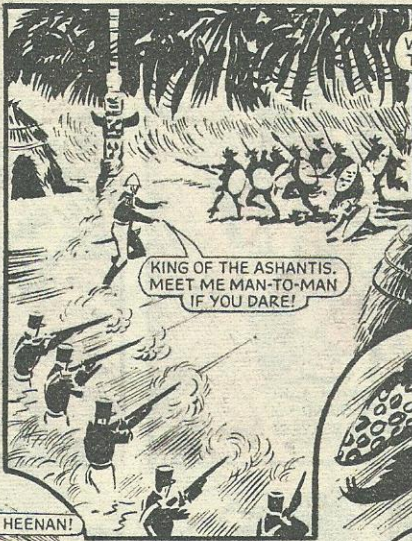


THEY'RE CHARGING, HEENAN! I'LL GO FOR THE LEADER! COMPANY—FIX BAYONETS!



KING OF THE ASHANTIS. MEET ME MAN-TO-MAN IF YOU DARE!



DEATH TO YOU WHO WOULD DARE TO SPEAK TO ME IN SUCH TONES!



MISTER BLAKE! WE CAN'T HOLD THEM MUCH LONGER!

RIGHT, HEENAN!



Only a man of terrific strength could have overpowered the huge king—

STAND BACK! OR YOUR KING DIES!

YOU'VE STOPPED THEM SIR!



GATHER THE SLAVES TOGETHER! WE'RE BACK-TRACKING TO FORT TAKORADI! THE ASHANTIS WON'T ATTACK US NOW.



At Fort Takoradi.

THE HOUNDS HAVE FAILED! BLAKE HAS RETURNED ALIVE—AND WITH THE SLAVES!

STOP JABBERING! COURT-MARTIAL HIM AND HANG HIM!



...IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE I TELL YOU! THE HOUNDS WERE MEANT FOR THE ASHANTIS!

YOUR MISTAKE WAS TO FORGET I HAVE INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS AT HOME! THEY WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN YOU LOOSED KILLER HOUNDS ON ENGLISHMEN!



Later.

...I CANNOT HANG HIM! THERE WOULD BE A SCANDAL AND I'D BE RUINED!

THEN LET HIM TAKE THE SLAVES TO THEIR OWN TRIBES IN THE SUDAN, NEAR LAKE CHAD! I'LL SEE HE NEVER GETS THERE—KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY!



The following week.

BLAKE SWALLOWED MY STORY ABOUT GIVING UP SLAVERY—THE FOOL! IT WAS A GOOD IDEA OF YOURS, FLOYD! THERE HE GOES—TO HIS DOOM!



I WOULDN'T TRUST COLONEL WALLACE OR THAT RAT-FACED CRONY OF HIS, SIR! THEY'VE BEEN MAKING FORTUNES OUT OF SLAVERY UP TO NOW!

DON'T WORRY, HEENAN! I'LL BE KEEPING A SHARP LOOK-OUT FOR TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY!