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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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