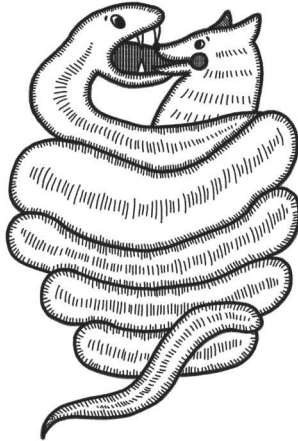
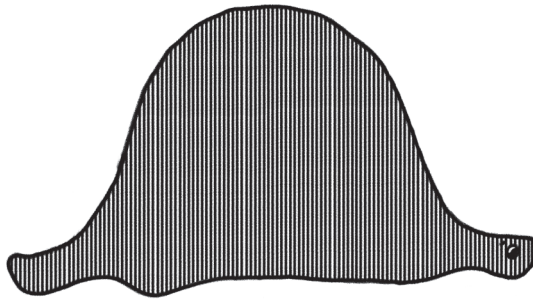


CHAPTER 1

I am six years old. I see a nice picture. The picture is in a book. It is a picture of a big snake. The snake eats an animal. Here is the picture.



The book says, “Snakes eat the **whole** animal. And they sleep **for** six months.” I think about the life in the forest. I make my first picture. This is my picture number one.



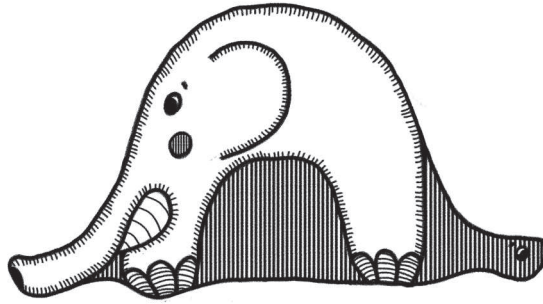
I **show** my **fantastic** picture to one person. And I **ask** this person, “Are you **scared**?” This person answers, “How can I be scared? It is a **hat**.” My picture is not a picture of a hat. It is a picture of a big snake. An elephant



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is **inside** the snake. Then I make my picture number two. The picture shows the inside of the big snake. Now people **understand**. This is my picture number two.



People **tell** me what they **think**. They tell me that it is not good to make pictures. They tell me that it is **better** to **study** geography, history, maths and **grammar**. **After** these words, I don't want to make pictures. I don't want to make pictures because my picture number one and picture number two are not good for the people. People don't understand **simple** things. And now, I am not a child. I am a big person. I have a job. I am a pilot. I **fly** planes. I fly in many countries. And it is **true** that geography is good for me. Geography can help me if I am **lost** in the night.

In my life, I work with people every day. The people are **often serious**. **Sometimes** I **meet** a person who is **a little** normal. When I meet this person, I show him my picture number one. I always have this picture with me. I want to know if this person understands life. But the person always says, "It is a hat." Then I **never** speak to this person about big snakes or forests or **stars**. And we speak about work, sport and family. And the person is happy. For him I am a normal man. I live **alone**. I don't know people for an open **conversation**. But one day it all **changes**. I have an **accident** in the Sahara Desert. Something is **broken** in my plane. I have nobody in the plane with me. It is not **easy** to **repair** the plane alone. But I **must** do it. It is a **question** of life or **death**. I have water for **only** a week.



Glossary

whole – целый, полный
fantastic – фантастический
ask – спрашивать
scared – испуганный
answer – отвечать
hat – шляпа
inside – внутри
number – номер
show – показывать
understand – понимать
tell – говорить, рассказывать
think – думать
better – лучше
study – изучать
grammar – грамматика
after – после
simple – простой
true – правда
lost – потерянный
serious – серьезный
fly – летать
often – часто
sometimes – иногда
meet – встречать
a little – немного
never – никогда
star – звезда
alone – один
conversation – разговор
change – меняться
accident – несчастный случай, авария
broken – сломанный



easy – легко
repair – чинить
must – должен
question – вопрос
death – смерть
only – только

CHAPTER 2

The **first** night, I sleep on the **sand**. I am a **thousand miles** from a land with people. I think that no people are **around** me. So I am **shocked** when somebody speaks to me in the morning.

I hear these words, “Please, **draw** me a sheep.”

“What?”

“Draw me a sheep!”

I jump up. I look around. And I see a little man.

This is the picture of the little man.

My picture is not very good. The **original** model is better. It is not my **mistake**. I know how to draw only two pictures. They are pictures of a snake from the **outside** and a snake from the inside.

I look at this little man. I am **really surprised**. Don't **forget** that I am a thousand miles from a land with people. Something is very interesting. This little man is not **tired**. He is not **hungry**. He is not **thirsty**. He is not scared. He doesn't look lost in the **middle** of the **desert**, a thousand miles from a land with people.

The little man says, very **slowly**, “Please draw me a sheep.”

It is all very **strange** to me. I am a thousand miles from a land with people. I am in **danger** of death. But I take a pen and paper from my **pocket**. I want to draw a picture. Then I **remember** that I know only geography, history, maths and grammar. And I tell the little man that I don't know how to draw.



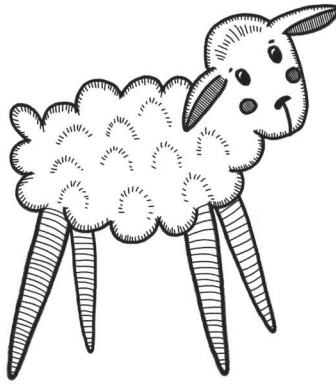
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He says, “It is OK. Draw me a sheep.”

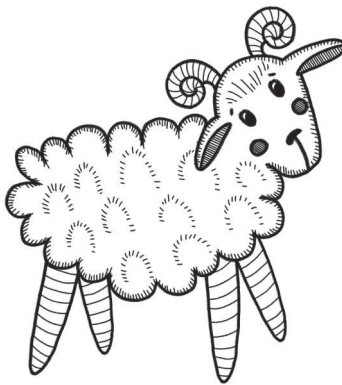
But I don’t know how to draw a sheep. So I draw him a picture which I can draw. It is a big snake from the outside. And I am shocked when the little man says, “No, I don’t want an elephant inside a big snake. A big snake is a very dangerous animal. And an elephant is very big for me. Where I live, everything is very small. I need a sheep. Draw me a sheep.”

So I make this picture.



The little man looks at the picture. Then he says, “No. This sheep is **ill**. Make me **another** sheep.”

I draw another picture.



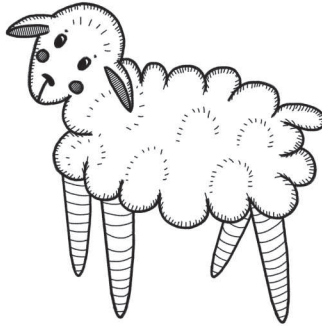


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My friend smiles at me, “You must see it too. This is not a sheep. It is a **ram**. It has **horns**.”

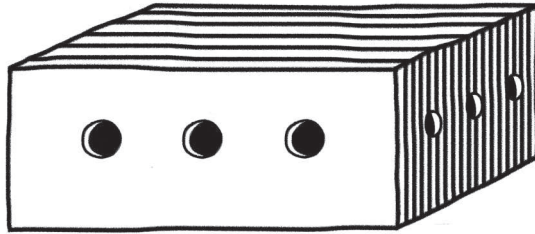
So I make another picture.



But this picture also isn't good.

“This sheep is old. I want a sheep **which** can live a long time.”

It is not easy for me. I don't have time for this. I must start my work on the plane. So I draw this picture.



And I say, “This is a box. The sheep is inside.”

I am surprised when I see the **light** in his **face**, “This is what I want! Do you think that this sheep needs a lot of **grass**?”

“Why?”

“Because where I live, everything is very small.”

“I think that there is enough grass for the sheep. This is a very small sheep.”



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The little man looks at the picture. And he says, “The sheep is not very small. It is a very nice sheep.”

This is my first day with the little prince.

Glossary

first – первый
sand – песок
thousand – тысяча
mile – миля
around – вокруг
shocked – шокированный
draw – рисовать
original – оригинальный, исходный
mistake – ошибка
outside – снаружи
really – очень, действительно
surprised – удивленный
forget – забывать
tired – уставший
hungry – голодный
thirsty – жаждущий, хотеть пить
middle – середина
desert – пустыня
slowly – медленно
strange – странно
danger – опасность
pocket – карман
remember – помнить
ill – больной
another – другой
ram – баран
horns – рога



which – который

light – свет

face – лицо

grass – трава

CHAPTER 3

I want to know **more** about the little prince. I want to know where he lives. The little prince asks me many questions. I also ask him questions. But he doesn't answer my questions. But when he speaks, I slowly start to understand many things.

For example, when he looks at my plane, he asks, "What is this thing?"

I answer, "It is a plane. It can fly. It is my plane."

And I am happy when I tell him that I can fly. Then he says, "What? Are you from the sky?"

"Yes," I say.

"It is funny!"

And the little prince starts to **laugh**. I am **angry**. My situation is not good. How can somebody think that it is **funny**?

Then he says, "So you also come from the **sky like** me. What is your planet?"

At this moment I start to understand more about him. I ask, "Do you come from another planet?"

But he doesn't answer. He looks at my plane **again**. **Then** he says, "On this **thing**, you can't come from very **far**."

And he starts to think. Then he **takes** the picture with his sheep. And he looks at his sheep.



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But I want to know more. So I ask again, “Where is your planet? Where do you want to take your sheep?”

He is **quiet**. Then he says, “The box is a good thing. At night, I can **use** the box **as** a house for the sheep.”

“Yes. And I can also give you a **rope**. Then you can **tie** the sheep during the day.”

But the little prince is shocked when I say this, “Tie the sheep? It is a funny idea!”

“But if you don’t tie the sheep, the sheep can run away. You can **lose** the sheep.”

The little prince starts to laugh again.

“But where can the sheep go?”



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“It can go to many places. It can go left. It can go right.”

The little prince says, “The sheep can go away on my planet. It is OK. Where I live, everything is so small.” He is a little sad. Then he says, “Where I live, nobody can go very far.”

Now I know a second **important** thing. The planet of the little prince is very small. It is like a house.

But it isn't really a big surprise. I know that we don't have only big planets like Earth, Mars or Jupiter. We have also hundreds of other planets. These planet are **sometimes** very small. If you want to see these planets, you need a very good **telescope**.

When an **astronomer discovers such** a planet, he doesn't give the planet a name. He gives the planet only a number. The name of the planet is, for example, Asteroid 3251.

Glossary

more – больше

laugh – смеяться

angry – злой

funny – забавный

sky – небо

like – как

again – опять, снова

then – потом

thing – вещь

far – далеко

take – брать

quiet – спокойный, молчаливый

use – использовать

as – как, в качестве

gore – веревка

tie – привязывать

lose – потерять



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important – важный
sometimes – иногда
telescope – телескоп
astronomer – астроном
discover – открывать
such – такой

CHAPTER 4

I think that the planet of the little prince is Asteroid B-612.

In 1909, one astronomer discovers this asteroid. The astronomer is from **Turkey**.

He speaks about his **asteroid** at a big **conference**. But nobody **believes** him because he has **Turkish clothes**. It is **crazy** but people do these things.

But there is something good for Asteroid B-612. A Turkish **leader** says that people in Turkey must have clothes like Europeans. The astronomer speaks about his asteroid again in 1920. He has very nice clothes. And now **everybody** believes him. I speak about Asteroid B-612 and I speak about its number because people like numbers. When you tell people that you have a new friend, they never ask you questions about important things. They never ask you, “Is his **voice** nice? What games does he play? Does he have **butterflies** at home?”

They ask, “How old is he? How many brothers does he have? How big is he? How much **money** does his father have?” If they know these numbers, they think that they know this person.

If you say to the people, “I know a small red house. It has beautiful flowers in the windows. A lot of birds fly around the house,” the people can’t **imagine** the house. You must say to the people, “I know a big house. It is very **expensive**. You can buy this house for one hundred thousand dollars.” Then the people say, “It is a nice house.”



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If you say to the people, “The little prince **exists** because he laughs and he wants a sheep,” this **information** is not **enough** for the **adults**. They don’t believe you. They think that you live in a **dream**. But if you tell them, “The planet of the little prince is Asteroid B-612,” they believe you. This is how the people think.

If you understand life, you don’t need numbers. You need to hear a nice story. You like to hear, “The little prince lives on a small planet. The planet is very small. The little prince is alone. He wants to have a friend.” If you understand life, this is what you want to hear.

Glossary

Turkey – Турция
Turkish – турецкий
asteroid – астероид
conference – конференция
believe – верить
clothes – одежда
crazy – сумасшедший
leader – лидер
everybody – каждый, все
voice – голос
butterfly – бабочка
money – деньги
imagine – представить
expensive – дорогой
exist – существовать
laugh – смеяться
information – информация
enough – достаточно
adult – взрослый
dream – мечта, сон



CHAPTER 5

It is six years after my **meeting** with the little prince. When I think about him, I am sad. But I write about the little prince, because I don't want to **forget** him. It is sad when you forget a friend. Not everybody has a friend.

This is the **reason** why I have paper and colours in my hands now. It is difficult to draw for me when I am old. But I want to do it.

I want to make my pictures very good. But I am not **sure** if I can do it. One picture is OK, but another picture is not very good. I make some **mistakes** in the **size** too. Here the little prince is very big. Here he is very small. Maybe the colour of his clothes is not **correct**. But I try to draw as well as possible.

But sometimes when my picture is not **perfect**, it is not my mistake. It is the little prince's mistake. He never **explains** things to me. Maybe he thinks that I am like him. But **unfortunately**, I don't see the sheep in the box.

Every day, new information about the little prince's planet comes. I **also** know more and more about his **journey** to the Earth. The information comes very slowly. The information comes **during** moments when the little prince thinks about his **past**.

For example, on the **third** day, the little prince speaks about a problem with the baobabs. Baobabs are big trees. The conversation about baobabs starts when the little prince asks me a question about the sheep.

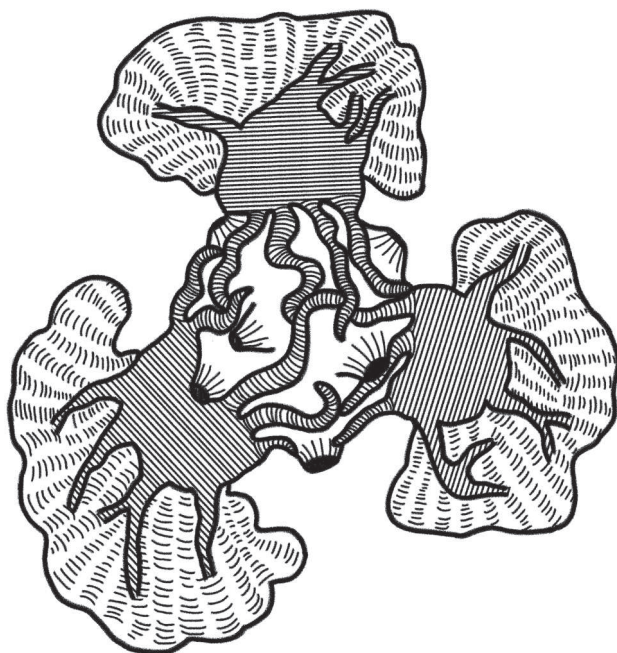
"Is it true that sheep eat little trees?"

"Yes. It is true."

"It is good."

I don't understand why it is so important that sheep eat little trees. But the little prince says, "So they also eat baobabs?"

I tell the little prince that baobabs aren't little trees, "The baobabs are big trees. The baobabs are very big. They are like houses. And, for example, if you put nine big elephants on your planet, these elephants can't eat one baobab. The baobabs are so big."



The idea of nine elephants is funny for the little prince. And he laughs, “On my planet, elephants must stand on elephants.”

But then he says something clever, “When the baobabs are young, they are very small.”

“It is true,” I say. “But why is it important that your sheep eats the little baobabs?”

He says, “It is simple. Think about it. It is not very **difficult**.”

So I start to think about the problems with baobabs. Soon, I have the answer.

Glossary

meeting – встреча

forget – забывать

reason – причина

sure – уверенный