

Heart of Darkness Chronology

- Charlie Marlow's childhood, looking at maps (p. 22)
- Marlow spends 6 years at sea, then comes back to London and gets bored (p. 22)
- Kurtz becomes ivory agent Congo; "harlequin" serves and cares for him for two years? (71-4 and various)
- Fresleven picks a stupid fight with Congolese villagers and is killed (p. 23)
- Marlow hits up his relatives/connections for help getting a job as riverboat captain with "Continental concern" (p. 23)
- Goes to company offices in Brussels, meets head of company, Doctor, others (pp. 24-26)
- Visits Aunt (p. 27)
- Takes steamship to Africa, sailing down coast and getting off at mouth of Congo River. Proceeds to Company's "Outer Station," meets accountant, sees "grove of death" (pp. 29-34)
- Journey to Central Station, meets manager and brick maker, waits months for rivets to repair boat. Great fire, arrival & eventual departure of Eldorado Exploration Co., overheard conversation re:Kurtz (pp. 35-48)
- Finds remains of Fresleven? (chronology uncertain) (p. 23)
- Pp. 48 ff.: Journey with other "pilgrims" (Company employees) upriver to Inner Station (cannibals become part of the crew). Finds harlequin's abandoned hut (52), becomes stuck in the fog (54-8). Attack (59), death of helmsman (61-2), disposal of his body (66-7)
- Arrival at the Inner station (67), meeting with Russian "harlequin" (68-74)
- First appearance of Kurtz, who is brought on a stretcher into a cabin on the steamer (74-8); first appearance of "Savage Woman" (76-7)
- Departure of Harlequin (78-9)
- Middle-of-the-night disappearance of Kurtz; Marlow goes ashore to retrieve him (80-82)
- Departure back downriver with Kurtz; second appearance of "Savage Woman" (83)
- Kurtz's final days/words (63-6, 84-5, 89-90) and death on board the riverboat (85-6)

- Marlow returns to Brussels in a mental haze, has a variety of visitors (Company representative, Kurtz's cousin, journalist) (87-88)
- Marlow's meeting with Kurtz's "Intended" (63, 90-93)
- Marlow tells his story to the men on board the Nellie (19 ff.)