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Chapter I

DON QUIXOTE SETS OUT ON HIS TRAVELS

This is Don Quixote. He lived a long time ago in a village of La Mancha in Spain. He was not young, but he was strong and tall. He had a long thin face.

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Don Quixote was always reading books. Sometimes he read all day and all night. He always read books about knights, battles and adventures.

‘I want to be a knight,’ he said, ‘and have many adventures.’

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One day Don Quixote went into the cellar of his house. In the cellar he found some old armour. Then he found a sword.

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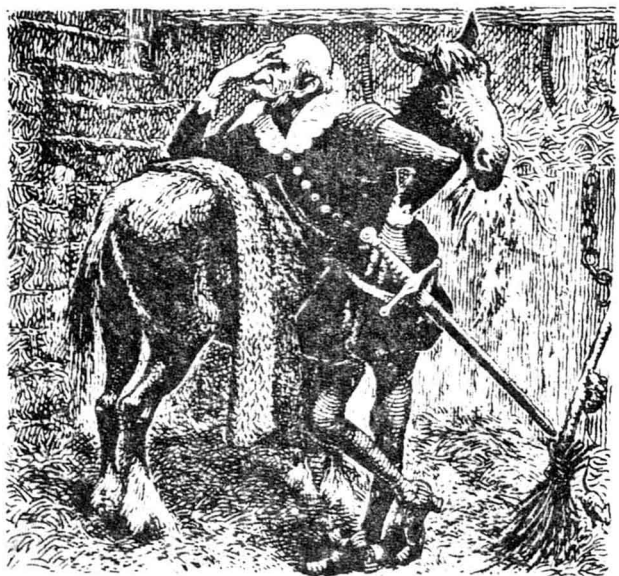


He cleaned the armour and it shone brightly. Then he looked at the helmet. It had no visor.

‘I know,’ he said, ‘I will make a visor with cardboard.’

Soon Don Quixote made a cardboard visor.

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‘Now,’ thought he, ‘I must have a strong horse.’

He went to the stable and looked at his own horse. It was very old and thin and boney, but Don Quixote thought, ‘It is a strong and wonderful horse. I will call it Rosinante.’

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Don Quixote read in a book that every real knight had a lady love.

‘I shall have a lady love,’ thought he, ‘and she must be grand and beautiful.’

Don Quixote did not know a grand and beautiful lady so he chose a poor girl from the village of Toboso.

‘I must change her name. I must give her a grand name,’ he said.

He thought for a long time and then he said, ‘I know! I will call her “Dulcinea of Toboso.” That is a grand name.’



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The next morning Don Quixote set off on his horse. He wore his armour and the helmet with a cardboard visor. He pretended to be a knight.

He rode across the plain for several miles. Suddenly he thought, 'I cannot fight another knight because I am not a real knight. I shall go to the first castle I see and ask the Lord of the Castle to dub me knight.'

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He rode all day and at night he came to a small inn.

Don Quixote had read a lot of books about huge castles. He imagined that the small inn was a huge castle

'I will ask the Lord of the Castle to dub me knight,' he thought.

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At the door of the inn there were two young women. They laughed when they saw Don Quixote wearing armour.

‘He is mad, poor fellow,’ they said.

Just then the innkeeper came running up to them and Don Quixote imagined that he was the Lord of the Castle.

‘Good evening, sir,’ said Don Quixote.