*Georges Notebook*

*Colin Morris-Moncada*

*Spring 2020*

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Character Sheet

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| Character Name | Role | Description | Other |
| Leader of the Volunteers | Leader | 40-45 years of age  Wore a field officers epaulets  Unremarkable in appearance and no striking features  Coiffed, shaven, and decked out as if for a parade | In Chapter 3 |
| Monsieur Pierre Munier | Father of Jacques and Georges | Tall, spare, and slightly stooped  Coppery skin and frizzy hair  Mulatto |  |
| Jacques (older brother) | Son | 14 years of age  Sturdy and robust and resembled that of an 18-year-old  Armed with a double-barreled shot gun he normally used for hunting  Skilled in marksmanship |  |
| Georges (younger brother) | Son | 12 years of age  Small, delicate, skinny, fragile, slender limbs, long black hair, and a melancholy face of paleness  Unimpressive for the strong family  Looked two years younger than he was  Lacked the tall stature of his father and powerful body of his brother  Is unarmed |  |
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Chapter 1 (L’ile 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 Luis (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

1. Attacked by English schooner

Minerva – 2nd ship

1. Follows Bellone

Ceylon – 3rd ship

1. Follows Bellone

Bellone – 4th ship

1. Attack the British

Windham – Rear ship

1. 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

* 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)

**5:00 PM August 23, 1810**

“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

Chapter 3 (Three Children)

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.