

The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**1**

1 He was a reporter for a newspaper in London. The newspaper is called the 'Daily Gazette'. 2 Professor Challenger said that he had found some wonderful animals in South America. Many people didn't believe him. Malone went to see Professor Challenger. He wanted to find out if Challenger was telling the truth. 3 He had a very large head with a red face and grey eyes. He had a long black beard. His hands were big, strong and covered with thick black hair. 4 Malone asked Challenger some questions. But they were not very good questions. Challenger soon knew that Malone was not a science student. Challenger guessed that he was a reporter. He tried to throw him out of the house. Challenger attacked Malone and they both fell to the floor. The two men rolled into the street. A policeman asked why they were fighting. Malone said it was his fault. He did not want Challenger to be in trouble. Challenger was pleased and asked Malone to go back into the house.

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1 He went to South America. He met some Indians. 2 Maple White was an American. He had found a plateau where dinosaurs still lived. He was dead when Challenger saw him. 3 He went to find the plateau. 4 It showed the plateau with a tall thin rock beside it. On the rock was a tree. And there was a huge creature sitting in the tree. It was a pterodactyl. 5 He wanted to return to this place – the Lost World.

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1 Challenger said that some dinosaurs were still living. 2 Professor Summerlee, Lord John Roxton and Edward Malone. 3 That he loved travelling, and had collected beautiful things from many countries. And that he liked sport and enjoyed hunting. He says that Roxton was about thirty-eight years old, was tall and thin. He had a strong body and cold blue eyes. 4 He told them to go to the town of Manaos by the River Amazon. He said that they must open the envelope there on 15th July at twelve o'clock.

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1 He had killed a man called Pedro Lopez five years before. Lopez had been very cruel to the Indians. 2 Five Indians, and two men of mixed race. 3 The envelope had only a blank piece of paper in it. He thought that Challenger had played a trick on them. He did not believe in the Lost World. 4 Nineteen days. 5 First they travelled in a boat called the 'Esmerelda'. Then in canoes. And then they walked.

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1 Under the high red cliffs, below the plateau. And near the tall thin rock. 2 They walked round the plateau. They found some pieces of wood which were shaped like arrows. Maple White had made these arrows. They pointed to the place where he had found a way up to the top. This was a cave which led to a tunnel. They started to walk along the tunnel but the roof had fallen in. They could not go any further. 3 A terrible creature came down from the sky. It took their dinner. It was a pterodactyl. 4 He said that they must climb to the top of the tall rock. They must cut down the tree on the top of it. The tree could be a bridge to the plateau. 5 Challenger, Summerlee, Roxton and Malone went across the bridge. Gomez and Miguel stayed behind. 6 The tree fell into the abyss. Their bridge had gone.

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1 Gomez and Miguel had pushed the tree into the abyss. They had done it because Gomez hated Roxton. Roxton had killed Pedro Lopez. He was Gomez' brother. 2 They asked him to stay in the camp at the bottom of the rock. They asked him to send one of the Indians to get some long ropes. And they asked him to tell the Indian to send Malone's report to Mr McArdle in London. 3 A huge animal. Professor Challenger said that he thought a dinosaur had made them. 4 He was looking into a pit where hundreds of pterodactyls were sitting. 5 Something had broken things in the camp. It had taken the food from some of their tins.

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1 They heard dreadful cries and screams. Then they saw a very large creature. It was going to attack them. Lord Roxton picked up a burning branch from the fire. He pushed in into the creature's face. 2 There was a large black circle on its skin. 3 He wanted to draw a map of the plateau. He said he would be able to see all of the plateau from the top of the tree. 4 He saw an ugly face staring at him. 5 He saw the whole plateau far below. There was a large lake in the centre. On the far side of the lake was a line of red cliffs. In the cliffs there were some dark holes, like caves. 6 He promised to think of a way to get down from the plateau.

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1 He thought the iguanodon's killer could be in the forest. 2 He saw fires in the dark holes in the cliffs. 3 A tyrannosaurus was hunting him. 4 He found that all the things in the camp were broken. And his friends had gone. 5 Sancho.

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1 The Ape-People had attacked the camp. They had captured Challenger, Summerlee and Roxton. They had taken them to their town. 2 They went to the Ape-Town. They saw Challenger standing with the Ape-King. And they saw Summerlee and five Indians by the cliff at the edge of the Plateau. All the Ape-People were watching them. 3 Lord Roxton shot the Ape-King. Then he and Malone shot at the crowd. The Ape-People ran away. 4 The four Indian prisoners.

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1 An Ape-Man caught him. He tried to kill Malone, but Roxton shot him. 2 That he was the son of the chief. 3 They were going to help them fight the Ape-People. 4 Some of the Indians went into the forest. They brought an iguanodon with them. They killed it and cut it up for food. 5 The Indians and the explorers.

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1 There were narrow steps going up to them. The dinosaurs could not climb the steps. 2 It looked like a cage with a man's legs. It was Roxton. 3 The chief's son. He gave them a piece of bark. It had some marks on it. It was a map. It showed a way out of the Lost World. 4 They walked through a long tunnel. It led to the other side of the cliff.

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1 That Challenger's story was true. That he had seen the Lost World himself. 2 To show them some evidence from the Lost World. 3 A baby pterodactyl. It flew around inside the hall. It found an open window and flew out. 4 They had seen the pterodactyl.