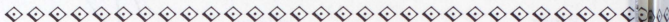


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# Dark Star Safari

Overland from  
Cairo to Cape Town

To Simon  
in Boston  
Stephen  
10 April 03  
(my brother)



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seen as  
in Bedford, Mass  
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with a year  
half a year in  
Must be a living in  
Haitian  
Uganda p 60  
why no photos  
before starting "I had a  
Memorandum that I would  
die" p 380  
had lived in Malawi  
P.T. - a father  
What language  
do you speak?  
How many times  
have you been to  
Africa?  
Joseph Tomad  
Sir Richard Burton  
David Livingstone  
Cecil Rhodes  
Arthur Rimbaud  
What kind of a diary  
did you keep?  
Geoffrey Green  
Lifelong dislike of  
Ernest Hemingway

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Sudan bomb into <sup>Marcel</sup> Louis / <sup>same</sup> life expectancy in Africa, but  
P.T. - Israel - a window that America sees the  
middle east p 24

Longest trip of my life - 40 yrs. ago lived in Luanda/Zomba  
Africa - Wonderful people - Terrible government p 38  
Flamboyant traveling makes you modest - you see what a tiny  
place you occupy p 45  
Read Heart of Darkness - twice twice before Cape Town  
Tender American 3 types - Germans. men Kent  
Russian resort p 51

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Berishia - Sufis - God is alive  
Sleeping naked in the desert "I was just a white worm  
in the vastness of a dark desert"

Osama - came in 1980's - had formed Al Qaeda - kicked out 1996  
"Clinton is baton" p 74 Ramadan - driver guide from  
Bush is no good Khartoum

Listened to Alvin Karpis  
What clothes did you wear (sandals)

Sudan - largest country in Africa

Longola translated by my brother Peter p 90

Your brother Peter  
Your son Marcel  
Louis  
Your mother

Sister Alexandra game side to Harar Ethiopia

Sussana -

Madine Mordimer - South Africa

Peter Drummond in Fours - Zimbabwe

Ben and Abel Barker

Helen Full gospel church missionary p162

Ch 6, p 91 Road to Harar Ethiopia from Haj Djibuti  
most train in Africa look like they are on their way to  
Sister Alexandria - gave me a ride to Harar  
she had been engaged reschütz

page 117 Men are beasts all over the world -

\* Statement about Harar - dark star  
I was a farangi - a foreigner

Dark Star Safari I was contented in Harar

Ch 7 p 118 The Longest Road in Africa

Back in addis wanted to go to Kenya

at one meal a day in Ethiopia

From Egypt to Cape Town kids had their hands out

Zi Farangi in a Land Rover went by. Wouldn't give

me a ride. air workers: Oafish self dramatizing prigs

\* and often bastards p 146

Ethiopia - women have no status

Neiby Mahonnen - ex prisoner about fifty 77-81

decided to translate some with The Aired - 3000  
sheets of cigarette foil.

Ethiopian are Christian - Haile Selassie  
choked to death

\* Story of Ali and his wife's affair with soldier  
p 128

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show of Mt. Kenya.

Ch 10 Old Friend in Bat Valley p195 Uganda

I do not want to be young again  
highest guest 52

I was just anonymous man in old clothes  
Makerere University 65-66' - place of employment  
34 friendship with US Navy

That's what happened in Africa. Thing fell apart p 200

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Chap 11

Mister Kuntz in Heart of Darkness

Delay and African - in books

Crossing Lake <sup>Victoria</sup> ~~Victoria~~

David Livingstone's Heart of Darkness (Marlow)

Ferry boat Umoja - Swahili for unity or oneness

Shortwave radio

What is a muzungu traveler - you being one P231

Belgian Congo King Leopold

One of the oddest sites during my trip -

engine room - worst a young African

crewman sitting doing complex math problems 234

Tanzania - 20 mil. people

going to Dares Salaam

I did not want to leave the vessel Umoja

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\* Riding in the cab of the truck - read back to him P. 144  
cattle trucks - travelling 10 miles an hour

Kenyan Territory

Mustafa - my driver - blown tire - hitched  
another ride

Shot at - don't want your life They want your shoes P. 55  
Shufta road

arrive Marsabit

population - highest growth in the world

there was always a tone of melodrama among  
relief workers in Africa (Rachel and Franca)

2nd truck Ben and Abel Bacher -

blows a tire breaks a spring

Helen Full Gospel Church missionary P. 162  
32 yrs. - drinking quote

P. 169 - Dark Star of Africa

Johannesburg — Chap 19  
hadn't seen for 20 years  
Nadine Gordimer p 381 — Paul came on the bus from air

11 official languages in S. Africa  
Crime — S.A. worse problem

went to Nadine's home for dinner on his birthday  
African black servants p 388

you called this internet — "the world of useless information"  
about your h-day

Lake Seakhoa — a poet — spent 5 yrs on Robben Is.  
near death experience — fractured body

First contact — a vivid and recurrent event  
for everyone — "the story of my life"  
"a motif of my African trip" p 402

S.A. — 55 murder a day — a rape every 23 sec.  
eliminated Capital Punish. — free press — no political  
terror — shopping mall culture

### Chap 20

I despised of tourism in Africa — mocked  
voyeurism that amounted to pestering animals

The Big Five — this safari as charade p 406  
"my safari as struggle"

Mala Mala — guide Hausi — land of Mike Rattray mid  
'a reserve 60's

German couple — she killed herself.

Ch 21 — Maputo Mozambique —

little kids — beggars — beat-up city p 421

Best African museum objects not in Africa  
but in Berlin Paris and London

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The Tazara railway built by the Chinese  
Tanzania and Zambia 1966-1976

Railway went into decline - now it's running called  
Kilimogoro Express  
meets Kelli and Louie during 4 hour  
delay to let tracks cool - on way to Dar es Salaam  
Finnish woman Ursula - came to Zambia to fight AIDS -

It is all sex. And so young.

Maneuvered at the fields of the dining car  
in Tanzania on way Mbeya - a place I had  
visited 35 yrs. earlier - now big bare and rundown  
K. indictment of aid workers p 271

Chap 16 I fell ill in Blantyre, Malawi

"I despised at very sight of aid workers" p 330

Going on the Shire River to Zambezi

Karsten in charge in a dugout  
after an hour we had a view of Mozambique  
Crooked politicians wear pin-striped suits, the  
best people are bare-assed (Karsten + Wilson) p 343

Arrived at edge of Beira - a town in ruin  
hired a cab to take him to Machipanda  
Cab to driver on the way shook him  
down for more money. p 348

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Eiffel's train station - best in Africa

train ride to Limpopo - train falling apart  
meets a young 20+ girl from Ohio - a missionary from  
Assembly of God Church - Jimmy Swagart  
"a sinner saved by grace" p428

P.T. - a Christian childhood, a life time of travel of  
sleeping alone in hotel rooms with nothing  
but the Gideon Bible

\* long exchange with Susanna about sex homosexual  
and ~~sinners~~ sinners. p430

wrote a 100 page novella on trip

Lived up to my promise no deadlines - no serious  
appointments, no planning ahead, no business,  
no cell phone, no e-mail.

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Gordimer's July's People banned in schools

Cape Town best place to live in Cape Tr. S.A.

1993 Story of Army Brith - killed by black  
squatters - released because of her parents p456  
went to work for Army Br. foundations  
1997 - U.S. aid 2 million

From squatter settlement to buying Estate on the  
mountain side - new Rest - "Life could get no  
quiener than this" p457

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Blue Train - buying ride

"You go away for a long time and returns a diff. person"

Bag Stealer

Nadine's husband Rheinhold died  
diseased at the end

Wrote while writing the book.

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Chap 14 Through the Outposts of the Plateaus  
1963 spent two years in the Peace Corps in Malawi  
my first dictation and first dose of the clap

You spoke Chichewa  
I am Mendo - traveler, wanderer, stranger, guest  
I promised myself after this trip never again -  
would I take the chicken bus, minibus or matatu  
no more cattle trucks - idiot drivers  
The smells on the bus

What evidence did see of AIDS  
Aid workers p290 - Landowners employers etc.  
I was deported from Malawi in 1965 ejected  
from the Peace Corps  
Malawi had deteriorated - dirty, poverty

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got sick - stomach cramps.

Only Africans were capable of making a difference in Africa  
an epiphany in Malawi P327

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Zimbabwe had a gas shortage - Robert Mugabe  
Harare - food riots unemployment 75%

Big five - elephants, rhino, leopards, lion, buffalo  
Land invasion - scared tannin away

British  
rule  
ended  
1965

Harare - most pleasant city I seen so far in Africa

3,023 commercial farms confiscated in 3 years by Hittler

Peter Drummond's farm - he visited - "one of the tenderest  
moments of my trip" having lunch in Harare with his family

One American called Harare best city in Africa

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Washington - Are you a Christian P372

Arrive South Africa 20 hrs on a bus  
arrive Johannesburg

23,000 murders a year 54,000 rapes  
Prostitution / Crime

What was food like on  
trip

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traffic clogged Cairo  
overheated Khartoum  
demoralized Dar es Salaam

ragged Lilongwe

crim ridden Nairobi

desperate Blantyre

batter scarred and  
bombed out Beira