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# MUTINY on the BOUNTY

 ON THE 23RD OF DECEMBER, 1787, HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED TRANSPORT, "BOUNTY," SAILED FROM PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND, ON AS STRANGE AND EVENTFUL A VOYAGE AS EVER BEFELL AN ENGLISH SHIP. HER ERRAND WAS TO PROCEED TO THE ISLAND OF TAHITI, IN THE GREAT SOUTH SEA, THERE TO COLLECT A CARGO OF YOUNG BREADFRUIT TREES FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE WEST INDIES. BUT TRAGEDY STALKED THE "BOUNTY" AND BLIGHTED HER VOYAGE WITH-- MUTINY... AND DEATH. HERE IS THE "BOUNTY'S" STORY AS TOLD BY ONE OF HER MID-SHIPMEN, ROGER BYAM.

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THEN TAKE IT, BLAST YOU!



AS HAD BEEN PREDICTED AMONG THE MEN, MILLS SPENT THE NIGHT IN IRONS. THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE COOK TOOK HIM HIS SCANTY MEAL...

HERE, JOHN. EVERY MAN HAS SAVED HIS RATION OF GROG FOR YOU AGAINST WHAT'S COMING.

GIVE THEM MY THANKS. I'LL LIKELY NEED IT!



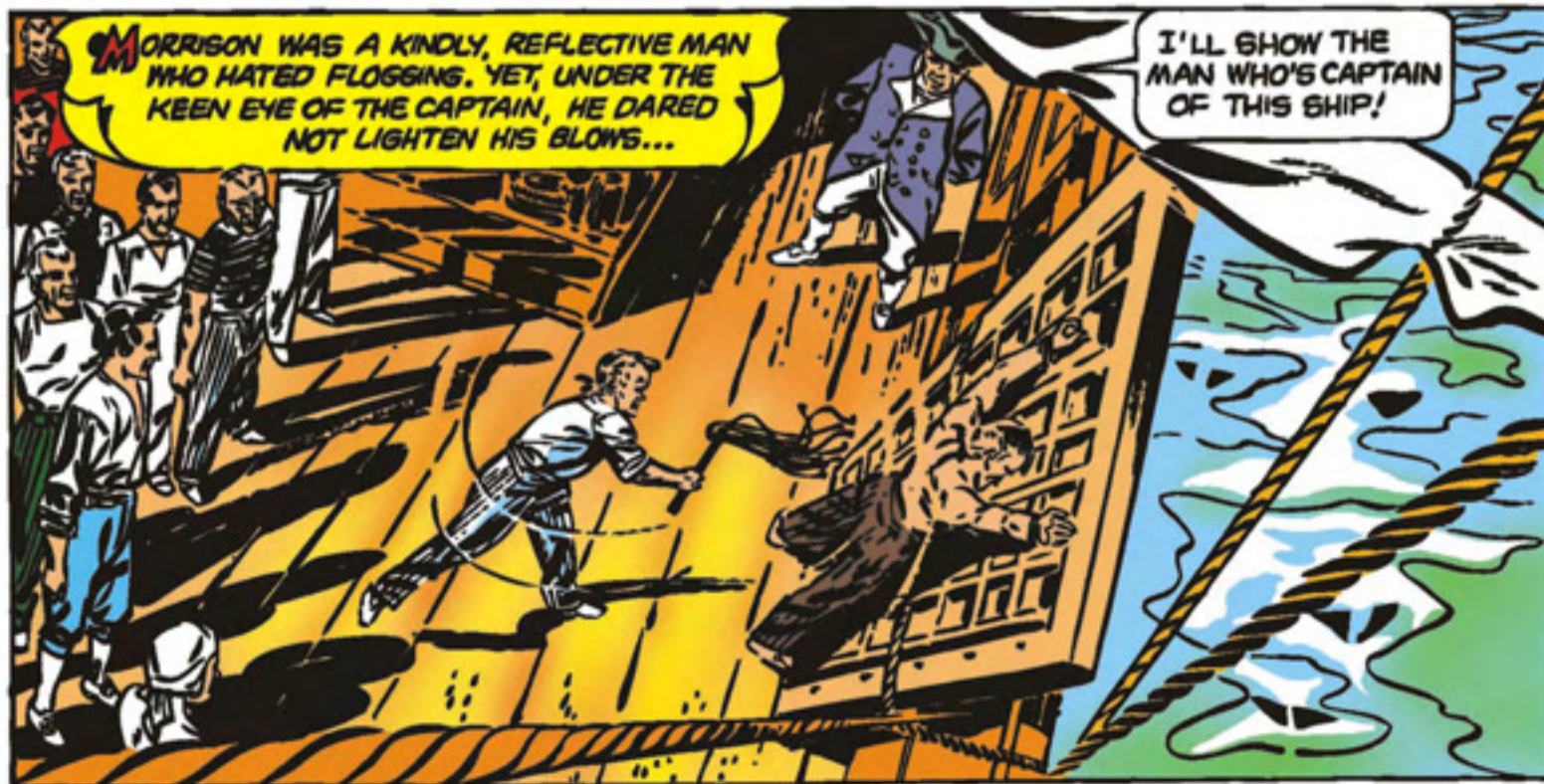
ON DECK...

MR. PURCELL, RIG THE GRATINGS! MR. CHRISTIAN, HAVE MILLS BROUGHT UP ON DECK!

ONE BLOW OF THE CAT-O-NINE-TAILS TAKES THE SKIN OFF AND DRAWS BLOOD. SIX BLOWS MAKE THE WHOLE BACK RAW. TWELVE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE FLESH AND LEAVE IT A HORRIBLE RED MASS...



THREE DOZEN, MR. MORRISON, AND SEE THAT YOU LAY IT ON WITH A WILL!



MORRISON WAS A KINDLY, REFLECTIVE MAN WHO HATED FLOSSING. YET, UNDER THE KEEN EYE OF THE CAPTAIN, HE DARED NOT LIGHTEN HIS BLOWS...

I'LL SHOW THE MAN WHO'S CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP!