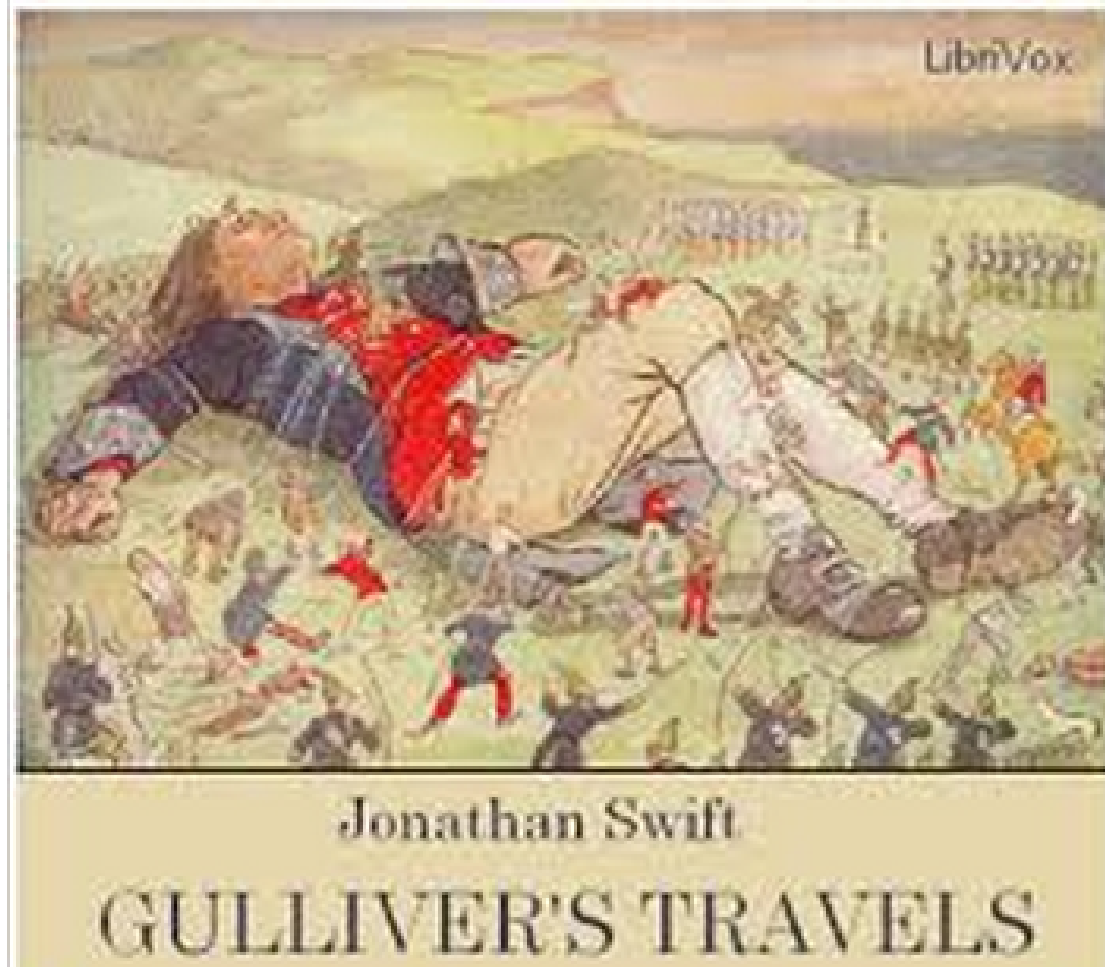


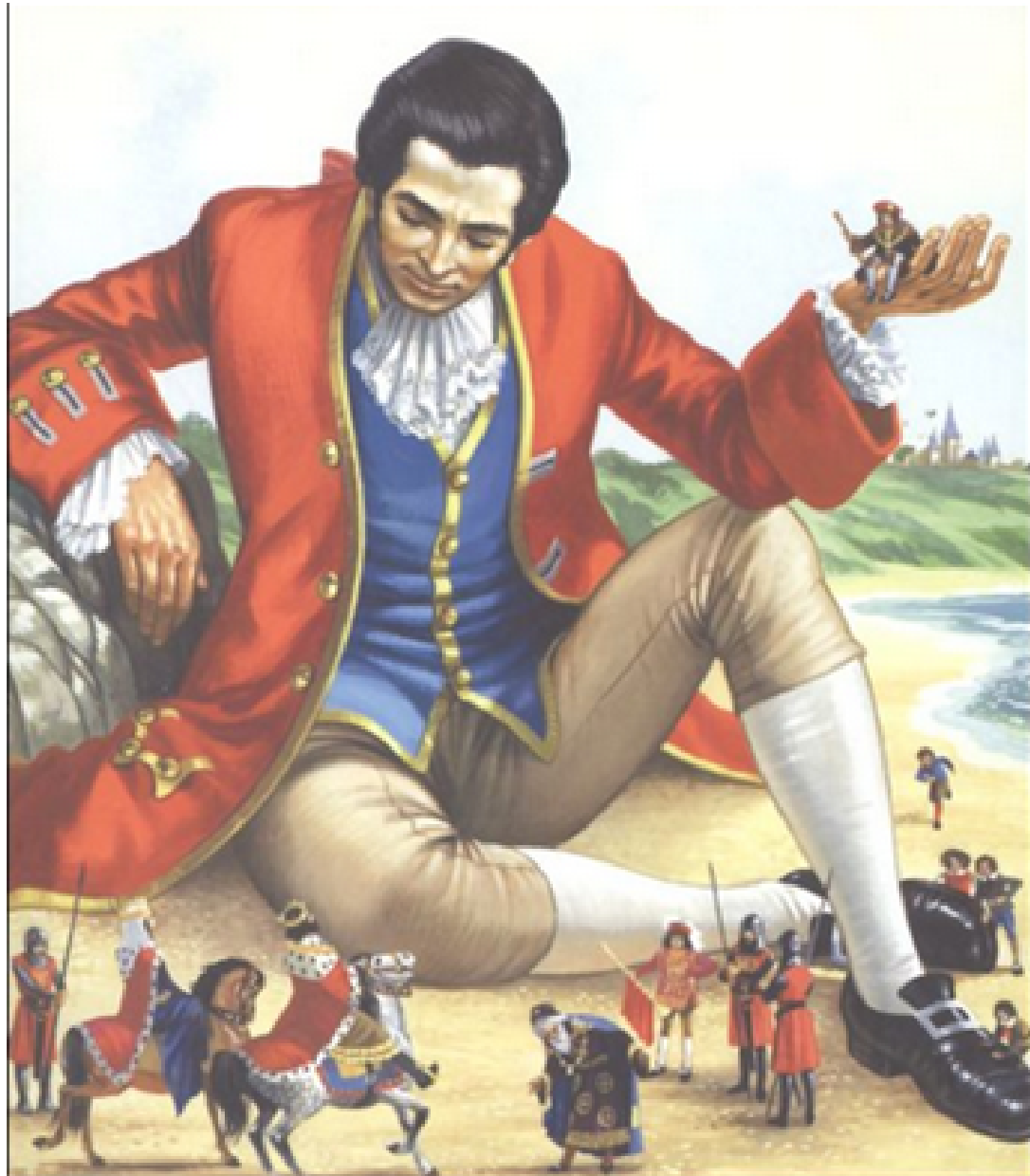
GULLIVER'S TRAVELS (1726)

by Jonathan Swift



Lemuel Gulliver – an English surgeon – goes on four separate voyages. All four voyages bring new opportunities for satirizing the ways of England.

The first voyage is to Lilliput. The Lilliputians are tiny people, so Gulliver looks like a giant.



At first the Lilliputians seem amiable, but the reader soon sees them for the ridiculous and small-minded creatures they are. Gulliver helps the Lilliputians in their war against Blefuscu, but later he is convicted of treason for "making water" in the capital (even though he was putting out a fire and saving countless lives). However, he manages to escape.

Gulliver's Travels:



Brobdingnag

The second voyage is to Brobdingnag, a land of Giants where Gulliver seems as small as the Lilliputians were to him. Gulliver is afraid, but his keepers are surprisingly gentle. He is humiliated by the King when he is made to see the difference between how England is and how it ought to be.

Gulliver's third voyage is to the amazing flying island of Laputa, which is populated by philosophers and scientists who are absolutely ridiculous.



GULLIVER'S FOURTH VOYAGE



His fourth voyage is to the land of the Houyhnhnms, that are very clever and wise horses. Their rational, clean, and simple society is contrasted with the filthiness and brutality of the Yahoos, beasts in human shape. Gulliver stays with the Houyhnhnms for several years, trying to learn their language and customs: he assimilates them so well that when he returns home to his wife and children he is disgusted by their human behaviour.

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