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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 his having got a handsome estate by merchandize. As my heart began to be very early filled with rambling thoughts, I at length resolved to gratify my roving disposition.

On the first of September, 1651, I went on board a ship, which was bound for London. We were wrecked by the way, but were picked up off Yarmouth, where we were received with great humanity, and had money given

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us sufficient to carry us either to London or back to Hull.

On my arrival in London, I contracted an acquaintance with the master of a ship who had been on the coast of Guinea; and having had good success there, was resolved to go again. This voyage made me both a sailor and a merchant; for I brought home five pounds nine ounces of gold dust for my adventure, which yielded me in London at my return almost 300*l*.

I now set up for a Guinea trader; and my friend to my great misfortune dying soon after his arrival, I resolved to go the same voyage again, and having left 200*l*. in the hands of my friend's widow, I embarked in the same vessel with one who was his mate in the former voyage, and had now the command

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of the ship. This was one of the most unhappy voyages that ever man had made; for, as we were steering between the Canary islands and the African shore, we were surprised by a Moorish piratical rover, and were all carried prisoners into Sallee, a port belonging to the Moors.

Hence I soon made my escape in a pleasure boat, taking only a black boy named Xury with me. Passing the Straits of Gibraltar, I thought to make the River Gambia; in ten days after, off the Cape de Verd Islands, just as we were almost dying for want of provision, we met a Portuguese ship, which kindly relieved our distress. The Captain wished to purchase my boy Xury, to which the latter consented, and to

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which I could not object, as his kindness to both of us was very great.

We made a successful voyage to the Brazils, and at All-Saints Bay I turned planter. Two years I remained here, and during that time my good Captain had made a voyage, and brought me from London 100*l.* out of the 200*l.* I had owing there.

Had I continued in the station I was then in, I might have been happy, but growing rich apace, my head began to be full of projects and undertakings beyond my reach. I had lived here about four years, when I fitted out a ship of about 120 tons burden, which carried six guns and 14 men.

In this vessel I set sail, with the hopes of purchasing slaves, to assist us in our plantations, and stood to the

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northward, in order to stretch over to the African coast. 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 knowledge, and, many days together not any in the ship expected to save their lives. In this distress it was resolved to stand away for Barbadoes, in order to refit.

With this design we changed our course; but soon after a second storm arose, which carried us with the same impetuosity westward, and drove us out of the way of all human commerce. 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 sand, and in a moment the sea

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broke over her in such a manner, that we expected we should all have perished. We all took to the boat, which was soon swamped, and all perished save myself. Wave after wave driving me along, at last dashed me against a piece of rock, and left me senseless; but recovering before the return of another, I got to the main land, clambered up the clifts of the shore, and set me down on the grass.

Night coming on, I walked about a furlong from the shore, to see if I could find any fresh water to drink, which I did to my great joy; and having drunk and put a little tobacco in my mouth to prevent hunger, I climbed up into a tree; I then cut a short stick for my defence, endeavoured to place myself so as that if I should sleep, I might not

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fall; and being much fatigued, slept very comfortably till morning.

A little after noon, I found the sea very calm, and the tide ebbed so far out that I could come within a quarter of a mile of the ship. The weather being extremely hot, I swam to the ship, and to my great joy saw that all the ship's provisions were dry; and being well disposed to eat, I went into the bread room, and slipping on a waistcoat, filled my pockets with biscuit, and ate as I went about other things; I also found some rum in the great cabin, of which I took a large dram, to enable me to accomplish my design.

As I found several spare yards, and some large spars of wood, I next broke open and emptied three of the seamen's chests: then lowered them down upon

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the raft, and filled them with bread, some dried goats' flesh, and three Dutch cheeses. I found several cases of bottles, in which were some cordial waters, and about five or six gallons of arrack; these I stowed by themselves, there being no room for them in the chests. I also let down the carpenter's chest, which was worth more to me than a ship load of gold, I next found two excellent fowling pieces, and two pistols, with some powder horns, two barrels of powder, and two old rusty swords, all of which I placed on the raft, and with this invaluable cargo resolved to put to sea, and got it safe to land.

The next day, considering that I might yet get many useful things out of the ship, particularly the rigging and sails, &c. I made a second voyage,

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and to my great comfort brought all safe away.

I now went to work to make a little hut with the sail and some poles, which I cut for that purpose; and into it I brought every thing I knew would spoil either with the sun or rain: I piled all the empty chests and casks in a circle round the hut to fortify it from any sudden attempt from man or beast; I blocked up the door with boards, and spreading one of the beds on the ground, laying my two pistols just at my head and my gun by me, I went to bed, and slept very quietly all night.

I had been thirteen days on shore, and had been eleven times on board the ship. Rummaging the cabin, I discovered a locker with drawers in it, in one of which I found two or three razors,

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and a pair of large scissars, with ten or a dozen good knives and forks; and in another about 36*l.* value in gold and silver coin, a useless drug to me now, and not worth a ten-penny nail.

It blew very hard one night, and in the morning when I looked out, no more ship was to be seen. I now went in search of a place where I might fix my dwelling; endeavouring to choose one where I might have the advantage of a healthy situation, fresh water, and security from being surprised by man or any ravenous beast. 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 place, like the entrance of a cave, before which I resolved to

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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 a half circle before the hollow place, which extended 20 yards, and in this half 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. This cost me much time and labour, especially in cutting the piles in the wood, bringing them to the place, and driving them into the earth. 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 se-

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cure 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, in the manner of a terrace, and thus I had a cave just behind my tent.

The first time I went out, I had the pleasure to find that there were goats and pigeons in the island; which I caught and brought up.

To prevent losing my reckoning of time, I set up a large square post on the shore where I first landed, and cut upon it with a knife, "I came on shore here the 30th of Sept. 1659." Upon the sides I cut every day a notch, and every seventh notch was as long again as the rest, and every first of the month as long again as that long one; and

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thus I kept my weekly, monthly, and yearly reckoning.

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 to 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.

I frequently killed the 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 labours, I found a little bag with a few husks of corn in it, which I shook out by the side of my fortification, and

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they furnished me with grain to sow, worth more to me than fifty times their weight in gold, so I carefully preserved them.

When I had been about a year in the island I was taken extremely ill. Soon after my recovery I took a survey of the island; at about two miles distance from my habitation I found some fine savannahs, and a little further a variety of fruit, and as for limes and lemons I had as many as I could well stand under.

I was so enamoured with this place, that I built myself a bower, fenced with a double hedge, and this country-house, as I called it, cost me two months labour; but I had hardly begun to enjoy my habitation, when the rains came on, and I was obliged to retreat to my old one; taking with me my grapes, which

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were now become fine raisins of the sun. In one journey I caught a young parrot. Having knocked it down with a stick, I brought it home with me, and taught it to speak. Having travelled about twelve miles eastward along the shore, I set up a great post for a mark, and returned homeward, designing that my next tour should be the contrary way, till I came to this post. My dog having seized a kid, I saved it alive, and thereby got a stock of tame goats. My worst enemies were the birds, who only waited for my absence to drop down upon my corn that was in the ear, so I shot three of them, and hung them up as a warning to the rest.—I reaped a pretty good harvest, and contrived to make bread, and having made some earthen vessels, and baked them upon my fire

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till they were fire-proof, I could soon have set up a pastry-cook's, as I had no fear of wanting flour.

As my clothes now began to decay, I made myself two waistcoats out of some watch coats, and a cap out of a goat's skin, with the hair side outwards, to throw off the rain.

Three or four years after, I made a little boat, an umbrella serving both for a mast and an awning.—One afternoon, after a little trip, I got over the fence, and laid me down to sleep in the shade; but, judge my surprise, when I was awakened by a voice calling me by my name several times, "Robin, Robin Crusoe, poor Robin Crusoe! where are you? where have you been?" I awoke terribly frightened; but no sooner were my eyes open than I saw my Poll

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sitting on the hedge, and the next day I carried him along with me to the castle.—One dangerous ramble reconciled me to my desolate island, and resigned me to the dispensations of Providence. It would have made a Stoic smile to see me and my family sit down to dinner; there was my majesty, all alone like a king, attended with my servants. Poll, my favourite, was the only person permitted to talk to me. My dog, who was grown very old, sat always at my right hand, and my two cats, one on one side of the table, and the other on the other.

I had at length a great mind to go to the point of the island, to see how the shore laid, and resolved to travel thither by land. And now, reader, I will give thee a short sketch of the figure I made.

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I had on 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 down to the middle of my leg. Stockings and shoes I had none, but I had made a pair of somethings, I scarcely know what to call them, to flap over my legs like spatter-dashes; but of a most barbarous shape, and so, indeed, was all the rest of my clothes; I had a broad belt of goat's skin dried, and in a loop hung on one side a saw, and on the other a hatchet. I had another belt not so broad, fastened over my shoulder; under my arm hung two pouches for my shots and powder; on my back I carried a basket, on my shoulder a gun, and over my head a

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great 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 it, that it was of no manner of consequence.

In this figure I went my new journey, and was out five or six days. One day at noon, I was exceedingly surprised with the print of a man's foot on the shore, which was so plainly to be seen in the sand, that, in approaching nearer the strand, I was perfectly confounded and amazed.

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 fancied, I could have been contented to have staid in it, till (like

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the goat) I had died of mere old age; but, in my twenty-third year, going out at break of day, I was surprized with the light of a fire upon the shore, towards the end of the island.

Some time after, in the midst of a stormy night, I was startled at the firing of guns; these, I thought, were the signals of a ship in distress, and such it proved, as I discovered the next day. I cannot explain by any possible energy of words, the emotion I felt at the sight of this rich wreck. Oh! that there had been but one saved! (I cried,) that I might have had one companion! one fellow-creature to have spoken to, and have comforted me in my affliction.

After this acquisition, I lived in my old manner, though terrified with fears of the savages. One morning very

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early I saw five canoes of them ashore. I clambered up my hill, and by the help of a 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.

Out of the three that pursued him, I knocked down one with the but end of my musket, shot the other, and one ran away. The black I had saved was a well-made handsome fellow, of about twenty-six years of age, of an olive-coloured complexion, with long black hair. I soon began to speak to him, and to teach him to speak to me; and first, I made him know that his name should be Friday, which was the day whereon

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I saved his life. He was not long in learning English, and became a most faithful servant. He said his countrymen were cannibals, and they once ate up twenty men, two women, and a child; but not knowing how to tell twenty, he numbered them by laying so many stones in a row, and pointing to me to tell them over.

Having learned from my man Friday that 17 men had come on shore in distress, and were on an adjoining island, I had a strong desire to see if they might form a part of the crew of the ship that was last wrecked; for this purpose, as well as to try if I could not effect my escape, we constructed with great labour a canoe, and set up a mast and sail.

It was in the 27th year of my capti-

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vity that Friday gave me notice that 21 savages with three prisoners, had landed, and they had killed and eaten one of them, and were going to murder the others. I directly armed Friday and myself, with all my muskets, pistols, and swords. Coming upon them as they sat huddled round their victims, and taking due aim, we killed them in succession, and then arming the poor wretches whom he had saved, we dispatched 17 of the savages and four escaped out to sea. One of the prisoners proved to be Friday's father, and another was a Spaniard, all of whom, as they owed their lives to me, were ready to lay them down in my service.

Not long after from the top of my hill I saw an English ship lying at anchor, from which a boat full of men

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proceeded to the shore and landed. Having selected six, three of whom they bound, with an evident intention of destroying them, I lost no time in arming my little company, and coming up as they were straggling about, we shot several of them, and the rest submitted. We then learned it was a mutiny of the sailors, headed by some desperadoes, which determined me directly to assist the captain in recovering the ship. This was effected only by main force, taking them by surprise in the night, when the rebel master was killed, and the lawful captain came on shore to embrace me, and say the ship and cargo all were mine.

When I saw my deliverance thus put into my hands, I was ready to sink with surprise; I was not able to an-

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swer one word; but a flood of tears brought me to myself, and a little while after I recovered my speech. I then in my turn embraced him as my deliverer, and we rejoiced together. I prepared to go on board the next day, and took my man Friday, the Captain returning to the ship, to get every thing ready for my reception. Thus I left the island, after being on it twenty-eight years

On my arrival in England, I was as perfect a stranger as if I had never been known there; my faithful steward, the widow, was become poor; my father and mother were dead; but I had two sisters, and two of the children of one of my brothers were living. The merchant, concerned in the ship I had saved, having heard the Captain's story,

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invited me to an entertainment, and made me a present of near 200*l*. I then 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 a way of recovering the produce of my plantation. And a few months after, there arrived ships in the Tagus, with effects for my use, to the amount of 9,000*l*. besides 1,000*l*. a year which I expected to receive annually from my plantation.

Having converted my money into bills of exchange, I returned to England, and some time after I married. Not knowing how to live without employment, I retired into the country, to a little farm; but in the middle of this felicity, my wife died, leaving me

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three children. By the loss of my sage counsellor, I became like a ship without a pilot, that could only sail before the wind. One of my brother's children I had brought up to the sea, and had given him a ship. He was going a voyage to China, and came one morning to ask me if I would go with him, to see my beloved island. Having made my will, and settled my estate on my children, we set sail.

When we came within sight of it, I called to my man Friday, and asked him if he knew where he was? when clapping his hands, he cried, O yes! O there! and danced and capered like a mad fellow. There was no keeping Friday on board, for he saw his father, and he flew like an arrow out of a bow.

The Spaniard I mentioned came

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towards the boat, carrying a flag of truce. I went with him to my old habitation, which was made far stronger than when I left it. When I enquired the reason of this, he told me the three barbarians, not contented with being moderately their masters, wanted to be their murderers, and they had been obliged to disarm them.

About this time a great number of savages of different nations landed, and fought a battle, in which thirty-two more were killed upon the spot.

They had not long after another visit from the savages; and were invaded by a most formidable fleet, armed with bows and arrows, great clubs, and wooden swords. To oppose this force, there were seventeen Spaniards, five Englishmen, old Friday, and six slaves,

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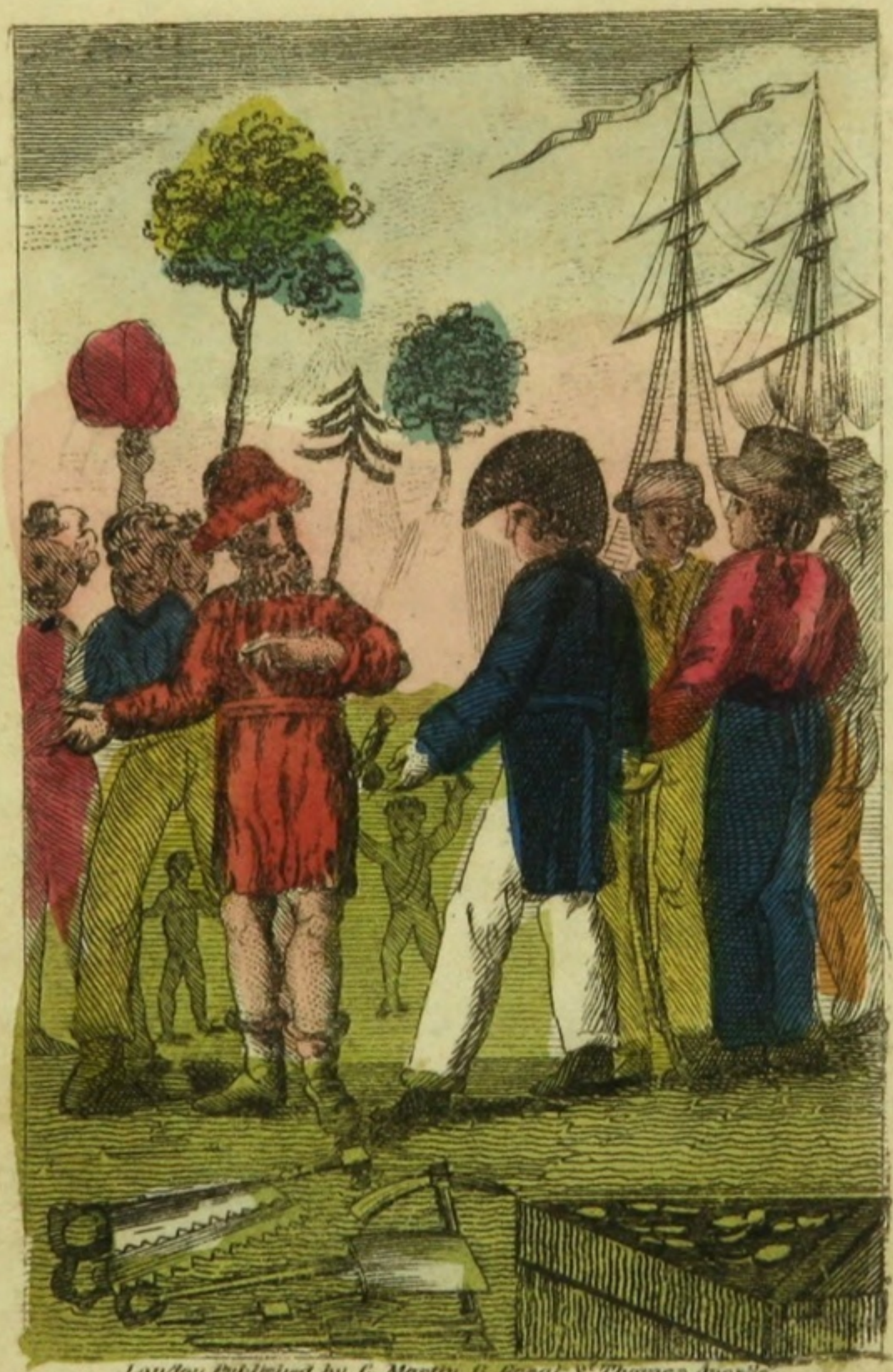

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who killed the larger part, and the rest being made prisoners, soon became civilized, for the Spaniards and English went among them.

This was the situation of the island at my arrival, with the addition of twenty little children, for the women had all been fruitful. My coming was a particular relief, because I furnished them with knives, shovels, pick-axes, and every thing they could want.

When the Spaniards and English were all assembled, I told them that I came to establish them there, and not to remove them.

Soon after this, having, by my sovereign authority, divided the lands amongst them to prevent quarreling, I left the Island; but I had not been away from it three days, when we dis-

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covered a great number of canoes, which came very near us, on which we made signs for them to put back, which they did; but first they discharged about 500 arrows at us, and wounded one of our men. Not willing to fire upon them, I ordered Friday to speak to them, when instantly they discharged another flight of arrows, that killed poor Friday, no other man being in their sight. Enraged at the loss of my old servant, I gave them a broadside, which overset many of their canoes, and the rest fled so fast, that in a little time there was not one of them to be seen.

We now steered to the East Indies, staying a few days at the Cape of Good Hope, where we took in fresh water, and sailed to Madagascar.

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At Bengal I took a lodging in the house of an English woman, where I got acquainted with a merchant; we bought a ship, and went a voyage to China, which proved very successful, and made another to the spice islands, with the like good fortune. We then bought a larger vessel; but this purchase had like to have cost us our lives; for the people of whom we had bought her, having killed their Captain ashore, had run away with the ship, and turned pirates; this we heard in the river Cambodia, which obliged us to fly, and we were pursued by five of the East India Company's boats, which we kept off with our guns, and made the best of our way to Nanquin, under the utmost terror of being seized, and hanged as pirates. Our ship having sprung a

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leak, we there laid her down to stop it. While she was in this condition, the natives not seeing our men, came round us in twelve large boats, supposing it to be a wreck; we were in an ill posture for fighting, all hands being at work, paying the ship's bottom: we immediately set about righting the ship; but before we could do it, they had boarded our long boat to make prisoners of some of our men. The first they seized was an Englishman, who, instead of firing the musket he had in his hand, laid it down in the boat, and seizing the fellow by the ears, he by main force dashed his brains out against the gunnel; while a Dutchman, with the but end of the musket, knocked down five of them. In the mean time, a fellow who attended the carpenter with a

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kettle of boiling pitch, saluted the Pagans with a ladle of the hot stuff, which the carpenter seeing, cried, Well done, Jack, and dipping the mop into the boiling pitch, sprinkled it profusely over them, which made them howl most dreadfully; and another kettle of the same materials gave us a complete victory without firing a gun.

We left this bay the next morning, and sailed to Nanquin, where, to our great joy, we sold our vessel to a merchant of Japan, and afterwards travelled with a large caravan, through China, Siberia, and Muscovy, and arrived at London, on the 10th of January, 1705; having been absent from England, this last time, ten years and nine months. And now resolving to harass myself no more, I am preparing

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for a longer journey than all these; for I have lived seventy-two years, chequered with infinite variety, and have been taught sufficiently the value of retirement, and the blessing of ending my days in peace, and in the true worship of my Almighty Deliverer.

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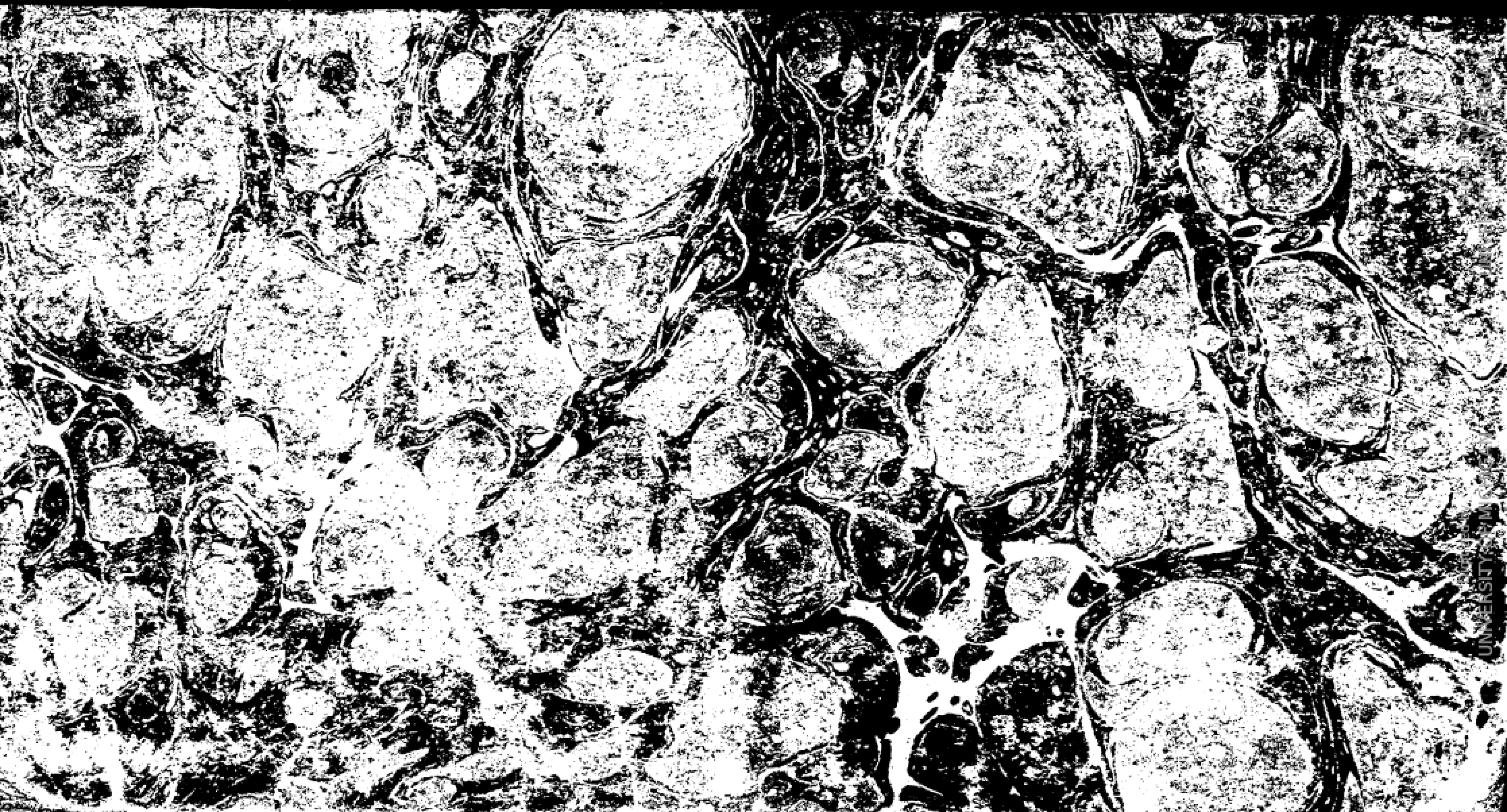

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