TARZAN'S FIRST LOVE: The First of a Series of "Jungle Tales of Tarzan," Each Complete in Itself

CHAPTER I

Tarzan's First Love BEKA, stretched at luxurious case He, n the shade of the tropical forest, ented, unquestionably, a most aloring picture of young, feminine love- anthropoids, Or at least so thought Tarzan of the Apes, who squatted upon a lowswinging branch in a nearby tree and ked down upon her.

the brilliant equatorial sunlight which they led. percolated through the leafy canopy of claxed in graceful case, his shapely dreamily devouring the object of their the reincarnation of some demigod of

land-locked harbor at the jungle's verge. tollowed similar tactics.

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For a time it seemed that the altercahe had known no other associates than

-that he had been born of a gentle account. English lady or that his sire had been

nor, knowing, would have understood. Yes. Teeka was indeed beautiful.

her own age were rapidly becoming sur-ly and morose. Tarzan, if he gave the nanas and grubworms.

fine her diet almost exclusively to ba-ward the trees upon the opposite side, for after her leaped Sheeta, the pan-

Teeka's new found beauty became as whit more proud than was Teeka at run for his life. lenly his despair. He envied her that moment. handsome coat of hair which covered

not so large as the males, of course, but did not look up. still mighty, handsome things by comcheeks while he winked his eyes rapidly:

to leap forth and seize Pisah, the fish, gave him caution—that was all. He hand, drew the noose taut, bracing as every one knows, pride goes before a should that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denizen of the cool took risks only when it seemed necesshould that wary denize the cool took risks only when the cool took risks only wh the insects Tarzan tossed upon the face nothing.

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ing herself and looked at Tarran, in the passes the cause of his persistion? Who may sary 'at any ite, she was feminine, and so that services the passes of fear.

With a cry that every spe there recalled upon a careful of the special transportation of the special transportati Tarzan would fight to the death
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Taug rose upon his short legs, brist-ing. His fighting fangs were bared. Ie, too, sidled, stiff-legged, and growled

"Teeks is Tarzan's." said the apeman, in the low gutturais of the great

Thaka and Numgo and Gunto, disturbed by the growlings of the two young bulls, fooked up half apathetic.

Just to have seen him there, lolling half interested. They were sleepy, but on the swaying bough of the jungle they sensed a fight. It would break the rest giant, his brown skin mottled by monotony of the hunders. Coiled about his shoulders was Tar-

en above him, his clean-limbed body zan's long grass rope, in his hand was axed in graceful case, his shapely the hunting knife of the long-dead head partly turned in contemplative father he had never known. In Taug's absorption and his intelligent, gray eyes little brain lay a great respect for the shiny bit of sharp metal which the apenotion, you would have thought him boy knew so well how to use. With it had he slain Tublat, his fierce foster father, and Bolgani, the gorilla. Taug You would not have guessed that in knew these things, and so he came infancy he had suckled at the breast of a hideous, hairy she-ape, nor that in all of an opening. The latter, made his conscious past since his parents had ed away in the little cabin by the the inferiority of his natural armament,

sullen bulls and the snarling cows tion would follow the way of the maof the tribe of Kerchak, the great ape. Nor, could you have read the thoughts which passed through that ac would finally lose interest and wander healthy brain, the longings and off to prosecute some other line of endesires and aspirations which the sight deavor. Such might have been the end of Teeka inspired, would you have been of it had the cashs belli been other than any more inclined to give eredence to it was; but Teeka was flattered at the the reality of the origin of the ape- attention that was being drawn to her from his thoughts alone, and by the fact that these two young could never have gleaned the bulls were contemplating battle on her

Such a thing never before had oc an English nobleman of time-honored curred in Tecka's brief life. She had seen other bulls battling for other and older shes, and in the depth of her wild truth of his origin. That he was John little heart she had longed for the day Clayton. Lord Greystoke, with a seat in the House of Lords, he did not know. dened with the blood of mortal combat

for her fair sake. So now she squatted upon her Of course Kala had been beautiful- haunches and insulted both her admirone's mother is always that - but Teeka ers impartially. She hurled taunts at was beautiful in a way all her own, an them for their cowardice, and called indescribable sort of way which Tarzan them vile names, such as Histah, the was just beginning to sense in a rather snake, and Dango, the hyena. She to be playful while the young bulls of so toothless that she was forced to con- as she fled across a little clearing to-

gust and contempt. Years back he had tree above her—a rustling which was self and his prey.

parison with Tarzan's feeble white ones.
And her beetling brows, and broad, flat bose, and her mouth! Tarzan had often practiced making his mouth into a little blade. Teeka moved from beneath the within his reach

duelista cheeks while he winked his eyes rapidly but he felt that he could never do it in the same cute and irresistible way in which Teeka did it.

And as he watched her that afternoon, and wondered, a young bull aper who had been lazily foraging for food who had been lazily foraging for food with foam, and saliva the carrivore before it had felled the carnivore before it had felled the carnivore before it had felled the carnivore before it had felled the body of the watcher stretched along it. Taug had halted now and was presumed to carnivore before it had felled to chance a miss, as he ran. He hated to chance a miss, for the distance was so passionately fond of cats that, if the old adage were to be credited, any matriful to the could never had cast before expent in practical carnivore before it had felled to chance a miss, as he ran. He hated to chance a miss, for the distance was so passionately fond of cats that, if the old adage were to be credited, any matriful to carnivore before it had felled to chance a miss, as he ran. He hated to chance a miss, for the distance was so passions to describe the could never had east before expent in practical carnivore before it had felled to chance a miss, as he ran. He hated to chance a miss, for the distance was so passionately fond of cats that, if the old adage were to be credited, any matriful representation of the body of the watcher stretched along the body of the watcher stretche who had been lazily foraging for food beneath the damp, matted carpet of decaying vegetation at the roots of a near-by tree lumbered awkwardly in Teeka's direction. The other apes of hands upon that soft, brown skin the

tensed Numa, the lion. Why, then, should Tarzan feel the rise of the short sharp, were, as weapons of offense, piti- the big beast over upon his back. In his anger and his threats, and left to his own devices. Gee Which he had known, bars of his prison and growling out fasted well, and, left to his own devices. Gee Which he had known, bars of his prison and growling out fasted well, and, left to his own devices. Gee Which he had known. In her wild, fierce way Kala had his anger and his threats. Then the hairs at the nape of his neck merely fully inadequate by comparison with the stantly Sheeta was up—with glaring usual manner—bath, sun-bath, and Justine be wrong a certain reluctant. wounds which would be sure to follow Teeka was safe now; Tarzan saw to forth to investigate. The tour of in-his chagrin found himself stammering looked upon her.

his falling into the clutches of a bull that by a quick glance into the tree vestigation was uneventful until Get like a schoolboy. Well—Gee Whizz: In Teeka he had seen within the past



The cruel talons raked the air as the rope tightened

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By CHRISTINE HAVES

id not look up.

With his wound Taug had backed off probrious name that fell to his tongue.

Tarzan was not far behind and he was gaining, but the distance was so

about or lolled restfully in the midday heat of the equatorial jungle. From time to time one or another of them had passed close to Tecks, and Tarzan is manner of fighting under the dad just as Tecks appraised to the test of the possible that his brows contracted. Why was it then that his brows contracted and his muscles tensed as he saw Taug pause beside the young she and then squat down side the young she and then squat down close. The ape-boy had as yet never come side the young she and then squat down close to Tecks, and Tarzan had just as Tecks appraised to the time one or another of them had just as Tecks appraised to the time one or another of them had just as Tecks appraised to the time one or another of them had just as Tecks appraised to the time of the head to the tips of her shoes. Geo Whizz was worth looking at, too. Geo Whizz was Agatha's half-grown black coop kitten a feline of pedigree—silky of containing the thought fully, and grinned.

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Just short of Teeka's glossy rump she forgot to quite close it. the pool.

His own method of fighting seemed the cruel talons raked the air as the Together they had baited Tulbat and best fitted to his build and to his surmation one last effort at conciliation. He would represented to the English boy the sole call upon Aunt Justine and Agatha and object of love which he had known.

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In mimic battle.

The Tau of today was a huge, sullen buil ape, somber and forbidding. Yet he and Taran never had quarrieded. For a few minutes the young ape, many watched Taug press closer to Teeka. He saw the rough cares of the saw the rough cares of the saw the rough cares of the burge paw as it stroked the sleek shoulder of the she, and then Tarana not the spend cardidate to the spend and paproached the two.

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ward the trees upon the opposite side. lithe, naked body, and—the body was til, with a final scream of rage, he and closer to Teeka in his search for for after her leaped. Sheeta, the pan. not there. Quick as was the great cat. turned and slunk off into the tangled food. At last he was within a few feet his most violent efforts to forge ahead. the ape-boy was quicker. He leaped to mazes of the jungle. matter much thought at all, probably reasoned that his growing attachment for the young female could be easily the made a sudden lunge for Tarzan, was assured, since even though the nine and substitute and there in easy, graceful bounds. Sheeta of her, and when he shot a covert glance of her, and when he shot a covert glance of her, and when he shot a covert glance.

A half hour later the tribe was again at her he saw that she was appraising them out of the forest, and then out of the forest and the

Teeka's form and features—something the was raised above his head as he heaver had done before, since none of the was raised above his head as he heaver had done before, since none of the was raised above his head as he his prey, the ape-boy's rope dragging along the ground behind him. In doubling back after Tarzan, same time he ran toward the pursuing ability to race nimbly through the lower terfaces of the forest in the primitive terfaces of tag and hide-and-go-seek.

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Justine not only forgot to lock the door, catastrophe."

as just beginning to sense in a rather snake, and Dango, the hyena. She to overcome it by brute strength and true and hazy manner.

For years had Tarzan and Teeka been them with a stick—Mumga, who was so pression of horror.

Anyway, Tarzan was not a real Man-ping at the grass rope, finally succeeded were building beneath the soft, smooth ferocity, and so now when he found them with a stick—Mumga, who was so pression of horror. For years had Tarzan and Teeka been them with a stick—Mumga, who was so pression of horror, gani, so why should they risk their lives in severing its strands. For a moment texture of his brown hide.

Teeka it was who cried out in terror in an effort to protect him? the panther stood glaring first at one of the panther stoo the panther stood glaring first at one of Taug saw him depart, and then, quite leafy screen and an instant later found

dealy his despair. He envied her that moment.

If Teeka had not been so absorbed in one came to Tarzan's assistance or body. His own smooth, brown her own valugloriousness she might Teeka's rescue, and Sheeta was rapidly branches of a small free into which quired meat, and so, while they were body. His own smooth, brown her own valingloriousness she might because rescue, and sheeth could not follow him.

Here he perched, hurling twigs and beetles, which could be discovered withharbored a hope that some day he, too.

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been forced to abandon the delectable

The ape-boy, leaping after the panbeetles, which could be discovered withboth at the raging feline beneath out much effort upon their part, Tarzan laughed as he saw in
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augh was followed by a sudder over her and wicked yellow eyes glaring she are could gain the safety of the branches as came within their reach, furnished sustenance and strength to Then there were Teeka's great teeth, hungrily down upon her, but Teeka higher branches where Sheeta dare not until Sheeta, goaded to frenzy and snap- the mighty thews which, day by day,

And now Sheeta was almost upon the his tormentors and then at another, un casually, the big beast hunted closer himself within a strange lair, his prog-

his own bloodshot eyes were beautiful, the jungle was combining to remind silence, and Taug's growling ceased. for he had seen them reflected in the him that he had lost Teeka; yet every

for he had seen them reflected in the glassy surface of many a drinking pool.

The bull drew nearer to Teeka, finally squatting close against her. When Tarzan returned from his hunting a Tarz

Tarzan was disgusted. Neither Taug nor Teeka saw him as he swung through the trees into the glade. He paused a man, they were delighted with their tree the last tree the shoulder, and powerful legs wound the trees into the glade. He paused a man, they were delighted with their tree the last rate of themselves about his torso.

The black in a frenzy of terror tried the last rate of the shoulder, and powerful legs wound the last rate of the shoulder. The black in a frenzy of terror tried the last rate of the last sorrowful grimace, he turned and faded catch.

Tarzan, wished to be as far away Tecka's direction. The other apes of the tribe of Kerchak moved listlessly about or lolled restfully in the midday about or lolled restfully in the midday heat of the counterful innels. From the cause of his heartache as he to do. He could not reach the brute's adage. Agatha was certainly worth "Well. upon my word." exploded to do. He could not reach the brute's adage. Agatha was certainly worth "Well. upon my word." exploded to do. He could not reach the brute's adage. Agatha was certainly worth battle would be his. Taug considered side before it overhauled Tecka. He looking at, from the sunny crown of must chance a throw.

Tarzan's manner of fighting unfair. He must chance a throw. from the cause of his heartache as he search of the scent spoor of the prisoner. The search of the s

close to her?

Tarzan always had liked Taug. Since childhood they had romped together, slide by side they had squatted near the water, their quick, strong fingers ready with Teeka. Not that he was all. He had done the strong fingers ready the proper taut was all. He had done the sairs with Teeka, yet a vision of her many about the savage head and the snarling above the savage head and the snarling for instance. She boasted that she had ignored him quite icily. He was not at all accumomed to being ignored. The instinct of self-preservation fear. The instinct of self-preservation that was all. He had done the savage head and the snarling above the savage head and the snarling for instance. She boasted that she had ignored him quite icily. He was not at all accumomed to being ignored. The tauth of love as the most desirable thing in the open noose hovered for an instance even in small matters—locking the door, next day and lifted his hat humbly she beauties persisted in haunting him, so about the tawny neck it settled, and all accumomed to being ignored. The bend done the savage head and the snarling above the savage head and the snar

when the poisoned arrow of Kulonga when the poisoned arrow of Kulonga their village.

Thinking it over, he decided to make had pierced her savage heart, Kala had Tarzan watched until his rival passed

heirs at the name of his neck merely fully inadequate by comparison with the stantly Sheeta was up—with glaring usual manner—bath, sun-bath, and Justine he wrung a certain reductant returned that love, though the outward mighty fighting fangs of the anthropoids. eyes, and lashing tail, and gaping jaws. dreamless slumber. When the carelessly approval. Agatha was charming, but demonstrations of it were no greater Whizz blinked an unbelieving yellow go he opened his mouth to say some-eye, stretched, yawned, and padded thing gracefully propitiatory, and to ment for his mother, for as such he face, licked at the soft white fur at

raised herself and looked at Targan. Instantly the entire aspect his forman. Instantly

became interested in the thing which oc-cupied the savages. They were building a cage in the trail and covering it with carefully. Finally she snifed at him. pleted their work the structure was sure.

: By Edgar Rice Burroughs

Tarzan wondered what the purpose of the thing might be, and why, when they had built it, they turned away and started back along the trail in the direction of their village. . .

It had been some time since Tarzan had visited the blacks and looked down from the shelter of the great trees which overhung their palisade upon the activi-ties of his enemies, from among whom had come the slaver of Kala.

Although he hated them, Tarzan derived considerable entertainment in watching them at their daily life within the village, and especially at their dances, when the fires glared against their naked bodies as they leaped and turned, and twisted in mimic warfare. It was rather in the bope of witnessing something of the kind that he now fol-lowed the warriors back toward their illage, but in this he was disappointed, for there was no dance that night.

Instead, from the safe concealment of his tree, Tarzan saw little groups seated about tiny fires discussing the events of the day, and in the darker corners of the village he descried isolated couples talking and laughing together, beat upon his breast with his fists. He and always one of each couple was a young man and the other a young opened his mouth. From the depths of

sleep that night, curled in the crotch the great tree above the village. Teeka filled his mind, and afterward she filled his dreams—she and the young black men laughing and talking with the young black women.

Taug, bunting alone, had wandered some distance from the balance of the tribe. He was making his way slowly along an elephant path when he dis-covered that it was blocked with undergrowth. Now Taug, come into maturity, was an evil-natured brute of an exceeding short temper. When some-thing thwarted him, his sole idea was

reasoned that his growing attachment for the young female could be easily accounted for by the fact that of the former playmates she and he alone retained any desire to frolic as of a cat wheeled and leaped back. But today, as he sat gazing upon her.

But today, as he sat gazing upon her sat wheeled and leaped back be found himself noting the beauties of Teeka's form and features—something

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out from the village of Mbonga in the Tarzan passed, and though he was not Taug grunted, for there was no comparison. How could one compare his boy, he hugged closer to him the little beautiful coat with the smooth and brown body of his life's companion. bideousness of Tarzan's bare Tarzan laughed as he saw it; but the hide? Who could see beauty in the laugh was followed by a sudden clouding

t's broad nostrils? And A little farther on, a gaily feathered Hideous things, show! bird strutted about before the admiring white about them, and entirely un- ing eyes of his somber-hued mate. It trimmed with red. Taug knew that seemed to Tarzan that everything in

from the traps, he sniffed at the air in their deadly grip.

he world.

The ape-boy craved affection. From cage, fasten ropes to it and drag it to the door of the cage. With nimble absolvhood until the time of her death, away along the trail in the direction of fingers he worked rapidly at the thongs.

out of sight, still beating upon the in search of the tribe, and

leafy branches. When they had com- as though to make assurance doubly

Where is Taug?" she asked.

"The Gomangani have him." replied Tarzan. "They will kill him." In the eyes of the she. Tarzan saw a wistful expression and a troubled look of sorrow as he told her of Taug's fate : but she came quite close and snuggled against him, and Tarzan, Lord Grey-

stoke, put his arm about her.
As he did so he noticed, with a starf. the strange incongruity of that smooth, brown arm against the black and hairy coat of his lady-love. He recalled the paw of Sheeta's mate across Sheeta's face no incongruity there. of little Manu hugging his she, and how the one seemed to belong to the other. Even the proud male bird, with his gay plumage, bore a close resemblance to his quieter spouse, while Numa, but for his shaggy mane, was almost a counterpart of Sabor, the males and the females differed, it was existed between Tarzan and Teeka.

Tarzan was puzzled. There was something wrong. His arm dropped from the shoulder of Teeka. Very slowly he drew away from her. She looked at him with her head cocked upon one side. Tarzan rose to his full height and his lungs rose the fierce, weird chal-Tarzan cocked his head upon one side lenge of the victorious bull ape. The and thought, and before he went to tribe turned curiously to eye him. He had killed nothing, nor was there any antagonist to be goaded to madness by the savage scream. excuse for it, and they turned back to their feeding, but with an eye upon the apeman lest he be preparing to suddenly

run nmuck. As they watched him they saw himswing into a nearby tree and disappear from sight. Then they forgot him, even Tecks.

Mbonga's black warriors, sweating beneath their strenuous task, and resting often, made slow progress toward their village. Always the savage beast in the primitive cage growled and roared when they moved him. He beat upon the bars and slavered at the mouth. His noise was hideous.

They had almost completed their journey and were making their final rest before forging ahead to gain the clearing in which lay their village. A few more minutes would have taken

the sinde. They were exhausted. Already several of them slept. He crept closer, pausing just above them. Not a leaf rustled before his stealthy advance. He waited in the infinite patience of the beast of prey. Presently but two of the warriors remained awake, and one of these was dozing.

Tarzan of the Apes gathered himself. and as he did so the black who did not sleep acose and passed around to the rear of the enge. The ape-boy followed just above his head. Taug was eyeing the warrior and emitting low growls. Tarzan feared that the anthropoid would awaken the sleepers.

In a whisper which was inaudible to the ears of the negro, Tarzan whispered Taug's name, cautioning the ape to

The black approached the rear of the cage and examined the fastenings of the door, and as he stood there the beast short time later it was to see Teeka ing set up a great commotion. Seizcontentedly scratching the back of his them frantically, and all the while he to the lips of the terrified man. Strong

to dislodge the silent thing which clung away into the labyrinth of leafy boughs and festooned moss out of which he had circling quickly until he was nown wind fingers closed more and more tightly

ned. Now he could have Tecka for his Now he saw the form of the Gomangani own, with none to dispute his right to suddenly go limp. There was a con-her. As he watched, he saw the black vulsive shiver and the man lay still.

> which held the door in place. Taug could only watch-he could not help. Presently Tarzan pushed the thing up a couple of feet and Taug crawled cut. The ape would have turned upon the sleeping blacks that he might wreak his pent vengeance; but Tarzan would not

body of the black within the cage and propped it against the side bars. Then he lowered the door and made fast the thongs as they had been before.