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SIR RIDER HAGGARD



Holly



Leo Vincey



Ustane



Mahomed



Billali

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND...



SPELLBOUND—A CLASS IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY LISTENS TO PROFESSOR L. H. HOLLY.

THIS IS THE STORY OF AN AMAZING ADVENTURE/
WEIRD... ASTOUNDING... SOME CALL IT... BUT I
KNOW IT HAPPENED. I WAS THERE WHEN IT
ALL BEGAN THIRTY YEARS AGO ON A
DARK AND EARLY NIGHT... WHEN THERE
CAME A KNOCKING ON MY DOOR...









1 SAVE VINCEY MY PROMISE, I WOULD CALL
THE AUTHORITIES IN THE MORNING AND HAVE
HIM PLACED IN A HOME FOR THE INSANE.

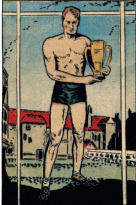




FIVE YEARS PASTER, I TOLD LEO NOTHING, FOLLOWING VINCEY'S INSTRUCTIONS. AS A SCHOLAR, I WAS ABLE TO PREPARE LEO FOR HIS QUEST. I TAUGHT HIM LATIN, GREEK, AND, OF COURSE—EGYPTIAN HEBDOLOGYPHICS.



LEO WAS A NATURAL ATHLETE, AS WELL AS A SCHOLAR. HIS STURDY PHYSIQUE WAS TO SAVE MY LIFE IN LATER YEARS.



I TAUGHT THE LAD TO HANDLE A RIFLE AND SHOOT STRAIGHT!



BELIEVE, UNCLE HOLLY!

GRAUATION FROM CAMBRIDGE AT 22 MEANT THAT WE WERE RELEASING THE BAY WHEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY PROMISE TO LEO'S FATHER, WE WOULD OPEN THE MYSTERIOUS BLACK CASKET...



... WHAT SECRETS DID IT HOLD?



LEO'S BIRTHDAY! I TOLD LEO THE STORY OF THE MURDER OF HIS ANCESTOR KILLIKRATES AND THE WHITE QUEEN WHO HAD FOUND THE SECRET OF LIFE ETERNAL. LEO THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE.

SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY, UNCLE HOLLY?

LET US OPEN THE COFFIN!



LEO TURNED THE KEY IN THE ANCIENT LOCK...

DO YOU STILL THINK THIS IS A JOKE?

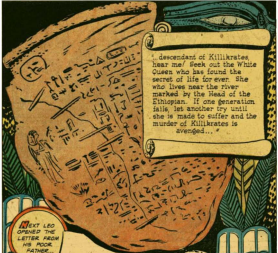
IT'S EGYPTIAN-- THAT'S SURE!

THE GIBNET HELP A LETTER FROM LEIG'S FATHER... AN EXQUISITE SCARAB RING... AND A RESIDUE OF SEYFRAH POTTERY.

THE SCARAB RING FITTED LEIG'S FINGER AS PERFECTLY AS IF IT HAD BEEN MADE TO ORDER. THE MAN SIGNIFICANT... IT WAS THE SCARAB OF KILLGATES!

I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THAT THE WHOLE STORY IS KNOWN TO ME! YET WHY CAN THAT BE? WHAT DOES IT SAY ON THE POTTERY, UNCLE HOWDY?

IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE HONORABLE WIFE OF KILLGATES... ONE ARENATAS.



...descendant of Killikrates,
hear me! Seek out the White
Queen who has found the
secret of life forever. She
who lives near the river
marked by the Head of the
Ethiopian. If one generation
fails, let another try until
she is made to suffer and the
murder of Killikrates is
avenged...

NEXT LEO
OPENED THE
LETTER FROM
HIS POOR
FATHER...

... our family name
Vincey comes from
the old Latin word--
"Vindex"-- meaning "to
avenge". I gave my
life in the quest.
Now you must succeed
where I failed...



WE THOUGHT WAS IN HIS MIND-VEGETABLE!
BUT IF HE NEEDS ME, I WOULD GO WITH HIM
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!



CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE WITH
THE SUPERNATURAL PAST. WHAT
HAD BEEN LIKE A STORY TO
HE WAS TRUTH AND FACT TO
LEO! FROM THAT MOMENT ON,
LEO WAS A CHANGED MAN...





1 **DESTINATION - ZANZIBAR.**
THREE MONTHS LATER, LEO AND
I, WITH A SMALL CREW UNDER A
NATIVE CALLED MASHOMI, MADE
OUR WAY UP THE EAST COAST OF
AFRICA. AT ZANZIBAR, WE PLANNED
TO OUTFIT AN EXPEDITION FOR
THE INTERIOR.



STORM COMES, MASTER!



2 **WATER BROT...** A STORM COMMON TO
THOSE WATERS... FURIOUS, SUDDEN,
AND OFTEN FATAL!

3 **WE WERE SWAMPED AS IF HIT BY A**
SLEEPER HAMMER!







IT'S THE HEAD OF THE ETHIOPIAN ALL RIGHT! AND THERE IS THE RIVER!

A STRANGE EXCITEMENT CAME OVER LEO. HE ACTED VERY MUCH LIKE A PERSON COMING HOME AFTER A LONG JOURNEY. IT ALMOST SEEMED THAT LEO HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE.



I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THE RIVER. I'M SURE IT'S SAFE!

LEO BROUGHT IN ONE OF OUR SMALL BOATS THAT HAD SURVIVED THE STORM AND WERE FLOATING OFF SHORE. THE LAD WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE THE TRIP UP THE RIVER.



THIS IS NO GOOD. BAD LUCK, YOU SEE!

OUR TRIP THROUGH THE STEAMING JUNGLE BOGAN. I WONDER IF ANY OF US WOULD HAVE HAD THE NERVE TO UNDERTAKE SUCH AN EXPEDITION HAD WE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA OF THE HORRORS AHEAD!

THERE WEEKS LATER... A FORK IN THE RIVER, WHICH WAY SHOULD WE GO?

LOOK! THE ONE IS AN ANCIENT CHANNEL!

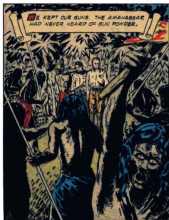
STONE WALLS OF A CANAL! AMAZING!

EARLY EGYPTIAN CARVING! I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE THIS MORE. LET'S SET UP HERE FOR THE NIGHT!



WHAT NIGHT WE WERE ATTACKED BY THE DREADED ANAHASSAR!





THEIR LEADER WAS A PERFECT
SPECIMEN OF AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN
PRIEST, I REMEMBER IF HE
KNEW THE STORY OF KALLIBATES,
HE WOULD TELL! HE SPOKE
ANCIENT EGYPTIAN!









BILLALI WAS OUR ONLY HOPE. IF HE DIED, THE SAKHASSARE WOULD HAVE KILLED US IN COLD BLOOD.

MY FRIEND! I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE. IN THE DAYS AHEAD YOU MAY ASK OF ME A FAVOR. BE SURE I WILL GRANT YOU ANY FAVOR YOU ASK!



WE STARTED FORWARD AGAIN. LITTLE DID I IMAGINE THE SIGHT THAT WOULD GREET MY EYES WHEN I AWAKENED IN THE MORNING!



ROUND THE ANAHASSAR... A MILE-DEEP VOLCANIC CRATER... SEVEN MILES WIDE... A STRANGE REMOTE LAND WITH A STRANGE LAND... WHERE THE ANAHASSAR PEOPLE, REMNANTS OF AN ANCIENT RACE, LIVED OUT THEIR LIVES IN ROCK CAVES!









LEO COULD NOT RESIST THE EXOTIC
EGYPTIAN MYSTIC.



LEO WAS STRUCK BY LEO'S AMAZING
RESEMBLANCE TO THE LOST RACE OF
EGYPT, HE BELONGED TO THE ANCIENT LAND!



ANCHORED BEHIND NEXT IN LINE FOR MATRIMONY



1 THE WOMAN SPURNED BY MAHOMED...



2 LARGE POT WAS HEATED IN THE FLAMES.



3 IN OLD BANQUET... NO FOOD IN SIGHT...!
THE AMHARABEE SEEMED ANGRY BECAUSE
MAHOMED HAD REFUSED TO MARRY THE WOMAN.



YOUR REVOLVER, LEO!
SHOOT! OR MAHOMED
WILL DIE!









SHE BELIEVED IN THE EGYPTIAN IDEA THAT THE DEAD CAME BACK TO EARTH IN NEW BODIES.

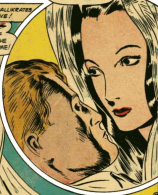
TWO THOUSAND YEARS HAVE I WAITED FOR THE RETURN IN THE FLESH OF ONE WHOM I LOVED, BUT MURDERED IN A JEALOUS RAGE. HIS NAME WAS KALLIKRATES. THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE. I HOPE THAT EACH PASSING TRAVELER WILL BE MY BELOVED KALLIKRATES!

I HAVE FOUND THE SECRET OF LIFE FOR EVER! THE PILLAR OF FLAME!

WHO IS THIS MAN?
CAN IT BE?

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE DEAD KALLIKRATES WOULD RETURN TO THE EARTH-- ALIVE!

WHEN KALLIKRATES RETURNS, I WILL SHOW HIM THE SECRET OF LIFE FOR EVER. HE WILL BATH IN THE PILLAR OF FLAME!



SHE BELIEVED KALLIKRATES HAD RETURNED TO EARTH AT LAST,

KALLIKRATES!
YOU HAVE COME
BACK TO ME!

AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN
DRUG THAT WILL SAVE HIM
FROM DEATH!

KALLIKRATES! I HAVE WAITED TWO THOUSAND YEARS FOR YOUR SOUL TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE SPIRIT WORLD AND RETURN TO ME IN THE FLESH!
HE IS EARLY NUMBERED... UNCOMMON... AND ON THE VERGE OF DEATH!

SHE ALLOWED SANE TO MINISTER TO THE DYING LEO. I COULD NOT HELP HIM... SANE WAS RIGHT. I HAD HEARD MUCH OF THE AMAZING CURES OF EGYPT!

HOW STRANGE IF LEO WOULD COME TO LOVE THE EVIL WOMAN WHO HAD MURDERED THE FIRST OF THE MINEEY FAMILY.

I LOVE YOU, KALLIKRATES!



IT IS USTANE WHOM LEO LOVES!

HOW DARE YOU, COMMON WOMAN!



SHE WITH THE WISDOM OF TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF LIFE STILL SUFFERED THE AGONY OF JEALOUSY...

I HAVE WAITED TWENTY CENTURIES FOR KALLIKRATES TO RETURN FROM THE LAND OF THE DEAD, NOW HE IS MINE!

YOU SHALL NOT HAVE HIM!



SHE HAD THE POWER OF SOME MYSTICIOUS FORCE. USTANE FELL AS IF HIT BY LIGHTNING.

LOOK AT HER DARE!

WHEN KALLIKRATES AWAKENS IN THE MORNING, HE WILL HAVE NO MEMORY OF USTANE. THE DRUG IN THE GOBELET WILL WIPE THE PAST FROM HIS MIND. HE WILL KNOW ONLY SHE AND LOVE ONLY SHE CAN GIVE HIM THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR EVER!



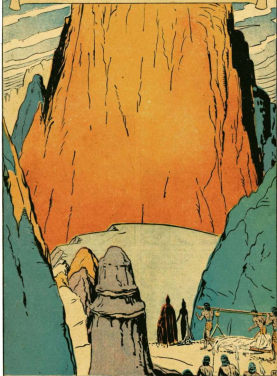
FOOL! I WARNED YOU!

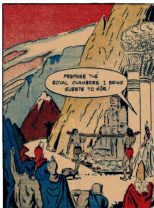


PREPARE TO JOURNEY. HE LEAVE TONIGHT FOR THE MOUNTAIN PALACE OF THE QUEEN.

THIS EVIL QUEEN IS MAD! I MUST PRETEND TO PLAY ALONG WITH HER, AND HOPE THAT IN SOMEWAY I CAN SAVE LEO!

THE NEXT MORNING... THE MOUNTAIN OF KÖÖ, THE PALACE OF SHE-KHO-MUST-BE-OBEYED, 80,000 FEET OF SHRED ROCK! THE HOME OF THE PURPHERESS OF KALLU-CRATES, SHE-KHO HAD FOUND THE SECRET OF LIFE FOR EVER!





PREPARE THE ROYAL CHAMBERS. I BRING GUESTS TO YOU!



HE WAS SEARCHING FOR LEO. HE SEEMED DISTRESS BUT REMAINED IN A DEEP SLEEP!



TAKE HIM TO THE THRONE ROOM.



SAGE IS VERY SKILLFUL WITH MEDICINE. ALL HIS PEOPLE WERE DEAD AT THESE MOUNTAINS - THEY LOOK MORE ALIVE THAN LIVING PEOPLE.

I WISH LEO TO LIVE. THERE ARE ENOUGH DEAD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD! I AM GOING TO THE THRONE ROOM!



TO ENTER WILL MEAN DEATH!



YOU FORGET SHABU IS A QUEEN!
IF YOU REALLY WISH TO KEEP AN EYE
ON YOUR FRIEND, COME WITH ME!



SMALL CHAMBER, ADJACENT TO THE THRONE ROOM...

SEE FOR YOURSELF... BUT SAFELY!



SHABU HAD PLACED LEO ON AN ALTAR.

YOU WILL GET WELL, MY KALLICATES!
I WILL BRACE THE SACRED BITS OF THE GODS OF GOD!
IT WILL PLEASE THE GODS, AND THEY WILL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN.



THE DANCE HAD ENDED. HE WERE ADMITTED.



LEO HAD RECOVERED, BUT HE WAS HELPLESS AGAINST THE QUEEN. THE DISGUISED PETRON SAHE HAD GIVEN HIM AND THE SUPER-NATURAL SPELL OF THE MAGIC CAST BY HER DANCE FOR THE SOPS OF ADE--THESE THINGS SEEMED TO HAVE AFFECTED LEO'S MIND! HIS WILLPOWER WAS GONE, LEO WAS A LOVE-VICTIM OF THE TERRIBLE SAHE!

HE REMEMBERS NOTHING OF THE... I LOVE YOU, MY QUEEN.



WHAT A TRIST OF DATE. SAHE WAS THE WOMAN WHO HAD RUINED LEO'S FAMILY... INDIRECTLY BROUGHT ABOUT THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER... NOW LEO WANCEY WAS LIKE A SLAVE TO SAHE!

MY ONLY WISH IS TO SPEND MY LIFE WITH SAHE.

I WILL GIVE YOU A LIFE THAT LASTS FOREVER! YOU AND I WILL BATHE IN THE PILLAR OF FLAME! THE PILLAR OF FLAME THAT GIVES LIFE FOR EVER.

TO THE PILLAR OF FLAME! WE LEAVE WITH IN THE HOUR!



THE MOUNTAIN OF KÖE WAS HOLLOW IN THE CENTER. A GREAT PLAIN STRETCHED ALMOST AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE. AT THE FAR END, A MOUNTAIN PEAK REARED ITS LOFTY HEAD. THAT INSTANT PILE OF SEMI ROCK WAS OUR RESTAURATION.



BY AFTERNOON WE WERE READY FOR THE CLIMB.



WAKE HASTE, THE CLIMB IS LOSE!

UPWARD WE CLIMBED FOR ALMOST FOUR HOURS. THE PLAN WAS LOST BENEATH THE CLOUDS.



MY NERVE ALMOST FAILED ME AT WHAT I SAW.



FOLLOW ME!

THE DIFFICULT PART OF THE JOURNEY BEHIND.

BE NOT AHEAD!



THE CHAIR OF MOE...







THE FLAME EDGED AND CRACKLED ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN... AS
THOUGH SHE WERE THE VERY SPIRIT OF THE FLAME!



HE SHINED MORE BRILANT AND BEAU-
TIFUL THAN ANY WOMAN I EVER HOPED TO BE!

I GO NEXT INTO
THE FLAME, MY
QUEEN!

HE WAS GROWING
OLDER BEFORE OUR EYES!

SOMETHING'S WRONG!

MAY THE GODS
SAVE ME!

WHAT FOLL
REVENGE IS THIS?



SHE SMILED AND SHRANK BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

I AM LOST!
I DIE!



SHE IS DEAD!

YOU HAVE AVENGED YOUR
FAMILY,
OF
VENGEANCE IS ALWAYS BITTER!



LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING
WITHOUT HER! I WILL DIE
IN THE FLAME!



ARE YOU HAPPY

WITH SHE DEAD, HER SUPERNATURAL HELP OVER LEO'S HEAD WAS GONE. THE SPELL WAS BROKEN. LEO AWAKENED AS A MAN COMING OUT OF A TERRIFYING NIGHTMARE...



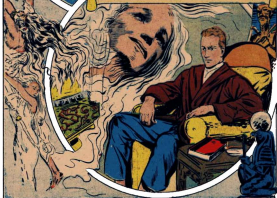




BILLAL LED US TO THE RIVER, AND HE MADE OUR WAY TO THE SEA AND HOME TO ENGLAND, WHERE LEO AND I LIVE PEACEFULLY AND HAPPILY... OR SO IT SEEMS. REVENGE NEVER DID BRING HAPPINESS TO HIM.



WHEN THE FLAMES GROW HIGH, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN LEO SEEMS VERY FAR AWAY FROM THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. SOMETIMES AS FAR AWAY AS THE LAND OF KÖK. IT MAKES ME UNEASY, SOMEHOW, THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAUTIFUL BUT EVIL SANE SEEMS TO BE WITH US... EVEN IN DEATH!



HENRY RIDER HAGGARD

COUNTRY gentleman, adventurer, political reformer, successful novelist . . . Henry Rider



Haggard, author of "She," resembled more than anything else of his own swashbuckling heroes. Throughout the last half of the nineteenth century, this successful author wrote some twenty-eight popular

books, the best of which show the same skillful admixture of fantasy and adventure that have made "She" a classic. Some of the best of these early works include "King Solomon's Mines," "Ayesha," a sequel to "She," "Alan Quatermain," "Ivan," and "People of the Mist."

It is an accident that so many of these adventurous stories have an African setting. Although born in Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, England, Rider Haggard went to Africa when he was only sixteen as secretary to Sir Henry Bulwer, governor of Natal. It was the first of many visits to the Dark Continent, and although he ultimately settled in his native England to pursue a literary career, his heart was always in the strange wild land he found so fascinating as a youth.

Yes, Rider Haggard was certainly a curious combination of adventurer, crusader and statesman. In the course of his colorful career he found time to participate in the Boer War and to run for office as a Member of Parliament.

In those whose hearts never grow old, whose own imaginations are ready to leap to unexplored heights, Rider Haggard will always find a reading public. The color, the breathless action, the wide-ranging fantasies of his books will strike a sympathetic chord in generations still unborn. Like "She," herself, the stories have in them the germ of immortality.

"THE DARK CONTINENT"

AFRICA, land of burning deserts, steaming jungles, mystery and death has been aptly called the Dark Continent. Throughout its long and bloody history, stretching as it does back to the very thresholds of time, this huge, forbidding body of land has always beckoned to the explorer, the adventurer, the type of man whose restless spirits seek out danger.

For centuries before Europe was anything more than a forest peopled with barbarians, the lands of Northern Africa had cradled civilization. Many bloody wars have been fought on its soil. The sands of North Africa have known the tread of countless invaders from the sandalled feet of armored Phoenician warriors and Roman legions to the belated hoofs of Nazis, English Tommies and American G.I.'s.

But the southern half of Africa is the real home of mystery. Separated from North Africa, as it is, by boundless deserts and jungles, it remained unexplored by white men until comparatively

recent times. So far as is known, no white man had ventured there until about the time of the discovery of America during the age of exploration. Even then,

the few hardy adventurers who dared the hardships of this wild land were able to do little to conquer it. It was not until early in the last century that European missionaries began to penetrate the jungles in the hope of converting its wild inhabitants to Christianity.

One of the best-known of these men was Dr. David Livingstone, who, in 1849, crossed the Kalahari Desert from south to north and reached Lake Ngami. It was he who first discovered and reported the great Victoria Falls which are larger than Niagara Falls.

In 1869 rich diamond fields were discovered in South Africa and a great rush of European immigrants to this area began. From that time on the Dark Continent gave up its secrets one by one to the explorers and fortune hunters who are always the advance guard of civilization.



"THE CIVILIZATION OF ANCIENT EGYPT"

ONE of the most fantastic and appealing things about the story "She" is the ancient civilization it describes. Actually, however, the details of this civiliza-



tion are far from the realm of fantasy. They are more nearly a literal description of the civilization of Ancient Egypt.

Among the oldest and yet most advanced civilizations known, ancient Egypt was originally called Kemi—the Black Land. Sinister as this sounds, undoubtedly it referred to the rich black soil of the land rather than to any mystery or evil of the times. Actually, the people of this civilization were neither fierce nor cruel, but patient, hard working folk who despised all foreign lands and ways. That they had reason for their contempt, there can be little doubt, for while a great part of the rest of the world was living in superstitious savagery, the Egyptians had built for themselves a culture and a science that is only now being fully appreciated. Their astronomers knew far more than the European star-gazers who followed them by three or four thousand years. In fact, there are many who believe that we are just beginning to learn more of the universe than was known by these early people.

For example, the Great Pyramid, one of the seven wonders of the ancient

world, is a remarkable monument to ancient Egyptian science. It is an amazing fact that the location of the pyramid seems to have been chosen because it is the mathematical center of the land area of the earth! How these early people were able to determine this remains one of the great unsolved mysteries of science.

Because, in their religion, the Egyptians believed their dead lived on in earthly bodies, elaborate means of embalming were developed by them. Everyone knows and marvels at the existence, after so many centuries, of well-preserved Egyptian mummies, yet the methods by which they were embalmed represented one of the most jealously guarded secrets of all time and even today it remains an unsolved mystery.

So much of the Ancient Egyptian culture baffles us, even today, that a whole new branch of science, Egyptology, has sprung up with no other purpose than to unravel the history of their great culture. Much has been learned by our Egyptologists, yet as each new fact is uncovered



and catalogued, the mystery only seems to deepen.

No wonder this land was called Kemi—the Black Land, for black is the color of mystery! And mystery is the name for Ancient Egypt!

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