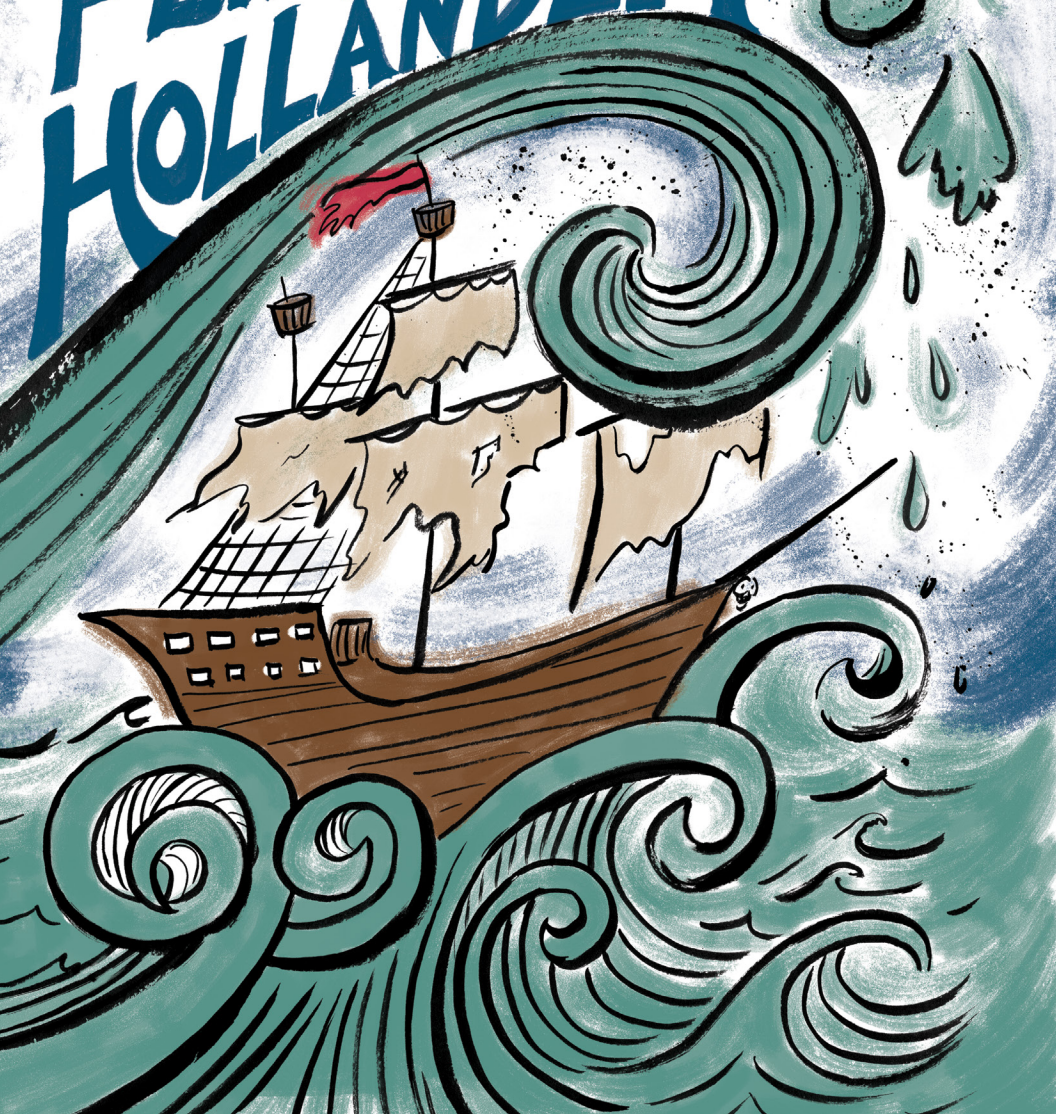


RICHARD WAGNER

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an opera by Richard Wagner
illustrations by Diana Schoenbrun

A small town on the coast of Norway

Senta, a young Norwegian woman, is obsessed with an ancient legend about a cursed captain. But when her father, a traveling merchant, brings a mysterious sailor to visit, Senta realizes the captain actually exists—and she decides to take his fate into her own hands.

Main Characters



Senta



The Dutchman



Daland

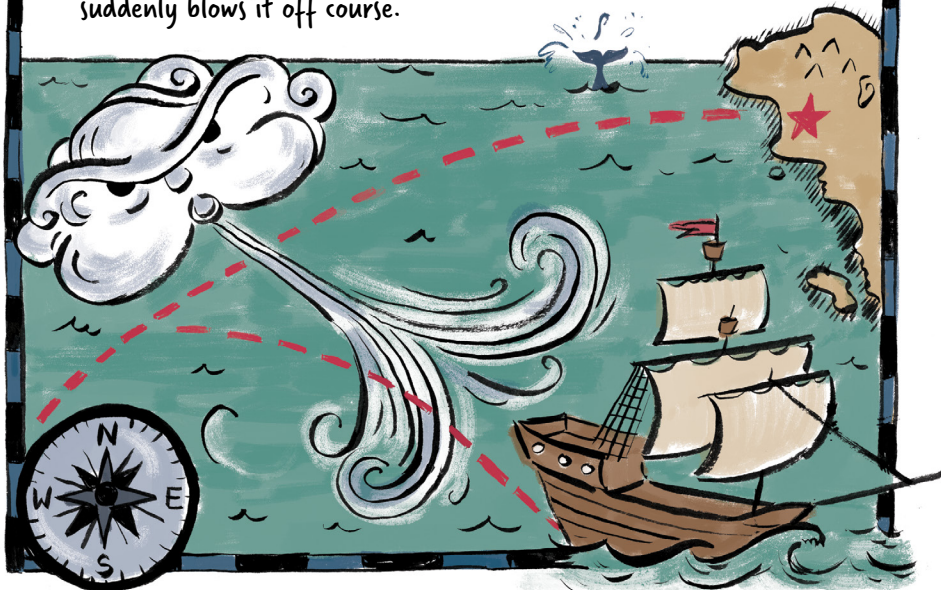


Erik



Marie

The merchant Daland's ship is nearing home when a terrible storm suddenly blows it off course.




I WANTED TO SEE
MY GIRLFRIEND!

LISTEN TO
THE WIND!

I WANTED TO SEE
MY DAUGHTER.




Meanwhile, a mysterious captain, known simply as "the Dutchman," stands on the rocky shore. He stares at the sea and says something strange.



SEVEN YEARS HAVE PASSED, AND I'M BACK ON LAND. BUT MY TIME HERE IS SHORT, AND THEN IT'S BACK TO MY SHIP FOR SEVEN MORE YEARS . . .

The Dutchman sees Daland and offers him a chest full of treasures in exchange for lodging.



GOLD, SILVER, PEARLS . . .
IT CAN ALL BE YOURS!



I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR THIS TREASURE!

But that's not all the Dutchman wants . . .

ALL I WANT IS
A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE
NIGHT . . . AND TO MARRY
YOUR DAUGHTER!

A RICH
SON-IN-LAW?

YES, THAT SEEMS
LIKE A FAIR TRADE!

Meanwhile, Daland's daughter, Senta,
is obsessed with a strange portrait that
hangs in her home.

SHE'S MORE IN LOVE
WITH THE PAINTING
THAN WITH HER FIANCÉ!

Senta tells her friends
the story of the man in the
painting, a cursed sea captain.

HE IS DOOMED TO WANDER THE SEAS
FOREVER, UNTIL TRUE LOVE SETS HIM
FREE. SOME DAY, I'LL SAVE HIM!

Meanwhile, Senta's fiancé, Erik, has had a terrifying dream.



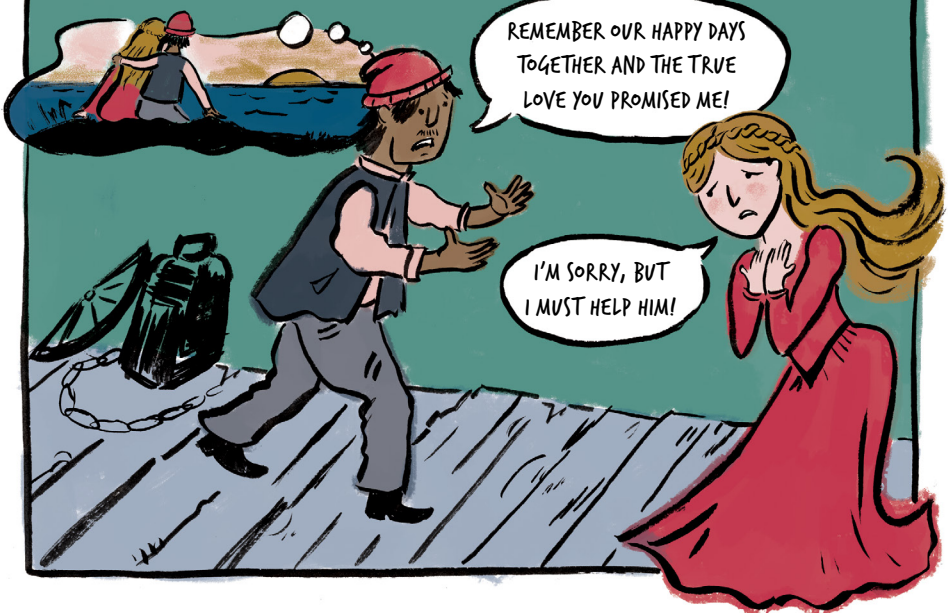
When Daland enters with the Dutchman, Senta immediately recognizes him as the man from the painting.



The villagers celebrate Daland's return with a party at the harbor. The Dutchman's ship floats silently nearby—until its ghostly sailors start to mock their captain's quest for love.



Erik is understandably upset about Senta's new engagement to the Dutchman.



The Dutchman sees Erik embrace Senta and thinks she has betrayed him. Furious and hurt, he returns to his ship.

I HOPED YOUR LOVE WOULD SAVE ME. BUT MY CREW WAS RIGHT—I'LL NEVER BE LOVED!

WAIT!

But the Dutchman was wrong: Senta will indeed save him. As the Dutchman's ship sails away, Senta throws herself after him into the swirling sea, lifting the curse with this sacrifice.

I'M YOURS THROUGH DEATH AND BEYOND!