

Challenger shook his head. 'I don't know.'  
We gazed with frightened eyes at the dark shadows that surrounded us — who or what was watching us?



## CHAPTER 6

WHEN I WOKE UP THE FOLLOWING MORNING, I HAD A strong feeling that something evil was watching us. My companions and I spent the whole day at the camp, too afraid to leave. We fell asleep before nightfall, but were awakened in the early hours of the morning by high-pitched screams. I jumped to my feet and listened as the cries echoed all around us. Moments later, there was silence.

'What was that?' I whispered.

'I think it was a dinosaur attacking another dinosaur,' said Challenger. 'They hunt at night.'

In the morning, we made a horrible discovery: the family of iguanodons had been killed and the glade was covered in blood. Professor Challenger examined the scene. 'A large, carnivorous dinosaur must have done this,' he said.

Lord John glanced around nervously. 'Let's not make too much noise,' he said. 'The dinosaur might come back.'

We decided to make a map of the surrounding area, and began by exploring the nearby forests. I have spoken a great deal about the



horrors of the lost world, but there was also tremendous beauty. The forests were filled with white and yellow flowers that smelled as sweet as honey. Large, colourful fruit hung from the trees and beautiful birds we'd never seen before flew above or heads. We saw many animals including porcupines, wild cats and deer.

After two days of exploration, we realised that the best way to make a map of the forest was from above.

'Perhaps I could climb to the top of that large tree?' I said, pointing to a nearby gingko tree. 'I'm sure it will give me a good view of the surroundings.'

'That's an excellent idea!' said Challenger.

My companions helped me climb up the tree; within minutes I was halfway to the top. As I reached out to grab a branch, I saw a face hidden between the leaves. I was so shocked, I almost fell out of the tree. The face was about two feet away from me; it looked human but was, in fact, a monkey's face. The creature's face was long and white, its nose was flat and there were thick whiskers on its chin. It opened its mouth to growl at me and I saw its sharp, pointy teeth. There was hatred in its evil eyes. Then, the creature dived down into the tree and disappeared.

I took a moment to catch my breath before continuing my climb. When I reached the top, I could see the entire plateau beneath me. There was a lake in the distance; the iguanodon glade was near it and I could also see the pterodactyl pit. Beyond the lake was a series of cliffs which seemed to contain numerous caves. I climbed back down the tree and told my companions what I'd seen; I also described the apeman to them in great detail.

'It looked evil,' I said. 'I've never seen anything like it.'

'Come now,' said Professor Challenger, 'the creature was simply an ape.'

We returned to the camp and drew a map of the lost world. After dinner, my companions went to sleep, but I decided to explore the area surrounding the lake on my own. I made my way through the dark forest and arrived at the iguanodon glade. I crossed the glade and entered the woods on the other side of it. Finally, I arrived at the lake. I took a sip of water, then climbed up on to a rock and gazed at my surroundings. I could see the cliffs that I had observed when





I climbed the tree; but something was different now: the caves were glowing with firelight... Humans! We were not alone on this plateau.

I could hardly wait to share my news with the others. I looked at my watch and saw that it was half-past four, and I quickly made my way back to the camp. Just then, I heard a strange noise behind me; it sounded like a low, deep growl. As I hurried along, I heard the creature growl a second time. My heart stood still when I realised that the beast, whatever it was, was chasing me!

Something moved in the bushes – then, to my horror, a large creature hopped out into the open. It was enormous; twice the size of an elephant! In the moonlight, I could see its huge teeth, and the sharp claws on its short forearms. There was no doubt it was a flesh-eating dinosaur. I threw my gun away, and ran and ran and ran. My limbs ached, my chest burned, and my throat felt like it was going to burst. Finally, the sound of the creature's heavy steps faded away. I returned to the camp just before sunrise, but my heart sank when I opened the thorny gate. All our belongings had been scattered over the ground, my companions were gone, and the grass was stained with blood.





## CHAPTER 6

### Reading Comprehension

#### 1 Read the sentences and decide if they are True or False. Write T or F in the boxes.

- The men were too tired to leave the camp the day after they saw the iguanodons. ☐
- The next morning they saw that the family of iguanodons had been killed. ☐
- The men used a map to explore the forest. ☐
- Challenger climbed up a tree and saw a frightening animal that looked like a monkey. ☐
- Edward Malone decided to explore the area near the lake alone. ☐
- On his way to the lake, a big creature started chasing him. ☐
- When he ran back to the camp, he saw that all of his companions had disappeared. ☐

#### 2 Read Chapter 6 again and correct the sentences below.

- The men spent the whole day at the camp and were awakened by some apemen. \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone climbed up the tree to take a closer look at the apeman. \_\_\_\_\_
- Edward drank some water at the lake and then climbed up a cliff to get a better view. \_\_\_\_\_
- Edward saw something move in the forest on the way to the camp. \_\_\_\_\_
- The creature that was chasing Edward was a huge elephant. \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

#### 3 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

- Please be careful when you prepare the vegetables, Tom; that knife is new and very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. flat                      b. sharp                      c. thorny
- She \_\_\_\_\_ at the news very quickly in the daily newspaper at breakfast every morning.  
a. observes                      b. scatters                      c. glances

- My grandmother is too old to \_\_\_\_\_ the road on her own, and rarely leaves the house anymore.

a. cross                      b. hop                      c. hurry

- It took Moira a while to get used to her new \_\_\_\_\_ when her family moved house last spring.

a. scene                      b. silence                      c. surroundings

- She \_\_\_\_\_ my arm to stop me from falling into the hole.

a. covered                      b. grabbed                      c. burst

- Alex heard the wild dog \_\_\_\_\_ in the bushes, and he ran for his life.

a. glowing                      b. growling                      c. gazing

#### 4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

- catch
- make
- take
- into
- fade
- feel
- in
- great detail
- away
- my breath
- a sip of water
- the open
- my way
- like

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

- Edward had a feeling that something evil was watching them. Do you ever wake up with a bad feeling? Have your feelings ever come true?
- Why do you think that the men were too scared to leave the camp – would you be scared? What things are you afraid of?
- Edward refers to the beauty of the forest. What kinds of animals live in forests? When was the last time you visited one?
- How do you think Edward felt when he saw that his companions had disappeared and that there was blood everywhere? What do you think he believed had happened?
- What do you think Edward will do next? What would you do in his place?

#### 6 Imagine you are Edward. Write a diary entry about the events of the day and the disappearance of your companions. Write about your thoughts, describe how you feel and express your fears that your life is in danger. (100–120 words)