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SCOGLIO POMO, OR DISASTER ON THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

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Scoglio Pomo, a small and rocky island in the Adriatic Sea, would have remained undiscovered if things had turned out right. They have not, however, and so Scoglio Pomo serves as a glamorous getaway for a group of exiles from a battered Austro-Hungarian Empire. Things go all haywire in this pompous Atlantis of Austrianisms: the decadent, goofy noble men and their insatiable ladies cultivate their spleens and whims, they dance on ghost ships until the magic is lost and they find themselves in the water. But only when the British Fleet by mistake reduces the island to rubble and ruins the Emperor's Viennese Breakfast, it becomes clear that the golden era of Scoglio Pomo and its quirky inhabitants is over. Scoglio Pomo is an island full of fantastic stories and lovely, cranky originals – mon...

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is a master of the grotesque and one of the great representatives of Austro-Hungarian world literature. This is the first single volume edition of "Scoglio Pomo", which remained unpublished in Herzmanovsky-Orlando's lifetime. It is unabridged, unmodified, richly illustrated and the first of four volumes of his most important works.

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