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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
minde 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 euerlaſting.

R Ight Worſhipfull (ever ſince my childiſh
yeares , were adopted , with that mutuall
fence of feeling , and imboldned with your fa-
vourable ſmiles ; I prefumed to ſurvey the
5 manifold fauours, that I found written in
the Margent of your love ; (which feeling)
I find my ſelfe ſo deeply indebted to your
Worſhip, that although I ſhould indeuour my ſelfe euen to the
laſt gaspe , yet were it impoſſible for me to deferue , or make
10 you reſtitution for the leaſt of them : but as heretofore I ſtill
prefumed on your kindneſſe , preſenting your worſhip, the
frownes of Fortune, ſo rudely and roughly poliſhed , that I
feare you will ſmile with *Alexander* at the crooked deformitie
of *Vulcan* : yet ſometimes the minde is as well pleaſed to heare
15 of *Pans* homely fancies , as of *Hercules* renowned labours ;
Homer write verſes 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 treaſure : *Darius* aſwell receiued
the rough unpoliſh'd colors of *Mifon* , as the curious picters
20 of *Apelles*. Therefore I beſeech you, to ſhroud this imperfect
Pamphlet, vnder your Worſhips patronage: aſſuring my ſelfe
that your Worſhips learned education, and vertuous diſpoſiti-
on, will be a ſufficient defence to protect me from the enuious
tongues of the ſchorning Sicophants, and hoping as *Iupiter*
25 and his ſonne, vouchſafed to lye in *Philemons* poore Cottage : ſo

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The Epistle Dedicatorie.

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-
10 rous, and by Vertues famous : in fo much that it was hard to
 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 Chiuallry, that he did not only
15 enioy 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
20 loue than the world could yeeld her: for her beauty was fuch,
 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 thefe excellent gifts of Nature, to the high fpheere of their
25 deferts, being fo exquisitly limited, and fo louingly applauded by their Subiects reports, but by committing them to thofe glittering creatures, inclofed within the fpangled fkies, where wéele leaue them to the Heauens difpofing, 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 beene Schoole fellowes in their youth , they remained louing Neighbours in their age, maintaining courfe , and recourfe, too and fro each others Courts, vpholding golden amitie, with the pillars of Brotherly loue , which did not onely reioyce the
35 Achaians, but alfo augment the *Grecians* loue, with fuch inordinate and extreame paffions , that euery yeare , vpon the Kings Coronation day, the people throughout all *Greece* , and *Achaia* , held a generall feaft , for the fpace of fortie dayes, with Iufts, and Turnies, with Running, Wrefling, Leaping, and Dancing, with Bonfires, ringing of Bells, and
40 fuch like pleafant paftimes : not onely to honour their two Kings , but alfo 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 Triumph was quite ended , the people returned vnto their former labour, and wonted courfe of life , where wéele leaue them and turne to Thefeus :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
45 of Fortune , yet not rafh in flying with Icarus, but keeping lower bownds with Dedalus ; hee feared not the Thunderbolts of Ioue, nor yet the raging waues of Neptune: well (to be briefe :)

Thefeus, who had euer fince he was able to harbour , or
55 conceiue one amorous thought , markt the excellency of Titanæ behaiour, and the exquisitie of her beauty, perfwaded himfelfe that fhe was matchleffe 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 Orenge Trée:

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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, fwéetned with hony, or
fire made with ftraw, they are not Amors of perfection.

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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 fhe 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 thee with ignominious conceite?

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when he had thus fufficientlye explained his paffions, & fearcht
the dèepneffe of his ftill blèeding wound, he takes his farwell
of the Orenge Tree , that fhaddowed him from the beames of
Phœbus, & returnes to his chamber, where wéele leaue him
ruminating on his loue, and turne to Titana : Who all this
while, euen from her infancie , had noted the princely gecture
of Thefeus, & feeing his face fo perfectly featurde , and viewing
each lim, the portrature of his body fo well limmited, that fhe
greatly commended Dame Natures art , and excellencie in
fhaddowing fuch perfection vnder her Fortunes lot ; perfwa-
ding her felfe, that none but Thefeus fhould 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 foole, ſigh, fob, and lament thee of
thy follies, art thou fo fond to thinke that Thefeus being a va-
liant warrier, 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 accompliſhmēts, 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 ſhēe had thus at
large playd, and diſplayd her paſſionate affection, ſhe returnes
to her chamber, to be melancholy, where wēe 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 dōre faſt
lockt : yet Fortune willing to fauour his prefence , would not
125 ſuffer him to returne, but cauſed him to knocke, the which hēe
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 furpaffe 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 chéekes 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
170 courtesie: and as our two aged Fathers liues in peacefull ami-
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 chéeke
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 Demophoon 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.

Thefeus, who all this while had markte, and viewed each
190 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 defpifed in age : therefore faire Lady,

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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-
200 dency of my blooming 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 request , which is within the bounds of
modeftie defired : If I were lafciuious, demaunding vnchafft
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
fhéeprooke 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 pleafe to accompany mée,
as in former time you haue done , you fhall be the welcommest
man in *Greece*: but if you replie with fuch like speeches 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 feruifft 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 unſheatfhs 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 , ſkipt 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 wenches frowne ruine
 thy body, and bring thy aged Fathers grayhaire, with grieve
 vnto his graue, and his carefull head, on a reſtleſſe 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 grieve
 they are fōone ended : why then know this braue Thefeus,
 wenches will moſt denie, the thing they moſt defire ; & fèeme
 moſt peruerſe , where moſt they loue ; and prōue moſt con-
 ſtant, where they fèeme moſt wauering (and fo will I, my
 loue) although I fained a frowne, yet deteſted I to hate, and
 260 though my tongue fayd no , my heart proteſted I . There-
 fore fwèete Thefeus, impute me not peruerſe, for the heauens
 know, I fhame to expreſſe, how proude I haue bèene of
 Thefeus loue, yet would I not fay Thefeus I loue thee :
 becauſe then thou mights repute me immodeſt 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
270 fore fwèete loue, thinke not I yeeld with vrgent prayers, but with the force of loue.

Thefeus noting her behauour, 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 capacitie 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 vnreeled 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
290 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
295 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 bëene fène . This grèedy Boare deuoured his Corne, and gaffe, 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 reaſon that mōued him rather to haue ſtayed 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 ſhould mēete and accompany each other , to the face , of the Achaians foe: Thefeus very much
315 difcontent with this newes , could haue fained himſelfe ficke , and ftaide at home, but his heart was fo enobled with valour, that it would fuffer excuſe to take no place : he ſeeing no remedie , but goe he muſt, being that renowned King Meleagar, with his royall trōpes 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 himſelfe with valour : which done , hee accompanied this Princely knot of noble Knights , euen to the very brincke of
325 his owne aduerſe Fortune, where wēele leaue him vnreeling the deſtinies, and turne to Meleagar the cauſer of his grieve : who being vpholden with the wings of Fortune , reaped the plenteous Harueſt, of a renowned encounter, by the winning a famous victory. Meleagar with the reſt of the valiant Knights,
330 threw his luckie Darke againſt this orped fwine, who being more potent with Fortunes fauour, then impotent with Dianæs frowne , gaue this Bōre his deadly wound : this being done, though old in yeares yet young in conceit, for with pride meerely of his fortunate ſtroake, he preſently 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 brest 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 bloud 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 bloud was fpilt on both fides : and not onely thefe 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 difagrèement betwene 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 deeper 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 fpent 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 mafse 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 deuice, (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 thee in his Dominions, it were the like danger for thee to

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come into. But if my Father fhould heare of this contract, his
405 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
fitting for our Voyage, for delay bréeds danger, and falfe For-
410 tune defpite. Thefeus being fraught with boundleffe ioy and
prickt forward with loues defire, did proteft vnto her affoone
as opportunitie gaue him leaue, he would prouide foch necef-
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 kifles 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 approoued 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 instant 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 infant examples to the contrarie diuert him,

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and withall respecting the Princes bountifull promise beganne
440 to yeld vnto him, I and in the end promised him to prouide all
things readie for their Voyage within the space of fortie daies
at the furthest. Theseus hearing this direct answere and pro-
mise of Iunia, was exceedingly fraught with ioy, in so much,
that to shew his bountie, and bind him vnto his promise, he
445 sent him away very richly rewarded, where wee leaue him
prouiding for their Voyage, and turne to Meleagar.

Fortune, who had already layde her traine, so destinated,
that it vtterly brake the vnited bands of these two Louers fa-
thers cominde League, and almost to the separating of their
450 loue, with heart breaking: yet not so content, intending as
she had giuen them a slender checke, so now she should giue
them a cruell blow; and to bring her pretence to be managed
with perfection, she layd her plot in this wife.

Meleagar, walking priuately in his Garden, commenting
455 on his Daughter Titana, brake out his passions in these
tearmes; Meleagar, thou hast but one onely Daughter, and
she is now about the yeeres of 23. and she is a Prince so rich-
ly deckt, and adorned with the gifts of Nature, so fraught
with beautie, and vertuous qualities, that she is not onely a
460 comfort to thee, but also a ioy to thy poore Commons: why
then, place all thy ioy in her perfection, and fith she is now
marriageable, prouide her a husband that is equiuolent with
her: when he had thus passioned a while, he fate him downe
vnder a Pomefitherne Tree, to meditate on whom he might
465 bestow his Daughter Titana: till at last, he called to minde
great Ambrofa, King of *Portugall*, who in former time had bin
brought vp together for the space of seauen yeares in Schoole:
and knowing this Ambrofa to haue a Sonne, whose name
was Pirifmus, who was faire by Natures, royall by birth, by
470 vertues famous, and by possessions rich: presently sends Em-
bassadors to the King of *Portugall*, to intreate a marriage be-
tweene his Daughter Titana, and his Sonne Pirifmus.
Ambrofa hearing this, was exceedingly 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 boarded his Flëet, the Marri-
ners hoifted their maine failes, weighed ancors, and halled
into the deepe.

Fortune fauouring 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 instantly 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 chiefeft 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 vouchfate 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 procèede 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 proui-
ded. 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 pafte the day in fumptuous feafte , 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 haires 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
last perfwaded her selfe in her opinion, as this , that her fa-
550 ther had chofen this young Prince Pirifmus to be her spouse;
fearing to displease her father , yet swearing and vowing not
to forsake Thefeus, made him this answere.

May it please your Grace , to giue me leaue to speake?
Quoth Meleagar , we giue you free leaue . Quoth Titana,
555 Sir, there is no greater bonde then dutie, nor stricter law
then Nature : for often disobedient youth, are despised in age,
and Parents wills are lawes ; therefore, rather than by deni-
all, I should be appeached of disobedience , I am content to
loue, although it bee the onely thing I hate : I fit may please
560 your Highnes to appoint whom I shall loue.

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

565 What Titana, canst thou not loue? why, doth the cinnicall
passion of prone desires , ouercome thee with franticke fro-
wardnesse, or peeuish peruerfenesse ? or dost thou thinke thy
selfe a young Phoenix , that there is none to equall thee ? Ah
Titana, take heed, leaue high Pride, bring low pouertie ; and
570 young disobedience, aged repentance: the Tree Albia wafteth
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 brink of my graue, ready
to fall in euery houre, and thou heire apparant to my Crowne,
after my decease , 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 fcarce gouerneffe of thine owne difpofitions, it would be a
greater trouble, & a heauier burthen, to be fo 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 faweft 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 , otherwife 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 courtefie :

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 foonne, yet bearing it out with a good countenance, fhée
620 lookt pleafantly in the fight of her father , and determined, if
things were not readie foonne 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 stirring very earely, and calls to him, his chiefe
625 Admirall , and commaunds him to prouide a Fleete of his
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 prefent month fhould be
the Nuptiall day : and bad them proclaime a feaft, lufts, 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 weeles 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 con-
ceiue the inward ioy , that he receiued by their outward toy-
ing ; and though fhe forcfth her felfe to be ioyous and pleafant
655 in her fathers , and Pirifmus prefence, yet was fhe forcfth to
balefull melancholly, and hatefull grieve 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 forcfth 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 mēete 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 wōnt full often to imbrace her, with many louely kifles , ho-
ping that the Gods féeing her diftreffe , would relieue her
want, & as they had bēene 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 grēene banck, and burft out her

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paffions in thefe tearmes.

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 thee , for thy difobedience. Ah figh
Titana, draw drie thofe two chryftall fountains, from whence
theſe pearled ftreames defcends , to ouerflowe theſe tender
695 chéekeſ of thine : loue Pirifmus, and in louing him thou loueſt
thy ſelfe. Ah no, I dare not; Pirifmus no : tis Thefeus, and
none but Thefeus ſhall haue my true loue : Ah foolle that thou
art, to fix ſo fondly; thou knoweſt Thefeus is a *Grecian*, and
Greekeſ thy fathers foeſ : then fticke to thy fathers election,
700 and loue Pirifmus , for in louing him thou ſhalt enioy the
worldſ content. Ah no, I haue made my ſolemne vowes to
Thefeus, and will kéepe them, tis not worldly content alone
that I deſire, 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 ſhee had thus breathed forth her folitarie paffions,
from the grey morne , to the red euen, Zephir beganne to
draw the melancholly curtaineſ of portendous night, which
cauſed Titana to depart , which hauing taken her leaue of
710 the Orenge, and Lemmon Treeſ, which onely did accompany
her all that day, returnes to her chamber againe , where ſhe
immures her ſelfe in contemplation.

It hapned that in two dayes after , her father, Ambroſa,
Pirifmus, and all their followerſ arriued on Calidon ſhoreſ :
715 and Pagentſ, Drumſ, and Trumpetſ were prouided, with
fwéeT perfumeſ, and Franckinfence, the ſtréeTſ were fwéeTned
for their paſſage , which greatly pleaſed Ambroſa : ſo that
they ſuddenly arriued at Meleagarſ Court, where they were
moſt ſumptuouſly entertained with banquetſ , and feaſting,
720 which being done , Meleagar willing to make knowne by
outward ſheweſ , how hee was poſſeſt withinward ioyeſ :
leapt from hiſ chaire of ſtate, and fetcht hiſ Daughter Tita-

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na, leading her into Ambrofaes prefence by the middle : Titana
725 féeing her fupposed fèere, fained on him a fmile, and with
all to grace the dimples of her chèekes, 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
her with many courtious and royall fpéeches , Pirifmus who
730 had all this while markt her behauour, 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 pafte he fixe dayes more in kée=
740 ping Ambrofa company, and fhewing him the pafetimes 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 feueñth
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 weelee leaue her to the
fauour of the Gods, and turne to Thefeus ;

Who all this while, hath bëene 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 follicit 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 fud-
den preparation to be made , he hauing a very faire Pallas
ftanding in the midft of that Forrest, determined to go thither
770 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
was brought to the King that Thefeus could not goe, he de-
775 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 fecretly conueyes himfelfe forth at the
Court-gates by Iuniaes meanes, determining neuer to come
in againe, fends Iunia to the Hauen, where the fhip lay, and

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795 caused 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 , suddenly makes meanes to enter the gar-
den : which béeing entred, hee walkte to the farther fide, where
800 he was wøont to mēete his Loue Titana : he was no ſooner
approacht, but hée ſpied her where ſhēe fate, leaning her head
on her hand, as though ſhēe had bene aſlēpe : hée no leſſe then
glad to ſēe her, began to ſtep haſtily to her, but euen as he was
ready to touch her, hée perceiued that ſhe was wēeping and la-
805 menting very grieuouſly to her ſelfe : breathing out her paſſi-
ons in theſe tearmes ;

 Ah infortunate Titana, and therefore infortunate wretch,
borne vnder the deſtinies diſpleaſure, and therefore croft with
Fortunes frowns, bound to Theſeus by loue, therefore pincht
810 with care by fate : yet Theſeus, Ah ſwēet Theſeus, my dearer
farre, then my ſelfe is to my ſelfe, and none ſhall deflowre mēe
of his virgins Roſe, except this fatall Engine ; ſith proteſtati-
ons, vowes, and bonds are made, and ſealed with the waxe of
Loues ſweete lips, t'is Theſeus, and none but Theſeus ſhall
815 enioy my Loue.

 Theſeus, ſēeing her in that dull perplexitie , and ſo meta-
morphoſed, ſtood aſtoniſhed at that ſight, and had not the power
to goe backward nor forward , he was driuen to ſuch an exi-
gent : faine he would goe backe to loſe the ſight of ſo grieuous
820 a proſpect, and fayner goe to her , to knowe the cauſe, and ſeeke
redreſſe, yet could hée do neither, but ſtood ſtill in a dull extaſie,
halfe dead with grieve : till at the laſt ſhee remou'd her head,
and lookt vp after a mournfull faſhion, as Phillis lookt for De-
mophoon ; and caſting aſide her blubbered eyes, ſhēe eſpyed
825 her Theſeus: ſhee roſe off the banke whereon ſhe fat making
her complaints : threwe away her Fatall engine, tooke him
about the necke and kift him, ſmiled, and thus beſpake him ;
Ah Theſeus, arte thou come to proſecute my weale or woe ?
(Quoth Theſeus) thy weale I hope, with harts content ſwēet
830 Loue : but I pray thee ſwēet-hart, what's the occaſion of theſe

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thy preambling 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 betwene his Sonne
Pirifmus , and thy loue Titana ; his father being as willing
840 to yèeld, as my father to demand : prefently fends 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 behauiour 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 ftoode obftinate, and peruerſe denying him ; then
fhould I haue had his perpetuall hate, and in hauing his hate,
like pøore Loue with Argus fhould ftill be watcht and lookt
after, that I the harder fhould finde oppertunitie to depart
with thée 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 grieve , 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 Iewells, 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 proue 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 eclipsed
lips, they parted, where wéele 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 proue 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 poore foole, 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 fée , 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 dore 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 fhip 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
fhip, but the Marriners hoifting their mainfailes, weighed an-
chors & halled into the déepe, 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 rouse 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 enterchanged 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 feele no hate proceed from fourth
their chirping blafts , therefore furely thou doft misconceiue
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
fwæete relaces of their confortd tunes, to giue the heauens an
Eccho 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 feeke 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 bene
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 wéedes, and in ftéed|of delicious feasting,
imbraceth mournfull fasting : Pirifinus, who fed on the beau-
tie of Titana, as the Camelian féeds on the aire , was fran-
ticke, at this fudden extafie. Ambrofa from his aged eies fhed
many teares, to fée 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, too 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 forth of the fhipe when Thefeus
and Titana boarded it, hee ftaide fome thing long, and The-
feus and his loue , thought it feuen yéere 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 fpéech 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 againſt Aegeus for a reuenge, becauſe he
had but one only daughter, and ſhe to be carried away by an
enemies ſonne. Aegeus miſſing his ſonne Theſeus, and hea-
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 bloudy paſſions, in ſo much that all *Achaia*,
Calidon , and *Greece* were vp in armes againſt each other,
where wéele leaue them a while, and turne to Pirifmus.

Who hearing of the ingratefull departure of Titana , pre-
ſently betakes him to his chamber, where he ſate ruminating
1020 on her, and her departure with Theſeus , in ſo much that hée
perſwaded himſelfe neuer to returne to *Portugall* againe. ſith
Titana had deceiued him : well, he being as it were halfe fran-
ticke, grew careleſſe what became of himſelfe, and in this dif-
contented humour fitting alone in his chamber, thus breathed
1025 out his paſſions :

Titanaes love, did lend thee life,
Titanaes hate will cauſe thy death :
Titanaes parting, hath ſharpt the knife,
That now muſt ſtop thy vitall breath.
1030 *Titana* farwell, for loue I die,
As here theſe lines , will teſtifie.

W Hen he had thus paſſioned a while; hee drawes his
fatall Engine, and ſtabs himſelfe : when Meleagar
and Ambroſa were fitting at dinner, Pirifmus was
1035 called for, but he could not be found, in the end they loòkt in his
chamber , where they found him moſt grieuouſly murdered :
newes was preſently carried to the Kings table, who hearing
of this pitious tidings , cauſed him to bee brought into the
prefence, and ſent for Doctors, and Surgions, but all in vaine,
1040 for he was quite gone , and paſt recouery : they ſeeing no
helpe, cauſed preparation for the funerall, which all things be-
ing in a readineſſe, thoſe neighbour Princes which were in-
uited to the Nuptiall , were now intreated to his funeral :

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these folemne obsequies, and funerall being ended euery man
1045 tooke his leaue, and departed : but Ambrofa stayed 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 Flëete, weighed anchors, and away
1050 they cut through the dëepe , where wëele leaue him and turne
to Titana, and Thefeus.

Whom fortune beginnes to sport her felfe, in their aduerfi-
ties, for as she had smiled on them a while, and giuen them a
full winde fitting to transport them to the hauen of their de-
1055 fire: so now she meant to frowne on them , and giue them a
Calme ; when as they lay thus becalmed, fortune who loues
to sport her felfe in the variable accidents of loue , brought it
thus to passe : certaine Gallies that were Robbers vnder the
French King , espied this *Grecian* ship, and thinking to haue
1060 some rich prize, made out, and gaue onfet, commanding them
to yëeld : 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 vtmost: yet in the end they
boarded the ship , and bestowed Titana and Thefeus vnder
1065 the hatches amongft the Saylers, and then rifled the ship of all
their rich Iewells : which done, they tooke the Saylers and
caried them into their Gallies, and chained them fast, and
made Galli-flaues of them, when they had so done, they tooke
Thefeus into one of the Gallies, but the chiefe commanded
1070 that they should offer no rigor at all vnto him , for hee saw
by his behauiour , 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 suffer 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 almost
dead for feare , and grieve , but all would not preuaile : the
chiefe generall sent halfe a dosen shakerags with the ship, &
her to *Rone*, where they stript 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 strang Countrie, that fhe neither knew their Language, nor
had fhe any friends there: but fith her fortune was fo allotted
vnto her , for her owne part fhe tooke it very patiently , but
1085 when fhe called to minde her Thefeus fhe wept bitterly, but
fith there was no remedie, fhe meant to paffe , and fpend her
life in Pilgrimage, where wee leaue her traueiling towards
Italie ,and turne to Thefeus :

Whofe chiefe foliciter is carefull grieve , for his poore loue
1090 Titana, and is forcft to liue as a rouing Pirate on the feas: it
hapned about fixe moneths after they chancft to méeete with
fome Merchants of *Venice* , on whom thefe Pirates gaue on=
fet, thefe Merchants being well prouided , breathed defiance
on them, at which thefe Pirates tooke great difdaine and dif=
1095 charged vpon them , the Merchants féeing that , beganne
to play vpon them, Péece , after Péece , fo 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 efcapd with
life, but Iunia was flaine, when the Merchants had thus ri=
fled the Gallies, being nèere the coaft of *Bohemia*, fent the Gal=
lie-flaues, and others that were Prifoners in the Gallies, to
the fhores fide, and fet them a land to fhift for themfelues, then
1105 had Thefeus but halfe a Ducket to buy him meate & drinke,
and his clothes were but fimple Raggcs God knowes, yet
glad he was that he was fo happily landed, but yet poore Ti=
tana, the very thought of her, ftrake him halfe dead, hee deter=
mined neuer to returne vnleffe he met with his loue Titana,
1110 but would fpend 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 againft Egeus : but his mother enuying him, for
1115 killing her two Brothers, Plexipus, and Toxie, had fworne

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on him to be reuenged, yet ftudied ſhe a long time, and knew
not how to be cruell inough in her reuenge, till in the end, ſhee
called to minde a brand that the deſtinies put in the fire, when
ſhe lay in child-bed of Meleagar : which brand was of this
1120 mercileſſe force, and power , by the deſtinies charmes, that
when this brand was in the fire burnt , Meleagar ſhould
confume and burne to aſhes , for the deſtinies ſpunne his fa-
tall threed at his birth day, and did put this brand in the fire,
to take him the firſt day of his birth : but Althœa , to preuent
1125 it, tooke it forth againe, and layd it vp very charilie, till now
ſhe meant to make uſe of it, as thus.

Meleagar, being in the field againſt Aegeus, in fierce and
cruell battell , and hauing giuen an ouerthrow to Aegeus,
there was great reioycing, and Bonfires made througout al
1130 *Calidon*, with ringing Bells, and ſuch like. Theſties Daugh-
ter ſeeing ſo much woode layde on the fire for Meleagar , and
to ſhew the loue they beare to the King her Sonne: ſhée
thought whilſt the fire was burning to beſtow one ſticke on
him, to ſhew the hate ſhe bare to him, although ſhe died for
1135 company with him herſelfe, ſhe cared not, ſo ſhe might bee re-
uenged on him: after ſhe bethought her ſelfe, ſhe ſteps to a
cheſt where ſhe ſafely had layd this brand, and takes it forth,
and with a zeale to miſchiefe, ſtretcht out her fatall arme, and
threw it in the fire, which being done, ſhe thus began:

1140 Behold yee triple Goddeſſes
Of wrecke, yee Helhounds three :
Behold you all this furious fact,
And ſacrifice of me.
I wrecke and doe againſt all right,
1145 With death muſt death be payde:
On miſchiefe, miſchiefe muſt be heapt,
On courſe, muſt courſe be layde.
Confounded let this wicked houſe,
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 fecret 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 grieve 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 extinguiht 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 grieve of king Meleagars death :
The folke of *Calidon* not so 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
in *Calidon*, or *Acchaia*, and on his Tombe , engraues an E-
1190 pitaph to this effect.

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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 beene 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 pœre manner, and now it was
her fortune to come into *Germaine*, and as fhe was traueilling
vp into the Country, fhe chancft to come to *Fuefen*, where be-

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ing late the purpoft to lie there all that night, yet knowing not
1215 how to get a lodging, for fhe had no money, fate down and
wept bitterly: as fhe thus fate wafhing her tender cheekes,
with falt brinie teares , the high Conftable of *Fuefen* was
paffing by and faw a young Maide fit lamenting , and wrin-
ging her hands in fuch grievous manner, pittied her, and de-
1220 manded of her what fhe was, and whence ; fhe answered
fhe was a Gentlemans Daughter of *Athens* : he demanded
what fhe made fo farre from home then, and how fhe came
there? the which fhe answered, that there was a young Gen-
tleman of the fame Cittie that was in loue with her , and fhe
1225 with him, but their Parents would not giue confent, where=
vpon we determined to tranfport our felues into *Spaine*,
where we both haue friends, and there to enioy the fruition of
our loues, as we were paffing from *Greece* to *Spaine*, we met
with Pirats that rifled and robbed vs of all we had, fet me on
1230 land in *France*, and carried my loue away, I know not whi-
ther : and thefe, all thefe, griefes am I poffeft withall. The
high Conftable pittied her very much, afked her if fhe could
write , and reade, fhe answered I, he demaunded if fhe could
fow, me fayd I : quoth the high Conftable, wilt thou be con-
1235 tent to dwell with me, & teach my children for a yeare or two,
or longer as thou fhalt thinke good ; Titana being wearie of
trauelling, and was afhamed to goe begge, thought fhe could
not doe better then to ferue him, till fhe had gotten mony and
cloathes to her back, answered him fhe was very wel content,
1240 if it pleafed him to except of her feruice ; the which he answe-
red very willingly with all his heart, fo he caufed her to follow
him home, where he instantly ftripes her out of rages , and
put her on good apparell, which done, fhe fettles herfelfe very
clofely to her needle, and teacheth his children , that in fhort
1245 time, fhe grew famous for her womanfhip, ciuill, modeft, and
Gentlewoman like behauiour, in fo much that fhe might haue
had diuers wealthy and rich marriages , onely vpon the good
report that was fpred abroad of her , but ftill fhe refused all,
and would except of none , yet all this time fhe neuer made it
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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 *Heſton*: 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 luſts, & 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 yeaes he beganne to be admired of all ; not onely for his rare ſeats at Armes, but alſo for his Gentleman
1265 like accompliſhments, ciuill, and modeſt behauiour : that in 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 ſudden
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 déerely 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 tranſport our felues into *Spaine*, which being done,
as we were paſſing the Otton , 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 coaſt of *France*, and clapt me into a Gally, where I was
forct to mannage an Ower, till I was releaſt by a Vene-
tian Merchant , who landed me on the coaſt of *Bohemia*, and
I purpoſing to ſpend my life in Pilgrimage , wandering vp
1295 and downe, it was my fortune to come hither, where I fortu-
natly hapned into your ſeruice; he thus ending his ſpéech wept
very bitterly . The Landſ-graue being very forry to ſee him
wéepe and lament ſo bitterly, demaunded the occaſion of his
paſſions , who answered the loſſe of my loue. Quoth the
1300 Landſ-graue, come leaue off this womanish wéeeping, and re-
maine with me , & thou ſhalt neuer want for any thing ſo
long as I am able to giue thee: well after theſe and ſuch like
words, they departed to their reſt.

At that inſtant, there was attendant in the houſe of
1305 Alphonſus the Landſ-graue , a young Gentlewoman
whoſe name was Impio , this Gentlewoman came of very
good Parentage, the wiſhly viewing, and noting the excellen-
cie of Pirigrinos face, preſently fell in loue with him; but ha-
uing but ſmall acquaintance, could not tell how to vnfolde her
minde vnto him , but this ſhe paſt the time , for the ſpace of
1310 halfe a yeeere, and could find no time nor place fitting for to diſ-
cloſe her loue : till at laſt ſhée watcht him when hée went to
walke in the Garden alone, and lightly ſkips after him, he eſpi-
ing her comming after him, returnes againe and met, giuing
1315 her the time of the day, and ſhe the like to him againe , ſo that
in the end there paſt and repaſt many queſtions between
them: in ſo much that at laſt my young Gentlewoman
miſtriſſe Impio, grew ſo impudent with loue, that ſhe could
bridle her paſſionate affection no longer bat deſired him to fit
1320 downe on a greene banke that was by them, for ſhe told him
that ſhe had good newes to tell him, he being no leſſe then wil-

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ling to heare good news, according to her defire 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=
grino whō fortune had turned on her whēle fo oft with frowns
1350 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 instant 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 *Broonfwেকে*, 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 accomplifh it affoone as he could, for his bufines would be fo vrgent with him fhortly, that he fhould hardly attend their comming elfe, they receiued their anfwere , and hafted backe to the Duke their Maifter,
1365 where they made report of their Embaffage, when the Duke heard each ioyfull tidings, with all expedition, he caufed preparation for the Nuptiall, which being all finifht, and all things readie, they tooke their Iourney to the Emperours Court, being then in *Fuefen* . The Emperour hearing they were coming ; inuited diuers of the chiefe of *Germanie*, to the Nuptiall : whereof Alphonfus , the Landf-graue of Heffen amongft the reft was one : well , within few dayes after the Duke of *Broonfweweke* arriued at the Emperours Court in *Fuefen*, this Nuptiall day being pafte, and their royalte ended, euerie man taking his leaue of the Emperor departed, onely the
1370 Duke of *Broonfweweke*, the Landf-graue of *Hefton*, and their followers.

It hapned in a fhort time after, Pirigrino being chiefe attendant on Alphonfus ; and Impio on his faire Lady : fortune beganne to turne her wheele, and raife an aduerfe fate,
1380 on poore fubmiffiue Pirigrino, in this manner : this wicked luft fulphering Impio, whose heart was fraught with burning hate, had long ftudied how fhe might bring him to difgrace, or take his life from him, becaufe he did reiect her for her folly : in fo much that in the end , fhe agreed thus ; for to inuite him to her chamber to Dinner, where if fhe could obtaine loue at his hands , it was as much as fhe defired, otherwife fhe meant to crie out, and fay he would rauifh her, and fo by that meanes bee reuenged on him : fhe being profoundly
1385 grounded on this hellifh pretence , thought it long ere fhe were acting it : yet fhe confidered this, that if fhe fhould doe fo hauing no witnes of it, it was but her I, and his no : and fhe faw that he was fo in fauour, that he fhould 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 forth 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 fee 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 wrefte 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 ftrow 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 traueilling 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 lookt 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 Shrieffer al-
though 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 false accusation; with such, and
such like words, he roughly befspake y^e Emperor, without all feare
or reuerence : in so much that the Emperor sent some of his chiefe
1480 attendants with his priuy Signet to fetch him againe, to heare the
matter more plainly prooued : the whilst they went to fetch him,
Horatio declared what hee was, & the occasion of his departure
from his owne Country. Quoth Alphonsus he told me that was
the occasion of his departure, but hee told me he was a Gentleman,
1485 and a younger brother : by this time, the Emperors men came to
the place of execution, where they declared his will and shewed the
Shrieffer, 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 :
affoone 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 Lanf-
graue hearing this, sends for Impio , who hearing y^t her knauery
was com out, gets her into her chamber, where she suddenly stran-
gles her selfe with a Towell : she being found there dead in this
manner, they were all very forry, and desired Thefeus to pardon
1505 their hastie & 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 Ti-
1510 tana's eare, who was halfe perfwaded y^t it was her Thefeus, well
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 laft Thefeus fayd Titana: when ſhe heard him fay ſo , ſhe
1515 ſtept 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 & Alphonſus, 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 *Broonſweeke*, the
Landſ-graue of *Heſten*, 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 anſwere; and ſhall pleaſe your Highnes, there is the
Emperour of *Germanie*, the Duke of *Broonſwicke*, the Landſ-graue
1530 of *Heſton* and your Prince Thefeus. 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 Thefeus
comming formoſt in the Troop, when he ſaw his Father, fell down
on his knees : the aged King ſtooped and tooke him vp in his armes
1535 and wept bitterly for ioy, hauing ſo done, he ſalutes Titana, and
the reſt in the courteouſeſt manner he could deuife. The Cittizens
hearing of their comming againe to ſhewe their ioy, made Bon-
fires, & ſhowes, with Bells ringing throughout all the Cittie : the
Courtiers and Knights, appeinted Juſts, and Turnies, to ſignifie
1540 Their willing minds, gratifying the Kings fortunate hap. Aegeus
hearing of his ſonne Thefeus 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 Landſ-graue with their
1545 followers, tooke their leaue & departed . Aegeus ſent for his men
that were in y^e field againſt the Achaians, & Calidons, proclaimed
a finall peace, & crowned Thefeus 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 Thefeus return: his father being dead, cauſed a
funerall to be made, which done his father intombed, & hi^s ſolemne

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