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ROBINSON CRUSOE.

I was born of a good family in the city of York,

where my father, who was a native of Bremen, settled, after his having got a handsome estate by merchandise. My heart was very early filled with rambling thoughts, and though, when I grew up, my father persuaded me to settle to some business, while my mother used the tenderest entreaties, yet nothing could prevail upon me to lay aside my desire of going to sea. I at length resolved to gratify my roving disposition, notwithstanding the uneasiness my father and mother showed at my leaving them.

On the 1st of September, 1651, I went on board a ship for London, and, without letting my father know the route I lad aken, 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,

anchor.

I was extremely sick, and my mind was filled with terror. The next day the wind abated, and my companions laughed at my fears, and with a bowl of punch made me half drunk, and thus drowned my repentance and reflections. The

" weather continued calm for several days, and we went into Yarmouth roads, where we cast anchor. After riding here four or five days, the wind blew very hard till the eighth day in the morning, when it still increased, and we had all hands at work to strike our topmasts, and at last cast our sheet-

It now blew a terrible storm; I began to see terror in the faces even of the seamen themselves; and as the master passed by me, I heard him say softly to himself, " Lord be merciful to us, we

shall all be lost," I cannot express the horror of mind with which I was seized: I was in ten times more tremour on account of slighting my former convictions

than even at death itself. The storm still increased, and I saw the master, the boatswain, and several others, at prayers, expecting every moment the ship would go to the bottom. One of the men cried out we had sprung a leak, upon

which all hands were called to the pump, but the water gained upon us, and it was apparent that the ship would founder. The storm, however, beginning to abate, the master fired guus for help, and a ship, which had rode it out just a head of us, came near with the utmost hazard, venturing their lives to save ours; our men casting a rope over the stern, they, after much hazard, got hold of it, and we with great difficulty got to land, and walked to Yarmouth. On my arrival in that



town, I contracted an acquaintance with the master of a ship who had been on the coast of Guinea,

me, told me I should have liberty of trading for myself. Encouraged by this offer, and the assistance of some of my relations, with whom I still corresponded, I raised £40, which I laid out in such toys and trifles as my friend the captain recommended. I got a competent knowledge of mathematics, mavigation, and how to take an ob-

such toys and trines as my friend the captain recommended. I got a competent knowledge of mathematics, navigation, and how to take an observation. In a word, this voyage made me both a sailor and a merchant, for my adventure yielded me in London, at my return, £300.

I now set up for a Guinea trader, and my friend dying soon after his arrival, I resolved to go the same voyage again in the same vessel, with one who was his mate in the former voyage, and had now the command of the ship. This was one of the most unhappy voyages ever made, for as we were steering about the Canary Islands and the African shore, we were surprised in the morning

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smart engagement ensued; but we were obliged to submit, and were all carried prisoners into Salee, a port belonging to the Moors.

My master, having the long-boat of our English ship, had a little cabin built in the middle of it like a barge. In this pleasure-boat he frequently went a-fishing; and as I was dexterous at catching fish, he never went without me. One day he appointed to go out with two or three Moors of distinction, and he had sent over-night a larger store of provisions than usual, and ordered me to get ready two or three fusils of powder and shot, for that they designed to have sport at the fowling as well as fishing. At this moment the hopes of deliverance darted into my thoughts, and I resolved to furnish myself for a voyage.

Every thing being prepared, we sailed out of the port to fish; but purposley catching none, I told Muley that we must stand further off, which he agreed to, and I having the helm, ran the boat a league out further, and then brought to, as if I would fish, when giving the boy the helm, I stepped forward, and stooping behind the Moor, took him by surprise, and tossed him overboard; he rose immediately, and called me to take him in; but fetching one of the fowling-pieces, I presented it, and told him that if he came near I would shoot him, and as the sea was calm, he



might easily reach the shore. So he turned about, and I make no doubt but he reached it with ease.

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; but if you will not, I must throw you into the sea too. The boy smiled, and spoke so innocently, that I could not mistrust him.

About ten days after, as I was steering out to sea, in order to double a cape, on a sudden Xury called out in a fright, Master, Master, a ship! I jumped out of the cabin, and saw that it was a Portuguese vessel. On my coming near, they asked me what I was, in Portuguese, Spanish, and French; but I understood none of them; at last a Scotch sailor called to me, and I answered I was an Englishman, and had made my escape from the Moors of Salee. I offered all that I possessed to the captain of the ship, but he would take nothing from me, and told me that all I had should be delivered to me when we came to the Brazils. We had a very good voyage to the Brazils, and the good captain recommended me to an honest man who had a plantation and a sugar-house, with whom I lived, and learned the planting and making of sugar; after which I took a piece of land, and became a planter myself. Had I continued in the station I was now in, I might have been happy, but my fellow-planters prevailed on me to make a trial of purchasing negroes on the coast of Guinea. We fitted out a ship, and made sail, with the hopes of purchasing slaves to assist in our plantations. We had very good weather for twelve days, but after we crossed the Line, a violent hurricane drove us quite out of our reckoning. In this distress one of our men called out "Land!" but the ship struck against a sand-bank. We took to the boat, and after we had rowed a league and a half, a wave came rolling a-stern of us, and overset the boat at once, so that out of fifteen none escaped but myself. I got upon my feet, and made towards the shore, and got to land, clambering up the cliffs of the shore, and sat me down upon the grass. Being much fatigued, I got up into a tree, and slept comfortably till the morning.

When I awoke it was broad day, and the storm

abated; but what surprised me most was, that in the night the ship had been lifted from the land by the swelling of the tide, and driven almost as far as the place where I landed, and I saw that if we had all remained on board we had been safe. I swam to the ship and found she was bulged, and had a great deal of water in the hold; but to my great joy, saw that all the provisions were dry; and being well disposed to eat, I filled my pockets, and ate as I went about other things. I found several spare yards and planks, with which I made a raft. I emptied three of the seamen's chests, and let them down upon the raft, and filled them with bread, some dried goats' flesh, and three

Dutch cheeses. I also let down the carpenter's chest, two fowling-pieces, two pistols, with some powder, and two rusty swords, all which I placed on my raft, and after much labour got it safely landed. My first raft being too unwieldy, I swam to the ship and made another; on which I placed



three bags of nails and pikes, some hatchets, and grindstone, two iron crows, several muskets, and another fowling-piece, two barrels of musket bullets, a large bag of small shot, all the men's clothes I could find, a hammock and some bedding, and to my great comfort brought all to land. After I had made five or six of these voyages, and though I had nothing more to expect from the ship worth taking, I found a great hogshead of bread, three large runlets of rum, a box of fine sugar, a barrel of fine flour, three dozen of good knives and forks. I then went in search of a place where to fix my dwelling

Before I set up my tent, I drew a half circle before a hollow place, which extended about twenty yards, and drove large piles into the ground, sharpened at the top, and the entrance I made by a short ladder to go over the top, and when I was in, I lifted it over after me, so that I was perfectly secure.

In the midst of my labours, when I was rummaging amongst my things, I found a little bag with a few husks of corn in it, and shook it by the side of my fortification; but how great was my astonishment when I saw ten or twelve cars of barley springing up! With this barley there came up a few stalks of rice, and these were of more worth to me than all the gold in the world.

I then took a view of the island, and at about two miles distant from my habitation, found some fine savannahs, and a little farther a variety of fruit, melons upon the ground, and the trees spread over, and covered with clusters of grapes. I was so enamoured with this place, that I built a bower, fenced by a double hedge; and this country house, as I called it, cost me two months labour; but the rainy season coming on, I was obliged to retreat to my old one, taking with me a quantity of the grapes, which were now become fine raisins in the sun.

When my corn was ripe, I made a scythe with a sword, and cut off the ears, which I rubbed out with my hands. At the end of the harvest, I guessed that I had a bushel of rice and two bushels of barley. I kept all this for seed, and bore the want of bread with patience.

When I came to make bread I had innumerable wants. I wanted a mill to grind it, sieves to dress it, yeast and salt to make it into bread, and an oven to bake it. However, I had six months to contrive all these things in. I made some misshapen pots of clay, that all broke in the sun except two, which I cased in wicker work; but I succeeded better in little pans, flat dishes, and pitchers, which the sun baked surprisingly hard; but they would not bear the fire so as to hold any liquid, and I wanted one to boil my meat.

Certainly a stoic would have smiled to have seen me at dinner; there was my royal majesty, an absolute prince and ruler of my kingdom, attended by my dutiful subjects, whom, if I pleased, I could either hang, draw, quarter, give liberty, or take it away. When I dined, I seemed a king, eating alone, none daring presume to do so till I



had done. Poll was the only person permitted to talk with me. My old, but faithful dog, now growing exceedingly crazy, continually sat at my right hand; while my two cats sat on each side of the table, expecting a bit from my hand, as a principal mark of my royal favour. Yet these were not the cats I had brought from the shin : they had been dead long before, and interred near my habitation by my own hands; but one of them, as I suppose, generating with a wild cat, these were a couple I had made tame; whereas the rest ran into the woods, and grew so impudent as to return and plunder me of my stores, till such time as I shot a great many, and the rest left me with this attendance. One thing more indeed concerned me,-the want of my boat. I knew not which way to get round the island. I resolved one time to go along the shore by land to her; but had any one in England met such a figure, it would either have affrighted him, or made him burst into laughter.

One day, after I had dressed my dinner, I went to put out my fire, and found a piece of one of my earthen-ware vessels burnt as hard as a stone, and as red as a tile; this taught me to burn my pipkins, and I soon wanted for no sort of earthenware; but when I found that I had made a pot which would bear the fire, I had hardly patience to stay till it was cold, before I set it on with a piece of a kid, in order to make some broth, which answered tolerably well.

I used to burn my earthen-ware in a cave which I found in a wood, and which I made convenient for that purpose; but the principal cause that first brought me here, was to make charcoal, so that I might bake and dress my bread and meat without any danger. While I was cutting down some wood for this purpose, I perceived a cavity behind a very thick branch of underwood. Curious to look into it, I got to its mouth, and found it sufficient for me to stand upright in it. But when I entered and took a further view, two rolling shining eyes, like flaming stars, seemed to dart themselves at me, so that I made all the haste out that I could, not knowing whether it was a savage, or a monster, that had taken his residence in that place. On recovering a little from my surprise, I resumed all the courage I had, and taking up a flaming firebrand, in I rushed again; when not having proceeded above three steps, I was more affrighted than before : for I heard a very loud sigh, like that of a human creature in the greatest agony, succeeded by a broken noise, resembling words half expressed, and then a broken sigh again. Stepping back, thought I to myself, am I got into some euchanted place, such as are reported to contain miserable captives, till death puts an end to their sorrow? It struck me with a cold sweat; but again trusting to God's protection, I proceeded forward, and, by the light of my firebrand, perceived it to be a monstrous he-goat lying on the ground, gasping for life, and dying for mere old age.



When at first I stirred him, thinking to drive him out, he strove to get upon his feet, but was not able; so I left him there to fright any one from venturing into the cave.

At the furthermost part of the cave I observed a sort of entrance, but so low as to oblige me to

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creep upon my hands and knees to get through; but on advancing, I found that it rose in height about twenty feet, and appeared, from the reflection of the light I carried with me, to be a grotto adorned with diamonds and other precious stones. I found it dry and comfortable, and therefore determined to make it my principal magazine.

While these things were doing, my thoughts ran many times upon the land I had seen, and I began to make myself a canoe, the most preposterous enterprise that ever man in his senses undertook. I felled a great cedar, about five feet in diameter next the root ; but when the impossibility of launching this heavy thing came into my mind, I gave myself this foolish answer: Let me but once make it, and I'll warrant I'll get it along when it is done. I made it big enough to carry twenty-five men; but all my devices to get it into the water failed me, for I could no more stir it than I could the island. I then determined, since I could not bring my canoe to the water, that I would bring the water to the canoe, and began to dig : but when I calculated the time this caual would take in making, I found that I could not accomplish it in less than twelve years, and

therefore gave it over, determining to enjoy what I had, without repining for what I could not get.

I had at length a great mind to go to the point of the island to see how the shore lay, and resolved to travel thither by land. And now, reader, I will give you 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-knee'd 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 a pair of somethings, I scarce know what to call them, to slip over my legs like spatterdashes. 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 goat's-skin umbrella. My beard was cut short, except what grew on my upper-lip; but as for my figure, as I had few to observe me, it was a matter of no consequence.

In this figure I went on my new journey, and was out five or six days. In one of my excursions I was exceedingly surprised with the print of a man's naked foot on the shore, which was



plain to be seen on the sand. I stood like one thunderstruck; I listened, I looked around, but I could hear nothing, 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; how it came there I knew not; but I hurried home to my fortifications, looking 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 of, 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 whimises, 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 expense of an infinite deal of labour purely from my apprehensions of this print of a foot.

Rambling more to the western point one day

than ever I had done before, I was presently convinced that the seeing of the print of a man's foot was not such a strange thing in the island as I had imagined; for, on approaching the shore, I was perfectly confounded and amazed, nor is it possible to express the horror I felt, at seeing the shore spread with the skulls, hands, feet, and other bones of human bodies, and particularly a place where, as I supposed, 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 had now been twenty-two years in the island, and was so naturalized to the place, that had I been secure as to the savages, I then fancied I could have been contented to have staid in it till I had died of mere old age.

One morning very early, I saw five canoes of the savages on shore. I clambered up the 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 followed him. He greatly outran them, and was in a fair way of escaping them all, when, coming to a 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 my ladder, and, taking a short cut down the hill, I clapped myself in the way betwixt the pursued and the pursuers ; then rushing at once on 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 had fled was so terrified at the noise of my piece, though he saw his enemy fallen, that he stood stock still, but seemed rather inclined to fly than come forward. However, when I gave him signs of encouragement, he came nearer, kneeling down every ten or twelve steps. I then



took him away to my cave at the farther 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 soon went to sleep. After he had slept about half an hour, he waked again, and came running to me in the enclosure just by. Then kneeling down again, he 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 made him know that his name should be Friday, which was the day whereon 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.

Having now more courage, and consequently more curiosity, I took my man Friday with me, and marched to the place where his enemies had been. When we came there, my blood ran cold in my veins; the place was covered with luman bones, and the ground dyed with blood; great pieces of flesh were left here and there half caten, mangled, and scorched. We saw three skulls, five hands, and the bones of three or four legs and feet; and Friday, by his signs, made me understand that they brought over four prisoners to feast upon, and that three of them were eaten up, that he, pointing to himself, was the fourth, and that they had been conquered and taken in war.

I caused Friday to collect the remains of this horrid carnage, then to light a fire, and burn them to ashes. When this was done, we returned to our castle.

I was now entered into the 27th year of my captivity, and intended soon to set sail, when one morning I bade Friday go to the sea shore to see if he could find a turtle; but he had not long been gone, when he came running back like one who felt not the ground on which he trod, and before I had time to speak, cried, O Master! O Master! to Master! to Sourcow! O bad! What's the matter, Friday? said I. O yonder they're, said he, one, treo, three! Well, Friday, said I, do not be frightened; he was however terribly scared, imagining that they were come to look for him, and would cut him in pieces and eat him.

I then took my perspective-glass, and went up to the side of the hill, when I saw twenty-one savages, three prisoners, and three cances. I bid him softly bring me word what they were doing; he did so, and coming back immediately, told me they were all about the fire, eating the flesh ofone of their prisoners, and that a bearded man lay bound upon the sand, whom he said they would out to sea.

kill next. The news fired my soul, and filled me with horror, and going to the tree, I plainly saw a white man clothed, lying on the beach with his hands and feet tied with flags. 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 the Christian in order to murder him. Now, Friday, said I, do as you see me do. I laid the muskets down and took up one, and then we both fired; we then fired again, till seventeen of them week killed; and four of them getting into a cance got

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 lying 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 some time before I could make him tell 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.

The white man, who was a Spaniard, expressed the utmost gratitude for his deliverance, gave me an account of his shipwreck, and the situation



of his companions; when we resolved that Friday's father and the Spaniard should go in the boat to fetch them over.

About eight days after they were gone, Friday wakened me one morning by crying out, Master they are come! I dressed, and hastened 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.

They ran the boat ashore on the beach, and cleven men landed, three of them unarmed, who, by their gestures, seemed 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, appeared pleading for mercy. At this instant I saw a villain lift up his arms to kill one of the prisoners, but he did not strike him. The men having left the prisoners and gone into the woods, I went up to them with my man Friday, and said to them in Spanish, What are you, gentlemen? They started at the noise, but prepared to fly. I then said in English, Gentlemen, perhaps you may have a friend near you whom you would little expect. Tell me your case. I was commander of that

ship, replied one of the prisoners; 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 may have seen you, and heard us speak. Having concerted matters with the captain, and armed ourselves, we went to the sailors; and the captain reserving his own piece, the two men shot one of the villains dead, and wounded another. He who was wounded cried out for help, 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.

A little after, another boat with ten men and fire-arms approached the shore. We had a full view of them as they came; the captain told me three of them were peaceable fellows, but the rest were desperate weretches. Having formed an ambuscade, I 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 of having him in his

power, that he let fly, killed him and another on the spot; the third ran for it. I immediately advanced with my whole army, upon which Will Atkins, one of the ringleaders, called out, For God's sake, captain, spare my life, the rest are as bad as I. The captain told him he must lay down his arms at discretion, and trust to the governor's mercy, upon which they all submitted.

It was now determined to seize the ship, which, with the assistance of the faithful part of the crew, the captain effected thus: I sent the captain to tamper with them in the governor's name, offering them pardon, if they would assist him in recovering the ship. Upon which they all agreed to stand by him till their last drop of blood. They were all released on these assurances; and then the captain repaired the other boat; making his passenger captain, with four men well armed; while his mate, himself, and five men more, went in the other. By midnight they came within call of the ship, when the captain ordered Robinson to hale her, and tell them, that with great difficulty they had found the men at last. But while they were discoursing, the captain, his mate, and the rest entered, and knocked down the second mate and carpenter, secured those that were upon deek by putting them under hatches, while the other boat's crew entered, and securing the forecastle, broke into the round house, where the mate, after some resistance, shot the pirate captain



through the head; upon which all the rest yielded themselves prisoners.

When I saw my deliverance thus put into my hands, I was ready to sink with surprise; but a flood of tears soon brought me to myself. I that in my turn embraced him as my deliverer, and we rejoiced together. Having brought the prisoners before me, I asked them what they had to say

in their own defence, telling them I had power to execute them there.

They pleaded the captain's promise of mercy. I then told them that I intended to go a passenger in the ship, with all my men; but that they, if they went, could only go as prisoners; observing, however, that they might, if they chose it, stay in the island. This they gladly accepted, and I prepared to go on board the next day. The captain returning to the ship, got every thing ready for my reception.

When he was gone, I talked to the men, told them my story, how I managed my household business; instructed them in all I knew, and gave them my best advice with regard to their behaviour to one another.

I divided the tools among them in this manner. To every man I gave a digging spade, a shovel, and a rake, as having no harrows or ploughs; and to every separate place a pickaxe, a crow, a broad axe, and a saw, with a store for a general supply, should any be broken or worn out. I left them also nails, staples, hinges, hammers, chisels, knives, ocisors, and all sorts of tools and iron-work; and for the use of the smith, I gave him three tons of unwrought iron for a supply; and as to arms and ammunition, I stored them sufficiently to equip a little army. The next day I went on board the ship, taking Friday with me.

The next morning two of the men came swimming to the ship's side, desiring the captain to take them on board, though he hanged them afterwards, complaining mightily how barbarously the others used them. Upon which I prevailed with the captain to take them in, and being severely whipped and pickled, they proved more honest for the future. And so I hade farewell to the island, carrying along with me my money, parrot, umbrella, and goat-skin cap, setting sail December 12, 1686, after twenty-cight years, two months, and nineteen days residence, the same day and month that I escaped from Salec, landing in England, June 11, 1687, after thirty-five years absence from my native country, which rendered me altogether a stranger to it. Some time after I went to Lisbon, to see after my effects in the Brazils, and found the generous captain, who had been so much my friend, still alive, and he put me in the way of recovering the produce of my plantations. And a few months after, there arrived ships in the Tagus, with effects for my



use, to the amount of £5000, besides £1000 a-year, which I expected to receive annually for my plantation.

Having now lived 72 years, chequered with infinite variety, and been taught the value of retirement, I resolved to harass myself no more, but to look forward to the blessing of ending my days in peace, and in the true worship of that God who has protected and delivered me in all my troubles.

THE END.



