

# B.-P.'s Life in Pictures



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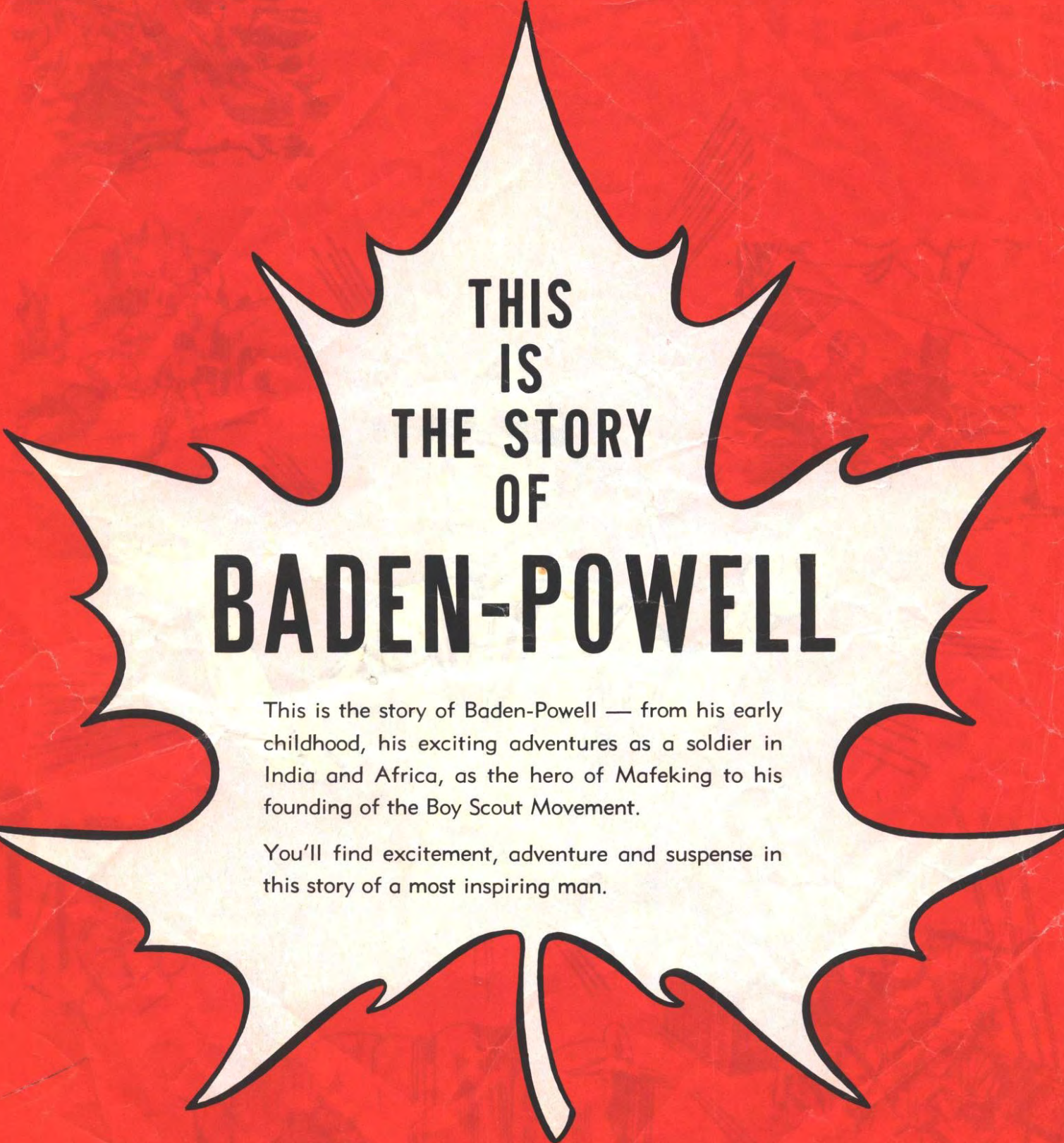


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**THIS  
IS  
THE STORY  
OF  
BADEN-POWELL**

This is the story of Baden-Powell — from his early childhood, his exciting adventures as a soldier in India and Africa, as the hero of Mafeking to his founding of the Boy Scout Movement.

You'll find excitement, adventure and suspense in this story of a most inspiring man.



# THE BADEN POWELL STORY



The True Life Story of the Founder of the Boy Scout Movement.

LONDON, in the year 1857.

The Crimean War has just ended, and the Indian Mutiny is imminent. At No. 6, Stanhope Gardens, the home of the Rev. H.G. Baden Powell, a new baby is born...

STORY BY ALAN JASON  
DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*



YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER FINE SON, MRS BADEN POWELL. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CALL HIM?

ROBERT STEPHENSON SMYTH.

MY! THOSE ARE FINE NAMES. I HOPE HE LIVES UP TO 'EM!

Some years later.

THAT'S THE ROCKET, INVENTED BY GEORGE STEPHENSON. HIS SON, ROBERT, WAS YOUR GODFATHER AND THIS MAP IS VIRGINIA, DISCOVERED BY ONE OF YOUR FOREFATHERS.

Now, at eight, Baden Powell loves to draw, with either hand, and begins to write...

*Law for when I grow old you must pray to God whenever you can but you cannot be good with only praying but you must try very hard to be good all the time*

And, at thirteen, wins a scholarship to Charterhouse.



WONDER WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO NOW. BETTER GO AND ASK THESE CHAPS.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME? GINGER?

NO, ACTUALLY IT'S BADEN POWELL, BUT YOU'D BETTER CALL ME "BATHING TOWEL!"



THAT'S GOOD! BATHING TOWEL! YOU'LL SOON SETTLE DOWN HERE.

The next day.



WHATEVER'S HAPPENING?

THERE'S A LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY FEUD BETWEEN US AND THE BUTCHER BOYS OF SMITHFIELD MARKET. IT MUST HAVE BROKEN OUT AGAIN.



LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING—COME ON, FORM A PYRAMID.



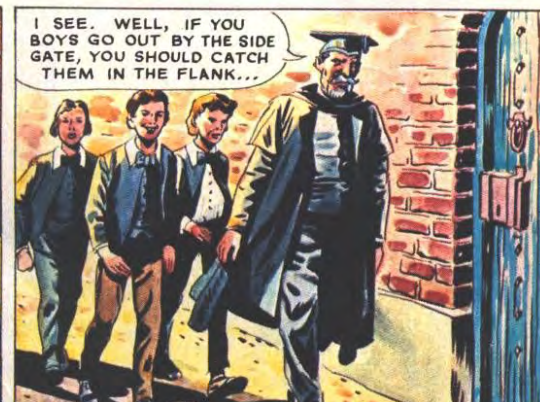
UP THE SCHOOL! GO ON, CHARTERHOUSE, WALLOP 'EM!

CAVE! HERE COMES OLD BILL—THE HEAD!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THIS IS NO PLACE FOR GYM-NASTICS!

DR HAIG BROWN, SIR, IT'S A TUSSELE WITH THE MARKET BOYS, AND I'M AFRAID THEY'RE WINNING!



I SEE. WELL, IF YOU BOYS GO OUT BY THE SIDE GATE, YOU SHOULD CATCH THEM IN THE FLANK...



HOW FORTUNATE—I HAPPENED TO BRING THE KEY!

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LONDON, in the year 1870.

After winning a scholarship to Charterhouse, young Robert Baden Powell soon begins to make a name for himself. With the help of the Headmaster, he leads a school relief party in the friendly feud against the Smithfield Butcher boys.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY [Signature]



THAT NEW BOY HAS PLENTY OF GO IN HIM. I'LL REMEMBER HIM.

OUTFLANK 'EM. COME ON, WE'VE GOT 'EM COLD!



YOU WIN THIS TIME, CHARTERHOUSE — THANKS TO THAT GINGER LOAF GENERAL!

GOOD OLD B.P!

BATHING TOWEL TO YOU — IF YOU PLEASE.



Back in class.

IT WILL SOON BE THE SCHOOL CONCERT. WHAT ABOUT YOU GIVING US A TURN, BADEN POWELL?



I'LL GIVE A FIDDLE SOLO, PLAY THE MOUTH-ORGAN, OCARINA — AND THE PIANO WITH MY TOES! WILL THAT BE ENOUGH, SIR?



The night of the concert.

IT'S GOING JOLLY WELL, ISN'T IT?

YES, BUT BROWN'S NEXT, AND I CAN'T FIND HIM. I THINK HE'S FUNKED IT!



PLEASE, SIR, THIS ACT'S NEARLY OVER — AND WE'VE NO ONE ELSE TO FOLLOW ON!

DEAR ME, THAT WON'T DO. SEND FOR BADEN POWELL! HE'S BEEN ON ALREADY, BUT HE'LL FILL THE BREACH AGAIN.



And so he does.

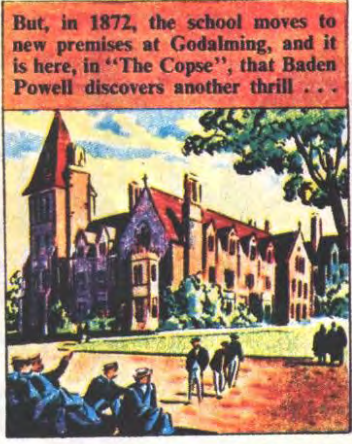
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WITH THE AID OF A SIMPLE DISGUISE I SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU MY IMPRESSION OF A TYPICAL FRENCH LESSON...

IT'S OLD BATHING TOWEL AGAIN.



JUST LIKE OLD FROGGY, THE FRENCH MASTER!

ENCORE! ENCORE! DO IT AGAIN!



But, in 1872, the school moves to new premises at Godalming, and it is here, in "The Copse", that Baden Powell discovers another thrill...



THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT — SILENTLY, LIKE HE DOES. I'LL PRACTISE, LEARN THEIR WAYS, THEN I CAN WATCH AND NOT FRIGHTEN THEM.



One afternoon...

I'M OFF TO 'THE COPSE' AGAIN. IT'S OUT OF BOUNDS, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS TO SEE. COME ALONG AND I'LL SHOW YOU.

I'LL TAKE A CHANCE. I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT YOU GET UP TO.



GO SOFTLY AND THEY'RE NOT SCARED. COME, I'LL SHOW YOU THE WATERVOLES.



Later.

WHERE DID YOU LEARN ALL THIS WOODCRAFT?

TAUGHT MYSELF!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BATHING TOWEL?

SSH! SOMEONE COMING! SHIN UP THAT TREE — AS QUIETLY AS YOU CAN! I WONDER WHO IT IS?



# THE BADEN POWELL STORY



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**GODALMING,** in the year 1872

When Charterhouse school moves to Godalming, Baden Powell discovers a thrill in the wild life of 'The Copse'. One afternoon, he and a friend break bounds to visit 'The Copse'. Baden Powell hears somebody coming and the boys hide.

STORY BY ALAN JASON :  
DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*



LOOK, IT'S A MASTER! WE'LL BE COPPED — JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS, TOO!

NO WE SHAN'T. KEEP STILL. PEOPLE NEVER LOOK UPWARDS WHEN WALKING.



At the end of term.

HAPPY HOLS, BATHING TOWEL! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

OH, I EXPECT TO GO SAILING AGAIN WITH MY BROTHERS. IT'S GREAT FUN.



Some days later.

FINISH THOSE CHORES OFF, CHAPS. BATHING TOWEL, YOU'RE THE JUNIOR — YOU CAN BE COOK!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



HOPE THIS SOUP'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. NOW, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?



WELL, WARINGTON, DOES IT TASTE GOOD?

GOOD? IT'S JUST FLOUR AND WATER.

EAT THE BILGE YOURSELF!



UGH! IT'S HORRIBLE — I MUST LEARN TO COOK!

GO ON — EAT IT ALL UP!



When the 'meal' is over, the four brothers put out to sea.



QUITE A SWELL GETTING UP, WARINGTON.

YES, I DON'T LIKE THE SKY EITHER. WE'RE IN FOR TROUBLE!



HERE IT COMES — WE'LL PUT ABOUT, AND TRY TO MAKE DARTMOUTH.

OH, I WISH I HADN'T EATEN THAT SOUP!



WE'LL NEVER MAKE DARTMOUTH IN THIS, SKIPPER.

YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S ALMOST NIGHT NOW AND THE STORM'S WORSENING.



WE'LL HAVE TO RUN BEFORE THE STORM AND MAKE FOR WEYMOUTH — IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! SERVE UP SOME COCOA, BATHING TOWEL.

AYE, AYE, SIR — I CAN MAKE THAT PROPERLY!



DAWN'S COMING UP, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF LAND. WE MUST BE LOST.

KEEP GOING — THAT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO. NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!

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**THE ENGLISH CHANNEL,** in the year 1872.

Baden Powell, who is a popular boy at Charterhouse, discovers his love of the wild when the school moves to Godalming. In the holidays, he goes sailing with his three brothers. They run into a heavy gale and fear that they are lost. Then, at dawn...

STORY BY ALAN JASON.  
DRAWN BY *MAXIMIAN*



PORTLAND BILL AT LAST! I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D MAKE IT!

IT'S TAUGHT US ONE THING — NEVER SAY DIE TILL YOU'RE DEAD!

Schooldays passed. B.P. was very keen on sport, woodcraft, sailing, etc., year by year becoming more self-reliant. In 1876, when he was 19 and second monitor of his house, he was called to the Headmaster's study...



YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, SIR?

YES, MY BOY. SIT DOWN, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.



WHEN I LEAVE, SIR, I'VE THOUGHT OF BEING A MISSIONARY — PERHAPS AN ACTOR — BUT I DO WANT TO TRAVEL!

WELL, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT TAKE IT — READ IT AT YOUR LEISURE.



WHAT'S THIS? AN OPEN EXAMINATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE ARMY. THAT'S AN IDEA! I'D GET ALL THE TRAVEL I WANT. I MIGHT NOT PASS, BUT I'LL TRY ANYTHING ONCE!

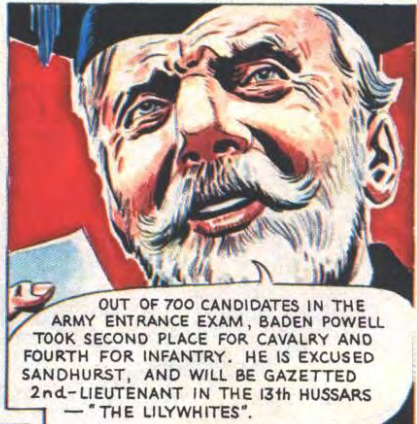


At the end of term.

FINALLY, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE, ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL, TO WISH GOD-SPEED TO BADEN POWELL OR, AS YOU CALL HIM, "BATHING TOWEL!" WE SHALL MISS HIM.

HERE HERE, SIR!

GOOD OLD B.P.!



OUT OF 700 CANDIDATES IN THE ARMY ENTRANCE EXAM, BADEN POWELL TOOK SECOND PLACE FOR CAVALRY AND FOURTH FOR INFANTRY. HE IS EXCUSSED SANDHURST, AND WILL BE GAZETTED 2nd-LIEUTENANT IN THE 13th HUSSARS — "THE LILYWHITES".

Portsmouth, October 30th, 1876. The 'Serapis' is about to sail for India.



GOOD-BYE, SIR — I'LL NEVER FORGET CHARTERHOUSE.

AND CHARTERHOUSE WON'T FORGET YOU. GOOD-BYE, MY BOY — LUCK GO WITH YOU!



WELL, LIEUTENANT, THIS IS TO BE OUR HOME TILL WE REACH BOMBAY...



... YOU'LL ENJOY THE VOYAGE, MR POWELL. IT'S ALL RIGHT UNTIL WE REACH THE RED SEA — THEN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT HEAT IS!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THE EAST.



COMING DOWN FOR A DRINK, B.P.?

NO THANKS. I'LL STAY HERE, I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING.



LOOK — TWO SHADOWS LEAVING A TRAIL OF PHOSPHORUS. THEY'RE SHARKS — GOOD JOB WE'RE UP HERE!



The long voyage is completed safely and the 'Serapis' docks at Bombay, where B.P. entrains for Lucknow.



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**LUCKNOW,**  
in the year 1876.

At the age of 19, Baden Powell leaves Charterhouse school, where he has discovered his love of the wild and achieved great popularity, and is gazetted a 2nd-Lieutenant in the 13th Hussars. B.P. sails for India to join his regiment and immediately on arrival at Lucknow, reports to the commanding officer.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *VERMAAS*.



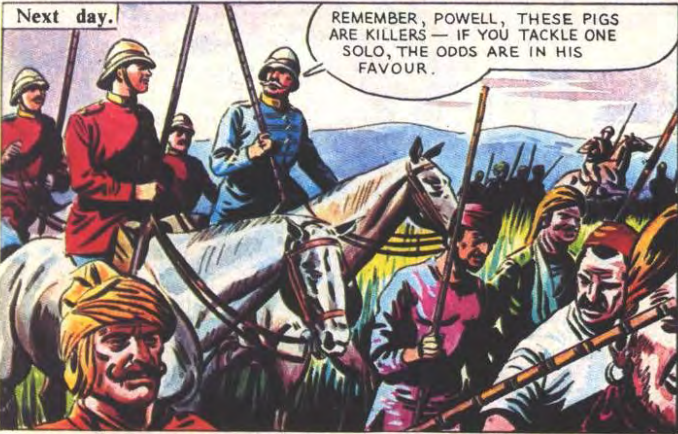
I'M THE NEW ENSIGN, SIR — BADEN POWELL.

AH, YES, I'M COLONEL BAKER RUSSELL, COMMANDING THE HUSSARS. WELCOME TO INDIA — HAVE YOU EVER GONE PIG-STICKING?



N-N-O, SIR. BUT I'D LIKE TO TRY.

YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TOMORROW. YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG.



Next day.

REMEMBER, POWELL, THESE PIGS ARE KILLERS — IF YOU TACKLE ONE SOLO, THE ODDS ARE IN HIS FAVOUR.



WUH JATA HAI — BARA DANT WALLAH! (THERE HE GOES — A BIG TUSKER!)

AFTER HIM, MEN!



HE'S HIDING IN THAT NULLAH. OUT WITH HIM, BULDOO!

I'LL MOVE HIM FOR YOU, SAHIB!



A-A-A-H! SAHIB...!

HE'S IN TROUBLE, POWELL!

I'LL COME TOO!



HERE THEY ARE, SIR — THE BOAR'S GOT HIM!



HOLD YOUR SPEAR AS FIRMLY AS YOU CAN. DON'T GIVE AN INCH — HE'LL DO THE REST...



... THAT'S THE FINISH!



NICE WORK, B.P.! YOU HAVE NERVE, TO STOP A FULL GROWN BOAR THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET HIM.

BULDOO'S ONLY WOUNDED, SIR. WE'LL GET HIM BACK TO BASE.



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**LUCKNOW,**  
in the year 1876.

When Baden Powell leaves Charterhouse, he becomes a subaltern in the 13th Hussars and travels to India to join his regiment at Lucknow. On his first hunt for wild boar, Baden Powell very bravely faces an enraged tusker and, together with his Colonel, succeeds in spearing it. Later, in the Officers' Mess . . .

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*



HERE'S TO OUR NEW SUBALTERN, FOR HIS COURAGE TODAY. HE'S A WORTHY ADDITION TO THE 13TH HUSSARS—"BAKER'S DOZEN" AS WE'RE CALLED!



I'LL SECOND THAT, COLONEL. ONE OF THESE DAYS, BADEN POWELL WILL WIN THE KADIR CUP FOR PIG-STICKING.



But after a bout of fever, B.P. returned to England. In 1880, he rejoined his regiment near Kandahar, on the North-West Frontier.



NICE TO SEE YOU BACK, POWELL. YOU'VE MISSED A BIT OF EXCITEMENT. WE'VE HAD A SLIGHT DUST-UP WITH THE AFGHANS.



WE'RE STILL IN THE FRONT LINE! THE DISTRICT'S SWARMING WITH GHAZIS WAITING TO PONCE UPON US!



REMEMBER—ALWAYS CARRY ARMS! THESE AFGANS ARE BRAVE FIGHTERS. NIGHT'S THE TIME THEY CHOOSE.

YES, SIR!



That night

WE'LL SLIP THROUGH THEIR HORSE-LINES WHEN OUR COMRADES CREATE A DIVERSION ON THE OTHER FLANK.

OUR KNIVES SHALL WHISPER DEATH TO THE BRITISH JACKALS!



I'M SURE I HEARD SOMETHING OUT THERE.

ONLY A NIGHT BIRD, BILL—KEEP YOUR 'AIR ON!



IT'S A RAID! SOUND THE ALARM! THE GHAZIS ARE UPON US!



THE COLONEL WAS RIGHT—THEY'VE CAUGHT US ON THE HOP! HOW MANY ARE THERE?



# THE BADEN POWELL STORY



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**N.W. FRONTIER**  
In the year 1880.

After leaving Charterhouse, Baden Powell becomes a 2nd-Lieutenant in the 13th Hussars and joins his regiment in India. B.P. goes home on sick leave, but later returns to find that his regiment is involved in clashes with the Afghans. That night, the enemy make a surprise attack.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*



THEY WON'T RETURN TONIGHT. MAKE A TOUR OF THE CAMP, AND REPORT CASUALTIES TO ME, MR POWELL.

VERY GOOD, SIR.



WELL, MR POWELL?

VERY FEW CASUALTIES, SIR. A SMALL PARTY GOT INTO THE HORSE-LINES UNDER COVER OF THE MAIN RAID. SEVERAL HORSES HAVE GONE.



WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE HORSES LIKE THIS. IT'S GOT TO BE STOPPED SOMEHOW.

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, SIR, I THINK I CAN FIX IT. PERHAPS TOMORROW NIGHT...



**The following day.**

NOW LEAVE THE BIG GREY AT ONE END, AND PUT THAT TOUGH BLACK BLIGHTER AT THE OTHER. THEN LEAVE 'EM ALONE.

AS YOU SAY, SIR.



**That night**

THEY WON'T BE LONG NOW, SIR.

I ONLY HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS, POWELL.



THE FOOLS MUST BE MAD! SEE, THEIR HORSE-LINES ARE QUITE UNGUARDED.

THAT BLOOD-STOCK SHALL BE OURS BEFORE DAYLIGHT.



IT WILL BE SIMPLE. ONCE WE HAVE THAT BIG GREY AND THE BLACK ONE...

ANY SECOND THE ATTACK WILL START.



NOW, LOOK—KEEP YOUR 'AIR ON, BILL! WE'RE READY FOR 'EM TONIGHT—IF THEY COME.

THEY'LL COME—THAT BLOKE B. R. SAYS SO.

And on the other side of the camp.



HERE THEY COME!

FIRE!



MY IDEA'S WORKING, SIR—LOOK AT THE HORSES!



At one end of the horse-lines.



MERCY! MERCY! UNDER THY FIENDISH HOOVES I AM A DEAD MAN!

And over at the other end.

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## N.W. FRONTIER

In the year 1880.

When Baden Powell, who is a 2nd-Lieutenant, rejoins the 13th Hussars in India, he finds that his regiment is involved in clashes with the Afghans, who are continually stealing valuable horses. B.P. plans to defeat the fierce Afghan raiders. He and his Colonel hide and watch the scheme succeed . . .

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *WILLIAMS*



THE HORSES HAVE DRIVEN THE RAIDERS OFF!

THE THIEVES START BY TAKING THE HORSES FROM EACH END OF THE LINE. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TO PUT ONE OF OUR MOST SPIRITED HORSES AT EACH END. THEY LASHED OUT AND DROVE THE RAIDERS AWAY.



In 1884, the regiment leaves India. Baden Powell, now a Captain, visits Africa before doing some home service. In January, 1888, Africa calls him again . . .



Then, at Eshowe, under the command of General Smyth . . .

DINIZULU HAS RISEN IN REBELLION NEAR UMSINDUZI. A FLYING COLUMN MUST BE ORGANIZED AT ONCE!



MAJOR MCKEAN—YOU AND CAPTAIN BADEN POWELL WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, TAKING WITH YOU JOHN DUNN AND HIS LOYAL ZULUS.



WHO IS THIS JOHN DUNN CHAP, MAJOR?

HE'S AN OLD SCOTS TRADER WHO WAS REARED AMONG THE ZULUS. THEY LOOK ON HIM AS A KIND OF CHIEF—HERE HE COMES NOW.



WE'RE READY WHEN YOU ARE, MR DUNN. THIS IS MY STAFF OFFICER, CAPTAIN BADEN POWELL.



I'M PLEASED TO MEET YE, CAPTAIN POWELL. MY 'IMPI' ARE STANDING BY. THEY'RE LOYAL AND TRUE ZULUS—NOT LIKE THE ONES REBELLING.



A DETACHMENT OF BASUTOS HAVE PROMISED TO JOIN US ALONG THE ROAD.

AYE, THEY'RE GRAND FIGHTERS, THOSE NATIVES. YOU'VE A TREAT IN STORE, CAPTAIN POWELL!



WITH THESE BASUTO REINFORCEMENTS, WE CAN MOVE TOWARDS THE BESIEGED FORT.

The flying column moves off; Inniskillings, Fusiliers, North Staffords and Dunn's Zulus.



Two days later.

WE'RE VERY NEAR NOW, DUNN—TAKE YOUR ZULUS ACROSS THE VALLEY. CAPTAIN POWELL—YOU WILL MAKE A RECONNAISSANCE.



ORDERLY—TETHER THE HORSES, AND THEN COME AFTER ME.



NOW, I WONDER WHERE THAT FORT IS?



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ZULULAND, in the year 1888.

Baden Powell becomes a 2nd-Lieutenant in the 13th Hussars, serving in India, and takes an active part fighting the Afghans. Later, B.P., now a Captain, goes to Africa, where a Zulu uprising has started. While scouting, on a mission to relieve a fort, he is surprised by an enemy warrior.

STORY BY ALAN JASON;  
DRAWN BY NORMAN WILLIAMS



CAPTAIN!  
LOOK OUT—  
BEHIND  
YOU!



MISSED!  
GET AFTER  
HIM, TOM.



BUT, CAPTAIN, IF  
WE FOLLOW HIM,  
HE MAY LEAD US  
INTO A TRAP.

WE'VE  
GOT TO  
RISK  
THAT!



HE'S GONE INTO  
THAT RAVINE — I'M  
GOING AFTER HIM!

CAREFUL,  
CAPTAIN. I  
SMELL TROUBLE.



STAY  
HERE AND  
COVER ME  
WITH YOUR  
RIFLE.

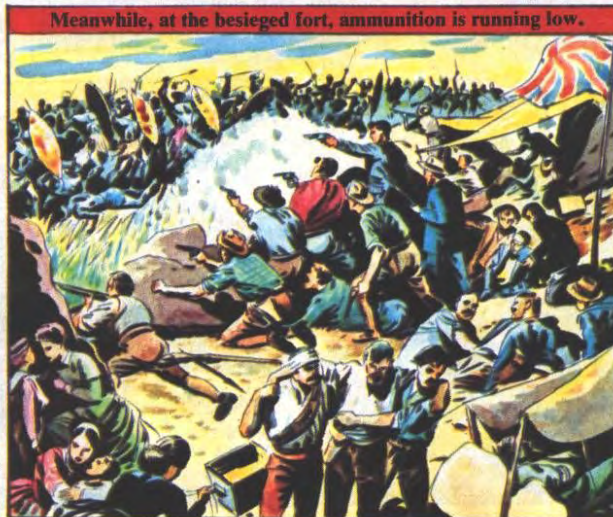


I COME AMONG YOU IN PEACE.  
SURRENDER AND YOU SHALL  
REJOIN YOUR LOYAL COMRADES  
— YOUR LIVES SHALL BE  
SPARED.

WHAT PROOF  
CAN THE WHITE  
MAN GIVE US?



THIS PROOF, IF YOUR  
OWN CHILD CAN BE MY  
FRIEND, HOW CAN HIS  
FATHER BE MY FOE?



Meanwhile, at the besieged fort, ammunition is running low.



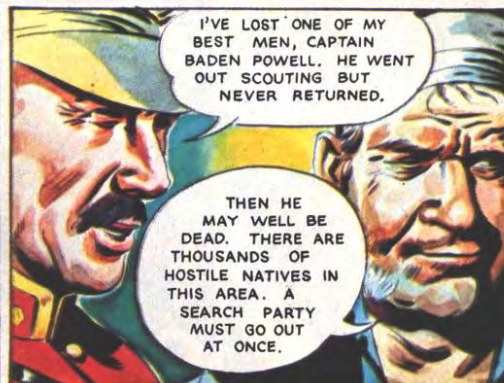
LOOK!

WE'RE SAVED —  
THE BRITISH  
ARMY, AND JOHN  
DUNN'S ZULUS!



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
MR PRETORIUS? I'M  
MAJOR MCKEAN.

SO RELIEVED TO SEE  
YOU, MAJOR. THANK GOD  
YOU GOT HERE — WE WERE  
NEARLY DONE FOR!



I'VE LOST ONE OF MY  
BEST MEN, CAPTAIN  
BADEN POWELL. HE WENT  
OUT SCOUTING BUT  
NEVER RETURNED.

THEN HE  
MAY WELL BE  
DEAD. THERE ARE  
THOUSANDS OF  
HOSTILE NATIVES IN  
THIS AREA. A  
SEARCH PARTY  
MUST GO OUT  
AT ONCE.



The search party is briefed.

GO AS  
FAR AS THIS  
POINT, SERGEANT.  
IF YOU DON'T FIND  
CAPTAIN POWELL,  
COME BACK IN  
THREE DAYS.



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ZULULAND, in the year 1888.

After service in India and at home, Captain Baden Powell, 13th Hussars, is sent to Africa, where there is a Zulu rising. With Major McKean and John Dunn, B.P. goes to assist a besieged fort and comes across an enemy tribe. Meanwhile, the fort is relieved and a party is sent out to search for Baden Powell.

STORY BY ALAN JASON :

DRAWN BY *WREYMAN*

During the morning of the first day's search . . .



STRIKE ME PINK! IT'S CAPTAIN POWELL HIMSELF!

EEN GONYAMA—GONYAMA INVOOBOO. YAH BO! YAH BO! INVOOBOO...

WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A GONER, SIR!

DON'T WORRY, SERGEANT. I'VE PERSUADED THESE BLOKES IT'S EASIER TO BE FRIENDS THAN ENEMIES.



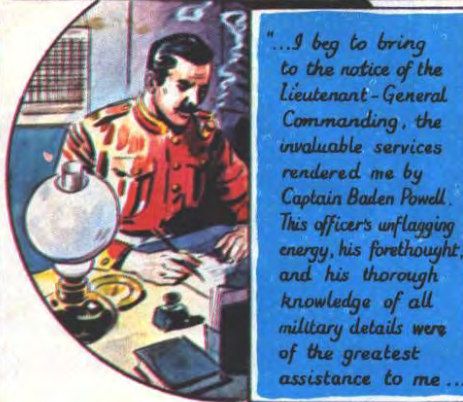
Later, at the rescued fort.



CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN POWELL. BY BOTTLING UP THAT GANG, YOU PROBABLY SAVED ALL OUR LIVES.

AYE, YE'VE GOT THE RIGHT IDEA, LADDIE. YON ZULUS ARE A GRAND LOT IF THEY HAVE THE GUID INFLUENCE.

That night, Major McKean makes out his report.



"...I beg to bring to the notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, the invaluable services rendered me by Captain Baden Powell. This officer's unflagging energy, his forethought, and his thorough knowledge of all military details were of the greatest assistance to me...

For his work, Baden Powell is promoted Brevet-Major. At the end of 1889, he goes to Malta and is appointed Intelligence Officer for the Mediterranean.



NOT BAD AT ALL. NOW I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE NEW GUN BATTERIES.

In Dalmatia (now part of Yugoslavia) he changes into a neat disguise.

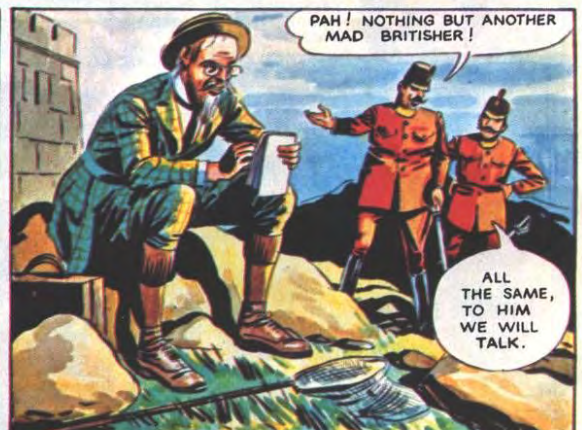


WHO'S THAT QUEER OLD CRANK—NEVER SEEN 'IM BEFORE!



PSST! WE HAVE A VISITOR, KARL.

OVERLOOKING OUR SECRET GUN SITES TOO! WE MUST STOP THAT.



PAH! NOTHING BUT ANOTHER MAD BRITISHER!

ALL THE SAME, TO HIM WE WILL TALK.



GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN!

WHAT DO YOU WANT IN THESE PARTS, ENGLISHER?



I'M COLLECTING BUTTERFLIES. I HAVE MY NET HERE AND...



A LIKELY STORY—WE SAW YOU DRAWING IN THAT LITTLE BOOK!



...AND NOW WE SHALL SEE WHAT THE PROFESSOR HAS BEEN SO BUSY WITH...

NO, NO! LEAVE THAT BOOK ALONE—PLEASE!



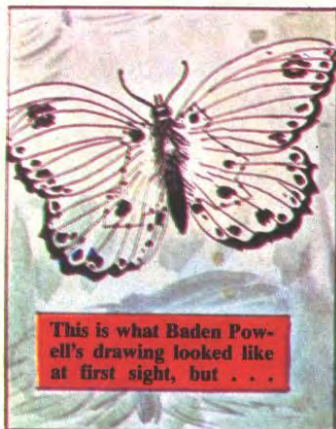
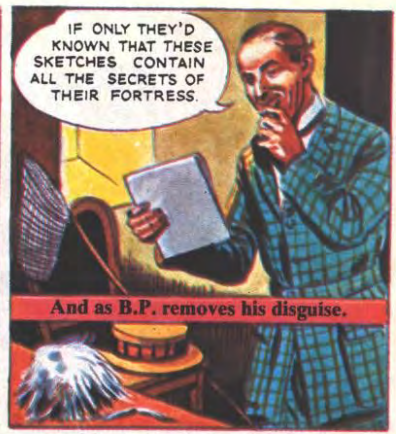
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After service in India, at home and in Africa, Captain Baden Powell is promoted to Brevet-Major and sent to Malta as Intelligence Officer, Mediterranean. In Dalmatia, disguised as a butterfly-collector, B.P. becomes a spy. Two soldiers, who find him close to secret gun sites, seize his notebook.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *W. W. WOODS*



The clouds of unrest gather over Africa again — this time on the Gold Coast. In 1895, Baden Powell is chosen for special service in the feared Ashanti country, where rules an evil king named Prempeh.



Meanwhile, B.P. lands at Cape Coast Castle, about 150 miles away, and is met by Sir Francis Scott



# THE BADEN POWELL STORY

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GOLD COAST, in the year 1895.

After service in India, at home, in Africa and in the Mediterranean, Major Baden Powell is sent to Africa again, where he and Sir Francis Scott lead an expedition against an evil king named Prempeh. B.P. learns that the King of Bekwai seeks his help because he is being threatened by Prempeh.

STORY BY ALAN JASON. DRAWN BY [Signature]

IF WE ALL GO TO BEKWAIT, IT WILL GIVE PREMPEH A CHANCE TO ESCAPE.



YOU PUSH ON TO KUMASSI. GIVE ME A HUNDRED MEN. WE'LL SAVE THIS BEKWAIT CHIEF — THEN JOIN YOU FOR THE KILL!

And so B.P. hurries off towards Bekwai.



But twenty miles from the village...



BAAS, SOMEONE COMES!

WAIT — HOLD YOUR FIRE!

DON'T SHOOT — DON'T SHOOT! WE ARE FRIENDS...



WE COME FROM BEKWAIT — OUR KING IS IN GREAT DANGER.

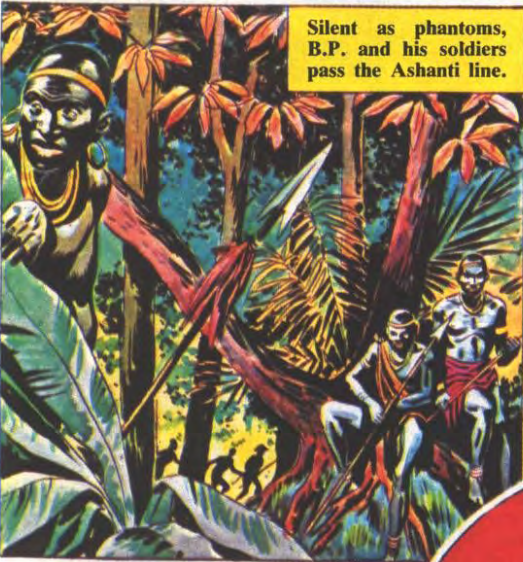
LORD, THE ASHANTI HAVE CUT US OFF — WE WERE LUCKY TO GET THROUGH ALIVE.



I DON'T WANT TO RISK A FIGHT NOW — WE MUST SLIP PAST THEM SOMEHOW. WE'LL USE THE THICKER FOREST AND HOPE FOR THE BEST!



Silent as phantoms, B.P. and his soldiers pass the Ashanti line.



Later.

WE THROUGH, LORD — THERE'S BEKWAIT!

I'M NOT SORRY!



GREETINGS, GREAT WHITE CHIEF. YOU ARE OUR FATHER AND OUR MOTHER, BULL OF THE FOREST, TALLEST OF TALL TREES...



THIS IS NO TIME FOR COMPLIMENTS! RUN UP THE FLAG AND WE'LL PALAVER.

At the River Ordah, Baden Powell halts his men.

THE ASHANTI MAY ATTACK AT ANY TIME, SO YOUR WARRIORS SHALL BE AT MY COMMAND!

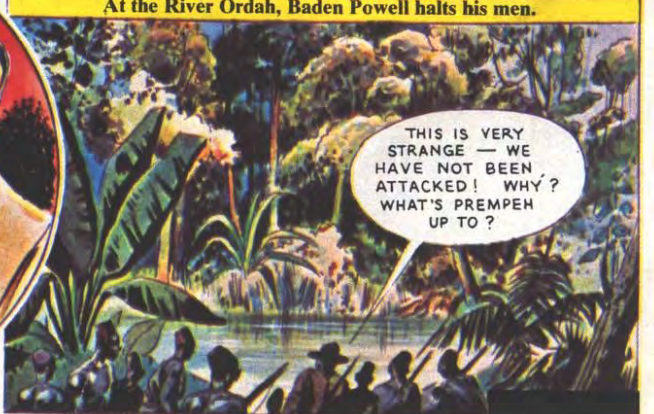
EVEN SO, LORD. SPEAK ON.



THE BEST FORM OF DEFENCE IS ATTACK. WE SHALL JOIN FORCES AND MARCH FOR KUMASSI. IF WE MEET PREMPEH'S WARRIORS, THEY'LL GET A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE — WE MUST LEAVE NOW!



THIS IS VERY STRANGE — WE HAVE NOT BEEN ATTACKED! WHY? WHAT'S PREMPEH UP TO?





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STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *WILLIAMS*



PREMPEH'S DRUMS TALK AGAIN. WHAT DO THEY SAY?

LORD, THE KING OF KUMASI KNOWS OF YOUR APPROACH. HE ASKS FOR A COME IN PEACE.



SAFER NOT TO TRUST THAT GENTLEMAN TOO FAR — GET THE MEN TO CUT DOWN THE BUSHES AND MAKE A CLEARING — WE'LL CAMP HERE.

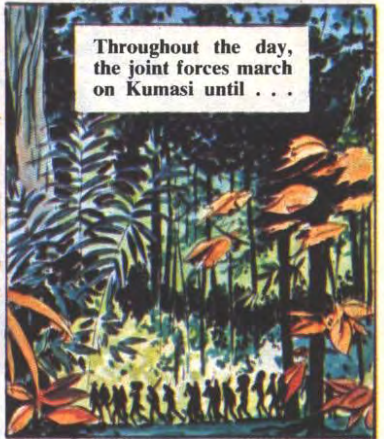
Sir Francis Scott arrives with his party.



HELLO, MAJOR — WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. WHAT'S THE IDEA — GETTING READY FOR BONFIRE NIGHT?



NO, SIR. ALTHOUGH THE ASHANTI DRUMS TALK PEACE, I DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT NAPPING. IF THEY DO TRY TO RUSH US, WE'LL SEE 'EM COMING! YOU KNOW MY MOTTO — *BE PREPARED.*



Throughout the day, the joint forces march on Kumasi until . . .



WELL, WE'RE HERE! THAT'S KUMASI STRAIGHT AHEAD. WHAT SORT OF RECEPTION SHALL WE GET? COME ON!



THEY'RE VERY QUIET.

YES, KEEP YOUR EYES SKINNED, SIR — THEY'RE AN UGLY LOOKING BUNCH.



WHY HAVE YOU COME TO WORRY US, WHITE MAN?

BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD EVIL THINGS OF YOU, PREMPEH. TOMORROW WE SHALL HOLD A GREAT PALAVER, AND YOU SHALL SPEAK TRUTHFULLY.



I DON'T LIKE IT, MAJOR. PREMPEH'S GOT SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE.

I AGREE, SIR. THOSE THREE-EYED CHAPS WERE HIS EXECUTIONERS! I'LL DO A SPOT OF SCOUTING TONIGHT.

The troops withdraw and encircle Kumasi while the leaders confer.

B.P., not trusting Prempeh, watches.



LOOK! TWO OF 'EM COMING FROM PREMPEH'S HUT — GET READY



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STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *WILLIAMS*



THEY'RE SCOUTS SENT OUT BY PREMPEH TO SEE IF THE WAY IS CLEAR FOR AN ESCAPE — GET READY!



GOOD MAN! LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME.

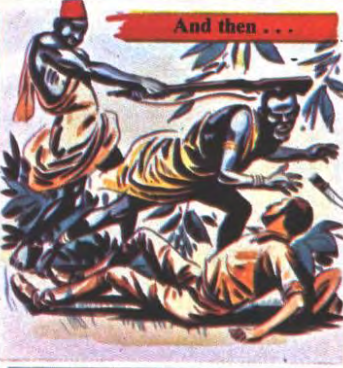


AH—GOT YOU!



But B.P. stumbles.

NOW I'VE GOT YOU—DRAW YOUR LAST BREATH, WHITE SOLDIER!



And then...



NICE WORK! AND THANK YOU—YOU SAVED MY LIFE. KEEP THEM PRISONER UNTIL THE TRIAL.

The next day, Kumasi is searched for incriminating evidence.



THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY THEIR EXECUTION GROUND—THAT'S A FETISH TREE. BUT WHERE'S THE TREASURE THAT THE ASHANTI KINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE HIDDEN?



Later. I THINK THIS IS THEIR TREASURE HOUSE—IT'S RECENTLY BEEN SEALED UP.

LORD—WHAT OF THE CURSE THAT IS OVER THIS PLACE?



BLOW THE CURSE! BRING PICKS QUICKLY—WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS WALL DOWN.



And very soon afterwards.

WE'RE THROUGH!



THIS IS THE TREASURE HOUSE—LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!



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in the year 1895.

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STORY BY ALAN JASON

DRAWN BY



SOMEONE'S BEATEN US TO IT, SIR. THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE WEALTH THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE FROM SLAVE DEALING.

THEIR MEDICINE MEN MUST HAVE TAKEN IT AWAY.



COME, LET'S GET OUT . . . WE'VE GOT ALL THE EVIDENCE WE NEED TO PUNISH PREMPEH.



Later the same day.

... TO ATONE FOR YOUR WICKEDNESS, YOU AND YOUR COURT WILL BE SENT INTO EXILE . . . YOUR VILLAGE WILL BE DESTROYED, AS YOU DESTROYED INNOCENT PEOPLE!



The troops start to burn Kumasi.

TAKE THAT BOWL TO MY TENT. IT'LL MAKE A GOOD BATH.



WONDERFUL TO HAVE A TUB AGAIN — THIS BOWL JUST CAME IN HANDY!



I SAY, MAJOR, IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY — OH!



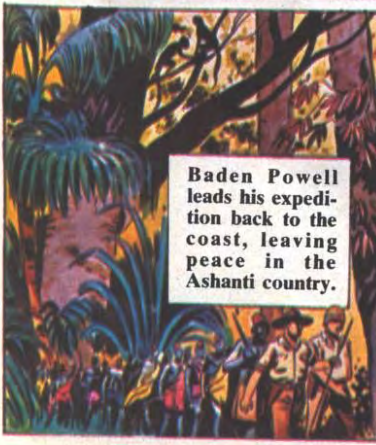
GET OUT OF THAT INFERNAL BOWL! DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?



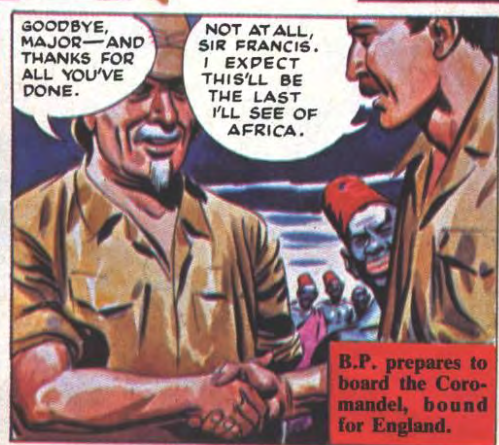
NO, WHAT IS IT?

IT'S THE TERRIBLE 'BLOOD BOWL' OF PREMPEH. HE USED TO COLLECT HIS VICTIM'S BLOOD IN IT!

The Ashanti blood bowl can be seen in the Museum of the Royal United Services Institute in Whitehall, London. In the future, Baden Powell picks his baths more carefully!



Baden Powell leads his expedition back to the coast, leaving peace in the Ashanti country.



GOODBYE, MAJOR — AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE.

NOT AT ALL, SIR FRANCIS. I EXPECT THIS'LL BE THE LAST I'LL SEE OF AFRICA.

B.P. prepares to board the Coromandel, bound for England.



THERE GOES KANTANKYE, "THE MAN OF THE BIG HAT".

WE MAY NOT SEE HIM AGAIN BUT AFRICA WILL . . . GO SAFELY MY MASTER!

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BRITAIN, in the year 1895

After service in many countries, Major Baden Powell returns to Africa, where he and Sir Francis Scott lead an expedition against an evil king named Premph. After joining forces with the friendly King of Bekwal, they go to Premph's H.Q. in Kumasi, where they find ample evidence against the evil king. Premph and his people are punished, and B.P. returns once more to England, leaving peace in the Ashanti country. Back in Britain . . .

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *Norman*

MAJOR BADEN POWELL, FOR SERVICES IN ASHANTI, YOU ARE PROMOTED TO BREVET-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

COLONEL BADEN POWELL, YOU WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO MATABELELAND.

BUT THAT'S AFRICA—I'VE ONLY JUST GOT BACK!



So, in 1896, Baden Powell finds himself once more in Africa, hastening by train and coach towards Southern Rhodesia, where the Matabele tribe is in open rebellion.

COLONEL POWELL. I AM SIR FREDERICK CARRINGTON. . . I BET BULAWAYO LOOKS GOOD TO YOU AFTER FIVE HUNDRED MILES ON A WOODEN SEAT!



WELL, COME AND RELAX IN MY QUARTERS WHILE I TELL YOU OUR TROUBLES.

THANK YOU, GENERAL. I WANT TO KNOW THE REASON FOR THIS OUTBREAK.



IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU HEARD FROM AN AFRICAN FRIEND, JAN GROOTBOOM, A ZULU SCOUT.



COLONEL, THE CAUSES ARE MANY. RINDERPEST HAD DESTROYED THE CATTLE—THEN WORKERS WERE NEEDED ON YOUR FARMS AND MINES AND OUR PEOPLE WERE FORCED INTO SLAVE-LABOUR. A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS RUINED CROPS OUR CHILDREN STARVED, THEN OUR WITCH DOCTORS CALLED UPON THE TRIBES TO MASS AND RISE.

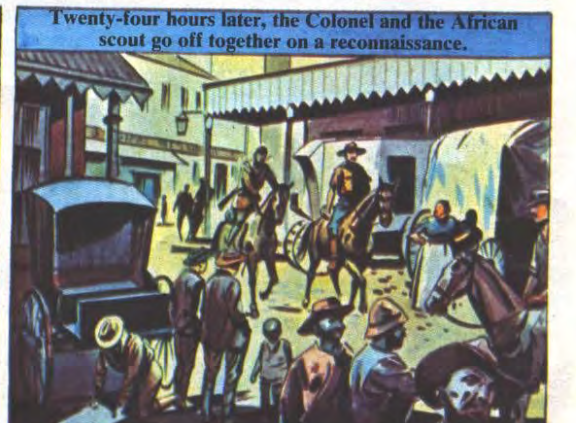


BUT IS IT RIGHT TO SLAUGHTER INNOCENT TRADERS? BLOODSHED IS NO ANSWER TO INJUSTICE, JAN.



I AGREE. BUT I HAVE IT IN MY HEART THAT WE SHALL MAKE MY MATABELE COUSINS SEE THEIR MISTAKE.

GOOD WORDS, JAN.



Twenty-four hours later, the Colonel and the African scout go off together on a reconnaissance.



A day later,

THAT'S STRANGE, JAN. THIS MAP SHOWS A RIVER HERE, BUT THERE IS NONE.

THE CHART IS FAULTY, WE MUST TREK ON.



OUR WATER IS NEARLY GONE—WE CAN'T GO MUCH FURTHER. THAT MAP'S MISLED US COMPLETELY!

WE ARE DEEP IN MATABELE COUNTRY NOW, COLONEL. IT WILL BE SAFER TO HIDE NOW, AND MOVE ON AT NIGHT.



WE'LL STAY HERE TILL MORNING, THEN TREK AGAIN. BUT UNLESS WE FIND WATER WE'RE GONERS!



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SOUTHERN RHODESIA, in the year 1896.

After the successful expedition against Prempeh, in the Gold Coast, Baden Powell returns to Britain, is promoted to the rank of Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel and immediately dispatched to Southern Rhodesia, where the Matabele rebellion is taking place. On arrival at Bulawayo, he reports to General Sir Frederick Carrington and is introduced to Jan Grootboom, a loyal Zulu scout. B.P. and Jan go out together on reconnaissance, but get lost, owing to a faulty map. The two men are desperately in need of water.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *NEWMAN*

DAYLIGHT! - WE'VE RIDDEN SAFELY THROUGH THE NIGHT, BUT WE CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT...

LOOK, JAN - ISN'T THAT A BUCK?



HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR WATER! AND HE'S FOUND IT, I BET! COME ON.

AH! I UNDERSTAND.



THE COLONEL IS LIKE A WOLF - A WOLF THAT NEVER SLEEPS! IMPEESA!

WE'RE SAVED! DIG DEEP AND WE'LL HAVE ALL THE WATER WE NEED.

So Baden Powell earns yet another nickname. "The Wolf that Never Sleeps" becomes famous to friend and foe alike.

BEFORE WE MOVE ON, WE'LL MUFFLE THE HORSES' HOOVES - IT'LL DEADEN THE SOUND AND PREVENT TRACKS.

YOU KNOW THIS COUNTRY WELL, JAN. WHAT WOULD YOU DO NOW?

TONIGHT, WE LEAVE THE HORSES AND SCOUT ON FOOT. HIGH IN THE HILLS, WE'LL WAIT AND WATCH!

WATCH - FOR MATABELE? BUT HOW SHALL WE SEE 'EM?

THEY'LL GIVE THEMSELVES AWAY - NEVER FEAR.



That night, in the Matopo hills.

YOU WERE RIGHT, JAN. THOSE LIGHTS GIVE THEIR POSITION AWAY - YOU'RE A REAL SCOUT.

THOSE LIGHTS ARE THEIR COOKING FIRES.



I MUST GET NEARER TO SIZE UP THEIR STRENGTH - WE'D BETTER SEPARATE HERE.

TAKE CARE, COLONEL - IF THEY SOUND AN ALARM, WE MUST MAKE FOR THE HORSES.



NOW, IF I CAN BRING A FORCE UP HERE, I'LL HAVE 'EM IN THE BAG! WONDER HOW JAN'S GETTING ON?



While below.

A GUN SPEAKS!

THERE IS AN ENEMY UP THERE!

AFTER HIM - AFTER HIM!

WHAT THE...? YE GODS, A MATABELE PATROL SHOOTING AT ME - I'M CUT OFF!

WE ARE BEING WATCHED!



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STORY BY ALAN JASON

DRAWN BY *W. J. ...*



CAN'T WAIT FOR INTRODUCTIONS — I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!



DON'T SHOOT HIM. CATCH HIM ALIVE! HE JUMPS LIKE A GOAT!



ONE SLIP AND I'D HAVE BEEN MUTTON! NOW FOR THE HORSES.



YE GODS! ANOTHER OF 'EM—WHERE WE LEFT THE HORSES. NOW WHAT DO I DO?



ALL RIGHT, COLONEL—IT'S ONLY JAN. THE HORSES ARE READY—LET'S GET AWAY—QUICKLY.



WHEN I HEARD THE SHOOTING, I GUESSED THERE WAS TROUBLE, SO I MADE FOR THE HORSES.

WELL, WE'VE LEARNED ENOUGH TO PUT OUR TROOPS ON TO THEIR HIDEOUT—NOW FOR BULAWAYO.

They arrive back in Bulawayo and B.P. makes his report to General Sir Frederick Carrington.



WE'VE A LOT TO TELL, JAN.



After months of outwitting the Matabele tribes, B.P. brings good news to the General...

SIR—WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE MATABELE CHIEFS WANT A PEACE INDABA!

GOOD—BUT CAN THEY BE TRUSTED?



YES, SIR. THEY SPEAK OF 'IMPEESA' HERE, SAYING THAT 'THE WOLF' HAS OUTWITTED THEM—THEY ARE TIRED OF WAR.

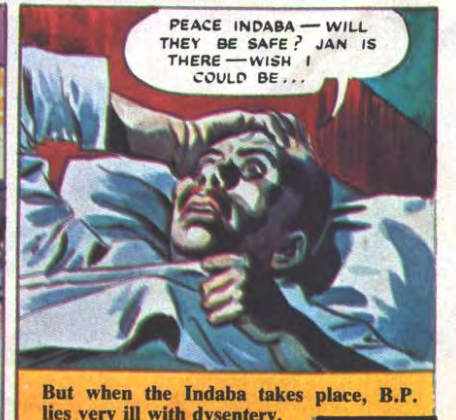
SO ARE WE! CECIL RHODES MUST KNOW OF THIS.

The following day, the great Cecil Rhodes reads the report from the General.



GENTLEMEN—GREAT NEWS! THE MATABELE HAVE ASKED FOR PEACE TALKS—THEY SHALL HAVE THEM.

And so Rhodes and an unarmed party ride out to meet the Matabele chiefs.



PEACE INDABA—WILL THEY BE SAFE? JAN IS THERE—WISH I COULD BE...

But when the Indaba takes place, B.P. lies very ill with dysentery.



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CHIEF—WE ALL KNOW THAT WAR IS FUTILE, BUT WE MUST HAVE YOUR PROMISE THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN LIVE SAFELY.

LORD—I UNDERSTAND. AND IN RETURN, I ASK THAT MY PEOPLE ARE TREATED FAIRLY BY THE WHITE SETTLERS.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *W. J. ...*



WE HAVE MADE OUR COMPACT. NOW OUR RESPECTIVE RACES MUST DO THE SAME.

TRUE, WHITE BROTHER. LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COUNTRY.



COLONEL—THE INDABA IS SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE AT PEACE!

THANK GOD. THERE NEED BE NO FEAR WHEN ALL ARE EQUAL IN GOD'S EYES.



JAN—YOU'LL SOON BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AGAIN...

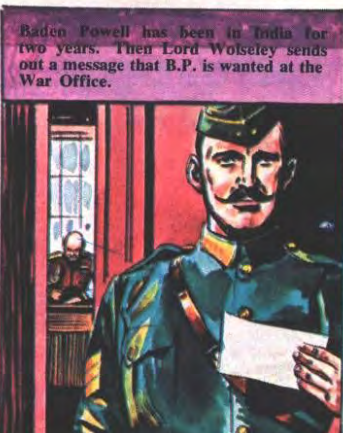
SO WILL YOU, COLONEL POWELL! I'M SEND'NG YOU BACK TO ENGLAND, TO RECOVER THE HEALTH YOU LOST HERE.



In January, 1897, the return journey commences.

FAREWELL TO YOU, IMPESA—THE WOLF THAT NEVER SLEEPS!

Baden Powell regained his health in England, and was then sent out to India and given command of the 5th Dragoon Guards. In a certain polo match between the Dragoons and 4th Hussars was a young cavalry subaltern named Winston Churchill!



Baden Powell has been in India for two years. Then Lord Wolseley sends out a message that B.P. is wanted at the War Office.



BP HAS NO RIGHT TO BE IN INDIA WHEN I NEED HIM HERE! GOODNESS KNOWS WHEN HE'LL GET THAT CABLE...

COME IN!



YOU SENT FOR ME, SIR?

SUFFERIN' CATS, I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN INDIA! HOW DID YOU GET HERE—ROPE TRICK OR SOMETHIN'?



NO, SIR—I AM IN ENGLAND ON LEAVE.



WELL NOW, I WANT YOU TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA—CAN YOU LEAVE NEXT SATURDAY?

NO, SIR! THERE'S NO SHIP ON SATURDAY—BUT I CAN GO ON FRIDAY!



GOOD! THERE'S A DANGER OF WAR WITH THE BOERS. YOU WILL RAISE TWO BATTALIONS OF MOUNTED RIFLES AND ORGANIZE THE POLICE IN CAPE COLONY—GOD SPEED!



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**SOUTH AFRICA**  
in the year 1899.

After playing a large part in bringing the Matabele rebellion to an end, Colonel Baden Powell, whom the natives have nicknamed "The Wolf that never sleeps", returns home to recover from an illness. When he is restored to health, B.P. is sent to India where, for two years, he commands the 5th Dragoon Guards. Whilst on leave, B.P. receives an order to report to Lord Wolseley at the War Office and is posted to South Africa, where there is the threat of war with the Boers.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*

Having landed at Cape Town in July, Baden Powell reports to General William Buller.

COLONEL POWELL— I CAN'T HONESTLY SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT.

YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, SIR!

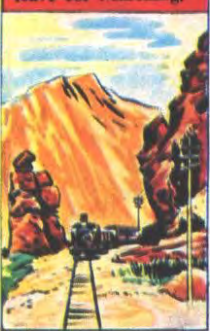


MY PLAN IS THIS. I INTEND MOBILIZING MEN AND STORES AT MAFEKING. IT'S AN IDEAL POSITION. WE CAN...

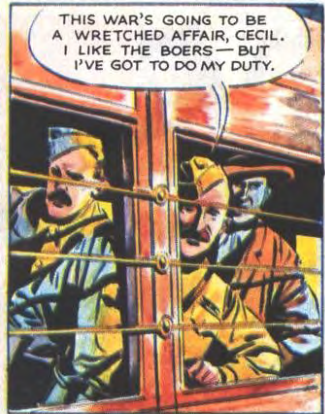
I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS RIDICULOUS PROJECT, COLONEL, BUT I SUPPOSE I CAN'T STOP YOU GOING AHEAD.

THANK YOU, SIR. TIME'S TOO SHORT TO ARGUE WHEN LIVES ARE AT STAKE. I'LL LEAVE FOR MAFEKING TONIGHT.

Wasting no time, B.P. and his staff Officer, Lord Edward Cecil, leave for Mafeking.



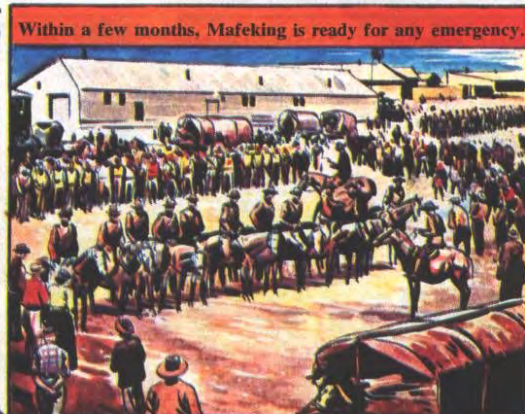
THIS WAR'S GOING TO BE A WRETCHED AFFAIR, CECIL. I LIKE THE BOERS— BUT I'VE GOT TO DO MY DUTY.



HERE WE ARE— NOW TO START WORK.



POOR LITTLE MAFEKING DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S COMING TO IT.



Within a few months, Mafeking is ready for any emergency.

Meanwhile, at the Boer headquarters...

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY, PIET—WAR MUST BE DECLARED AGAINST THE BRITISH. WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS!

VERY WELL! THEN I SHALL ORDER OUR FIELD COMMANDOS TO STAND BY.

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 1899**  
**WAR!**  
**DECLARED!**

WE'LL SOON BEAT THEM. THEY CAN'T HOLD OUT FOR LONG.

WE MUST TAKE MAFEKING AT ONCE.



YES! ONCE THAT IS OURS, WE CAN LINK UP WITH OUR COMRADES.

WE'LL BE READY FOR 'EM WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

In the meantime, outside Mafeking.

THAT WON'T BE LONG NOW, SIR!



HERE THEY COME NOW, SIR! GENERAL CRONJE'S ARMY. THERE MUST BE ALL OF NINE THOUSAND OF 'EM!



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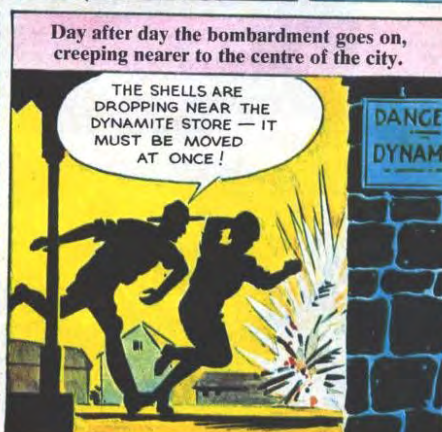
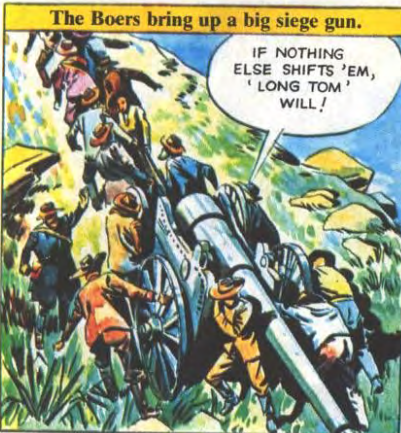


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**SOUTH AFRICA**  
in the year 1899.

After years of successful soldiering in many parts of the world, Colonel Baden Powell is posted to South Africa, where there is the threat of war with the Boers. On arrival, B.P. decides to mobilize men and stores at Mafeking and sets out immediately for the quiet town. By the outbreak of war on October 11th, Mafeking is ready for any emergency. As Baden Powell superintends the digging of defences outside Mafeking, the Boer army, led by General Cronje, appears. B.P. joins the sentries for a look at the enemy force.

STORY BY ALAN JASON;  
DRAWN BY *WILLIAMS*





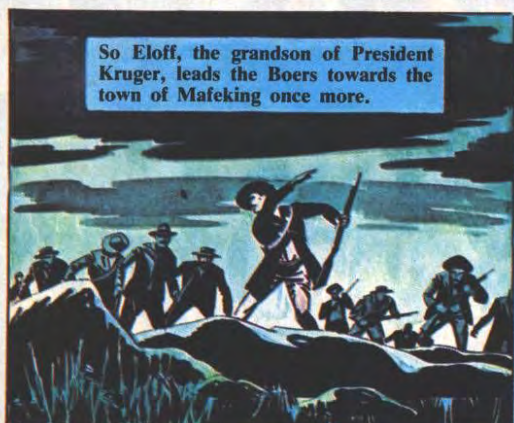
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**SOUTH AFRICA**

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STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *ALAN JASON*





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**SOUTH AFRICA**  
in the year 1900.

Colonel Baden Powell is posted to South Africa and when the Boer War breaks out on October 11th, 1899, he is in command of the well-fortified town of Mafeking. For many months the beleaguered town resists the attacks of an army led by General Cronje. Becoming desperate, the Boers decide to launch a night attack on Mafeking, but are seen approaching. Baden Powell puts his plan for defeating them into operation.

STORY BY ALAN JASON;  
DRAWN BY *W. P. M. S.*

THE BOERS HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH OUR FRONT LINE!

YES, AND NOW OUR MEN HAVE STARTED TO FALL BACK!



B.P.'s plan is to tempt the Boers into a 'box', then close in on them from the rear.

IT'S A BIG RISK, SIR.

RISKS MUST BE TAKEN.

WHEN THEY ARE UP TO OUR MAIN DEFENCE LINES — DON'T FIRE — BUT WORK YOUR WAY TO THEIR REAR.



Try as they will, the Boers cannot break through to Mafeking.

And then...

BACK, MEN — WHILE THE GOING'S GOOD! WE SHAN'T BREAK THEIR DEFENCES NOW.

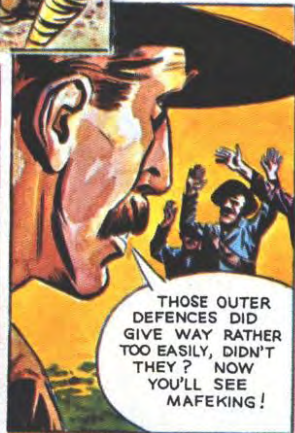


Now the weary Boers, in full retreat, find their way barred by B.P.'s men.

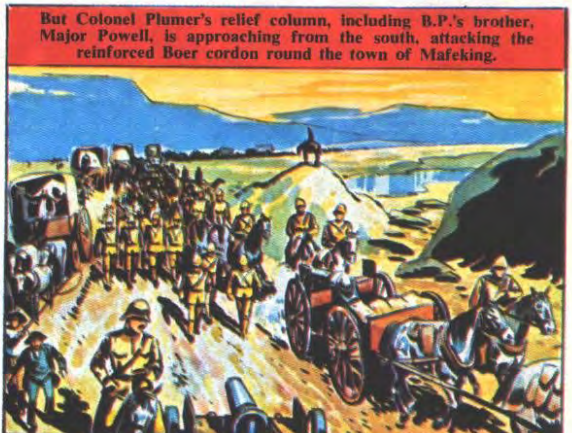
WE'RE TRAPPED!



So, trapped and surrounded...



THOSE OUTER DEFENCES DID GIVE WAY RATHER TOO EASILY, DIDN'T THEY? NOW YOU'LL SEE YOU'LL SEE MAFEKING!



But Colonel Plumer's relief column, including B.P.'s brother, Major Powell, is approaching from the south, attacking the reinforced Boer cordon round the town of Mafeking.



NOT LONG NOW, MAJOR — YOU'LL SOON SEE YOUR BROTHER ROBERT.

YES, COLONEL PLUMER. HE'S HELD THE TOWN FOR SEVEN MONTHS.



THE RELIEF FORCE! WE'RE SAVED!

HIP, HIP...

On May 16th, 1900, Major Baden Powell leads an advance party into Mafeking town.

GOOD OLD PLUMER'S RELIEF COLUMN — AND THREE CHEERS FOR OUR COLONEL!



Very soon...

HEY — WAKE UP, 'BATHING TOWEL'! THIS IS A FINE WELCOME FOR YOUR BIG BROTHER!

# THE BADEN POWELL STORY

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**LONDON**  
in the year 1900.

When the Boer War breaks out on October 11th, 1899, Colonel Baden Powell is in command of the well-fortified town of Mafeking. For many months, inspired by B.P.'s leadership, the besieged town resists the attacks of an army led by General Cronje. At last Colonel Plumer's column breaks through the Boer cordon around Mafeking and reaches the town. The wonderful news of the relief of Mafeking reaches England and is immediately conveyed to Queen Victoria.



STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY **NORMAN WILLIAMS**



England goes wild with delight—but 6,000 miles away.



HER MAJESTY SPEAKS FOR US ALL, COLONEL. YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB.

BUT WE'RE STILL AT WAR — I WANT TO FINISH THE JOB!

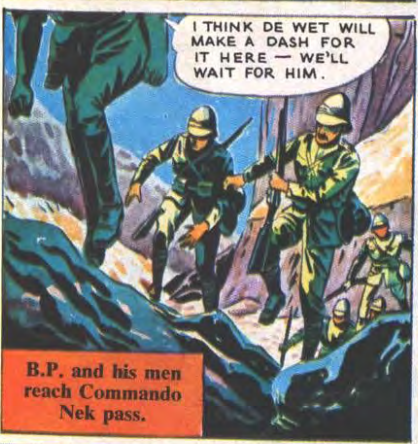
For his achievement, Baden Powell receives the C.B. and is promoted to the rank of Major-General — the youngest in the British Army. But the war now enters another phase, with the hard-riding Boer commandos striking shrewd blows at their more orthodox opponents.



WE MUST CAPTURE DE WET. HE'S ONE OF THEIR CLEVEREST LEADERS. I THINK HE'LL TRY TO ESCAPE US BY CROSSING THE MAGALIESBERG MOUNTAINS — HERE.

WE'LL CONVERGE OUR FORCES.

Four famous men meet for a conference — Kitchener, Smith-Dorrien, Ian Hamilton, Baden Powell.



I THINK DE WET WILL MAKE A DASH FOR IT HERE — WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM.

B.P. and his men reach Commando Nek pass.



But even higher than Baden Powell.

THE BRITISH MUST HAVE MISSED OLIPHANTS' NEK. — LOOK, THERE THEY ARE BELOW!



WE'RE SAFE NOW. WE'LL SEND A MESSAGE TO 'THE WOLF', THANKING HIM FOR LETTING US THROUGH.

GREETINGS, COLONEL. I COME FROM COMMANDER WET, WHO THANKS YOU FOR LETTING HIM CROSS THE MAGALIESBERG IN SAFETY — BUT YOU'VE NOT SEEN THE LAST OF HIM!



LATER. I'M AFRAID DE WET'S AVOIDED US AGAIN — HE'S AS SLIPPERY AS AN EEL!

SOMEONE COMING UP THE PASS, SIR!



ONE OF DE WET'S MEN — ALONE! WHAT DOES HE WANT?





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**SOUTH AFRICA** in the year 1900.

At the start of the Boer War, Colonel Baden Powell, nicknamed "The Wolf", is in command of the town of Mafeking which, inspired by his leadership, resists the attacks of the Boers for seven months. When Mafeking is relieved, Baden Powell having been awarded the C.B. and promoted to Major-General, sets out to capture De Wet, a leader of the hard-hitting Boer commandos who are continually striking shrewd blows at their more orthodox opponents. De Wet succeeds in evading B.P.'s force and joins up with a number of other Boer leaders.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *W. J. ...*



SO YOU GOT AWAY FROM 'THE WOLF', DE WET!

YES, BUT WE MUST RESPECT THESE BRITISH AS BRAVE OPPONENTS.



I KNOW THAT. PERHAPS THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL BE OUR TRUSTED FRIENDS — I SINCERELY HOPE SO.

But the war goes on and Baden Powell is summoned to Cape Town to form the South African Constabulary. And what a welcome he receives!



Later.

WHAT A JOB! TO ORGANIZE RECRUITMENT, TRANSPORT, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, UNIFORM — YE GODS! WHERE DO I START?



But soon the police force is born.

SWEAR AFTER ME ...



YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR TRAINING; NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY IS LIKE AGAINST THE BOER GUERRILLAS!



HERE COMES THE NEW POLICE FORCE!

JA! AND I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THEM. THEY'VE WALKED STRAIGHT INTO OUR AMBUSH.



TAKE COVER — IT'S AN AMBUSH!



OUTFLANKING MOVEMENT — WE'LL HOLD 'EM WHILE YOU CATCH 'EM IN THE REAR!



WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? WE'LL HAVE TO SURRENDER.

THEY'RE BETTER SCOUTS THAN WE ARE!

So, after two years of hard fighting and after losing at first, the British learned how to master the Boer method of fighting. Britain was eventually victorious and peace was signed at Pretoria on May 31st, 1902.



I'M MORE THAN PLEASED. NOW WE CAN WORK, AS BEFORE WE FOUGHT, LET'S FACE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

# THE BADEN POWELL STORY

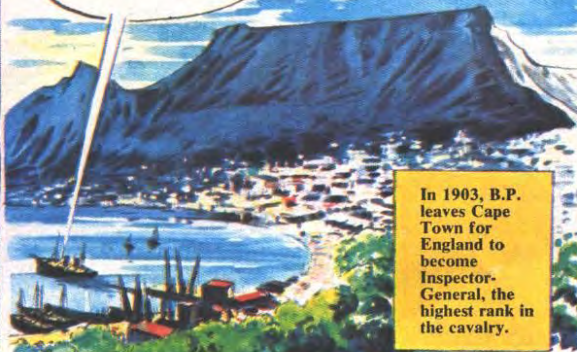
The True Life Story of the Founder of the Boy Scout Movement. CAPE TOWN in the year 1903.

At the start of the Boer War, Colonel Baden Powell, nicknamed "The Wolf", is in command of the town of Mafeking which, inspired by his leadership, resists the attacks of the Boers for seven months. When Mafeking is relieved, Baden Powell, having been awarded the C.B. and promoted to Major-General, forms the South African Constabulary for the purpose of defeating the hard-riding Boer commandos. After a time, the British learn how to master the Boer method of fighting and gradually wear down their opponents. Britain is eventually victorious and peace is signed at Pretoria on May 31st, 1902.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:

DRAWN BY *NEZAR*

GOOD-BYE TO AFRICA ONCE AGAIN!



In 1903, B.P. leaves Cape Town for England to become Inspector-General, the highest rank in the cavalry.

I WONDER WHAT THOSE BOYS ARE UP TO? I'LL DO A SPOT OF SCOUTING.



Back in England, he strolls through some woods while on leave.



HI! WHAT DO YOU CHAPS THINK YOU ARE PLAYING AT?

STREWTH, GUVNOR! YOU DIDN'T 'ARF MAKE US JUMP—ANYONE 'UD THINK YOU WAS B. P. 'ISSELF!

WHO DID YOU SAY?

BADEN POWELL, MISTER—THE MAFEKING CHAP. HE WROTE THIS 'ERE BOOK.



"AIDS TO SCOUTING", EH? YES, I SEEM TO HAVE HEARD OF IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE!

SO YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SCOUTING, ARE YOU?

RATHER, GUV! THAT'S WHAT WE WAS PLAYIN' AT JUST NOW.

WELL, DON'T LET ME INTERRUPT YOUR GAME—IT SOUNDS GOOD FUN.

IT IS! YOU OUGHT TO TRY IT SOMETIME, MISTER—YOU'D SOON PICK IT UP!

I THINK THEY'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE. SCOUTING WOULD MAKE AN EXCITING GAME FOR BOYS, AND HELP THEM TO BE SELF-RELIANT. I WONDER IF I COULD WORK OUT A SCHEME?

S' WONDERFUL BOOK, SIR! IT TELLS YOU ALL ABOUT HOW TO TRACK, AN' OBSERVE, AN' READ SIGNS...

B.P. has been inspecting a mass parade of the Boys' Brigade. He is with Sir William Smith, famous founder of the Boys' Brigade.

YOU'VE GOT A FINE CROWD THERE, SIR WILLIAM. BEST MUSTER I'VE EVER SEEN. I'M QUITE ENVIIOUS OF YOU.

YOU'VE NO NEED TO BE. THOSE BOYS IDOLIZE YOU, POWELL. WHY DON'T YOU START A MOVEMENT FOR THEM?

I'D LIKE TO. PERHAPS WE COULD WORK TOGETHER IN SOME WAY?

WHY NOT INDEED? I KNOW—TRY REWRITING THAT SCOUTING MANUAL FOR THE BOYS—THEY'D LOVE IT!

I WILL. AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE VERY NAME TOO, SIR WILLIAM—BOY SCOUTS!



# THE BADEN POWELL STORY



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ENGLAND

in the year 1908.

After playing a leading part in the defeat of the Boers throughout the South African War, notably by his defence of Mafeking and his recruitment and training of the South African Constabulary, Major-General Baden Powell, C.B., returns to England in 1903, to become Inspector-General of Cavalry. Whilst on leave, B.P. sees a group of boys playing at scouts and later he attends a big parade of the Boys' Brigade with the famous founder, Sir William Smith. These events give Baden Powell the wonderful idea of forming a movement called "Boy Scouts".



Soon, Baden Powell's book on scouting is taken up by the Boys' Brigade.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY NORMAN WILLIAMS

Meanwhile, the Scout Movement grows very rapidly and an office H.Q. is established.



Later, at Glasgow



NO, SIR WILLIAM, BUT YOUR HELP HAS MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE. WE'VE BOTH GOT FAMILIES TO BE PROUD OF NOW!



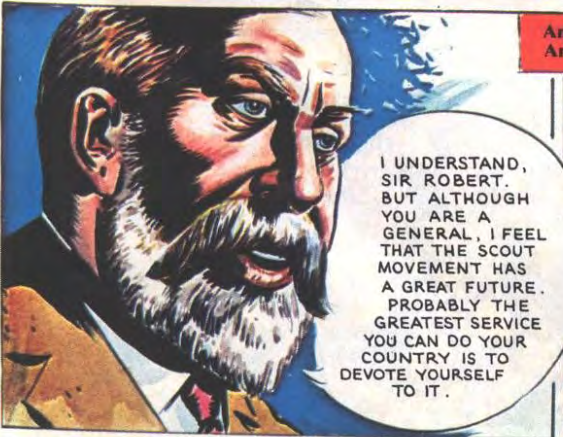
The Movement spreads from land to land and becomes world wide. Later, the Scouts are joined by Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs and Brownies.

In 1909, King Edward VII sends for B.P. at Balmoral.



YOUR MAJESTY, AT PRESENT I AM TRYING TO DO TWO JOBS - TO THE DETRIMENT OF BOTH, I'M AFRAID.

And so Baden Powell resigns from the Army to carry out his Sovereign's wishes.



Until, in 1914...





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### BRITAIN

in the year 1914.

After playing a leading part in the defeat of the Boers throughout the South African War, Major-General Baden Powell, C.B., returns to England. Whilst on leave, B.P. sees some boys playing at scouts and later he attends a parade of the Boys' Brigade. These events give Baden Powell the idea of forming a body called "Boy Scouts". The Movement's rapid growth causes B.P. to retire from the Army, in order to devote his full time to its development. When the First World War breaks out, Baden Powell immediately promises help from the Boy Scout Movement.

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
DRAWN BY *NORMAN WILLIAMS*



... AND THE SEA SCOUTS CAN PROVIDE A COAST-GUARD SERVICE. THE COUNTRY WILL BE SHORT OF MEN — YOU'LL SOON SEE WE CAN PULL OUR WEIGHT!



The Great War starts and, throughout Britain, the Scouts go into action.

ORDERS ARE WE MOUNT GUARD OVER THE WRECK UNTIL WE ARE RELIEVED.



DON'T WORRY, SIR, WE'LL SOON HAVE YOU OUT!

Baden Powell puts himself at the service of the War Office, but is told that while several competent Divisional Generals are available, no one else can carry on the invaluable work of the Boy Scouts. Then, at last, with the coming of peace, he is able to expand the Movement still more, and make plans for the future.

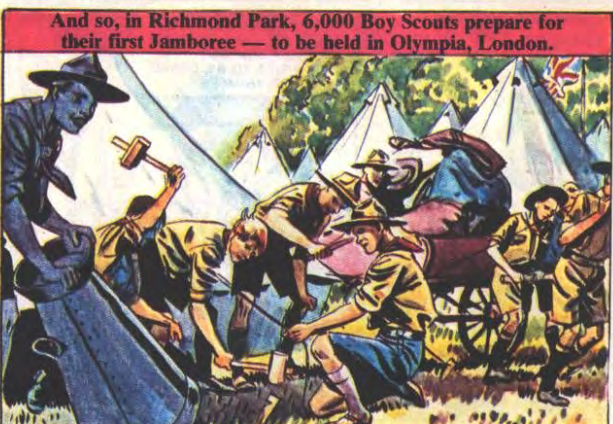


THE WAR PREVENTED US CELEBRATING OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY, BUT WE MUST ARRANGE SOMETHING BIG IN 1920. THE WHOLE WORLD MUST COME ALONG.

A SORT OF RALLY, SIR?



YES — ONLY I DON'T LIKE THAT NAME MUCH. I KNOW, WE'LL CALL IT A 'JAMBOREE'!



And so, in Richmond Park, 6,000 Boy Scouts prepare for their first Jamboree — to be held in Olympia, London.



WE'VE GOT SCOUTS FROM TWENTY NATIONS HERE, SIR — NOT TO MENTION THE EMPIRE.

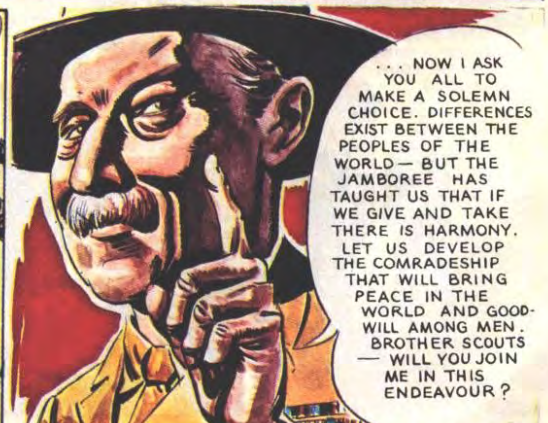
WONDERFUL! I LITTLE KNEW WHAT I WAS STARTING WHEN I SAW THOSE BOYS PLAYING MANY YEARS AGO!



SCOUT OF SCOUTS...

WELCOME! THE ZULUS GREET THEE!

AND THESE ARE SONS OF THE MEN WE FOUGHT!



... NOW I ASK YOU ALL TO MAKE A SOLEMN CHOICE. DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD — BUT THE JAMBOREE HAS TAUGHT US THAT IF WE GIVE AND TAKE THERE IS HARMONY. LET US DEVELOP THE COMRADESHIP THAT WILL BRING PEACE IN THE WORLD AND GOOD-WILL AMONG MEN. BROTHER SCOUTS — WILL YOU JOIN ME IN THIS ENDEAVOUR?



WE'LL JOIN YOU! WE WILL!

YES, WE WILL, SIR!

SURE!

JA!

WE'RE WITH YOU! WE WILL!

OCH AYE!

SI, SI!

MAIS OUI!

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**LONDON**  
 in the year 1929.  
 After playing a leading part in the defeat of the Boers through-out the South African War, Major-General Baden Powell, C.B., returns to England. Encouraged by Sir William Smith, B.P. forms the "Boy Scouts". The Movement grows rapidly and B.P. retires from the Army to give it his full attention. The Boy Scouts render invaluable service during the Great War and then, in 1920, the Movement, by this time a world-wide organization, holds a Jamboree. Every year produces further development.

Now acclaimed Chief Scout of the World, B.P. is created Baronet — Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell.



CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. THE SCOUTS WISH TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT — WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ?

WELL — ALL I NEED AT PRESENT IS A PAIR OF NEW BRACES.

So, later on, the Scouts of Eire make a presentation to their Chief.



THANK YOU, EVERYONE. I SHALL DO MY BEST TO KEEP UP WITH THE ORDER OF THE BRACES!

STORY BY ALAN JASON:  
 DRAWN BY NORMAN WILLIAMS

As the years tick by, Baden Powell and his family travel extensively, greeting and being greeted by Scouts of many nationalities. But in 1934, he is taken seriously ill, and is forced to curb his activities. Then, in 1938, he returns to Kenya...



HERE WE ARE, MY DEAR, BACK HOME TO "PAXTU". I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE IT AGAIN — I'LL BE ABLE TO DO LOTS OF WORK HERE.



At Nyeri, he paints and writes incessantly...

MOUNT KENYA WON'T ALTER, BUT I MUST FINISH THIS BEFORE THE LIGHT GOES.



IT'S FINISHED! BUT OH, I'M SO TIRED, SO TIRED — I SHALL SLEEP TONIGHT!



I'M JAN GROOTBOOM, YOUR ZULU SCOUT...

I'M COLONEL BAKER RUSSELL, COMMANDING THE HUSSARS — BRAVE TIMES WE HAD.

I'M A SCOUT, TOO — A BOY SCOUT — THANKS TO YOU, SIR!

I'M 'OLD BILL', YOUR HEADMASTER — REMEMBER ?

And as Baden Powell sleeps for the last time...



**LORD BADEN POWELL OF GILWELL**  
 O.M., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.G.B.  
 SOLDIER, WRITER, ARTIST  
 A GREAT AND BELOVED ENGLISHMAN  
**THE END**

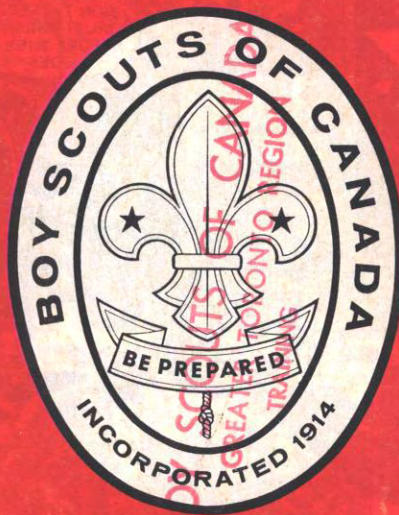
The next morning — January 8th, 1941.



IMPEESA, 'THE WOLF THAT NEVER SLEEPS' IS BUT RESTING. KENYA'S TRUE SONS SHALL WATCH OVER HIM, BUT THE WHOLE WORLD SHALL REMEMBER AND LOVE HIM.

OUR CHIEF HAS GONE HOME — SO MEANS THE SIGN WE HAVE MADE.





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