

CHAPTER 2

I wanted to see the city. I was free.

“Can I see the city, please?” I asked the king.

The king said, “Yes, but you mustn't hurt the people. You mustn't damage the buildings either.”

The name of the capital city was Milendo. The people all went home so I might visit. The city was a perfect square. There weren't many people on the street. I was so careful because I didn't want to step on them.

I couldn't walk down every street because they were too narrow, but I could see most of the city. The king's palace was in the centre of the city. It had a wall around it. The king said, “You may step over the wall.” I saw the palace from all sides.

The **principal** secretary of the kingdom came to see me. He told me about the Tramecksan and Slamecksan. The Tramecksan wore high-heeled shoes. The Slamecksan wore low-heeled shoes. The Slamecksan all got places in the government because the king liked low heels. The heir to the throne liked high heels. The Slamecksan and Tramecksan didn't eat or drink together.

“I'm worried about the war,” he said to me. The island of Blefuscu wanted to invade Lilliput.

principal (adj) main; most important



*There weren't many people on the street. I was so careful
because I didn't want to step on them.*

The Blefuscu Empire took in **traitors** from Lilliput. They had a big fleet. It was ready to attack. I told the secretary “Tell the king I'll help fight the Blefuscu Empire.”

The Blefuscu Empire was on an island to the north of Lilliput. I hid. I didn't want the enemy to see me. I made a plan to help Lilliput. I told the king, “I'll capture the enemy fleet.”

I made cables and hooks out of iron bars. The sea was only six feet deep at the deepest point. I walked down to the sea. I took off my shoes and socks. I swam past the deepest point. The enemy were scared when they saw me. They jumped off their ships and swam to shore. The boats were empty. I had a hook and cable for every boat.

The enemy shot me with arrows. They stung, but they were not too dangerous. I hooked all the enemy ships. I tied the cable ends together in one knot. This made them easier to pull. I cut the anchor ropes of each ship. Then I walked away and pulled the fleet behind me.

The enemy were not happy. I stopped when I was out of their range. I pulled the arrows out of my face and hands. The tide went out. I walked the ships back to the harbour of Lilliput.

The king and the people of Lilliput watched the ships. They were scared the **fleet** was coming to kill them. Then they saw me. They were very happy.

“Long live the king!” they shouted.

traitor (n) someone who tells secrets about their own country to enemies



Then I walked away and pulled the fleet behind me.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Gulliver always wanted to travel to Lilliput. T / F
2. The people of Lilliput were not happy because Gulliver ate their food. T / F
3. Gulliver didn't learn the language of the people in Lilliput. T / F
4. Gulliver fell in love with the princess. T / F
5. Gulliver was careful not to hurt the people of Lilliput. T / F
6. The Tramecksan wore low-heeled shoes. T / F
7. The island of Lilliput wanted to invade Blefuscu. T / F
8. Gulliver rescued the queen from the fire. T / F
9. Most people in Lilliput liked Gulliver. T / F
10. A group of sailors took Gulliver back to England. T / F

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Captain William Pritchard asked
2. The king of Lilliput and the king of Blefuscu
3. The farmer's daughter
4. Gulliver played the piano
5. The king allowed Gulliver
6. The king's palace was
7. The Slamecksan and Tramecksan
8. The king of Lilliput made plans
9. The admiral and treasurer of Lilliput
10. The farmer's daughter made Gulliver

Endings

- a. did not like Gulliver.
- b. Gulliver to go on a sea journey with him.
- c. for the king and queen.
- d. was very nice to Gulliver.
- e. to see the city.
- f. made peace agreements.
- g. in the centre of the city.
- h. to make the people of Blefuscu his slaves.
- i. nine shirts to wear.
- j. didn't eat or drink together.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

*The people of Lilliput, The king, The secretary, Gulliver,
The farmer's daughter or The captain*

1. "I won't harm the kingdom."

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2. "You may step over the wall."

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3. "Long live the king!"

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4. "I'm worried about the war."

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5. "The palace is on fire."

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6. "I'll capture the enemy fleet."

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7. "They'll squeeze you and hurt you."

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8. "Can my little nurse stay with me?"

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9. "Are you mad?"

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10. "I won't go to sea again."

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VOCABULARY CHECK

Test-1

Fill in the blanks with the the words below.

principal	drowned	feed	pin	overturned
temple	starve	lift	invade	terms

1. The truck yesterday because of high wind.
2. When the boat sank, most of the passengers
3. The police caught the robber and him to the ground.
4. This Buddhist dates back to the fifteenth centuy.
5. The drought has caused thousands of people to to death.
6. "Can you the dog while I'm away, please?" he asked.
7. I didn't like the of the agreement. So I didn't sign it.
8. My aim in life is to help people.
9. Don't heavy things on your own. Ask for help.
10. The enemy the island and killed many people.