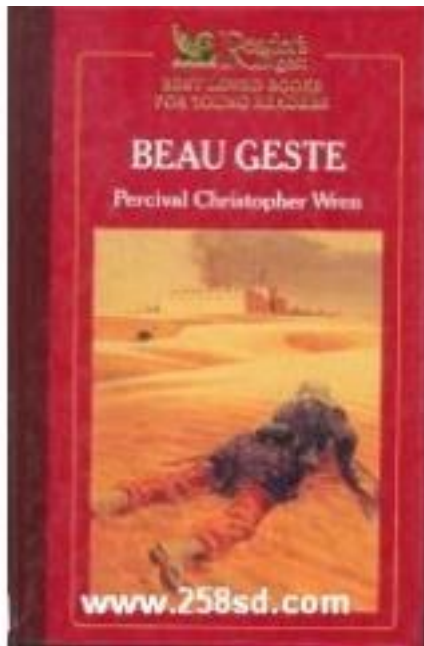


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First told by Major Henri de Beaujolais of the Spahis to George Lawrenceï¼CE
Esq.ï¼CE C.M.G.ï¼CE of the Nigeriaï¼CE* Civil Service.
MRï¼CE GEORGE LAWRFAqCEï¼CE C.M.G.ï¼CE First Class District Officer of
His Majesty s Civil Serviceï¼CE sat at the door of his tent and viewed
the African desert scene with the eye of extreme disfavor. There
:ï¼CE~is beauty neither in the landscape nor in the eye of the beholder.
Re landscape consisted of sandï¼CE bur grass and yellow tafi~sa
underbrushï¼CE and ~he eye was jaundiced by sunï¼CE dustï¼CE malariaï¼CE and
continuous marching in appaUmg heat.
The fact that only a few more hours of travel through

deserts
 and swamps lay between him and the railhead at Kanoï¼ between
 him and \"leave out of Africaï¼\" was all that kept George Lawrence
 on his feet. From that romantic Red Cit3ï¼ Kanoï¼ the train would
 take himï¼ after a three days journeyï¼ to the rubbish heap called
 Lauosiï¼ on the West African Coast. There he would embark on the
 good ship Appam and sink into a deck chair with that glorious
 sighof relief known in perfection only to those weary ones who turn
 their backs upon the Outposts and set their faces toward Home.
 Meantimeï¼ for George Lawrence---worryï¼ frustrationï¼ heatï¼ sand
 fliesï¼ mosquitoes fever and that great depression which comes
~ of monotony in~iescribable weariness unutterable and loneliness
 unspeakable.
 ~d the greatest of these is loneliness.

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