*Georges Notebook*

*Colin Morris-Moncada*

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Character Sheet

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| Character Name | Role | Description | Other |
| Leader of the Volunteers  M. de Malmedie | 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 (Nereid)

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

**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 joiner the schooner – now know 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

Entreprenant, 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)

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)