

**THE TRAVEL TALES
OF MR JOSEPH JORKENS
By LORD DUNSANY**



THE TRAVEL TALES
OF MR. JOSEPH JORKENS

BY LORD DUNSANY

THE GODS OF PEGANA
TIME AND THE GODS
THE SWORD OF WELLERAN
A DREAMER'S TALES
THE BOOK OF WONDER
FIVE PLAYS
FIFTY-ONE TALES
TALES OF WONDER
PLAYS OF GODS AND MEN
TALES OF WAR
UNHAPPY FAR-OFF THINGS
TALES OF THREE HEMISPHERES
THE CHRONICLES OF RODRIGUEZ
IF
PLAYS OF NEAR AND FAR
THE KING OF ELFLAND'S DAUGHTER
ALEXANDER AND THREE SMALL PLAYS
THE CHARWOMAN'S SHADOW
THE BLESSING OF PAN
SEVEN MODERN COMEDIES
FIFTY POEMS

The Travel Tales
of Mr. Joseph Jorkens

By
Lord Dunsany

G. P. Putnam's Sons
London & New York

First published April 1931

Printed in England at
The Westminster Press
411a Harrow Road
London W9

P R E F A C E

I^N recording these tales that I have had from Mr. Jorkens, as nearly verbatim as I am able to remember them, I trust that I may have filled a gap here and there amongst the experience of travellers. I even hope for these tales that they may at certain points advance the progress of Science, and establish our knowledge upon a firmer basis; yet should they fail to do so, I feel that they may at least be so fortunate as to add something of strangeness to parts of our planet, just as it was tending to grow too familiar, and so help to put our knowledge back on to a foundation on which it rested once, so airily shaky as to possess some interest for all that find any charm in the queer and elusive. If I have at any time appeared to imply that Mr. Jorkens exaggerates, such implication is illusory, and I wish my readers to be most solemnly assured that I have nowhere intended to cast any aspersions at all upon his veracity, such being entirely remote

P R E F A C E

from my intention. To have implied that he is a bit fond of a drink is quite a different matter. This I have done because I know that it will cause no pain to Mr. Jorkens. On the contrary he likes it to be known that he needs an occasional stimulant, and values highly the offer of whiskey now and then from a friend. It is not so much the value of the whiskey itself that he thinks of, as the kind thought that prompts the offer of one. This he values equally with one other thing, that he holds to be just as much due to him from his friends, an absolute belief in his statements.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
PREFACE	V
CHAPTER	
1 THE TALE OF THE ABU LAHEEB	1
2 THE KING OF SARAHB	21
3 HOW JEMBU PLAYED FOR CAM- BRIDGE	32
4 THE CHARM AGAINST THIRST	54
5 OUR DISTANT COUSINS	66
6 A LARGE DIAMOND	110
7 A QUEER ISLAND	127
8 THE ELECTRIC KING	149
9 A DRINK AT A RUNNING STREAM	185
10 A DAUGHTER OF RAMESES	195
11 THE SHOWMAN	217
12 MRS. JORKENS	242
13 THE WITCH OF THE WILLOWS	272