

The lives of the three white men depend on their guard, Pete Jamieson, but Pete is fast asleep!

THE FLIGHTS OF THE BLUE CONDOR

ABOARD a raft, heading across a lake in the heart of the Amazon jungle of South America, were Professor Boris Tutt, Britain's leading expert on birds, Pete Jamieson, an experienced jungle guide, and Steve Clark, a cameraman. The trio were seeking blue condors, a species thought to be extinct for forty years, but which Tutt believed was still in existence. He had been proved correct the previous day when one of the giant birds was seen flying around above the mountains at the lake's end.



HEAR THAT RUMBLING, PETE? MUST BE A THUNDERSTORM AMONGST THOSE MOUNTAINS.

IT'S NOT A THUNDERSTORM, STEVE—IT'S A VOLCANIC DISTURBANCE. YOU CAN TELL BY THE WAVES THAT HAVE APPEARED ON THE LAKE'S SURFACE. WE'D BETTER HEAD FOR THE NEAREST ISLAND.



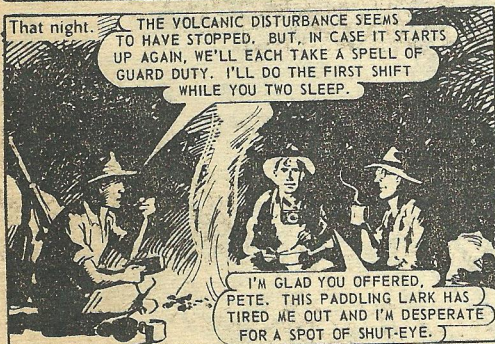
I DON'T SEE WHY WE SHOULD TAKE REFUGE ON AN ISLAND, JAMIESON! THESE LITTLE WAVES WON'T UPSET OUR RAFT.

IF THE VOLCANIC DISTURBANCE SPREADS TO THE BED OF THE LAKE, IT'LL START HUGE WHIRLPOOLS THAT WILL WRECK THE RAFT.



I'LL GO AND MAKE SURE THERE'S NO DANGER FOR US ON THIS ISLAND. YOU TWO CAN START UNLOADING THE RAFT.

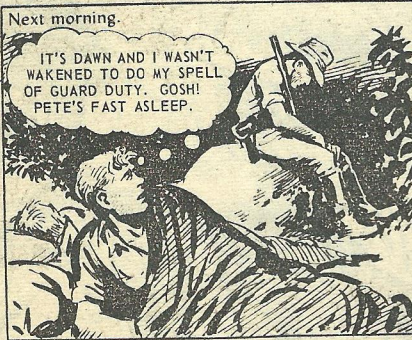
OKAY, PETE.



That night.

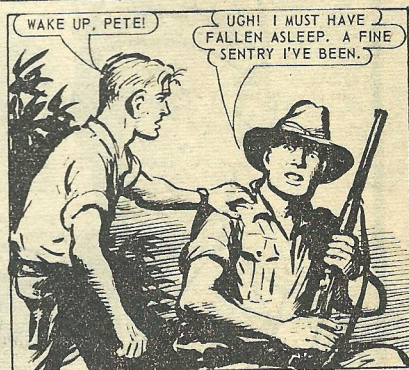
THE VOLCANIC DISTURBANCE SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED. BUT, IN CASE IT STARTS UP AGAIN, WE'LL EACH TAKE A SPELL OF GUARD DUTY. I'LL DO THE FIRST SHIFT WHILE YOU TWO SLEEP.

I'M GLAD YOU OFFERED, PETE. THIS PADDLING LARK HAS TIRED ME OUT AND I'M DESPERATE FOR A SPOT OF SHUT-EYE.



Next morning.

IT'S DAWN AND I WASN'T WAKENED TO DO MY SPELL OF GUARD DUTY. GOSH! PETE'S FAST ASLEEP.



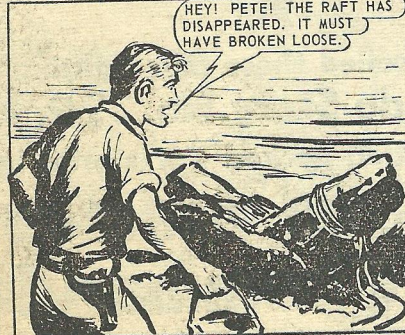
WAKE UP, PETE!

UGH! I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. A FINE SENTRY I'VE BEEN.

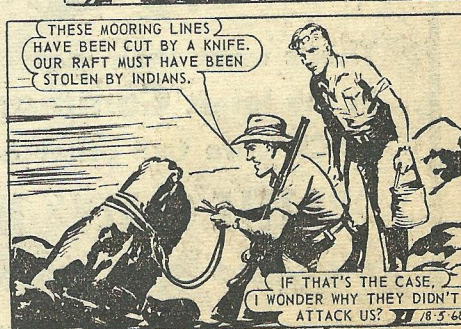


IF YOU GET THE FIRE GOING AGAIN, PETE, I'LL FETCH SOME WATER FOR OUR MORNING TEA!

OKAY! BUT I SHOULD BE MADE TO DO ALL THE CHORES AFTER FAILING AS A SENTRY.



HEY! PETE! THE RAFT HAS DISAPPEARED. IT MUST HAVE BROKEN LOOSE.



THESE MOORING LINES HAVE BEEN CUT BY A KNIFE. OUR RAFT MUST HAVE BEEN STOLEN BY INDIANS.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I WONDER WHY THEY DIDN'T ATTACK US?