

Giorgis's travels: The incredible adventure...Part IV

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Giorgis was devastated by what happened to him and his friend. "I thought they would throw us to the sea, but I was surprised to find the captain of the ship ordering his staff to take good care of us and feed us until they take us back to where we came from". The ship crossed the Suez Canal and finally threw its anchor at port Seid for a ten-day stay in Egypt.

As soon as they arrived there, the captain and some of the Dutch marines took Giorgis and Tekle to the Egyptian immigration police for a brief interrogation. While doing all these, Giorgis and his friend were still thinking of escaping again and disappearing from the custody of the Dutch marines. Exactly when they were both brought back to the ship from their interrogation, Giorgis jumped to the sea, trying not to catch any attention from around him.

"On our way back from the immigration, I noticed a white British ship docked right opposite to the Dutch ship and my intention was to swim and hide in that ship. But still, I was so unfortunate that a man from the British ship heard a splash and saw me swimming, which made him shout loud calling more people". The captain of the ship was so mad he didn't know what to say to Giorgis and ordered a lockup until they passed Malaga of Spain.

Crossing the Mediterranean Sea from port Seid of Egypt to Malaga of Spain was around 4,380 kilometers long and Giorgis was locked up all the way through until they left Malaga and began the long cruise of around 7,000 kilometers crossing the Atlantic Ocean to New York. "They set me free when we left Malaga knowing that I could go nowhere. And of course I couldn't. In fact I experienced the scariest storm in the middle of the ocean".

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