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H I S T O R I E O F
Titana, and
Thefeus.

VERIE PLEASANT FOR AGE TO
auoyd drowfie thoughts : profitable for
youth to eschew wanton paftimes:
fo that to both, it brings the
mindes content.

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T O T H E R I G H T
W O R S H I P F V L L ,

Humphrie Conifbie: VV. B. wifheth all ioy,
and happineffe, in this world, and in the world
to come, life euerlafting.

R ight Worfhipfull (ever fince my childifh
yeares , were adopted , with that mutuall
fence of feeling , and imboldned with your fa-
vourable fmiles ; I prefumed to furvey the
5 manifold fauours, that I found written in
the Margent of your love ; (which feeling)
I find my felfe fo deeply indebted to your
Worfhip, that although I fhould indeuour my felfe euen to the
laft gaspe , yet were it imposfible for me to deferue , or make
10 you reftitution for the leaft of them : but as heretofore I ftill
prefumed on your kindneffe , prefenting your worfhip, the
frownes of Fortune, fo rudely and roughly polifhed , that I
feare you will fmile with *Alexander* at the crooked deformitie
of *Vulcan* : yet fometimes the minde is as well pleafed to heare
15 of *Pans* homely fancies , as of *Hercules* renowned labours ;
Homer write verfes as well on *Irus* the Beggar, as *Eurymachus*
the Woer : *Apollo* gives Oracles as well to the poore for
his mite, as to the rich for his treafure : *Darius* afwell receiued
the rough unpolifh'd colors of *Mifon* , as the curious picters
20 of *Apelles*. Therefore I befeech you, to fhroud this imperfect
Pamphlet, vnder your Worfhips patronage: affuring my felfe
that your Worfhips learned education, and vertuous difpofiti-
on, will be a fufficient defence to protect me from the enuious
tongues of the fchorning Sicophants, and hoping as *Iupiter*
25 and his fonne, vouchsafed to lye in *Philemons* poore Cottage :fo

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I hope your Worship will excuse my slender skill, and except
of my willing minde, and when you haue giuen them a fauou-
rable view , with *Minerua* vnder your golden Target couer a
deformed Owle, fo hoping for more then yet I haue deferued,
30 I rest: wishing you the happie successe of harts content, where
I leaue you to the Heauens disposing.

*Your Worships most dutifull
and euer bounden W. Bettie.*

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T H E H I S T O R I E
of Titana, and
Thefeus.

I *N Greece* , there dwelt a mightie King,
 called *Aegeus* , who had raigned fiftie
 years ; fortunate and fucceffiue in all his
 warlike affayres : that through the puif-
5 fance of his force to his foes , and bounty-
 full curtifie, to his friends ; he was feared
 in hate, and imbraced in loue. This *Ae-*
geus had one onely Sonne, whose name was *Thefeus* , who
 was by birth Royall, learned by education, by Nature valo-
 rous, and by Vertues famous : in fo much that it was hard to
10 iudge whether his Valour , Fortune, or Vertue, wonne the
 greateft praife.

 This young Prince, being fo richly adorned with the rare
 Feats, and accomplifhments of Chiualry, that he did not only
15 enjoy his Fathers loue , but alfo wonne his fubiects harts :
 at that infant, there liued *Meleagar*, King of *Achaia*, not
 farre diftant from the Court of *Aegeus*, who had a Daugh-
 ter, a faire young Uirgin, whose name was *Titana*, her ver-
 tuous difpofitions were fuch, as might iuftly challenge more
 loue than the world could yeeld her: for her beauty was fuch,
20 as it tainted *Venus* cheekes, her vertue fhadowed *Dianaes*
 Altars, her learning ftayned facred *Pallas*, & her loyalty was

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fuch as it quite furpaft Penelope: how can the world then extoll these excellent gifts of Nature, to the high spheere of their
25 deferts, being fo exquisitly limited, and fo louingly applauded
by their Subiects reports, but by committing them to those
glittring creatures, inclosed within the spangled skies, where
wéele leaue them to the Heauens disposing, and turne to
Meleagar her father : who in his youth, had beene brought vp
30 with Aegeus , and was his Schoolefellow ; fo as they had
bène Schoole fellowes in their youth , they remained louing
Neighbours in their age, maintaining courfe , and recourse,
too and fro each others Courts, vpholding golden amitie, with
the pillars of Brotherly loue , which did not onely reioyce the
35 Achaians, but also augment the *Grecians* loue, with fuch in-
ordinate and extreame paffions , that euery yeare , vpon the
Kings Coronation day, the people throughout all *Greece* , and
Achaia , held a generall feaft , for the space of fortie dayes,
with Iufts, and Turnies, with Running, Wrestling, Lea-
40 ping, and Dancing, with Bonfires, ringing of Bells, and
fuch like pleafant paftimes : not onely to honour their two
Kings , but also to fhew their inward ioy , by their outward
actions : as well to fhew their Kings , their royall deferts,
as their loyaltie, being Subiects. When this folemne Tri-
45 umph was quite ended , the people returned vnto their for-
mer labour, and wonted courfe of life , where wéele leaue
them and turne to Theseus :who though but young in yeares,
yet old in experience, though valorous with Hercules, yet not
too venturous with Phaeton ; though vpheld with the wings
50 of Fortune , yet not rash in flying with Icarus, but keeping
lower bownds with Dedalus ; hee feared not the Thunder-
bolts of Ioue, nor yet the raging waues of Neptune: well (to
be briefe :)

Theseus, who had euer fince he was able to harbour , or
55 conceiue one amorous thought , markt the excellency of Ti-
tanaes behaiour, and the exquisitie of her beauty, perfwaded
himselpe that she was matchlesse on earth : in fo much, that at

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laft he fell into paffionate affections with Titana ; and burft
out his paffions in thefe tearmes, being alone in a garden, fit-
ting vnder an Orange Trée:

Ah Thefeus thou art a Kings fonne, and art applauded
by the *Greekes*, to be the only champion of this climat, and wilt
thou liue a flauie to Venus , confind and bard of libertie ? no,
no, caft of thefe foolifh affections; for Thefeus, furely thou doft
not loue, thefe are but infant conceits, fwèetned with hony, or
fire made with ftraw, they are not Amors of perfection.

Ah Thefeus, flatter not thy felfe, thy heart doth feele the
deadly wound of Cupids Darte : Oh , that blinde boy hath
pierft it cleane through, like an Indian pearle : yet be chearfull
Thefeus , what needft thou feare , thou knoweft the falue to
cure thy amorous corafiue ; Titana , is a Kings Daughter,
and ſhe is by birth Royall, learned by education, faire by Na-
ture, by vertues famous , and by poffeffions rich : why then
what needft thou feare, caft off thefe difpayring follies, and put
on affuring fancies, for Cupid neuer throwes his Dart, but
Venus feeke the wound : why then Thefeus , art thou a
Prince, and a valiant Souldier, and wilt liue thus perplexed
with foolifh loue, or a wound giuen by a Boy, expell fuch capi-
tall follies, as would include thée with ignominious conceite?
when he had thus fufficiently explained his paffions, & fearchit
the dèepneffe of his ftill blèeding wound, he takes his farwell
of the Orange Tree , that fhaddowed him from the beames of
Phœbus, & returnes to his chamber, where wèele leaue him
ruminating on his loue, and turne to Titana : Who all this
while, euen from her infancie , had noted the princely gefture
of Thefeus, & feeing his face fo perfectly featurde , and viewing
each lim, the portrature of his body fo well limmited, that ſhe
greatly commended Dame Natures art , and excellencie in
fhaddowing fuch perfection vnder her Fortunes lot ; perfwa-
ding her felfe, that none but Thefeus ſhould reape the harneft
of her affection : being thus perplexed with inordinate paffi-
ons, and poffeft with amorous affection, it wrought like a pur-

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gation with her, in fo much that at laft ſhe brake her paſſions
in theſe tearmes.

95 Ah Titana, (thou art in loue) (I) with whom ? with The-
feus, (with Thefeus) hee is a Kings ſonne, why fo art thou a
Kings Daughter ; he is famous in birth ; thou art vertuous,
and faire by Nature; he is a Prince ; why thou art a Prin-
ceſſe : thou euery way art equiualent with him : (why thou)
100 if thou loueſt Thefeus, Thefeus cannot chuſe but loue Tita-
na : Ah Titana, thou fond fool, ſigh, fob, and lament thee of
thy follies, art thou fo fond to thinke that Thefeus being a va-
liant warriour, the *Grecians* champion, and heire apparent to
that inuincible King Aegeus, will looke on thee : no, thou art
105 not an object, fitting for his expectiue eye, though thy vertuous
qualities be oppoſite to his vallorous accompliſhmētts, yet he
cannot loue Titana : Why? Titana is beautifull , vertuous,
and rich, I, & after her fathers deceaſe heire to the Crowne
of rich Acchaia : why then Titana , ſuppreſſe theſe franticke
110 paſſions , and incline to louely affections , for doe thou but
ſmile , he cannot chuſe but loue: well when ſhe had thus at
large playd, and diſplayd her paſſionate affection, ſhe returnes
to her chamber, to be melancholy, where weele leaue her.

Thefeus, who had receiued ſuch a deadly wound, thought
115 it long vntill he had ſome remedie for it, ſtarts him vp, from the
imbracements of his reſtleſſe bed , and walkes towards the
Court of Meleagar: euen at his approach within the Court
gates, the clocke ſtrucke eight : quoth Thefeus, it is too earely
dayes to ſeeke to ſpeake with Titana yet ; He goe walke a
120 courſe or too about the Garden, till the clocke ſtrikes againe,
and that I thinke will be about the time of Titanaes riſing. He
immediatly turnes on the backe ſide of the Court, to enter
into the Garden , but when he came hee found the doore faſt
lockt : yet Fortune willing to fauour his preſence , would not
125 ſuffer him to returne, but cauſed him to knocke, the which hee
did, and immediatly it was opened by a Grōome of Titanaes
chamber : quoth Thefeus , where is your Lady and miſtris,

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ftirring yet? quoth the Groome, and fhall pleafe your Highnes,
the fits alone at the further end of the Garden , a reading ;
130 with that Thefeus caft vp his eye, and efpied his louely Par-
ramour : walking in the Garden vnfeene of Titana, he ftept
into a gréene Arbour , which ftood directly oppofite againft
her, and not farre diftant from her, where he firft viewed each
limmit, or proportrature of her bodie : and then beganne he to
135 breake his paffions : Ah Thefeus : (ecce) fee how her crim-
fon lips ftands like two Pilgrimes, to adorne thofe vermilli-
an cheekes of hers , which like as the Adamant drawes the
ftéele fo they draw thee to loue : Nay behold her chriftall eies
how like to vneftimable Diamonds , they glitter and giue
140 light to the out-chanted Cinthia: now laft of all, fee how farre
her twined lockes doth fupaffe the Arabian gold , in golden
beautie : when he had thus breathed out his paffions in thefe
paffionate tearmes ; he ftands a while commenting in this
dull perplexitie , yet at laft beginnes to profecute his paffions
145 with thefe tearmes.

Thefeus, thou feeft her excellencie, perfection and beautie,
why then make a mixture with thofe, and thy intire loue, and
drinke them as a phificke potion, either to cure, or kill, and fo
fhalt thou be fure to be eafed by death, elfe cured to life, for in
150 loue there is life in hate there is death, but Titanaes face, re-
fembles an Adamants vertue, to draw loue by affection, and
not kill Loue with reiecting, (and more) it is impoffible, that
the fhould couer a flintie heart, with a fmiling face, for I know
the vertue of Venus mollifies the heart of Titana : why then
155 Thefeus, what needft thou feare , fhew thy felfe as valiant a
Prince to Titana, as thou haft done in former time to Mars,
and returned victor of the field , when thou waft befet with
millions of foes, and wilt thou now feare the repulfe of a wo-
man, and being thy loue too? no thou fhalt fcale the walles and
160 lay batterie to the faireft : and with that hee ftepts out of the
Arbour with a modeft behaiour, and full refolution, takes
her by the hand, and withall dimples her chéeke with a loue-

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lie fmile, as loue giues louers direction: (and thus beginnes).

165 Faire Titana , euer fince I could conceiue one Amorous
thought, or caft a wanton eye on beauties perfection, I haue
remained imburthened with the effence of your beautie , and
wounded with the vlcrous fore of your loue : therefore, faire
Lady reiect me not with difdaine , becaufe I approach with
courtefie: and as our two aged Fathers liues in peacefull ami-
170 tie, fo let vs combine a matrimoniall vnitie, it will not onely
be a comfort to them , but alfo an eternall ioy to vs : Titana
refting, and meditating a while, at laft be paints her chéeques
with a maiden blufh, and thus replies.

175 Prince Thefeus, this is very ftrange to mee, that fuch in-
ordinate paffions of loue, fhould fo farre ouerflow her fhores
on the fudden , being no ftorme nor fpring to be the caufer :
therefore Thefeus, furely this is not loue, thefe are but fained
fictions to try fimplitie : inluring baites, to catch fond folly in
wantons fnares : for Demophon was faire by nature , but
180 prooued falfe to Phillis : Aeneas was a braue man , but as
falfe as Almider: yet were their protefted vows, greater then
common hearts can conceiue : Therefore Thefeus fuppreffe
thy paffions , and leaue to loue Titana , for fhe cannot loue
thée againe, fhe is like the ftarre Artophylax, that is beauti-
185 ous to the eye, but fit for no vfe: euen fo is Titana, iuft oppofite
againft Nature: well ftill fhe kéepe him at the ftaffes length,
and fits her ftill on the gréene banke where he found her ;
fhadowing her yéelding paffions with denying frownes.

190 Thefeus, who all this while had markte, and viewed each
limmit of her body, and the feature of her face, thought it very
ftrange, that Nature fhould indow fo faire a face, with fo hard
a heart, fuch comely limits, with fuch peruerfe conditions :
at laft thus beganne to profecute his caufe againe in thefe
tearmes.

195 Faire Titana, bee not proude of beauties painting, for it is
but a Summers flower, the Winter fades it, and thofe which
difdaine in youth , are despifed in age : therefore faire Lady,

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200 make not a Goddeffe of beautie, but yèeld me loue, for loue,
and let not the deftinies caufe me to difpaire, now in the ver-
dency of my bløoming youth. Titana fitting ftill on the banck,
(as it were) not regarding him, thus beginnes. Thefeus I
commend thine excèeding wit , but in this cafe , I pittie thy
diftreffe, and for thy extremitie of loue thou beareft to me, I
vow thèe recompence ; but with contract I dare not promife,
205 therefore good Thefeus, fuppreffe thofe paffions, which now
thy minds perplexed with.

 Thefeus ftanding a while, commenting in this dull per-
plexitie, fcarcely dared vouchfafe to giue an anfwere, or de-
maund a remedie, yet faide hée , opportunities neglected arev
210 fignes of follies , therefore he beganne againe in thefe
tearmes.

 Titana, the fatall doubts of cruell death, is not fo feared
of me, but I dare extend my life with fortunes fate , to enioy
thy loue : why then faire Lady ; fith I am fo wounded with
215 your loue, yèeld to my requeft , which is within the bounds of
modeftie defired : If I were lafciuious, demaunding vnchaft
defires, to vfe thèe as a Concubine, then mighteft thou iuftly
be peruerfe & fay me nay : or were I a Begger, or a bafe borne
vaffell, of no defert, or for reputation vile, then would I hold it
220 wifdome : or came I like a Scithian Shepheard, with my
fhèepcrooke on my neck: but comming like a *Grecian* Prince,
with my Scepter in my hand , demanding loue with a chaft
deuotion, mée-thinks you fhould not be fo peruerfe to denie fo
kind a demaund. Quoth Titana, good Thefeus be not fo te-
225 dious, for to be fhort in tearmes , I will not grant thèe loue ;
for loue is the only thing I hate, therefore trouble me no more
with fuch friuolous fpèeches, if you please to accompany mée,
as in former time you haue done , you fhall be the welcommeft
man in *Greece*: but if you replie with fuch like fpèeches as loue,
230 I rather defire your abfence, then your prefence.

 Thefeus hearing her ftill in that froward denying vaine,
quite expeld hope, and included difpaire : and thus beganne

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he, which fcarcelly found beginning. Oh wicked and difpai-
ring wretch : forlorne, and of Titana forfaken, worfe than the
235 feruilft flauē in *Achaia*, more bafe then the flimie earth vnder-
neath thy fèete: more in bondage, then Tuniffian gally flauē,
more vacant on earth, then *Indians* in *Arabia*, and more wret-
ched then Progne in her tranfformation: why how camft thou
thus metamorphofed being a Kings fonne? (oh with loue) with
240 loue of that ingratefull Titana, for had I not loued Titana,
fhe had not caufed my vntimely death, but meafuring my ad-
uerfe fortune , with thy peruerfe obftinacie, Ile end my life :
and with that hee unheatfhs his fatall Engine and fayd thus:
Faire Lady, as like y^e Camelian, I haue liued by the Airie ef-
fence of thy loue : fo like faithfull Thefeus by thy hate ile die:
245 Hèe fets the point of his fword to his breft . Titana fèeing
him fo desperate , lightly , fkipt from off the bancke whereon
fhe fate , and fuddenly takes him by the hand which held his
fword, and thus beganne.

Thefeus, art thou a Prince, and a Kings fonne, a warrior,
250 and Grecians Champion: and wilt at a wenchēs frowne ruine
thy body, and bring thy aged Fathers grayhaires, with grieffe
vnto his graue, and his carefull head, on a reftleffe pillow ?
remember this , thou art heire apparant vnto thy Fathers
Crowne, and Kingdome ; and by thy well liuing, thy Fathers
255 daies are prolonged on earth, but by thy ill dying, with grieffe
they are fōone ended : why then know this braue Thefeus,
wenchēs will moft denie, the thing they moft defire ; & fèeme
moft peruerfe , where moft they loue ; and prōoue moft con-
ftant, where they fèeme moft wauering (and fo will I, my
loue) although I fained a frowne, yet detefted I to hate, and
260 though my tongue fayd no , my heart protefted I . There-
fore fwèete Thefeus, impute me not peruerfe, for the heauens
know, I fhame to exprefse, how proude I haue bèene of
Thefeus loue, yet would I not fay Thefeus I loue thee :
becaufe then thou mights repute me immodeft being a Lady,
265 but the Gods doth know , I haue honoured Thefeus with a

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zealous deuotion , and I loued Thefeus with as dutifull affection, as Titana could performe, or Thefeus defire : therefore fwèete loue, thinke not I yeeld with vrgent prayers, but
270 with the force of loue.

Thefeus noting her behaiour, and hearing fuch vnexpected tearmes, and fugred alurements of Titana, which made fuch pleafing harmony in his halfe dead eares, was halfe rauifhed,
275 & wholly reuiued to his former fences: fheathed his fatall blade againe, imbracing her in his armes , layd battery to her fkarlet lips, with many a fugred kiffe he giues affault and wines the Fort : In briefe, they fuddenly combind, and fully accomplifht a monumentall contract, fo that after many louely imbracings , and pleafing wanton toyes, (as loue hath many)
280 they parted for y^e time, fo fraught with inordinate ioy , that it is impoffible for the capacite of man to looke fo high as their ioy did raife rebounds.

Fortune now enuying their good acts, turnes her Whèele, and as fhe had dimpled her chèekes, fo now fhe wrinkled her forehead, and vnréeled the deftinies, for in *Achaia* there dwelt Oenie , which euery yèere did facrifice the firftlings of his ftore : the which he firft affigned of his corne, and fruits to Ceres : to Bacchus the firft preffing of his wine ? and vnto Pallas Olliffe-oyle, and thus honouring the Gods of graine, and fruite, hée offered franckinfence , but at Dianaes Altars none was offered, hée ouer-flipt them, the which Diana tooke in high difdaine, & fayd, he fhall not fcape vnpunifhed, though he pafst mine Altars vnworhipped , nor vaunt of his efcape
290 vnreuenged, if I be a Goddeffe ile plague him and his fruits, and with that away fhe flies : and on the next morne, fhe fent a huge ouer grown Boare to Oenies ground, fuch as the like had neuer yet béene fèene . This grèedy Boare deuoured his Corne, and graffe, and rent his Vines vnto the ground : and
300 not fo fufficed but beganne to ouer-runne, and deuoure the Countrey of *Acchaia* ? infomuch that the hufbandmen had laboured in vaine, he ouer-runne their Lambs, fhéepe , and

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Heards of Kie , nay men, women, and children, went daily in danger, of this orped fwines dreadfull Tufkes.

In fo much, that the people of *Achaia* preferred fupplications to Aegeus, Meleagar and Thefeus , and many other
305 Kings, Dukes, Lords , and Knights, to defire their ayde to conquer this mercileffe Hogge : the which they all were very willing and affable, but Thefeus: yet he faide I, although he could haue wifht it no: for the reafon that m∞ued him rather to haue ftayed at home , than haue gone was this : he was
310 newly returned from his loue Titana , and they had both agreed to make their Fathers acquainted with their loues on the next day following , which was the day appointed ; that this Princely knot fhould mēete and accompany each other , to the face , of the Achaians foe: Thefeus very much
315 difcontent with this newes , could haue fained himfelfe ficke , and ftaide at home, but his heart was fo enobled with valour, that it would fuffer excufe to take no place : he feeing no remedie , but goe he muft, being that renowned King Meleagar, with his royall troopes of valiant Knights, accompanied
320 with his Father Aegeus were come, he like Jafon, when he ventured for Medea, or Hercules for Deianira, or like Turnus, before he went to his bloudie fight , armed and Enobled himfelfe with valour : which done , hee accompanied this Princely knot of noble Knights , euen to the very brincke of
325 his owne aduerfe Fortune, where wēele leaue him vnreeling the deftinies, and turne to Meleagar the caufer of his grieve : who being vpholden with the wings of Fortune , reaped the plenteous Harueft, of a renowned encounter, by the winning a famous victory. Meleagar with the reft of the valiant Knights,
330 threw his luckie Darke againft this orped fwine, who being more potent with Fortunes fauour, then impotent with Dianæs frowne , gaue this B∞re his deadly wound : this being done, though old in yeares yet young in conceit, for with pride meerely of his fortunate ftroake, he prefently fell into amorous feakes , with Atalant, Schoenies Daughter of *Tegea* :

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and fuddenly stepping to the Swine, faid thus :

Oh Lady *Atalant*,
receiue thou this my fee :
And of my glorie, vouch thou fafe,
340 partaker for to bee.

And with that gaue her the head of the Swine.

T His Lady for the giuers fake was as glad in heart, as for
the gift, and receiued it very thankfully : but the reft re-
pinde that fhee fuch honour had, and armes difplayd, that
345 all the field might eafily fee, and heare, their murmuring dif-
content : Plexippus, and Toxey cryed : Dame , lay downe
this geare , doe we take the toyle, and thou the honour of our
Game ? no, nor let that faire face fmooth face of thine beguile thee,
leaft he that being doated in thy loue, and giuing thee our fee,
350 be ouerfarre to refcue thee: and with that word they tooke the
gift away from her, and right of gift from him.

Quoth Meleagar, with a fterne and fierce looking counte-
nance, you Thefties race, learne this from me, and doe not
other folkes difpoyle of honour giuen , for Princes gifts are
355 free, of none to be reiected : and Princes wills are lawes, of
none to be vfurped. Therefore Plexippus, what difference is
betwixt your threats and deedes, ile with this weapon trie :
& with that he fuddenly ftrikes him through the breft with his
Boore fpeare. Toxey feeing his brother flaine, ftood doubting
360 what way to take, defiring to reuenge his Brothers blood, yet
fearing to be murdered as his Brother was before, ftood a-
mazedly commenting : Meleagar, to difpatch his doubtfull
muzes, drew his fatall fword and flew him for company of his
Brother Plexippus, whose blood was hardly cold as yet.

365 This bloudie profpect, bred fuch a mutinie amongft them,
that their armes difplayd on both fides, infomuch that the two
houfes, Meleagar and Aegeus, fell to ciuill difcenfion, and
much blood was fpilt on both fides : and not onely these two

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houfes of Meleagar, and Aegeus, but almoft all *Greece*, *Ac-*
370 *haia*, and *Calidon* was in an vproare, for each tooke armes a-
gainft other , and being renowned and famous Princes,
friends tooke partes, and they beganne to bandie , and ouer-
runne each others Dominions.

This difagrèment betwèene the Parents, although it was
375 a heart breaking to thefe two louers, Titana, and Thefeus,
yet did it not at all difparage their affection , but the greater
the mutinie , the déeper was the impreffion of their mindes,
and by this meanes their libertie was confinde, and meeting
places quite debard; yet loue being a priuie fearcher of fecrets,
380 found a time and opportunitie, which gaue them place , time,
and leaue to parle , to play and difplay each others minds :
when thefe two louers came together , they were in feare,
and danger to be efpied , which caufed them one while , to
figh, fobbe, lament, and grieue ; another while, kiffe, fmile,
385 laugh, and toy : and thus they fpend the time as pleafantly as
diftreffed louers could doe, yet they fware to each other, y^t their
Fathers diffention fhould neuer feperate their loues, nor ad-
uerfe. Fortune fhould diminifh their affections, but would re-
maine ioyfull vnto death, in defpite of the hatefull deftinies :
390 hauing thus recounted each others loue to their hearts con-
tent , yet feeing they could not enioy the full fruition of their
loues in *Greece*, nor *Acchaia*. Thefeus determined affoone as
time and opportunitie gaue him leaue , to prouide a maffe of
mony , and Iewells for the eafier carriage : and fo tranfport
395 themfelues into *Spaine*, to *Tunis* : and there to liue a conten-
ted life, not knowne, but as a *Grecian Knight*, vntill he heard
of fome vnited peace betwixt their Fathers, elfe by fucceffion
to enioy their Kingdomes : Titana hearing his determinate
courfe, commended highly his wittie deuce, (and fayd thus)
400 Faire loue , if thy father Aegeus fhould take me within his
precincke it were death , or at leaft perpetuall imprifonment,
and againe on the other fide, if my father Meleagar , fhould
take thèe in his Dominions, it were the like danger for thèe to

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405 come into. But if my Father fhould heare of this contract, his
fury would be fuch, that y^e tortorous death were fo eafie for vs
both, firft you for prefumption, then I for fimplicite, and fo
we fhall bite both on the deftinies bridle. Therefore fwèete
Thefeus, make haft with all expedition, & prouide all things
410 fitting for our Voyage, for delay breeds danger, and falfe For-
tune despite. Thefeus being fraught with boundleffe ioy and
prickt forward with loues defire, did proteft vnto her aff^oone
as opportunitie gaue him leaue, he would prouide foch neces-
faries as were fitting for their Voyage, fo refting vpon this
refolution, and night beginning to liften to their comple-
415 ment : after many imbracings, payed and repayed kiffes they
parted. Thefeus hauing taken the leaue of his beft beloued
Titana , returnes him backe againe to his fathers Court :
which being there arriued, cald vnto him, an ancient Seruant
of his fathers, whose name was Iunia : this Iunia being a
420 faithfull Seruant, and Thefeus approued friend, he thought
him not leffe then fitting to imploy about this his fecret pre-
tence. Thefeus depofing confident truft in him , declared the
whole volume of his minde vnto him, from the beginning to
the end : Iunia, hearing him fo fully bent, and determinately
425 refolued on this imparfet courfe : beganne to difwade, or di-
uert him to the contrarie, aleading diuers inftant inconueni-
encies: Thefeus being to determinate in his pretence beganne
to reiect Iunia for his folly in difwading him, and told him he
did not call nor difclofe his mind vnto him, to afke his aduife,
430 or to be intercepted by him , but the caufe he had him there
prefent , was this, he did depofe truft vnto him, and impofe
this fecret bufines on him, to prouide a fmall barke, or Pinnis
to tranfport them into *Spaine*, with monies and certaine Ie-
wells and fuch like cōmodities for the eafier cariage : which
435 if he could prouide and make readie againft fuch a time hee
would reward him royally for his paines.

Iunia hearing this, that there was no perfwafion would
take effect , or inftant examples to the contrarie diuert him,

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and withall respecting the Princes bountifull promife beganne
440 to yèeld vnto him, I and in the end promifed him to prouide all
things readie for their Voyage within the fpace of fortie daies
at the furtheft. Thefeus hearing this direct anfwere and pro-
mife of Iunia, was excèedingly fraught with ioy, in fo much,
that to fhew his bountie, and bind him vnto his promife, he
445 fent him away very richly rewarded , where wéele leaue him
prouiding for their Voyage, and turne to Meleagar.

Fortune, who had already layde her traine, fo deftinatèd,
that it vtterly brake the vnited bands of thefe two Louers fa-
thers combinde League, and almoft to the feparating of their
450 loue, with heart breaking : yet not fo content , intending as
fhe had giuen them a flender checke , fo now fhe fhould giue
them a cruell blow ; and to bring her pretence to be managed
with perfection, fhe layd her plot in this wife.

Meleagar , walking priuately in his Garden, commenting
455 on his Daughter Titana, brake out his paffions in thefe
tearmes ; Meleagar, thou haft but one onely Daughter, and
fhe is now about the yèeres of 23. and fhe is a Prince fo rich-
ly deckt, and adorned with the gifts of Nature, fo fraught
with beautie, and vertuous qualities, that fhe is not onely a
460 comfort to thée , but alfo a ioy to thy pœore Commons : why
then, place all thy ioy in her perfection , and fith fhe is now
marriageable, prouide her a husband that is equiuolent with
her : when he had thus paffioned a while, he fate him downe
vnder a Pœomfitherne Trée, to meditate on whom he might
465 beftow his Daughter Titana : till at laft, he called to minde
great Ambrofa, King of *Portugall*, who in former time had bin
brought vp together for the fpace of feauen yeares in Schœole :
and knowing this Ambrofa to haue a Sonne, whofe name
was Pirifmus, who was faire by Natures, royall by birth, by
470 vertues famous, and by poffeffions rich : prefently fends Em-
baffadors to the King of *Portugall*, to intreate a marriage be-
twene his Daughter Titana , and his Sonne Pirifmus.
Ambrofa hearing this, was excèedingly fraught with ioy, and

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475 told the Embaffadors, it was his decree before they came, to
haue fent to their King Meleagar, concerning the fame mat-
ter, but fith they were fo happily come, he told them his nauie
was ready, and his Sonne Pirifmus fhould along with them
to *Calidon*, and if God did permit him, he would be there with
480 them within fortie days The Embaffadors hauing receiued
their anfwere, and the Prince boorded his Flëet, the Marri-
ners hoifted their maine failes, weighed ancors, and halled
into the deepe.

Fortune faououring Thefeus deftinie, opens the windows
of Aeolus, and giues them a full winde, which in a fhort fpace
485 arriued them on the fhores of *Acchaia* : being fo fortunately
arriued, they infantly retired to the Court with the young
Prince Pirifmus , and made report to Meleagar of Am-
brofaes anfwere, and how he had fent his Sonne as a pledge
in the meane while. When Meleagar heard that was Am-
490 brofiaes Sonne, hee feemed very angrie they did not fend him
word of their comming, that he might haue receiued him in a
more princelike manner, but fëeing it was now too late, to re-
call what was paf, he faluted him very fubmiffiuely, and told
him he was very forie he knew not of his comming , for if he
495 had, he would haue met him by ye way. Well after thefe, and
fuch like words, Meleagar takes him about the middle, and
leads him into the priuie Chamber, caufing the Nobles to at-
tend them, whereas Titana fate a fowing. Quoth Melea-
gar, young Prince Pirifmus , behold, there fits mine onely
500 Daughter Titana, my chiefest ioy, and the originall caufe of
your Voyage hither , and if you pleafe to acquaint your felfe
with her you may. Quoth Pirifmus , my noble Leige, with
your leaue elfe not. Quoth Meleagar, yong prince, you haue
our leaue, to vfe your pleafure, Quoth Pirifmus with a low
505 obeyfance, thanks my noble Liege, a nd with that fteps vnto
Titana , takes her by the hand , and thus beginnes : Faire
Lady, if a Pilgrime Prince, may vouchfafe fo bold to be, as
to preferre a rough vnpolifht touch , vnto thofe foft lips of

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yours without offence, my defire is accomplisht, other wife
510 my fuit is cold. Titana féeing him a ftranger, and hearing fuch
inordinate tearmes procéede from him, was halfe in a mif-
doubt that her father had brought him, to be a futer in a caufe
that was already ouerthrowne , and dammages recouered,
yet hoping the beft, though fearing the worft, with a low cur-
515 tefie, fhe thus replies, noble Knight, as your request is fmall
it is the eafier granted ; againe, if I fhould by deniall refufe it,
you might iuftly appeach me foolifh : with that he giues her a
kiffe, which fhe very thankfully receiued, and accompanied
him vnto her father , the which did greatly reioyce the King,
520 her father : by this time there was a table furnifhed with fuch
cates, and dainties, as could at fo fmall a warning be prouid-
ed. Meleagar fitting downe, caufed Pirifmus to fit on the
fame fide which he fate on, and Titana to fit on the other fide,
right oppofite againft him, becaufe they fhould take a ful view
525 of each other, the which Pirifmus did; in fo much that her per-
fection dinted fo deepe an impreffion in his heart, that none
but Titana could fatiffie , the Amor of Pirifmus eye : when
he was thus folemnly, and fumptuously feafted, and royally
entertained; and fo entertained , that if Ambrofa had béene
530 there himfelfe in perfon, hauing fo fmall warning, they could
not receiue him with more triumphant royaltie . After they
had thus fufficiently paff the day in fumptuous feafts , and
banquets ? the King gaue commaund he fhould be attended
on to his lodging, & all his Lords, Knights and Gentlemen,
535 and their followers appointed their lodgings , and attended
alfo : which being done and all departed , Meleagar calls for
Titana, and thus brake his mind vnto her.

Titana, my gray-haires founds an alarum , and calls me
to my graue : therefore actions meafured by time, are feldome
540 bitten with repentance ; thou art young , and I am old, my
white haire are fading bloffomes, and thy frefh coulors bloo-
ming flowers , mine preparing to die, and thine repairing to
liue : (therefore Titana) I take care, and tell thee as a father,

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hoping thou wilt giue care, and obey as a Childe. The chiefe
545 thing I haue taken care for, and defired, hath bene to see thee
happily married before I die, or thou grow old.

Titana, hearing her fathers counsaile , and marking well
his words, beganne to seele which way the winde fate, and at
laft perfwaded her felfe in her opinion, as this , that her fa-
550 ther had chofen this young Prince Pirifmus to be her fpoufe;
fearing to difpleafe her father , yet fwearing and vowing not
to forfake Thefeus, made him this anfwere.

May it please your Grace , to giue me leaue to fpেকে?
Quoth Meleagar , we giue you free leaue . Quoth Titana,
555 Sir, there is no greater bonde then dutie, nor ftricter law
then Nature : for often difobedient youth, are defpifed in age,
and Parents wills are lawes ; therefore, rather than by deni-
all, I fhould be appeached of difobedience , ile reft content to
loue, although it bee the onely thing I hate : I fit may please
560 your Highnes to appoint whom I fhall loue.

Meleagar hearing this vnexpected anfwere of his Daugh-
ter, and seeing how light ſhe accounted ofloue, began to bee
very hot, and chollericke, and with a frowning countenance,
made her this haftie anfwere.

565 What Titana, canſt thou not loue? why, doth the cinnicall
paſſion of prone defires , ouercome thee with franticke fro-
wardneſſe, or peeuifh peruerſeneſſe ? or doeſt thou thinke thy
felfe a young Phoenix , that there is none to equall thee ? Ah
Titana, take heed, leaſt high Pride, bring low pouertie ; and
570 young difobedience, aged repentance: the Tree Alpia waſteth
not with fire, but withereth with deaw, and that which loue
nouriſheth not , hate periſheth.

Well, yeeld Titana to thy Fathers perſwaſions , which
may preuent all after-perills ; thou ſeeſt I am olde, and full of
575 gray haire, daily walking on the brincke of my graue, ready
to fall in euery houre, and thou heire apparant to my Crowne,
after my deſceafe , ſhalt ſuccede my Kingdome, in more tri-
umphant Throne , then ere thy Father Meleagar did in his
youngeſt years : knowing this, thou being young in yeares,

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580 and scarce gouverneffe of thine owne difpositions, it would be a
greater trouble, & a heauier burthen, to be so ouer-preft with
the charge of a whole Kingdome, to gouerne and looke too :
with ioy, I haue chofen thee a husband heere , the Prince Pi-
rifmus, thou sawest heere erewhile , he is a Prince , faire by
585 nature, royall by birth, by vertues famous, and by poffeffions
rich : therefore if thou like Pirifmus, thou breedft my content,
and in louing him , thou fhalt haue my loue , otherwise an e-
uerlafting hate.

Titana ftanding a while, called to minde that Thefeus did
590 purpofe to take his Voyage to *Tunis* very fhortly, where fhee
determined to arriue with him , and therefore fhe thought it
was as good for her to fay fhe loued him, and keepe her fathers
good will , as fay fhe could not loue him, and haue his ill will :
and againe, fhe thought this, if fhe fhould be peruerfe and fay
595 him nay, it might be a meanes in her fathers anger, to make
him fufpect, and mifdoubt fome other matters, and fo looke
more nearer vnto her, and fo be a hinderance to her departure
with Thefeus : therefore fhee determined to yeeld with words
vnto her Fathers defire, and thus befpoke him, with a low
600 courtesie :

Father, I obey your commaund as a child, hoping to enioy
your loue as a Father : and if Pirifmus can loue Titana, Ti-
tana will loue Pirifmus ; but pray father thinke not, but that
I yeeld with loue, and not with your perfwafions: and pleafe
605 you to appoint the nuptiall day , I will be readie to accom-
plifh what you pleafe to impofe on me.

Quoth Meleagar , now haft thou wonne my heart, and fhalt
enioy my loue, Ile make thee rich by poffeffions, and happy
by marriage, Ile indow thee with wealth, and Pirifmus with
610 loue; I ioy to fee thee toward, and hate to fee thee peruerfe: now
fhall my gray-haires enioy a reft , which long hath beene dif-
turbed with care; fo after thefe, and many other fuch like fpee-
ches , he appointed her the nuptiall day , which fhould be at
Ambrofaes comming: Titana being mindfull of her true loue

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615 Thefeus , was forely troubled in minde, becaufe her father
had appointed the time within fo fhort a fpace, fhe was feare-
full that Thefeus could not prouide all things for their Voy-
age fo foon, yet bearing it out with a good countenance, fhée
620 loøkt pleafantly in the fight of her father , and determined, if
things were not readie foon enough, fhe would faine fome ex-
cufe, to prorogue the time: well for that time, they departed,
and betooke them to their reft: on the morrow morning, Me-
leagar was ftirring very earely, and calls to him, his chiefe
Admirall , and commaunds him to prouide a Fleete of his
625 chiefeft Ships , and furnifh them with men and Ordinance,
and all things elfe fitting to receiue a Prince ; he being no
leffe then willing to fulfill the Kings ioyfull determination,
very fpèedily prepared all things fitting for their Voyage, tooke
his Embaffage of the King, and fuddenly boarded the Nauie,
630 hoyfted mayne failes, weyghed anchors , and away they cut
through the dèepe, where wéele leaue them to the fauour of the
winde, and the Seas.

Meleagar , hauing fent his Embaffadors for the King of
Portugall , calls his Nobles, and chiefe Officers together, and
635 told them, that the tenth day of that present month fhould be
the Nuptiall day : and bad them proclaime a feaft, Iufts, and
Turnies, and inuite all their neighbour Princes, with the
chiefe of his owne Dominions ; and that it was Meleagars
command and will, the Court gates fhould ftand open , and
640 receiue all commers for the fpace of twentie days ; as well
for the royall entertainment of Ambrofa, as for honour of
his Countrie : his Nobles being no leffe then willing to fur-
ther his pretence, very diligently according to the Kings com-
mande, prepared all things in a readines : where weele leaue
645 them attending Ambrofaes comming, and turne to Titana:
who in the fight her new loue Pirifmus , feemed no leffe then
fraught with the wanton feakes of loue , to leade that toyifh
foole into a purblind paradice, where in the end fhée meant to
leaue him champing of Cupids bridle : and in her fathers
650 fight, fhe fèemed fo abundant in her loue, that fhe almoft made

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his gray haire begin afrefh to bud, and to bloome forth youth-
full bloffomes againe , in fo much that it is impoffible to conceiue
the inward ioy , that he receiued by their outward toy-
ing ; and though fhe forcft her felfe to be ioyous and pleafant
655 in her fathers , and Pirifmus prefence, yet was fhe forcft to
balefull melancholly, and hatefull grieffe in their abfence: well,
it happened that in few dayes after, there came newes to Me-
leagars Court , that Ambrofa was come within two days
failing of *Calidon* , and by contraries winds forcft to caft an-
660 chor, and lie there for the winds returne. Meleagar hearing
this newes , caufed a Fleete of his beft fhips to be made rea-
die; which being done, he himfelfe, and Pirifmus with others,
boarded the Fléete, and Titana fhould haue gone too, but the
Seas vnwilling to croffe her fubmiffiue Loue , with aduerfe
665 hate, caufed a tempeftiuous ftorme to rife , in fo much that the
very fight of Neptunes frownes caft her into a difpairing
feare, the which her father feeing, caufed her to returne to the
Court againe , and they tooke their Voyage towards Am-
brofa, where wéele leaue them to their fortune, and turne to
670 Titana againe.

Who being fo long abfented from her loue Thefeus , and
fo often prefented with her hated Pirifmus , like a true Louer
difcontented, defired to walke and fit alone to meditate : on the
back fide of her fathers Pallace, there was a very large Gar-
675 den, which had diuers doores to enter in at ; this Garden was
the place, where Thefeus did vfe to méeete her , which place
fhe held moft conuenient , and fit for her to paffion out her
griefes : when the after noone came, fhe walked all alone into
the Garden, vnto the wonted place where Thefeus was
680 wont full often to imbrace her, with many louely kifles , ho-
ping that the Gods feeing her diftreffe , would relieue her
want, & as they had béene witneffes to her vowes, fo fhe hopt
they would be fauourers to her pretence : and thus walkt fhe
a while commenting in thefe dull perplexities, till at laft, her
685 paffions were fo vrgēt with her, fhe could no longer fuppreffe
them, but fate her down on a gréene banck, and burft out her

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Ah Titana , thou infortunate wretch, art thou a Kings
Daughter, and liue thus a flauie to Cupid ? better wert thou
690 a country wench, to enioy their louely pleafure; than a court-
ly miftriffe , thus wrapt in froward miferie : now maift thou
fée the deftinies plague thée , for thy difobedience. Ah figh
Titana, draw drie thofe two chryftall fountains, from whence
thefe pearled ftreames defcends , to ouerflowe thefe tender
695 chèekes of thine : loue Pirifmus, and in louing him thou loueft
thy felfe. Ah no, I dare not; Pirifmus no : tis Thefeus, and
none but Thefeus fhall haue my true loue : Ah foole that thou
art, to fix fo fondly; thou knoweft Thefeus is a *Grecian*, and
Greekes thy fathers foes : then fticke to thy fathers election,
700 and loue Pirifmus , for in louing him thou fhalt enioy the
worlds content. Ah no, I haue made my folemne vowes to
Thefeus, and will kéepe them, tis not worldly content alone
that I defire, but Thefeus loue, the patron of my meditating
thoughts , the Couch of my wearie ioyntures reft, and the
705 Crowne of my eartheriall glory.

When fhee had thus breathed foorth her folitarie paffions,
from the grey morne , to the red euen, Zephir beganne to
draw the melancholly curtaines of portendous night, which
caufed Titana to depart , which hauing taken her leaue of
710 the Orenge, and Lemmon Trees, which onely did accompany
her all that day, returns to her chamber againe , where fhe
immures her felfe in contemplation.

It hapned that in two dayes after , her father, Ambrofa,
Pirifmus, and all their followers arriued on Calidon fhores :
715 and Pagents, Drums, and Trumpets were prouided, with
fwéet perfumes, and Franckinfence, the ftrèets were fwéetned
for their paffage , which greatly pleafed Ambrofa : fo that
they fuddenly arriued at Meleagars Court, where they were
moft fumptuoufly entertained with banquets , and feafting,
720 which being done , Meleagar willing to make knowne by
outward fhewes , how hee was poffeft withinward ioyes :
leapt from his chaire of ftate, and fetcht his Daughter Tita-

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na, leading her into Ambrofaes prefence by the middle : Titana
725 féeing her fupposed fère, fained on him a fmile, and with
all to grace the dimples of her chéeke, fhe giues them a com-
ly and modeft blufh, and with a low and reuerent courtesie,
fhe did obeyfence to King Ambrofa, the which he féeing, fud-
denly ftept to her, tooke her in his armes, and louingly imbraft
730 her with many courtious and royall fpéeches , Pirifmus who
had all this while markt her behaiour, bleft his Fortune, and
thankt the Gods for his good acceffe : when he had fo done, hee
thought himfelfe to haue moft right to her , tooke her afide to
the further fide of the Røome where hee fported his blind folly,
and catcht at fhaddowes, yet to his hearts content, and both
735 their Fathers increafed ioy : but alaffe to pøore Titanaes heart
breaking , though fhe fained a fmyle in her fathers prefence,
yet was fhe forft to weepe In his abfence : Meleagar was fo
fraught with ioy , that hee thought euery day a yeare that his
Daughter went vnmarried, yet paft he fixe dayes more in kée=
740 ping Ambrofa company, and fhewing him the paftimes and
pleafures that hée chiefly tooke delight in : the meane time
he called to him his chiefe Officers and Nobles, & demaunds
if all things were readie for the Nuptiall ; the which they all
anfwered, I. When Meleagar heard that, he was very ioy=
745 full, and prefently makes Ambrofa, Pirifmus, and Titana ac=
quainted with his pretence (which was this) that on the feuēth
day following, being the fixtène day of the moneth , he did
purpofe to accomplifh the marriage betwixt Pirifmus and Ti=
tana, the which they all fèemed to be very ioyfull & glad of, faue
750 onely Titana , yet fhee fèemed no leffe than ioyfull in the fight
of her Father, but in her chamber fhe paffioned whole riuers
of teares from her chriftall eies, where weele leaue her to the
fauour of the Gods, and turne to Thefeus ;

Who all this while, hath bèene very bufie, and laborious
755 in his carefull affaires, and hauing accomplifht his bufines,
finifht his purpofe , and layd the fhip ready in the Hauen, is
very defirous to fpeake with his loue Titana , but his father
being prefent, he could find no opportunitie fitting to make an

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760 escape forth, which bredde hatefull melancholy , in fo much
that he immured vp himself in his chamber, to fo^{licit} fadnesse,
fortune fmiling at his folly, dandled him once again on her in-
dulent knée : It hapned at that instant, a Noble man of Ae-
geus Court, riding through a Forrest , that was some eight
765 miles distant from *Athens* , espied a wilde Boare , and
knowing the King loued the sport of hunting, as well as the
one halfe of his kingdome, came riding poft to the King, and
made report of his bufines : the King hearing him, caufed sud-
den preparation to be made , he hauing a very faire Pallas
770 ftanding in the midft of that Forrest, determined to go thither
to bed that night, the which preparation being made, and all
things readie, he calls for Thefeus, but he had heard some ink-
ling of his fathers hunting prograce , and how he was vpon
going, fained himfelfe ficke , and tooke phificke : when word
775 was brought to the King that Thefeus could not goe, he de-
maunded the occafion , they answered he was not well , hée
tooke phificke. The King hearing that newes and loth to delay
time , and fo lofe his sport , called his Nobles about him,
where they mounted their Stéedes , and rode towards the
Forrest, where wee leaue them to their sport , and turne to
780 Titana ;

Who now hath little hope to enioy Thefeus loue, for the
fixe dayes are almoft expired , and the feuenth is the nuptiall
day appointed, which was the next day following, yet being
the laft day of her hope, fhe went one morning to walk in the
785 Garden to féeke her Thefeus, bearing a fharpe Engine in her
hand, determining with herfelfe , that as fhe had made her
vowes to Thefeus, none fhould enioy her loue but Thefeus :
and where fhe did proteft thofe vowes to Thefeus , there fhe
meant to facrifice her blood to the Gods for Thefeus fake,
790 where wee leaue her.

Thefeus hearing his father was gone, puts on a difguifed
fuite of apparell , and secretly conueyes himfelfe forth at the
Court-gates by Juniaes meanes, determining neuer to come
in againe, fends Iunia to the Hauen, where the fhipe lay, and

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795 caufed him to attend his comming there ; which done, hée
walkes towards the Court of Meleagar, which was at that
time neare adioyning to the Citie of *Athens* : hée béeing arri-
ued at the Court , fuddenly makes meanes to enter the gar-
den : which béeing entred, hee walkte to the farther fide, where
800 he was w∞nt to méeete his Loue Titana : he was no fooner
approacht, but hée fpied her where fhée fate, leaning her head
on her hand, as though fhée had bene afléepe : hée no leffe then
glad to fée her, began to ftep haftily to her, but euen as he was
ready to touch her, hée perceiued that fhe was wéeeping and la-
805 menting very grieuoufly to her felfe : breathing out her paffi-
ons in thefe tearmes ;

Ah infortunate Titana, and therefore infortunate wretch,
borne vnder the deftinies difpleafure, and therefore croft with
Fortunes frowns, bound to Thefeus by loue, therefore pincht
810 with care by fate : yet Thefeus, Ah fwèet Thefeus, my dearer
farre, then my felfe is to my felfe, and none fhall deflowre mée
of his virgins Rofe, except this fatall Engine ; fith proteftati-
ons, vowes, and bonds are made, and fealed with the waxe of
Loues fweete lips, t'is Thefeus, and none but Thefeus fhall
815 enjoy my Loue.

Thefeus, féeing her in that dull perplexitie , and fo meta-
morphofed, ftood aftonifhed at that fight, and had not the power
to goe backward nor forward , he was driuen to fuch an exi-
gent : faine he would goe backe to lofe the fight of fo grieuous
820 a profpect, and fayner goe to her , to knowe the caufe, and feeke
redrefse, yet could hée do neither, but ftood ftill in a dull extafie,
halfe dead with grieffe : till at the laft fhee rem∞u'd her head,
and loøkt vp after a mournfull fafhion, as Phillis loøkt for De-
mophoon ; and cafting afide her blubbered eyes, fhée efpyed
825 her Thefeus: fhee rofe off the banke whereon fhe fat making
her complaints : threwe away her Fatall engine, tooke him
about the necke and kift him, fmiled, and thus befpage him ;
Ah Thefeus, arte thou come to profecute my weale or woe ?
(Quoth Thefeus) thy weale I hope, with harts content fwèet
830 Loue : but I pray thee fwèet-hart, what's the occafion of thefe

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thy preambing paffions, thus fob'd with fourcing feares ? Oh
faid Titana, finifter Fortune , hath caft mee into aduerfe per-
plexities : for fince thou departedft from thefe fwèete imbrace-
ments of mine, Fortune hath frowned on our pretence (quoth
835 Thefeus, how fwèete Loue?) Titana fained to fmile, yet for-
ced to wéepe, thus began :

Oh Thefeus, my Father fent Ambaffadours to Ambrofa
King of *Portugall*, to intreat a marriage betwèene his Sonne
Pirifmus , and thy loue Titana ; his father being as willing
840 to yèeld, as my father to demand : prefently fendes ouer his fon
Pirifmus, as a pledge of his promife, by the returne of my fa-
thers Embaffadors, and now is come himfelfe to accomplifh
the match : when my father heard the returne of his Embaf-
fage, and faw Pirifmus, he called me to him, where he opened
845 the whole volume of his pretence, perfwading me of the Prin-
ces intire loue, his rare accomplifhments, and how happie I
was to enioy the loue of fo rich a friend, with many fuch capi-
tall perfwafions ; in fo much that in the end , I did reply this
obftinate anfwere : I could not loue , it was the onely thing
850 that I did hate : with fuch like words, that at laft he fell from
kind perfwafions, and fell into thundring threats, and in fuch
franticke manner, that I durft no longer withftand him, but
gaue confent, and promifed to be readie whenfoeuer he plea-
fed to appoint the time, the which he was very ioyfull to heare,
855 and appointed the Nuptiall to bee the fixtèenth day of this
moneth , which is the next day following: yet good Thefeus
account not my behaiour light, though I haue promifed loue
to two men at once : but know this deere loue, it is the one is
ftedfaftly to abide , the other but falſely to delude : for if I
860 fhould haue ftøde obftinate, and peruerſe denying him ; then
fhould I haue had his perpetuall hate, and in hauing his hate,
like pøore Ioue with Argus fhould ftill be watcht and loøkt
after, that I the harder fhould finde oppertunitie to depart
with thèe to *Tunis* : therefore to auoide ſuſpition, I made him
865 a fained promife, but ftill braue Thefeus reſting at thy com-
maund , and obeying as thy hand-maide, ile liue and die with

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thée ; and with that takes him about the necke , and doth fo
pay and repay him with kiffes, that fhée halfe fmothers him.
Thefeus heard her politicke anfwere; hearing her wittie re-
870 ply , and féeing her loue fo conftant ; much commended her
wit, but more pittied her grieffe , defired her to patience, and
wifhing her not to be fo paffionate , promifed her that euery
teare that fhe had for him fpent, fhould from him returne tenne
thoufand ioyes againe : and quoth Thefeus I haue prouided
875 a fhip, and all things neceffarie for our paffage , which lies
ready in the hauen, and if you are readie and willing, nowe
there is a fit gale of winde to tranfport vs from the *Grecian*
fhores to *Tunis* . Quoth Titana, my dèere loue, it is the onely
thing I defire , through fire and water to follow thée fwèete
880 Thefeus. Quoth Thefeus, faire Titana, this night about the
houre of twelue, I will come and mèete thée hère, for then I
hold it the beft time to depart without fufpition of any, ther-
fore fwèete heart make no delaies, nether for lewells, or rich
array , leaft that we permitting this opportunitie , may ftay
885 long for the like againe, for I haue all things needfull already
prouided. Titana hearing thefe ioyfull tidings, was exceeding-
ly fraught with boundleffe ioy, thinking that euery houre be-
fore night came would prouue a yèere, in fo much that the time
being appointed , and fearefull to be efpied in their priuate
890 parley, after many louely enterchanges , and fwèete eclipfed
lips, they parted, where wèele leaue them a while ruminating
on their enfuing fortunes, and turne to Pirifmus.

Who now is prouiding Roabs for the Nuptiall, which I
doubt will prouue his funeral , yet loue being fo vrgent with
895 him, it cafts a mift before the eies of his folly, in fo much, that
he thinkes euery fmile that Titana lends him, is a promife of
perfection : but alaffe pøore føole, that fuch infancie fhould reft
in fuch experienced yèeres : but tis not to be maruelled at, for
Cupid doth greater miracles then this fome times, for hée
900 forceth the bond flauē to loue , and blinds his eies with folly :
he makes the yong old, and the old become yong againe ; hée
cleares the ageds eyes, and make the youthfull dim : therefore

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blame I not Pirifmus, nor yet commend him, but as hée de-
ferues, fo let fortune ^attribute her fauours vnto him, where
905 weele leaue him a fpectator to his aduerfe hopes, & turne to
Titana :

Who being mindfull of her promife to Thefeus, affoone as
the Court was quiet , and euery man betooke him to his reft,
Titana very carefully had respect that none might fee , nor
910 heare her, ftayed till the deade time of the night, which was
much about the houre that Thefeus had appointed her to
come : fhe hearing no noife, nor feeing no light throughout all
the Court, hauing a doore that opened into the Garden, fhe fe-
cretly vnlocks it, and away fhee goes to the wonted place,
915 where fhe findes Thefeus attending her comming, and with-
out any great circumftance tooke her by the arme, and led her
foorth at a backe gate that Titana had giuen him the key on
before, where his man Iunia ftayed his comming with his
Gelding : he fuddenly mounted on his horfes back, tooke Ti-
920 tana vp behind him, and rode to the hauen where the fhipe lay,
which was about a mile diftant from that place ; he no fooner
came there, but the Marriners were readie with their Cock-
boate to receiue them aboard : where being coucht together
in a Cabbin , they paff away the time in recounting their old
925 loues, till their man Iunia came: he had no fooner boarded the
fhipe, but the Marriners hoifting their mainfailes, weighed an-
chors & halled into the deepe, where weele leaue them to y^e fa-
uour of the winde and the Seas , and returne to Meleagar,
and the Bridegrome Pirifmus.

930 The morne being come, and Phœbus faluted the day with
his glorious Beames: Pirifmus ftarts him from the imbrace=
ments of his bed, to roufe Titana from her nightly couch ; he
being entred her chamber , and faw fhee was ftirring before
him, and forfaken her chamber, he thus beganne:

935 What hungry fiend or croaking night worme, durft bée fo
bold as to difturbe my Titana from her reft, till I Pirifmus
gaue her the Bon Jour.

What lowing Beaft, or bleating Lamb-kin, durft attempt

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my Loue. Titanaes vnreft, before that I beftowed the mor-
940 nings Salutation on her.

What *Scythian* fheepheard durft be fo bold, with his hooopes
and cries, to fright my Titana from her natiue fleepe, before
I enterchaged a kiffe with her , to embrace this Nuptiall
morne?

945 What *Indian* Rauens, and *Grecian* Larkes , what Ca-
narie-Finch, or filuer Swanes durft with their harmoniall
tunes intice my loue from forth her bed before I came ?

But yet me thinkes, I féele no hate procéed from fourth
their chirping blafts , therefore furely thou doft mifconceiue
950 them: for thy loue is gone to recreate her felfe in the Garden
this frefh morne : and is efpied by thefe louing creatures ; and
to adorne her and her Nuptiall, they all accord, ftriking the
fwèete relaces of their confortd tunes, to giue the heauens an
Echo of their ioy, and thy Titana the harmonie of fo happie
955 a day.

When he had thus paffioned a while , he was returning
foorth of her chamber againe , euen as he was parting, comes
Meleagar, calling haftily, for his Daughter Titana, and mée-
ting Pirifmus, asked him for Titana, who answered, fhe was
960 not in her chamber : Meleagar returning againe enquired,
and fent about the Court & Garden to féeke her, but no newes
could be heard of her, in fo much that in the end Meleagar be-
ganne to feare fome ill was betide her, and that fhe had béene
walking late, and fo was taken by fome of Aegeus men and
965 kept prifoner: well this conceit tooke fuch effect, that he fends
Embaffadors to Aegeus Court, to demand the queftion, if
Titana were taken prifoner by any of his Souldiers , who
had an anfwere no : returning againe, told Meleagar their
anfwere: they had no fooner deliuered their meffage, but their
970 comes a poft from Aegeus Court , to demaund if they had
not taken Thefeus prifoner, the which had his anfwere deli-
sered him in the fame manner, no : which done, he returnes
againe. Meleagar; who thought to haue feafted, and made a
triumphant Nuptiall ; nowe cafts oft his fumptuous Roabs,

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975 and put on mourning wèedes, and in ftèed|of delicious feafting,
imbraceth mournfull fasting : Pirifmus, who fed on the beau-
tie of Titana, as the Camelian fèeds on the aire , was fran-
ticke, at this fudden extafie. Ambrofa from his aged eies fhed
many teares, to fèe Meleagar fo grieued, and his Sonne fo
980 impatient: the guefts that were inuited, at this fudden change
were caft into dumps, and dull perplexities, in fo much that
you might haue pafst through the Court, t∞ and fro, and hard-
ly haue heard a word fpoken, but haue fèene many a weeping
eie, which held for the fpace of foure days ; the fift day he cau-
985 fed proclamation to be made, that whofoeuer could but bring
tidings where Titana is, or what is become of her, he would
beftow a liuing on him worth an hundred pound a yeare , in-
during his life : this being proclaimed, at that time, there was
a Sailer that fhould haue gone in the fhipe with them, but hee
990 had fome hindrance, hee being foorth of the fhipe when Thefeus
and Titana boarded it, hee ftaide fome thing long, and The-
feus and his loue , thought it feuen yèere till they were put
from the fhore , leaft fortune fhould chance to bewray their
pretence, he would ftay no longer , but commanded them to
995 put off and lanch into the deepe : fo that this Sailer was left
behind, and hearing this great promife of the King, determi-
ned to goe instantly , and informe the King of her departure:
but you muft note this, hée did it more for the benefit of the
liuing , then to certifie the King : hée being arriued at the
1000 Court , made meanes to come to the fpèech of the King , hée
being in prefence , did his dutie , and as farre as hee could
hee vnfolded the matter, in euery point : the King hearing
how it was, and that fhe was gone with Thefeus , beganne
to be in an excèeding great rage , in fo much that the Sayler
1005 wifht himfelfe fourth of his prefence, though he neuer had his
gift : yet the King being a noble Prince, beftowed his
promife on him, and fent him away a ioyfull man.

Meleagar, though he heard tidings of his Daughter, yet
could it no whit perfwade him to patience, but rather kindled

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1010 the hot fire of war againft Aegeus for a reuenge, becaufe he
had but one only daughter, and fhe to be carried away by an
enemies fonne. Aegeus miffing his fonne Thefeus, and hear-
ring that he was gone with Meleagars daughter Titana, hée
fware a bloudie reuenge on Meleagar : and thus the two fa-
1015 thers fell into bloody paffions, in fo much that all *Achaia*,
Calidon , and *Greece* were vp in armes againft each other,
where wéele leaue them a while, and turne to Pirifmus.

Who hearing of the ingratefull departure of Titana , pre-
fently betakes him to his chamber, where he fate ruminating
1020 on her, and her departure with Thefeus , in fo much that hée
perfwaded himfelfe neuer to returne to *Portugall* againe. fith
Titana had deceiued him : well, he being as it were halfe fran-
ticke, grew careleffe what became of himfelfe, and in this dif-
contented humour fitting alone in his chamber, thus breathed
1025 out his paffions :

Titanaes love, did lend thee life,
Titanaes hate will caufe thy death :
Titanaes parting, hath fharp't the knife,
That now muft ftop thy vitall breath.
1030 *Titana* farwell, for loue I die,
As here thefe lines , will teftifie.

W Hen he had thus paffioned a while; hee drawes his
fatall Engine, and ftabs himfelfe : when Meleagar
and Ambrofa were fitting at dinner, Pirifmus was
1035 called for, but he could not be found, in the end they loekt in his
chamber , where they found him moft grieuoufly murdered :
newes was prefently carried to the Kings table, who hearing
of this pitious tidings , caufed him to bee brought into the
prefence, and fent for Doctors, and Surgions, but all in vaine,
1040 for he was quite gone , and paf't recouery : they feeing no
helpe, caufed preparation for the funerall, which all things be-
ing in a readineffe, thofe neighbour Princes which were in-
uited to the Nuptiall , were now intreated to his funeral :

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1045 these folemne obfequies, and funerall being ended euery man
tooke his leaue, and departed : but Ambrofa ftayed till the be-
ginning of the next moneth, and when the time came, he de-
parted towards *Portugall*, with a heauier heart then he came
towards *Greece*: withall, when he had taken his leaue of Me-
leagar , he boarded the Flèete, weighed anchors, and away
1050 they cut through the dèepe , where wèele leaue him and turne
to Titana, and Thefeus.

Whom fortune beginnes to fport her felfe, in their aduerfi-
ties, for as fhe had fmiled on them a while, and giuen them a
full winde fitting to tranfport them to the hauen of their de-
1055 fire: fo now fhe meant to frowne on them , and giue them a
Calme ; when as they lay thus becalmed, fortune who loues
to fport her felfe in the variable accidents of loue , brought it
thus to paffe : certaine Gallies that were Robbers vnder the
French King , espied this *Grecian* fhip, and thinking to haue
1060 fome rich prize, made out, and gaue onfet, commanding them
to yèeld : the *Grecians* being calme could not make away from
them, yet although too weake , Thefeus stoutly denied to be
boarded, and fought it out to the vtmoft: yet in the end they
boarded the fhip , and beftowed Titana and Thefeus vnder
1065 the hatches amongft the Saylers, and then rifled the fhip of all
their rich Iewells : which done, they tooke the Saylers and
caried them into their Gallies, and chained them faft, and
made Galli-flaues of them, when they had fo done, they tooke
Thefeus into one of the Gallies, but the chiefe commanded
1070 that they fhould offer no rigor at all vnto him , for hee faw
by his behaiour , that he was of good birth and parentage,
which made him the more fauourable vnto him. Thefeus de-
fired of the generall that he would entertaine or fuffer Titana
to come into the Gallie to him, and fare as he fared, they both
1075 defired and intreated, but it could not be granted, which cau-
fed poore Titanaes eies all blubbered with teares, and almoft
dead for feare , and grieffe , but all would not preuaile : the
chiefe generall fent halfe a doufen fhakerags with the fhip, &
her to *Rone*, where they ftript her out of her Princely Robes,

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1080 and put her into beggers Raggcs, and when they came to the
fhore, they gaue her three duckets and turned her off there in
a frang Countrie, that ſhe neither knew their Language, nor
had ſhe any friends there: but fith her fortune was fo allotted
vnto her , for her owne part ſhe tooke it very patiently , but
1085 when ſhe called to minde her Thefeus ſhe wept bitterly, but
fith there was no remedie, ſhe meant to paſſe , and ſpend her
life in Pilgrimage, where wee leaue her traueiling towards
Italie ,and turne to Thefeus :

Whoſe chiefe ſoliciter is carefull grieſe , for his poore loue
1090 Titana, and is forcft to liue as a rouing Pirate on the feas: it
happned about fixe moneths after they chancft to mēete with
ſome Merchants of *Venice* , on whom theſe Pirates gaue on=
fet, theſe Merchants being well prouided , breathed defiance
on them, at which theſe Pirates tooke great difdaine and dif=
1095 charged vpon them , the Merchants ſēeing that , beganne
to play vpon them, Pēce , after Pēce , ſo long that in
the end , they ouercame them , and tooke two of their
Gallies : in which two , Thefeus and Iunia were Pri=
foners in : fortune fauouring Thefeus for Titanaes fake,
1100 beare her Target of defence before him , that he eſcaped with
life, but Iunia was flaine, when the Merchants had thus ri=
fled the Gallies, being nēere the coaſt of *Bohemia*, ſent the Gal=
lie-flaues, and others that were Priſoners in the Gallies, to
the fhores ſide, and ſet them a land to ſhift for themſelues, then
1105 had Thefeus but halfe a Ducket to buy him meate & drinke,
and his clothes were but ſimple Raggcs God knowes, yet
glad he was that he was ſo happily landed, but yet poore Ti=
tana, the very thought of her, ſtrake him halfe dead, hee deter=
mined neuer to returne vnleſſe he met with his loue Titana,
1110 but would ſpend his life in Pilgrimage till death claimed his
right : where wee leaue him traueiling in *Germanie* , and
turne to Meleagar.

Who is in the field with with Troupes of Souldiers, wa=
ging warre againſt Egeus : but his mother enuying him, for
1115 killing her two Brothers, Plexipus, and Toxie, had ſworne

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on him to be reuenged, yet ftudied fhe a long time, and knew
not how to be cruell inough in her reuenge, till in the end, fhee
called to minde a brand that the deftinies put in the fire, when
fhe lay in child-bed of Meleagar : which brand was of this
1120 mercileffe force, and power , by the deftinies charmes, that
when this brand was in the fire burnt , Meleagar fould
confume and burne to afhes , for the deftinies fpunne his fa-
tall threed at his birth day, and did put this brand in the fire,
to take him the firft day of his birth : but Althœa , to preuent
1125 it, tooke it foorth againe, and layd it vp very charilie, till now
fhe meant to make vfe of it, as thus.

Meleagar, being in the field againft Aegeus, in fierce and
cruell battell , and hauing giuen an ouerthrow to Aegeus,
there was great reioycing, and Bonfires made throughtout al
1130 *Calidon*, with ringing Bells, and fuch like. Thefties Daugh-
ter feeing fo much woode layde on the fire for Meleagar , and
to fhew the loue they beare to the King her Sonne: fhée
thought whilft the fire was burning to beftow one fticke on
him, to fhew the hate fhe bare to him, although fhe died for
1135 company with him herfelfe, fhe cared not, fo fhe might bée re-
uenged on him: after fhe bethought her felfe, fhe steps to a
cheft where fhe fafely had layd this brand, and takes it foorth,
and with a zeale to mifchiefe, ftretcht out her fatall arme, and
threw it in the fire, which being done, fhe thus began:

1140 Behold yee triple Goddeffes
Of wrecke, yee Helhounds three :
Behold you all this furious fact,
And facrifice of me.
I wrecke and doe againft all right,
1145 With death muft death be payde:
On mifchiefe, mifchiefe muft be heapt,
On courfe, muft courfe be layde.
Confounded let this wicked houfe,
With heaped forrowes be :
1150 Shall *Oenie* ioy his happie Sonne,

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In honour for the fee:
And *Thefties* morne bereft of his,
Nay better yet it were,
That each with other company,
1155 In mourning you should beare :
Now brothers ghofts and foules new dead,
I with no more but you
To feele the folemne obfequies,
Which I prepare as now.

1160 *This fayd.*

She turned away her face,
And with a trembling hand;
Did caft amid the fire,
This death-full burning brand.

1165 M Eleagar being abfent, and bufied about his warlike af-
fares, thinkes not of his mothers crueltie, but follow-
ing his vrgent occafions , with very attentive care, it
happened not long after as hée was walking alone to recreate
himfelfe, vpon the fudden he felt an extreame paine in his bel-
1170 ly, it waxt more and more, infomuch, that he did plainly per-
ceiue that his bowells burnt with flames of feeret fire, but yet
denied he to die, but bare it out with a Princely courage , for
it grieved him to die fo cowardly without fhedding his bloud :
yet death being fo predominate, and potent ouer him, hée be-
1175 gan to yéeld, and with fighting fobs , called on his aged fa-
ther , which with age lay bedrid feuen yeares before, and
then with grieffe departed ; then called he on his brother, and
his fifters, and laftly on his mother, by this time his paine in-
creafed fo extreame with the fire , that hée fell therewith a-
1180 gaine , and at that felfe fame infant quite extinguifht were
they both: and as his body burnt to afhes, the glowing coals
his fpirit from him drew? Then drooped ftately *Calidon*, both
young and old did mourne, the Lords and Commons did la-

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ment, and married wiues their hairs like frantickes rent from
1185 off their heads, for grieffe of king Meleagars death :

The folke of *Calidon* not fo sufficed, gathers the ashes of his
confumed body, and entombs them vp, and makes a folemne
Funerall; nay the blackeft difmall day that ere was knowne
1190 in *Calidon*, or *Acchaia*, and on his Tombe , engraues an E-
pitaph to this effect.

The Epitaph.

Heere lies the famous King of *Calidon*,
Which for his fame the worlds mirror woone,
That *Achaian* land can fay, though he be gone,
1195 Foule fall the Author, and of this mothers doome:
Who paffeth by, and chance thefe lines to read,
Curfe them that cauld *Meleagar* lie heere dead.

H Auing this done, euery man returnes a=
gaine to his abiding place. Aegeus hea-
1200 ring that Meleagar was dead, prouided
a great hoaft of men, and marcheth to-
wards *Calidon* , and ouer-runnes their
Camps, and puts their Souldiers to the
fword, fo that in a fhort fpace he gets the
1205 chiefe part of *Calidon*, and ftill inuades further into the Coun-
trie, and much blood hath béene fpilt, and a great deale more is
like to be, but the winter being come , they haue left the field
and lie now in Garifon till the next fpring, where wee leaue
them and turne to *Titana*.

1210 Who now hath fpend full foure yeeres in Pilgrimage, from
Countrie, to Countrie, in very pœore manner, and now it was
her fortune to come into *Germaine*, and as fhe was traueiling
vp into the Country, fhe chancft to come to *Fuefen*, where be-

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1250 that ſhe was a Kings Daughter, but kept it cloſe, neuer meaning to reueale it , but ſtill following her buſineſſe, with carefull diligence, where wéele leaue her , and turne to Thefeus :

Who being in very pœre eſtate , is entertained by the
1255 Lands-graue of *Hefton*: and ſeruing him for ſpace the of three yées , greatly grew in credite with him, in ſo much that hee would doe nothing without the aduice of his man Pirigrino, (for ſo he fained his name to be) the Landf-graue taking ſuch on extraordinarie liking vnto him, (as truely to ſay the trueth,
1260 he deferued the loue of all : (neuer had any lufts, & Turnies, but his Pirigrino ſhould be one, I, and ſtill did put them to the foile, whatſoeuer they were that waged againſt him, in ſo much that in few yeares he beganne to be admired of all ; not onely for his rare feats at Armes, but alſo for his Gentleman like accompliſhments, ciuill, and modeſt behaiour : that in
1265 the end, the Landf-graue began to miſdoubt that hée came of ſome Noble deſcent, and by ſome diſcontent parted with his Countrie, and went as a Pilgrime to ſéeke his fortune : well, it hapned not long after , he tooke an occaſion to walke after
1270 ſupper , in a Garden that ſtood on the backe ſide of his Palace, with a meaning to demaunde of his man, what Countryman he was , and of what Parentage ; calls for his Pirigrino , and charged him to tell him the trueth of a queſtion hee meant to aſke him. Pirigrino maruelling at this fudden
1275 charge, anſwered thus: My dread Soueraigne, as nèere as I can I will certifie you with the truth (quothe the Graue) but this then, tell of what Parentage thou commeſt on, and what was the occaſion of thy comming into this Countrie? for thou toldſt me thou waſt a *Grecian* borne : (Quothe Pirigrino)
1280 my Soueraigne Lord truly ſo I am , and my father was a pœre Gentleman , and the occaſion that I came hither was this: there was a Gentlewoman dwelling in *Athens* whom I dèerely loued, and ſo did ſhe me, I being a younger brother, and had but ſmall meanes to maintaine her, her friends being
1285 rich, would not giue conſent at all ; we hauing but little hope

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to enioy the fruition of our loues in *Greece* , prouided a little
Barke to tranfport our felues into *Spaine*, which being done,
as we were paffing the Otion , there came certaine Pirates
that were rousing on the Sea, and tooke vs, and robbed vs of
1290 all that we had ; this done, they fent my loue, away towards
the coaft of *France*, and clapt me into a Gally, where I was
forcft to mannage an Ower, till I was releaft by a Vene-
tian Merchant , who landed me on the coaft of *Bohemia*, and
I purpofing to fpend my life in Pilgrimage , wandring vp
1295 and downe, it was my fortune to come hither, where I fortu-
nately hapned into your feruice; he thus ending his fpeech wept
very bitterly . The Landf-graue being very forry to fee him
weepe and lament fo bitterly, demaunded the occafion of his
paffions , who answered the loffe of my loue. Quoth the
1300 Landf-graue, come leaue off this womanifh weeping, and re-
maine with me , & thou fhalt neuer want for any thing fo
long as I am able to giue thee: well after thefe and fuch like
words, they departed to their reft.

At that infant, there was attendant in the houfe of
1305 Alphonfus the Landf-graue , a young Gentlewoman
whofe name was Impio , this Gentlewoman came of very
good Parentage, the wilhly viewing, and noting the excellen-
cie of Pirigrinos face, prefently fell in loue with him; but ha-
uing but fmall acquaintance, could not tell how to vnfolde her
1310 minde vnto him , but this fhe pafft the time , for the fpace of
halfe a yeere, and could find no time nor place fitting for to dif-
clofe her loue : till at laft fhée watcht him when hée went to
walke in the Garden alone, and lightly fkipps after him, he efpi-
ing her comming after him, returnes againe and met, giuing
1315 her the time of the day, and fhe the like to him againe , fo that
in the end there pafft and repafft many queftions between
them: in fo much that at laft my young Gentlewoman
miftriffe Impio, grew fo impudent with loue, that fhe could
bridle her paffionate affection no longer bat defired him to fit
1320 downe on a greene banke that was by them, for fhe told him
that fhe had good newes to tell him, he being no leffe then wil-

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ling to heare good news, according to her desire he fate downe,
where fuddenly she fate downe by him, where she declares the
whole volume of her minde vnto him. Pirigrino hearing her
1325 fo paffionate in her tearmes , wondred much at thefe fudden
accidents, or what fhould be the occafion that fhould prouoke
her to fuch inordinate feakes, which in his conceit ouerflowed
the bounds of modeftie , yet would he not feeme to reiect her
for her folly, but mildly perfwaded her to be content and paci=
1330 fie herfelfe with patience, for he was already prouided, yet did
he humbly thanke her for her good will , but grant her marri=
age he could not : yet she would not be fo answered, but began
to profecute it frefh againe , and like Venus, when she woed
Adonis , ftroue with him for a kiffe, in fo much that he afha=
1335 med of her folly , flung away from her ; Impio feeing
him gone, meant not to let him goe fo, but on the next mor=
ning, she goes to his chamber, and in the like manner begins
againe. Pirigrino feeing her, and hearing her in her old tune,
would not ftay, but flings from her in an angrie fume; yet she
1340 would not giue him ouer nor let him ref t , but ftill would bee
troubling and molefting him, in fo much, that in the end, hee
told her of her imodeftie very fharpely, and told her, that if fhee
came any more troubling him with the like matter againe, he
would declare her name to his Lord Alphonfus. Impio hea=
1345 ring this| haftie checke and rebuke of Pirigrino whom she lo=
ued fo dearely, turned now her loue to hate, and as in former
time she had fought meanes to get his loue, fo now ten times
more bufie she was, to feeke meanes to deftroy his life : Piri=
1350 grino whō fortune had turned on her whēle fo oft with frowns
and fmiles, meant once more, to caft him into aduerfe per=
plexities , & for the better conueyance of it, she brought it thus
to paffe.

At that infant there lay in Fuefen one of the Emperors of
Germanie , who had to Daughter a very faire, and proper
1355 young Gentlewoman: this Virgin being known to the Duke
of *Broonfwicke*, and he hauing but one only Son thought it a
good match for him , being refolued in this opinion, very fpee=
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dily fend Embaffadors to this Emperour, to entreat a marriage betwene his Sonne & his Daughter ; to which the
1360 Emperor, being very willing, told them, withall his heart, and had them, pray him to come and accomplish it as soon as he could, for his busines would be so vrgent with him shortly, that he should hardly attend their coming else, they received their answer, and haften backe to the Duke their Maister,
1365 where they made report of their Embassage, when the Duke heard each ioyfull tidings, with all expedition, he caused preparation for the Nuptiall, which being all finished, and all things ready, they tooke their Iourney to the Emperours Court, being then in *Fuesen*. The Emperour hearing they were coming ; invited diuers of the chiefe of *Germanie*, to the Nuptiall : whereof Alphonfus, the Landf-graue of Heffen amongst the rest was one : well, within few dayes after the Duke of *Broonfweeke* arriued at the Emperours Court in *Fuesen*, this Nuptiall day being past, and their royalte ended, euerie man taking his leaue of the Emperor departed, onely the
1370 Duke of *Broonfweeke*, the Landf-graue of *Heston*, and their followers.

It hapned in a short time after, Pirigrino being chiefe attendant on Alphonfus ; and Impio on his faire Lady : fortune beganne to turne her wheele, and raise an aduerse fate,
1380 on poore submissiue Pirigrino, in this manner : this wicked lust fulphering Impio, whose heart was fraught with burning hate, had long studied how she might bring him to disgrace, or take his life from him, because he did reiect her for her folly : in so much that in the end, she agreed thus ; for to invite him to her chamber to Dinner, where if she could obtaine loue at his hands, it was as much as she desired, otherwise she meant to crie out, and say he would rauish her, and so by that meanes bee reuenged on him : she being profoundly
1385 grounded on this hellish pretence, thought it long ere she were acting it : yet she considered this, that if she should doe so hauing no witnes of it, it was but her I, and his no : and she saw that he was so in fauour, that he should be beleued be-

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fore her, therefore to bring her matter the better to paffe, fhée
1395 hires a young man , and giues him fiftie crownes to come and
fweare againft him : when fhe was thus prouided of a witneffe,
fhe inuites Pirigrino to come the next day to dinner: He think-
ing no hurt, nor imagined not the mifchiefe fhe pretended to him,
very courteoufly thanked her, and fayd hee would make bold to
1400 trouble her : with this anfwer the returned , and called this
young man to her, and told him where he fhould ftand to heare
her, when fhe called him ; and what he fhould fay : well , this
being done, on y^e next day according to promife, Pirigrino came
to dinner, where they fate all alone, and were very merry all the
1405 Dinner time , when they had fufficiently alayd the hunger of
their ftomackes, fhe tooke away the table her felfe, and had none
to attend her at all , which made Pirigrino mufe much thereat,
when fhe had thus taken away, and fet things in order, fhe came
to Pirigrino, and beganne her wonted tune againe, and againe,
1410 but ftill he denied her ; yet would fhe take it for no anfwer, but
ftill importuned him for loue, in fo much that he beganne to bée
very angrie with her, and beganne to goe foorth of her chamber :
she feeing no hope to obtaine loue of him , fhe fware fhe would
haue his life: fhe fteps to him againe, and thus be fets him. Thou
1415 faire faced Pirigrino, canft thou deny a Wench that comes of
gentle blood, no vaffall nor runnagate, but bred and borne in gen-
tillitie : therefore reade the margent of my browes and thou
fhalt fée that thy birth is not equiualent with mine ; thou know-
eft how my Lord & Maifter entertained thee but the other day,
1420 as a Pilgrime that meant to fpend his life in Pilgrimage , and
wilt thou reiect me that am a Gentlewoman of good account? no,
no, Pirigrino ; remember thy felfe what thou wert when thou
camft hither; and yeelde Impio loue . Pirigrino hearing her fo
infatiable in this vaine attempt, began to wreft away from her,
1425 whereupon fhe cried out, helpe , helpe ; he will rauifh me : with
that fteps in the young man that fhe had appointed to beare falfe
witneffe againft him, and cries out for helpe too / which fudden-
ly came running in diuers of the Court, and layd hands on him,
and newes was carried to the Landf-graue, and the Emperour,
1430 of Pirigrinoes fact: Alphonfus very forry to heare this tidings,
yet would not feeke to excufe him, but fuffered him to goe to pri-
fon, where he lay for the fpace of fixe daies, the feuenth, according
to the order of their Law, he was had in examination ; & for the

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1435 ter himfelfe , that he fhould haue no wrong : but when he heard
how euidently the matter was proued againft him, by this yong
fellowes meanes , that came in, and fware directly againft him,
it was a fact that was fo heinous, & not to be forgiuen, there Lawes
were fo ftrickt againft it, when he had thus confidered with him=
felfe, the greatneffe of the offence & the feuereneffe of their Law,
1440 he held his tongue and fuffered the Law, to paffe on him, which
ouerthrew him, & the fentence of death was pronounft againft
him, that the next market day, there fhould be in the midft of the
market place, a ftake erected; vnto which ftake, he muft be bound
faft with Iron-chaines, and fo done, fire kindled about him, and
1445 fo burne to death: the Law hauing thus paff on him, and the fen=
tence of death pronounft againft him, they carried him backe to
prifon, vntill the next market day: in the meane while they made
ready the ftake, and fet it in the midft of the market , and when
the day came, according to there order they brought him to the
1450 place of execution, where was gathered together, two or three
hundred to fee him executed ; he was fo beloued that there was
many a weeping eie for him, and cried out to the Shrieffes, fay=
ing, it was a great pittie fo braue a man fhould die for fo fmall an
offence , yet they could not doe withall, but caufed him to be tied
1455 to the ftake, which done , they layde ftraw and faggets about
him , and were kindling the fire about him ; yet did he fmile and
laugh on the people, and prayed them to pray for him, the which
they did all very hartily, he prouided himfelfe to die : euen as the
fire was kindling , there came riding by a Knight of *Athens* by
1460 chance, as he was traueiling into *France* , efpying a multitude of
people gathered together, turnes his horfe head, and rides to the
place to fee the occafion, when he came neere to the place, and fee=
ing a man bound faft to the ftake, beganne to looke very ernestly
on him, in fo much that in the end, he beganne to perfwade him=
1465 felfe that it was Thefeus : thrufts in amongft the people & thus
fpake,(Prince Thefeus) Thefeus fuddenly loekt vp marueiling
who was that which knew his name fo perfectly, looking on this
Knight called him to minde, and answered Horatio. Quoth the
the Knight Horatio , for fo was his name: my Noble Leige,
1470 what make you heere thus bound with chaines fo neere your
death? Quoth Thefeus I haue bene falſely accused, & now con=
temned to die. Horatio intreated the Shrieffes to hold backe the

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he was, for he is a Kings Son, & falsely accused. The Shrieffes although they were to haue done the execution by an houre, yet for the
1475 loue they bore to him, they puld backe the fire : Horatio gallopt to the Emperor, & told him in few words that hee knew not what, to put a kings Sonne to death vpon a falsé accusation; with such, and such like words, he roughly befpage y^e Emperor, without all feare or reuerence : in so much that the Emperor sent some of his chiefe attendants with his priuy Signet to fetch him againe, to heare the matter more plainly prooued : the whilst they went to fetch him, 1480 Horatio declared what hee was, & the occasion of his departure from his owne Country. Quoth Alphonfus he told me that was the occasion of his departure, but hee told me he was a Gentleman, and a younger brother : by this time, the Emperors men came to 1485 the place of execution, where they declared his will and shewed the Shrieffes, the Emperors Signet for a sign and token they should bring him to the Emperors Court: when they saw the Signet, they knew it was the Emperors will hee should be brought , then they 1490 caused him to be vntied, which when the people heard it, there was such casting vp of hats, hooting & reioycing, as though Heauen and Earth would haue gone together : when he came to the Court hee was examined againe of this matter, the which hee vtterly denied, wherupon the fellow was called againe, that came in against him, 1495 and demanded if this man were guiltie or no; he answered I. The Emperor would not beleue him so, but would make a farther trial of it, sends presently for a Racke, to racke him, till he tolde y^e truth : as soon as the Racke came, the very feare, & sight of the Rack, made him fall on his knées & confesse all : telling how Impio did hire him 1500 to doe it & gaue him fifty Crownes. The Emperor and the Landf-graue hearing this, sends for Impio , who hearing y^t her knauery was com out, gets her into her chamber, where she suddenly strangles her selfe with a Towell : she being found there dead in this manner, they were all very sorry, and desired Thefeus to pardon 1505 their haftie & rash Iudgement, the which he freely pardoned : this being past y^e Emperor, & the Landf-graue intended to accompany Thefeus into *Greece*, & command a Fleete of ships to bee prepared for this Voyage. this news being bruted about, that Pirigrino was a Kings Sonne & of *Greece*: in so much, that in y^e end it came to Titana's eare, who was halfe perfwaded y^t it was her Thefeus, well 1510 she could not be quiet in minde till she saw him: the next day she made an excuse to goe forth, & goes to the Emperors Court . & as

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ing him directly, but stood still & lookt on him, & he did the like on her,
til at last Theseus sayd Titana: when she heard him say so, she
1515 slept to him, and with ioy she wept, and y^e like did he, like two Turtle
Doues they sweetly bild each other, when they had thus done, they
made it knowne to the Emperor & Alphonfus, that she was King
Meleagars daughter, & she was she, that y^e Pirates took from him:
this newes bred more admiration, and more in *Fuesen*: this being
1520 past, the ships ready & all things provided; the Emperor cloaths
them in very rich aray, and causeth them to board the Nauie, who
did accompany them the Emperor, the Duke of *Broonfweeke*, the
Landf-graue of *Heften*, and diuers other knights, and Gentlemen
of good account and reckoning; which being a full winde suddenly
1525 arriued in *Athens*. The King Egeus seeing such a fleet of goodly
ships comming began to misdoubt the worst and sent out a Pin^{na}is
to see what they wore, and to what intent they came: which retur-
ned him this answer; and shall please your Highnes, there is the
Emperour of *Germanie*, the Duke of *Broonfwicke*, the Landf-graue
1530 of *Hefton* and your Prince Theseus. Aegeus hearing that, neere
stayd to call any to attend him, neither to put on his Cloake; but
ran to meet them, without Hat or Cloake. His Sonne Theseus
comming formost in the Troop, when he saw his Father, fell down
on his knees: the aged King stooped and took him vp in his armes
1535 and wept bitterly for ioy, hauing so done, he salutes Titana, and
the rest in the courteouest manner he could deuise. The Cittizens
hearing of their comming againe to shewe their ioy, made Bon-
fires, & shoves, with Bells ringing throughout all the Cittie: the
Courtiers and Knights, appointed Jufts, and Turnies, to signifie
1540 Their willing minds, gratifying the Kings fortunate hap. Aegeus
hearing of his sonne Theseus aduerse haps since he departed from
him, thought now to accomplish his ioy, caused preparation for the
Nuptial, which being done, & twenty dayes fully expired in solemne
feasting: the Emperor, the Duke, & the Landf-graue with their
1545 followers, took their leaue & departed. Aegeus sent for his men
that were in y^e field against the Achaians, & Calidons, proclaimed
a finall peace, & crowned Theseus king of those three kingdomes,
hauing this done, & finisht all things as he could wish, he gaue his
Son charge of the well gouerning his estate, to keepe the hearts of
1550 his commons; after these & such like words he died, euen with ouer
ioying himselfe at Theseus return: his father being dead, caused
a funerall to be made, which done his father intombed, & hi^s solemne

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