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 toms, and as the ascent was usually
gradual nearly to their summits they prosented but few ooppo
the practice of cllimbing.
Howerer, therer exas. nothtng else to
consider than an attempt to scale the
 Yort to reach the caves above.
The Thark grasped the possibilttes
and the diffcultities of the pplan at once,
but the but there wasturtes of the plan at once, antive, and so
we set out raplaly for the trees nearour relif.
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cono close that it seemed







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ultat Tars Tharkas wassal trunk m in the lead, and
suadenly I heard a little cry of ex-
 "Here is shelter for one at least,
John Carter," he said, and, glancing
down, I saw, an opening in the

 but he woula, pot go, saying that his
bulk was too great for the ittle aper-
tore, while I might slip in easily.
 without, John Carter. Here is a slight
chance for one or us. TTake it and oun
may live to arenge me. may live to a arenge. me. It ts useless
tor me to attempt to worm my way
Into so small an opening with this tor me to attempt to worm my way
lnoto so smanl an opening with this
horde of demons besetting us on all
sides." "Then, We shall die together, Tars
Tarkas, "
I replied, "for 1 shall not
no firs, go irst. Let me defend the opening
Fhile you get in. Then my smaller
stature will permit me to siv sman stature will permit me to slip, smanler
sou before they can prevent."
we with
 We talked in broken sentences, punc-
tuated with vicous cuts and thrusts at
our suwrmin enemy.
At lenoth ent At length he yielded, for it seemed
the only way yin
might be saved from thich either or or us
miser increas. might be sared from the ever increas-
ing number or our assalants. Who
were still swarming upon us from all

 zommand the lives and actions of oth.
ers, eren to the greatest of jeddaks
who rule tupon Barsoom.
 Pace as he, the greatest jeddak of
them all, turned to obey the dictates
of them all, turned to obey the dictates
of a creature of another *orldop a
man whose stature was less than half
han
 "Rnow that the cruel and heartiess
Thark, ot whom ou tuagt the rlean.
ing of friendship. will come out to die
 corer your retreat."
He hesitite at that word,
for neerer in his whole for never in his whole life of continual
strife had he before turned his back
upon aught than a dead or defeated enemy.
As he dropped to the ground to force
his way into the tree the whol howl his way into the tree the whole howl.
ing pack of hideous devils hurled
the themselves upon me. To right and left
flew my shimmering blade, now green
with the stick ruice
 great white ape.
And this $I$ fought as I never had
fought before against frightful odds
that I tenot fought before against frightful odds
that I Cannot reailize even now.
With the fear that we would escape them, the creatures redoubleded their ef ef
forts to pull te down, and, though the
ground about me was piled high with Sorond about me was piled hrigh with
ground
thenc dead and dying corraes, they
succeeded at last in orerwhelming me, succeded
and I went down beneath them.
But sacree had I fallen ere I
powerfol hands grip my ankles powother second 1 was being drawn
aithin the shalter of the
wita Within the shelter of the tree's interlor
For a woment it was a tug or mar
between Tars Tarkas and a great planit
man who man who clung tenaciousl| to my
breast, but presently mot the point of
min long sword beneath him and with
a might my long sword beneath him and
a mighty thrust piereed his vitals.
Bleedilng from many wounds. panting upon the grount withn the
hollow of the tree, while Tars Tarkas
defended the opening from the furlous defended the
mob without
For an ho For an hour they howled about the
opening, bot arter a feer attempts to
reach us they confined thetr reach us st the corn a feew theitempte eforts to to
terrorizing shrieks and screams, to hor. terrorizing shrieks and screams, to hor-
rid growling on the part of the great
White apes and the White apes and the fearsome and in-
describabele purring by the palat men.
At lensth all but a score, who had apparently been left to prevent our ess-
capec badd. departed, and our ad ventur


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he only outcome of which coold be be maty
her death by staryation
 Me e alley, could we hope to turn our
steps toward possible escape?
As the attacks of our enemies censed and our eves beeame anemiestomended tox
the semidarkness of the interior of ouic Strange retreat It took the opportunitys
It explore our shelter. expiore our sheiter.
The tree was bollow extent of
bout fifty feet in diameter, and fromp Its fat, hard floor 1 juadeter, and from trom
often been used to house that others. As 1 raised my eeses toward its roots $\begin{aligned} & \text { note } \\ & \text { the height I saw far abore me a faint }\end{aligned}$ the height I saw far above me a faint
glow of tilyt.
There was an opening above. If we could but reach $t$ we might still bope
to make the sl. or of the clifi caves My eyes had now become quitit cased to
the subdued lightit of the interior, and
 ently came upon a ro
far side of the tree. far side of the tree.
Quickly 1 It mounted it to find that is
conneted at to top with the lower
of a series of herizontwal of a series of horizontal wooden baras
that spanned the now narover and
shaftulike interior of thatrer shaftlike interior of the tree's stem
These bars were eet one above another,
about three feet
 Dropping to the floor once more, $\mathbf{I}$
detailed my discovery to Tars Tarkas who suggested that i explore alotrtas as
far as I could go in safety, while ho
guarded the entrance against a possi. guarded
bie ata
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ds As I hastened abore to explore the
strange shant $I$ found that the lader
of horizontal
 For fully 500 feet 1 continued to
climb until at lenth 1 reached the
opening in the stem which admitted openiug in the stem 1 riteached the the
onithed
thight. It was of about the samed
diameter as the entrance at the foot of the tree and opened directly uon a
large. flat limb, the well worn surface

entured Out Upon tho Limb, Thoe
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