



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Jonathan Swift

LILLIPUT

Lemuel Gulliver worked as a doctor on a ship. On May, 4th 1699 he left Bristol with his crew but the ship sank and he was the only survivor. He swam and was tired but then he arrived on an island. He slept and when he woke up, he was tied to the ground! The inhabitants of the island, the Lilliputians, were very little people and they were afraid of him! After that, they understood that Gulliver was good and so they gave him food, water and a place to live in. They also taught him to speak their own language and Gulliver promised to help them to fight against their enemies, the people living on the island of Blefuscu.

LILLIPUT VS BLEFUSCU

The conflict between the two islands had begun in the past and it was still going on. Gulliver was ready to defend Lilliputians. He made a plan but he didn't destroy Blefuscu. Blefuscu's king was happy, but Lilliput's king was angry with Gulliver. Gulliver, to demonstrate to be still the king's friend, helped him to exhaust a fire at his palace urinating on it, but the queen didn't appreciate this so he moved to Blefuscu and after one year he came back home to his wife and children.



BROBDINGNAG

After 2 months from his return home, Gulliver sailed to India on 20th June 1702. When he was near Madagascar, he landed on a great island where everything was huge. Then, while he was rescuing the island, he was taken by a giant farmer that took Gulliver to his house where Lemuel met the giant's daughter, Glumdalclitch, that taught him her language.

Then Glumdalclithc's father decided to take Gulliver to the market and show him; 150 people went to see him and so the father realized that he could make a lot of money showing the little man all over the country, so he started to do it.

An illustration from a children's book showing Gulliver, a tiny man in a blue suit, lying on a red surface. A giant wasp with yellow and black stripes is hovering over him. In the background, another wasp is visible near a white rectangular object.

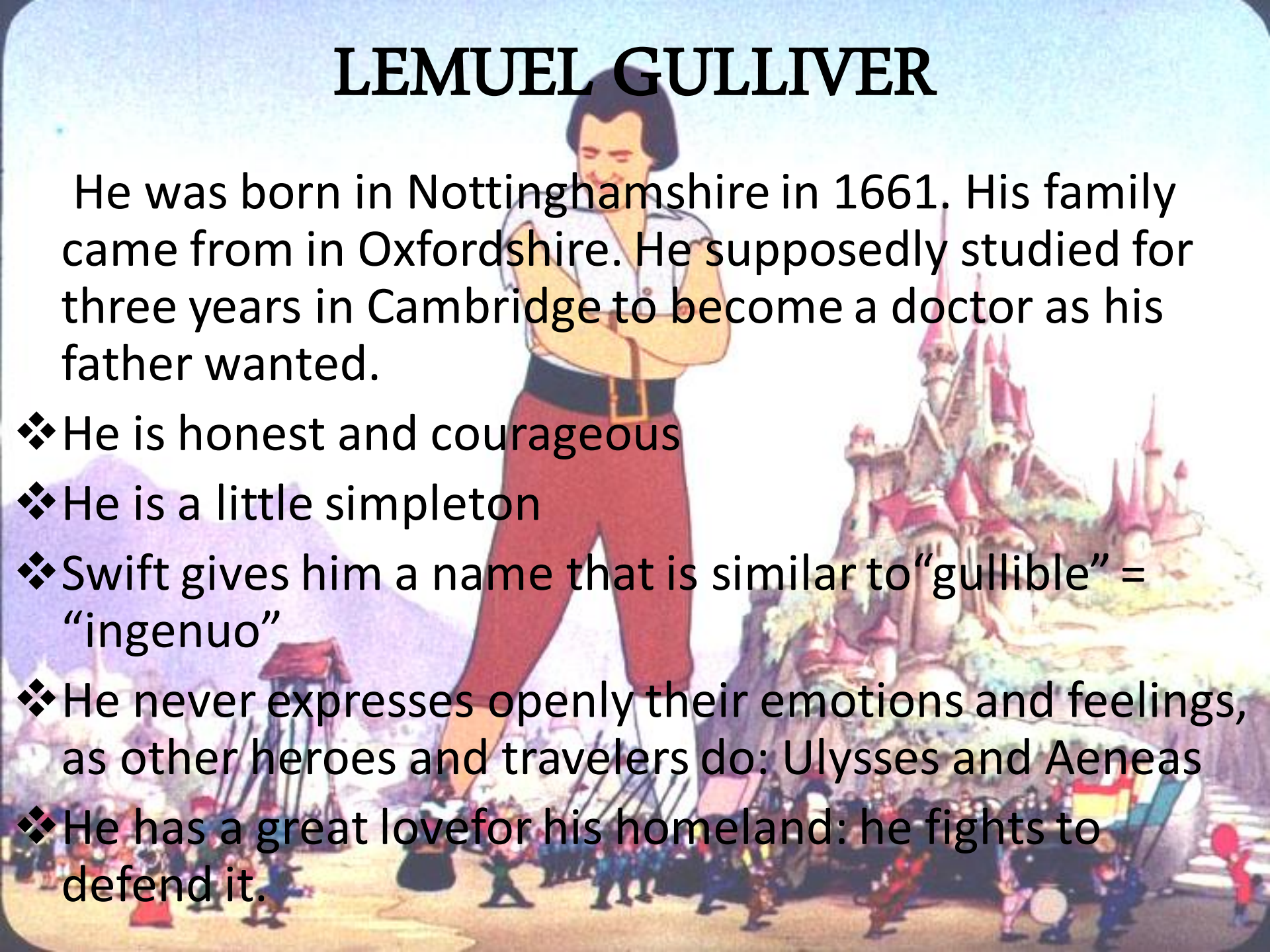
GULLIVER AT THE COURT

The farmer kept showing Gulliver for a while, when the Queen decided to buy the little man and Glumdalclitch was with him too. One day he was showed to the king by the Queen that made a special box for him. He had some problems because of his size, he was attacked by wasps, raped by a monkey and a dwarf tried to kill Gulliver. Once or twice a week he had conversations with the king about England and his previous travels. He spent 2 years in Brobdignag, one day when he was on the beach an eagle took him with his "house" and after he fell into the sea where he was helped by a ship. Lemuel returned to Bristol on 3rd June 1706.

LEMUEL GULLIVER

He was born in Nottinghamshire in 1661. His family came from in Oxfordshire. He supposedly studied for three years in Cambridge to become a doctor as his father wanted.

- ❖ He is honest and courageous
- ❖ He is a little simpleton
- ❖ Swift gives him a name that is similar to “gullible” = “ingenuo”
- ❖ He never expresses openly their emotions and feelings, as other heroes and travelers do: Ulysses and Aeneas
- ❖ He has a great love for his homeland: he fights to defend it.

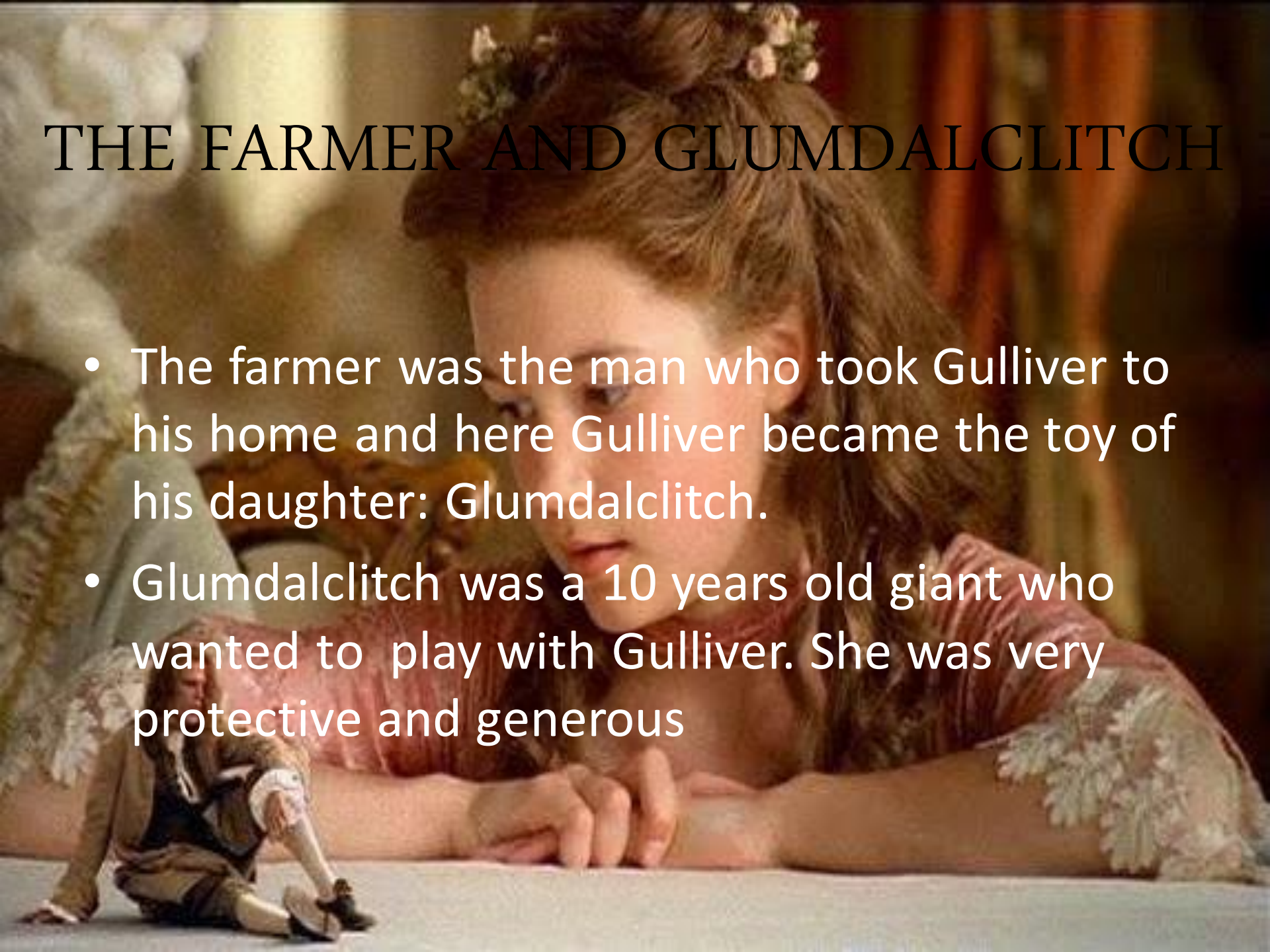


LILLIPUTIANS and BLEFUSCUDIANS

- The Lilliputians are the first people that Gulliver meets: they are little men less than 6 inches in height, but with a high opinion of themselves and a solid self-esteem. While being hospitable to respect the conventions and etiquette, they are generally careerists, envious, jealous, incapable of gratitude. Their minister Flimnap is a parody of the British minister Walpole.
- After, Gulliver meets Blefuscudians: they are like Lilliputians for their dimensions, but the two populations are in battle for something happened in the past.

THE FARMER AND GLUMDALCLITCH

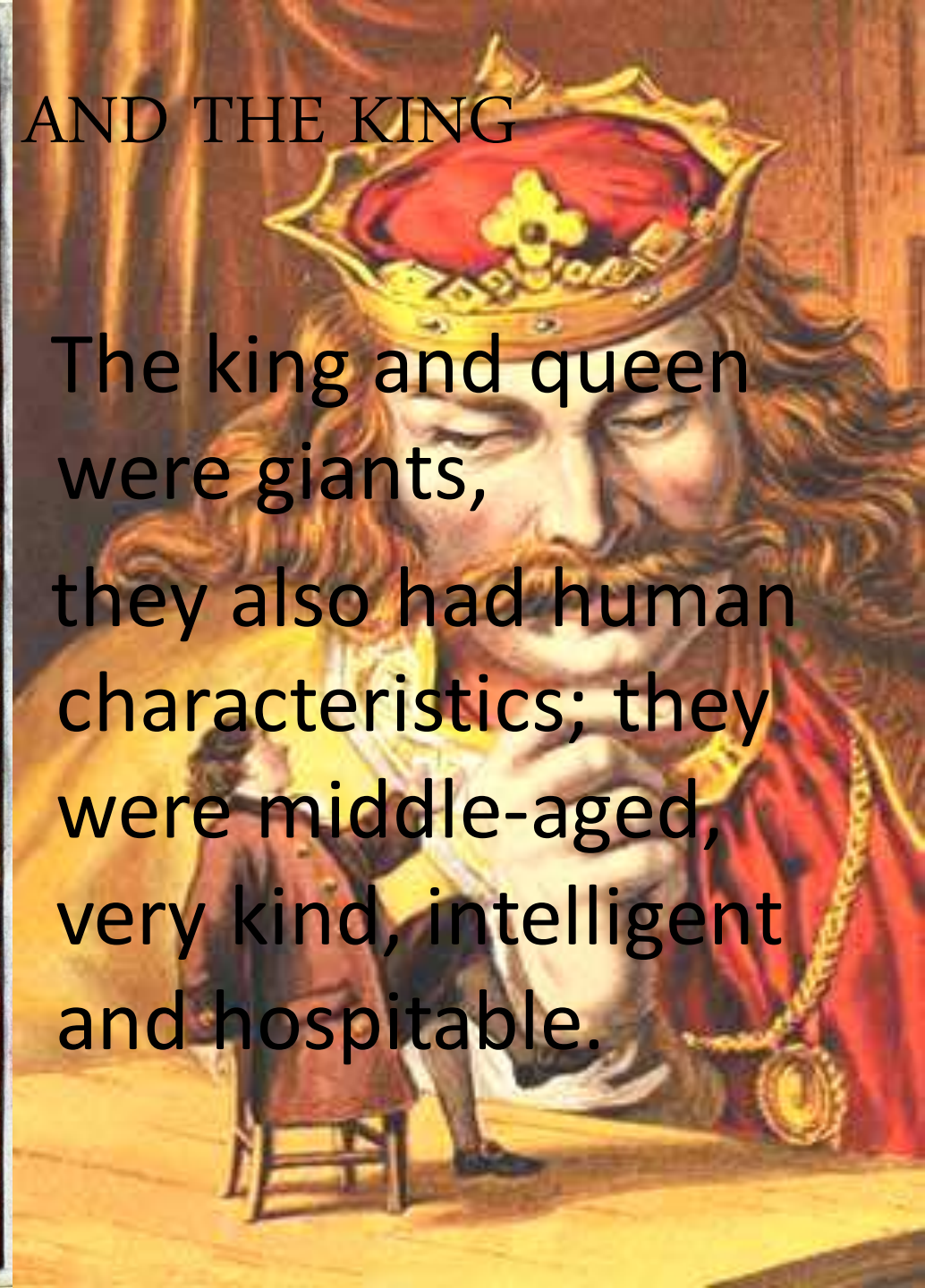
- The farmer was the man who took Gulliver to his home and here Gulliver became the toy of his daughter: Glumdalclitch.
- Glumdalclitch was a 10 years old giant who wanted to play with Gulliver. She was very protective and generous



THE QUEEN AND THE KING

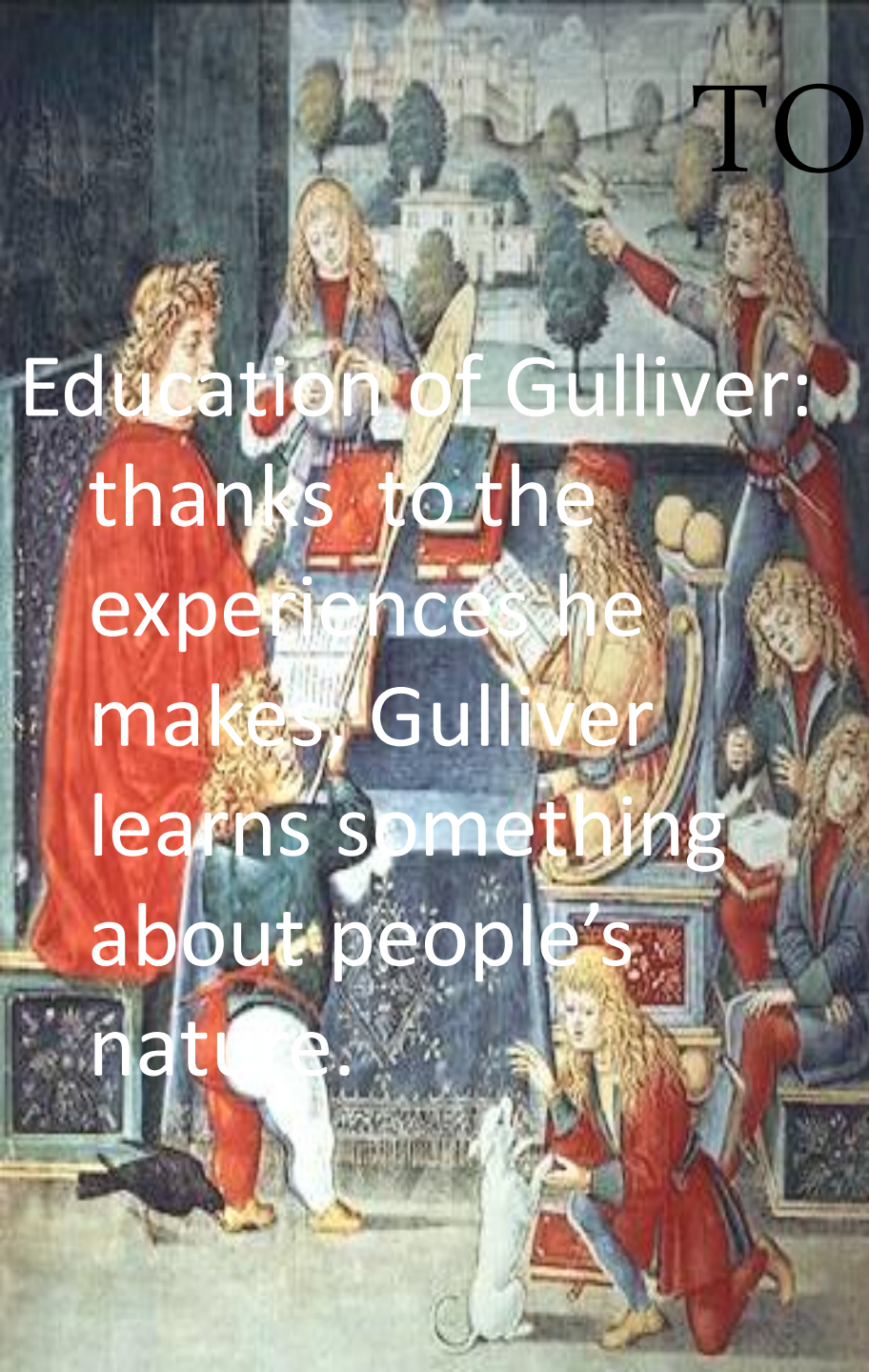


The king and queen were giants, they also had human characteristics; they were middle-aged, very kind, intelligent and hospitable.



TOPICS

Education of Gulliver:
thanks to the
experiences he
makes, Gulliver
learns something
about people's
nature.



Every character
rappresents a
prototype of man in
society:

- Lilliputians
rappresent pettiness
- the giants rappresent
the exageration of
powerfull people.



TOPICS

TRAVELS

- ✓ Ulysses → a lot of adventures
- ✓ Robinson Crusoe → shipwreck
- ✓ Discovery of new places:
 - Cristoforo Colombo → America
 - James Cook → New Zealand

FANTASTIC WORLDS

- ✓ Thomas More → Utopia
- ✓ Calvino → Le città invisibili
- ✓ Wonderland
- ✓ Narnia