

A True Story

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Introduction

Athletes and physical trainers do not limit their attention to the questions of perfect condition and exercise; they say there is a literary for true equally it hold I .training in element important most the as represent they indeed which also relaxation for time men that after severe study they should unbend the intellect, if it is to come perfectly efficient to its next task.

on depending ,simple and pure entertainment offer not does which literature of course a in found be best will want they rest The mere wit or felicity, but is also capable of stirring an educated curiosity - in a way which I hope will be exemplified in the general of happiness any ,subject of originality any of independent attraction an have to intended are They .pages following design, any verisimilitude in the piling up of fictions. This attraction is in the veiled reference underlying all the details of my a adding from refrained only have I ;philosophers and ,historians ,poets ancient of stories cockandbull the parody they ;narrative key because I could rely upon you to recognize as you read.

the neither had he which for details gives ,characteristics its and India on work his in ,Cnidus of Ctesiochus of son ,Ctesias evidence of his eyes nor of hearsay. Iambulus's Oceanica is full of marvels; the whole thing is a manifest fiction, but at the same describing and ,travels own their relate to professing ,plan same the adopted have writers other Many .reading pleasant time monstrous beasts, savages, and strange ways of life. The fount and inspiration of their humour is the Homeric Odysseus, his and ,heads many with beasts his ,cannibal or wild or oneeyed men his ,winds prisoned his with Alcinous of court the entertaining metamorphosed comrades; the Phaeacians were simple folk, and he fooled them to the top of their bent.

even ,that for established well too much is practice the ;lying his mind much not do I ,sort this of writer a across come I When with professed philosophers; I am only surprised at his expecting to escape detection. Now I am myself vain enough to cherish others which freedom inventive that to right my resigning for reason no see I ;posterity to something bequeathing of hope the enjoy; and, as I have no truth to put on record, having lived a very humdrum life, I fall back on falsehood - but falsehood of a I ,is confession This .liar a am I that expect to are you statement true only the make now I for ;variety consistent more consider, a full defence against all imputations. My subject is, then, what I have neither seen, experienced, nor been told, what .incredulity 'readers my solicit humbly I .so do conceivably could nor exists neither

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were voyage my of motives The .Atlantic the into wind fair a with sailed I ,Heracles of Pillars the from date certain a on Starting a certain intellectual restlessness, a passion for novelty, a curiosity about the limits of the ocean and the peoples who might dwell men all ,fifty to amounted crew My .scale generous a on ship my watered and provisioned I ,design my being This .it beyond whose interests, as well as their years, corresponded with my own. I had further provided a good supply of arms, secured the best .voyage arduous and long a for strengthened specially sloop a ship the had and ,money for had be to navigator

For a day and a night we were carried quietly along by the breeze, with land still in sight. But with the next day's dawn the wind the to ourselves surrendered We .sail in take to unable ourselves found we ;sky dark a and sea heavy a with ,gale a to rose elements, let her run, and were stormdriven for more than eleven weeks. On the eightieth day the sun came out quite suddenly, almost having sea the ,gently murmuring were waves the which round ,island wooded lofty a to close ourselves found we and fallen by this time. We brought her to land, disembarked, and after our long tossing lay a considerable time idle on shore; we at .inspection of tour a on twenty other the took I ship the guard to number our of thirty leaving and ,however ,start a made last We had advanced half a mile inland through woods, when we came upon a brazen pillar, inscribed in Greek characters - which might one ;rock on footprints two were off far Not ' .point this reached Dionysus and Heracles-' dim and worn were however have been an acre in area, the other being smaller; and I conjecture that the latter was Dionysus's, and the other Heracles's; we the ;Chian like very was it ;wine ran which river a on ourselves found we ,far gone had we Before .proceeded and ,obeisance did stream full and copious, even navigable in parts. This evidence of Dionysus's sojourn was enough to convince us that the ,fountain a of instead ,discovered and ,up river the followed I ,source the find to Resolving .authentic was pillar the on inscription a number of huge vines covered with grapes; from the root of each there issued a trickle of perfectly clear wine, the joining of we ,some eating and catching ;taste and colour in both wine resembling ,fish great with stocked well was It .river the made which at once found ourselves intoxicated; and indeed when opened the fish were full of winelees; presently it occurred to us to mix .food spirituous our of strength the diluting thus ,fish water ordinary with them

We now crossed the river by a ford, and came to some vines of a most extraordinary kind.

were They .upward loins the from complete ,woman a was part upper the but ;stem grown well thick a came ground the of Out like our painters' representations of Daphne in the act of turning into a tree just as Apollo overtakes her. From the fingertips and us greeted They .grapeclusters and ,leaves ,tendrils was heads their of hair the ;grapes with loaded all ,twigs vine sprang welcomed our approach, talking Lydian, Indian, and Greek, most of them the last. They went so far as to kiss us on the mouth; with attempt the meeting ,fruit their pluck to us permit not would they But .man drunken a like staggered kissed was whoever and cries of pain.

to impossible it found solicitations these to yielded who comrades my of two and ;advances amorous further made them of Some
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extricate themselves again from their embraces; the man became one plant with the vine, striking root beside it; his fingers turned
him on visible already were grapeclusters embryo and ,him round all were tendrils the ,twigs vine to
We left them there and hurried back to the ship, where we told our tale, including our friends' experiment in viticulture. Then
sail set morning next and ,beach the near bivouacked we water and wine with them filling and ashore casks some taking after
before a gentle breeze. But about midday, when we were out of sight of the island, a waterspout suddenly came upon us, which
,sea the into back fall not did She .earth the above miles fifty and hundred three some of height a to up and round ship the swept
but was suspended aloft, and at the same time carried along by a wind which struck and filled the sails.
,glistening ,sea for air with island an was it ;land descried day eighth the on and ,course airy our pursued we week whole a For
spherical, and bathed in light. We reached it, cast anchor, and landed; inspection soon showed that it was inhabited and cultivated.
some and larger some ,islands neighbouring many revealed night but ;it of outside discerned be could nothing daytime the In
smaller than ours; there was also another land below us containing cities, rivers, seas, forests, and mountains; and this we
.Earth our be to concluded

We were intending to continue our voyage, when we were discovered and detained by the Horsevultures, as they are called.
you give will It .heads three ordinarily have birds great the ;horses like ride they which ,vultures huge on mounted men are These
some idea of their size if I state that each of their quillfeathers is longer and thicker than the mast of a large merchantman. This
now was what was this ;king the to find may it strangers any bringing and ,land the patrolling of duty the with charged is corps
done with us. The king surveyed us, and, forming his conclusions from our dress, 'Strangers,' said he, 'you are Greeks, are you
at he which to ,ourselves of account full a gave we answer In '?air of space vast this traverse you did how And' .assented we '?not
once replied with his own history. It seemed he too was a mortal, named Endymion, who had been conveyed up from our Earth in
He .moon the as Earth our on knew we what ,us told he ,was this ;country the of king become had arrival his after and ,sleep his
bade us be of good cheer and entertain no apprehensions; all our needs should be supplied.
promise I ,Sun the of inhabitants the against commencing now am I which campaign the in' ,added he ',victorious am I if And'
you an extremely pleasant life at my court.' We asked about the enemy, and the quarrel. 'Phaethon,' he replied, 'king of the Sun
the collect to time one at wished I :this was occasion The .us with war at been long has ,(Moon the like ,inhabited is which)
poorest of my subjects and send them as a colony to Lucifer, which is uninhabited. Phaethon took umbrage at this, met the
were we ,force inferior in being ,occasion that On .proceed to them forbade and ,Horseants of troop a with way half emigrants
worsted and had to retreat; but I now intend to take the offensive and send my colony. I shall be glad if you will participate; I will
our expressed I '.tomorrow starts expedition the ;coops royal the from vultures on you mount and equipment your provide
readiness to do his pleasure.

having scouts our ,up were we as soon as ranks the in place our took we morning the in ;king the by entertained were we day That
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announced the approach of the enemy. Our army numbered 100,000 (exclusive of campfollowers, engineers, infantry, and allies), also are latter These .Saladwings on mounted being 20,000 remaining the and ,8,000 to amounting Horsevultures the enormous birds, fledged with various herbs, and with quillfeathers resembling lettuce leaves. Next these were the Millettthrowers .Windcoursers 50,000 and Fleaarchers 30,000 of North the from contingent a also had Endymion .Garlicmen the and The former have their name from the great fleas, each of the bulk of a dozen elephants, which they ride. The Windcoursers are hold they that ,ankle the to reach which ,shirts their girding so by this effect they ;wings without air the through moving ,infantry the wind like a sail and propel their wearers ship-fashion. These troops are usually employed as skirmishers. 7,000 Ostrichslingers and ;them see actually not did I arrive to failed they as But .Cappadocia over stars the from way their on be to said were Horsecranes 50,000 and a description from hearsay I am not prepared to give, as the marvels related of them put some strain on belief. and size great of there grow which ,beans of made were helmets their ;alike armed all were They .force 'Endymion was Such hardness; the breastplates were of overlapping lupine-husks sewn together, these husks being as tough as horn; as to shields and .type Greek the of were they ,swords

When the time came, the array was as follows: on the right were the Horsevultures, and the King with the elite of his forces, numbers round in were infantry The .allies various the were centre the in and ,left the held Saladwings The .ourselves including 6,000,000; they were enabled to fall in thus: there are in the Moon great numbers of gigantic spiders, considerably larger than an the ,done was work the as soon as ;Lucifer to Moon the from across webs stretch to instructed were these ;island Aegean average King drew up his infantry on this artificial plain, entrusting the command to Nightbat, son of Fairweather, with two lieutenants. in except ants our resembling animals winged great are they ;Horseants his with left the occupied Phaethon ,side 'enemy the On size; but the largest of them would measure a couple of acres. The fighting was done not only by their riders; they used their great on mounted Skygnats - archers of force equal an about was right their On .5,000 at stated were numbers their ;also horns gnats; and next them the Skypirouetters, lightarmed infantry only, but of some military value; they slung monstrous radishes at their anoint to supposed were they ;once at gangrene to turning ,fatal immediately almost was which from wound a ,range long missiles with mallow juice. Next came the Stalkfungi, 10,000 heavyarmed troops for close quarters; the explanation of their 'Phaethon ,Dogacorns the were neighbours Their .stalks asparagus spears their and ,mushrooms are shields their that is name contingent from Sirius. These were 5,000 in number, dogfaced men fighting on winged acorns. It was reported that Phaethon too ,however ,latter These .Cloudcentaurs the of and ,Way Milky the from summoned had he whom slingers the of disappointed was arrived, most unfortunately for us, after the battle was decided; the slingers failed altogether, and are said to have felt the .enemy the by brought force the was Such .fire with territory their wasted who ,Phaethon of resentment

As soon as the standards were raised and the asses on both sides (their trumpeters) had brayed, the engagement commenced. The their ,hand other the On .them slaying ,pursued we and -Horse the of onset the awaiting without broke once at left Sunite

right had the better of our left, the Skygnats pressing on right up to our infantry. When these joined in, however, they turned and and taken were numbers great, decisive became rout. The flank other the on success our of effect moral the to owing chiefly, fled slain, and blood flowed in great quantities on to the clouds, staining them as red as we see them at sunset; much of it also dropped had Zeus that Homer persuaded which kind same the of event ancient some possibly was it that me to suggested and, earthwards rained blood at the death of Sarpedon.

for clouds the on one and, webs 'spiders the on engagement infantry the for one, trophies two up set we, pursuit the Relinquishing the air-battle. It was while we were thus engaged that our scouts announced the approach of the Cloud-centaurs, whom Phaethon and horses winged of compounded being, sight strange a and, us upon close indeed were They. battle the for time in expected had men; the human part, from the middle upwards, was as tall as the Colossus of Rhodes, and the equine the size of a large by commanded were They. incredulity exciting of fear for, down write to myself bring cannot I number Their. merchantman Sagittarius. Finding their friends defeated, they sent a messenger after Phaethon to bring him back, and, themselves in perfect of whole the routed they; pillage or pursuit in scattered were and ranks their left had who, Moonites disarrayed the charged, order them, chased the King home, and killed the greater part of his birds; they tore up the trophies, and overran the woven plain; I were We. part enemy's the on erected were trophies and, arrived now Phaethon. comrades my of two with, taken was myself taken off to the Sun the same day, our hands tied behind with a piece of the cobweb.

the off cutting, space intervening the across wall a constructed they return their after but; city the to siege lay to not decided They Sun's rays from the Moon. This wall was double, and built of clouds; the consequence was total eclipse of the Moon, which and, down taken be might wall the that entreated He. negotiate to Endymion forced severity This. night continuous a experienced his kingdom released from this life of darkness; he offered to pay tribute, conclude an alliance, abstain from hostilities in future, all refused they which of first the in, question the on assemblies two held Sunites The. engagements these for hostages give and concessions; on the second day, however, they relented, and peace was concluded on the following terms.

.part other the of allies their and Moonites the and, part one the of allies their and Sunites the between peace of Articles

1. The Sunites shall demolish the partywall, shall make no further incursion into the Moon, and shall hold their captives to .rate fixed a at ransom
2. The Moonites shall restore to the other stars their autonomy, shall not bear arms against the Sunites, and shall conclude with .alliance defensive mutual a them
3. The King of the Moonites shall pay to the King of the Sunites, annually, a tribute of ten thousand jars of dew, and give ten .subjects his of hostages thousand
4. The high contracting parties shall found the colony of Lucifer in common, and shall permit persons of any other nationality to .same the join

5. These articles shall be engraved on a pillar of electrum, which shall be set up on the border in midair. and ,Monday ,Nightwell by Moon the of behalf on and ;Flashman and ,Heaton ,Firebrace by Sun the of behalf on to Sworn Shimmer.

and met were we ,Moon the reached we As .followed once at captives of restoration and wall the of removal the ,concluded Peace welcomed by our comrades and King Endymion, all weeping for joy. The King wished us to remain and take part in founding the the to down sent be might we that asking ,refused I .marriage in son his me offered ,Moon the in existing not women ,and ,colony sea again; and finding that he could not prevail, he entertained us for a week, and then sent us on our way.

.Moon the in stay our during notice my attracted which singularities and novelties the record on put to now am I

When a man becomes old, he does not die, but dissolves in smoke into the air. There is one universal diet; they light a fire, and in fumes the up snuffing ,table at as round sit then they ;air the in flying always are which of numbers great ,frogs roast embers the which rise and serve them for food; their drink is air compressed in a cup till it gives off a moisture resembling dew. Beauty with of some by told was I as ,comets the On .abomination an is hair of crop good a ;body hairless and head bald a in consists them their inhabitants who were there on a visit, this is reversed. They have beards, however, just above the knee; no toenails, and but fall they if break not does which ,kind evergreen an of cabbage large a being tail the ,tailed all are They .foot each on toe one upon it.

honey the of two or drop a which ,over all milk sweat they exercise or work hard after and ;honey pungent a is mucus Their curdles into cheese. The oil which they make from onions is very rich, and as fragrant as balsam. They have an abundance of by vines these of shaking the is it that is belief own my and ;hailstones resemble which of stones the ,vines waterproducing hurricanes, and the consequent bursting of the grapes, that results in our hailstorms. They use the belly as a pouch in which to ,indeed ,young their ;lining hairy soft a only ,liver or intestines no contains It .it shut and open to able being ,necessaries keep creep into it for protection from cold.

wool like work they which ,brass in rich very is land the ;brass woven ,poor the of and ,glass soft is wealthy the of clothing The after steeping it in water. It is with some hesitation that I describe their eyes, the thing being incredible enough to bring doubt ;them wants he till without do and eyes his out take can one any ;removable are organs these that is fact the But .veracity my upon then he has merely to put them in; I have known many cases of people losing their own and borrowing at need. Some, the .wood of being theirs ;acorns from raised breed the with except ,planeleaves are ears Their .stock large a keep naturally ,rich

Another marvel I saw in the palace. There is a large mirror suspended over a well of no great depth; any one going down the well were he though as plainly as nation and city every sees he ,mirror the at looks he if and ;Earth our on spoken word every hear can standing close above each. The time I was there, I surveyed my own people and the whole of my native country; whether they of assured be to ,himself there go to only has statement this of truth the doubts who one Any .certain for say cannot I ,also me saw

my veracity.

me to gifts parting 'Endymion .anchor weighed and ,board on got ,court and King of leave our took we ,came time the When were two glass shirts, five of brass, and a suit of lupine armour, all of which, however, I afterwards left in the whale's belly; he

.Horsevultures his of thousand a ,miles fifty first the for escort our as ,sent also

We passed on our way many countries, and actually landed on Lucifer, now in process of settlement, to water. We then entered not would wind the but ,landing of desirous very were crew My .it by close coasting ,left the on Sun the passed and Zodiac the allow of this. We had a good view of the country, however, and found it covered with vegetation, rich, wellwatered, and full of they when alone us left but ,ship the upon pounced and us espied ,Phaethon of pay the in now ,Cloudcentaurs The .things good all learned that we were parties to the treaty.

.Lampton to us brought sailing hours twentyfour and ,course downward a took now We .home gone had escort our time this By This lies between the atmospheres of the Pleiads and the Hyads, though in point of altitude it is considerably lower than the

.Zodiac

When we landed, we found no human beings, but numberless lamps bustling about or spending their time in the marketplace exceedingly were ,powerful and great the ,few a while ,classes lower the represent might and ,small were some ;harbour and bright and conspicuous. They all had their own homes or lodgings, and their individual names, like us; we heard them speak, and accepted us of none and ,apprehension some under were we but ;contrary the on ,entertainment us offering ,harm no us did they either food or bed.

;rollcall the calling long night all sits Governor the where ,city the of middle the in House Government a is There any one not answering to his name is capitally punished as a deserter; that is to say, he is extinguished. We were present and recognized there I .lateness their for reasons advancing and conduct their defending lamps heard and ,proceedings the witnessed our own house lamp, accosted him, and asked for news of my friends, in which he satisfied me. We stayed there that night, set sail ;Cloudcuckooland find to surprised were we Here .clouds the as low as nearly ,now ,sailing ourselves found and ,morning next we were prevented from landing by the direction of the wind, but learned that the King's name was Crookbeak, son of FitzOusel. .incredulity unmerited with met had statements whose poet veracious and learned the ,Aristophanes of me bethought I Three days more, and we had a distinct view of the Ocean, though there was no land visible except the islands suspended in air; were we and ,fell and slackened wind the day fourth the on noon About .hue fiery brilliant a assumed now had these and deposited upon the sea.

flung we ,fortune good our at transported ;indescribable is us affected water of touch the which with delight and joy The ourselves overboard and swam, the weather being calm and the sea smooth. Alas, how often is a change for the better no more of crowd a beheld we third the of sun rising the by and ,sail delightful 'days two but had We !disaster of beginning the than

whales and marine monsters, and among them one far larger than the rest - some two hundred miles in length. It came on openmouthed, great our of height the surpassed much length whose teeth exhibiting and ,foam in bathed ,front in far sea the agitating phallic images, all pointed like sharp stakes and white as elephants' tusks. We gave each other a last greeting, took a last embrace, ground being escaped We .entire crew and ship swallowed it ;in us sucked it ;us upon was monster The .doom our awaited so and by its teeth, the ship gliding in through the interstices.

cavern enormous an ,mouth its opened next it when but ;nothing distinguish could we which in ,first at darkness was all ,Inside was revealed, of great extent and height; a city of ten thousand inhabitants might have had room in it. Strewn about were small was centre the in ;merchandise and ,bones human ,anchors and masts 'ships ,animal of kinds many of membra disjecta the ,fish land with hillocks upon it, the alluvial deposit, I supposed, from what the whale swallowed. This was wooded with trees of all .round miles thirty measured have might coast The .cultivation of appearance the all with growing were vegetables and ,kinds Seabirds, such as gulls and halcyons, nested on the trees.

and fire a get to wood rubbed we while ,fast made ship the had and up men our got last at but ,weeping time some spent We prepared a meal out of the plentiful materials around us; there were fragments of various fish, and the water we had taken in at of ,land of ,mouth his opened whale the as often as ,glimpses caught we ,day next up getting Upon .unexhausted was Lucifer mountains, it might be of the sky alone, or often of islands; we realized that he was dashing at a great rate to every part of the sea. of search in wood the entered and comrades my of seven took then I and ,time in condition our to accustomed grew We information. I had scarcely gone half a mile when I came upon a shrine, which its inscription showed to have been raised to dog a heard also we ;water clear of spring a by close and ,them upon pillars with graves of number a were further little a ;Posidon bark, saw some distant smoke, and conjectured that there must be a habitation.

plot a at hard working were who ,one younger a and man old an of presence in ourselves found and ,on pressed accordingly We of ground and watering it by a channel from the spring. We stood still, divided between fear and delight. They were standing the of spirits you are ;strangers ,you are ',spoke man old the length At .feelings same the much with doubt no ,speechless sea, or unfortunate mortals like ourselves? As for us, we are men, bred on land; but now we have suffered a sea change, and swim '.live we that instinct but ,dead are we us tells reason ;state our describe to how knowing scarce ,monster containing this in about This loosed my tongue in turn. 'We too, father,' I said, 'are men, just arrived; it is but a day or two since we were swallowed with heavenly some Methinks .dense and vast was it that saw we for ;forest the explore to forth come have we now And .ship our guide has brought us to the sight of you, to the knowledge that we are not prisoned all alone in this monster. I pray you, let us us give must he ,questions answered or asked he before ,that said he Then '.entered you how and are you who ,tale your know such entertainment as he could; so saying, he brought us to his house - a sufficient dwelling furnished with beds and what else our for asked he ,fill our eaten had we When .drink for wine with ,fish and nuts and greenstuff us before set -need might he

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story. I told him all as it had passed, the storm, the island, the airy voyage, the war, and so to our descent into the whale. trading a on land native my left I .gentlemen ,Cyprian a am I' .return in history his us gave then and ,said he ,strange very was It voyage with my son here and a number of servants. We had a fine ship, with a mixed cargo for Italy; you may have seen the days three in carried and ,gale a in caught were it leaving on but ,Sicily to voyage fair a had We .mouth 'whale the in wreckage out to the Atlantic, where we fell in with the whale and were swallowed, ship and crew; of the latter we two alone survived. We great a is It .nuts and fish on feeding and ,garden our cultivating ,life this live now and ,Posidon to temple a built ,men our buried wood, as you see, and in it are vines in plenty, from which we get delicious wine; our spring you may have noticed; its water is of out going by fish living catch and ,in fly that birds the snare ,fire good a keep ,bedding for leaves use We .coldest and purest the on the monster's gills; it is there also that we take our bath when we are disposed. There is moreover at no great distance a salt seven now is It .building my of boat little a in ,sail and swim we this in ;fish of sorts all producing ,round miles three or two lake and twenty years since we were swallowed.

,I said ',What' ' .all savages unfriendly ,neighbours troublesome and bad have we but ,enough endurable been have might lot Our' 'are there other inhabitants?' 'A great many,' he replied, 'inhospitable and abhorrent to the sight. The western part of the wood (so eat and ,warriors bold are ,faces lobster and eyes 'eels have they ;tribe Stockfish the by occupied is)region caudal the name to their meat raw. Of the sides of the cavern, the right belongs to the Tritonomedetes, who from the waist upwards are human, and Crabhands the of possession in is left The .others the than rudimentary less slightly are justice of notions their ;below weazels and the Tunnyheads, two tribes in close alliance. The central part is inhabited by the Crays and the Flounderfoots, the latter frequent the to owing ,desert part great in is it ,were it as ,East the ,mouth the near district this to As .swift extremely and warlike inundations. I hold it of the Flounderfoots, paying an annual tribute of five hundred oysters.

manner our be shall what and ,tribes these all against head make may we how consider to you for is it now and ;land the is Such' of life.' 'What may their numbers be, all told?' I asked. 'More than a thousand.' 'And how armed?' 'They have no arms but live shall we ,win we if ,and ;not are they and ,armed are we ;means all by them fight us let' ,said I ',then Why' ' .fishbones secure.' We agreed on this course, and returned to the ship to make our preparations. The pretext for war was to be non-payment them sent man old the but ,it demand to came shortly ,fact in ,Messengers .due falling of point the on was which ,tribute the of about their business with an insolent answer. The Flounderfoots and Crays were enraged, and commenced operations with a

.name man's old our was this - Scintharus upon inroad tumultuous

Expecting this, we were awaiting the attack in full armour. We had put five and twenty men in ambush, with directions to fall on the while ,down them cutting behind from on came and ,orders their executed they ;passed had they as soon as rear 'enemy the rest of us, five and twenty also, including Scintharus and his son, met them face to face with a spirited and resolute attack. It lost we while ,dead seventy and hundred one left They .dens their to them chased and routed we end the in but ,work risky was

only our navigating officer, stabbed in the back with a mullet rib, and one other. backbone 'dolphin a of consisting trophy a erected and ,following night the and day that of rest the for battlefield the held We upright. Next day the news brought the other tribes out, with the Stockfish under a general called Slimmer on the right, the not did We .neutrality preferring ,home at stayed Tritonomendetes the ;centre the in Crabhands the and ,left the on Tunnyheads wait to be attacked, but charged them near Posidon's temple with loud shouts, which echoed as in a subterranean cave. Their want .masters henceforth were and ,wood the to them pursued we ;victory the us gave armour of

Soon after, they sent heralds to treat for recovery of their dead, and for peace. But we decided to make no terms with them, and was what saw they when ,too These .Tritonomendetes the of exception the with ,whole the exterminated day next out marching going on, made a rush for the gills, and cast themselves into the sea. We went over the country, now clear of enemies, and were we ;fruitgathering and ,vinedressing ,hunting ,exercise were employments usual Our .security in time that from it occupied in the position of men in a vast prison from which escape is out of the question, but within which they have luxury and freedom .months eight and year a for lasted life of manner This .movement of

It was on the fifth of the next month, about the second gape (the whale, I should say, gaped regularly once an hour, and we boatswains like sounded it ;audible became tumult and shouting sudden a ,then ,gape second the about)way that time reckoned giving the time and oars beating. Much excited, we crept right out into our monster's mouth, stood inside the teeth, and beheld .triremes do we as islands great rowing height in yards hundred a of giants upon looked ever I spectacle extraordinary most the I am aware that what I am to relate must sound improbable; but I cannot help it. Very long islands they were, but of no great Of .twenty and hundred some was giants of complement its and ;miles eleven about be would each of circumference the ;height these some sat along each side of the island, rowing with big cypresses, from which the branches and leaves were not stripped; in a half of steeringoar brazen a on hand his with helmsman the stood which on ,hillock considerable a was ,speak to so ,stern the mile in length; and on the deck forward were forty in armour, the combatants; they resembled men except in their hair, which was which ,islands the all on forest abundant the by done was sails of work The .helmets with dispense could they that so ,fire flaming so caught and held the wind that it drove them where the steersman wished; there was a boatswain timing the stroke, and the .galleys great like it to jumped islands

We had seen only two or three at first; but there appeared afterwards as many as six hundred, which formed in two lines and an fought ,grappled others ,sunk and rammed were many ,stem to stem other each into crashed Many .action an commenced obstinate duel, and could hardly get clear after it. Great courage was shown by the troops on deck, who boarded and dealt hostile the to on out swung they which ,squids captive huge used they ,grapplingirons of Instead .quarter no giving ,destruction island; these grappled the wood and so held the island fast. Their missiles, effective enough, were oysters the size of waggons, .acre an cover might which sponges and

Aeolocentaur and Thalassopot were the names of the rival chiefs; and the question between them was one of plunder; Thalassopot and charge the vociferating them hear could we ;property 'other the ,dolphins of herds several off driven have to supposed was calling out their Kings' names. Aeolocentaur's fleet finally won, sinking one hundred and fifty of the enemy's islands and now was it as ,but ,way some pursued victors The .fled and turned ,away backed remainder the ;crews their with three capturing evening, returned to the disabled ones, secured most of the enemy's, and recovered their own, of which as many as eighty had They .head 'whale our in planted they which stake a to islands 'enemy the of one slung they victory of trophy a As .sunk been lay moored round him that night, attaching cables to him or anchoring hard by; they had vast glass anchors, very strong. Next to corresponding something with ,rejoicing off sailed and ,there dead their buried ,back 'whale the on sacrificed they morning our paean. So ended the battle of the islands.

Book II

I now began to find life in the whale unendurable; I was tired to death of it, and concentrated my thoughts on plans of escape. Our up it gave but ,boring began actually We .it through out go and ,side right 'beast the through passage a excavate to was idea first when we had penetrated half a mile without getting through. We then determined to set fire to the forest, our object being the no made he week whole a for but ;end tail the from burning started We .difficulties all remove would which ,whale the of death sign; on the eighth and ninth days it was apparent that he was unwell; his jaws opened only languidly, and each time closed again to occurred it ,twelfth the on ;stench horrible a by evidenced ,in set had mortification days eleventh and tenth the On .soon very us, just in time, that we must take the next occasion of the mouth's being open to insert props between the upper and lower great used successfully We .body dead the in perish and imprisoned be should we else ;it closing his prevent so and ,molars beams for the purpose, and then got the ship ready with all the water and provisions we could manage. Scintharus was to navigate .dead was whale the day Next .her

We hauled the vessel up, brought her through one of the gaps, slung her to the teeth, and so let her gently down to the water. We for there encamped ,wind no was there as ,and ,trophy the of side the by Posidon to sacrificed we where ,back the ascended then three days. On the fourth day we were able to start. We found and came into contact with many corpses, the relics of the seafight, violent a which after ,breeze moderate a enjoyed we days some For .them measured we when heightened was wonder our and north wind rose, bringing hard frost; the whole sea was frozen - not merely crusted over, but solidified to four hundred fathoms' by suggested ,plan the adopted we ,intolerable life making wind the of continuance The .about walked and out got we ;depth Scintharus, of hewing an extensive cavern in the ice, in which we stayed a month, lighting fires and feeding on fish; we had only then we ;free her got we but ,in frozen was ship the ;out came we and ,short ran provisions ,however ,end the In .out these dig to hoisted sail, and were carried along as well as if we had been afloat, gliding smoothly and easily over the ice. After five days

.again water was all and ,in set thaw a ,rose temperature the more
A stretch of five and thirty miles brought us to a small desert isle, where we got water - of which we were now in want - and
,recommended Momus as ,but ,head the of top the on not horns their had animals These .departed we before bulls wild two shot
below the eyes. Not long after this, we entered a sea of milk, in which we observed an island, white in colour, and full of vines.
were vines The .round miles three and ,it eating by ascertained afterwards we as ,firm quite ,cheese great one was island The
covered with fruit, but the drink we squeezed from it was milk instead of wine. In the centre of the island was a temple to Galatea
-vine the and ,meat and bread for us served itself ground the ,there stay our During .us informed inscription the as ,Nereid the
for drink. We learned that the queen of these regions was Tyro, daughter of Salmoneus, on whom Posidon had conferred this
.decease her at dignity

After spending five days there we started again with a gentle breeze and a rippling sea. A few days later, when we had emerged
with ,stature and shape in ourselves like were they ;sea the on walking men of numbers saw we ,water salt blue into milk the from
the one exception of the feet, which were of cork; whence, no doubt, their name of Corksoles. It struck us as curious that they did
they that saying ,Greek in us hailed and up came them of Some .water the of clear comfortably quite travelled but ,in sink not
were making their way to their native land of Cork. They ran alongside for some distance, and then turned off and went their own
'friends our ,Cork was left the on us to close ;islands several saw we further little A .voyage pleasant a us wishing ,way
destination, consisting of a city founded on a vast round cork; at a greater distance, and a little to the right, were five others of
.them from rising flames great with ,water the of out high and size considerable

There was also a broad low one, as much as sixty miles in length, straight in our course. As we drew near it, a marvellous air was
seemed sweetness Its .Felix Arabia from coming as describes Herodotus which scent the like ,fragrant exquisitely ,us to wafted
compounded of rose, narcissus, hyacinth, lilies and violets, myrtle and bay and flowering vine. Ravished with the perfume, and
,sheltered and spacious ,haven after haven us to unfolded were Then .near slowly drew we ,toils long our of reward for hoping
and crystal rivers flowing placidly to the sea. There were meadows and groves and sweet birds, some singing on the shore, some
brought and ,breath their with woods the stirred just zephyrs Sweet .air balmy limpid in bathed whole the ;branches the on
whispering melody, delicious, incessant, from the swaying branches; it was like Panpipes heard in a desert place. And with it all
,fluting the praise some and ,flute some where revels of rather but ,tumult of not sound a ,sound human of volume a mingled there
and some clap their hands commending flute or harp.

way our Taking .others two and Scintharus of charge in ,her left and ,ship the moored ,land to came we it of spell the by Drawn
through flowery meadows we came upon the guardians of the peace, who bound us with rosegarlands - their strongest fetters -
Cretan the governor its and Blest the of called island the was this us told they went we As .governor the to us brought and
Rhadamanthus. When we reached the court, we found there were three cases to be taken before our turn would come.

was it ;Heroes of company the to admitted be to was he whether was question the and ,Telamon of son ,Ajax of that was first The objected that he had been mad and taken his own life. After long pleadings Rhadamanthus gave his decision: he was to be put be to ,wits his recovered had he when ,and ,treatment hellebore the for Cos of physician the Hippocrates of charge the under made free of the table.

it gave Rhadamanthus .Helen of possession issue the and ,Menelaus and Theseus parties the ,case matrimonial a was second The in favour of Menelaus, on the ground of the great toils and dangers the match had cost him - added to the fact that Theseus was .Minos of daughters the and queen Amazon the in wives other with provided

The third was a dispute for precedence between Alexander son of Philip and Hannibal the Carthaginian; it was won by the .elder the Cyrus to next him assigned seat a had who ,former

It was now our turn. The judge asked by what right we set foot on this holy ground while yet alive. In answer we related our Athenian the was whom among ,assessors numerous his with consultation long a held he while removed us had then He .story Aristides the Just. He finally reached a conclusion and gave judgement: on the charges of curiosity and travelling we were fixed a for ,society Heroic the to admission with ,island the in stay to were we present the for ;deaths our of date the till remanded term, after which we must depart. The limit he appointed for our stay was seven months.

The .Blest the of Table the to and ,city the into taken and released were we ,accord own their of off fell now rosechains Our whole of this city is built of gold, and the enclosing wall of emerald. It has seven gates, each made of a single cinnamon plank. of altar an contains each and ,beryl of built are temples ;ivory are ,wall the inside ground all and ,houses the of foundations The one amethyst block, on which they offer hecatombs. Round the city flows a river of the finest perfume, a hundred royal cubits in great in are ,water ordinary of instead dew warm with supplied ,baths The .swimming good is there that so ,deep fifty and ,breadth crystal domes heated with cinnamon wood.

without form -unsubstantial and intangible are but ,bodies no have They .colour in purple ,cobweb fine is raiment Their matter; but, though incorporeal, they stand and move, think and speak; in short, each is a naked soul, but carries about the ,shadows are they ;substantial not was at looked he what that know never would them touch not did who one ;body of semblance but upright, and coloured. A man there does not grow old, but stays at whatever age he brought with him. There is no night, nor one but also have They .prevails that light the of idea best the gives ,sunrise before just ,twilight morning the ;day bright yet season, perpetual spring, and the wind is always in the west.

grapes the ,year the in vintages twelve are There .herbs garden and shrubs in ,flower of kind every in abounds country The ripening every month; and they told us that pomegranates, apples, and other fruits were gathered thirteen times, the trees the of top the at ,mushrooms like shaped ,loaves develops corn the ,grain of Instead .Minous month their in twice producing stalks. Round the city are 365 springs of water, the same of honey, and 500, less in volume however, of perfume. There are also

.wine of eight and milk of rivers seven

The banquetingplace is arranged outside the city in the Elysian Plain. It is a fair lawn closed in with thickgrown trees of every kind except winds the by done is handing and waiting The .flowers of cushions on ,recline guests the which of shadow the in ,kind only the filling of the winecup. That is a service not required; for all round stand great trees of pellucid crystal, whose fruit is with fill once at they where ,place his at them sets and two or cup a plucks arriving guest A .size and shape every of drinkingcups wine. So for their drink; and instead of garlands, the nightingales and other singing birds pick flowers with their beaks from the up it draw clouds thick ;forgotten perfume is Nor .while the singing and down petals the snowing over fly and ,round meadows from the springs and river, and hanging overhead are gently squeezed by the winds till they spray it down in fine dew. festal the of member a himself is he ;favourite the is verse 'Homer ,kind latter the In .song and music is there meal the During company, reclining next above Odysseus. The choirs are of boys and girls, conducted and led by Eunomus the Locrian, Arion of a ,finished have these When .there him saw I and ,Helen with peace his made had last this ;Stesichorus and Anacreon ,Lesbos second choir succeeds, of swans and swallows and nightingales; and when their turn is done, all the trees begin to pipe, conducted .winds the by

I have still to add the most important element in their good cheer: there are two springs hard by, called the Fountain of Laughter, merrily goes time the which after ,begins banquet the before these both of draught a take all They .Delight of Fountain the and and sweetly.

the with ,Troy of besiegers the and ,demigods the all ,with begin To .saw I persons famous the name to like now should I exception of Ajax the Locrian; he, they said, was undergoing punishment in the place of the wicked. Of barbarians there were the and Phocion ,Spartan the Lycurgus then and ;Numa Latin the and ,Thracian the Zamolxis ,Scythian the Anacharsis ,Cyruses two Tellus of Athens, and the Wise Men, but without Periander. And I saw Socrates son of Sophroniscus in converse with Nestor and With .boy comely another many and ,Hylas ,Thespieae of Narcissus ,Spartan the Hyacinth were him round clustered ;Palamedes Hyacinth I suspected that he was in love; at least he was for ever poking questions at him. I heard that Rhadamanthus was not would and ,nonsense talking on insisted he if ,expulsion with him threatened times several had and ,Socrates with dissatisfied drop his irony and enjoy himself. Plato was the only one I missed, but I was told that he was living in his own Utopia, working .up drawn had he which laws and constitution the

For popularity, Aristippus and Epicurus bore the palm, in virtue of their kindness, sociability, and goodfellowship. Aesop the and ,courtesan the Lais married had he ;changed much was Sinope of Diogenes .jester of office the held and ,there was Phrygian often in his cups would oblige the company with a dance, or other mad pranks. The Stoics were not represented at all; they were the on foot set to not was he that told were we ,himself Chrysippus to as and ;Virtue of hill steep the climbing still be to supposed island till he had taken a fourth course of hellebore. The Academics contemplated coming, but were taking time for consideration; empowermentscript.com

not were they that difficulty added the probably was There .existed island such any that certainty a as it regard yet not could they comfortable about the judgement of Rhadamanthus, having themselves disputed the possibility of judgement. It was stated that halfway journey the abandoned had ,failing energy their ,but ,island the to travelling persons follow to started had them of many and gone back.

and ,Achilles first ,are them among respected highly most the that add and ,company the of noteworthy most the mentioned have I second Theseus.

,things other among ,him asked and ,disengaged both were we when ,Homer poet the accosted I ,passed had days many Before where he came from; it was still a burning question with us, I explained. He said he was aware that some brought him from ,Homer as not known generally ,Babylonian a was he ,was fact the ;Colophon from again others and ,Smyrna from others ,Chios but as Tigranes; but when later in life he was given as a homer or hostage to the Greeks, that name clung to him. Another of my what knew now I so ;genuine all were they said He ?not or ,them written he had ;lines spurious socalled the about was questions to think of the critics Zenodotus and Aristarchus, and all their lucubrations. Having got a categorical answer on that point, I tried his into come just had it ;reason exquisite no had he said he ;Achilles of wrath the at Iliad the starting for reason his on next him head that way. Another thing I wanted to know was whether he had composed the Odyssey before the Iliad, as generally believed. became It .that of end an was there so ,sight his had he ;ask to need not did I ,blindness reported his to As .so not was this said He a habit of mine, whenever I saw him at leisure, to go up and ask him things, and he answered quite readily - especially after his the in subjected is he which to ridicule the of ground the on ,Thersites by him against brought been had suit libel a ;acquittal poem; Homer had briefed Odysseus, and been acquitted.

of number that of lives the lived ,transmigrations seven undergone had he ;arrived Pythagoras that sojourn our during was It animals, and completed his psychic travels. It was the entire right half of him that was gold. He was at once given the franchise, all scorched ,came also Empedocles .Euphorbus or Pythagoras as known be to was he whether pending still was question the but over and baked right through; but not all his entreaties could gain him admittance.

and ,fifth the for office that holding ,Achilles were umpires The .Dead the of Games the round brought time of progress The Theseus for the seventh time. A full report would take too long; but I will summarize the events. The wrestling went to Carus the in is grave whose ,Areus Egyptian the being pair the ;tie a in resulted boxing The .Odysseus from garland the won who ,Heraclid Corinth, and Epeus. For mixed boxing and wrestling they have no prize. Who won the flat race, I have forgotten. In poetry,

.feathers peacock of wreaths plaited were prizes All .Hesiod for was award the but ,best the much did really Homer Just after the Games were over, news came that the Damned had broken their fetters, overpowered their guard, and were on the ,Sciron ,Thracian the Diomedes ,Egyptian the Busiris ,Agrigentum of Phalaris being ringleaders the ,island the invading of point and Pityocampes. Rhadamanthus at once drew up the Heroes on the beach, giving the command to Theseus, Achilles, and Ajax

who ,Socrates .Achilles to especially thanks ,Heroes the by won and ,fought was battle The .senses right his in now ,Telamonius was in the right wing, distinguished himself still more than in his lifetime at Delium, standing firm and showing no sign of to ,outskirts the in park beautiful and large a valour of reward a as given afterwards was he ;on came enemy the as trepidation which he invited his friends for conversation, naming it the Postmortem Academy.

this of description a poems his to added Homer .torments severer for back sent and ,re-fettered ,seized were party defeated The battle, and at my departure handed me the MS. to bring back to the living world; but it was unfortunately lost with our other :line the with began It .property

Tell now, my Muse, how fought the mighty Dead.

this From .holiday high kept and ,victory of feast the held ,beans boiled they ,war successful after custom their to According Pythagoras alone held aloof, fasting and sitting far off, in sign of his abhorrence of bean-eating.

had ,man a of figure fine a ,Cinyras ,son 'Scintharus .happened incident an when ,month seventh our of middle the in were We fallen in love with Helen some time before, and it was obvious that she was very much taken with the young fellow; there used to last At .wood the in strolls for themselves by off go would they and ,table at them between wine of takings and becks and nods be love and despair inspired Cinyras with the idea of an elopement. Helen consented, and they were to fly to one of the neighbouring to word a not said Cinyras ;confidence their into crew my of boldest the of three taken had They .Island Cheese or Cork ,islands his father, knowing that he would put a stop to it. The plan was carried out; under cover of night, and in my absence - I had

.could they as hard as off rowed and unobserved away Helen got they table at asleep fallen

About midnight Menelaus woke up, and finding his wife's place empty raised an alarm, and got his brother to go with him to

So .sea at out far ,boat the out make could they that announced lookouts the dawn before Just .Rhadamanthus King

Rhadamanthus sent fifty of the Heroes on board a boat hollowed out of an asphodel trunk, with orders to give chase. Pulling their escape the was nearly so ;Cheese of Isle the near sea milky the entering were they as ,noon at fugitives the overtook they ,best effected. The boat was towed back with a chain of roses. Helen shed tears, and so felt her situation as to draw a veil over her face. assured being ,and ,accomplices more had they whether find to them interrogated Rhadamanthus ,associates his and Cinyras to As to the contrary, had them whipped with mallow twigs, bound, and dismissed to the place of the wicked.

This .grace 'day one only allowed were we ;island the from prematurely expelled be should we that determined further was It drew from me loud laments and tears for the bliss that I was now to exchange for renewed wanderings. They consoled me for chair my me assigning and ,them to return should I before years many be not would it that me telling by ,however ,sentence their and my place at table - a distinguished one - in anticipation. I then went to Rhadamanthus, and was urgent with him to reveal wanderings many after land native my to come should I that me told He .voyage our for directions me give and ,me to future the and perils, but as to the time of my return he would give me no certainty. He pointed, however, to the neighbouring islands, of

from' ,is that ,ones near the ,these inhabited wicked the that me informed and ,distant more one besides ,visible were five which which you see the great flames rising; the sixth yonder is the City of Dreams; and beyond that again, but not visible at this there ;own your opposite is which continent great the to come will you ,these passed have you When .isle Calypso's is ,distance you will have many adventures, traverse divers tribes, sojourn among inhospitable men, and at last reach your own continent.'

.say would he all was That

But he pulled up a mallow root and handed it to me, bidding me invoke it at times of greatest danger. When I arrived in this these ;eighteen over boys of society the from and ,lupines from ,knife a with fire stirring from abstain to me charged he ,world things if I kept in mind, I might look for return to the island. That day I made ready for our voyage, and when the banquet hour had he when ;inscription for couplet a me write to him besought and Homer poet the to went I morrow the On .it shared I ,came done it, I carved it on a beryl pillar which I had set up close to the harbour; it ran thus:

.survey to Lucian gave Gods blissful The ,way homeward his took he ere ,island This

I stayed out that day too, and next morning started, the Heroes attending to see me off. Odysseus took the opportunity to come ferryman the me with board on sent Rhadamanthus .Ogygia isle the in Calypso for letter a me give and Penelope by unobserved Nauplius, who, in case we were driven on to the islands, might secure us from seizure by guaranteeing that our destination was ,brimstone ,bitumen of as smell horrible a by succeeded was it ,air scented the of out us brought progress our as soon As .different and pitch all burning together; mingled with this were the disgusting and intolerable fumes of roasting human flesh; the air was .voices many of yelling the and whips of crack the hear also could we ;us upon dew pitchy a distilling ,thick and dark We only touched at one island, on which we also landed. It was completely surrounded by precipitous cliffs, arid, stony, rugged, hideous a snags and thorns with beset track a along advanced and ,rocks the up clamber to contrived We .unwatered ,treeless scene. When we reached the prison and the place of punishment, what first drew our wonder was the character of the whole. The a ,slime of one ,rivers with round ringed was it and ;stakes pointed and knifeblades of crop a with thick stood ground very second of blood, and the innermost of flame. This last was very broad and quite impassable; the flame flowed like water, swelled .lamplets called were these ;coals live ,ones small the ,others and ,firebrands resembling some ,fish with teemed and ,sea the like One narrow way led across all three; its gate was kept by Timon of Athens. Nauplius secured us admission, however, and then we in swinging ,Cinyras hung there indeed ;us to known were some ;men common many and ,kings many of chastisement the saw eddies of smoke. Our guides described the life and guilt of each culprit; the severest torments were reserved for those who in life an was fact The .Herodotus and ,Cnidus of Ctesias included and ,numerous was class the ;history false written and liars been had encouragement to me, knowing that I had never told a lie.

Very .voyage the resumed and Nauplius to farewell bade ship the to returning and ,bear could I than more sight the found soon I soon we seemed quite close to the Isle of Dreams, though there was a certain dimness and vagueness about its outline; but it had

we last At .off further and further get to seemed and ,receded it approached we as for ;nature very its in dreamlike something reached it and sailed into Slumber, the port, close to the ivory gates where stands the temple of the Cock. It was evening when we been not has it as ,city the describe to first intend I But .dreams strange many saw we city the to proceeding upon and ,landed done before; Homer indeed mentions it, but gives no detailed description.

only the is this ;bats with thronged all ,mandragora and poppy are trees the which of ,wood in embowered is place whole The winged thing that exists there. A river, called the Somnambule, flows close by, and there are two springs at the gates, one called as ,two not are gates The .style rainbow the in ,colours many of and lofty is rampart The .Nightlong other the and ,Wakenot Homer says, but four, of which two look on to the plain Stupor; one of them is of iron, the other of pottery, and we were told that this by was it horn of are and ,port and sea the face pair other The .cruel the and ,murderous the ,grim the by used are these that we had entered-and of ivory. On the right as you enter the city stands the temple of Night, which deity divides with the with ,governor the is He .Sleep of palace the is left the On .port the to close is latter the of temple the ;allegiance chief their Cock two lieutenants, Nightmare, son of Whimsy, and Flittergold, son of Fantasy. A well in the middle of the market-place goes by the ,given are oracles which in shrine the is also market the In .Truth and Deceit of temples the are which beside ;Heavyhead of name the priest and prophet, by special appointment from Sleep, being Antiphon the dreaminterpreter.

handsome ,shapely ,smoothskinned ,wellgrown were Some .appearance and character in widely differed themselves dreams The fellows, others rough, short, and ugly; some apparently made of gold, others of common cheap stuff. Among them some were or Gods or kings as out tricked ,pageant a in mummers the like were again others ;variations strange other and ,wings with found what not. Many of them we felt that we had seen in our world, and sure enough these came up and claimed us as old the with content not ,and ,kindness lavish with us entertained ,lodgings us found ,charge their under us took they ;acquaintance magnificence of this present reception, promised us royalties and provinces. Some of them also took us to see our friends, doing .day the in all trip return the

For thirty days and nights we abode there - a very feast of sleep. Then on a sudden came a mighty clap of thunder: we woke; I ,letter the delivering Before .landed we where ,Ogygia of Isle the at were we days three In .off put ;provisioned ;up jumped opened and read it; here are the contents: ODYSSEUS TO CALYPSO, GREETING. Know that in the faraway days when I built my the of land the to safe me brought Leucothea but ,it to put hard was I ;shipwreck suffered I ,you from away sailed and raft Phaeacians; they gave me passage home, and there I found a great company suing for my wife's hand and living riotously upon of Island the in am I now And .me bare Circe that son the ,Telegonus by slain was years after in and ,slew I them All .goods our the Blest, ruing the day when I left the life I had with you, and the everlasting life you proffered. I watch for opportunity, and .hospitality her to us commending ,added were words Some return and escape meditate

A little way from the sea I found the cave just as it is in Homer, and herself therein at her spinning. She took and read the letter,

and Odysseus about while the questions putting us feasted she royally ;entertainment us offered then and ,space a for wept Penelope; what were her looks? and was she as discreet as Odysseus had been used to vaunt her? To which we made such .like would she thought we as answers

Leaving her, we went on board, and spent the night at anchor just off shore; in the morning we started with a stiff breeze, which neighbouring the of savages are These .Pumpkinpirates the with in fell we day third the on ;days two lasting gale a to grew islands who prey upon passing ships. They use large boats made of pumpkins ninety feet long. The pumpkin is dried and Two .sails pumpkinleaf and masts cane of addition the by completed is boat the and ,pulp the of removal by out hollowed boatfuls of them engaged us, and we had many casualties from their pumpkin-seed missiles. The fight was long and well at were parties two the that out turned It .enemy the of rear in up coming Nuttars of squadron a saw we noon about but ;matched war; for as soon as our assailants observed the others, they left us alone and turned to engage them.

,win must Nuttars the that clear was It .out it fight to them leaving ,off way our of best the made and sail hoisted we Meanwhile as they had both superior numbers-there were five sail of them - and stronger vessels. These were made of nutshells, halved from and ;wounded our to attended we ,down hull were they as soon As .stern to stem from feet ninety measuring ,emptied and that time we made a practice of keeping on our armour, to be in instant readiness for an attack-no vain precaution either. .again pirates dolphins large on mounted men twenty some island bare a from us assailed there ,instance for ,sunset Before Their dolphins carried them quite well, curvetting and neighing. When they got near, they divided, and subjected us to a cross fire of few ,island the to back fled they and ,them for much too were javelins and arrows our But .crabseyes and cuttlefish dry of them unwounded.

The .round miles seven full was it ;nest halcyon enormous an with colliding ourselves found we ,weather calm in ,midnight At halcyon was brooding, not much smaller herself than the nest. She got up, and very nearly capsized us with the fanning of her examination on found and ,nest the to on got we ,light getting was it When .cry melancholy a with off went she ,however ;wings that it was composed like a vast raft of large trees. There were five hundred eggs, larger in girth than a tun of Chian. We could chick unfledged an out dug and ,hatchets with egg one open hewed we ;croaking them hear and inside chicks the out make bulkier than twenty vultures.

sternpost our of goose wooden The .happened miracle a when ,behind miles twenty and five some nest the left had we ,on Sailing suddenly clapped its wings and started cackling; Scintharus, who was bald, recovered his hair; most striking of all, the ship's yet not ,grapes black of bunch a and ,figs was fruit this ;top the at fruit and ,sideways branches forth putting ,life to came mast ripe. These sights naturally disturbed us, and we fell to praying the Gods to avert any disaster they might portend.

for took we This .cypresses and pines with thick ,forest great a saw we when miles fifty than less something proceeded had We the mainland; but it was in fact deep sea, set with trees; they had no roots, but yet remained in their places, floating upright, as it

the between sail to impossible was it ;do to what tell not could we ,case the of state the realized and near came we When .were trees, which were so close as to touch one another, and we did not like the thought of turning back. I climbed the tallest tree to get hoist to determined we So .water open by succeeded was and ,across miles six or five was wood the that found and ,view good a the ship on to the top of the foliage, which was very dense, and get her across to the other sea, if possible. It proved to be so. We ,branches the on her laid we then ;difficulty some with us after her hauled and ,treetops the on up got ,cable strong a attached hoisted sail, and floating thus were propelled by the wind. A line of Antimachus came into my head:

through woodland the thus voyaged they as And

Well, we made our way over and reached the water, into which we let her down in the same way. We then sailed through clear which fissures land the like ,water from water divided which gorge great a of edge the on ourselves found we till ,sea transparent are often produced by earthquakes. We got the sails down and brought her to just in time to escape making the plunge. We could round glance A .wall against wall standing water the ,deep miles hundred a perhaps gulf mysterious awful an see and over bend showed us not far off to the right a water bridge which spanned the chasm, and gave a moving surface crossing from one sea to .passage astonishing that effected exertions great with and ,bridge the to her pulled ,sweeps the out got We .other the There followed a sail through smooth water, and then a small island, easy of approach, and inhabited; its occupants were the Oxheads, of ,provisions and water of search in went and landed We .Minotaur 'poets our of fashion the after ,horns with men savage which we were now in want. The water we found easily, but nothing else; we heard, however, not far off, a numerous lowing; as soon as chase gave They .men these upon came and ,it towards way little a went we ,cows of herd a indicate to it supposing they saw us, and seized three of my comrades, the rest of us getting off to sea. We then armed - for we would not leave our combined Our .flesh 'men slaughtered our dividing were they as Oxheads the on fell force full in and unavenged friends shout put them to flight, and in the pursuit we killed about fifty, took two alive, and returned with our captives. We had found till bonds in them kept and ,this to accede to refused I but ;prisoners the slaughtering for was opinion general the ;eat to nothing an embassy came from the Oxheads to ransom them; so we understood the motions they made, and their tearful supplicatory forefeet two the ,threefooted were these ;deer four and ,onions ,fish dried ,cheese of quantity a of consisted ransom The .lowings being joined into one. In exchange for all this we restored the prisoners, and after one day's further stay departed. ,men saw shortly we and ;off far not land of signs other and ,wing the on birds ,fish observe to beginning were we time this By practising a mode of navigation new to us; for they were boat and crew in one. The method was this: they float on their backs, to ,corks on sat who others by succeeded were These .wind the catch ,hands their with sheets the holding ,then and ,sail a erect which were harnessed pairs of dolphins, driven with reins. They neither attacked nor avoided us, but drove along in all confidence .round all it examining and craft our of shape the admiring ,peace and

That evening we touched at an island of no great size. It was occupied by what we took for women, talking Greek. They came

Cabbalusa .ground the sweeping robes long with and ,fair and young all ,courtesans like attired were ,kisses with us greeted and was the name of the island, and Hydrarnard, the city. These women paired off with us and led the way to their separate homes. bones human of quantities observed closely more looking and ,presentiment some of influence the under ,little a tarried myself I and skulls lying about. I did not care to raise an alarm, gather my men, and resort to arms; instead, I drew out my mallow, and of place in that saw I ,me serving was hostess my as ,after Shortly .position perilous our from escape for it to earnestly prayed human feet she had ass's hoofs; whereupon I drew my sword, seized, bound, and closely questioned her. Reluctantly enough she she ',drunk them made have we When' .travellers was food their and -Ass called -sea were they ;confess to had said, 'and gone to rest with them, we overpower them in their sleep.' After this confession I left her there bound, went up on to them brought and ,bones the them showed ,them to all it repeated I ,appeared they When .comrades my for shouted and ,roof the in to see my prisoner; she at once vanished, turning to water; however, I thrust my sword into this experimentally, upon which the .blood became water

Then we marched hurriedly down to our ship and sailed away. With the first glimmering of dawn we made out a mainland, which Some .course best our upon counsel held and ,prayer made ,it saluted reverently We .own our faces that continent the for took we were for merely landing and turning back at once, others for leaving the ship, and going into the interior to make trial of the managed We .shore the on ,wreck complete a ,us dashed which ,arose storm great a ,deliberating were we while But .inhabitants to swim to land, each snatching up his arms and anything else he could.

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