

ful land where gold could be obtained in plenty.

At this news the king determined to possess some of this wealth, for his home supplies were running short. He therefore sent out an expedition made up of men, women and children who were to form a colony and work the mines. After many hardships they reached the place and founded the colony. Gold mines were opened up and the gold was sent back to their homeland.

The colonists had many dangers to face. For their protection they built a large city surrounded by massive stone walls. The buildings were of stone, richly ornamented with gold. The leader of the expedition established himself as king, in a towering palace.

The religion of the homeland was established among them. A large temple was built to the Sun-God, and an order of priests and priestesses carried on religious ceremonies. The High Priestess was looked upon as the real ruler of the city, and even the king had to obey her commands.

While the colony was prospering, disaster occurred at home. For ages the sea had been creeping up the shores of the island, and now the land disappeared from sight, beneath the waves. The colonists in the interior did not know what had happened to their homeland. They lived on in their fortress and accumulated great stores of gold. Cut off from all outside influence, the race deteriorated. The men became little better than beasts, but by a strange freak of nature, the women remained pure.

What happened to this interesting city and its inhabitants is not told. Some believe it to be still there waiting for discovery; others think that the jungle has reclaimed its own.

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OTHELLO'S TRIAL

(Conducted by Shakespeare's Characters.)

- (1) In Shakespeareland a notice said, Othello would be tried,
Within the Judgment Hall that night. It could not be denied
Someone had entered Shylock's house, and stolen all his gold,
Shylock accused Othello to have done this deed so bold.
- (2) Now Julius Caesar was the judge, the jury took its seat,
Cassius, Hamlet, Antony and others all did meet,
The trial went on and one by one came witnesses so trim,
Falstaff, Macbeth and Benedict, and even foolish Nym.
- (3) When all were heard the jury said they could not quite decide
Whether he was guilty; they would have to go outside,
They came back looking very glum; when Puck, that gay
young sprite,
Said, "Twas I, that took the gold, when all was still at night."