To mark the centenary of Meneghello family tourism on the Pakleni isles

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PALMIŽANA
Long, long ago when Venice was not just a town, but the heart of power and might that spread out beyond the end of the cognitive world, Venetian citizens fearlessly set off to conquer exotic and market towns, to bravely sail in unexplored directions and to trade the most rare valuable objects... Gold, incense, spices, scents... Drawn by stories of the beautiful, exciting regions they conquered, they hurried to sail, into new life, into the unknown.

Long, long, very long time ago three Meneghello brothers also left this town on lagoons. One chose Boka as the new homeland, the other one Split, and the third one selected the fragrant and warm island of Hvar. Soon afterwards - out of love for his inamorata, Matteo Meneghello who resided in Hvar, bought a big estate on a bare little island called Saint Klement. At the time it was difficult to reach and it was burnt by sun and wind. They named it - Palmižana.

In 1906, Eugen Meneghello, one of his heirs, opened his home first to friends and then to friends/guests. In order to make them feel more comfortable, he started planting pine trees and creating a botanical garden out of rocky ground.

During centuries until today, Palmižana has been both passion and damnation for the Meneghello family. For visitors it is - a green, ecological paradise, a sanctuary away from the stress created by the civilization, quintessence. Survival.
Clear days and open nights on Hvar, it is impossible not to wish to be the sky: whole, brilliant, shining.

And many of those I am bound to, especially those the weight of whose lives I know, are to be seen laid out in the blueness resting from history and the body; they gleam in the firmament above the Pakleni Islands (glad to be so called).

The blueness is not just their garments, it is everything. In July there is no cause, not even death, to abandon this place.

What would I if I were a part and the whole of this sky that watches me? Unexercised and unready, I see it through a blessed window frame, sometimes with a fortuitous swift.

And with this alone, I am placed in an epiphany, a gleam comes to my hearing, and my pulse beats high beyond me.
The first contact with Palmiæana is the perfume of the luxuriant vegetation, which the island owes to love. Nature is there valued above all, and, rather than constructing into the heights, new structures are dug into earth, and all is ennobled with greenery.
If you come over all peckish while yachting off Croatia this summer, steer towards Palmizana for a glimpse of gastronomic heaven. The Venetian Meneghello family settled here in the 1700s and it was transformed into an early eco holiday resort in the early 20th century by botanist Professor Eugenio Meneghello. His granddaughter-in-law Dagmar and her children now run it as bohemian Garden of Eden. Every morning her son Djenko sails to Vis for fish and seafood, which is served at the beautiful beachside terrace restaurant. This is evocative of 1960s St. Tropez, with coloured napery, driftwood sculptures and paintings donated by visiting artists. Don't miss sublime shellfish risotto, sea truffles, buzzaras, spaghetti-das, lescaidas and red and white brodettos.

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Paklinski Islets with their easily accessible beaches, full of beautiful calm bays with pebble or sandy banks, pine forests that hide countless little beaches where the intimate ambience is complete, became, for some, a sort of Arcadia within reach, whilst local, practical people named them ©koji (reefs).

The unique beauty of the ©koji has been inspiring poets ever since the creation of ancient mythological epic poems - perhaps it was here that Poseidon escaped the rage of the mighty Zeus with a beautiful nymph.

Lovers of this beauty often become its slaves, such as, for instance, a frequent guest of Palmižana, whose urn containing his ashes, and honouring his last will, to be forever united with the view, affirmed by many to be the most beautiful on earth, was scattered on the sandy bottom of the sea, near the island of Štambeder...
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