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SYNOPSIS

EPISODE TITLE - - - - - -THE STOLEN MEDAL

In an outpost village, on the border of the jungle in Africa, the natives of Njondemo are ruled by a half caste malay known as Numa (The Lion). He is introduced in conference with an American guide, Brandon, who is negotiating for a caravan to take his party, - consisting of Majorie and Edith Stanley, sisters, - and Tom Stanley, their uncle, - into the jungle where they are bound upon a mysterious mission. Njondemo has seen Majorie Stanley and agrees to furnish the caravan if Brandon will promise to return Majorie to him, - - - along with his share of the spoils, when they shall have reached their destination and claimed the treasure awaiting them. Brandon, - hoping to benefit by this arrangement agrees.

Jimmy Morrison, young newspaper reporter, is assigned his first big story, when the editor of a leading dailt sends Jimmy out to discover a reason for the contemplated sailing of Swede Hanson's mystery craft, - The Angel.

MacDonald Hayden, has received a telegram from the girl he loves, stating that she is sailing for Europe, - to follow out the dying wish of her father. No other explanation follows and Mack attempts to learn her whereabout. Mack is heartbroken. Morrison, rushes up, as Mack is leaving his club, and excitedly tells his friend that the paper has assigned him a story concerning the sailing of the privately owned craft known as The Angel. When Jim notes his friend's sadness, Mack explains that Marjorie has left and that he is miserable. Jim is sympathetic. But Jim's story affects Mack and he offers to join Jim. Jim is startled, - reminding Mack that he must go as a coal heaver. But Mack persists and Jim reluctantly relents.

The Angel is owned by Captain 'Swede Hanson', a big brute of a man, - on type of Wolf Larson. The Angel is held up, - awaiting additional hands. Mack and Jim arrive and ask to ship. Swede is pleased at the prospect of sailing and readily agrees. As Mack and Jim are about to enter their cabin, - to change into sailors clothes, Teddy, who has followed, barks and leaps from the pier to the deck of the vessel.

Teddy's ferocious look subdues those about him and even Swede Hanson is forced to withhold punishment upon the presumptious creature. But when Tex, the leader of the sailors, surlily tells Mack to hurry and change, - and adds to his order a curse for Teddy and a kick in his direction, Swede strikes Tex and knocks him full length upon the deck, reminding Tex that he is Captain, and any kicking to be done, - he's there for that purpose. So Teddy is allowed to stay on board.

In the boiler room, sailors show Mack and Jim what they must do. and surrounded by jeering and laughing sailors, the two set to work.

The two girls are dressed as men. Tom Stanley scowls and tells the girls that he doesn't trust their companion, Brandon. The girls laugh at their uncle's fear and remind him of the fact that Brandon always accompanied their adverturous father on his expeditions into Africa. The uncle sighs and silently bemoans fate for sending him with these girls, to follow out the wishes of his dying brother. From the first Tom has disapproved but has sacrificed his own feelings, because of a sense of duty to his brother and his orphaned girls.

Just off the coast of Africa Swede Hanson is onecne of his periodical drunks; during these he seeks out his cabin and alone, finishes his spree. As he staggers down the deck, the sailors scoot in fear. Mack and Jim are on the deck with Teddy; at dush Teddy is allowed on deck for exercise and fresh air. Jim cautions Mack to keep clear of Swede; Mack is curious about the voyage of The Angel and questions Jim who tells him that he is not certain as to the object of the trip. As Mack and Jim are trying to fathom the mystery, Swede's head appears at the door of his cabin, - he looks about, sees Mack and summons him. Swede has tried to untie his shoes, - but in his present condition this is impossible. Mack goes to Swede's cabin and Swede, flopped across bunk, orders Mack to untie his shoes. This is too much; Mack is furious and refuses but Swede's hand slips beneath his pillows, - a gun is drawn and Mack has nothing to do but follow out Swede's orders. Swede mumbles 'don't take them off...Just untie them' But before the shoes are unlaced Swede is sleeping and snoring. Mack takes off the first shoe; from the second there drops a folded map. Mack examines this and finds half a map and medal, marked with strange characters but bearing, - in English, - a few words instructing the holder. 'At Tomikey find Condo; possession of this medal will identify the bearer as my daughters or their heirs' The signature is torn off. While Mack studies this over, - Swede moves; hastily Mack replaces map and exits.

On the deck Mack questions Jim; when he tells of the map both realize that this is the object of the trip; their thoughts are interrupted; Mack looks down toward hold of ship. Both have heard. In the hold the men, relieved from the jurisdiction of Swede, who is helpless in his cabin, - have their own celebration. Mack slips down to listen; and hears Tex telling the others that the stuff they're after must be divided equally...but why two extra men; the ship can run without these two hands; then the men nod but are silent as to how their object can be accomplished. Tex suggests 'They might fall overboard... and Swede is sleeping' The suggestion meets instant approval. Mack, overhearing, realizes that they are doomed. He runs to Jim and they attempt to find some way to escape. Jim suggest a lifeboat and Mack agrees; but before leaving the ship Mack has work to do. He stations Jim on watch near the companionway; Teddy on deck and he slips back into the Captain's cabin, - gets the map, a gun and ammunition and is back on deck as the men start up from the hold. Jim joins Mack and they whistle to Teddy. Tex in companionway, - sees Teddy disappearing around end of ship; their group is divided; one part goes one way; the other straight along deck. Mack has reaches lifeboat other side of deck, - orders Teddy to lie flat in bottom; the gun and ammunition are thrown in bottom when Tex comes around from other side of deck. Mack rushes with Jim down to companionway; meets the other gang and fight ensues. During this fight some of the sailors are hurt; Tex and Mack mix but eventually the sailors succeed in hurling both Jim and Mack over side of boat. Then, frightened at their work, - and seeking to avoid discovery by Swede, - Tex and his men rush away from the deck and back into the bld. Mack coming, up, - strikes outp or makes an effort to keep afloat. His first throughts are of Teddy, Weakly he calls.

Teddy sticks his head up, - sees Mack; Jim is also trying to keep afloat. Again Mack calls; Teddy, with quick movement, pulls rope holding lifeboat; the boat flops on water, - the two men strike out for it Mack reaches boat first, climbs in, - they pick up Jim; quickly the men grab oars and start rowing away while, in the hold, Ted and his companions congratulate themselves on their successful work.

The caravan moving through the jungle is halted; the natives beating the bushes pauses in horror. The elephant lifts his trunk and roars; this is warning of an approaching storm; bords fly in terror; animals tear madly through the jungle seeking shelter. Monkeys chatter in fear. The natives drop to the ground, bumping heads against the dirt. Brandon, with curses, routs them up and forces them to move forward. But only for a short distance; again the elephant stops; this time the natives lose all sense of reason; Brandon shouting at them ; the elephant roaring; lightning flashes and strikes a tree; a lion leaps across the fallen trunk; madly the elephant tears off through the jungle; the girls are frantic; Brandon tries to follow. The natives won't move. The elephant running, nears a tree. Stanley is thrown out but the girls are on the back of the racing elephant.

All during this, the surf is whirling and tossing a small lifeboat, while its occupants attempt to keep from capsizing; the three in the boat are nearly starved but in desperation, fight on. A huge breaker coming in, - carries them toward the beach. They leap out and struggle toward the beach without mishap. On the edge of the water they drop down exhausted. But Teddy is howling; he scents danger ahead. The storm, - the lightning and thunder.....all are terrifying. And the jungle ahead holds unknown but obvious dangers for the dog. Mack tries to pacify the animal, - but weakly.

The uncle, landing is stunned, - gets to his feet and starts for his nieces. At this moment, there is another flash of lightning,- the tree nearby is struck and falls across the uncle. The girls see; as they weap over their loss, - the storm reaches its greatest fury. Near the village of Olinga, - lions chase the elephant, - the girls fall with howdah and the lions are upon them.

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