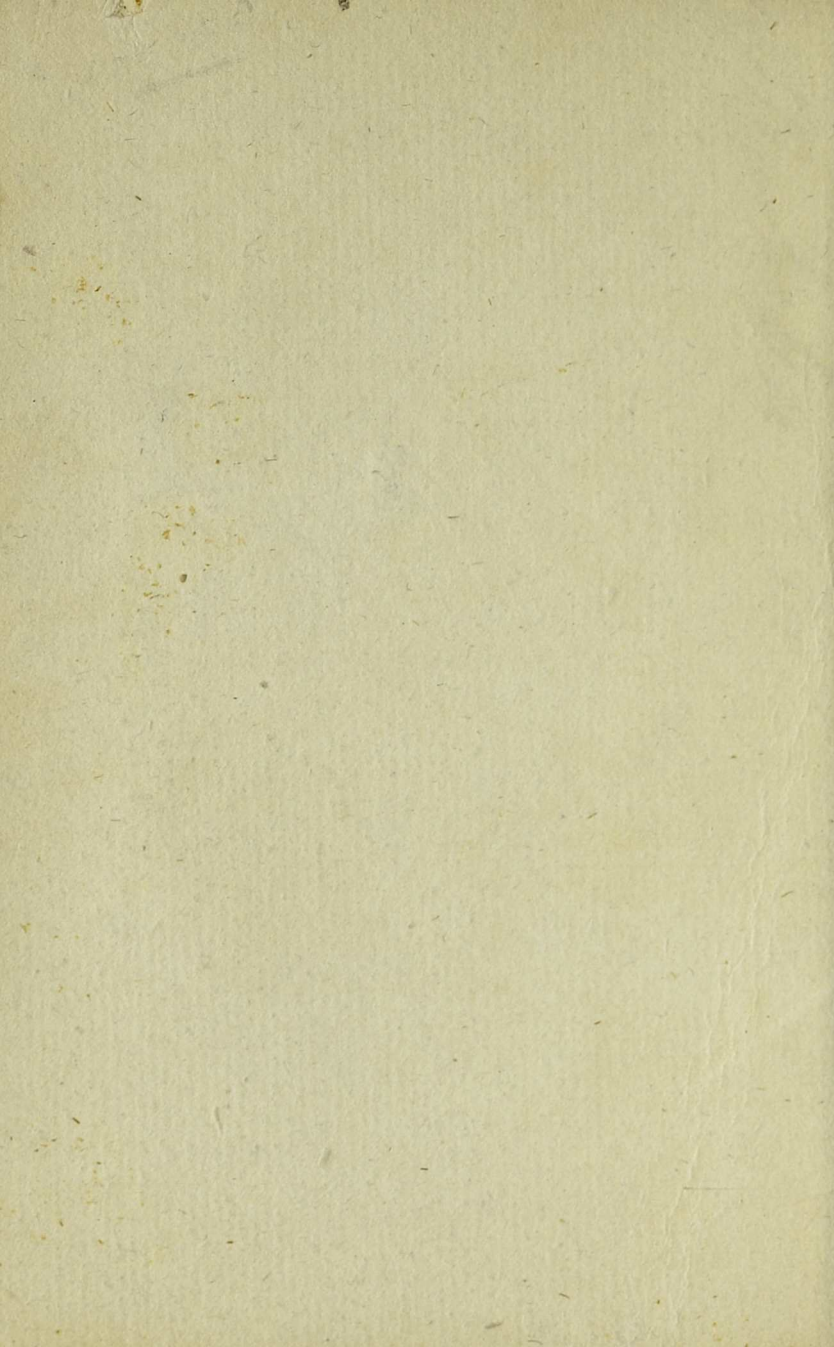
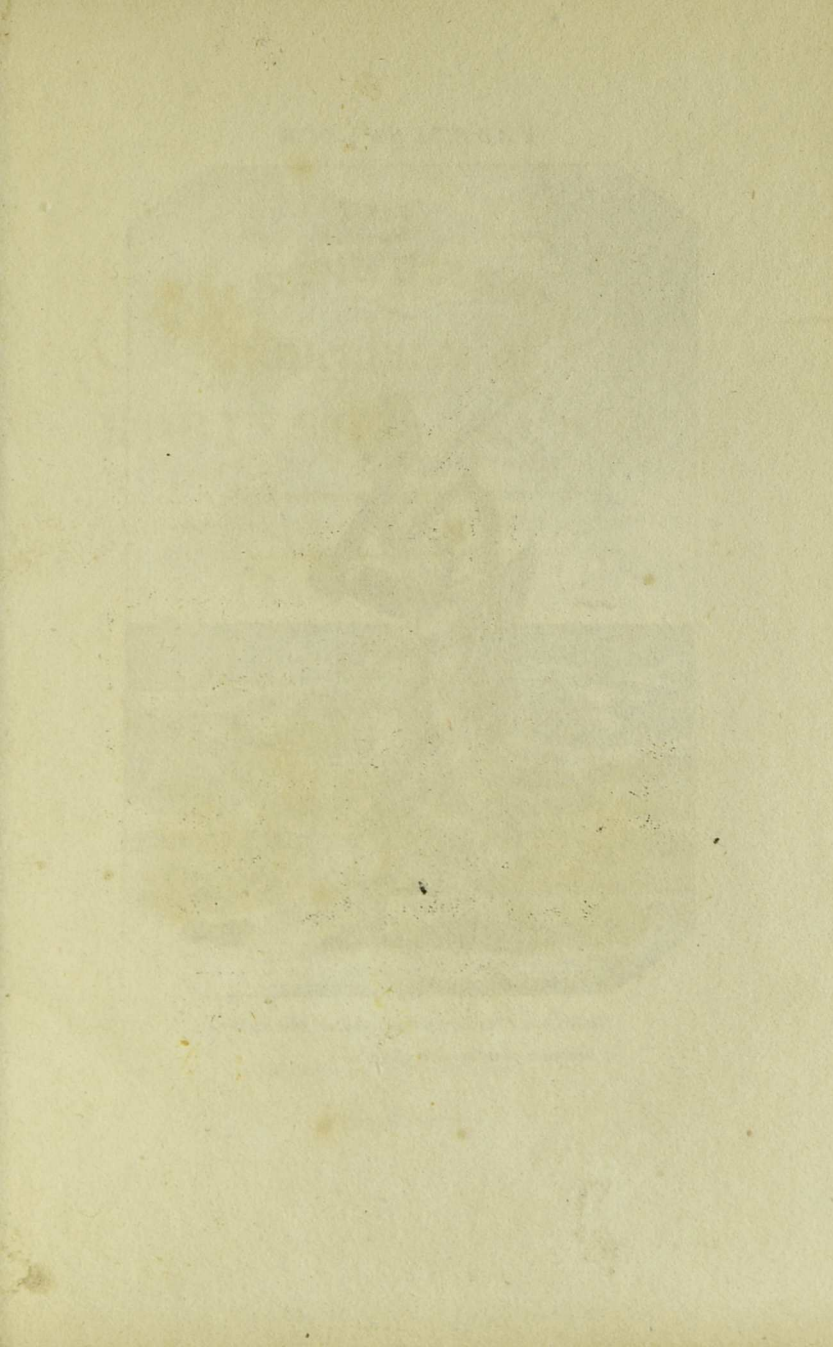


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I WAS born of a good family, in the city of York, where my father, who was a native of Bremen, had settled, after having acquired a handsome estate by merchandise. My heart began to be very early filled with rambling thoughts; my father often persuaded me to settle to some business, and my mother used the tenderest entreaties, yet nothing could prevail against me to lay aside my desire of going to sea; and notwithstanding the extreme uneasiness my father and mother always shewed at the thoughts of my leaving them, as if bent on my own destruction, I hardened myself against the prudent advice of my kind parents; and being one day at Hull, I

met with one of my companions, who was going to sea in his father's ship, and he easily persuaded me to go with him.

On the 1st of September 1651, I went on board this ship, which was bound for London, and without letting my parents know the rash and disobedient step I had taken, set sail; but no sooner was the ship out of the Humber, than the wind began to blow, and the sea to rise in a most terrible manner. Having never been at sea before, I was very sick, and my mind was filled with terror.

The next day the wind abated, and the sea grew calm. I was no longer sea-sick, and my companion laughed at my fears; he ridiculed my gravity, and with a bowl of punch made me half drunk, and thus drowned my repentance and all my sober reflections. The weather continued calm for several days, and we at length came into Yarmouth Roads, where we cast anchor to wait for a wind. After riding here for four or five days, the wind blew very hard; the road, however, being reckoned almost as good as an harbour, we spent the time in riot and mirth, till the eighth

day in the morning, when the wind increased, and it blew a terrible storm.

I now began to see terror in the faces even of the seamen themselves; and as the master passed by me, I could hear him say softly to himself, ‘ Lord me merciful to us, we shall all be lost!’ I could now ill resume the penitence I had so apparently trampled upon; I even hardened myself against it, and thought that this storm would pass over like the first. But such a dismal sight I never before saw; the sea ran mountains high, and broke upon us every three or four minutes: a ship foundered at a distance; two ships that were near us had cut their masts by the board; and the mate and boatswain begged of the master to let them cut away our foremast.

In the middle of the night one of the men, who had been down on purpose, cried out we had sprung a leak, and had now four feet water in the hold, upon which all hands were called to the pump. I worked with the rest, but the water gained upon us, and it was apparent that the ship would founder; the storm however beginning to abate, the master fired

guns for help, and a light ship which had rid it out, just a-head of us, ventured a boat out to help us, at the hazard of their own lives. We all got into the boat, but hardly left the ship a quarter of an hour when we saw her founder.

As it was impossible for the boat to get up to the ship to which she belonged, we endeavoured to reach the shore, and partly by rowing, and partly by being driven by the waves, we at last, with great difficulty, got to land, and walked to Yarmouth; from whence I resolved to travel to London by land.

On my arrival in that city, the master of a ship who had been on the coast of Guinea, taking a fancy to me, told me, that if I would go a voyage with him, I should be at no expence; and if I would carry any thing with me, I should have the advantage of trading for myself. Encouraged by this offer, I raised forty pounds, which I laid out in such toys and trifles as he directed me to buy.

This was one of the most unhappy voyages that ever man made; for as we were steering between the Canary islands and the African shore, we were surprised, in the gray of the

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ESCAPES from SHIPWRECK

morning, by a Moorish rover of Salee, who gave chase to us, with all the sail she could carry; we were obliged to submit, and were all carried prisoners into Salee, a port belonging to the Moors, I was kept by the captain of the rover as his own prize, and made his slave.

My master having the long boat of our English ship, made it into a pleasure boat. One day he had appointed to go about in this boat, with two or three Moors of distinction; but in the morning he came on board, telling me that his guests had declined going, and ordered me with the man and boy to sail out with the boat and catch some fish, for his friends were to sup with him.

At this moment the hopes of my deliverance darted into my thoughts, and I resolved to furnish myself for a voyage. I told the Moor that we must not presume to eat our master's bread; he said that was true, and brought a large basket of rusks and three jars of fresh water into the boat. I knew where my master's case of bottles stood, which appeared, by their make, to have been taken out

of some English prize, and I conveyed them into the boat, while the Moor, whom we called Muly, was on shore; and also a great lump of bees wax, with a parcel of twines, of which I afterwards made candles; a hatchet, a saw, and a hammer.

Every thing being prepared we sailed out of the port to fish; but purposely catching none, I told Muly that this would not do, and that we must stand farther off, which he agreeing to, set the sail, and I having the helm, ran the boat out near a league farther, and then brought her too, as if I would fish, when giving the boy the helm, I stepped forwards, and stooping behind the Moor, took him by surprise, and tossed him overboard into the sea: he rose immediately, for he swam like a cork, and called to me to take him in; but fetching one of the fowling-pieces, I presented it at him, and told him, that if he came near the boat, I would shoot him through the head; but as the sea was calm, he might easily reach the shore. So he turned about, and swam towards the land; and as he was an excellent swimmer, I make no doubt that he reached it with ease.

When he was gone, I turned to the boy whom they called Xury, and said to him, Xury, if you will be faithful to me, I will make you a great man. The boy smiled in my face, and promised to go over all the world with me. So dreadful were my apprehensions of falling again into my master's hands, that I would not stop to go on shore, till I had sailed five days; and the wind shifting to the southward, I ventured to come to an anchor at the mouth of a little river.

Several times after we were obliged to go on shore for fresh water, and once in particular, early in the morning, Xury called softly to me, and told me, that we had best go farther off the shore; for, says he, look yonder lies a lion fast asleep. I charged my gun, and took aim at his head, but lying with his foot raised a little above his nose, the slug broke his leg. He started up growling, but fell down again, and gave the most hideous roar that ever I heard; firing again I shot him in the head, and saw him drop. I resolved to take off the skin, and going ashore, the boy and I accomplished it. Then spreading it

on the top of our cabin, it dried in the sun, and afterwards served us to lie upon.

About ten days after, as I was steering out to sea, Xury cried out in a fright, master, master, a ship! imagining that it was his master's ship, in pursuit of us. I saw that it was a Portuguese vessel, and instantly stretched out to sea with all the sail I could make: they perceived me by the help of their glasses, and shortened sail to let me come up. A Scots sailor on board called to me, and I answered, that I had made my escape from the Moors at Salee. They very kindly took me in and all my goods.

We had a very good voyage to the Brazils, and arrived at All Saints Bay in about twenty-two days. The generous captain recommended me to an honest man who had a plantation, with whom I lived till I had learnt the manner of planting and making sugar, after which I purchased a piece of land, and became a planter. I had lived here about four years, and had contracted an acquaintance among several merchants. I had frequently talked to them of the method of purchasing



SAVES GOODS from the WRECK.

negroes on the coast of Guinea, and they being pleased with the project, easily prevailed on me to make a voyage for that purpose. We fitted out a ship of about 120 tons burden, which carried 6 guns, and 14 men, besides the master, his boy, and myself.

In this vessel I set sail. We had very good weather for about twelve days; but soon after we had crossed the line, a violent hurricane drove us quite out of our reckoning, and for many days together not any in the ship expected to save their lives. In this distress, one of our men early one morning cried out, Land! and we had no sooner run out of the cabin, in hopes of seeing where we were, but the ship struck upon a shoal. It is not easy to conceive our consternation; for as the rage of the sea was great, we supposed that the ship would, in a few minutes, break to pieces. We had a boat on board, which the mate laid hold of, and with the help of the rest of the men flung her over the ship's side, and getting all into her, committed ourselves to God's mercy. We steered towards land, but after we had rowed, or rather been driven,

about a league and a half, a wave, mountain high, came rolling a stern of us with such fury that it upset the boat at once, and separated us from one another. This wave carried me a vast way towards the shore, and having spent itself, went back, and left me upon the land almost dry, but half dead. I stood still a few moments to recover breath, till the waters went from me, and then took to my heels, and with all the strength I had left me, towards the shore. I got to the main land, clambered up the cliffs of the shore, and sat me down upon the grass.

I soon found the sea calm, and the tide ebb-ed so far out, that I could come within a quarter of a mile of the ship. I swam round her twice; and the second time observing a small piece of rope hanging down, I took hold of it, and got into the fore-castle. Here I found that the ship had a great deal of water in her hold, but, to my great joy, all the ship's provisions were quite dry.

As I found several spare yards, and some large spars of wood, I let them down with ropes by the ship's side, and going down to

them, tied them together and made a raft. I next broke open and emptied three of the seamen's chests; then lowered them down upon the raft, and filled them with bread, some dried goat's flesh, and three Dutch cheeses, several cases of bottles, in which were some cordial waters, and other useful articles; besides I found two or three broken oars that belonged to the boat which served me to push the raft along.

The next day I resolved to make a second voyage. My raft being too unwieldy, I swam to the ship and made a less one, on which I placed two or three bags of nails and spikes, some tools and fire arms, two barrels of musket bullets, a large bag of small shot, all the men's clothes I could find, a square fore-topsail, a hammock, and some bedding; all these to my very great comfort I brought safe to land.

It blew very hard all night, and in the morning no more ship was to be seen. I now went in search of a place where I might fix my dwelling. I found a little plain on the side of a rising hill, which was there as steep as the side of a house, so that nothing

could come down to me from the top: on the side of this rock was a hollow space like the entrance of a cave, before which I resolved to fix my tent. This plain was not above 100 yards broad, and twice as long, descending to the sea.

Before I set up my tent, I drew an half circle before the hollow place, which extended 20 yards, and in this circle pitched two rows of strong stakes, driving them into the ground like piles; they stood about five feet and a half out of the ground, sharpened on the top. Then I took the pieces of cable I had cut in the ship, and laid them in rows one upon another up to the top; and this fence was very strong. The entrance I made by a short ladder to go over the top, which when I was in I lifted over after me. Into this fence I by degrees carried all my riches, all my provisions, ammunition, and stores, and made me a large tent to secure myself and them from the weather. When I had done this I began to work my way into the rock, which was pretty soft, laying all the earth and stones I dug out within my fence, and thus I had a cave just behind my tent.



ROBINSON AT DINNER

I had got from the ship some pens, ink, and paper; some mathematical instruments, and three good bibles, with several other books, which I carefully secured. I also brought on shore with me two cats, and a dog swam on shore, who was a trusty servant to me many years, nay he was so good a companion, that I was at a loss for nothing he could fetch me; and he only wanted the power of speech to become a most agreeable friend.

I had scarcely finished my habitation when I was very nearly buried in its ruins. I was at work just at the entrance of my cave, when all of a sudden the earth came tumbling down from the roof of the cave, and the edge of the hill, over my head. I was heartily scared, and thought the top of my cave was fallen in. There were three shocks at about eight minutes distance, such as I believe would have overturned the strongest building; and about half a mile from me a great piece of a rock fell down, with the most terrible noise I ever heard. The earthquake made my stomach sick, and I was as one stupid; but this horrible noise roused me at once.

In some little time I recovered from my fright, and after that frequently killed goats for my subsistence, whose fat supplied my lamp, which was a dish made of clay baked in the sun, and for a wick I made use of oakum. In the midst of all my labour, when I was rummaging among my things, I found a little bag with a few husks of corn in it, and wanting it, I shook it out by the side of my fortification. This was just before some heavy rain, and about a month afterwards, I saw some green stalks shooting out of the ground; but how great was my astonishment, when, some time after, I saw about ten or twelve ears of barley! It was some time before I recollected the bag with the husks, and I thought they could have been produced by nothing less than a miracle. With this barley there also came up a few stalks of rice, and these were worth more to me than fifty times their weight in gold, and I carefully preserved them for seed.

I now built myself a bower, about two miles from the hut, which I called my country-house.

In one of the dry seasons I took a ramble,

armed with a gun, and a hatchet, and guarded by my faithful dog. When I passed the valley in which stood my bower, I came within view of the sea, and it being a clear day, I plainly discovered land; but whether island or continent I could not tell; I guessed that it could not be less than twenty leagues off. In this journey I caught a young parrot; so I took it home with me, and taught it to speak. I travelled about twelve miles eastward along the shore, and then setting up a post for a mark, returned homewards, designing that my next tour should be the contrary way, till I came to this post.

I took a different way home from that I went; but unfortunately lost myself, till at last I was obliged to find out the sea side to seek for my post, tired to death with the heat of the weather and weight of my arms. In this journey my dog seized a young kid, and I saved it alive, pleased with the hopes of having a breed of tame goats; but as I could not bring it along without difficulty, and longed to be at home, I left it within the inclosure of my bower.

I cannot express what satisfaction it was now to come into my hut, and to lie down in my hammock bed. I rested myself a week, employed in the weighty affair of making a cage for my parrot, which soon became one of my favourites. I now bethought me of my kid, and hasted to my bower to bring it home, or to give it food; and the poor creature was so tame by hunger that it followed me home like a dog. From this time it became one of my domestics also, and would never leave me.

And now, my reader, I will give thee a short sketch of the figure I made. I had a great high shapeless cap made of goat's skin, a jacket with the skirts coming down to the middle of my thighs, and a pair of open-kneed breeches of the same, with the goat's hair hanging to the middle of my leg. Stockings and shoes I had none; but I had made a pair of somethings, I scarce knew what to call them, to flap over my legs like spatterdashes, but of a most barbarous shape, and so indeed were all the rest of my clothes: I had a broad belt of goat's skin dried, and I hung on one side a saw, and on the other side a hatchet. I had ano-

ther belt, not so broad, fastened over my shoulder. Under my arm hung two pouches for shot and powder; on my back I carried a basket, on my shoulder a gun, and over my head a great clumsy, ugly, goat's skin umbrella. My beard was cut short, except what grew on my upper lip, which I had trimmed into a large pair of Mahometan whiskers; but as for my figure, I had so few to observe me, that it was of no manner of consequence.

In this figure I frequently went to visit the ship's boat, which I had found upon the beach some time after the wreck of the vessel; and one day about noon, when I was going to it, I was exceedingly surprised with the print of a man's naked foot on the shore, which was plainly to be seen on the sand. I stood like one thunderstruck: I listened: I looked around me; I could not hear nor see any thing. I went upon a rising ground to look farther; I walked backwards and forwards on the shore, but I could see only that one impression: I went to look at it again; there was plainly a foot, toes, heel, and every part very distinct; how it came there I knew not; but hurried

home to my fortifications, looked behind me every two or three steps, and fancied every tree, bush, and stump to be a man. I had no sleep that night; but my terror gradually wore off, and I ventured down to take measure of the foot by my own, but I found it much larger. This filled me again with ridiculous whimsies; and when I went home I began to double my fortifications, planted my seven muskets on carriages, in the manner of cannon, and was at the expence of an infinite deal of labour purely from my apprehensions of this print of a foot. And in particular I planted a vast number of stakes on the outside of my wall, which growing, became a thick grove, and entirely concealed the place of my retreat, and greatly added to my security.

Now I rambled more to the western point of the island than I had ever done before, I was presently convinced that the seeing the print of a man's foot was not such a strange thing in the island as I had imagined; for on my approaching the shore, I was perfectly confounded and amazed at seeing the shore spread with skulls, hands, feet, and other bones of

human bodies; and particularly a place, where, as I suppose, there had been a fire made, and a circle dug in the earth for the savage wretches to sit down to their inhuman feasts on the bodies of their fellow creatures. I turned away my face from the horrid spectacle, and left the place as soon as possible.

Some time after in the midst of a very stormy night, I was startled at the firing of a gun: I hastened to the top of my hill, and heard another. I imagined that these were signals of a ship in distress, and so proved, as I discovered the next day. Nothing would serve me but I must go in my boat to this wreck which lay at a little distance. I furnished myself with a stock of provisions for fear of being driven out to sea, and in two hours time I reached the ship, which was Spanish built. She stuck fast jammed in between two rocks, and the stern and quarter were beaten to pieces by the sea. On my coming near it a dog yelped and cried, but there was no other living creature on board; but I saw two men drowned in the cook-room, with their arms fast about one another, and all the

goods were spoiled by the water. I, however, took two of the seamen's chests into my boat without knowing what was in them.

When I had got my treasures home, and began to unload, I found several bottles filled with cordial waters, and some neckcloths and shirts, which were very useful to me; 1100 pieces of eight, and about a pound weight of solid gold; but of what use was this to me? I would have given it all for three or four pair of shoes and stockings.

After this acquisition, I lived in my old manner, though terrified with fears of the savages. One morning very early I saw five canoes of them ashore. I clambered up my hill, and by the help of my perspective discovered no less than thirty dancing round a fire. I soon after saw two miserable wretches dragged out of the boats, one of whom was immediately knocked down, but the other starting from them, ran with incredible swiftness along the sands towards me. I confess I was horribly frightened when I saw him come my way, imagining he would be pursued by the whole body; however, I kept my station, and

quite lost my apprehension, when I found but three following him. He greatly outran them, and was in a fair way of escaping, when coming to the creek, he plunged into it, landed, and ran as swift as before. Of the three that followed, but two entered the water, the other returning back. I hastily fetched my guns from the foot of the ladder, and taking a short cut down the hill, I clapped myself in the way between the pursuers and the pursued, hallooing aloud to him that fled, and beckoned with my hand for him to come back; then rushing at once upon the foremost, knocked him down with the stock of my piece: the other stopped as if frightened; but when I advanced towards him, I perceived he was fitting his bow to shoot me, upon which I shot him dead directly. The poor savage who fled was so terrified at the noise of my piece, though he saw his enemies fallen, that he stood stock still, but seemed rather inclined to fly, than to come towards me. But the man I had knocked down came to himself, and my savage began to be afraid. I then presented my piece at the man, when the poor fellow, whose life I had saved,

made a motion for my sword, which I gave him, and he struck off his enemy's head at one blow, and in a quarter of an hour buried both the bodies in the sand. I then took him away to my cave at the farthest part of the island. Here I gave him bread and a bunch of raisins to eat, and a draught of water, which he wanted much; and having refreshed him, I made signs for him to lie down on some rice straw, which the poor creature did, and went to sleep.

He was a well-made handsome fellow, of about twenty-six years of age, of an olive-coloured complexion, with long black hair. He had a small nose that was not flat, and fine teeth as white as ivory. After he had slept about half an hour he waked again, and came running to me in the enclosure, just by where I had been milking my goats. Then falling down he laid his head flat upon the ground, and set my other foot upon it, and after this made all possible signs of thankfulness, subjection, and submission. I began to speak to him, and to teach him to speak to me; and first I made him to know that his name should be *Friday*, which was the day

wherein I saved his life. I taught him to say *Master*, and let him know that was to be my name. The next day I gave him clothes, at which he seemed pleased.

I made a little tent on the outside of my fortification for Friday to sleep in, and at night took in my ladder, that he might not be able to get at me while I slept. But there was no need of this precaution, for never man had a more faithful servant; he had the same affection for me as a child has for a father. I made it my business to teach him every thing proper to render him useful, especially to speak, and understand me when I spoke; and he was the aptest scholar that ever was; then he was so merry, so diligent, and so pleased when he could understand me or make me understand him, that he was a very agreeable companion.

I then set him to beat out some corn and sift it, and soon after I let him see me make my bread and bake, and in a little time Friday was able to do all the work for me, as well as I could do it myself. I now found it necessary to sow a larger quantity of corn than I

used to do, and therefore with Friday's assistance enlarged my fence. In short, this was the pleasantest year I had led in the island; for as my man began to talk pretty well I had some use for my tongue again; and besides the pleasure of talking to him, I had a singular satisfaction in his honesty and affection, which appeared more every day, so that I began really to love him.

I did not fail to instruct this poor creature, as well as I was able, in the principles of religion, and he listened to me with great attention. I described to him the countries of Europe, and particularly England; how we lived; how we worshipped God; and how we traded in ships to all parts of the world. Upon seeing my boat, Friday stood musing a great while, and said nothing: when asking what he was thinking of, he at last said, *Me such boat like came to place at my nation. We save the white mans from drown.* I then asked him, if there were any white mans, as he called them, in the boat? Yes, he said, *the boat full of white mans.* I asked him how many? He told me upon his fingers seventeen. I then



LANCHING the CANOE

asked him what became of them? and he replied, *They live, they dwell at nation.*

A considerable time after this, being at the top of a hill on the east side of the island, from whence I had discovered land, Friday looked very earnestly towards it, and in a kind of surprise fell a jumping and dancing, crying, *O joy! O glad! there be my country, there my nation!*

From this time I had a mind to venture over, and see if I could possibly join these bearded men, not doubting but that we might find some means of escaping from thence. I was now entered into the 27th year of my captivity, and intended soon to set sail, when one morning I bid Friday go the sea shore to see if he could find a turtle; but he had not been long gone, when he came running back like one that felt not the ground on which he trod, and before I had time to speak, cried, *O master! O master! O sorrow! O bad!* What's the matter, Friday, said I, *O yonder there,* said he, *one, two, three canoe! one, two, three!* Well, Friday, said I, do not be frightened: he was, however, terribly scared, imaginig that

they were come to look for him, and would cut him in pieces and eat him. I asked him, whether, if I resolved to defend him, he would stand by me, and do as I bid him. He said, *Me die when you bid die, master.* I fetched him a good dram of rum, and made him take two fowling pieces, and load them with large swan shot. I then loaded four muskets with five small bullets each, and each of two pistols with a brace of bullets. I hung my great sword naked by my side, and gave Friday his hatchet.

I had not a moment to lose, for nineteen of the horrid wretches sat huddled together on the ground, and the other two were stooping down to untie a Christian, (for one of the poor prisoners was a Spaniard), in order to murder him. Now, said I, Friday, do as you see me do. I laid the muskets down, and took up one, and then we both fired. Three were killed and five wounded. We then rushed out of the thicket, with each a musket in our hands. I cut the flags that bound the poor victim, and gave him a sword and pistol, which he had no sooner got than he flew upon his murderers. Meanwhile Friday firing had

killed two, and wounded a third, and afterwards fell upon them with his hatchet. In short, seventeen of them were killed, and four of them getting into a canoe got out to sea.

I resolved to pursue them, lest they should return with a greater force to destroy us, and ran to a canoe, calling to Friday to follow me; but I was no sooner in the canoe, than I found another poor creature there alive, bound hand and foot. I immediately cut the twisted flags, and seeing that he had been bound so tight that he was almost dead, I gave him a dram, and ordered Friday to tell him of his deliverance; but when the poor fellow looked in his face, and heard him speak, it would have moved any one to tears, to have seen how he kissed, embraced, hugged him, cried, danced, sung, and then cried again. It was sometime before I could make him tell me what was the matter; but when he came a little to himself, he said it was his own dear father. He then sat down by him, held the old man's head close to his bosom, and chafed his arms and ancles, which were stiff with binding.

At my desire, Friday carried the Spaniard

into the canoe, and placed him by his father; then launching off, paddled along the shore, till he brought them near my castle, while I walked thither.

About eight days after they were gone to fetch over their companions, Friday waked me one morning, by crying out, *Master they are come.* I dressed and hastened up to the top of the hill, and plainly discovered an English ship lying at anchor. At first I felt in my mind a tumult of joy, which was soon turned into fear; for though I knew them to be my countrymen, I had reason to dread them as enemies. Instead of going toward them as I should have done, had it not been for these alarming doubts, I staid where I was, and was soon convinced that to my suspicions I owed my safety.

They ran the boat ashore, on the beach, and eleven men landed, three of them unarmed, who by their gestures I thought to be prisoners; and one of them I could perceive using the most passionate gestures of entreaty, affliction, and despair; while the two others, though their grief seemed less extravagant,



ROBINSON & FRIDAY

appeared pleading for mercy. At this sight I was stiffened with horror, and Friday called out to me in his broken English, *O master! you see Englishmen eat prisoners as well as savage men.* No, no, says I, Friday, I am afraid they will murder them; but you may be sure they will not eat them. At this instant I saw a villain lift up his arm to kill one of the prisoners, but he did not kill him. I wished now for the Spaniard, and Friday's father, who was gone with him. While they had been parleying with their prisoners, the water had ebbed away from their boat, leaving her aground; and I heard one of them say to another who was going to it, why let it alone Jack, it will be afloat next tide; this confirmed to me that they were my countrymen. I knew now to my great uneasiness, that they would have ten hours to ramble about the island; I therefore designed to attack them as soon as it was dark; but a few hours after, as I saw none of them rambling about, I imagined they were asleep, all but the three distressed men, who were under the shelter of a tree but a little way from me. To them I

went with my man Friday, and said in Spanish, What are you, Gentlemen? They started at the noise, but when they saw my uncouth figure they prepared to fly. I then said in English, Gentlemen, perhaps you may have a friend near you, whom you little expect. He must be sent directly from heaven, said one of them bowing; for our condition is past the help of man. All help is from heaven, Sir, I replied; I see you are in distress, and am willing to serve you. The poor man, with a gush of tears, answered, Am I talking to a man or an angel? A man, an Englishman, I returned, ready to assist and save you, tell me your case. I was commander of that ship, he replied; my men have mutinied against me, and if they do not murder me, they intend to leave me and these two gentlemen ashore in this desolate place. They are but in that thicket, and I tremble for fear they have seen you, and heard us speak: if they have, they will murder us all. I asked what arms they had got, and finding they had but one piece of fire arms among them, I told him, it was easy to kill them all while they were asleep, or to

take them prisoners. He replied, that there were two incorrigible villains among them, to whom it would not be safe to shew mercy. I then gave each of them a musket, and advised them to fire among them at once; but he was cautious of shedding blood. In the midst of our discourse some of them awaked, and two walked from the rest. The captain said he would gladly spare them. Now, said I, if the rest escape you, it is your fault. Animated with this they went to the sailors, and the captain reserving his own piece, the two men shot one of the villains dead, and wounded the other. He who was wounded cried out for help, when the captain knocked him down with the stock of his musket. There were three more in company, one of whom was wounded. They begged for mercy, and I coming up gave orders for sparing their lives, on condition of their being bound hand and foot, while they staid in the island.

The noise of our guns brought three more straggling men to us, and they submitting to be bound our victory was complete. We then consulted together how to recover the ship,

there being still twenty-five men on board. We knocked a great hole in the bottom of the boat, that they might not carry her away; and while we were doing it, we heard the ship fire a gun as a signal for the boat to come on board. A little after another boat with ten men and fire arms approached shore.

Those who came on shore kept close together, marching up the little hill under which my habitation lay. When at the top they shouted and hallooed, but did not care to venture far from the shore, and quickly returned back. I then ordered Friday and the mate to go to a rising ground and shout as loud as they could. They heard the noise and ran towards it till they came to the creek; they then called to the boat to set them over. This was what I expected. Having crossed the creek, they left two men in the boat, taking the other with them. We left Friday and the mate to pursue their business in decoying the fellows up into the woods, by shouting and hallooing, while we surprised the two men they had left, one lying in the boat, and the other asleep on the shore.



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The last started up at our approach, the captain knocked him down, and called to him in the boat to yield, or he was a dead man. This he did, and heartily joined us, he being one of those who had been forced through fear to join the mutiny.

At length we saw them all go to the boat, which was aground in the creek, the tide ebb-ed out. They hallooed and called their comrades by their names, and then ran about wringing their hands as men in despair; it grew dark: I drew my ambuscade nearer, and ordered Friday and the captain to creep upon their hands and feet, that they might not be seen, and to get very near them before they fired; but one of the principal ringleaders of the mutiny, with two of the crew, came towards us, and the captain was so eager at having him in his power, that he let fly, and killed him and another man on the spot; the third ran for it. I then advanced with my whole army, when the man we took out of the boat by my order called to one of them by his name, Tom Smith? The fellow answered, who is that, Robinson? the other replied, ay, ay, for

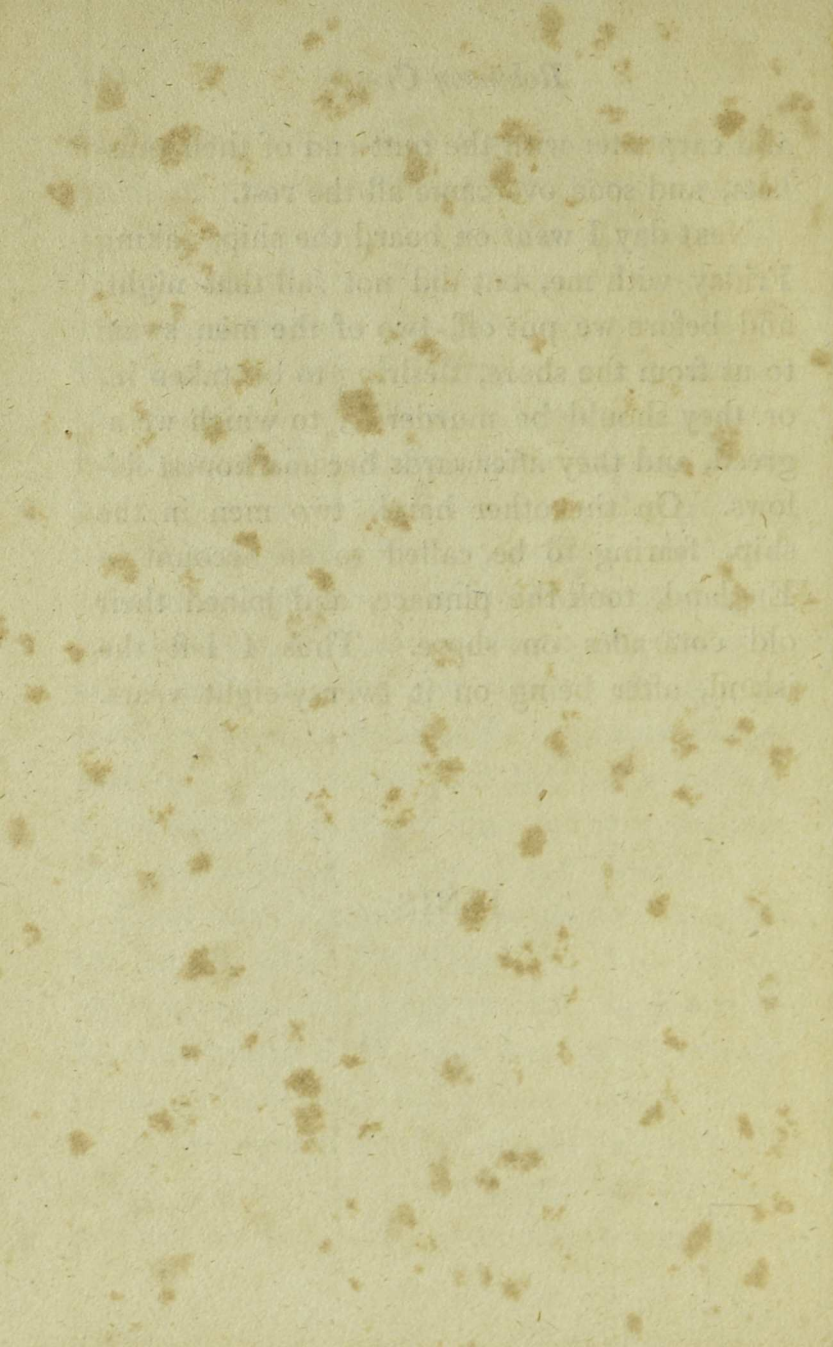
God's sake, Tom, throw down your arms and yield, or you are all dead men this moment. Yield! who must we yield to? says Smith. Where are they? Here they are, says he, here's our captain with fifty men with him; the boatswain and Will Fry are killed, and I am a prisoner. Will they give us quarter? says Smith. The captain then called out, You know my voice, if you lay down your arms and submit, you shall all have your lives but Will Aitkins. Upon which Will Aitkins called out, for God's sake, captain, spare my life, the rest are as bad as I; which was not true, for he had used the captain very ill at the beginning of the mutiny. The captain told him he must lay down his arms at discretion, and trust to the governor's mercy. They all submitted.

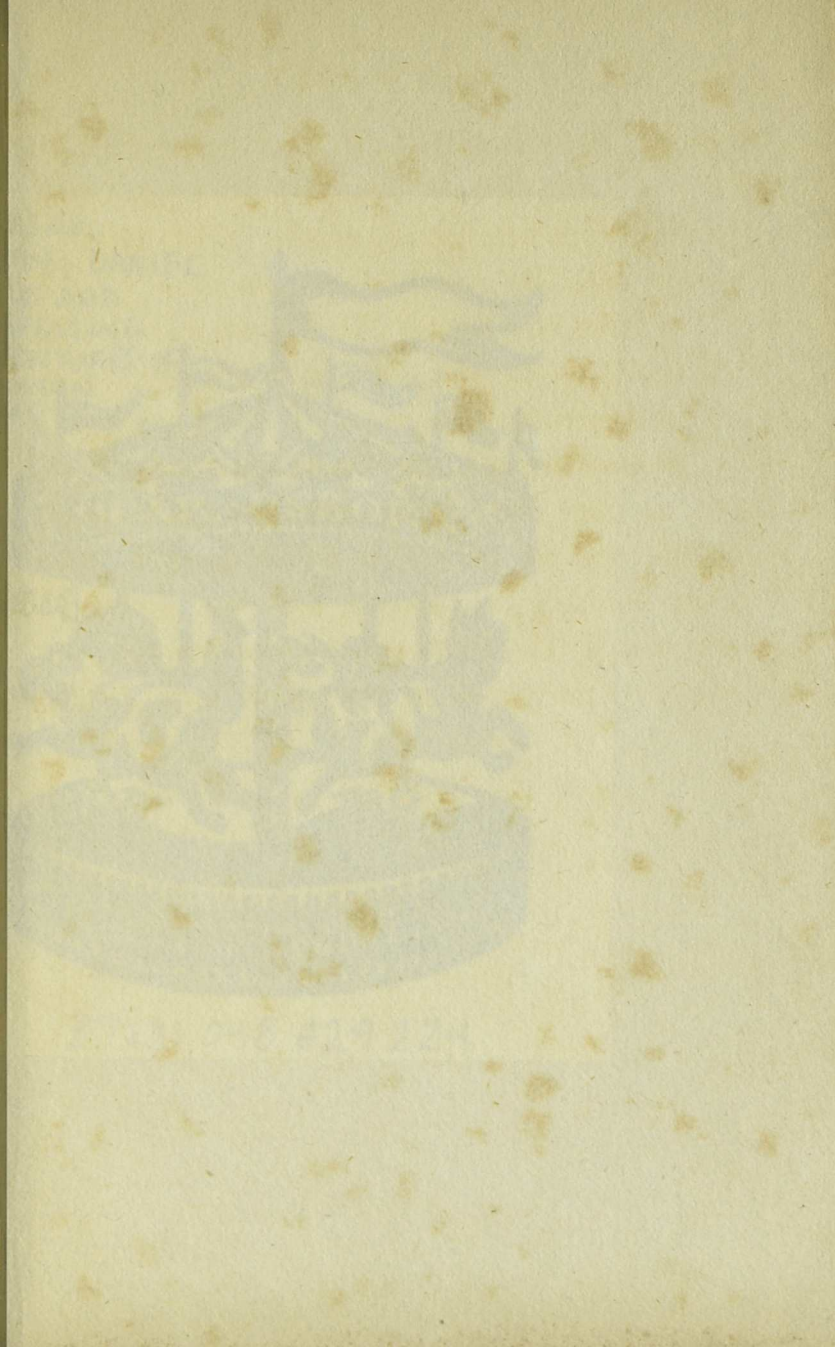
I was now determined to seize the ship, and the captain chose five of those he liked best to assist him, while I kept the rest as hostages for their fidelity. We then stopped the breach in the broken boat, and having manned them both, the captain went to the ship about midnight, got on board, and being faithfully seconded, they knocked down the second mate

and carpenter with the butt-end of their muskets, and soon overcame all the rest.

Next day I went on board the ship, taking Friday with me, but did not sail that night; and before we put off, two of the men swam to us from the shore, desiring to be taken in, or they should be murdered; to which we agreed, and they afterwards became honest fellows. On the other hand, two men in the ship, fearing to be called to an account in England, took the pinnace, and joined their old comrades on shore. Thus I left the island, after being on it twenty-eight years.

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