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NIGHTMARE in the JUNGLE



I AM SORRY THAT YOUR FATHER COULD NOT HAVE COME WITH YOU! RAOUL! SO WAS HE,
TARZAN FOR YOU
ARE HIS DEAREST
FRIEND, BUT THIS
TIME MY GOVERNMENT
SENT ME TO TALK
WITH YOU!



MAND YOU WANT ME TO USE MY
INFLUENCE FOR PEACE! I AM DOING
THAT ALREADY! BUT YOUR OIL CREWS
FACE DANGERS FROM WHICH I
CANNOT GUARD THEM!





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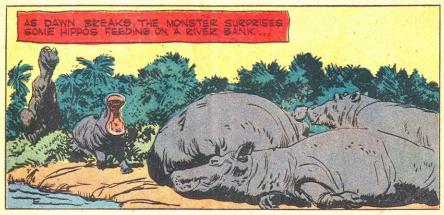






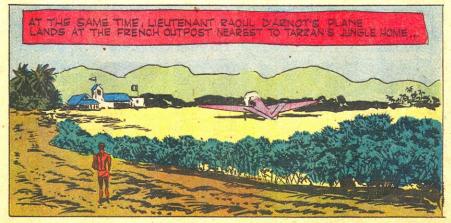
















































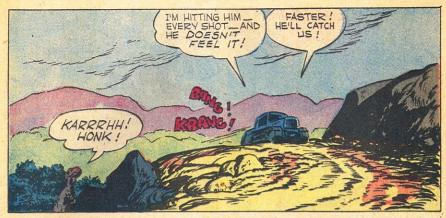
























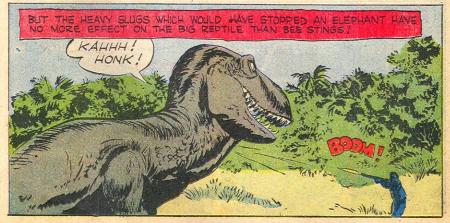




































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Except for having a whitening scar on his side and being a little thinner, Mabu did not look like a boy who had had a brush with death ten days earlier. His black eyes were sparkling, and a grin seemed permanently fixed on his little brown face. In one hand he held his short lion spear, gleaming from endless polishing. The other hand rested on the cuckoo clock which he had fastened to a cord made of twisted vines tied around his waist. Also fastened to this cord was his food packet. Tucked into the top of his loincloth were the piece of weaving and colored threads from Chatanga the Weaver and the herb recipe and herbs given to him by Lulolo, wife of the chief of the River People.

"You never looked so happy when we were departing from other places we have visited on our journey," said Kaino. The two boys were leaving their hut to join their fathers, Hamasai and Samai, and the hunters who were gathered by the Kru palaver house with Chief Bandogo and his people. "I leave no friends here," said Mabu.

Kaino frowned. "Except for Kutu, the thief who wounded you, everyone has been kind —and pleasant, too."

"That is true," Mabu agreed. "But no one has shown warmth. Without that, there cannot be friendship." After Kaino's nod, he admitted, "I haven't shown any, either. I cannot feel warmth toward these people, and not because of what Kutu did. They are . . ." He broke off, realizing that they were practically within earshot of the group at the palaver house.

However, no one would have heard his words, because Chief Bandogo was making a speech of farewell, and all ears were tuned to it. When Bandogo finished, he presented to Hamasai, as leader of the hunters from the

deep jungle, a red, yellow, and green striped robe of Kru "country cloth." To Samai, second in command, he gave a small brass pot.

After Hamasai had replied with a shorter speech, the hunters shouldered their spears and, by two's, fell into line behind Mabu and Kaino who, as usual, walked immediately behind their fathers. The Krus lined up outside the village and, in silence, watched them disappear into the forest.

Mabu did not speak of the Krus again until the midday pause for rest and food. Then he said to Hamasai, "Of all those we have met on this long journey, I liked the Krus the least. They seem so unhappy, even when they smile."

"Bandogo's tribe has much to make them unhappy," said Hamasai. "About the time you were born, they lived many miles from here, near the Great Water, where there were many Kru villages and, therefore, many chiefs. Between these chiefs was great rivalry and jealousy. They quarreled and, several times, made war on one another. In one of these wars, Bandogo's eldest son was slain.

"Three years later, his eldest daughter, who had been married to a tribesman in another village, left her husband and returned to her father's hut. Her husband's family demanded that Bandogo return the dowry they had paid for her. As it was a large dowry and Bandogo had used much of it, giving it back left him and his tribe very poor. Because they felt disgrace, they left their old home to make this new one—but they brought their unhappiness with them." After a brief pause, he added, "I regret stopping there."

"I don't," declared Mabu, "because it made me so happy to leave."

Hamasai laughed. Mabu could always be depended upon to say the unexpected.



































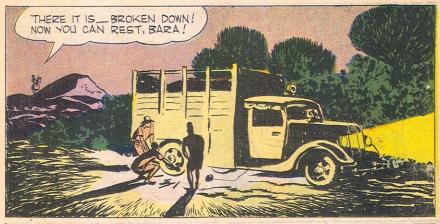
















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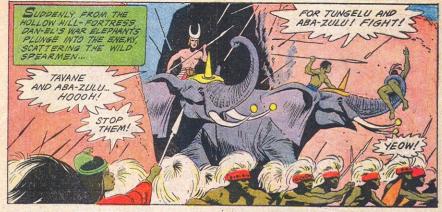






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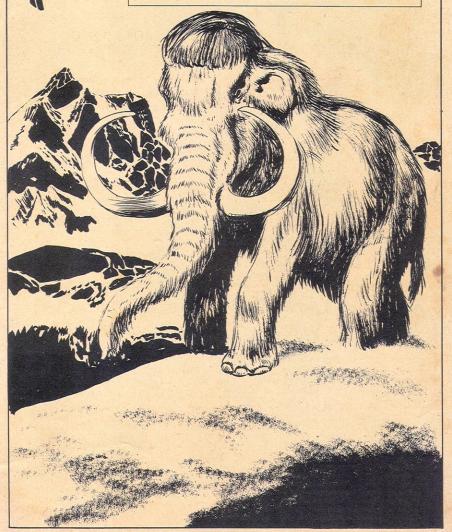
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