



THE LOST WORLD

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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The Professors

Professor George Edward Challenger



... is a great zoologist who has found prehistoric animals on an expedition to the Amazon. But other scientists have laughed at him and called him a liar. This makes him very angry, and he is going back to the Amazon to prove the truth to the world.

Professor Summerlee



... is a famous old professor who does not like Professor Challenger. He wants to make Challenger look like a madman to the world. He thinks he can prove that Challenger is lying about his work in the Amazon country.

The Other Explorers

Ned Malone

... is a young newspaper reporter who works at *The Daily Gazette*. He wants to marry the love of his life, Gladys, but she wants to marry a hero. Ned goes on the dangerous Amazon expedition to prove that he is one.



Lord John Roxton

... is an English gentleman. He is a great explorer who has been on many trips to the Amazon. He is strong and fearless and he speaks the language of the natives. He is a very good person to have around in a dangerous situation.

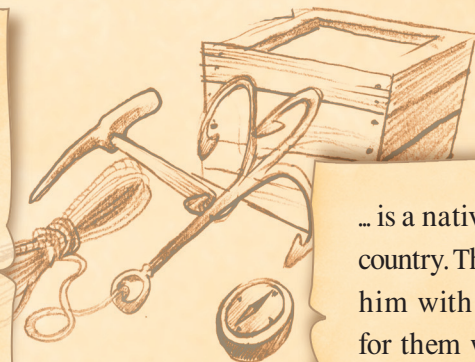


The Helpers

Zambo



... is a huge African who carries supplies and equipment for the explorers when they get to the Amazon. He is strong and loyal and always ready to help.



Gomez

... is a native of the Amazon country. The explorers take him with them to cook for them when they get to the Amazon. He dislikes Lord John who shot his brother three years earlier in Peru.



The Indians

Maretas

... is a young Indian chief who begs the explorers to take him and his friends back to their village. Maretas calls them his friends and helps them in a very important way.



The Old Indian Chief

... is the leader of the Indian village and Maretas' father. He greets the explorers happily and wants them to stay and protect the village from its enemies.





1 | The Big Hairy Bull

It was a cold grey day in London in the early 1900s. I walked quickly down the crowded street to the office of *The Daily Gazette*. I was a 23-year-old reporter for the popular London newspaper. That day, I was looking for danger and adventure. I needed danger and adventure. If I could write about danger and adventure, I could marry Gladys. Gladys was the love of my life. She wanted to marry a hero and I was going to be one for her.

I finally got my wish when my editor let me interview the most dangerous man in London: Professor George Edward Challenger! No one else at the Gazette wanted to do it. No one wanted to go near the mad professor. But I was ready to do anything for Gladys. So, as I left the office for the professor's home, I was the happiest reporter in London. Even my editor's words couldn't stop me.

"The man is a bully, Ned. Whatever you do, don't talk about the Amazon River expedition. It's a dangerous subject. It seems that two years ago some fellow scientists called him a liar. He brought back a photograph of something he said was a prehistoric animal. Only last week he threw two or three reporters into the street just because they said the word, **Amazon**. Now he hates reporters. So run as fast as you can if he gets angry!"



The professor's butler led me into the study. There were shelves of books from the floor to the ceiling. There were lots of maps, and models of strange animals on a long table. And suddenly there he was – the great man himself!

“Ned Malone of *The Daily Gazette*, Sir.”

I didn't expect something so huge. He looked like a big hairy bull, not a great zoologist! He had a big round face and dark grey eyes with huge thick eyebrows. A long black pointed beard went all the way to the middle of his great big chest. His shoulders were huge. Long black hair covered his big fat hands. He frowned. He was just plain scary.

“Well, what do you want?”

He roared like a wild animal and I tried to be brave.

“Well, Sir, some other scientists are talking about new ideas on the history of life on Earth – ideas that don't agree with yours. Do you still believe what you said two years ago? Or are you changing your thoughts? Our readers want to know.”

“What new ideas?”

“Well, of course, Sir, you must be right, but ...”

Where is Everybody?

CHAPTER 7 ACTIVITIES

Before Reading

1 Read the chapter title and look at the pictures on pages 32-35. Then answer the questions

- 1 What is the chapter about?
- 2 Where are Lord John and the professors?
- 3 Why are Lord John's clothes in rags?
- 4 What is happening at Fort Challenger?
- 5 Who are the other characters? What is happening to them?

While Reading

2 Read or listen to Chapter 7 and answer the questions.

- 1 Why did Ned leave the fort by himself?
- 2 What did Ned find next to the campfire when he got back to the fort?
- 3 What did Lord John tell Ned to do?
- 4 Where was Ape-town?
- 5 Where were the professors?

After Reading

3 Read the sentences and use two of them to write a paragraph about the story in your own words.

1	"I thought it was the most beautiful place on Earth."
2	"When I came to the fort my friends were gone."
3	"I searched the wood for hours until daylight, but I found nothing."
4	"I whispered my story in a few sentences."
5	"Suddenly it rained apes, like apples from a tree."

4 Circle the correct words.

- 1 We couldn't see very much in the **moonlight** / **light** of day.
- 2 He knocked over the robber with a **rag** / **club**.
- 3 We got away from the bear and ran to **safety** / **supper**.
- 4 We woke up when we heard the **sentence** / **gunshot**.
- 5 He burned the papers in the **ground** / **campfire**.

5 Answer the questions

- 1 Do you think Ned was wrong to leave the fort by himself? Why / Why not? Discuss.
- 2 Do you think Lord John should be angry with Ned because he left the fort? Why / Why not? Discuss.
- 3 Ned wrote down his thoughts when his friends went missing. Do you ever write down your thoughts? If so, when and why?

6 Read the ideas and guess which one(s) happen(s) in the next chapter. Why do you think the others do NOT happen?

1

An ape-man pushes Professor Challenger over the cliff at Ape-town.

2

Lord John and the others take the Indians back to their village.

3

The explorers fight and kill all the ape-men.

4

The explorers find a way down from the plateau and go home.



When a young reporter looks for a story full of danger and adventure, he ends up in a land unknown for millions of years. He and his companions must fight for their lives with terrifying prehistoric creatures to find their way home. Will they make it? Join their amazing expedition in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's exciting tale.

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