

safer to leave him guarded on ship board for the present, while they erected a gibbet to hang him on the next day, without any other process than to lead him from the ship to his punishment; the rumour of which was presently brought to bartholomew portuges, whereby he sought all possible means to escape that night: with this design he took two earthen jars, wherein the spaniards carry wine from spain to the west indies, and stopped them very well, intending to use them for swimming, as those unskilled in that art do corks or empty bladders; having made this necessary preparation, he waited when all should be asleep; but not being able to escape his sentinels vigilance, he stabbed him with a knife he had secretly purchased, and then threw himself into the sea with the earthen jars before mentioned, by the help of which, though he never learned to swim, he reached the shore, and immediately took to the woods, where he hid himself for three days, not daring to appear, eating no other food than wild herbs. illustration: portuges made the best of his way to del golpho triste page those of the city next day made diligent search for him in the woods, where they concluded him to be. this strict inquiry portuges saw from the hollow of a tree, wherein he lay hid; and upon their return he made the best of his way to del golpho triste, forty leagues from campechy, where he arrived within a fortnight after his escape: during which time, as also afterwards, he endured extreme hunger and thirst, having no other provision with him than a small calabaca with a little water: besides the fears of falling again into the hands of the spaniards. he eat nothing but a few shell fish, which he found great stake you know which i mean shall be won or lost hekt looked at the ground, and said after reflecting a short time: i cannot decide with certainty, but thy affair stands well. look at these two hawks with the chain on their feet. they take their food from no one but me. the one that is moulting, with closed, grey eyelids, is rameses; the smart, smooth one, with shining eyes, is thyself. it comes to this which of you lives the longest. so far, thou hast the advantage. ani cast an evil glance at the kings sick hawk; but hekt said: both must be treated exactly alike. fate will not be done violence to. feed them well, exclaimed the regent; he threw a purse into hekts lap, and added, as he prepared to leave her: if anything happens to either of the birds let me know at once by nemu. ani went down the hill, and walked towards the neighboring tomb of his father; but hekt laughed as she looked after him, and muttered to herself: now the fool will take care of me for the sake of his bird that smiling, spiritless, indolent minded man would rule egypt am i then so much wiser than other folks, or do none but fools come to consult hekt but rameses chose ani to represent him perhaps because he thinks that those who are not particularly clever are not particularly dangerous. if that is what he thought, he was not wise, for no one usually is so self confident and insolent as just such an idiot. etext editors bookmarks: age when usually even bad liquor tastes of honey how easy it is to give wounds, and how hard it is to heal kiora called wine the soap of sorrow no one so self confident and insolent as just such an idiot the mother of foresight looks backwards an hour later, ani, in rich attire, left his fathers however is not impossible, for it can be proved that his descendants were not persecuted by amasis. on a stela in the leyden museum i have discovered that a certain psamtik, a member of the fallen dynasty, lived till the th year of amasis reign, and died at the age of seventy five. lastly let me be permitted to say a word or two in reference to rhodopis. that she must have been a remarkable woman is evident from the passage in herodotus quoted in notes, and, vol. i., and from the accounts given by many other writers. her name, the rosy cheeked one, tells us that she was beautiful, and her amiability and charm of manner are expressly praised by herodotus. how richly she was endowed with gifts and graces may be gathered too from the manner in which tradition and fairy lore have endeavored to render her name immortal. by many she is said to have built the most beautiful of the pyramids, the pyramid of mycerinus or menkera. one tale related of her and reported by strabo and aelian probably gave rise to our oldest and most beautiful fairy tale, cinderella; another is near akin to the loreley legend. an eagle, according to aelian the wind, in strabos tale, bore away rhodopis slippers while she was bathing in the Nile, and laid them at the feet of the king, when seated on his throne of justice in the open