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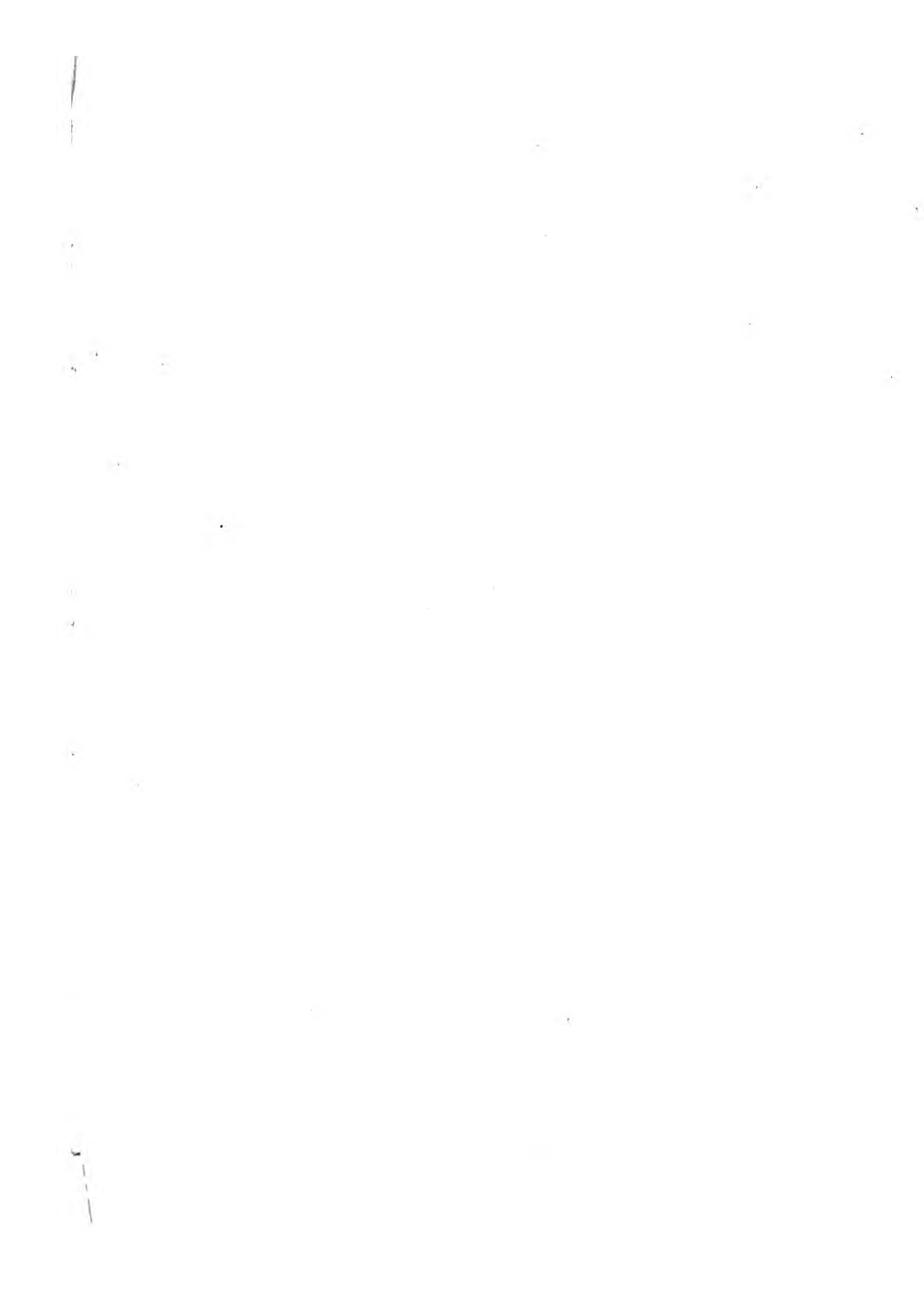
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**THE HISTORY OF
ORLANDO FURIOSO
1594**

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1907**

Museum copy. Of the quarto of 1599 copies exist in the British Museum (C. 34. h. 13), Bodleian, Dyce, and Huth libraries. The first two and the last of these are perfect, except for a blank leaf at the end, though the title-page of the British Museum copy is slightly mutilated, but the Dyce copy wants the first (title) and last leaves of sig. A, which have again been supplied in modern reprint. Both editions are printed in roman type, that of the earlier closely corresponding in size to modern English (20 ll. = 93 mm.), that of the later approaching nearer Great Primer (20 ll. = 111 mm.).

Besides these two editions there is extant an imperfect manuscript of the part of Orlando only, preserved among the Alleyn papers at Dulwich College. This differs considerably from the printed text.

Orlando Furioso is known to have been acted by Lord Strange's men at the Rose theatre in the year 1591/2. Henslowe records the fact in his Diary (fol. 7, l. 7) as follows:

℞ at orlando the 21 of febreary xvj^o vj^d

It is not marked as a new play.

There is one reasonably conclusive piece of evidence as to the authorship. In an anonymous pamphlet entitled *A Defence of Cony-Catching*, directed against Robert Greene, occurs the follow-

ing passage: 'Aske the Queens Players, if you sold them not *Orlando Furioso* for twenty Nobles, and when they were in the country, sold the same Play to the Lord Admirals men for as much more. Was not this plaine *Conny-catching* Maister R. G.?' (1592, sig. C3).

The present reprint has been prepared from the British Museum copy of the quarto of 1594. The imperfect Dyce copy has also been collated, without, however, revealing any variations of importance (see l. 1331 in first list below). The irregularities of the original have been carefully preserved, and a list of the more obviously anomalous readings is here appended. This list does not, however, record errors of punctuation or indentation, since little significance can be attached to the practice of the original, and it seems impossible to determine the limits of admissible variation. It should be stated that certain instances of the anomalous use of medial 'v' occur in the original; also that short 's' occurs regularly before 'k' and 'f', and in the first or second place when doubled before 'i'. A second list records the more important variants of the quarto of 1599. This was clearly printed from its predecessor, and none of its readings suggest independent authority (see l. 528 in first list). No variations between the different copies have been observed.

IRREGULAR READINGS OF THE QUARTO OF 1594

(together with the corresponding readings of the Quarto of 1599,
and a few conjectures).

<p>78 Pirothousfor (1599 Pirothous for)</p> <p>119 Anthropagei (1599)</p> <p>187 Super fedeas (1599 <i>Superfedeas</i>)</p> <p>470 him with (1599 him) with)</p> <p>528 Tſiphone tempring (1599 Tſiphone tempering)</p> <p>560 eates (1599 eares)</p> <p>646 the (1599 thy)</p> <p>723 wills (1599 willes; ? wiles)</p> <p>844 God (1599 Good)</p> <p>879-80 An- lica (1599 An- gelica)</p> <p>1176 <i>speaker's name omitted</i> (1599 <i>Orlan.</i>)</p> <p>1184 minftrelis (1599 minftrels)</p>	<p>1192 Entet (1599 <i>Enter</i>)</p> <p>1245 come (1599 Come)</p> <p>1253 and lies (1599 <i>and he lies</i>)</p> <p>1277 <i>colttes . . . laeosque</i> (1599 <i>colites . . . locosque</i>)</p> <p>1305 made (1599 mad)</p> <p>1306 Orl : (1599 <i>Orgalio.</i>)</p> <p>1313 orfome (<i>last letter defaced</i>; 1599 or some)</p> <p>1331 Sacrepnat (<i>Dyce only</i> ; <i>B.M. and</i> 1599 Sacrep- pant)</p> <p>Marfillius (1599 Marfillus)</p> <p>1395 fedulet (1599 ; ? sCHEDULE)</p> <p>1428 higgeft (1599 highest ; ? biggest)</p> <p>1495 Mam : (1599 <i>Mandre.</i>)</p>
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Both the Italian and Latin verses contain a number of mis-prints. Dyce corrected them as follows :

ll. 732-9.

O femmine ingegno, de [? di] tutti mali sede,
Come ti volgi e muti facilmente,
Contrario oggetto proprio de la [? della] fede!
O infelice, o miser chi ti crede!
Importune, superbe, dispettose,
Prive d' amor, di fede, e di consiglio,
Temerarie, crudeli, inique, ingrato,
Per pestilenza eterna al mondo nate.

(Cf. Ariosto, canto xxvii, sts. 117 and 121.)

ll. 1275-84.

O vos Silvani, Satyri, Faunique, deæque,
 Nymphæ Hamadryades, Dryades, Parcæque potentes !
 O vos qui colitis lacusque locosque profundos,
 Infernasque domus et nigra palatia Ditis !
 Tuque Demogorgon, qui noctis fata gubernas,
 Qui regis infernum solium, cœlumque, solumque !
 Exaudite preces, filiasque auferte micantes ;
 In caput Orlandi celestes spargite lymphas,
 Spargite, quis misere revocetur rapta per umbras
 Orlandi infelix anima.

VARIANT READINGS OF THE QUARTO OF 1599.

24 Oryzon	426 had	948 <i>line omitted.</i>
44 seeke	441 <i>Allarum . . .</i>	961 we will not
54 Statutes	<i>flee.</i>	982 <i>flee</i>
139 Put	452 <i>Exeunt omnes.</i>	987 <i>goes</i>
174 thine honour	502 as his	998-9 <i>divide as</i>
189 against	511 can not	<i>verse after</i>
245-6 <i>divide after</i>	517 ye home to	<i>line,</i>
<i>can,</i>	569 I will play	1011 thou not finde
248 <i>Manet</i>	677 <i>new line, as</i>	1014 sends
269 Make	<i>verse.</i>	1038 what was
287 friend	707 Delicious bow-	1040 you to take
302 thou not	ers	1047 that faire
315 Affrica	742 <i>divide as verse</i>	1067 yee doe
345 takest thou me	<i>after Medor,</i>	1075 seeke
359 flame	745 Aske	1077 these
361 make	751 him by	1168 <i>omit Orgalio</i>
367-70 <i>divide as</i>	753 <i>Enter the Duke</i>	1172 white milke
<i>verse after</i>	865 tell thee	1092 <i>Enter a Fidler</i>
honour: . . .	878 doe you beate	1219 me a sword?
daughter . . .	895 tell your	1221 No fir
Excellencie	934 if yee	1229 curtall
377 <i>omit omnes</i>	934-5 <i>divide as verse</i>	1250 What's here,
395 is't that	<i>after Lord,</i>	1256 Mine eyes

1311	furie worfe	1358	<i>Exeunt Kings.</i>	1449	through
1334	Stand	1363	burne	1455	burning loue
1342	<i>Allarums. Ex-</i>	1373	came	1468	can excufe
	<i>eunt omnes.</i>	1408	<i>Exit Orlando.</i>	1469	flee
1348	nor anie	1413	holde	1507	as was proud
1354	flee	1418	put out thy	1582	you Peeres

LIST OF CHARACTERS,

in order of entrance.

MARSILLUS, Emperor of Africa. The Soldan of Egypt.	County ROSSILION. a Soldier of Rodamant.
RODAMANT, King of Cuba.	MEDOR.
MANDRECARD, King of Mexico.	a Soldier of Marsillus.
BRANDEMART, King of the Isles.	TOM } RAFE } Clowns.
ORLANDO, County Palatine.	OGER } NAMES } OLIVER } Peers of France.
ANGELICA, daughter of Mar- sillus.	TURPIN } a Fidler.
County SACREPANT. his Man.	MELISSA, an enchantress.
ORGALIO, page of Orlando. The Duke of AQUITAINE.	

Attendants, Soldiers, Peers of France, Satyrs.

The County Rossilion, though he is mentioned in the stage direction as entering with the Duke of Aquitaine, has no part assigned to him. Both are friends of Orlando. Medor is apparently a servant of Marsillus. The Fidler is the same as the clown who has already appeared dressed as Angelica (l. 1027), and is probably either Tom or Rafe. The spelling of several of the names varies slightly.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. A. H. Huth for access to his copy of the quarto of 1599.



THE
HISTORIE OF
Orlando Furioso

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France. €

As it was plaid before the Queenes Maiestie.



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1594

QUARTO OF 1594 (DYCE). A2 RECTO.



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Enter Marsillus the Emperour of Affrica, and Angelica
his Daughter, the Soldane, the King of Cuba, Mandrecard,
Brandemart, Orlando, County Sacrepant, with others.

MARSILLVS.



Historious Princes summond to appeare
Within the Continent of Affrica,
From seauenfold Nylus to Taprobaney,
Where faire Apollo darting forth his light
Plaies on the Seas.
From Gadis Ilands where stow Hercules,

A iij.

Imblafde

He lieth downe againe.

Mel: *O vos Siluani, Satyri, Faunique, Deaque,
Nymphe Hamadriades, Driades, Persaque potentes,
O vos qui colitis lacusque lacosque profundos,
Infernasque domus, & nigra palatia Ditis:
Tuque Demogargon qui noctis fata gubernas,
Qui regis infernum, solemque, solumque, caelumque,
Exaudite preces, filiasque auferite micantes,
In caput Orlandi caelestes spargite lymphae,
Spargite, quis misere reuocetur raptator umbras
Orlando infelix anima.*

Then let the musicke play before him, and so
goe forth.



Orl:

Let come and trees be blasted from aboue,
Heauen turne to brasse, & earth to wedge of steel
The worlde to cinders, Mars come thundering
downe,
And neuer sheath thy swift reuenging swoorde,
Till like the deluge in Dewcalions daies,
The higgest mountaines swimme in streames of
bloud.

Heauen, earth, men, beasts, & euerie liuing thing
Consume and end with countie Sacrepant:
he dyes.



Enter

THE HISTORIE OF
So rich shall be the rubbish of our barkes,
Tane here for ballas to the ports of France,
That Charles himselfe shall wonder at the sight,
Thus Lordings when our bankettings be done,
And Orlando espowfed to Angelica,
Weele furrow through the mouing Ocean,
And cherely frolicke with great Charlemaine.

FINIS.



QUARTO OF 1594 (DYCE). H₃ VERSO.

(The same ornament occurs in the Quarto of 1599 at the end
of the text on H₃ recto.)

Read.



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ORLANDO FVRIOSO,
ONE OF THE TWELVE
PEERES OF FRANCE.

As it was playd before the Queenes Maiestie.



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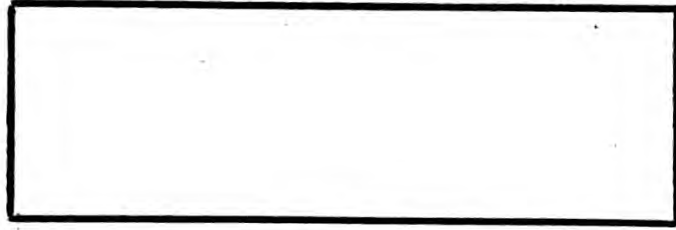


Ictorious Princes summon'd to appeare
Within the Continent of Affrica,
From feuenfold Nilus to Taprobany,
Where faire Apollo darting foorth his
Playes on the Seas. (light

From Gadis Ilands where stoute Hercules,
Imblasde his Trophées on two posts of brasse,
To Tanais whose swift declining fouds,
Inuiron rich Europa to the North,

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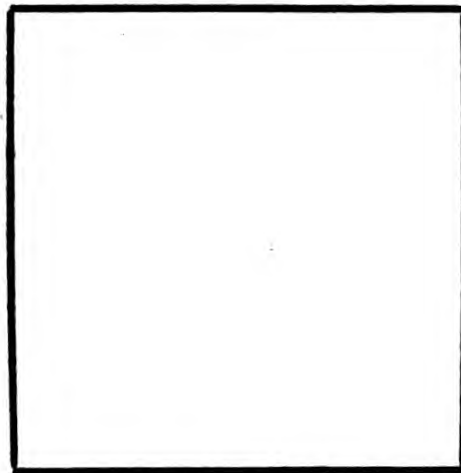
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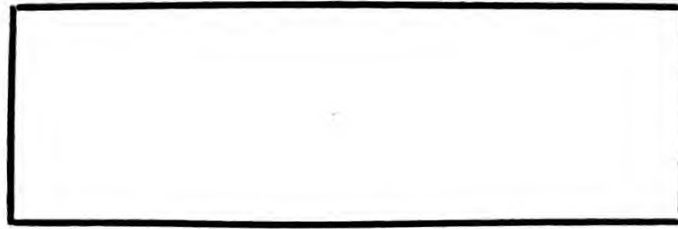
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Enter Marfillus the Emperour of Affrica, and Angelica *Act I*
his Daughter, the Soldane, the King of Cuba, Mandrecard, *sc. i*
Brandemart, Orlando, County Sacrepant, with others.

MARSILLVS.



Ictorious Princes fummond to appeare
Within the Continent of Africa,
From seauenfold Nylus to Taprobany,
Where faire Apollo darting forth his light
Plaies on the Seas.

From Gadis Ilands where stowt Hercules, *10*

A iij.

Imblasde

THE HISTORIE OF

Imblasde his trophees on two posts of brasse,
 To Tanais whose swift declining floods,
 Inuiron rich Europa to the North,
 All fetcht from out your Courts by beauty to this Coast,
 To seeke and sue for faire Angelica.
 Sith none but one must haue this happy prize,
 At which you all haue leueld long your thoughts :
 Set each man forth his passions how he can,
 And let her Censure make the happiest man.

20

SOVL DAN.

The fairest flowre that glories Affrica,
 Whose beauty Phœbus dares not dash with showres,
 Ouer whose Clymate neuer hung a Clowde,
 But smiling Titan lights the Horyzon :
 Egypt is mine and there I hold my State,
 Seated in Cairye and in Babylon ;
 From thence the matchlesse beauty of Angelica,
 Whose hew as bright as are those siluer Doues,
 That wanton Venus manth vpon her fist,
 30 Forst me to crosse and cut th'atlanticke Seas,
 To ouersearch the fearefull Ocean,
 Where I ariud to eternize with my Launce,
 The matchles beauty of faire Angelica.
 Nor Tilt, nor Tournay, but my Speare and shield,
 Refounding on their Crests and sturdy Helmes
 Topt high with Plumes, like Mars his Burgonet,
 Inchasing on their Curats with my blade,
 That none so faire, as faire Angelica.

But

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

But leauing these fuch glories as they be,
I loue my Lord, let that suffize for me.

40

RODAMANT.

Cuba my feate, a Region fo inricht,
With fauours fparkling from the fmiling heauens,
As those that seekes for trafficke to my Coast,
Accounted like that wealthy Paradice,
From whence floweth Gyhon and swift Euphrates :
The earth within her bowels hath inwrapt,
As in the masie storehowse of the world,
Millions of gold as bright as was the showre,
That wanton Ioue sent downe to Danae :
Marching from thence to manage Armes abroad,
I past the triple parted Regiment,
That froward Saturne gaue vnto his sonnes,
Erecting Statues of my Chiualry,
Such and so braue as neuer Hercules,
Vowd for the loue of louely Iole :
But leauing these fuch glories as they be,
I loue my Lord, let that suffize for me.

50

MANDRECARDE.

And I my Lord am Mandrecarde of Mexico,
Whose Clymate fayrer than Tyberius,
Seated beyond the Sea of Trypoly,
And richer than the plot Hesperides,
Or that same Ile wherein Vlyffes loue,

60

Luld

THE HISTORIE OF

Luld in her lap the young Telegone,
That did but Venus tread a daintie step,
So would shee like the land of Mexico,
As Paphos and braue Cypres set aside,
With me sweete louely Venus would abide.
70 From thence mounted vpon a Spanish Barke,
Such as transported Iason to the fleece :
Come from the South, I furrowd Neptunes Seas,
Northeast as far as is the frosen Rhene,
Leauing faire Voya croft vp Danuby,
As hie as Saba whose inhaunfing streames,
Cuts twixt the Tartares and the Rusfians :
There did I act as many braue attempts,
As did Pirothousfor his Proserpine.
But leauing these such glories as they be,
80 I loue my Lord, let that suffize for me.

BRANDEMART.

The bordring Ilands seated here in ken,
Whose shores are sprinkled with rich Orient Pearle,
More bright of hew than were the Margarets,
That Cæsar found in wealthy Albion,
The sands of Tagus all of burnisht golde,
Made Thetis neuer prowder on the Clifts,
That ouerpiere the bright and golden shore,
Than doo the rubbish of my Country Seas :
90 And what I dare, let say the Portingale,
And Spaniard tell, who mand with mighty Fleetes,
Came to subdue my Ilands to their King,

Filling

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Filling our seas with stately Argofies,
Caluars and Magars hulkes of burden great,
Which Brandemart rebated from his coast,
And sent them home ballast with little wealth.
But leauing these such glories as they bee,
I loue (my Lord) let that suffice for mee.

Orl: Lords of the South, & Princes of esteeme,
Viceroyes vnto the State of Affrica : 100
I am no King, yet am I princely borne,
Descended from the royall house of France,
And nephew to the mightie Charlemaine,
Surnamde Orlando the Countie Palatine.
Swift Fame that founded to our Westerne seas
The matchles beautie of Angelica,
Fairer than was the Nimph of Mercurie,
Who when bright Phoebus mounteth vp his coach
And tracts Aurora in her siluer steps,
And sprinkles from the folding of her lap, 110
White lillies, roses and sweete violets.
Yet thus beleue me, Princes of the South,
Although my Countries loue deerer than pearle,
Or mynes of gold might well haue kept me backe ;
The sweet conuersing with my King and frends,
(Left all for loue) might well haue kept mee backe ;
The Seas by Neptune hoyfed to the heauens,
Whose dangerous flaws might well haue kept me
The sauage Mores & Anthropagei (backe ;
Whose lands I past might well haue kept me backe ; 120
The doubt of entertainment in the Court
When I arriude might well haue kept me backe :

B

But

THE HISTORIE OF

But so the fame of faire Angelica,
Stampt in my thoughts the figure of her loue,
As neither Country, King, or Seas, or Cannibals,
Could by dispairing keep Orlando backe.

I list not boast in acts of chivalrie,
(An humor neuer fitting with my minde)

130 But come there forth the proudest champion
That hath suspicion in the Palatine,
And with my trustie sword Durandell
Single, Ile register vpon his helme,
What I dare doo for faire Angelica.
But leauing these, such glories as they bee ;
I loue my Lord.

Angelica her selfe shall speak for mee. (alleadgd,

Mar: Daughter thou hearst what loue hath here
How all these Kings by beautie summond here,
Puts in their pleas for hope of Diademe,
140 Of noble deeds, of welth and chivalrie,
All hoping to possesse Angelica.

Sith fathers will may hap to ayme amisse,
(For parents thoughts in loue oft step awrie)

Choose thou the man who best contenteth thee,
And he shall weare the Affricke Crowne next mee.
For trust me Daughter, like of whom thou please,
Thou fatisfide, my thoughts shall be at ease.

Ang: Kings of the South, Viceroyes of Affrica,
Sith Fathers will hangs on his Daughters choyce,
150 And I as earst Princesse Andromache,
Seated amidst the crue of Priams sonnes,
Haue libertie to chuse where best I loue ;

Must

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Must freely say, for fancie hath no fraud,
That farre vnworthie is Angelica
Of such as deigne to grace her with their loues.
The Souldan with his seate in Babylon,
The Prince of Cuba and of Mexico,
Whose welthie crownes might win a womans will ;
Yong Brandemard master of all the Iles,
Where Neptune planted hath his treasurie : 160
The worst of these men of so high import,
As may command a greater Dame than I.
But Fortune or some deep inspiring fate,
Venus or else the bastard brat of Mars,
Whose bow commands the motions of the minde,
Hath sent proud loue to enter such a plea,
As nonsutes all your Princely euidence,
And flat commands that maugre Maiestie,
I chuse Orlando, Countie Palatine.

Ro: How likes Marfillus of his daughters choice? 170

Mar: As fits Marfillus of his daughters spouse.

Ro: Highly thou wrongst vs, King of Affrica,
To braue thy neighbor Princes with disgrace,
To tye thy honor to thy daughters thoughts,
Whose choyce is like that Greekish giglots loue,
That left her Lord Prince Menelaus,
And with a swaine made scape away to Troy.
What is Orlando but a stragling mate,
Banisht for some offence by Charlemaine,
Skipt from his country as Anchises sonne, 180
And meanes as he did to the Carthage Queene,
To pay her ruth and ruine for her loue.

B ij

Orl:

THE HISTORIE OF

Orl: Iniurious Cuba, ill it fits thy gree
To wrong a stranger with discourtesie.

Wert not the sacred presence of Angelica
Preuailes with me (as Venus smiles with Mars)
To set a Super feedes of my wrath,
Soone should I teach thee what it were to braue.

Man: And French man wert not gainst the law of
190 In place of parly for to draw a sword, (armes
Vntaught companion I would learne you know
What dutie longs to such a Prince as hee.

Orl: Then as did Hector fore Achilles Tent,
Trotting his Courser softly on the plaines,
Proudly darde forth the stoutest youth of Greece:
So who stands hiest in his owne conceipt,
And thinkes his courage can performe the most,
Let him but throw his gauntlet on the ground,
And I will pawne my honor to his gage,
200 He shall ere night be met and combatted.

Mar: Shame you not Princes at this bad agree,
To wrong a stranger with discourtesie.
Beleeue me Lords, my daughter hath made choice,
And mauger him that thinkes him most agreeud,
She shall enioy the Countie Palatine.

Bran: But would these Princes folow my aduise
And enter armes as did the Greekes gainst Troy;
Nor he nor thou shouldst haue Angelica.

Rod: Let him be thought a dastard to his death,
210 That will not fell the trauels he hath past,
Dearer than for a womans fooleries.
What saies the mightie Mandricard?

Man:

ORLANDO FURIOSO.

Man: I vow to hie me home to Mexico,
To troop my selfe with such a crew of men,
As shall so fill the downes of Affrica
Like to the plaines of watrie Thessalie,
When as an Easterne gale whistling aloft
Had ouerspred the ground with Grashoppers.
Then see Marfillus if the Palatine
Can keep his Loue from falling to our lots, 220
Or thou canst keep thy Countrey free from spoile.

Mar: Why think you Lords with hautie menaces
To dare me out within my Pallace gates?
Or hope you to make conquest by constraint
Of that which neuer could be got by loue?
Passe from my Court, make hast out of my land,
Stay not within the bounds Marfillus holds;
Least little brooking these vnfitting braues,
My cholar ouer-slip the law of Armes,
And I inflict reuenge on such abuse. 230

Rod: Ile beard & braue thee in thy proper town,
And here inskonce my selfe despite of thee,
And hold thee play till Mandricard returne.
What saies the mightie Souldan of Egypt?

Sol: That when Prince Menelaus with all his
Had ten yeres held their siege in Asia, (mates,
Folding their wrothes in cinders of faire Troy:
Yet for their armes grew by conceit of loue,
Their Trophees was but conquest of a girle:
Then trust me Lords Ile neuer manage armes, 240
For womens loues that are so quickly lost.

Bran: Tush my Lords why stand you vpon termes

B iij.

Let

THE HISTORIE OF

Let vs to our Skonce, and you my Lord to Mexico.

Exeunt Kings.

Orl: I firs, inskonce ye how you can, see what
And thereon fet your rest.

(we dare,

Exeunt Omnes.

Manent Sacrepant and his man.

Sac: Boast not too much Marfillus in thy selfe,
250 Nor of contentment in Angelica ;
For Sacrepant must haue Angelica,
And with her Sacrepant must haue the Crowne :
By hooke or crooke I must and will haue both.
Ah sweet Reuenge incense their angrie mindes,
Till all these Princes weltring in their blouds,
The Crowne doo fall to Countie Sacrepant.
Sweet are the thoughts that smother from conceit :
For when I come and fet me downe to rest,
My chaire presents a throne of Maiestie :
260 And when I fet my bonnet on my head,
Me thinkes I fit my forehead for a Crowne :
And when I take my trunchion in my fist,
A Scepter then comes tumbling in my thoughts.
My dreames are Princely, all of Diademes,
Honor : me thinkes the title is too base.
Mightie, glorious and excellent :
I these my glorious Genius found within my mouth
These please the eare, and with a sweet applause,
Makes me in tearmes coequall with the Gods.
270 Then these Sacrepant, and none but these.

And

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And these or else make hazard of thy life.
Let it suffice, I will conceale the rest.

Sirra.

Man. My Lord.

Sacrep: My Lord. How basely was this Slaue
brought vp?

That knowes no titles fit for dignitie,
To grace his Master with Hyperboles.

My Lord. Why the basest Baron of faire Affrica,
Deserues as much : yet Countie Sacrepant, 280
Must he a fwaine salute with name of Lord.

Sirra, what thinkes the Emperor of my colours,
Because in field I weare both blue and red at once?

Man. They deeme my Lord, your Honor liues
at peace,

As one thats newter in these mutinies,
And couets to rest equall frends to both :
Neither enuious to Prince Mandricard,
Nor wishing ill vnto Marfillus,
That you may safely passe where ere you please, 290
With frendly salutations from them both.

Sac: I, so they gesse, but leuell farre awrie ;
For if they knew the secrets of my thoughts,
Mine Embleme forteth to another sence.
I weare not these as one resolud to peace,
But blue and red as enemie to both.
Blue, as hating King Marfillus ;
And red, as in reuenge to Mandricard :
Foe vnto both, frend onely to my selfe,
And to the crowne, for thats the golden marke, 300
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Which makes my thoughts dreame on a Diademe
Seest not thou all men preface I shall be King :
Marfillus sends to me for peace,
Mandrecard puts of his cap ten mile of,
Two things more & then I cannot mis the crowne.

Man: O what be those my good Lord.

Sacr: First must I get the loue of faire Angelica.

Now am I full of amorous conceits,
Not that I doubt to haue what I desire,

310 But how I might best with mine honor woo,
Write, or intreate: fie that fitteth not,
Send by Ambassadors: no thats too base.

Flatly command I thats for Sacrepant:

Say thou art Sacrepant and art in loue

And who in Affricke dare say the Countie nay.

O Angelica, fairer then Chloris when in al her pride

Bright Mayas sonne intrapt her in the net,

Wherewith Vulcan intangled the God of warre.

Man: Your honor is so far in contemplation of

320 Angelica,

As you haue forgot the second in attaining to the
crowne.

Sac: Thats to be done by poyson, prowesse, or
anie meanes of treacherie to put to death the trai-
trous Orlando. But who is this comes here. Stand
close.

Enter Orgalio Orlandos Page.

Org: I am sent on imassage to the right migh-
tie

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

tie and magnificent: alias, the right proud and pontificall the Countie Sacrepant. For Marfillus & Orlando knowing him to be as full of prowesse as policie, and fearing least in leaning to the other faction, hee might greatly preiudice them, they seeke first to hold the candle before the diuell: & knowing hym to be a Thrafonicall mad-cap, they haue sent mee a Gnathonicall companion, to giue him lettice fit for his lips. Now sir, knowing his astronomical humors, as one that gazeth so high at the starres, as he neuer looketh on the pauement in the streetes. But whist, Lupus est in fabula. 340

Sac: Sirra, thou that ruminatest to thy selfe a catalogue of priuie conspiracies, what art thou?

Org: God saue your Maiestie?

Sac: My Maiestie, come hether my well nutrimented Knaue, whom takest me to bee?

Org: The mightie Mandricard of Mexico.

Sacr: I hold these salutations as omynous, for saluting mee by that which I am not, hee presageth what I shall be; for so did the Lacedemonians by Agathocles, who of a base potter, wore the Kingly Diadem, but why deemest thou me to be the mightie Mandricard of Mexico? 350

Org: Marie sir.

Sacr: Stay there, wert thou neuer in France.

Org: Yes, if it please your Maiestie.

Sac: So it seemes for there they salute their king by the name of Sir, Mounfier, but forward.

Org: Such sparkes of peerlesse Maiestie,

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From those looks flames like lightning from the East
360 As either Mandricard, or else some greater Prince.

Sacr: Me thinks these salutations makes my thoughts
To be heroicall. But say to whom art thou sent?

Org: To the Countie Sacrepant.

Sacr: Why I am he.

Org: It pleaseth your Maiestie to iest.

Sacr: What ere I seeme, I tell thee I am he.

Org: Then may it please your honor: the Em-
peror Marfillus together with his daughter Angeli-
ca and Orlando entreateth your Excellencie to dine
370 with them.

Sacr: Is Angelica there?

Org: There my good Lord.

Sacr: Sirra.

Man. My Lord.

Sacr: Villaine, Angelica sends for me.
See that thou entertaine that happie messenger.
And bring him in with thee. Exeunt omnes.

Act I
sc. ii Enter Orlando the Duke of Aquitaine, the
Countie Rofsilion with fouldiers.

380 Orl: Princes of France, the sparkling light of fame,
Whose glories brighter than the burnisht gates,
From whence Latonas lordly sonne doth march,
When mounted on his coach tinseld with flames,
He triumphs in the beautie of the heauens.
This is the place where Rodamant lies hid:
Here lyes he like the theefe of Theffaly,

Which

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Which scuds abroad, and seearcheth for his pray ;
And being gotten, straight he gallops home,
As one that dares not breake a speare in field.
But trust me Princes I haue girt his fort, 390
And I will facke it, or on this Castle wall,
Ile write my resolution with my blood.
Therefore drum sound a parle.

Sound a Parle, and one comes vpon the walls.

Sol: Who is that troubleth our sleepes ?

Orl: Why sluggard, seeft thou not Lycaons son
The hardie plough-fwaine vnto mightie Ioue,
Hath tracde his filuer furrowes in the heauens,
And turning home his ouer-watched teeme,
Giues leaue vnto Apollos Chariot. 400

I tell thee sluggard, sleep is farre vnfit
For such as still haue hammering in their heads,
But onely hope of honor and reuenge.
These cald me forth to rouse thy master vp.
Tell him from me, false coward as he is,
That Orlando the Countie Palatine,
Is come this morning with a band of French,
To play him huntf-vp with a poynt of warre.
Ile be his minstrell with my drum and fife :
Bid him come forth, and dance it if he dare, 410
Let Fortune throw her fauors where she list.

Sol: French-man between halfe sleeping & awake
Although the mystie vayne straind ouer Cynthia,
Hinders my sight from noting all thy crue :

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Yet for I know thee and thy stragling groomes
Can in conceit build Castles in the Skie:
But in your actions like the stammering Greeke,
Which breathes his courage bootlesse in the aire.
I wish thee well Orlando: get thee gone,
420 Say that a Centynell did suffer thee:
For if the Round or Court of Gard should heare
Thou or thy men were braying at the walls,
Charles welth the welth of all his Westerne mynes,
Found in the mountaines of Transalpine France,
Might not pay ransome to the King for thee.
Orl: Braue Centynell if nature hath inchaft,
A sympathie of courage to thy tale,
And like the champion of Andromache,
Thou or thy master dare come out the gates.
430 Maugre the watch, the round, or Court of gard,
I will attend to abide the coward here.
If not, but still the crauin sleepest secure,
Pitching his gard within a trench of stones;
Tell him his walls shall serue him for no prooffe,
But as the sonne of Saturne in his wrath
Pasht all the mountaines at Typheus head,
And topsie turuie turnd the bottome vp,
So shall the Castle of proud Rodamant:
And so braue Lords of France, lets to the fight.
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Exeunt omnes.

Act I
sc. iii

Alarums. Rodamant and Brandemart flie.

Enter Orlando with his coate.

Orl:

ORLANDO FURIOSO.

Orl: The Foxe is scapde, but heres his case:
I mist him nere, twas time for him to trudge.
How now my Lord of Aquitaine?

Aquit: My Lord, the Court of gard is put vnto
the fword,
And all the watch that thought themselues so fure;
So that not one within the Castle breaths.

Orl: Come then, lets post amaine to finde out 450
Rodamant,
And then in triumph march vnto Marfillus. Exeunt

Enter Medor and Angelica.

Act II
sc. i

An: I meruaile Medor what my father meanes
To enter league with Countie Sacrepant?

Med: Madam, the king your fathers wise inough,
He knowes the Countie (like to Cæsius)
Sits fadly dumping, ayming Cæfars death,
Yet crying Ave to his Maiestie.

But Madame marke a while, and you shall see, 460
Your Father shake him off from secrecie.

Ang: So much I gesse, for when he wild I should
Giue entertainment to the doating Earle,
His speach was ended with a frowning smile.

Med: Madame, see where he comes; Ile be gone.
Exit Medor.

Enter Sacrepant and his man.

Sacr: How fares my faire Angelica?

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Ang:

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Ang: Well that my Lord so frendly is in league
470 (As honor wills him with Marfillus.

Sac: Angelica shal I haue a word or two with thee

Ang: What pleaseth my Lord for to command.

Sac: Then know my loue, I cannot paint my grief
Nor tell a tale of Venus and her sonne,
Reporting such a Catalogue of toyes.
It fits not Sacrepant to be effeminate,
Onely giue leaue my faire Angelica,
To say the Countie is in loue with thee.

Ang: Pardon my Lord, my loues are ouer-past,
480 So firmly is Orlando printed in my thoughts,
As loue hath left no place for anie else.

Sac: Why ouer-weening Damsel, seest thou not,
Thy lawlesse loue vnto this stragling mate.
Hath fild our Affrick Regions full of bloud,
And wilt thou still perseuer in thy loue?
Tush leaue the Palatine, and goe with mee.

Ang: Braue Countie know where sacred Loue
The knot of Gordion at the shrine of Ioue, (vnites,
Was neuer halfe so hard or intricate,
490 As be the bands which louely Venus ties.

Sweete is my loue: and for I loue my Lord,
Seek not vnlesse as Alexander did,
To cut the plough-swaines traces with thy sword,
Or slice the slender fillets of my life:
Or else my Lord, Orlando must be mine.

Sac: Stand I on loue? Stoop I to Venus lure,
That neuer yet did feare the God of warre?
Shall men report that Countie Sacrepant

Held

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Held louers paines for pining pafsions?
Shall fuch a Syren offer me more wrong, 500
Than they did to the Prince of Ithaca?

No: as he his eares, fo Countie ftop thine eye.

Goe to your needle (Ladie) and your clouts.

Goe to fuch milk-fops as are fit for loue:

I will imploy my bufie braines for warre,

Ang: Let not my Lords deniall breed offence,

Loue doth allow her fauors but to one,

Nor can there fit within the fared shrine

Of Venus, more than one installed hart.

Orlando is the Gentleman I loue, 510

And more than he may not inioy my loue.

Sac: Damfell be gone, fancie hath taken leaue;

Where I tooke hurt there haue I heald my felfe,

As thofe that with Achilles lance were wounded,

Fetcht helpe at felfe fame pointed fpeare.

Beautie gan braue, and beautie hath repulfe:

And Beautie get ye gone to your Orlando.

Exit Angelica.

Man. My Lord: hath loue amated him whose
thoughts 520

Haue euer been heroycall and braue?

Stand you in dumpes like to the Mirmydon,

Trapt in the trefles of Polixena:

Who amid the glorie of his chiuallrie,

Sat daunted with a maid of Afia.

Sac: Thinkft thou my thoughts are lunacies of loue?

No, they are brands fierd in Plutoes forge,

Where

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Where fits Tiphone tempring in flames
Those torches that doo set on fire Reuenge.
530 I lovd the Dame, but bravd by her repulse,
Hate calls me on to quittance all my ills :
Which first must come by offring preiudice
Vnto Orlando her beloued Loue.

Man: O how may that be brought to passe my
Lord ?

Sacr: Thus. Thou seeft that Medor & Angelica
Are ftill fo fecret in their priuate walkes,
As that they trace the fhadie lawndes,
And thickeft shadowed groues ;
540 Which well may breed fufpition of fome loue.
Now than the French no Nation vnder heauen
Is fooner tutcht with ftings of iealozie.

Man. And what of that my Lord ?

Sac: Hard by for folace in a fecret Groue,
The Countie once a day failes not to walke :
There folemnly he ruminates his loue.
Vpon thofe shrubs that compaffe in the fpring,
And on thofe trees that border in thofe walkes,
Ile flily haue engravn on everie barke
550 The names of Medor and Angelica.
Hard by Ile haue fome roundelays hung vp,
Wherein fhallbe fome pofies of their loues,
Fraughted fo full of fierie pafsions,
As that the Countie fhall perceiue by prooffe,
Medor hath won his faire Angelica.

Man. Is this all my Lord ? (cloathd,

Sacr: No. For thou like to a fhepherd fhalt bee
With

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

With staffe and bottle like some countrey fwaine,
That tends his flockes feeding vpon these downes.
There see thou buzze into the Counties eates, 560
That thou hast often seene within these woods
Base Medor sporting with Angelica.

And when he heares a shepheards simple tale,
He will not thinke tis faind.

Then either a madding mood will end his loue,
Or worse betyde him through fond iealozie.

Man. Excellent. My Lord, see how I will playe
the Shepheard.

Sac: And marke thou how I play the caruer,
Therefore be gone, and make thee readie straight. 570

Exit his man.

Sacrephant hangs vp the Roundelayes on the
trees, and then goes out, and his man enters
like a shepheard.

Shep: Thus all alone and like a shepheards fwain,
As Paris (when Oenone lovd him well)
Forgat he was the sonne of Priamus,
All clad in gray fate piping on a reed ;
So I transformed to this Country shape,
Haunting these groues to worke my masters will, 580
To plague the Palatine with iealozie,
And to conceipt him with some deepe extreame.
Here comes the man vnto his wonted walke.

Enter Orlando and his Page Orgalio.

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Orl:

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Orl: Orgalio, goe see a Centernell be placde,
And bid the souldiers keep a Court of gard,
So to hold watch till secreet here alone,
I meditate vpon the thoughts of loue.

Org: I will my Lord. Exit Orgalio.

590 Orl: Faire Queene of loue, thou mistres of delight,
Thou gladsome lamp that waitst on Phoebes traine,
Spredde thy kindnes through the iarring Orbes,
That in their vnion praise thy lasting powres.
Thou that hast staid the fierie Phlegons course,
And madest the Coach-man of the glorious waine
To droop, in view of Daphnes excellence.
Faire pride of morne, sweete beautie of the Eeuen,
Looke on Orlando languishing in loue.

Sweete solitarie groues, whereas the Nymphes
600 With pleasance laugh to see the Satyres play ;
Witnes Orlandos faith vnto his loue.
Tread she these lawnds, kinde Flora boast thy pride ;
Seeke she for shades, spread Cedars for her sake,
Faire Flora make her couch amidst thy flowres,
Sweet Christall springs, wash ye with roses,
When she longs to drinke. Ah, thought my heauen ;
Ah heauen that knowes my thought.
Smile ioy, in her that my content hath wrought.

Shep: The heauen of loue is but a pleasant hell,
610 Where none but foolish wise imprisned dwell.

Orl: Orlando, what contrarious thoghts be these,
That focke with doubtfull motions in thy minde ?
Heavn smiles, & trees do boast their summers pride :
What ? Venus writes her triumphs here beside.

She:

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

She: Yet when thine eie hath seen, thy hart shal rue
The tragick chance that shortly shall enfue.

Orlando readeth.

Orl: Angelica. Ah sweete and heauenly name,
Life to my life, and essence to my ioy.
But soft this Gordion knot together co-unites 620
A Medor partner in her peerlesse loue.
Vnkinde: and wil she bend her thoughts to change?
Her name, her writing? Ah foolish and vnkinde.
No name of hers; vnles the brookes relent
To heare her name, and Rhodanus vouchsafe
To raise his moystned lockes from out the reedes,
And flow with calme alongst his turning bounds:
No name of hers, vnles Zephyrus blow
Her dignities alongst Ardenia woods;
Where all the world for wonders doo await. 630
And yet her name; for why Angelica:
But mixt with Medor, not Angelica.
Onely by me was lovd Angelica,
Onely for me must liue Angelica.
I finde her drift, perhaps the modest pledge
Of my content, hath with a secret smile
And sweet disguise restraind her fancie thus,
Figuring Orlando vnder Medors name:
Fine drift (faire Nymph) Orlando hopes no lesse.

He spyes the Roundelayes. 640

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Yet

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Yet more are Mufes masking in thefe trees,
Framing their ditties in conceited lines,
Making a Goddeffe in despite of me,
That haue no other but Angelica.

Shep: Poore haples man, thefe thoughts con-
taine the hell,

Orlando reades this roundelay.

Angelica is Ladie of his hart,
Angelica is fubftance of his ioy,
650 Angelica is medcine of his fmart,
Angelica hath healed his annoy.

Orl: Ah falfe Angelica. What haue we more?

Another.

Let groues, let rockes, let woods, let watrie fprings,
The Cedar, Cyprefse, Laurell, and the Pine,
Ioy in the notes of loue that Medor fings,
Of thofe fweet lookes Angelica of thine.
Then Medor in Angelica take delight,
Early, at morne, at noone, at euen and night.

660 Orl: What dares Medor court my Venus?
What may Orlando deeme?
Aetna forfake the bounds of Sicily,
For now in me thy reftleffe flames appeare,
Refufd, contemnd, difdaind: what worfe than thefe?
Orgalio.

Org:

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Org: My Lord.

Orl: Boy, view these trees carued with true loue
The inscription Medor and Angelica : (knots,
And read these verses hung vp of their loues.

Now tell me boy, what dost thou thinke? 670

Org: By my troth my Lord, I thinke Angelica
is a woman.

Orl: And what of that?

Org: Therefore vnconstant, mutable, hauing
their loues hanging in their ey-lids; that as they are
got with a looke, so they are lost againe with a wink.
But heres a Shepheard, it may be he can tell vs news.

Orl: What messenger hath Ate sent abroad,
With idle lookes to listen my laments.

Sirra, who wronged happy Nature so, 680
To spoyle these trees with this Angelica?
Yet in her name (Orlando) they are blest.

Shp: I am a shepheard swaine, thou wandring
Knight,
That watch my flockes, not one that follow loue.

Orl: As follow loue? why darest thou dispraise
my heauen,

Or once disgrace or preiudice her name?

Is not Angelica the Queene of loue,
Deckt with the compound wreath of Adons flowrs 690
She is.

Then speake thou peasant, what is he that dares
Attempt to court my Queene of loue.

Or I shall send thy soule to Charons charge.

Sh: Braue knight since feare of death inforceth still

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In greater mindes submission and relent :
Know that this Medor whose unhappie name
Is mixed with the faire Angelicas,
Is euen that Medor that inioyes her loue.

700 Yon caue beares witnes of their kind content,
Yon medowes talke the actions of their ioy.
Our Shepheards in their songs of solace sing,
Angelica doth none but Medor loue.

Orl: Angelica doth none but Medor loue?
Shall Medor then possesse Orlandos loue?
Daintie and gladfome beames of my delight,
Delicious browes, why smiles your heauen for those
That wandring make you proue Orlandos foes :
Lend me your plaints, you sweet Arcadian Nymphs,
710 That wont to waile your new departed loues :
Thou weeping flood, leaue Orpheus waile for me,
And Titans Neeces gather all in one
Those fluent springs of your lamenting teares,
And let them flow alongst my faintfull lookes.

Shep: Now is the fire late smothered in suspect,
Kindled and burnes within his angrie brest.
Now haue I done the will of Sacrepant.

Orl: Foemineum feruile genus, crudele, superbum:
Discurteous women, Natures fairest ill,
720 The woe of man, that first created curffe ;
Base female sex, sprung from blacke Ates loynes,
Proud, disdainfull, cruell and vniust :
Whose words are shaded with enchanting wills,
Worse than Medusa, mateth all our mindes,
And in their harts fits shameles trecherie

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ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Turning a truthles vile circumference.
O could my furie paint their furies forth,
For hels no hell compared to their harts,
Too simple diuels to conceale their arts.
Borne to be plagues vnto the thoughts of men, 730
Brought for eternall pestilence to the world.

O Femmenelle in genio de toute malle fede,
Comete, vulge, mute, fachilmente,
Contrario, zeto, propria de la fede ;
O infelice, miserate, crede,
Importuna, superbia, dispetoze :
Preua de more, de fede, de confilia,
Timmorare, crudele, ineque, ingrate,
Par pestelenze eternal monde nate.

Villaine, what art thou that followest me? 740

Org: Alas my Lord, I am your seruant Orgalio.

Orl: No villaine thou art Medor that ranst away
with Angelica.

Org: No by my troth my Lord, I am Orgalio,
aske all these people else.

Orl: Art thou Orgalio? tell me where Medor is.

Org: My Lord looke where he fits.

Orl: What, fits he here, and braues me too?

Shep: No truly Sir, I am not he.

Orl: Yes villaine. 750

He drawes him in by the leg.

Org: Help, help, my Lord of Aquitaine.

Enter

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Enter Duke of Aquitaine, and fouldiers.

Org: O my Lord of Aquitaine the Count Orlando is run mad, and taking of a shepheard by the heeles, rends him as one would teare a Larke. See where he comes with a leg on his necke.

Enter Orlando with a leg.

Orl: Villaine, prouide me straight a Lions skin,
760 Thou feest I now am mightie Hercules :
Looke wheres my mafsie club vpon my necke.
I must to hell, to seeke for Medor and Angelica,
Or else I dye.
You that are the rest, get you quickly away,
Prouide ye horses all of burnisht gold,
Saddles of corke because Ile haue them light,
For Charlemaine the Great is vp in armes.
And Arthur with a crue of Britons comes
To seeke for Medor and Angelica.

770 So he beateth them all in before him. Manet Orgalio

Enter Marfillus.

Org: Ah my Lord Orlando.

Mar: Orlando, what of Orlando ?

Org: He my Lord runs madding through the
Like mad Orestes in his greatest rage. (woods,
Step

ORLANDO FURIOSO.

Step but aside into the bordring groue,
There shall you see ingrauen on euerie tree,
The lawlesse loue of Medor and Angelica.
O see my Lord, not any shrub but beares
The cursed stampe that wrought the Counties rage. 780
If thou beest mightie King Marfillus,
For whom the Countie would aduenture life:
Reuenge it on the false Angelica.

Mar: Trust me Orgalio, Theseus in his rage,
Did neuer more reuenge his wrongd Hyppolitus,
Than I will on the false Angelica.

Goe to my Court, and drag me Medor forth
Teare from his brest the daring villaines hart.
Next take that base and damnd adulteresse,
(I scorne to tittle her with daughters name :) 790
Put her in rags, and like some shepheardesse,
Exile her from my kingdome presently.
Delay not good Orgalio, see it done. Exit Orgalio.

Enter a souldier with Mandricard disguised.

How now my frend, what fellow hast thou there ?

Soul: He fayer my Lord that hee is seruant vnto
Mandricard.

Mar: To Mandricard ?

It fits me not to sway the Diademe,
Or rule the wealthy Realmes of Barbarie, 800
To staine my thoughts with any cowardise.
Thy master bravde me to my teeth,
He backt the Prince of Cuba for my foe,

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For which nor he nor his shall scape my hands.
No souldier, thinke me resolute as hee.

Man: It grieues me much that Princes disagree,
Sith blacke repentance followeth afterward.
But leauing that, pardon me gracious Lord.

Mar: For thou intreatst and newly art arrivd,
810 And yet thy sword is not imbrewd in blood,
Vpon conditions I will pardon thee ;
That thou shalt neuer tell thy master Mandricard,
Nor anie fellow souldier of the campe,
That King Marfillus licenst thee depart :
He shall not thinke I am so much his friend,
That he or one of his shall scape my hand.

Man: I swear my Lord, & vow to keep my word.

Mar: Then take my banderoll of red,
Mine, and none but mine shall honor thee,
820 And safe conduct thee to port Carthagene.

Man: But say my Lord, if Mandricard were here
What fauor should he finde or life or death ?

Mar: I tell thee friend, it fits not for a King
To prize his wrath before his curtesie.
Were Mandricard the King of Mexico
In prison here, and cravde but libertie ;
So little hate hangs in Marfillus breast,
As one intreatie should quite race it out.
But this concernes not thee, therefore farewell.

830 Exit Marfillus.

Man: Thankes & good fortune fall to such a king,
As couets to be counted curteous. (thee.
Blush Mandricard, the honor of thy foe disgraceth
Thou

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Thou wrongest him that wisheth thee but well.
Thou bringest store of men from Mexico
To battaile him that scornes to iniure thee,
Pawning his colours for thy warrantize.
Backe to thy ships, and hie thee to thy home,
Bouge not a foote to aid Prince Rodomant,
But frendly gratulate these fauors found, 840
And meditate on nought but to be frends. Exit.

Enter Orlando attired like a mad-man.

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sc. i

Orl: Woods, trees, leaues ; leaues, trees, woods :
tria sequuntur tria. Ho Minerua, salve, God morrow
how doo you to day ? Tell me sweet Goddesse, will
Ioue send Mercury to Calipso to let mee goe. Will
he ? why then hees a Gentleman euerie haire a the
head on him. But ho Orgalio, where art thou boy ?

Org: Here my Lord, did you call mee ?

Orl: No, nor name thee.

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Org: Then God be with you.

Orgalio proffers to goe in.

Orl: Nay pree thee good Orgalio stay,
Canst thou not tell me what to say ?

Org: No by my troth.

Orl: O this it is, Angelica is dead.

Org: Why then she shall be buried.

Orl: But my Angelica is dead.

Org: Why it may be so.

Orl: But shees dead and buried.

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Org:

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Org: I, I thinke fo.

Orl: Nothing but I thinke fo, and it may be fo.
He beateth him.

Org: What doo ye meane my Lord?

Orl: Why shall I tell you that my Loue is dead,
and can ye not weep for her.

Org: Yes yes my Lord I will.

Orl: Well doo fo then. Orgalio.

Org: My Lord.

870 Orl: Angelica is dead.

Orgalio cries.

Ah poore slaue, fo, crie no more now.

Org: Nay I haue quickly done.

Orl: Orgalio.

Org: My Lord.

Orl: Medors Angelica is dead.

Orgalio cries, and Orlando beats him againe.

Org: Why doo ye beat me my Lord?

Orl: Why slaue, wilt thou weep for Medors An-
880 lica, thou must laugh for her.

Org: Laugh? yes, Ile laugh all day and you will.

Orl: Orgalio.

Org: My Lord.

Orl: Medors Angelica is dead.

Org: Ha ha ha ha.

Orl: So, tis well now.

Org: Nay this is easier than the other was.

Orl: Now away, seek the hearb Moly, for I must
to

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to hell, to seeke for Medor and Angelica.

Org: I know not the hearb Moly ifaith.

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Orl: Come Ile lead ye to it by the eares.

Org: Tis here my Lord, tis here.

Orl: Tis indeed, now to Charon, bid him dresse his boat, for he had neuer such a passenger.

Org: Shall I tell him your name? Exit.

Orl: No, then he wil be afraid, & not be at home.

Enter two Clownes.

Tho: Sirra Rafe, and thoult goe with me, Ile let thee see the braueft mad man that euer thou sawft.

Rafe. Sirra Tom: I beleeeue twas he that was at 900 our towne a funday, Ile tell thee what he did firra: he came to our house, when all our folkes were gone to Church, and there was no bodie at home but I, & I was turning of the spit, and he comes in, & bad me fetch him some drinke. Now I went and fetcht him some, & ere I came againe, by my troth he ran away with the rost-meate spit and all, & so we had nothing but porredge to dinner.

Thomas. By my troth that was braue, but firrha he did so course the boyes last funday: and if ye call 910 him mad-man, heel run after you, & tickle your ribs so with his flap of leather that he hath as it passeth.

They spie Orlando.

Rafe Oh Tom looke where he is, call him mad-man.

Tom. Mad-man, mad-man.

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Rafe: Mad-man, mad-man.

Orl: What faist thou villaine?

He beateth them.

920 So now you shall be both my Souldiers.

Tom: Your foldiers, we shall haue a mad Cap-
taine then.

Orl: You must fight against Medor.

Raf: Yes let me alone with him for a bloody nose.

Orl: Come then and Ile giue you weapons strait.

Exeunt omnes.

Act III
sc. ii

Enter Angelica like a poore woman.

An: Thus caufeles banisht from thy natiue home,
Here sit Angelica and rest a while,
930 For to bewaile the fortunes of thy loue.

Enter Rodamant and Brandemart with
Souldiers.

Roda: This way she went, & far she cannot be.

Brand: See where she is my Lord, speak as if you
knew her not.

Ro: Faire shepherdesse for so thy fitting seemes,
Or Nymph for lesse thy beauty cannot be:
What feede you sheepe vpon these downes?

Ange: Daughter I am vnto a bordering Swaine,
940 That tend my flocks within these shady groues.

Roda: Fond gyrl thou liest, thou art Angelica.

Brand: I thou art shee that wrongd the Palatine.

Ange: For I am knowne albeit I am disguisde,
Yet dare I turne the lie into thy throte,

Sith

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Sith thou reportst I wrongd the Palatine.

Brand: Nay then thou shalt be vsed according to
thy deserts, come bring her to our Tents.

Roda: But stay what Drum is this?

Enter Orlando with a Drum, and fouldiers
with spits and dripping-pans.

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Br: Now see Angelica the fruits of all your loue.

Orl: Souldiers, this is the Citie of great Babilon,
Where proud Darius was rebated from,
Play but the men and I will lay my head,
Weele facke and raze it ere the sunne be set.

Clowne: Yea and scratch it too,
March faire fellow frying-pan. (ter?)

Orl: Orgalio, knowst thou the cause of my laugh-

Org: No by my troth, nor no wise-man else.

Orl: Why firra to thinke that if the enemie were 960
fled ere we come, weele not leaue one of our own
fouldiers aliue, for wee two will kill them with our
fists.

Rafe: Fo come lets goe home againe, heele set
Probatum est vpon my headpeece anon.

Orl: No, no, thou shalt not be hurt, nor thee,
Backe fouldiers, looke where the enemie is.

Tom: Captaine, they haue a woman amongst
them.

Orl: And what of that?

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Tom: Why strike you downe the men, and then
let me alone to thrust in the woman.

Orl:

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Orl: No I am challenged the single fight,
Syrra, ift you challenge me the combate.

Brand: Franticke companion, lunatick & wood,
Get thee hence, or else I vow by heauen,
Thy madnes shall not priuiledge thy life.

Orl: I tell thee villaine Medor wrongd me fo,
Sith thou art come his Champion to the field,
980 Ile learne thee know I am the Palatine.

Alarum: They fight, Orlando kills Brandemart,
and all the rest flie but Angelica.

Org: Looke my Lord heres one kild.

Orl: Who kild him?

Org: You my Lord I thinke.

Orl: I? No, no, I see who kild him.

He goeth to Angelica and knowes her not.

Come hither gentle fir, whose prowesse hath per-
formde such an act, thinke not the curteous Palatine
990 will hinder that thine Honour hath atchieude, Or-
galio fetch me a sword, that presently this squire may
be dubd a Knight.

Ange: Thankes gentle Fortune that sendes mee
such good hap,
Rather to die by him I love so deare,
Than live and see my Lord thus lunaticke.

Org: Here my Lord.

Orl: If thou beest come of Lancelots worthy
line welcome thou art,
1000 Kneele downe fir Knight, rise vp fir Knight,

Here

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Here take this sword, and hie thee to the fight.

Exit Angelica.

Now tell me Orgalio, what dost thou thinke,
Will not this Knight proue a valiant Squire?

Org: He cannot chuse being of your making.

Orl: But wheres Angelica now?

Org: Faith I cannot tell.

Orl: Villaine find her out,

Or else the torments that Ixion feeles,

The rolling stone, the tubs of the Belides.

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Villaine wilt thou finde her out.

Org: Alas my Lord, I know not where she is.

Orl: Run to Charlemaine, spare for no cost,
Tell him Orlando sent for Angelica.

Org: Faith Ile fetch you such an Angelica as you
neuer saw before. Exit Orgalio.

Orl: As though that Sagittarius in his pride,
Could take braue Læda from stout Iupiter?

And yet forsooth Medor, base Medor durst
Attempt to reue Orlando of his loue.

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Sirra, you that are the messenger of Ioue,

You that can sweep it through the milke white path
That leads vnto the Senate house of Mars.

Fetch me my shield temperd of purest steele,

My helme forgd by the Cyclops for Anchises sonne,
And see if I dare not combat for Angelica.

Enter Orgalio with the Clowne drest lyke
Angelica.

Org: Come away, and take heed you laugh not.

Cl: No I warrant you, but I thinke I had best go 1030

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backe and shaue my beard.

Org: Tush, that will not be seene.

Cl: Well you will giue me the halfe crowne ye
promist me.

Org: Doubt not of that man.

Cl: Sirra, didst not see me serue the fellow a fine
tricke, when we came ouer the market place.

Org: Why, how was that?

Cl: Why hee comes to me, and said; Gentlewo-
1040 man, wilt please you take a pint or a quart. No Gen-
tlewoman said I, but your frend and Doritie.

Org: Excellent: come see where my Lord is.
My Lord, here is Angelica.

Orl: Mas thou saist true, tis she indeed;
How fares the faire Angelica?

Cl: Well I thanke you hartely.

Orl: Why art thou not that same Angelica,
Whose hiew as bright as faire Erythea
That darkes Canopus with her siluer hiew?

1050 Cl: Yes forfooth.

Orl: Are not these the beauteous cheekes,
Wherein the Lillies and the natiue Rose
Sits equall futed with a blushing red?

Cl: He makes a garden plot in my face.

Orl: Are not my dere those radiant eyes,
Whereout proud Phoebus flasheth out his beames?

Cl: Yes, yes, with squibs and crackers brauely.

Orl: You are Angelica?

Cl: Yes marry am I.

1060 Orl: Wheres your sweet hart Medor?

Cl:

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Cl: Orgalio, giue me eighteen pence, & let me go.

Orl: Speake strumpet, speake.

Cl: Marry fir he is drinking a pint or a quart.

Orl: Why strumpet, worse than Mars his troth-
leffe loue. (scape.

Falser than faithles Crefsida: strumpet thou shalt not

Cl: Come, come, you doo not vse me like a gen-
tlewoman; and if I be not for you I am for another.

Orl: Are you, that will I trie.

He beateth him out. Exeunt omnes. 1070

Enter the twelue Peeres of France, with *Act IV*
drum and trumpets. *sc. i*

Og: Braue Peeres of France, sith wee haue past
the bounds,

Whereby the wrangling billowes seekes for straites

To warre with Tellus, and her fruitfull mynes:

Sith we haue furrowd throug those wandring tides

Of Tyrrhene seas, and made our galleys dance

Vpon the Hyperborian billowes crests,

That braues with streames the watrie Occident: 1080

And found the rich and wealthie Indian clime,

Sought too by greedie mindes for hurtfull gold.

Now let vs seeke to venge the Lampe of France,

That lately was eclipsed in Angelica.

Now let vs seeke Orlando forth our Peere,

Though from his former wits lately estrangd,

Yet famous in our fauors as before.

And sith by chance we all encountred bee.

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Lets seeke reuenge on her that wrought his wrong.

1090 Names. But being thus arrivd in place vnkown,
Who shall direct our course vnto the Court,
Where braue Marfillus keepes his royall State.

Enter Marfillus and Mandricard like Palmers.

Og: Loe here, two Indian Palmers hard at hand
Who can perhaps resolue our hidden doubts.

Palmers, God speed.

Mar: Lordings, we greet you well. (tel.

Og: Where lies Marfillus Court, frend canst thou

Mar: His Court is his campe, the Prince is now
1100 in armes.

Turpin. In armes? Whats he that dares annoy so
great a King.

Man: Such as both loue & furie doth confound,
Fierce Sacrepant, incenst with strange desires,
Warres on Marfillus, and Rodamant being dead,
Hath leuied all his men, and traitor-like
Affailes his Lord, and louing soueraigne.
And Mandricard who late hath been in armes,
To profecute reuenge against Marfillus,
1110 Is now through fauors past become his frend.
Thus stands the state of matchles India.

Og: Palmer, I like thy braue and breef discourse,
And couldst thou bring vs to the Princes campe,
We would acknowledge frendship at thy hands.

Mar: Ye stranger Lords, why seeke ye out Mar-
fillus?

Ol: In hope that he whose Empire is so large,
Will make both minde and Monarchie agree.

Mar:

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Mar: Whence are you Lords, and what request
you here?

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Names. A question ouer-hautie for thy weed,
Fit for the King himfelfe for to propound.

Man: O fir, know that vnder fimple weeds
The Gods haue maskt, then deeme not with difdain
To answere to this Palmers question,
Whofe coat includes perhaps as great as yours.

Og: Hautie their words, their perfons ful of ftate,
Though habit be but meane, their mindes excell.
Well Palmers know that Princes are in India arrivd
Yea euen thofe westerne princely peeres of France, 1130
That through the world aduentures vndertake,
To find Orlando late incenft with rage.

Then Palmers fith you know our ftiles and ftate,
Aduife vs where your King Marfillus is.

Mar: Lordings of France, here is Marfillus,
That bids you welcome into India,
And will in perfon bring you to his campe.

Og: Marfillus, and thus disguifd?

Mar: Euen Marfillus, and thus disguifd.
But what request thefe Princes at my hand?

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Turpin. We fue for law and iuftice at thy hand,
We feeke Angelica thy daughter out ;
That wanton maid, that hath eclipt the ioy
Of royall France, and made Orlando mad.

Mar: My daughter Lords, why fhees exilde,
And her grietid father is content to lofe
The pleafance of his age to countnance law.

Oli: Not onely exile fhall await Angelica,

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But death and bitter death shall follow her,
1150 Then yeeld vs right Marfillus, or our swords
Shal make thee feare to wrong the Pieres of France.

Mar: Wordes cannot daunt mee Princes bee af-
furde,

But law and iustice shall ouerrule in this,
And I will burie fathers name and loue,
The haples maide bannisht from out my Land,
Wanders about in woods and waies vnknowne,
Her if yee finde with furie perfecute,
I now disdaine the name to be her Father,
1160 Lords of France what would you more of me.

Oger: Marfillus wee commende thy Princely
minde,

And will report thy iustice through the world,
Come Peeres of France lets seeke Angelica,
Left for a spoile to our reuenging thoughts.

Exeunt omnes.

Act IV
sc. ii

Enter Orlando like a Poet.

Orl: Orgalio, is not my loue like those purple
coloured swans,
1170 That gallop by the Coach of Cynthia.

Org: Yes marry is shee my Lord.

Orl: Is not her face siluerd like that milke-white
shape,

When Ioue came dauncing downe to Semele.

Org: It is my Lord.

Then goe thy waies and clime vp to the Clouds,
And

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And tell Apollo that Orlando fits,
Making of verses for Angelica.
And if he doo denie to fend me downe
The shirt which Deianyra sent to Hercules, 1180
To make me braue vpon my wedding day ;
Tell him Ile passe the Alpes, and vp to Meroe,
(I know he knowes that watrie lakish hill)
And pull the harpe out of the minstrelis hands,
And pawne it vnto louely Proserpine,
That she may fetch the faire Angelica.

Org: But my Lord Apollo is a sleepe & will not
heare me,

Orl: Then tell him he is a sleepey knaue :
But firra let no body trouble mee, for I must lie 1190
downe a while and talke with the starres.

Entet Fidler.

Org: What old acquaintance well met.

Fidler. Ho you would haue me play Angelica a-
gaine, would ye not?

Org: No, but I can tell thee where thou mayest
earne two or three shillings this morning, euen with
the turning of a hand.

Fidler: Two or three shillings, tush thou wot
cossen me thou, but and thou canst tell where I may 1200
earne a groate, Ile giue thee fixe pence for thy
paines.

Org: Then play a fit of mirth to my Lord.

Fid: Why he is mad still is he not.

Org:

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Org: No, no, come play.

Fidler. At which fide dooth he vse to giue his reward.

Org: Why of anie fide.

Fidler. Dooth he not vse to throw the chamber pot
1210 sometimes? Twould greeue me he should wet my
fiddle strings.

Org: Tush I warrant thee.

He playes and fings any odde toy, and
Orlando wakes.

Orl: Who is this, Shan Cuttelero? hartely welcome, Shan Cuttelero.

Fidler. No fir, you should haue said Shan the Fiddeldero.

Orl: What, hast thou brought me my sword?

1220 He takes away his fiddle.

Fidler. A sword? No no fir, thats my fiddle.

Orl: But dost thou think the temper to be good? And will it hold, when thus and thus we Medor do affaile?

He strikes and beates him with the fiddle.

Fidler. Lord fir, youle breake my liuing. You told me your master was not mad.

Orl: Tel me, why hast thou mard my sword? The pummells well, the blade is curtald short.

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Villaine why haft thou made it fo, 1230
Fidler. O Lord Sir, will you anfwere this?
He breakes it about his head.
Exit Fidler.

Enter Meliffa with a glaffe of Wine.

Orl. Orgalio who is this?

Orga. Faith my Lord fome old witch I thinke.

Mel. O that my Lord woulde but conceit my
tale.

Then would I speake and hope to finde redrefse.

Orl: Faire Polixena, the pride of Illion, 1240
Feare not Achilles ouer-madding boy,
Pyrrus fhall not, &c.

Sounes Orgalio, why fuffereft thou this old trot
to come fo nigh me?

Orga: come, come, ftand by, your breath ftinkes.

Orl: What, be all the Trogians fled,
Then giue me fome drinke.

Mel: Here Palatine drinke, and euer be thou
better for this draught.

Orl: What here the paltrie bottle that Darius 1250
quaft,

Hee drinkes, and ſhe charmes him with
her wand, and lies downe to sleepe.

Elſe would I fet my mouth to Tygres ſtreames,
And drinke vp ouerflowing Euphrates,
My eyes are heauie, and I needs muſt ſleep.

Meliſſa ſtriketh with her wand, and the Satyres

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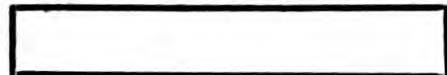
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enter with musicke and plaie round about him,
which done, they staie, he awaketh and speakes.

1260 What shewes are these that fill mine eies
With view of such regard as heauen admires,
To see my slumbring dreames,
Skies are fulfild with lampes of lasting ioy,
That boast the pride of haught Latonas sonne,
He lightneth all the candles of the night.
Nymofene hath kist the kingly Ioue,
And entertaind a feast within my brains,
Making her daughter solace on my brow,
Mee thinks I feele how Cinthya tunes conceites
1270 Of sad repent, and meloweth those desires
Which phrensies scares had ripened in my head.
Ate Ile kisse thy restlesse cheeke a while,
And suffer vile repent to bide controll,
He lieth downe againe.

Mel: *O vos Siluani, Satyri, Faunique, Deaque,
Nymphæ Hamadriades, Driades, Persæque potentes,
O vos qui colttes lacusque laeosque profundos,
Infernasque domus, & nigra palatia Ditis:
Tuque Demogorgon qui noctis fata gubernas,
1280 Qui regis infernum, solemque, solumque, cælumque,
Exaudite preces, filiasque auferte micantes,
In caput Orlandi cælestes spargite lympus,
Spargite, quis misere reuocetur raptator umbras
Orlando infælix anima.*

Then let the musicke play before him, and so
goe forth.



Orl:

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Orl: What fights, what shewes, what fearefull
shapes are these?

More dreadfull then appeared to Hecuba,
When fall of Troy was figured in her sleepe. 1290
Iuno mee thought sent downe from heauen by
Ioue.

Came swiftly sweeping through the gloomy aire
And calling Fame the Satyres and the nymphs,
She gaue them viols full of heauenly dew,
With that mounted on her parti-coloured coach
Being drawn with peacockes proudly through
the aire,

She flew with Iris to the sphere of Ioue.
What fearefull thoughts arise vpon this show? 1300
What desert groue is this? How thus disguisde?
Where is Orgalio?

Orgal: Here my Lord.

Orl: Sirah, how came I thus disguisde,
Like made Orestes quaintly thus disguisd?

Orl: Like mad Orestes, nay my Lord, you may
boldly iustifie the comparison, for Orestes was
neuer so mad in his life as you were.

Orl: What was I mad? What furie hath in-
chanted me? 1310

Mel: A furie fure worse than Megera was,
That rest her sonne from trustie Pilades.

Orl: Why, what art thou, some Sybel or some
goddesse, freely speake?

Mel: Time not affoords to tell each circum-
stance?

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But thrice hath Cynthia changde her hiew
Since thou infected with a lunasie,
Haft gadded vp and downe these lands & groues
1320 Performing strange and ruthfull stratagemes,
All for the loue of faire Angelica,
Whome thou with Medor didst suppose plaide
falsse,
But Sacrepant had grauen these rundelaies,
To sting thee with infecting iealousie ;
The swaine that tolde thee of their oft conuerse,
Was seruant vnto Countie Sacrepant,
And trust me Orlando, Angelica though true to
thee,
1330 Is banisht from the court,
And Sacrepant this daie bids battel to Marfillius
The armies readie are to giue assaile,
And on a hill that ouerpeeres them both,
Stands all the worthie matchles peeres of France
Who are in quest to seeke Orlando out.
Mise not at this, for I haue tolde thee true,
I am she that cured thy disease,
Here take these weapons giuen thee by the fates,
And hie thee Countie to the battell straight.
1340 Or: Thanks sacred Goddess for thy helping hand
Thether will I hie to be reuengd.

Alarmes.

Exit.

Act V Enter Sacrepant crowned, and pursuing Marfil-
sc. i lus and Mandrecard.

Sacre: Viceroyes you are dead,

For

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For Sacrepant alreadie crownd a king,
Heaues vp his sword to haue your diadems.

Mar: Traitor, not dead, or anie wit dismaide,
For deare we prize the smallest droppe of bloud.

Enter Orlando with a scarfe be- 1350
fore his face.

Orl: Stay Princes, bafe not your selues to cum-
bat fuch a dog.

Mount on your courfers, follow thofe that flie,
And let your conquering fwoordes be tainted in
their blouds

Paffe ye, for him he fhall be combatted.

Exit Kings.

Sac: Why what art thou that braueft me thus?

Orl: I am thou feeft a mercenarie fouldier 1360
Homely, yet of fuch haughtie thoughts;
As noight can ferue to quẽch th'afpiring thoghtes
That burnes as doe the fires of Cicely,
Vnleffe I win that princely diademe,
That feesmes fo ill vppon thy cowards head.

Sac. Coward. To armes fir boy, I will not brooke
theſe braues,

If Mars himſelfe euen from his firie throne,
Came armde with all his furnitures of warre.

They fight.

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Oh villaine, thou haſt flaine a prince.

Orl: Then maiſt thou think that Mars himſelf
Came down to vaile thy plumes, and heaue thee

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from thy pompe.

Proud that thou art, I recke not of thy gree,
But I will haue the conquest of my fword,
Which is the glorie of thy diadem.

Sac: These words bewraie thou art no base born
moore,

1380 But by descent sprong from some roiall line,
Then freely tell me whats thy name.

Orl: Nay first let me know thine?

Sac: Then know that thou hast flaine Prince
Sacrepant.

Orl: Sacrepant. Then let me at thy dying day
intreate,

By that same sphere wherein thy foule shall rest,
If Ioue denie not passage to thy ghost,

Thou tell mee whether thou wrongdft Angelica
or no.

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Sac: O thats the sting that pricks my conscience
Oh thats the hell my thoughts abhorre to thinke,
I tel thee knight, for thou doest seeme no lesse,
That I ingravde the rundelaies on the trees,
And hung the sedulet of poore Medors loue,
Intending so to breed debate,

Betweene Orlando and Angelica,

O thus I wrongd Orlando and Angelica.

Now tell me what shall I call thy name.

1400 Orl: Then dead is the fatall authour of my ill,
Base villaine, vassall, vnworthie of a crowne,
Knowe that the man that strucke the fatall stroke,
Is Orlando the Countie Palatine,

Whome

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Whome fortune sent to quittance all my wrongs
Thou foild and slain, it now behoues me straight
To hie me fast to massacre thy men,
And so farewell thou deuill in shape of man.

Exit.

Sac: Hath Demogorgon ruler of the fates,
Set such a balefull period on my life, 1410
As none might end the daies of Sacrepant,
But mightie Orlando riuall of my loue,
Now holdeth the fatall murderers of men,
The sharpned knife readie to cut my threed,
Ending the scene of all my tragedie,
This daie, this houre, this minute ends the daies
Of him that liude worthie olde Nestors age.

Phœbus put on thy fable futed wreath,
Cladde all thy spheres in darke and mourning
weedes. 1420

Parcht be the earth to drinke vp euery spring,
Let corne and trees be blasted from aboue,
Heauen turne to brasse, & earth to wedge of steel
The worlde to cinders, Mars come thundering
downe,

And neuer sheath thy swift reuenging swoorde,
Till like the deluge in Dewcalions daies,
The higgest mountaines swimme in streames of
bloud.

Heauen, earth, men, beafts, & euerie liuing thing 1430
Confume and end with countie Sacrepant.

he dyes.



Enter

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Act V Enter Marfillus, Mandrecard, and twelue peeres
sc. ii with Angelica.

Mar. Fought is the field, & Sacrepant is flaine,
With such a maffacre of all his men,
As Mars defcending in his purple robe,
Vowes with Bellona in whole heapes of bloud
To banquet all the demie gods of warre.

1440 Mandr. See where hee lies flaughtered without
the campe,

And by a fimple fwaine, a mercenarie,
Who brauely tooke the combat to himfelfe,
Might I but know the man that did the deede,
I would my Lord eternize him with fame.

Oger: Leauing the factious countie to his death,
Command my Lord his bodie be conuaid
Vnto fome place as likes your Highnes beft,
See Marfillus poafting thorough Affrica,

1450 We haue found this ftragling girle Angelica,
Who for fhe wrongd her loue Orlando
Chieft of the Westernne peeres,

Conuerfing with fo meane a man as Medor was,
We will haue her punisht by the lawes of France,
To end her burning luft in flames of fire.

Mar. Beshrew you lordings but you doe your
worft.

Fire, famine, and as cruell death,
As fell to Neros mother in his rage.

1460 Angelica. Father, if I may dare to call thee fo,
And Lordes of France come from the Westernne
feas.

In

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

In quest to finde mightie Orlando out,
Yet ere I die let me haue leaue to say,
Angelica held euer in her thoughts,
Most deare the loue of Countie Palatine :
What wretch hath wrongd vs with suspect of loue,
I know not I, nor can accuse the man :
But by the heauens whereto my soule shall flie,
Angelica did neuer wrong Orlando. 1470
I speake not this as one that cares to liue,
For why, my thoughts are fully malecontent,
And I coniure you by your Chiualrie,
You quit Orlandos wrong vpon Angelica.

Enter Orlando with a scarfe before his face.

Oliuer: Strumpet feare not, for by faire Mayas
sonne,
This day thy foule shall vanish vp in fire,
As Semele when Iuno wild the trull,
To entertaine the glorie of her loue. 1480

Orl: Frenchman, for so thy quaint aray imports,
Be thou a Piere, or be thou Charlemaine,
Or hadst thou Hector or Achilles hart,
Or neuer daunted thoughts of Hercules,
That did in courage far surpasse them all,
I tell thee fir, thou liest in thy throate,
The greatest braue tranfalpine France can brooke,
In saying that sacred Angelica,
Did offer wrong vnto the Palatine :
I am a common mercenary fouldier, 1490

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Yet for I see my Princeffe is abusd
By new come straglers from a forren coast,
I dare the proudest of these westerne Lords
To cracke a blade in triall of her right.

Mam: Why foolish hardie daring simple groome,
Follower of fond conceited Phaeton:
Knowest thou to whom thou speakest?

Mar: Braue souldier (for so much thy courage
These men are princes, dipt within the blood (saies)
1500 Of Kings most royall, seated in the West,
Vnfit to accept a challenge at your hand.
Yet thanks that thou wouldst in thy Lords defence
Fight for my daughter, but her guilt is knowne.

Ang: I, rest thee souldier, Angelica is false,
False, for she hath no triall of her right:
Souldier, let me die for the misse of all.
Wert thou as stout as is proud Theseus,
In vaine thy blade should offer my defence:
For why, these be the champions of the world,
1510 Twelue Peeres of France that neuer yet were foild.

Orl: How Madam, the twelue Peeres of France?
Why let them be twelue diuels of hell:
What I haue said Ile pawne my sword
To seale it on the shield of him that dares
Malgrado of his honor combat me.

Oliuer. Marrie fir, that dare I.

Orl: Yar a welcome man fir.

Turpin. Chastise the groome (Oliuer) & learne
him know,
1520 We are not like the boyes of Africa.

Orl:

ORLANDO FURIOSO.

Orl: Heare you fir: You that so peremptorily
bad him fight,
Prepare your weapons for your turne is next,
Tis not one Champion that can discourage me,
Come are yee ready.

He fighteth first with one, and then with another,
and ouercomes them both.

So stand aside, and Maddam if my fortune last it out,
Ile gard your person with twelue Pieres of France.

Og: Oh Oger how canst thou stand & see a slaue ¹⁵³⁰
Disgrace the house of France: Syrra prepare you,
For angry Nemefis fits on my sword to be reuengd.

Orl: Well faide Frenchman, you haue made a
goodly oration: But you had best to vse your sword
better, lest I befwinge you.

They fight a good while and then breath.

Og: How so ere disguisd in base or Indian shape,
Oger can well discerne thee by thy blowes,
For either thou art Orlando or the diuell.

Orl: Then to assure you that I am no diuel, ¹⁵⁴⁰
Heres your friend and companion Orlando.

Oger: And none can be more glad than Oger is
That he hath found his Cofen in his sence.

Oli: When as I felt his blowes vpon my shield,
My teeth did chatter and my thoughts conceiude,
Who might this be if not the Pallatine.

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Turpin.

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Turpin: So had I said, but that report did tell,
My Lord was troubled with a lunacie.

Orl: So was I Lordinges: but giue mee leaue a
1550 while,

Humbly as Mars did to his Paramour,
So to submit to faire Angelica.
Pardon thy Lord, faire faint Angelica,
Whose loue stealing by steps into extreames,
Grew by fuspition to a causeles lunacie.

Angelica: O no my Lord, but pardon my amis,
For had not Orlando lovde Angelica,
Nere had my Lord falne into these extreames,
Which we will parle priuate to our selues:
1560 Nere was the Queene of Cypres halfe so glad,
As is Angelica to see her Lord,
Her deare Orlando settled in his sense.

Orlando: Thankes my sweete loue.
But why stands the Prince of Affrica,
And Mandrecarde the King of Mexeco,
So deepe in dumps when all reioyse beside:
First know my Lord, I slaughtred Sacrepant,
I am the man that did the slaue to death,
Who frankely there did make confesion,
1570 That he ingravde the Roundelaies on the trees,
And hung the schedules of poore Medors loue,
Entending by suspect to breede debate,
Deepely twixt me and faire Angelica:
His hope had hap but we had all the harme,
And now Reuenge leaping from out the feate,
Of him that may command sterne Nemefis;

Hath

ORLANDO FVRIOSO.

Hath powrde those treasons iustly on his head.
What faith my gracious Lord to this?

Marfillus: I stand amazde, deepe ouerdrencht
with ioy,

1580

To heare and see this vnexpected ende,
So well I rest content yee Pieres of France,
Sith it is provde Angelica is cleare,
Her and my Crowne I freely will bestow,
Vpon Orlando the County Palatine.

Orl: Thanks my good Lord, & now my friends
of France,

Frollicke, be merrie, we wil hasten home,
So foone as King Marfillus will consent,
To let his daughter wend with vs to France,
Meane while weele richly rigge vp all our Fleete,
More braue than was that gallant Grecian keele,
That brought away the Colchyan fleece of gold.
Our Sailes of fendall spread into the winde,
Our ropes and tacklings all of finest silke,
Fetcht from the natiue loomes of laboring wormes,
The pride of Barbarie, and the glorious wealth,
That is transported by the Westerne bounds :
Our stems cut out of gleming Iuorie,
Our planks and sides framde out of Cypresse wood, 1600
That beares the name of Cyparissus change,
To burst the billows of the Ocean Sea,
Where Phœbus dips his amber-tresses oft,
And kisses Thetis in the daies decline,
That Neptune proud shall call his Trytons forth,
To couer all the Ocean with a calme :

H iij.

So

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So rich shall be the rubbish of our barks,
Tane here for ballas to the ports of France,
That Charles himselfe shall wonder at the fight.
1610 Thus Lordings when our banquettings be done,
And Orlando espowfed to Angelica,
Weele furrow through the mouing Ocean,
And cherely frolicke with great Charlemaine.

FINIS.

