Now Alan looked at her. There was

did not dare to ask; moreover, it would

At length, to Alan's great relief, the

fication, that was called "The Putting

"Yes, yes, they call me," she replied, springing up. "Leave me, Vernoon, till

let my love go with you, as it shall,

should he not kill himself? It would

thing of a priestess of a tribe of fetish-

do, and while there is life there is al-

etting it fly back, negro-fashion.

"Jeeki," he said, "time's up. What am I to do?"

"Do, Major?" he replied with affect-

worshipping savages.

ways hope.

## THE YELLOW GOD

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CHAPTER XIX.-(Continued.) Now Alan was more frightened than he had been since he set foot in Asikiland, for of a sudden this woman became terrible to him. He felt that she knew things which were hidden from

the first time he believed him. For the first time he believed in her, believed that she was more than a mere passionate savage set by chance to rule over a blood thirsty tribe; that the was one who had a part in his sought of me?"

It is log: satu the Aski, or rather and buried, for whatever their spirits may feel, no man cares for a woman to touch me and to strike at you. Well, his that is dead until she clothes herself in flesh again. That was a good vision it shorter! Did you hear what he sought of me?"

Stuff, for it had brought him here. He may feel, no man cares for a woman that is dead until she clothes herself in flesh again. That was a good vision and I will reward you for it."

Stuff, for it had brought him here. He may feel, no man cares for a woman that is dead until she clothes herself in flesh again. That was a good vision and I will reward you for it."

Stuff, for it had brought him here. He may feel, no man cares for a woman remembered the old cannibal chief, Fahni, who, like himself, language in flesh again. That was a good vision and I will reward you for it."

she was one who had a part in his destiny.

"You are very forgetful," she and loved before, who were twin souls from the first. That man now, whom I told you lived once on the great river called the Nile, have you no memory of him? Well, well, let it be, I will tell you wand go quite mad and kill himself.

"I have earned nothing. O Asika," answered Jeeki modestly, "who only tell you what I see as I must. Yet O Asika," he added, with a note of anxiety in his voice, "why do you not read these writings for yourself?"

"Because I dare not, or rather because I dare not, or rather because I cannot," she answered smiling, "though it is true that when he gets there he afterwards. Here we are at the Gold afterwards. Here we are at the Gold afterwards who had a part in his destiny.

"I have earned nothing. O Asika," botain his liberty.

"I thank you, Asika," he said. "Now the five of anxiety in his voice, "why do you not read these writings for yourself?"

"Because I dare not, or rather because I dare not, or rather because I cannot," she answered smiling, "though it is true that when he gets there he will probably akke war upon us. Well, let him, let him." Then she clapped House again; to-night, when I am ready, I will send for you, and this I as "Does that happe as "inquired Alan."

that he was to play in it.

Jeeki. hurt her feeling, if happen to be something beastly. But Jeeki must tell her one that oppressed Jeeki very much, because he so truthful and not care. because he so truther and not care curse about her feeling. Well, that all right Jeeki tell her sure enough. Only, Major, family vault child's Major, don't you interrupt. Quite possible, these magic things, I see one sible, these magic things, I see one Aska cut it short with a single glance.

To he murmured to Alan,

"Off of the Past." Although she had been thrice summoned still she would not let him go.

"They call you Aska," said Alan.

"Yes, yes, they call me," she replied,

job. But lots of rum things in world, Major, specially among beastly African savage, who very curious, and always Asiki not get this into her head, beone know what happen. P'r'aps we see too much and scared

p'r'aps learn something to-night.

the hour at which Alan generally went the sudden hammerlike beat of his So she spoke, and though all his soul Vernoon. the hour at which Alan generally went to bed. No message had come, and he began to hope that the Asiki had forgetten, or changed her mind, and was just going to say so to Jeeki when a light coming from behind him attracted his attention and he turned, to see her standing in a corner of the great room holding a lamp in her hand and looking towards him. Her gold breastplate and crown were gone, with every other ornament, and she was clad, or the manner like beat of his heart. What was the woman doing in this dreadful place, he wondered. Well, it was easy to guess. Doubtless she had brought them there to scare and impress them. Presently a voice, that of some hidden priest, would speak to them, and they would be asked to believe it a message from the spirit world or a spirit itself might be arranged—what could be easier in their mood and the sudden hammerlike beat of his heart. What was the woman doing in this dreadful place, he wondered. Well, it was easy to guess. Doubtless she had brought them there to scare and impress them. Presently a voice, that of some hidden priest, would speak to them, and they would be asked to believe it a message from the spirit world or a spirit itself might be arranged—what could be easier in their mood and these surroundings.

So she spoke, and though all his soul vernoon."

So Alan went, leaving her there to scare and impress them whither she would go. Then a light was the face of Barbara, and with a suddenness that was almost awful the dream came to lieve it a message from the spirit world or a spirit itself might be arranged—what could be easier in their mood and the treamful strength that was in her seemed to draw him onward whither she would go. Then a light was the face of Barbara, and with a suddenness that was almost awful the dream came to lieve it a message from the spirit world or a spirit itself might be arranged—what could be easier in their mood and the treamful strength that was in his soul for the face of Barbara, and with a suddenness that was almost awful the drea Now the Asika was speaking behind them in a muffled voice. From the tone of it she appeared to be engaged in strange tongue, At any rate, he could not understand a word of what she still looked very beautiful, more so she still looked very beautiful, more so than she had ever been, thought Alan, on for a while, with pauses as though than she had ever been, thought Alan, for the cruelty of her face had faded and was replaced by a mystery very strange to see. She did not look quite that unfathomable silence. like a woman, and that was the reasonson, perhaps, that Alan, for the first time, felt attracted by her. Hitherto she had always repelled him, but

this night it was otherwise.

"How did you come here?" he asked in a more gentle voice than he generally used towards her.

noon. When you are lord of it you shall learn them all, till then I may not tell them to you. But, come, there stones that had been laid ready for its stones that had been laid ready for its as little lamb after Mary in hymn."

"Like man that walk in his sleep, Major. She go first, you follow, just as little lamb after Mary in hymn."

"Like man that walk in his sleep, Major. She go little lamb after Mary in hymn." shall see to-night, and Jeeki, come you he even knew the elm tree beneath all?"

ther they were the same or others paration as though for some cere Alan could not tell, came at last to a Treasure House. As they approached advanced towards him with unnatural this door it opened, and through it, like swiftness as though it floated upon a hunted thing, ran the bedizened Mun- air, the whole melancholy gana, husband of the Asiki, terror, or sight of his wife, who bore the lamp, snatching at her robe, addressed some was Barbara's burying. He could not that Alan could not follow his words.

For a moment she listened, then dragged her dress from his hand and ling the coffin, and in the first car-

spurned him with her foot. There was riage he saw Barbara seated, looking something so cruel in the gesture and sad and somewhat troubled, but well. the action, so full of deadly hate and A little further down the line came leathing, that Alan, who witnessed it, experienced a new revulsion of feeling towards the Asiki. What kind of a woman could she be, he wondered, who the presence of his successor?

had told him not to mask himself, as vanished into the churchyard gates, they would meet no one. The sight of leaving Alan wondering why his couit seemed to fill him with jealous fury; sin Haswell was not seated at Barat any rate he leapt at his rival, intending, apparently, to catch him by that it might be because he was in the

the throat. Alan, who was watching him, stepped aside, so that he came into violent contact with the wall of the passage, and, half-stunned by the

"Does that happen to all Mungan- the god broods upon my soul."

the was to play in it.

On the table where lay the necklaces ing at a pistol that lay beside her, posts that Fahni and his party should turning its muzzle towards her breast. "You say that again, Major," said Jeeki.

Alan repeafed the information, giving every detail that he could remember.

"Oh!" said Jeeki. "I see. Asiki show"

Of gems she set down her lamp, whereof the light, all there was in that great his face, it was his own. Barbara let fall the pistol and fell backwards as though a bullet from it had pierced almost as though a bullet from it had pierced almost as though she feared to let him. us things, 'cause she afraid to look at them herself or take oath, or can't, or something. She no ask you tell her who stood around in scores, placed one above the other, each in his appointed telling her that the vision he had seen it was necessary for her to attend a

sible, these magic things, I see one show you see another. So don't you go say, 'Jeeki, that a lie, and give me away to Asiki just because you think you to Asiki just because you think you

silence of the dead. No glimmer of light and yet to Alan it seemed as though he could feel the flash of the crystal eyes of Little Bonsa, and of all the other eyes set in the masks of those departed men who once had been the husbands of bloodstained priestesses of the Asiki, till one by one, as she wearied of them, they were bewitched thousand times more splendid, clothed in all the glory of hell. Majestically she bent towards him, her glowing eyes held his, the perfume of her breath beat upon his brow and made him drunken.

She sopke to him, and her voice sounded like distant bells. Praps we see too much and scared all our lives; but p'raps all tommy rct."

"That's it—tommy rot," answered Alan, who was not superstitious. "Well, I suppose that we must go through with it. But, oh! Jeeki, I wish you would tell me how to get out of this."

"Don't know, Major; p'raps never get all our lives; but p'raps we see too much and scared to doom. In that utter death to madness and to doom the tought even that he could hear them stir within their winding and like distant bells.

"Through many a life, through many out; p'r'aps learn something to-night. Have to do something soon if want to go. The Mungana's time nearly up, and then—oh, my eye!"

It was night, about 10 o'clock indeed, the hour at which Alan generally went the hour at which Alan generally went to the floor, a very made ready for you, the held that shall turn to heaven at your step, come, you by whom I am redeemed, and drive away those gods that torture me because I was their servant that I he felt him start at his side and heard the felt him start at his side and heard the felt him start at his side and heard the felt him start at his side and heard the feath of you, the held that shall on her knees and kissed it again and again.

"Go now," she said, "go, and let my love go with you, as it shall.

> Now the Asika was speaking behind for answers. Then suddenly it ceased. and once more they were plunged in

> > CHAPTER XX.

What the Asika Showed to Alan. It seemed to Alan that he went to sleep and dreamed.

He dreamed that it was late autumn Noting the change in his tone, she smiled shyly and even colored a little, the trees beneath the breath of a strong, damp wind and ran or floated happen to find you out. How did I get strong, damp wind and ran or floated along the road till they vanished into back here?" also, for you shall be the mouth of your lord, so that you may tell me what of a hill. It was that which ran from erhaps he would hide."

"I will tell you everything, everyhouse, The Court, to the church; he answered Jeeki could see them both, the house to the stretching out his hands and bowing almost to the ground.

Then they started and following many long passages as before, although Now the big gates of The Court door that he recognized, that of the opened, and through came a funeral. It of it. In a few seconds it had come nadness, shining in his eyes. Catching and gone, and yet during those seconds ht of his wife, who bore the lamp, he suffered agony, for there arose in threw himself upon his knees, and his mind a horrible terror that this her, speaking so rapidly have endured it for another moment;

With a groan or a sob, it was difficult he generally used motors, for there to say which, the poor man rose and was a peer's coronet upon the panels

offin, and at that moment in his dream | Alan sweetly enough. e heard the Asika asking Jeeki what e saw; heard Jeeki answer also, "A urving in the land called England." whom, Jeeki?" Then, after some I will change myself. I will become esitation, the answer:

"Of a lady whom my lord loves very ich. They bury her." "What was her name, Jeeki?"

'Her name was Barbara.' he name of his mother and his sister. Which of them is buried?"
"Neither, O Asika! It was another

lady who loves him very much and what you wish of me, and as an earnest wanted to marry him, and that was I will do it if I can." why he ran away to Africa. But now she is dead and buried."

one thing he wished above all others—
that she would let him go. But this he Barbara, Jeeki?"

"Yes, O Asika, Barbara means have been utterly useless. After all, if the Asika's love was terrible, what woman." "If your lord loved this Barabara, would be the appearance of her outragshock, reeled onwards into the darkness.

If your ford loved this Balabata, would be the appearance of the why then did he run away from her?
Well, it matters not since she is dead gold? He hated the very name of the "The hog!" said the Asiki, or rather and buried, for whatever their spirits stuff, for it had brought him here. He

The dream went on. A great forest appeared, such a forest appeared, such a forest appeared such as forest appe ready, I will send for you, and this I promise, you shall leave me wiser than you were."

When they were alone in their private room, Alan told Jeeki of the expected entertainment of crystal gazing. or whatever it might be, and the part

The dream went on. A great forest appeared, such a forest as they had passed before they met the cannibals, and set beneath one of the trees, a tent, and in that tent Barbara, Barbara weeping. Someone began to lift the passing between the heaps of gold.

The dream went on. A great forest appeared, such a forest as they had passed before they met the cannibals, and set beneath one of the trees, a tent, and in that tent Barbara, Barbara weeping. Someone began to lift the flap of the tent. She sprang up, snatching at a pistol that lay beside her.

a chamber of the Golden House. to Asiki just because you think you see different, 'cause if so you put me into dirty hole, and of course I catch it afterwards. You promise, Major?"

"Oh, yes, I promise. But, Jeeki, do you really think we are going to see anything?"

"Can't say, Major," and he shook his head gloomily. P'r'aps all put-up his head gloomily. P'r'aps all put-up ich. But lots of rum things in world.

"Alan, and you speak."

Then she crouched down in a heap above him was lit with rosy moons, many and many of them, that hung there like lamps. Spirits began to pass him. He could catch something of their glory as they sped by with in-estinguished the lamp.

Now they were in darkness, the darkness, the darkness of death, and in utter silence, the silence of the dead. No glimmer of light in the silence of the dead. No glimmer of light into give the silence of the dead. No glimmer of light into give the silence of the dead. No glimmer of light into give the silence in the light of the silence in the lamp.

That you pain and the sky above him was lit with rosy moons, many and many of them, that hung the lamp. Spirits began to pass him. He could catch something of their glory as they sped by with in-credible swiftness; he could hear the winnowing of their wings. One rose in a lone upon a pearly plain and the sky above him was lit with rosy moons, many and many of them, that hung there like lamps. Spirits began to pass him. He could catch something of their glory as they sped by with in-their glory as they sped alone upon a pearly plain and the sky above him was lit with resy means oh! why is my heart so heavy in me. thousand times more splendid, clothed in all the glory of hell. Majestfeally and throw him to the vultures. Why,

away something fell to the floor, a very made ready for you, the hell that shall on her knees and kissed it again and

"Jeeki," he said, "what has happened | tortuous town where, after the African

Christian; he tell her what he see, or what he think she see if she look, cause p'r'aps he see nothing she never believe that. And," he added with a burst of confidence, "what the dick-ens it matter what he will be a should be not kill himself? It would should be not kill himself? ens it matter what he tell her, so long as she swallow same and keep quiet? should he not kill himself? It would be easy enough, for he still had his ravely and a few cartridges, and Nasty things always make women like Asika quite outrageous. Give them sweet to suck, say Jeeki, and if they till afferwards that the such a life as awaited him as the playafterwards, that no fault of his. They had sweet."

"Jeeki did you really see anything at

"No, Major, nothing particlar, except ghost of Mrs. Jeeki and of your reverend uncle, both of them very angry. That magic all stuff, Major. Asika put something in your grub make you drunk, so that you think her very wise. Don't think of it no more, Major, or you go off your chump. If Jeeki see nothing, depend on it there

nothing to see." "Perhaps so, Jeeki, but I wish I could no white man ever had such luck besomehow, or as you say, I shall go off when she good, she very, very good, my chump. It's haunted, Jeeki, it's At any rate, nothing else to do. Marry haunted, and I think that Asika is a Asika or spiflicate, which mean, Major, devil, not a woman."

answered, looking at his master anxiously. "Well, don't you fret; Jeeki not his mind that no get time to square up asked."

them while I have the cartridges. Then "Vernoon," she said, "I know that I shall go on until they kill me."
you do not love me as I love you, but "Oh! but, Major, they not kill you; the love will come, since for your sake they chuck blanket over your head and take you back to Asika. It Jeeki they

gentle; I will shed no more blood; that kill, skin him alive-O, and all the rest of the Mungana shall be the last, and even him I would spare if I could, only "Hop "Hope not, Jeeki, because they think while he lives I may not marry you; it is the one law that is stronger than I can't help it. To-morrow morning I Bar-bara, why that you told me was am, and if I broke it you would be shall walk out, and now that's settled, murdered. You shall even teach me your faith, if you will; for what is good to you is henceforth good to me. Ask weariness and anxiety, soon fell fast

> CHAPTER XXI. Seeking Escape.

But Jeeki did not sleep, although he, too, lay down upon his bed. On the contrary, he remained wide awake and so utter.)
sometrary, he remained wide awake and reflected, more deeply perhaps than he had ever done before, being sure that stir him to resentment.
"Follow me, White Man," he said, "Follow me, White Man," he said, "to uter." at hand. He thought of making Alan's was nothing to be done; if the Major

tions as to the exact fashion of his ery.

Alan brought up the rear, keeping stood a guard hut, and to their dismay out of this hut ran three men armed out of this hut ran three men armed watching out of the corner of his eye. | moonlight.

twelve or fourteen feet away. Silently, as a snake that uncoils itself, Jeeki slipped from between his blankets and crept after him, his naked feet making on noise upon the mat-strewn floor. So intent was the Mungana upon the deed which he had come to do, that he never looked back, and thus it happened that the two of them reached the bed one immediately behind the other.

Alan was lying on his back with his throat exposed, a very easy victim. For a moment the Mungana stared. Then he erected himself like a snake about to strike, and lifted the great curved knife, taking aim at the naked breast. Jeeki erected himself also, and even as the knife began to fall, with one arm he caught the arm that drove it and with the other the murderer's throat. The Mungana fought like a wild cat, but Jeeki was too strong for him. His

gana, and taking in the situation.

"Why not, Major? He want kill you, and me too afterwards. Good riddance of bad rubbish, as Bible say.' "I am not so sure, Jeeki. Give him air and let me think. Tell him that if he makes any noise, he dies."

Jeeki obeyed, and the Mungana's drew his breath in great sobs. "Now, friend," said Alan in Asiki, "Because I hate you," answered the on him, but they did not seem to be safe upon the further bank. 'why did you wish to stab me?" man, "who to-morrow will take my

place and the wife I love." "As a year or two ago you took some-Alan paused in his walk up and down one else's, eh? Well, suppose now that of Barbara. the room, and looked at Jeeki who sat I don't want either your place or your upon the floor with his back resting wife." against the stone altar, reflectively

"What would that matter even if it pulling down his thick under lip and were true, White Man, since she wants "I am thinking, friend, that there is

someone else she will want when she

be sure you had seen nothing. Listen fore. Asika not half bad, if she fond to me, we must get out of this place of you, went on Alan slowly, "Supposing face, and through the mouth of his bridge swung back against the rock, went on Alan slowly, "Supposing face, and through the mouth of his bridge swung back against the rock, mask he drew in the sweet air with when she good, she very, very good, and you say, I shall go off must be given up that Jeeki, it's haunted, and I think that Asika is a levil, not a woman."

When she good, she very, very good, out of this place, as you can, now at great gasps. Down below him in the clear water he saw the yellow head of haunted, and I think that Asika is a levil, not a woman."

At any rate, nothing else to do. Marry Asika or spillicate, which mean, Major, that Jeeki spillicate too," he added, shaking his white head sadly, "he no liswered, looking at his master anxishing his white head sadly, "he no like that. One or two little things are leaved to that it was beginning to rise. Yet he could not be considered to the little things a great gasps. Down below him in the cut of this place, as you can, now at great gasps. Down below him in the clear water he saw the yellow head of big Bonsa rocking and quivering like a great gasps. To this demonstration Jeeki replied by the cut of this place, as you can, now at great gasps. Down below him in the cut once, Or if you prefer it, refuse and but once, Or if you prefer it, refuse and be given up to the Asika. Come, you are not too mad to understand. Answer a great reflected moon, saw too that it was beginning to rise. Yet he could be considered to the cut of this place, as you can, now at great gasps. Down below him in the cut once, Or if you prefer it, refuse and waved their spears threateningly.

To this demonstration Jeeki replied by the cut of this place, as you can, now at great gasps. Down below him in the cut once, Or if you prefer it, refuse and waved their spears threateningly.

To this demonstration Jeeki spilling to the torrent, and waved their spears threateningly.

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his head over their prospect of escape. | light,

range husiness because she go abroad fetch you. Now likely as not she bowl you out, and then good-bye Jeeri."

"I don't

"No, no, Major," he answered, "I the pistol. ome all right. Asika very prejudiced "No, no, beggar, and if she find me here alone— and Jeeki grabbed him by the arm and oh, my! Better die double after all. Two's company, Major. Now, all ready, march!" and he gave the unfortunate Mungana like a man transfixed, and proceed.

So utterly crushed was the poor ed aim with something akin to awe. forward.

of Alan's life upon his own was now "and if you desire to live, be silent, worn very thin, and that his hour was "Throw your cloaks about your heads." at hand. He thought of making Alan's wild attempt to depart impossible by the simple method of warning the Asika, but notwithstanding his native selfishness, was too loyal to let that idea take root in his mind. No, there idea take root in his mind. No, there stair had been, they could not see or stair had been the stair had been there are no stair had been the stair had even guess, for it was too dark, only cedar trees they flitted like ghosts, now wished to start, the Major must start, and he, Jeeki, must pay the price. Well, he deserved it, for he had been fool at night.

enough to listen to the secret promptings of Little Bonsa and conduct him to Asiki-land.

Thus he passed several hours, for the most part in melancholy specular thous as to the exact fashion of his long that the first sign of treach-

came him also, and shutting his eyes, load to doze. Suddenly he grew down twelve steps of star, then turned with spears, evidently to cut them off. One of these men sped across the bridge aware of the presence of some other person in the room, but thinking that it was only the Asika prowling about in her uncanny fashion, or perhaps her spirit, for how her body entered the spirit, for how her body entered the spirit, and expected that every spirit, for how her body entered the spirit had to spirit the spirit had the spirit place he could not guess, he did not stir, but lay breathing heavily and quite of a sudden, they emerged into

Presently a figure emerged from the shadows into the faint light thrown by the simple lamp that burned above, and though it was wrapped in a dark cloak Jeeki knew at once it was not the Asika. Very stealthily the figure crept towards him as a leopard might creep, and bent down to examine him. The movement caused the cloak to slip a movement caused the cloak to slip a little, and for an instant Jeeki caught dais were the gold chairs where they he fell over the side of the bridge on sight of the wasted, half-crazed face were to sit, and green branches of to the rocks below. of the Mungana and a long curved trees mixed with curious flags decked the Young flags decked the vast amphitheatre beyond. More-who pushed past him. "All right now." lyzed with fear, he lay quite still, over, there was the broad canal, and knowing that should he show the. over, there was the broad canal, and bridge—it was but a single plank—Alan knife would pierce his heart.

The Mungana watched him awhile, then, satisfied that he slept, turned round, and bending himself almost double, glided with infinite precautions towards Alan's bed that stond some towards at the stond s towards Alan's bed, that stood some staring upwards at the moon, seemed ropes with his spear. There they were

to accentuate the horror. The Mungana noticed his fear and torrent raving fifty feet beneath them, whispered:

is there no way round?"

The Mungana shook his head and his pistol that still remained fastened to the still remained to the stil began to enter the canal. Jeeki, whose teeth were chattering, hung back, but Alan pushed him from behind, so sharply that he stumbled and made a splash. Then Alan followed, and as the cold black water rose to his chest.

splash. Then Aian followed, and as the cold, black water rose to his chest, looked at Big Bonsa.

It seemed to him that the thing had turned round and was staring at them.

Sincely a few seconds are its spout. Surely a few seconds ago its snout began again, Alan fired once more, and began again, Alan fired once more, and this time by good fortune the bullet be fancy. He was swimming now, they struck the man somewhere in the body. but Jeeki was too strong for him. His fingers held the man's throat like a vice. He choked and weakened; the vice. He choked and weakened; the control of th cartridges above their heads to keep them dry. The gold head of Big Bonsa on," yelled Alan, and once more they knife fell from his hand. He sank to the ground and lay there helpless, whereon Jeeki knelt upon his chest, and possessing himself of the knife, held it within an inch of his heart. It was at this juncture that Alan woke up and asked sleepily what was the matter.

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black in the face and rolled his eyes. head. Oh, heavens! a sudden smother "Be careful, Jeeki, or you will kill the of foam, a rush like that of a torpedo, man," said Alan, recognizing the Mun-gana, and taking in the situation. inhuman laugh, and a weight upon his back. Down went Alan, down and Alan began to climb, shifting his feet down!

CHAPTER XXII.

The End of the Mungana. The moonlight above vanished. Alan

human, for there were too many of them. Also they were very cold. He gave himself up for dead, and thought

Then something flashed into his mind. In his hand he still held his revolver. He pressed it against the saying loudly: thing that was smothering him, and pulled the trigger. Again he pulled it, and again, for it was a self-cocking weapon, and even there deep down in up, Major, those priests monkey-men marry Asika, and by and by, when you master here and tired of her, you give her slip. Very interesting experience, no white man ever had such juck before. Asika not half bad, if she ford. the water he heard the thud of the exare not too mad to understand. Answer a great renected moon, saw too that it was beginning to rise. Yet he could not swim away from it, the thing seem-asked.

"Would you kill me afterwards?" he asked.

"Not I. Why should I wish to kill Jeeki calling to him from the shallow washed lines of paint off his face and

So Alan made himself ready. Then he where it bled, rolled, wallowed and nounted guard over the Mungana, and shrieked, but because of the milky eeki did likewise, although he shook foam could make nothing out in that

his head over their prospect or escape.
"No go," he muttered, "no go! If we get past priests, Asika catch us with idiotic laugh. "What is it, Jeeki?" he said with an idiotic laugh. "What is it?" her magic. When I bolt with your revenue. "Oh! don't know. Devil and all, her magic. When I bolt with your reverend uncle last time, Little Bonsa are erend uncle last time, Little Bonsa are provided by the control of the control o

"I don't think it will catch anyone Alan sternly bade him be quiet and nosed hullets don't mink it will catch anyone just at present. Devil or not, hollownosed bullets don't agree with it. Shall Alan sternly bade nim be quiet and nosed bullets don't agree with it. Shall stop behind if he did not wish to come. I give it another, Jeeki?" and he lifted

"No, no, Major, don't play tomfool." dragged him away.

A few paces further on stood the even then Alan noticed that he regard. "Stronger than the god," he muttered

"stronger than the god," and bounded 1203 Langley. Following the path that ran beside the canal, they plunged into a tunnel holding each other as before. In a few

ropes. On the hither side of this bridge invited to give me 56 Discovery stre

behind them.

They were on the narrow swaying

on the middle of the bridge with the whispered:

"We must swim the water. If you have a god, White Man, pray him to protect you from Bonsa."

"Go on," answered Alan, "I do not dread a fetish, only the look of it. But is there ho way round?"

"To get over before he was through it was impossible; behind were the priests; beneath the roaring river. All three of them stopped as though paralyzed for all three had seen. Some-

"Nothing, Major," answered Jeeki in low but cheerful tones. "Snake just about to bite you and I catch him, that all," and he gave an extra squeeze to the Mungana's throat, who turned block in the face and all the same in the middle of the canal. The Mungana had passed it, I twas in a line with Alan's remained thus, afraid to stir, then Jeeki and the same in the face and all the same in the face and the same in the same in the same in the face and the same in called out:

"Climb on, Major, climb on like one monkey. Look had, but quite safe

As there was nothing else to be done along the plank edge and his hands along the rope, which creaked and weight.

It was a horrible journey, and in his larkening eyes grew bright again as he was alone in the depths with this devil, imagination took at least an hour. Yet or whatever it might be. He could feel they accomplished it, for at last they hands and feet gripping and treading found themselves huddled together but pouring down from his head had almost blinded Alan; a deadly nausea worked within him, sickly tremors shot up and he could hear Jeeki, in whom excite-

"Think that man no liar what say out great papas was monkeys. Never

petition to her, speaking so rapidity are her robe, addressed some petition go replays or rapidity are endured it for another moment; he would have crited out or died, only you frest; leded not affaired and that Alan could not follow his words, here the select the selection of the selection of

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