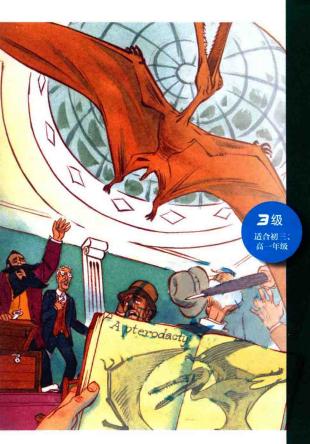


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#### The Lost World

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930), born in Edinburgh, Scotland, is best known for his tales of Sherlock Holmes, the detective, though he also wrote many science fiction stories. He started writing after working as a doctor, and soon became one of the world's best known authors. His story about the detective Sherlock Holmes – *The Blue Diamond*, *The Emerald Crown*, *The Norwood Mystery* and *The Sign of Four* are also available in the Bookworms series.

# 失落的世界

阿瑟·柯南·道尔爵士(1859—1930),出生于英国苏格兰的爱丁堡。他因创作夏洛克·福尔摩斯大侦探的系列故事而闻名,但他还写过很多科幻故事。他当过医生,之后便开始从事写作,而且很快就成为世界上最知名的作家之一。本系列同时收录了四个由他创作的夏洛克·福尔摩斯探案的故事——《蓝色宝石》、《绿玉王冠》、《诺伍德谜案》和《四签名》。

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# ACTIVITIES |

## **BEFORE READING**

What do you know about dinosaurs and other animals of their time? Fill in the table.

	Triceratops	Stegosaurus	Pterodactyl	Tyrannosaurus Rex
When did it live?	67-65 million years ago (Cretaceous period)	oregosani us	recouncey	REX
	in what is now Vorth America			
What did it look like?	It had three horns, a bit like today's rhinoceros			
How heavy was it?	6-12 tonnes			
How big was it?	9 metres long			
What did it eat?	plants			
How did it move?	in groups			

Which films or TV programmes have you seen with dinosaurs in them?

How beautiful she was! Her large, soft eyes, her long, dark hair, her sweet smile – Gladys Hungerton was made for love. We were friends, good friends, but nothing more. We sat, silently, by the window in her father's house, and Gladys seemed so beautiful, but so far



away. Tonight, I decided, tonight I would ask her. Suddenly, she turned to me, and said:

feeling

n. something that you feel inside yourself 感觉

'I have a **feeling** that you're going to ask me to marry you, Ned. Please don't.'

'How did you know?' I asked, very surprised.

'Women always know,' she replied. 'But don't you think that things are nicer as they are? We're good friends. We can talk so openly and so easily together.'



'But I want more than that, Gladys. I want to hold you in my arms, I want . . . Oh, Gladys, why can't you love me?'

'Because I love another man,' she replied.

Gladys saw the surprise on my face.

'Oh, I've never met him,' she laughed, and explained. 'He's just an **idea** in my head.'

'Tell me about him,' I said.

'Well, he possibly has your face, but . . .'

'But . . . what?' I asked. 'Tell me, Gladys, just tell me what you want. I can change!'

'He is a harder man than you. He is a man who does **brave** things, and has strange adventures. He is a man who can look at death in the face, and is not afraid.'

'But we can't all have adventures,' I said. 'And where are these great adventures? I've never found one.'

'They are all around us. But it is only the great men who see them. And I know that if I marry, I want to marry a famous man.'

'And why not?' I said, suddenly, and jumped to my feet. 'Yes, I'll do something great in the world. I will! And, when I've done it –'

Gladys put a soft hand over my mouth.

'Don't say another word. You're already half an hour late for the office. One day, when you've won your place in the world, we'll talk about it again.'

## idea n. a plan or a new thought

thought 想法 brave

adj. not afraid of doing dangerous things 勇敢的

#### reporter

n. a person who writes for a newspaper 记者 That was how it all began. As I waited for my bus in the dark, rainy London streets, something was burning inside me. I was twenty-three, an unimportant young **reporter** on the *Daily Gazette* newspaper, but I felt inside me the hot fire of first love. Tonight, I was sure, I would find something that would change my life. I would find a great thing to do, a brave adventure somewhere out in the world, and I would win my Gladys's love.



So, that cold November evening, I arrived at the office of the *Gazette* with my head full of these ideas. Mr McArdle, the news **editor**, was at his desk. I always liked old McArdle, and I hoped that he liked me.

'I hear that you are doing very well, Mr Malone,' he said, in his kind Scottish voice. 'You have written some very good pieces for us.'

'Thank you,' I answered.

'Now, how can I help you?'

'Sir, I... I have something to ask you. Do you think that you could possibly send me somewhere with a lot of adventure and danger? I'll try to write something good for the *Gazette*. I really will.'

'Were you thinking of anywhere special?'

'Not really. But somewhere very difficult. I want something really hard.'

#### editor

n. a person who decides which stories must go in a newspaper 主编

#### sir

n. when you are speaking to a man that you do not know well, or who is more important than you, you call him this 先生

professor n. an important teacher at a university 教授

## zoologist

n. a person who studies animals 动物学家

# liar

n. a person who says things that are not true 说谎的人

### throw

v. (threw-thrown) to push something or somebody quickly through the air with your hands む5 'Oh dear me, Mr Malone. That's very brave of you,' replied McArdle. 'Do you really want to lose your life so young?'

'No, I want to find out what my life really means.'

'Mr Malone, the days of young reporters going on dangerous adventures are past, I'm afraid. These days editors only give jobs like that to famous reporters,' he said. But then a sudden smile came to his face. 'Wait a minute! I have an idea. Why don't you go and see **Professor** Challenger?'

'Professor Challenger! The famous **zoologist**!' was my surprised reply. 'Didn't he break the arm of that reporter from *The Times*?'

'Yes, but I'm hoping that you'll have better luck. And you said that you wanted danger, didn't you? Here are some notes for you to begin with.'

He gave me a paper and I read it quickly.

Professor George Edward Challenger

Born: 1863, Scotland Spent school and student days

in Edinburgh

Job: Zoologist

Winner of Crayston Cup for his work as a zoologist (London 1892 3)

Has very different ideas from other zoologists

Likes: Mountain climbing, walking

Address: Enmore Park, London

'But, sir,' I said to McArdle, putting the paper in my pocket. 'I don't understand. Why do I need to talk to this man? What has he done?'

McArdle's round, red face looked up from his newspaper.

'He spent a year alone, in a place somewhere in South America. No one knows where it was. He came back to London last year, and he said one or two things about his travels, but then people started asking questions and he stopped talking so freely. Either something wonderful happened

there – or the man's a **liar**. Most people think he's a liar. So now he hits anybody who asks him questions, and he **throws** reporters downstairs. That's your man, Mr Malone. Go and see what you think of him.'

And that was the end of the conversation. I went out, and for a long time I looked into the brown, cloudy waters of the River Thames, looking for ideas. Then, suddenly I knew what to do. I went at once to see Tarp Henry, a **scientist**, and an old friend of mine.

'Challenger?' said Henry. 'He was the man who came back from South America with that impossible story. He said that he **discovered** some strange animals there. There were even some photographs, but nobody **believes** that they're real.'

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Tarp Henry showed me some of Challenger's books, and I opened the largest one. After a long time, I found a few words which I could nearly understand. I wrote them on a paper, and

Dear Professor Challenger,

began my letter.

I am a young zoologist who has always been greatly interested in your works –

'You liar!' laughed Henry.

I went on writing, asking if the great Professor would kindly agree to see me on Wednesday, to talk about some of the ideas in his book.

'He's a dangerous man,' said Henry, reading my letter. 'But, luckily for you, I don't think that he'll answer this.'

My friend was wrong. At eleven o'clock that Wednesday morning I was knocking on the front door of Challenger's fine house, with a letter from the Professor in my hand.

#### scientist

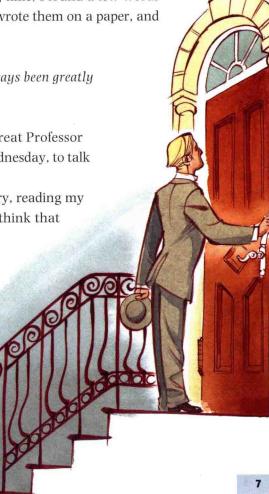
n. a person who studies the natural world 科学家

### discover

v. to find something new or important 发现

#### believe

v. to feel sure that something is true 相信



# ACTIVITIES | | |

## **READING CHECK**

Ar	e these sentences true or false? lick the boxes.	True	False
a	Gladys wants to marry Malone soon.		V
b	Malone works for Mr McArdle, a Canadian newspaper man.		
C	McArdle sends Malone to speak to George Edward Challenger.		
d	Challenger spent a year in South America.		
e	Challenger is a very friendly man.		
f	Malone speaks to his friend Tarp Henry about Challenger.		
g	Tarp Henry says Challenger found strange animals in South America.		
h	Challenger asks Malone to come to his house.		

# **WORD WORK**

1 Use these words to complete the sentences.

reporter editor professor zoologist scientist liar

aren't true.



# ACTIVITIES

Find	the words	to complete	e the sentence	es about the stor	V.

- a Gladys has an idea that Malone wants to marry her.
- **b** She says that she wants to marry a b\_\_\_\_ man.
- c Malone has the f\_\_\_\_\_ that he must win Gladys's love.
- **d** People say that Challenger visited a 'l world' in South America.
- e They say that he d\_\_\_\_\_ strange animals there.
- f Many people don't b\_\_\_\_\_ Challenger's stories.
- **g** When people from the newspapers visit Challenger, he likes to t\_\_\_\_ them downstairs.

# o h r t w

## **GUESS WHAT**

# What happens in the next chapter? Tick four boxes.

- a Malone meets Challenger.
- **b** Challenger thinks that Malone is a young scientist.
- c Challenger is very friendly.
- d Challenger throws Malone downstairs.
- e Malone leaves Challenger's house and never sees him again.
- f Challenger shows Malone something interesting.
- g Malone wants to meet Challenger again.



↑ Then I stood face to face with the Professor at his home in Enmore Park I could not believe what I saw. He had the most enormous head that I have ever seen, a very big body, and great hairy hands. His face was an angry red colour, and his great beard was blue-black.

# enormous

adj. very big 硕大的

#### beard

n, the hair on a man's face 胡须

### attack

v. to start fighting 攻击

He sat and looked at me with eyes of a very deep grey.

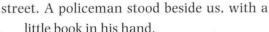
'Well?' he said, at last,

I tried to talk like a scientist, but the Professor did not believe me for a minute.

'You dirty little reporter! Did you really think that you could be as clever as the great G. E. Challenger?'

Challenger jumped to his feet, and I was surprised to see that he was only a short man. Then he **attacked** me. His great body was on top of me, and then I was on top of him, and my mouth

was full of his beard. Our bodies went flying out of the room, and we suddenly found ourselves in the



'What's all this, then?' he asked. looking at the Professor. 'You were in trouble for the same thing last month, weren't vou?' He

opened his book and started to

write notes in it.

'No, please don't,' I said. 'This time I began it, I'm afraid. He didn't mean to hurt me.'



The policeman stopped writing and told the crowd of people in the street to go away. The Professor looked at me, with a small smile in his deep grey eyes.

'Come in! I've not finished with you yet.'

A little afraid, I followed him into the house. We went back into his room, where he showed me a comfortable chair.

'Now, listen carefully,' he began. 'I usually have no time for people from the newspapers. But your words to that policeman showed me that you are, perhaps, a little better than the rest of them. That is why I brought you back.

'Now, you know that I made a journey to South America two years ago. Very few white people have visited the small rivers which run into the great Amazon River.

'One night I was in a village deep in the **forest**. The **Indians** there took me to see a very ill white man in one of their homes. When I arrived, he was already dead. Beside him lay a bag. When I opened it, I saw the name *Maple White*, and an address in America. I also found something else. It was this book of his **drawings**. Look at it closely.'

He stopped, took an old, dirty, drawing book from his desk and gave it to me. There were drawings of Indians, and a picture of a white man, with the words *Jimmy Colver on the boat* below it. The other drawings were of animals and birds.

'I see nothing unusual here,' I said, and I turned the pages.

The next drawing interested me more. It showed some very high, dark red **cliffs**. They lay across the page, like a great red wall, with green trees all along the top. One great, tall **rock** stood alone next to the cliffs.

'Now . . . look at the last page,' said the Professor, smiling.

I turned the page, and nearly screamed. I was looking at a wild, strange animal. It had a small head, short legs, and an enormous blue-grey body, perhaps nine metres long.

'Now look at this,' he said, and he showed me a **bone**. It was about fifteen centimetres long, with some dry skin at

#### forest

n. a place with a lot of trees 森林

#### Indian

n. a person who lived in America before white people arrived 印第安人

#### drawing

n. a picture made with a pen or pencil 图画

#### cliff

n. a high natural wall 峭壁

#### rock

n. a very big stone 岩石

#### bone

n. a hard white thing inside an animal's body 骨头 one end. 'I found it in the American's bag. The same bone in a man's body is like this,' he went on, and he showed me a bone about one centimetre long. 'So you can see it came from a very large animal. And the skin on the end tells you that the bone is not very old. Well, what do you think? What is it?'

'I'm afraid that I've no idea,' I replied.

'Then I'll tell you, young man. This bone belongs to a **dinosaur**. The drawing is of a dinosaur too. Scientists think that they all died millions of years ago, but I can tell you that some dinosaurs are still alive today. So, what do you say now?'

'I'm deeply interested,' I said.

Next. the Professor showed me a large, very dark photograph. I looked at it closely. I could see an enormous wall of cliffs; beside them stood a tall, single rock, with a great tree on top.

'I think it's the same place as the drawing,' I said.

'It is. I found things from Maple White's **camp** there. Now, look at that tree. Can you see something there?'

'A large bird?' I said.

'Not a bird,' replied Challenger. 'Would you like to see a piece of its wing?'

The Professor opened a box, and took out a long bone with some grey skin on it. Then he opened a book on his desk, and showed me a picture of a strange flying animal.



#### camp

n. a place where people live in tents for a short time 营地,

