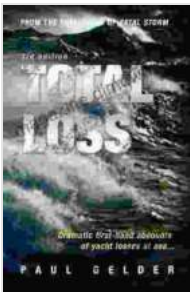


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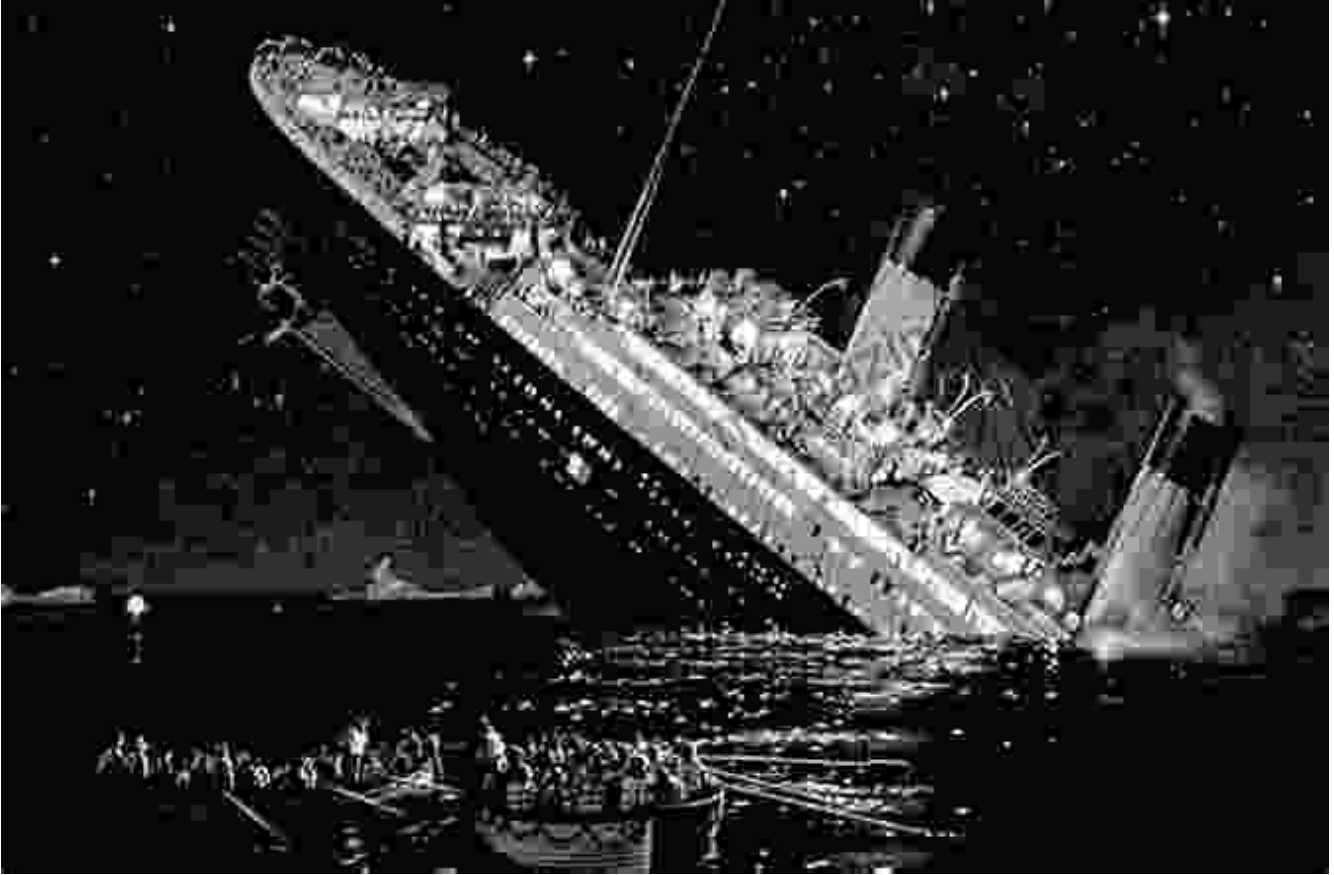
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In December 1872, the brigantine Mary Celeste was discovered adrift in the Atlantic Ocean, her crew vanished without a trace. This enigmatic maritime mystery has spawned countless theories and speculations, but the truth behind her fate remains shrouded in uncertainty.

This chapter delves into the circumstances surrounding the Mary Celeste's disappearance, presenting firsthand accounts from those who searched for and eventually found the abandoned ship. It explores the various hypotheses that have been proposed over the years, including piracy, mutiny, and natural phenomena.

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In 1979, the Fastnet Race, a renowned offshore sailing competition, turned into a nightmare when a severe storm struck the fleet of 303 yachts. Among the casualties was the American sloop *Witchcraft*, which capsized with the loss of 15 crew members.

This chapter provides gripping firsthand accounts from survivors of the Witchcraft tragedy, shedding light on the challenges of sailing in extreme weather conditions. It also examines the subsequent inquiry into the disaster, which led to changes in safety protocols for offshore racing.

****Chapter 4: The Loss of the Cheeki Rafiki****



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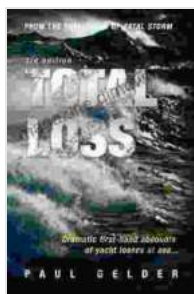
In 2014, the yacht Cheeki Rafiki set sail from New Zealand on a circumnavigation of the globe. However, disaster struck in the Southern

Ocean when a rogue wave overturned the boat, leaving her crew stranded with limited supplies.

This chapter presents firsthand accounts from the crew of the Cheeki Rafiki, detailing their harrowing ordeal and their remarkable survival against all odds. It highlights the importance of preparation, teamwork, and resilience in extreme maritime environments.

The firsthand accounts presented in this book offer invaluable lessons for sailors and seafarers of all levels of experience. By examining the causes and consequences of yacht losses at sea, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the challenges and risks involved in venturing onto the vast and unforgiving ocean.

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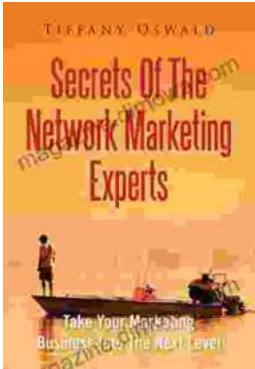
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