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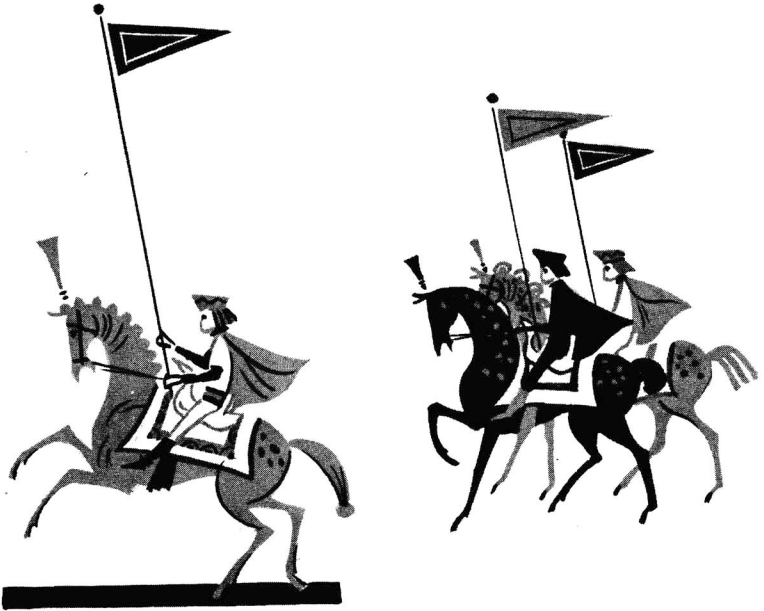
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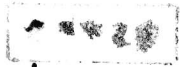
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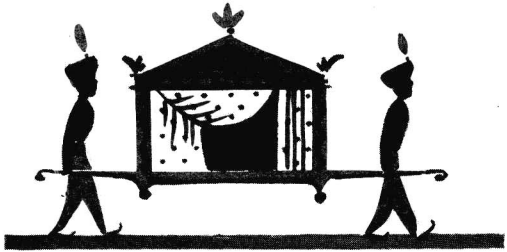
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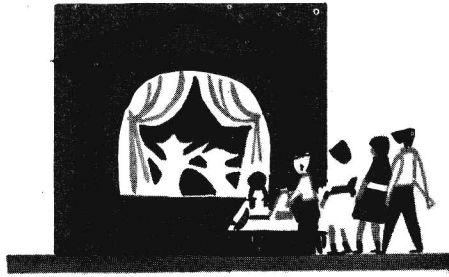
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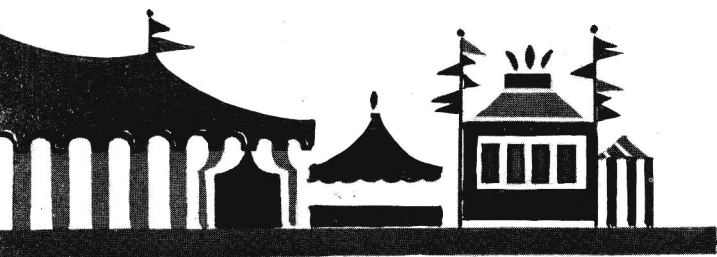
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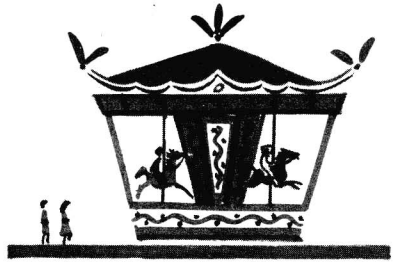




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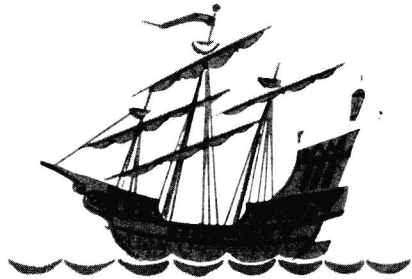
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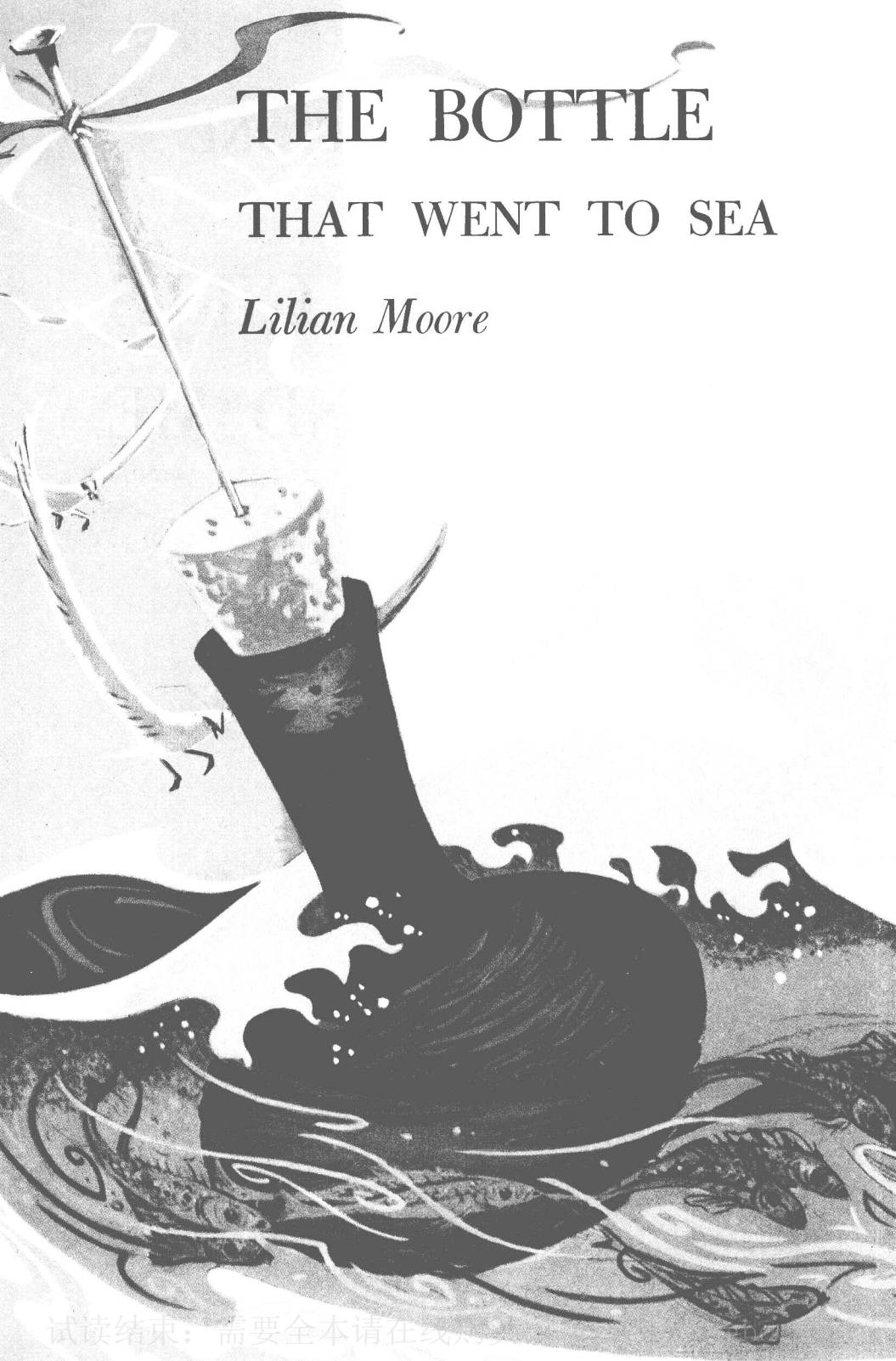
UNIT ONE

BOYS AND GIRLS LIKE YOU AND ME



THE BOTTLE THAT WENT TO SEA

Lilian Moore



One day Tommy's mother got a letter. She read the letter to Tommy.

This is what the letter said:

Dear Mrs. Jones,

Yes, you may have the little brown house on Little White Beach. You may live in it all summer.

"All summer!" said Tommy. "Will we live at a beach all summer?"

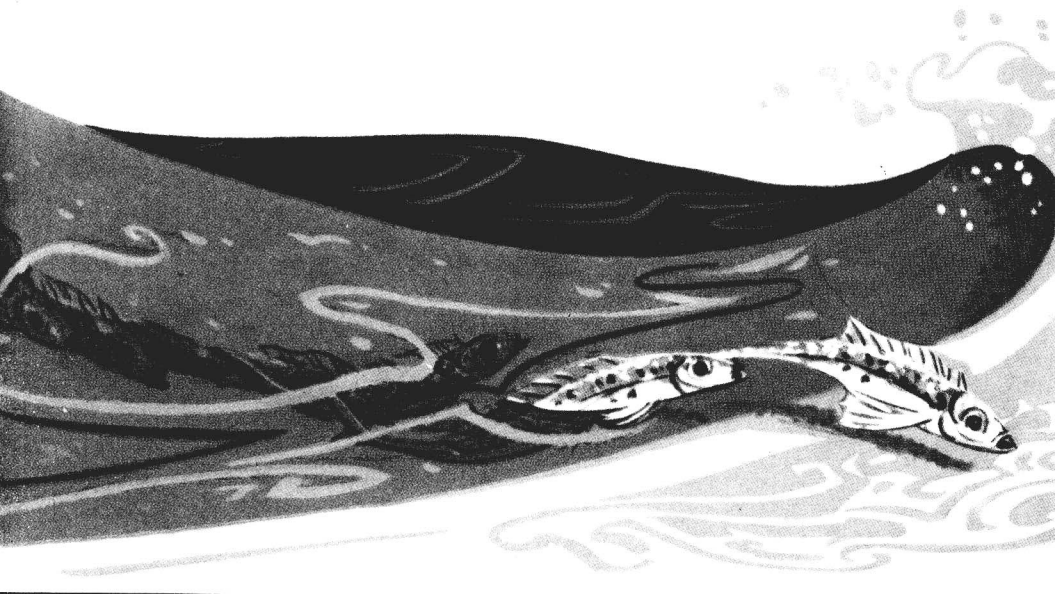
"Yes," said his mother, and you could see she was happy, too.

"When will we go?" asked Tommy. He did not see how he could wait.

"Soon," said his mother.

Soon? How many days was that? It seemed a long, long time to Tommy.

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Then one day his mother and father began to pack. Tommy helped, too. They packed boxes and bags. Bags and boxes. They all went into the car.

And off went Tommy and his mother and father to the little brown house on the beach.

As soon as they got there, Tommy ran out to play. He played in the sand. He found shells. He found a starfish. He splashed in the water.

“Oh, I like it here!” he said. “I like it here on Little White Beach.”

He played the next day, too. He played in the sand. He splashed in the water. He found more shells, and another starfish.





He played the day after that, and the day after that. Then he looked around. He looked at the sea. He looked at the sand.

But Tommy did not feel happy.

He ran back to the little brown house.

“Mother,” he said, “there’s no one to play with here.”

“There will be soon,” said his mother. “We came here a little early. There will be other children here soon.”

Soon? How many days was that? Soon always sounded as if it would be right away. But it often seemed like a long, long time.

Tommy walked slowly out to the beach.

He wanted to dig a deep, deep hole and fill it with water. But it was no fun to do it alone.

He wanted to build a big, big, BIG sand castle. But it was hard to do it alone.

He stood and looked at the sea.

All at once, Tommy saw something bobbing around in the water.

It came closer and closer.

Tommy pulled it in. It was a bottle, a little green bottle with a cork in it.

A bottle floating in from the sea!

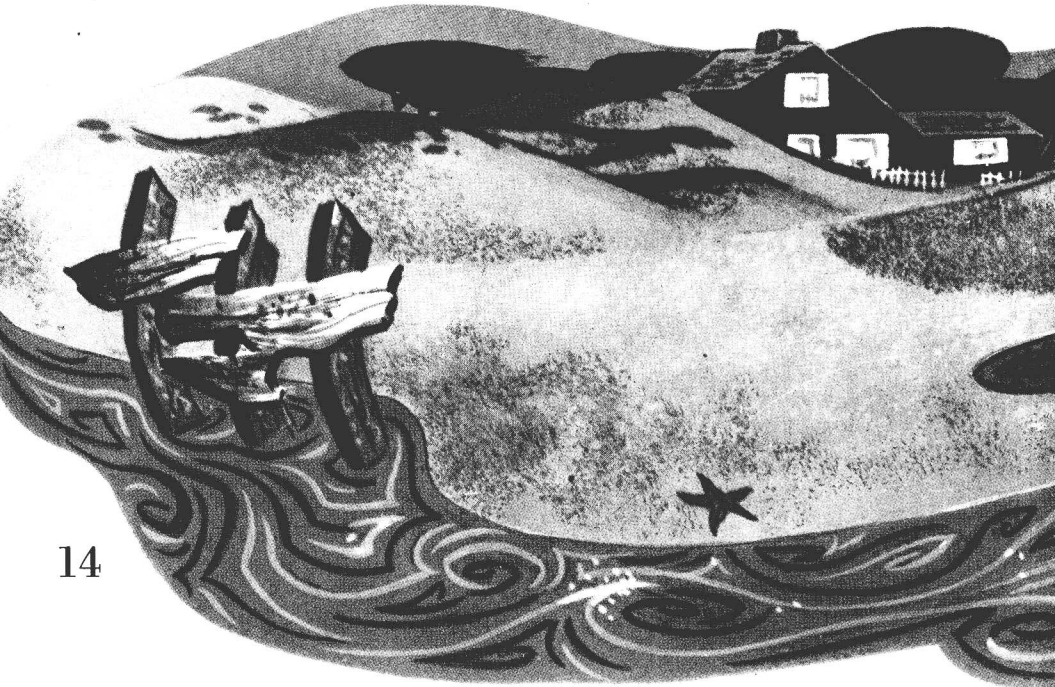
Tommy thought about a story he once heard. In the story, a man on a big boat threw a bottle into the sea.

There was a letter in the bottle.

The bottle sailed far away with the letter.

Tommy ran into the house. "Mother," he said, "I am going to write a letter to put in this bottle."

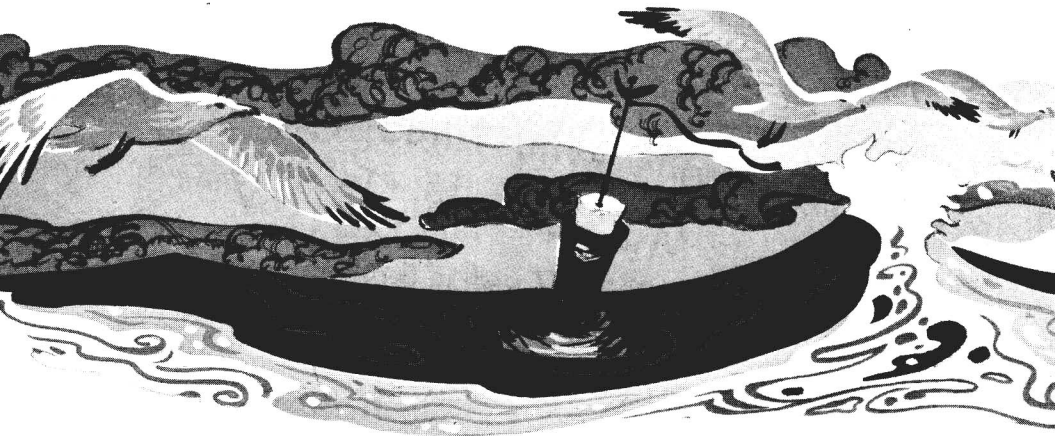
This is what the letter said:



To the one who finds this 8390470
bottle. My name is Tommy
Jones. I am 8 years old.
I live on Little White Beach
in a little brown house.

Then Tommy, put the letter into the bottle, and pushed the cork back in. He ran down to the beach with the bottle, and threw it as far as he could, far into the sea.





“Have a good trip!” Tommy laughed, as he watched the bottle float away, out with the sea.

“Maybe it will be picked up by a big liner at sea!” thought Tommy.

Maybe someone far out on a fishing boat would pick it up and read the letter. Maybe someone in a tugboat out at sea would find it first.

Maybe it would sail on and on till it went all around the world!

Tommy watched his bottle till he could not see it any more.

The little bottle did sail away as the sea went out.

But that night, when the sea came in again, it carried the bottle back to the beach. Not to Little White Beach, but to another little beach not far away, called Sandy Shore.

The next morning a boy was walking along the beach at Sandy Shore.