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## BAT - MAN STRIKES RICH.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freeman settled in the Kafue Gorge in Northern Rhodesia to search for gold. Although rich deposits had been found close by, the Freeman's never struck lucky. Then one day Bill went exploring in a cave, carved out of linestone by an underground river. Beautful glowing Stalactites were about all he found - certainly there was no gold.

Beep in the cave, where no human had ever set foot before, Bill came upon an unexpected treasure! Bats! Thousands and thousands of bats. As Bill watched them settle, he realised he was standing upon a centuries-old deposit of bat guano - something far more valuable than the gold he had been seeking, for it is the finest fertiliser known to man. Although his equipment is fairly primitive, Bill is getting the guano away guickly to farms all over Rhodesia.

Bill has to provide his own hoist mechanism. The O.K. is given and passed along the line. Bill starts his engine up and slowly but surely the sacks of guano reach the surface. Gold seams always run out, but just as long as the bats down below keep in good health, Bill Freeman seems set to stay a rich man for life.