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As I walked slowly down the imperceptible slope toward the sea I could not help but note the parklike appearance of the ward and trees.

The grass was as close cropped and carpet-like as old English lawn, and the trees themselves showed evidence of careful pruning to a uniform height of about fifteen feet, so that as one turned his glance in any direction the forest had the appearance at a little distance of a vast, high ceiled chamber.

All these evidences of careful and systematic cultivation convinced me that I had been fortunate enough to make my entry into Mars on this second occasion through the domain of a civilized people and that when I should find them I would be accorded the courtesy and protection that my rank as a prince of the house of Tardos Mors entailed me to.

The trees of the forest attracted my deep admiration as I proceeded toward the sea. Their great trunks, some of them fully a hundred feet in diameter, attested their prodigious height, which I could only guess at, since at no point could I penetrate their dense foliage above me to more than sixty or eighty feet.

As I neared the confines of the forest I beheld before me and between the grove and the open sea a broad expanse of meadow land, and as I was about to emerge from the shadows of the trees a sight met my eyes that banished all romantic and poetic reflection. It was the sight of a score of figures moving slowly about the meadow near the bank of a mighty river.

Odd, grotesque shapes they were, unlike anything that I had ever seen upon Mars, and yet at a distance most manlike in appearance. The larger specimens appeared to be about ten or twelve feet in height when they stood erect and to be proportioned as to torso and lower extremities precisely as is earthly man.

Their arms, however, were very short and from where I stood seemed as though fashioned much after the manner of an elephant's trunk in that they moved in sinuous and snake-like undulations, as though entirely without bony structure, or if there were bones they must be vertebral in nature.

As I watched them from behind the trunk of a huge tree one of the creatures moved slowly in my direction, engaged in the occupation that seemed to be the principal business of each of them and which consisted in running their oddly shaped hands over the surface of the sward, for what purpose I could not determine.

As he approached quite close to me I obtained an excellent view of him, and, though I was later to become better acquainted with his kind, I may say that that single cursory examination of this awful travesty of nature would have proved quite sufficient to my desires had I been a free agent.

Its hairless body was of a strange and ghoulish blue except for a broad band of white which encircled its protruding, single eye, an eye that was all dead white—pupil, iris and ball. Its nose was a raised, inflamed, circular hole in the center of its blank face, a hole that resembled more closely nothing that I could think of other than a fresh bullet wound which has not yet commenced to bleed.

Below this repulsive orifice the face was quite blank to the chin, for the thing had no mouth that I could discover.

The head, with the exception of the face, was covered by a tangled mass



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of jet black hair some eight or ten inches in length. Each hair was about the bigness of a large anglerworm, and as the thing moved the muscles of its scalp this awful head covering seemed to writhe and wriggle and crawl about the fearsome face as though indeed each separate hair was endowed with independent life.

The body and the legs were as symmetrically human as nature could have fashioned them, and the feet, too, were human in shape, but of monstrous proportions. From heel to toe they were fully three feet long and very flat and very broad.

As it came quite close to me I discovered that its strange movements, running its odd hands over the surface of the turf, were the result of its peculiar method of feeding, which consists in cropping off the tender vegetation with its razor-like tongs and sticking it up from its two mouths, which lie one in the palm of each hand, through its armlike throats.

In addition to the features which I

have already described, the beast was equipped with a massive tail about six feet in length, quite round where it joined the body, but tapering to a flat, thin blade toward the end, which trailed at right angles to the ground.

CHAPTER II. A Strange Meeting.

AS I had been scrutinizing this weird monstrosity the balance of the herd had fed quite close to me.

Fearsome looking as they were, I did not know whether to fear them or not, for they did not seem to be particularly well equipped for fighting.

I was, in fact, on the point of stepping from my hiding place and revealing myself to them to note the effect upon them of the sight of a man when my rash resolve was, fortunately for me, nipped in the bud by a strange shrieking wail which seemed to come from the direction of the bluffs at my right.

Naked and unarmed as I was, my end would have been both speedy and horrible at the hands of these cruel creatures, but at the moment of the shriek each member of the herd turned in the direction of the sound, and at the same instant every particular snakelike hair upon their heads rose stiffly perpendicular as if each had been a sentient organism looking or listening for the source or meaning of the wail.

And indeed the latter proved to be the truth, for this strange growth upon the craniums of the plant men of Barsoom represents the thousand ears of these hideous creatures, the last remnant of the strange race which sprung from the original tree of life.

Instantly every eye turned toward one member of the herd, a large fellow who evidently was the leader. A strange purring sound issued from the mouth in the palm of one of his hands, and at the same time he started rapidly toward the bluff, followed by the entire herd.

Their speed and method of locomotion were both remarkable, springing, as they did, in great leaps of twenty or thirty feet, much after the manner of a kangaroo.

They were rapidly disappearing when it occurred to me to follow them, and so, hurrying caution to the winds, I sprang across the meadow in their wake with leaps and bounds even more prodigious than their own, for the muscles of an athletic earth man produce remarkable results when pitted against the lesser gravity and air pressure of Mars.

Their way led directly toward the apparent source of the river at the base of the cliffs, and as I neared this point I found the meadow dotted with huge bowlders dislodged from the towering crags above.

For this reason I came quite close to the cause of the disturbance before the scene broke upon my horrified gaze. As I topped a great bowlder I saw the herd of plant men surrounding a little group of perhaps five or six green men and women of Barsoom.

That I was indeed upon Mars I now had no doubt, for here were members of the wild hordes that people the dead sea bottoms and deserted cities of that dying planet.

Here were the great males towering in all the majesty of their imposing height; here were the gleaming white tusks protruding from their massive lower jaws to a point near the center of their foreheads; the laterally placed, protruding eyes, with which they could look forward or backward or to either side without turning their heads; here the strange antennalike ears rising from the tops of their foreheads and the additional pair of arms extending from midway between the shoulders and the hips.

Even without the glossy green hide and the metal ornaments which denoted the tribes to which they belonged I would have known them on the instant for what they were, for where else in all the universe is their like duplicated?

There were two men and four females in the party, and their ornaments denoted them as members of different hordes.

The facts puzzled me, since the various hordes of green men of Barsoom are eternally at war with one another, and never had I seen green Martians of different hordes associated in other than mortal combat, save on that historic instance when the great Tars Tarkas of Thark gathered 150,000 green warriors from several hordes to march upon the doomed city of Zodanga and rescue Dejah Thoris, princess of Hellium, from the clutches of Than Kosis.

But now they stood back to back, facing in wide eyed amazement the very evidently hostile demonstrations of a common enemy.

Both men and women were armed with long swords and daggers, but no firearms were in evidence, else it had been short shift for the grewsome plant men of Barsoom.

Presently the leader of the plant men charged the little party, and his method of attack was as remarkable as it was effective and by its very

strangeness was the more potent, since in the science of the green warriors there was no defense for this singular manner of attack.

The plant man charged to within a dozen feet of the party and then, with a bound, rose as though to pass directly above their heads. His powerful tail was raised high to one side, and as he passed close above them he brought it down in one terrific sweep that crushed a green warrior's skull as though it had been an eggshell.

The balance of the frightful herd was now circling rapidly and with bewildering speed about the little knot of victims. Their prodigious bounds and the shrill screeching purr of their uncanny mouths were well calculated to confuse and terrorize their prey, so that as two of them leaped simultaneously from either side the mighty sweep of those awful tails met with no resistance, and two more green Martians went down to an ignoble death.

There were now but one warrior and two females left, and it seemed that it could be but a matter of seconds ere these also lay dead upon the sward.

But, as two or more of the plant men charged, the warrior, who was now prepared by the experiences of the past few minutes, swung his mighty long sword aloft and met the hurtling bulk with a clean cut that clove one of the plant men from chin to groin.

He glared, however, dealt a single blow with his cruel tail that laid both of the females crushed corpses upon the ground.

As the green warrior saw the last of his companions go down and at the same time perceived that the entire herd was charging him in a body he rushed boldly to meet them, swinging his long sword in the terrific manner that I had so often seen the men of his kind wield it in their ferocious and almost continual warfare among their own race.

Cutting and hewing to right and left, he laid an open path straight through the advancing plant men and then commenced a mad race for the forest, in the shelter of which he evidently hoped he might find a haven of refuge.

He had turned for that portion of the forest which abutted on the cliffs, and thus the fight was taking the entire party farther and farther from the bowlder where I lay concealed.

As I had watched the fight which the great warrior had made against such odds my heart had swelled for him, and acting as I am wont to do, more upon impulse than after mature deliberation, I sprang from my sheltering rock and bounded quickly toward the bodies of the dead green Martians, a well defined plan of action already formed.

Half a dozen great leaps brought me to the spot, and another instant saw me again in my stride in rapid pursuit of the hideous monsters that were rapidly gaining on the fleeing warrior.

But this time I grasped a mighty long sword in my hand, and in my heart was the old blood lust of the fighting man.

A red mist swam before my eyes, and I felt my lips respond to my heart in the old smile that has marked me in the midst of the joy of battle.

Though swift, I was none too soon, for the green warrior had been overtaken before he had made half the distance to the forest, and now he stood with his back to the bowlder, while the herd, temporarily balked, hissed and screeched about him.

With their single eyes in the center of their heads and every eye turned upon their prey, they did not note my soundless approach, so that I was upon them with my great long sword, and four of them lay dead before they knew that I was among them.

For an instant they recoiled before my terrific onslaught, and in that instant the green warrior rose to the occasion and, springing to my side, lay to the right and left of him as I had never seen but one other warrior do. With circling strokes that formed a figure 8 about him he did not stop until none stood living to oppose him, his keen blade passing through flesh and bone as though each had been, alike, thin air.

rociuous fellow who was endeavoring to reach my throat from in front while two more, one on either side, were leaping viciously at me with their tails.

The green warrior was much put to it to hold his own, and I felt that the unequal struggle could last but a moment longer when the huge fellow charged from those that surrounded him, he raked the assailant from my back with a sweep of his blade, and, thus relieved, I had little difficulty with the others.

Once together we stood almost back to back against the great bowlder, and thus the creatures were prevented from scaring above us to deliver their deadly blows. As we were easily they match while they remained upon the ground we were making great headway in dispatching what remained of them when our attention was again attracted by the shrill wail of the caller above our heads.

This time I glanced up, and far above us upon a little natural balcony on the face of the cliff stood a strange figure of a man shrieking out his shrill signal, while he waved a hand in the direction of the river's mouth, as though beckoning to some one there. With the other he pointed and gesticulated toward us.

A glance in the direction toward which he was looking was sufficient to



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apprise me of his aims and at the same time to fill me with the dread of dire apprehension.

Streaming in from all directions across the meadow, from out of the forest and from the far distance of the flat land across the river I could see converging upon us a hundred different lines of wildly leaping creatures such as we were now engaged with, and with them some strange new monsters which ran with great swiftness, now erect and now upon all fours.

"It will be a great death," I said to my companion. "Look." As he shot a quick glance in the direction I indicated he smiled.

"We may at least die fighting and as great warriors should," John Carter, he replied.

We had just finished the last of our immediate antagonists as he spoke, and I turned in surprised wonderment at the sound of my name.

And there before my astonished eyes I beheld the greatest of the green men of Barsoom—their shrewdest statesman, their mightiest general—my great and good friend, Tars Tarkas, Jeddah of Thark.

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