



MONKEY SEE,
MONKEY DO. TAG
ALONG. WE'RE GOING
ON A SAFARI TO
WITNESS SOME REAL
GORILLA THEATRE!

GORILLA MY DREAMS

HE FELT THE HOT FOUL BREATH
BLOWING SWEAT AT HIS BACK...
THEN THE MIGHTY CLAWS
TEARING ACROSS HIS CHEST.
AND THE SCREAMS... THAT
WOULD NOT COME...



AGONY SURGED THROUGH HIM AS THE
BEAST SANK ITS FANGS IN HIS THROAT!



YAAHHH!
OH MY GOD!

YES, MARK EVANS... **SCREAM!** NOW WHILE
YOUR HEART POUNDS LIKE A TOM-TOM...
NOW THAT YOU'RE...

... AWAKE!

GOOD LORD!
THAT DREAM! THAT
DREAM ALL OVER AGAIN!
AND... AND EVERY NIGHT
IT... IT SEEMS MORE
REAL!

COME BACK
TO SLEEP, MARK WE'LL
BE DOCKING IN ENGLAND
TOMORROW. ONCE YOU'RE
HOME... AMONG FAMILIAR
SURROUNDINGS... YOU'LL NO
LONGER BE TROUBLED
BY THESE NIGHTMARES.
I JUST KNOW IT!

IT'S NO GOOD, DARLING.
I'M CURSED! CURSED BY
THOSE MONSTERS! THEY
HATE ME, DARLING! THEY
WANT YOU BACK AND THEY'LL
LEAVE ME NO PEACE
UNTIL I DIE!



IT WAS ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO WHEN
WE SET OUT TO EXPLORE THE UPPER
CONGO... WHO COULD HAVE FORESEEN THEN
THE STRANGE EVENTS THAT WOULD BEFALL...

WE'LL CAMP HERE
FOR THE NIGHT, M'BATU.
TOMORROW WE'LL
START THE PORTAGE
INLAND.

NATIVE BOYS
MUCH 'FRAID,
SWANA... THEY
SAY TABOO HERE!
THEY SAY THIS LAND
OF DEVIL BEAST...
SHAGATHA...
MUCH 'FRAID,
BWANA!



IF ONLY WE HAD LISTENED THEN...
IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE KNOWN...
THE DANGER... THE EVIL EYES THAT
WATCHED US...

SUPERSTITIOUS
NONSENSE, M'BATU!
THERE IS NO DEVIL BEAST,
SHAGATHA OR WHATEVER
YOU CALL IT THAT CAN
STAND UP TO SIX
GAUGE ELEPHANT
GUNS!

SEED OF TRUTH! A
TRIBAL WASHER WOMAN
SCARED BY HER SHADOW...
AND ANOTHER LEGEND IS
BORN! KATU! HEAD
UPSTREAM WHERE THE
WATER HASN'T BEEN
MUDDIED AND FILL SOME
JUGS FOR CAMP.

STILL... I'D
HAVE MY GUARD UP,
EVANS... THERE'S USUALLY
A SMALL SEED OF TRUTH
BEHIND EVERY SUPER-
STITITION, YOU KNOW!





FEAR, DRIVES THE NATIVE FORWARD...
FEAR THAT THESE FEW FUTILE STEPS
ARE HIS LAST!



SHAGATHA
COMES FOR
BLOOD!
BWANA!



BEHND EVERY
SUPERSTITION
THERE IS A SEED
OF TRUTH!

THE MARKS ON HIS
CHEST... HIS THROAT...
LOOKS LIKE THE WORK
OF AN **ENRAGED**
GORILLA! GET YOUR
GUNS, MEN! WE'LL TAKE
CARE OF THIS BLOODY
KILLER BEFORE WE
CONTINUE ON!

TABOO GROUND,
BWANA! SHAGATHA
HERE!

POOR DEVIL...
GOD REST HIS
SOUL!



THE TRACKS
ARE UNMISTAKABLE!
THAT DEVIL PASSED THIS
WAY... WE SHOULD HAVE
HIM BEFORE ANOTHER
NIGHTFALL!

GOD... THAT FIEND IS SMART! DOUBLED BACK TO THE RIVER TO LOSE THE TRACKS! LET'S SPLIT UP, SMYTHE. YOU TAKE A FEW MEN DOWNSTREAM... WE'LL COVER THIS BANK... SEE IF WE CAN'T PICK UP HIS TRAIL!

RIGHT!



THE PALE LIGHT OF THE RISING AFRICAN MOON SILENTLY BLOTS FROM THE SKY AS A SINISTER SILHOUETTE FALLS ACROSS THE HUNTERS.



grrr...



MY GOD! THE SLUGS HAVE NO EFFECT ON IT!



SMYTHE'S PARTY IS PICKED CLEAN... ONE BY ONE... LIKE SMALL DEFENSELESS TN SOLDIERS...

MY GOD! SHAGATHA! THE NATIVES WERE RIGHT! OH MY GOD!





MY GOD!
WE'VE GOT
TO FIND THE
FIEND THAT
DID THIS!

SUDDENLY... A SHRILL
SCREAM PIERCES THE STILL
JUNGLE AIR!


GIRL
SCREAM!

YOU'RE RIGHT!
MY GOD! THAT
WAS A WOMAN'S
VOICE! COME
ON!

THEN!




HELP ME!
PLEASE!
OH, PLEASE
DON'T LET
THEM
GET ME!



FIRE!
KILL THE BRUTES!
QUICKLY... BEFORE
THEY GET TOO CLOSE
TO THE GIRL!



AT CAMP... FURTHER UP THE RIVER... EVENING FALLS.




AFTER THE SOUNDS OF GUN FIRE
ECHO IN THE NOW SILENT JUNGLE...

THANK
GOD!

STRANGE... THESE
ANIMALS LOOK
MORE HORRIFIED
THAN ENRAGED!

WE'VE CHASED THE REST
OF THEM OFF! YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT NOW, MISS! M'BATU...
LET'S CLEAR OUT OF
HERE FAST! NO TELLING
WHEN THEY'LL RETURN!



MY BEARERS REPORT
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO FIND A SINGLE
SURVIVOR FROM YOUR
PARTY. YOU'RE QUITE
LUCKY, MISS, THAT WE
HAPPENED TO BE IN
THE AREA WHEN
WE DID!

OH,
MARK!

THREE WEEKS LATER... NAIROBI!

BWANA... BOYS SAY GIRL TABOO! SAY DEVIL BEASTS WANT THE GIRL. LET HSR GO, BWANA EVANS... TABOO!

FORGET THAT SUPERSTITIOUS DRIVEL, M'BATU! EVA'S A FINE AND SENSITIVE GIRL. SHE'S COMING HOME WITH ME AND WHAT'S MORE... WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED ON SHIP!

THE SECOND DAY OUT...

IT HAPPENED AGAIN LAST NIGHT, EVA! EVER SINCE WE LEFT AFRICA... THAT SAME AWFUL NIGHTMARE! I CAN'T GET THOSE BEASTS OUT OF MY MIND!... AND... AS ALWAYS... I SENSE YOUR PRESENCE IN THE DREAM!

NIGHT, AFTER HARROWING NIGHT, EVAN'S STRANGE NIGHTMARES MOUNT TO EVER HIGHER PEAKS OF MENTAL AGONY.



THOSE GORILLAS WERE CRAZED! AS IF SOMETHING WAS DRIVING THEM ON! THEY WANTED YOU BADLY... I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK YOU AWAY... WHY? WHY WOULD DUMB BRUTES ACT WITH SUCH PURPOSE... SUCH DETERMINATION?

PLEASE MARK, THE VOYAGE IS NEARLY OVER... I KNOW YOU'LL FIND PEACE ONCE WE'RE IN ENGLAND!

A HOTEL ROOM IN LONDON...

WE'RE IN ENGLAND AT LAST, DARLING... IT'S OVER NOW! ALL THE WAITING... BOTH YOURS AND MINE!

WHAT'S THAT, EVA? WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOURS AND MINE?

AN OMINOUS SOUND GROWS IN EVA'S VOICE... A LOW, BEAST-LIKE GROWL!

YES, DARLING... YOU SEE THE GORILLAS WERE NOT THE DEVIL BEASTS... SHAGATHA YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE... YOU FOUGHT THEM... KILLED THEM... DROVE THEM OFF... WHEN ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO HELP YOU...



WHEN ALL THEY WERE TRYING TO DO WAS PREVENT THE DEVIL BEAST FROM ENTERING YOUR PARTY... FROM LEAVING THE CONGO... FROM FINDING NEW HUNTING GROUNDS... TENDER, BWANA BODIES... SOFT LAND OF WHITE HUNTERS!

OH MY GOD! THOSE DREAMS... YOU!... AARRRGH!

MONKEY ON YOUR BACK? SEE... ONE DAY YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE! EVA WAS A REAL BACK-BREAKER, AL RIGHT. HUG YOU TO DEATH, BWANA BABY!

BEHIND EVERY LEGEND... A SEED OF TRUTH!



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