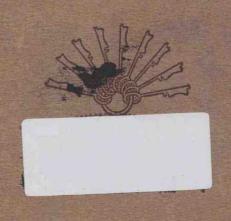
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THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON

IN SIMPLE ENGLISH

CHAPTER I

When we had been on board the ship¹ some time² we were six days in a storm.³ The ship had gone far⁴ out of⁵ her true course.⁶ The masts⁷ lay in splints⁸ on the deck,⁹ the sails¹⁰ were torn,¹¹ a leak¹² in the side¹³ of the ship let more water in than the crew could pump out,¹⁴ and each one¹⁵ felt

¹ had been on board the ship 登舟後 (on board 在船上; ship 船). 2 some time 若干時日. 3 暴風雨. 4 遠, 5 had gone cut of 已駛出.....之外. 6 true course 正路,正當之途蔽. 7 桅杆. 8 in splints 裂寫片片. 9 lay on the deck 横在甲板之上 (deck 甲板). 10 帆. 11 撕破. 12 漏孔. 13 邊. 14 let more water in than the crew could pump out 放入海水之多有非船員所能抽出者 (let in 放入; water 水; crew 船員; pump 抽). 15 each one 各人.

that he would soon find a grave in the deep sea.1

"Come, boys," said I to my four sons, who were struck dumb with fear,² "God³ can save us if He please⁴; but, if this is to be our last hour,⁵ we shall at least⁶ all go down⁷ side by side.⁸"

Just then⁹ we heard a cry¹⁰ of "Land¹¹! land!" and were thrown down¹² upon the deck. We had struck on a rock¹³ for we heard a loud cry¹⁴ from one of the men, "We are lost!¹⁵ Launch¹⁶ the boat¹⁷; try for your lives!¹⁸"

¹ would soon find a grave in the deep sea 不久將葬身深海之中 (grave 直譯為墳墓). 2 who were struck dumb with fear 彼等 皆驚至噤不發翠 (who 為 sons 宇之代名詞, 直譯為其人; dumb 啞; fear 驚恐). 3 上帝. 4 if He please 彼如欲者 (He 為 God 之代名詞). 5 if this is to be our last hour 設此刻已定為余等絕命之時 (last hour 最後之時刻, 即絕命時). 6 at least=at any rate 無論如何 7 go down 沈下. 8 side by side 相並. 9 Just then 適於其時 10 喊聲. 11 陸地. 12 thrown down 倒仆. 13 had struck on a rock 已經捷在石上. 14 loud cry 大呼之聲. 15 We are lost! 我等休矣. 16 卸 (船), 使 (船) 下水. 17 小船. 18 try for your lives! 汝等努力逃生.

I went at once¹ on deck, and was met by a wave² that threw me down.³ When I got up,⁴ and went to the side of the ship, I found that all the boats had been let down,⁵ and that the last⁶ of the crew had just left it.⁷

I thought⁸ that our last chance was gone.⁹ Still,¹⁰ as I felt¹¹ that the ship did not sink,¹² I went to the stern,¹³ and found, to my joy,¹⁴ that she was held fast up¹⁵ by a piece of rock on each side.¹⁶

As soon as I got down-stairs¹⁷ I took my wife by the hand,¹⁸ and said, "Be of

¹ at once 立刻。 2 I was met by a wave 一浪迎我擊來 (原文省去 I 字)。 3 threw me down 將我打倒。 4 got up 站起。 6 I found that all the boats had been let down 吾見所有小船均已放下。 6 最後之一人(意謂行最後者)。 7 had just left it 適已離大船而去。 8 our last chance was gone 我等最後之機會已去(chance 機會)。 10 倚且。 11 as I felt 因我覺得。 12 沈下。 13 船舶: 11 to my joy 可為余樂者。 15 she was held fast up 船被緊緊捆住。 16 a piece of rock on each side 每邊一塊石。 17 As soon as I got down-stairs 余一到樓下 (as soon as……立即)。 18 took my wife by the hand 攙我要以手。

good cheer, we are at least safe for some time, and may yet reach the land."

My wife got some food for her boys; but we could not share their meal. Three out of the four were put to bed in their berths, and soon went to sleep; but Fritz, who was our first child, would not leave to see use. He said that he would try to be of some use.

"If we could but find of some cork, said Fritz to me, we might make floats, said then we could help them to reach the land."

"A good thought,²¹" said I. "Let us try to find²² what there is in the ship that we can make use of.²³"

¹ Be of good cheer 汝須寬懷. 2 at least safe for some time 至少亦可平安幾時。3 may yet reach 或仍可達。4 食物。5 與. 6 小兒. 7 共享。8 餐,食。9 Three out of the four 其四人中之三人。10 put to bed 抱至床上使解衣就寝. 11 船中床位。12 soon went to sleep 不久睡着。13 人名。14 first child 長兒。15 would not leave 不欲離開。16 would try to be of some use 欲 圖行以自効。17 If we could but find 祗須吾情可以覓得。18 一種軟木。19 筏,斧具。23 助。21 思想。22 Let us try to find 容 我傳試覓。23 what there is in the ship that we can make use of 船中有何物品吾等可以利用(make use of 利用)。

We soon found¹ some casks² and ropes,³ and with these⁴ we made a kind⁵ of float for each⁶ of the three boys, and then my wife made one for her own use.⁵ This done,⁵ we got some knives,⁵ string,¹⁰ and such things as we could make fast to our belts.¹¹ We did not fail¹² to look for¹³ and find a flint¹⁴ and steel,¹⁵ and the box in which the burnt rags¹⁶ were kept,¹⁵ for these were at that time in use to strike a light.¹ѕ

I need¹⁹ not tell you how glad we were²⁰ when we saw the first gleam of light²¹ shine through²² the chink²³ of the door that shut us in from the cold night air.²⁴ At dawn²⁵

¹ 鏡得. 2 桶. 3 繩索. 4 with these 用此諸物. 5 種. 6 各人。 7 for her own use 備彼自己之用. 8 This done 此事既畢. 9 小刀. 19 繩. 11 such things as we could make fast to our belts 物之可以縛在吾等帶上者. 12 not fail 不忘却,不失. 13 look for 寿竟,寻求. 14 火石. 15 鋼塊,火刀. 16 burnt rags 引火用之破物,火絮. 17 藏. 18 for these were at that time in use to strike a light 因在當時此數物告用以打火. 19 無. 26 how and we were 我等如何快樂. 21 gleam of light — 道覺緩,閃光。 15 shine through 射過. 23 隊縫. 21 shut us in from the cold night air 將吾等關閉在內免寫在中寒氣所侵. 25 破曠時。

the wind¹ did not blow so strong,² and our hopes rose with the sun.³ I soon had my wife and sons on deck.⁴ The boys did not know till then⁵ that all the men had left the ship.

"Where are the men?" said they.
"How can we steer the ship?"

"My dear' boys," said I, "let all hands set to work, and leave the rest to God."

At these words¹⁰ we all went to work with a will.¹¹ My wife went to feed¹² the live stock¹³; Fritz set off in search of arms¹⁴; and Ernest¹⁵ made his way to¹⁶ the tool chest.¹⁷ Jack¹⁸ ran to pick up what he could find,¹⁹

¹ 風. 2 blow so strong 如是猛败. 3 our hopes rose with the sum 吾等之希望與太陽俱起(意謂見日光而希望生). 4 had.....on deck 使.....上船面。 5 did not know till then 直至彼時方知. 6 腱. 7 親愛的。 8 let all hands set to work 容吾衆一律動手作事。 9 leave the rest to God 其餘委諸於天. 10 At these words 經此數言。 11 with a will 專心壹志。 12 何。 13 live stock 生畜。 14 set off in search of arms 往覺軍器 (set off 出發; in search of 尋覓). 16 人名。 16 made his way to 取道至。 17 tool chest 器械箱。 18 人名。 19 pick up what he could find 拾取彼所能尋見之物。

but as he got to¹ one of the doors he gave it a push,² and two huge³ dogs sprang out⁴ and leapt at him.⁵ He thought at first⁶ they would bite⁷ him, but he soon found that they meant him no harm.⁸

"I have brought a good news," said my wife, "for I find we have still¹⁰ on board a cow, ¹¹ an ass, ¹² two goats, ¹³ six sheep, ¹⁴ a ram, ¹⁵ a pig, ¹⁶ and a sow, ¹⁷ and I have found food for them all."

We then took the casks¹⁸ and soon cut them in half,¹⁹ and made a kind of raft.²⁰ The tubs,²¹ in fact,²² were a fleet²³ of eight small round²⁴ boats, made fast to²⁵ some planks.²⁶ When we had done this, we sat

¹ as he got to 方其走到. 2 gave it a push 將其一推, 3 巨大. 4 sprang out 躍出. 5 leapt at him 向彼跳突. 6 at first 起初。 7 咬. 8 meant him no harm 無意害彼. 9 I have brought a good news 余携一好消息來. 10 份. 11 母牛. 12 醮. 13 山羊. 11 綿羊. 15 牡羊. 16 豚. 17 母猪. 13 桶. 19 cut them in half 分之為兩半. 2) 筏. 21 桶. 22 in fact 實在. 23 船隊. 24 圓. 25 made fast to 緊縛於. 26 木板。

down to a good meal, which we ate with great zest, for we had done our best to earn it.

The next thing to be done⁴ was to launch the raft, after which⁵ I made it fast to the ship, and there left it.

At last, when all was done, we went to bed, and slept sound.

CHAPTER II

WE were all up⁸ at the break of day,⁹ and knelt down¹⁰ to thank¹¹ God that He had kept us through the night.¹²

"My dear boys," said I, "we have now, with the help of God, to try our best to

¹ sat down to a good meal 坐下享一佳餐. 2 ate with great zest 食之練獨有味. 3 had done our best to earn it 曾竭吾等之力以得之. 4 The next thing to be done 第二件須爲之事. 5 after which 其事畢後. 6 At last 造後. 7 slept sound 睡熟. 8 were all up 均起身. 9 the break of day 天明時. 10 knelt down 職下. 11 謝. 12 had kept us through the night 業已保全我等度過一夜. 13 with the help of... 港... 之助. 14 have to try our best 須獨我等之力.

reach the shore. We must, ere we go, give the poor beasts on board both food and drink to last them for some days. I hope we may yet come back and take them on shore with us."

We then put all the things on the raft, and ten live⁷ hens and two cocks⁸ were put in one of the tubs. Some ducks⁹ and geese¹⁰ we let go,¹¹ in the hope¹² that they would swim¹³ to the shore; and a pair of doves¹⁴ were set free,¹⁵ as they could fly¹⁶ to the land.

As soon as the dogs (Bill¹⁷ and Jack¹⁸ by name¹⁹) saw us push off²⁰ from the ship they leapt in the sea and kept well up with us.²¹

¹ 岸. ² 在.....之前。 ³ poor beasts 可憐之畜。 ⁴ 飲料。 ⁵ to last them for some days 使被等可數日不缺少食物以延其生。 ⁶ 希望。 ⁷ 活的。 ⁸ 雄鶏。 ⁹ 鸭。 ¹⁰ 鹅。 ¹¹ let go 放走。 ¹² in the hope 希望。 ¹³ 泅。 ¹⁴ a pair of doves 一對鴿子(pair 雙, 對)。 ¹⁵ set free 釋放。 ¹⁶ 飛。 ¹⁷ 犬名。 ¹⁸ 犬名。 ¹⁹ by name 名喚。 ²⁰ push off 駛去。 ²¹ kept well up with us 跟隨我等亦不至落後。

The sea was calm¹; so that² we felt quite³ safe. We made good use of⁴ the oars,⁵ and the raft bore⁶ its freight⁷ straight to the land.⁸

As we got near, we were glad to see that there was no lack of trees. We soon found a bay, to which the ducks and geese had found their way, and here we saw a place where we could land, which we were not slow to do.

As soon as we had made the raft fast with a strong¹⁷ rope, we took out all our wealth, ¹⁸ and made a tent¹⁹ with the old sail cloth²⁰ we had brought²¹ with us. With the flint and steel we set fire to²² some dry twigs, ²³ and my wife made a pot of soup.²⁴

¹ 平靖. ² so that 因之. ³ 極. ⁴ made good use of 善用, 利用. ⁵ 獎. ⁶ 載. ⁷ 所裝載之物. ⁸ straight to the land 直達陸地 (straight →直). ⁹ As we got near 當我等行近之時. ¹⁰ there was no lack of 不乏, 非無 (lack 無行, 缺乏). ¹¹ 樹. ¹² 海灣. ¹³ had found their way to 得其道而往. ¹⁴. 上岸. ¹⁵ 此事 (即指上岸一事), ¹⁶ 遲穀. ¹⁷ 强固. ¹⁸ 一切應用之物. 財貨. ¹⁹ 帳幕. ²⁰ sail cloth 帆布. ²¹ 携帶. ²² set fire to 引火於, 燃着. ²³ 枝 條. ²⁴ made a pot of soup 作一鍋羹揚 (pot 鍋; soup 羹湯).

Fritz, who had charge of the guns,2 chose3 one, and took a stroll by the side of a stream.4 while5 Tack went in search of shell fish. My share of the work was to save⁸ two large casks which were near the shore. Whilst I was up to my knees in the sea10 I heard a shrill11 cry, which I knew to come from lack. I took up an axe, 12 and ran to his help. 13 I found him with his legs in a rock pool,14 where a large crab 15 held him by his toes. 16 It soon made off¹⁷ as I came near¹⁸; but I struck at¹⁹ it with the axe, and brought it out of the pool. Jack then took it up, and ran off20 in high glee21 to show22 what he had caught.23

¹ had charge of 執管. 2 榆. 3 楝取. 4 took a stroll by the side of a stream 沿一溪邊徐行 (stroll 遊行; stream 溪). 5 而其時. 5 shell fish 海中介蟲,貝. 7 份. 8 敕起. 9 當...時. 10 up to my knees in the sea 涉足海中水齊吾膝. 11 尖銳. 12 斧. 13 ran to his help 奔往助彼. 14 with his legs in a rock pool 立其足於一石池之中 (pool 小池). 15 盤. 16 held him by his toes 將其足趾敝住不放. 17 made off 離去. 13 as I came near 當我行 近之時. 19 struck at 擊. 20 ran off 跑去. 21 in high glee 狂 喜,大樂. 22 顯示. 23 what he had caught 彼所補得之物.

When I got back to¹ the tent, I found that Ernest had seen some salt² in the chinks³ of the rocks, and that shell-fish were not scarce,⁴ so I sent him back for some.⁵

He went, and soon found the salt, which the sun had made quite dry.⁶ There was some sand⁷ with it, and this would spoil⁸ our soup⁹; but my wife did not take long to find a way to cure that.¹⁰ She had been to¹¹ a fresh stream¹² with a large jug¹³; from this¹⁴ I saw her pour¹⁵ some¹⁶ on the salt, strain¹⁷ it through a cloth,¹⁸ so that all the sand was left¹⁹ on the cloth.

When the soup was made hot²⁰ we had each a taste.²¹

¹ got back to 回至. 2 鹽. 3 穴隙。 4 少. 6 sent him back for some 遺彼回去取些。 6 乾. 7 砂,沙。 8 婆. 9 羹湯. 10 my wife did not take long to find a way to cure that 吾妻未久即得一法以除其弊(way 方法;cure 袪除;that 即指上文 this would spoil our soup 一事而言). 11 had been to 貸至. 12 fresh stream 淡水溪流(fresh 不含鹽份的). 11 臺. 14 from this 從此(壺). 15 倒. 16 少許(水). 17 邁. 15 through a cloth 經過一布. 19 遺留. 20 熱. 21 had each a taste 各得一瞥其味。

"Be not in too great haste," said my wife, "we must wait for Fritz; but if he were here, I do not see how we are to take our soup, for we have no plates nor spoons."

"Let us use the shells I saw on the shore," said Ernest.

Off ran⁹ Jack to the shore, with Ernest at his heels, 10 and back they both 11 came with large and small shells for us all. 12

Just then Fritz came in, and Jack, who had been round¹³ him, cried out, "He's¹⁴ got a pig¹⁵!—such a fine one.¹⁶"

Fritz now brought forth¹⁷ his prize.¹⁸ When I saw it, I knew, from what I had read,¹⁹ that it was not a pig, but a swift²⁰

¹ Be not in too great haste 班太急急. 2 wait for 待. 3 I do not see how we are to take our soup 我等之羹我不知我等將如何 啖之. 4 因為 6 食盤. 6 亦無. 7 羹匙. 8 貝殼, 飄殼. 9 Off ran 跑去. 10 at his heels 隨其後 (heel 踵). 11 二人. 12 for us all 與我等衆人. 13 繞. 14 He's = He has. 15 狢. 16 such a fine one —如是佳美之猪 (one 卽 pig 之代名詞). 17 brought forth 率出. 18 所獲之物. 19 from what I had read 據余所習知. 20 走動捷疾的.

beast, known in these parts, that lives on fruits and nuts, and hides in the earth. He then told us how he had been to the banks of the stream.

"I like the place much more than I do this spot, 10" said he. "The shore lies low, 11 and there are planks, casks, chests, and all sorts 12 of things, that the sea has thrown up. 13 Why 14 not leave this place and go there?"

"We must at least¹⁵ rest here for one night,¹⁶" said I. "But did you see no trace¹⁷ of the men who left the ship?"

"None,18" said he; "but I saw some strange19 hogs20 on the shore, with feet like hares.21"

¹ 默. 2 known in these parts 图見於此等地方. 3 live on 薪為生. 4 漿果. 5 硬殼果. 6 伏匿. 7 泥土. 8 乃. 9 岸. 10 I like the place much more than I do (=like) this spot 余愛其地遠過於我之愛此處. 11 低. 12 種. 13 has thrown up 冲上來. 14 何故. 15 at least 至少. 16 rest here for one night 在此休息一夜. 17 踪迹. 18 無有 (=no trace). 19 奇怪. 20 豕. 21 野兎.

^{*} The A-gou-ti 一種鼠類.

We all sat down to take our soup with the shell spoons. The sun was low when our meal came to an end,2

We took care³ to load our guns,⁴ in case we might need them⁵ in the night; sang⁶ a hymn of praise⁷ to God, and then left our fate in His hands.⁸

CHAPTER III

As soon as it was break of day, I got up and spoke⁹ to my wife as to¹⁰ what we should do next.¹¹

"First,¹²" said I, "Fritz and I will make a tour of the coast,¹³ and try to find some of the men who left the ship."

¹ The sun was low 日已西沉. ² came to an end 完畢. ² 留意. ⁴ to load guns 實輸以彈. ⁵ in case we might need them 我等 或須用之. ⁶ 唱. ⁷ a hymn of praise 讚美詩. ⁸ left our fate in His hands 聽命於彼(直譯 '以吾等之逕命委諸其手'). ⁹ 說話. ¹⁰ as to 關於. ¹¹ 其次. ¹² 第一端. ¹³ make a tour of the coast 遊行海濱 (tour 遊行).

"But," said Fritz, "why should we search for those who left us to die on the wreck³?"

"Well, " said I, "we should do to them as we would wish them to do to us, not as they have done. "

The boys were soon up, and we all sat down to a good meal. That done, Fritz and I got our guns. Fritz was now in haste to be off.

We soon got to the banks of a stream; but then had to make our way down its course through the tall, rank grass. It took us some time to reach the sea shore. There was no sign of the ship's crew. We

¹ search for 發質. 2 那些人. 3 left us to die on the wreck 委棄吾等傳死破舟之上 (wreck 破舟). 4 語助詞 (原意為佳). 5 we should do to them as we would wish them to do to us, not as they have done 我等當以我欲彼等施諸我者施諸其人而不當如其所為而為之. 6 That done 其事既畢. 7 取. 8 was in haste to be off 亟須行去. 9 其時. 19 had to make our way down its course through the tall, rank grass 必須取道經過豐茂之草循河道而下 (course 道,路由; tall 高; rank 茂盛). 11 It took us some time 我等費去多時. 12 sea shore 海濱. 13 There was no sign 無有踪迹.