

America Family Robinso [sic] - n.d.

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The America Family Robbinso

They went onto their ship and sailed off. After they had gone quite a ways Alice said, "Oh Jimmy I can see land ahead."

"Let's goo [sic] to it," said Jimmy, so they went there and found it to bee [sic] a small island about a mile long and a half of a mile wide.

"Oh see [those?] big round yellowish red thing[s] they look like [drances?]" said Alice.

"Oh here is one I found on the ground let's peal [peel] it," said Jimmy, so they did it and found it to be an orange. They shook one tree and the oranges fell. They picked them up and put them on their ship. Then they ate dinner and went back. Jimmy fired off his gun. Jimmy put on some old clothes that had been washed up on the shore and went in bathing. In a little while he came out and they had supper then they went to bed. The next morning they got up and while they were eating breakfast Jimmy said, "Let's name that island we went to Orange Island."

"Yes," said Alice.

"Let's go to that cave we saw five years ago [sic]," said Jimmy.

"And take all our guns so if we see a lion we can kill it," said Alice. So they started. They took some meat. After they had gone a piece they came to a cave. Jimmy looked in and saw nothing. Then he went in and Alice followed. Jimmy lit a stick.

"Oh how it shines," said Alice. Then Jimmy picked up a piece.

"Oh it looks like gold, I wonder if it is," said Jimmy.

"I hope tis," said Alice.

"Let's make this into a house," said Jimmy.

"It would be strong," said Alice.

"Let's name this Forest Cave, won't we Alice?"

"Yes," she answered. Then they started on.

"Let's go to the river," said Jimmy. So they started.

"Oh see these little round things on the ground?" said Jimmy.

"And see those monkeys eating them up [there?]" said Alice.

"Then we can eat some of them," said Jimmy, so they tasted [of?] them and found they were figs, so they took a lot, then they went on and came to the river. The shore was all strewn with things from a [w]reck. Then they went back the next day. They got in to their rowboat and starter a long the shore. They were going to find that river where it flowed into the ocean. They went a long till they came to a river, so they started to go up it. "What was that?" said Jimmy, turning around.

"Oh it's a shark," said Alice. Jimmy took his gun and fired it at the shark but didn't kill it. Alice had grabbed the oars and was going for shore. The shark chased them. They just hit shore when the shark grabbed the boat. They sprang ashore and watched the shark. They saw a large fish coming down the river, this shark saw it two [sic], so he let the boat go and gave chase to the fish. It went back up river, so

Jimmy got the boat and [drew?] it ashore. "Oh see all of those bees coming out of that tree?" said Alice.

"Oh it's a bee nest a hunny [sic] bee nes[t]," said Jimmy.

"What are those things over there the other side of the river hanging from the vine?"

"Oh they are grapes," said Jimmy, "I wish I could get some but I don't dare to cross the river," said Jimmy, but they pushed the boat into the river and got into it. They [kadi?] near this shore and pretty soon got to the ocean, then they couldn't see the shark so they crossed the river and to the other side. When they got to the right place they stop[p]ed and had dinner, then they picked the grapes. It didn't take them very long. When they got them picked they got into their boat and went down again. Then they went along. "Oh see that cape?" said Alice. When they got most there they had to steer out for [hour?] they went a round it a bout two [rows?] from land to kep [sic] a way from the rocks.

"Let's name this Cape Rocks," [said Alice.]

Jimmy said, "All right."

After going quite a piece further they came to the river. They rowed up it a piece to where the boxes and barrels were and loaded their boat. Then they started back. After quite a row they got home and ate supper, then they went to bed. The next day they ate breakfast. Then they unloaded the boat and carried the things up to their house. They got it unloaded. Then they got into their boat and rower [sic] towards the island they had seen. In a little while they caught sight of it. In a little while they got there. "Oh see these things on these vines?" said Alice.

"Oh they are musk melons don't [?] know them boxes. I didn't think a thing about them let's get a few," said Alice. So they took a half dozen and put in to their boat.

"Let's look a round on the island," said Jimmy.

They saw a box lying on the shore so they opened it and found it full of white sugar, so Jimmy took his knife and cut a husk melon open, then he cut it into slices and put sugar on them. They ate all they wanted. Then they put the box of sugar in to the boat. Then they went on. In a little while they came to the other side of the island. Then they started a long the coast. It came suppertime and they hadn't got their boat. Just then they saw a tree with fruit the size of a crab apple, only whiter. Jimmy tasted of it. "Oh it's the bread fruit I guess," said Jimmy, so they got some and ate it for supper. Then Jimmy and Alice built an old hut out of driftwood. They nailed a board on to a tree. Then they nailed boards up and down as you see in the picture. Then they got a big plank for the door. Then they went in and layed [sic] down and went to sleep.

The next morning they got up and picked some more breadfruit and ate breakfast. Then they started on. After they had gone a few [rows?], Jimmy said, "That sounds like a pond over there, it isn't as loud as the ocean."

"Let's go and see," said Alice. So they went a little further and came to a thick grove and came to a small pond. "Oh isn't it pretty?" said Alice.

"We will come here with our boat, won't we Alice?"

"Oh yes it will be fun."

Then they went on in a little while. They came to their boat, so they got in it and went home. "Let's name that Bread Island," said Alice.

"That's a good name," said Jimmy. They carried the musk melons into the house, then they had dinner of boiled meat and musk melons. After dinner they got into their boat and went back to Hippotami River after another load of things. When they got there they built a raft and loaded it, then they loaded the boat and started off. It was hard rowing the boat. When they got to Cape Rock they went ashore and rested. While they were resting Alice noticed a cocoa nut tree, so they got a few and broke one of them open. They ate the meat and then got in to their boat and started a long. By suppertime they got home. They had supper and went to bed.

The next day they started for the cave well armed. They went a differently [sic] way and found some plumb trees. The plumb had just got ripe so they picked a lot. They had brought a box to carry back some gold in but they got the cherries [?] instead, then they went on and in a little while came to the cave. They went in it was [n]t very large but it was big enough. They intended to make a house out from it, so they went to the river and got some boards and planks and brought them back. In a little while they had got enough, so they began to fix it. There was [sic] two trees, one standing at each side of the cave. They put one on top of the cave, then nailed the others in front. They left a space for the door, then they hunted around for some leather. In a little while they found an old boot. They cut three pieces from it and fastened them onto a wide board, two for hinges and the other one for a latch. Then they went inside and shut the door. It was pretty dark inside. Then they went out. It looked as if there was no cave at all. "Oh isn't this nice?" said Alice. In a little while they went back.

"Let's go to that pond," said Jimmy.

"All right," said Alice, so they took some meat and started. When they got there they stop[p]ed and got a musk melon, then they went on. About noon they came to a brook, they knew that it was from the pond so they drag[g]ed it up and in a little while came to the pond. Jimmy had thought to make a couple of fish hookes [sic] and lines, so they got some poles and bated [sic] their hookes [sic], then they rowed out a piece and began fishing. "Oh I have got one," said Alice, "but I can't pull him won't you help me?"

"Yes," said Jimmy, and they pulled it.

"Isn't it a big one?" said Alice. In a few minutes Jimmy caught one. It was most as big as the one that Alice caught. After they had caught five big ones they ate dinner. Then after dinner they caught a few more and then started for home. On the way they saw a lot of timbers floating around. They looked the way that they were coming from and saw that they were coming from the river that they had got their loads of boxes and barrels from. They rowed up a little nearer and a lot of monkey pushing the timber of [sic] and then getting on them and riding a piece, then they would jump of and swim ashore. They [kept?] doing it over and over. Pretty soon they went home. They gathered all the fruit that they could find and put them in [penns?] in cave house ready for the rainy season, then they made a place to put their ship and not have it in the water. They built a slanting platform and drew the ship up on it. Then they took their rowboat up and were ready for the rainy season.

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