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terrific force, it looks as though they are perilously near-

The Cooking-Pots of Gulu!

The Greed for ANDY PETER PARSONS slood on the deck of his cutter, the Sea-Cat, be-calmed in the lagoon at Luta, and scowled at a whaleboat pull-ing in from the

Pacific.

In the dead calm, the lagoon was like a sheet of shining glass. The Sea-Cat did not stir at her cable, and the ketch Dawn, the only other vessel in the lagoon, lay still as a pulated ship. On the beach, lazy brown natives loiled under the shade of the palms. On the cutter's deck, Kotoo and Naiasu lay fast asieep on tapa mats, and Solulo sat hunched against the rail, chewing betel-nut. There was no breath of wind, and the heat was like an oven. All Luia seemed lifeless in the drowsy heat of the tropic afternoon—the only spot of life was the whaleboat, with four sweating and weary Kanakas at the oars.

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As the Dawn's whaleboat came through the reef, Dandy Peter stepped to the side and stood staring at it with knitted brows, and his hand went as if uncan-sciously to the hip pocket of his duck trousers.

He was in a savage mood. Par away on the sea-rim showed the wooded summit of the hill of Gulu, the island from which the whaleboat was returning. To that island, Ken King and his mate, Kit Hudson, had gone in quest of gold. And Dandy Peter had followed—only to escape by the skin of his teeth from the clutches of the Gulu cannitide. Now he was back at Luta, waiting and watching—and the Dawn's whaleboat, at last, was returning.

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But his look was perplexed as he watched it. Four Hiva-Oa boys sat at the oars, weary from the long pull Koko, the boatswain, was steering, and in the siern sat Gustave Dubosa, the little black-bearded Frenchman who had told the tale of gold on Gulu. But King of the Islands and Kit Hudson were not there. The shipmates of the Dawn, it seemed, had stayed on the cannibal island. Or—Dandy Peter's eyes gleamed at the thought—perhaps they had fallen victims to the cannibals.

The whaleboat passed within a few fathoms of the anchored cutter. Dandy Peter hailed it:

"Ahoy! You feller Koko! King of the Islands stop along Gulu?"

Koko remained silent. He had no words to waste on his master's enemy.

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"Me hear, sar, ear belong me!" answered the boatswain, speaking at last. "Me no taikee along you, sar, mouth belong me. You feller boy, you wash; wash; along ketch."

Parsons gripped the butt of the revolver. He was more than half-inclined to pull it and spray the whaleboat with lead. He was not the man to take "back-chat" from a Kanaka patiently.

"Dubosq, you dog, did you leave King of the Islands on Gulu, or have the niggers got him?" he called.

"Cup'n King and Meester Hudson remain on Gulu," Dubosq answered. "I leave zem zere, monsieur. Zey send me back in its boat to Luta. I am finish viz Gulu, monsieur."

The whaleboat pulled on to the Dawn, and Dandy Peter watched as the crew went on board and Gustave went below with the boatswain.

He would have given much to know how matters stood on Gulu.

The whaleboat had come back with the Frenchman and the Kanakas, leaving the shipmates on the island. Had they remained to wash out gold from the placer pointed out by the man who knew the secret? Had Dubosq sold them the secret and finished, as he had said, with Dandy Peter was tempted to step into.

Dandy Peter was tempted to step into the dinghy, pull across to the Dawn, and emand information at the muzzle of the

He stared savagely across at the ketch. The boatswain and the Frenchman remained below for hardly ten minates, then he saw them emerge from the compation. The Frenchman was grimning—his whole aspect was one of satisfaction.



Sweating and panting, the shipmates burst out of the bush on to the beach and saw the Dawn's whaleboat coming towards the island . . . but the cannibals were close behind!

back to the ketch.

But the boat was not taken in. Watching, Dandy Peter saw stores passed down the side and packed in the boat. He realised what that meant. The whale-boat was going back and taking stores to Gulu. That meant that the shipmates were remaining some time on the "black" island—and that could only mean that they were working the gold-mine.

Parsons watched the whaleboat pull away from the Dawn again and slide out to sea, taking the direction of the distant summit of Gulu.

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Dandy Peter had no doubt now—there was gold on Gulu, and King of the Islands and Kit Hudson had found it. And that beachcombing Prench swab could tell him where to lay his finger on it, if he chose—and, once the wind came, he could slip out of Luta, pick up a crew of his lawless associates, and fight it out on Gulu, with force on his ide!

For several days, Dandy Peter had been cursing the calm that chained his cutter to the lagoon. Now he cursed it more savagely than ever. And even as he uttered a string of oaths, there came a whisper of a cool breeze on his face—the first whisper of the coming wind!

"You feller boy, you look alive!" Dandy Peter snarled to his crew.

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Solulo spat out a final stream of betel juice, and lounged to his feet. Kotoo and Nalasu rose yawning from their mats. Dandy Peter's eyes were gleaming. Very soon now the Sea-Cat would no longer be a prisoner in the lagoon. With or without the Frenchman as a guide, he was going to strike a blow for the gold of Gulu. He scowled at the beach, half-minded to seek Gustave Dubosq ashore and seize him by main force. Then he gave a sudden start—and stood staring!

From the beach a long cance shot out into the lagoon. Six brown boys were kneeling at the paddles. Under a canvas awning, stretched to four palm poles to shelter him from the sun, lay Dubosq.

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The Frenchman was leaving in a hired cance. For Gulu—to rejoin the gold-seekers there? Gulu lay northward—the cance, when it had threaded the reel passage, swung to the south! He had said that he was finished on Gulu. This looked like it! But he was not finished, if Dandy Peter could stop him.

The wind was coming!

It ruffled the lagoon—it shook the tail palms—it whispered in the rigging of the Sea-Cat.

Far away, seen across the low reef, the cance diminished to a speck—it had the sait up now, catching the rising wind. But the wind that was rising on the Pacific was rising on the sacoon—and the Sea-Cat, at long last, was in motion. The cutter glided down to the reef passage, and slid into the open sea. The cance had vanished, but with his binoculars, Dandy Peter picked it up again—and the cutter, with gathering speed, ran before the wind in pursuit. Sailing three fathoms to the cance's one, the Sea-Cat overhauled the man who knew the secret of the gold.

Blacks

"Y sainted Sam!" breathed King of the Islands. He leaned on his shored spike. shovel, ankle-deep in the sand-bed of the stream high up on the hill of Guin, and stared at his

Blacks on the hill of Guin; and stared at his shipmate.

Kit Hudson brandished his clenched fista. The discovery he had made enraged the mate of the Dawn beyond words.

"Fooled—swindled—taken in like the greenest grifin that ever came out to the Islands!" Hudson choked; and that—that thief gone—out of reach—back at Luta before this—gone from Luta—you bet he won't hang on till we hit Luta again, and deal with him!"

All through that burning day the shipmates had laboured in the tropic heat, digging and delving, washing out the sand for the precious golden grains. Not till the sun was dipping to the Pacific had Hudson realised the truth—that they had been deceived by a clever swindler, and that there was no gold on Guin!

King of the Islands could hardly believe it yet.

"You're sure, Kit?" he said, at last.

"We've been hoazed—robbed—and we've let that thief escape, We've sent

away the whaleboat and can't get after him!" Hudson panted with rage. "Hoaxed—awindled—tricked—" "By we'll find him at Luta—" "Dyou think he'll wait for us to get back and wring his rascally neek?" roared Hudson. "He'll pull out of Luta an hour after the whaleboat lands him there—as fast as he can get a craft to take him—" "But—look here," said Ken, "this beats me! I never believed there was gold on Gulu, till we had it proved. T'm no judge of such things, but you were natisfied—"" "T'm a fool—an idiot—a dolt—a dud!" snorted Hudson. "Why didn't you tell me so, instead of listening to my fooler?" Ken smiled.

"But the signs of gold old man," he said. "Are you sure—"" "Sait!" said Hudson. "A salted mine! I've known salted mines at home, but who'd dream of a salted mine on a Pacific island? I's an easy trick to a cunning swindler like Dubosq—he loaded a shot-gun with gold-dus, and planted all this sign for us to see, like the fools we sare! There's no gold except what he scattered from a shotgun."

"But look here," argued Ken, "he gave us a lot of evidence at Luta. He had a hag of dust and nuggeis—"

"His stock-in-trade!" said Hudson bisterly. "Spreading the snare to catch greenhorns! Ten to one he'll start the same game all over again on some island a hundred miles from Luta. Nine skippers in ten would laugh at the story, but if he waits long enough he'll catch muga. as he caught us—me, I mean! He never fooled you—you only gave in because I was an obstinate fathead—"

"Then—we're done!" said Ken.

"Dished and done! We've sent him back to Luta; no wonder he was in a hurry to go—it wasn't all fear of the blacks, as he made out! He had to get lear before we spotted the game. And we've sent Koko with orders to hand him five hundred pounds from the strong-box on the Dawn—the price of a gold-mine worth half a fathom of shell-money! All that we've made in the last two trips gone in that thief's pocketa!" Kit Hudson almost foamed. "Too late to stop him—

lost, I deserve it for being such a fool, but you—

No good crousing, old man: If we're done, we're done. But we'll try getting after that Procest—we may get him yet! Ken's eyes gleamed. He's done us, but I'd like to stop him playing the same game again on others. If I get my hands on him—

Look out! 'yelled Hudson suddenly, and leaped for his rifle.

In the garge, through which the stream dropped from the high valley, a score of furny heads appeared, and there was a gleaming of spears.

The 'salted' mine, the swindle to which they had fallen victims, the escape of the cumuing Prenchman with his planted; wanished at once from the minds of Hen King and his mate. They grasped their rifles and faced the emmy—a swarm of the black carmibals of Guiu. All through that blazing day they had worked, and watched for an attack. Now it had come!

Up from the rocky gorge, pelling and waving their spears, came the furny-headed sighting-spen, and arrows dropped and elattered on the sand round the shipmates.

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Bang, bang, bang! The rifles roared, outshing bullets into the savage mob as here came on at a fleror rush.

Ken and Kit backed behind a rugged boulder for shelter from whizzing arrows rod spears. Over the rock they fired last, pumping bullets at the yelling dwares.

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It was well for the shipmastes that their shooting was good. There were more than twenty of the blacks, and the shipmastes had never been so near the cooting-sois of the cannibals.

For a fearful minute it looked as if the shipmastes fire, deadly as it was, would not slop the right, that the cannibals would reach close quarters, with hucking knives and thrusting spears. Had they done so, neather of the shipmastes would ever have trodden again the deck of the Daton.

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But the hall of bullets did step the rush, and the navapes, reliting and howling, scattered, leaving six or seven dead or mounded sprawling by the stream.

But they did not like down the gorge. They scattered among the rocks of the little valley and arrows whitned in their ralley and arrows whitned in their cover.

"Get out of this Ken!" Kit Hudson panied, as he releaded his rifle.

Ken modded.

Had there been gold on Gulu, as they had believed and hoped the shipmates would have shood their ground till Koko returned with the crew of the Dawn. But it was futile to prolong a desperate light how.

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Rafle in hand, the shipmates made a sudden rush down the sandy bank of the stream to the prouge, where it tumbled down to the bath on the hilbide below. The blacks rushed again the moment they saw the white men in retreat.

The shipmates fared round and fired into the thick of them—and again the blacks broke howing before the fire. Then, splauhing in the falling water, they cambered down the garge and reached the path in the bush below. Howis and yells told that the cannibals were in pursuit; but, once in the bush path the shipmater ran, and they emerged, sweating, and panting, from the high, thick bush is the beach.

In the red of the sunset a sail danced out the sea to the south—the sail of a shaleboat! The wind had come—and with the wind came the Dawn's whaleboat, tacking down to Gula.

From the bush came savage pells, and here and there a ferce face glared outbut the blacks did not venture to follow the spen. King of the Islands and his mate leaned on their rifles, watching the whaleboot as it run in.

Too Late Como brown face expressed relief and salisation as he leaped ashore from the whaleboat. He had been relactant to leave his salisation construction.

Late learn to leave his white masters, and he was delighted to find them safe.

This feller plently too much giad, seri' said the boatswain. "Altogether too much giad, see head belong white master stop along abouter belong white master belong me." Ken modded and smiled. The coming of the wind, so long waited for, had cought the whateboat back earlier than be could have hoped. The whaleboat had and to tack to get book, for the wind and had to tack to get book, for the wind to guide work then pulling weary sea.

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Hudson grasped his rifle, but he sopped the built again with a shrug of the shoulders. The shipmates were done the shoulders. with Gulu, and done with its savage in-

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That hound!" muttered Hudson.

We might have gone to the cookingpots. Little enough he cared! Oh, if
we're in time to get him!

"We've got the wind!" said Ken.

"And he's got it, too!" Hudson
grunted. He turned to Koko as the sail
picked up the wind and they ran out to
sea: "You feller Koko, feller Flessman
stop along Luta, you sawy?"

Yessar," answered Koko. "Peller
Flessman go along beach, along Luta,
takee feller gold-money along bag belong
him all samee white master tell this
feller, sar."

Hudson breathed hard and deep,
Koko bad carried out his instructions.
Five hundred pounds had been handed
over to Gustave Dubosq—the price of the
gold-mine which had looked worth thousands, and was worth nothing! If the over to Gustave Dubosq—the price of the gold-mine which had looked worth thousands, and was south nothing! If the Frenchman was still on Luta with the money in his pockets he would not keep it long; he would exchange it for the soundest thrashing that a rascally swindler had ever received. But it was not likely.

You no see feller Pleasman go along sea, eye belong you? saked Hudson.

No, sar, answered Koko, in surprise.

"He go along beach, sar."

"He would wast till the whaleboat was clear of Luta, and then pull out," said ken. "He would was till the whaleboat was clear of Luta, and then pull out," said ken. "He wouldn't rick Koko spotting the course he sieered. He doesn't need telling that we shall get after him, if we can."

The whaleboat was making great way. Past as it flew, it was slow to Hudson's fleror impatience.

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There was only one vessel in the lagoon—the Dawn, with Danny the cooky boys, brown face granning over the rail. The Sea-Cut was gone from her anchorage, and evidently had been gone some time, as the had not been in sight on the open sea.

"Av, ay, he's gone! said King of the Islands. He laughed." If Dandy Peter were still here, we'd give him the news—he would be welcome to hant for the Gulu gold at long as he liked.

"The swab!" growled Hudson. "It was because he was after Dubosq and his lying secret that I was so sure—"

"And I rectom he was sure because we were after it, said Ken. We've helped to make foole of one another. But he seems to have chucked it and gone as soon as he got the wind."

"As we should have done, if I'd had the sense of a burny rabbit!" muttered Hudson.

Passing the Dawn's anchorage, and leaving Danny staring, the whaleboat ran on to the beach. King of the Islands and his mate jumped ashore. There were brown natives on the beach under the nodding palms, but no sign of the swindler who had soid them the salted gold-mine. They has up the beach under the nodding palms, but no sign of the swindler who had soid them the salted gold-mine. They have them.

"Yeve made Gulu, Capn King!" he chuckled. 'Man, I'd give ye a stick of tobacco for all the gold ye've found there.

"Where's Dubooq!" rapped Hudson.

"As may remain gon the reef.

"Gone!" said Hudson, between his teeth.

"Ay," answered the oid trader. 'Months the lived in Luta, wanting for a may for her found one—or two!" He chuckled. 'Man, I've seen him board cart affer craft to fell his tale, but he never had any huck—thi now!"

"He's some!" repeated Hudson,
"Ay, he's gone!' answered Macfarlane. "He home! answer discount and his cance crew.

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No more was said—the shipmates were resolved. The whaleboat swung up to the davits, the hook came up from the coral, and the Dawn slipped out to sea. The sun dipped to the Pacific, and in the tropic dusk the ketch ran south before a booming wind. Far and wide rolled the vast Pacific, and seeking the fleeing cance was like sceking a needle in a haystack—a small needle in a big haystack! But there was, at least, a ghost of a chance—and to that the shipmates plinned their hope.

Dandy
Peter's
Prisoner
Of what had passed on Gulu, Parsons knew nothing; and he wondered, without he was not getting away from Dandy he wondered, without he was not getting away from Dandy Peter. The cance, under its mat sail, was swift—but the tall cutter was thrice as wift. Dusons had had a long start; but once Dandy Peter had picked him up on the sea with the binoculars, he had no chance. Swiftly, the Sea-Cat swooped after the escaping Frenchman—for whom there was no escape.

The cancers crew stared back in wonder, seeing that the cutter was in chase, but not understanding why. Dandy Peter, watching, could see the Prenchman gesticulating to them; streaming at them, though the wind carried away his words. He saw the six natises dig their padoles seain, labouring to help the sail with swift paddling. Kneeling to the labour, they paddled incessant tear.

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Receing to the labour, they paddled increasantly, while the Frenchman stared back with black gleaming eyes of rage and fear.

But the flight was futile. Gustave, perhaps, hoped to spin if out for the fall of night to save him. But the sonact was still red on the sea when the cutter ran him down, and the cance, with its long outrigree, rocked in the wash of the Sea-Cat.

Dandy Peter leaned over the rail, and the revelver in his hand glimmered in the sun.

"You feller, Luta boy, you stand by!" he roared. "You hear me, car belong you? You wantee this white feller shootee along gun belong him?"

Popololuto and his dusky crew stared in alarm—but the Frenchman gesticulated and yelled, and they paddled on. The revelver cracked, the reckiess ruftian on the cutter pitching a builet right into the cance, regardless of the damage it might have done.

There was a wild howl from Popololuto as the builet gashed along his bare brown leg. He howled, and made frantle signs of submission. The paddles were drawn in at once, and the mat sail dropped. Dubosay spittang like a cast with rage and fear as the Luta boys draw in under the cutter's quantor. Soluto three a rope, and the cance crew held on every the desperado of Lukwe in terror.

Get aboard, Dubosay! rapped Dandy Peter. He aimed the revolver at the sallow black-bearded face.

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"Get be san huyer." It made you a fair offer—I'd have taken up the proposition—you choose to fain

for a run among the islands. He nad money to spend, I reckon, and he was pressed for time. They went out under paddles before the calm broke But the wind came soon after, and it's a sailing cance. If you want Dubosq you've all the Pacific to choose from."

"He lost no time!" said Ken bitterly. "But what?" went on the old trader curiously.

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But the Shipmates stayed no longer. They cut down the beach to the boat, leaving Macfarlane staring, and grimning. "There's a chance, Kit." said King of the Islands, as the whaleboat shot across the lagoon to the Dawn.

"You think so? He's been gone for hours, and we can't even guess the course he steered!

"If he'd had to keep under paddles we should be guessing. But the wind came soon after he pulled out, from what old Mac says, and a man in haste would run before the wind. His object is to get as far away from Luta as he can in the shortest possible time! Ten to one he's running south."

"Ten to one!" said Hudson. "It's a chance—all we've got, anyhow! A chance in a thousand of picking him up at sea. Ken."

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it to King of the Islands. I reeken you in have no chotoce now, Gustave Duboso."

"Mon Dieu! But you are one fool."

"Not foc! enough to be King of the Islands beat me!" grinned Dandy Peter.

"Let them wash out the gold on Gulu—then let them put up a fight if they like, and I'll leave what's left of them to the niggers! Get aboard!"

"Gustave's one desire was to put long sea-miles between him and the swindled shipmates before they began hunting for him. But he was caught in his own trickery. They had believed him—and Parsons believed the tale chiefly because they had believed it—and, believing it, he had run the Frenchman down to soize him! The bare possibility of being brought mito contact again with King of the Is up a fight if they like, and I'll leave what's left of them to the niggers! Get aboard!"

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"Fool!" he snarled, "Listen to me! Zere is no gold on Gulu—comprenez? It is a tale—une histoire—histoire faite a plaisir—ze tale zat I tell—"

"Get aboard!"

Mais, ie vous dis—I tell you," yelled Dubosq, "zere is no gold on Gulu, and already King of ze Islands he find zat zere is no gold."

Dandy Peter laughed. It was the truth that the rascal was telling how, to save his liberty, and pursue his flight. Had the sea-lawyer believed him, no doubt he would have allowed Dubosq to go, and laughed at the trick that had been played on his old enemy. But he did not believe a word of it. It seemed to him a clumsy lie which the Frenchman had invented on the spur of the moment in the hope of escaping his clutches.

"Get aboard, you scum!"

"Mais, but I tell you—"

Crack! rang the revolver. Gustave gave a wild howl and clapped his hand to an ear, from which a strip of skin had been whipped by the bullet.

"Do you want the next through your carcase, Dubosq?" snarled Dandy Peter, glaring down at the Frenchman. "By gosh, I'll riddle you if you don't get aboard!"

That was enough for Gustave Spluttering with rage and terror, he clambered on the cutter and stumbled on her deck.

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He snapped an order to his crew, and the Sea-Cat was put before the wind again. The canoe dropped astern. Popoloulut and his crew had lost their passenger and the promised payment for the trip, a matter to which the Lukwe skipper gave not a single thought. They stared siter the cutter, then swung round the canoe, to paddle back to Luta.

Gustave Dubaso's salles.

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Gustave Dubosq's sallow face was haggard as the Luta canne dropped from his sight. He was a prisoner in the hands of the most lawless desperado in the South Seas, with five hundred pounds in the bag buckled on his beit! He had tricked king of the Islands and his mate, robbed them of almost all they had—and now his trickery had, as it were, come home to roost! His eyes burned at the grinning face of the sealwayer.

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"No gold on Onlu!" said Dandy Peter banteringly. He laughed. "I reckon you'd better guess again, Dubosq! I've got a sting-ray tall on board—look out for it, if you fall me when I make Onlu!"

The Prenchman made no answer; and Dandy Peter laughed again as the Sca-Cat ran on under the falling dusk on the Pacific.

Next Week : HEAVE TO, DANDY PETER!

