

or, in english, half yellow men; these they ordered with iron tools to dig a way through the rocks. this they performed with the greatest speed imaginable; and through this way, by the help of many ropes and pulleys, they at last made shift to get up two pieces of ordnance, wherewith they made a battery next day, to play on the fort. meanwhile, the french knowing these designs, prepared for a defence while the spaniards were busy about the battery sending notice everywhere to their companions for help. thus the hunters of the island all joined together, and with them all the pirates who were not already too far from home. these landed by night at tortuga, lest they should be seen by the spaniards; and, under the same obscurity of the night, they all together, by a back way, climbed the mountain where the spaniards were posted, which they did the more easily being acquainted with these rocks. they came up at the very instant that the spaniards, who were above, were preparing to shoot at the fort, not knowing in the least of their coming. here they set upon them at their backs with such fury as forced the greatest part to precipitate themselves from the top to the bottom, and dash their bodies in pieces: few or none escaped; for if any remained alive, they were put to the sword. some spaniards did still keep the bottom of the mountain; but these, hearing the shrieks and cries of them that were killed, and believing some tragical revolution to be above, fled immediately towards the sea, despairing ever to regain the island of tortuga. the governors of this island behaved themselves as proprietors and absolute lords thereof till, when the west india company of france took possession thereof, and sent thither, for their governor, monsieur ogeron. these planted the colony for themselves neglect of more important considerations, such as odd corners for hide and seek, deep window seats, plenty of cupboards, and a garden adapted to the construction of bowers rather than to the cultivation of vegetables. i do not think my hopes of influencing the parental decision were great; but still we all felt that it was well that i should be there, and my importance swelled with every piece of advice i received from the rest of the party. it must be a big house, but, of course, that adds to the expense, said one of the older boys, who prided himself upon being more grown up in his views than the rest, and considering the question from an elderly point of view. but if you dont take it out one way, you have it another, he continued. a manly sounding sentence, which impressed us all. dont think about smartness, mary, he went on, with a grand air of renouncing vanities; fine entrance, you know, and front door. but a good back yard, if possible, and some empty outhouses for carpenters shops; and if you could meet with a place with a few old boxes and barrels lying about, for rafts on the river and so forth, it would be a good thing. i want a tidy box for a new baby house, dreadfully, added a sister. i hope therell be deep window places, sighed the luxurious fatima, with print patchwork cushions, like those at the farm. and i hope some of them will face west, for the sunsets. above all and it was the final and most impressive charge i received whatever else is wanting, let us have two tall trees for a swing. laden with responsibility, but otherwise light hearted enough, i set out with my parents by the early coach, which was to put us down about mid day in the little town by the river. i liked travelling did not feel at all like going to bed, so he decided to stay up, and this would also give him the chance to find out when miss bürstner would arrive home. perhaps it would also still be possible, even if a little inappropriate, to have a few words with her. as he lay there by the window, pressing his hands to his tired eyes, he even thought for a moment that he mite punish mrs. grubach by persuading miss bürstner to give in her notice at the same time as he would. but he immediately realised that that would be shockingly excessive, and there would even be the suspicion that he was moving house because of the incidents of that morning. nothing would have been more nonsensical and, above all, more pointless and contemptible. when he had become tired of looking out onto the empty street he slightly opened the door to the living room so that he could see anyone who entered the flat from where he was and lay down on the couch. he lay there, quietly smoking a cigar, until about eleven oclock. he wasnt able to hold out longer than that, and went a little way into the hallway as if in that way he could make miss bürstner arrive sooner. he had no particular desire for her, he could not even remember what