

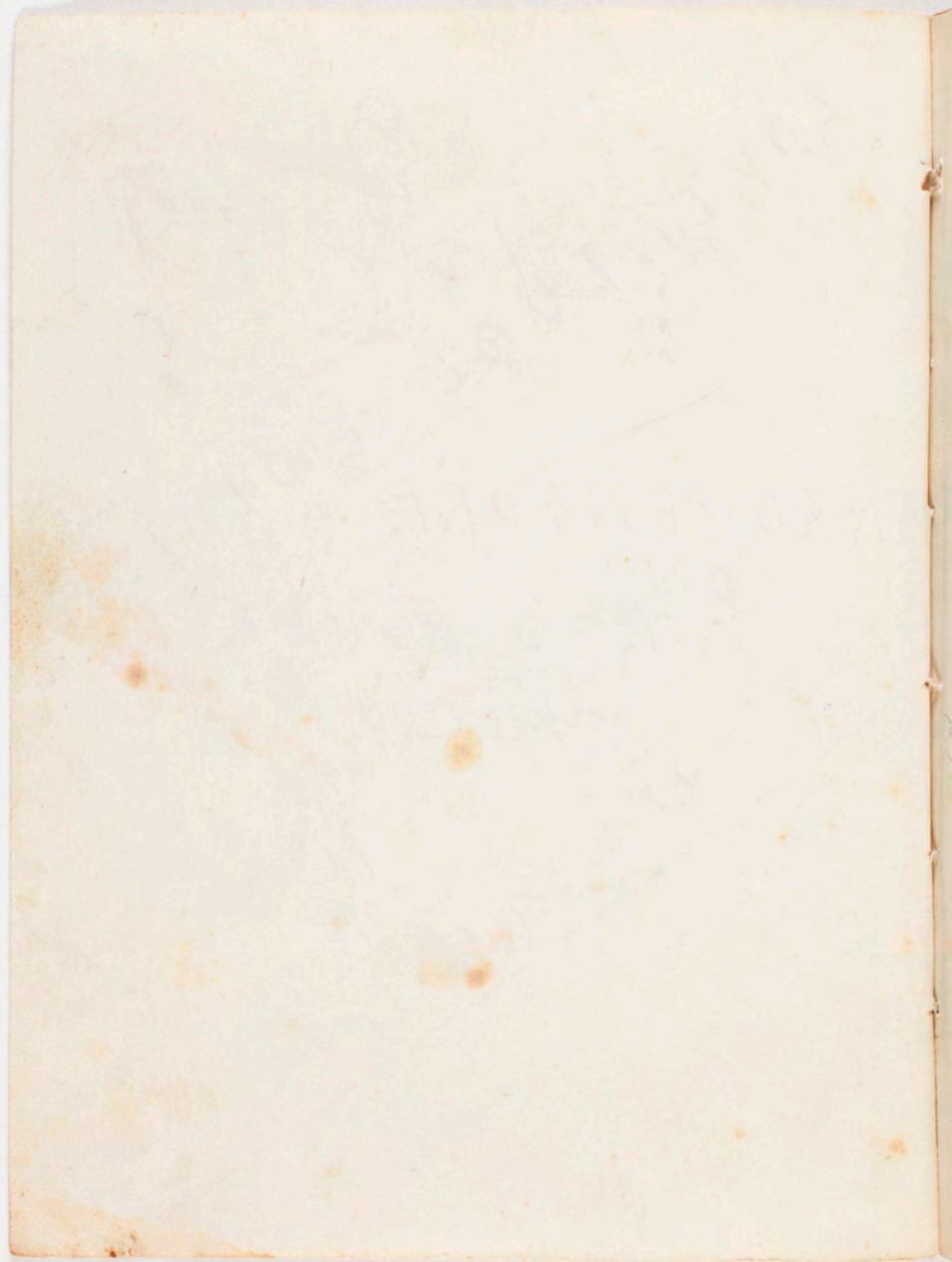


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AN ADVENTURE
ON
RED ROVER

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AN ADVENTURE ON RED ROVER

IT WAS ON THE ISLE OF RED ROVER THAT THE MINERS LIVED AND PUC FOR COAL IT IS NOT A LARGE ISLAND ONLY ABOUT FIFTY MILES AND ANEARLY AS LONG THE MINERS WERE BITUATED ON THE WEST END NEAR A CHAIN OF MOUNTAINS THE MINERS BOYS WERE EVERY WHERE ON THE ISLAND HUNTING AND FISHING. WALTER ALLEN A BOY ABOUT 12 YEARS OF AGE HAD BY HARD LABOR MADE OUT TO SAVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND WITH THIS HE HAD BOUGHT A LITTLE CLAIM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN ONE DAY OTHO STRONG CAME IN TO THE MINE WHERE THE MINERS WERE WORKING AND SAID I BELIEVE I WILL GO DOWN AND SEE WALTER I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM FOR FIVE DAYS I WILL BE BACK TOMORROW

SO SAYING HE STUCK HIS REVOLVERS AND HIS KNIFE IN TO HIS BELT AND STARTED AWAY HE WAS A SCOT AND RUCED LOOKING BOY OF FOURTEEN ARTHUR A LITTLE JUST THEN CAME IN FROM A HUNT HE HAD HAD GOOD LUCK FOR HE LAS A GOOD MARKS MAN WHERE IS OTHO SAID HE GONE DOWN TO A MINER WALTERS SAID A MINER



ARTHUR A LITTLE COMES IN FROM THE HUNT

I WISH I HAD COME IN A LITTLE SOONER SAID ARTHUR FOR I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE GONE WITH HIM ARTHUR WAS A COMMON SIZE BOY OF FORTYTHREE YEARS NOT SO LARGE AS OTHO BUT MORE MUSCULAR THAN HE THE NEXT DAY CAM AND WENT BUT OTHO STRONG DID NOT COME BACK WHERE IS OTHO THE BOYS KEPT INQUIRING AND THE ALL WAYS GOT THE ANSER "OH HE HAS COME DOWN TO WALTERS FOR THEY DID NOT FEEL ANXIOUS AT ALL THE NEXT DAY CAME AND WENT BUT OTHO DID NOT APPEAR THE THIRD DAY ARTHUR SAID I AM GOING OVER TO WALTERS AND IF I DONT COME BACK YOU MAY KNOW SOME THING HAS HAPPENED EITHER THAT I HAVE GOT DRUNK OR FELL INTO THE CLUTCHES OF SOME MONSIEUR



ARTHUR FINDS SOME BIRD TRACKS

SO SAYING HE TOOK DOWN HIS LITTLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE AND STARTED WHEN HE GOT TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN HE MET ELMER CREE AND A NUMBER OF MINERS WHERE YOU GOING ARTHUR SAID ELMER "DOWN TO WALTERS OH TO LOOKUP OTHO YESS A NEW SNOW HAD JUST FALLEN

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ARTHUR SEES
THE BIRD



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HE WALKS ABOUT TWO MILES AFTER HE LEAVES
 ELMER GREEN WALTER LIVED IN A CAVE ON HIS
 CLAIM AS ARTHUR AND AS ARTHUR NEARED THE
 CAVE HE WAS VERY MUCH SURPRISE TO
 FIND NO FOOT PRINTS COMING OUT OF IT
 BUT AS HE DREW NEARER HE SAW SOME
 TRACKS COMING OUT OF IT BUT IT WAS NOT
 A BOYS FOOT PRINT IT WAS THE ~~BOYS~~ PRINT
 OF A GIANTIC BIRDS FOOT ARTHUR DROPPED ON
 HIS KNEES TO EXAMINE THEM IT WAS UNMIS-
 TAKEABLY A BIRDS TRACK AND A MONSTER TWO
 IT WAS AT LEAST SIX INCHES LONG
 WITH GREAT CLAWS AT THE END AS HE LOOKED
 HE THOUGHT HE SAW THE HANDLE OF A REVOLVER
 HE BRUSHED AWAY THE SNOW AND IT WAS ONE OF
 OTHO STRONGS REVOLVERS ARTHUR HUNTED AROUND
 AND SOON FOUND THE OTHER HE BRUSHED
 AWAY THE NEW SNOW OFF THE CRUST AND THERE
 FOUND GREAT SPOTS OF BLOOD AND EVERY ~~HE~~
 APPEARANCE WAS THERE HAD BEEN A GREAT
 STRUGGLE ARTHUR WENT INTO THE CAVE
 AND THERE FOUND OTHO STRONGS WIFE ALL
 COVERED WITH BLOOD WHAT THOUGHT ARTHUR
 OTHO AND WALTER HAVE NOT HAD A FIGHT HAVE
 THEY IT CANT BE I WONDER HE SAID TO HIM
 SELF IF THIS GREAT BIRD HAS KILLED THEM WHAT
 AN AWFUL FATE JUST THEN HE SAW A LARGE
 HOLE IN THE ROCKS BIG ENOUGH TO CRAWL INTO
 HE STEPPED TO IT AND PEEBED IN BUT COULD SEE
 NOTHING THEN HE PUT HIS MOUTH TO IT AND HOLLARED

CHAPTER 2

BUT HE HAD ~~THE~~ ^{NO} TIME TO LISTEN FOR THE NEXT INSTANT HE HEARD THE RUSH OF WINGS & RUSHED TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE IN TIME TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE GIGANTIC BIRD IT LOOKED LIKE THE GREAT BIRDS WE SEE AND READ ABOUT IN THE NATURAL HISTORIES WHERE IT TELLS ABOUT THE GREAT MONSTERS OF A THOUSAND YEARS AGO WITH A LARGE CURVING BEAK MUCH RESEMBLING THAT OF AN EAGLE AND WITH A LARGE FIERCE EYE ALSO RESEMBLING THAT OF THE EAGLES WITH VERY LARGE WINGS AND AS ARTHUR SOON FOUND OUT IT HAD VERY LONG CLAWS WHICH WERE IN REALITY TWO INCHES LONG JUST THE TOE NAILS EVERY THING RESEMBLED ~~ABOUT~~ A MAMMOTH EAGLE ARTHUR WAITED UNTILL THE GREAT BIRD WAS WITH IN A YARD OF HIM THEN FIRED BANG WENT THE RIFLE THE BIRD WITH SUCH AN UN EARTHLY YELL AS ARTHUR HAD NEVER HEARD DASHED AT HIM AND CRABBED HIM BY THE COLLAR ARTHUR CRABBED A YOUNG BIRCH WITH BOTH HANDS AND PLANTED HIS HEADS FIRMLY AGAINST THE ROCK THE BUCK BACKED HELP AND FOR AN INSTANT THE BIRD WAS DAFELED BY THIS YOUNG MUSCULAR BOY ARTHUR THOUGHT ELMER GREEN IS BUT TWO MILES AWAY I WILL HOLLAR AND HE DID HOLLAR AS HE NEVER HAD BEFORE IN A FEW MINUTES HE HEARD AN ANSWERING YELL GOOD THOUGHT BETHEY WILL BE HERE IN TIME IF I CAN ONYY HOLD ON JUST THEN THE THREAPS THAT SOWED HIS COLLAR TO HIS BUCK SKIN JACKED PARTED AND THE

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BIRD FELL BACK BUT PREPARED FOR ANOTHER
ATTACK ARTHUR GRABBED HIS RIFLE AND AS THE
BIRD FLEW AT HIM HE STUCK IT AND THEN A TENSE
INCIDENT IN WHICH ARTHUR FOUND HIMSELF BEING
PRESSED INTO THE CAVE HE MADE OUT TO GET HOLD
OF A CRAB AND HUNG ON BLOOD WAS FLOWING
FARLY FROM HIS HANDS AND RACE HIS RIFLE
WAS NOT WITH IN REACH OF HIM NOR THE REVOL
AND NIFE WHICH HAD HAD GOT KNOCKED OUT
OF HIS POCKET IN THE FIGHT HE HAD NOTHING
TO DO BUT HOLD ON THE GREAT BIRD
WAS PICKING ITS GREAT BEAK AND CLAWS
DEEP INTO HIS FLESH HOW HANDS WERE
NOW NOW AND IT SEEMED AS IF HE HAD
BEEN THERE AN HOUR WHEN HE HEARD A RUSTLE



AT THE DOOR AND
ELMER GREEN RUSABLE
IN HE HAD OUT DISTURBED
THE OTHERS BY A
GOOD WAY FOR HE
WAS SWIFT AND
LONG LEGGED, IN
HIS HAND HE CARRIED
A LARGE CLUB WHICH
HE SWUNG WITH
TREMENDOUS STRENGTH
AND BETWEEN ELMER
AND ARTHUR THEY
HAD NEARLY KILLED
THE BIRD WHEN
THE MINORS CAME
UP AND THEN ONE

ELMER GREEN COMES TO THE
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OTHO AND WALTER ARE ROUND

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IF THEM FINISHED IT WITH A KNIFE HAVE YOU
FOUND OTHO AND WALTER ASKED ELMER
NO
DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE
YES I RATHER GUESS THEY ARE ~~WHERE~~ WHERE THIS
BIRD TRIED TO DRAW ME

WHERE IS THAT
IN TO THAT HOLE

AND YOU THINK THEY ARE IN THERE
YES I DO AND YOU WAIT, ARTHUR WALKED TO
THE HOLE AND HOLLARED HE HEARD A GROAN
FOR AN ANSWER ARTHUR IMMEDIATELY LOADED
HIS RIFLE AND STUCK HIS KNIFE IN HIS BELT
I AM GOING IN TO GET THEM WELL SAID ONE
OF THE MINERS LET ME TIE THIS ROPE
AROUND YOU SO THAT IF THEY ATTACK YOU WE
CAN PULL YOU OUT, WHAT ATTACK ME THE BOYS
NO THE BIRDS, OH YES ARTHUR NOW BEGAN
TO CRAWL INTO THE HOLE HE HAD CRAWLED
A WHITTLE WAY WHEN HE CAME INTO
A LARGE OPEN PLACE WHICH WAS LIGHTER THAN
THE HOLE ON ACCOUNT OF ITS BEING WIDENED
UP BY A CRACK IN THE ROCKS HERE HE SAW
OTHO AND WALTER WITH BLOOD DRIED ALL OVER
THEIR HANDS AND FACES - NOT HARDLY ABLE TO
MOVE AND GAZED BY TO MORE OF THE
FEROCIOUS BIRDS OTHO AND WALTER ARE FOUND
HE YELLED BACK BUT NO SOONER WAS IT OUT
OF HIS MOUTH WHEN ONE OF THE BIRDS
DASHED AT HIM HE AIMED AND FIRED THE
WALLS ECHOED AND REVERBERATED WITH THE REPORT
AND THE SCREAMS OF THE BIRDS BRAVO ARTHUR
SAID WALTER NOW FINISH UP THIS OTHER
COMPANY I WILL HELP YOU AND WITH A GREAT
EFFORT HE RAISED HIMSELF AND WITH ONE
OF THE BONES OF A FOX IN HIS HAND HE
ADVANCED ON THE BIRD

CHAPTER 3

WALTER TELLS HIS STORY

THE BIRD DASHED AT ARTHUR WHO HAD ALSO
 ADVANCED ON ARTHUR WITH HIS LONG KNIFE THE
 BIRD JUMPED AT HIM ARTHUR STRUCK IT WITH
 THE KNIFE IN THE SIDE AND GRABBED IT
 BY THE NECK JUST THEN THE MEN BEGAN TO
 PULL AND ARTHUR AND THE BIRD CAME FLOPPING
 OUT OF THE CAVE AND THE BIRD FAIRED HARD
 IN THE HANDS OF TEN MINERS JUST AS THEY GOT
 HIM KILLED WALTER APPEARED HIS BLUE JACKET -
 ALL COVERED WITH BLOOD DRAWING OTHO WHO
 WAS NOT ABLE TO WALK WALTER WAS SO
 WEAK FROM THE LOSS OF BLOOD AND FROM HUNGER
 THAT HE WOULD HAVE FALLEN IF IT HAD NOT
 BEEN FOR ONE OF THE MINERS FOR HE HAD
 BEEN IN THE CAVE FOR FIVE DAYS THE
 MINERS CARRIED THEM HOME AND
 PUT THEM ON THE BUNKS WALTER ALTHOUGH
 MUCH WORSE TORN UP THAN OTHO HAD A
 VERY GOOD CONSTITUTION AND SOON RECOVERED
 IT TOOK OTHO QUITE A WHILE TO RECOVER
 BUT WHEN HE GOT OVER IT HE WAS ALL RIGHT
 AND WALTER TOLD HIS STORY HE SAID
 I WENT DOWN TO MY CAVE THERE AND I NOTICED
 BIG BIRD TRACKS BUT DID NOT THINK BUT WHAT THEY
 WERE EAGLES SO I WORKED MY TUNNEL BACK IN
 TILL I CAME TO THAT INNER CAVE IT TOOK
 ME TO DAYS TO DO THIS THEN I GOT IN THERE
 TO MY GREAT HORROR THERE WERE THREE
 GREAT BIRDS THEY ALL PITCHED ON TO
 ME AND AFTER A GREAT STRUGGLE I FOUND MY
 SELF STRETCHED OUT ON THE FLOOR OF A CAVE
 ALL STREWN WITH FEATHERS AND BONES
 AND SKULLS OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS I
 LAYED IN THERE EVERY NOW AND THEN TRYING
 TO ESCAPE BUT COULD NOT AT LAST 3 DAYS PAST

AND I HEARD A RUSTLING OUT SIDE THEN THE
 OLD BIRD DASHED OUT I HEARD A SCUFFLE AND
 THEN TWO REVOLVER SHOTS AND SOME ONE
 YELLED THEN SOME MORE SCUFFLING
 AND OTHO WAS DRAGGED IN HERE I THEN
 COULD HARDLY MOVE TO HELP HIM I WAS SO
 STIFF SO THAT WE COULD NOT LET ANNY THEN
 AND WE HAD GIVEN EVERY THING UP AS LOST
 ON THE FIFTH DAY WHEN WE HEARD SOME
 ONE TRAMPING AROUND OUT SIDE THE SOME
 ONE HOLLARED I TRIED TO ANSWER BUT COULD NOT
 MAKE MUCH NOISE THEN I HEARD A RIFLE REPORT
 OTHO WAS ASLEEP AND SO I WAKED HIM AND TOLD
 HIM THEN I HEARD MUFFLED BLOWS AN SOME BODY
 YELLED AWFULLY AND ST DIP THE BIRD THEN
 THERE WAS A LOT OF SCUFFLING FOR TEN OR
 FIFTEEN MINUTES THEN I HEARD ELMER COME UP
 AND SOON WE WERE RESCUED AND THEN

OTHO TOLD HIS
 STORY HE HAD
 COME UP THERE
 TO THE CAVE AND
 NOT BEING ANY
 BODY IN SIGHT
 HE LOOKED AROUND
 ALL AT ONCE A
 GREAT MONSTER
 CAME OUT AND
 ATTACKED HIM
 HE FIRED BOTH
 HIS REVOLVERS
 AT IT BUT DID
 NOT WOUND IT
 VERY BAD THEY
 HAD A FIERCE
 STRUGGLE BUT
 HE WAS SOON PULLED
 INTO THE CAVE
 AND WALTER WAS TOLD THE



WALTER ATTACKED
 BY THE BIG BIRDS

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THE SHOTS AT THE
BIRD

REST THREE BIRDS WERE PROBABLY SOME
THAT HAD SURVIVED THEIR OLD ANCESTERS
AND HAD LIVED ON THEIR PECULIAR ISLAND
CATCHING BIRDS AND ANIMALS ~~THEIR NATIVE~~
THE WAY THEY KILLED THEIR GAME WAS
TO KEEP IT PENNED UNTILL THEY STARVED AND
THEN EAT THEM WHEN THEY WERE DEAD THE
OLD BIRD WEIGHED 100 POUNDS AND THE
OTHERS ABOUT 75 POUNDS THERE HAS NOT
BEEN ANY MORE BIRDS SEEN SO FAR
BUT I GUESS ARTHUR AND OTHO AND
WALTER WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE
BIRDS

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