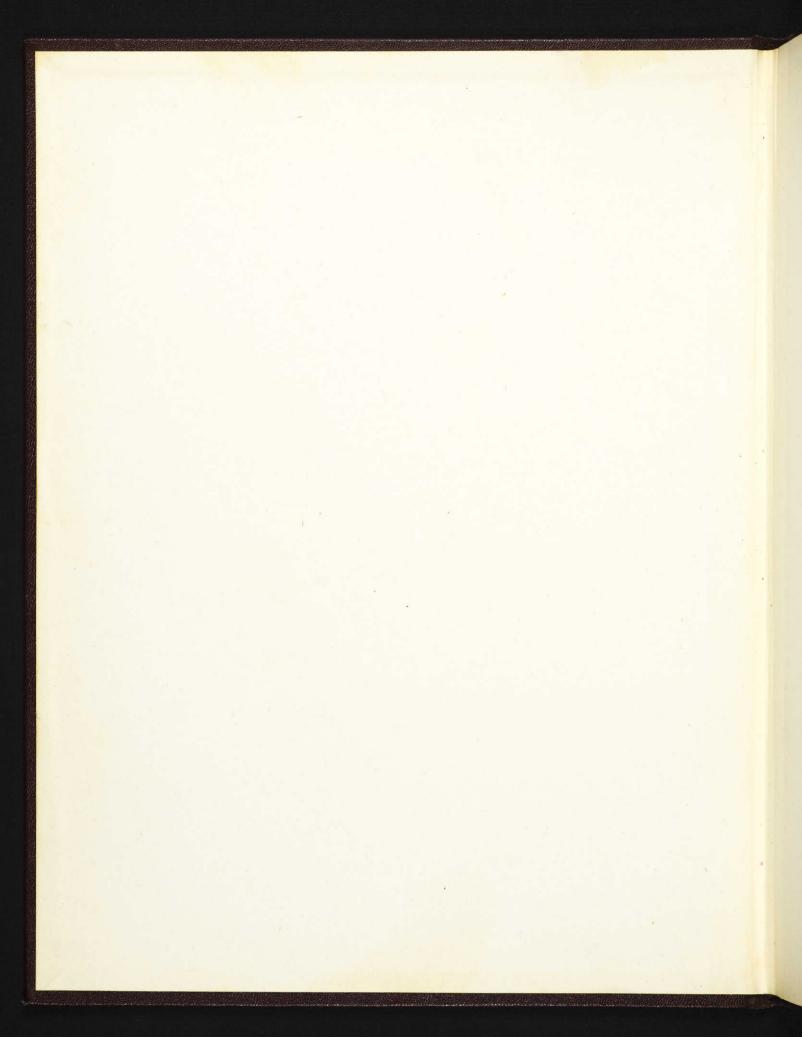
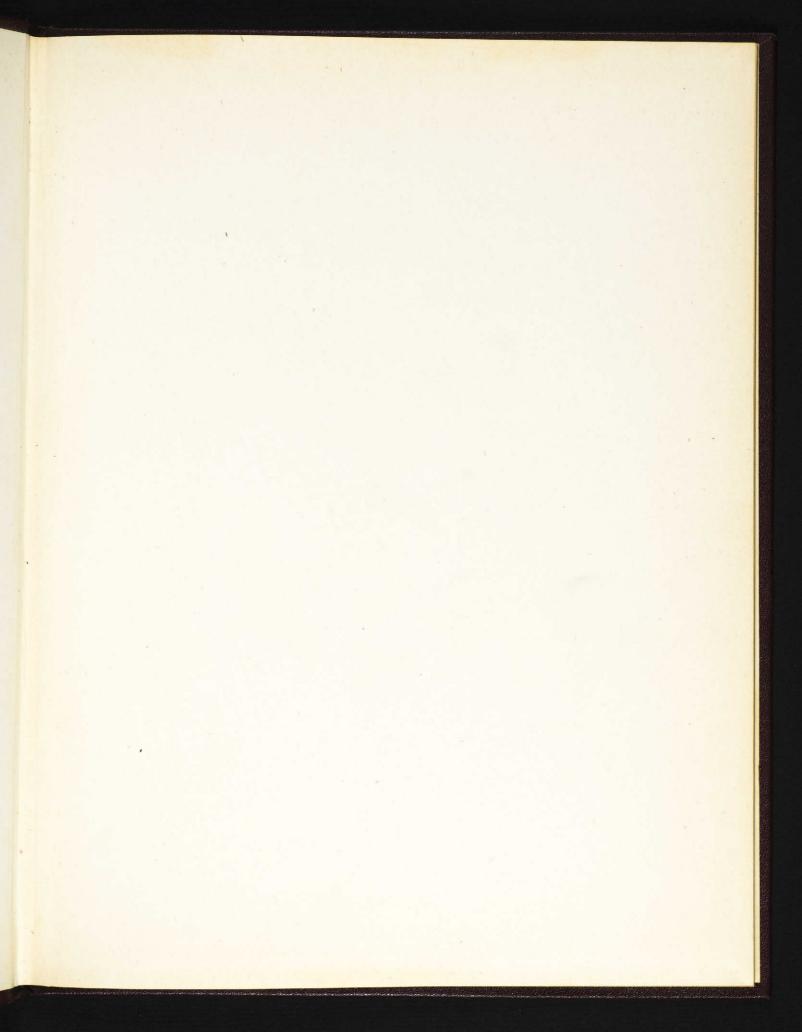
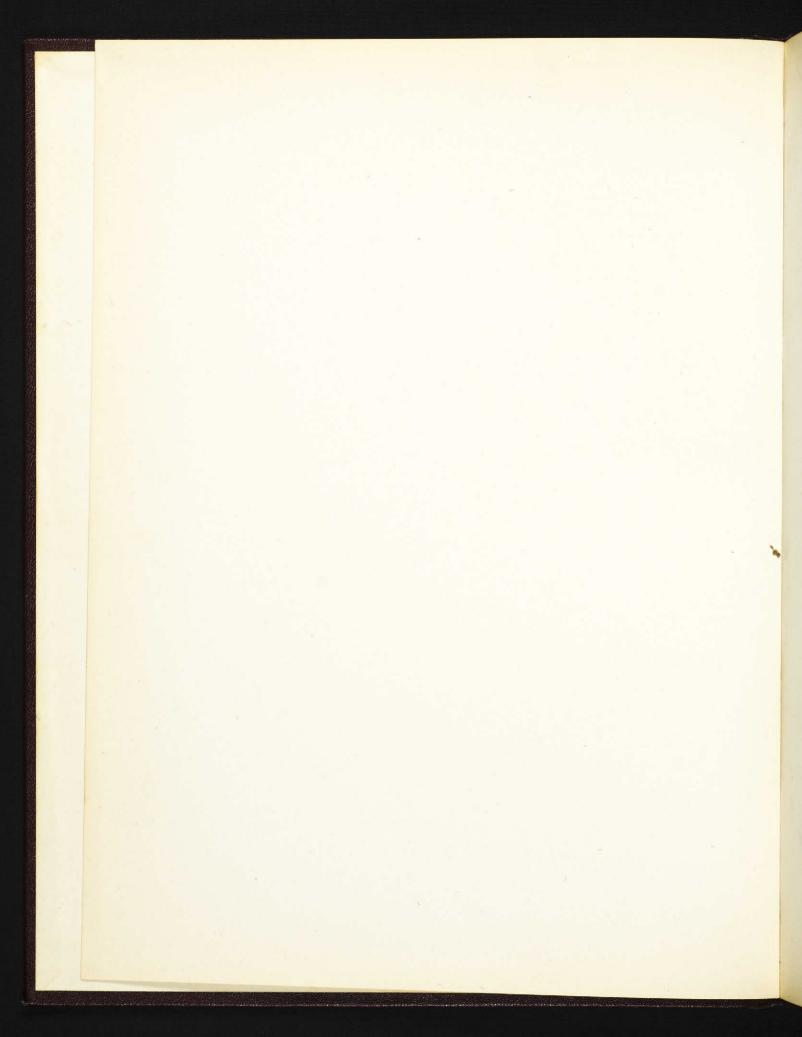
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Tonight and every Sunday night at this time, the Columbia Broadcasting System presents Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre in a special series of broadcasts about the other Americas.

ORSON WELLES (ABEDNEGO) -A-

WELLES

Hello Americans....last week our alphabet of the Islands brought us to the letter S -- to slavery and the story of Abednego, the slave.....

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WELLES

- 1. Our scene is a fort a ring of stone on a promontory
- 2. of one of the islands. A powder magazine gun powder -
- 3. and four hundred desperate negroes. Abednego, the
- 4. slave, stands before them --

ABEDNEGO

- 5. My brothers fellows in arms my comrades. I do not
- 6. like this thing you are to do. I do not like it. I
- 7. wish I had the words to change your heart. Better than
- 8. some of you, I know what it is to be free. I was born
- 9. free in Africa. Who here remembers Africa?
 (CROWD MURMURS)
- 10. They came for us by night -- the slavers. Who here
- 11. remembers such a night?

 (MURMUR)
- 12. They burned our village and when they captured us, they
- 13. chained us together. How many here remember the baracoon?

 (LOW MURMUR OF CROWD)
- 14. How many remember the slave ship?
 (LOW MURMUR AGAIN)
- 15. Ninety days a hundred days We were the cargo --
- 16. jammed in huddled packs like fish in tins -- from main
- 17. deck to the bilge choking layers between decks -- how
- 18. many remember? How many remember the auction block?

 (MUSIC IN)

 (SOUND BELL)

CRIER

- 19. Hear ye! Hear ye! Gentlemen of Jamaica, planters and
- 20. dealers, citizens of Kingston, a public auction before
- 21. the Palace of Justice

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CRIER (Cont'd)

- 1. Entire cargos of the Brigantine Madonna Celeste...
- 2. The Barkantine Trinidad de Los Angeles...two thousand
- 3. slaves...strong men! Strong women! And healthy
- 4. children...

BUSINESS MAN

- 5. Item! Twenty six Coromantees.
- . Item Two hundred wile Dahoman's,
- 7. Jahon mest meat eaters sound in line and teeth...
- 8 Mandargos Senegal se, Whydahs Nagoes, Tawpers, Tones.
- 9. Congos for your cane field ... Will work from sun to sun
- 10. and live on a handful of rice. Angeles and Sarilis for
- 11. your nouse servants, gentlemen and clean.

AUCTIONEER

- 12. Ten Dahomians -- what am I bid? Ten Dahomians, strong
- 13. as gorillas, clever as advocates...

DUOTHIGS MAN

14. All docile, tractable, amiable and healthy specimens ...

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AUCTIONEER

- 1. ... Not solemen a pote a ten stants -- these
- 2. ten men weigh two thousand pounds, gentlemen. What
- 3. am I bid for these beautiful machines?

VOICE

4. One thousand guineas.

AUCTIONEER

- 5. Gentlemen, this isn't meat for your table this
- 6. flesh is living. Two thousand pounds of men. I have
- 7. a thousand guineas. Do I hear two?

2ND VOICE

8. Sixteen hundred.

AUCTIONEER

- 9. Sixteen hundred do I hear seventeen seventeen -
- 10. thank you -- eighteen eighteen hundred for ten giants.
- 11. Two thousand -- 'do I how twenty-live hundred?
- 12. Twenty-one hundred...twenty-one hundred...

 (FADES OUT)

ABEDNEGO

- 13. Who can forget the slave block?

 (CROWD MURMURS)
- 14. My brothers, I do not ask you to forget the slave block.
- 15. I ask you to live and remember it. I will tell you my
- 16. story (MUSIC IN) I was lucky. I was sold as a
- 17. house-boy.

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AUCTIONEER

- 1. I have one left, gentlemen...one left in this lot.
- 2. Here's a nice boy servant, gentlemen. This one's a
- 3. Swahili intelligent, de and beautiful.
- 4. A twelve-year-old...good teeth, and strong.

took Finch

5. Twenty-five guineas.

AUCTIONEER

- 6. Twenty-five guineas! Gentlemen! De I hear a hundred?
- 7. Do I hear a hundred: Seventy (ive?

 (MUSIC UP TO COVER THEN DOWN UNDER)

FENCH / Lans

8. Forty guineas.

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9. Forty guineas Do T hear fifty? Firty.

Futy fire

10. Fifty mines.

AUCTIONEER

- 11. Do I hear sixty? Sixty guineas. FINCH
- 12. Sixty.

AUCTIONEER

- 13. Sixty? Make it seventy, Sir Barnaby...no? Sixty
- 14. guineas once, twice -(SOUND -- HAMMER -- CUTS MUSIC)
- 15. -- sold to Sir Barnaby Finch!

 (MUSIC IN TO BACK ENSUING SCENE)

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AUCTIONEER

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| | | |

- 1. Item eighty-six. Twenty-three Congos all hard and
- 2. healthy -- no flaws -- all giants -- what am I bid?

FINCH

(ON MIKE)

- 3. Don't be frightened, boy. Speak up. What's your name?
 ABEDNEGO
- 4. Abednego.

FINCH

- 5. The last one out of the fiery furnace, eh? Abednego!
- 6. Splendid name. Splendid. Well, come along, boy, and
- 7. we'll fit you out with clothing suitable for a
- 8. gentleman's boy. Blue trousers and a .white sash and a
- 9. red jacket and a red cap for your head. You don't
- 10. understand what I'm saying, do you boy? Not a word.
- 11. Well, we'll soon remedy that.

(MUSIC OUT)

12. Look - you, Abednego. Me - master. Now who am I?

ABEDNEGO

13. Master.

FINCH

14. Splendid: Capital: Magnificent:

(MUSIC - BRIDGE)

FINCH

15. Boy!

ABEDITEGO

16. Yes, master.

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ORSON WELLES (ABEDNEGO - 6) 12/20/42

FINCH

1. Do you know what day this is?

ABEDNEGO

2. Friday, master.

FINCH

3. Splendid. But do you know what Friday?

ABEDNEGO

4. No, master.

FINCH

- 5. This is a very particular Friday, boy. This is your
- 6. birthday. In any case, the birthday we decided upon.
- 7. You've been with me two years today.

ABEDNEGO

8. Yes, master.

FINCH

- 9. I wonder, do you recollect two years ago when I bought
- 10. you --

ABEDNEGO

11. Yes, master.

FINCH

- 12. Well, well. Run out in the kitchen and fix me a
- 13. glass of punch.

ABEDNEGO

14. Yes, master.

FINCH

15. And use our secret receipe.

ABEDNEGO

16. Yes, master.

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FINCH (CHUCKLING)

- 1. You didn't know a word of English and now look at you!

 ABEDNEGO
- 2. Yes, master.

FINCH

- 3. You make the best rum punches in the Islands, I'll tell
- 4. you that! Hurry along now, pitter-patter and when
- 5. you're done there's sweet cake for you. A big piece of
- 6. it for your birthday.

ABEDNEGO

7. Thank you, master.

FINCH

- 8. Mind, bring my drink first. This heat is perishing.
- 9. Send a yardboy in to pull the fan. You can do what you
- 10. like for the rest of the day. I'll not require you.
- 11. This is your birthday. You can have your cake and
- 12. eat it, too.

(INDULGENT LAUGHTER)

(MUSIC UP FOR BRIDGE - CHANGES COLOR)

(BACKING OF SHIPBOARD SCENE)

FINCH

- 13. Boy! Fetch me my rug. Sea air's cold. Good enough!
- 14. No, don't tuck it in, just loosely over my lap. Now.
- 15. you may sit at my feet and tell me what you think of
- 16. the voyage. (PAUSE) Well?

ABEDNEGO

17. Who lives on the island, Master?

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FINCH

1. The French. French people.
'(PAUSE)

ABEDNEGO

2. Master, what are French people like?

FINCH

- 3. Ho there's a poser! 'Pon my soul. Confidentially,
- 4. they're a race of barbarians. But their cooking's
- 5. good, Sauce's a bit too peppery though for my taste.
- 6. Too peppery.

ABEDNEGO

7. Master, are there black people on this Island?

FINCH

- 8. Yes, indeed, Abednego. They're dark and comely. Oh,
- 9. ye daughters of Jerusalem, look not upon them for the
- 10. sun has looked upon them. That's from the Songs of
- 11. Solomon, Abednego. You didn't forget to read a chapter
- 12. in the Bible this morning?

ABEDNEGO

13. Yes, master.

FINCH

14. And where are we now?

ABEDNEGO

15. The Book of Ruth, master.

FINCH

- 16. Capital! Splendid! Now, quote me a verse from the
- 17. Book of Ruth.

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ABEDNEGO

"Where soever thou goest, I go, Whatsoever thou doest, 1. I do. Thy people shall be my people. and thy Gods my 2. Gods." 3.

FINCH

- Marvelous! Run along to the galley now and fetch some 4.
- hot water and fix me a nice strongish noggin of 5.
- heart-warmer. 6.

ABEDNEGO

7. Yes, master.

FINCH (CALLING)

- Abednego. You remember, a pinch of ginger and a touch 8.
- of citron. 9.

ABEDNEGO

Yes, master. 10.

FINCH

- And if you hurry, I'll leave a good full inch in the 11.
- 12. bottom of the glass. What?

(MUSIC - AND THEN DOWN)

ABEDNEGO

- My brothers, you will say that I have not known slavery 13.
- with such a master. It is true that I loved him, having 14.
- no father. I tell you all these things truly. I would 15.
- have you believe what I tell you and learn what 16.
- I have learned. 17.

(SOUND - MIKE IS IN MOVING HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE)

FINCH

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BREDA

1. Yes, M'su.

FINCH

2. Is this the hotel?

SOUND - CARRIAGE STOPS)

BREDA

3. Yes, M'su.

FINCH

4. Sounds like a merry evening, what, Abednego?

ABEDIEGO

5. Yes, master.

FINCH

- 6. Well, well. Stay here with the carriage, now. Don't go
- 7. off and leave these light-fingered rascals to make away
- 8. with my rug -- mind?

ABEDNEGO

9. Yes, master.

FINCH

10. You, coachman -- you too.

BREDA

11. Yes, M'su.

FINCH

- 12. I shall expect to find you on this spot when I come out-
- 13. wait patiently both of you. And quite pleasantly, too,
- 14. I will say, with all that pretty ballad music for your
- 15. entertainment. Be a good boy now, Abednego, and who
- 16. knows but I shall send you out some goodies.

ABEDNEGO

17. Yes, master.

(PAUSE)

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BREDA

1. Abednego, -- that is your name?

ABEDNEGO

2. Yes.

BREDA

3. What does your name mean?

ABEDNEGO

4. A King in the Bible put Abednego in a furnace. But

5. the furnace did not kill Abednego.

BREDA

6. Abednego is a good name. Where do you live?

ABEDNEGO

(PARROT-LIKE)

7. I am the property of Sir Barnaby Finch.

BREDA

8. Your master is English.

ABEDNEGO

9. God save the King.

BREDA

10. Do you know what a King is?

ABEDNEGO

11. A King is a kind white man like my master. It's because

12. of the King that we have houses to live in and fine

13... clothes to wear and good things to eat.

BREDA

14. The King who gives us those things is up there.

ABEDNEGO

15. God?

BREDA

le. Yes.

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ABEDNEGO

| 1. | But | God | is | a | dead | man. | |
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2.

BREDA

3. Who told you God was dead?

ABEDNEGO

- 4. I read books. They killed Him with a spear and nailed
- 5. Him to a cross. They call it crucify.

BREDA

6. God is not dead.

(HIGH TINKLING LAUGHNER OF WOMEN REGISTERS)

(BACKGROUND MUSIC CONTINUES THROUGHOUT)

Due -> HENRI (FADING IN)

7. Is this the coachman of Sir Barnaby Finch?

BREDA

8. Yes, Henri.

HENRI

- 9. Pierre. So it's your coach the Englishman hired. I
- 10. am sent out here with sweetcakes for his monkey.

ABEDNEGO

11. I am not a monkey.

HENRI

12. No? But you do tricks for cake, don't you?

BREDA

13. He's only a child.

HENRI

14. He's big enough to swing a machete.

BREDA

15. Softly, softly.

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HENRI

1. He's big enough to hold a torch.

BREDA

2. And you are loud enough to bring the gendarmes.

HENRI

- 3. My blood burns my skin! Bowing and scraping in there -
- 4. simpering for green centimes. Hear them dance. Hear
- 5. that pale, thin music. They'll dance faster when the
- 6. Rada drums begin to sing.

BREDA

7. You say too much before the boy.

HENRI

8. Boy, - your master's name is -- Barnaby, no?

ABEDNEGO ((FRIGHTENED)

9. Yes sir -- It is Sir Barnaby Finch.

(MUSIC - SNEAKS OUT)

HENRI

- 10. I don't like "sir." Just Barnaby. Say it, lad.
- 11. Leave off the "sir".

(STERNLY)

12. Go on!

ABEDNEGO

13. Barnaby.

HENRI

14. What's yours?

ABEDNEGO

15. Abednego.

HENRI

- 16. Now say "Barnaby and Abednego", and then say, "Abednego
- 17. and Earnaby". -- Say It!

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ORSON WELLES (ABEDNEGO - 14) 12/20/42

ABEDNEGO

1. Barnaby and Abednego. Abednego and Barnaby.

HENRI

- 2. Look: The stars are still in the sky. The heavens did
- 3. not fall. Now think about that often. It is a little
- 4. thought I have given you -- and when you are wiser,
- 5. remember who gave you that thought -- an unknown
- 6. waiter a poor humble black man named Christophe -- ,
- 7. Henri Christophe.

BREDA

- 8. You should go back to your work, Henri. You
- 9 Eat your sweetcakes, lad.

ABEDNEGO

- 10. I don't want to eat the sweetcakes. (PAUSE) I do not
- 11. like to be a monkey and do tricks for sweetcakes. I
- 12. shall throw them on the ground.

BREDA

13. You eat the cakes, lad.

HENRI

14. What?

BREDA

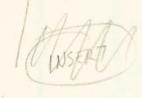
- 15. You eat the cakes4 You hear me? Eat them! They will
- 16. make you strong. You will prove nothing by going hungry.
- 17. Remember that, lad. You will prove nothing. When you
- 18. grow and become wise, remember that. You will prove
- 13. nothing by dying unless you die fighting.

(MUSIC IN FOR QUICK BRIDGE THEN DOWN AND OUT BEFORE -)

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ABEDNEGO

| 1. | Yes, my Brothers, when he was a waiter, I met |
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| 2. | Henri Christophe of Haiti - and Pierre Breda the |
| 3. | coachman who spoke to me is now called |
| 4. | Toussaint l'Ouverture. He is a great man. I was young |
| 5. | then, but he taught me much. Much I have passed on |
| 6. | to you. Much I would that he could tell you now. |
| | (MUSIC IN FOR BACKING OF FOLLOWING SCENE) |



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ABEDNEGO 1 M'su Breda -- M'su Breda! BREDA 2 Abedneso! Go back to your house and your bed. 3 date and you are very young. ABEDNEGO 4 I do not think my thoughts are yourg. I have been 5. thinking many thoughts for a long time. BREDA Thoughts. ABEDNEG My master leaves the island tomorrow, M'sa Breda. I do not wish to so with him. I wish to stay with You BREDA 10. it that you like your master less than he ABEDNEGO (PAUSE) I think it would be good to be free. (ANOTHER PAUSE) BREDA Lad, do the slaves on your island speak that word 12. 13. among themselves?

ABEDNEGO

14. What word?

BREDA

15. (DROPPING HIS VOICE) Freedom.

ABEDNEGO

16. In the dark -- sometimes when no white ones can hear.

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BREDA

- 1. Do they wrap machetes in oilclothes and bury them
- 2. against . The Day?

ABEDNEGO

3. No.

BREDA

- 4. Do they steal gun powder and pistols and hide them
- 5. against The Time?

ABEDNEGO

6. I do not think so.

BREDA

- 7. Your place is on your island -- there you can help
- 8. all of us. Go back with your master. Grow strong
- 9. and wise. Go back to your home and tell our people
- 10. there what we are doing here.

ABEDNEGO

11. That you are hiding swords and pistois?

BREDA

- 12. Yes. Tell them that. Tell your people about
- 13. Freedom. Tell them to fight for it. But tell them
- 14. not to fight until they can win.

(MUSIC: UP THEN DOWN AND OUT)

ABEDNEGO

- 15. Those are his words to you, my comrades -- the words
- 16. of Toussaint 1'Ouveture.
- 17. (PAUSE) I will tell you the rest of my story.

(MUSIC: UP THEN DOWN)

FINCH

18. (CALLING) Abednego!

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ABEDNEGO

1. (OFF) Coming, Master.

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- 2. More bad news, Sir Barnaby, at Barrett's plantation
- 3. in the South. Troops had to shoot sixteen more
- 4. slaves.

FINCH

- 5. Sixteen. What a frightful loss! Abres. /
- 6. Revolution's spreading like a pest. It's that
- 7. blasted mess in Haiti started it -- Thursdink
- 8. Toussaint I'Ouverture and Christophe. The thing's
- 9. infectuous.

FINCH

- 10. Barbarious place, Haiti. I've been there. Food's
- 11. good, though. Sauce a little bit too peppery for my
- 12. taste. Too peppery. These gent1emen are thirsty,
- 13. boy. Our secret recipe.

ABEDNEGO

14. Yes, Master.

FINCH

15. Rum punch all around.

ABEDNEGO

16. (FADING) Yes, Master.

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FINCH

- 1. (DROPPING HIS VOICE) My most precious possession.
- 2. A jewe1, gentlemen -- a shining black diamond in the
- 3. rough...reminds me -- Know where I can pick up a
- 4. likely Swahili wench? -- Abednego's old enough to
- 5. have a wife now. Something around sixteen --
- 6. seventeen years?

CRITTENDEN

- 7. You don't propose to breed Swahili to Swahili, do you? FINCH
- 8. Why not? Breed to line for brains, I say. CRITTENDEN
- 9. Yes -- if you're breeding for carpenters or smiths,
- 10. but it's better to breed hot blood to the colder
- 11. blood for --

HUMBERTON

12. I have a good Swahili wench --

CRITTENDEN

13. Here's our drinks. Thank Heavens!

FINCH

14. Ganymede himself! Apres-vous, me lords.

HUMBERTON

15. I can let you have that wench of mine for one-eighty.

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FINCH

- 1. Not likely, old boy. Do you take me for a mark? I
- 2. know your Swahili -- she's twenty-two at the least,
- 3. and scurffy. Look at mine, gentlemen. Surely he
- 4. deserves the best of mates. Abednego, keeper of the
- 5. keys -- custodian of the scullery -- hand-maiden of
- 6. my bath -- valet of my chamber. Ever faithful,
- 7. patient, listener to every vagrant thought. The one
- 8. creature in the world who never criticizes me in
- 9. even the privacy of his thoughts. Do you, Abednego?
 ABHDNEGO
- 10. No, Master.

FINCH

- 11. Spierdid! Capital! Perfect! No, Humberton, my boy
- 12. gets better than that wench of yours. She's old and
- 13, sour, What's more she has fits.

HUMBERTON

14. Nothing serious - all she needs is a good worming

FINCH

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16. Abednego!

Keep her!

(MUSIC: UP BRILLIANT FOR BRIDGE THEN CHANGES COLOR TO SUSPENSE)

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FINCH

- 1. (SHARPLY) Who's there -- Oh! Abednego. You -- you
- 2. startled me. Abednego, what's the meaning of this?
- 3. It's eight o'clock! Do you realize I've not had my
- 4. supper? There's not a servant in the house. Where's
- 5. Leroy? Where's Mingo? Where's Dessie? Where are
- 6. the fieldhands? What's happened to my slaves?

ABEDNEGO

7. You have no more slaves. (PAUSE)

FINCH

8. Where are they?

ABEDNEGO

9. They have joined the others in the hills.

FINCH

10. Insurrection!

MINGO

11. (FADING IN) Everybody here now, 'Bednego! We ready.

- 12. Ready for what, you hulking ape? What's he talking
- 13. about? What does he mean, Abednego?

ABEDNEGO

14. No, Mingo.

MINGO

- 15. All right, we set fire this whole plantation, then
- 16. he know what we mean.

ABEDNEGO

- 17. There will be no burning. Go out to the tool rooms,
- 18. get machetes and axes -- you hear me, Mingo?

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MINGO

1. Yes, 'Bednego.

FINCH

- 2. Poor fools, Abednego, don't they know how many
- 3. regiments are on this island? Do they think that we
- 4. haven't known for months about their silly plans?
- 5. Go out there and tell those people to come back home
- 6. where they belong -- . Abednego, you don't want to
- 7. see them killed do you?

ABEDNEGO

8. I don't want anybody killed -- not anybody.

FINCH

9. What do you mean by that?

ABEDNEGO

- 10. A horse is saddled waiting at the north gate. If you
- II. leave now -- by the back, you might make it.

FINCH

- 12. Do you think I'm going to run away from my own house?
- 13. (PAUSE) -- Abednego --

ABEDNEGO

14. Yes.

FINCH

15. Are you with them?

(SILENCE)

- 16. Of course you aren't. You're like my son. You're a
- 17. house boy. You aren't a brute from the fields.
- 18. You're my boy! You belong to me.

ABEDNEGO

19. No, I do not belong to you. (SILENCE)

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FINCH

- I. I have a gun, boy. I could blow your head off -- (SILENCE)
- 2. I have a horse whip.
 (SILENCE AGAIN)
- 3. You know I wouldn't use it, Abednego -- not on you.
- 4. I'll tell you what we are going to do. I'm going
- 5. to sit down here and wait for the soldiers and you're
- 6. going back to the kitchen and make me a rum punch -- (STILL ABEDNEGO DOESN'T ANSWER)
- 7. -- Go on, boy!

ABEDNEGO

- 8. You must leave now, Sir Barnaby -- Quick, I hear
- 9. them coming.

FINCH

- 10. I'11 stay here, boy -- now! Back up against that
- II. wall.

MINGO

12. (OFF MIKE) Put down that pisto1, white man.

ABEDNEGO

13. (SHOUTS) Mingo, you fool -- don't shoot --

(SHOT)

(FINCH GASPS -- SOUND OF PISTOL CLATTERS TO FLOOR)

ABEDNEGO

- 14. Get out of here! All of you get out and go to the
- 15. place I told you and wait for me.

MINGO

- 16. (OFF) Make haste, 'Bednego. Soldiers coming here
- 17. before long.

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ABEDNEGO

I. Get out!

(SOUND OF RETREATING FOOTSTEPS)

FINCH

- 2. (WEAKLY) Abednego!
 ABEDNEGO
- 3. Yes, sir.

FINCH

- 4. I'm -- I'm bleeding. Light the candles again.
- 5. Abednego. Who put the chairs but?

ABEDNEGO

- 6. The candles are still burning. The bleeding s
- 7. stopped now. It isn't bleeding eny or

FINC

- Very poor grade of cardies. Not much light It's
- 9. bleeding inside, Abednego -- You've been slipping
- 10. out into the hills at night with the rest of them.
- 11. Why! You're just like the others.

ABEDNEGO

12. We're all slaves --

FINCH

13. I've always been kind to you.

ABEDNEGO

14. You did the best you know --

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FINCH

- 1. Abednego -- I'm cold -- fetch me a drink, Abednego --
- 2. A little glass of heart warmer. Our secret recipe.
- 3. Be quick now and I'11 leave an inch in the bottom of
- 4. the glass -- in the bottom of the glass --

(HIS VOICE TRAILS AWAY. SILENCE)

(MUSIC SNEAKS IN AND BUILDS TO CRESCENDO THEN .

CHANGES COLOR -- THEN DOWN AND FINISH BEFORE --)

ABEDNEGO

- 5. My brothers -- fellows in arms -- my conrades. You
- 6. have said that I leave you because I go back to a
- 7. kind master. No man should sell his soul for
- 8. kindness -- as surely as no man should buy another
- 9. man for gold. For all that, I tell you that I loved
- 10. my master. I leave you, but not for him. He is
- 11. dead. I leave you because I do not like what you
- 12. are going to do.

MINGO

- 13. 'Bednego, we got no army.' Four-hundred of we and
- 14. four-thousand dsoldiers huntin' us. What chance
- 15. has our machetes against their muskets?

ABEDNEGO

- 16. None. No chance at all. That is why I tell you now
- 17. to hide your machetes, wrap them in oil cloth and
- 18. bury them.

(ANGRY VOICES OF PROTEST IN THE CROWD)

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DEEP MALE VOICE

- 1. I ain't goin' back and have that white beat me like
- a suck-egg dog! We got gun-powder, and I tell you
- 3. for true, 'Bednego, I ain't goin' back! NOW ME

OLD. MAN

4. And I tell you likewise, I'm goin' to star here.

VOICE

5. We all are. 4/5

OLD MAN

- 6. If I go back, the only way 111 get rest is when they
- 7. put me in the ground. I'd rather stay here and cheat
- 8. em -- cheat 'em ou' of what few years I've got left.

VOICE

9. We've lost, 'Bednego.

VOICE

- 10. Napoleon has broken faith. He has signed a paper
- 11. making slavery law again. The Island's run with
- 12. 01000.

VOICE

13. Stay here with us. Bednego.

ABEDNEGO

- 14. You will prove nothing. Those are his words -- the
- 15. words of Toussaint 1'Ouverture. You will prove
- 16. nothing. When you grow and become wise, remember
- 17. You will prove nothing by dying unless you die
- 18. fighting. Be of good heart, my brothers. Live and
- 19. grow strong, and some day all the world will be free.

 (MUSIC:)

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HUMBERTON

- 1. Well, well, old Finch's place doesn't seem to have
- been much hurt by the insurrection.

CRITTENDEN

- 3. No. Everything's about the same. I must say, I'm
- 4. glad I took it on. It's pleasant here.

HUMBERTON

5. Any truth in that report from the north?

CRITTENDEN

6. What's that?

HUMBERTON

- 7. Seems what was left of them -- four-hundred runsways
- 8. or so, barricaded themselves in the old Spanish Fort,
- 9. touched off some gun powder and blew themselves up.
- 10. Ah -- here come the drinks. Thank Heavens!

CRITTENDEN

- 11. Still the best rum punches on the islands. My boy
- 12. here has a secret formula that even I don't know.
- 13. Isn't that right, Abednego?

ABEDNEGO

14. Yes, master.

(MUSIC IN THEN BUILDS UP FOR CURTAIN)

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WELLES

- l. We come now in our A-B-C's of the Carribean to the
- 2. letter T. T. is for tobasco. A little of it goes a
- 3. long way. T is for tourists and the tourists trade
- 4. and tired feet and the old Indian ax-heads which are
- called thurmerstones. Thunderstones are found after
- 6. thunderstorms. The rain washes them out of the earth
- 7. or maybe they fall from the sky. Some people say they
- B. do.
- 10. Pirate loot. The sack of Parama and the Spanish Maine
- il. guarded by hog-boys -- the phosts of men killed by
- 12. buccaneers and buried with gold. Have you ever seen a
- 13. pirate's treasure man.

VOICE

- 14. Forty paces north-east from the dead man's eye, six
- 15. fathoms under ---

WELLES

- 16. Gold bricks, silver bars, doublooms and pieces-of-eight --
- 17. untold fillions lie hidden in the coral gardens of the
- 18. Carribean. Every so often an old gold coin or an Aztec
- 18. ornament washes ashore on the white sand beaches of the
- 20. Playa in Havana. The treasure is there. All you have to
- 21. do is find it.

(MUSIC OUT)

22. U- is for Union in which there is strength. Likewise

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WELLES

- l. unions.
- 2. U is for the United nations....and V is for Victory.
- 3. V is also for Vespucci -- Americus Vespucci -- who
- 4. autographed a map and so named a hemisphere, and V is
- 5. for volcanoes. May they rest in peace; Volcanoes have been
- 6. generally kind to the human race in the West Indies. The
- 7. exception was Morne Pelee.

(MUSIC IN)

- 8. In 1902 Sain Pierre was the chief city of the Island of
- 9. Martinique. On May seventh a great thundering was heard
- 10. from the core of the volcanoe but nobody was worried.
- 11. Pelee was harmless -- a place for picnics. Why, there was
- 12. even a little lake on its top. Here's what the Saint
- 13. Pierre newspaper had to say about it.

VOICE OF ST. PIERRE NEWSPAPER

- 14. Morne Pelee has released its ardours. The volcano will
- 15. henceforth remain indefinitely at peace.

WELIE'S

- 16. The next morning just as the clock in the cathedral
- 17. pointed to 7:43 a gentleman in Fort de France on the
- 18. otherside of the Island put in a call to a relative in
- 19. Saint Pierre.

VOICE FADE IN

- 20. Most assuredly nothing is amiss. Morne Pelee is quiet.
- 21. There is nothing to be feared. It is a beautiful day--(PAUSE----LONG PAUSE)

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VOICE (cont.)

- 1. Hello -- Hello:
- 2. Hello -- Hello: WELLES
- 3. An instant before, the minute hand on the cathedral
- 4. clock had reached seven forty-four. Now there was
- 5. no clock, no town. Forty thousand people were dead -
- 6. the whole population of the city, the chips in the bay
- 7. were sunk. One survived; but the men on its deck were
- 8. roasted alive. An officer lived to tell what he had seen.
- 9. The whole side of the volcano had burst open without
- 10. warning in a storm of living flame. A single man in the
- 11. entire city was spared. He was a criminal in the dungeon
- 12. of the jail. Do you know the moral of this story?
- 13. I don't.

 (MUSIC--SHORT SATIRICAL CURTAIN)
- 14. W is for work and for workers.
- 15. X is for Xmas.
- 16. Y is for Yuletide.
- 17. Christmas -- no matter how you say it. No matter how
- 18. you keep it -- Christmas. They have many ways of keeping
- 19. Christmas in the : islands. In all the Americas we
- 20. celebrate our greatest holiday with observances, each
- 21. different from the other, all identical in spirit. Next
- 22. week this program celebrates America's celebrations for
- 23. now we must wind up our ABC's of the Carribean with the
- 24. letter "Z" -- "Z" is for everything in the alphabet we
- 25. didn't have time for -- anything we forgot -- everything
- 26. We left out.

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WELLES (cont.)

1. Goodbye now -- Peliz Navidad - Boas Festas -Merry Christmas to all -- and Goodnight Americans.

