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### CHAPTER I.

Leona in the Woods.

IN the far South—beneath a bright blue sky, surrounded by fruitful valleys and dark green hills—lies Rio de Janeiro.

Before her stretches out the bay, more beautiful in colours and scenery than can be traced by pen and ink, bearing on its bosom the Ilha das Cobras, the Ilha das Euxadas, and further on, Long Island and Paquetà, both shady with the leafy mango and cashew tree, and blossoming with myrtle and the olive-like camarà.

But our destination is beyond all these.

Nestled in the long line of mangrove that skirts the shore beyond Paquetà, or prominently set upon the verdure-covered hills, or sunk, peaceful and retired, amidst the vegetation of the valleys, are to be seen towns and villages, with houses and villas, forts and churches, to attest their presence. Amongst their residents may be found men of all nations and