

N. RHODESIA: BATS BRING A FORTUNE.

Bill Freeman and his wife think they're the luckiest people in Northern Rhodesia. They came looking for gold; they found bats. What's lucky about that? Well, it's not

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a long story, Bill found a limestone cave and explored it out of curiosity. He found ^{indications} stalactites hanging from the ^{roof} ceiling, ~~pointing~~ that the cave was perhaps millions of years old. Next discovery, it was the home of bats; thousands

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and thousands of them. ⁷ Over thousands of years they'd covered the floor several feet deep in guano, one of the finest fertilizers in the world. ~~Fortunately for~~

Bill ~~he knew enough about it to realise he'd stumbled~~ ^{realised he'd stumbled}

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on a far greater fortune than if he'd found gold. With local labour he soon had the cave organised as a guano mine. As yet the plant's a bit primitive. To haul out the sacks Bill ^{needs} uses his car. ⁷³ The faster they come the richer he gets. ^F

~~He's the only man in the world who's had millions of bats working for him since a ^{couple} million years before he was born.~~

If Bill ever has a tombstone they can write on it, he sought gold, ^{he} ~~he~~ found bats.

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FOR THE NIGHT
GOVERNMENT TO VISIT THE NETHERLANDS. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED
STONOR BETTY THE DUTCH PREMIER HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE
THE HOUSE MEDGESDAY
8:30 PM. HOLLAND INVITES DUTCH PREMIER

AND MAINTENANCE OF A LIBRARY OF MEDICAL HISTORY AND MEDICAL BIOGRAPHY
A MEDICAL CONSULTANT IS TO BE DELOED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
A SUM OF £2,000 LEFT TO THE UNIVERSITY BY DR S.H. JACOB
STUDENTS OF THE LEVY
A HOLLINGHAM PROVISION MERCHANT TO SIX YOUNG BRIDES FOR THE BEST
BELOING A LEGACY OF £10,000 UNDER THE WILL OF MR J.D. WARDEN
THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES ALSO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY ARE
THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITY
HOLLINGHAM UNIVERSITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIAL FOR
THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION HAS MADE A GRANT OF £2,000 TO
8:55 PM. FUNDS FOR A UNIVERSITY

✓ GREATER VALUE THAN GOLD: 255 ft.

Bill Freeman and his Missus have settled in the Kafue Gorge less than 30 miles from Lusaka. Bill first came here looking for gold. It isn't due to Gold Fever, but Bill has gone bats - yes, he's gone bats in a big way, and Mrs. Freeman is delighted. You see, while prospecting, Bill came across the entrance to a series of underground caves carved out of limestone by the action of water. It took him a little time to realize it but he had really struck it rich. Let's go down with them. Its a bit spooky below, but its worth looking at Bill's bonanza. Being a limestone cave, it contains many Stalactites that glow with great beauty in the light of our flares. Stalactites grow incredibly slowly, and these large specimens indicate the great age of the caves.

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There are three caves that Bill knows of and its none too easy getting from one to another. And when Bill first explored them on his own, he didn't know what wild creature or reptile he might run into. As a matter of fact, the only weird creatures were the eerie creations of the Stalactites. What then, made Freeman go bats? It was the bats themselves - thousands and thousands of bats that have lived in the caves for generation after generation. And watching them settle overhead, he suddenly realised that he was standing on a centuries-old deposit of bat guano - something far more valuable and useful than the gold he had been seeking. The caves may contain half a million or perhaps even millions of tons of the finest fertiliser known to man. So he has struck it rich, and is getting it out as fast as limited labour resources permit. His bat guano mine is still very much in its primitive state - in fact its rather a Heath Robinson affair. The precious guano has to be brought to the main shaft in sack-loads and loaded on to the hoist. And Bill is his own engine driver. For a man who has gone bats, he has an awful lot of horsesense. Its a lot easier than stocking boilers. Right, Right, and Bill gives it thumbs up - and thumbs up it is for Bill Freeman had the common sense to spot a gold mine where there was no gold. Besides, gold can be worked out, but bats keep on being bats for ever and there will be plenty more guano where this comes from.

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