ARZAN THE TERRIBLE

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Forms, the ape-man, who in a dilited life is Lord Greystoke, has been at that his wife, thought dead, and that his wife, thought dead, as captive in an African jungle, a captive in an African jungle, a temperature with a long tail, from a lion. The ape-man kills the lion.

In almost human friendship is analished between the ape-man and malished between the ape-man and sublished between the secret for Jungles and the constituted with whom he grapples. As sears the City of Light he sees a sears the City of Light he sees to the buildings and which seemed to the buildings and which seemed to the buildings and which seemed to the peculiarity of Ho-don architecture, a concession, no doubt, to some interest instinct that might be traced where to their early cliff-dwelling progenitors.

AND HERE IT CONTINUES ND spoken well, as a king should A speak," said Tarzan, breaking his A speak," said Tarzan, breaking his set silence, "who fears and honors the set of his people. It is well that you set that I indeed be the Dor-ul-Otho set you accord me the homage that is to due, Jad-ben-Otho charged me speakly to ascertain if you were fit to rights people. My first experience of the last at that Jad-ben-Otho chose indicates that Jad-ben-Otho chose

The effect of this statement, made ally, was marked in the expresges and excited whispers of the now truck assemblage.

when he breathed the spirit of a ate the babe at your mother's

At last they knew how kings were It was decided by Jad-ben-One while the candidate was still a chiling babe! Wonderful! A miracle! ad this divine creature in whose pres-

"It is well then," continued the apeble to reach the floor of the you. Your priests have told you that Jad-ben-Otho is tailless. Tailis, therefore, must be the race of gods that spring from his loins. But enough such proofs as these! You know a man. b power of Jad-ben-Otho; how his

istnings gleaming out of the sky carry such as he wills it; how the rains come t his bidding, and the fruits and the heir god honor him because he controls these things. How would it fare, then, with an impostor who claimed to be the in of this all-powerful god? This, hen, is all the proof that you require, for as he would strike you down should me who wrongfully claimed kinship with him." This line of argument being unanmerable must needs be convincing. There could be no questioning of this

iffer, though in common with all primitive people his god was a personal one, as were his devils and demons. The pleasures of Jad-ben-Otho he had assumed to be the excesses which he himself enjoyed, but devoid of any unpleasant reaction. It therefore occurred to him that the Dor-ul-Otho would be prestly entertained by eating—eating quantities of everything that Kotan liked best and that he had found the like of the high priest to tear the veil from his imposture. At the entrance to the temple Kotan had relinquished the guidance of the night priest to tear the veil from his imposture.

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this potent liquor would bring happiness and surcease from worry, while
sereal would cause even a king to do
things and enjoy things that he would
have even think of doing or enjoying
while not under the magical influence
of the potion, but, unfortunately, the of the potion, but, unfortunately, the mat morning brought suffering in ditatio to the joy of the preceding day, A god, Ko-tan reasoned, could represent all the pleasure without the sadache, but for the immediate present he must think of the necessary digni-des and honors to be accorded his imfoot other than a king's had

touched the surface of the apex of the gramid in the throne room at A-lur during all the forgotten ages through which the kings of Palauladon had and in the throne room at A-lur ing all the forgotten ages through ing all the forgotten ages through it to the high priest since entering the temple, and instantly he regretted that he had asked it, for Lu-don turned that he had asked it.

te may sit upon a level with the he admonished, stepping confi-up and seating himself upon the The abashed Kontan showed The abashed Ko-tan showed reassment, an embarrassment to voice lest he incur the the king of kings.
Added Tarzan, "a god may

faithful servant by inviting

a faithful servant by inviting of place at his side. Come, Kothus would I honor you in the of Jad-ben-Otho."

ape-man's policy had for its an attempt not only to arouse the lessent of Ko-tan, but to do it at making of him an enemy at for he did not know how strong ithe religion of the Ho-don had them, for since the time that he revented Ta-den and Om-at from i, for since the time that he need Ta-den and Om-at from the Ta-den and Om-at from the tower a religious difference set had been utterly taboo sem. He was therefore quick the evident, though wordless, at of Ko-tan at the suggestion entirely relinquish his throne se entirely relinquish his throne

to his guest. On the whole, however, the effect had been satisfactory, as he could see from the renewed evidence of awe upon the faces of the warriors.

At Tarzan's direction the business of the court continued where it had been interrupted by his advent. It consisted principally in the settling of dis-putes between warriors.

There was present one who stood upon the step just below the throne and which Tarzan was to learn was the place reserved for the higher chiefs of the allied tribes which made up Kotan's kingdom. The one who attracted Tarzan's attention was a stalwart warrior of powerful physique and massive, lion-like features. He was addressing Kotan one question that dressing Ko-tan on a question that is as old as government and that will continue in unabated importance until man ceases to exist. It had to do with a boundary dispute with one of his

The matter itself held little or no interest for Tarzan, but he was impressed by the appearance of the speaker, and when Ko-tan addressed him as Ja-don the ape-man's interest was permanently crystallized, for Ja-don was the father of Ta-den. That the knowledge would benefit him in any way seemed rather a remote possibility since he could not reveal to Ja-don his friendly relations with his son without admitting the falsity of his claims to godship.

When the affairs of the audience were when the affairs of the audience were concluded Ko-tan suggested that the son of Jad-ben-Otho might wish to visit the temple in which were performed the religious rites coincident to the worship of the great god. And so the ape-man was conducted by the king himself, followed by the warriors of his court through the corridors of the court, through the corridors of the palace toward the northern end of the group of buildings within the royal in-

The temple itself was really a part of the palace and similar in archi-tecture. There were several ceremonial places of varying sizes, the purposes of which Tarzan could only conjecture. Each had an altar in the west end and Deabless he even discussed such matishape, their longest diameter lying due the with their god daily. If there had been an atheist among them before, an agnostic, there was none now, for but they not looked with their own. an atheist among them before, all were without roofs. The western all are without roofs. The western all were without roofs. "It is well then," continued the apeman, "that you should assure yourself
that I am no impostor. Come closer
that you may see that I am not as are
man. Furthermore, it is not meet that
you stand upon a higher level than the
stains were similar blocks of
stone with flat tops and these latter,
unlike those at the opposite ends of
the ovals, were invariably stained or
painted a reddish brown, nor did Tarsan need to examine them closely to
be assured of what his keen nostrils
already had told him—that the brown stand upon a higher level than the already had told him—that the brown story our god." There was a sudden story were dried and drying human blood. Below these temple courts were cor

dross room, nor was Ko-tan far bethid his warriors, though he managed beaninain a certain majestic dignity as is descended the broad stairs that confless naked feet had polished to a deaming smoothness through the ages.

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The high priest alone were no such headdress. He was an old man with close-set, cunning eyes and a cruel, thin-lipped mouth.

At first sight of him Tarzan realized

buries and the grains, the grasses, the trees and the flowers spring to life at lis divine direction; you have witnessed the man was antagonistic toward him that doubtless of all the people of Pal-ul-don the high priest was most likely harbor the truest estimate of Jaden-Otho, and, therefore, would look with suspicion on one who claimed to be the son of a fabulous god.

No matter what susplcion lurked within his crafty mind, Lu-don, the high prices of A-lur, did not openly estion Tarzan's right to the title of Dor-ul-Otho, and it may be that he was restrained by the same doubt-which had originally restrained Ko-tan is, though in common with all prim- in the heart of the high priest to tear the

> things ranged in value from presents of dried fruits to massive vessels of beaten gold, so that in the great main store room and its connecting chambers and corridors was an accumulation of wealth that amazed even the eyes of the owner of the secret of the treasure vaults of Opar.

Moving to and fro throughout the temple were sleek black Waz-den slaves. fruits of the Ho-don raids upon the villages of their less civilized neighbors. As they passed the barred en-trance to a dim corridor, Tavzan saw within a great company of pithecau-thropi of all ages and of both sexes, Ho-don as well as Waz-don, the ma-jority of them squatted upon the stone floor in attitudes of utter dejection, while same paced back and forth, their features stamped with the despair of

utter hopelessness. "And who ere these who lie here thus unhappily?" he asked of Lu-don. It was the first question that he had put to the high priest since entering

false priest upon the altar of his temple is not displeasing in the eyes of Jad-ben-Otho."

Lu-don paled as he answered Tar-zan's question. 'They are the offerings whose blood must refresh the eastern altars as the sun returns to your father

attars as the sun returns to your lather at the day's end."

"And who told you," asked Tarzan, "that Jad-ben-Otho was pleased that his people were slain upon his altars? What if you were mistaken?"

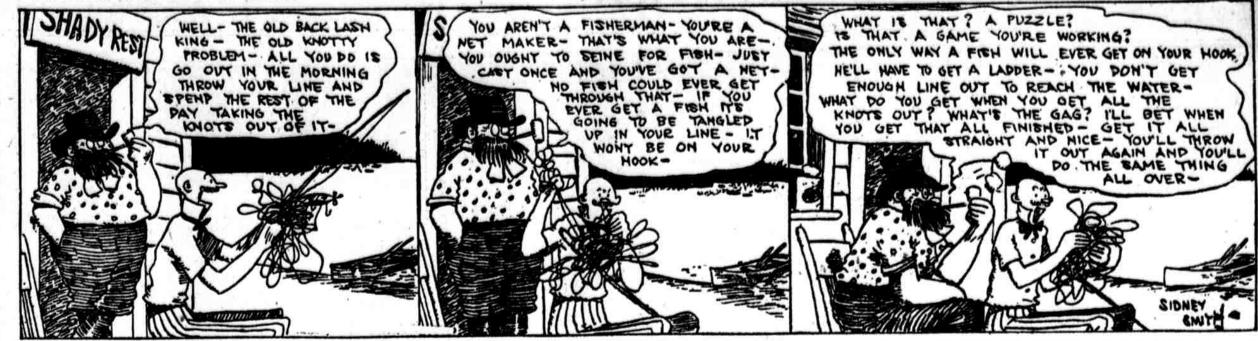
"Then countless thousands have died in vain," replied Lu-don.

Ko-tan and the surrounding warriors and priests were listening attentively to the dialogue. Some of the poor victims behind the barred gateway had heard,

behind the barred gateway had heard, and rising, pressed close to the barrier through which one was conducted just before sunset each day, never to return. 'Liberate them!' cried Tarzan, with a wave of his hand toward the imprisoned victims of a cruel superstition, 'for I can tell you in the name of I and the that you are mistaken.' ad-ben-Otho that you are mistaken.

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CONTO TO MORROW

SOMEBODY'S STENOG-Keep in the Cool, Quiet Woods

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IF YOU DOUBT THIS IS A WILD SPOT WE CAN PROVE IT BY THE WILD STRAWBERRY IN THE FOREGROUND!

The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she thinks it's lovely of the florists to take so much interest in Mothers' Day when it must keep Right After the Shower the Sun Came Out As Hot As Ever -:-By Fontaine Fox THAT RAIN SOAK INTO GARDEN INSTEAD OF LETTING THE SUN DRY IT RIGHT

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JOE WASP AND HIS

WIFE AGATHA

By Sidney Smith

By Hayward

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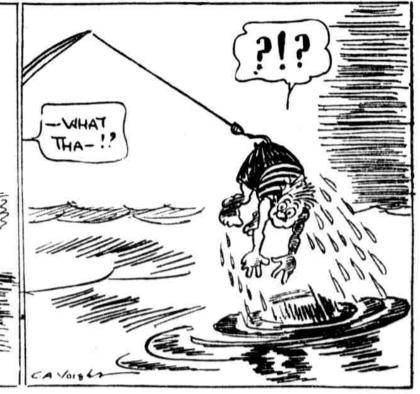
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PETEY—The Poor Fish

- SOME GUYS HAVE A FINE IDEA OF PLEASURE LOOKIT THAT BIRD STANDING THERE SURF-FISHING -WHYN'T HE COME IN FOR





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THE CLANCY KIDS-Now Buddie Wants a Pair of Squeaky Shoes

