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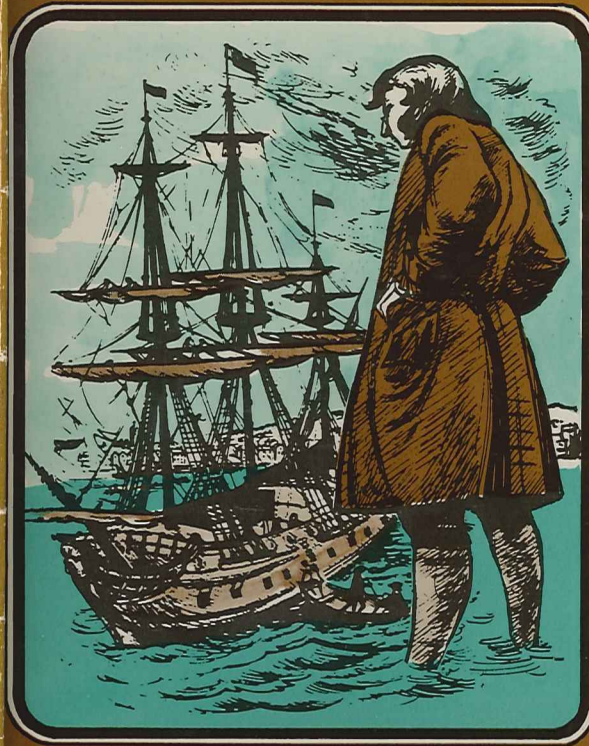
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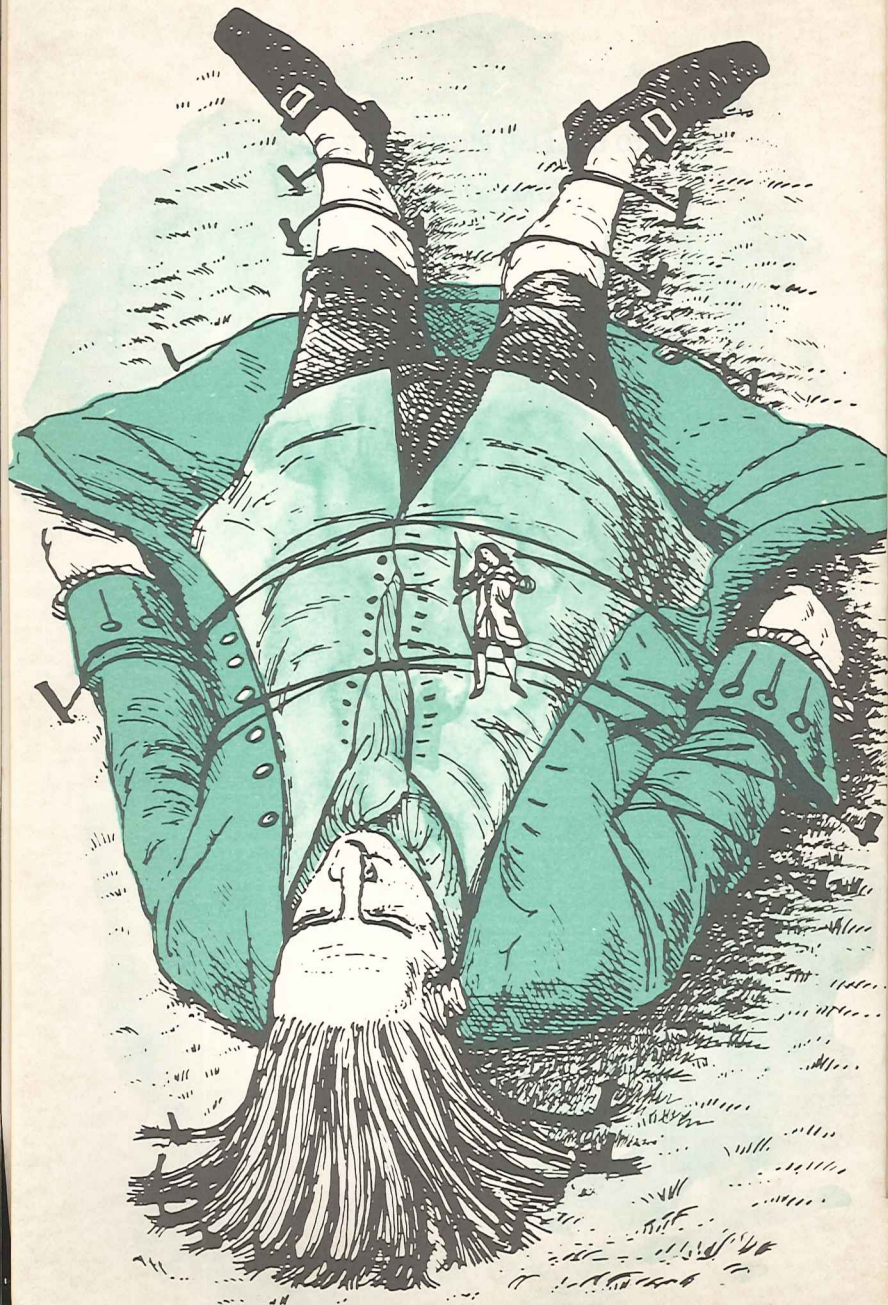
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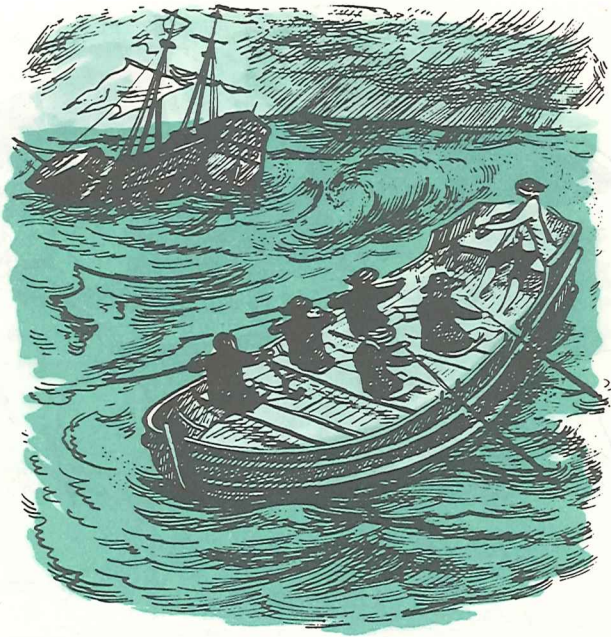
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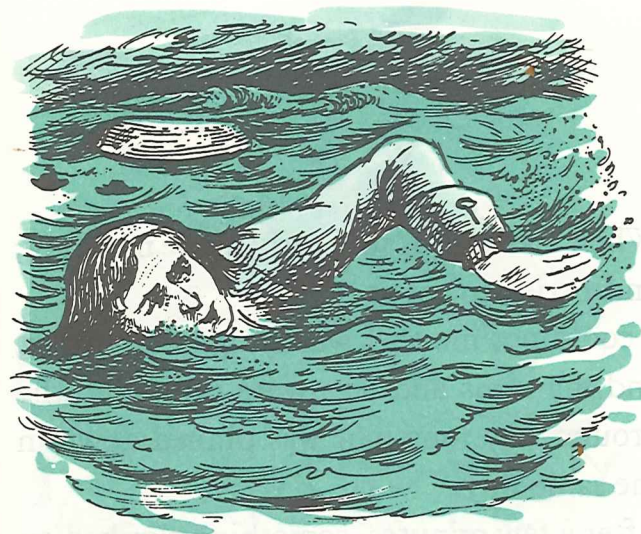
Chapter I

I AM LEMUEL GULLIVER, and I am a doctor. One day I met the captain of a ship. 'Will you be the doctor on my ship?' said the captain.

'Yes, certainly,' I replied. The ship was called the *Antelope*, and it was sailing to the South Seas.



We left Bristol on the 4th of May, 1699. At first the sea was calm. Then there was a very bad storm. The ship struck a rock, and broke in two. I climbed into a boat with five more men, and we rowed away.



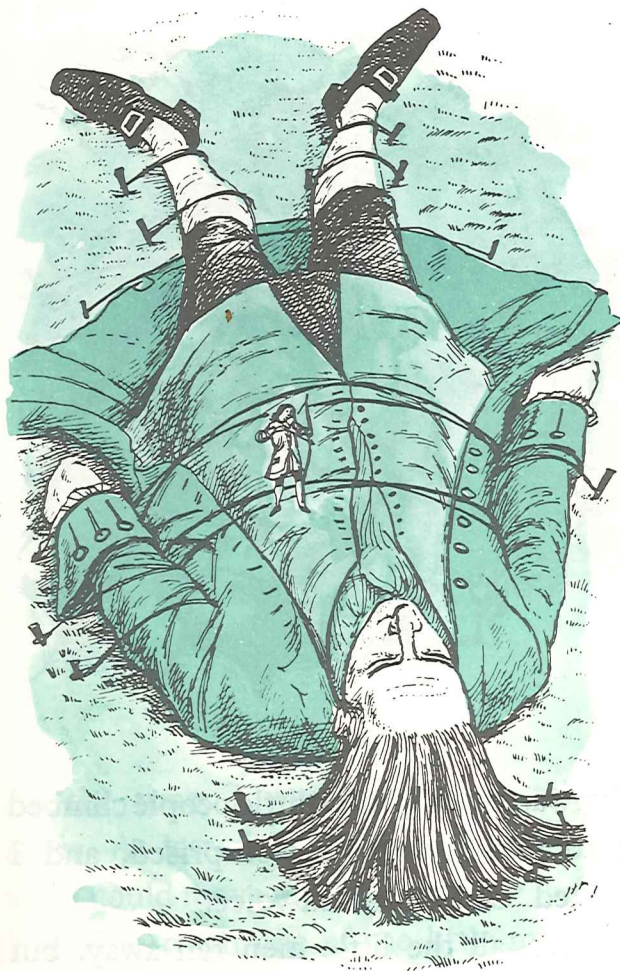
Suddenly a large wave overturned our boat and it sank. I had to swim for a long time until I came near to land. The other men were all drowned.

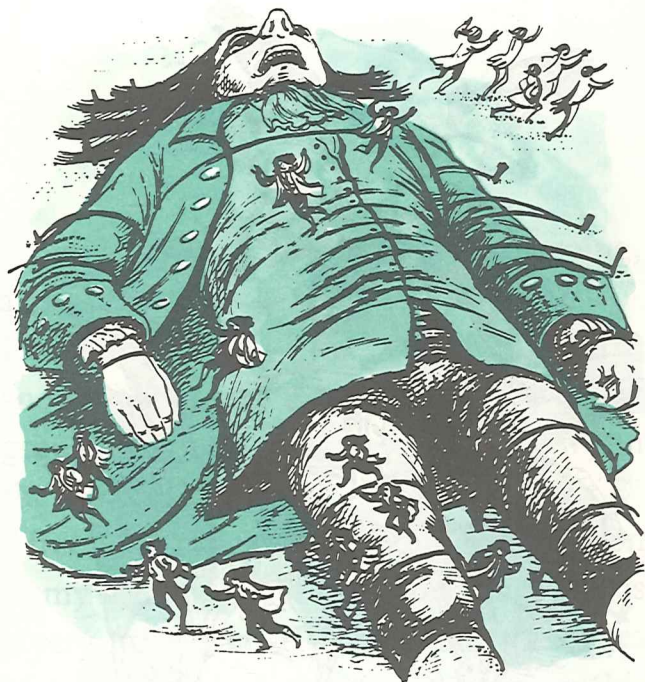
I swam to the shore, and lay down on the short, soft grass. I was very tired, and soon I went to sleep.

When I awoke, it was early in the morning, and I tried to get up.

I could not move. I was lying on my back, and my arms and legs were pinned to the ground. My long hair was pinned down in the same way.

After a few minutes, something climbed on to my leg, and crept up to my chin. It was a very little man. He was about six inches high, and he had a bow and arrow in his hands.





Afterwards, forty more little people climbed on to me. I was very surprised, and I shouted 'Oh!' in a loud voice.

At once, all the little men ran away, but they soon came back.



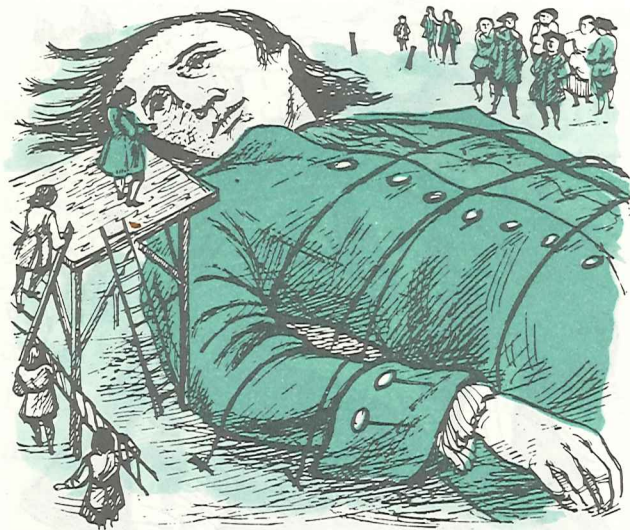
All the time, I was trying to break the ropes. At last, I broke one or two ropes, and I could move my left arm.

I tried to catch one of the little men, but they all ran away again.



Then there was a loud shout, and they shot their little arrows at me. The arrows pricked my left hand and my face, and made them smart.

I did not break any more ropes, and they shot no more arrows at me. I lay still and did not move.



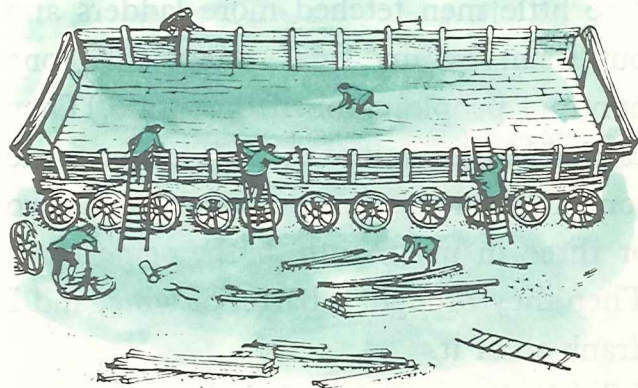
Some of the little men near me started to work. They were making a platform by my head.

After one hour the men had finished. Then they fetched ladders. Several of them climbed up the ladders on to the platform. One of the men spoke to me. I asked for some food.



The little men fetched more ladders and put them by my sides. More than one hundred people climbed on to me. They carried baskets full of meat. They gave me some of their tiny loaves as well. I put two or three in my mouth at the same time. Then they brought a barrel of wine, and I drank all of it.

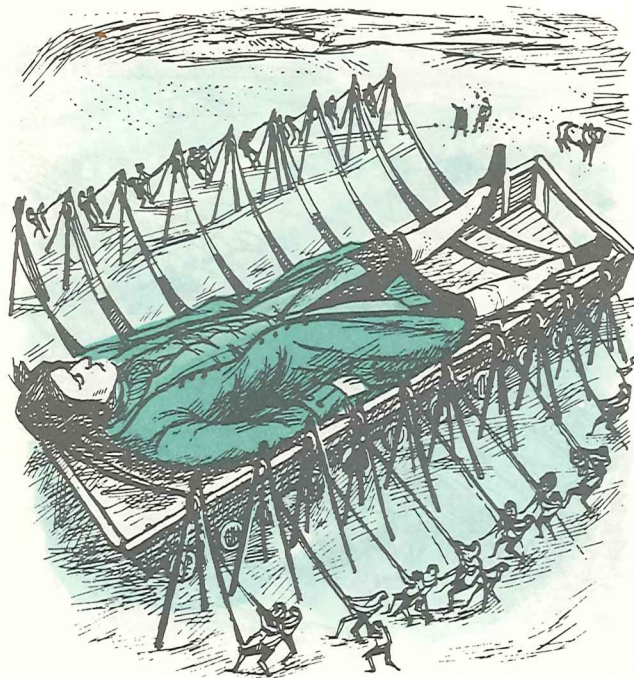
I finished my meal, and the men brought me some ointment. I put it on my hands and face, because they were still smarting. In a few minutes the pain went. I was very tired, and soon I went to sleep.



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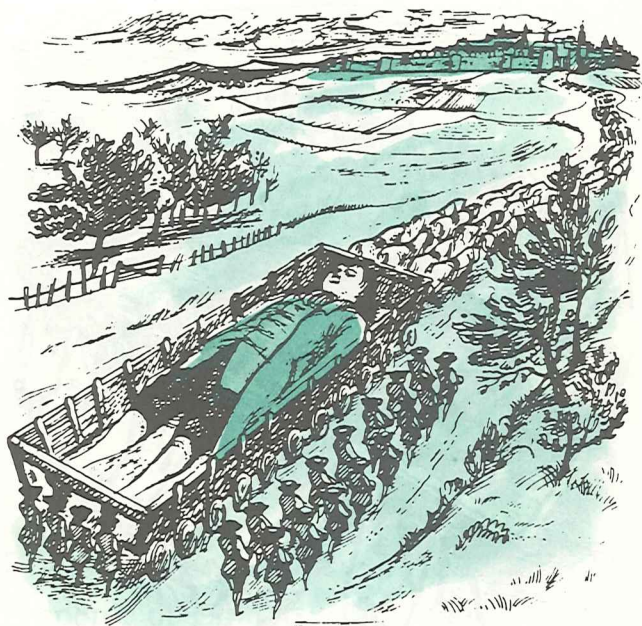
I was in the country of Lilliput. The Emperor of Lilliput told his men to make a very big truck. He wanted to take me to Mildendo, the capital city of Lilliput.

Five hundred carpenters helped to make the truck, and it was soon ready. It was made of wood. It was seven feet long and four feet wide, and it had twenty-two wheels.

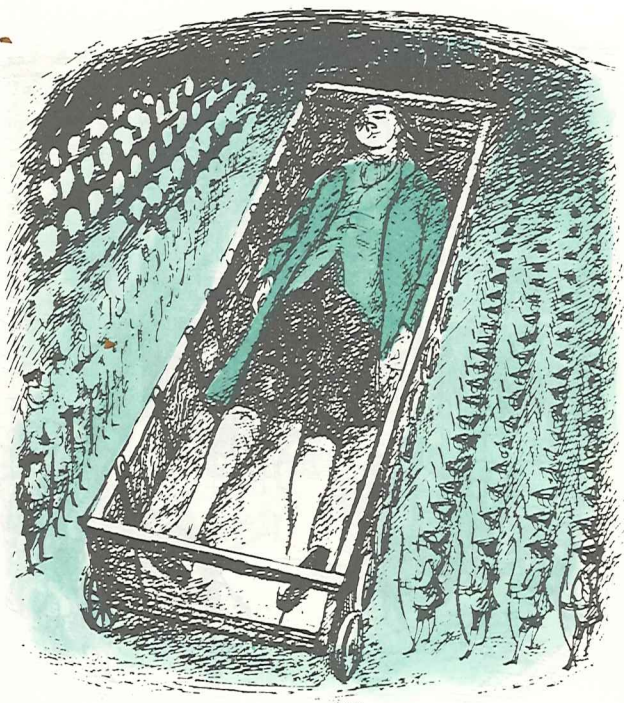


Tiny horses pulled the truck to my side. The little men raised me onto it with poles, pulleys, and ropes. Then they tied me there.

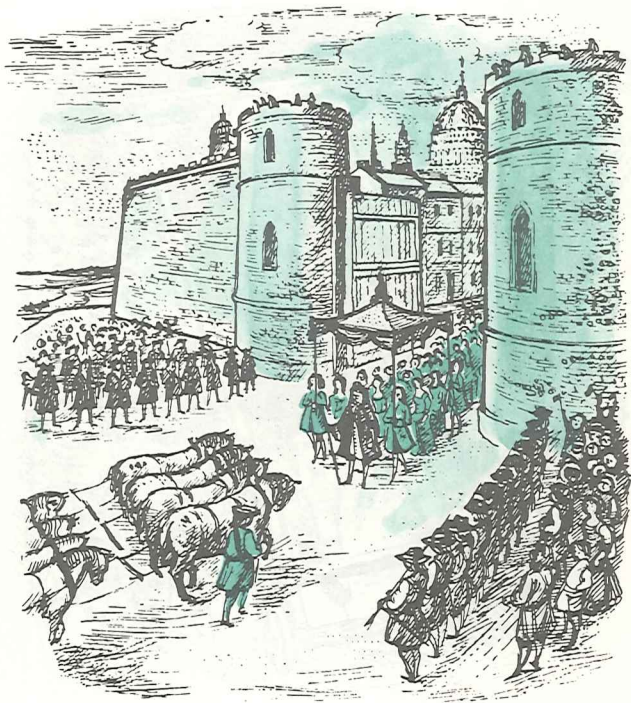
I was still asleep.



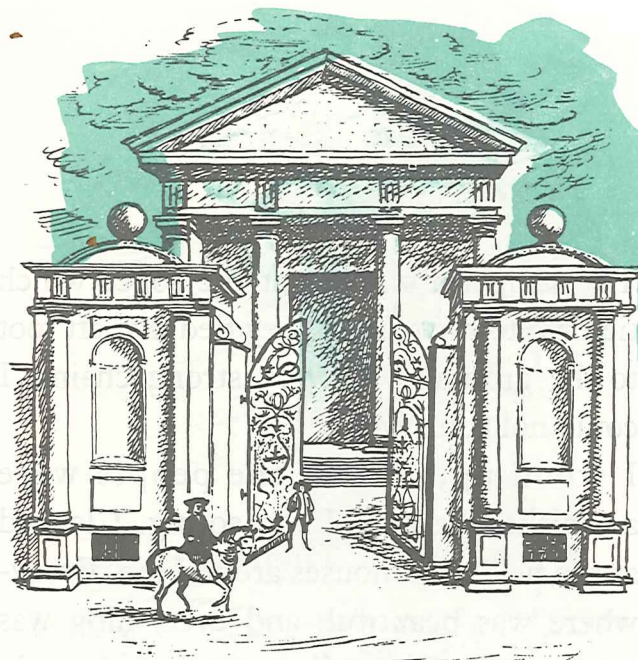
Fifteen hundred of the Emperor's largest horses pulled the truck. Each horse was nearly four-and-a-half inches high. After four hours I woke up. All day the horses pulled the truck along the road. In the evening they stopped and rested.



At night there were five hundred guards on each side of me. Some of them had torches, and others had bows and arrows. They were ready to shoot me if I moved.



The next morning we set off again, and by mid-day we were very near to the gates of the city. When we got to the gates of the city, the Emperor came to meet us.



There was an old temple not far away from the city. It was the largest temple in Lilliput, and the Emperor told his men to take me there. The big gate at the front was about four feet high and almost two feet wide.

The Emperor's men cut the ropes which tied me to the truck. They tied my left foot to the ground with very strong chains. I could not run away.

I stood up, and all the people were astonished because I was so big. I looked at the fields and houses around me. Everywhere was beautiful, and everything was very small. The tallest trees were only seven feet high.





At last, I crept into the temple, and lay on the floor because there was no bed.

After two weeks the Emperor told his men to make a big bed for me.

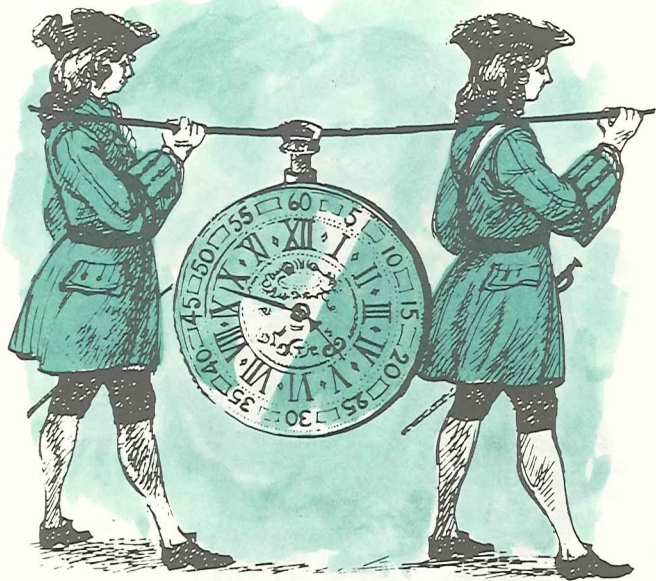
They carried six hundred of their little beds to the temple and fastened them together. The bed was soon finished.



Some days later the Emperor told two officers to look in my pockets.

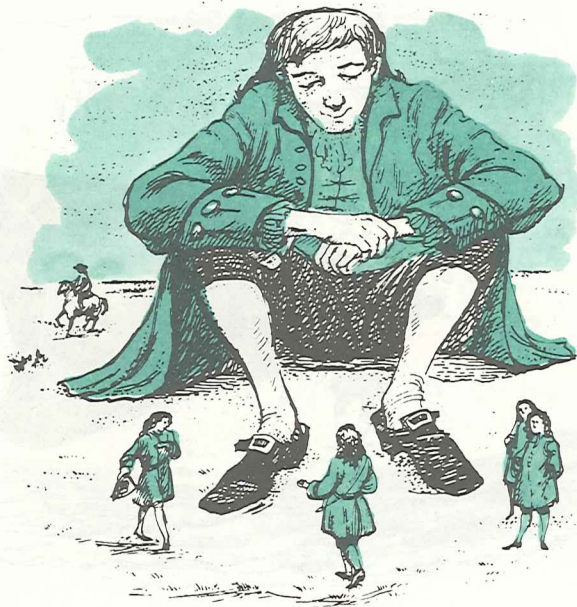
I picked up the two officers, and put them into one of my coat pockets. Then I put them into all my other pockets.

The officers told the Emperor what they had seen in my pockets.



The Emperor told me to throw down my sword, my pistols, and some other things. I did not give him my glasses. I kept them in my pocket.

The Emperor liked my watch very much. He told two officers to take it away. They carried it on a pole.



One day I was talking to the Emperor. A messenger came and spoke to him.

'We have found something huge and black on the shore,' he said. 'Nobody knows what it is.'

'I think it is my hat,' I said. 'Please fetch it.'



The Emperor told some men to fetch my hat. They made two holes in the brim and fastened a large piece of rope to it. Then they tied the rope to five horses. The horses pulled the hat along the ground for half a mile. The hat was not damaged very much.



Two days later the Emperor spoke to me. 'You must help me to train my army,' he said. He told me to stand up with my legs apart. Then three thousand soldiers marched between my legs, and one thousand more soldiers rode their horses between my legs.



Every day I knelt down in front of the Emperor. I said to him, 'Please tell your soldiers to take the chains off my leg. I want to walk about.'

Each day he told me to wait. At last, they took off the chains, and I could walk about.



'I will go and have a look at Mildendo,' I thought. 'I can walk there in a few minutes.'

The Emperor told the people to stay in their houses, and I promised not to tread on any of them. About five hundred thousand people lived in the city.



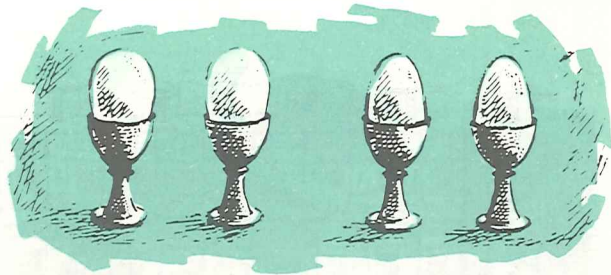
There was a wall round the city. It was two and a half feet high and eleven inches wide. I stepped over the big gate, and walked along the main street.

I was very careful not to tread on any of the houses. The side streets were very narrow, and I could not walk down them.



There were plenty of shops, markets, and houses in the city. A very beautiful palace was in the centre.

Three days later, I went to Mildendo again. I wanted to look inside the palace. I lay down on my side and looked through the windows. I saw the Empress, and she smiled at me.



Chapter 3

One morning a friend came to see me.

'The Emperor is very worried,' he said.

'The people who live in Blefuscu are going to start a war. Blefuscu is an island across the sea. It is not very far away.'

I was surprised and said, 'Why will there be a war?'

'Because the people in Blefuscu break their eggs at the big end, and we break our eggs at the small end,' he replied. 'The Emperor of Blefuscu wants to make us break them at the big end, and we don't want to.'

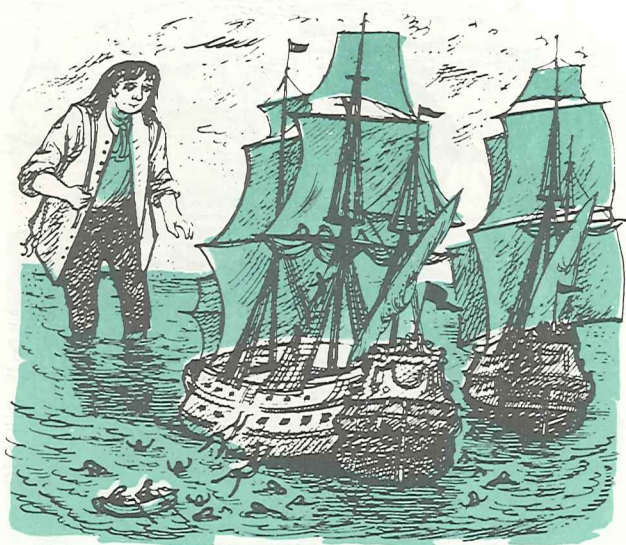
'I will help you,' I said.





The Emperor of Blefuscu's warships were in the harbour. He had fifty altogether. They were ready to sail to Lilliput, and start a war.

I had an idea. I bent some iron bars, and made fifty hooks. I fastened each hook to a piece of rope.



I took off my shoes, stockings, and coat, and walked into the sea. I swam out to the ships. I took the hooks and rope with me. The little sailors were frightened. They had never seen a man as big as me before. They all jumped out of the ships and swam to the shore.



I fastened a hook and a rope to each ship. Then I tried to pull the ships away from the harbour, but they would not move.

All the time the little men shot their arrows at me. I put on my glasses to stop the arrows going in my eyes.



Next, I took out my knife and cut the anchor cables. Then I walked into the sea, pulling fifty warships behind me. I pulled them back to Lilliput.

The Emperor was very pleased. Then he told me to go back and fetch some more ships. I would not go, and His Majesty was angry. Some of his friends wanted to kill me.



I was very angry. 'I will go to Blefuscu and live there,' I thought.

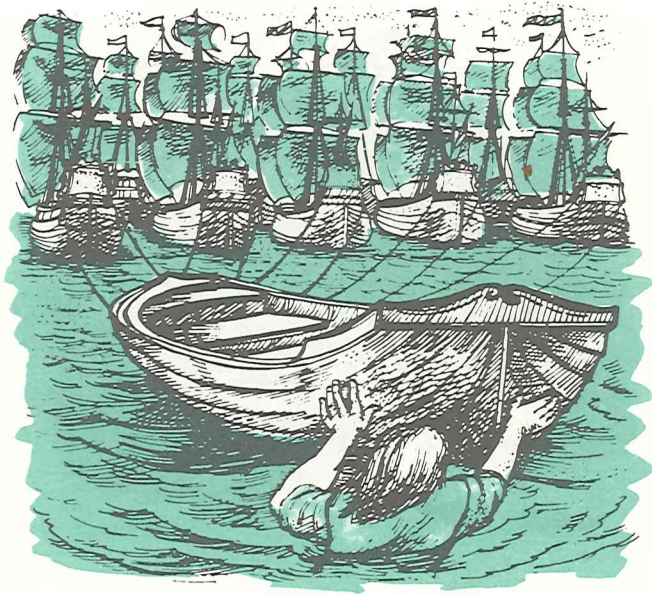
I took off my clothes and put them in the biggest ship. I swam to Blefuscu, pulling the ship behind me.

The Emperor of Blefuscu came on his horse to meet me. We were soon good friends.



Three days later I went for a walk along the coast. I looked out to sea and saw a boat about a mile from the shore.

I ran back to the Emperor and said, 'I have seen a boat. It is big enough to hold me. Please let your sailors help me to get it to the shore.'



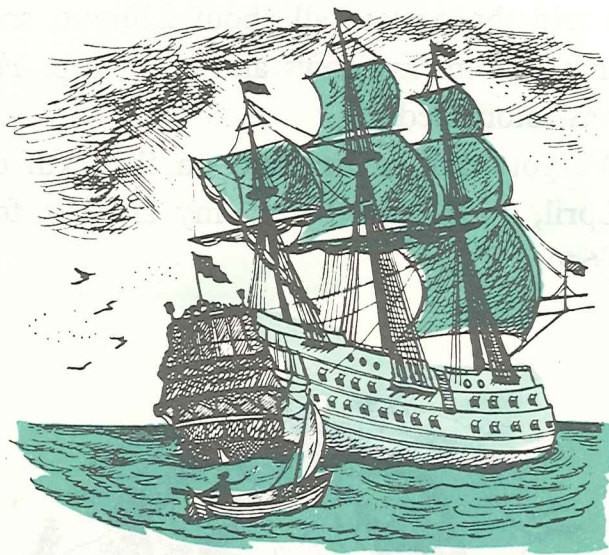
Three thousand little men and twenty ships helped me. I swam to the boat and fastened it with ropes to nine warships. Then I went behind the boat and pushed. The warships pulled, and soon we got it on to the shore. The people had never seen a boat so big.



'I will get ready to go back to England,' I said to the Emperor. First, five hundred workmen made two sails. Then I cut down some of the largest trees and made two oars and a mast. I found a huge stone for an anchor.



I took some cows and some sheep with me in the boat, and, at last, I was ready to go. 'Goodbye,' I said to the Emperor, and climbed into the boat.



After a few days I saw a big ship, and I waved to it. The ship was moving very slowly, and I sailed my boat alongside it. I put my cows and my sheep into my pocket, and climbed on board the ship. The captain was an Englishman, and the ship was going to England.

I told the captain all about Lilliput, and showed him my cows and my sheep. He was astonished.

We got back to England on the 13th of April, 1702, and I sold my animals for £600.



*Chapter I*

I stayed with my wife and family for two months, and then I wanted to go on another voyage. I went in a ship called the *Adventure*.

We were at sea in the *Adventure* for a few months, and then there was a terrible storm. The ship was blown about by the strong wind, and we were lost.

After a few weeks we saw land. I got into a little boat with twelve men, and we rowed to the shore. We went to look for some water to drink.



I left the other men, and went for a walk by myself. When I returned, they were already in the boat, and were rowing very fast back to the ship.

I saw a huge giant running after them. He tried to catch the men in the boat, but they got away.



I ran into the fields, and walked for a long time. Everything was very big. The grass was as high as my head.

Suddenly another giant saw me, and he picked me up. He took me to an enormous house, and showed me to his master.



His master was a farmer in Brobdingnag, the land of the giants. He had a daughter called Glumdalclitch. She was nine years old.

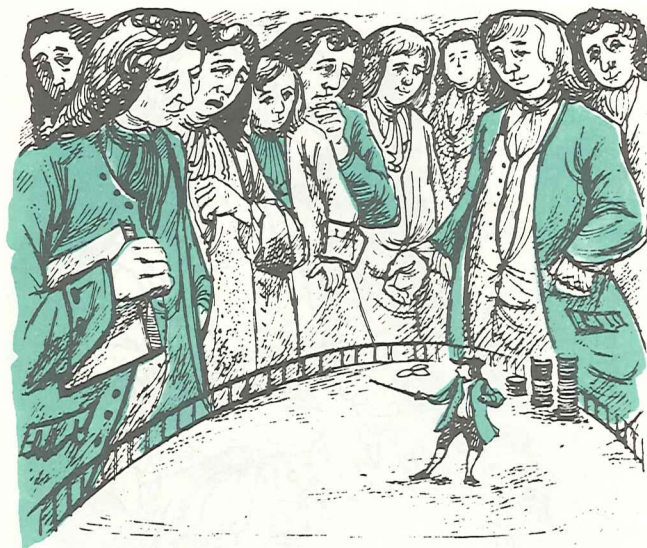
The farmer made a big box and put me inside it. He told Glumdalclitch to look after me.



One day they took me to the town. When we arrived at the inn, the farmer went inside, and he put my box on a big table. I walked out of my box and stood on the table. All the giants laughed at me because I was so small.



The farmer was very greedy. 'You must work hard for me,' he said. 'I will take you to Lorbrulgrud, the capital city of Brobdingnag. The giants there will come to look at you, and they will pay me a lot of money.' The farmer and Glumdalclitch rode there on a huge horse. Glumdalclitch carried me in my box.



We arrived at the city, and my master showed me to some more giants. I talked and walked about on a table. I waved my sword.

More and more people came to see me, and I had to work harder and harder. All the people who came to see me gave money to the farmer. Soon he was very rich.



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After a few weeks, the farmer sold me to the Queen. Glumdalclitch stayed with me. 'I will be your nurse,' she said.

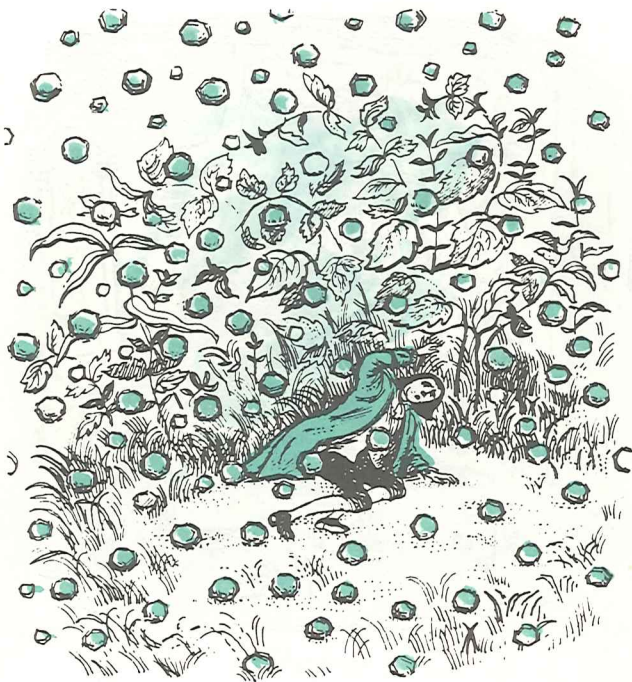
A new box was made for me, and inside there were two chairs, two tables, and a bed.



One day the window of my box was open, and some wasps flew in. They were as big as birds. I was very frightened.

'The wasps will sting me,' I thought.

I killed four of them with my sword, but the others flew away.



Once, I was sitting on a lawn in front of the palace, and it began to hail. The hailstones were as big as tennis balls. Some of them hit me, and I fell down on the ground. I was very bruised and was ill for ten days.



Some days later my nurse went for a walk with some friends.

I was alone in the garden. A spaniel came and picked me up in its mouth. It carried me to the gardener, and put me on the ground near him.

I was very frightened, but the dog did not hurt me.



I often dreamt about the sea and ships, and I wanted a boat. I said to the Queen's carpenter, 'Please make a boat for me.' 'Yes, I will,' he replied. He finished the boat in ten days. It had a sail and oars.



The Queen saw the boat, and she picked it up. She showed it to the King. Then the Queen said to the carpenter, 'Please make a large tank for Gulliver's boat.' 'Yes, certainly,' he replied.

The carpenter made the tank, and put it in a room in the palace. Two men filled the tank with water, and then they put my boat on it. Glumdalclitch lifted me up and put me in my little boat.

I often rowed on the water, and the Queen watched me. Sometimes I put up my sail, and the ladies waved their fans to make a breeze for me.

When I had finished sailing, Glumdalclitch always picked up my boat. She carried it to her room, and hung it on a nail to dry.





One day a huge frog jumped into my boat. It nearly overturned the boat. The frog hopped up and down, and it jumped over my head. I did not like it. I hit the frog with one of my oars, and it jumped back into the water.



Some weeks later, I was sitting in my box. The window was open, and a monkey looked in. It was as big as an elephant. It got hold of my coat, and pulled me out of the box



Something frightened the monkey. It climbed up the drainpipe, and sat on the roof of the palace. It carried me with it. A crowd of people down below watched the monkey. It stroked my face, and all the people laughed.



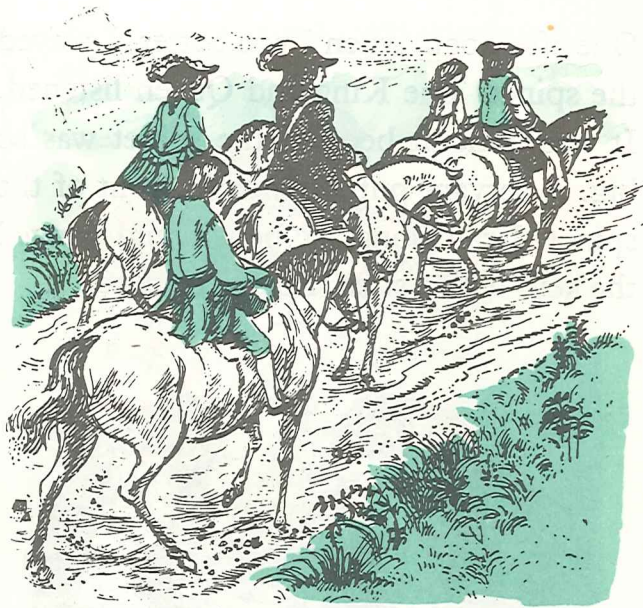
The men fetched some ladders, and they climbed on to the palace roof. The monkey was afraid of the men, and it ran away. It left me on the roof.



One of the men picked me up and put me in his trouser pocket. He took me down the ladder. I was very bruised, and had to stay in bed for two weeks.

One afternoon, when I was better, I played the spinet. The King and Queen listened. It was difficult because the spinet was so big. A servant put a bench in front of the spinet. I ran along the bench, and banged the keys with a stick. I played a tune.



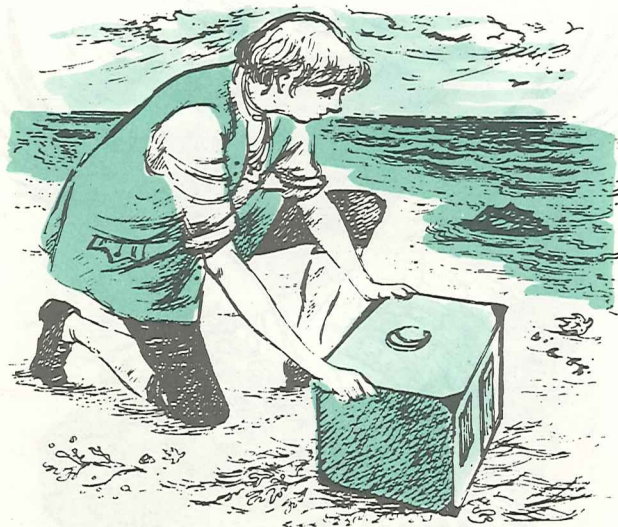


Chapter 3

I lived in Brobdingnag for two years, and this is how I got away.

The King and Queen went on a long journey. They went to the south coast of the land. Glumdalclitch and some servants went with them. I was carried in my box.

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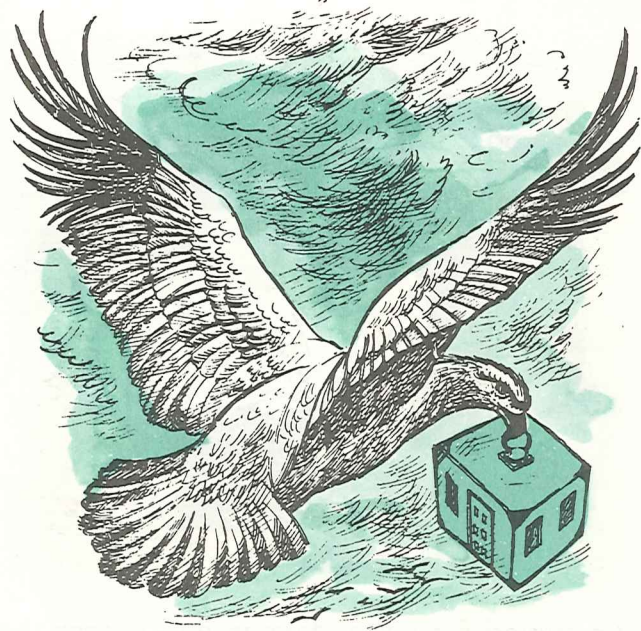


We stayed for a few days in a city near the sea. Glumdalclitch was sick and she went to bed.

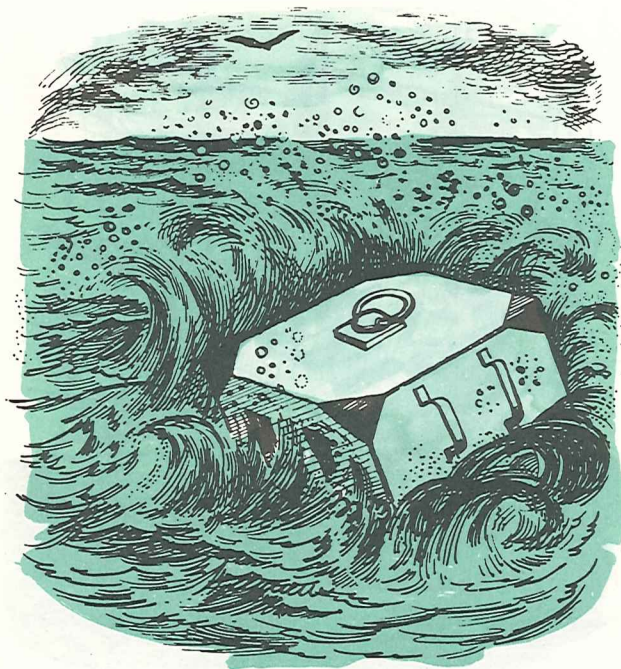
I wanted to look at the sea.

I said to one of the servants, 'Please take me to the sea shore.'

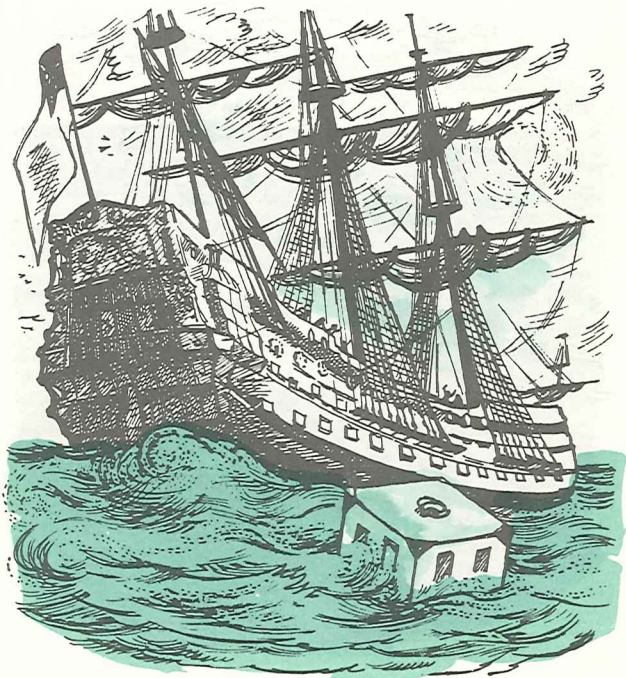
The servant picked up my box, and carried it to the sea shore. I went to sleep.



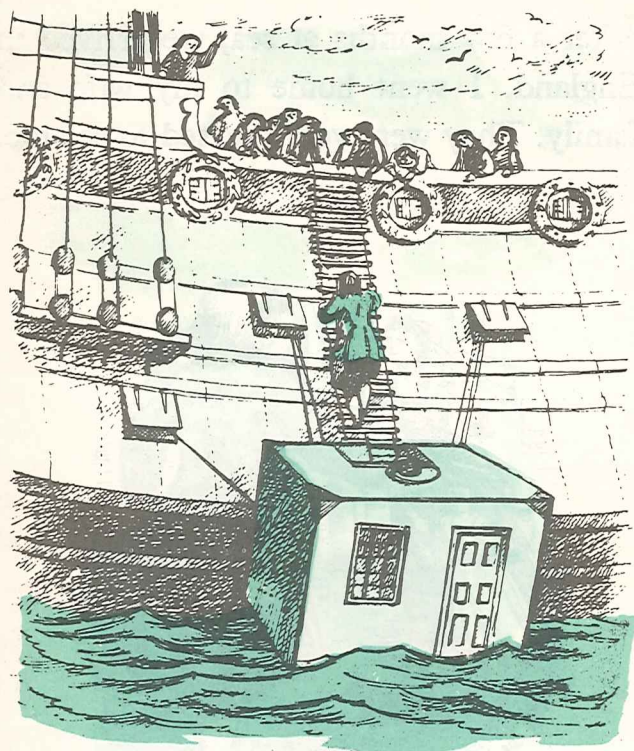
Suddenly I woke up. Something was lifting my box into the air. I looked out of the window, and saw nothing but the clouds and sky. 'An eagle is holding my box in its beak,' I thought.



The eagle flew a long way over the sea. Then it let go of my box, and it fell into the sea. There was a big splash. My box floated on the sea for a few hours, and then it struck something.



'My box has struck a rock,' I thought.
 I stood still for a minute, and I heard
 people talking. My box had struck a ship.
 'Is there anybody inside?' a man shouted.
 'Yes. Please let me out,' I cried.



The ship's carpenter sawed a hole in the
 top of my box. Then he put a ladder
 through the hole, and I climbed on to the
 ship. The ship was going to England.

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After a few months at sea, we arrived in England. I went home to my wife and family. They were very pleased to see me.

