage of the many attractive money-saving opportunities you will always find in 'The Stores Where Quality Counts'."

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