

DIAMOND HUNTERS

It was 1965, the place was Ghana, Africa. Two diamond hunters were exploring the area for what they called the Orb viewer activation crystal believed necessary to operate the star chart viewer. Theodore O'Bryan with Jordan Knoxs were on assignment from the S.G.L. to locate this perfect diamond if it was at all possible to do. No one knew if it could be done, but if it was, the S.G.L. could reactivate a viewer in their position.

The two men spent a year scouring open pit mines as well as hillsides and forest. Jordan, the oldest at 51, told Theodore that they would have to move south for the next phase of the search. The rains were coming they would need someplace to work out of. Theodore was called Theo by Jordan as Theo was only 40 years old. He was subordinate to Jordan.

O'Bryan was Irish born which would explain his difficulty taking orders. Knoxs, born in England and raised in America, was used to teamwork from sports as a child. The two men were well aware of their mission. Sure, they worked together, but they had sparks in their conversations from time to time. Their journey took them through Ghana to the Congo. Here they had some difficulty with local claim jumpers. After the rainy season they went into Angola. This proved to be a bad idea. Within three months, the men once again found themselves running for the next border with angry locals on their heels. Finding and possessing diamonds could get you killed.

The two men ended up in South Africa along the Orange River, in an area called Delkalk. Here they dug, raked, crawled and swept dust, dirt and mud looking for the elusive perfect diamond. Theo was working an old abandoned open pit mine between the Vaal River and the Orange River when he made an important find. With a large raw diamond in a sack, he returned to camp to show Jordan.

The two marveled at the size of such a diamond. Yet they had to be sure. They didn't know who they could trust. They could take it to the Kimberley Mine to have it checked out. Most likely they would only find trouble. Jordan had met a man at a bar in town calling himself Colonel Jack Scott. Theo thought that perhaps a Colonel could be trusted. With little more to go on than hope, the two men went to see Colonel Jack.

They were well received by a young post graduate student, Barry Dawson. The student showed them into Scott's office such as it was. The meeting was brief. The Colonel offered to buy the diamond at a very generous price. Although the money was great, Jordan had to get this diamond to the S.G.L.. After they declined the Colonel's offer they left. Jordan had Theo break camp. It was time to leave.

As the two diamond hunters were driving to Alexander Bay to catch a boat back to England, armed men from the C.A.R.- Central African

Republic service, came after them. Theo didn't know exactly why but he did know it was not going to end well for them. Jordan drove the old Land Cruiser for all it had. Jordan knew for sure the Colonel had sent these armed men to steal the diamond. The dirt road was bad, a cloud of dust kicked up behind them. Up ahead of them loomed the site of the Atlantic Ocean. Behind them the roar of engines of the C.A.R..

Jordan pulled onto the pier near the boat. They both jumped from the vehicle running to the gangway to make it up on deck. Theo looked back to see if the C.A.R. were still after them. What he saw was that Jordan didn't put the break on. The Land Cruiser took a nose dive off the end of the pier. Theo turned to Jordan asking, " Do we pay for that"?

The C.A.R. had stopped the chase when they pulled into town. The Colonel would have to go without. As for Theodore and Jordan, they did complete their mission after two and a half years.

The diamond was turned over to the S.G.L. office in England. In 1968 the men were invited to London office to watch the activation of a Star Chart Viewer. This Viewer was taken off the ship after it crashed in 1800. It's been held by one family ever since. Now, 168 years later, the Viewer was activated. It worked.

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