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Born on 30th November 1667 in Dublin, Ireland, Jonathan Swift got his first job in England. The job entailed acting as a secretary to Sir William Temple, a retired diplomat and an acquaintance of the Swift family. Swift was also ordained as a priest.

After writing numerous essays and political pamphlets anonymously or under pseudonyms, Swift published his first major work, *A Tale of a Tub*, in 1704. He worked as editor of *The Examiner* from 1710 to 1711 in England. He addressed the most prominent social, political, and religious issues of the time through his biting satirical essays and novels. Two of his most famous works are *Gulliver's Travels*, first published under the pseudonym Lemuel Gulliver in 1726, and *A Modest Proposal*, a satirical essay published in 1729, suggesting that the poor should sell their children to the rich as food.

Jonathan Swift died in 1745. He is still considered to be one of the greatest satirists of all time.

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King of Lilliput



King of Brobdingnag



Queen of Brobdingnag



Glumdalclitch



A Laputian



A Yahoo



Houyhnhnms



Gulliver's wife



Lemuel Gulliver

England.

I always believed it would be my **fortune** to travel.

Chapter-1

I used my money to learn **navigation**, and other parts of mathematics, useful to those who **intend** to travel.

Lemuel Gulliver, is it? You come highly recommended.

I was recommended by my good master, Mr James Bates, an **eminent** surgeon in London, to be surgeon on board the *Swallow*.

After three-and-a-half years of working with Captain Abraham Pannel, I decided to settle in London. Being advised to **alter** my condition, I married Mary Burton.



But my business began to fail, and I decided to go to sea again. I accepted an advantageous offer from Captain William Prichard, master of the *Antelope*.

We set sail from Bristol on 4th May 1699. At first our business was very **prosperous**, but soon, we were driven by a violent storm to the north-west of Van Diemen's Land.

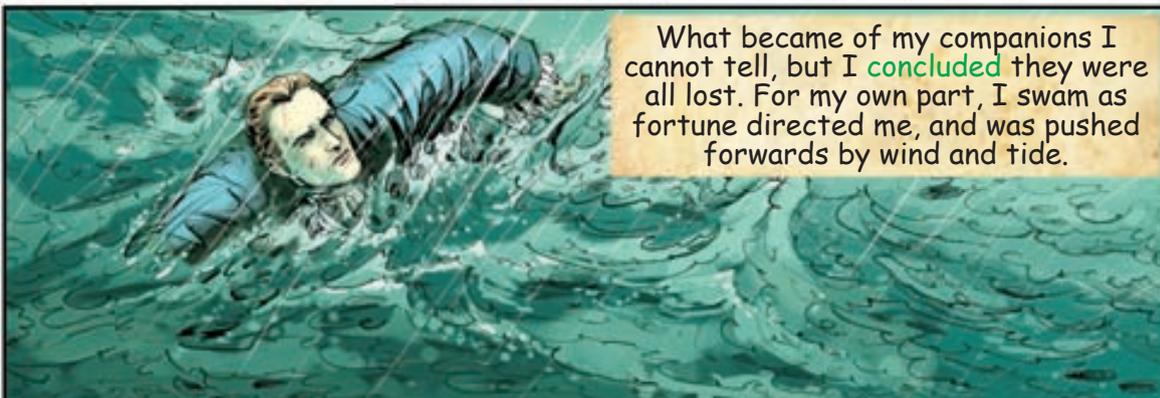


Twelve of our crew were dead by extreme labour and bad food; the rest were in a very weak condition.

Six of the crew, of whom I was one, having let down the boat into the sea, made a shift to get clear of the ship and the rock. We rowed till we were able to row no longer.



And in about half an hour, the boat was turned over by a sudden **current** from the north.



What became of my companions I cannot tell, but I **concluded** they were all lost. For my own part, I swam as fortune directed me, and was pushed forwards by wind and tide.

GLOSSARY

Fortune – Luck

Navigation – The movement of a vehicle along a planned path

Intend – Plan

Eminent – Important; respected

Alter – Change

Prosperous – Rich and successful

Current – A strong movement of water or air in one direction

Concluded – Came to a decision

Lilliput.

I got to the shore, and slept. When I woke up, I found my arms and legs strongly **fastened** on each side to the ground.

Likewise, I felt **several** slender ropes across my body, from my armpits to my thighs.

I felt something moving on my left leg, which, advancing forwards over my chest, came almost up to my chin. Bending my eyes downwards...

...I recognised it to be a human creature not more than six inches high.

I felt at least forty more following the first.

Hekina degul!

I lay in great uneasiness, **struggling** to free myself...

...until I had the fortune to break the strings, and **wrench** out the pegs that fastened my left arm to the ground.

Tolgo phonac!

I felt a hundred arrows pricking my left hand like many needles.

I was **striving** again to get loose, when they **discharged** yet another volley.

I thought it best to lie still, and my design was to continue so till night. Then, using my left hand, which was already loose, I could easily free myself.

AAAIIIEE!

Then they shot another flight of arrows into the air, as we do with bombs in Europe.

GLOSSARY

Fastened – Fixed firmly in a place

Several – More than three people or things, but not many

Struggling – Trying very hard to do something that one finds difficult

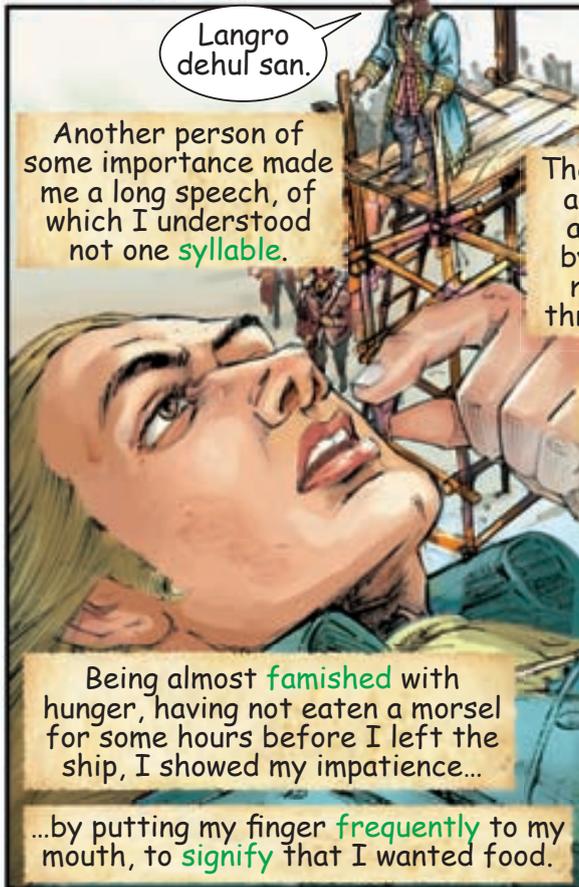
Wrench – To pull or twist something with sudden force

Striving – Trying very hard to get something

Discharged – Fired a weapon

I had reason to believe I might be a match for the greatest armies they could bring against me, if they were all of the same size.

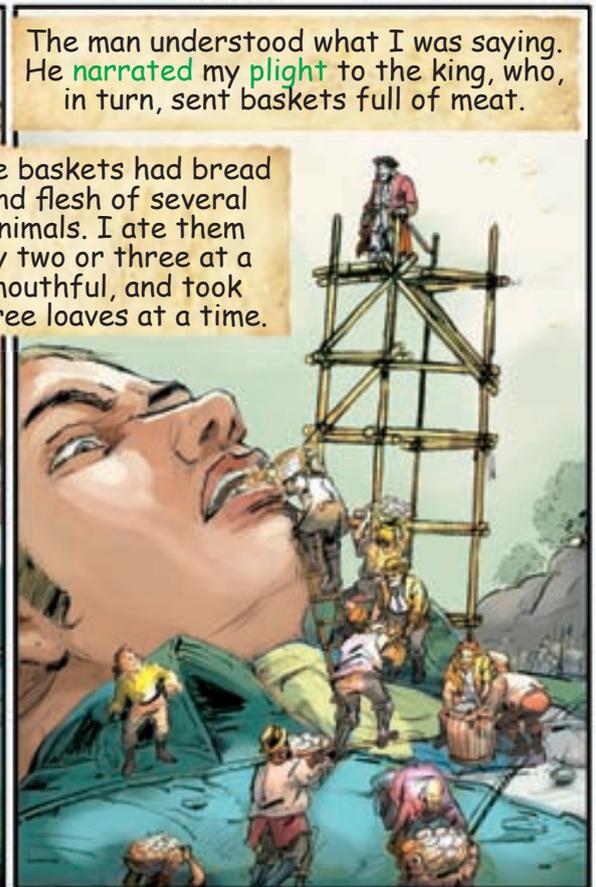
But by the noise I heard, I knew their numbers had increased.



Langro dehul san.

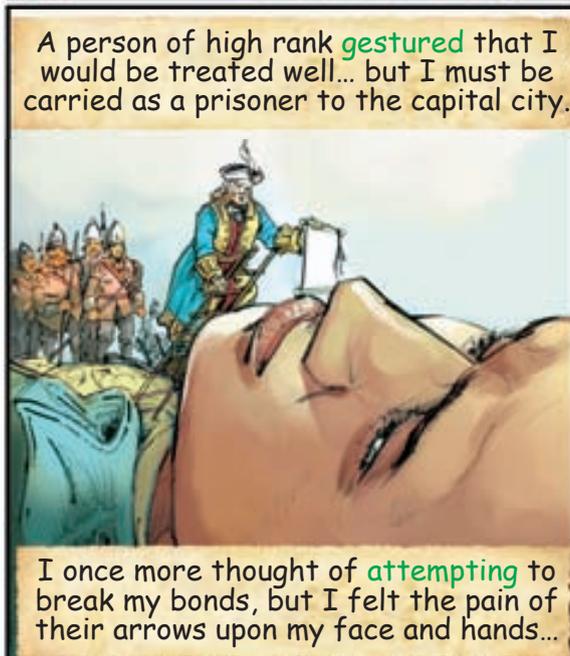
Another person of some importance made me a long speech, of which I understood not one syllable.

Being almost famished with hunger, having not eaten a morsel for some hours before I left the ship, I showed my impatience...
...by putting my finger frequently to my mouth, to signify that I wanted food.



The man understood what I was saying. He narrated my plight to the king, who, in turn, sent baskets full of meat.

The baskets had bread and flesh of several animals. I ate them by two or three at a mouthful, and took three loaves at a time.



A person of high rank gestured that I would be treated well... but I must be carried as a prisoner to the capital city.

I once more thought of attempting to break my bonds, but I felt the pain of their arrows upon my face and hands...



I let them know that they might do with me as they pleased.

GLOSSARY

Syllable – A part of a word that has only one vowel sound

Famished – Hungry

Frequently – Often; many times

Signify – To convey something by means of signs, words or actions

Narrated – Gave an account of

Plight – A sad or difficult situation

Gestured – Performed actions with hand to convey a message

Attempting – Making an effort to do something

It seems that when I was discovered, the emperor **determined** that I should be tied...

...that plenty of meat and drink should be sent to me, **mingled** with a sleeping potion...

...and a machine be prepared to carry me to the capital city.

This **resolution** perhaps may appear very bold and dangerous. But in my opinion, it was extremely **prudent**, as well as generous.

Supposing these people had tried to kill me while I was asleep, I would **certainly** have woken up with the first sense of pain. That would have **roused** my **rage** and strength, enabling me to break free...

...after which they could have expected no **mercy**.

GLOSSARY

Determined – Decided

Mingled – Mixed

Resolution – Decision

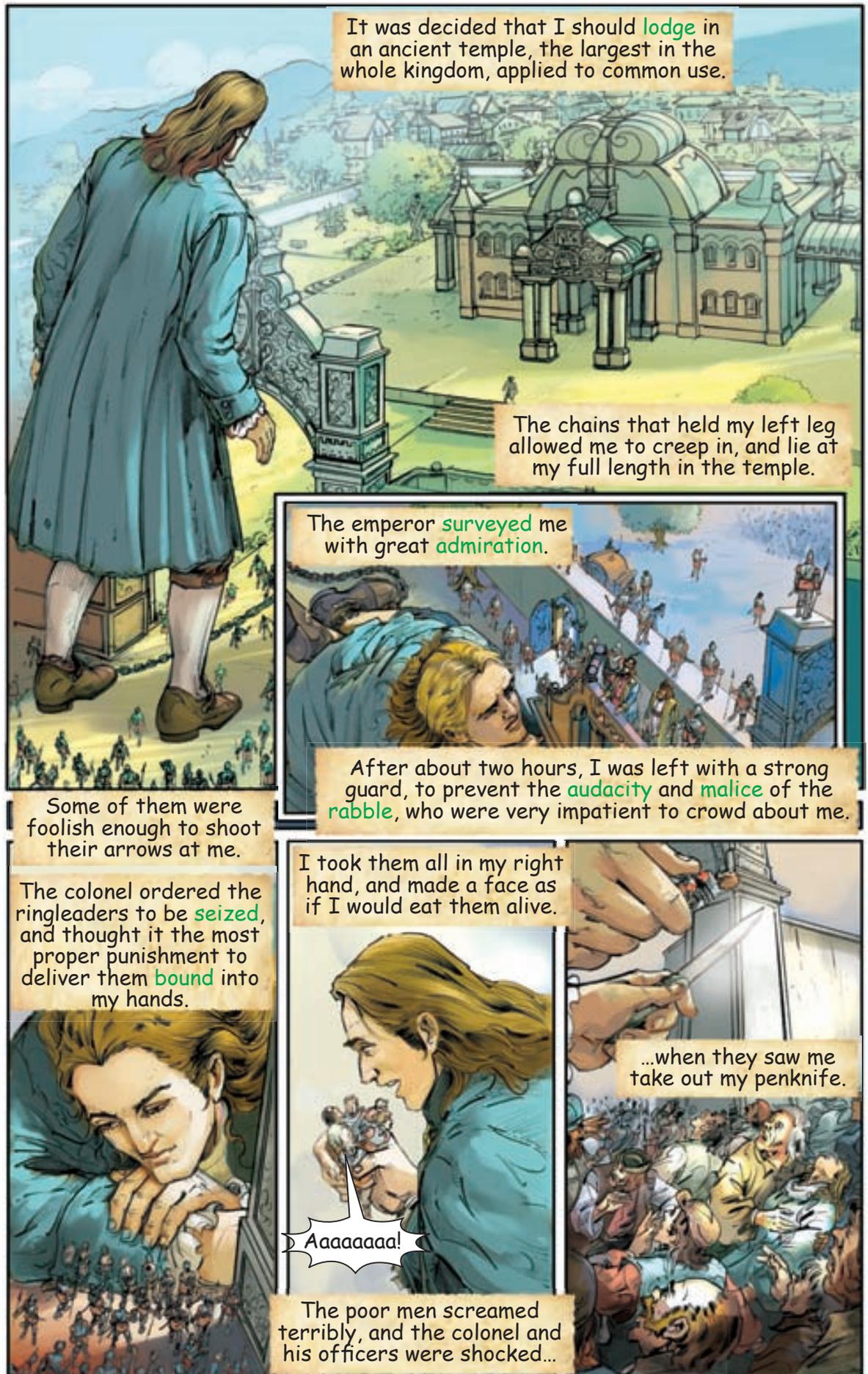
Prudent – Wise and careful

Certainly – Definitely; without any doubt

Roused – Produced a strong emotion or feeling in someone

Rage – Anger

Mercy – An act of kindness



It was decided that I should **lodge** in an ancient temple, the largest in the whole kingdom, applied to common use.

The chains that held my left leg allowed me to creep in, and lie at my full length in the temple.

The emperor **surveyed** me with great **admiration**.

After about two hours, I was left with a strong guard, to prevent the **audacity** and **malice** of the **rabble**, who were very impatient to crowd about me.

Some of them were foolish enough to shoot their arrows at me.

The colonel ordered the ringleaders to be **seized**, and thought it the most proper punishment to deliver them **bound** into my hands.

I took them all in my right hand, and made a face as if I would eat them alive.

...when they saw me take out my penknife.

Aaaaaaaa!

The poor men screamed terribly, and the colonel and his officers were shocked...

GLOSSARY

Lodge – Stay in a small, temporary residence

Surveyed – Examined; looked closely

Admiration – A feeling of wonder, pleasure or approval

Audacity – Boldness and confidence to do a daring act

Malice – A desire to hurt someone

Rabble – A violent crowd

Seized – Caught forcibly

Bound – Tied



I observed both the soldiers and the people were highly delighted at this mark of my **leniency**...

...which was presented very much to my advantage at court.

The court had concluded that my diet would be very expensive, and might cause a **famine**.

They wanted to starve me to death, but they were afraid that the **stench** of such a large **carcass** might produce a plague.

But I soon put them out of fear by cutting the strings they were bound with. I set them gently on the ground. They ran away as fast as they could.

They were still in discussion, when two officers gave an account of my behaviour to the six criminals. That made a favourable impression in the eyes of the king.

He appointed a committee to deliver food and drink for my **sustenance** every morning.

He also appointed six hundred men to be my domestic helps, and another three hundred to be my tailors.

For its due payment, the king gave assignments upon his treasury, and he seldom raised any **subsidies** from his subjects.

The king's greatest scholars were employed to instruct me in their language.

And the first words I learnt were to **express** my desire to be granted **liberty** by the king.

GLOSSARY

Leniency – The act of not punishing as strictly as one could have

Famine – Extreme scarcity of food for a very long period of time that causes people to die

Stench – A very bad smell

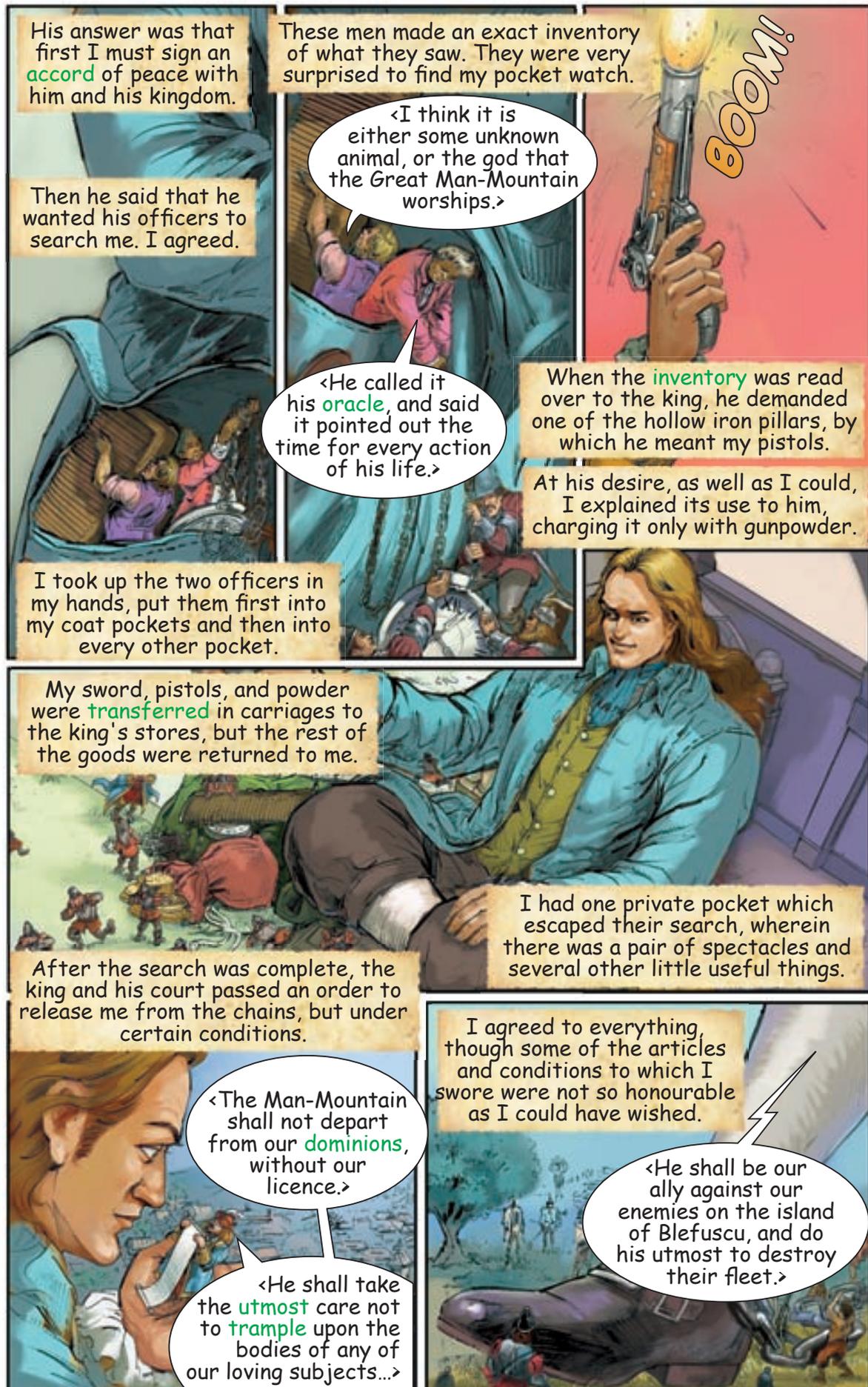
Carcass – The body of a dead animal

Sustenance – Means of livelihood

Subsidies – An amount of money that the government pays to reduce the cost of something

Express – To show or reveal something to somebody

Liberty – Freedom



His answer was that first I must sign an **accord** of peace with him and his kingdom.

These men made an exact inventory of what they saw. They were very surprised to find my pocket watch.

Then he said that he wanted his officers to search me. I agreed.

<I think it is either some unknown animal, or the god that the Great Man-Mountain worships.>



<He called it his **oracle**, and said it pointed out the time for every action of his life.>

When the **inventory** was read over to the king, he demanded one of the hollow iron pillars, by which he meant my pistols.

At his desire, as well as I could, I explained its use to him, charging it only with gunpowder.

I took up the two officers in my hands, put them first into my coat pockets and then into every other pocket.

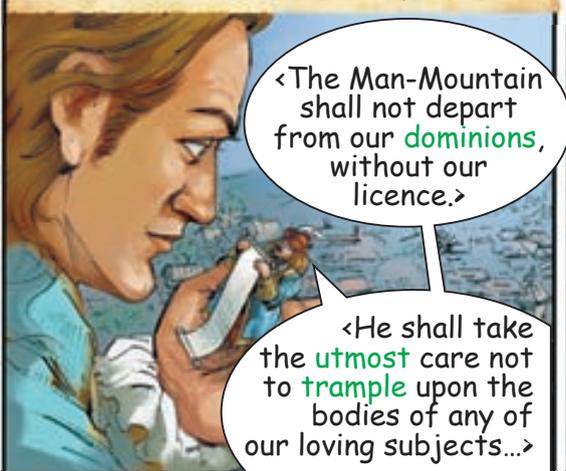
My sword, pistols, and powder were **transferred** in carriages to the king's stores, but the rest of the goods were returned to me.



I had one private pocket which escaped their search, wherein there was a pair of spectacles and several other little useful things.

After the search was complete, the king and his court passed an order to release me from the chains, but under certain conditions.

I agreed to everything, though some of the articles and conditions to which I swore were not so honourable as I could have wished.



<The Man-Mountain shall not depart from our **dominions**, without our licence.>

<He shall take the **utmost** care not to **trample** upon the bodies of any of our loving subjects...>



<He shall be our ally against our enemies on the island of Blefuscu, and do his utmost to destroy their fleet.>

GLOSSARY

Accord – A formal agreement

Oracle – A type of priest in ancient Greece who was considered to be a medium between man and god and predicted the future

Inventory – A list of things in a place

Transferred – Moved from one place to another

Dominions – A large territory under a single ruler

Utmost – Great; as much as possible

Trample – To step heavily on something and cause harm

Chapter-2

My first request made after **obtaining** liberty was to have the licence to see Mildendo, the **metropolis**, which the emperor easily granted.

All people were given strict orders to keep in their houses.

I thought that in all my travels, I had not seen a more **populous** place. The town was capable of holding five hundred thousand souls.

I applied my face to the windows of the palace, and discovered the most **splendid** apartments.

One morning, Reldresal, the principal Secretary of Private Affairs, came to visit me.

There I saw the empress, and the young princess. She was pleased to smile very **graciously** upon me, and gave me her hand to kiss.

<As **flourishing** a condition as we may appear to be in, we **labour** under two mighty evils...>

<...a violent **faction** at home, and the danger of an invasion by a most **potent** enemy.>

<As to the first, there have been two struggling parties in this empire, under the names of Tramecksan and Slamecksan.>

<They **distinguish** themselves by the high and low heels of their shoes.>

<In the midst of these internal **conflicts**, we are threatened with an invasion from the Island of Blefuscu.>

GLOSSARY

Obtaining – Getting hold of something you want

Metropolis – A big, busy city

Populous – Full of people

Splendid – Wonderful, or very good

Graciously – Kindly and courteously

Flourishing – Successful

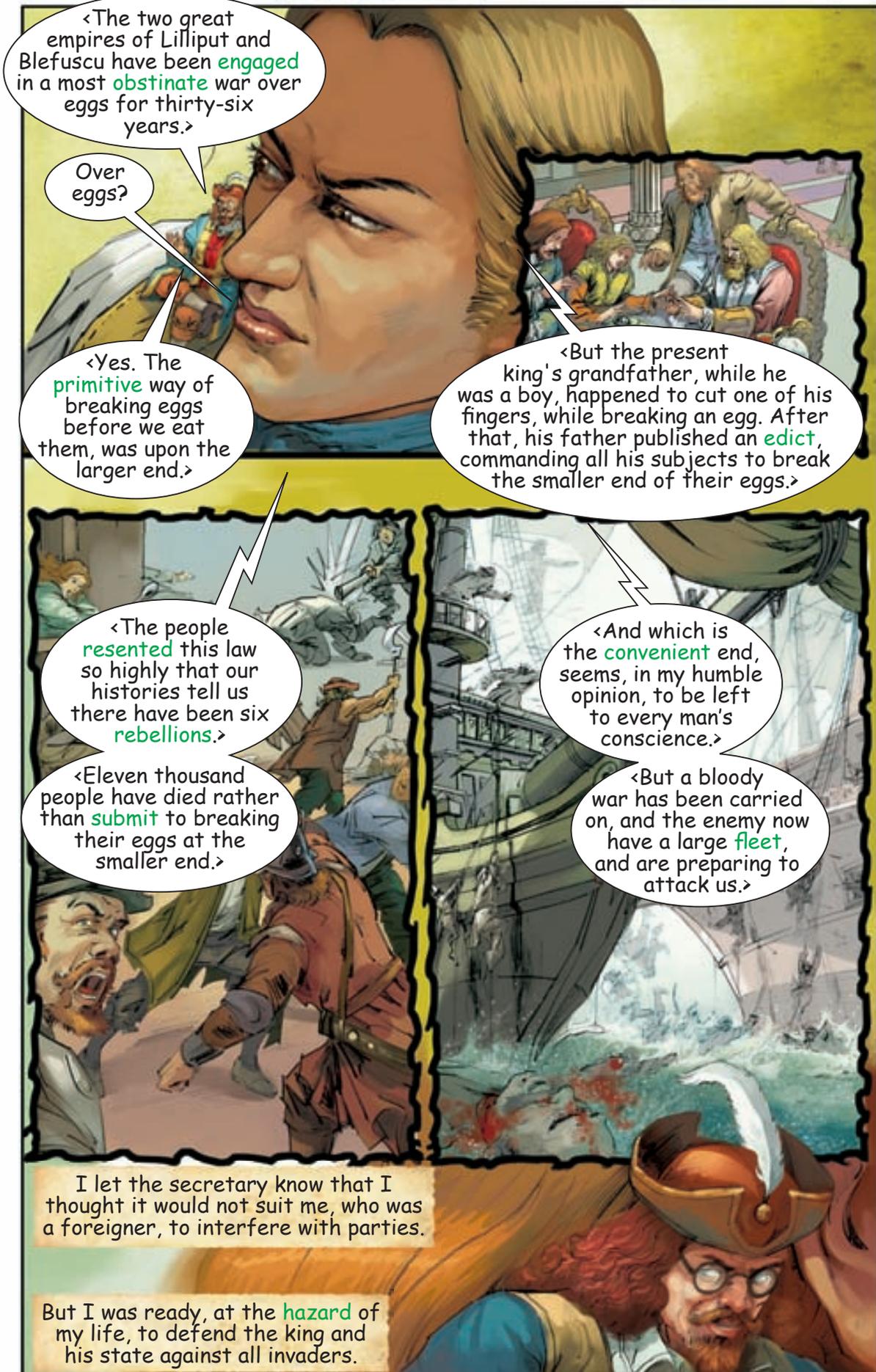
Labour – Work hard

Faction – A section or a part of a group

Potent – Powerful and effective

Distinguish – Tell apart or make a distinction

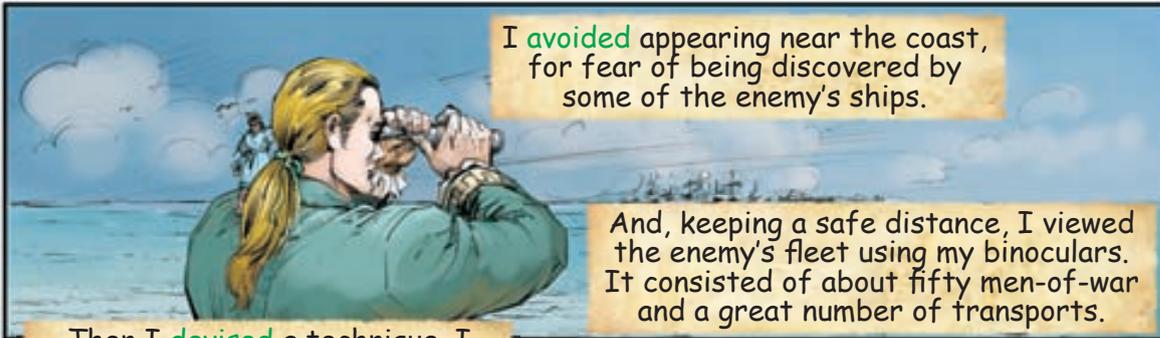
Conflicts – Disagreement or quarrel



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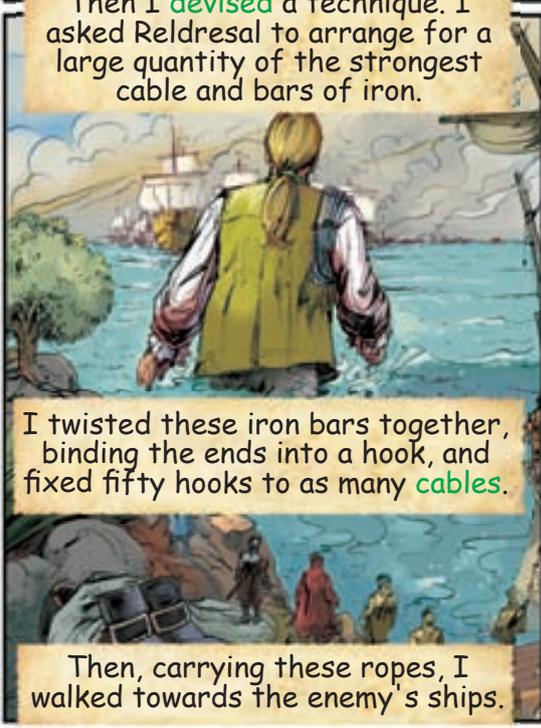
Engaged – Busy, occupied in doing something
Obstinate – Not willing to change your mind for anything or anybody
Primitive – Relating to a very early stage of development in humans, animals or plants
Edict – An official order, law given by an official authority

Resented – Disliked
Rebellions – Oppositions to someone in authority
Submit – To accept that someone has defeated you
Convenient – Suitable for a particular purpose
Fleet – A group of ships
Hazard – Something that could be dangerous or risky



I **avoided** appearing near the coast, for fear of being discovered by some of the enemy's ships.

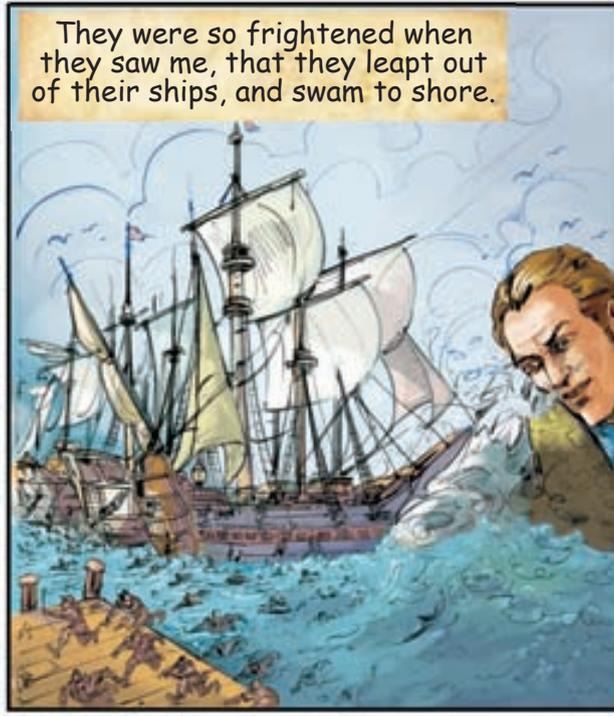
And, keeping a safe distance, I viewed the enemy's fleet using my binoculars. It consisted of about fifty men-of-war and a great number of transports.



Then I **devised** a technique. I asked Reldresal to arrange for a large quantity of the strongest cable and bars of iron.

I twisted these iron bars together, binding the ends into a hook, and fixed fifty hooks to as many **cables**.

Then, carrying these ropes, I walked towards the enemy's ships.

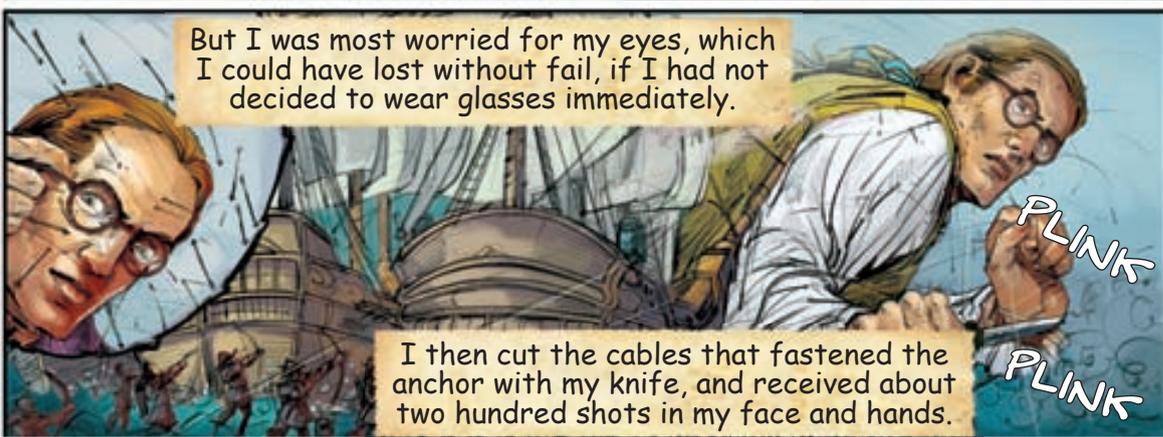


They were so frightened when they saw me, that they leapt out of their ships, and swam to shore.



Fastening a hook to the hole at the bow of each ship, I tied all the cords together at the end.

While I was doing so, the enemy **discharged** several thousand arrows. Besides the **excessive** pain, they disturbed me in my work.



But I was most worried for my eyes, which I could have lost without fail, if I had not decided to wear glasses immediately.

I then cut the cables that fastened the anchor with my knife, and received about two hundred shots in my face and hands.

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GLOSSARY

Avoided – Kept away from

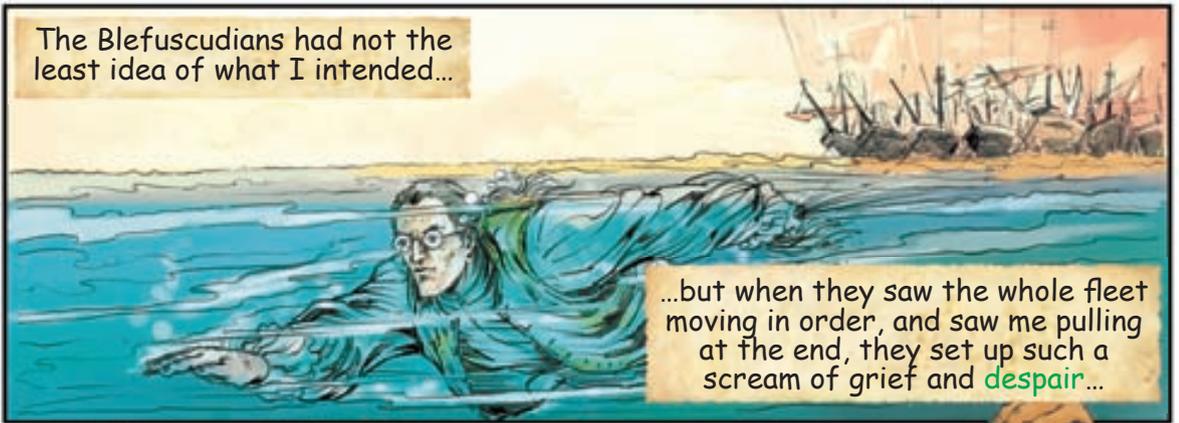
Devised – Invented a method to do something

Cables – Wires or ropes

Discharged – Released or set free

Excessive – Extreme or much more than what is necessary

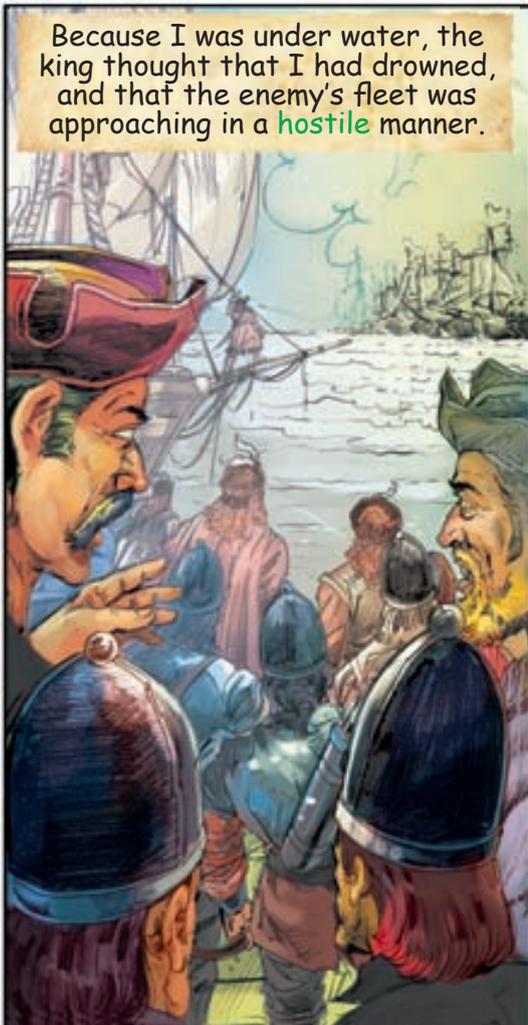
The Blefuscudians had not the least idea of what I intended...



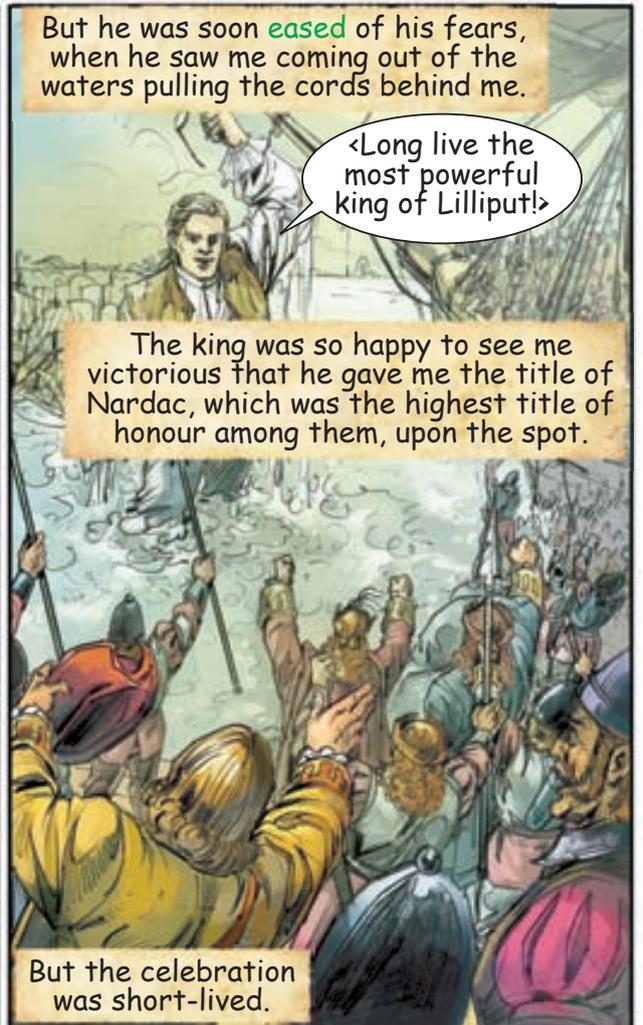
...but when they saw the whole fleet moving in order, and saw me pulling at the end, they set up such a scream of grief and despair...



...that it is almost impossible to describe or conceive.



Because I was under water, the king thought that I had drowned, and that the enemy's fleet was approaching in a hostile manner.



But he was soon eased of his fears, when he saw me coming out of the waters pulling the cords behind me.

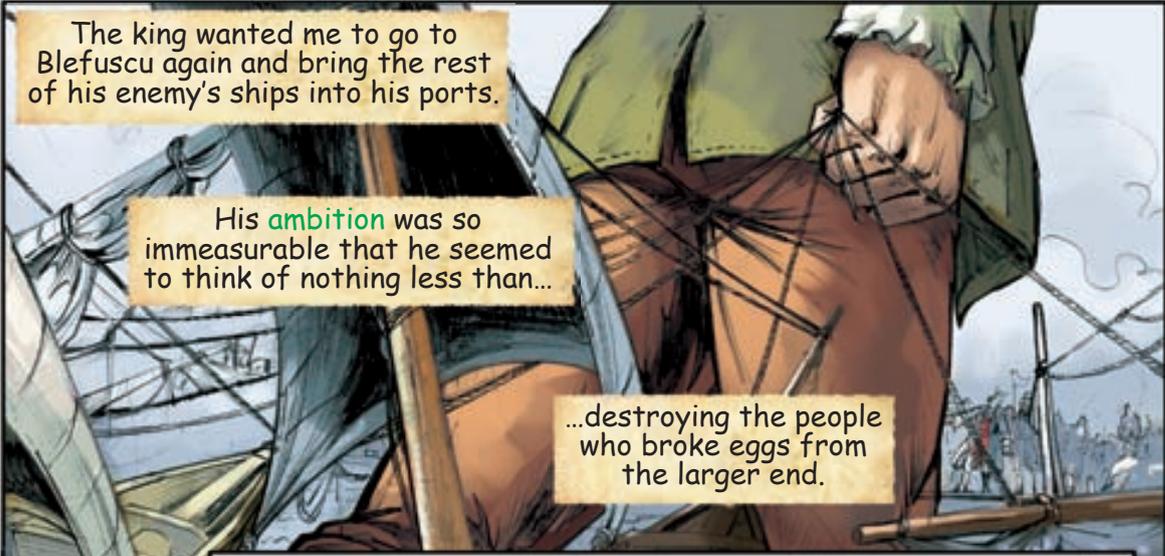
The king was so happy to see me victorious that he gave me the title of Nardac, which was the highest title of honour among them, upon the spot.

But the celebration was short-lived.

GLOSSARY

Despair – The feeling of being very sad and hopeless
Conceive – Imagine

Hostile – Unfriendly
Eased – Comforted



The king wanted me to go to Blefuscu again and bring the rest of his enemy's ships into his ports.

His **ambition** was so immeasurable that he seemed to think of nothing less than...

...destroying the people who broke eggs from the larger end.



In the council chamber, I **protested** that I would never be an **instrument** of bringing free and brave people into slavery.

My open, bold **declaration** was so opposite to the king's **schemes** and politics, that he could never forgive me.

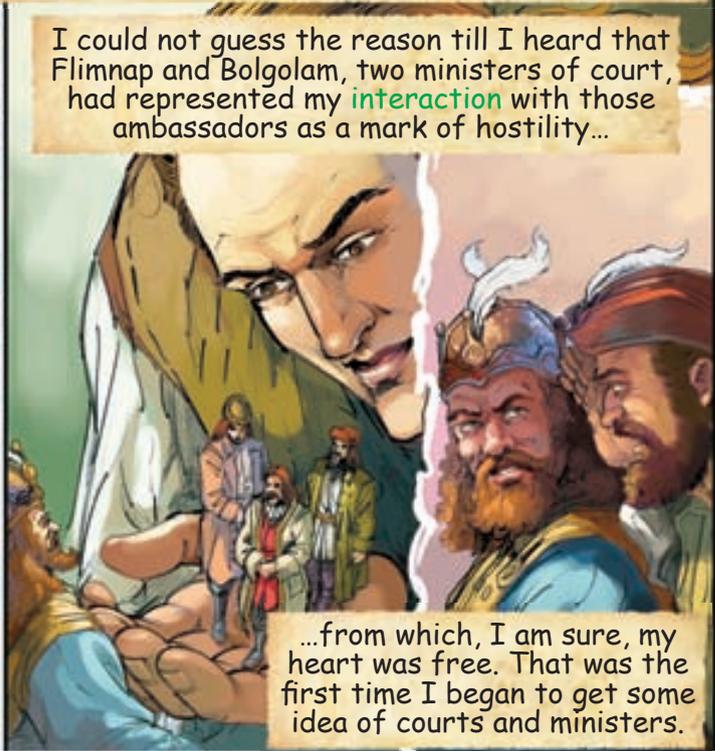
About three weeks after this incident, a **delegation** arrived from Blefuscu, with offers of peace.

I desired the king's permission to go and meet the Blefuscu monarch, which he granted very coldly.

I could not guess the reason till I heard that Flimnap and Bolgolam, two ministers of court, had represented my **interaction** with those ambassadors as a mark of hostility...



When they were privately told how friendly I had been, they came to meet me, and invited me to their kingdom.



...from which, I am sure, my heart was free. That was the first time I began to get some idea of courts and ministers.

GLOSSARY

Ambition – Desire

Protested – Disagreed or objected strongly to

Instrument – A tool or a person used to achieve a result

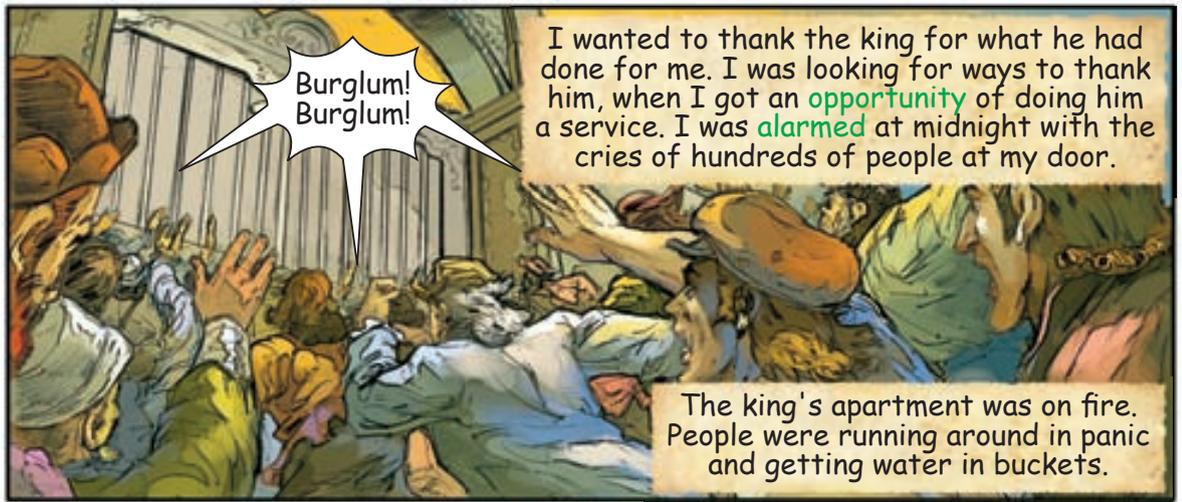
Declaration – An official announcement

Schemes – Plans for achieving something

Delegation – A group of people who represent a country

Monarch – King

Interaction – The activity of talking to other people and the way they react to each other



Burglum!
Burglum!

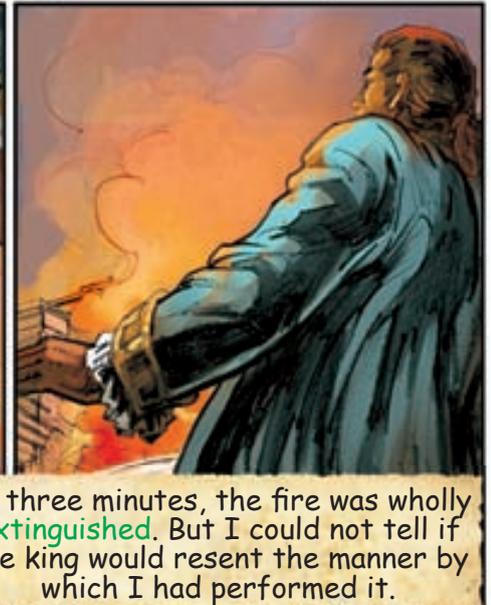
I wanted to thank the king for what he had done for me. I was looking for ways to thank him, when I got an **opportunity** of doing him a service. I was **alarmed** at midnight with the cries of hundreds of people at my door.

The king's apartment was on fire. People were running around in panic and getting water in buckets.



The buckets were about the size of a large thimble, and the poor people supplied me with them as fast as they could. But the flame was so violent, that they did little good.

I had, the evening before, drunk a most delicious wine plentifully, and had not discharged myself of it.



In three minutes, the fire was wholly **extinguished**. But I could not tell if the king would resent the manner by which I had performed it.

Soon my **apprehensions** were proven right, when I came to know that it was criminal of any person, of whatsoever quality, to **make water** within the grounds of the palace.



I was later told that the queen had firmly **resolved** to never get those buildings repaired for her use. And in the presence of her chief **confidantes**, she had vowed revenge.

GLOSSARY

- Opportunity** – Getting a chance
- Alarmed** – Frightened and worried
- Extinguished** – Put out
- Apprehensions** – Worries or fears that something bad might happen

- Make water** – Urinate
- Resolved** – Firmly decided or made up one's mind
- Confidantes** – People who can be trusted and with whom one can discuss his/her secrets

On the other hand, the treasurer had become **suspicious** of his wife, as some evil people had informed him that she had developed affection for me.

It was a lie, but I had no way to prove it, and I lost all **credit** with him, and with the king himself.

I was feeling lonely and needed a change of place. So, I decided to go to Blefuscu. When I was just preparing to call on the king of Blefuscu, a person at court came to visit me.

<Several committees have been lately called on your account, and His Majesty has come to a decision.>

<They have prepared articles of **impeachment** against you.>

There were many reasons behind it.

<Whoever shall make water within the grounds of the royal palace, will be punished for high **treason**.>

<Like a **traitor**, being commanded by His Majesty to seize all Blefuscuian ships, you begged to be excused, **pretending** to show unwillingness to destroy the lives of innocent people.>

<When ambassadors arrived from the court of Blefuscu, you, like a traitor, helped, comforted, and entertained the said ambassadors.>

<Unlike a faithful subject, you are now preparing to make a **voyage** to the court and empire of Blefuscu.>

<His Majesty spoke of the services you had done for him, but the treasurer insisted that you should be put to the most painful death.>

The **charges framed** against me were many, and I did not know where to start. Just then, the court reader added that to spare my life, Reldresal had suggested that they should only put out both my eyes...

GLOSSARY

Suspicious – Feeling that someone or something cannot be trusted
Credit – Praise for something you did or achieved
Impeachment – Formal accusation of crimes
Treason – The crime of helping your country's enemies

Traitor – Someone who betrays his own country
Pretending – Acting as if something is true when it is not
Voyage – A journey especially by a boat
Charges framed – The act of having officially accused a person for committing a crime



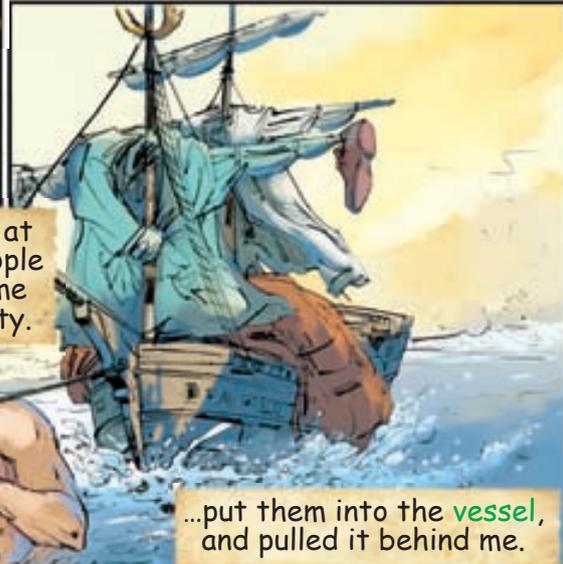
Without wasting another minute, I sent a letter to my friend Reldresal, mentioning my resolution to set out for Blefuscu that morning. I did not even wait for an answer, and quickly went to that side of the island where our fleet lay.



I seized a large warship, tied a cable to the bow, and lifted up the anchors. Then, I took my clothes off...



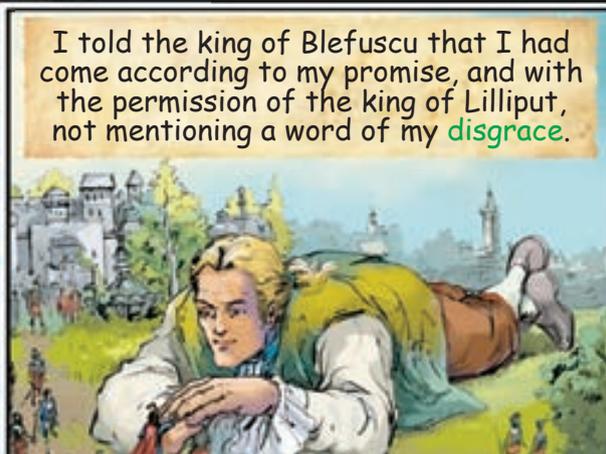
Between wading and swimming, I arrived at the royal port of Blefuscu, where the people were waiting for me eagerly. They lent me two guides to direct me to the capital city.



...put them into the vessel, and pulled it behind me.



I told the king of Blefuscu that I had come according to my promise, and with the permission of the king of Lilliput, not mentioning a word of my disgrace.



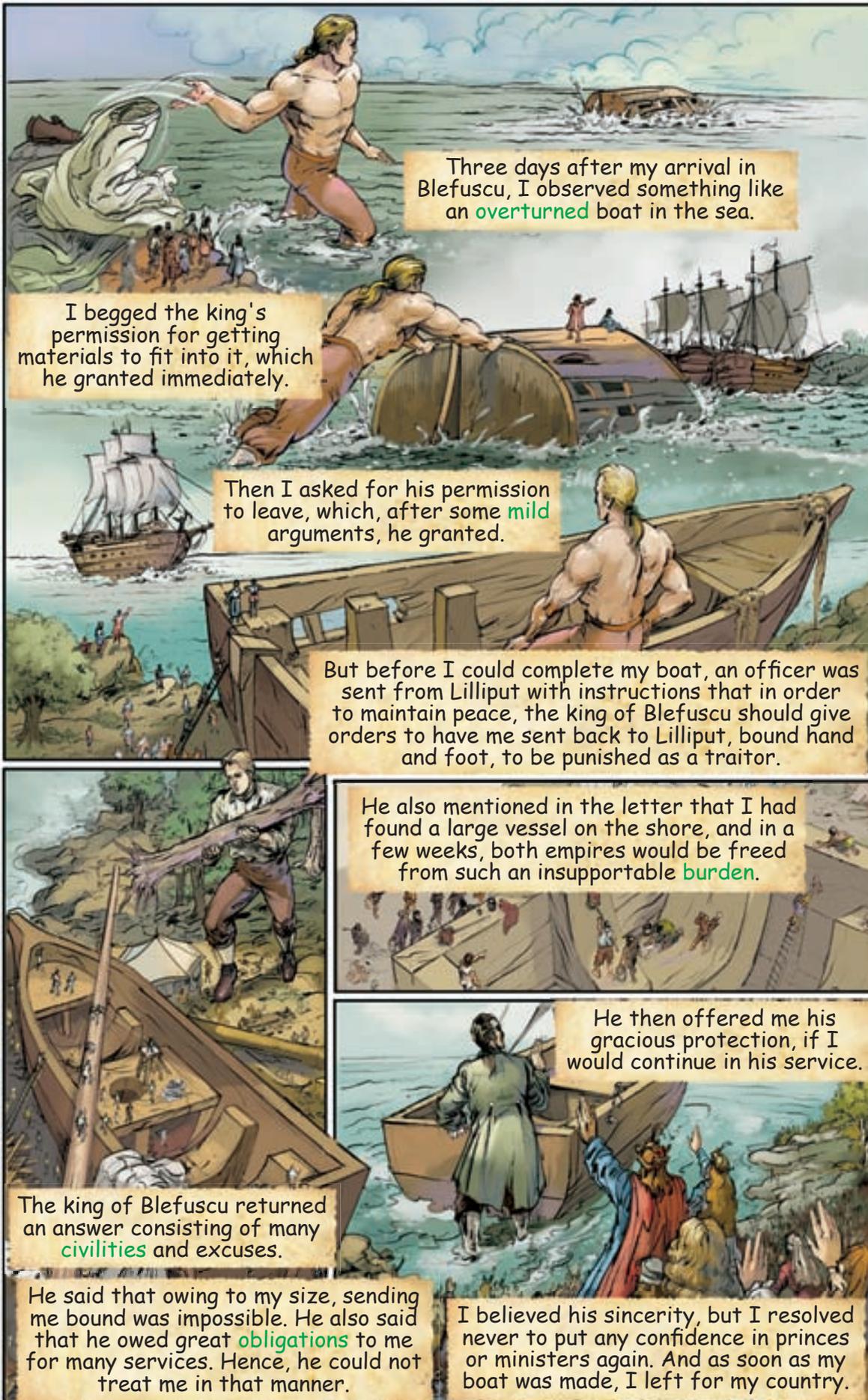
GLOSSARY

Wading – To walk in or through water that is not very deep

Eagerly – With keen interest

Vessel – A large boat or ship

Disgrace – Loss of other people's respect because of something bad that one has done



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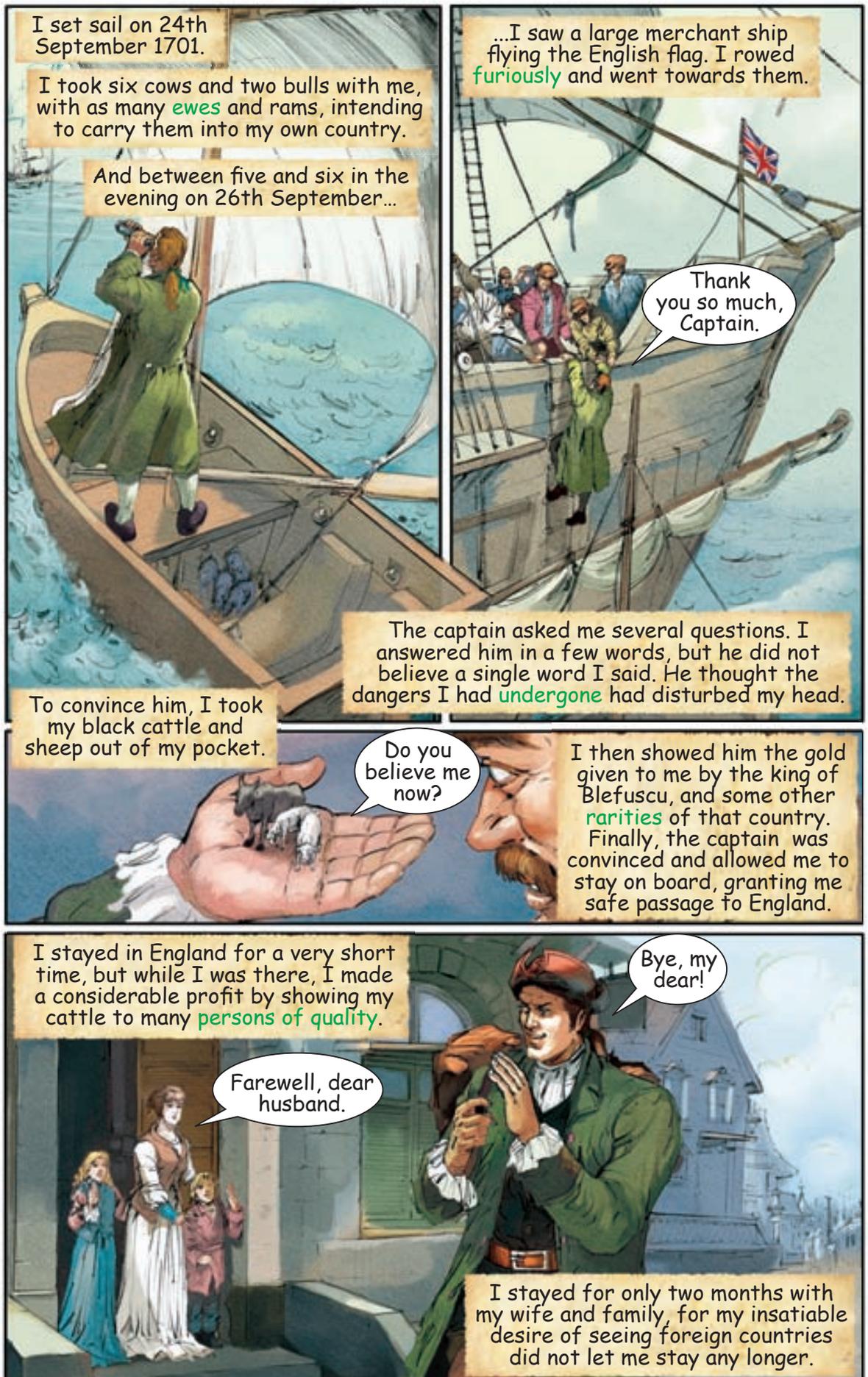
Overturned – Capsized/shifted in position in such a way that the bottom or side is upward

Mild – Gentle

Burden – A difficult responsibility or something heavy that one has to carry

Civilities – Polite comments and questions exchanged between people in formal situations

Obligations – Some things that one is bound to do out of duty



GLOSSARY

Ewes – Female sheep

Furiously – Extremely angrily

Undergone – Experienced

Rarities – Events that do not happen very often

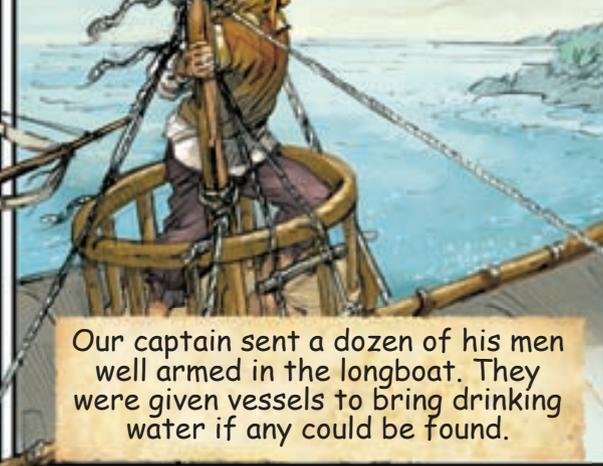
Persons of quality – Famous or well-known people

After a few days in the sea, my ship was caught in a storm. It was a very fierce storm. We were carried east, and even the oldest sailor on board could not tell what part of the world we were in.



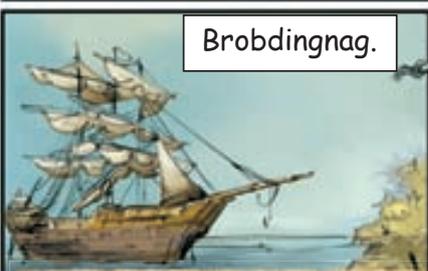
Chapter-3

On 16th June 1703, a boy on the **topmast** saw land.



Our captain sent a dozen of his men well armed in the longboat. They were given vessels to bring drinking water if any could be found.

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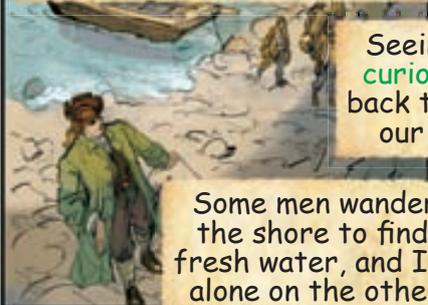


The men wanted to explore the island and I desired to go with them, so that I might see the country, and make what **discoveries** I could.



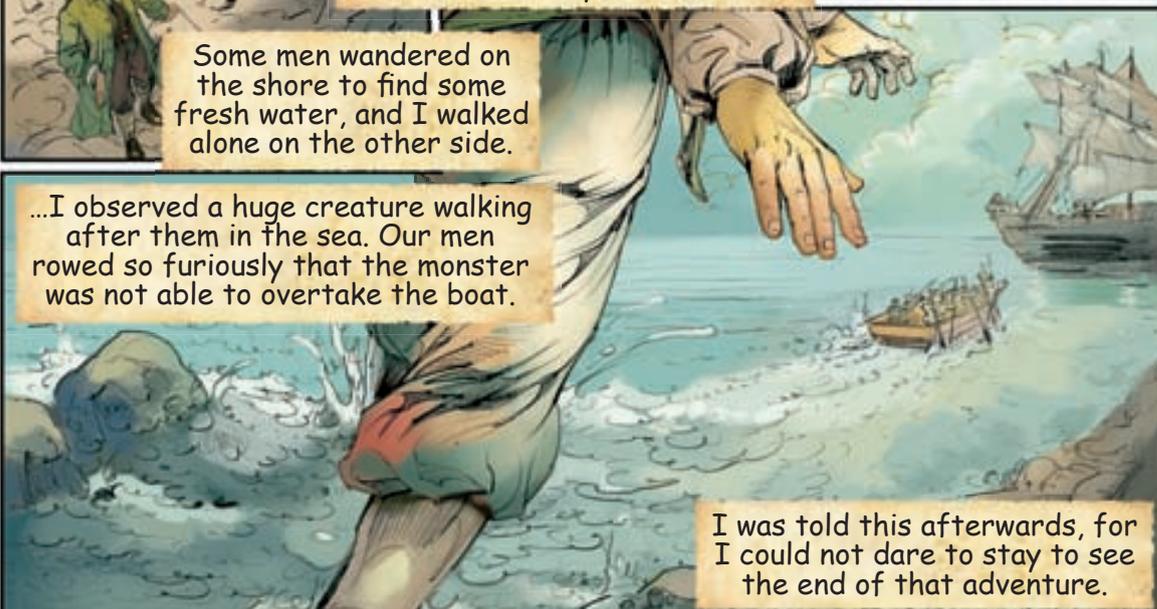
Seeing nothing to entertain my **curiosity**, I slowly made my way back towards the **creek**... and saw our men already in the boat...

...and rowing for life to the ship. I was going to shout when...



Some men wandered on the shore to find some fresh water, and I walked alone on the other side.

...I observed a huge creature walking after them in the sea. Our men rowed so furiously that the monster was not able to overtake the boat.



I was told this afterwards, for I could not dare to stay to see the end of that adventure.

GLOSSARY

Topmast – The topmost part of a tall vertical arrangement of poles that support the sails in a ship.

Discoveries – Finding something that was hidden or not known about before

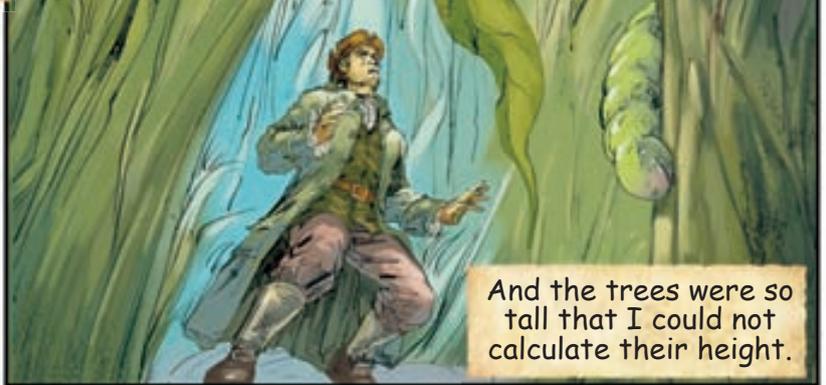
Curiosity – A strong feeling of wanting to find out about something

Creek – A narrow stream

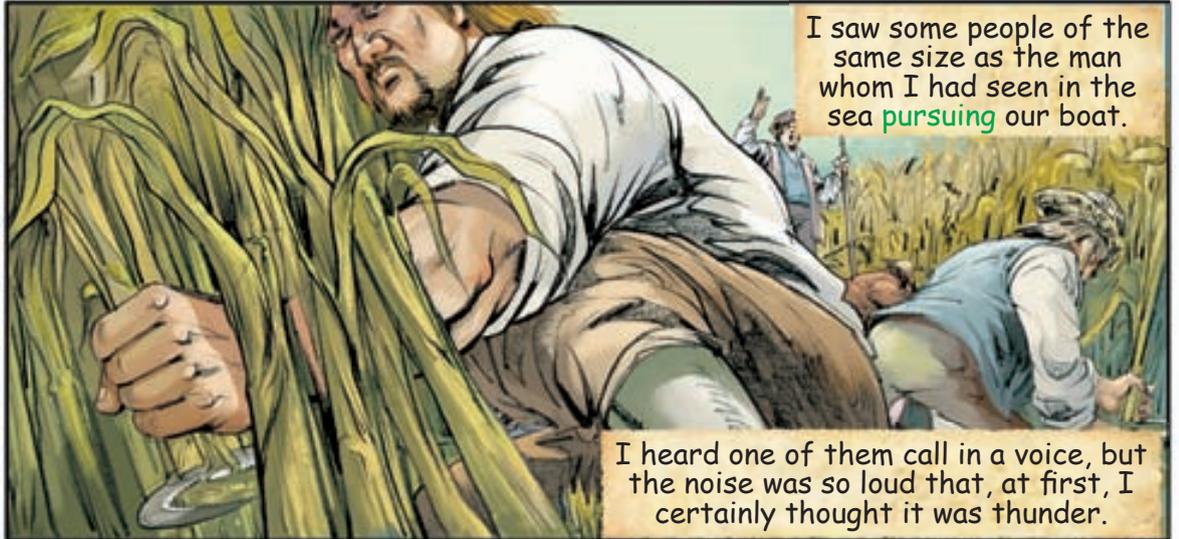
I ran as fast as I could, and climbed up a steep hill. I found the country fully **cultivated**.



The first thing that surprised me was the length of the grass, and the corn that rose to at least forty feet.



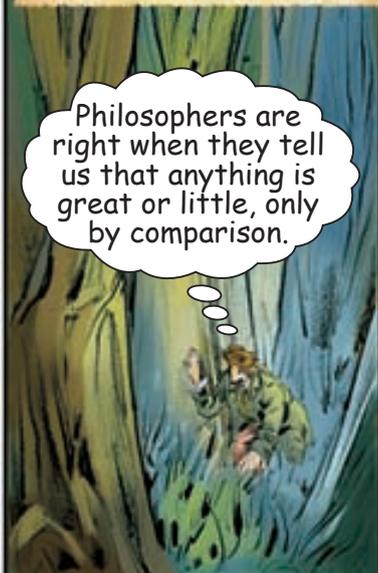
And the trees were so tall that I could not calculate their height.



I saw some people of the same size as the man whom I had seen in the sea **pursuing** our boat.

I heard one of them call in a voice, but the noise was so loud that, at first, I certainly thought it was thunder.

I reflected what an embarrassment it must prove to me to appear as **insignificant** in this nation as one single Lilliputian would be among us.



Philosophers are right when they tell us that anything is great or little, only by comparison.

Who knows that even this **extraordinary** race of mortals might be equally **overmatched** in some distant part of the world?



I was lost in my thoughts, when I saw a big foot coming towards me. I realised that soon I would either be **squashed** to death under his foot or cut in two with his reaping-hook.



I sat there holding my breath.

GLOSSARY

Cultivated – Having crops planted on land

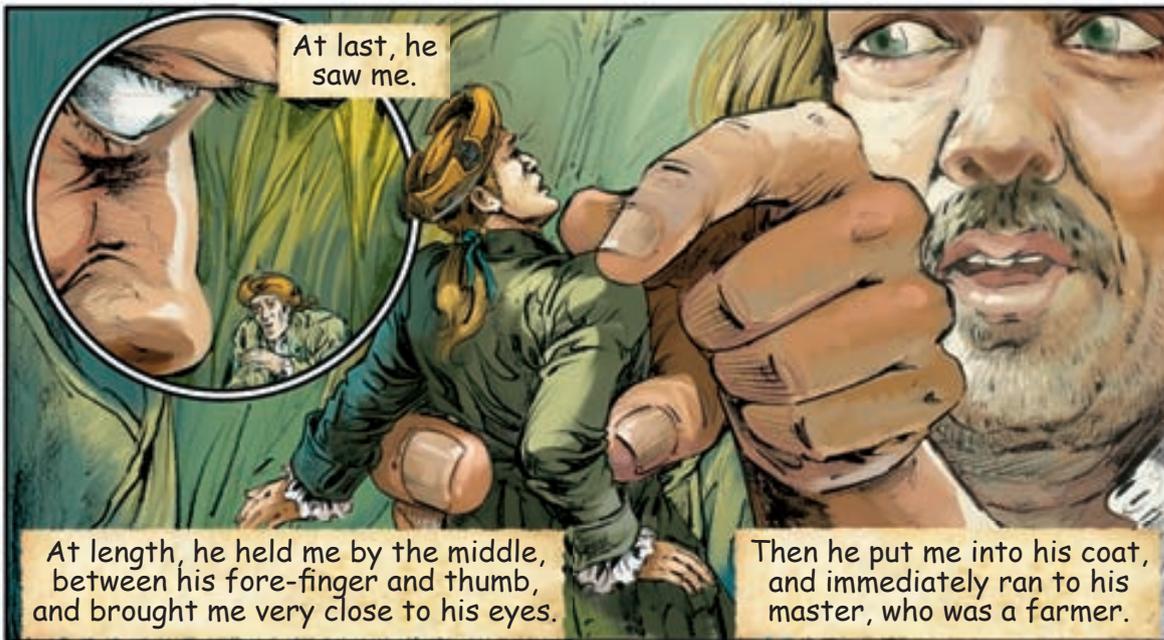
Pursuing – Following with intention to catch

Insignificant – Not important enough

Extraordinary – Unusual and amazing

Overmatched – Matched against another of superior strength

Squashed – Crushed



At last, he saw me.

At length, he held me by the middle, between his fore-finger and thumb, and brought me very close to his eyes.

Then he put me into his coat, and immediately ran to his master, who was a farmer.



The farmer spoke to me, but the sound of his voice pierced my ears like a watermill.

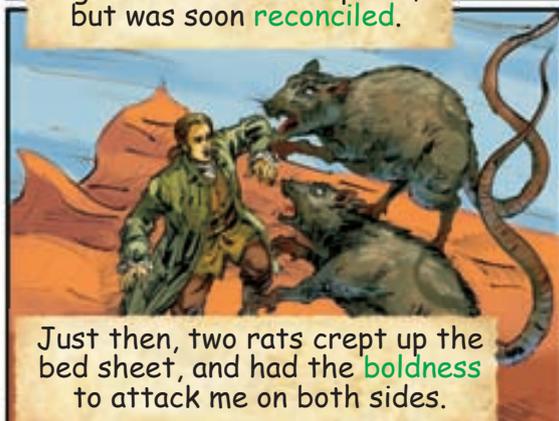
Eeeek!

His wife screamed as at the sight of a toad or a spider, but was soon **reconciled**.

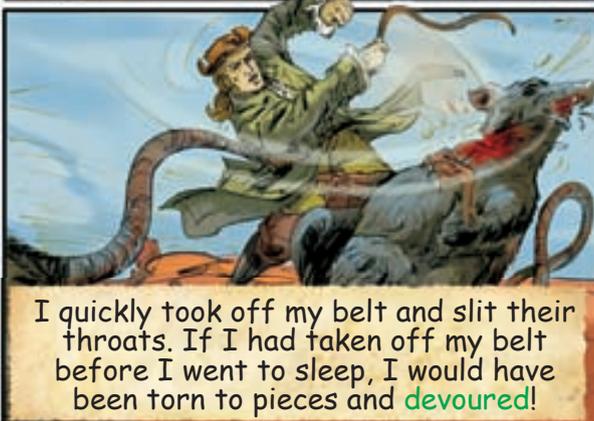


The children received me very warmly. They also put me to bed, saying that I would be tired.

I slept for about two hours, and dreamt that I was at home with my wife and children. That added to my sorrows, as when I woke up, I found myself alone in a vast room, lying in a huge bed.



Just then, two rats crept up the bed sheet, and had the **boldness** to attack me on both sides.



I quickly took off my belt and slit their throats. If I had taken off my belt before I went to sleep, I would have been torn to pieces and **devoured**!

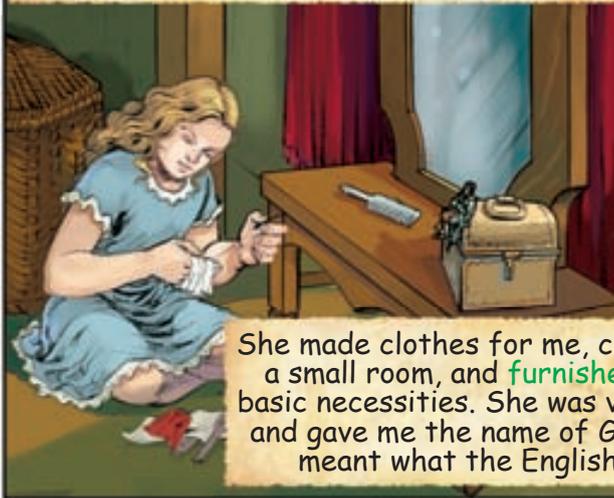
GLOSSARY

Reconciled – Accepted an unlikable situation

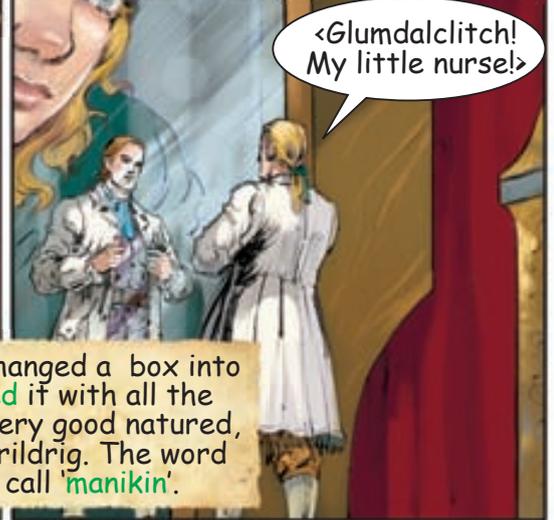
Boldness – Quality of being confident and not afraid

Devoured – Eaten greedily

My master had a nine-year-old daughter called Glumdalclitch. She was very **deft** at sewing and knitting. She was like my school mistress and taught me her language.

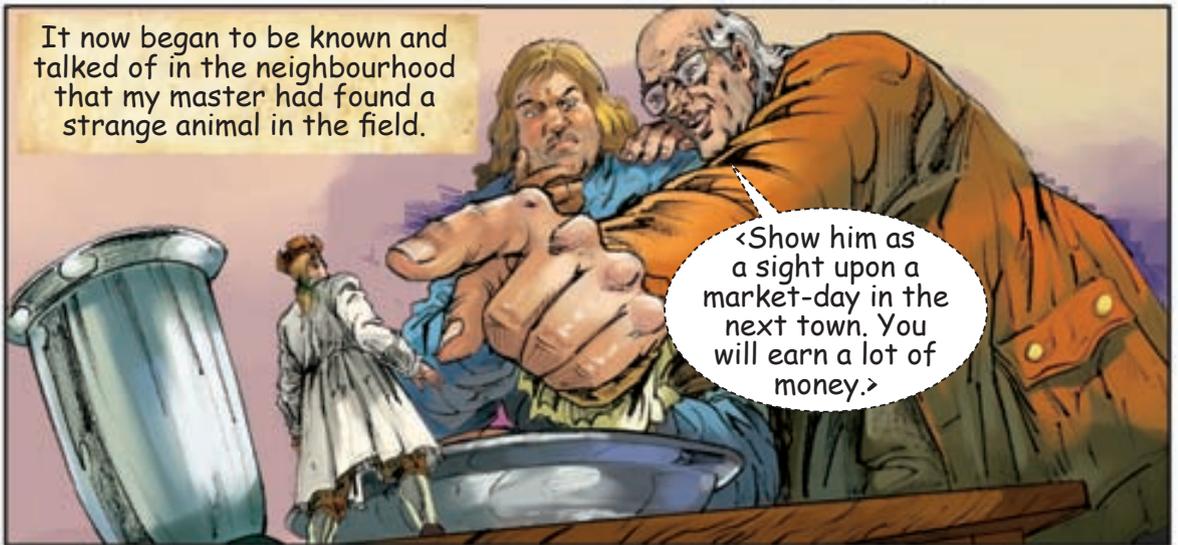


I owe my **preservation** in that country to her. We never parted while I was there.

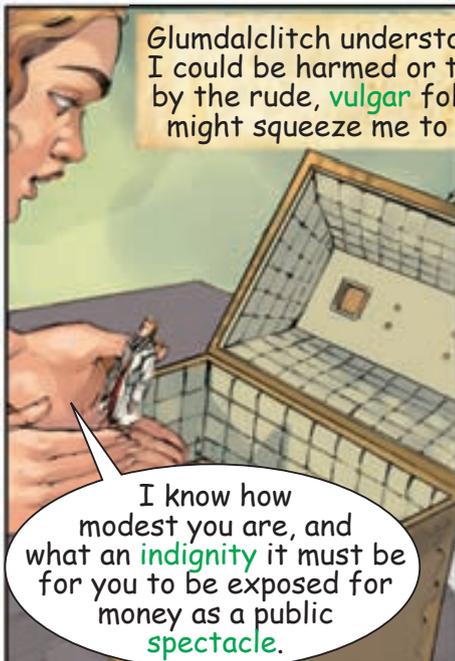


She made clothes for me, changed a box into a small room, and **furnished** it with all the basic necessities. She was very good natured, and gave me the name of Grildrig. The word meant what the English call '**manikin**'.

It now began to be known and talked of in the neighbourhood that my master had found a strange animal in the field.



Glumdalclitch understood that I could be harmed or troubled by the rude, **vulgar** folks, who might squeeze me to death.



My master carried me in the box-room the next market-day to the neighbouring town, and took Glumdalclitch along with him.

GLOSSARY

Deft – Skillful

Furnished – To provide furniture for a room or house; provided someone with something they needed

Manikin – Offensive word for a very small man

Preservation – Protection of something so that it does not get destroyed

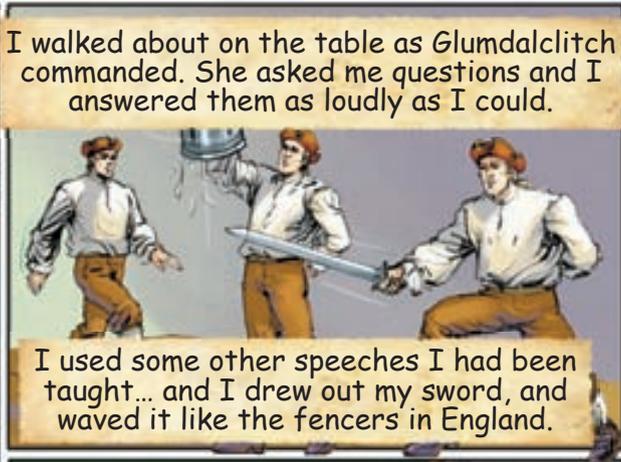
Vulgar – Unpleasant and offensive

Indignity – A situation that makes you feel embarrassed or ashamed

Spectacle – An unusual, exciting or strange sight

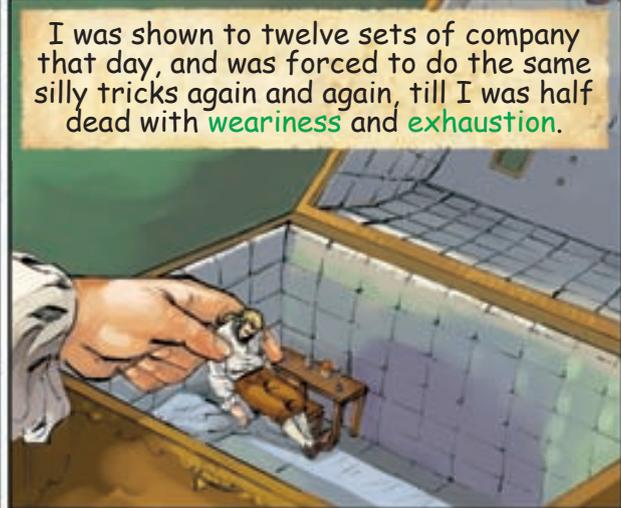


In the market, I was placed upon a table. My little nurse sat next to the table to take care of me, and **direct** what I should do.



I walked about on the table as Glumdalclitch commanded. She asked me questions and I answered them as loudly as I could.

I used some other speeches I had been taught... and I drew out my sword, and waved it like the fencers in England.



I was shown to twelve sets of company that day, and was forced to do the same silly tricks again and again, till I was half dead with **weariness** and **exhaustion**.

My master, to avoid a crowd, would allow only thirty people at a time to see me.



My master demanded the rate of a full room whenever he showed me at home.

We made easy journeys as Glumdalclitch, on purpose to spare me, complained that she was tired with the **trotting** of the horse.



Finding how profitable I was likely to be, he resolved to carry me to the most important cities of the kingdom.

I was shown in eighteen large towns, besides many villages and private families.

On 26th October, we arrived at the metropolis, Lorbrulgrud, or Pride of the Universe. My master took lodging in the main street of the city, not far from the royal palace.

GLOSSARY

Direct – To give instructions to do something

Weariness – Tiredness

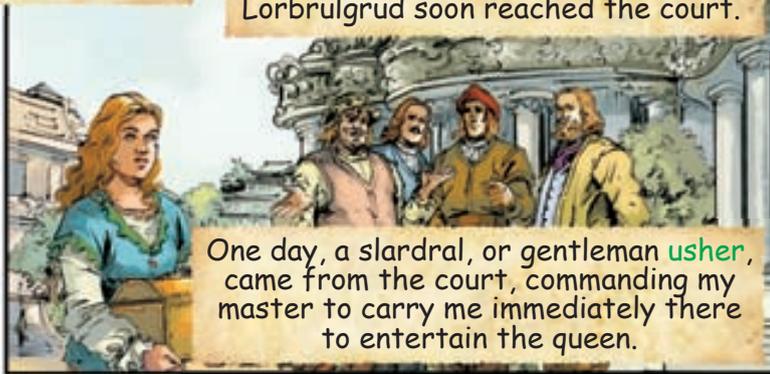
Exhaustion – A feeling of being extremely tired and without energy

Trotting – Walking with short quick steps

The amount of work I underwent every day changed my health **considerably** in a few weeks. I had lost my appetite, and was almost reduced to a skeleton.



The farmer observed it, and concluding I would soon die, resolved to make as much use of me as he could. News of my presence in Lorbrulgrud soon reached the court.



One day, a slardral, or gentleman **usher**, came from the court, commanding my master to carry me immediately there to entertain the queen.

I fell on my knees, and begged the honour of kissing her foot, but this gracious princess held out her finger towards me.



<Would you be **content** to live at court, Lemuel Gulliver?>



<I'm my master's slave, but if I were at my own **disposal**, I would be proud to **devote** my life to Your Majesty's service.>

She then asked my master whether he was willing to sell me at a good price.

<I must beg your favour, that Glumdalclitch, who has always tended me with so much care and kindness...>



<...might be admitted into your service, and continue to be my nurse and instructor.>

He demanded a thousand pieces of gold, which were given to him on the spot.



The queen agreed to my **petition**, and easily got the farmer's **consent**.

GLOSSARY

Considerably – Noticeably

Usher – Someone whose job is to allow people to enter or leave a court

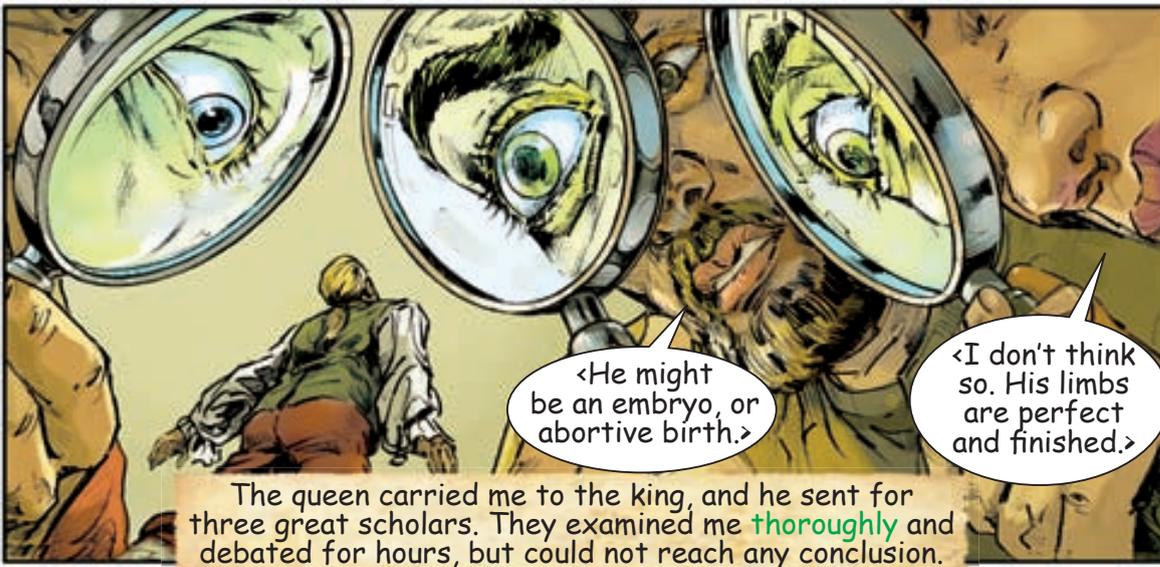
Content – Satisfied

Disposal – Available for oneself

Devote – To spend your effort or time in doing something

Petition – Formally request

Consent – Approval



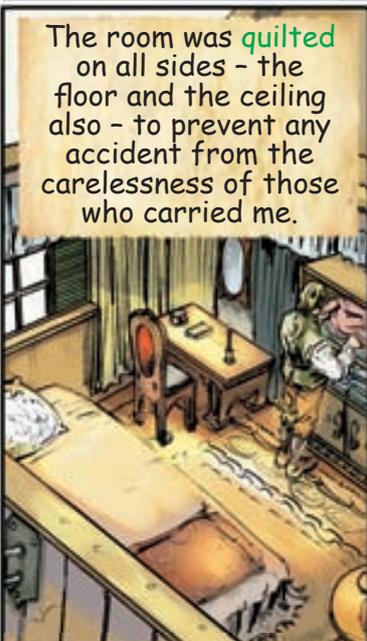
The queen carried me to the king, and he sent for three great scholars. They examined me **thoroughly** and debated for hours, but could not reach any conclusion.



In the meantime, a convenient apartment was provided for Glumdalclitch at court.

The queen commanded her own cabinet-maker to prepare a box that would serve me as a bed-chamber.

And a nice workman undertook to make me two chairs and two tables, with a cabinet to put my things in.



The room was **quilted** on all sides - the floor and the ceiling also - to prevent any accident from the carelessness of those who carried me.



The queen likewise ordered the tailors to make me clothes of the thinnest silks, and I had an **entire** set of silver dishes, the same kind as in a London toy shop.

I desired a lock for my door, to prevent rats and mice from coming in, and the **smith** made the smallest key ever seen among them.

GLOSSARY

Thoroughly – Very carefully, so that nothing is missed

Quilted – Padded with layers of cloth filled with feathers or similar material

Smith – Someone whose job is to make and repair metal objects

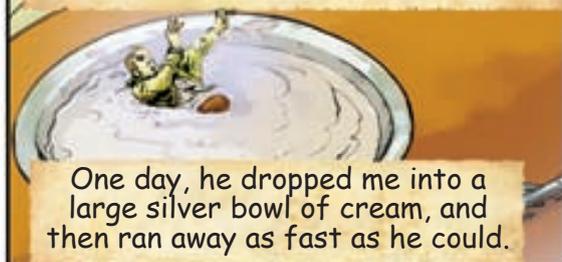
Entire – Complete



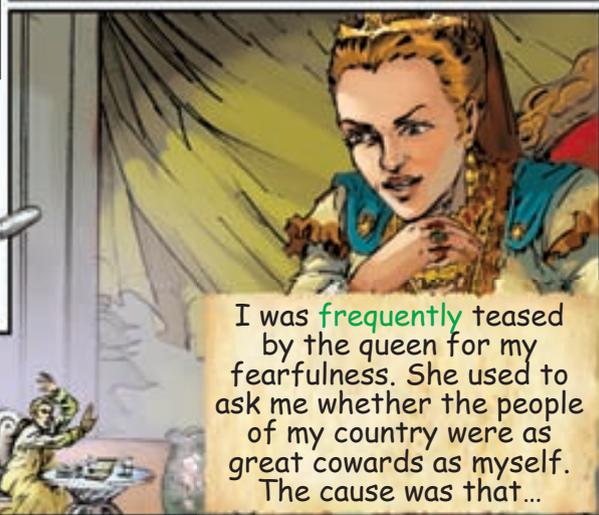
Thankfully, the queen soon found out that I was in trouble and had me rescued. The dwarf was soundly whipped and forced to drink up the bowl of cream into which he had thrown me. And he was never restored to favour.

<You must drink the whole thing.>

The queen liked me, but not everybody did. The queen's dwarf, a being of the smallest size in that country, became **insolent** at seeing a creature so much smaller than him. He **seldom** failed to say a smart word or two upon my littleness.



One day, he dropped me into a large silver bowl of cream, and then ran away as fast as he could.



I was **frequently** teased by the queen for my fearfulness. She used to ask me whether the people of my country were as great cowards as myself. The cause was that...



...flies, each as big as a Dunstable lark, hardly gave me any rest at dinner.



One morning, around twenty wasps, **allured** by the smell of my breakfast, came flying into the room...



I killed four of them, and found their stings an inch-and-a-half long, and as sharp as needles.

They would sometimes alight upon my food, and leave their disgusting **excrement** behind, which to me was very visible, though not to the natives of that country.

...humming louder than the **drones** of as many bagpipes, and putting me in the **utmost** terror of their stings.

GLOSSARY

Insolent – Rude and disrespectful

Seldom – Rarely

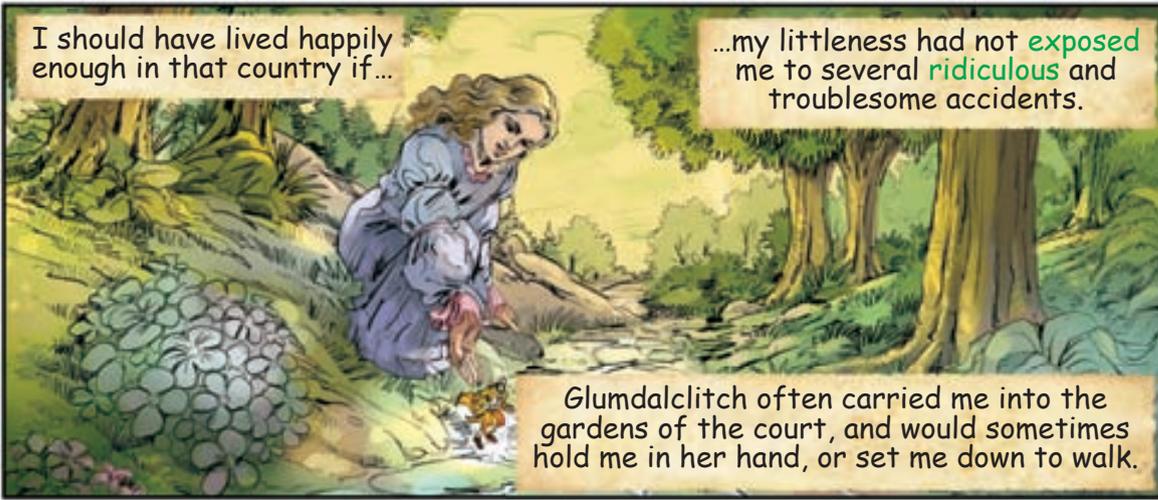
Frequently – Regularly

Excrement – Waste matter discharged from the body

Allured – Attracted

Drones – Tubes that protrude from a bagpipe and are used to make sounds of varying pitches

Utmost – Maximum



I should have lived happily enough in that country if...

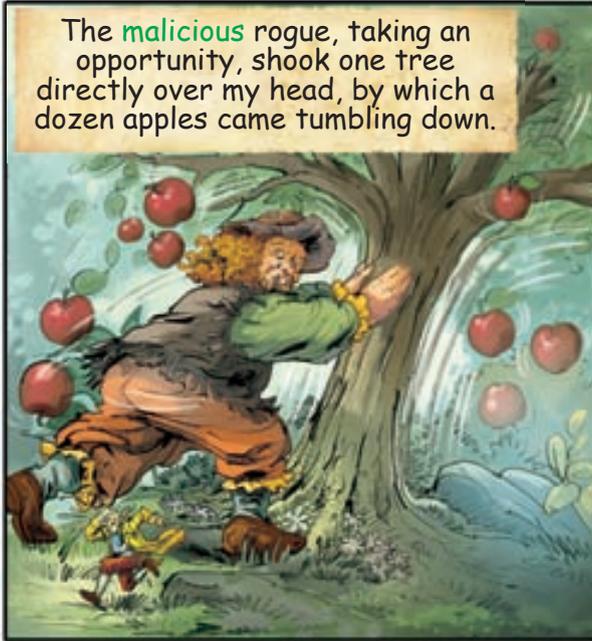
...my littleness had not **exposed** me to several **ridiculous** and troublesome accidents.

Glumdalclitch often carried me into the gardens of the court, and would sometimes hold me in her hand, or set me down to walk.

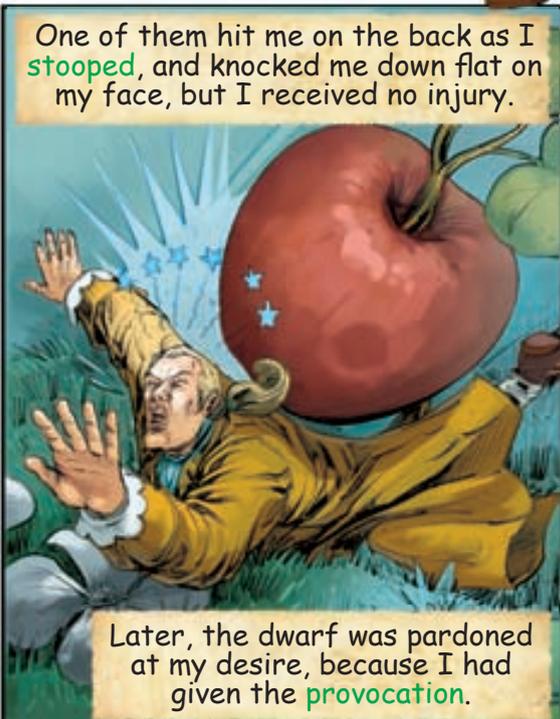


One day, before the dwarf left the queen, he followed us into those gardens. We were near some dwarf apple trees...

...and I tried to show my **wit** by a silly comparison between him and the trees.



The **malicious** rogue, taking an opportunity, shook one tree directly over my head, by which a dozen apples came tumbling down.



One of them hit me on the back as I **stooped**, and knocked me down flat on my face, but I received no injury.

Later, the dwarf was pardoned at my desire, because I had given the **provocation**.



Another day, there suddenly fell such a violent shower of hail that I was immediately struck to the ground by its force.

GLOSSARY

Exposed – Uncovered or left out in the open

Ridiculous – Silly

Wit – Ability to be clever while making someone laugh

Malicious – Cruel and hateful

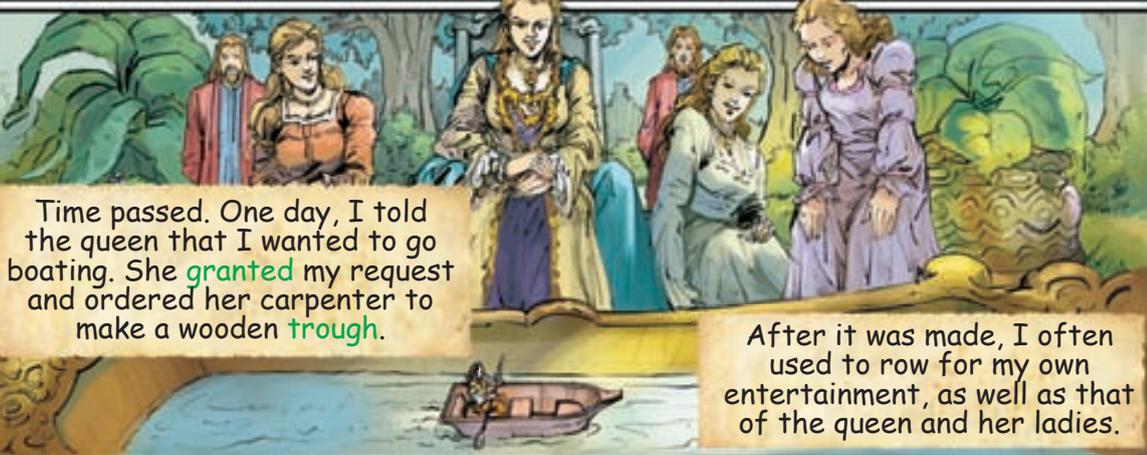
Stooped – Bent

Provocation – Doing or saying something to irritate or cause another person to react in an angry or violent manner

Then, one day, a kite **hovering** over the garden made a swoop at me, and if I had not **resolutely** drawn my sword, and run behind a tree...



...he would have certainly carried me away in his talons.



Time passed. One day, I told the queen that I wanted to go boating. She **granted** my request and ordered her carpenter to make a wooden **trough**.

After it was made, I often used to row for my own entertainment, as well as that of the queen and her ladies.

Once, a frog climbed onto one end of my boat, and I was forced to balance it with all my weight on the other, to prevent overturning.



After I got control of my boat, I banged the frog a good while with one of my oars, and at last forced it to leap out of the boat.



But the greatest danger I ever underwent in that kingdom was from a monkey.

GLOSSARY

Hovering – Floating in the air at one place

Resolutely – Determinedly

Granted – Approved or allowed

Trough – A long, narrow open container used to hold food or water, especially for animals

He came to my box, which he seemed to view with great pleasure and curiosity, and dragged me out.



Walking upon three legs, and holding me in the fourth, he **clambered** up to the roof.



I heard Glumdalclitch **shriek** the moment he carried me out.

That quarter of the palace was all in an uproar - the servants ran for ladders and the monkey was seen by hundreds in the court.



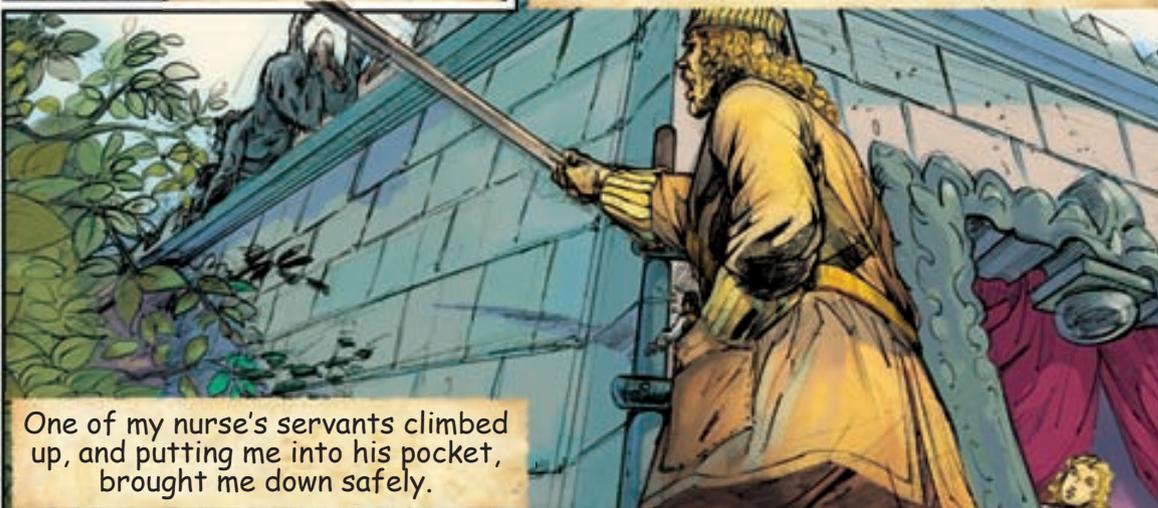
Many from the crowd below could not stop laughing and I do not think they should be blamed.



For the sight was ridiculous enough to everybody but myself.



The monkey, finding himself almost **surrounded**, and not being able to speed up enough with his three legs, let me drop.



One of my nurse's servants climbed up, and putting me into his pocket, brought me down safely.

GLOSSARY

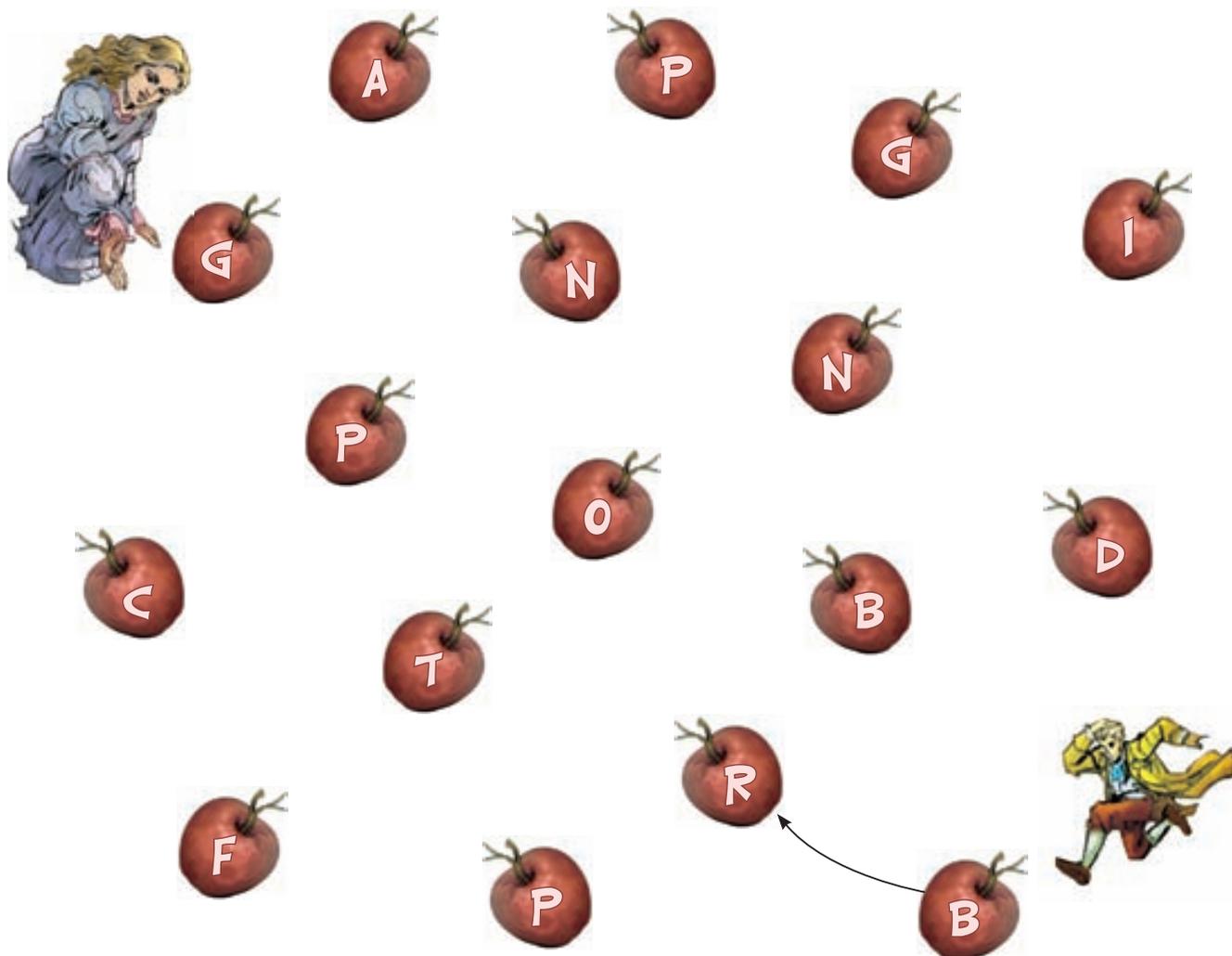
Clambered – Climbed something with difficulty

Shriek – Shout in a high-pitched voice

Surrounded – To be around or on all sides of something or someone

III Gulliver's travels in Brobdingnag put him in a strange situation indeed! Being the smallest person in the whole land, Gulliver faces some serious issues, even though he is a special employee of the princess and is treated very differently. If he had travelled to such a place in our times, things might have been different, since we now have many other things which did not exist at that time. Imagine you were in a land where everybody was so large. What advantages would you have? What disadvantages would you face? Would you be happy?

IV The dwarf is shaking the tree and making apples fall on little Gulliver! Can you help Gulliver reach Glumdalclitch safely? To do so, you must connect a way through the apples in such a way that we spell the name of the place, Brobdingnag.



Some days later, the king called me and asked me to give him as exact an account of the government of England as I possibly could.

He wondered at my stories of such **extensive** wars, and said that we must be a **quarrelsome** people, or live among very bad neighbours.

In hopes to get myself further into the king's favour, I told him of an invention...

...to make a certain powder, into a heap of which the smallest spark of fire would **kindle** in a moment.

This powder, when rammed into a hollow tube of brass or iron, would drive a ball of iron or lead with such violence and speed that nothing could stop its force.

<I know the ingredients very well, and can direct your workmen. This I humbly offer to Your Majesty.>

The king was struck with horror at the description I had given of those terrible engines, and the proposal I had made.

<I cannot but conclude your natives to be the most harmful race of little **revolting** pests that nature ever allowed to crawl upon the surface of the earth.>

<I would rather lose half my kingdom than be **privy** to such a secret, which, if you value your life, you should never mention again.>

I felt it was strange that a king should let such an opportunity slip from his hands which could make him absolute master of the lives of his people.

GLOSSARY

Extensive – Far reaching

Quarrelsome – Tending to argue with people

Revolting – Unpleasant, disgusting

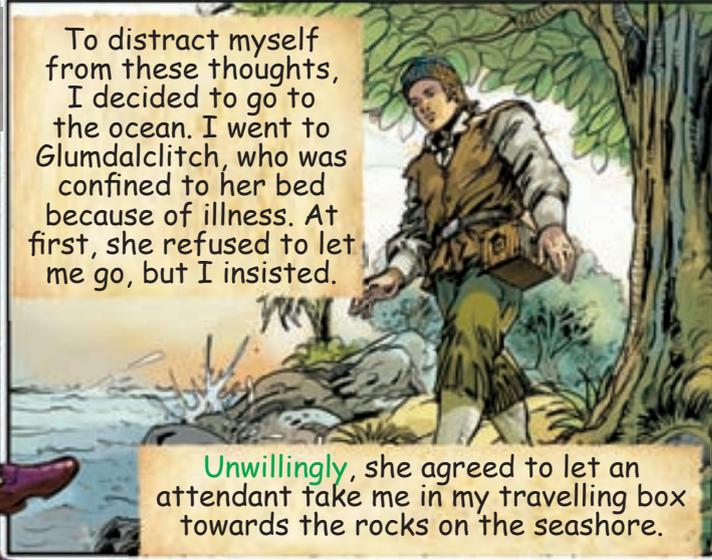
Kindle – Fire up

Privy – Knowing about something, usually official information that other people do not know

I had now been two years in this country and I was, indeed, treated with much kindness.



To distract myself from these thoughts, I decided to go to the ocean. I went to Glumdalclitch, who was confined to her bed because of illness. At first, she refused to let me go, but I insisted.



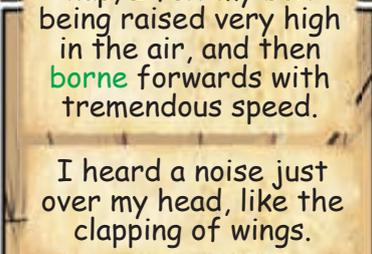
Unwillingly, she agreed to let an attendant take me in my travelling box towards the rocks on the seashore.

But I wanted to be among people with whom I could converse upon equal terms, and walk about the streets without the fear of being trodden to death.



Once there, I ordered him to set me down, and told him that I wanted to take a nap in my hammock, which I hoped would do me good.

Ten minutes into my nap, I felt my box being raised very high in the air, and then borne forwards with tremendous speed.



I heard a noise just over my head, like the clapping of wings.

Then I felt myself falling. My fall was stopped by a terrible squash that sounded louder to my ears than the waterfall of Niagara.



I realised I had fallen into the sea, and was not able to lift the roof of my closet. I stayed for four hours under these circumstances.



Then I heard some kind of grating noise, and began to imagine that the box was being pulled along the sea.

GLOSSARY

Unwillingly – Against your will

Converse – Talk

Trodden – Crushed

Hammock – A kind of bed made by tying a piece of cloth at two ends and letting it hang

Borne – Carried

Grating – Annoying



Fastening my handkerchief to a stick, and **thrusting** it up a hole, I called for help till I was almost **hoarse**.

HELP!
HELP!

Then I heard a trampling over my head, and somebody calling through the hole with a loud voice in the English tongue.

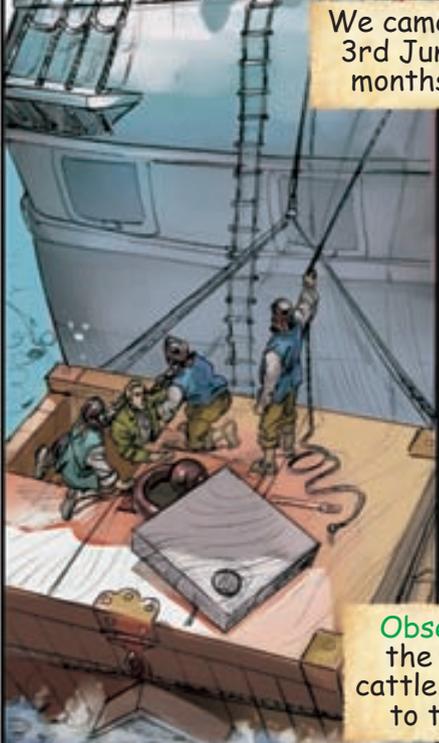
If there is anybody below, speak up.

The captain had sent out his longboat to discover what I was. The men found me and rescued me from what they thought was a swimming house.

I was then taken to the captain who desired that I would give him an **account** of my travels.

Convinced of the truth, he wondered at my speaking so loudly, and asked me whether the king or queen of that country were hard of hearing.

I told him it was what I had been used to for over two years!



We came into the Downs, on 3rd June 1706, about nine months after my escape.

My wife protested that I should never go to sea again, although my evil **destiny** so ordered that she had no power to stop me.



Observing the littleness of the houses, the trees, the cattle, and the people, I began to think myself in Lilliput.



GLOSSARY

- Thrusting** – Putting something somewhere with a quick, hard push
- Hoarse** – Had a low rough voice, as due to excessive shouting
- Account** – Explain in detail

- Observing** – To notice someone doing something
- Destiny** – The things that you will do in the future



I had not been at home ten days, when I was invited to be surgeon of a ship intending a voyage to the East Indies. I accepted the invitation.

We arrived at Fort St George on 11th April 1707, and I was appointed master of a **sloop**.

The captain gave me the power to sail for two months, while he **transacted** his affairs at Tonquin.

On the tenth day, we were chased by pirates, who soon overtook us. There was a Dutchman among them, who swore we should be tied back to back, and thrown into the sea.

The largest of the pirate ships was commanded by a Japanese captain.

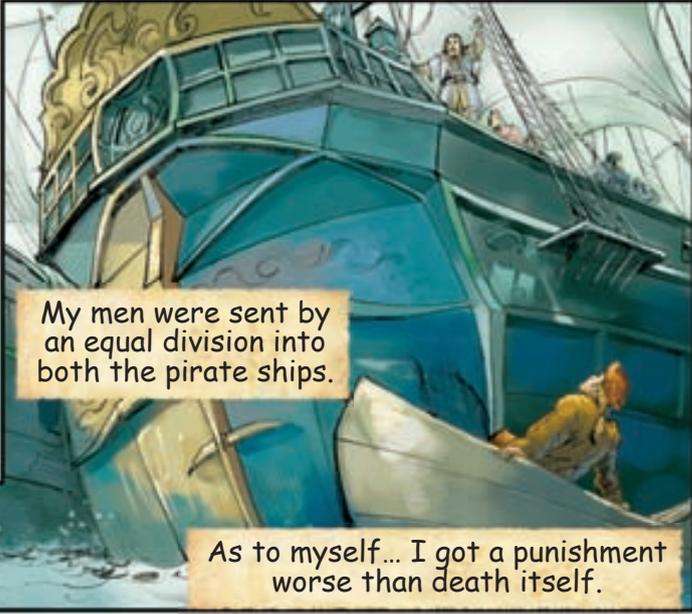


<You shall not die.>

And I had soon reason to **repent** my next foolish words.



<I am sorry to find more mercy in you, than in a brother Christian.>



My men were sent by an equal division into both the pirate ships.

As to myself... I got a punishment worse than death itself.



I was set **adrift** in a small canoe, with four days' **provisions**.

GLOSSARY

Sloop – A boat with sails and only one mast

Transacted – To do a business deal with someone

Repent – Be sorry

Adrift – Floating on water without being tied to anything

Provisions – Supplies

After about a week, I considered how **miserable** my end must be.

Just then, I saw a vast **opaque** body between me and the sun, moving towards the island.



It seemed to be about two miles high, and hid the sun for six or seven minutes. I could plainly see a number of people moving up and down the sides of it.

It was an island in the air, inhabited by men, who were able (as it should seem) to raise or sink, or put it into motion, as they pleased.

I could see four or five men running in great **haste** up the stairs to the top of the island.



...that the lowest gallery appeared parallel to the height where I stood at a distance of a hundred yards.

When the flying island was placed at a **convenient** height, a chain was let down from the lowest gallery, with a seat fastened to the bottom. I sat on it and was drawn up by **pulleys**.

In less than half-an-hour, the island was moved and raised in such a manner...



GLOSSARY

Miserable – Unhappy

Opaque – Solid, something that cannot be seen through

Haste – Hurry

Convenient – Suitable

Pulleys – A piece of equipment used for lifting something very heavy

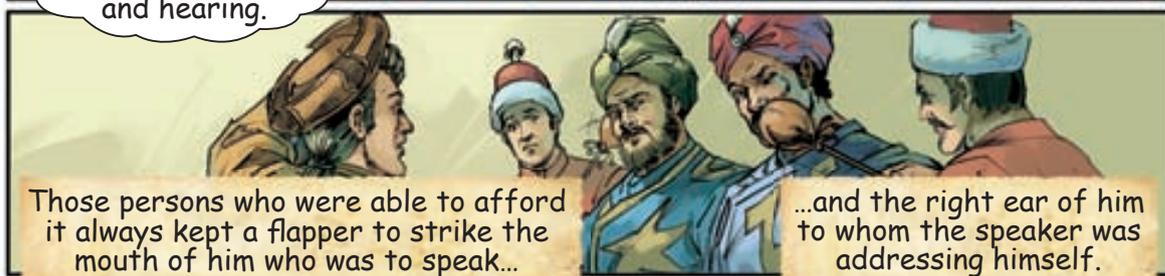


I had never, till then, seen a race of **mortals** so strange in their shapes, habits, and expressions.

It seems the minds of these people are so taken up with intense **speculations**, that they can neither speak, nor converse with others...

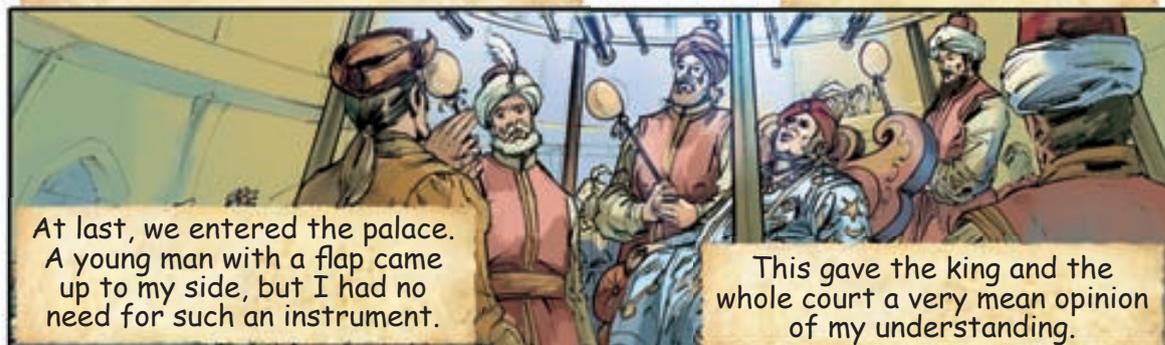


...without being roused by some external touch upon the organs of speech and hearing.



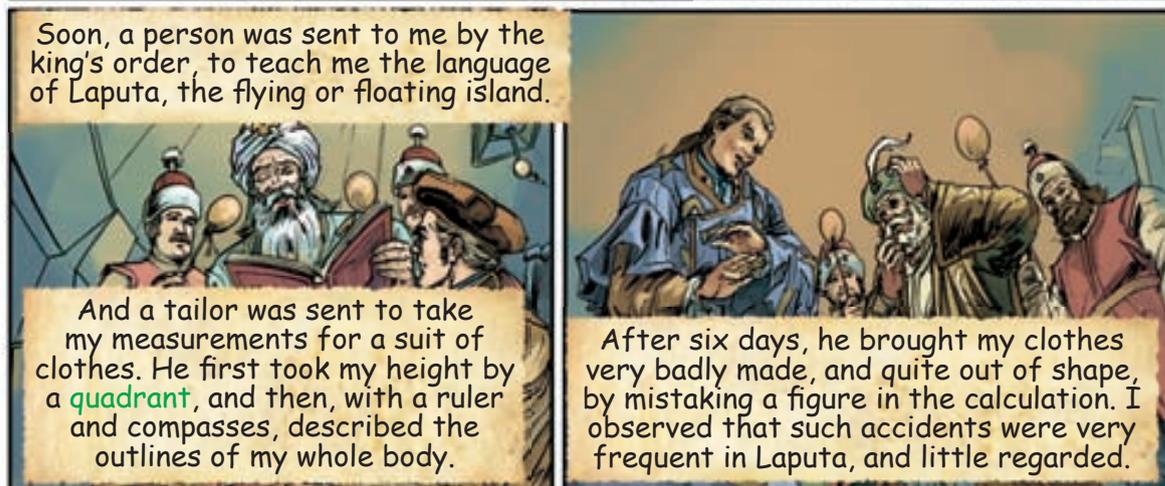
Those persons who were able to afford it always kept a flapper to strike the mouth of him who was to speak...

...and the right ear of him to whom the speaker was addressing himself.



At last, we entered the palace. A young man with a flap came up to my side, but I had no need for such an instrument.

This gave the king and the whole court a very mean opinion of my understanding.



Soon, a person was sent to me by the king's order, to teach me the language of Laputa, the flying or floating island.

And a tailor was sent to take my measurements for a suit of clothes. He first took my height by a **quadrant**, and then, with a ruler and compasses, described the outlines of my whole body.

After six days, he brought my clothes very badly made, and quite out of shape, by mistaking a figure in the calculation. I observed that such accidents were very frequent in Laputa, and little regarded.

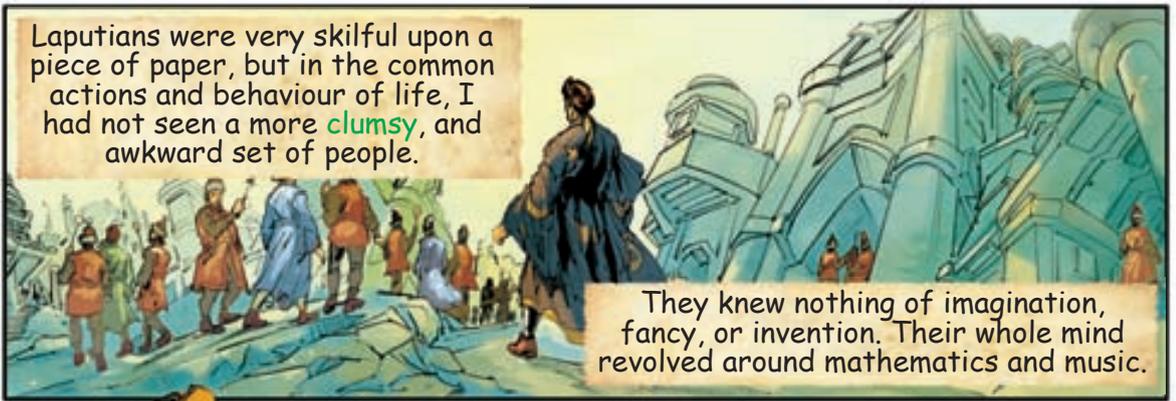
GLOSSARY

Mortals – People who are subject to death

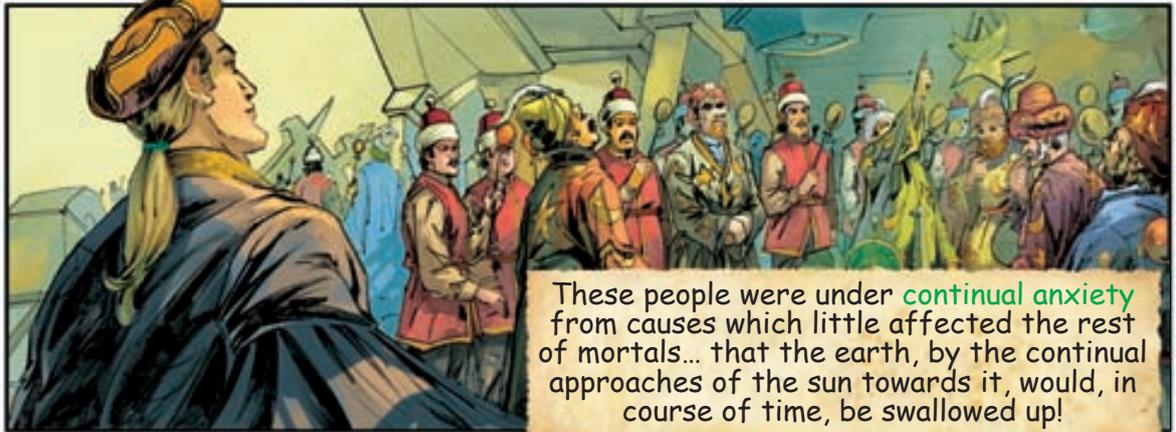
Speculations – Ideas about why something has happened

Quadrant – An early instrument used to measure the altitude of celestial bodies

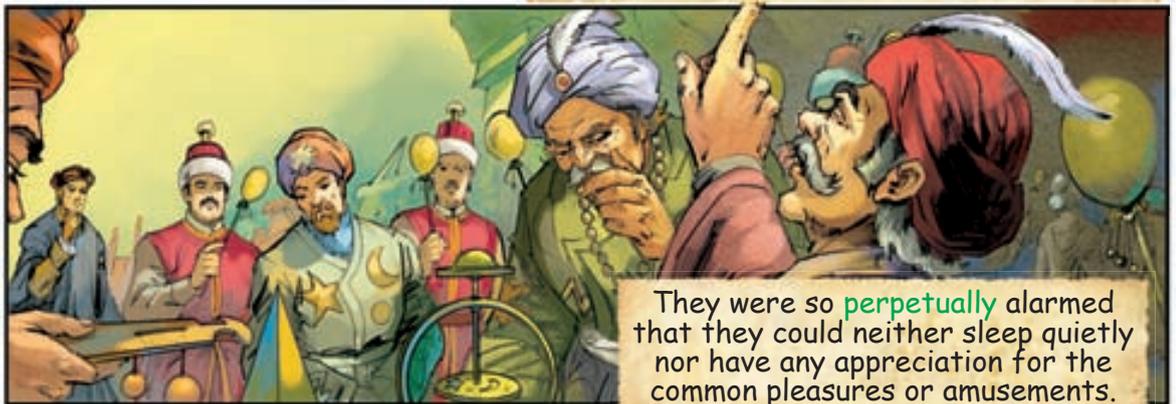
Laputians were very skilful upon a piece of paper, but in the common actions and behaviour of life, I had not seen a more **clumsy**, and awkward set of people.



They knew nothing of imagination, fancy, or invention. Their whole mind revolved around mathematics and music.

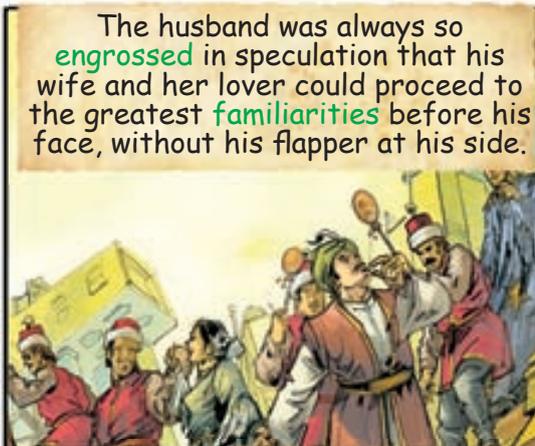


These people were under **continual anxiety** from causes which little affected the rest of mortals... that the earth, by the continual approaches of the sun towards it, would, in course of time, be swallowed up!



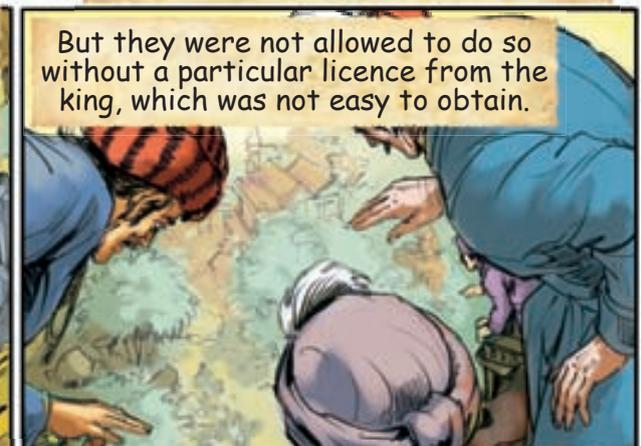
They were so **perpetually** alarmed that they could neither sleep quietly nor have any appreciation for the common pleasures or amusements.

The husband was always so **engrossed** in speculation that his wife and her lover could proceed to the greatest **familiarities** before his face, without his flapper at his side.



Although the wives and daughters were allowed to do whatever they pleased in Laputa, they longed to see the world! They longed to go below their island and explore the surroundings.

But they were not allowed to do so without a particular licence from the king, which was not easy to obtain.



This was so because the people of quality had found, by frequent experience, that it was very hard to persuade their women to return from below.

GLOSSARY

Clumsy – A person who is not graceful or careful and breaks things or knocks against them

Continual – Repeated

Anxiety – Nervousness

Perpetually – Continuously

Engrossed – So interested or involved in something that you cannot think of anything else

Familiarities – The fact that something is well known to you or easily recognised

I wanted to know what properties of nature resulted in the island's **motion**.



On **inspecting**, I realised that the bottom, or under surface, was one even regular plate of stone.

At the centre of the island, there was an opening about fifty yards in diameter. In this cave was a **loadstone** of a huge size. One side of it had an attractive power; and the other side, a **repulsive** one.

By means of this loadstone, the island was made to rise and fall, and move from one place to another.

But the magnetic **virtue** did not extend beyond the distance of four miles.

The mineral which acted upon the stone in the **bowels** of the earth was not spread through the whole globe. It ended with the limits of the king's **dominions**.

And it was easy for the king to bring whatever country lay within the attraction of that magnet under his obedience.

GLOSSARY

Motion – Action

Inspecting – To look at something carefully

Loadstone – Magnetic stone

Repulsive – Revolting

Virtue – Good worth

Bowels – Innards

Dominions – Areas over which one rules

If any town refused to pay the usual **tribute**, the king could keep the island hovering over such a town.

He could **deprive** them of the benefit of the sun and the rain, and if the crime deserved it...

...pelt them from above with great stones, against which they had no defence.

The last **remedy**, letting the island drop directly upon their heads, destroyed both houses and men.

But neither was the king willing to practise this, nor did his ministers dare to advise him to such an action.

It would have been a great damage to their own estates, which lay below, and a high **spire** or sudden fall could **endanger** the bottom.

Three years before my arrival, the city of Lindalino refused to pay the usual tribute and seized the governor.

Upon the top of each tower, as well as upon the rock, they fixed a great loadstone, creating a very strong magnetic field around it that would attract and hold Laputa.

They also filled it with a large quantity of the most **combustible** fuel hoping to burst the bottom of the island if the towers failed to attract the floating island.

The loadstone project was successful and the island was so violently attracted by the top of the towers that the king was forced to give the people of Lindalino their own conditions.

They **erected** four large towers equal in height to a strong pointed rock that stood directly in the centre of the city.

If the island had **descended**, the citizens were determined to kill the king and all his servants, and entirely change the government.

GLOSSARY

Tribute – Something paid or done as a mark of respect

Deprive – Deny

Remedy – Cure

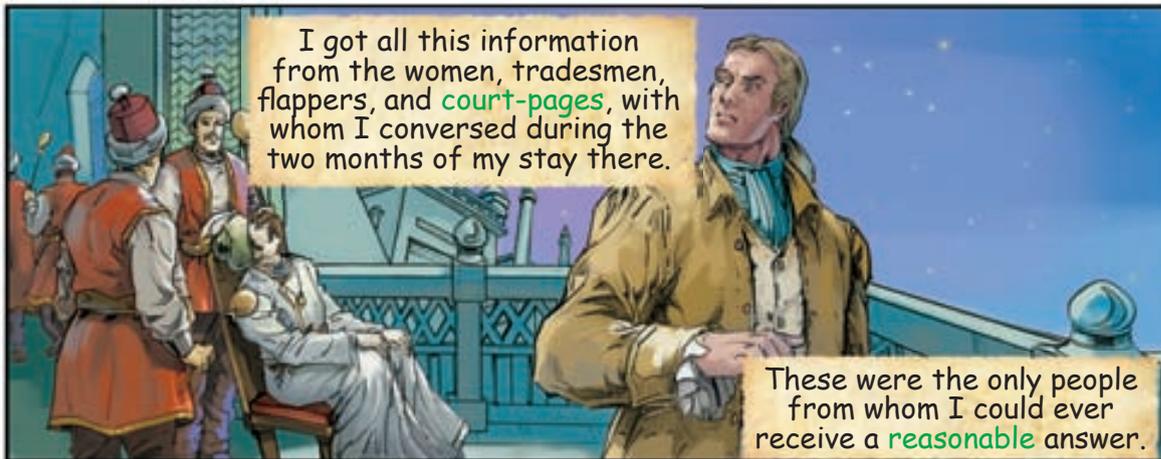
Spire – The pointed top of a tower

Endanger – Cause danger to

Erected – To build a structure

Combustible – Able to burn easily

Descended – To extend downwards

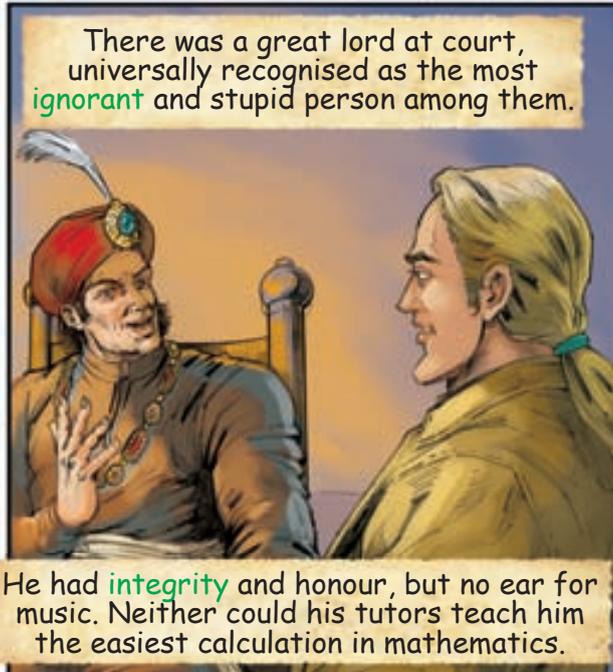


I got all this information from the women, tradesmen, flappers, and **court-pages**, with whom I conversed during the two months of my stay there.

These were the only people from whom I could ever receive a **reasonable** answer.



I grew weary of being **confined** to an island where I received such little support, and resolved to leave.



There was a great lord at court, universally recognised as the most **ignorant** and stupid person among them.

He had **integrity** and honour, but no ear for music. Neither could his tutors teach him the easiest calculation in mathematics.



I requested this well-known person to speak to the king on my **behalf** and ask for permission to leave.



On 16th February, I took leave with a letter of recommendation to a friend of his in the city of Lagado, Lord Munodi.

GLOSSARY

Court-pages – Young people in ceremonial employment at court, who generally function as attendants
Reasonable – Sensible
Confined – Restricted

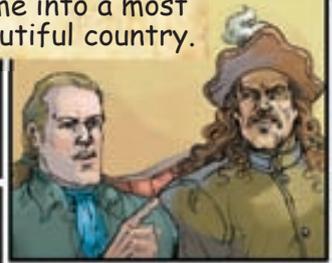
Ignorant – Not knowing something that you should know or need to know
Integrity – The quality of behaving in accordance to moral principles
Behalf – Instead of someone

Chapter-5

After my arrival, Lord Munodi took me in his chariot to see the town.

I never knew a soil so unhappily cultivated, houses so ill-made, or people whose faces expressed so much misery.

But in three hours of travelling, we came into a most beautiful country.



Lord Munodi told me that forty years ago, certain persons went up to Laputa, and upon their return, began to dislike the management of everything below.

They fell into **schemes** of putting all arts, sciences, languages, and mechanics upon a new foot.

They also **devised** ways for all the fruits of the earth to come to maturity at whatever season they chose.

The only **inconvenience** was that none of these projects was perfected.

They erected Academies of Projectors, colleges where they prepared materials so **durable** that they lasted forever without repairing.

In the meantime, the whole country lay miserably waste, and the people were driven by hope as well as despair.

GLOSSARY

Schemes – Plans of achieving something

Devised – Invented a method of doing something

Durable – Long lasting

Inconvenience – An annoying problem or situation



Content with the old forms, the lord was looked on with an eye of **contempt**.

I am not liked much here, so I will not go with you inside the academy. My friend here will bear you company.



I was received very kindly by the **warden**, and went to the academy for many days.

Every room had one or more projectors, and I believe I visited more than five hundred rooms.



I went into one chamber, but was ready to hurry back, as a horrible stink **assailed** me.

My conductor explained that this projector's aim was to reduce human excrement to its original food, by separating the several parts...



...blowing the odour out, and **scumming off** the saliva.

Then, there was a most **ingenious** architect who had discovered a new method for building homes, by beginning at the roof.



His idea was justified by the similar practice of two sensible insects, the bee and the spider.



There was also a certain composition of gums, minerals, and vegetables to prevent the growth of wool upon young lambs.

The scientist hoped, in a reasonable time, to **propagate** a breed of naked sheep all over the kingdom.

GLOSSARY

Contempt – Dislike

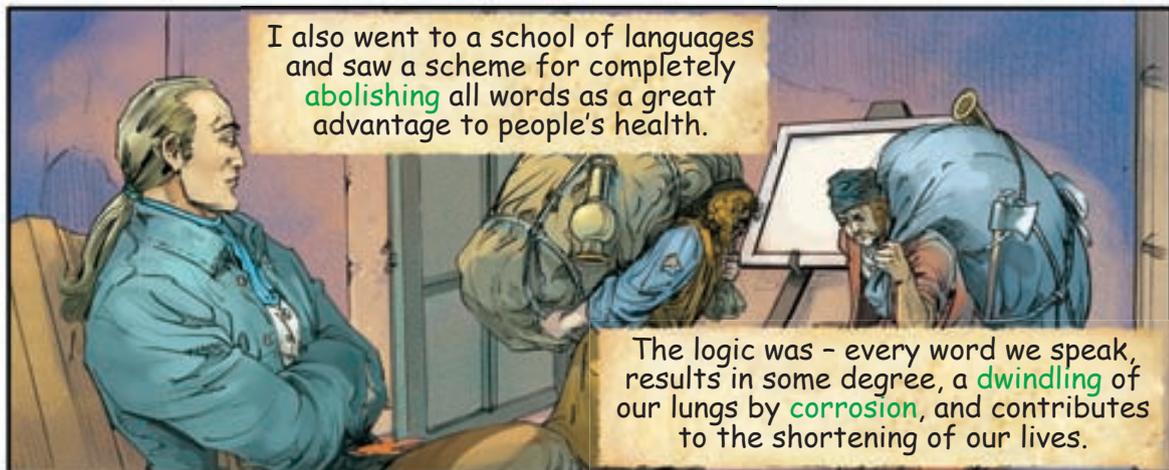
Warden – Someone whose job is to be responsible for a particular place

Assailed – Attacked

Scumming off – Removing impurities

Ingenious – A person who is good at inventing things and solving problems

Propagate – Spread



I also went to a school of languages and saw a scheme for completely **abolishing** all words as a great advantage to people's health.

The logic was - every word we speak, results in some degree, a **dwindling** of our lungs by **corrosion**, and contributes to the shortening of our lives.

A measure was offered that it would be more convenient for all men to carry with them all things necessary to express whatever they were supposed to speak about!

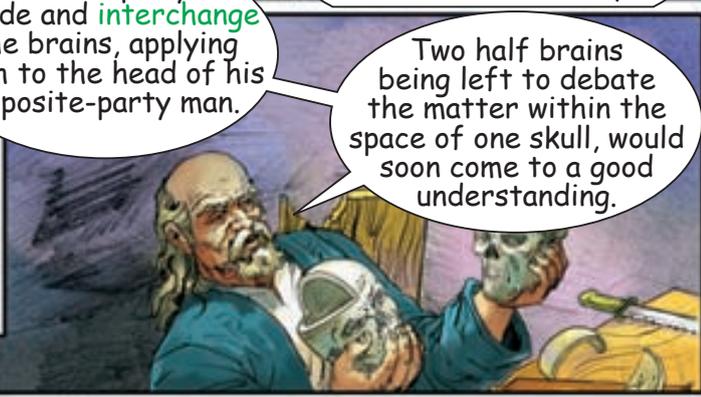
I was most surprised when I went to the school of political projectors. There, a professor offered a wonderful **device** to reconcile violent parties.



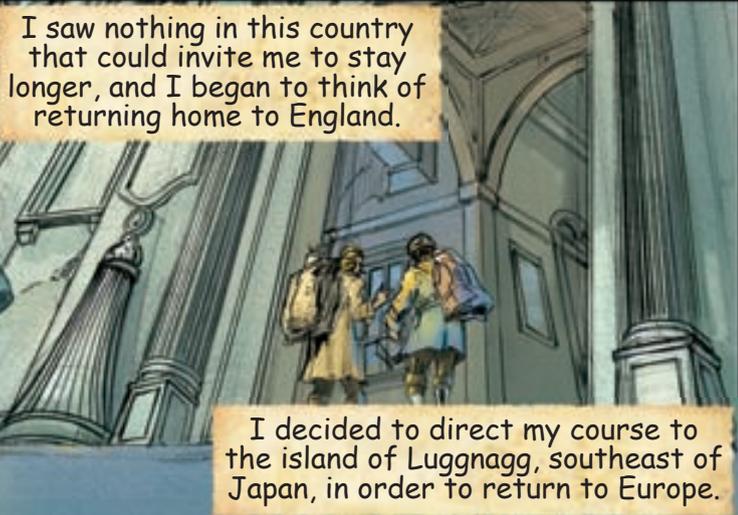
Take a hundred leaders of each party, and divide them into couples - one from each party. Then let two operators saw off the neck of each couple.

Then equally divide and **interchange** the brains, applying each to the head of his opposite-party man.

Two half brains being left to debate the matter within the space of one skull, would soon come to a good understanding.



I saw nothing in this country that could invite me to stay longer, and I began to think of returning home to England.



I decided to direct my course to the island of Luggnagg, southeast of Japan, in order to return to Europe.

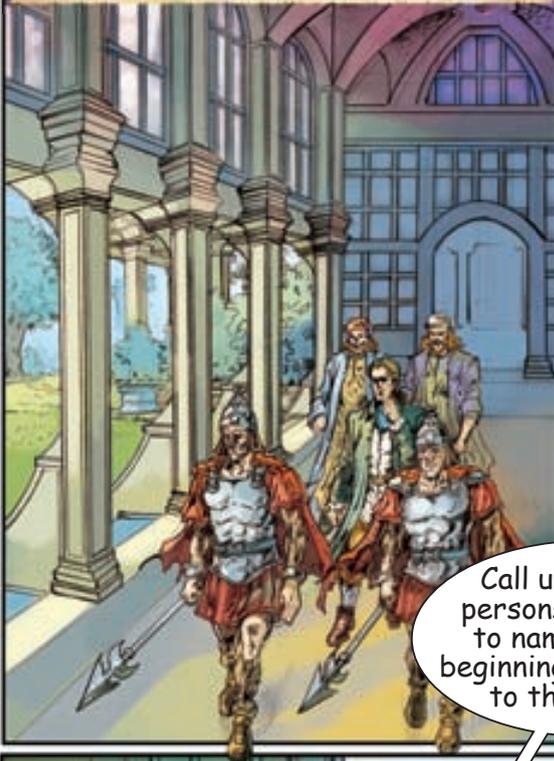
GLOSSARY

Abolishing – Removing completely
Dwindling – Reducing
Corrosion – Deterioration

Device – Tool
Interchange – Exchange

The ships bound for Luggnagg could not be ready in less than a month.

Therefore, I decided to take a short trip to Glubbdubdrib, the island of magicians. A gentleman of **distinction** offered to accompany me.



In Glubbdubdrib, I paid a visit to the governor who, by his skill in **necromancy**, had a power of calling whom he pleased from the dead.

I can command their service for twenty-four hours, but no longer.



Call up whatever persons you choose to name from the beginning of the world to the present.

And command them to answer any question within the times they lived in.



One thing you can be certain is that they will tell you the truth, for lying is a talent of no use in the lower world.



I desire to see Alexander the Great.

Alexander the Great assured me **upon his honour** that he was not poisoned, but died of a fever by excessive drinking.

Moments later, Caesar freely **confessed** to me that the greatest actions of his own life were not equal to the glory of taking it away.



GLOSSARY

Distinction – Difference

Necromancy – A kind of magic that supposedly deals with dead people

Upon his honour – To give someone your word as a gentleman

Confessed – Admitting that you have done something

I was chiefly disgusted with modern history.

I found how the world had been misled by writers to attribute the greatest exploits in war to cowards, the wisest counsel to fools, sincerity to flatterers, piety to atheists, and truth to informers.

Many innocent and excellent persons had been condemned to death or banishment.



Three kings showed with great strength of reason that the royal throne could not be supported without corruption.

I had often read of some great services done to princes and states, and desired to see the persons by whom those services were performed. Upon enquiry, I was told that their names were not to be found on any record. It gave me great pain to observe how much the human race had degenerated within the past hundred years.

GLOSSARY

Exploits – The act of using something for any purpose

Piety – Strong religious beliefs and behaviour

Condemned – Destined

Banishment – To make someone go somewhere else

Degenerated – To become worse

I took leave of the governor of Glubbudbrib, and went to Luggnagg.

I was received by the king, and was given the honour to lick the dust before his footstool. Soon I found it to be more than a matter of form.

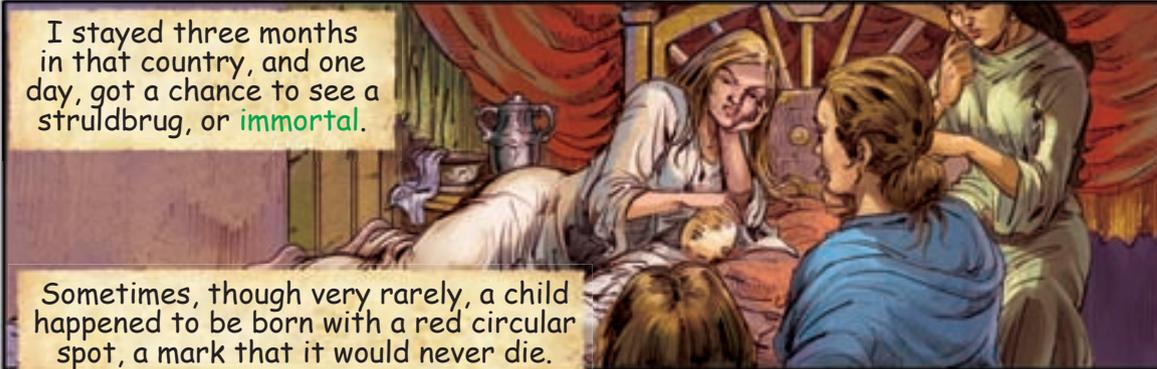


Care was taken that the dust was not **offensive**. Sometimes, the floor was strewn with dust on purpose.



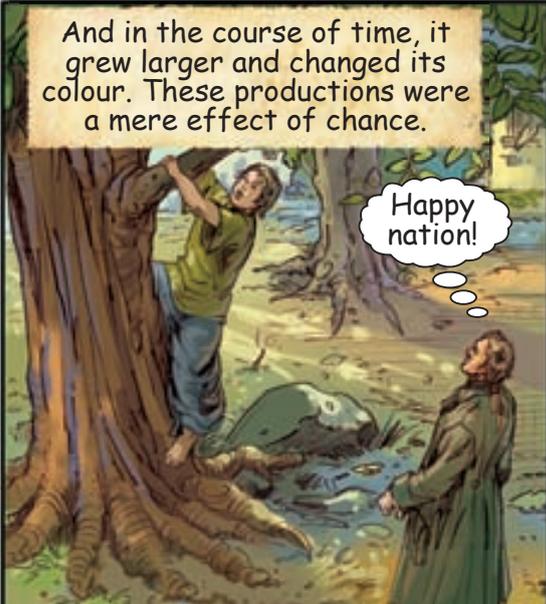
When the king wanted to put any of his nobles to death, he got the floor strewn with some deadly brown powder.

I stayed three months in that country, and one day, got a chance to see a struldbrug, or **immortal**.



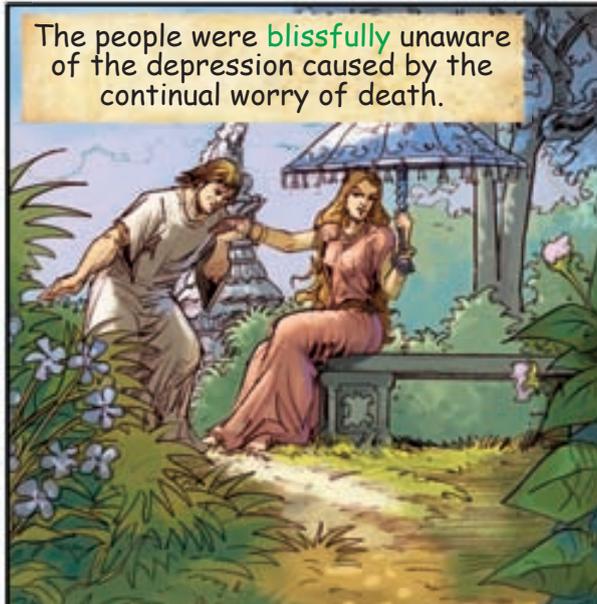
Sometimes, though very rarely, a child happened to be born with a red circular spot, a mark that it would never die.

And in the course of time, it grew larger and changed its colour. These productions were a mere effect of chance.



Happy nation!

The people were **blissfully** unaware of the depression caused by the continual worry of death.



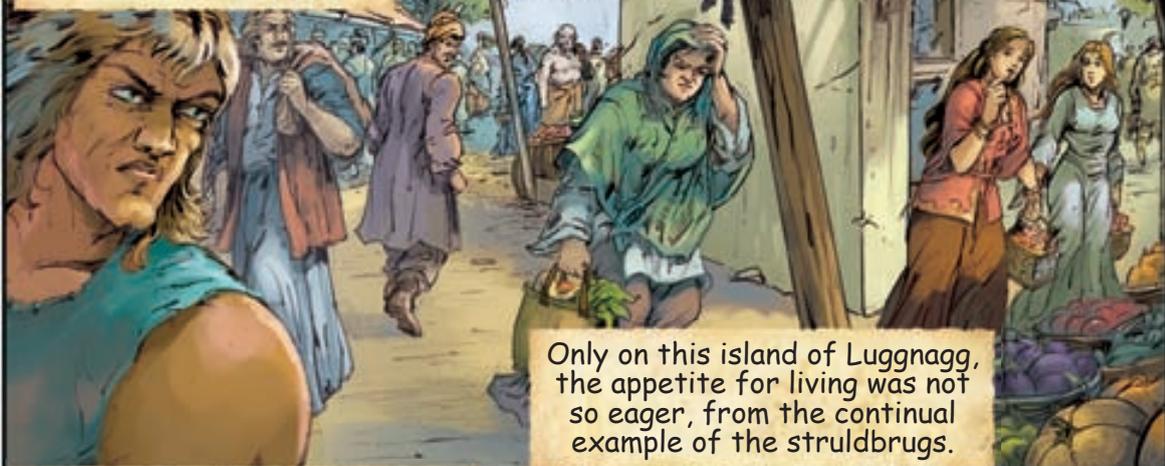
GLOSSARY

Offensive – Insulting

Immortal – Living forever

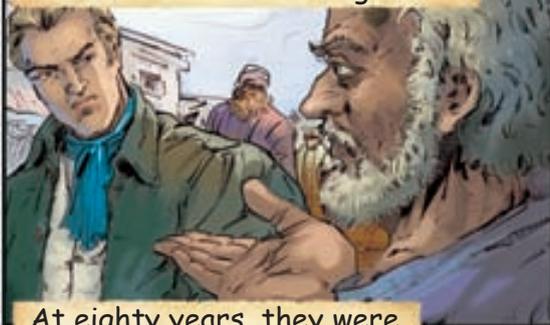
Blissfully – Lost in pleasure

It is believed that long life is the universal desire and wish of mankind.



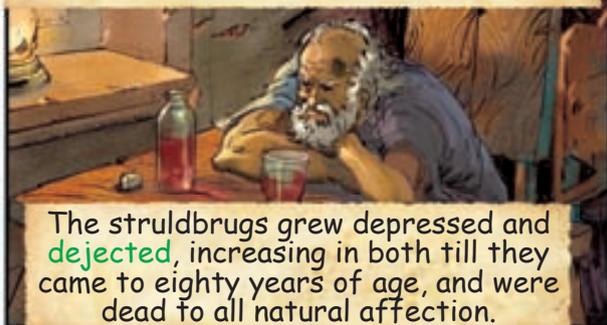
Only on this island of Luggnagg, the appetite for living was not so eager, from the continual example of the struldbrugs.

The system of living I supposed meant **eternity** of youth, health, and vigour. And that was not the case with struldbrugs.

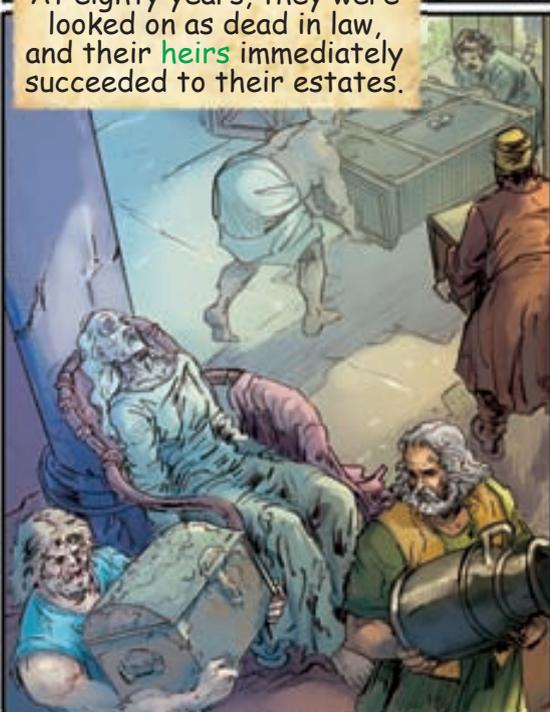


At eighty years, they were looked on as dead in law, and their **heirs** immediately succeeded to their estates.

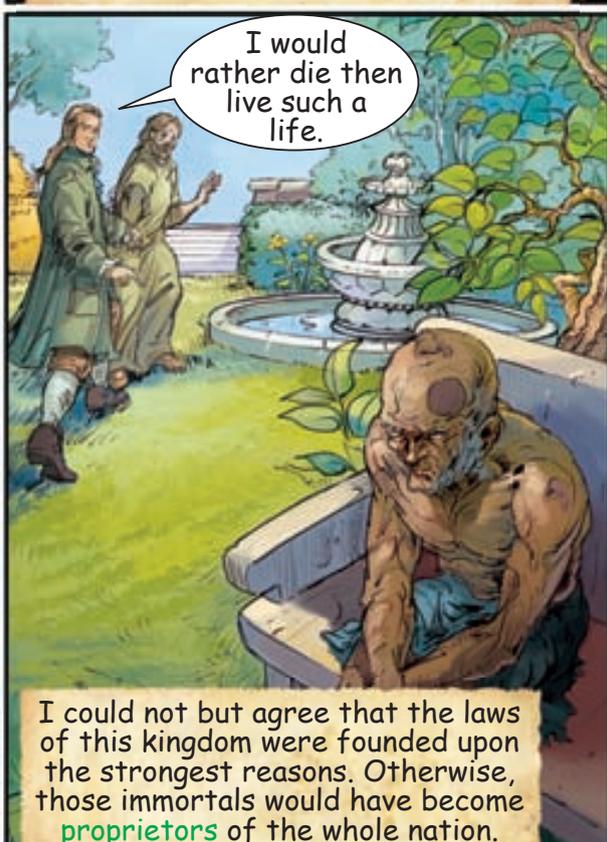
They were continuously fighting with ideas to lead a perpetual life under all the usual disadvantages which old age brings.



The struldbrugs grew depressed and **dejected**, increasing in both till they came to eighty years of age, and were dead to all natural affection.



At ninety, they lost their memory. The languages constantly changing with time, the struldbrugs of one age did not understand those of another.



I would rather die than live such a life.

I could not but agree that the laws of this kingdom were founded upon the strongest reasons. Otherwise, those immortals would have become **proprietors** of the whole nation.

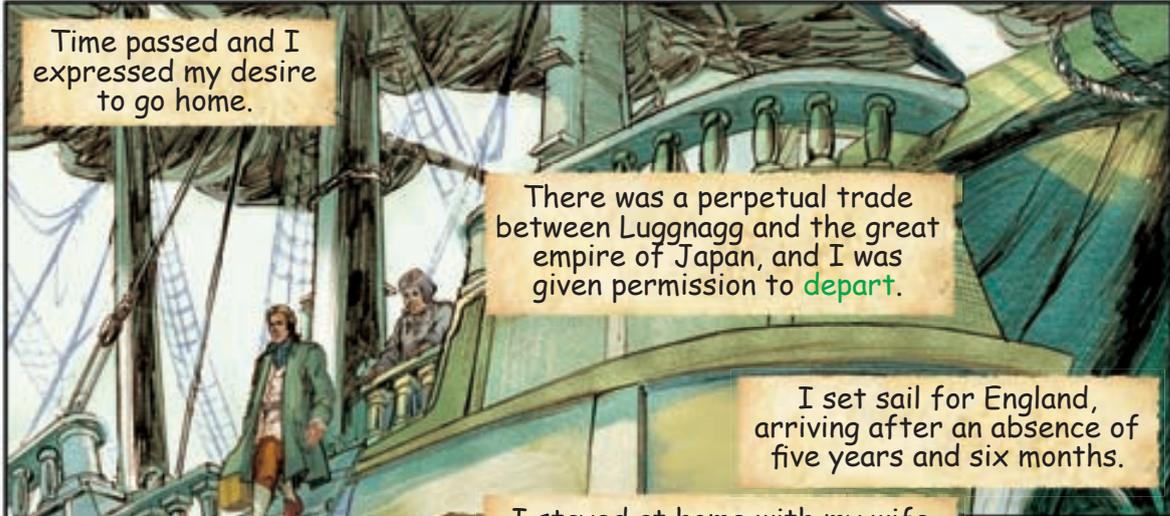
GLOSSARY

Eternity – Forever

Dejected – Hopeless

Heirs – Someone who receives money, property or a title when another person dies

Proprietors – Those who own businesses



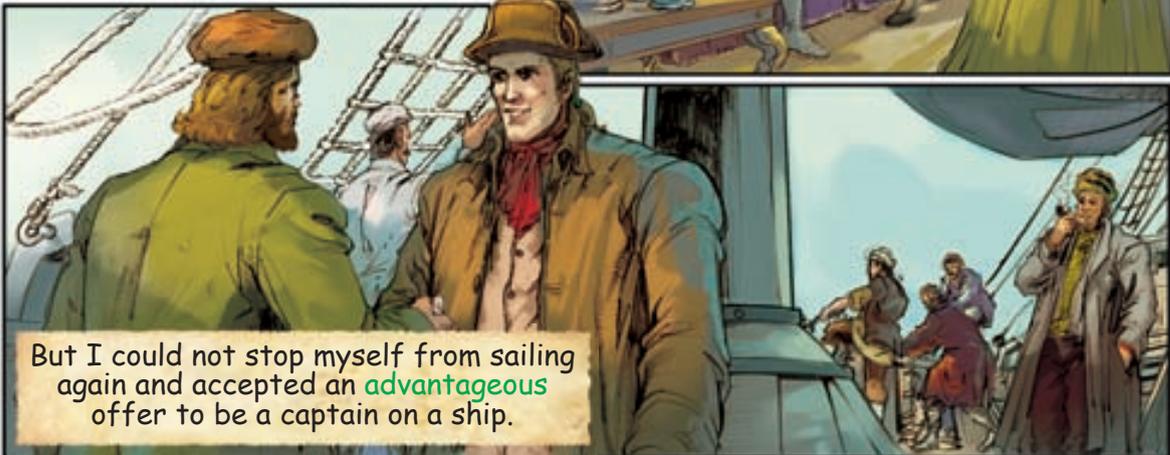
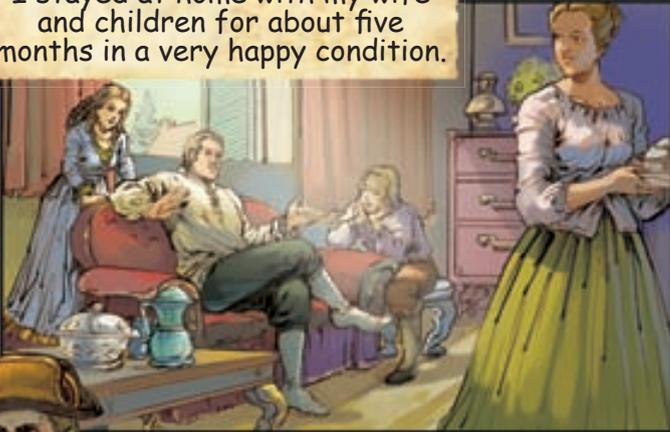
Time passed and I expressed my desire to go home.

There was a perpetual trade between Luggnagg and the great empire of Japan, and I was given permission to **depart**.

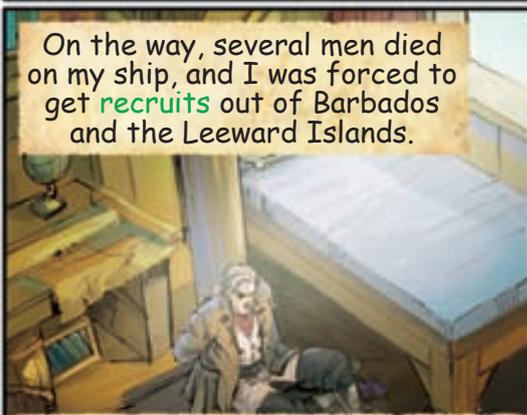
I set sail for England, arriving after an absence of five years and six months.



I stayed at home with my wife and children for about five months in a very happy condition.



But I could not stop myself from sailing again and accepted an **advantageous** offer to be a captain on a ship.



On the way, several men died on my ship, and I was forced to get **recruits** out of Barbados and the Leeward Islands.



On 9th May 1711, the new captain gave orders to set me ashore.

Most of them had been pirates, and they corrupted my other men and formed a **conspiracy** to seize the ship.

GLOSSARY

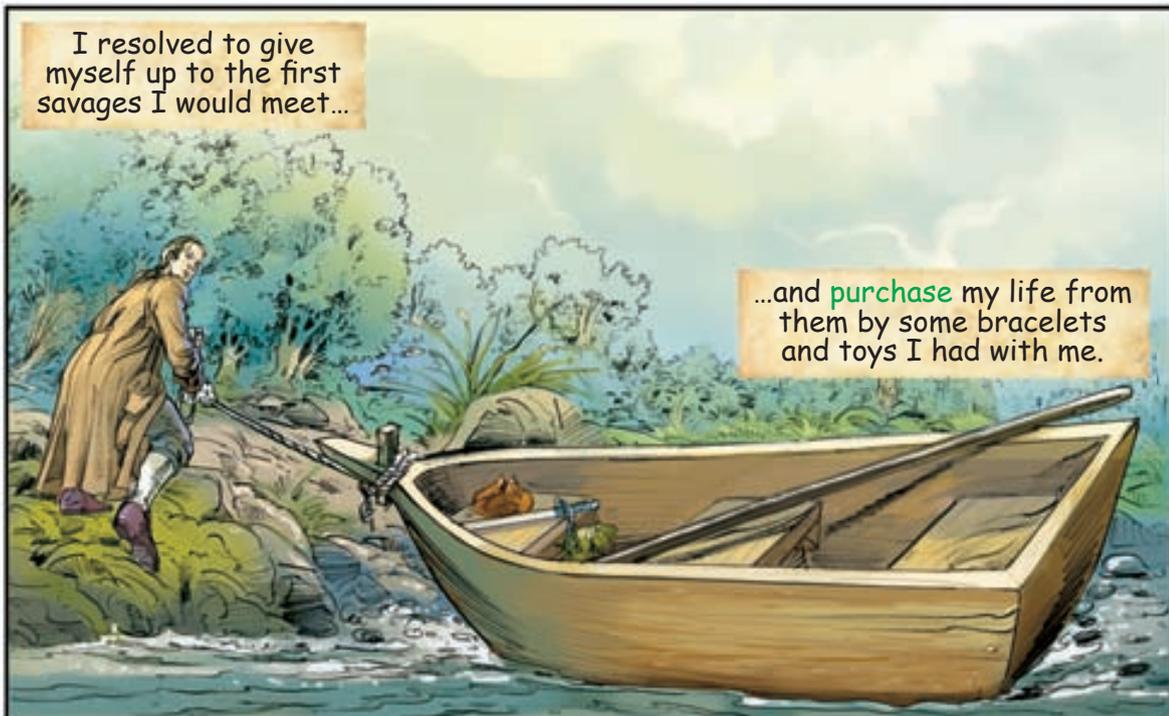
Depart – Go away

Advantageous – To your advantage

Recruits – Employees

Conspiracy – A secret plan by a group of people to do something bad or illegal

I resolved to give myself up to the first savages I would meet...



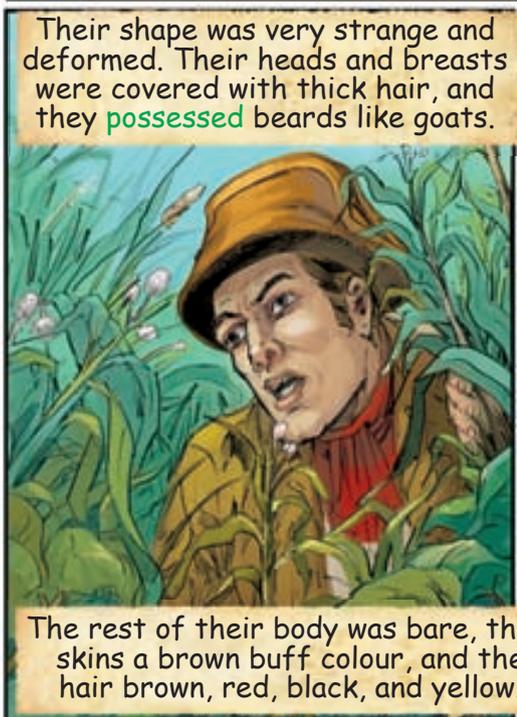
...and purchase my life from them by some bracelets and toys I had with me.

I saw many tracks of human feet, and some of cows, but most of horses.



At last, I saw several creatures in a field.

Their shape was very strange and deformed. Their heads and breasts were covered with thick hair, and they possessed beards like goats.



I never saw in all my travels such an unpleasant animal...



The rest of their body was bare, their skins a brown buff colour, and the hair brown, red, black, and yellow.

...nor one for which I naturally developed such a strong dislike.

GLOSSARY

Purchase – Buy

Possessed – Owned

Developed – Acquired

I had not got far when I met one of these creatures full in my way.

The ugly monster lifted up his **forepaw**, whether out of curiosity or **mischief**, I could not tell.

But I gave him a good blow with the flat side of my sword.

OOOOOAAAOORR

He roared so loudly that even the birds left their trees. Then almost forty of those creatures came **flocking** about me from the next field.

Several of this cursed brood leapt up into the tree, from where they began to discharge their excrements on my head.

In the midst of this **distress**, I observed them all suddenly running away as fast as they could.

GLOSSARY

Forepaw – Front paw

Mischief – Behaviour that causes trouble

Flocking – To gather together in a large group

Distress – A feeling that you have when you are very unhappy, worried or upset

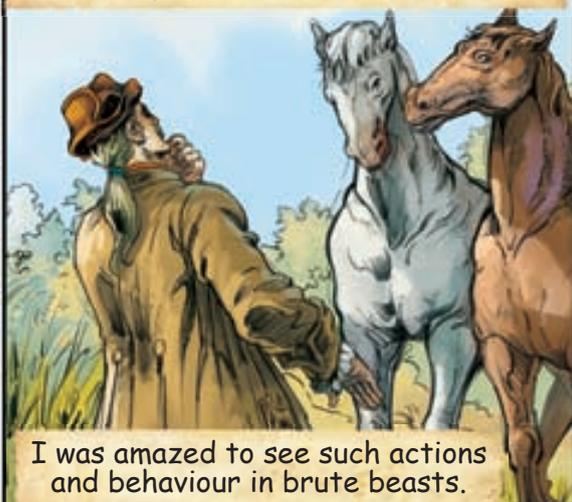
I saw a horse, which was the cause of their flight.



Hheeyee.
Hheeyee.

He neighed in such a different **intonation** that I almost began to think he was speaking to himself in some language of his own.

Just then, another horse came up and they went some paces off, like persons **meditating** upon some important affair.



I was amazed to see such actions and behaviour in brute beasts.



<Yahoo.>

<Yahoo.>

Gentlemen, if you are **conjurers**, as I have good cause to believe--

The behaviour of these animals was so orderly and **rational**, that I concluded they must be magicians.



<Ya-hoo.>



<Yahoo.>

<Houyhnhnm.>

They both appeared amazed at my **capacity**, and made signs that I should walk before them. And then they took me to their house.

GLOSSARY

Intonation – The way in which your voice rises or falls when you speak

Meditating – Engaged in deep thought

Rational – Having reason

Conjurers – Magicians

Capacity – Ability

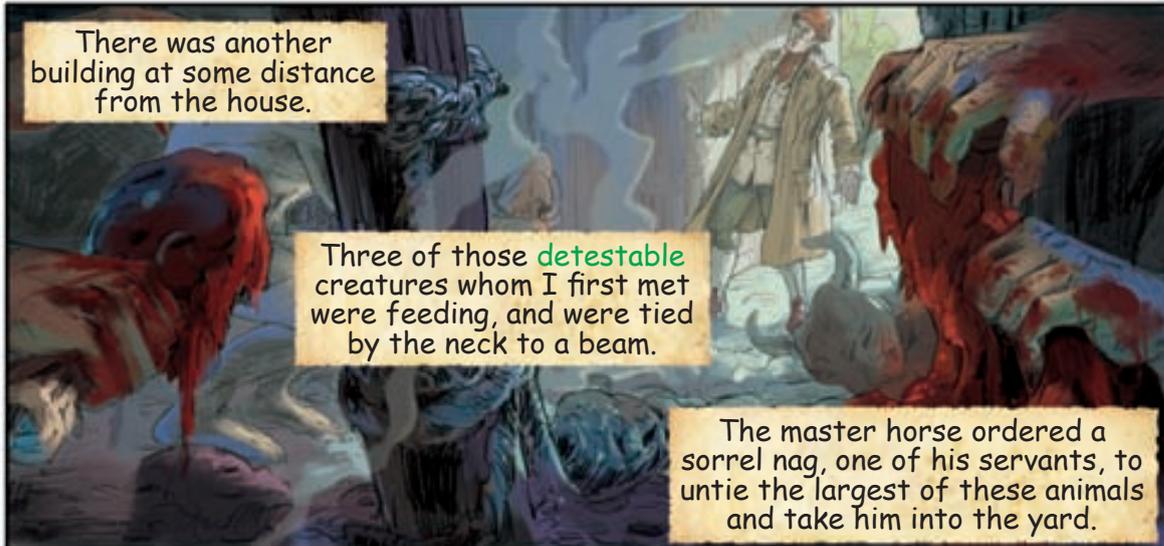


People who can civilise brute animals must **excel** in wisdom among all the nations of the world.

<Yahoo.>

I waited to hear some answers in a human voice, but I heard no other returns than in the same **dialect**.

Hhuun.
Hhuun.



There was another building at some distance from the house.

Three of those **detestable** creatures whom I first met were feeding, and were tied by the neck to a beam.

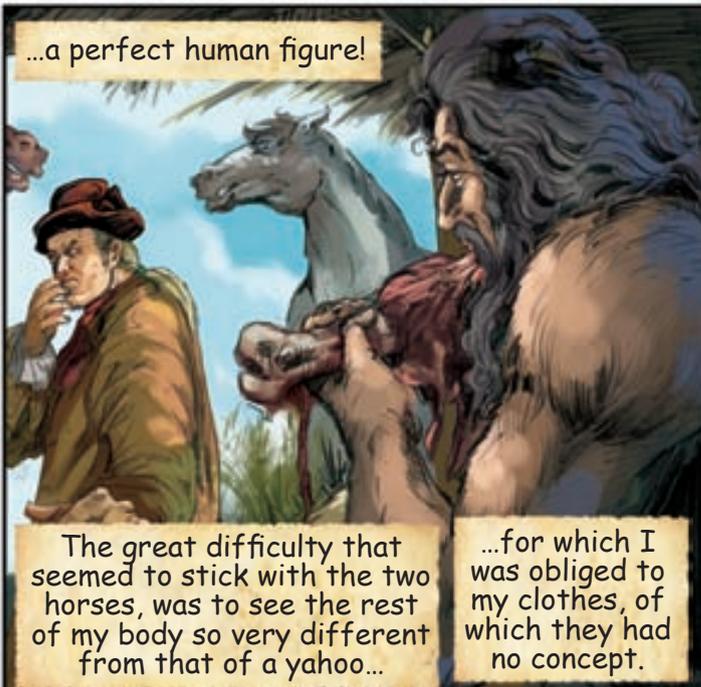
The master horse ordered a sorrel nag, one of his servants, to untie the largest of these animals and take him into the yard.



The beast and I were brought close together, and our features carefully compared.

<Yahoo.>

My horror and astonishment were not to be described, when I observed in this repulsive animal...



...a perfect human figure!

The great difficulty that seemed to stick with the two horses, was to see the rest of my body so very different from that of a yahoo...

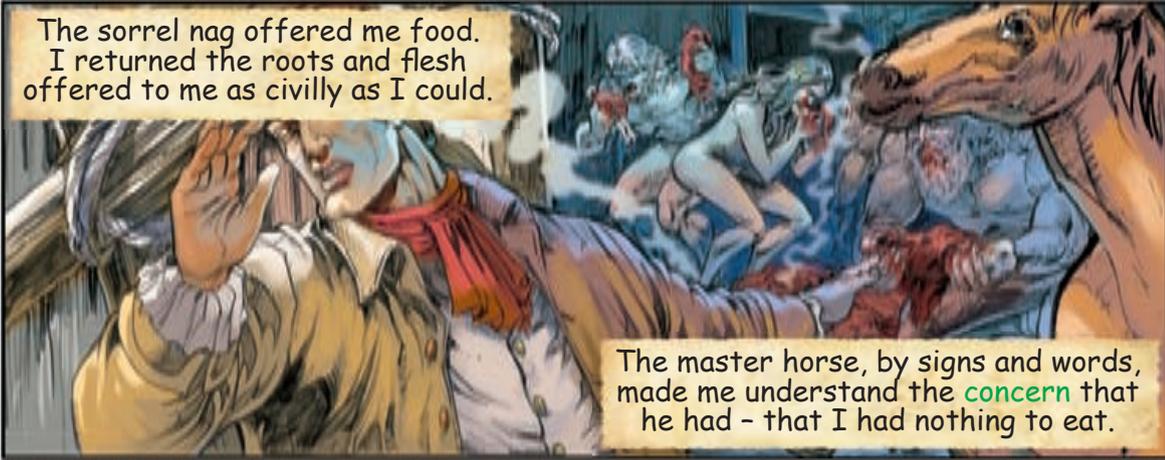
...for which I was obliged to my clothes, of which they had no concept.

GLOSSARY

Excel – To do extremely well

Detestable – Extremely unpleasant

Dialect – A way of speaking a language that is used only in a particular area



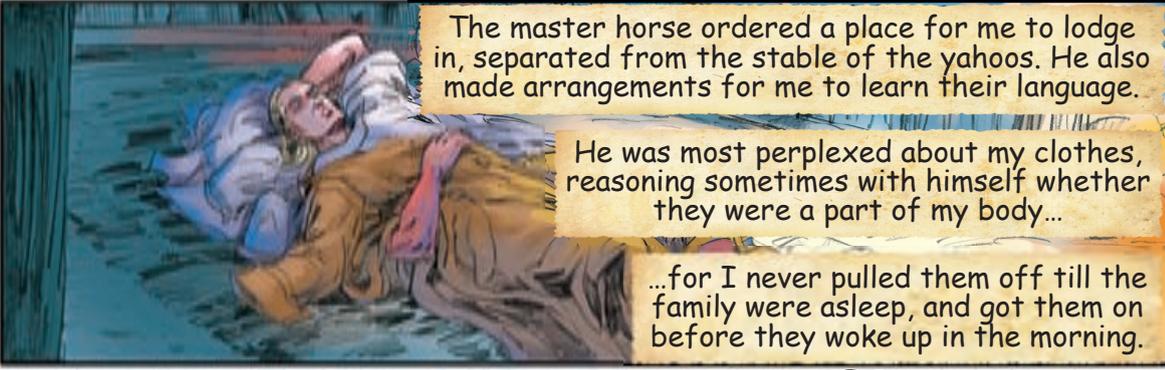
The sorrel nag offered me food. I returned the roots and flesh offered to me as civilly as I could.

The master horse, by signs and words, made me understand the **concern** that he had - that I had nothing to eat.



I arranged to make a kind of bread from oats, which would have been **sufficient**, with milk, to keep me alive.

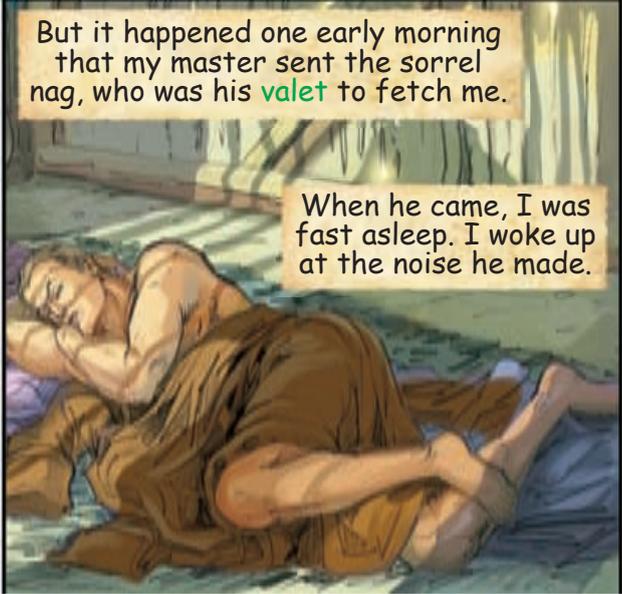
I ground and beat oats between two stones and made them into a paste or cake, which I toasted at the fire.



The master horse ordered a place for me to lodge in, separated from the stable of the yahoos. He also made arrangements for me to learn their language.

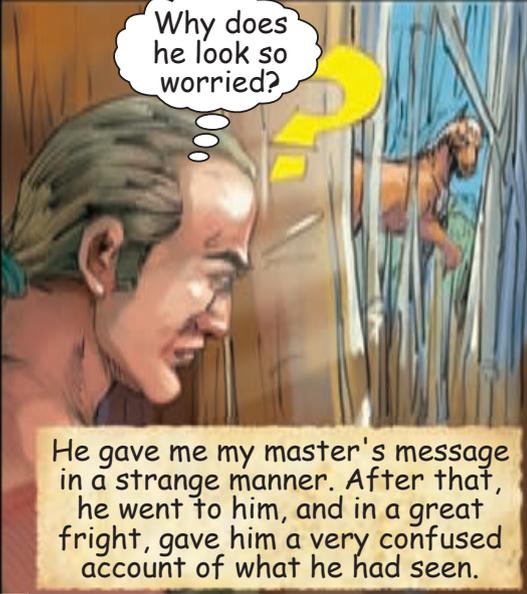
He was most perplexed about my clothes, reasoning sometimes with himself whether they were a part of my body...

...for I never pulled them off till the family were asleep, and got them on before they woke up in the morning.



But it happened one early morning that my master sent the sorrel nag, who was his **valet** to fetch me.

When he came, I was fast asleep. I woke up at the noise he made.



Why does he look so worried?

He gave me my master's message in a strange manner. After that, he went to him, and in a great fright, gave him a very confused account of what he had seen.

GLOSSARY

Concern – Worry

Sufficient – Enough

Valet – Someone whose job is to clean, cook and perform personal services



When I went to meet my master, he told me that his servant had reported that I was not the same thing when I slept as I appeared to be at other times.

That some part of me was white, some yellow, at least not so white, and some brown.



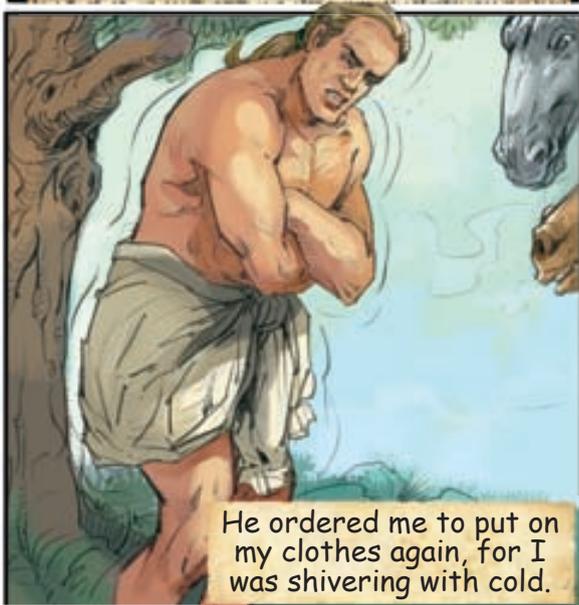
I, therefore, told my master that those of my kind always covered their bodies for **decency** as well as to avoid unpleasant weather.

I had, until then, **concealed** the secret of my dress, in order to distinguish myself from that cursed race of yahoos. But now I found it **in vain** to do so any longer.



I decided to take off my clothes and convince him. But I also told him that I would like to be excused if I did not expose those parts that nature had taught us to conceal.

He said that my speech was all very strange. He could not understand why nature should teach us to conceal what nature had given.



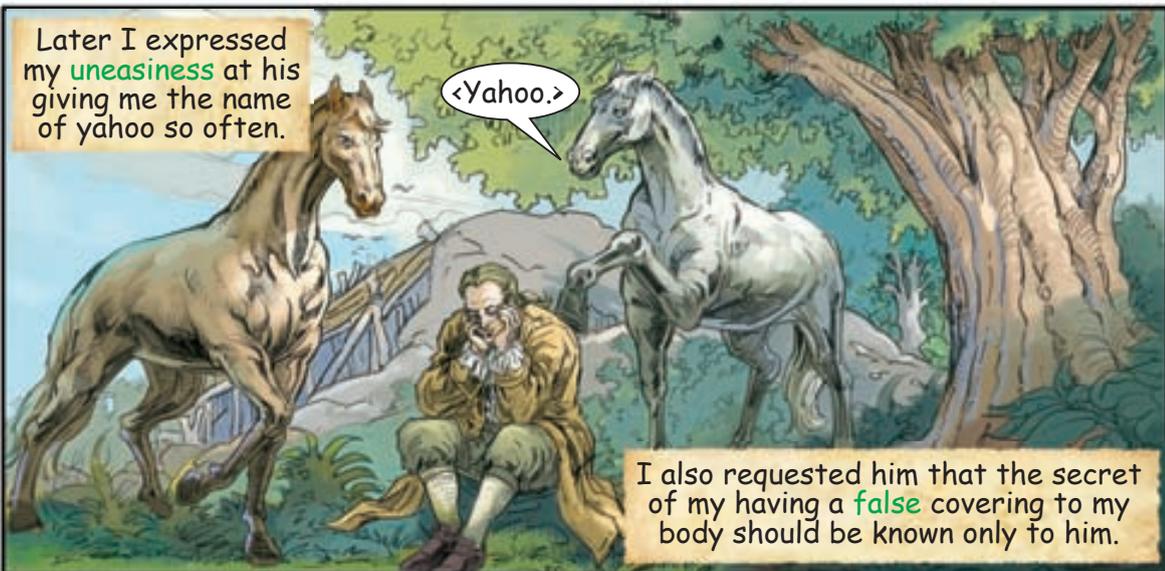
He ordered me to put on my clothes again, for I was shivering with cold.

GLOSSARY

Concealed – Hid

In vain – Without any benefit

Decency – Behaviour that is moral, good or reasonable



Later I expressed my **uneasiness** at his giving me the name of yahoo so often.

<Yahoo.>

I also requested him that the secret of my having a **false** covering to my body should be known only to him.

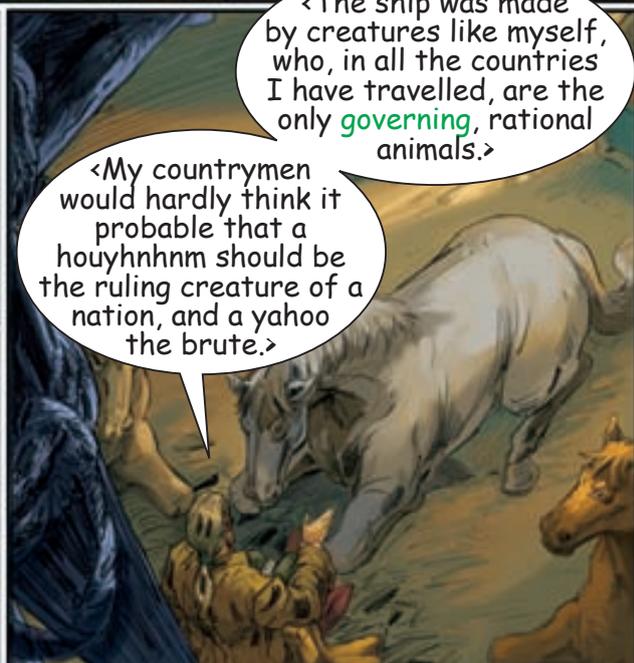


My master very graciously consented to all this. He brought me into all company, and made them treat me with civility.



I attempted to tell him where I came from, and described the ship to him in the best terms I could.

<Who made the ship? And how is it possible that the Houyhnhnms of your country leave it to the management of brutes.>



<The ship was made by creatures like myself, who, in all the countries I have travelled, are the only **governing**, rational animals.>

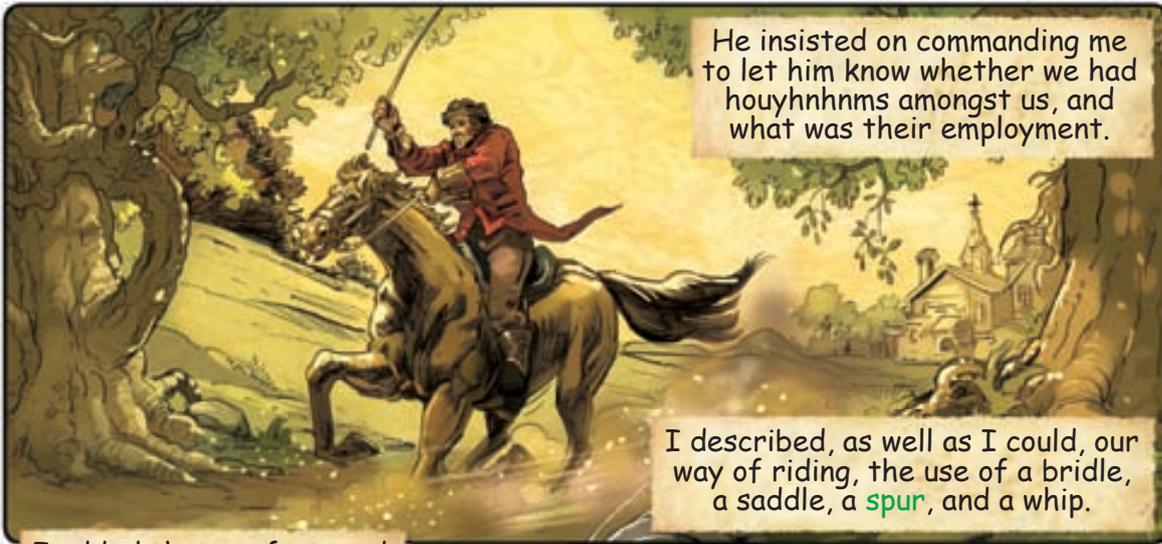
<My countrymen would hardly think it probable that a houyhnhnm should be the ruling creature of a nation, and a yahoo the brute.>

GLOSSARY

Uneasiness – Discomfort

Governing – Ruling

False – Fake



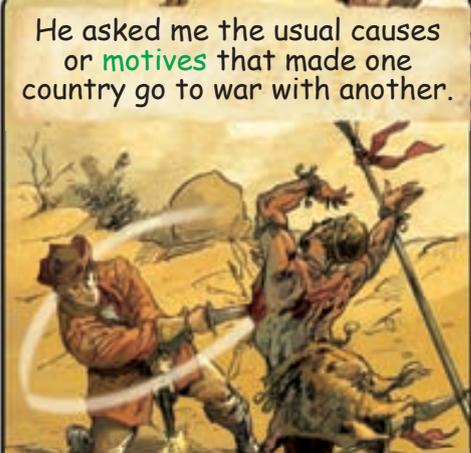
He insisted on commanding me to let him know whether we had houyhnhnms amongst us, and what was their employment.

I described, as well as I could, our way of riding, the use of a bridle, a saddle, a spur, and a whip.

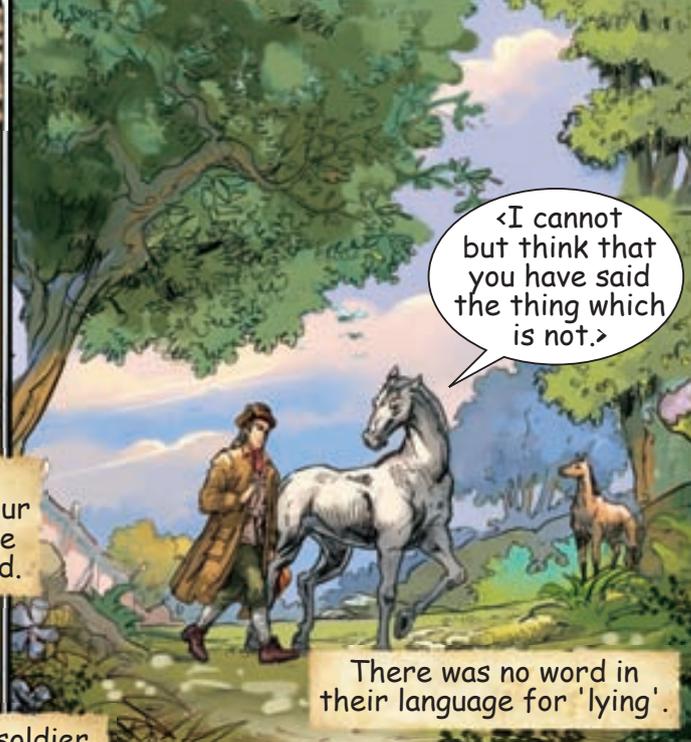
I added that we fastened plates of a certain hard substance called iron at the bottom of their feet, to preserve their hooves.



He asked me the usual causes or motives that made one country go to war with another.



I answered - sometimes the ambition of princes; sometimes our neighbours wanted the things we had, or had the things we wanted.



<I cannot but think that you have said the thing which is not.>

There was no word in their language for 'lying'.

I explained that the trade of a soldier was most honourable, because a soldier was hired to kill in cold blood as many of his own species, who had never offended him, as he possibly could.

I gave him a description of cannons, muskets, dying groans, limbs flying in the air, and my master commanded me to be silent. Then he changed the topic.

GLOSSARY

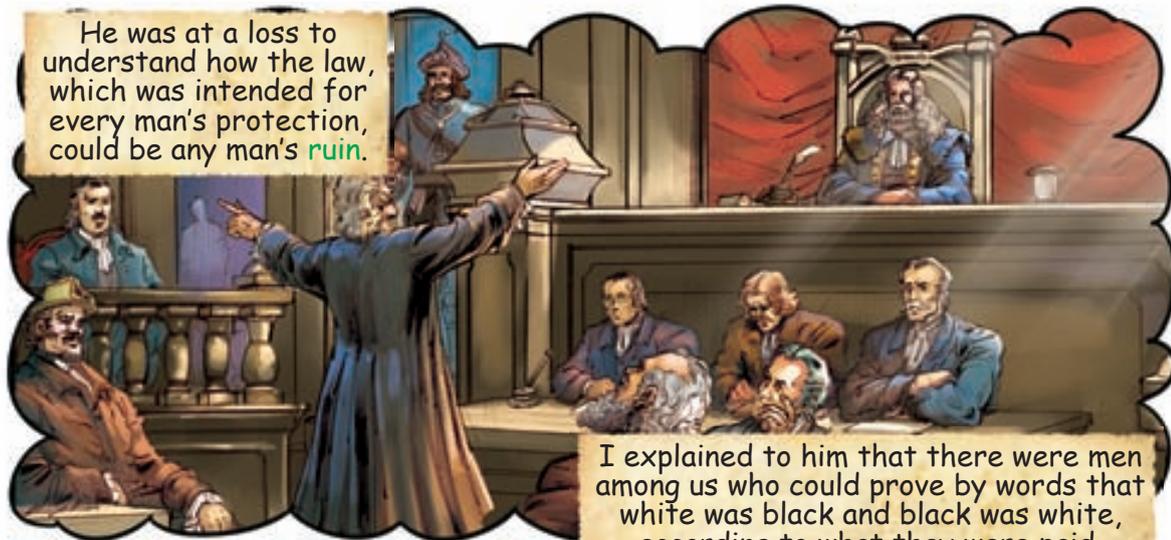
Spur – A metal object on the heel of a riders boot that the rider presses in to a horse’s side to make it go faster

Ambition – Something that you very much want to do

Motives – The reasons that you do something

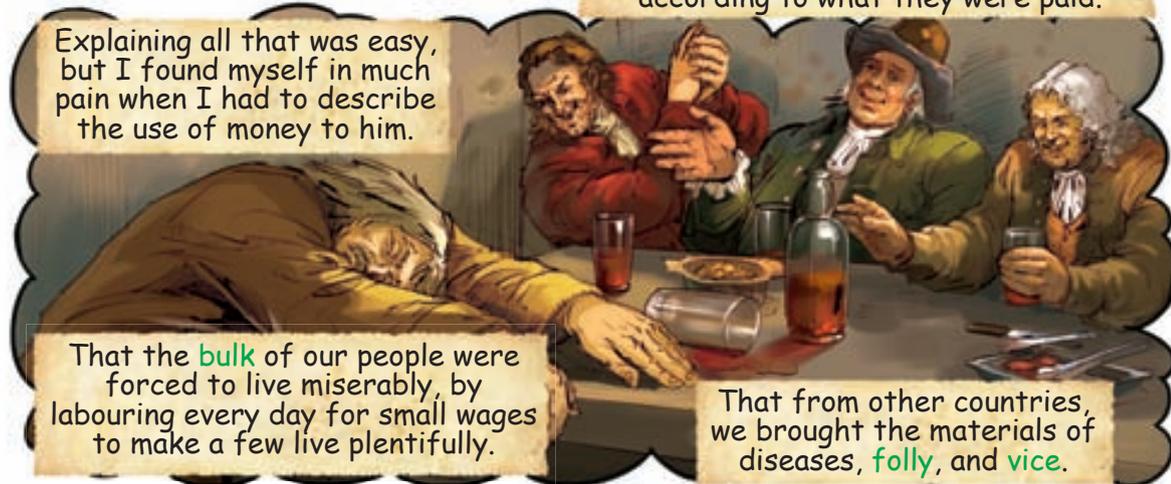
Species – A group of biologically similar beings

He was at a loss to understand how the law, which was intended for every man's protection, could be any man's **ruin**.



I explained to him that there were men among us who could prove by words that white was black and black was white, according to what they were paid.

Explaining all that was easy, but I found myself in much pain when I had to describe the use of money to him.



That the **bulk** of our people were forced to live miserably, by labouring every day for small wages to make a few live plentifully.

That from other countries, we brought the materials of diseases, **folly**, and **vice**.

He could easily understand that a yahoo grew weak a few days before his death, or by some accident, might hurt a limb.

My master was sure I must have been born of some noble family because I far exceeded in shape, colour, and cleanliness all the yahoos of his nation.



I told him we fed on a thousand things which operated contrary to each other - that we ate when we were not hungry, and drank without thirst.



I explained that our young noblemen were bred from their childhood in idleness and luxury.

A weak, diseased body and a **sallow** complexion, were the true marks of noble blood.

GLOSSARY

Ruin – Cause of destruction

Bulk – Something that is in large number

Folly – A way of thinking or behaving that is careless

Vice – Bad habits

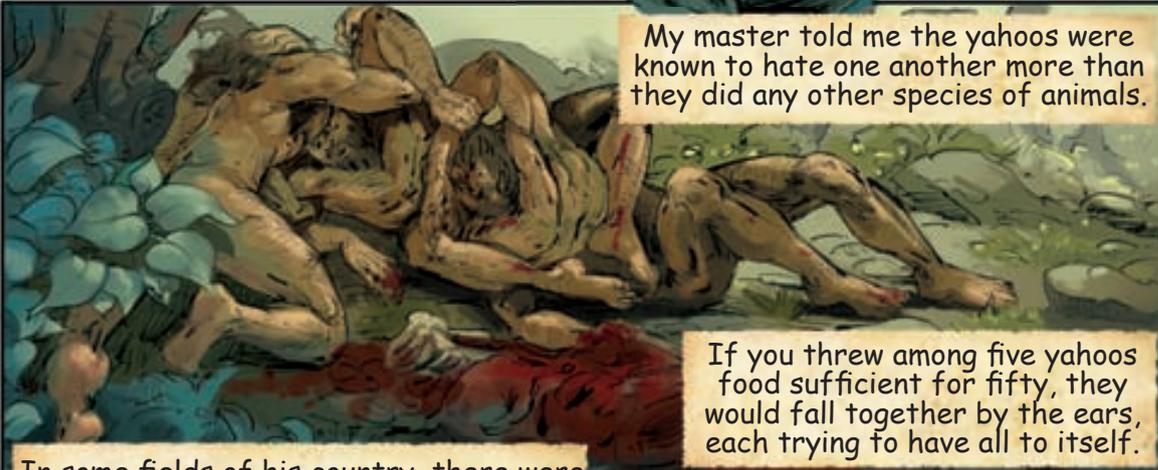
Sallow – Pale yellow colour of the skin which does not look healthy

After spending time with them, my eyes opened to the many virtues of those excellent animals as opposed to human corruptions...



...and I began to view the actions and passions of man in a very different light.

I entered a firm resolution never to return to human beings, but to pass the rest of my life among these admirable houyhnhnms.



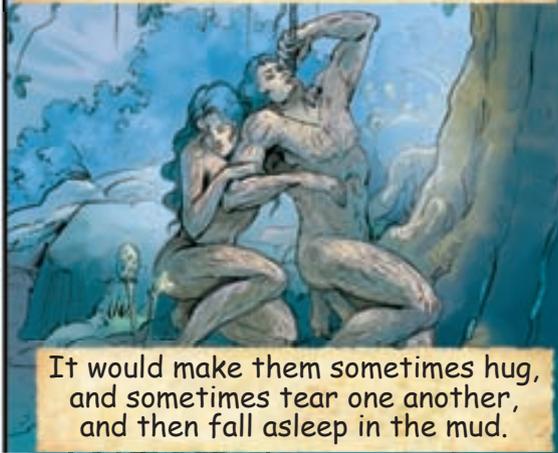
My master told me the yahoos were known to hate one another more than they did any other species of animals.

If you threw among five yahoos food sufficient for fifty, they would fall together by the ears, each trying to have all to itself.

In some fields of his country, there were certain shining stones of several colours, which the yahoos were violently fond of.



They were also very fond of a kind of juicy root. It produced the same effects in them that wine did upon us.



It would make them sometimes hug, and sometimes tear one another, and then fall asleep in the mud.

GLOSSARY

Virtues – Good qualities or habits

Resolution – Decision to do something

Admirable – Deserving to be respected

III Gulliver is having a hard time explaining to his master how he arrived on the island, since the houyhnhnms have no concept of ships. If you were Gulliver, how would you describe a ship to the houyhnhnms?

IV Gulliver is trying to tell the houyhnhnms about the various countries ruled by humans and has written down some names. However the houyhnhnms are having trouble reading some of the names, as the letters are missing! Can you select the letters from the ones below and fill in the blanks to complete the names of ten countries? Each letter can be used only once.

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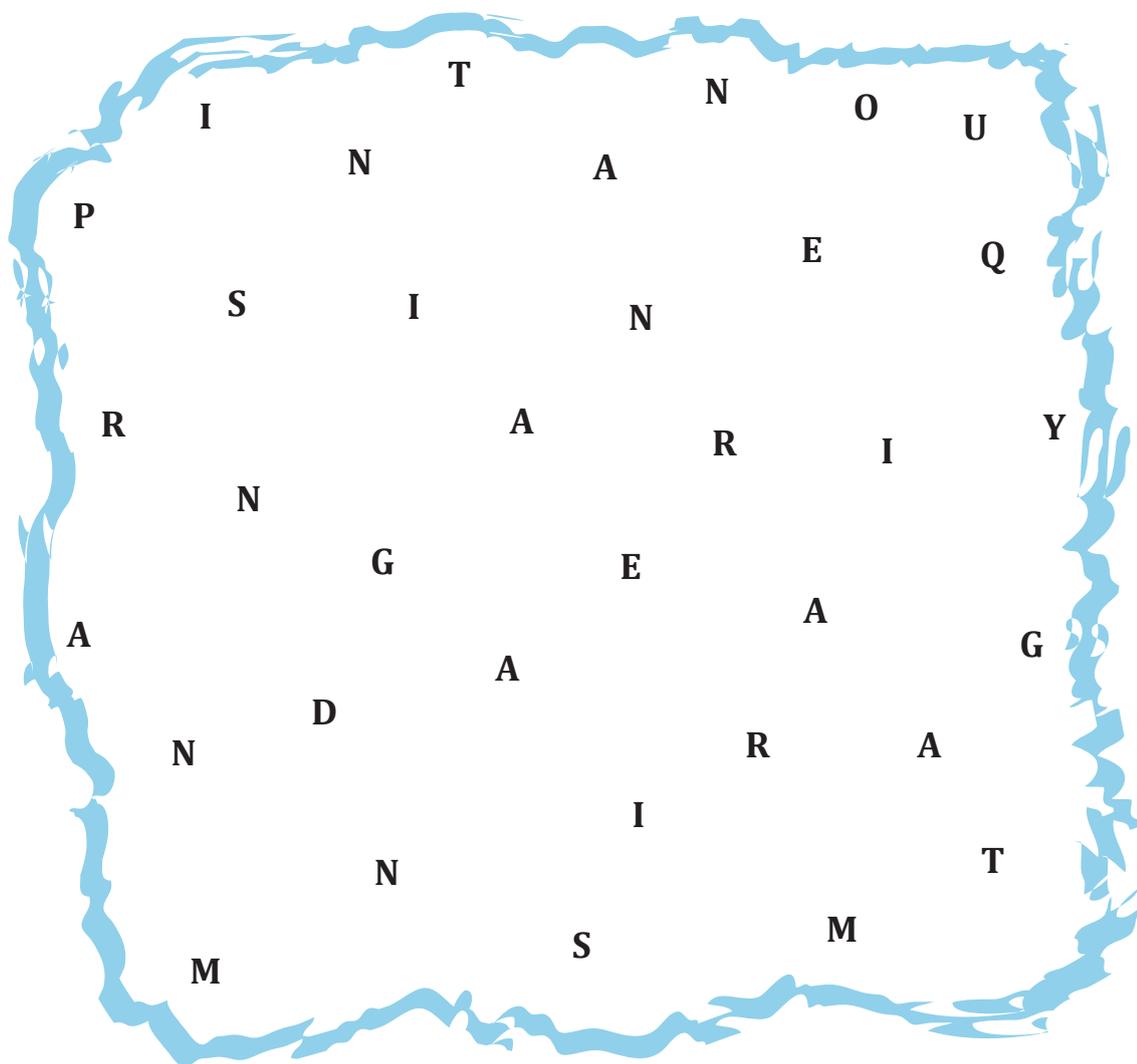
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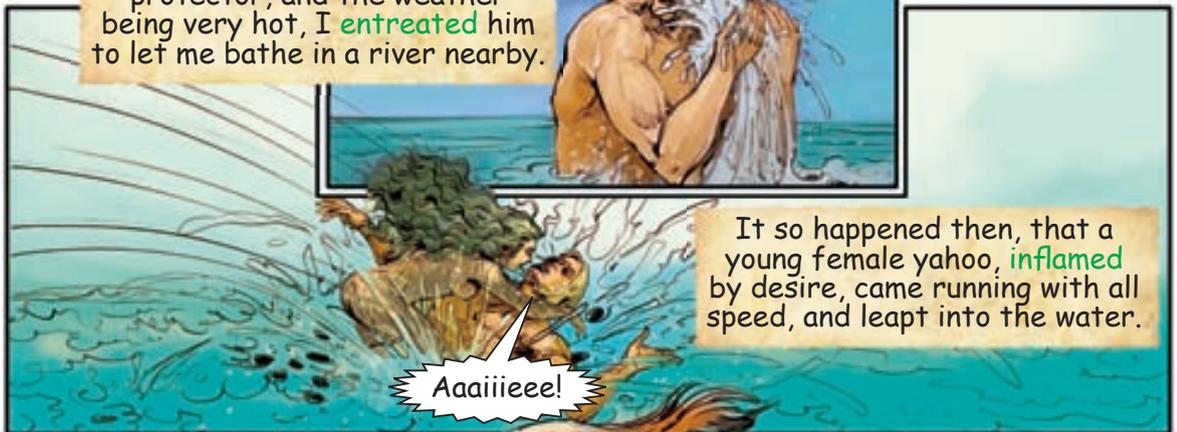
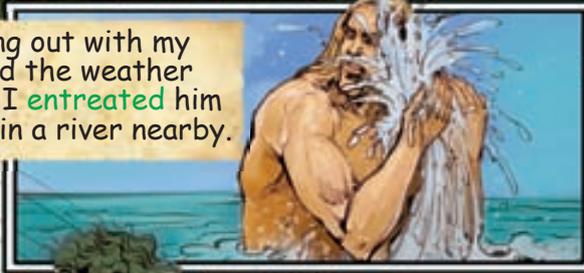


I often begged my master's favour to let me go among the herds of yahoos in the neighbourhood.

He always very graciously consented, and ordered one of his servants, a strong sorrel nag, to be my guard.



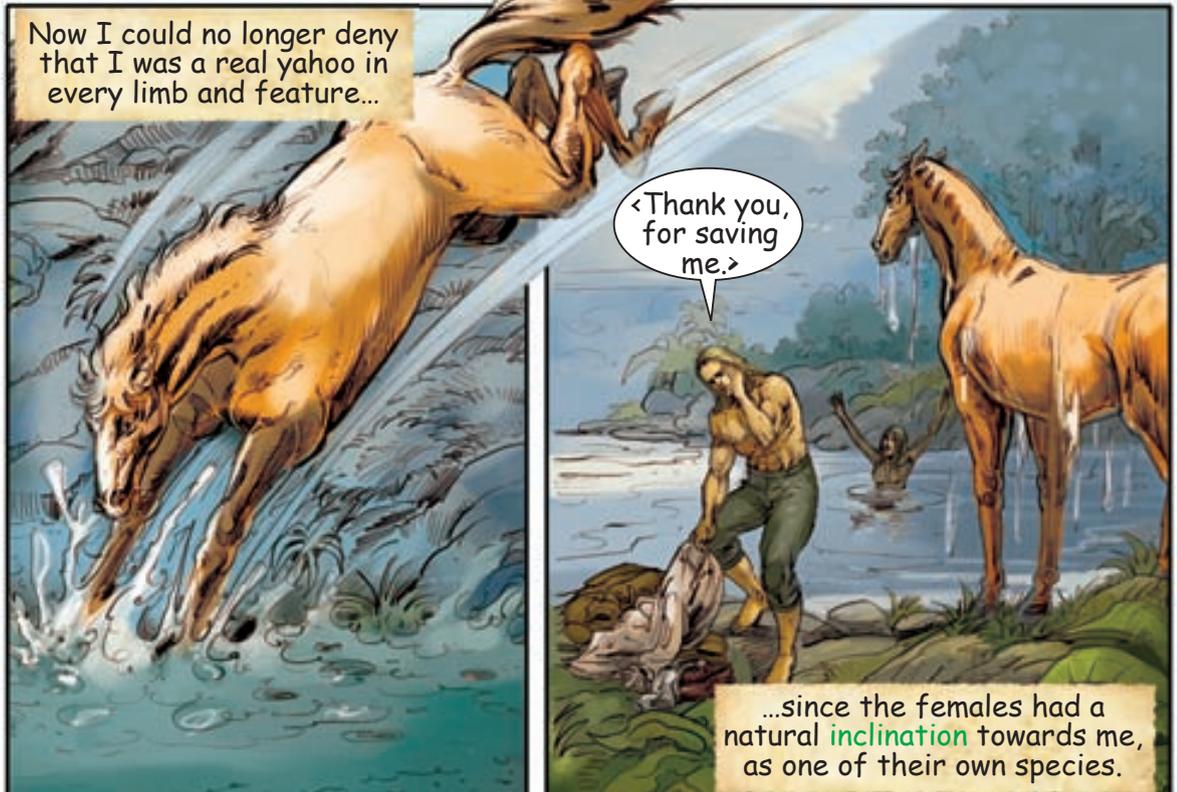
One day, being out with my protector, and the weather being very hot, I entreated him to let me bathe in a river nearby.



It so happened then, that a young female yahoo, inflamed by desire, came running with all speed, and leapt into the water.

Aaaiieeee!

Now I could no longer deny that I was a real yahoo in every limb and feature...



...since the females had a natural inclination towards me, as one of their own species.

GLOSSARY

Entreated – Requested

Inflamed – Aroused into a state of emotional excitement

Inclination – A feeling that you want to do something

That evening my master told me that every fourth year, at the **equinox** during spring, there was a meeting of the whole nation of houyhnhnms. And wherever there was any lack, it was immediately taken care of by **unanimous** consent and contribution.

One of these grand assemblies was held in my time. The question to be debated was whether the yahoos should be eliminated from the face of the earth.

The houyhnhnms, to get rid of this evil, made a general hunting. Every houyhnhnm kept two young ones of yahoos in a **kennel**...

...and tamed them to such a degree that any savage animal could be capable of acquiring.



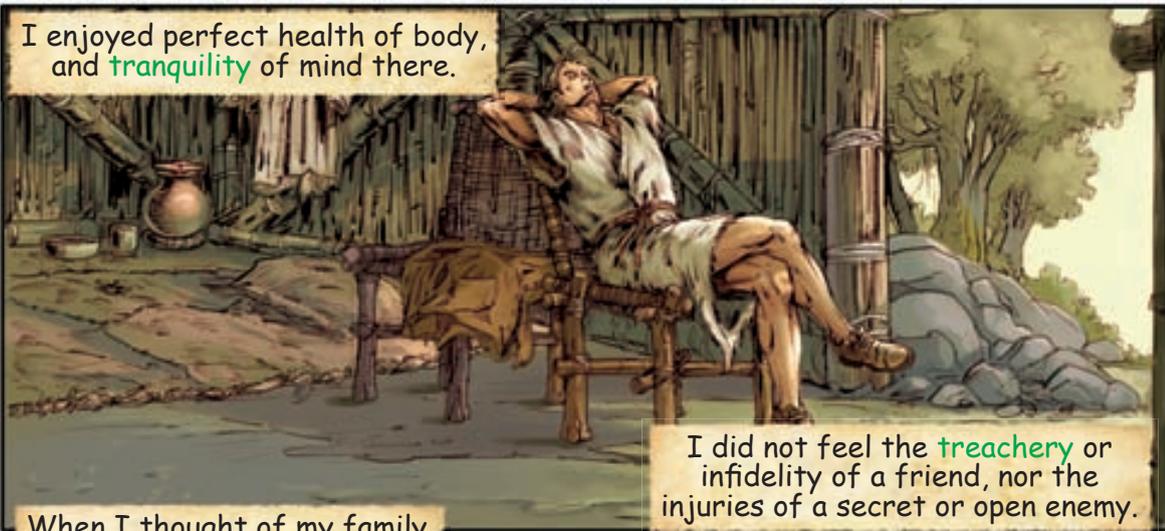
GLOSSARY

Equinox – One of the two days in a year when day and night are the same length

Unanimous – When everyone is in agreement

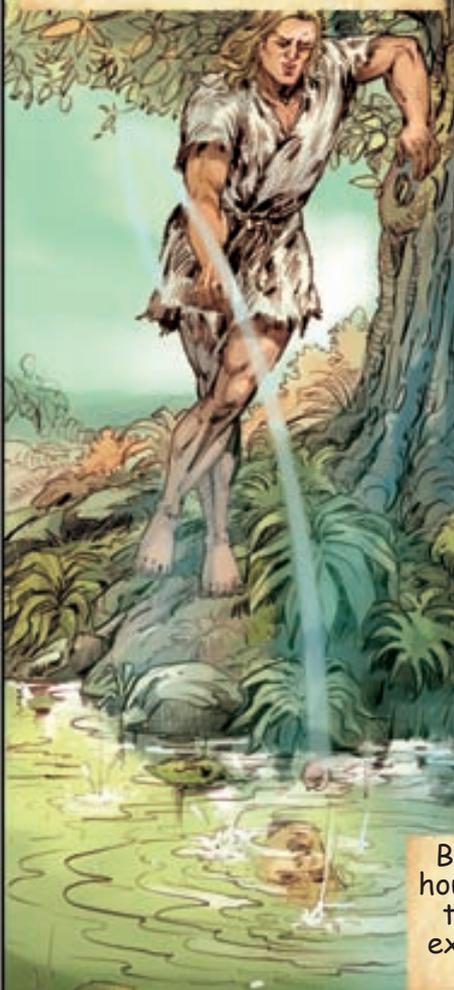
Kennel – House for an animal, especially a dog

I enjoyed perfect health of body, and **tranquility** of mind there.



I did not feel the **treachery** or infidelity of a friend, nor the injuries of a secret or open enemy.

When I thought of my family, my friends, my countrymen, or human race in general...



When I looked upon myself to be fully settled for life, my master sent for me...



<The general assembly has taken offence at my keeping a yahoo in my family more like a houyhnhnm than a brute animal.>

<I must either employ you like the rest of your species, or command you to swim back to the place from where you came.>

He could have been content to keep me in his service as long as I lived.



But he was daily **pressed** by the houyhnhnms of the neighbourhood to have the assembly's warning executed, which he could not put off much longer.

...I considered them as they really were - yahoos in shape and nature.

I could endure the sight of a common yahoo better than that of myself.



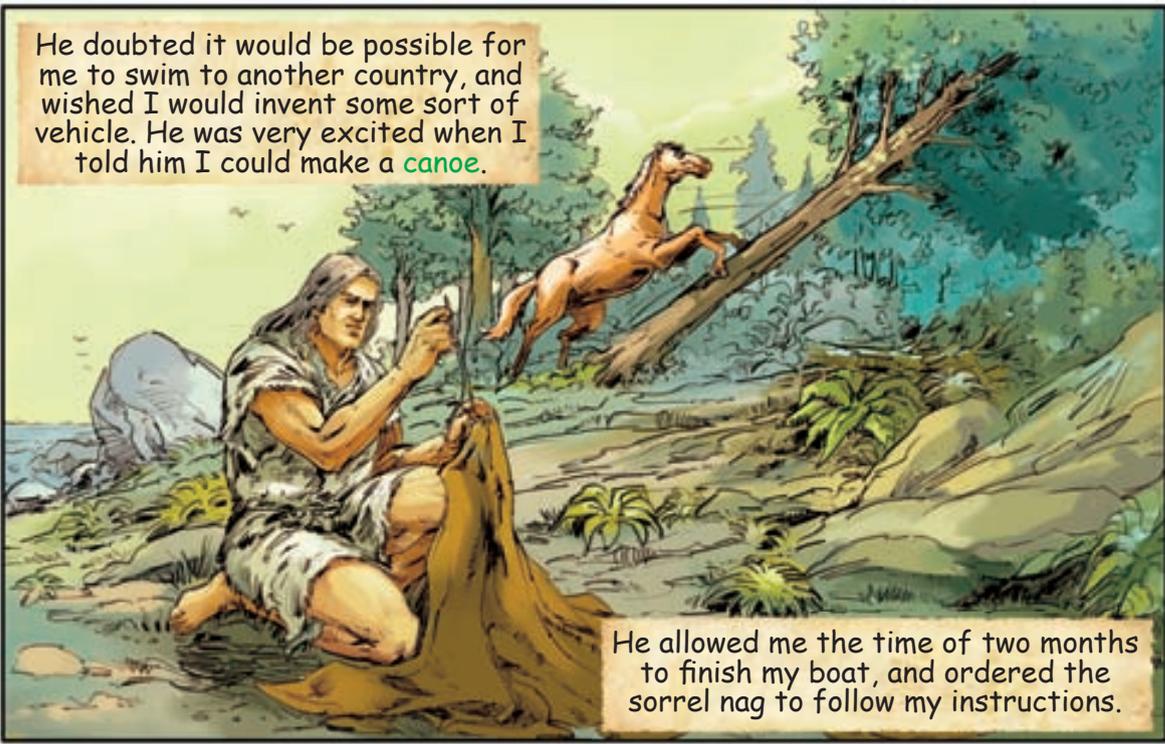
GLOSSARY

Tranquility – Calm, still and quiet

Treachery – Disloyalty

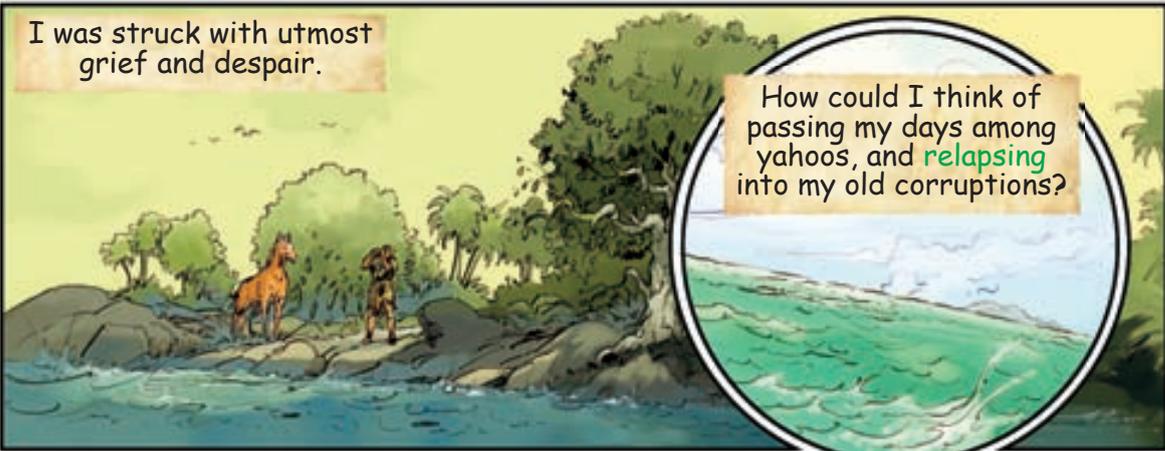
Pressed – Pushed

He doubted it would be possible for me to swim to another country, and wished I would invent some sort of vehicle. He was very excited when I told him I could make a **canoe**.



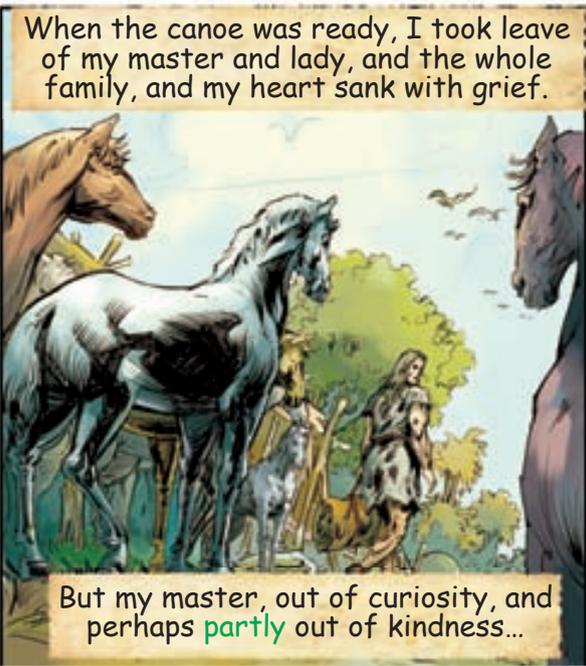
He allowed me the time of two months to finish my boat, and ordered the sorrel nag to follow my instructions.

I was struck with utmost grief and despair.



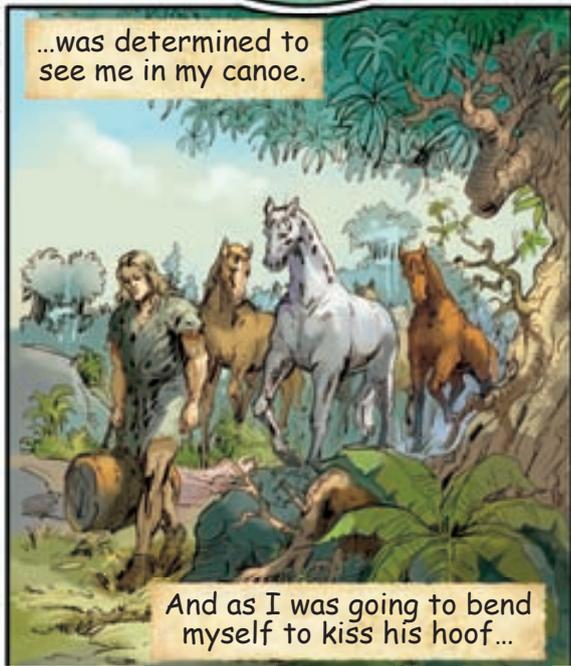
How could I think of passing my days among yahoos, and **relapsing** into my old corruptions?

When the canoe was ready, I took leave of my master and lady, and the whole family, and my heart sank with grief.



But my master, out of curiosity, and perhaps **partly** out of kindness...

...was determined to see me in my canoe.



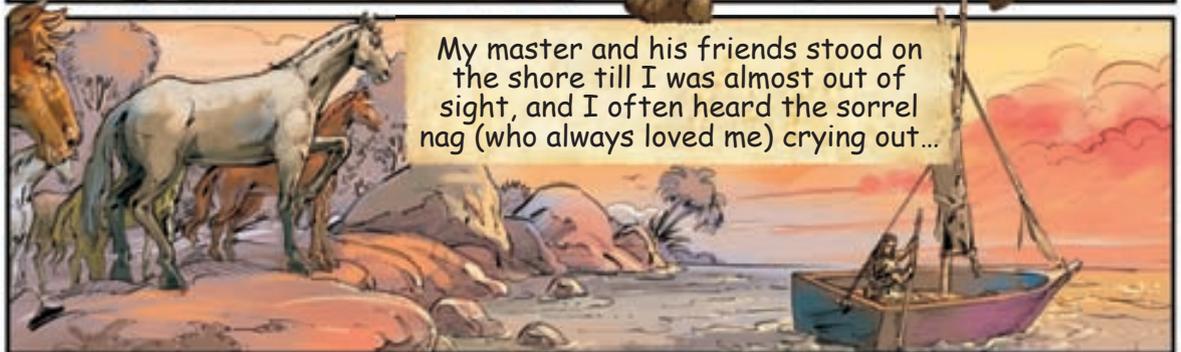
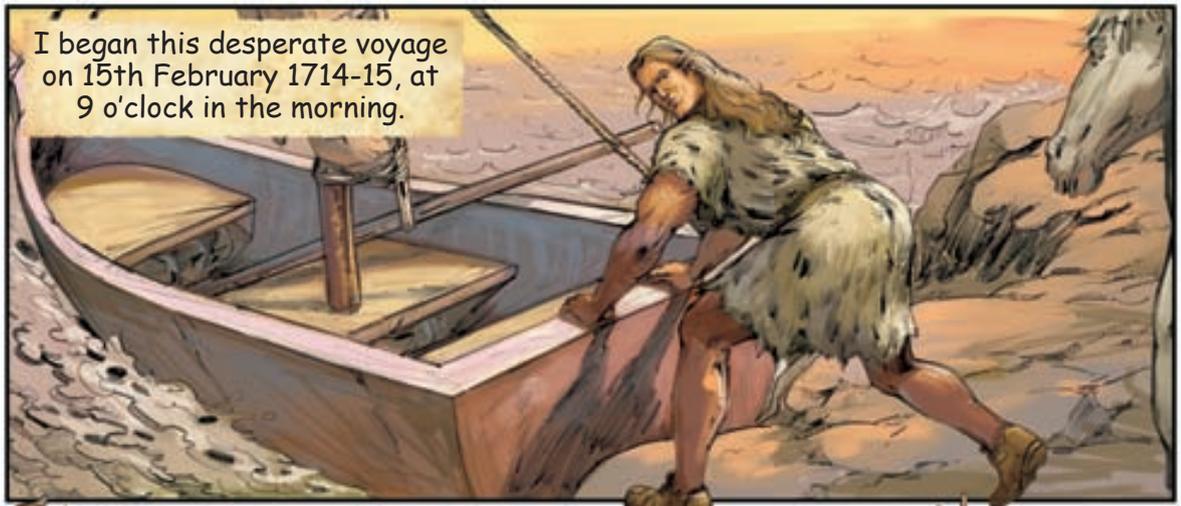
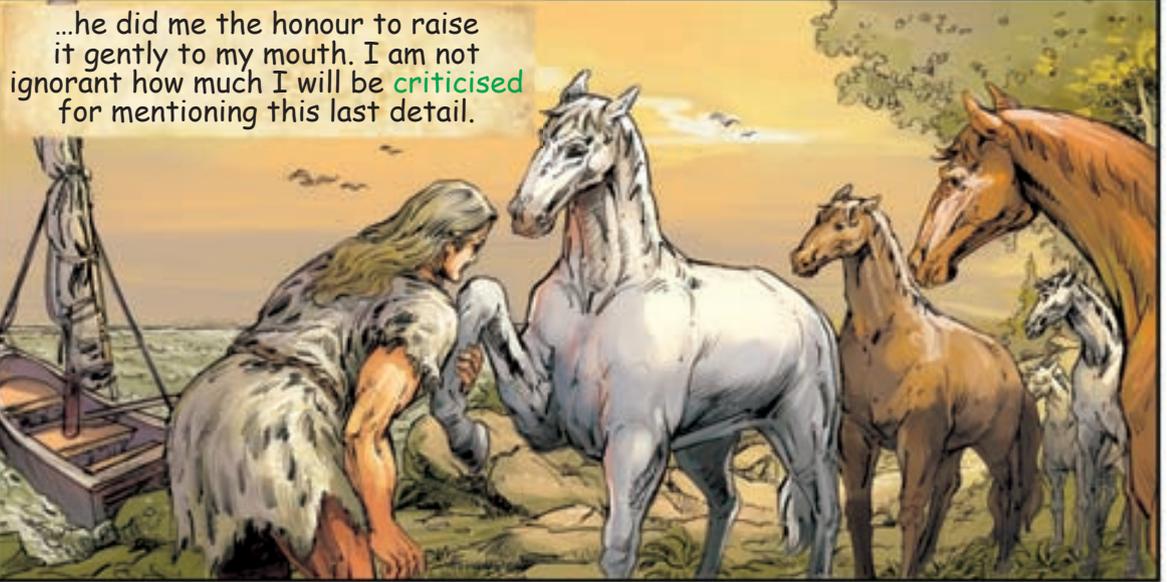
And as I was going to bend myself to kiss his hoof...

GLOSSARY

Canoe – A long, narrow boat that you push through the water using a paddle

Relapsing – To return to your previous character or behaviour

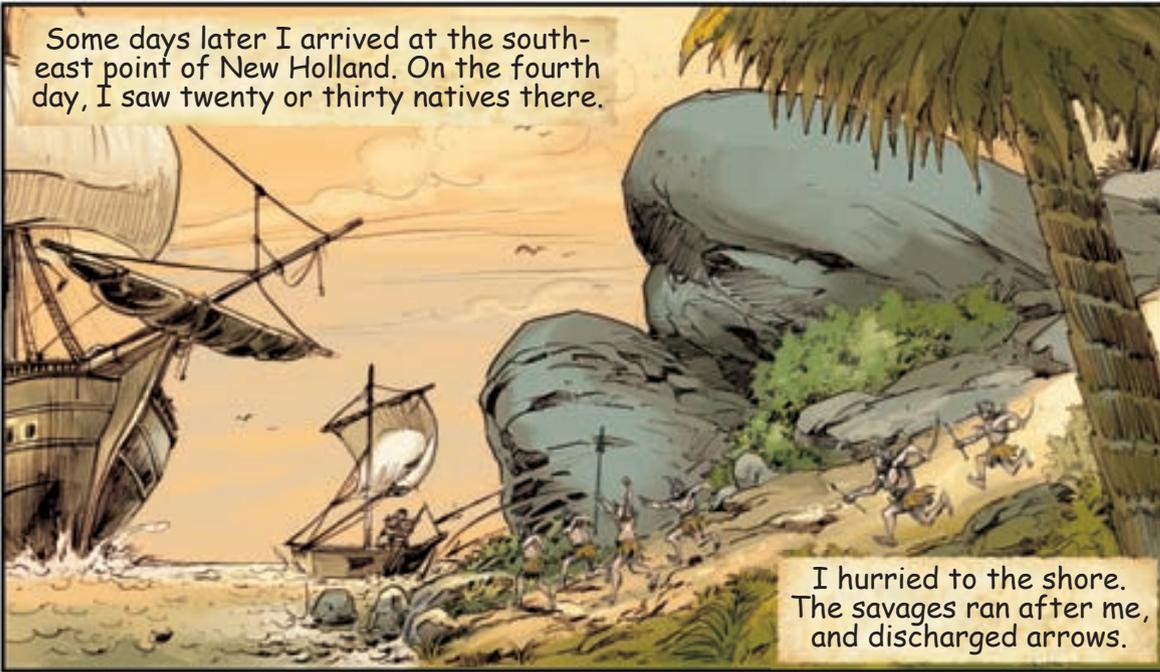
Partly – Somewhat



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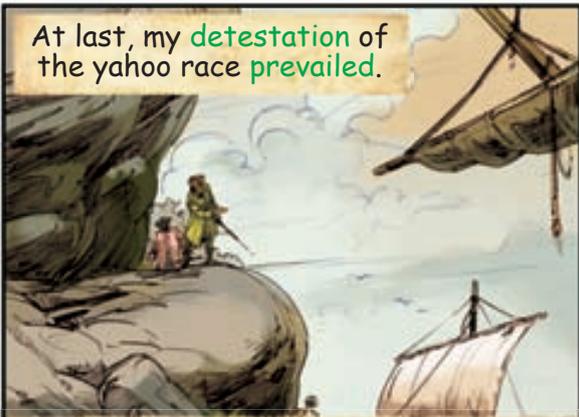
Criticised – Had one's faults indicated in a disapproving way

Some days later I arrived at the south-east point of New Holland. On the fourth day, I saw twenty or thirty natives there.



I hurried to the shore. The savages ran after me, and discharged arrows.

At last, my detestation of the yahoo race prevailed.



I sailed into the same creek from where I had started, choosing rather to trust myself among those barbarians, than live with European yahoos.

...but they found me.

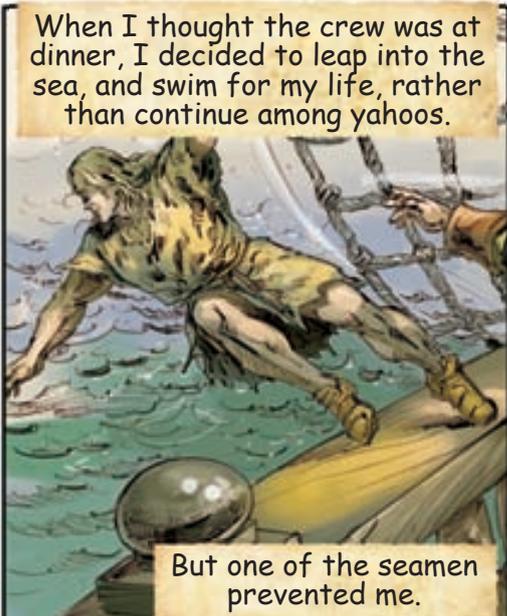


I am a poor yahoo, and desire you will please let me depart.

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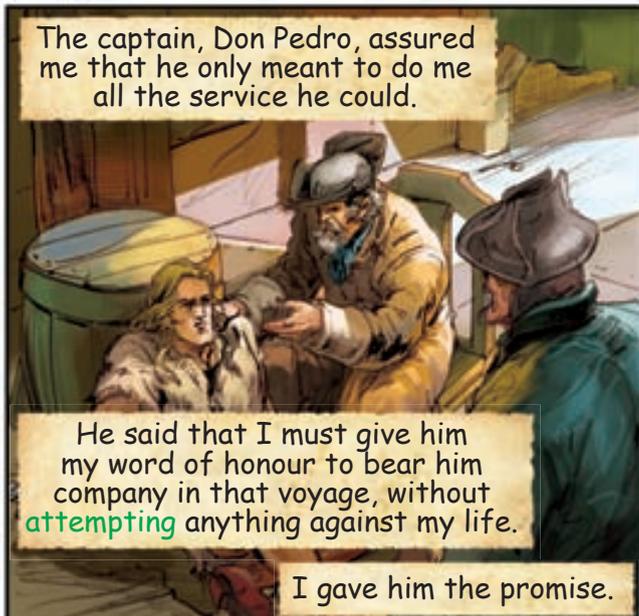
My strange tone in speaking resembled the neighing of a horse.

When I thought the crew was at dinner, I decided to leap into the sea, and swim for my life, rather than continue among yahoos.



But one of the seamen prevented me.

The captain, Don Pedro, assured me that he only meant to do me all the service he could.



He said that I must give him my word of honour to bear him company in that voyage, without attempting anything against my life.

I gave him the promise.

GLOSSARY

Detestation – Intense dislike

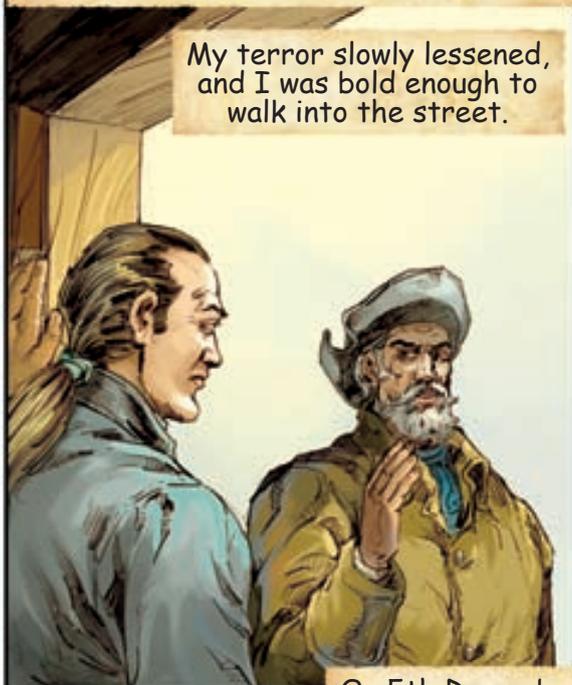
Prevailed – Remained to be the strongest influence or element in a situation

Barbarians – Those who are uncivilised, cruel and violent

Resembled – To be similar to someone

Attempting – Trying to do something

The captain was so obliging, that I really began to enjoy his company. We arrived at Lisbon on 5th November 1715.

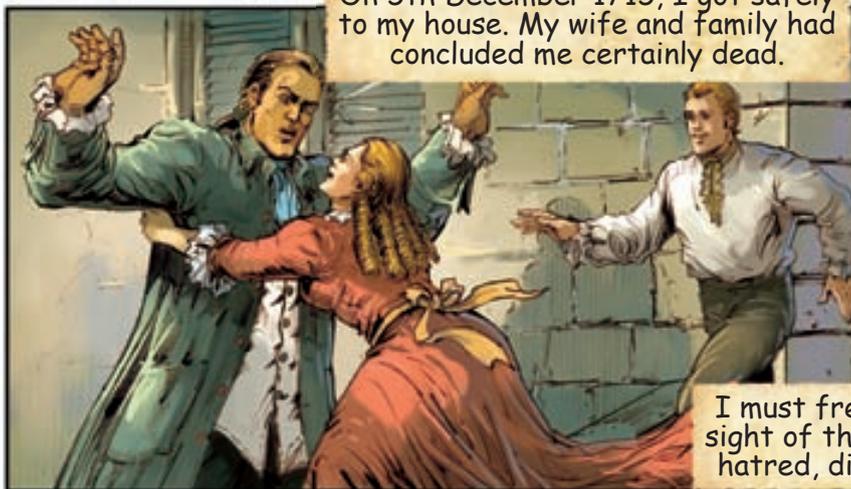


My terror slowly lessened, and I was bold enough to walk into the street.

He put it upon me as a matter of honour and conscience that I ought to return to my native country, and live at home with my wife and children.



On 5th December 1715, I got safely to my house. My wife and family had concluded me certainly dead.



I must freely confess that the sight of them filled me only with hatred, disgust, and contempt.

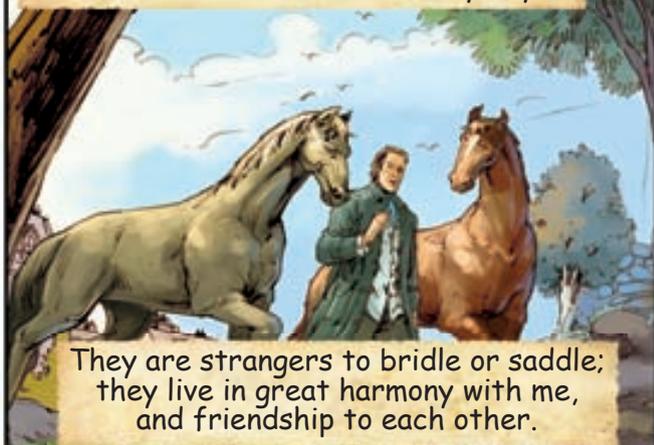


It is five years since I returned to England.



During the first year, I could not endure my wife or children in my presence. The very smell of them was intolerable.

The first money I laid out was to buy two young stone-horses. I converse with them at least four hours every day.



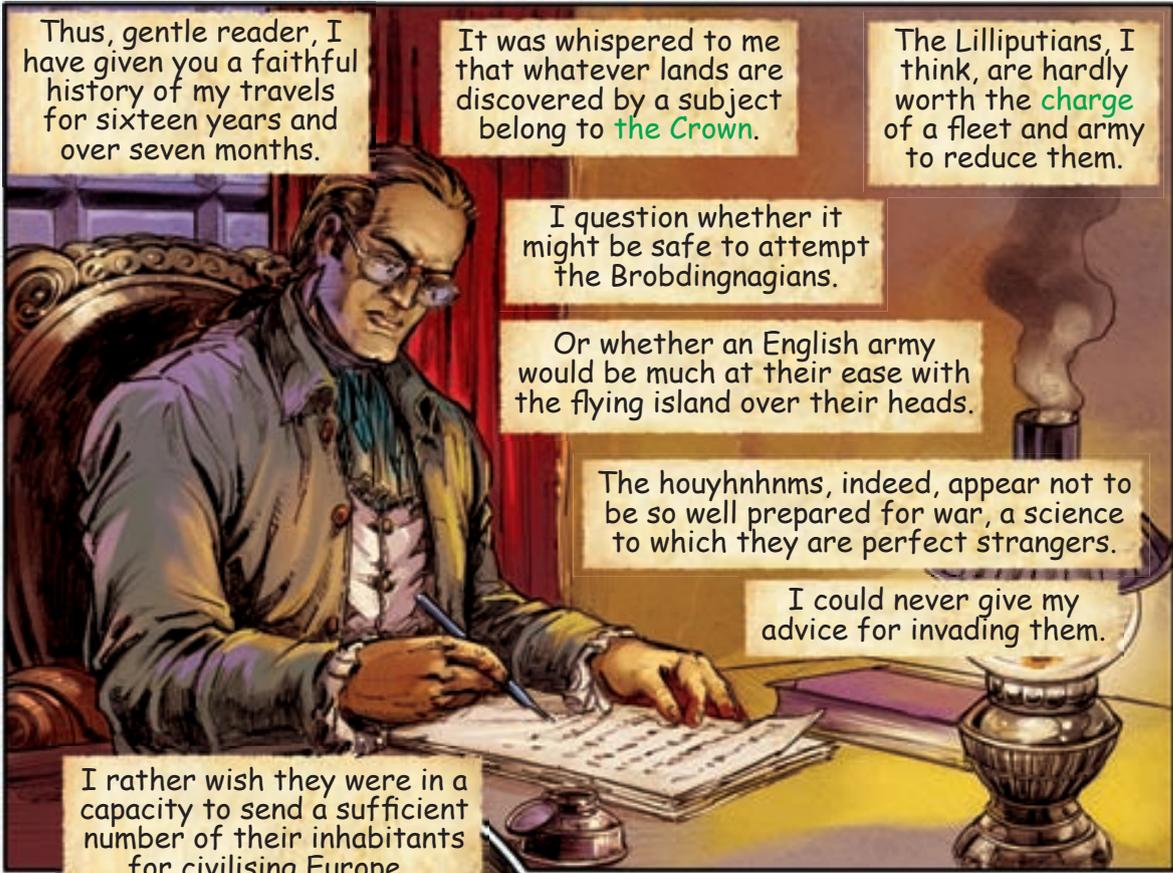
They are strangers to bridle or saddle; they live in great harmony with me, and friendship to each other.

GLOSSARY

Contempt – Disapproval

Endure – To suffer something unpleasant or difficult

Intolerable – Unbearable



Thus, gentle reader, I have given you a faithful history of my travels for sixteen years and over seven months.

It was whispered to me that whatever lands are discovered by a subject belong to **the Crown**.

The Lilliputians, I think, are hardly worth the **charge** of a fleet and army to reduce them.

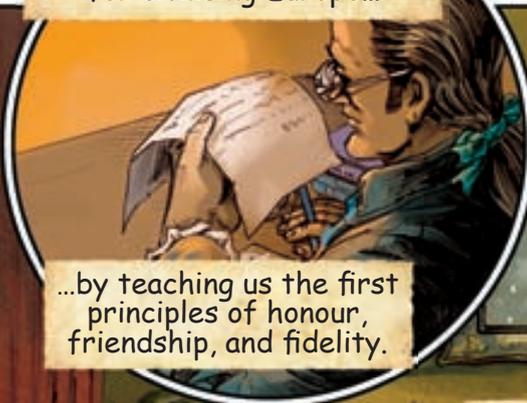
I question whether it might be safe to attempt the Brobdingnagians.

Or whether an English army would be much at their ease with the flying island over their heads.

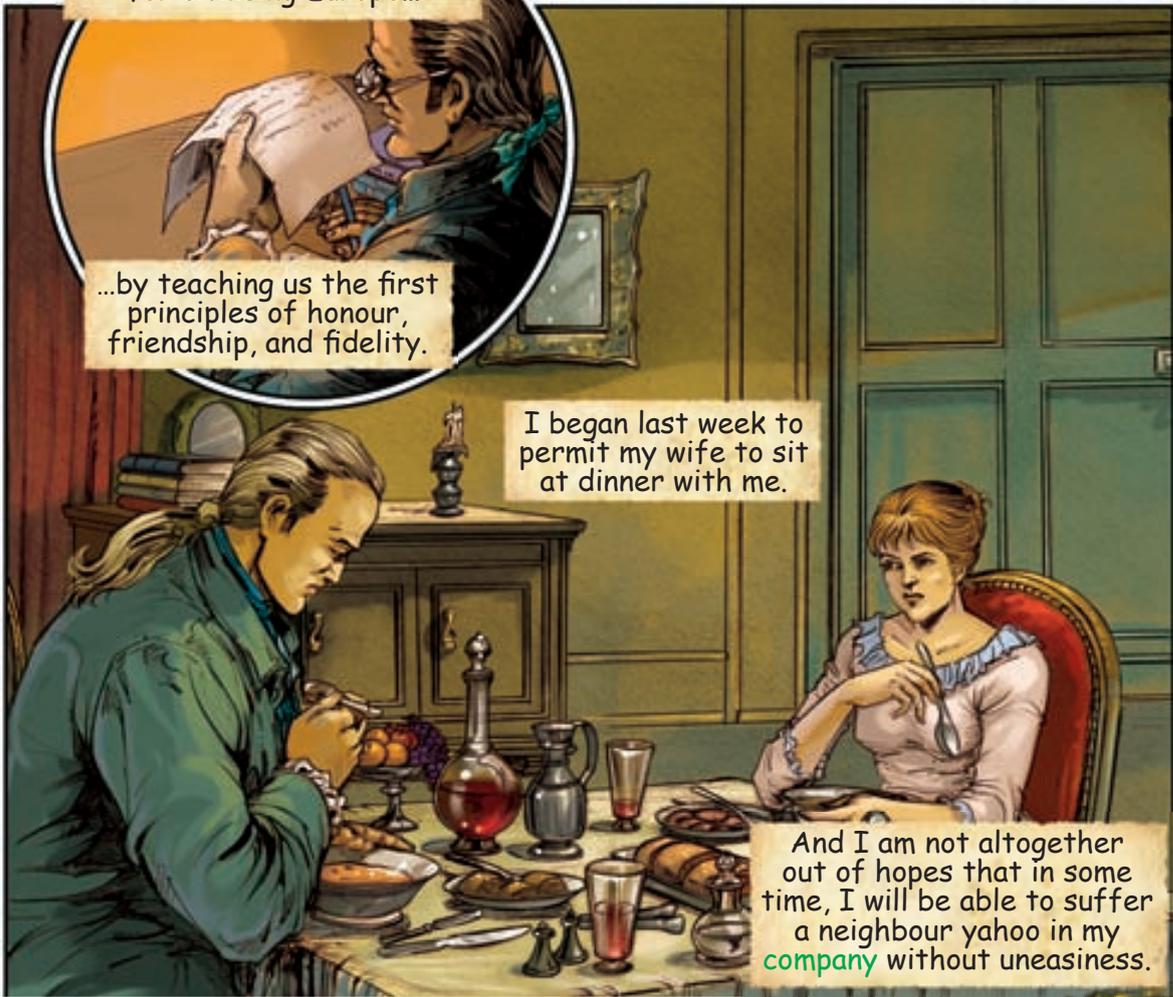
The houyhnhnms, indeed, appear not to be so well prepared for war, a science to which they are perfect strangers.

I could never give my advice for invading them.

I rather wish they were in a capacity to send a sufficient number of their inhabitants for civilising Europe...



...by teaching us the first principles of honour, friendship, and fidelity.



I began last week to permit my wife to sit at dinner with me.

And I am not altogether out of hopes that in some time, I will be able to suffer a neighbour yahoo in my **company** without uneasiness.

GLOSSARY

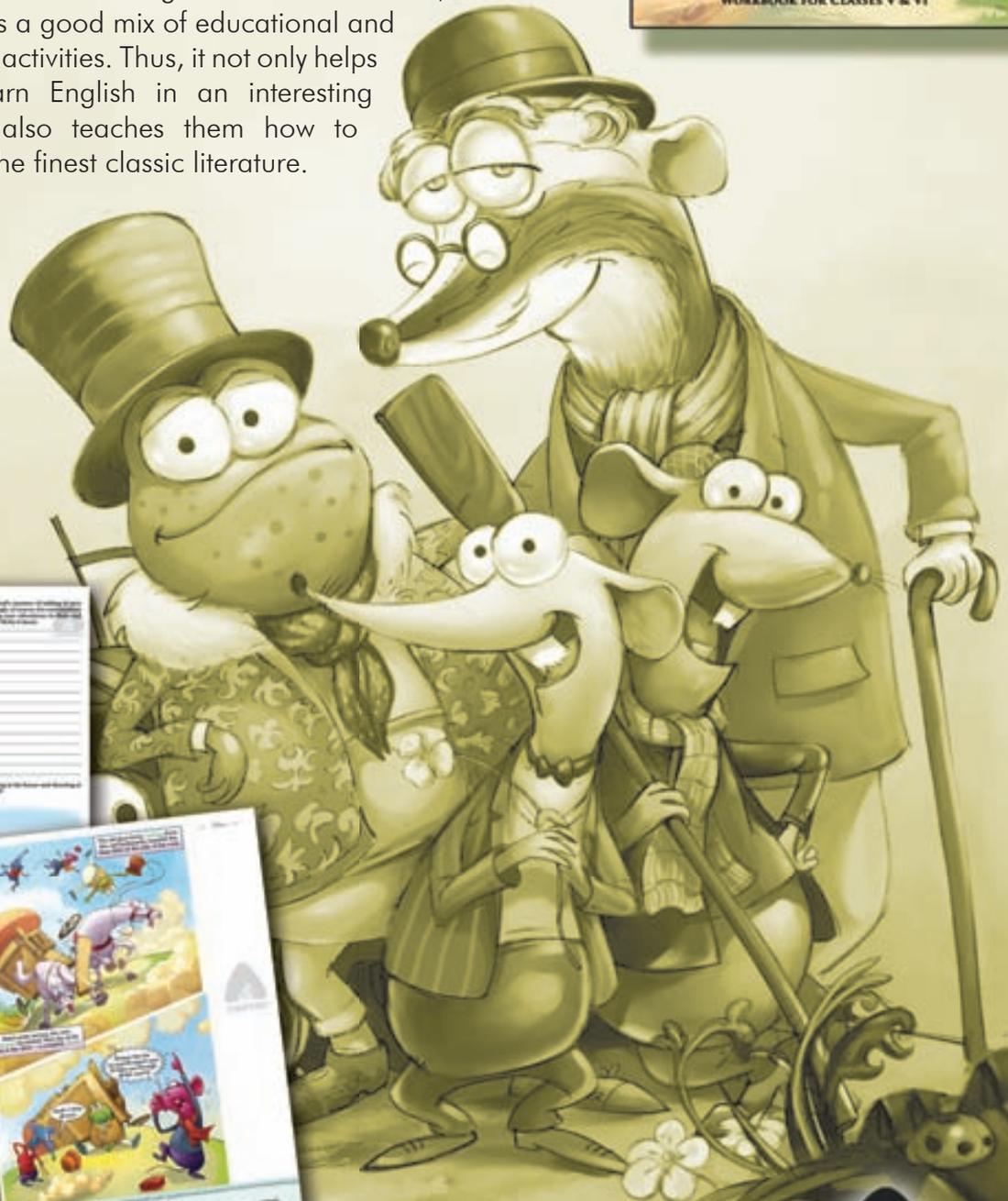
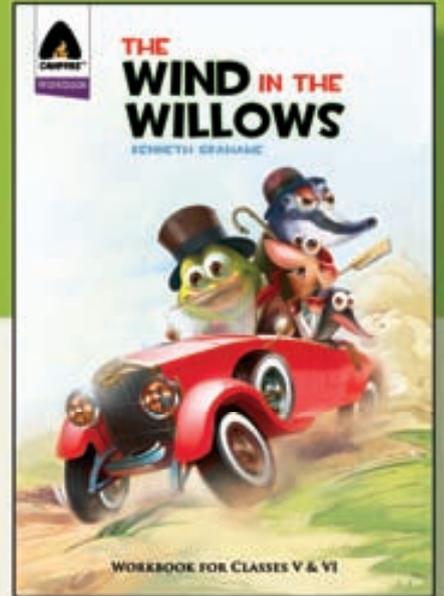
The Crown – The king or queen of that country, usually used to refer to the ruler of England

Charge – Attack

Company – Companionship

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

A classic of children's literature, *The Wind in the Willows* is a story about the simple pleasures of rustic life. Featuring a variety of anthropomorphised characters like a vain toad and a wise badger, it has been a favourite of young readers for generations. Campfire's workbook rendition of the story presents it in an innovative format featuring attractive illustrations, and contains a good mix of educational and recreational activities. Thus, it not only helps students learn English in an interesting manner, it also teaches them how to appreciate the finest classic literature.



OF MONSTERS AND MIDGETS

Stories for children have always been peppered with interesting and memorable monsters and midgets. Some midgets are lovable and some are naughty. There are monsters that are friendly, monsters that threaten and scare, and those that, when challenged, give rise to heroes.

Thumbelina

Once upon a time, a woman longed for a child. She went to a witch who gave her a magic seed. When planted, a girl no bigger than a thumb, emerged from its flower. She was named Thumbelina. One day, a wicked toad kidnapped her while she was asleep. He wanted her to marry his son. But Thumbelina escaped, and drifted on a lily pad till a beetle captured her. Luckily, the beetle let her go as his friends did not like her.

Cold and hungry, Thumbelina wandered around till she was given shelter by a field mouse. But the mouse wanted Thumbelina to marry her neighbour, a mole. Once again, Thumbelina fled on the back of a swallow whom she had helped. She then landed in a field of beautiful flowers where she met a fairy prince just her size. They fell in love and married, and lived happily ever after.



Jack and the Beanstalk

One day, Jack's mother sent him to the market to sell their cow. On the way, Jack met a stranger who offered to give him five magic beans for the cow. Jack accepted them and went home. Angry at him, Jack's mother threw the beans out of the window.

In the morning, Jack saw a huge beanstalk in their garden. Climbing it, he arrived in a castle in a land of clouds that was the home of a giant. The giant tried to catch him but Jack managed to escape with a big bag of gold coins!

The second time Jack climbed up the beanstalk, he stole a hen that laid golden eggs. The third time, he stole a harp that could talk. The harp called out to the giant for help. The giant chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack escaped and managed to chop down the beanstalk just in time. That was the end of the giant and the magic beanstalk.



Rumpelstiltskin

A miller once lied to the king that his daughter could spin straw into gold. The king locked the girl in a tower and told her to spin stacks of straw into gold by morning. She had to do this for three nights, or else be killed.

The frightened girl began crying, when suddenly, a strange dwarf appeared and spun straw into gold in return for her necklace. The next night, he did it for her ring. On the third night, when she had nothing to give him, he made her promise to give him her first-born child.

The king was so pleased with the spun gold that he married the miller's daughter. When their first child was born, the dwarf came for the baby. The worried queen offered him jewels, but the dwarf refused it all. He finally agreed to drop his demand if the queen could guess his name in three days.

For the first two days, the queen failed. Just before the third day, her messenger discovered the dwarf's cottage and overheard him singing his name – Rumpelstiltskin. When the dwarf came on the third day, she happily revealed his name. Thereafter, Rumpelstiltskin never came back again.

The Selfish Giant

Once, a selfish giant saw children playing in his beautiful garden. He got angry and built a wall to keep them out. As he did that, all the flowers ceased to bloom and the birds left the garden.

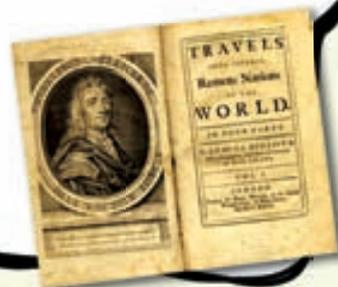
The giant realised his mistake but could do nothing. One day, the giant saw the garden in full bloom as the children returned through a gap in the wall. On seeing him, all the children ran away, except for one little boy. The giant helped the boy climb a tree and the boy kissed him in return. The giant was so happy he knocked down the wall and the children began to play there again.

Years later, when the giant was old, he saw the trees in one part of his garden in full bloom. He saw the same little boy lying under a tree with white flowers. The boy was actually the Christ Child. He smiled and told the giant that he would take the giant to his garden which was Paradise. The happy giant then died and was found lying under the tree, covered with flowers.

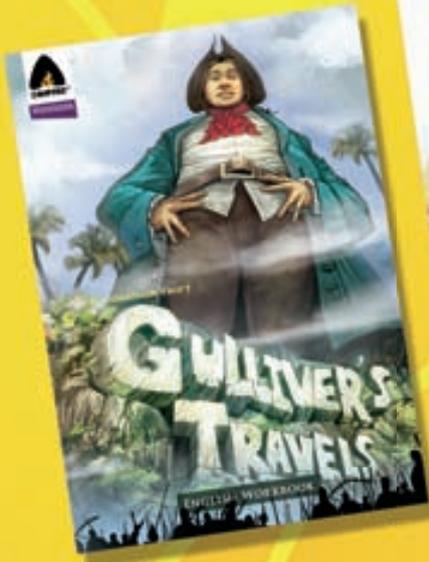


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- 1 'Yahoo!', the web portal, is considered to be an acronym for Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle? Founders David Filo and Jerry Yang selected the name because they jokingly considered themselves yahoos.
- 2 When *Gulliver's Travels* was published in 1726, the author's name did not appear on the book? The title page read *Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World, by Lemuel Gulliver*. Travel books of the time told many tales that were as strange as the imaginary adventures of Gulliver.



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