

Claws by John Landon

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1 Cookery. 2 Sometimes he left because he did not like the boss. Sometimes he left because he did not like the work. 3 In the mountains. 4 The advertisements for jobs.

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1 (a) The job of cook for an expedition. (b) To the mountains of northern Afghanistan. (c) The Toruk. (d) Experience of cookery and mountain-climbing. 2 Because no one had seen the Toruk. 3 Because it was a job for a cook and it was a job in the mountains. It was the job he had been looking for. 4 (a) Max Lugner. (b) On the advertisement for the job with the expedition. (c) All of them except Professor Lugner had disappeared mysteriously on Mount Kanchen. 5 He decided to apply for the job.

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1 (a) A huge, strange creature – half bird, half animal. It was the Toruk. (b) Huge red claws. (c) Painted wood. 2 Four. 3 He said, 'If we find him? There is no "if". We shall find him.' 4 (a) 'Yes, of course.' (b) He was not sure.

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1 (a) That he had got the job. (b) On July 1st. (c) On September 1st. (d) On September 16th. 2 (1) Four men disappeared on the other expedition. Did the Toruk kill them? Why did no one find their bodies? And, (2) Has anyone been on more than one expedition with the Professor? 3 'Why does the Professor think the Toruk killed the men?' 'The Professor always goes with different people. Why?' And, 'Were these travellers killed by the Toruk?'

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1 (a) He was the quartermaster. (b) He was tired of life in the Army. He wanted something different. (c) Because Greg was like him. He was about the same age. And he had joined the expedition because he wanted to do something different. 2 PROFESSOR LUGNER. PRIVATE. DO NOT OPEN. 3 In the snow near the Mantra Pass. 4 Khalid. 5 That was where the four members of the other expedition had been killed. 6 'No, we will not wait. We will fly to Kabul on the first of September.'

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1 'No one must touch my box!' 2 (a) The men of Khalid. (b) They knew that the Toruk killed the men on the other expedition. 3 (a) He was an old man. He had been a guide on another expedition with Professor Lugner. (b) He knew a little English. (c) He wanted to see the Toruk. 4 'Has anyone been on more than one expedition with the Professor?' 5 That they had someone on this expedition who had searched for the Toruk before.

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1 No. 2 He did not understand why Professor Lugner always looked for the Toruk in bad weather. 3 'I want to understand your Professor.' 4 He said the people of Khalid were sad. They remembered that Professor Lugner led men to their deaths.

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1 He started to keep a diary. 2 Because the porter was carrying Professor Lugner's box. 3 Three men guarded the camp each night. Each man guarded it for three hours. 4 Because the weather was too bad to walk in the mountains.

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1 Claw marks. 2 A young scientist called Guy. Guy had gone from the camp. No one knew where he was. 3 He said that the Toruk had taken Guy. 4 (a) To search for Guy in the mountains. To follow the Toruk's claw marks. (b) He did not want to search for Guy. 5 Professor Lugner. 6 The same thing had happened on the other expedition. Four men had disappeared and the weather was too bad to search for them. 7 'The Professor said: "The Toruk killed them" Other members of the expedition said: "We did not look for the bodies. The weather was too bad."'

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1 Because they were covered by the snow. 2 (a) Because the weather was too bad. And they were afraid of the Toruk. (b) Because the expedition would not leave the camp. They would look for the Toruk in the Mantra Pass, not on Mount Kanchen. (c) Because they would not take the equipment back. They would leave it in the mountains. 3 He had heard a noise outside the tent. 4 There was no one in it. 5 The Professor's. 6 Huge claw marks. 7 Because he did not want the Toruk to see him. 8 Professor Lugner.

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1 (a) He was bending over in the snow. (b) 'The Toruk lives! They will see! The Toruk lives!' 2 Because Professor Lugner had already killed five men. If he saw Larry, he would kill him too. 3 Over the rocks.

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1 Because Guy had seen him making the claw marks. 2 'I did not think anyone would believe me.' 3 Because he was afraid that Abdul knew too much. 4 (a) Many Afghan travellers had seen the Toruk's claw marks. (b) 'I don't know. Perhaps the Toruk is alive. Perhaps the Toruk does exist.' 5 They decided not to tell anyone else about the Professor. But they decided to watch him all the time. 6 Because they did not want the Professor to find Larry's footprints. If he found Larry's footprints, the Professor would know that Larry had seen him with the claw. 7 Because Lugner looked worried. His own footprint was beside the claw mark. Now he could say that he had made the prints the night before. 8 Greg, Larry and Abdul.

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1 He did not know whether he was listening for Lugner or for the real Toruk. 2 The claw that he used to make the marks. 3 A terrible scream.

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1 (a) Professor Lugner. (b) He was not sure. 2 Lugner's body fell down on the snow. 3 Blood. 4 There was no blood on it. 5 Because they could see the Toruk's claw marks. A track of claws went down the side of the mountain.

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1 He was busy going to meetings and talking to famous scientists. 2 He said he should write a book. 3 (a) In a bookshop. (b) He said he was going on an expedition to look for the Toruk. (c) To apply for the post of quartermaster.