

IRENE. You see, my father, Beppo loves me, and I love Beppo dearly, we are not married, but now ask your leave to be wedded.

ANTONIO. And when did this uncalled for passion strike you, sirrah?

BEPPPO. Ever since I saw the beautiful Irene.

ANTONIO. Some months ago. Well Beppo (*setting down ALBERTO and taking BEPPPO's hands in his*) well Bep. you have always been a good boy, take her and we'll all live together.

BEPPPO. Humph! I never bargained for that, but, (*brightening up*) now I come to reconsider, we will all live together in the cottage by the sea. (*Aside*). It'll save rent anyhow, for he owns it.

(*Enter returned expedition and HESSIN, who have all heard of the change in their master's plans, and are quite agreeable.*)

DICK. (*Looking enquiringly at NINA. Aside.*) "When by some deed of daring your father's mind I'll change." I'm afraid I'm left. Ah! for an opportunity to dive to the depths of the ocean blue and fetch up the half-drowned remains of my captain, who by a vigorous pounding I would bring back to a consciousness that he still breathes the balmy air of this mundane sphere. Ah me! but I am left.

(*BEPPPO understanding the situation, whispers something to ANTONIO, who nods and smiles.*)

ANTONIO. (*Addressing CAPTAIN T.*) My dear captain, it is all owing to this brave fellow here (*indicating DICK*) that you find yourself free. The fact is—

BILL BOWLINE. I've heard that before! Fact is, I have.

ANTONIO. Yes, while hunting the other day I was attacked by a bear, and would have been killed, had not that brave fellow come to my rescue. (*Points with two fingers, one at DICK and the other at BEPPPO, CAPTAIN T. thinks he means DICK, and grasps his hand.*)

CAPTAIN T. Brave fellow, (*aside*) pity you didn't let the bear chaw him up, I assure you 'tis a pity.

DICK. But sir, I never—

ANTONIO. Enough, his bravery coupled with the finding of my long lost child induces me to free you and all your men.

CAPTAIN T. Kuyunake! kuyunake! nalegak-soak.

ANTONIO. What's that?

BILL BOWLINE. Give it up.