

MYLES "BLACK CAT" BOUCICAULT

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FADE IN

INT. TAVERN - NIGHT

It is a dirty crowded and noisy place. Prostitutes, ruffians, pirates, drink around.

SUPER: SOMEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN - 1790

At the corner an old man is sitting on a table surrounded by young sailors. He is JOE "CLAP TONGUE" BUSH. He claps his tongue as he talks.

JOE "CLAP TONGUE" BUSH
... Myles "Black Cat" Boucicault
was the most famous bad luck I
have met in my dirty life. Every
place he went a type of curse
comes in. Nobody liked him...

The young sailors get all attention to Joe telling.

SAILOR #1
Hey, Joe, what happened with
him?

SAILOR #2
Hey, man, you have to pay a
drink to Joe "Clap Tongue" Bush,
otherwise he won't tell what
happened after...

SAILOR #3
Here it is a guinea...

JOE "CLAP TONGUE" BUSH
(picking the coin and keeping it
inside his pocket)
One day Myles "Black Cat"
Boucicault traveled disguised as
a ship helper on board of a
merchant ship named SIMPLY
SEA...

EXT. BEACH - DAY

It is a splendid sunny day.

SUPER: CARIBBEAN ISLAND - 1760

The waves lap the sand somewhere in the island and...
Lap a BODY of a Caucasian man, 28, face-down on sand.

Suddenly, he starts waking up...

He sits on the sand feeling his head...

Then vomits gallons of seawater...

He stays dizzy for a while then stands up and looks around.

He sees just trees, palms trees and a vast blue sea in front of him.

The man strolls down the beach, printing his steps through out the sand.

SUPER: HOURS LATER

The man arrives tired from other side of the island.

He looks far at the sea and seems alone in that island. No hope at all.

He is very tired and makes him comfortable sitting to rest for while...He waits and gets asleep.

FLASH BACK

EXT. SHIP - DAY

The man has his hands tied up and his eyes are covered by a black fabric.

MALE VOICES (OS)

(shouting several times)

Let the bad lucky to die!

He is walking on a plank. A sword end hits his back and he collapses into the sea!

END OF THE FLASH BACK

EXT. BEACH - DAY

The man wakes up afraid. So he stands up and walks around in despair.

EXT. BEACH - NIGHT

The man sits nearby the palm trees contemplating the dark sea in front of him.

He stares at the starry sky and begins to cry.

He cries more intensely.

So he stands up and screams aloud...

THE MAN

WHY LORD?!

(pause)

I know why... Don't tell
me...They were right in call me
Myles "Black Cat" Boucicault.
The bad luck guy ever!

In the dark sky the stars blink frantically.

EXT. BEACH - NEXT DAY

The day begins bright. No clouds on the sky. The sea seems to be bluer than the day before.

MYLES "BLACK CAT" BOUCICAULT rests on the sand.

He wakes up, rubs his eyes and his face is mix of sadness
weakness.

He touches his lips. They are cracked. He is very thirsty.

He looks at the palm trees but there aren't coconuts.

Myles runs towards the trees and palm trees like a crazy.

ON THE TREES AND PALM TREES

Myles begins to search water on the large leafs, left by last
night dew.

Thirsty, he finds some and desperately he starts licking all
them.

Myles continues searching water on every large leaf he finds.

Suddenly, a slender SNAKE glides slowly in front of his eyes
when he is licking water on a leaf.

Myles jumps afraid of the snake.

EXT. CARIBBEAN ISLAND - LATER

Myles picks up two dried palm tree leafs. Joins them together
and strolls to the trees.

ON THE TREES AND PALM TREES

The man scans every tree and leaf around. So he finds a GREEN
SNAKE!

Careful, he approaches it and

VAPT!

He catches it by the head!

He walks back to the beach hanging the green snake by the
hand. It revolves trying to be relived.

ON THE BEACH

The man sits and careful imprisons a SNAKE inside the wrapped dried palm trees.

He sits on the sand and places the imprisoned snake besides him.

Myles stares at the imprisoned snake.

MYLES

Don you know how to run off this
cursed island? I'm sorry I'll
eat you later, dear.

EXT. CARIBBEAN ISLAND - NIGHT

Myles continues seat on the sand staring at the imprisoned snake.

MYLES

For Lord, I can't eat you raw.

EXT. CARIBBEAN ISLAND - MORNING

Myles stays asleep...

The "cage with the snake continues beside him.

A shadow covers Myles!

Someone approaches him silently...

Myles stays asleep, but seems to feel someone presence of in front of him...

Suddenly, Myles opens his eyes and notices, surprised that there is a person staring him.

Myles jumps in terror.

MYLES

What?!

He moves fast hitting the cage he did for the snake.

The animal freed from it and jumps against him, biting him in his face.

MYLES

My Lord!

Myles feels his face as stares at the person in front of him...

A pretty MIXED-RACE WOMAN, 18 years old, less dressed, stands staring at him.

MYLES

Thanks Lord. Who are you?

THE MIXED-RACE WOMAN

(smiling)
I'm Mai. And you?

MYLES
A lost Irish in this
island...But now I'm not alone
anymore. For Lord, you are now
with me...

MAI
(gorgeous grinning)
Yes, you are with me now...

Myles expression shows that he doesn't believe what is
happening. He stares at her from up to the toe.

She is a fresh a sensual young mixed-race woman.

He seems to be in total disbelief mixed with amusement.

MYLES
I new I would be save soon.

MAI
Sir, do you know it was a Cobra
a mortal poisonous green snake?

The man falls, sitting back on the sand engulfing his head on
his both hands.

INT. TAVERN - NIGHT

Joe "Clap Tongue" Bush stands up to get out when one of the
young sailors interrupts him.

SAILOR #1
Wait, Joe! Are saying that Myles
did die?

JOE "CLAP TONGUE" BUSH
Well...No, I am not saying
that...

SAILOR #2
Then what happened to him?

JOE CLAP TONGUE" BUSH
Maybe Myles survived maybe
not...Maybe who did die was the
Cobra.

The young sailors exchange doubt sights as Joe "Clap Tongue"
Bush moves out the tavern.

FADE OUT