The Cave of Death

An Adventure in Darkest Africa

BY HARRY MARTIN. in Cape Town by hunters who have But on they came. gone into the unmapped forests. Most of them are regarded as fever dreams. or tales invented to make the greenhorn gape. That is the way I used rushing forward. to think of them, but my skepticism Instead, he stood there, brandishing and I began to hope that this affect wet walls and keeping the dim circle. thing of Africa.

Five years ago I was up north of head.

usual feasting, and twals flowed like on my back. water. When every one was properly drunk the expedition took the trail. I did not lose consciousness, but I felt

After three hours of marching, the At last I was dragged to the very men lay down and slept themselves rear of the fight, and there I saw a sober, a process which consumed the number of Awemba binding Umhloperemainder of that night and all the gaaz's arms and legs. following day. After that we treked I was given the same treatment, pretty steadily for ten days without and in short order we were being

about 200 all at once, and before there sound of conflict grew dimmer and was time for a single shot both par- dimmer, and with it vanished the hope ties were so mixed up in a hand-to- that our friends would rescue us. hand combat that we didn't dare shoot We must have gone a good three

mittent fighting we were all pretty marched along, surrounded by wartfred, and it looked as though both riors. At least this was better than sides would be killed off without either being carried willy-nilly, and the joltwinning the battle.

tilities, while all the warriors were durance. leaning on assegais trying to get Savages take violent death and even their breath, one of the Awemba torture as a matter of course, but with braves climbed on to a rock and in me it was different. My friend, if he very picturesque Awemba talk figured feit any anxiety, did not show it. out that if he could meet the whole I was filled with repugnance at the Chinganza army one man at a time fate I knew awaited us. Umhlopegaaz it would take him just about four had slain the son of a great chief, and hours and forty-five minutes to con- I was a white man.

warrior who stood beside me and I wished that I had managed to keep did not seem to worry Umhlopegaaz, whom I called a friend, replied to the my pistol, so that I could have ended however, so long as he had received a Awemba's taunt and offered to meet it all the instant my hands were revisit from Malinda, and knew that

"Bayete! Bayete!" Bayete!" thun- A man does not like to admit fear,

the Awemba thundered back 'Bayete!" to it during that long trek.

All of which is like the cheering bered. Even the gleaming bodies of the That killed our last hopes for rescue. men seemed to carry a shade of it. The vidage was in turmoil when From the forest all around us came we arrived. Word had gone ahead the groans and cries of wounded and that the man who had slain the young dying, a sombre background to the chieftain and a white man were being piercing yells of the combatants and brought in as captives.

The Awemba was a son of the chief street, old women, who were squatting gesticulating in a weird sort of dance. from poison could be so terrible as to and wore white ostrich plumes on his before their huts pounding Kaffir corn A quarter of a mile from the village perish from starvation among the large Thom would be so their huts pounding the large Thom would be so the large Thom would head, and a skirt of cow's tails which in bowls, stopped work and hurled the we stopped at the mouth of a cavern swished back and forth was suspend- grinding stones at us. Children peit- between two enormous rocks. The ed from his waist. Umhlopegaaz was ed us with mud and with stones, and tribe formed in a semi-circle and six poisoneus, nor had they fangs to bite naked except for a girdle about his the young men who had been left to of the warriors approached us with with, for a though they wriggled over

The two men appeared to be danc- ferocious as we passed. fing, but suddenly the Awemba darted We were put under guard in a hut them tossed the end of a rope down a Umhlopegazz groaned. Even he from our man's side.

ended in a long-drawn wail, for Umhlopegaaz, and spoke to her attenthat one of my captors would end it. the circle dwindled into nothing and Umhlopegaaz had struck at his enemy dants in a manner which made me But I was simply bound rather loosely, we were left in total blackness.

clean through the young chieftain. when the guards were somewhat Umhlopegaaz was treated likewise, stark mad. I wonder that my mind twine. Even my husband makes The shaft of the assegat broke off apart she spoke a few words to my and in a few moments landed beside ever returned. short and Umhiopegaaz waved it fellow captive. I did not understand me. I judged we had been dropped There was no sleeping. We dared wanting twine to mend the holes in about his head triumphantly, tauntthem, but Umhlopegaaz seemed to, and forty feet, and as I lay there on my not lie down to have the reptiles crawl last year's sacks which he uses for omnipotent care and love of God. ing the enemy. The Awemba rushed when she had gone he explained to me back all I could see was a dim diffused over us, although the snakes, appar-shipping grain, potatoes, etc. All upon him. They did not utter a cry, that he was as pretty as the little light above me, for, as I have said, ently heavy after their meal, had rebut their feet sounded like the tramp- waterfalls behind his father's hut, the shaft was located about six feet turned to their holes to lie in stupor, which I make into dish towels, also

ing of stampeded cattle on the plains. and as graceful as a hartebeest, which from the entrance to the upper cavern. I do not know how long I had been the odd bits around bundles brought As they charged I and my three reI did not think graceful at all.

What awaited us in that pitchy raving when at last I awake to the into the home, I wind into a balk.

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This ball is always kept in the left Kaffirs let them have the I was in no mood to dote upon the blackness I did not know, but I pre-tents of our four-bores. We stop- charms of Malinda, for they in no ferred to meet death in any form with from above.

fifteen or twenty tripped over them, that night she returned alone with did life in that chamber of horror. There are many strange stories told piling in a confused struggling mass. food for us, and I saw her give to the Tightly we gripped each other about

than we were, but he might have re- linda talked with Umhlopegaaz. In should not be left alive to go mad in treated to our line, which was also the forest, love springs into life full- that den.

has been shaken. I can believe any- his short knife and swinging the bro- tion might bring us some good. ken shaft of the assegal about his On the second morning Malinda re- we found that the subterranean cave

died and most of the others got scared tough, narrow shaft square on the side death over him seemed nothing more and ran away. We had to cache our of the neck. The second man received nor less than a suky lover. I suiked of the hole in the wall. I could not of filmy georgette. A shaped yoke of goodness of God.

arms about me, and bumped foreheads gazz had found me dying in the forest tion and Umhlopegaaz smiled contenting enough to explore the passage the lower edge, shirred three times at no less in the practical counsels put until I wiggled out of his grasp.

after my Kaffirs had run away with ment, for he thought his sweetheart beyond. As far as I could feel, the the top and set onto the plain founds forward by Paur at this moment than I thought he was a little overcordial all my ivory. I had been wounded by had come at last. He put his ear close hole did not increase in size. and wasn't a bit surprised to learn a bull elephant, and Umhlopegaaz carthat he was preparing for war with ried me to his village, where I was heard a voice whisper something to
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There was no courteous way to de fell. In a trice half a dozen Awemba Malinda's maidens had likewise fallen my forearm was a snake. In a frenzy When making the yoke, cuffs and saving themselves in the ship's boat, cline this invitation. Etiquette in the had pounced upon him. I sprang into a victim to the doubtful charms of the I tore it away and smashed it against lower edge on panels of lace, 2% yards and had even lowered the boat on the forest is rather a subtle quantity, so their midst, using my empty pistol as I premised the support of myself and a club in one hand and slashing with had informed the chief of Malinda's thong in my fingers.

Resident the Annual Resident the Annual Resident the other. I knocked down visits. He had promptly put an end I promised the support of myself and a club in one hand and slashing with had informed the chief of Malinda's thong in my fingers. I premised the support of myself and a club in one hand and siasning with men. Besides, the Awemba are the a knife in the other. I knocked down terror of the ivery hunters.

The designed the support of myself and a club in one hand and siasning with man intermed the club in the other. I knocked down to them, and it seemed that our hopes to them, and it seemed that our hopes ped it. Then I laughed. Umhlopegaaz Price 20 cents.

Vs. 31, 32. The one can be compared to the founcing of the founc

the native warriors in the van, I and myself, in a sort of daze, being pushmy blacks with firearms in the rear, ed along the ground from one man to to be sprung as a surprise on the another, underneath the mass of fighting men.

sighting an Awemba topknot.

When we did sight them, we saw shoulders of a party of warriors. The

for fear of doing most damage to our miles when our captors set us on the ground, removed the thongs which At the end of two days of inter- hampered our feet, and we were ing of the hurrying men had aggra-During a mutual suspension of hos- vated my bruises almost beyond en-

Umhlopegaaz, a fine specimen of torture the Awemba could dispense. leased.

dered the Chinganza warriors, and but I fe't something very much akin

fore a football game. The sinking sun of the Awemba. On the third day a glinted on the black, greased limbs of runner passed us bearing news that the two men as they circled each the Chinganza warriors had been other. Everything was tinged with driven back and had fled the country.

the cheers of the waiting warriors. As we went through the village

inward, low, near the ground. There and kept there for three days until black hole about three times the size was breaking down; but strengthened was a flash of steel and blood flowed the warriors returned from the field. Of a man's body. Then they led us to were to die it were better me should be had a warriors returned from the field. I had a were to die it were better me should be had a warriors returned from the field. He had been wounded by a short ject of great curiosity, and among scend by means of the rope of thongs. | die sane. i had a terrible fear of going mad before the end should come. On the first evening we were the ob the hole and made signs for us to de were to die, it were better we should spear made from a hunter's knife, those who came to the prison hut to I did not know what awaited us at

warriors, but their shout of triumph the handsome figure and strength of assegai, so I struggled in the hope proaching. It seemed years later that

fledged. It does not grow gradually, By feeling our way along the black

turned again with food, but that night was circular in shape, and, I judged, the Transvasi after ivory. I had a good season, but a lot of my blacks actually felled by a blow from the depressed, and even with the shadow of ameter.

encountered.

she was faithful.

We did not see her again before the Awemba braves returned and we were led before the chief and the tribe assembled. The trial was short "Dog of a Chinganza," said the chief, pleasantly, "and cur of a white

members of the tribe.

the young men who had been left to or the warriors appropriate our feet and twisted about guard the village growled and looked long ropes made of thongs. Crawling they did not molest us. about six feet into the cavern, one of

bound with wood fibres to the end of look at us was Malinda, a daughter the bottom of the black shaft, but I our tormentors, we made our way into of the chief, with four of her maidens. knew that it was a death worse than the circle of dim light. It was fading "Bayete!" shrieked the Awemba Malinda seemed much impressed by that to be met at the point of an fast and we knew night must be ap-

pitched head-ong to the ground, and being put to death by her father. But bound but loosely I soon twisted my lopegaaz.

empty pistol as a club.

man, you have been sentenced to the motion had roused all the reptile life of the cave, and all about us we heard "The Cave of Death!" shricked the a hissing and the sliding of slimy . bodies.

our feet and twisted about our ankles we staggered into the kraal.

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ads free and liberated my own legs heard Uma opegase stirring and soon he informed me that be, too, wa unbound. We hudded together and lay there in fear for some time.

As our eyes became somewhat accustomed to the warkness we were able to see the walls of the cave, for a few feet. They were wet and s.imy. Feeling them, we found them to be rock, covered with dank vegetable growths, in some places dripping with fithy water. Outside the little circle of light, diffused from the shaft-like entrance to the cave, we could not see at all, but we groped our way along.

At every step we knew we might plunge down some unseen abyss, but we did not fear death so much as we guard a string of beads, whereupon the waist, for we were determined.

They were nearer to Umhlopegaan he walked a little distance while Ma- that if one fell to death the other

of comperative light always in view,

ped it. Then I laughed. Umhlopegaaz Price 20 cents.

was holding me about the waist. I The designs illustrated in our new was to appeal to the centurion and cried, then laughed again, covering Fashion Book are advance styles for the soldiers on board. Paul revealed my face with my hands. Through it the home dressmaker, and the woman the trick intended by the crew, and all Umhlopegaaz was stoical, yet his or girl who desires to wear garments said to the centurion that unless the terror must have been greater than dependable for taste, simplicity and sailors could be prevented from desertmine, for he did not know what I had economy will find her desires fulfilled ing, there was no hope for the pas-

When I was myself again, I told 10 cents the copy. him, and even that sturdy warrior



We were led off amid a mob of wild- I would have welcomed the stinging ly dancing, chanting savages, men, sensation which would have meant women and children, who laughed and that the fange of one of the snakes taunted us, all the time prancing and had darted into my flesh, for no death

But the snakes were evidently not hold I need not tell. Day and night



DAINTY DANCE FROCK.

treasure, and I, with my seven faithful Kaffirs, struck into the Chinganza
ful Kaffirs, struck into the Chinganza
heart.

I did not sleep, and my friend walksee it, but found that it was not quite silver lace is deeper at the front and
leart.

By that time we had reached him
before and was on excellent terms with
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before and it became a fight to rescue the
leart.

See it, but found that it was not quite silver lace is deeper at the front and
lin the present reason.

See it, but found that it was not quite
as big around as my body.

Nevertheless, I pushed my hand in
while little cuffs of the lace finish the
denly there was a gentle scratching as far as it would go. I thought the short kimono sleeves.

Panels, that
sought to save the souls of men. Yet the Awemba, a tribe to the eastward. His expedition was to start next chance to repay him, and I fought morning, and he extended to me a rather pressing invitation to enlist in his forces.

Again the hiss. Cold sweat drenched tern No. 1237, which is in sizes 16, pering had ceased I judged Malinda had returned and that we were about to be liberated, but he soon dashed my him forces.

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The fight was going our way, when hopes to the ground. It seems one of hand from the hole. Twisted about or 3½ yards of 54-inch material.

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Wilson Publishing Co., 73 West Adeterrified faces, he was reminded that they were weak from long starvation.
For a whole fortninght they had stood

stood silent.

For some seconds they spoke, then Malinda had bade him wait patiently perish. Acts 27: 22-25. until the following night.

crawled over my feet and ankles, but I might have been one of them for all II. THE SAFE ESCAPE TO LAND, 37-44. the effect it had on me. I laughed V. 37. The total number of persons and cried and prayed, but how the on board is here given as 276. But hours passed I do not know.

I remember that Umhlopegaaz shook and it is possible that the smaller me into sensibility, and I realized that number is the right one. the circle of light had faded, and that it was again night. I did not know that I was hungry, yet I must have the for we had not eater.

V. 38. The step is now taken of lightening the ship of part of the cargo. A grain-ship, conveying wheat from the East to Rome, she had to be

There was a little whirr and a thud. waters. So, after the passengers had Umhlopegaaz put a leathern rope into eaten, all that remained of the wheat my hands and told me to hold it until was thrown overboard. I sprang into their midst, using my he should climb to the surface of the V. 39. Morning had now broken, reearth and lift me out.

sure, he fastened the thong under my knew what coast it was, but descryshoulders. He clambered upward, and ing a creek with a sandy beach they

Fresh air stung my nostrils as I Vs. 40, 41. The anchors are weigh-

we traveled living on herbs and ber- diers, fearing for the escape of their

I have known many women, beautiful and talented, and I have cared for some of them, but the one for whom I

d a half-dozen of the enemy, who wise mitigated the unpleasantness of my limbs unfettered, and as I had been "It is Malinda," whispered Umhso that we never loss time looking inches in a bushel). This gives the This ball is always kept in the left-

ANALYSIS.

. PAUL'S PAITH AND PRACTICAL SAGA-CITY IN A GHRAT CREEK, 30-86.

II. THE SAFE ESCAPE TO LAND, 87-44... inmosucress. The narrative of the vegage of Paul to Rome is the most valuable document regarding ancient methods of navigation which has come down to us from antiquity. This excellence it owes to its being the exact account of an eye-witness. Luke having attached himself to Paul and having notes in his journal the whole details of the adventure. But spart from this technical value, the narrative throws a most intere light on Paul's practical wisdom his ability to assume the function leadership in a great material cross.
When the safety of the ship is threatened by sterm and mutiny, he displays
a remarkable presence of mind before which the commander of the ship and the midtary officers on board have All Paris dances in these flower-like tery of the situation he owes to his

on the wall of the hut. My heart tunnel might grow larger, and if so, sway gracefully with every motion, religion has to do with the whole of lark to see me, twined his greasy Two years before that, Umhlope leaped with hope that it was libera- we might be side to enlarge the open- are trimmed with the silver lace at life, and we see the power of faith tion in a stanting line. This type of in the sermons which we have heard

in our patterns. Price of the book sengers. The soldiers acted promptly, and cut the ropes of the lowered boat. thus allowing her to fall off. In a moment the beat would be engulfed

stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap passengers. Day was about to break, laide St., Toronto. Patterns sent by by the boats, so to speak, unable to put off their clothes for a night's rest or to snatch any but the barest "Be still," he commanded, and I mouthfuls of food. Paul earners advised them now to take a mea earnest; their health required it; the voice from above ceased and my moreover, they need fear no danger friend explained what had passed that not a hair of their heads would

until the following night.

That was all we knew. We were confidence in what he said, Paul takes to wait all that night and the next bread, and after thanking God in the presence of all, he breaks the Time was not. It was one long, un- and begins to eat. His example proves measured period of blackness and sufficient-to rally the courage of the dark thought for me. The reptiles stricken passengers, and they all take trawled over my feet and sakes but

certain ancient manuscripts say 76.

Then came the voice from above was to right herself in these shoal

I swayed on my feet, and to make which the ship was drifting. Nobody a few moments later I fest myself in there, and to take their chances of safety.

was lifted into the moonlight. Umh- ed, the sails hoisted, and the head of lopegaaz was standing beside Malinda, the ship being got round, they make I staggered and they supported me with the wind for the beach. Unfortunately, the ship strikes a low shoal legs. Then we fled into the forest. Meantime, the breakers begin to pound Of the trip to the Chinganza strong- the afterpart of the ship to pieces.

ries which we gathered, and at last prisoners, plan to put them to death, we staggered into the kraal.

But the officer in command, wishing Umhlopegaaz is a chief now, unless to save Paul, forces them to desist, he has been killed, and Malinda is his and issues the order Sauve qui peut. Every one who can swim is to take to the sea and make for the shore. The rest are to follow on rafts or wreck-

world do most, the one who seems escape either by swimming or on floatmost beautiful of all, is the savage ing wreckage. Not a sing e life is lost Malinda as she stood in the mornlight From the above narrative we should in the forest that night, at the mouth of the Cave of Death.

learn that the man of religious faith will also be quick to put forward his hand to help in any real crisis in large. with a short knife, and while the blow believe her curiosity might be turned the rope was drawn up and passed was being parried, he raised his assed into something stronger.

We were left in total plackness.

Then I cursed as I had never cursed into something stronger.

Since moving on the farm, I have and selfish regard for one's own safety to the whole of the whole life which should inspire a man to more heroic courage and stedfastness, splendid use of my ready ball when the weak and terrified spirits. Religion puts the whole of life under the

> Grain in bins or wagon-boxes can be estimated as follows: Multiply together the length, breadth and depth bushe's of grain or bel'sd earn

PURE RICE MEANS GO

Also it Means I Lips and R

The lack of su giving blood does pale faces and lust much more serious are the tired, lan who have no enjoy have heart palpital backaches, no s fainting spells, ar hess. Just a little and these troubles new, rich, red bloom Puls are just the the the the the the pills jutation as a blo nong those who truth of these Annie M. Blonski who says: -- "I bec nervous, had pai back and suffered headaches. I was anything about th awake with a start heart pounding vio upstairs I would be heart would flutte doctor's medicine b any permanent goo vised to take Dr. V and decided to try only say that the me. I am now we and able to do all is all due to Dr. W I have recommended who have taken good results."

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Other People's To grasp and sh

mother's neckiaces

etiquette in the where the men as wear these orname The Turks cross their breasts and b With the Fijians quite a ceremony. carry red feathers duce before parting form of a cross. this is that, although tear themselves other's presence, the

once crossed, their h be in unison. The Japanese way is to flourish a slip method of express sists of clasping enkles; while in O ing leave of a womtill it becomes like



Her Chum-"Qui

The patient salesw the seventeenth ha band spoke up with "That hat does not

angel. The saleswoman "And that, certainl of you, my angel!" "I fear we cannot said the saleswoman

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