

Georges Notebook

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Character Sheet

Character Name	Role	Description	Other
<p>Leader of the Volunteers</p> <p>M. de Malmedie</p>	Leader	<p>40-45 years of age</p> <p>Wore a field officers epaulets</p> <p>Unremarkable in appearance and no striking features</p> <p>Coiffed, shaven, and decked out as if for a parade</p>	<p>In Chapter 3.</p> <p>Henri is the son and rival of Georges throughout the book.</p> <p>Owner of Williams Plains plantation</p>
Monsieur Pierre Munier	Father of Jacques and Georges	<p>Tall, spare, and slightly stooped</p> <p>Coppery skin and frizzy hair</p> <p>Mulatto</p>	
Jacques (older brother)	Son	<p>14 years of age</p> <p>Sturdy and robust and resembled that of an 18-year-old</p> <p>Armed with a double-barreled shot gun he normally used for hunting</p> <p>Skilled in marksmanship</p>	
Georges (younger brother)	Son	<p>12 years of age</p> <p>Small, delicate, skinny, fragile, slender limbs, long black hair, and a melancholy face of paleness</p> <p>Unimpressive for the strong family</p>	

		<p>Looked two years younger than he was</p> <p>Lacked the tall stature of his father and powerful body of his brother</p> <p>Is unarmed</p> <p>After 14 years he becomes a man with lots of strength.</p>	
Lord Murray	Governor of Ile de France after British invasion 14 years later		Georges and Murray formed a bond and friendship on their journey back to the island.
Antonio the Malay	Slave of Malmedie	<p>Small man with enormous feet and long arms</p> <p>Humorous, high energy, and wit among the other slaves</p>	
Nazim	Brother of Laiza	Black slave from Anjouan	Holds disdain for Antonio who takes advantage of the other slaves and sees through his act.
Laiza	Brother of Nazim	Medium height with impressively muscular limbs	Inspires respect in the people around him
Sara	Creole woman	<p>Black haired, black eyed and capricious</p> <p>Teeth like pearls delicate hands and feet</p> <p>Page 90</p>	Appears when trying to buy a fan from a Chinese man and Georges helps her
Henriette Smith	<p>Sara's maid? Mentor? Assistant?</p> <p>She is officially Sara Governess (Teacher)</p>	<p>Tall, thin around the age of 30</p> <p>Page 92</p>	

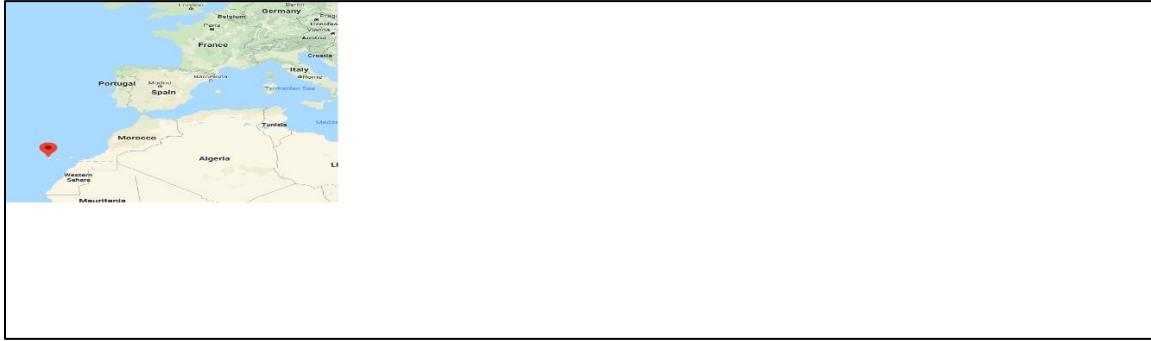
Chapter 1 (L'île De France)

Starts off on a rainy day where the narrator looks out the window and longs to be somewhere else, not the wet and muddy Paris – An enchanted oasis.

Describes this oasis

“... the water flows clear and bright there, falling, and surging up in bright dust” – Page 1

Bids farewell to France



Coming from France on the right is Tenerife (an island of Spain)

Reaches the south end of Africa in the Cape of Storms

Arrives at the destination of the Ile de France

Describes the various towns and the people of this Island

“Land of fertile fields, bountiful harvests, and endless springs and summers bursting with flowers and fruit” – Page 5

England had tried to take over the island several times and failed. However, they took the sister island of Bourbon and on August 23, 1810 English attacked

Locations

Port Louis (Port Napoleon) – Islands capital city

Region of Moka – Lying on the slopes facing away from the port, loveliest part of the island

People

Creoles (mixed European)

Blacks (slaves)

Lascars – In between Creoles and Slaves

Chinese – Masters of trade

Malays – Small, cunning, copper-skinned, and vindictive, who will forget a kindness in the blink of an eye but bear a grudge forever

Malgaches – Slim, ruddy, and clever. Hunts elephants and tigers from early childhood

Chapter 2 (Lions and Leopards)

Morning of August 20, 1810

French ships led by Captain Duperre of the Bellone came into the Grand Port

They were involved with skirmishes with the English and sustained a lot of damage

French Ships

Led by Captain Duperre and Captain Hamelin

1st Fleet

Victor – Front ship

- a. Attacked by English schooner (Nereid)

Minerva – 2nd ship

- a. Follows Bellone

Ceylon – 3rd ship

- a. Follows Bellone

Bellone – 4th ship

- a. Attack the British

Windham – Rear ship

- a. Went for reinforcements

2nd Fleet

Entreprenant – Front ship

Manche – 2nd ship

Astree – Rear ship

English Ships

Led by Commodore Lambert

1st Fleet

Magician – Front ship

Nereid – 2nd ship

Sirius – 3rd ship

Iphigenia – Rear ship

12:00 PM August 21, 1810

- ➔ It was a trap and the Victor was heavily attacked because it was in the front

- Windham is taken by English frigate Sirius on the 21st as the Windham attempted to drop anchor in the Black River (Riviere Noire)
- Frigate's commander Captain Pym made for Grand Port, flanked by the Manche and Astree
 - Could not overtake British frigate before it reached the harbor

Midday August 22, 1810

- ➔ Sirius reaches Grand Port and joins the schooner – now known to be the Nereid under the command of Captain Willoughby
- ➔ Sirius “caught bottom” and spends left of day repairing the ship
- ➔ French arrived at night with a total of 1400 men and 142 guns

2:00 - 5:00 PM August 23, 1810

- ➔ 2:00 PM English frigates Magician and Iphigenia arrived in the harbor putting the English forces at 1700 men and 200 cannons

“At first it seemed that the enemy might prevail, for the English quickly crippled both the Minerva and Ceylon” – Page 12

- ➔ Minerva and Ceylon repair their ships while the Bellone is fighting off four British ships and heavily firing back.
 - Nereid is first British ship to go down as the French hone their fury onto her
 - Captain Bouvet replaces Captain Duperre as he is badly injured

1400 men and 142 guns vs. 1700 men and 200 cannons

“Half the inhabitants of Ile de France gathered on the hillsides around Grand Port, transfixed by the spectacle unfolding below them” – Page 10

Combatants were English and French Ships and over 10,000 spectators watched on the mountainside

“It would be a battle between lions and leopards, a fight to the death” – Page 12

1:00 AM August 24, 1810

English Nereid completely out of commission for the battle

French Victor collects French Prisoners from Nereid and leaves her to float, completely destroyed

Captain Bouvet wanted to destroy each ship one by one

Magician sinks and there is only Sirius and Iphigenia

Morning August 25, 1810

Sirius is down

“Her masts had been completely obliterated, and her hull was in tatters. She could do nothing but sink” – Page 13

11:00 AM Sirius is exploded by a bomb just like the Magician

Iphigenia is chased by the Minerva and Bellone

Entrepenant, Manche, and Astree arrive from Port Louis and destroy the last remaining English ship

William Murray – Captain Willoughby's nephew is taken prisoner

Chapter 3 (Three Children)

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English attacked a second time only months later instead at Port Louis (Formerly Port Napoleon)

Leader of the Volunteers has a 12-year-old boy and a black servant by his side

Black Servant – luxuriously dressed with a sword and addressed Leader as “Father”

Another family stood near the Leader and was just as notable

Father is a Mulatto

Mulatto's are dark copper skinned mix of European that may attain a high level of wealth but are still discriminated against for their skin color.

Older Brother is Jacques

Younger Brother is Georges

When Jacques and his father step up to fight, the rest of the crew announces they will not fight with Mulatto's

When they are denied fighting they decide to lead the black men who do not have a leader

➔ The blacks are happy about seeing this and cheer for Jacques and his father, asking for orders.

Left Side -

Out to the Sea – Fanfaron armed with 18 cannons

Right Side – Dumas Battery protected by only six guns

Fought and abandoned Left and Sea to focus on the weak right side

➔ The right astonished the enemy with their rapidity and the amount of its volleys

○ English began to retreat

➔ The regulars and national guard battalion come to the Dumas Batteries aid

National Guard Battalion attacked from front, putting them in the line of fire of the Dumas cannons

➔ English sees this and takes advantage and the French are forced to retreat a little

➔ Reinforcements rescue the Battalion and Dumas Battery and they continue fighting

○ Reinforcements were the Black Corps led by Pierre Munier

➔ The French win the battle and celebrate **prematurely**

Pierre gives the flag to Georges while he comforts a soldier of his, who is slowly dying

Henri a stubborn child tries to take the flag from Georges but fails

Jacques pushes him to the ground and breaks his sword

Pierre reluctantly gives the flag to M. de Malmedie

Messenger on horse says that 10,000 English men are descending from the Williams Plains and Petite-Riviere

5,000 more British troops at Grande-Riviere Bay

The French have no choice but to surrender and signed on December 3, 1810

Pierre sends his children back to France so they continue their education and so they were away from Malmedie and his anger and disdain for colored men

Chapter 4 (Fourteen Years Later)

14 years later Europeans have taken over Ile de France

Some people fled while others stayed

Mount Decouverte

Grand Port

February 1824

36-gun frigate named *Leicester* anchors in Port Louis

Introduced to two gentleman on the deck of this ship

1 st man	Fair, regular-featured man with blond hair and blue eyes, taller than average
Lord William Murray	Looked younger than his 40 years Content to keep quiet unless someone had a different opinion of his own in which he would attack with lightning speed with his eyes blazing, arguing his point with his clarity and eloquence. Always conducted himself with rigid self-control. Boarded at Portsmouth
2 nd man	Pale, long dark hair, and large, deep brown eyes
Georges	25 but looked like 30 Gaze showed darting rays into the depth of his soul that struck everyone who met him Boarded at Cadiz

The two bonded over the 3-month journey discussing topics such as science, politics, art, and came to know each other well and considered themselves equals.

1st blonde man had an advantage because he led the crew out of a nasty storm when the captain and first mate were injured in a spar (fight). While the blonde man is quiet, this is on purpose and can be loud when it is necessary.

2nd dark haired man grew envious. However, the blonde man had been a captain of vessels before becoming a diplomat.

2nd younger man grew more respect and awe for his older friend and social standing did not become a problem on the rest of their journey.

Younger man thanks older man for being his friend and being nice to a complete stranger.

“I hope that for you, as for me, there can be no strangers in this world except brigands, thieves, and drunks; all men of worth are relatives of a sort, and we recognize one another wherever we may meet” – Page 36

Older man was a lieutenant on a frigate during the battle 14 years ago

Man is William Murray and was named Governor of Ile de France by King of England

People screamed “Vive Lord Murray” as he was the only English survivor of the Battle of Grand Port who was taken as a prisoner of war.

The people who had wept when the French had left the Ile de France are mostly all dead and the new generation forgot the destruction that happened

“Time, it seems, is all it takes to destroy a great man, or a great nation” – Page 39

Chapter 5 (Prodigal Son)

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Everyone is surprised by the way the Governor is treating the dark-haired man and assume he is an English nobleman.

The two men ride on horses

Dark haired young man stops to gaze at an attractive English lady in the center of a small bridge near gardens to the courtyard of a stately house.

Young lady is trying to buy an ivory-fan from an Asian man (Chinese)

Yellow River – One of two Rivers in China where many civilizations are located

Chinese man is nicknamed Miko-Miko

Dark haired speaks Chinese and gets the price of the fan for the young lady

Stranger seems to recognize someone on the bench whose eyes were fixed on the sea.

It seems that Georges is the dark-haired stranger and the older man is Pierre, the father.

Quite sad that the father thinks his own sons would not want to visit him because they found people to love that outweigh the love for their own father.

Georges and Pierre hug each other for the first time in 14 years.



Chapter 6 (Transfiguration)

Travelling back to when they first sailed off from Ile de France 14 years ago to retell how Georges transformed from a boy to a man.

Aboard the Bellone sailing away from the Ile de France

Pierre could never stand up for himself against white men and stood lost in the crowd.

- ➔ Was rich and had money but was still at a lower social standing because he was a Mulatto
- ➔ Generous and magnanimous
- ➔ His generosity went unnoticed and passive as no one returned the favor to him
- ➔ M. de Malmedie and Henri always wished harm on him

Georges set out to conduct himself opposite to his father

- ➔ Hated the whites because of how they despised him and scorned Mulattos
- ➔ Would face absurd and unreasonable oppression head on

“... had declared war on an entire nation; young Georges, despite his father, would fight prejudice to the death with the same ferocity” – Page 61

Both enrolled in the College Napoleon, where they were placed in the lower grade level

- ➔ Georges and Jacques were resolved to rise to the top of their class.

“The more he achieved, the more he desired to achieve” – Page 51

- ➔ Intellectually he was at the top but he still lacked in physique

Jacques leaves their “prison” after two years to board a French military vessel

- ➔ This left Georges defenseless from people who wanted to hurt him in school.
 - “Shunned, beaten, and ill-treated all around” – Page 51

Georges realized that moral superiority meant nothing without physical strength

- ➔ He would never be respected without strength
 - **Replaced shyness, isolation, and inactivity for sport, exuberance, and rough housing**

“However weak an enemy might be, a man will hesitate to fight him if he knows the enemy’s determination is greater than his own” – Page 52

After earning his diploma from College Napoleon, he developed his own strict schedule to continue becoming superior to all other men.

Georges took on the challenge of gambling finally because he feared he would become addicted

He played for three days with 10,000 francs and lost badly the first two days but on the third day won a generous amount of money (230,000 francs).

- ➔ This amounts to Georges finally mastering everything, including his fear of gambling

He had met a woman who was intelligent and beautiful and talked of politics and had long conversations

→ He challenges his desires and lust and manages to overcome them with conversation for two hours

The only other fear in his mind was that he was at heart a coward

→ “He still could not be sure of how he might react if true danger were imminent? Would he stay, or would he run?” – Page 56

Georges goes the shooting range and sees a rather good shot, one of the galleries regulars shooting perfect bullseyes at the target.

He starts arguing with the marksman that he could not aim so perfectly at a real person, that killing another human is different than shooting a target. Also, that ones aim might waver given that you were shooting at another person instead.

Georges decides to challenge him to this point by using himself as a target.

The marksman sets himself up 25 feet away from Georges.

→ Marksman is proven wrong because he misses his shot at Georges
○ This proves to Georges that he is not a coward and is very brave

Georges leaves Paris and sets out for London, Greece, Turkey, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt

Was well received everywhere he went

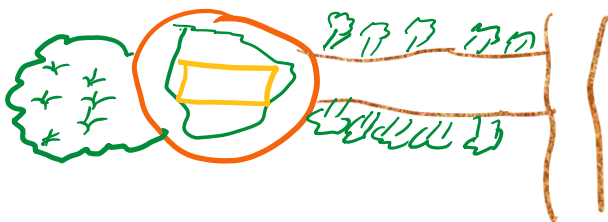
Earned two military distinctions in battle

He wanted to go back to Ile de France to challenge the “barbarism”

Will Lord Murray and Georges remain companions on the Ile de France?

Georges walks with his father and eventually views what has become of the Munier family estate

Munier Estate



“A man who was humble to the whites and never cruel to the blacks” – Page 63

Munier family has 300 slaves and only sleep in 90 huts

Munier family treats the slaves with respect and not merely as objects. However, they are still their property and cannot be totally free.

Chapter 7 (The Berloque)

Berloque – an area where slaves are working on different tasks, slaves get to work for themselves

M. de Malmedie is said not be a terrible master of the plantation

➔ He is not filled with hatred or vengeance, simply his ego and pride flows through his veins

His slaves were not treated any worse but still shared the common unhappiness of slaves everywhere

“M. de Malmedie saw Negroes not as men, but as machines, made for labor. If one of these machines did not function, it must simply be wound up again.” – Page 65

➔ Malmedie would tell the overseer of the plantation to punish the slaves, so must feared the overseer more than the master.

The slaves in of Malmedie needed to be excited to be cheerful and it was forced unlike the slaves of the Munier family where it came naturally because Pierre treated them with respect and dignity.

➔ The man who excited the slaves was Antonio the Malay

Antonio joins the Berloque and sings to the other slaves

Young Negro treats Antonio with disdain and disgust

➔ Who is this young slave?

○ Nazim

Nazim looks down on his fellow slaves and sees himself as superior to them

“The affairs of stags and lions are of no concern to snakes” – Page 68

Antonio begins to criticize the slaves because they are still working in the Berloque instead of just relaxing and singing songs.

➔ Crowd cheers for Antonio, thanking him for he is the only one who truly can make them cheerful

Laiza can also sing songs but they make the slaves tremble with fear, not joy.

Nazim can also sing songs but they make the slaves cry, not cheer.

Antonio begins to ask for people to give him items in exchange for always being there for all the others and singing them songs and telling stories.

Antonio takes Cambeba's banana as part of his reward and this makes all the other slaves erupt in laughter

Nazim stands up for Cambeba since he needed the banana for his sick wife Narina

“I'll say it again now, and nearer! Cried Nazim. With one great stride, he shortened the distance between them to two paces. ‘You are a dog’, he repeated, his nostrils flaring and his gaze boring into the Malay's” – Page 72

Laiza appears and Antonio's demeanor changes and he drops the knife he had at Nazim's chest

It seems Antonio is a bully in the Malmedie plantation and Laiza is the person that most of the slaves look up to

“Papa is a title of honor and affection among Negroes, and the slaves of the Malmedie plantation, young and old, had unanimously agreed to bestow it upon Laiza” – Page 73

“Crime does not pay” – Page 73

- ➔ This is what Antonio said to Cambeba and it is ironic because Antonio ends up with no meat at the end of the chapter because he essentially bullied and stole the banana from Cambeba

Chapter 8 (The Toilette of the Runaway Slave)

Nazim and Laiza seem to be planning an escape from the Malmedie plantation

They were captured in a battle and sold into slavery and ended up on the Ile de France

They have been there for two years and Nazim would rather attempt an escape and die than be a slave

Nazim is tired of waiting for a perfect chance to escape

Laiza on the other hand is content to wait for the perfect opportunity to escape

Laiza plans on staying and leading an insurrection against the whites

➔ Laiza also lusts for a white woman and is content in staying on the Ile de France

Laiza gives Nazim a shard of glass to cut his hair so people do not recognize him immediately and coconut oil so he can be slippery if people run after him.

Antonio was very still and overheard their conversation and runs to the capital to get his revenge on Nazim and Laiza

Chapter 9 (The Rose of the Riviere Noire)

The Creole woman who Georges had bought the fan is the same woman that Laiza is lusting after

She is interested in Georges

“I was wondering who he is, and where he came from. I’ve never seen him before today” – Page 83

Her name appears to be Sara

Sara is not like most European ladies and likes to dance and show her charming nature, where most other ladies will hide this.

Sara seems to be marrying Henri (his cousin)

A letter from the now Governor Murray is given to the family inviting them to dinner and a ball

Sara feels free in nature because she can be herself without any authority telling her what to do

➔ Led to her nickname “The Rose of the Riviere Noire”

Sunday would be her spending the afternoon in the countryside and the evening at the ball

Chapter 10 (The Bath)

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Palanquin – a carriage meant for one person carried by 2 or 4 people

Horseback – riding on horseback

2 modes of transportation at the time

Henriette is the daughter of a professor

Her father died when she was 25

Henriette accepts the position of Governess of Sara that M. de Malmedie promised a big salary for.

She was in charge of Sara's care and education

“She boarded the very next ship to Ile de France... put her in charge of the care and education of his niece Sara, aged nine” – Page 91

Sara and Henri were destined to be married from early on in their childhood by Malmedie because Sara's uncles fortune would double in the coming years

Sara liked to be outside and riding horses

Contrast this to Henriette who was afraid of boats, cliffs, and riding horses

- ➔ She would always be worried about Sara
 - She would always be worried about everything, you could say she is paranoid

Sara planned on swimming in the Riviere Noire but hid this from Henriette so she did not object or get worried.

Sara is swimming but a shark is near her about 60 feet away

A negro man dives in the water towards the shark

Laiza was the man who jumped in the river

Laiza runs away

Chapter 11 (The Price of Negroes)

Georges is the man who shot the shark

Henri and Malmedie congratulate Providence not Laiza and Georges

Malmedie's overseer says that an escaped slave was captured (Nazim from the previous chapter)

Malmedie says that the "usual punishment" should be given to the runaway slave

Laiza wants to take the 150 lashes instead for fear that Nazim might die if he takes them

Georges wants to buy Laiza and Nazim for 1000 piastres (dollars)

Georges frees both Laiza and Nazim after he purchases them

"As for the two of you, he said, from this moment on you may do what you please. You are free" – Page 105

Chapter 12 (The Ball)

Monday night of the ball

4:00 PM

Colony's elite begin arriving to the party

"... The men dressed impeccably in the latest fashions and the ladies shimmering with diamonds and pearls, their soft and luscious delicacy – unique to Creole women – the only trait distinguishing them from their European counterparts." – Page 106

"... the blond loveliness of the English ladies contrasted strikingly with the dark hair and eyes of the tropical beauties" – Page 107

Everyone was charmed by the new governor as he shook peoples hands and showed them to their seats

Monsieur Georges Munier arrives and is greeted by Lord Murray

Sara wants to know more about Georges and picked her simplistic outfit for this reason (to not draw attention from others)

Sara is hella crushing on Georges

"his manly bearing" "noble brow" "she could not keep her eyes of him" – Page 109

People were impressed by Georges wide range of knowledge from battle to international commerce

Henri's hatred towards Georges increased because he had rescued Sara the other day

Malmedie the father of Henri did not hold so much contempt and anger as Henri does. Malmedie was just surprised by him and forgot about the past or at least did not hold on to it tightly like Henri

"Here was a dangerous opponent, ready, willing, and able to challenge him" – Page 111

➔ This is in contrast to him in the past where he could not physically stand up for himself

It made Henri furious that Georges made something of himself

➔ Also made him furious that he walked among Henri, thinking he is an equal

Henri and Sara talk about Georges being a Mulatto and how that presence annoys Henri and that Sara is annoyed that Henri is annoyed

"It is one of the noblest qualities possessed by women to feel compassion for the oppressed, as well as admiration for those who resist this oppression" – Page 114

Sara gets a bit jealous that Georges is dancing with another woman

“When I left Europe to return to Ile de France, I could only hope I would find a heart like yours – but I hardly believed such happiness could truly exist” – Page 116

➔ Georges speaks to Sara at the ball

Georges knows that Henri forbid Sara to dance with him because of his hatred towards Georges.

Georges plans to marry Sara within three months

Chapter 13 (The Slave Ship)

Georges wants to expand the Munier estate but need more slaves and manpower for the expansion

Pierre goes to the newly arrived slave ship at 9:00 PM to Pointe-aux-Caves while Georges went out in the woods to hunt

Georges was not satisfied with wealth or social standing equal to that of whites

He wanted to conquer the prejudices that still existed in Ile de France

Georges believes fate has brought Sara and him together in these events in the past couple of days since his arrival to his hometown.

“Georges knew he must fight not only for pride, but for love as well” – Page 119

“There was only one problem: his coolness and self-possession had deserted him. Now he burned with a passion that threatened to overwhelm him” – Page 119

Sara realizes she is not in love with Henri and is actually in love with Georges

“She had known, then, that she did not love her cousin – that she loved another man instead” – Page 121

Georges knows he has to be patient even though he feels a passionate and burning feeling to see Sara once again

➔ Cannot fight his urges and rides to the capital near the Malmedie house and hopes Sara is near but is not that day

Georges uses Miko-Miko to get Sara attention and find out where her room is in the Malmedie residence

Slave captain turns out to be Jacques (the older brother of Georges)

“By a strange coincidence, Fate had reunited the family made up of a man who spent his entire life suffering from prejudice, a man who made his living by exploiting it, and a man who was ready to die fighting it” – Page 125

Chapter 14 (The Slave Trader's Philosophy)

Story of Jacques life after he left Ile de France 14 years ago

Jacques ship would plunder other ships that were unprotected and had valuable merchandise on them

Other times the French ship would battle an English ship and many lives were lost

Privateers were spent in combat most of the time

Jacques served on the *Calypso* and obedience to the captain and second was paramount to survival

- ➔ Mutiny was attempted by two people and was met with great punishment of death
 - Captain Bertrand
 - Lieutenant Rebard

After two years of education at the College of Napoleon he decided to put theory into practice

1815 Captain Bertrand visits Napoleon on the island of Elba where Napoleon was banished to

Captain Bertrand prepares the *Calypso* because he is aware that Napoleon his preparing for his return

Calypso (Captain Bertrand) and *Leicester* (Captain William Murray) fought

Finding fortune raiding ships became bleak so they turned to the now booming slave trade to find profit.

Exchanges slaves for rum or alcohol

In 1820, Captain Bertrand dies from a snake bite

Jacques becomes commander under the new *Calypso et Compagnie*

- ➔ He loved his ship and “was neither greedy nor cruel” – Page 133

Jacques believed slave trading was normal and natural job

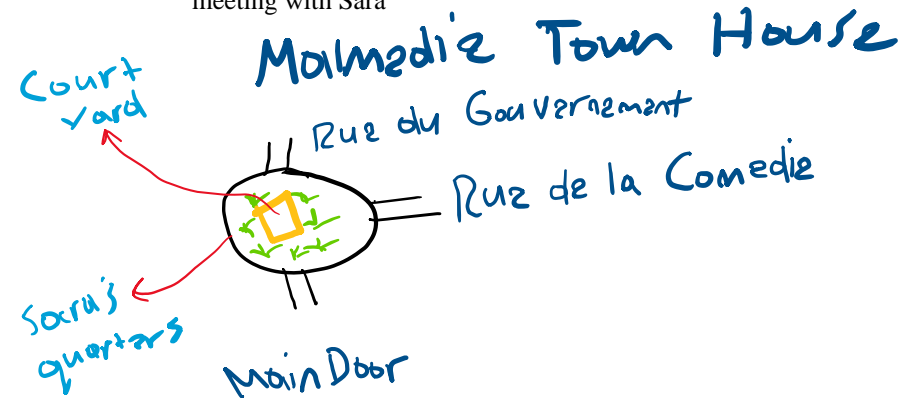
“He had witnessed blacks being bought and sold all his life; it was, he believed, the natural state of things – what they were made for.” – Page 135

Jacques would pretend his ship was something else like a tea trading ship just for fun. Or pretend he was his old Captain Bertrand.

Chapter 15 (Pandoras Box)

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Jacques is given a tour of the Munier estate while Georges waits for his appointment with Miko-Miko upon his own meeting with Sara



Jacques sees a storm and cannot leave his crew so he bids his family farewell and goes back to the *Calypso*

Georges writes a love letter to Sara that Miko-Miko delivers asking her to choose between a life with Henri or a life with Georges and Georges tells her in the letter that he loves her. He states that he will come to her at 10PM.

There is a storm coming and Sara worries that Georges might get caught up in it when he comes to see her at 10PM

“...but of course, he could do nothing, and backed down – as he always did – when faced with a will stronger than his own” – Page 146

- ➔ This is talking about Pierre Munier and his lack of will power to stand up for his opinions, thoughts, feelings, and himself in general. He backed down when both his sons wanted to go outside despite the dangerous storm brewing.

Georges rides in the storm avoiding debris, trees, and other objects on the way to Sara.

Georges rides along Rue du Government

Sara is nervous

“In her mind’s eye she pictured him, crushed and bleeding beneath a fallen tree or boulder or drowned in some raging river, and at the sensation of horror that filled her she knew it was useless to resist her love for him” – Page 148

- ➔ She seems to make up her mind that she will choose Georges over Henri

Sara thinks Georges is brave for going out in the storm just to see her

Sara and Georges both believe their love is destined to be and God is guiding them together

They kiss and announce they are each other’s lovers and nothing shall keep them apart

Georges used his “self-control” to wrench himself away from so much beauty

Chapter ends with Georges leaving and Malmedie and Henri entering Sara’s quarters

Chapter 16 (The Proposal)

The storm had caused significant damage to the ships in the harbor and many of the houses on the island

USE DETAILS ON PAGES 156-159 FOR THE JOURNAL

Malmedie townhouse was destroyed heavily by the storm

Festival of Yamse plays an important role in the story says the narrator

Islam

1. Sunnis
 - a. Includes Arabians and Turks
 - b. Recognize Abu Bekr, Omar, and Osman as the legitimate successor of the Prophet Muhammad
2. Shiites
 - a. Includes Persians and Indian Muslims
 - b. Regards Abu Bekr, Omar, and Osman caliphs as usurpers
 - c. Recognize Ali, son in law of the prophet as true heir

Omar's troops killed Ali's son Hussein and sixty of his relatives near the city of Kerbela

Indian Muslims mark this anniversary with a solemn festival called the Festival of Yamse

"The festival is more than a religious celebration; it has come to include many native Indian customs and ceremonies born of other faiths, now long dead" – Page 152

Lascars represent the Shiite sect on Ile de France

Lascars are grouped into two

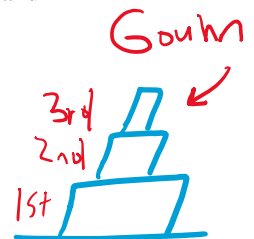
1. Land
 - a. Wear green robes
2. Sea
 - a. Wear white robes

Usually these Lascar groups compete in the festival but this year they agreed to set aside their animosity and celebrate united

This year's festival was to be more peaceful than in previous years

Gouhn – a type of pagoda (religious building) three stories tall and built of bamboo

The Gouhn escaped the torture of the storm and the festival would start in the coming months



Sara knows that a marriage with Henri would condemn her to a life of misery

Georges and Lord Murray enter the residence and Georges asks Malmedie for permission to marry Sara

Malmedie and Henri both object to this

Lord Murray thinks Georges is doomed in his venture to combat the prejudice and racism that still exists on the island

➔ Could foreshadow his decisions later in the novel

Chapter 17 (The Races)

USE DETAILS ON PAGE 172 FOR THE JOURNAL

The following Saturday after the destruction of the island marks the day of the festival and is the focus of this chapter

Impressive Dutch ship arrives commanded by Captain Van den Broek

Gives Lascars near the sea a gift of a diamond

Races were to be held Sunday morning

Gentlemen's race, pig chase, sack race, and pony race with prizes handed out by the Governor for each

Pony race = double-barreled hunting rifle

Sack race = Handsome umbrella

Pig chase (catching a greased pig's tail) = Keep the pig as a prize

By 10:30 everyone was near Champ de Mars in their elegant carriages and horsebacks

At 11:00 the band played to signal the first race, the pig chase

Antonio the Malay and Miko-Miko were some of the last competitors in the pig chase

Miko-Miko won the pig chase

Sack Race followed

Race was 150 feet where contestants are bounded and must hop to the finish line

Télémaque and Bijou the servants of Munier and Malmedie respectively participated in this race

Antonio the Malay joins this race, perhaps to prove himself after losing the pig chase

Antonio used the servants' hate for another against them and won the race

The pony race started and one of the colonists won by the name of Saunders

30 minutes intermission proceeded before the last horse race

1. Restoration (Colonel Draper)
2. Virginia (M. Rondeau de Courcy)
3. Jester (M. Henri de Malmedie)
4. Antrim (M. Georges Munier)

Georges enters the race disguised in Egyptian gear and clothes

➔ Wants to seek revenge on Henri

Race would be two laps with a total distance of 3 miles

2nd lap

Restoration broke his leg which left 3 riders

Jester had taken the lead

Jester and Antrim tied about two lengths behind Jester

Georges reveals his identity and uses his whip on Henri and surged across the finish line

“It would decide his entire future, for it was not only the provocation of a rival; it was a declaration of war against all whites” – Page 172

- ➔ This is the apex of the novel in my opinion
 - He finally acts against someone and what comes after this is the falling action
 - He became strong in his childhood in France
 - He has come back and acted on what he thinks is wrong

Chapter 18 (Laiza)

Georges returns to his father's house

Nazim returned to his home of Anjouan while Laiza stayed on the island

80,000 men of color

20,000 whites

Laiza proposes to get rid of the whites since they are outnumbered

Laiza wants Georges to be the leader of the revolt

Laiza feels indebted to Georges because he saved Nazim from the 150 lashes for his escape

Télémaque enters the room telling Georges that the Dutch Captain Van den Broek wishes to see him

Is Captain Van den Broek actually Jacques???

➔ Yes, Jacques dressed up as a dutchman for the festival

Governor Murray plans to trap Jacques in a rematch between the *Leicester* and *Calypso*

Henri's friends talked him out of dueling with Georges.

Henri plans to ambush Georges and give him 25 lashes of the whip

Jacques does not think highly of blacks or slaves and thinks the revolt is not a worthy cause

Georges tells Laiza that he agrees to become their leader of the slave revolt

Chapter 19 (The Yamse)

The Yamse festival lasted longer and now moved toward the Plaine Verte

Lascars Games...

“These games consist of a series of symbolic races, dances, and fights, all accompanied by chanting and strange music” – Page 184

Slaves sell their products of bananas, sugarcane, curds, or kalou as a way to make profit

Last part of the Grand Procession before the Lesser Procession starts

Dancing and chants of “Yamse! Yamli! Oh, Hussein! Oh Ali!” is said with increasing ferocity by each day

Gouhn represents both the City of Kerbala, near which Hussein had perished and the martyrs tomb – Page 185

Gouhn is ceremonially burned at the end of the festival as the final spectacle

Gouhn is burned by torches on all four sides and thrown in the ocean

Negroes and Indians come out of hiding to speak with Georges on the plans of the revolt

Antonio explains to all the people that they vastly outnumber the whites and if

They were to unite they could overcome their small numbers

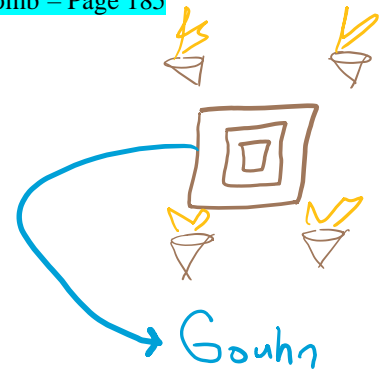
Laiza speech is less enthusiastic and not as moving

Laiza claps three times and Georges gallops into the scene

It is kind of hypocritical that Antonio wants to “fight for freedom” even though he ratted out one of his own (Nazim)

Antonio is skeptical and also wants the power of being leader for himself so he tries to discredit Georges.

➔ Something tells me he might be a trader for power elsewhere



Chapter 20 (The Rendezvous)

Georges planned for certain scenarios such as an ambush which he drew out an escape route through the Great Woods

10 PM THE INSURRECTION WOULD BEGIN

Georges gets a letter from Sara asking him to meet Lord Murray at his house at 2PM (8 hours until revolt)

Georges also gets a letter from Murray conveying the same message Sara wrote.

Chapter 21 (The Refusal)

USE DETAILS ON PAGE 203-207 FOR THE JOURNAL

As he was riding into town he encountered a few towns people to see if they were at all suspicious and knew something of the slave revolt – but they did not

M. de Malmedie and Henri have agreed “to give” Sara to Georges and forgive the public display of wrongdoing when Georges hit Henri

However, Georges denies this because racism and prejudice still exist and he is dead set on extinguishing it from the island

Lord Murray convinced Malmedie to forgive Georges and forced the family to give over Sara and Georges refused

➔ Probably makes Murray furious since he had risked so much just to make Georges happy

Someone gave Murray the information of the revolt and he knows about the selected 10,000 slaves

Lord Murray told the Malmedie household about the insurrection and convinced them to give Sara to Georges

Murray cannot let Georges walk out and arrests him instead to save him from himself.

Georges is arrested and taken to the guardhouse

Chapter 22 (The Revolt)

USE DETAILS ON BOTTOM OF PAGE 212 FOR THE JOURNAL

Georges was taken to the Guardhouse on Rue du Gouvernement

Lord Murray tried to make the room as comfortable as possible

“It was evident that pains had been taken to make the chamber as pleasing as possible” – Page 208

Georges demeanor was calm however his mind was racing with many thoughts

Georges recognized that the Governor was forced to arrest Georges when he gave him every chance to back down

Laiza kept his word and took charge of the 10,000 men while Georges was in prison

The Governor used Jacques's advice to put alcohol in front of the slaves and they would drink it and the revolt would not happen because they would be too drunk

- ➔ Jacques was right that they were not soldiers, and have no discipline, overthrown by urges
- ➔ Was an attempt to scatter the 10,000 strong men

Georges sees Laiza as the only black during this event who was worthy of being called a man with honor and character

Georges, Laiza, and 300 loyal men marched forward on the streets

- ➔ Guns rained down on them until hand to hand combat was viable
- ➔ Georges using the Iron Bar from the prisons window
- ➔ Laiza using a musket as a club

Only 20 loyal men remained all others scattered or were killed

Georges with anyone else were to depart into the woods of Grand Port to try and escape their crimes

Georges is struck with a bullet in his side and falls

- ➔ Antonio the Malay must have been able to join the ranks of the British soldiers in exchange for the information of the revolt
 - As said previously he only wants power and is not noble

Chapter 23 (A Fathers Heart)

Pierre Munier waits for word of any news in the home on Moka

Georges comes to the house around 2 AM with the wound in his side

By 4 AM around 200 men came from the woods back to the Munier Plantation

Pierre Munier finally on page 222 stands up for his beliefs and goes with everyone to the Great Woods.

Chapter 24 (The Great Woods)

The big group walked for hours through the woods

Laiza uses herbs and plants to help Georges wound

They walked for another hour

The group started to penetrate the forest, increasing in its thickness

They are at an impasse and are stuck

They see an ajoupa (small hut) and realize another runaway slave has been here recently

- ➔ Laiza goes out and follows the trail left behind by the runaway slave

They come to a cave so well hidden that only runaway slaves know about its existence

- ➔ They enter the cave
 - The cave had water, animals, and everything vital to live

Their plan is to wait it out and defend their fortress if necessary

Chapter 25 (Judge and Executioner)

The whole cave was dead silent to not attract attention in case guards or soldiers were nearby

Pierre thinks the soldiers have followed them and that they are near

Antonio was near, following the routes and trails of others

Laiza quickly captured Antonio the Malay

Pierre's dog is slowly attracted to his scent and the soldiers will find all of them soon

Laiza and the others confront Antonio and tell him all the wrong doings he has done to the people he pledged to fight for

Laiza is the judge and executioner of Antonio and had said before that the punishment for spy's or traitors was death

Laiza stabs and kills Antonio and they sit in silence waiting for the dog again

Chapter 26 (The Hunt for the Negroes)

USE DETAILS ON PAGE 243-244 FOR THE JOURNAL

Soldiers eventually make a path into the cave and began getting shot by “the rebels”

The second try the soldiers got to the middle of the cavern before all of them met the same fate

Gun fire got closer the end of the cavern where they were stationed

Laiza will take Georges and a couple men to Mont Bamboo where they will hide in the forest near there

Pierre will lead the scent of the dog away from Laiza and Georges and flee to Ile des Oiseaux and light a signal fire

They will meet up at the Grand Riviere in a boat together and flee if all goes to plan

The soldiers followed by scent of a slaves blood from a wound and from the help of other slaves promised a hefty reward, the rebels soon become cornered on all sides

Laiza stabs himself as he would rather kill himself than be killed by whites

Georges is finally captured

Chapter 27 (The Rehearsal)