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In "The Fight For the Treasure," a chapter from "Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar," the story unfolds with Tarzan's initial refusal to accept the possibility of failure in his quest for the jewels. Demonstrative of his unyielding spirit, he decides to pursue his goal anew after a brief period of rest and sustenance, showcasing his deep connection with and mastery over the jungle. His pursuit is momentarily diverted by a hunt for sustenance, during which he demonstrates his prowess and cunning as a predator, only to be led into a series of events that weave together the fates of different characters over the treasure of Opar.

The narrative intricately details a chase and a battle over the treasure, emphasizing Tarzan's exceptional survival skills, his strategic intellect, and his profound sense of justice. As the chapter progresses, it reveals the pursuit by both friend and foe for the coveted jewels of Opar, leading to a climactic confrontation involving not only Tarzan but also Belgian rogue Albert Werper, the opportunistic Arab, Achmet Zek, and various other factions including Abyssinians and raiding party members, all vying for the treasure.

Tarzan's encounters and strategic maneuvers through the jungle and amid conflicts serve to highlight his unique capabilities and moral compass. His simultaneous role as a hunter and a guardian of the jungle's order spots him in a complex web of interactions with other treasure seekers, whose motives range from greed to survival. Particularly noteworthy is Tarzan's intelligence and adaptiveness, allowing him to navigate through dangerous situations and confrontations with both human and animal adversaries.

The narrative culminates in a tense standoff between Werper and Achmet Zek, with Tarzan, observing from a distance, preparing to intervene. The scenes are vivid with action, painting a picture of a jungle alive with danger, treachery, and the ever-present law of survival of the fittest. The chapter closes on a note that foreshadows further intrigue and adventure, leaving readers in anticipation of how Tarzan will maneuver through the ensuing challenges and what fate awaits the jewels of Opar.

This summary captures the essence of the chapter, condensing the events and character interactions within the specified word limit while retaining the original style and key nouns.