

tail ! And they were right ; the serpent had indeed entered our Eden. But Brunhilda was devoted to her married Siegfried, and produced at regular intervals new-tailed gorillas ; more, the demon of love, or of curiosity took possession of the young lady gorillas. They were fascinated by this huge Adonis of the deep ; and baby gorillas with tails began to come with increasing frequency. The thing became the fashion ; and what was at first the fashion, was ere long confirmed by convenience. As the first of this fallen race grew to adolescence, he not only flourished his tail with captivating grace, but he used it in climbing trees ; he swam with it ; he offered it as bait in the water, and came to shore with a crab or a lobster attached to it, which he ate himself or carried to his mother in triumph. And when at last, having taken to himself two wives, he hung by his tail to the branch of a tree, and grasping a wife by each hind foot, took a cocoa-nut in each hand, and broke them on the heads of the two ladies,

