THE ISLANDED ISLAND.

A VISION FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

A Visitors from the outer world often return with tales of their adventures on the other side of the sea, and of their sojourns in the wilderness of nature. Some of these tales are quite interesting, and others not so much. But there is one story that has always remained fresh in my memory, and that is the story of my visit to the Island of the Mountain.

It was a clear, bright day when I arrived at the island, and the sun was shining down upon the mountain-top in all its splendor. As I stood upon the summit, I looked out over the vast expanse of water that surrounded me, and felt a sense of peace and contentment.

My host, a kindly old man, welcomed me to his home, and showed me around the island. He told me of the history of the place, and of the many interesting stories that had been told about it. But the most interesting story of all was that of the vision I had seen.

As I sat by the fire one evening, my host suddenly grew grave, and handed me a small book. He explained that the book contained the story of a vision that he had seen, and asked me to read it.

I was curious, and read the book at once. The story was quite short, but it left a lasting impression on me. It told of a young man who had been sailing on the ocean when he suddenly saw a vision of a great mountain.

The mountain was surrounded by a sea of flames, and the young man felt a sense of terror as he looked upon it. But then he saw a vision of a great light, and heard a voice that said, "Fear not, for I am with thee."

The young man was reassured, and continued his journey. He was never again afraid, and lived a happy life.

I found the story quite inspiring, and thanked my host for showing it to me. He smiled, and said, "It is a story of faith and courage, and I hope that you will always remember it when you face the challenges of life."
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