

exploits. captain morgan, willing to follow fortune's call, stopped the mouths of many inhabitants of jamaica, who were creditors to his men for large sums, with the hopes and promises of greater achievements than ever, by a new expedition. this done, he could easily levy men for any enterprise, his name being so famous through all those islands as that alone would readily bring him in more men than he could well employ. he undertook therefore to equip a new fleet, for which he assigned the south side of tortuga as a place of rendezvous, writing letters to all the expert pirates there inhabiting, as also to the governor, and to the planters and hunters of hispaniola, informing them of his intentions, and desiring their appearance, if they intended to go with him. these people upon this notice flocked to the place assigned, in huge numbers, with ships, canoes, and boats, being desirous to follow him. many, who had not the convenience of coming by sea, traversed the woods of hispaniola, and with no small difficulties arrived there by land. thus all were present at the place assigned, and ready against october, captain morgan was not wanting to be there punctually, coming in his ship to port couillon, over against the island de la vaca, the place assigned. having gathered the greatest part of his fleet, he called a council to deliberate about finding provisions for so many people. here they concluded to send four ships and one boat, with four hundred men, to the continent, in order to rifle some country towns and villages for all the corn or maize they could gather. they set sail for the continent towards

heard the loud and furious song of the chief, animating his friends to exertion; we saw his frantic gestures, as he stood in the centre of his canoe, brandishing his weapons. as they came near the place of landing, george ran into the stream, and as the canoe touched the shore, attacked atoi, but in a playful manner, splashing water over him. thus irritated, atoi jumped on land, and, with a double barrelled musket in his hand, ran towards his brother, and doubtless would have killed him on the spot, had he not been prevented. i now saw the advantage of george and his party being present. he and three of his subjects seized upon atoi, and tried to wrest the weapon from his hands, which if they had been able to effect, a mortal combat could not take place, such being the custom here. atoi was a very powerful man of about thirty, and those who attacked him had a most difficult task; twice he broke from them; and i then watched the countenance of his brother, which was perfectly cool and collected, though the firelock was in readiness, and the finger on the trigger, which might despatch him instantly. all parties sat perfectly quiet during the desperate struggle; one of the barrels of atois piece went off, and the contents flew amongst us, without, however, doing any material injury; and, finally, the musket was wrested out of his hands. he then sat still for about twenty minutes, to recover his breath, when he seized a club and rushed upon his brother for mortal weapons were now prohibited. the brother started up, armed in the same manner; some heavy blows passed between them; when, having thrown aside their clubs, they grappled each other firmly, and a dreadful struggle ensued. as they were both completely naked, their hair was the only thing to take hold by; but being long, thick, and they knew only too well. to day, he cried, we will live; but by to morrow a thousand to one by to morrow there will be an end of all our joys and the earth will swallow up the old home and us with it his words fell on prepared ground; his wife and daughter were appalled, and as medius went on to paint the imminent catastrophe in more vivid colors, his energy growing in proportion to its effect on them, they began at first to sob and whimper and then to wail loudly. when the children, who by this time were in bed, heard the lamentations of their elders, they, too, set up a howl, and even dada caught the infection. as for medius himself, he had talked himself into such a state of terror by his own descriptions of the approaching destruction of the world that he abandoned all claim to his proud reputation as a strong minded man, and quite forgot his favorite theory that everything that went by the name of god was a mere invention of priests and rulers to delude and oppress the ignorant; at last he even went so far as to mutter a prayer, and when his wife begged to be allowed to join a family of neighbors in sacrificing a black lamb at daybreak, he recklessly gave her a handful of money. none of the party closed an eye that night. dada could not bear to remain in the house. perhaps all these