

Gulliver's Travels (Part IV)

(A Voyage to Land of Houyhnhnms)

Chapter I

- Gulliver stays home for 5 months after coming back from previous voyage. (leaves his pregnant wife to set sail again)
- This time as a captain of the ship called "Adventure".
- Many of the sailors die of illness, new crewmembers were recruited.
- Under the influence of new sailors the others also became pirates.
- Gulliver was left on an unknown shore alone.

→ In the distance he sees some animals with

- long hair
- goat like beards
- sharp claws (which they use to climb trees)
- extremely ugly.

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- On the way Gulliver encounters one of them and hits it with the flat side of the sword.
- Then a herd of others like it attacks Gulliver.
- He hides himself, but then he sees them hurrying away.
- He comes out to see and notices that they have been scared away by a horse.
- The horse observes Gulliver carefully and neighs in a complicated way.
- Another horse joins and the two seem to be involved in a discussion. (like human beings)

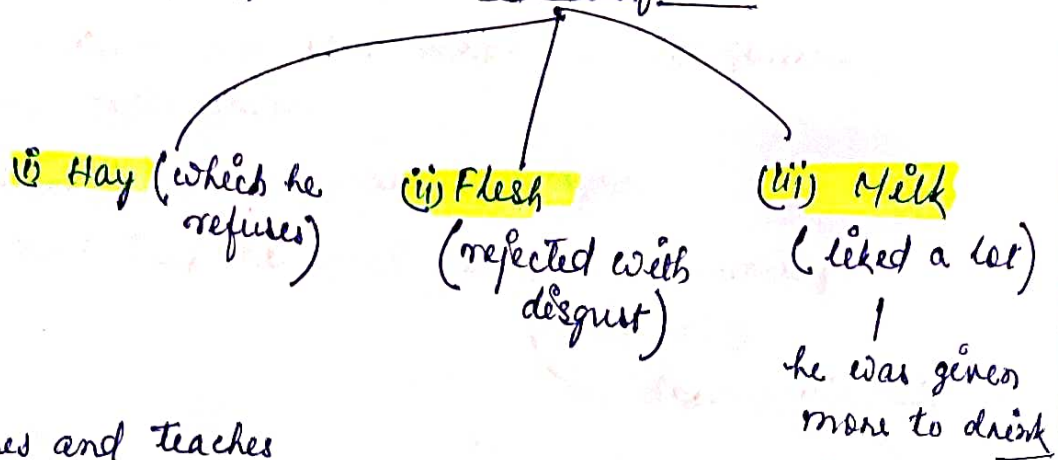
- Gulliver tries to leave, but one of them calls him back.
- The horses appear to be so intelligent that Gulliver concludes that they are magicians who have transformed themselves into horses.
- During the conversation the horses use the words "Yahoo" and "Houyhnhnms" (which Gulliver tries to pronounce)

Chapter II

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- Gulliver is led to a house, and he takes out gifts, expecting to meet people.
- But he finds more horses in the house (instead of humans)
 (sitting down and engaged in various activities.)
- Gulliver thinks that the house belongs to a person with great importance, and wonders why they should have horses for servants.
- A horse looks at Gulliver and calls him a "Yahoo".
- Gulliver is led to the courtyard (where a few of the ugly creatures he has seen are tied up)
- Gulliver is also lined up with them and compared with one of them.
- He finds that the creatures do look quite human.

→ The horses test Gulliver by offering him various foods.



→ Another horse comes and teaches Gulliver how to pronounce their words.

→ Then he is given a place to sleep with straw for the time being.

Chapter III

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→ Gulliver learns their language (they are impressed by his intellect and curiosity)

→ After 3 months, he can answer most of their questions.
(also tries to explain how he reached there)

but the Houyhnhnms do not believe that such things is possible.

→ They think that Gulliver is some kind of "Yahoo".

though superior to other Yahoos.

→ Gulliver asks them to stop using that word for him.

Chapter IV

→ Gulliver tries to explain them that Yahoos are the governing creatures where he comes from.

→ Houyhnhnms ask how their horses are employed.

→ Gulliver replies that they are used for

- traveling
- racing
- drawing chariots

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(They did not believe)

— as it was completely opposite.