

GOLD



90053-402

BORIS KARLOFF



20c

BORIS KARLOFF

TALES OF MYSTERY

His eyes
played tricks on him—
with Nature adding
an extra twist!



THERE IT HUNG IN THE SUN-PARCHED AIR,
FLOATING ABOVE THAT CAULDRON OF A DESERT!
A MONSTER OF THE SEA THAT HAD FOUND ITS
WAY TO THIS OCEAN OF SAND! WAS IT A MOMENT'S
MADNESS OR A NIGHTMARE? AND WHAT WOULD
YOUNG HASSAN HAVE TO PAY TO LEARN THE SECRET?



THE DEMON WATERS

AYEE! A FANTASTIC
CREATURE OF
THE SEA -- AN ILLUSION
OF GREATEST REALITY!

NO -- IT IS A MIRAGE,
RASHID! AND MY
FATHER -- REST HIS
GREAT SOUL -- TOLD
ME THAT WHAT WE
SEE IN A MIRAGE
TRULY EXISTS! I
MEAN TO FIND THAT
HORROR!



BUT BEFORE WE UNRAVEL THIS TWISTED TALE OF SEA AND SAND, LET US MOVE BACKWARD A FEW DAYS FROM THAT MIRAGE--AND A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW...

MOTHER, COME QUICKLY! IT IS FATHER'S CARAVAN! THEY HAVE RETURNED FROM JAFURA! THERE WILL BE CLOTH AND SPICES AND--

HASSAN! YOUR FATHER'S HORSE HAS NO RIDER!... WHERE IS YOUR FATHER?

RASHID! WHERE IS MY FATHER? SPEAK!

YES, I WILL TELL YOU OF THE MASTER! BUT FIRST-- WATER!

MY THROAT IS HALF-CHARRED BY THE JOURNEY!

I WOULD HAVE TORN MY TONGUE FROM MY HEAD BEFORE I TOLD OF THIS TRAGEDY, MY LADY!

"WE ARRIVED AT THE PORT OF JAFURA ONE WEEK AGO WITH 400 WEIGHTS OF DRIED DATES AND TEN BARRELS OF PALM OIL! THEN, EVEN AS WE LOADED THE SHIP..."

FASTER! WE MUST BE DONE BEFORE NIGHTFALL OR--

MASTER! BEHIND YOU-- A SEA DEMON!

"THE DEMON DID ATTACK THE SHIP AND
BRAVEST IN THAT BATTLE WAS THE
MASTER HIMSELF..."

IF I CAN BUT
FILL HIS GAPING
MOUTH WITH THIS
BARREL, THE REST
WILL BE CHILD'S
PLAY!



"BUT THE DEMON MOVED ONE
CLAW AS FAST AS A FALCON'S
FLIGHT..."



"AND THEN, WITH ONE TERRIBLE
STROKE, TOOK THE MASTER..."



"WE SEARCHED FAR INTO THE NIGHT..."

IT IS USELESS!
THERE IS NO SIGN
OF THE MASTER
ON THE BOTTOM!...
THE CREATURE HAS
TAKEN HIM TO SEA--
OR DEVoured HIM!



EYEE! MAY ALLAH
PROTECT HIS SOUL--
AND THE BELLIES OF
OUR EIGHT CHILDREN!
FOR WHO WILL FEED
THEM NOW?

I WILL, MOTHER!
I AM THE OLDEST!
I WILL TAKE THE
NEXT CARAVAN
TO JAFURA!



YOUNG HASSAN IS FIRM IN HIS DETERMINATION!
AND SO, SOME WEEKS LATER...

MAYALLAH
PROTECT YOU,
MY CHILD!

I WILL BE SAFE, MY
MOTHER! RASHID KNOWS
THE DESERT NEAR AS
WELL AS MY FATHER
DID!

THEY RIDE THE COOLEST HOURS OF
EARLY MORNING AND RISE AGAIN
WHEN THE SUN BEGINS TO LOWER...

IT IS HOT EVEN NOW! BUT A COOL
WIND IS ON ITS WAY! WE SHALL
NOT SUFFER IN THE
HOURS AHEAD!

THEN, SUDDENLY,
A SILENT,
SPECTRAL IMAGE
APPEARS ABOVE
THE SANDS...

A MIRAGE! A
FANCY PLAYED
UPON THE "EYE
OF THE MIND"
BY HEAT AND...

...SEARING BRIGHTNESS!

NO! I HAVE NEVER SEEN
ONE-- BUT MY FATHER
TOLD ME IT IS A TRUE
PICTURE OF SOMETHING
THAT EXISTS FAR AWAY!

HE SAID THAT BETWEEN
COOL WIND AND HOT SAND,
A KIND OF "MIRROR" IS
FORMED THAT--

LOOK AGAIN! THERE IS A
MAN ON THAT ISLAND!...
RASHID, I RECOGNIZE THAT
FORM AND WALK! IT IS--MY
FATHER! ALLAH BE PRAISED!

AYEE! SEE THERE, RASHID--
A SEA MONSTER LIKE THE
ONE YOU TOLD OF!

NO, YOUNG MASTER
--COME BACK!

BUT AS
HASSAN
APPROACHES
THE
SHIMMERING
VISION...

AYEE! IT VANISHED
BEFORE MY
EYES!

DID I NOT TELL
YOU IT WAS SOME
TRICK OF THE MIND?
I SAW NO MONSTER
OR YOUR FATHER--
MAY HE REST
IN PEACE!

PERHAPS YOU
ARE RIGHT! IN
MY GRIEF, I
TURNED THE
MIRAGE INTO
WHAT I *WANTED*
IT TO BE! *SIGH.*

DAYS
LATER, IN
JAFURA...

I MUST MAKE OUR
DEAL WITH THE SHIP'S
CAPTAIN NOW! SPEAK
TO NO ONE, LEST YOUR
INNOCENCE COSTS US
AT THE BARGAINING
TABLE!

SING
AND THE
WORK GOES
FASTER,
MEN!

♪ LISTEN, YOU SAILORS
SO THAT YOU MAY HEAR
♪ OF THE GIANT DEMON
NEAR THE ISLE OF AKBIR...

♪ SING HEY HO HEY AND NEVER GO NEAR
THE MURDEROUS WATERS OF OLD ♪
AKBIR... ♪

A GIANT DEMON? IS IT JUST
A SAILOR'S TALE OR CAN IT
BE...? I *MUST* FIND OUT!

THAT NIGHT...

RASHID WOULD NEVER LET ME DO THIS, SO I HAD TO STEAL AWAY IN THE NIGHT! PERHAPS I AM A **FOOL** TO FOLLOW A MIRAGE!

WHO IS THERE? IS THAT **YOU**, RASHID? HAVE **YOU** COME TO FINISH--

FATHER!
IT IS I-- HASSAN!
YOU'RE ALIVE!

QUICKLY, FATHER AND SON EXCHANGE EMBRACES, TEARS AND TALES...

TRULY, THE MIRAGE DID PERFORM THE MIRACLE OF RESCUE! BUT NOW YOU MUST **KNOW** THAT RASHID IS A TRAITOR!

YOUR MOST TRUSTED OF SERVANTS?

"YES, I WAS NOT TORN FROM THE BOAT! RASHID TRICKED ME OUT INTO THE WATERS AND THEN PITCHED ME TO THE DEMON..."

HERE, DEMON-- FEAST ON THESE OLD BONES-- AS I WILL SOON FEAST UPON HIS FORTUNE!

BUT I WAS ABLE TO REACH SHORE BEFORE THE DEMON DEVoured ME! AND I HAVE BEEN A PRISONER HERE EVER SINCE!

AHHH! BUT I HAVE A BOAT NOW AND WITH IT WE MIGHT EVADE THE MONSTER! COME QUICKLY WHILE IT IS YET DARK!

I THINK WE HAVE
PASSED SAFELY
THROUGH THE WATERS
OF THE DEMON!

PRaise ALLAH
THAT IT BE SO!
BUT LOOK
AHEAD! A
ROCK THAT
COULD GUT
OUR BOAT!
CAREFUL!

BUT SUDDENLY THAT "ROCK" COMES
TO TERRIFYING LIFE...

EEYAWW!

JUMP, HUSSAN!
JUMP FOR YOUR
LIFE! I WILL KEEP
THE DEMON BUSY
WITH THIS OAR!

NO, FATHER!
THE MIRAGE
DID NOT LEAD
ME HERE THAT
I MIGHT
ABANDON YOU!

SWIFTLY, HASSAN HEFTS
A HEAVY WATER KEG...

I DO NOT FEAR YOU, DENIZEN
OF THE DEEP! I DEFY YOU,
DEMON!

HASSAN! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?
MY SON, **STOP** IT!

ATTRACTED BY THE BOY'S
SHOUTS, THE DEMON LUNGES...

EEYAWW!

AT THE ULTIMATE MOMENT...

IN HIS LIE, RASHID SAID
MY FATHER SOUGHT TO
THROW A BARREL
INTO
YOUR MOUTH!
NOW - I DO IT!

RASHID'S EVIL HELPED
US TO ESCAPE IN THE
END!

PERHAPS HE DID, BY
ACCIDENT, BENEFIT US!
BUT I STILL HAVE TO
REPAY HIM FOR
FEEDING ME TO
THAT THING!

APRRGH!

LATER, AT THE PORT...

Y-YOU ARE
ALIVE, MASTER!
I TRIED TO SAVE
YOU FROM FALL-
ING OVERBOARD!
BUT--

SAVE YOUR LIES, RASHID!
AND DO NOT TREMBLE SO!
I WILL NOT FEED YOU TO
THE DEMON!

ONE WEEK LATER...

I TOLD YOU WE WERE
APPROACHING THE MIRAGE
OF AKBIR ISLE, MY SON! IT
IS NOT UNKNOWN TO
ANCIENT TRAVELERS!

THERE IT IS--JUST
AS IT WAS WHEN I SAW
YOU THERE, FATHER!

I WAS AS GOOD AS
MY WORD, SON! I DID
NOT THROW HIM TO
THE DEMON!

AND THERE IS ENOUGH
FOOD TO LAST HIS LIFE-
TIME ON AKBIR ISLE--
WITH THE DEMON AS
HIS JAILER!

A TRICK OF NATURE--A "MIRROR" MADE OF AIR--LED HASSAN
TO HIS FATHER'S "PRISON" AND LEFT THE RASCAL RASHID IN HIS
PLACE! TOO BAD FOR RASHID THAT THE DEMON COUGHED UP
THE BARREL, WASN'T IT?

100

PC.

TOY SOLDIER SET

\$1²⁵

MADE OF DURABLE PLASTIC, EACH WITH ITS OWN BASE.



PACKED IN THIS
PASTEBOARD
FOOTLOCKER
TOY STORAGE BOX

DIMENSIONS:
 $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 2\frac{3}{8}$

EACH FOOTLOCKER CONTAINS:

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 4 Tanks | 8 Machinegunners | 4 Bombers |
| 4 Jeeps | 4 Sharpshooters | 4 Trucks |
| 4 Battleships | 4 Infantrymen | 8 Jet Planes |
| 4 Cruisers | 8 Officers | 8 Cannon |
| 4 Sailors | 8 Waves | 4 Bazookamen |
| 4 Riflemen | 8 Wacs | 4 Marksmen |

LUCKY PRODUCTS, INC. Dept. TG-20
BOX 536 NO
WESTBURY, L.I., N.Y. 11590 C.O.D.'s

HERE'S MY \$1.25!
Rush the TOY SOLDIER SET TO ME!

Name

Address

CityStateZip

Canadian and foreign orders:

Send \$1.50 international money order