

EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS'

# YOUNG Tarzan®

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TARZAN OF THE APES IS ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN, BEST-LOVED HEROES OF ALL TIME. YET, FEW PEOPLE KNOW THE FULL, TRUE STORY OF HOW HE CAME TO BE.

THIS IS THAT STORY...

YEARS AGO, BEFORE TARZAN WAS BORN, HIS FATHER AND MOTHER WERE LEFT ON THE SHORES OF AFRICA, AFTER THEIR ENGLISH SHIP HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A MUTINY.



HIS FATHER BUILT A STRONG, ONE-ROOM CABIN TO PROTECT BOTH OF THEM FROM THE WEATHER AND FROM WILD BEASTS.



IT WAS THERE THAT A SON WAS BORN TO THEM.

THEY NAMED HIM JOHN.



THEN, NOT LONG AFTERWARD, HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED BY THE STRANGE, SAVAGE APES OF THE TRIBE OF KERCHAK.

THE BABY JOHN WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED, ALSO...

BUT KALA, A FEMALE APE OF THE TRIBE, HAD RECENTLY LOST HER OWN BABY.

SHE TOOK THE HUMAN CHILD AS HER OWN... AND CALLED HIM TARZAN.



AS SO HE LIVED FOR THE FIRST TWO DECADES OF HIS LIFE...



... BECOMING AS STRONG AND AGILE AS ANY OF THE GREAT APES.

AND, IN TIME, HE GREW TO BE A YOUNG MAN...

## TARZAN OF THE APES!

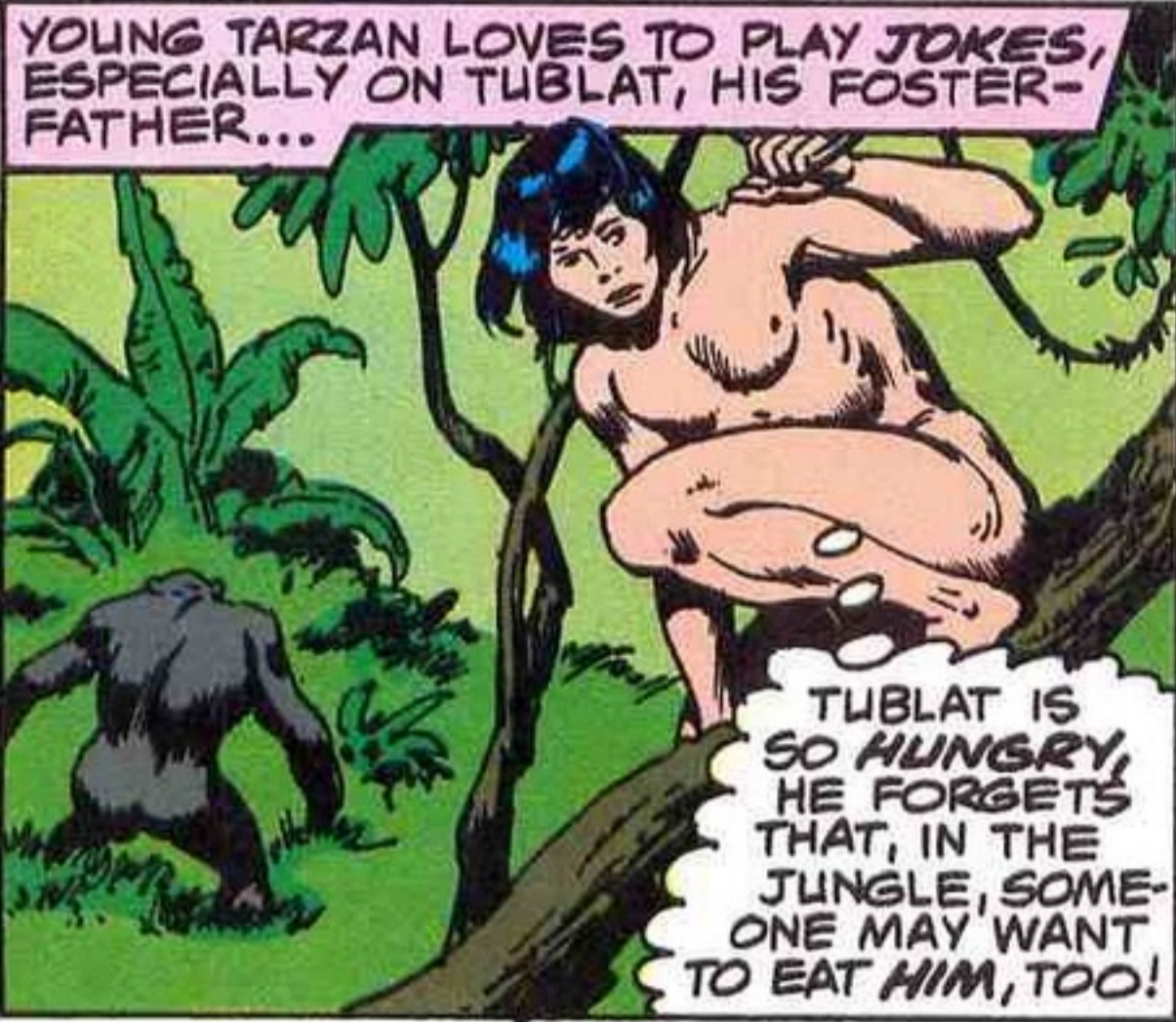


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UNTIL TODAY, YOUNG TARZAN HAS NEVER REALIZED HOW DIFFERENT HE IS FROM THE GREAT APES WHO HAVE RAISED HIM...



OH, CHULK--I AM UGLY! MY NOSE, MOUTH AND TEETH-- THEY'RE SO TINY!



YOU ARE SO HAND-SOME!

LOOK! YOUR NOSE COVERS HALF YOUR FACE!

SUDDENLY...



# ROWR

THE SCREAM OF SHEETA THE PANTHER PARALYZES CHULK WITH FEAR!



# SNARK FLASH!

-- HE LAUNCHES INTO ACTION!

SAFE FROM SHEETA, YOUNG TARZAN THRASHES THE WATER WITH HIS HANDS AND FEET...



...AND ACCIDENTLY DISCOVERS HOW TO STAY AFLOAT!

THUS, TARZAN LEARNS TO SWIM! AND, THOUGH THE GREAT APES HATE WATER, FROM THIS DAY FORTH YOUNG TARZAN NEVER MISSES A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF HIS NEWFOUND SKILLS!



FOR HE IS MORE THAN APE.

HE IS -- TARZAN!

**NEXT** THE LONG TOOTH!

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ONE DAY, IN THE CABIN OF HIS BIRTH, TARZAN DISCOVERS THE HUNTING KNIFE OF HIS LONG DEAD FATHER...



A LONG, SHINY TOOTH!

OUCH! THE FANG CAN STILL BITE DEEP!



I'VE GOT TO SHOW THIS TO KALA, MY APE-MOTHER!



BUT AS TARZAN IS ABOUT TO RE-ENTER THE JUNGLE, HE FINDS HIS PATH BARRED BY BOLGANI, THE SAVAGE GORILLA!

BOLGANI BUNDOLO! (<I KILL!>)

KREEGAH! (<BEWARE!>)



THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOUNG TARZAN TO RUN!



TARZAN IS TRAPPED--A MERE BOY AGAINST SUCH A MIGHTY, RAGING FOE! AND SO, HE FIGHTS!



TARZAN BUNDOLO! (<TARZAN KILLS!>)

BUT YOUNG TARZAN IS NO MATCH FOR A FEROCIOUS, FULL-GROWN GORILLA! HE SEEMS DESTINED TO DIE, UNTIL HE REMEMBERS--

THE LONG TOOTH!

IT BITES DEEP!



IN THE END, TARZAN STANDS TRIUMPHANT...

NO ONE IS MIGHTIER THAN TARZAN!

NOW, WITH MY LONG TOOTH, I WILL NEVER HAVE TO RUN FROM MY ENEMIES AGAIN!



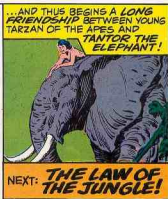
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## THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE!

THE HOT TROPICAL SUN BEATS MERCLESSLY DOWN UPON THE SHOULDERS OF YOUNG TARZAN...



KUDU  
THE SUN HAS  
MADE TARZAN  
THIRSTY!

SOON, AT A NEARBY STREAM...



PISAH  
THE FISH IS  
SO CLOSE!  
I COULD GRAB  
HIM WITH NO  
EFFORT!

BUT NO--  
TARZAN IS  
NOT HUNGRY  
NOW!

ONLY  
THIRSTY!

SUDDENLY, NUMA THE LION, SAVAGE HUNTER OF THE JUNGLE, APPROACHES!



FINDING HIS  
PATH TO THE  
WATERHOLE  
BLOCKED BY  
THE MANLINS,  
TARZAN, THIRSTY  
NUMA GROWLS  
ANGRILY...

HO, NUMA!  
TARZAN HAS  
NO QUARREL  
WITH YOU TODAY!

THE TWO STARE SILENTLY AT EACH OTHER AS TARZAN SLOWLY, CONFIDENTLY, BENDS FOR ANOTHER SIP...



NUMA ONLY WANTS  
TO DRINK, AS TARZAN  
DOES. NUMA'S BELLY  
IS FULL--AS IS MINE!



AND,  
UNLESS NUMA  
CHARGES,  
TARZAN WILL  
NOT FIGHT!

TODAY, WE  
WILL HAVE A  
TRUCE!

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YOUNG TARZAN HAS JUST LEARNED THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE--WHICH IS THAT NONE OF ITS DENIZENS KILLS FOR PLEASURE, BUT ONLY FOR NEED--TO EAT OR TO PROTECT THE NEWLY BORN!

SUCH IS THE  
LAW OF THE  
JUNGLE.

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THE SNAKE!**

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THE ACTIVE MIND OF YOUNG TARZAN IS EVER DEVISING NEW JUNGLE GAMES! TODAY, ALONG WITH HIS APE FRIEND, GAZAN, HE PLAYS AN ARBOREAL FORM OF TAG...

KREEGAH, GAZAN-- YOU CANNOT ESCAPE TARZAN!

TARZAN CANNOT CATCH GAZAN!

TARZAN IS AS SLOW AS BUTO, THE RHINO!

TARZAN IS AS SWIFT AS ARA, THE LIGHTNING.

I WILL CATCH YOU, GAZAN-- AND TEACH YOU NOT TO TEASE TARZAN!

SUDDENLY...

AI-EEEK!

KREEGAH! IT'S ALIVE!

HISTAH THE SNAKE!

TARZAN BUNDOLO!

TARZAN KILL!

FEARLESSLY, TARZAN ATTACKS THE AGE-OLD ENEMY OF THE MANGANI, COURAGEOUSLY RISKING HIS LIFE FOR HIS APE-FRIEND...

USING THE LONG TOOTH OBTAINED FROM THE CABIN OF HIS DEAD FATHER, TARZAN PITS HIS SLENDER FORM AGAINST THE POWERFUL COILS OF HISTAH THE SNAKE--

--AND PREVAILS!

THUS, TARZAN HAS NOT ONLY PROVEN YET AGAIN HIS SUPERIORITY OVER THE PREDATORS OF THE AFRICAN JUNGLE--

--BUT ALSO HAS EXHIBITED A COURAGEOUS CAPACITY FOR ALTRUISM FAR BEYOND THAT OF HIS BESTIAL APE FELLOWS!

NEXT **DANGO THE HYENA**

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# DANGO THE HYENA!

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ONE DAY, YOUNG TARZAN HEARS...

HO! THE SOUNDS OF NUMA THE LION-- AND DANGO THE HYENA! I MUST INVESTIGATE!

EVER CURIOUS, THE APE-BOY SETS OUT TO SEEK THE CAUSE OF THE DISTURBANCE...

...AND SOON DISCOVERS THE REASON FOR THE DISCORD.

SO! BRAVE NUMA HAS USED ALL HIS GREAT SKILL AND STRENGTH TO BRING DOWN A MEAL FOR HIMSELF...

...AND NOW A PACK OF COWARDLY HYENAS, TOO LAZY TO HUNT THEIR OWN FOOD, SEEK TO STEAL NUMA'S KILL INSTEAD.

TARZAN WILL NOT SIT BY AND LET DANGO WIN!

RUN, COWARDLY DANGO-- RUN!

NUMA HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO EAT!

IT IS ALWAYS THUS! THE LAZY BAND TOGETHER-- TO ROB THOSE WHO LABOR OF THEIR JUST REWARDS!

SUCH IS THE WAY OF HYENAS-- BUT TODAY TARZAN HAS COME TO THE AID OF NUMA THE LION--

--FOR TARZAN AND NUMA ARE BOTH LORDS OF THE JUNGLE!

**NEXT THE FLYING FANG!**