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SIR HENRY MORGAN, BUCCANEER

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Sir Henry Morgan, a notorious buc- heart-my honor-my duty"in his power and exacting revenge for his brother whom the old buccaneer had hanged. On the Mary Rose, Morsails south and attacks two Spanish frigates conveying a heavily loaded galleon. The convoys were destroyed and also the Mary Rose. Morgan, however, sails south in the galleon where he is wrecked off the coast of

Captain Dominique Alvarado, commandant of the port of La Guayra, loves the daughter of the Governor of the Spanish colony of Venezuela, and is love is secretly returned. The govor, however, chooses De Tobar as nna Mercedes' future husband. The enor has sent Alvarado in charge of a party to convey Mercedes to La Guayra and they set out.

The sergeant who followed them out respect for their confidences checked pace of his troop horse somewhat, and the two advanced some distance from him out of earshot. The unhappy enna watched them with anxious ves, but hesitated to attempt to join them. Indeed, the way was blocked for such an indifferent horsewoman as by the adroit maneuvers of the sereant. He was devoted to his young commander, and he had surmised the state of affairs also. He would have ad no scruples in facilitating a meeting, even an elopement. The two lovers, therefore, could speak unobserved, or at least unheard, by any stranger. "Lady," said Alvarado at last, "I am ndeed afraid. You make the strong feet below.

weak. Your beauty-forgive me-masters me. Tempt me not! I can stand no more!" he burst forth with vehe-"What troubles thee, Alvarado?" she said softly. "Thou-and my plighted word."

"You chose honor and duty last night when you might have had me. Art still in the same mind?"



"Senorita, this subject is forbidden." "Stop!" cried the girl. "I absolve you from all injunctions of silence. I, too, am a De Lara, and in my father's absence the head of the house. The duty thou hast sworn to him thou owest me. Art still in the same mind as last night, I say?"

"Last night I was a fool!" "And this morning?"
"I am a slave."

"A slave to what? To whom?" "Donna Mercedes," he cried, turning an imploring glance upon her, "press me no further. Indeed, the burden is greater than I can bear."

"A slave to whom?" she went on insistently. She laid her hand upon his strong arm and bent her head close toward him. They were far from the others now, and the turns of the winding road concealed them. "A slave to whom? Perhaps to-me?"

she whispered. "Have mercy on me!" he cried. "To

gou—yes. But honor, duty"—
"Again those hateful words!" she interrupted, her dark face flushing with "Were I a man, loved I a woman who loved me as I-as I-as one you know, I would have seized her in spite of all the world! Once she had fled to the shelter of my arms, while life keat in my heart none should tear

"Thy father"-"He thinks not of my happiness." "Say not so, Donna Mercedes." "'Tis true. It is a matter of convenient arrangement. Two ancient names, two great fortunes, cry aloud

for union, and they drown the voice of the heart. I am bestowed like a "Don Felipe"-"Is an honorable gentleman, a brave one. He needs no defense at my hands. That much, at least, my father

did. There is no objection to my suitor save that I do not love him." "In time-in time you may," gasped Alvarado.

"Dost thou look within thine own heart and see a fancy so evanescent that thou speakest thus to me?"

"I believe thee, and were a thousand years to roll over my head thine image would still be found here."

She laid her tiny gloved hand upon her breast as she spoke in a low voice, and this time she looked away from him. He would have given heaven and earth to have caught her yielding agure in his arms. She drooped in the saddle beside him in a pose which was a confession of womanly weakness, and she swayed toward him as Let nothing take me hence." "It cannot be," he said. "I must go if the heart in her body cried out to that which beat in his own breast.

the viceroy when he returns from the Orinoco war and tell him that I "Mercedes! Mercedes!" he said. "You torture me beyond endurance! have betrayed him." "I will tell him," she answered, "or Go back to your duenna, to Senora Agapida, I beg of you! I can stand no more! I did promise and yow in my. wilt thou tell him what I tell thee?"

"Aye, with men it is different," said caneer, who has been made vice-gov-ernor of Jamaica was deposed by King the girl, and the sound of a sob in her fames and ordered with arrest. Mor- voice cut him to the heart, "and these and, however, with the help of Ben- things are above love, above everyjamin Harnigold, is once more able to hoist the black flag. Harnigold aids I cannot comprehend. You have rettem with the hope of getting Morgan jected me. I have offered myself to you a second time after the refusal of last night. I. too, am a slave. I love you. Nay, I cannot marry Don

> sacrilege of a sacrament." "Thy father"-"I have done my best to obey him. I can no more." "What wilt thou do?"

Felipe de Tobar. 'Twere to make a

"This!" The road at the point they had arrived wound sharply Fround the spur of the mountain which arose above them thousands of feet on one side and fell abruptly away in a terrific precipice upon the other. As she spoke she struck her horse again with the whip. At the same time by a violent wrench on the bridle rein she turned him swiftly toward the open cliff. Quick as she had been, however, Alvarado's own movement was quicker. He struck spur into his powerful barb and with a single bound was by her side in the very nick of time. Her horse's forefeet were slipping among the loose stones on the edge. In another second they would both be over. Alvarado threw his right arm around her and with a force superhuman dragged her from the saddle, at the same time forcing his own horse violently backward with his bridle hand. His instant promptness had saved her, for the frightened horse she rode, unable to

CHAPTER XIII. God!" cried the young soldier hoarsely, straining her to his breast, while endeavoring to calm his nervous and excited horse. "What would you have

control himself, plunged down the cliff

and was crushed to death a thousand

"Why didn't you let me go?" she asked, struggling feebly in his arms. "It would all have been over then."

"I could not. I love you." The words were wrung from him in spite of himself by her deadly peril, by her desperate design, which he had only frustrated by superhuman quickness and strength. He was pale, shaking, trembling, unnerved, for her. As he spoke those words, "I love you," so blissful for her to hear, she slipped her arm around his neck. He forgot everything-honor, duty, his word-everything he threw to the winds. Before the passion which sought death when denied him his own powers of resistance vanished. He strained her to his breast and bent his head to kiss her. Again and again he drank at the upturned fountain of affection, her lips. The shock had been too much for him. He had seen her upon the verge of eternity. She thought

nothing of that in her present joy. She only realized that she was in his arms again, that he had kissed her, and between the kisses he poured out words that were even greater caresses.

The others were far behind. They were alone upon the mountain side, with the rocks behind and the great sapphire sea of the Caribbean before them. He held her close to his breast, and they forgot everything but love as they gently pricked along the road. It was near noon now, and, as the road a furlong farther debouched into an open plateau shaded by trees and watered by a running brook which purled down the mountain side from some inaccessible cloud swept height, it was a fitting place to make camp, where the whole party, tired by a long morning's travel, could repose themselves until the breeze of afternoon tempered the heat of the day. Here he dismounted, lifted her from horse, and they stood to-

gether side by side. "You have saved me," she whispered. You have drawn me back from the death that I sought. God has given me to you. We shall never be parted." "I am a false friend, an ungrateful servitor, a ferswern man, a perjured soldier!" he groaned, passing his hand over his pale brow as if to brush away

the idea consequent upon his words. "But thou hast my love," she whispered tenderly, swaying teward him



"Yes-yes. Would that it could crown something else than my dishonor."

"I had been faithful," he went on as if in justification, "had I not seen thee on the brink of that cliff, and then thou wert in my arms-I was lost"-"And I was found. I leaped to death. I shut my eyes as I drove the horse toward the cliff, and I awakened to find myself in your arms-in heaven!

DONALD FRASER & SONS DON'T BAKE "Then say to him that I sought death rather than be given to Don

Felipe or to any one else. Tell him you saved me on the very brink of the cliff and that never soldier made a better fight for field or fiag than thou didst make for thy honor and duty, but that the Question of Rebuilding. I broke thee down. I had the power,

should not have weakened. But I shall fight no more. It is all over." "Ah, thou canst not," she whispered, nestling closer to him. "And tell my father that should harm come to theeif in their anger he or De Tobar lay hand upon thee-it will not advantage their plans, for I swear, if there be no other way, I will starve myself to death to follow thee!" "I cannot shelter myself behind a "Then I will tell them both myself," she cried. "You shall know, they shall know, how a Spanish woman can love." "And thou shalt know, too," answered Alvarado firmly, "that though I

expatiate my guilt with all the pride of most ancient lineage and birth highest of them all." It was a brave speech, but he did not release his hold upon Mercedes, and in spite of his words when, confident that whatever he might say, however he might struggle, he was hers at last,

and I used it. The story is as old as

she smiled up at him again. He kissed "When go you to my father, Senor Alvarado?" she asked. "When he returns from the Orinoco."

"And that will not be until"-"Perhaps a month." "Wilt love me until then?" "I shall love thee forever."

"Nay, but wilt thou tell me so, with every day, every week, every hour, every moment, with kisses like to these?" "Oh, tempt me not!" he whispered. But he returned again and again her

"Ah, my Alvarado, if you have once fallen, what then? Is not one kiss as bad as a thousand?" "Be it so. We will be happy until

"One month, one month of heaven, my love. After that let come what may," she answered, her cheeks and eyes aflame, her heart throbbing with the exquisite pain in her breast.

"Some one approaches!" he said at last. And at the same moment the rest the road. The poor duenna was consumed with anxiety and remorse. "Bernardo," said Alvarado to the ser-Today they lived and loved



geant, "we will take our siesta here. Unsaddle the horses and prepare the noonday meal under the trees. Send one of the troopers ahead to bid Fadrique stop on the road until we rejoin him, keeping good guard. Senora Agapida, you must be tired from the long ride Let me assist you to dismount. "The Senorita Mercedes?" she asked as he lifted her to the ground. "Where

"He slipped and fell," answered the girl promptly. "Fell?"

"Yes; over the cliff. Captain Alvara-do lifted me from the saddle just in

"I shall make a novena of devotion to St. Jago for thy preservation, sweet Mercedes," cried the duenna, "and you, young sir, must have a strong arm"-"It is ever at your service," answered Alvarado gravely, bowing before

The old woman's heart went out to the gallant young man, so handsome, so brave, so strong, so distinguished

"Why," she soused under her breath, "could he not have been the one?" By this time the little place was filled with soldiers, attendants and mule-teers. Some kindled fires, others unpacked hampers loaded with provisions, others prepared a place where the party might rest, and as, to restore order out of this confusion, Alvarado turned hither and thither he was followed in all his movements by the lovely eyes of the woman who had broken him and who had won him.

During the interval of repose the young man allowed his party the two lovers were constantly tegether. Alvarado had made a faint effort to go apart and leave Mercedes to herself, but with passionate determination she had refused to allow it. She had thrown prudence to the winds. Careless of whoever might see, of whoever might comment, heedless of the reproving duenna, indifferent to ancient practice, reckless of curious glances, she had in-

sisted upon accompanying the captain, and he had yielded. They abandoned themselves with all the fervor of youth and passion to their transports of affection. They wandered away from the others and by the side of the brook beneath the shelter of the trees remained together and whispered all the love that beat within their freed breasts. They might die temorrow; today they lived and loved. Fain would they have prolonged the Elysian dream forever, but the descending sun of the afternoon at last warned Alvarado if they would reach La Guayra that night they must resume their jour ney. Reluctantly he gave the order to

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Discussing with Fredericton People

Eden—the woman tempted"—
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