

CHAPTER 7 -The beasts of Tarzan

In Chapter 7 of "The Beasts of Tarzan," titled "Betrayed," the narrative unfolds with Kaviri and Mugambi, two indigenous leaders, anxiously discussing the alarming approach of Tarzan and his fearsome jungle companions towards Kaviri's village. The alarming discord emanating from the jungle as Tarzan, together with Sheeta (a panther) and Akut's menacing apes, drive the villagers back to their homes, reflects a strategic move by Tarzan to gather forces for an expedition on the river. Under Tarzan's unwavering command, the terrified villagers, with no alternative, resign themselves to accompany him, revealing Tarzan's formidable influence over both man and beast.

The expedition proceeds deeper into the untamed heartlands bordering the Ugambi River, with Tarzan's group encountering deserted villages, a testament to the pall of fear his ensemble casts among the tribes. Despite his overtures for interaction with the local tribes proving futile due to their withdrawal at his approach, Tarzan's relentless pursuit of the nefarious Rokoff underscores his dedication to justice.

By ingeniously impersonating a panther to gain the confidence of a village's inhabitants, Tarzan's adaptability and wit are showcased, allowing him to secure shelter and potential allies. His quest reveals intersecting paths with Rokoff and an unknown party which includes a woman, a man, and a child, further complicating his journey with personal stakes.

Tarzan's decision to momentarily secede from his followers to track Rokoff alone, using his unparalleled jungle prowess, offers a deep dive into his strategic mind and unparalleled survival skills. His interactions with various tribal communities underscore the blend of respect and fear he commands in the wild, navigating through cultural and communication barriers with ease.

The chapter culminates with Tarzan's calculated move to rest within a seemingly hospitable village, only to be unwittingly ensnared into a trap orchestrated by the village chief and Rokoff. This twist not only speaks to the perils that beset Tarzan in his relentless pursuit but also sets the stage for a confrontation fraught with danger and deceit.

Amidst the lush, treacherous terrains of the Ugambi, Tarzan's singular devotion to thwarting Rokoff's scheming plots unfolds with an astute blend of brute force, keen intelligence, and an indomitable will, further enriching the saga of this timeless jungle hero.