

Exit Tony Blount

CHAPTER XXIV

Continued

Worst of all though, he had suffered intensely from thirst. There was something grimly ironical about this, seeing that he was wading through shallow pools of water half the time, but as he approached his journey's end his immediate hopes were almost entirely centralized upon the spring which he and the girl had passed on the previous night.

something of what he must expect, he found himself unprepared for the reality.

In plain fact the place was barely recognizable at all. Even the white sandy beach which had bordered the lagoon had disappeared, for it was now overlaid with a thick deposit of mud, through which dozens of wide channels were slowly draining the valley of its flood water. The lagoon itself had lost its green translucent character and showed thick and discoloured, and its placid surface was congested with every kind of wreckage from the settlement, together with hundreds of palm trees. He saw at least one human body and those of a couple of pigs floating among the debris, and the muddy shore was littered with dead fish.

But it was the actual site of the settlement which chiefly held his dismaying attention, for here the effects of the catastrophe were to be seen at their worst. Not only had the entire village disappeared, but the terrific inrush of the water had even scoured the earth

clear for two-thirds of the way up the slope, exposing an uneven surface of bare volcanic rock where the falls had lined the village street. The yam and taro patches which he had skirted on the previous night had been swept clean away by the flood, and even the trees and shrubs which had clothed the lower part of the cliff behind them had been torn from their crannies and crevices.

On the upper part of the slope, where the Samoans' fale had stood, a thin layer of soil still clung to the rock — but that was all.

The destruction had been so complete that he stood staring at it for some moments almost unbelievably — and then his eye was caught by an object which projected from above the bare crest of the slope.

It was the top of the flagstaff, and with the realization that it was still standing in its accustomed position, his utter dismay gave way to a sudden flutter of hope.

If this had withstood the cataclysm, was it not possible that the buildings on the plateau might have escaped the general ruin? It struck him as a distinct possibility, for they must have been above the reach of the vast volume of flood water, and in any case they would offer a stouter resistance than the flimsily built native houses. If such were the case, it would make an enormous difference to his immediate prospects.

The idea imbued him with an access of fresh energy, and with a temporary forgetfulness of his parched condition he began to scramble up the rocky slope as fast as his weary limbs would carry him.

The last third of the climb over the thin layer of sodden, slippery earth proved incredibly difficult, but a final supreme effort brought him in sight of the plateau itself. And there he stopped dead, breathless and exhausted, with all his new-found hopes slipping from him.

It was true enough that the plateau showed few signs of damage from the successive tidal waves, but he saw at once that the preceding earthquakes had taken its toll so effectively that there could have been little left for the water to destroy. Both Strang's bungalow and the Residency had been reduced to shattered heaps of masonry, and only the broken timbers and portions of thatch which projected from among the ruins, showed any indication that they had been human dwelling places.

Nor was it the actual shaking of their foundations which had been chiefly responsible for their downfall — though a perfect network of rifts and cracks seamed the flat surface of the plateau, and one gaping chasm, a yard wide, ran jaggedly right across its centre. What had done even more damage, and had wrecked both the storehouse and the house-boys' fale in addition, was the collapse of a part of the cliff behind them. Huge masses of rock lay piled up in fantastic heaps all along the two edges of the plateau, and isolated boulders lay dotted about all over its surface. Only the flagstaff, by some freak still stood erect, with its halliards thrumming gently against the pole in the fresh breeze blowing in from the sea.

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Pleasant Grove News

Miss Luella McCabe of Toronto is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McCabe, Friston Road.

Mrs. Farnell Curran, Pleasant Grove, spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. John Myers of Stan-hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Beacher Court and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Clow, Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. James Lawless, Pleasant Grove, is in Kensington visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Mill, who is seriously ill.

Miss Anne Morrison has gone to North Rustico to the K. of C. Camp.

A number of children are engaged in York picking strawberries.

Miss Mary O'Connell, Pleasant Grove, spent her vacation in Halifax the guest of her aunt Mrs. Maurice Primeau.

Misses Marion and Mary Morrison are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Ed Beairto, Margate.

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